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Local land values go gangbusters

Kim Woods

NARRANDERA, Lockhart and Temora shires are among the hot button areas in regional NSW for rural dryland property with prices reaching a staggering \$12,000 per hectare.

According to the Rural Bank's overview of 2021 Australian farmland values released on Tuesday, cropping land in the Riverina is highly sought after.

The median price per hectare in the region soared by 12.4 per cent in 2020 to \$5010 per hectare off the back of a 20.3 per cent increase in 2019.

A total of 160,836 ha of land in the region was traded in 2020 with the majority of transactions in the \$2000-\$4000/ha bracket.

There were more than 60 transactions at \$10,000/ha plus.

The report found farmland remained tightly held in the Riverina region strengthening demand and lifting the median price per hectare, particularly at the top end of the market.

There was strong growth recorded in several shires including Narrandera, Carrathool, Temora and Edward River.

In contrast, median price per hectare eased slightly in Berrigan, Cootamundra-Gundagai, Murray River and Wagga due in part to an increased proportion of mid to low value properties returning to the market.

The decrease in mid to low value transactions was most evident in the shires of Narrandera, Federation and Bland.

Joann Heeney, Rural Bank Wagga Wagga, said the on-farm confidence was driven by low interest rates, robust commodity prices, and favourable seasonal conditions.

"Increased water allocations in the Riverina renewed confidence in the region after a tough year in 2019," Ms Heeney said.

"Buyers were quick to react to opportunities, willing to compete on price to secure limited buying opportunities."

QPL Rural agent Jason Haines said there was buoyant demand for dryland cropping properties in Narrandera, Barellan, Lockhart and Grong Grong.

"It is an era of the private family farm expanding – there is some corporate interest in the south in that dryland space but family farms are taking the opportunity of low interest rates to buy the next door neighbour

or blocks close by," Mr Haines said. "This is either for family members or to expand the existing operation. We are seeing record sale prices popping up in the dryland areas."

Mr Haines said the market was moving quicker than what the valuation processing times were.

He said there was a shortage of dryland properties to list with the emergence of the family farm as the major player in the industry over and above corporate buyers.

"They are being tightly held at the moment – with the prices people are talking about now there could be more come onto the market but anything that hits the market is being snapped up," Mr Haines said.

"A lot of the dryland country is over \$2000/acre (\$4940/ha) regardless of where you are."

Prices have been achieved recently in excess of \$5681/ha (\$2300/acre) at Barellan and \$12,350/ha (\$5000/acre) at Lockhart.

Mr Haines said confidence had returned to the irrigated property market. "We are getting renewed interest out of other irrigation districts, particularly the Murray system, wanting to move into the Murrumbidgee because of the way our allocations are looking

this season. Mr Haines has irrigated farmland at Coleambally listed at around \$4500/ha and greater. "Irrigation land in general is very good value at the moment compared to what is happening in the dryland space," he said.

"That dryland space is going leaps and bounds and it has to do with scalability and labour. Corporates are taking check as they have experienced massive capital gain and are wondering how long it will roll on for.

"The dryland area looks like we are in for another big year if we could get another rain."

Across the state, the median price per hectare reached a record \$5855 in 2020, jumping by massive 15.6 per cent on the back of low interest rates, strong commodity prices and favourable seasonal conditions.

In 2020, a total of 1.4 million hectares traded in NSW, resulting in a 15.6 per cent median price growth in 2020 and a compound annual growth of 8.1 per cent over 20 years.

The western region recorded the highest growth in median price per hectare of 37.5 per cent while the southern region increased by 12.4 per cent. The number of farmland transactions finished at 3073 for 2020 across the state valued at \$3.7 billion.

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Police seize cannabis in Riverina

OFFICERS from the Murrumbidgee Police District Proactive Crime Team have charged a man after uncovering a hydroponic cannabis set-up in the Riverina area.

About 8.45am on April 30, officers from Strike Force Kincora, a team of investigators from the Murrumbidgee Police District targeting hydroponic cannabis cultivation with links to local organised crime networks, executed a search warrant on a property on Old Willbriggie Road at Hanwood.

During the search of a bedroom, police located a sophisticated hydroponic cannabis set-up and seized 16 small cannabis plants. A further search of the premises revealed an underground bunker with a trap door concealed under the living room carpet. Ten mature cannabis plants, all being grown under heat lamps, were seized by police.

Also found during the search was a quantity of cannabis leaf, methylamphetamine and MDMA and a trench knife, which is classified as a prohibited weapon. Officers also seized equipment consistent with the cultivation and supply of cannabis.

A 53-year-old man was arrested at the scene and taken to Griffith Police Station.

He was charged with five offences including cultivate prohibited plant, alter or add to electricity installation for metering, possess prohibited weapon without permit and two counts of possess prohibited drug.

He was refused bail and was due to appear at Griffith Local Court on May 1.

Signs of a hydro house can include:

- Increased security measures (roller shutters, fences, vicious dogs in the yard),
- Increased use of electricity,
- Increased use of water,
- Illegal connection to electrical supply,
- Condensation on windows,
- Continual running of generators and lights,
- Disposal of large amounts of garbage,
- Large quantities of chemicals and fertilisers around the premises,
- Locks or other methods in place to prevent access to the electricity meter box,
- Discarded plastic containers and strong odours (fertilisers, liquid and bagged growing cultures).

Historic altar returned home

A CARVED wooden altar with gold plated detailing dating back to 1908 has emerged from storage after more than 40 years and resumed its rightful spot in Narrandera's Catholic Church.

Father Bradley Rafter said a wooden cross was relocated to a prominent spot on the ceiling so the altar could be affixed below the stunning stained glass windows in the sanctuary at St Mel's.

Father Rafter said the return of the iconic altar would spark memories of weddings and baptisms for many local families.

"In the original church in 1908 there were two side altars along with a high altar against the front wall (of the sanctuary)," he said.

"In the 1970s when the Pope said the priest could turn around and face the people, the altar was moved forward, the side altars removed and the cross attached to the front wall."

The intricately carved altar was stored in the St Mel's museum and was refurbished by volunteers.

"It was gone for about 40 years and we have brought it back – the tabernacle doors are gold plated and the ciborium is timber," Father Rafter said.

"It was installed the week after Easter and the response has been great – a few said it has taken them back to their childhood or memories of their wedding at the altar."

Father Tony Oboshi has joined St Mel's as an assistant priest from Leeton last November.

Originally from Nigeria, Father Tony works as the chaplain at St Francis de Sales College, does communion rounds in Narrandera, hospital and nursing home visits, and other parish work.

"I came to Australia to train as a seminary to become a priest," he said.

"I got to know people in Narrandera years ago when I worked here for a month so it is like a home coming – I don't feel like a fish out of water here."

Father Bradley Rafter with the ornate altar finally returned to its original position at St Mel's Catholic Church; inset, Father Tony Oboshi has transferred from Leeton to Narrandera as an assistant priest. Photos: Kim Woods/supplied

Life of Riley

A FIVE-DAY trip taking in the best attractions in the NSW Snowy Mountains is being hosted by Narrandera Probus Club.

The Life of Riley tour is on October 5-10, departing Narrandera on a five-star seat-belt equipped coach for Jindabyne.

Day two includes a chair lift ride at Thredbo, a visit to the famous Skitube Alpine railway, morning tea beside the Thredbo river and a scenic drive through Smiggins Holes and Perisher.

The tour goes on to visit the Snowy Hydro Scheme, Eucumbene Dam, Gadent trout hatchery and the Wild Brumby distillery plus much more.

The cost is \$850 for the five days and the coach returns through the National Arboretum at Canberra.

For more information contact Warwick Heckendorf on 0427 047 596.

Your say: **Letters to the Editor**

Delayed delivery of vaccine

EDITOR,

Recently there have been some concerns raised about Phase 1a of the COVID-19 National Vaccine Rollout in the Murrumbidgee's residential aged care facilities, specifically the delayed delivery of vaccines.

On behalf of Murrumbidgee Primary Health Network, I would like to acknowledge the COVID-19 vaccination rollout is complex and challenging.

Primary Health Networks across Australia, including MPHNSW, have been tasked by the Commonwealth Department of Health to provide support to a number of stakeholder groups including residential aged care facilities, general practices and GP vaccination hubs regarding rollout of the COVID-19 vaccination program across all phases. Scheduling of COVID-19 vaccinations under the Phase 1a is managed directly by the Department of Health with Commonwealth contractors administering the vaccine to residents of aged care.

We are now pleased to confirm all privately operated residential aged care facilities now have their facility scheduled to receive the Pfizer vaccine. The first doses will all be complete by mid-May 2021. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all healthcare professionals across the Murrumbidgee, who continue to work diligently with such passion, empathy and care for their patients.

Julie Redway,
Acting Chief Executive Officer

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The Super Moon was captured last week by a member of the Narrandera Astronomy Group. Star gazers can now look forward to a total lunar eclipse on Wednesday, May 26. Photo supplied.

Heavens above it's the moon

STAR gazers had a field day last week with the Super Moon lighting up the night sky.

Narrandera Astronomy Group coordinator Kelly (who declined to use her surname) captured this stunning image of the Super Moon with a Nikon D610 camera and a 70-300mm lens set at 1/400 sec, f11 and at ISO 320.

The Super Moon occurs when the moon is at its point closest to earth, making it appear bigger and brighter.

Kelly is mentored by Leeton astro-photographer Mick McNamara since forming the group at Narrandera's first "star party" at Gillenbah in November.

Mr McNamara studies the Sombrero Galaxy and M83 which is 15 million light years away.

Kelly said the small, productive group is a support network, allowing people to get comfortable with their telescopes, using mini dobs and learning how the equipment works.

She said the Super Moon was an ideal opportunity to get the general public interested in astronomy.

"The group is rolling but it's more if a mentoring and one-on-one online support group," she said.

Kelly told star gazers to watch out for the Lyrids meteor showers in the north-east night sky at midnight for the month of May.

The international space station is also visible on the horizon from May 6-12 within a few hours after sunset along with a total lunar eclipse on May 26.



Six-year-old Elsie Levett with a portrait of herself by visiting artist Tim Snowden. Photos: Rusty Lake-Connolly



Kerrie Perrott with handmade cards.



Kerrie Perrott holds photographs of a Matong grain harvest by Mike Perrott on display during the Arts and Craft Fair.



Griffith artist Sharon De Valentin demonstrated painting with hot wax.

Fair a big success

PAINTING, stitching and kindness rocks filled the Narrandera Arts and Community Centre over the weekend for the Arts and Creative Fair.

The free event featured a demonstration of encaustic art, or painting with wax, by Sharon de Valentin on Sunday.

Encaustic is an ancient painting medium first practiced by Greek artists as far back as the fifth century BC, and combines molten bees wax with dry pigment and tree resin.

Sharon is also holding a solo show, Fire and Wax, at Artspace at the Griffith

Regional Theatre until May 5. The Arts and Creative Fair was hosted by the Narrandera Arts and Creative Network Inc and built on the success of an earlier exhibition of local artists organised by Tracey Lewis.

Chair Julie Briggs said around 12 local artists either exhibited or held workshops over the two days.

"We were pleasantly surprised by how many young families attended and visitors from Griffith and Leeton," Ms Briggs said.

"We were really trying to activate

the art centre to get people involved in fun activities, and get to know the local artists and have some of them working on site.

"We wanted our artists to meet and greet each other. The feedback we have had so far is they were really happy with the day."

Ms Briggs said the encaustic demonstration on Sunday proved quite popular.

Becky Merrit is known for placing Kindness Rocks throughout the local region for children and adults to find,

and she held a painting workshop at the Arts and Creative Fair. Artists included ex-Narrandera resident John Beattie with his landscapes and still life paintings, Betty Bradney with visual art, Matong painter Linda Nolan, Lindee Russell with her handicrafts, Cassie Patterson, Barb Cassidy, Grong Grong artist Christina Peters, Narrandera photographer Mike Perrott and Kerrie Perrott with her handmade cards.

Ms Briggs said another Arts and Creative Fair would follow on with a date to be set.



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New career on track

A TAFE NSW qualification has James Flack on the frontline of a new career keeping lives safe while improvements are made to local roads.

James, 28, was one of a recent group who completed Traffic Control qualifications at the TAFE NSW Narrandera Connected Learning Centre in March.

Each of the graduates went on to find employment on local road projects including the \$600 million Newell Highway upgrade.

A welder by trade, James' move from Queensland to settle in Narrandera found him seeking a new career. He contacted Sureway Employment and Training in the hope of finding something local.

They pointed him to the Traffic Controller course at TAFE NSW. The idea was for him to gain some qualifications in an area where employees are in demand.

"I was after a change from welding and it turned out traffic control was just the ticket. Our TAFE NSW teacher

was exceptionally good at making sure we knew the information we needed," he said. "We also had plenty of time for hands-on practical work, so I felt well prepared for what I had to do from day one on the job. There's quite a lot of responsibility that comes with managing traffic around work sites."

To gain his Statement of Attainment in Control Traffic and Implement Traffic Control Plans, James had to understand the risks involved with working on roads, establish signage around work sites, be able to use radio

communication and the Phonetic Alphabet. As part of the short course, students cover both the theory and practical aspects of the job, including attending a simulated worksite.

With his traffic control qualification complete James quickly found work on the highway upgrade.

"I like working outdoors and this is a job with plenty of variety. We're always setting up on new sections of road, so each day is different," he said.

"I get to see a lot of faces each day and most drivers are friendly.

I've had some offer me snacks and drinks and wind their window down for a bit of a chat. It's nice to know people appreciate what I'm doing."

TAFE NSW Civil Construction Teacher Greg Walsh said the short course was a relatively quick way to learn job-ready, practical skills, and earn an industry-recognised qualification.

To enquire about enrolling in the Control Traffic and Implement Traffic Control Plans short course, call 13 16 01 or visit www.tafensw.edu.au

Autumn fashions on catwalk



Narrandera Hospital Auxiliary benefitted from a fashion parade hosted by Country Flair at the Narrandera Bowling Club on April 17. Rosie Beeche, above, models a cable knit jumper over a shirt while Hilary Manning, below left, models a long line jacket, and Margie Jensen with the latest autumn trends in knitwear styled with a printed scarf. Photos Rusty Lake-Connolly



Edna Hanna, Jill Morrice and Laura Bunyan celebrate Jill's 90th birthday. Photo supplied.

Birthday party for Jill

A RECENT family get together was held at the Hay Golf Club to celebrate the 90th birthday of Jill Morrice (nee Clifton).

Jill lives at Narrandera and her wish was to see her sisters Edna Hanna and Laura Bunyan.

Jill moved to the district property "Cuddle" which was eventually taken over by her son Barry.

She has lived in Narrandera for

many years and been an active CWA member. Six of Jill's children were able to attend along with long-time friend June Armstrong.

Jill, Laura and Edna are the daughters of the late Ned and Flo Clifton and spent their childhood and formative years growing up in the Oxley, Booligal and Maude districts. It was a perfect day on the banks of the Bidgee with many stories and laughs.

Spotlight on upgrade at regional schools

NARRANDERA High School will soon benefit from brighter and smarter learning spaces with the NSW Government announcing the first tranche of schools in the LED Lighting Upgrade Program.

Member for Cootamundra Steph Cooke said the program was evidence of the NSW Government's commitment to improving school facilities and supporting jobs.

"This is a great investment into our students and teachers, improving their learning and work environment, and into local jobs," Ms Cooke said.

"We know student learning is enhanced when the learning environment is comfortable and LED lighting is proven to provide a more stable source of light. I am pleased so many of our local schools will be among the first to see these upgrades."

Local schools receiving new LED lighting in Tranche 1 include Narrandera High School, Temora Public, Temora High, Temora West Public, West Wyalong High, West Wyalong Public and Wyalong Public School.

Minister for Education Sarah Mitchell said the program is an initiative funded by the NSW Government's COVID-19 Recovery Plan.

"The LED Lighting Upgrade Program will not only support jobs, but through the replacement of inefficient lighting with LED luminaires we will be delivering better classrooms and learning areas for students," Ms Mitchell said.

"This program is part of our \$450 million school based COVID-19 Recovery plan to deliver thousands of school projects to hundreds of schools."

Garden design workshop and trip to Tarcutta

NARRANDERA Garden Club will host an upcoming Garden Design Workshop to be held on Sunday, May 16 at Narrandera TAFE.

The Garden Club resumed for 2021 recently with its AGM held on March 28 at the home of Julie Roffe.

An exciting year has been planned for the club, visiting some beautiful town and country gardens throughout the year for monthly meetings as well as welcoming horticulturalist Pam Wettenhall on May 16 to present a workshop on Garden Design (bookings essential).

There will also be a presentation

by Janelle Beard and Josie Marks from Narrandera TAFE in July, the Camellia Show in August, Town and Country Open Garden Day in October and a trip to a private garden in Tarcutta in November.

The club's recent meeting was held at the home of Kerry Pound and Joe Hopwood at Boree Creek.

Anyone interested in attending any of the club's meetings or events, should contact Julie Roffe on 0428 597 655 for further details or for a copy of the 2021 program.

"We are really keen to welcome new members and visitors," she said.

Walking scorched earth

COLLINGULLIE author Matt Quade brings the inside story of the aftermath of the Iraq war to life in his new book, *Mindless Thug Iraq-Haiti-Libya*.

Matt is originally from Tallimba, and served with the French Foreign Legion from 1994 – 1999.

He was deployed to Bosnia in 1995 with the Legion under NATO's Rapid Reaction Force.

Matt has since worked as a private security contractor (close protection, project manager, country manager and independent contractor) from 2003 to 2018 in Iraq, Haiti, Libya and Somalia.

He worked directly with the local populations in each theatre and holds a special affinity for the people of the frontier town of Kirkuk in Northern Iraq.

The *Argus* presents a serialisation of the book and starting with chapter one this week.

Chapter one

IN 2003, after the invasion of Iraq, US President George W. Bush stood on the deck of an aircraft carrier and announced to the world 'Mission Accomplished'.

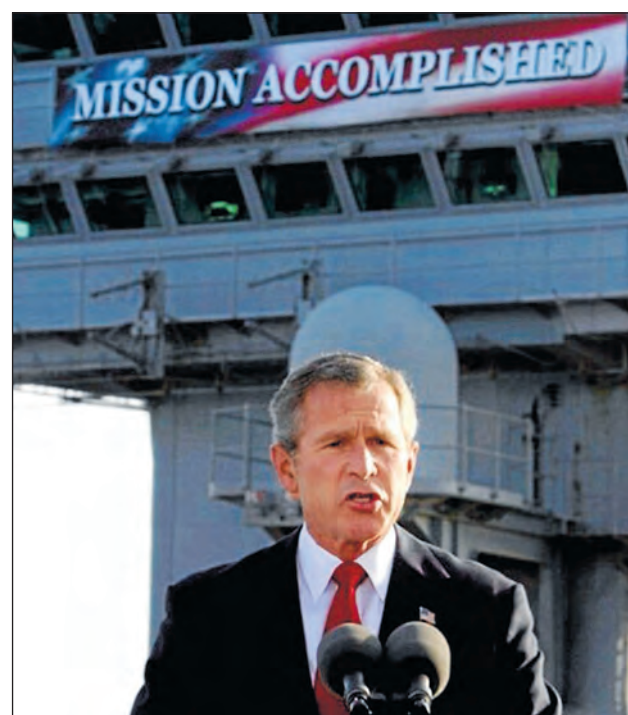
Coalition Forces had had a steamroller military victory over the poorly equipped, largely conscript, Iraqi Army.

The invasion and its aftermath had been planned for a decade before the actual assault on Iraq began in 2003.

The first component of the plan consisted of a dual role for one of America's largest corporations.



Collingullie author Matt Quade; US president George W. Bush makes the announcement on the aircraft carrier. Photos supplied.



Initially, it was to supply all of the post-conflict logistics to Coalition Forces such as convoy transports and private convoy security that was supplied in addition to US military protection (often to the great frustration of the US military, another story in itself).

And, secondly, to secure and extract Iraq's oil reserves. This 'honour', and the billion-dollar 'cost-plus' contracts associated with these tasks were bestowed upon the Halliburton corporation.

George Bush's Vice Presi-

dent at the time, Dick Cheney, had departed as Chairman and CEO of Halliburton in 2000.

The second plank of the US plan was the reconstruction of Iraq's infrastructure.

This task was bestowed upon the Bechtel Corporation, the largest private construction company in the world.

The reconstruction task did not just consist of vital Iraqi infrastructure such as power, water, bridges etc. but also schools, hospitals, local medical clinics, sewerage plants and other civilian facilities.

At this point I must state that the first two-and-a-half years working in Iraq was for Bechtel as a private security contractor.

The first taskings were in Baghdad in 2003 and 2004 on the four-man close protection (bodyguard) teams accompanying US engineers on their reconstruction missions.

The second Bechtel project ran from 2004 to 2006. My penance was to run a private security force of Arabs, Kurds and Turkmen providing external security to the reconstruction

of one of Iraq's largest power stations, a prime target of Iraq's insurgents.

Bechtel ran a 'clean' operation and possessed the corporate culture that was required for a theatre such as Iraq being largely populated by military veterans turned engineers.

The third plank of the US plan also involved two components. The first, to implement a scorched earth policy toward Iraq's political system, essentially the dictatorship of Saddam Hussein that maintained power via the Sunni

Muslim minority over the Shia Muslim majority.

This policy largely involved what was known as the 'De-Ba'athification' process, an elimination of all of Saddam Hussein's Baath Party members from public office.

It was similar to the Denazification process that the US implemented in Germany at the end of World War Two.

The policy was of course taken to an extreme. School-teachers who had joined the Baath party in the pre-war years simply to gain employment were also fired from their positions. The second component was to rebuild the entire Iraqi political system from scratch based upon a model that largely mirrored the US system.

The logistics, oil recovery and reconstruction aspects of the US plan had major problems, little of which came to fruition over the following years.

The third plank, the political plan for Iraq, was an unmitigated disaster.

In the early years of the Iraqi occupation the US installed its own provincial-style Governor. This Governor's aggressive pursuit of the De-Ba'athification policy was one of the reasons for the complete collapse of Iraqi society in the following years that we were working in Iraq.

By 2006 a full-blown sectarian bloodbath between Iraqis, and a two-pronged insurgency against all 'foreigners', was well underway.

Sweet treats and pampering for mum at markets

NEW band '3 tiers' will be performing at the Shady Gum Mother's Day Farmers Market on Sunday from 9am to noon.

Spoil your Mum by taking her for a morning out at the markets and treat her to some music, coffee, sweet treats or buy that last minute Mother's Day gift from a selection of

stalls set up in the picturesque bush setting.

Some of the stallholders confirmed for the Farmers Markets are: Athera Crystals, Betsy- How ya' Bean, Bob the cement man, Grandma's Home Treats, Grace's stall, Grunt pork smokehouse, Lazidaze sauces and products, Les

Creations, Little Yarn Things, Maria's Kitchen, Pretty Little Latte, Possum Patch, Roadie's donuts, Rotary Club of Narrandera brekkies, Tumut River Brewing Company, Verj Design and Unicorn Girl.

Athera Crystals emanated from a couple from Melbourne's south east suburbs, a

photographer and a hairdresser with sustainability and eco awareness their top priority.

Grunt Pork is a family farming business owned and run by John and Lauren Dowling who live with their three children at Grong Grong. Their pigs have been ethically raised and are then used in the couple's butch-

ery, Grunt Pork Smokehouse.

They sell locally to individuals and wholesale to businesses at Wagga Wagga, Griffith, Narrandera, Grong Grong, Leeton, Barellan, Ariah Park, Ardlethan, Beckom, Ganmain, Coolamon and Currawarna.

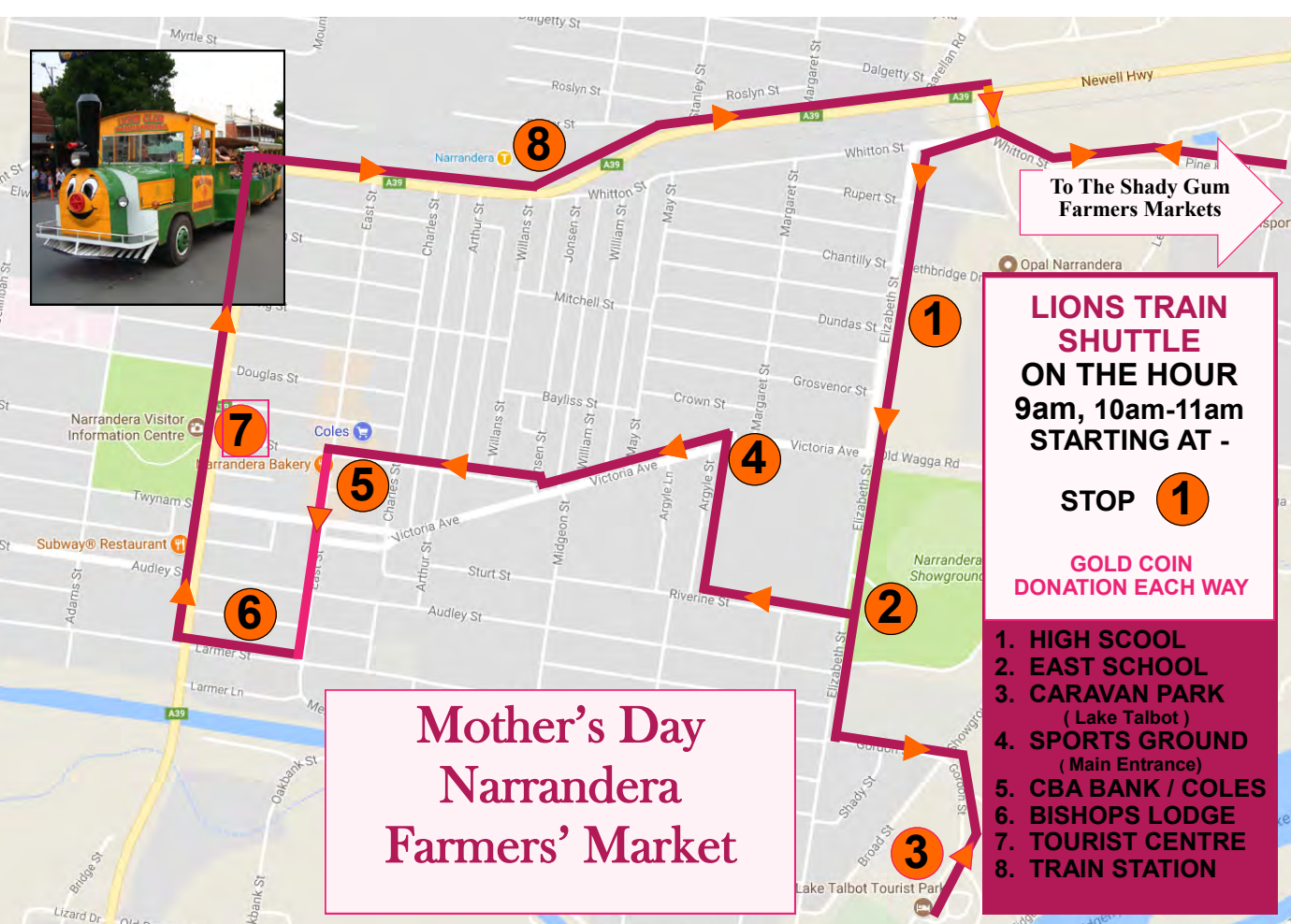
Lazidaze dressings are made by Jo Simpson, a Narrandera-based dedicated cook, mother of three boys, grandmother who describes herself as a wanna be Italian mama! Her product is a popular multi-purpose dress-

ing suitable for all tastes. Pretty Little Latte is a local café in East Street Narrandera who are taking their coffee to the markets for patrons to enjoy.

These stallholders are among a bevy of local and visiting stalls open at the nursery carpark on Sunday.

Local community radio station 91.1 FM will be broadcasting live from the market.

Narrandera Lions Train will be operating to and from various locations throughout the town to the markets in The Shady Gum Nursery carpark.



Mother's Day Narrandera Farmers' Market

Sunday 9th May 2021
at The Shady Gum Nursery Car Park
9am - 12noon

Breakfast & Coffee Available

LION TRAIN SHUTTLE ON THE HOUR (SEE MAP FOR ROUTE)

Vendors welcome contact Annie on 02 69591780

Debs wow with dances



Debutantes and partners, in order from left to right: Darcy Mackay – Molly Sloan, Lachie Owens – Brinley Lewis, Nicholas Buchanan – Hannah Marshall, Matthew Barton – Stephanie Doyle, Jock Heeney – Claire Allen, Isabel Fuller – Billy Glanvill, Charlotte Wickson – Liam Whiting, Hannah Walker – Jakob Taylor, Alice Trevaskis – Darcy Jolliffe, Brodie Hard – Ben Cartwright. Photo courtesy of the ball's official photographer Nikola Kinder Photography.



Members of the official party, left to right, Margaret Seymour, Steph Cooke, Dorothy Allen and Father Doug George.

COOLAMON

DEBUTANTE balls have returned after cancellations during COVID last year with the 2020 Coolamon Debutante Ball held recently.

It was named the "2020" Ball as it was originally set down for May 8 2020, but with COVID was subsequently postponed twice before a date of April 23 2021 was set.

Restrictions were lifted enough mid-March for the Ball to go ahead with a reduced number in attendance, (less than half than usual) and dancing finally allowed.

The venue was the Coolamon Sports Club, which suited the reduced crowd of 140 patrons perfectly.

The 10 debutantes and their partners commenced weekly dance lessons with Kerry Baumer six weeks prior to the Ball and managed to execute three lovely dances for the crowd. They were presented to Mrs Margaret Seymour and Mrs Dorothy Allen.

Member for Cootamundra Steph Cook was in attendance as well as Father Doug George, Coolamon's Parish Priest, who opened the Ball.



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Boom times for Coolamon Shire

COOLAMON Liz Lawrence

COOLAMON Shire is experiencing boom times with increased building activity over the last couple of years.

This boom has occurred in the southern communities close to Wagga, most notably the town of Coolamon and to some degree Marrar and Ganmain.

Council general manager Tony Donoghue said the Council had undertaken several residential subdivisions in that time that had been specifically designed to attract families by offering well priced large lots.

"The thinking was that families have the added benefits of more kids and the subsequent flow on affects, such as school enrolments," Mr Donoghue said.

"We would like to think that this hasn't just happened by accident and that the main street upgrades, parks and gardens improvements, library/up-to-date store, caravan park and general appearance of the LGA have helped people make the choice of investing in our community."

Mr Donoghue said there was a feeling of confidence in the LGA with businesses opening, new subdivisions occurring and new houses going up.

"We would like to harness that, but at the same time retain the country town feel. That is going to be the challenge for Council, to keep the existing good old community atmosphere whilst managing growth and



There is a feeling of confidence in the shire with new subdivisions opening. Photo supplied.

investment. By focusing on providing modern services and infrastructure we hope that the right people will move to our shire and help us prosper."

Coolamon Council approved eight new dwellings for construction last month, ranging in price up to \$620,000.

This continued the 2020 trend

when the Council approved 34 new dwellings, 17 commercial/industrial and three subdivisions as well as 29 new dwellings, 18 commercial/industrial and two new lots created in 2019.

Total figures for the 2018-19 financial year were 28 new buildings, 15 commercial industrial and two new

lots. Twelve new dwellings and one new lot were approved in the first half of 2019, 17 new dwellings and one new lot created in the second half of 2019.

Nine new dwellings and two new lots were approved in the first half of 2020 and 23 new dwellings and one new lot in the second half of that year.

Fireworks approved

COOLAMON

COOLAMON Shire Council has endorsed a full program of internal tourism projects for 2021/2022 as well as supported suggested tourism buy-in campaigns from its operating budget.

The total cost of these projects will be \$51,130.

The cost of fireworks for the Coolamon New Year's Eve event has been approved together with printing of a seasonal events brochure, business workshops, a re-print of the visitors' guide and a visitors' map.

Council will also buy into the Canola Trail, Country Change, Thrive Riverina and Wagga Wagga Tourism Partner campaigns.

Pump track back again

COOLAMON

COOLAMON Shire Council is now deploying its mobile skate park and pump track back into local communities in the shire.

This action was made possible by the easing of COVID restrictions.

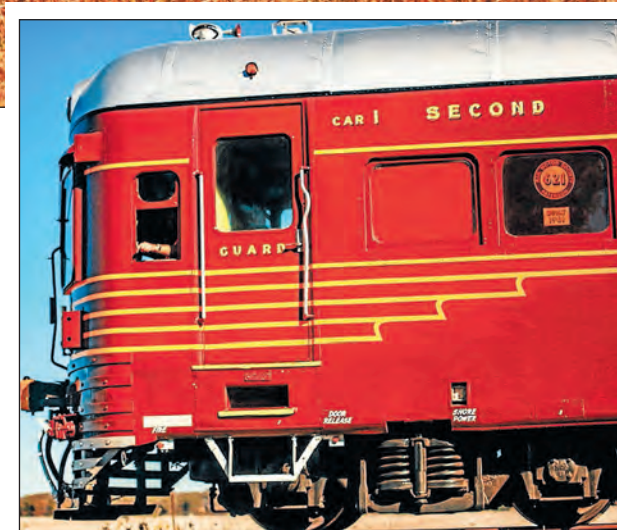
The skate park is being rotated on a quarterly basis while the pump track will move every six months due to it being more cumbersome and requiring additional set-up and removal.

Rail line to heaven



LOCKHART

A rail motor ferried about 70 passengers to Lockhart Railway station last week with Ross Jackson handing over a rail item for the Tim Fischer Gallery to the Green Gunyah Museum. Museum secretary Paul Creek accepted the headboard and flags that were on Tim Fischer's funeral train and these will be on display in the Gallery. Photos: Jypsy Cronan



Lives left at risk by staff shortage

DENILIKUIN

NSW Labor is urging the Berejiklian Government to take immediate action to address the serious crisis affecting rural and regional health services after explosive evidence was given by local doctors at a public hearing of the Upper House Inquiry into Rural, Regional and Remote Health Services in Deniliquin.

Deniliquin Health Action Group chair Dr Marion Magee gave evidence all five doctors at Deniliquin Hospital would meet on Sunday to consider resigning en masse from their positions.

This would leave Deniliquin Hospital with no doctors at all.

Dr Magee said local health services have deteriorated markedly with local doctors being forced to work 120 hours a week and a nurse practitioner is no longer available at Deniliquin Hospital.

Shadow Minister for Health Ryan Park said doctors at Deniliquin have been placed in an intolerable position because of this Government's neglect.

"The Berejiklian Government must meet with local doctors and provide them with the resources

they need to care for people, Mr Park said.

"This is serious evidence from Dr Magee and I am concerned local doctors in Deniliquin feel they have no other way for their voices to be heard.

"I know the Deniliquin Health Action Group hasn't made this decision lightly. These are people who love their community and want to provide the best possible care. Brad Hazzard cannot continue to ignore them."

NSW Labor also has called on the Government to urgently increase investment in NSW Ambulance as figures highlight a system in crisis with people left waiting nearly 45 minutes to access what is at times life-saving treatment.

Mr Park said it was critical paramedic recruitment be increased and fast tracked to ensure people got access to emergency care when they needed it most.

"Lives are being put at risk because of chronic underfunding and understaffing and we have paramedics who are under enormous stress and pressure because of the shortages of staff right across the system," he said.

Muster receives funding

COOLAMON

THREE well-known events on the Coolamon Shire calendar will receive funding from the local Council.

These are the Coolamon Touch Football Association's Touch Football Small Associations Gala Day on October 21 (\$1000), Bloss Riverina's Red Nose Day Rural Style on August 13 (\$1000) and Coolamon Men's Shed's Coolamon Fire Engine Muster on October 3 (\$2500).

The Muster was granted the full amount of its funding request, while the other two groups were partially funded.

A total of \$5500 remains in the 2021 funding pool out of the \$10,000 allowed.

These funds are available until exhausted.

Tower upgrade for Coolamon

COOLAMON

COOLAMON Shire Council will undertake a structural upgrade of the Coolamon telecommunication tower.

Council received a request from NSW Police to undertake additional improvements to the tower.

Future Engineering and Communication will undertake the improvements to the tower as well as base strengthening at a cost of \$125,350.

Council was advised the work proposed by NSW Police was not what would or had taken the structure above the 80 per cent tolerance allowance.

Discussions with industry representatives made it apparent that when other users made improvements to their networks on towers they had been changing the parameters

in their engineering assumptions to ensure that reports were provided that were 'under tolerance acceptances'.

A Council report stated this was how some telcos ensured they were not required to contribute to any tower upgrade costs or lessened the ability for competitors to use available space.

Council was now faced with a structural upgrade to the tower.

The required work met the criteria of a recent funding round for the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program and recent savings made on street light upgrades which allowed Council to include the structural upgrade of the telecommunication tower as a project for funding.



THURSDAY, MAY 6

TV

6.00 News Breakfast. **9.00** ABC News Mornings. **10.00** Australian Story. **10.30** Anh's Brush With Fame. **11.00** Greta Thunberg: A Year To Change The World. **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **1.00** Hard Quiz. **1.30** The Weekly With Charlie Pickering. **2.00** Informer. Final. **3.00** ABC News Afternoons. **4.00** Think Tank. **4.55** Julia Zemiro's Home Delivery. **5.30** Hard Quiz. **6.00** The Drum. **7.00** ABC News. **7.30** 7.30. **8.00** Back Roads. **8.30** Q+A. **9.35** Trump Takes On The World. **10.35** ABC Late News. **11.10** Employable Me Australia. **12.10** Insert Name Here. **12.40** Back In Very Small Business. Final. **1.10** Rake. **2.10** Late Programs.

two **6.00** Home Shopping. **7.00** Property Ladder UK. **9.30** NBC Today. **12.00** House Of Wellness. **1.00** Cop Squad. **2.00** ICU. **2.30** Creek To Coast. **3.15** 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** Andrew Denton's Interview. **12.50** The Fine Art Auction. **4.00** Late Programs.

ME **6.00** Kids' Programs. **4.00** The Dengineers. **4.35** Odd Squad. **4.55** The Demon Headmaster. **5.25** Miraculous. **6.00** The Deep. **6.30** Operation Ouch! **7.00** Deadly Pole To Pole. **7.35** Adv Of Puss In Boots. **8.30** Thunderbirds Are Go. **8.20** Sadie Sparks. **8.55** Moka's Fabulous Adventures! **9.10** Dragons: Riders Of Berk. **9.30** Cleopatra In Space. **9.55** Rage. **10.55** Close. **5.30** Voltron: Legendary Defender.

PRIME 7

6.00 Sunrise. **9.00** The Morning Show. **11.30** Seven Morning News. **12.00** **MOVIE:** The Grim Sleeper. (2014) Michael O'Neill, Dreama Walker. **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** Ramsay's 24 Hours To Hell And Back. **9.30** The Clown And The Candyman. **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** Canadian Pickers. **2.00** Caught On Dashcam. **3.00** Storage Wars: Texas. **3.30** Pawn Stars. **4.00** Al McGlashan's Fish'n With Mates. **4.30** Shipping Wars. **5.00** Counting Cars. **5.30** Storage Wars: Texas. **6.00** American Pickers. **7.00** Pawn Stars. **7.30** Towies. **8.30** **MOVIE:** Transporter 2. (2005) **10.15** **MOVIE:** 300: Rise Of An Empire. (2014) **12.30** Late Programs.

TV Plus **6.00** Kids' Programs. **5.55** Ben And Holly's Little Kingdom. **6.25** Peter Rabbit. **6.45** Andy's Aquatic Adventures. **7.00** Grace's Amazing Machines. **7.15** Odd Squad. **7.30** Spicks And Specks. **8.25** Penn & Teller: Fool Us. **9.10** Hard Quiz. **9.40** The Weekly With Charlie Pickering. **10.10** Doctor Who. **10.55** That Pacific Sports Show. **11.25** You Can't Ask That. **11.55** 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 9. South Sydney Rabbitohs v Melbourne Storm. **9.45** Thursday Night Knock Off. **10.30** Nine News Late. **11.00** Manifest. **12.00** The First 48. **1.00** Customs. **1.30** TV Shop: Home Shopping. **2.30** Global Shop. **3.00** TV Shop: Home Shopping. **5.00** A Current Affair. **5.30** Today.

fliX **6.00** It's Academic. **7.00** Match It. **8.00** Spit It Out. **9.00** Home Shopping. **10.30** House Rules. **12.00** Chicago Fire. **1.00** 9-11. **3.00** Me, Myself & I. **3.30** 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. **11.30** Bones. **12.30** The Blacklist. **4.30** Me, Myself & I. **5.00** What Really Happens In Bali.

NEWS **6.00** News Breakfast. **9.00** ABC News Mornings. **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **3.00** ABC News Afternoons. **4.00** Afternoon Briefing. **5.00** ABC News Hour. **6.00** ABC Evening News. **7.00** ABC National News. **8.00** ABC News Tonight. **8.45** The Business. **9.00** ABC Nightly News. **9.30** 7.30. **10.00** The World. **11.00** The Drum. **12.00** ABC Late News. **12.15** The Business. **12.30** 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. **9.40** Law & Order: SVU. **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** Morning Programs. **9.35** Stories Of Bikes. **10.05** Star Trek: Voyager. **11.05** MacGyver. **12.00** Walker, Texas Ranger. **1.00** WIN's All Australian News. **2.00** Elementary. **3.00** Diagnosis Murder. **5.00** JAG. **7.00** Bondi Rescue. **7.30** NCIS. **8.30** Hawaii Five-0. **10.30** NCIS: Los Angeles. **11.30** Late Programs.

Gem **6.00** Morning Programs. **1.10** Days Of Our Lives. **2.05** The Young And The Restless. **3.05** Antiques Roadshow. **3.35** **MOVIE:** It Always Rains On Sunday. (1947) **5.30** The Secret Life Of The Zoo. **6.30** Antiques Roadshow. **7.30** Taronga: Who's Who In The Zoo. **8.30** Emergency. **9.30** The Equalizer. **10.30** A+E After Dark. **11.30** Late Programs.

SBS

6.00 WorldWatch. **12.30** Turkish News. **12.00** Arabic News F24. **12.30** ABC America: World News Tonight. **1.00** PBS News. **2.05** Nazi Megastructures. **3.00** The Perfect Serve. **3.30** The Cook Up With Adam Liaw. **4.00** Michael Mosley: Queen Victoria's Slum. **5.05** Jeopardy! **5.30** Letters And Numbers. **6.00** Mastermind Australia. **6.30** News. **7.35** World's Greatest Bridges. **8.30** The Handmaid's Tale. **10.25** SBS News. **10.55** Baghdad Central. **12.45** Miniseries: The Hunting. **2.55** Cruising With Jane McDonald. **3.50** Alex Polizzi: The Fixer. **5.00** France 24 Feature. **5.15** NHK World English News. **5.30** Deutsche Welle.

WIN Peach **6.00** Morning Programs. **9.00** Frasier. **10.00** Sabrina, The Teenage Witch. **11.00** Friends. **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. **2.00** States Of Undress. **3.45** ABC America: World News Tonight. **4.10** PBS News. **5.10** NBL: Overtime. **5.40** Shortland Street. **6.10** Taskmaster Norway. Final. **7.05** Jeopardy! **7.35** 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. **8.30** The Curse Of Oak Island. **9.20** Future Man. **10.30** Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish. **11.20** The Feed. **11.50** Late Programs.

FRIDAY, MAY 7

TV

6.00 News Breakfast. **9.00** ABC News Mornings. **9.55** Q+A. **11.00** George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **1.00** Back Roads. **1.30** That Pacific Sports Show. **2.00** Doctor Foster. **3.00** ABC News Afternoons. **4.00** Think Tank. **4.55** Julia Zemiro's Home Delivery. **5.30** Hard Quiz. **6.00** The Drum. **7.00** ABC News. **7.30** Gardening Australia. **8.30** Vera. **10.00** Keeping Faith. Final. **11.00** ABC Late News. **11.15** The Vaccine. **11.35** The Weekly With Charlie Pickering. **12.05** You Can't Ask That. **12.35** Rage.

two **6.00** Home Shopping. **7.00** Property Ladder UK. **9.30** NBC Today. **12.00** House Of Wellness. **1.00** Cop Squad. **2.00** ICU. **2.30** Weekender. **3.15** M*A*S*H. **5.30** Escape To The Country. **6.30** Bargain Hunt. **7.30** Border Patrol. **8.30** Escape To The Country. **9.30** Selling Houses Australia. **10.30** Property Ladder. **1.00** The Fine Art Auction. **4.00** Late Programs.

ME **6.00** Kids' Programs. **3.15** Matilda And The Ramsay Bunch. **3.35** Junior Vets. **4.00** The Dengineers. **4.30** Odd Squad. **4.55** The Demon Headmaster. **5.25** Miraculous. **6.00** The Deep. **6.30** Operation Ouch! The Life Fix. **7.00** **MOVIE:** Early Man. (2018) **8.30** Good Game Spawn Point. **8.50** Fruits Basket. **9.15** Boruto: Naruto Next Generations. **9.35** Radiant. **10.05** Close. **5.30** Voltron: Legendary Defender.

PRIME 7

6.00 Sunrise. **9.00** The Morning Show. **11.30** Seven Morning News. **12.00** **MOVIE:** Jesse Stone: Thin Ice. (2009) Tom Selleck, Kathy Baker, Kohl Suduth. **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:** The Bounty Hunter. (2010) Jennifer Aniston, Gerard Butler. **10.55** To Be Advised. **1.00** Home Shopping.

mate **6.00** Morning Programs. **1.00** Canadian Pickers. **2.00** Caught On Dashcam. **3.00** Bull Riding. PBR Australia. **3.30** The Food Dude. **4.00** Timbersports. **4.30** Shipping Wars. **5.00** Counting Cars. **5.30** Storage Wars: Texas. **6.00** American Pickers. **7.00** Friday Night Countdown. **7.30** Football. AFL. Round 8. Richmond v Geelong. **10.30** Late Programs.

TV Plus **6.00** Kids' Programs. **5.55** Ben And Holly's Little Kingdom. **6.25** Peter Rabbit. **6.45** Andy's Aquatic Adventures. **7.00** Grace's Amazing Machines. **7.15** Odd Squad. **7.30** Spicks And Specks. **8.00** Hard Quiz. **8.35** To Be Advised. **10.55** Doctor Who. **11.50** Art Works. **12.20** Anh's Brush With Fame. **12.50** Insert Name Here. **1.20** Catalyst. **2.15** QI. **2.45** Parks And Recreation. **3.10** 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** **MOVIE:** The Giver. (2014) Brenton Thwaites. **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 9. Parramatta Eels v Sydney Roosters. **9.50** Good Point. **10.35** **MOVIE:** American Assassin. (2017) Dylan O'Brien, Michael Keaton, Sanaa Lathan. **12.40** New Amsterdam. **1.30** TV Shop: Home Shopping. **4.00** Global Shop. **4.30** TV Shop: Home Shopping. **5.30** A Current Affair.

fliX **6.00** It's Academic. **7.00** Match It. **8.00** Spit It Out. **9.00** Home Shopping. **10.30** House Rules. **12.00** Chicago Fire. **1.00** 9-11. **3.00** Jabba's Movies. **3.30** Futurama. **3.55** The Simpsons. **4.45** **MOVIE:** Garfield: A Tail Of Two Kitties. (2006) **6.30** **MOVIE:** Rio. (2011) Jesse Eisenberg. **8.30** **MOVIE:** Spider-Man 2. (2004) Tobey Maguire, Kirsten Dunst, James Franco. **11.15** Bridezillas. **12.15** 9-11. **1.15** Late Programs.

NEWS **6.00** News Breakfast. **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** 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. **9.30** Have You Been Paying Attention? **10.30** To Be Advised. **11.00** WIN's All Australian News. **12.00** The Project. **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** MacGyver. **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. **10.30** **MOVIE:** Term Life. (2016) **12.30** Late Programs.

Gem **6.00** Morning Programs. **1.00** Days Of Our Lives. **1.55** The Young And The Restless. **2.50** Antiques Roadshow. **3.20** **MOVIE:** Eureka Stockade. (1949) **5.30** The Secret Life Of The Zoo. **6.30** Antiques Roadshow. **7.30** David Attenborough's Blue Planet II. **8.40** **MOVIE:** Jack Reacher. (2012) Tom Cruise, Rosamund Pike. **11.10** **MOVIE:** The Nice Guys. (2016) **1.25** Late Programs.

SBS

6.00 WorldWatch. **12.30** ABC America: World News Tonight. **1.00** PBS News. **2.05** Nazi Megastructures. **3.00** NITV News: Nula. **3.30** The Cook Up With Adam Liaw. **4.00** Michael Mosley: Queen Victoria's Slum. **5.05** Jeopardy! **5.30** Letters And Numbers. **6.00** Mastermind Australia. **6.30** News. **7.35** Hunting Egypt's Lost Treasures. **8.30** London: 2,000 Years Of History. **9.20** Patriot Brains. **10.15** 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. **11.10** SBS News. **11.40** Amy Winehouse: Back To Black. **12.45** Mr Mercedes. **3.40** Alex Polizzi: The Fixer. **5.00** France 24 Feature. **5.15** NHK World English News. **5.30** Deutsche Welle.

WIN Peach **6.00** Morning Programs. **10.00** Sabrina, The Teenage Witch. **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. **1.35** VICE Guide To Film. **2.00** States Of Undress. **3.40** ABC America: World News Tonight. **4.05** PBS News. **5.05** The Joy Of Painting. **5.35** Shortland Street. **6.05** If You Are The One. **7.05** Jeopardy! **7.35** 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. **8.30** Dynamo: Magician Impossible. **9.20** How Sex Changed The World. **10.10** Late Programs.

SATURDAY, MAY 8

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** Old People's Home For 4 Year Olds. **2.30** Love On The Spectrum. **3.30** Anh's Brush With Fame. **4.00** Ask The Doctor. **4.30** Landline. **5.00** Soccer. A-League. Round 20. Newcastle Jets v Sydney FC. **7.00** ABC News. **7.30** The Durrells. **8.20** Finding Alice. Final. **9.10** Wakefield. **10.05** The Split. **11.05** Doctor Foster. **12.00** Rage.

two **6.00** Home Shopping. **8.30** Travel Oz. **10.00** Insider Trading. **11.00** Weekender. **11.30** Creek To Coast. **12.00** The Great Australian Doorstep. **12.30** House Of Wellness. **1.30** Horse Racing. The Coast Race Day and Caulfield Race Day. **5.00** Sydney Weekender. **5.30** Charlie Luxton's Homes By The Sea. **6.30** The Yorkshire Vet. **8.30** Escape To The Country. **11.30** Late Programs.

ME **6.00** Kids' Programs. **4.00** The Dengineers. **4.30** 100 Things To Do Before High School. **4.55** The Demon Headmaster. Final. **5.25** Miraculous. **6.00** The Deep. **6.30** Top Jobs For Dogs. **7.00** Horrible Histories. **7.35** Adv Of Puss In Boots. **8.00** Thunderbirds Are Go. **8.20** Sadie Sparks. **8.55** Moka's Fabulous Adventures! **9.10** Dragons: Riders Of Berk. **9.30** Cleopatra In Space. **9.55** Close. **5.30** Voltron: Legendary Defender.

PRIME 7

6.00 Home Shopping. **7.00** Weekend Sunrise. **10.00** The Morning Show: Weekend. **12.00** Horse Racing. The Coast Race Day and Caulfield Race Day. **1.30** Football. AFL. Round 8. GWS Giants v Essendon. **4.30** Motorway Patrol. **5.00** Seven News At 5. **5.30** Border Security: Australia's Front Line. **6.00** Seven News. **7.00** Football. AFL. Round 8. Melbourne v Sydney. **10.30** AFL Post-Game Show. **11.00** Motor Racing. Supercars Championship. The Bend SuperSprint. Highlights. **12.00** **MOVIE:** The Pawn. (1998) **2.00** Home Shopping.

mate **6.00** Morning Programs. **12.30** Timbersports. **1.00** Bikesworld. **1.30** The Food Dude. **2.00** Storage Wars: Texas. **2.30** American Pickers. **3.30** Heavy Rescue. 401. **4.30** Counting Cars. **5.30** Megastructures. **6.30** AFL Pre-Game Show. **7.00** Border Patrol. **7.30** **MOVIE:** Godzilla: King Of The Monsters. (2019) **10.20** **MOVIE:** Die Hard: With A Vengeance. (1995) **12.55** Late Programs.

TV Plus **6.00** Kids' Programs. **5.55** Ben And Holly's Little Kingdom. **6.35** Noddy Toyland Detective. **7.00** Grace's Amazing Machines. **7.15** Sir Mouse. **7.30** Spicks And Specks. **8.00** The Set. **8.30** Unprotected Sets. **9.25** Live From The BBC. **10.15** Insert Name Here. **10.45** Staged. **11.10** Penn & Teller: Fool Us. **11.55** Russell Howard: Right Here Right Now. **12.55** Would I Lie To You? **1.25** Late Programs.

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6.00 Easy Eats. **7.00** Weekend Today. **10.00** Today Extra: Saturday. **12.00** Award Winning Tasmania. **12.30** Our State On A Plate. Return. **1.00** Desert Vet. **2.00** The Pet Rescuers. **2.30** The Garden Gurus. **3.00** Netball. Super Netball. Round 2. Giants v Collingwood Magpies. **5.00** News: First At Five. **5.30** Getaway. **6.00** Nine News Saturday. **7.00** A Current Affair. **7.30** Space Invaders. **8.30** **MOVIE:** Mission: Impossible - Fallout. (2018) Tom Cruise, Henry Cavill, Rebecca Ferguson. **11.20** **MOVIE:** The Eagle. (2011) **1.30** The Pet Rescuers. **2.00** TV Shop: Home Shopping. **4.30** Global Shop. **5.00** Late Programs.

fliX **6.00** Morning Programs. **10.00** SA Weekender. **10.30** Creek To Coast. **11.00** Weekender. **11.30** Yummy Mummies. **1.30** Britain's Got Talent: The Champions. **3.30** Britain's Got Talent Best And Worst. **4.45** Jabba's Movies. **5.15** **MOVIE:** Lilo & Stitch. (2002) **7.00** **MOVIE:** Ice Age: The Meltdown. (2006) **8.50** **MOVIE:** The Book Thief. (2013) Sophie Nélisse, Geoffrey Rush. **11.35** Late Programs.

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. **5.05** Planet America. **6.00** ABC Evening News. **6.30** Aust Story. **7.00** ABC National News. **7.30** 7.30 Special: Climate Emergency. **8.00** ABC News Tonight. **8.15** Four Corners. **9.00** ABC Nightly News. **9.30** Back Roads. **10.00** Late Programs.


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6.00 WhichCar. **6.30** Entertainment Tonight. **7.00** Escape Fishing With ET. **7.30** Pat Callinan's 4x4 Adventures. **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** The Dog House. **2.30** Taste Of Australia With Hayden Quinn. **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** The Savoy. **9.00** Ambulance. **10.30** 999: What's Your Emergency? **11.10** NCIS. **12.00** 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. **10.20** FBI: Most Wanted. **11.20** Hawaii Five-0. **1.10** 48 Hours. **2.10** Late Programs.

Gem **6.00** Morning Programs. **10.00** Edgar Wallace Mysteries. **11.20** **MOVIE:** Victoria The Great. (1937) **1.35** **MOVIE:** Muscle Beach Party. (1964) **3.35**


SUNDAY, MAY 9



6.00 Morning Programs. **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **12.30** Landline. **1.30** Gardening Australia. **2.30** Australia Remastered. Final. **3.35** Restoration Australia. **4.30** Back Roads. **5.00** Anh's Brush With Fame. **5.30** Antiques Roadshow. **6.30** Compass. **7.00** ABC News Sunday. **7.40** Spicks And Specks. **8.30** Wakefield. **9.20** Smother. New. **10.15** Top Of The Lake: China Girl. **11.15** Keeping Faith. Final. **12.20** Late Programs.

7two **6.00** Home Shopping. **10.00** House Of Wellness. **11.00** NBC Today. **12.00** Peter Andre's 60 Minute Makeover. **1.00** The Zoo. **1.30** Our Town. **2.00** The Bowls Show. **3.00** The Yorkshire Vet. **4.00** Escape To The Country. **7.00** Border Security: Australia's Front Line. **8.30** Air Crash Investigation. **11.30** Late Programs.


ME **6.00** Kids' Programs. **6.00** The Deep. **6.30** Top Jobs For Dogs. **7.00** Horrible Histories. **7.35** Adv Of Puss In Boots. **8.00** Thunderbirds Are Go. **8.20** Sadie Sparks. **8.55** Moka's Fabulous Adventures! **9.10** Dragons: Riders Of Berk. **9.30** Cleopatra In Space. **9.55** Rage. **10.55** Close. **5.30** Voltron: Legendary Defender.



6.00 Morning Programs. **10.00** The Morning Show: Weekend. **12.00** House Of Wellness. **1.00** Kochie's Business Builders. **1.30** To Be Advised. **3.00** Highway Cops. **3.30** Border Patrol. **4.00** Better Homes And Gardens. **5.00** Seven News At 5. **5.30** Sydney Weekender. **6.00** Seven News. **7.00** Big Brother. **8.45** Crime Investigation Australia: Most Infamous. **9.55** The Real Manhunter. New. **11.00** The Blacklist. **12.00** Late Programs.

7mate **6.00** Morning Programs. **1.00** On Tour With Allan Border. **1.30** Big Angry Fish. **2.30** Step Outside With Paul Burt. **3.00** Football. AFL. Round 8. Western Bulldogs v Carlton. **6.00** Pawn Stars Australia. **6.30** **MOVIE:** Reign Of Fire. (2002) **8.35** **MOVIE:** Kingsman: The Golden Circle. (2017) Taron Egerton. **11.30** Late Programs.


TV Plus **6.00** Kids' Programs. **6.25** Peter Rabbit. **6.45** Andy's Aquatic Adventures. **7.00** Grace's Amazing Machines. **7.15** Sir Mouse. **7.30** Spicks And Specks. **8.00** Compass. **8.30** Louis Theroux: Louis And The Nazis. **9.30** Last Woman On The Planet. **10.30** Catalyst. **11.30** Late Programs.



6.00 Easy Eats. **7.00** Weekend Today. **10.00** Sports Sunday. **11.00** NRL Sunday Footy Show. **1.00** Netball. Super Netball. Round 2. Melbourne Vixens v Sunshine Coast Lightning. **3.00** Rugby League. NRL. Round 9. St George Illawarra Dragons v Canterbury Bulldogs. **6.00** Nine News. **7.00** LEGO Masters. **8.50** 60 Minutes. **9.50** Nine News Late. **10.20** Australian Crime Stories. **11.20** Shallow Grave. **12.10** Late Programs.

flix **6.00** Morning Programs. **10.30** Creek To Coast. **11.00** Weekender. **11.30** Sydney Weekender. **12.00** The Food Dude. **12.30** Zumbo's Just Desserts. **1.45** Jabba's Movies. **2.15** Modern Family. **3.15** To Be Advised. **6.30** **MOVIE:** The Lego Movie 2: The Second Part. (2019) **8.35** First Dates Australia. **12.05** Late Programs.


NEWS **6.00** Morning Programs. **1.00** News. **1.30** Q+A Highlights. **2.00** News. **2.30** Aust Story. **3.00** News. **3.30** Offsiders. **4.00** Landline. **5.00** News. **5.30** World This Week. **6.00** News. **6.30** One Plus One. **7.00** News Sunday. **7.40** Drum Beat. **8.00** Insiders. **9.00** ABC Nightly News. **9.25** Aust Story. **10.00** Late Programs.



6.00 Morning Programs. **9.30** Studio 10: Sunday. **12.00** Advancing Australia. **12.30** Vax Live: Concert To Reunite The World. **1.40** To Be Advised. **3.50** Everyday Gourmet With Justine Schofield. **4.00** Fishing Australia. **4.30** Taste Of Australia With Hayden Quinn. **5.00** 10 News First. **6.30** The Sunday Project. **7.30** MasterChef Australia. **9.10** FBI: Most Wanted. **10.10** FBI. **11.10** The Sunday Project. **12.00** Late Programs.

WIN BOLD **6.00** Morning Programs. **1.00** The Doctors. **2.00** Diagnosis Murder. **3.00** The Offroad Adventure Show. **4.00** Pooches At Play. **4.30** What's Up Down Under. **5.00** I Fish. **5.30** Bondi Rescue. **6.00** JAG. **7.00** Bondi Rescue. **7.30** NCIS. **9.25** NCIS: Los Angeles. **10.20** Late Programs.

Gem **6.00** Morning Programs. **12.00** The Garden Gurus. **12.30** Getaway. **1.00** **MOVIE:** Mutiny On The Buses. (1972) **2.50** **MOVIE:** Geronimo. (1962) **5.00** **MOVIE:** The Way West. (1967) **7.30** Death In Paradise. **8.40** Chicago P.D. **9.40** Chicago Fire. **10.40** Chicago Med. **11.35** Late Programs.




6.00 WorldWatch. **7.00** Cycling. UCI World Tour. Giro d'Italia. Stage 1. **8.00** WorldWatch. **1.00** Speedweek. **3.00** Cycling. National Road Series. Melbourne to Warrambool Classic. Highlights. **3.30** Cycling. UCI World Tour. Liege-Bastogne-Liege. Men's race. Highlights. **4.30** True Evil: The Making Of A Nazi. **5.30** Cycling. UCI World Tour. Giro d'Italia. Stage 1. Highlights. **6.30** News. **7.30** Pandemic 2020. **10.30** Late Programs.

WIN Peach **6.00** Sabrina, The Teenage Witch. **7.00** The Neighborhood. **8.00** Neighbours. **10.30** To Be Advised. **2.50** Friends. **6.00** The Big Bang Theory. **8.30** Friends. **10.00** 2 Broke Girls. **11.30** Mom. **12.00** Home Shopping. **1.30** Posh Frock Shop. **2.00** Late Programs.

VICELAND **6.00** Morning Programs. **1.00** New Girl. **2.30** ABC America: World News. **3.00** NBL. Kings v 36ers. **5.00** NBL. Wildcats v Breakers. **7.00** Monty Python's Flying Circus. **7.35** Abandoned Engineering. **8.30** The UnXplained. **9.20** Cycling. UCI World Tour. Giro d'Italia. Stage 2. **1.20** Late Programs.


MONDAY, MAY 10



6.00 Morning Programs. **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **1.00** The Durrells. **2.00** Agatha Raisin. **2.45** First National Farmers. **3.00** ABC News Afternoons. **4.00** Think Tank. **5.00** Julia Zemiro's Home Delivery. **5.25** Hard Quiz. **6.00** The Drum. **7.00** ABC News. **7.30** 7.30. **8.00** Australian Story. **8.30** Four Corners. **9.15** Media Watch. **9.35** Greta Thunberg: A Year To Change The World. **10.35** ABC Late News. **11.05** Late Programs.

7two **6.00** Morning Programs. **9.30** NBC Today. **10.30** Kochie's Business Builders. **11.00** The Bowls Show. **12.00** House Of Wellness. **1.00** Cop Squad. **2.00** ICU. **2.30** Our Town. **3.15** M*A*S*H. **5.30** Escape To The Country. **6.30** Bargain Hunt. **7.30** Doc Martin. **8.30** Judge John Deed. **10.30** Autopsy USA. **11.30** Late Programs.


ME **6.00** Kids' Programs. **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. **8.55** Moka's Fabulous Adventures! **9.10** Dragons: Riders Of Berk. **9.30** Cleopatra In Space. **9.55** Rage. **10.55** Close. **5.30** Voltron: Legendary Defender.



6.00 Sunrise. **9.00** The Morning Show. **11.30** Seven Morning News. **12.00** **MOVIE:** Story Of A Girl. (2017) **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. **7.30** Big Brother. **9.00** 9-11. **10.00** S.W.A.T. **11.00** The Latest: Seven News. **11.30** Station 19. **12.30** Home Shopping. **5.00** Seven Early News. **5.30** Sunrise.

7mate **6.00** Morning Programs. **2.30** Counting Cars. **3.30** Motor Racing. Supercars. The Bend SuperSprint. Highlights. **4.30** Motor Racing. Supercars. The Bend SuperSprint. **5.30** Storage Wars: Texas. **6.00** American Pickers. **7.00** Pawn Stars. **7.30** Aussie Lobster Men. **8.30** **MOVIE:** Hacksaw Ridge. (2016) **11.20** Late Programs.


TV Plus **6.00** Kids' Programs. **6.25** Peter Rabbit. **6.45** Andy's Aquatic Adventures. **7.00** Grace's Amazing Machines. **7.15** Odd Squad. **7.30** Spicks And Specks. **8.00** QJ. **8.30** David Attenborough's Great Barrier Reef. **9.30** Doctor Who. **10.15** Back In Time For Dinner. **11.15** The Set. **11.45** Late Programs.



6.00 Today. **9.00** Today Extra. **11.30** Morning News. **12.00** The Ellen DeGeneres Show. **1.10** LEGO Masters. **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** LEGO Masters. **8.50** Law & Order: Organized Crime. **9.50** 100% Footy. **10.50** Nine News Late. **11.20** The Arrangement. **12.05** Tipping Point. **1.00** A Current Affair. **1.30** Late Programs.

flix **6.00** It's Academic. **7.00** Match It. **8.00** Flushed. **9.00** Home Shopping. **10.30** House Rules. **12.00** Chicago Fire. **2.00** 9-1-1. **3.00** Me, Myself & I. **3.25** How I Met Your Mother. **4.15** To Be Advised. **6.00** Futurama. **6.30** The Simpsons. **7.30** Tattoo Nightmares. **8.30** Ink Master. **10.30** Ink Master: Redemption. **12.00** Late Programs.


NEWS **6.00** Morning Programs. **3.00** ABC News Afternoons. **4.00** Afternoon Briefing. **5.00** ABC News Hour. **6.00** ABC Evening News. **7.00** ABC National News. **8.00** ABC News Tonight. **8.45** The Business. **9.00** ABC Nightly News. **9.30** 7.30. **10.00** The World. **11.00** The Drum. **12.00** Late Programs.



6.00 Headline News. **8.30** Studio 10. **12.00** Dr Phil. **1.00** MasterChef Australia. **2.40** Entertainment Tonight. **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** Have You Been Paying Attention? **9.40** To Be Advised. **11.10** WIN's All Australian News. **12.10** The Project. **1.10** Late Programs.

WIN BOLD **6.00** Morning Programs. **1.00** WIN's All Australian News. **2.00** Hawaii Five-O. **3.00** Diagnosis Murder. **5.00** JAG. **7.00** Bondi Rescue. **7.30** NCIS. **10.20** Motor Racing. Formula 1. Race 4. Spanish Grand Prix. Highlights. **11.20** To Be Advised. **12.15** Late Programs.

Gem **6.00** Morning Programs. **1.10** Days Of Our Lives. **2.05** The Young And The Restless. **3.10** Antiques. **3.40** **MOVIE:** The Sleeping Tiger. (1954) **5.30** The Secret Life Of The Zoo. **6.30** Antiques Roadshow. **7.30** Queens Of Mystery. **8.30** Agatha Christie's Marple. **10.30** Late Programs.




6.00 WorldWatch. **7.00** Cycling. UCI World Tour. Giro d'Italia. Stage 2. **8.00** WorldWatch. **2.00** Pompeii's Final Hours: New Evidence. **3.00** Railway Journeys UK. **3.35** The Cook Up. **4.05** Cycling. UCI World Tour. Giro d'Italia. Stage 2. **5.05** Jeopardy! **5.30** Letters And Numbers. **6.00** Mastermind. **6.30** News. **7.35** Secrets Of The Tower Of London. **8.30** Secret Scotland. **9.25** 24 Hours In Emergency. **10.20** SBS News. **10.50** Late Programs.

WIN Peach **6.00** Morning Programs. **1.00** Charmed. **2.00** The Big Bang Theory. **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 Conners. **11.30** Late Programs.

VICELAND **6.00** Morning Programs. **2.30** Noma Australia. **3.00** Curse Of Oak Island. **3.55** ABC America. **4.20** This Week. **5.15** Joy Of Painting. **5.45** Shortland Street. **6.15** Forged In Fire. **7.05** Jeopardy! **7.35** 8 Out Of 10 Cats. **8.30** Taskmaster. **9.20** Cycling. UCI World Tour. Giro d'Italia. Stage 3. **1.35** Late Programs.


TUESDAY, MAY 11



6.00 Morning Programs. **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **1.00** Finding Alice. Final. **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** Budget 2021: The Treasurer's Speech. **8.00** Budget 2021: ABC News Special. **9.00** Budget 2021: Reaction And Analysis. **10.30** ABC Late News. **11.05** Q+A. **12.05** Late Programs.

7two **6.00** Home Shopping. **7.00** Property Ladder UK. **9.30** NBC Today. **12.00** House Of Wellness. **1.00** Cop Squad. **2.00** ICU. **2.30** Sydney Weekender. **3.15** M*A*S*H. **5.30** Escape To The Country. **6.30** Bargain Hunt. **7.30** Pie In The Sky. **8.30** Inspector George Gently. **10.30** World's Most Extreme. **11.30** Late Programs.


ME **6.00** Kids' Programs. **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. **8.55** Moka's Fabulous Adventures! **9.10** Dragons: Riders Of Berk. **9.30** Cleopatra In Space. **9.55** Rage. **10.55** Close. **5.30** Voltron: Legendary Defender.



6.00 Sunrise. **9.00** The Morning Show. **11.30** Seven Morning News. **12.00** **MOVIE:** Lies In Plain Sight. (2010) **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. **7.30** Big Brother. **9.15** The Good Doctor. **10.15** The Latest: Seven News. **11.15** Station 19. **12.30** Home Shopping. **5.00** Seven Early News. **5.30** Sunrise.

7mate **6.00** Morning Programs. **2.00** Canadian Pickers. **3.00** Rides Down Under: Workshop Wars. **4.00** Fish'n With Mates. **4.30** Counting Cars. **5.00** Pawn Stars Australia. **5.30** Storage Wars: Texas. **6.00** American Pickers. **7.00** Pawn Stars. **7.30** Highway Patrol. **8.30** Outback Truckers. **9.30** MegaTruckers. **10.00** Late Programs.


TV Plus **6.00** Kids' Programs. **6.25** Peter Rabbit. **6.45** Andy's Aquatic Adventures. **7.00** Grace's Amazing Machines. **7.15** Odd Squad. **7.30** Spicks And Specks. **8.30** Staged. Final. **8.50** Back. **9.20** Doctor Who. **10.05** Extras. **10.35** The Games. **11.00** Live From The BBC. **11.45** Late Programs.



6.00 Today. **9.00** Today Extra. **11.30** Morning News. **12.00** The Ellen DeGeneres Show. **1.10** Getaway. **1.40** LEGO Masters. **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** LEGO Masters. **8.50** **MOVIE:** Central Intelligence. (2016) Dwayne Johnson, Kevin Hart, Danielle Nicolet. **11.00** Nine News Late. **11.30** Emergency. **12.30** Late Programs.

flix **6.00** Morning Programs. **2.00** 9-1-1. **3.00** Me, Myself & I. **3.30** How I Met Your Mother. **4.30** Futurama. **5.00** The Simpsons. **6.00** Futurama. **6.30** The Simpsons. **7.30** Modern Family. **8.30** **MOVIE:** The Secret Life Of Walter Mitty. (2013) Ben Stiller, Kristen Wiig. **10.45** **MOVIE:** Mr. Right. (2015) **12.45** Late Programs.


NEWS **6.00** Morning Programs. **1.40** Capital Hill. **2.00** Parliament. **3.15** ABC News Afternoons. **4.00** Afternoon Briefing. **5.00** ABC News Hour. **6.00** ABC Evening News. **7.00** ABC National News. **7.30** The Treasurer's Speech. **8.00** ABC News Special. **9.00** Budget 2021: Reaction And Analysis. **10.00** Late Programs.



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. **9.00** How To Stay Married. **9.30** NCIS. **10.30** NCIS: Los Angeles. **11.30** Late Programs.

WIN BOLD **6.00** Morning Programs. **1.00** WIN's All Australian News. **2.00** Elementary. **3.00** Diagnosis Murder. **5.00** JAG. **7.00** Bondi Rescue. **7.30** NCIS. **8.30** Blue Bloods. **9.25** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. **10.25** NCIS: New Orleans. **11.20** To Be Advised. **12.15** Late Programs.

Gem **6.00** Morning Programs. **1.00** Days Of Our Lives. **1.55** The Young And The Restless. **3.05** Antiques. **3.35** **MOVIE:** An Elephant Called Slowly. (1970) **5.30** The Secret Life Of The Zoo. **6.30** Antiques Roadshow. **7.30** New Tricks. **8.40** The Closer. **9.40** Rizzoli & Isles. **10.40** Late Programs.




6.00 WorldWatch. **7.00** Cycling. UCI World Tour. Giro d'Italia. Stage 3. Highlights. **8.00** WorldWatch. **1.55** Railway Journeys UK. **2.30** Living Black. **3.30** The Cook Up With Adam Liaw. **4.00** Cycling. UCI World Tour. Giro d'Italia. Stage 3. Highlights. **5.05** Jeopardy! **5.30** Letters And Numbers. **6.00** Mastermind Australia. **6.30** News. **7.30** Who Do You Think You Are? **8.30** Insight. **9.30** Dateline. **10.00** The Feed. **10.30** Late Programs.

WIN Peach **6.00** Morning Programs. **9.00** Becker. **10.00** Frasier. **11.00** Friends. **12.00** WIN's All Australian News. **1.00** 2 Broke Girls. **1.30** 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** Mom. **11.35** Late Programs.

VICELAND **6.00** Morning Programs. **2.30** Noma Australia. **3.00** The Curse Of Oak Island. **3.50** ABC America. **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. **8.30** Patriot Bears. **9.25** Cycling. UCI World Tour. Giro d'Italia. Stage 4. **1.35** Late Programs.


WEDNESDAY, MAY 12



6.00 Morning Programs. **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **12.30** National Press Club Address. **1.35** Media Watch. **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** Hard Quiz. **8.30** The Weekly With Charlie Pickering. **9.00** You Can't Ask That. **9.30** QJ. **10.00** The Set. **10.35** ABC Late News. **11.05** Four Corners. **11.55** Late Programs.

7two **6.00** Home Shopping. **7.00** Property Ladder UK. **9.30** NBC Today. **12.00** House Of Wellness. **1.00** Better Homes And Gardens. **2.30** Kochie's Business Builders. **3.15** M*A*S*H. **5.30** Escape To The Country. **6.30** Bargain Hunt. **7.30** Frankie Drake Mysteries. **8.30** A Touch Of Frost. **10.50** Mighty Rivers. **11.50** Late Programs.


ME **6.00** Kids' Programs. **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. **8.55** Moka's Fabulous Adventures! **9.10** Dragons: Riders Of Berk. **9.30** Cleopatra In Space. **9.55** The Party Set. **10.30** Rage. **11.35** Close. **5.30** Kids' Programs.



6.00 Sunrise. **9.00** The Morning Show. **11.30** Seven Morning News. **12.00** To Be Advised. **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. **7.30** Big Brother. **9.00** How To Look Good Naked. **10.00** Reckoning. **11.00** The Latest: Seven News. **11.30** Late Programs.

7mate **6.00** Morning Programs. **2.00** Canadian Pickers. **3.00** Classic Restos: USA Edition. **3.30** Blocksworld. **4.00** Fish'n With Mates. **4.30** Counting Cars. **5.00** Pawn Stars Australia. **5.30** Storage Wars: Texas. **6.00** American Pickers. **7.00** Pawn Stars. **7.30** The Simpsons. **9.00** Family Guy. **9.30** American Dad! **10.00** Late Programs.

TV Plus **6.00** Kids' Programs. **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** Would I Lie To You? **8.30** Art Works. **9.00** Tate Britain's Great British Walks. **9.45** Doctor Who. **10.45** Restoration Australia. **11.45** Late Programs.



6.00 Today. **9.00** Today Extra. **11.30** Morning News. **12.00** The Ellen DeGeneres Show. **1.10** Driving Test. **1.40** LEGO Masters. **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** Travel Guides. **8.30** Doctor Doctor. **9.30** New Amsterdam. **10.30** Nine News Late. **11.00** The Enemy Within. **11.50** The First 48. **12.40** Tipping Point. **1.30**



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Artist Jo Woods has captured the image of Leeton's iconic Roxy Theatre and transferred the image to a linen tea towel. Photo: Kim Woods

Kim Woods

THE humble tea towel is making a comeback as a medium for promoting Riverina regional communities.

A former Barmen artist, Jo Woods, is printing her sketches of Coolamon, Leeton, Temora, West Wyalong and Albury onto Polish linen tea towels, capturing the essence and character of the main streets.

Jo, now living in Albury, has also completed a tea towel design for the newly opened Whitton Malt House.

Her design for Leeton features the iconic Roxy Theatre, about to undergo refurbishment.

"I used to live between Temora and West Wyalong on a property at Barmen, and

often I would go to Tom, Dick and Harry's in West Wyalong for coffee," she said.

"I began to look at the shape of the bended main street and saw it for an absolutely amazing artwork.

"I started to see those places were eventually going to disappear because generally there is not a lot of maintenance put into main streets, apart from the façade of buildings.

"I thought these places may eventually not look like this anymore and it was a celebration of home. Many of those street scenes are well over 100 years old and unless there is a lot of maintenance put into those buildings, they are not going to survive another 50 or 100 years."

Ms Woods said often people living in these towns wanted

something to celebrate their sense of place and give to family as gifts.

"I came up with the concept of drawing and I thought how can I make the drawing in multiples, and came up with tea towels," she said.

"Tea towels are practical but can also be framed or used as a wall hanging."

Jo has also drawn street scenes in Rutherglen and Beechworth.

Each tea towel is a contemporary drawing with a sepia wash to suggest past and present.

"All of them are a recognisable genre and are printed on high quality Polish linen in Australia," Ms Woods said.

"Leeton Shire Council commissioned me to do a run of the Roxy Theatre – after visiting

the Roxy I feel I have a special relationship with it because when I was drawing it I really had to concentrate and not miss out on anything that was important. I had to look at that drawing with an eagle eye otherwise the whole drawing wouldn't have been authentic."

Ms Woods is happy to draw other towns or places of destination within the region to celebrate their sense of place.

She goes under the business of Anabranch Creative.

"An anabranch is where a river or watercourse goes off itself and rejoins itself at another place – that was metaphorical for people who have been away from a place and want to come back to explore their roots.

"It's like their anabranch in life."

Archibald Prize comes to region

GRIFFITH

GRIFFITH Regional Art Gallery will proudly host the Archibald Prize 2020 as its keynote exhibition of 2021.

The exhibition, toured out of Sydney by the prestigious Art Gallery of NSW, is only sent to a select number of regional centres each year, and was last hosted in Griffith in 2015.

To celebrate this major exhibition, the Gallery is hosting a number of special events throughout May and June, including the opening gala event on the evening of Friday, May 14 at 6pm.

Acting Regional Arts and Museum Manager, Margaret Andreazza said this will be the Gallery's premier event of 2021.

"The opening will be the night that the Gallery will shine - there will be live entertainment, and premium wine supplied by our sponsor Dee Vine Wines accompanied by fine canapés," Ms Andreazza said.

"Wendy Shape, one of the 2020 finalists, and indeed the winner of the Archibald in 1996, coming as a special guest for the night. I'm thoroughly looking forward to this outstanding social evening of 2021.

"Wendy will also be providing an Artist talk the following morning, which is already heavily subscribed – having met her as our guest a couple of years ago for her own exhibition, I highly recommend attending this event."

Gallery Curator Ray Wholohan said the Gallery will be holding a number of competitions and public programs to accompany the exhibition.

"For people under the age of 18, we're running a 'Young

Archie' award to promote portraiture by young people," Mr Wholohan said.

"For adults we're holding a 'People's Choice' award, in which patrons to the Gallery can vote for their favorite portrait for the chance to win a \$500 cash prize also courtesy of the ANZ Bank."

Every Saturday during the exhibition, the Gallery will be holding free guided tours titled 'Perspectives in Portraiture' at 10.30am and 1.30pm.

There will also be a children's art trail, which will stimulate creativity and learning in children 12 years and under at 11.30am and 2.30pm for a gold coin donation.

"The free guided tours are a great way to come and warm-up at the Gallery on a cold autumn and winter's day and learn some amazing facts about some of Australia's top celebrities and artists," Mr Wholohan said.

Other events will include a Lecture: High Art and Hysteria – The History of the Archibald Prize, Portrait Painting workshop with the winner of the inaugural 'Darling Portrait Prize', Anthea da Silva and a comedy of art criticism "That Painting is Just Terrible".

All events are ticketed and booking can be made via the gallery website at griffithregionalartgallery.com.au

For the duration of the exhibition, the Gallery has extended the operating hours on the weekend, to 10am-5pm on Saturdays and Sundays until Sunday, June 27.

The exhibition opens Friday, May 14 and runs until June 27. For any queries, please phone 6962 8338 or call in to the gallery at 167 Banna Avenue, Griffith.

Studio time for bands

BOREE CREEK

WESTERN Riverina Arts and the Cad Factory have teamed up to support the Western Riverina to be a more musical place after a tough and confusing year of navigating a global pandemic.

These two local organisations are offering four songwriters or bands living in the Narrandera, Griffith, Leeton or Murrumbidgee Local Government Areas free studio time to record one original song.

"We want to support local songwriters and musicians to achieve their dreams of recording an original track," Cad Factory creative producer Sarah McEwan said.

"It doesn't matter if it's your first time in a studio, or your 10th, this opportunity is open to anyone passionate about exploring studio recording."

From May 3 until midnight on Sunday, May 30, musicians can go to the Cad Factory's website www.cadfactory.com.au to lodge a simple application form expressing their interest in this program.

From these applications, four musical acts will be selected



Vic McEwan in the recording studio with students from Narrandera East Infants School. Photos supplied.

ed to record. Each successful songwriter or band will have a day recording in the Cad Factory's studio in Sandigo.

During their session, the musicians will take over the Cad Factory's Instagram account to share their studio experience.

Western Riverina Arts executive director Aanya Whitehead said music was a foundational aspect of culture that touched us all.

"Surprisingly, it flourished under the lockdowns, creating connection and joy in extreme times," she said.

Vic McEwan from the Cad Factory said the past year

spent navigating COVID-19 has seen an increase in the sale of musical instruments and people allowing themselves time towards this creative and expressive endeavour.

"The Cad Factory and Western Riverina Arts want to do their bit to help make the world a more musical place by offering this professional development opportunity that is exploring songwriting, production and studio craft in a world-class studio, aimed at supporting local musicians."

This opportunity has been made possible through the support of Create NSW

Marie's work awarded

GOOLGOWI

MARIE Clarke's extraordinary work to improve mental health services in her region was recognised at an award ceremony last week.

"Like many country towns, Goolgowi has a high rate of suicide," Member for Murray Helen Dalton said.

"Marie Clarke has done incredible work in turning things around for her community.

"She organised a shire-wide community meeting to canvass ideas; initiated a petition to bring mental health services to Murrumbidgee hospitals; made some important steps to get a counsellor into the town and hosted Manly rugby league star Joel Thompson to give a talk about mental health.

"For this reason, I chose her as my Local Woman of the Year for the Murray electorate."

The next big thing Marie's organising is a Full Monty-style show in October.

Ms Clarke informed Mrs Dalton she has secured the old Carrathool Council building to host a counsellor.

"We are hoping to get a counsellor in Goolgowi at least



Helen Dalton MP with Marie Clarke and her award for work in the mental health sphere. Photo supplied.

a few days a week, so people don't have to travel hours for mental health support," Ms Clarke said. "Any help to get this initiative off the ground would be most welcome."

Mrs Dalton said it was vital for the government to fund better mental health services in the region. "If you're suicidal, you're not going to travel three hours for counselling," Mrs Dalton said. "At the very least, we need proper mental health services in our hospitals. We have amongst the highest suicide rate in Australia, but not one hospital in the Murray region as an inpatient mental health facility."

Marie's petition to get mental health units in our hospitals can be downloaded at https://www.helendalton.com.au/petition_for_mental_health_units_in_our_hospitals.

She asks if local businesses can print out copies for people to sign.

"If 10,000 people sign, I can take the petition to NSW Parliament to be debated," Mrs Dalton said.

"The NSW Government won't be able to sweep this issue under the carpet anymore."

For anyone experiencing difficulties, call Lifeline on 13 11 14

Your say: Letters to the Editor

EDITOR; Firstly, congratulations to Southern Riverina Irrigators and their chairman Chris Brooks for the way they are prepared to fight for our region's future.

It must be a lonely battle, because they don't get much support from those who should be doing the fighting.

What sought of help have they had from our Federal Member for Farrer Sussan Ley? In a nutshell, none.

She has been our local member throughout the Murray-Darling Basin Plan disaster and has been totally ineffective in representing out interests.

Our new Senator Perin Davey understands the issues being faced, but her leader Michael McCormack and fellow parliamentarian Keith Pitt (the present Water Minister), are hardly jumping out of their skins to support her or our region.

As for the farming representative bodies, National Irrigators Council and NSW Irrigators Council, the least said the better. They seem more concerned with their political mates than our future.

As a result, SRI has to ask

Water innovation to be explored

PEOPLE from across the diverse communities of the Murray-Darling Basin will come together to share the latest knowledge, achievements and challenges in water management at the inaugural MDBA-hosted annual conference River Reflections in Griffith in June.

MDBA Executive Director of Basin Strategy and Knowledge, Vicki Woodburn said the June 9-10 conference is designed to provide the space and time for productive connections and conversations between the diverse communities of the Basin, including industry, agriculture, natural resource management, First Nations and tourism.

"This is the first annual conference. Each year a different region in the Basin will host the event. The Program has been developed in collaboration with community and industry leaders – an approach that enables focus themes to cover areas of most interest as well as highlight perspectives from the host region," Ms Woodburn said.

"The program includes a broad line-up of speakers sharing information about river and ecosystem health, First Nations Peoples' interests and contributions to water management, water use innovation, and climate challenges, among other topics.

"It's not just about listening – there are plenty of opportunities for lively interactions and discussions as well.

"And while this first conference is being hosted in Griffith, the focus is both local and Basin-wide, and open to anyone from anywhere to attend either in person or online."

Among the range of people involved in the conference is

landholders to dip into their pockets, yet again, just so it is able to fight the politicians and every other self-interested individual and organisation, many of them prepared to sacrifice the NSW Murray for their own personal gain.

And for as long as we're prepared to give the government a safe seat of Farrer, nothing will change. Perhaps that needs to be hammered home to those who keep voting for the same and watching as we get delivered the same, year after year.

In the meantime, until we get a marginal seat or a local member and farming bodies who will genuinely fight for us, we have to do the fighting ourselves.

So, I would encourage everyone to make their contribution to SRI, as requested, so they can continue their good work.

I know it's wrong that we should have to pay when others should be doing a lot of the heavy lifting for us. But that's the reality we're facing, so we just have to suck it up until our futures are secured.

**Laurie Beer
Mayrung, NSW**

Geoff McLeod of the non-profit organisation supporting improved irrigated farming, Southern Growers.

Geoff will provide insights on farming systems adaptation which he's been directly involved with in the Southern Riverina, and give conference participants the chance to ask questions.

"Sharing information is an important way our farming community can gain confidence to adopt different approaches to improve irrigated farming. I welcome the opportunity to talk about our experiences, challenges and the solutions we are working towards," Mr McLeod said.

Also presenting at the conference is Braeden Lampard from Ozfish Unlimited, which works to protect and restore our waterways and help other recreational fishers get involved.

Braeden will provide insights into their plans and projections for supporting ongoing recreational fishing in the Basin over the next five years, and take part in discussions with conference participants.

The conference delivers on a 2019 Australian Government election commitment to demonstrate effective community engagement through an annual water conference in regional locations.

The first day will be streamed live online so anyone across the Basin or the world can participate.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic there are restrictions on numbers who can attend.

For more information and to register for the conference, visit www.mdba.gov.au/news-media-events/river-reflections-conference

No more secrecy in water trading

Kim Woods

THE ACCC has made it clear state governments need to change their laws to end secrecy in water markets, according to Member for Murray Helen Dalton.

A forum at Griffith on April 28 presented the key recommendations and findings of the ACCC's Murray-Darling Basin water markets inquiry final report.

The forum was attended by 40 irrigators, farmers, industry and government representatives.

Helen Dalton has urged the NSW Government to immediately implement a recommendation from Australia's competition watchdog to end the secrecy behind water trading within irrigation corporations.

"At the Griffith forum, the ACCC made it clear that state governments would need to change their laws to end the secrecy within our water markets," Mrs Dalton said.

"In NSW, there is no transparency over how irrigation corporations such as Murrumbidgee Irrigation and Coleambally Irrigation manage water held within their scheme."

Irrigation Corporations are private companies who operate water service infrastructure to deliver water to irrigators.

"In Victoria, water trading within irrigation corporations is recorded on a state register," Mrs Dalton said.

"But not in NSW, where irrigation corporations operate in complete secrecy.

"Water is the only market in Australia where you can make a \$1 million transaction and not even reveal your ABN (Australian Business Number).

"In response to a question I asked, the ACCC said their report recommends all irrigation corporations should be required to report water trading within its scheme to a central authority. It's up to the NSW Government to change the law and make this happen."

Mrs Dalton said people



Irrigators and industry representatives listen to the water markets inquiry findings at Griffith. Photo supplied.

were sick of inquiries and had lost faith.

"We've had more than 100 inquiries and reports into water over the past 15 years," she said. "We know what's wrong, the NSW Government needs to change the law."

The ACCC water markets inquiry was commissioned by the Australian Government and has held 10 public forums with more than 800 attendees, over 100 industry meetings and over 200 submissions received.

The ACCC compiled a data base of more than eight million water market transaction records from 2012-2019 for analysis.

The key findings included the total value of Murray Darling water entitlements were estimated at \$26.3 billion and the annual market trade was \$1.8 billion.

Farmer's water assets make up 40 per cent of their farm asset bases.

The inquiry found market information was fragmented, incomplete and neither timely nor comprehensive, and there was minimal regulation of water market intermediaries, resulting in irrigator confusion and conflicts of interest.

Market architecture is coming under increasing stress

as water supply and demand changes and markets develop, and in combination, market deficiencies are resulting in a loss of trust in the fairness of markets.

The ACCC closely examined trading by four large investors, four small investors and 11 major agribusinesses.

The large investors held seven per cent of high reliability/security entitlements in the Southern Connected Basin while the large and small investors accounted for 11 per cent of allocation volumes purchased and 21 per cent of those sold in 2018-19.

Major agribusinesses were buyers of 25 per cent of allocation volumes traded in 2018-19 and 38 per cent in the first part of 2019-20.

The ACCC investigated unusual transactions, water holding times, market power, price manipulation, inside information and collusion.

The ACCC did not find evidence investors exercised market power or manipulated prices, and it was difficult to regulate what is not recorded.

The forum heard poor quality public data contributes to misconceptions, misinformation and low market confidence.

There is no single entity responsible for ongoing, effective monitoring of trading in the Basin.

The creation of a water marketer's agency was an ACCC recommendation for market regulation and surveillance, market information and evaluation, and advisory and advocacy.

The ACCC wants to see a requirement for advice from the Water Markets Agency to inform decision making.

Other recommendations include improving inter-zone trade processes, implementing common water markets data standards, create a public water market information platform with trade information and market announcements, and a water market education program.

Robust accounting for carryover and storage losses needed to be developed along with a strengthening of metering and monitoring, improving inter-valley trade mechanisms and clarify rules for the delivery of environmental water.

The Commonwealth and states are considering the recommendations and formulating responses, with some recommendations requiring legislative change.

Dams and bore rebate

FARRER'S farmers impacted by the recent drought will be given another 12 months to apply for funding from the Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate Scheme to help make their properties more drought resilient.

Minister for Resources, Water and Northern Australia Keith Pitt said farmers will now have until June 2022 to utilise the \$100 million in Australian Government funding allocated to the program.

"The scheme can be used towards small scale on-farm drought proofing water projects, including buying and laying pipes, installing water storage devices, such as tanks

and troughs associated with stock watering and desilting dams and water bores," Minister Pitt said.

Under the EWIRS, eligible farmers claim up to 25 per cent of expenses for on-farm water infrastructure, to a total rebate of \$25,000, of which half is provided by the NSW Government.

Member for Farrer Sussan Ley said some farmers in the electorate had missed out on obtaining the full rebate when the scheme became oversubscribed in NSW.

"With this extension of the program I can assure those local farmers who had already invested money in good faith,

they will now be at the head of the queue to be reimbursed," Ms Ley said. "After campaigning on behalf of our community, I am delighted NSW has now joined with the Commonwealth in funding all of these much needed on-farm works.

"Farmers value the rebate because it helps keep livestock watered and permanent plantings alive in a drought – importantly it also improves productivity so they are better prepared for the next drought at some point in the future."

More details are at www.agriculture.gov.au/water/national/on-farm-infrastructure-rebate

Dohne ewes in demand

WHILE many lots were passed in last week online, the Harper family of Ariah Park sold Dohne ewes for \$251.

The five-year-olds weighed 70kg. Merino ewes weighing 52kg and 9-10 months were sold by Bertangles Partnership, Hay for \$239.

J and L Minogue, Barmedman, sold scanned-in-lamb ewes, four to five years and 64kg, for \$251 while the Reid family, Temora, sold Merino ewes, 21-22 months and 58kg for \$272.

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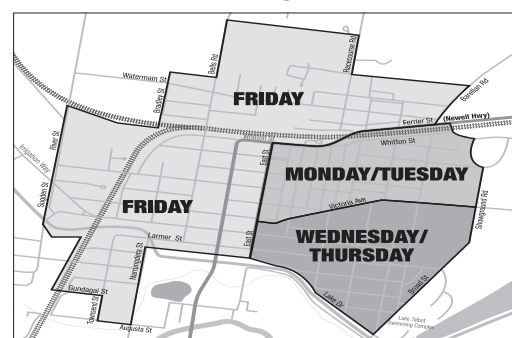
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Family would like to thank everyone for the cards, flowers, phone calls, food and all expressions of sympathy on the passing of their beloved brother, brother-in-law and uncle.

Thanks to management and staff of Opal Homestead Nursing Home for their care and kindness to Keith and family for the past seven years.

Special thanks to Dr Kuku and medical staff of Narrandera Medical Centre. Please accept this as our personal thanks.

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SPORT

Singles shoot out

BOWLS – NARRANDERA

A TOTAL of 14 bowlers attended Wednesday Social Bowls with Darryl Crawford, Geoff Angove and Lou Alchin taking home the win.

The progressive jackpot was not won and now sits at \$122. Wrong Bias fine was recorded by Dexter Briggs.

B Grade Singles were played on Saturday with Wes Kylie defeating Kyle Spencer 31-9 and Garry Ingram defeating Vicki Maher 31-17. The final is set for this Saturday between Wes and Garry.

Nominations for Club C Grade Singles are now being called for and will close Monday, May 24 with play starting on May 29-30.

We have a lot of new bowlers and C graders so this is the perfect comp to get some singles comp practice. Don't miss out, get those names in.

Pennant Result for Round 10 and Finals played Sunday, May 2 were: Grade 3 Win against Hay 10-0; Grade 4 Loss against Leeton & District ½ - 9½; Grade 5 Win against Leeton Soldiers

10-0 and Grade 6 Loss against Leeton & District 1-9.

A big congratulations to Grade 3s and 5s for bringing home the 2021 Pennant Plaques and individual pins. A great effort by all team members. Thank you for supporting your Club; the Redbacks. Well done and all the best in the next step – Zone Champions.

Well done Grade 3 Christian Morgan, Jack Harrison (TM), Graeme McComber and Wes Kiley; Ian Black, Peter Durnan, Richard Durnan and John Ingram; Matt Thornton, Shaun Gehringer, Dave Hoffmann and Joe Gibson.

Well done Grade 5 Steve Zak, Peter Sheather, Mark Anderson and Kevin Thomson; Phill Miller, Rodney Flack, Mark Higgins and Ian Rankin; Mark Thornton, Matt Grant, George Shadbolt and Kevin English.

Acknowledging the great efforts also by Grades 4, 6 and 7 team members, together with all our reserves who step in to fill spots in any grade when needed. Thank you to all our Redbacks for representing our club with pride.

RSL wins President's

BOWLS – LOCKHART

ALTHOUGH Lockhart finished minor premiers in grade 7, going through undefeated, they were not good enough to beat June in the final.

The President's Day was held last week which was a great day – won by RSL and the runners-up were Yerong Creek.

President Barry thanked all those who helped on the day, especially the ladies who put on a great meal.

Ken Smith played Terry Mildren in the club singles championship, with Ken having a runaway win 31-7.

Also on Saturday, Steve Johnstone played Darryl Carter with Darryl proving too good, winning 31-15.

The Club was saddened by the recent passing of Lionel Smith, a great bowler in his day and a life member of the club.

The pairs draw is out so look it up on the board and play your games.

Vote count for pennants has been



Col Ryan, Rex Smallwood, Duncan Lamont and Barry Love lining up for the Lockhart Bowling Club President's Day. Photo supplied.

moved to Sunday, May 23. Bowlers also travelled to Ganmain last Sunday for their President's Day.



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Apply for a role as Deputy Chair or Committee Member by 5pm AEST 17th May to join a national network of local people developing local solutions to local issues.

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Binya swimmers, left to right, Charles Kite, Tom Curran, Ella Rowney and Max Conlan. Photo supplied.

Binya creates record

SWIMMING

BINYA Public School is batting above its average by taking out the relay at the NSW PSSA State Swimming Championships.

Charles Kite, Tom Curran, Ella Rowney and Max Conlan, all competed with great finesse, after several weeks of intense training, paying off with a fantastic time of 2.30.4, smashing 10 seconds off their qualifying time.

Not only did Binya Public School win gold with a time of 2:30.47 in the prestigious Earl Magee relay for schools with less than 25 students, they broke a 17-year-old record as well.

This record has stood since 2004 and was previously held by Grong Grong Public School in a time of 2:32.62.

The whole school watched the stellar performance with students excited to create history.

Roberts too strong

GOLF

IN THE men’s golf competition on Wednesday April 28, the Stableford winner of the 11 players was Steve Roberts with 34 points.

The runner-up was Col Burrell with a score of 33 points and balls went to 33 points. Saturday, May 1 was the Monthly Medal and the winner of this game was Kevin Metcalf with a 67 nett and runner-up was C. Song with a 68 nett. Balls went to 73 nett and 20 players took to the course in the ideal fine

autumn weather.

The ladies played the second round of their Foursomes championship event on Wednesday, April 28 and Marg Prior and Jan McGilvray were the winners this time with a 73½ nett.

Their Stableford event Saturday saw Glenda Whitby the winner with 34pts and Lyn Martin runner-up with 31pts.

The “Chook Run” winner this week was Ian McFarlane with a 27 nett and the Vets Winner still showing form was Kevin Metcalf with a 32 nett.

Bushpigs picnic

FARRER FL

Nicholas Rupolo

HUNDREDS gathered at Peter Hastie Oval on Saturday for the 50th anniversary of the CSU Bushpigs and their fans were rewarded with a 33-point win over the Northern Jets.

In the week the Bushpigs celebrated their clubs 50th anniversary season their inaugural players and fans were treated to a five-goal victory.

The Northern Jets weren’t rusty after their bye last week matching CSU in the first quarter, but it was the second that the Bushpigs took control.

The Jets only put two points on CSU in the second quarter as they allowed a 30-point gap to emerge heading into the third quarter.

They did well to close that chasm but the same problems remained in the final quarter.

The Jets again scored only two as CSU piled on the points to finish them off. Head coach Travis Cohalan was ecstatic with the performance and his defence in the final moments of the game.

“The Jets have a lot of accomplished players a fair bit more height, we were happy to come away with a win the on 50th year reunion,” Cohalan said.

“We stuck to the challenge, a good first quarter for both teams and boys responded in second.

“We kept running and using the ball well giving us a nice five goal lead at half-time

“They came back hard in third quarter and challenged us again and we had to stand up and I thought we had a strong defence, we worked hard on those aspects, when the game was there to be won we stood up.”

Bushpigs legends attended a big weekend reunion including inaugural president Maurie Hogan and coach Ivan Carroll.

The Murrumbidgee Turf Club was packed in with 250 attendees celebrating the 50th anniversary after the match.

“It was great to see such a big crowd,” Cohalan said.

“We had hundreds of people travel from around Australia to attend the reunion and the game, it was probably biggest crowd our boys will have played in front of.

“After the game the celebrations were so exciting especially for the older guys.”

The fans were also treated to a win for the Bushpigs reserves side beating the Jets 79-52.

Jack Mason was one of the best on ground for CSU sinking two goals with an incredible work rate to shore up the win.

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Tough day on Eagles court

NETBALL

IT was a tough game this week with many of Eagle A grade netball players having to back up and play two and three games throughout the day.

The first half the girls played strong netball holding Turvey to a goal-to-goal match.

Marnie Grintell and Katelyn Johnson worked the circle well together and scored convincingly from each centre pass.

Daneka Hatty had a great game in defence causing many turnovers. The second half saw the heat and fatigue set in, Turvey kept strong through their attack, the girls went down to a tough loss. Narrandera 28 Turvey Park 59

It was a tough day at Turvey for A reserve as key players were missing

from injury and other commitments.

It was an unusually hot day, the heat radiating from the asphalt did not help the girls campaign.

The girls pushed through the pain from their burning feet demonstrating great runs of play, with Lucy Hicken both possessing multiple defensive turnovers to get this week's game day award sponsored by Trims Collective.

The final score did not reflect the passage of play, A reserve unfortunately went down to Turvey Bulldogs 60-19.

It was a tough game for Eagles B grade against Turvey Park. The girls fought hard to keep the score close but unfortunately Turvey Park proved stronger on the day winning 49-18. Stand out performances from Naomi Williams, Zara Hands and

new recruit Alexandra McInerney. C grade girls had a tough weekend and unfortunately, Eagles went down 67 to 4 but back to training this week to improve.

Our awards went to Paige Godden, Latoya Burgess and Lara Demamiel.

After a bit of an unsettled start the Eagles U17 girls found some resolve, with strong defence of Zoe Hutchinson, Brooke Hall and Pippa Smith producing a high level of pressure forcing a number of turnovers.

The girls went to the main break down 15 to 19. The girls came out firing after half time with some positional changes and strong pressure.

Unfortunately, in the last quarter a few unforced errors meant the girls went down 33 to 30. Awards went to Lauren Wickes and Zoe Hutchinson.

Carroll's team talk inspires Coolamon

RFL

Nicholas Rapulo

COOLAMON Rovers are showing their premiership credentials after defeating Leeton-Whitton Crows 50-86 away from home.

Braedyn Glyde's four goals led the pack to their third win on the bounce to start the season.

It was a tight contest from the start. The Rovers defence struggled in the beginning and their attack could barely get any runs on the board in the first quarter with the Crows coming out strong.

It took them till half-time to bring themselves into the contest with the scores tied at 32-all.

Mark Carroll's half-time team talk inspired his side to take control of the match with Coolamon putting a 20-point buffer between them and the Crows.

The early cobwebs in the defence were shaken off as the Rovers finished off the Crows to cement their place in the top three.

Head Coach Carroll knows it's never easy to score a win against Leeton away from home but believed his team showed great strength despite few rotations.

"It was a fantastic win to be honest," Carroll said.

"We had no rotations after half time and we had a few sick with flu and

Leeton are a very hard team to beat they have some quality players they gave it to us early in the first quarter.

"The boys worked their way back into the game, we played really good team football, it's best we've connected as a team."

With the scores locked even at half-time Carroll revved his crew up with the confidence of their second quarter.

"We needed to get our energy up," he said. "We were a little bit flat, to Leeton's credit they were playing some good football, they put it to us and to their credit they were better than us early."

"We were making too many skill errors, we'd play on too quickly and they were capitalising on our errors early, we settled down and started hitting our targets."

"We probably could have kicked a little bit straighter again but I thought our connection and teamwork was good."

All eyes then turned to the Rovers reserve team who racked up an incredible 205 points against then Crows.

It took until the third quarter for the Crows reserves to score their first goal but by then, Coolamon's lead was well over 100 points. The final score in the reserves was 205-20.

Coly kicks in boots for the bush

Nicholas Rapulo

COLEAMBALLY Football Netball Club is helping the Indigenous communities of the Pilbara region kick goals by joining forces with Ngurru Kujungka to donate footy boots for their players.

Ngurru Kujungka are a not-for-profit community sport organisation that launched the 'Football Boots for Remote Communities' program.

AFL clubs across the Riverina have pitched in to offer their old boots to send to the Western Desert for residents to play in with the majority of players playing barefoot, mostly on dirt.

Coleambally's Carl Chirgwin has been heavily involved in the clubs work to get players and volunteers to send close to a hundred pairs of boots.

"They put the call out for spare boots and most clubs have some thrown in the shed every year so we thought our club could get on a rally," Mr Chirgwin said.

"It doesn't matter what size either. "We had a massive influx of boots come in from kids and adults.



Footy boots of all sizes have been donated by the community. Photo supplied.

"Adam Norton who is working in an AFL position working out in remote communities notified us as well, saying these kids can play but mostly barefoot. We're glad to be part of this boots on the ground work."

Coleambally Blues have had representation from First Nations players over their years and Mr Chirgwin has a personal connection to the First Nations communities from his father.

"My father grew up playing in the Kimberley, and he went on to become a legend of our club," he said.

"A lot of us see it as really important to give back to some of the Indigenous

boys who have played with us over the years. It goes to show AFL is truly the Australian sport.

"I've been out there myself as well and I've seen kids and adults kicking around 50 metre bombs without boots on, imagine if they had boots on."

Approximately one in five Indigenous Australians are AFL participants and 11 per cent of team lists in the AFL are made up of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander players.

The Coly Blues are still taking donations. If you would like to donate, the club are accepting boots of all sizes at the Coleambally Recreation Ground until May 7.

Midfielder joins Lions

RFL

Nicholas Rapulo

GANMAIN Grong-Grong Matong Lions got their first taste of their new signing, experienced midfielder Kirk Mahon, as they smashed Collingullie Demons 107-36 on the weekend.

The former Eastlake and Canberra player is joining one of the strongest Lions teams in recent memory in Riverina FNL.

Mahon is a versatile midfielder capable also of playing in the backline and when he got the call from head coach Sam Martyn.

"I was excited when Sam made the call to me," Mahon said.

"He thought I'd be a good fit for a player like me to join, when I committed I was excited to fit into a strong team. Linking up again with Sam the coach was main reason, he told me just how much he loved the club from his short time he had nothing but good words and on the weekend

I got my first taste of that on and off field culture.

"My No.1 attribute is being consistent solid player every week."

"I'm best as an inside mid or half-back flanker, getting into my late 20s with high level footy I think of myself as a smart footballer and hopefully I can bring some of those strengths to the Lions."

GGGM Lions are steamrolling through the beginning of the season winning their first three games by more than 70 points.

Mahon played his first minutes and will presumably have a field day setting up goals for top scorers Riley Corbett, George Alexander and Matthew Hamblin.

His addition is a statement of intent from the Lions to break their 10-year premiership drought and prevent East Wagga Tigers from scoring their third title in a row.

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C'gullie GP Demons	5.6-36	def by	GGGM Lions	16.11-107
Turvey Park Bulldogs	23.15-153	def	Narrandera Eagles	4.8-32

Round 4			8 May 2021
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Coolamon Rovers	v	MCUE Goannas	Kindra Park, Coolamon
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Netball
action
heats up

Barellan player Jayne Eldridge in the Under-11s match. Photos: Jodi Evans

THERE was plenty of action in the Narrandera versus Barellan netball games on the weekend at Barellan.

Under 11 Barellan Two Blues went down to Narrandera Eagles 30-2 while the Under 13

Barellan Two Blues defeated Narrandera 19-9.

In the Under 15s, Barellan Two Blues were defeated by Narrandera Eagles Gold 26-15 and Narrandera Eagles Blues defeated Barellan Two Blues 36-6.



Barellan's Dakota Smith makes a grab for the ball in the Under-15s.



Barellan's Sophie Male takes the pass in the Under 15s.

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NARRANDERA seniors came up against a desperate Turvey Park Bulldogs side on Saturday at Maher Oval, with the Eagles keen to put a better performance after a round one loss to Ganmain.

The Bulldogs started hot kicking the first couple of goals in a row and the Eagles were under pressure from the get go.

On-ball duo of Van Buuren and Grinter tried getting the Eagles back into the game after the quarter time break and big Isaac Bunge kicked two to try and rally Eagles going into half time.

After the break the Bulldogs again showed their class, age and experience running the younger Eagles off their feet and racking up some easy possessions through the middle of the ground.

Angus Durnan worked hard all day presenting at the footy but then went down with a lower leg injury.

Luke Paterson down back playing his 100th game battled on all afternoon and never gave in.

Bulldogs ran away with the game late and piled on the goals as the young Eagles did everything they could to stem the flow.

A disappointing result for the seniors overall and hopefully some more promising football is on the horizon for the Eagles. The final score was Turvey Park 23.15 (153) to Narrandera 4.8 (32).

Meanwhile, the Narrandera Reserves took on a strong and fit Turvey Park outfit on Saturday.

From the start Turvey Park were clearly the better side, although that did not stop Narrandera from giving a good contest, especially in the midfield with Reece Borg, Andrew Beal and Michael Melon fighting all day long.

Unfortunately, the more skilled Turvey over-

ran Narrandera, winning every quarter, however the Narrandera Reserves can hold their head up high as there were some key personal missing including captain James Sullivan.

The Reserves have fought hard in both of their first two games, however the boys will need to hit the training track in order to keep on improving and look at banking their first win in the coming weeks.

The final score was Narrandera 0.5 (5) to Turvey Park 23.12 (150).

The Eagles U17s played their second game of the year away to Turvey Park, the boys knew it was going to be a fierce tough battle due to lack of numbers and a strong Turvey side that has very rarely lost a game over the last few years.

In the first quarter the boys in the middle had to work extra hard to keep the ball from surging forward on every occasion, they tried hard but to no avail.

The coaches' message at quarter time was simple, lift the aggression and work rate and we will become more competitive.

The second and third quarters saw major player changes to try and stem the flow of goals and try and get some of our players into the game, it worked for a while but the forward movement of the Turvey boys was just too much to handle.

The fourth quarter brought with it a little more aggression which seemed to spark our boys up a bit, in this quarter we scored our first goal for the game.

Credit goes to each player who battled all game and did not give up. The final score was Turvey 23.28 (166) to Eagles 1.1 (7).

Best players were A. Irons, L. Kerr, X. Vearing, T. O'Mahoney.



Narrandera player Angus Eldridge handballs during play against a classy Turvey Park Bulldogs outfit. Photo supplied.

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