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# INSIDE THIS WEEK'S EDITION









# It's okay not to be okay

WORLD Suicide Prevention Day was held on Wednesday, September 10, with Murray Primary Health Network (PHN) sharing resources to help end suicide.

They state, "Suicide is the leading cause of death of Australian males aged 15 to 44 and the third leading cause of death of males aged 45 to 64. Knowing that men are typically less likely than women to reach out for support, Murray PHN has launched the *His Story*. *End Silence*. *End Suicide*. campaign in a bid to reduce the rate of men's suicide. The campaign has been developed with the help of a consumer reference group to increase awareness and to encourage help-seeking behaviours among men.

"The problem with silence is that it feeds isolation, stigma and shame. Every man has a story. This campaign and its messaging is built on hope and the knowledge that through open conversation and connection, no man's story should ever be lost to silence. By breaking the silence, we can all help to keep these stories going."

To access the resources, visit murrayphn. org.au/community/suicide-prevention/hisstory/

#### R U OK? Day

On Thursday, September 11, R U OK? Day was held, with the reminder that every day is a good day to ask the question.

Whether it's a friend, family member, partner, or colleague, the people around us go through life's ups and downs every day.

Research has found that those who are regularly asked, 'are you okay?' report increased feelings of wellbeing, and a third of Australians say they've been asking others more often over the past year.

That means many of us are already showing up for others in meaningful ways, but when it comes to conversations about how we're really going, some people are less confident than others.

It's natural to feel a little hesitant, but the good news is nine in 10 Australians report feeling grateful, supported and cared for when someone genuinely asks them if they're okay, and that's a good reason to give it a go. You might even be having these conversations already without realising.

R U OK? has plenty of resources available to help people to feel more confident checking in with someone you care about.

Ask R U OK? any day of the year because a conversation could change a life.



ON Sunday, September 14, over 80 people took part in the Goulburn Valley Suicide Awareness Group walk.

Organiser Jacky Gilbee explained that they faced some challenges in the leadup, with the website not working and with drizzle expected, but despite this, they had a lot of new people walking and sunny weather. Jacki was very pleased with the event, saying, "I think we made more people aware, which is what it's all about."

She was delighted with all of the speakers and was grateful to Mayor Gallagher for reading out the honour roll, with Aunty Angela conducting the Smoking Ceremony.

She particularly noted how farmers are "really doing it tough this year."

The format for this year was a little different. Instead of just walking to the first bridge, they walked to the second bridge, where the new Blue Tree could be viewed. The painted tree stands over 12 metres high and serves as a reminder.

Jacky noted that more people who take their lives than the national road toll, "so that tells you that we need to work harder than ever to help those people... We can help them be able to reach out and not feel like they are on their own."

For more information, visit *ruok.org.au/ every-day-resources* 

#### It's okay not to be okay

Murrindindi Shire Council have compiled a useful list of resources for mental health support. It can be found at *murrindindi.vic.* gov.au/Community/Health-and-Wellbeing/Mental-Health-Services

Support can be accessed through the Lower Hume Primary Mental Health Partnership by calling the Medicare Mental Health Line, available Monday to Friday on 1800 595 212.

They will conduct an assessment and work out where to refer people to meet their needs. That could be local services or other services which meet their needs.

Referrals may also be direct from the Lower Hume Mental Health Program, GPs, other health and support services, or self-referrals.

#### Other support services

Lifeline provides 24-hour crisis counselling, support groups and suicide prevention services. Call 13 11 14.

Beyond Blue provides 24/7 support via phone as well as support online, via email or online forums. Call 1300 224 636.

Suicide Call Back Service provides 24/7 support if you or someone you know is feeling suicidal. Call 1300 659 467.

Medicare Mental Health is an online gateway funded by the Australian Government that can help you find free and low-cost, trusted phone and online mental health resources.

To access urgent help, call triple zero for an ambulance.

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## <u>etters to the Editor</u>

#### Summit refusal

OUR Mayor Damian Gallagher made the right decision not going to the Gold Coast meeting to tackle antisemitism but not necessarily the reasons risen by Nick Legge.

To my knowledge there are no Jewish people in Alexandra. If there are they have a very low profile. On the flip side it's not like we have people flying Hamas and Middle Eastern flags in our town. So it would be like looking for a black cat in a dark room

However I would not like Alexandra to be considered antisemitic. Far from it, Israel is an ally of Australia's. There appears to be a distortion of history in Nick Legges letter suggesting Nazism is in league with Israel. Nazi Germany was all about annihilation of Jews, a fact that appears to have been lost with the present propaganda machine

THUMBS UP

THUMBS UP: To the Murrindindi

Shire Council on the screening of 'Runt' as part of R U OK Day. The

movie was heartwarming, engaging

and mirrored qualities we'd wish to

see in our community. Well done on

your care for the residents in our area.

The afternoon tea and barbecue were

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an unexpected bonus. Thank you.

THUMBS DOWN

operating in our media. Anyone saying otherwise needs to remember 1251 people were gunned down and 250 taken hostage by Hamas and Palestinians, many not even Israeli citizens, on October 7, 2023. Is Israel supposed to forget 50 of its citizens still held hostage and allow Palestine to regroup and attack again in few years? It may be easy to be caught up in popular rhetoric with the pro-Palestinian rallies turning Melbourne CBD into something resembling the Nuremberg address every weekend but I believe the Alexandra community is capable of critical thinking.

Tom Collins, Alexandra

#### Summit refusal

I WISH to respond to the two letters to the editor in The Alexandra Standard on September 10. In the open letter to Mayor

#### Free pads and tampons now available at Kinglake and Yea Libraries

FREE pads and tampons are now available from vending machines at the Kinglake and Yea Library and Customer Service Centres.

This is part of Victoria's nation-leading \$23 million commitment to provide free pads and tampons in public places, now rolling out statewide. The program aims to make period products more accessible when and where they're needed.

Following a successful first phase, with over 25,000 products dispensed across metropolitan Melbourne, vending machines are now being installed in libraries, customer service centres, and major sports facilities across the state.

For more information, visit the Better Health website.

Gallagher requested the boycotting of the upcoming Australian Mayors Summit Against Antisemitism to be held on the Gold Coast, Nick Legge pointed out the danger of extremist views and agenda that were covertly being offered under the guise of the rightful fight against antisemitism. He requested that the Mayor of Murrindindi not attend this event as its agenda was contrary to the values of our community.

In his response Mayor Gallagher stated quite clearly that he would not be attending the summit as it would compromise our community values of inclusivity and diversity. He pointed out that the Murrindindi Shire Council condemns antisemitism and Islamophobia as well as all forms of sexual, political, racial or religious discrimination.

I would like to commend the council on their decision. The offer of travel and accommodation is often a carrot for the unscrupulous, when values are disregarded and immediate gratification becomes of primary importance. We are fortunate to have a council of integrity and transparency. My thanks to Nick Legge and to Mayor Gallagher for their openness and wisdom in dealing with this matter.

Deirdre Penhale, Alexandra

#### A reminder about the Melba Highway

DON'T forget that the Department of Transport are soon to commence works to repair two landslips on the Melba Highway in Dixons Creek, just south of the Healesville-Kinglake Road intersection.

The works will commence mid-October and are expected to be complete by early 2026.

For more information on these works visit transport.vic.gov.au/news-and-resources/ projects/melba-highway-landslip-repairs or call 133 778.

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# **Weekly Weather**

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Temperatures may be subject to change from date of publication



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#### DISTRICT RAINFALL

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Flowerdale	2mm
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Kinglake	6mm
Lake Eildon	1mm
Mansfield	
Taggerty	0.6mm
Yarck	0.4mm
Yea	0.7mm

#### Above details for 7 days to 9am Monday LAKE EILDON

Height above sea level this week	276.76m
Capacity as at 9am Monday	
Metres below full supply	12.14m
Daily inflow	
Release	1750ML
Eildon Pondage (may be subject to rapid change)	43%

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Home Creek at Yarck	09.49pm Mon	0.24	steady	
Yea River at Devlins Bridge	10.23am Mon	0.52	steady	Below Flood Level
Murrindindi River Above Colwells	12.00pm Mon	0.30	steady	
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King Parrot Creek at Flowerdale	12.00pm Mon	0.51	steady	Below Flood Level
Goulburn River at Trawool	11.00am Mon	1.19	steady	Below Flood Level
Sunday Creek at Tallarook	11.00am Mon	0.33	steady	Below Flood Level
Goulburn River at Seymour	11.00am Mon	1.51	steady	Below Flood Level
Whiteheads Creek at Seymour	11.00am Mon	1.24	steady	

\*ISSUED AT 12:10 PM AEST MONDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2025

# Fly to the Aussie Bird Count

SPRING has arrived and so has Australia's favourite citizen science event. A national celebration of Australia's diverse birdlife, from magpies and fairywrens to cockatoos, curlews and honeyeaters, the 2025 Aussie Bird Count is taking flight for its 12th year, with registrations now open.

From Monday, October 20 to Sunday, October 26, BirdLife Australia is inviting people of all ages to take just 20 minutes out of their day to spot, identify, and count the birds around them.

Last year, more than 57,000 participants submitted nearly 130,000 checklists and logged more than 4.1 million birds across the country using the free Aussie Bird Count app. Bold, adaptable species, the rainbow lorikeet, noisy miner, and Australian magpie, again topped the charts. Will they swoop in for the top three once more in 2025?

Pick your spot, anywhere you like, from your backyard to your favourite park or garden and spend 20 minutes quietly observing the birds you see. Submit your count using the Aussie Bird Count app, which will help you identify the birds you see and hear.

You can go out and count as many times as you like during Bird Week as long as each count lasts 20 minutes and is submitted separately.

BirdLife Australia, the national bird conservation charity behind the Aussie Bird Count, says the event is an important step towards connection between people, place and purpose.

"It's not about being a bird expert," Sean Dooley, BirdLife Australia's National Public Affairs Manager said. "It's about spending time outdoors and learning something new about your local environment.

"The Aussie Bird Count shows how citizen science can bring families and communities together while contributing to our understanding of Australia's unique wildlife. A simple 20 minute activity can become an annual family tradition that teaches everyone about observation

With more than a decade of data, the Aussie Bird Count results can provide BirdLife Australia with insights into trends in urban bird populations, contributing to a dataset that helps to guide future awareness campaigns,



The Aussie Bird Count takes place from Monday, October 20 to Sunday, October 26. - John Robert McPherson

conservation priorities, and community education.

"Birds are indicators of environmental health. One in six Australian bird species is now under threat, so taking note of the birds around us has never been more important," Kate Millar, CEO of BirdLife Australia said. Bird Life Australia's mission is to save birds and the natural life systems on which they depend.

"It's also often a first step on a longer journey of curiosity, from noticing birds to caring about them, and from caring to protecting,' Kate added.

"Whether you're a regular birder or someone who just enjoys the occasional kookaburra laugh or lorikeet fly-by, we're inviting everyone across the country to pause, step outside, and count the birds that share their skies, gardens, and daily walks.'

Australia's largest citizen science project, the Aussie Bird Count encourages everyone to get to know their local birds and help BirdLife Australia take an annual, national snapshot of the birds around us.

It is also helping Australians to embrace the natural environment and sustainable thinking, through activations in classrooms, councils and even workplaces, with many embracing it as a learning tool, community activity and wellbeing initiative.

"Every count matters," Sean said. "Every time someone stops to notice a bird, even a common one, that's a moment of connection.

"Whether you're watching rainbow lorikeets on your balcony, ducks in your local pond, or fairy-wrens darting through your backyard, we want everyone to experience the joy birds bring. Communities that care about nature are communities that protect it."

To take part, download the free Aussie Bird Count app or visit aussiebirdcount.org.au to register

## A problem year for animals in the shire

THE total number of animals seized or surrendered to RSPCA in Murrindindi Shire for 2024/5 was 13, up from previous years, with eight surrendered or seized in 2023/4 and nine in 2022/3. Unfortunately, this places Murrindindi Shire higher in the rankings, in 38th place out of the 78 local government areas (LGAs) in Victoria. The shire was previously in 49th and 46th place.

The number of reports per 1000 population is also up. It was on 3.01 in the last financial year, with the three previous years being on 2.52, 2.02, 2.5 and 2.29.

This puts Murrindindi Shire into 13th place in the LGA rankings. For the previous financial years, Murrindindi Shire was ranked 20th, 38th, 23rd and 34th.

The total number of reports by LGA stands at 47 for this year in Murrindindi Shire. In the preceding years, there were 39, 31, 39 and 34 reports. This has made Murrindindi Shire climb upwards in the rankings, from 69th place in 2020/21 to 58th place this financial year.

We must treat our animals better.

Belinda Dent, RSPCA Inspectorate Team Leader (northeast region), said, "As the Team Leader for RSPCA Victoria's Inspectorate north-east region, I manage a team of five inspectors investigating animal cruelty reports from St Kilda to Albury and everywhere in between.

"My team and I are on the front line, and we are often the first to see concerning trends and witness what pet ownership in Victoria really looks like. Sadly, the ongoing drought and cost ofliving pressures are making it harder for people to care for their animals, and my team and I are seeing the impact first-hand.

"The majority of what we deal with is not malicious cruelty, but neglect stemming from financial stress, poor access to feed, or personal challenges like mental health issues. These situations are incredibly complex, and our job is to balance enforcing animal welfare laws with helping people do better by their pets.

"Wherever possible, my team and I try to support owners before things reach a crisis point. This may be providing emergency

pet food, bedding or kennels, or helping with preventative flea and worming treatments.

"Sometimes, the animals' owners recognise their animal's well-being is at risk and choose to surrender their animal into our care, while sometimes, we need to step in and seize their animal. In the last financial year, there were 543 animals from the northeast seized by, or surrendered to, RSPCA Inspectors.

"We're extremely fortunate to work closely with local police and councils, and this support helps us to care for the community and their pets.

"Other cases involved households simply being overwhelmed by the number of animals they had taken in. In the north-east region, we are continually seeing unwanted litters due to animals not being desexed, leaving owners struggling to meet the demands of providing basic care for many, vulnerable young animals.

"This year, RSPCA Victoria's Animal Cruelty Report 2024/25 shows animal hoarding, hungry animals and horse cases are rising across the state.

"In the last financial year, RSPCA Victoria responded to over 10,200 animal cruelty reports across the state. Many of these involved animals being left without enough food, water or shelter, with horses hit particularly hard, and our region is no different.

"We know times are tough, and many people are struggling to provide even the basics for the animals they love. This is why community support is so important; reports from locals can sometimes be the reason an animal is rescued in time.

"RSPCA Victoria is a not-forprofit charity established in 1871. Our vision is to end cruelty to all animals... To everyone who has made an animal cruelty report, thank you. Your willingness to help fight animal cruelty means the world to us and, more importantly, to the animals whose lives are turned around because of it.'

If you have concerns about the welfare of an animal, please make a report at rspcavic.org/cruelty-report

# Council advocates federally for fair investments and local priorities

MURRINDINDI Shire Council Mayor Damien Gallagher, has returned from and prioritise upgrades for high-need press the case for fair investment. Canberra where he joined three fellow infrastructure. Victorian Mayors as part of the Municipal Association of Victoria's (MAV) inaugural Mayoral Delegation to the Federal Parliament. The visit provided an opportunity to put the concerns of local councils directly before federal decision-makers.

The advocacy campaign coordinated by the MAV is built around five pillars: Making community infrastructure happen by delivering the infrastructure that growing and connected communities need; making safer roads happen by connecting communities and supporting a safer and more productive Victoria; making fairer energy happen by engaging communities in Victoria's energy transition; making resilient communities happen by future-proofing communities to withstand natural disasters; making local democracy happen by supporting stronger, safer communities and countering disinformation.

Mayor Gallagher took the lead on the resilient communities pillar, calling for a dedicated "Building to Withstand Fund"

regular, more intense disasters: bushfires, floods, storms. Rebuilding the same as before is wasteful. If we build back stronger and smarter now, we will save taxpayers millions and reduce the disruption to communities," Cr Gallagher said.

The delegation also highlighted climate risks, noting that Murrindindi's electorate of Indi is among the most climate-vulnerable in the country, and neighbouring Nicholls ranked the most exposed, with 26.5 per cent of properties projected to be uninsurable by 2030, rising to 80 to 90 per cent in some townships. Council made it clear that rural communities cannot be left to shoulder the risk without stronger support.

Across two days, the Mayors met with government, opposition and crossbench MPs

The primary aim of this advocacy was simple: to ensure our voices are heard in national debates, to put Murrindindi on the

It is a credit to the Murrindindi community "Our residents know the cost of more, and council's team, that our shire was invited to be part of this delegation. Through its thorough examination of the issues and its practical, solutions-focused approach, Murrindindi Shire Council has earned the respect of governments and agencies across Australia.

> On returning from Canberra, Mayor Gallagher and Council CEO Livia Bonazzi met with Victorian Minister for Local Government, the Hon. Nick Staikos, to restate Murrindindi's local priorities.

> Council made a strong case for: Fair and sustainable funding reform, including adoption of recommendations from the Parliamentary Inquiry into local government funding and services; exemption from the Windfall Gains Tax for council-led, community-benefit projects such as the Eildon key worker housing initiative; reforms to rural health funding so residents can age in place with equitable access to services; overhaul of the Emergency Services and

Volunteers Fund Levy so rural ratepayers are not unfairly burdened by land value charges that far exceed income capacity.

Alongside these reforms council outlined project priorities including: Activating the Lake Eildon Master Plan, including a \$49 million tourism and economic growth project; investment in safer roads and \$10 million for rural road rehabilitation across 720km of unsealed roads; \$8.8 million for enabling infrastructure to unlock housing and industrial land in Yea and Alexandra; \$1.4 million to establish a Regional University Study Hub in Murrindindi to support local students and workforce needs.

Mayor Gallagher said while no formal commitments were secured, the advocacy ensures Murrindindi's voice, and that of rural councils across Victoria, is being heard at the highest levels of government.

"We're not seeking handouts. We're asking for fair treatment and recognition of the unique challenges small rural shires face. Our communities deserve a fair go, and council will keep making that case until we see change," Cr Gallagher said.

# **Great work at the** Yea Men's Shed



Yea Men's Shed members enjoying a cuppa and cake at the dhed last Tuesday. -S



Colin Jones is finishing this table he has refurbished for a local lady. The varnish is drying in the open air with the danger of dust, pollen from a nearby wattle, and insects spoiling the finish because they have no space inside. A dust free paint shop is one of their priorities in the proposed extension on the mezzanine



Malcolm Scheele working on the lathe. -S



The members are very good at repairing chairs. -S

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#### **MONTHLY COMMUNITY GROUPS**

1st Mon St Luke's Seniors, St Lukes Hall, Ph Jenny 0407 972 099 1<sup>st</sup> Thu Yea Hospital/Rosebank Aux 2pm. Ph 5797 3057 2nd Wed Molesworth Patchwork & Craft, Molesworth Hall 10am-4pm. Molesworth Patchwork & Craft, Molesworth Hall 10am-4pm. Last Fri Yea-Kinglake RSL, 11.30am RSL Hall, Ph 5796 9353



For a \$10 annual fee for one line, your club or organisation's regular meeting dates will be listed each veek. Not only is this a reminder to your regular members out also a good source of what groups are available in the community, when they meet and a contact phone number

# Out&About

THE items in Out and About are sourced from our advertising and news stories. Out and About is not a free community listing diary. Not all items can be included and are placed at the discretion of Alexandra Newspapers.

#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

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Paringa Livestock Spring Yearling bull sale; 28 x Angus and Stabilizer bulls. On property from 1pm in Yea. For full details contact Tom or Olivia Lawson 0434 146 795 or email info@paringalivestock.com.au

2030Yea My EV and other electric battery powered equipment with Q&A. 6.30-7.30pm at Yea Butter Factory. For enquiries or bookings contact 0428 969 366 or email 2030yea@gmail.com

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#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Don't miss Jason Robertson from *The Voice* at the Alexandra Hotel Friday and Saturday night. Book for dinner, stay for the music.

#### \*\*\*\*\*\* SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Spring has sprung, Yea Garden Expo is on Saturday and Sunday 9am-3pm at the Yea Saleyards. Entry \$12 at the gate \$10 online. Concession \$10. Under 16 free. To book online visit *trybooking.com/DBYVD* or pay at the gate. Free parking. Contact making meeting to be held at

yeagardenexpo@gmail.com or visit yearotary.org.au

#### \*\*\*\*\* SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Alexandra RSL general meeting will be held at noon, followed by a light luncheon.

Alexandra Race Club AGM will be held at noon followed by a light lunch. Presentation of annual reports and election of office bearers. All welcome. Enquiries to secretary 0467 413 767.

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

Taungurung Native Title decision

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Broadford Town Hall 9.30am to 3pm. RSVP to be registered by September 25 by phoning 0427 480 056. Any questions can be directed to Malyon Law by email to kristin@malyonlaw.au or phone 0407 157 737. Further details in this weeks classified section.

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#### \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9

Menzies invites you to an afternoon gathering to celebrate Senior's month. Bring a friend, enjoy afternoon tea and a social support information session. RSVP by Monday, September 29 for catering. 5772 1888 or email social.support@ menziessupport.org.au

#### nurch Services

#### ST PETER'S MEMORIAL **ANGLICAN CHURCH**

Cnr Bald Spur/Whittlesea Kinglake Rds, Sunday Services, 8.30am Communion. Minister: Rev. Ruwan Palapathwala 0458 113 099

#### ST LUKE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH **OF YEA**

Sunday Service time 11am Prayerful Reflection - held each Tuesday, 10am to 11am - all welcome Father Mario Hendricks Ph: 0435 953 777

#### **CATHOLIC PARISHES OF ALEXANDRA AND YEA**

Parish Priest, Father Jose Mathew 0459 402 547 St Matthews Eildon, Saturday 5pm Immaculate Conception Parish Alexandra, Sunday 8.45am Sacred Heart Yea, Sunday 10.45am

#### **CATHOLIC PARISH OF** KINGLAKE

Fr Martin Ashe, Parish Priest Ph 9717 6482 St Mary's Kinglake: Sunday 8.30am

#### **SCOTS PRESBYTERIAN**

CHURCH, YEA Station Street Yea Sunday Service 10.30am Colin Whiteway Ph 0457 340 525

#### **UNITING CHURCH**

1st and 3rd Sundays 9am, 1050 Main Road, Kinglake West. 9716 2330

# Rocking the shire hall

September 7 was a roaring success. Despite terrible weather on the day the a number of well loved tunes. community still ventured out in force to to report that the hall absolutely thumped with the deep bass guitars, the multiple drummers and the many, many rocking electric guitars.

Yea Rotary welcomed concert goers out the front of the hall with a free sausage sizzle. The performers got a good feed before heading on stage and any passers by could also enjoy a snag or two. Yea Arts Inc thank Daryl King and his assistant Brian for their fabulous barbecue skills. UGFM Community Radio conducted interviews with performers and were great informing listeners what to expect and also broadcast to those who could not attend.

The event was opened by Murrindindi Mayor Cr Damien Gallagher. Fourteen year old Tilly Rose then took centre stage with local guitarist Julian Laucius and performed her original songs. From just

THE High Voltage community guitar two people on stage, the next support act concert held at the Yea Shire Hall on was the Yea High School band and 12 people filled the upper stage and performed

Joseph O'Farrell the lead creative on the support the concert. It was no exaggeration project was a fabulous emcee and built up the excitement. The house band brought together a range of talented musicians who had never worked together and after a few rehearsal sessions the professional musicians got the crowd buzzing with a fantastic rendition of AC/DC's 'Long way to the top' with Michelle Mussett on bagpipes. The time for the *High Voltage* concert had arrived. The guitarists who signed up to be part of the event who were from all walks of life, ages varying from 14 to over 70 took to the tiered stage, holding their guitars up in the air like true rock stars. The thundering sound of many guitars all playing together resonated to the core and the dramatic stage lighting delivered a marvellous feast for the eyes and the ears. The high energy continued with Dindi Dance, enthusiastic little punks sprang into action with lively dancing that topped off the entire performance.

Joseph O'Farrell said, "I'm still buzzing, what a night. There wasn't a spare seat left in the house, the community showed up and rocked out. It was an absolute privilege to work with the Murrindindi Shire Council, Yea Arts Inc, Dindi Dance Yea High School, Tilly Rose Music, UGFM the amazing house band, Cynthia Lim and Chris Green. A huge thank you to everyone who supported the event."

Allan Thatcher, Yea Arts Inc President said, "Wow what a show. Sitting in the audience and seeing everyone's time, effort and commitment come to fruition was quite something. For those who hadn't been a part of the journey through the many rehearsals and practice sessions I think they'd find it difficult to understand just how far everyone had come from those tentative first steps to begin to understand the concept to where everyone ended up. Part of our vision was for it to be a true community event with all generations being represented. I believe that was achieved."

# Working bee at the Pioneer Reserve

MEMBERS of the Yea Garden Club conducted a very successful working bee at the Pioneer Reserve campus of Yea Community House on Thursday, September 11.

A willing band of 15 members and friends with suitable equipment trimmed overgrown shrubbery, removed dead plants and cleared the stair access to the building.

After a short coffee break, the group moved on to David and Rosemary's home for stage two of the working bee, potting up plants for the annual plant sale to be held in conjunction with Yea Rotary Open Gardens Weekend in November.

The club will also be present at the second hand garden book stall at the Yea Garden Expo at the saleyards on September 20 and 21.

Regular meetings are held at Yea RSL Hall at 1.30pm on the second Thursday of each month and new members are welcome. As well as meetings, the club arranges visits to notable gardens locally and further afield, depending on the season.

For further information about the club, please contact Melinda Jackson on 0418 378 806.



The members of the Yea Garden Club taking a well-earned break. -S



Working at the Pioneer Reserve. -S



There was certainly plenty of work to be done. -S

# Yea man charged over incident in Kings Domain

MELBOURNE Crime Investigation Unit detectives have charged a tenth person following an alleged affray and assaults which occurred in Melbourne on Sunday, August 31.

Police will allege the men assaulted people in Kings Domain around 5pm.

On Friday, September 12, detectives arrested a 20 year old Yea man on William Street, Melbourne at about 1.30pm. He has been charged with violent disorder, affray, and discharge missile.

Detectives last night also charged a 22 year old man with the same offences, and an 18 year old man with violent disorder, affray and assault with a weapon.

All three were bailed to appear in Melbourne Magistrates' Court on September 16.

Seven other people were previously charged, including a 25 year old man charged with violent disorder, affray, unlawful assault and discharge missile; a 29 year old man of no fixed address charged with violent disorder, affray, unlawful assault and discharge missile; a 31 year old Mitcham man charged with violent disorder, affray and assault with a weapon; and a 34 year old Werribee man charged with violent disorder, affray, assault by kicking and commit indictable offence on bail.

Three other men, aged 32, 20 and 23, were arrested and charged by detectives on September 2.

Detectives are continuing to investigate the incident and urge anyone with any information or footage that may assist police to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or to make a report at crimestoppersvic.com.au



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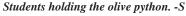
Ryder, Max, Ivy, Avarah and Quinn were recognised for their commitment to outstanding actions that align with our school values of Respect, Resilience and Safety.

# Student of the Week

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Students with the python. -S



Ted with a turtle. -S

# Wellbeing Day focuses on responsibility

STUDENTS at Sacred Heart Primary School recently took part in a special Wellbeing Day focused on the theme of responsibility, with fun and creative activities that helped them understand the importance of being accountable for their actions.

Throughout the day, students explored what it means to be responsible, from making good choices and respecting others, to tidying up after themselves and doing what they say they will do. They learned that being responsible isn't just about following rules,

but also about being honest, helping others, and facing consequences with courage.

A highlight of the day was a Wildlife Xposure incursion, where students interacted with a range of native Australian animals including a possum, an owl, lizards, a turtle, a frog, snakes and a crocodile.

By the end of the day, the message was clear, whether at school, at home, or out in nature, every student has the power to make a difference by being responsible and caring for the world around them.



Kaden with a frilled-neck lizard. -S



Ainslee with the crocodile. -S



Patrick with the frilled-neck lizard. -S



Ebony with a blue-tongue lizard. -S



Shaelee with an owl. -S

# **PUZZLES**

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# KID'S PUZZLES

#### Crossword

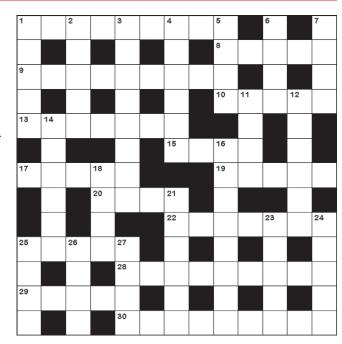
#### **ACROSS**

- 1. Cultured, polite and socially developed.
- 8. A variety show with sketches and songs.
- 9. A large prickly tropical fruit.
- 10. Squeeze into a very tight space.
- 13. Look down on with contempt.
- 15. A specified day of a month.
- 17. Flavoured topping used to decorate cakes.
- 19. Grey or white wading
- bird with long neck. 20. As soon as possible.
- 22. Accepted as real or true without proof.
- 25. A pier or landing place on a river.
- 28. The science that deals with healthy food.
- 29. A person between birth and puberty.

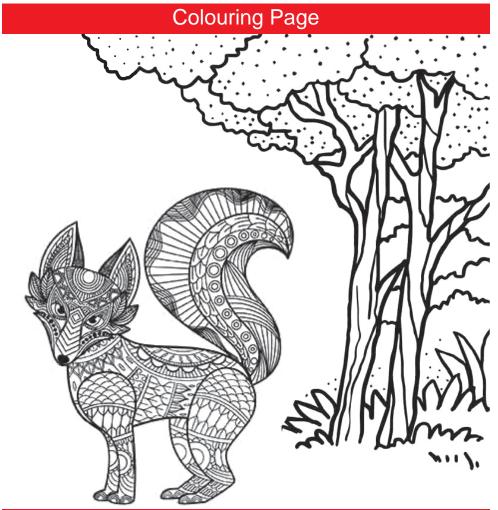
30. People who you don't know.

#### **DOWN**

- 1. The god of love.
- Offers goods for sale from place to place.
- 3. Food left on the plate at the end of a meal.
- 4. Cooked or heated in a microwave oven.
- Pulled back the sling of a bow.



- 6. Having a zealous interest in something.
- 7. Distribute in measured portions.
- 11. A fencing sword with
- a blunted point. 12. In great numbers or quantity.
- 14. Get away from danger
- or difficulty. 16. A theatrical performer.
- 18. The back side of the neck.
- 21. The sales pitch promoting a product.
- 23. A light yellow to moderate orange yellow.
- 24. Eats a meal.
- 25. A delicate fabric with a weblike pattern.
- 26. Excessively proud of one's appearance.
- 27. Comes to a conclusion.



#### Word Search

#### Word Search

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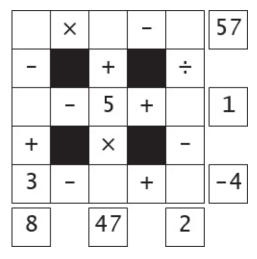
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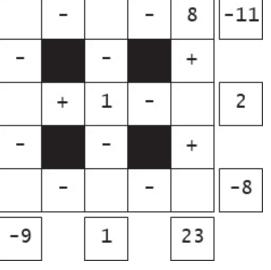


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Remember that multiplication and division are performed before addition and subtraction.

#### Math Square



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#### **Jokes**

Q: Why do bananas have to put on sunscreen before they go to the beach?

**A:** Because they might peel.

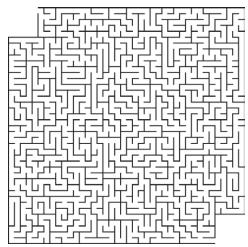
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# **Chlamydia** vaccine for koalas in development

A HISTORIC vaccine to strengthen protection of koalas against chlamydia has been developed by researchers from the University of the Sunshine Coast's Centre for Bioinnovation, with funding from the Federal Government.

The single-dose vaccine will combat the threat of chlamydia which can cause painful urinary tract infections, infertility, blindness and death in koala populations.

Researchers at the University of the Sunshine Coast have spent more than 10 years developing the single-dose vaccine to protect koalas from the disease.

Trials were conducted on hundreds of wild koalas, koalas in care, and over multiple generations.

Development of the vaccine is supported by \$749,000 in funding from the Federal Government's \$76 million Saving Koalas Fund.

The vaccine has now been registered by the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA).

Minister for the Environment and Water, Murray Watt said the milestone is a huge achievement.

"This is a decade in the making. Having a koala chlamydia vaccine registered and ready for use is a big stride towards protecting this iconic species," Mr Watt said.

"We know chlamydia impacts the fertility of wild koala populations and is a threat to their survival, that's why the Albanese Government is supporting this project.

"We're also investing in koala habitat restoration and koala monitoring efforts so that our koalas not only survive but thrive."

Sunshine Coast Professor of Microbiology, Peter Timms said the University of the Sunshine Coast was determined to do the hard yards to move the project from research to this vital next stage.

"This is a high-quality, veterinaryapproved product that can now be used in wildlife hospitals, veterinary clinics, and in the field, to protect the nation's most atrisk koalas," Professor Timms said.

"We knew a single-dose vaccine, with no need for a booster, was the answer to reducing the rapid, devastating spread of this disease, which accounts for as much as half of koala deaths across wild populations in Australia.

"A decade of clinical data, gathered through multiple vaccination trials, confirmed the vaccine's safety and effectiveness. This includes the largest and longest-ever study of wild koalas.

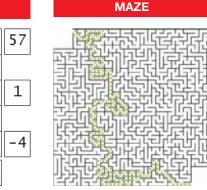
"We found that the vaccine reduced the likelihood of koalas developing symptoms of chlamydia during breeding age and decreased mortality from the disease in wild populations by at least 65 per cent. It offers three levels of protection: Reducing infection, preventing progression to clinical disease and, in some cases, reversing existing symptoms."

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# **National Saleyard Survey reveals** strong growth

MEAT and Livestock Australia (MLA) has released the results of its 2024-25 National Saleyard Survey, revealing a significant increase in livestock transactions across Australian saleyards, with notable growth in both cattle and sheep consignments.

The annual survey, conducted by MLA's National Livestock Reporting Service (NLRS), provides a comprehensive snapshot of saleyard activity for the financial year ending June 30, 2025. It captures data from 73 cattle and 35 sheep facilities across Australia.

#### Yea Saleyards

The Yea Saleyards saw some 37,204 cattle transactions in 2023-24, which increased by 63 per cent to 60,500 in 2024-25. The MLA survey also shows that Yea's cattle sold accounted for 5.2 per cent of the state's cattle transactions.

#### Key national figures

Cattle transactions rose to 4.84 million head, up from 4.18 million in 2023-24. Sheep transactions increased to 16.39 million head, up from 14.09 million in 2023-24.

NLRS Operations Manager for MLA, Stephanie Pitt, said the results reflected a strong recovery in livestock movement and market confidence across the country.

"This year's survey highlights the resilience of Australia's livestock sector, with most states recording year-on-year growth in saleyard throughput," Ms Pitt said.

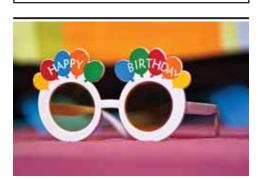
"The data also underscores the importance of regional saleyards in supporting producers, agents and buyers in a dynamic market environment."

#### State highlights

New South Wales led the nation with 1.82 million cattle and 9.24 million sheep transacted, marking a 22.2 per cent and 13.4 per cent increase respectively. Queensland saw a 20.9 per cent rise in cattle transactions, with Roma, Dalby and Charters Towers among the top-performing saleyards.

Victoria transacted 1.16 million cattle and 4.84 million sheep, with strong growth in Ballarat, Bendigo and Leongatha. Western Australia posted the largest percentage increase in sheep transactions at 60.2 per cent, driven by activity at Katanning and Muchea. Tasmania experienced a 23.1 per cent rise in sheep transactions, while cattle numbers dipped slightly by 5.2 per cent.

The full survey results, including detailed breakdowns by state and saleyard, are available at tinyurl.com/ *mb45rb9a* 



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## **NOTICES**

#### **FLINTROP** (Jones), Katie

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#### **MEETINGS**

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#### **MEETINGS**

#### NOTICE OF IMPORTANT TAUNGURUNG NATIVE TITLE DECISION-MAKING MEETING **5 OCTOBER 2025**

**BROADFORD TOWN HALL – BROADFORD** 

9.30 am – 3.00 pm Broadford Town Hall, 20 Murchison Street, Broadford, Victoria

17 Lydia Beaton

The purpose of this meeting is for an independent expert Genealogist and Historian, independent expert Anthropologist and the legal team to provide expert opinion and legal advice about the Taungurung native title group description to meeting attendees and for meeting attendees to make the following decisions:

The decision-making process for making decisions at the meeting; and

The description of the Taungurung Native Title Group for the purpose of a proposed Taungurung Native Title Claim over an area shown on the map below, by reference to the descendants of listed apical ancestors.



Who is invited to the meeting?

1	Talgium William Hamilton	born c.1851-52 Kilmore, died at Cummerugunga in 1897
2	Burnie Jessie Hamilton	born c.1858 on the Goulburn River, Lower Goulburn or Kilmore, died at
3	Jerkunning Lilly Hamilton	born c.1852 at Sugar Loaf Station near Kilmore, died in 1876 at Coranderri
4	Yabbee Billy Hamilton	born before c.1820, died in 1851 near Reedy Creek
5	John Franklin	born c.1847 Broadford, died Yea in 1921
6	Wallambyne Polly	born c.1840 around Mansfield, died Coranderrk in 1900
7	Berrut Dr Billy	born c.1812, died before 1871
8	Charles Tattambo	born c.1790s, died in 1868 at Murchison
9	Birdarak Thomas Michie aka	born c.1841-44 Benalla, died in 1893 probably at Coranderrk
10	Ellen Norris	born c.1856-57 Kilmore, died Lake Condah in 1889
11	Cooeyrun Peter Hunter	born c.1847 Merri Creek, died Coranderrk in 1881
12	Tooterie	born c.1810s
13	Eliza Werry/Michie	born c.1832-35 Kilmore, died at Coranderrk in 1886
14	Wyerdiuerum Dick Richards	born c.1835-39 Kilmore, died at Coranderrk in 1907
15	Bundowrok Mr W Cotton And Mrs Fulina Cotton	born c.1806 born c.1811
16	Louisa Shepherd	born c.1847-53 Shepparton, died 1906 Coranderrk

Please note that the ancestors listed above have not yet been agreed by Taungurung People to be Taungurung apical ancestors for the purpose of a native title claim. This will be decided at the meeting on 5 October 2025. Any person who identifies as a Taungurung person but is not descended from one or more of the ancestors listed to contact Malyon Law (using the contact details at the end of this notice). Registering to attend and travel assistance

born c.1851 or 1853 Beechworth or Wangaratta, died 1885 at Maloga Mis

This meeting is an important decision-making meeting and for this reason, meeting attendees must attend in person. Attendance by video-link will not be supported. Proxies will not be accepted at this meeting. Travel and accommodation assistance will be provided to enable attendance in person. This assistance will be provided by FNLRS in accordance with its "Assistance to Native Tide Holders/Claimants Attending Native Title Meetings Policy'. This policy can be found at https://www.fnlrs.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/FNLRS-Travel-Assistance-Policy.pdf

If you wish to attend the meeting on 5 October 2025, please register your attendance with Emily Loughron by email on eloughron@tlawc.com.au or by phone on 0427480056 by **26 September 2025.** 

If you have any questions about this notice or the proposed Taungurung Native Title Claim please contact Malyon Law by email on kirstin@malyonlaw.au or by phone on 0407157737.



Yea Rotary generously supplied the barbecue at the event. Pictured at David Anderson, Ann Drysdale, Tippy Anderson, Penny Paxman and Darryl King. -VG



Walking from the second bridge to the Blue Tree after completing the first section of the walk. -VG



Aunty Angela at the Smoking Ceremony with Steve Joblin. -VG



Members of the band, Stoked, with singer Tayla Arnett. -VG



Jacky Gilbee with David from 'Stoked'. -VG

# A walk to remember those we have lost

ON Sunday, September 14, over 80 people took part in the Goulburn Valley Suicide Awareness Group walk.

Organiser Jacky Gilbee explained that they faced some challenges in the lead-up, with the website not working and with drizzle expected, but despite this, they had a lot of new people walking and sunny weather.

Jacki was very pleased with the event, saying, "I think we made more people aware, which is what it's all about."

She was delighted with all of the speakers and was grateful to Mayor Gallagher for reading out the honour roll, with Aunty Angela conducting the Smoking Ceremony.

She particularly noted how farmers are "really doing it tough this year."

The format for this year was a little different. Instead of just walking to the first bridge, they walked to the second bridge, where the new Blue Tree could be viewed. The painted tree stands over 12 metres high and serves as a reminder.

Jacky noted that more people who take their lives than the national road toll, "so that tells you that we need to work harder than ever to help those people... We can help them be able to reach out and not feel like they are on their own."





The signage on the bridge. -VG

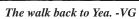


The Smoking Ceremony continued when people returned from



The speakers at the event, emcee David Anderson from Yea Rotary, organiser Jacky Gilbee, Ron Hockley, the Unbreakable Farmer Warren Davies, and Murrindindi Shire Mayor Damien Gallagher. -VG







Steve Joblin and Jacky Gilbee. -VG

#### SPORT

# Peter **Grant** Memorial **Shoot**

by P Mc

PETER Grant was a very keen trap shooter and member of the Alexandra Gun Club for over 20 years and was club secretary for seven years until his sudden passing November 19, 2022.

To acknowledge Peter's passing the Alexandra Gun Club held a memorial shoot on Sunday, September 14 at the Euroa Gun Club in Violet Town. The weather was excellent and 48 competitors came to compete a three event program and remember Peter. The first event was the Peter Grant Memorial event which was a 25 Target Double Barrel Championship. Six shooters shot possible scores so a shoot off was held and Terry Pigram from Wangaratta was the overall winner with a score of 67/67.

The second event was the 20 Target Double Barrel Highlands Shield Championship and eight shooters shot possible scores so another shoot off had to take place. Terry Pigram was again in the mix, but his mate Daryl Hunt from Wangaratta got the better of him and Daryl won with a score of 55/55.



Andrew Murphy, winner of Highlands Shield Handicap. -S

The third event was the 20 Target Double Barrel Highlands Shield Handicap and four shooters shot possible scores and another shoot off was held. The shoot off was quick and Andrew Murphy from St James won with a score of 23/23 from Alexandra president Geoff McClure 22/23. The back marker winners were Keith Willet, Fred Heinze, Scott Mackenzie and Daryl Hunt.

The Highlands Shield was shot over the second and third events between Euroa, Mansfield and Alexandra Gun Clubs with teams of four shooters. Euroa had three teams: Alexandra two teams and Mansfield had one team. Euroa Gun Club team of John Foulkes,



Daryl Hunt, winner of Highlands Shield Championship. -S

Laurie Fitzpatrick, Owen Spencer and Paul McKendrick won with a score of 152/160.

During presentations all Alexandra Gun Club members were with new polo shirts, caps and metal badges with the Alexandra Gun Club emblem on each item. Members thanked Mark Spencer for doing the groundwork and organising the garments and badges.

#### Event one results – 25 Target Peter Grant Memorial

Overall and AA: Terry Pigram 67/67.2nd AA: Daryle Hunt 66/67. 1st A: John King 44/45. 2nd Al Kidd 43/44. 1st B: Laurie Fitzpatrick 43/44. 2nd B: John Foulkes 50/51. 1st C: Kevin Elward 27/28. 2nd C: Sharon



Terry Pigram, winner of Peter Grant Memorial Championship. -S

Gogkin-Briggs 26/28.

#### Event two results - 20 Target Highlands Shield

Overall & AA: Daryl Hunt 55/55. 2nd AA: Terry Pigram 54/55. 1st A: Al Kidd 42/43. 2nd A: John King 26/27. 1st B: Jake Shale 38/39. 2nd B: Gary Pronk 36/37.1st C: David Wilson 24/25. 2nd C: Peter Gorrie 31/32.

#### Event three results – 20 Target Highlands Shield Handicap

1st: Andrew Murphy 23/23. 2nd Geoff McClure 22/23. 3rd Owen Spencer 21/23.

Till next time keep practicing.

# Alexandra Squash Club round eight results

by Kristelle Leary

#### Monday competition

Australorps versus Isa Browns

JORDAN versus Tyler: Jordan was consistent with his game, keeping Tyler on the back foot. With a solid win, Jordan claimed the match 76 to 56.

Eric F (fill in) versus Ethan: It was an intriguing end to this match. It was two games each with Eric taking an early lead then Ethan slowly chipped away. In the end it was a draw 55 to 55.

John versus Andrew: A brilliant match to watch. Each game was close but the point difference in each game between players was up and down. John managed to pull ahead in the end to keep his victory 67 to 62.

#### Leghorns versus Silkies

ERIC versus Lochlan: This game saw some long rallies. Eric had a killer serve but Lochlan had been practising his drop shots that were too hard to get. Lochlan claimed the win 76 to 54.

Sally versus Liane: There were a lot of momentum shifts throughout the match. There were great shots from each player resulted in a close contest to the end with Liane on top 52 to 51.

Ben versus Justin: Two hard hitters in a face off. A close first game saw Ben quickly overshadowed by Justin taking the second with a 10 point lead. Justin kept the pressure on Ben who desperately and unsuccessfully tried to take back the lead. Justin claimed the win 69 to 58.

had some great rallies. Derrick made for a comeback one game three but lost his fire in game four to see Michael H claim the win 60 to 48.

#### Thursday Comp

Goden Retrievers versus Dachshunds

MATTHEW versus Randy: Matthew played well in the second game to claim the win. Randy had his measure and won three of



Lucas nails an overhead return to Mick. -S

Kristelle versus Blake: Blake came out Derrick versus Michael H: This pair firing but missed shots slowed his progress and saw Kristelle collecting points at an alarming rate. Kristelle was crowned queen of the court 79 to 43.

> Mick versus Lucas: Opening with a drawn game it was anyone's match. Lucas used game one as a warmup, coming out strong and not making any errors, Lucas had all the games locked down 75 to 39.

Daniel K versus Daniel W: With his four games to take home the match with ease head held high, Daniel W went in with determination. Daniel W made it to all the

shots he could, but Daniel K was too strong 70 to 41.

#### Whippets versus Labradors

BEN H versus Eric F: It was a close game between two of the newest players. Ben opened strong but Eric turned the tables to win the match by a single point 53 to 52.

Beth versus Jess: There was great strokeplay by both players. Jess had great shots and depth while Beth ran down the ball. Jess was the victor 64 to 44.

Kristelle (fill in) versus Sam: Having already played a match Kristelle was ready to go and claimed the first game and built a lead that Sam could only chip away at. Kristelle started to fatigue in the second half and Sam took advantage of this, coming back to level the scores. It was a nerve wracking shootout with Sam just holding on to win the match 62 to 60.

Phil versus Michael M: Phil could do no wrong while Michael flopped on the floor doing angry calisthenics. With beautiful shots Phil was the winner 65 to 45.

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# Yea Foursomes Championships

by Alan Pell

Saturday was a lovely spring day with the Yea Golf Course looking good after being freshly mowed. Seventeen pairs in the mixed/men's foursomes saw Phil and Cindy Armstrong (24½) take out the Mixed Championship with nett 68½ from second Michael Sheather/Jo Clayton (22) very close with nett 69. Third was Greg and Vicki Clements (20½) with nett 71½. Scratch winners were Mic Sheather/Jo Clayton with 91.

In the men's competition the daily winners were Chris Dunne/Paul Kenney (17) with nett 65. The Men's Champions were Martin Lowe/Anthony La Grutta (18½) with nett 66½. Third were Rob O'Halloran/Jonathan Fisher (17½) with nett 68½. Scratch winners were Rick Wills/Tom White on count back from Anthony/Martin with 85. Nearest the pin on the 11th was Mic Sheather and on the 14th was Brian Simmons. The lucky \$10 Club Award winners were Neil Peterson/Di Elliott.

The men's competition on Wednesday was a stableford event with 17 players. The winner, equalling his best score was Zachary Pell (15) with 38 points. Second was Russ Wealands (23) with 37 on count back from Tony Rule (17) third, with Luke Gregory (11) fourth on 34 points. Peter Johnston was nearest the pin on the 11th and Steve Rumney took out the Club Award. The Doris Chambers Ladies Foursomes Stableford was won by Christine Simmons/Judi Newman with 36 points from second Vicki Clements/Jan Wealands with 33.



Springtime blossoms. -S



Phil and Cindy Armstrong. -S



Martin Lowe and Anthony La Grutta. -S

# **Tennis** semi finals down to the wire

by Judy Sands and Rhonda Carpenter

#### Wappan 4/45 defeat Terip 2/34

IT was another magnificent day for the EDWTA semifinals being played in Mansfield on Monday, September 8.

Both matches were lengthy hard fought affairs with little separating the teams. The crowd of spectators were treated to fantastic tennis.

Relishing the opportunity to play finals Wappan's Anna Speirs, Liza Karras, Carol Watts and Rhonda Carpenter had finished third and took on Terip.

Terip's Cindy Hayes and Frances Lawrence were an impenetrable wall in their opener, while Phoebe Macdermid and Jenny Martin were challenged in theirs, the set full of momentum swings and key moments. Carol and Rhonda raced to a four-nil lead but were quickly levelled going game for game thereafter. Unable to serve it out the relieved pair took the breaker seven-five.

There were trick shots, and freak gets in the high quality hit out, with plenty of laughter and wind assisted placements. Sets were again split in the second pairings, Terip leading by four games.

Liza and Carol, played in yet another breaker, stretching the contest as spectators felt the wind chill.

Carol's deft touch at net and Liza's strong serves had onlookers cheering. The reigning premier stamped its authority on the contest, winning both final sets and



The Terip team, Cindy Hayes, Frances Lawrence, Jenny Martin and Phoebe Macdermid. -S

the match 4/45 to 2/34 for a spot in the grand final.

#### Moglonemby 3-37 had defeated Euroa 3-28

IN perfect conditions Moglonemby and Euroa travelled to Mansfield to determine who would compete in the grand final.

Euroa's team of experienced finals players Faye Mollison, Lyndall Bigland, Ruth Nolan and Julie Harrington faced Moglonemby's Judy Sands, Marlene Hanrahan, Sue Vaughan and Danielle Scottis with Julie, Faye and Marlene executing perfect drop shots and lobs, while the remainder of the players preferred long baseline rallies.

Faye and Lyndall won the first set eightfive against Judy and Marlene. On the other court Sue and Danielle won eight-one, then Judy and Sue won eight-three and Lyndall and Julie won eight-six. Only seven games separated the teams, and it was still anyone's game, but when Marlene and Sue won eight-nil, Moglonemby would play for the first time in a grand final.

For Moglonemby it has been a long wait. In 2011 the competition changed from two sections to just one section and Moglonemby were the only team from the lower section to go up and if they got 10 games or more, it would have been a good day. Marlene and Robyn were part of the original team with Judy joining them in 2017 and with the reshuffle of the Euroa

teams this year Sue, Danielle and Lisa joined them.

After narrowly losing to Terip in the final round, Moglonemby will relish the chance to get another crack at them in the grand final.

Teams were grateful for the many players who filled in for them over winter and the willingness of teams to share players.

Many thanks go to those who provided photographs to enliven the reports and the generous contributions of highlights from the matches.

The grand final between Terip and Moglonemby was played on Monday, September 15 in Euroa.