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Festival goers roll in



Camping on the Corryong golf course for this week's bush festival opened on Monday morning but the recently completed heavy vehicle detour via the Stock Route Road resulted in a re-direction of caravan traffic which banked all the way to the top of Donaldson Street for around three hours.



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The fun begins

People have been flocking into Corryong this week for the 29th edition of The Man From Snowy River Bush Festival which officially starts today. The festival promises a rugged adventure and a celebration of traditional Australian culture.

Festival goers will be able to immerse themselves in the thrilling Stockmen's Challenge competition, live music performances, delicious bush tucker and more.

For 29 years now The Man From Snowy River Bush Festival has brought people together from all over the country to celebrate our Australian bush heritage, culture and mateship.

"Uniquely Australian, we have worked to incorporate the essence of our bush heritage into a weekend of entertainment that showcases the best horsemanship, craft, art, poetry, music, food and more," said festival charman, Cameron Jackson.

Free festival liftout in today's issue. 'Locals Free Sunday' token on page 2.

LOCAL HISTORY BUS TOURS

Presented by the Upper Murray Historical Society

Come along and learn about your local history on a fun packed bus tour conducted by John Murphy

Trip 1: Sunday April 21st, 2024 to Walwa Meet at the Man From Snowy River Museum at 9.30am.

Tickets available online at <https://www.eventbookings.com/b/event/walwa-historical-tour> or at the museum (cash only).

Trip 2: Sunday May 26, 2024 to Khancoban Email: museum3707@gmail.com for more information.

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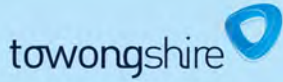
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Project Update

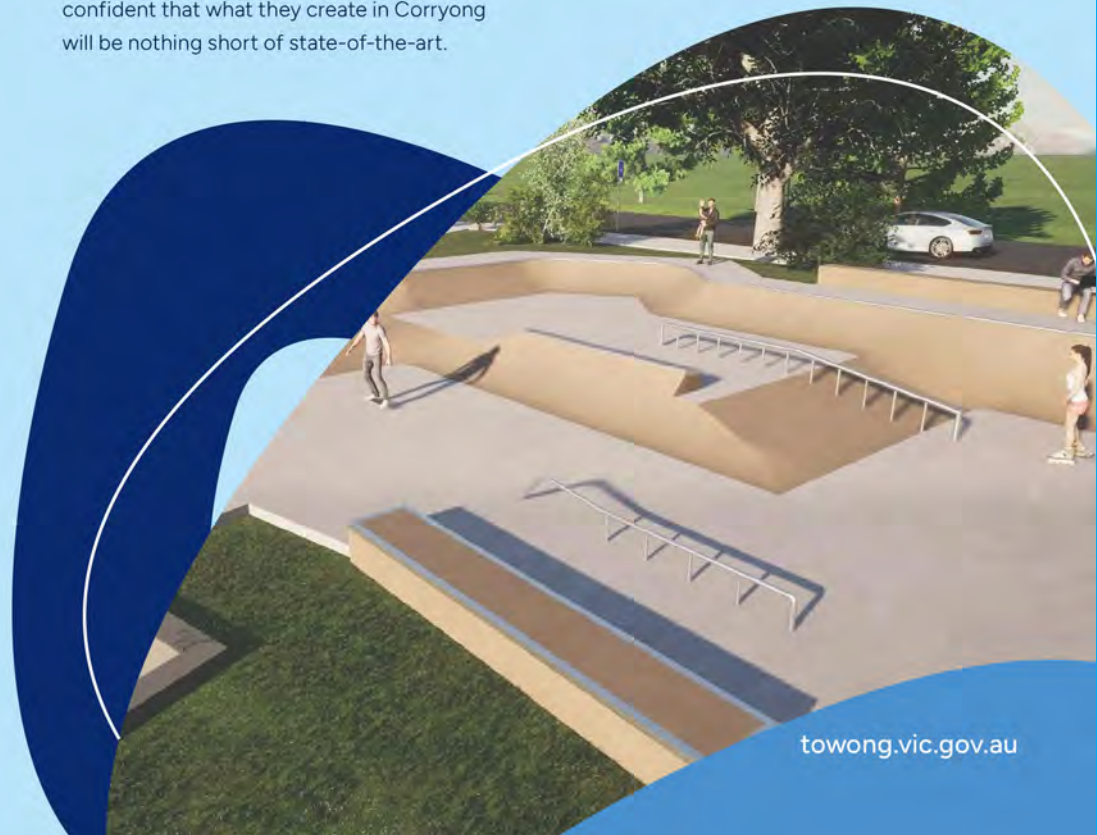
Exciting progress is underway for the new skatepark in Corryong! At the March Ordinary Council Meeting, Haley Constructions was awarded the contract to bring this vision to life.

After careful consideration of several contractors, Council decided to award Haley Constructions the contract, for their exceptional eye for detail and track record of delivering top-quality skateparks, including the renowned Albury facility. We're confident that what they create in Corryong will be nothing short of state-of-the-art.

Construction is set to kick off in early May, with a target completion date of September – just in time for spring shredding!

For more details about the project, including renders and designs, visit tinyurl.com/corryongskatepark or reach out to the project manager on 1300 365 222 or info@towong.vic.gov.au.

Stay tuned for more updates as we roll into this exciting new phase!



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Skatepark gets the go-ahead

The contractor for the construction of a new skatepark in Corryong was chosen at the March meeting of the Towong Shire Council.

“After thorough consideration, we’ve chosen Haley Constructions to construct the park and we’re thrilled to have them on board,” said Towong mayor, Cr Andrew Whitehead.

“With their track record of building quality skateparks including assisting with the recent revamp in Albury (pictured), we’re confident that the skatepark in Corryong will be top notch.

“It’s always fulfilling to see projects that enhance the lives of our youth and

families and we’re excited to be delivering another project that we think will do just that.

“Following the Easter break, the festivities continue for those in the Upper Murray this week with the Man from Snowy River Bush Festival,” Cr Whitehead added.

“This event is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our unique bush heritage and hospitality with both locals and visitors alike.”

In other news, council has announced that the completion of the Walwa to Jingellic Trail is imminent.

Work is scheduled on-site in the coming weeks to install some finishing touches to enhance the

trail experience including:-

- Bollards at the pedestrian bridges to prevent unwanted vehicles from crossing.

- Safety signage including ‘Give way’ and ‘Pedestrians only’ signs.

- Safety railings to ensure a stroll is as safe as it is scenic.

- Seating to take in some of the beautiful surroundings.

“Informative interpretive signage is also being planned, which will be the perfect way to take a break along your journey and learn about the area,” Cr Whitehead added.

“It’s estimated to take about a month to finish so get ready to explore these new additions to the trail soon!”



Hospital choice clouded in secrecy

The Victorian government has failed to provide critical documents related to the redevelopment of Albury Wodonga Health’s Albury Hospital, according to the Member for Benambra, Bill Tilley.

In early March, his parliamentary colleague, the Member for Northern Victoria, Wendy Lovell, demanded the release of all documents related to the planning and redevelopment of

Albury Wodonga Health campuses, dating back to 2020.

The Documents Motion, supported by the cross benches, was passed in the upper house of the Victorian Parliament.

However, the deadline to produce the documents expired more than a week ago.

Mr Tilley said it was symptomatic of a government that can’t handle the truth.

“They talk about transparency and inclusion but they refuse to show us the paperwork,” he said.

“The papers released in the NSW Parliament showed the 2021 consultation was a charade.

“If the Victorian papers were to ever see the light of day, they’ll confirm this was a lazy decision based on politics rather than the medical needs of 300,000 people.”

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History buffs hit the road again

The first of three bus tours conducted by the Upper Murray Historical Society was well received by people with an interest in local history and similar support is expected for the next trip to Walwa.

The first tour from Corryong to the head of the Nariel Valley was held last month and the second excursion from Corryong to Walwa, along the Murray Valley Highway, will take place on Sunday April 21st.

Once again the tour will contain a mix of indigenous history, first contact history and early European history with a bit of local geology, topography and some idle chit-chat thrown in.

Indigenous people would come from long

distances to make the trek up to the Bogongs (mountains) each summer to feast on the Bogong moths. Their route passed along the Murray River valley, past Yabbarin (Pine Mountain) through the territory of the local indigenous groups.

The river flats, near to where Newmans Lookout is today, were the site of a corroboree ground for the groups to meet prior to leaving the valley for the Munyangs (Snowy Mountains).

"We often drive through the Upper Murray giving little thought to the amazing landscape we are travelling through," said tour guide, John Murphy.

"You might be surprised at the history that this stretch of road

contains and hopefully, after this tour it will give you a whole new appreciation of what our district has witnessed. Hopefully, afterwards you will see this stretch of road in a new light.

It is recommended to book early for this tour as numbers are strictly limited (cost \$30). Tickets are available at <https://www.eventbookings.com/b/event/walwa-historical-tour> or at the museum (cash only).

The Humphrey Tours' bus will leave the Man from Snowy River Museum between 9:45am and 10:00am and a light lunch will be provided at the Walwa Hotel. The bus is expected to return to Corryong between 2:00pm and 2:30 pm.



Ancient Currajong trees above Walwa Station.

Stripping right to appeal is an insult to regional communities

Independent Federal Member for Indi, Helen Haines, has written to the Victorian government expressing her dismay with its decision to remove the right for third parties to appeal renewable energy planning decisions through VCAT.

From April 1st, third parties are no longer able to appeal to the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) about planning decisions of renewable energy projects.

"I'm listening to my communities, including people from Dederang and Meadow Creek, who are telling me about their genuine concerns about large-scale renewable energy projects proposed close to where they live," Dr Haines said.

In her letter to the Minister for Energy and Resources Lily D'Ambrosia and Minister for Planning Sonya Kilkenny, Dr Haines expressed concern that under the current system, there are not enough safeguards to ensure communities are heard and their issues acted upon by developers.

"The state government is not listening to these

concerns and project developers are not consistently offering real benefits to regional communities expected to host these projects," she said.

"The removal of the right to appeal to VCAT will exacerbate this situation.

"I am with my communities 100 per cent on this. Fast-tracking projects and silencing communities is terrible governance."

To address the concerns of regional and rural communities about renewable energy infrastructure projects, Dr Haines and Independent Senator for the ACT, David Pocock, worked with the federal Minister for Climate Change and Energy, Chris Bowen, in 2023 to establish an independent review into community engagement and benefit sharing for renewable energy developments.

"The Community Engagement Review final report was clear - the state and federal governments must improve community engagement and consultation," Dr Haines said.

"The decision to remove the right to appeal to VCAT is contrary to the recommendations of the review's final report.

"In my letter to the state ministers, I asked how the Victorian government will act to implement the recommendations of the review to ensure community engagement and community benefit are delivered for the communities in Indi impacted by renewable energy projects.

"The federal government needs to put money behind the recommendations in the review and work with the states to legislate best practice community engagement for the energy transition.

"I support the transition to renewables but regional people should be given opportunities to benefit from the renewable energy transition. This must be done with us, not to us.

"I will continue to fight for regional and rural communities who should be benefitting from the shift to renewables, not punished for speaking up when the government gets it wrong," Dr Haines averred.



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THURSDAY 13 JUNE
6.30 PM - 10.30 PM
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31-34 FORD STREET, WANGARATTA

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Loss of dog buffer will impact on landholders

A feature of the Tallangatta Expo next Thursday April 18th will be the information stall of the North East Wild Dog Action Group.

The group was formed in response to suspected government moves to remove the three-kilometre livestock protection zone around farms which means it will no longer be possible to set traps and baits in this zone.

The current Wild Dog Control Program, which includes the 3km Livestock Protection Buffer (LPB) zone and is governed by an Order in

Council, ends October 1st, 2024 with no guarantee of renewal.

The action group will be on site at the expo to talk about the likely impact of such a move on farm animals and farming in the region.

There will also be an opportunity to sign a petition asking the Victorian government not to impose such a ban like it has already done in the North West.

Entry to the Tallangatta Expo is free and presents a prime opportunity for farmers and rural residents in the North East to head



along and learn first-hand on what this proposed ban will mean.

Further details can be obtained by contacting the North East Wild Dog

Action Group via email at northeast.wilddogs@gmail.com.

Remaining restrictions end next week

The Fire Danger Period (FDP) will finish at 1.00am on Monday April 15th for the rest of the North East region in CFA Districts 12, 13, 23 and 24 including Towong Shire Council.

While restrictions are lifting in these areas, CFA still expects the grassfire risk to remain across the state and is warning

Victorians to be alert and prepared.

CFA Deputy Chief Officer North East, Ross Sullivan, said the mild conditions across the region with an increase in rain has allowed for fire restrictions to ease.

“With more wet weather looming, the end of the Fire Danger Period

will be an opportunity for some landowners to burn-off again before we hit winter and for those in the agricultural sector to prepare their crops,” he said.

“We’re seeing reduced fuel loads and those green shoots coming through, however residents should continue checking local conditions are safe before undertaking these activities.

“We may still see some days of elevated fire risk so please monitor hot, dry and windy days.”

Landowners must still register their burn-offs, check weather conditions and follow local council laws, as well as EPA laws and applicable regulations. “Registering your burn-

off ensures that if smoke or fire is reported, the incident is crosschecked with our register, which prevents firefighters from unnecessarily responding,” Mr Sullivan said.

“When conducting burn-offs, remain alert and always have resources on hand to extinguish the fire.”

Landowners can register their burn-off online at www.firepermits.vic.gov.au or call 1800 668 511.

If possible, landowners should also notify their neighbours and others nearby who may be sensitive to smoke so they can take necessary precautions.

Tips for looking after

your health when there is smoke can be found on EPA’s website.

Keep your burn off safe and legal:-

- Check fire restrictions in your area and always register your burn at www.firepermits.vic.gov.au.

- Check and monitor weather conditions - particularly wind.

- To avoid unnecessary calls to emergency services, notify your neighbours beforehand.

- Leave a three-metre fire break, free from flammable materials around the burn.

- Have sufficient equipment and water to stop the fire spreading.

- Never leave a burn-off unattended - stay for its entire duration.

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ON-FARM SUSTAINABILITY WORKSHOP

Eskdale Hall - Wednesday 17 April 9am

Speakers: Brad Costin (Agriculture Victoria), Lachlan Campbell (NECMA), Julian Carroll (Mudgegonga Beef Producer)

STOCK CONTAINMENT AREA WORKSHOP:

DECISION-MAKING, PLANNING, DESIGN,

IMPLEMENTATION Corryong - Monday 22 April 10am

Speakers: Sophie Hanna (Riverine Plains Livestock Officer) and Jane McInnes (Riverine Plains Senior Project Officer)



Morning tea and lunch provided at all events.

Free to register, all welcome!

Scan QR code to register or visit: <https://riverineplains.org.au/events/>



If a burn-off gets out of control call '000' immediately.

Corryong Neighbourhood Centre

Opening Hours: Monday – Thursday 9am - 5pm

Wodonga Eye Care – Visits CNC every 2nd & 4th Monday – Book appointments via 02 6056 4000

Community Calendar – Find & share upcoming events - <http://uppermurraycommunitycalendar.org>

Sit & Sew - Bring along a gold coin donation and projects or materials you have. 2pm-4pm @CNC

Youth Space – Open after school for students – over 18’s can use the space whenever desired just

contact us & request the key! 12–25-year-olds welcome. Located at 42 Hanson St (right of the post-office)

Driving mentoring & lessons – Boost your driving hours with CNC mentor driving for just \$5/hr or book a

weekly lesson with a qualified instructor from Wodonga for \$65/hr to get ready for your P’s test!

Mad Hen Art – Wednesdays weekly, 3:30pm-5:30pm, 42 Hanson St - Open to ages 12-25

Garden Squad – 12-25 welcome. Join us out the back of the Youthspace in our new community garden

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Community input shapes the future

Snowy Hydro is launching a community insights campaign to better understand the social impacts of the Snowy 2.0 project.

The campaign seeks to engage and connect with community members to gather insights, opinions and experiences related to the Snowy 2.0 project and operations.

“Through an online survey we invite residents, stakeholders and interested parties to share their perspectives and help shape the future of their communities,” said Snowy Hydro CEO, Dennis Barnes.

“A series of focus groups, one-on-one meetings, phone surveys and community pop-up stalls will support the online survey.

“This campaign reiterates Snowy Hydro’s commitment to transparent and inclusive community engagement. We value the

input of our community members and recognise the importance of understanding their needs and concerns.”

The survey, which will be open until May 5th, covers a range of topics including community sentiment, perceptions of the Snowy 2.0 project and suggestions for improving Snowy Hydro’s community engagement efforts.

Participation is open to individuals aged 18 and above who reside or own property in the Snowy Monaro, Snowy Valleys, Towong, Bega Valley and surrounding local government areas.

“We encourage you to take part in this survey and contribute to the dialogue surrounding the Snowy 2.0 project and its impact on our communities,” added Mr Barnes.

“Your feedback will be important in informing Snowy Hydro’s social



Snowy Hydro will consult with stakeholders this month.

impact strategy and community engagement initiatives.”

Throughout April, Snowy Hydro representatives will engage with stakeholders in key regional towns, fostering open conversations about

Snowy Hydro’s operations and future priorities.

The consolidation of survey findings is planned for June 2024 with a publication of key results expected in July 2024.

For more information or to participate in the

survey, visit www.snowyhydro.com.au/haveyoursay.

Additionally, feedback or inquiries can be directed to Snowy Hydro via phone at 1800 623 776 or email at community@snowyhydro.com.au.

Opportunity knocks for producer projects

Is there a technology, innovation or research finding that your producer group is keen to test on-farm?

Agriculture Victoria, in partnership with Meat & Livestock Australia (MLA), is conducting a new producer demonstration program with the opportunity to establish five new on-farm demonstration projects.

Agriculture Victoria Project Leader Farming Systems, Bindi Hunter, said the program is inviting expressions of interest from Victorian sheep and beef producer groups to design and conduct their own three-year project.

“The demonstrations are conducted on group members’ farms (preferably three sites per project per year) and involve participation by members in group activities, including skill development, site monitoring and discussion of results,” Ms Hunter said.

“Projects must be focused on increasing adoption of key management practices or commercially available technologies that improve business profitability, farm productivity and sustainability.”

Selected projects will focus on demonstrating systems or technologies in one of four priority areas:-

1. Manage and adapt to a changing climate or specific regional conditions (e.g. addressing feed gaps, grazing system, enterprise mix)

2. Reduce emissions or emissions intensity, (e.g. reproductive efficiencies, feed types and quality, soil fertility management)

3. Manage animal health and welfare risks resulting from increasing/ emerging biosecurity threats in a changing climate

4. Implement on-farm innovations that improve production and management efficiencies (e.g. recent research findings, genetics, ag

tech).

Expressions of interest close on Monday 13 May 2024. For more information and to receive an expression of interest form, go to <https://go.vic.gov.au/3fTKvdU> or contact Bindi Hunter, Project Leader Farming Systems on 0428 589 016 or at bindi.hunter@agriculture.vic.gov.au



Club Corner:- The jackpot at The Club Corryong this Friday is \$2550. Last week’s winner was Graham Moon (\$25).

Corryong Information Centre:- A visitor who has come back to the region for the past three years for road riding queried “Are

there any new sealed roads in the area?”

Reminder:- The annual Parkinson’s Awareness Day and golf competition will be held on Wednesday April 24th - see details in the golf column on page 12. Enquiries to Ilma Clarke on 0409 246 276.

Corryong Baptist Church Service
Sunday April 14th - 10am
Attree Park, Corryong
 ‘Quiet Men and Women of Faith’
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A community-focused leadership program for emerging and future leaders of the Upper Murray region and other fire affected areas of the Towong Shire.

The program supports participants to develop their individual capability to contribute to the future development and collective capacity of the Upper Murray.

Participants can expect to develop or refine their personal leadership skills, including growing their confidence, learning new ways of adaptive thinking and gaining an understanding of how to work through the practical elements of both slow- and fast-moving challenges.

The program will be delivered over 10 days from May to October 2024, including a study tour to Tasmania. **Applications:** <https://avclp.org.au/umclp/>

A meet and greet for anyone interested in learning more will be hosted by UMI, including complimentary drink and nibbles, on Wednesday 24th April from 6pm onward, at Café Corryong Brew. RSVP to uppermurrayinc@gmail.com

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Country music stars perform in the park

As part of its commitment to the local community and visitors for the Man From Snowy River Bush Festival, the Corryong Baptist Church is once again holding a church service at Attree Park this Sunday April 14th at 10.00am.

The message of the service will be 'Quiet Men and Women of Faith'.

There will be music from local performers followed by a guest appearance of Golden Guitar winners, Carter & Carter, who are playing at the festival on Saturday from 12.30pm to 1.45pm.

The duo (pictured) will perform a selection of their country music gospel

songs after the service.

Carter & Carter bring their own unique form of music and personality to the stage. They have been one of the most successful independent country music acts in Australia for the past 25 years, with 14 national #1 Country Music Radio hits, eight album releases and more awards than any independent artists in the history of Australian country music.

The stories in their songs that reflect life and touch hearts bring people back to their music time and time again. Please bring a chair or rug to sit on. Enquiries to pastor Graeme van Brummelen on 0488 269 393.



The autumn draft to Corryong

A thousand head of 'forward steers' are listed for the sale - cold country reared, good doers, to go forward without fail.

So runs the stock advertisement and buyers from the plains are on their way to Corryong to beat the winter rains.

Away in far-off Groggin and out near Buenbar, the mountain lads are mustering the cattle, near and far.

High up around The Big Gibbs sides and in the gorge below, the stock whips wake the echoes and toss them to and fro.

And out along The Far Cascade and on The Pilot, blue and in The Buckwongs pheasant scrub you'll hear the ruckus too.

From up on Kosciuszko's flank, through belts of snow-gums thick, across The Leather Barrel and over Little Mick.

The long-horned Herefords crashing through dogwood scrub and hops, are coming down to Groggin from out along the tops.

And off the tops of Pinnibar and towering Granuale the men and dogs are toiling with 'forwards' for the sale.

With the mob now carefully drafted, it's up through Grassy Plain and o'er the range to Geehi they're stringing in the rain.

Through dripping fern-

clad gullies, through hop-scrub dense and tall and in the tangled blanket-leaf, they take the Geehi fall.

The rock-bound river, rising fast, will be a risky swim, the riders working frantically to steer the cattle in.

Where greasy boulders hide beneath, the stream with foam is white, the mountain men are battling to keep the leaders right.

They blunder on the rounded rocks, while with them, flank to flank, hip deep, the men are crowding them, to see they crest the bank.

Next morn, the bellbirds by the creek, affrightened, cease their calls as twice five hundred groggin steers start up the Geehi Walls.

Around the greasy sidlings where scarce a goat could stop, the

mountain riders head them off and point them to the top.

With many a heeler hard at work and many a stinging thong, the leaders climb among the scrub and take the mob along.

So now they're on the summit, it's down Black Creek to go, dismounted men light up their pipes and give their hacks a blow.

Then it's down into Khancoban and over Towong Plains, the 'Autumn Draft' For Corryong is in before the rains.

See, round the yard they're stringing now, these steers for 'special sale', cold-country reared, good doers, they're forward, without fail.

*Anonymous.
(Edited by Maurie Foun. March, 2024).*

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With the unwelcome introduction of the parasitic Varroa mite to our shores the future of the European bee population is uncertain. This places greater emphasis on our own native pollinators who have always worked quietly in the background and to whom most native flora have long adapted pre the introduction of the European honey bee. We hope these native "bugs" will now step up to counteract the negative effects of Varroa.

Guest Speaker Karen Retra, native pollinator expert, and native bee tragic, is not a stranger to our district and has given a number of very informative talks on this subject in the past. Karen's talk on Australian Native Pollinators – and Native bees in particular – will be followed by tea or coffee and a light supper.



When: Tuesday 16th April, 2024

Where: Corryong & District RSL Hall, Donaldson St, Corryong, 3707

From: 7:30 pm until about 9:00 pm

Admittance: \$15 per head which includes tea, coffee and a light supper.

The Corryong Wetlands & Open Woodland Wander Inc. acknowledges the support of Emergency Recovery Victoria (ERV) via Corryong Community Recovery Committee for this educational, informative and no doubt entertaining seminar.

Book through Event Bookings at:

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UPPER MURRAY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

April

Friday 5/4/24: Open Day at the Corryong Country Universities Centre (CUC), 9:00am to 3:30pm. Contact www.cucovensmurray.edu.au/

Monday 8/4/24: Probus meeting at Corryong Hotel Motel at 10am (note change of date because of Easter). Contact Jean 0417 124 822

Saturday 6/4/24:- Upper Murray Farmers' Market, Attree Park, 9am-12 noon

Wednesday 10/4/24 (Bush Festival):- Upper Murray Farmers' Twilight Market, Attree Park, 3pm-6pm

Thursday 11/4/24 - Sunday 14/4/24: Man From Snowy River Bush Festival, Corryong. Contact: <https://bushfestival.com.au/festival-details/>

Tuesday 16/4/24: Talk on Australian Native Insect Pollinators at at the Corryong RSL Hall 7.30pm-9.30pm. Tickets available at <https://www.eventbookings.com/b/event/australian-native-pollinators> Come along and learn about your local history on a fun packed bus tour conduted by John Murphy

Sunday 16/4/24: Upper Murray Historical Society bus tour to Walwa. Tickets available online at <https://www.eventbookings.com/b/event/walwa-historical-tour> or at the museum (cash only). Email: museum3707@gmail.com for more information

Thursday 25/4/24: Anzac Day Services at Corryong, Cudgewa and Walwa at 11am

Saturday 27/4/24: Old Style Family Bush Dance at Corryong RSL Hall 7:00pm-10:30pm. Ticketing at www.eventbrite.com.au/e/old-style-family-bush-dance-tickets

Register your calendar event at <https://uppermurraycommunitycalendar.org/> (Include event name, date, time, location, booking details & contact info)

Obituary:- Anne Gibson

She faced her challenges with courage and resilience

Anne was born on May 15th, 1941 - one of three children of Jan and Rose Paton along with her brother Donal and sister Jen. They grew up on the family property 'Carinya' at Tooma.

Anne attended Tintalra Primary School and in later years boarded at Woodstock Albury, now known as the Scots School.

Anne met Lachie Gibson of Thougla at a Colac Colac dance and they married in 1962. The couple lived in Corryong for four years before moving to the Gibson family farm at Towong. They later had two daughters - Louise and Prue.

Sadly, Lachie passed away in 1981. Anne showed great resilience and strength through this very difficult time and with

the help and support of Robert and Kate Wheeler and family, Anne and her daughters were able to keep the farm going and Anne was forever grateful to them.

Louise later attended boarding school in Melbourne and Anne and Prue would visit her there, navigating by pulling over on the side of the road and reading an upside down Melways - no satellite navigation then! They had great times staying with Lachie's sister May and her family.

Anne and Prue also travelled the country showing their beloved horse Banjo. Anne loved this time of her life and many long-term friends were made and great times were had.

The nightly campfires were enjoyed with Anne in

charge of the whisky bottle, making sure everyone's glasses were fully charged!

The Welaregang Golf Club was one of Anne's great passions and her contribution over many years were outstanding. Anne was a very good golfer including Champion Associate A Grade wins in 1962 and 1987. She also represented the club at district tournaments and at pennant level.

In the early days Anne was known to carry the .410 shotgun in her golf bag to ward off "those bloody crows!" Anne became quite proficient with the .410 and the yell of "snake" would bring her running - and she rarely missed!

Anne would spend hours with Louise giving golf lessons, only letting her use a five-iron and

putter. "That's all you need," she would say.

Flower arranging, gardening and cooking were more of Anne's passions. She would arrange beautiful flowers for local wedding receptions and she was renowned for her cooking, whether it be catering at Welaregang (her powder puffs were the best) or supplying scones at the stockyards. Anyone at anytime were welcomed with a smile and invited to come in for a cuppa.

Thirty years ago Anne moved into Corryong to be with her beloved partner, Bill Sheather. Together they shared great times on the family farm at Towong or holidays at Tathra on the South Coast fishing and golfing. Anne also had wonderful neighbours in Corryong in Minnie

Bennetts and Shane Blake. Minnie was like another daughter to Anne, always making sure she was okay and visiting her while she was in care.

In 2018, Anne became the proudest Nan watching the national AFL Draft and hearing her grandson James Jordan's name being called out to join the Melbourne Football Club, where he became a premiership player in 2021.

Anne was a kind, caring, gentle and generous woman with an inner strength. She had faced challenges in her life and always did so with courage and resilience.

Anne had been a resident at Mittamatite Lodge since January this year and she passed away peacefully on March 5th, 2024.



Fully funded farm first aid training offered to isolated communities

Living or working on farms in communities that have the potential to become isolated means community members in these communities often rely on family or neighbours as a first response in the case of an emergency.

As Australian Red Cross' Bushfire Recovery Program comes to a close,

it is offering the final opportunity to attend a fully-funded Red Cross Farm First Aid course in Towong Shire - in Cudgewa, Nariel Valley and in Bellbridge.

Community members can learn how to provide CPR, use a defibrillator, and deal with accidents and snake bites until an ambulance or medical help

arrives.

Australian Red Cross Recovery-Resilience Lead, Jessica Davison, said participants can be a mixed bunch of farmers, their workers, local business people, representatives from sports clubs and community groups. Anyone 14 years old and over is welcome, the only requirement is

that participants must be able to kneel on the ground for a short period to be able to perform CPR.

"We see people travel up to 50kms to learn the vital skills the course offers," Ms Davison said.

"Not only do they walk away with knowledge that could save a life, but they've also had a chance to spend a day together

and connect with others in their local community.

"We know that well-connected and well-prepared communities fare much better during emergencies or larger-scale disaster like floods or bushfires."

The First Aid Courses will be held at:-

- Cudgewa Football Netball Club on Tuesday

16 April;

- Nariel Valley CFA Shed on Wednesday, 17 April; and

- Hume Boat Club in Bellbridge on Thursday, 18 April.

Sessions run from 9.30am to 4.30pm and with support from respective Community Recovery Committees, participants are provided morning tea,

lunch and afternoon tea.

The course is nationally accredited and free for people living and working in Towong Shire - you don't have to be a farmer.

To register, go directly to AustralianRedCross.eventbrite.com.au.

For more information on the training, contact Red Cross on 0499 281 929.

Corryong CBD Update



Preparations are underway to resume work on the Corryong CBD Streetscape project from Monday, 22 April.

Our first priority will be decommissioning two underground fuel tanks. To ensure safety, we will need to restrict pedestrian access.

We're also getting ready to begin work on the east bound side of Hanson Street, from the Memorial Hall to the Man from Snowy River Arcade. The updated plans for this side of the street, which incorporate increased parking bay depth, have been submitted to VicRoads and we anticipate their approval shortly. We are hoping to commence demolition work from Monday 29 April. We will confirm the start date of this work for affected businesses as soon as possible.

Traces of Corryong's History

During excavation for the water main replacement, an unexpected discovery was made - remnants of an old timber footbridge beneath the road's surface. A section of the timber has been carefully preserved and will undergo treatment, with the aim of displaying it publicly in the near future. This timber bridge serves as a reminder of Corryong's earlier streetscape, when the main street was unsealed. The adjacent image was captured when contractors came across the bridge.

How can I stay up to date?

Visit our website or sign up to our project newsletter to receive updates directly to your inbox.

Meet with our Project Manager each Wednesday from 2 pm - 3 pm at the Corryong Library.



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PUBLIC NOTICES

CHIROPRACTOR IN CORRYONG
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 Next appointment: April 19th, 2024
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 46 Donaldson St Corryong
 Phone 6076 1119

Corryong Ladies Golf Club Parkinson's Awareness Day / Irema Brown Trophy
 Wednesday April 24th April at the Corryong Sporting Complex Golf: 9am for 9.30am hit-off (9 holes 4BBB - draw for partner) followed by lunch at 12.30pm with a guest speaker
 • Golf & lunch \$30 / Lunch only \$25
 RSVP Ilma Clarke 0409 246 276, Raewyn 0422 965 389 by Sunday April 21st

PUBLIC NOTICES

Corryong FoodShare
 The service will be closed on Thursday April 25th for Anzac Day.
 It will be open for longer on Wednesday 24th from 9am to 3pm.

DEATHS

EVANS (Drage) Jean
 Passed away on April 7th, 2024.
 Of Corryong and Cudgewa. Aged 87 years.
 Wife of Maurice Evans (dec.).
 Loved mother of Neil (dec.), Jeanette, Robyn and Geoffrey.
 Loved Nanny of Megan, Rob, Jarryd, Rachel and Lisa.
 Great Nanny to Charlotte and Eliza.
Free from pain. Joining loved ones in Heaven.



EVANS, Jean - Passed away peacefully on April 7th, 2024.
 Sister of Lorraine Grech and brother of Stewart Drage.
 God only takes the best. Rest peacefully Jean.
 Deepest sympathy to Robyn, Geoff and girls and Jeanette and family.
 ~ The Grechs and the Hilliers.
 'Goodbye Jeanie'

FUNERALS

The Funeral Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Jean Evans will be held at All Saints Anglican Church, 145 Hanson Street, Corryong on Friday 19th April, 2024 commencing at 11:30am.
 Following the service the cortege will leave for burial at Corryong Cemetery, Pioneer Avenue, Corryong.



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1. Café All rounder
2. Café Manager
 Khancoban Roadhouse is seeking two staff members to join our team at the Alpine Café.
 1. We would require a reliable Café All Rounder who is willing to prepare and serve a variety of hot and cold food and beverages and maintain a clean environment. Some experience in hospitality is preferred.
 You should be available to work flexible hours to a roster including weekends and public holidays. We would prefer a happy, friendly personality.
 2. As a Café Manager responsibilities include:
 • Ensuring smooth operation of the café
 • Preparing food and beverages
 • Ordering supplies
 • Organising rosters
 • Training new staff
 • Working within a budget
 • Maintaining standards for food storage, rotation, quality and appearance.
 • Ensuring cleanliness of café is in line with current health standards
 Skills should include multi-tasking, being a team player and a good communicator.
 Contact Jenny Mulligan on 0417498093.

Letter to the editor:-

Shared gossip is totally wrong
 I have recently become aware of a nasty and false rumour which is apparently already widespread and believed by many to be true, concerning alleged unethical dealings at the FoodShare facility in Corryong specifically the on-selling of donated food.
 I am astonished that anyone could even think this!
 I have been associated with FoodShare for nearly all of the 13 years I have lived in this town; firstly as a client, then a volunteer and in recent years, because of work commitments, a casual helper in time of need.
 At no time have I ever seen this or anything else like it happen! If you only knew the dedication and selfless toil of the people who run this place and work there, you would feel outraged by these false allegations too. It is vicious gossip.
 Furthermore, even though it is well known that Pastors Carol and Douglas Allen are my close friends and how they have helped me personally over the years might theoretically make me feel obligated to defend them, it is solely on account of the deep respect they have earned from me by their tireless work ethic and ceaseless devotion to the unending, unseen and unsung work they do for this community - all for love and witnessed by me on a daily basis for all these years - that compels me to take action and make a stand about this.
 It is wrong!
 In closing, I would like to say to everybody that if you don't want to help FoodShare then don't. But don't go around besmirching the character of someone who doesn't deserve it.
 It isn't right. It isn't fair. Most of all, it isn't true.
Crystal Ferris, Corryong.

TENDERS

Request for Tender
Walwa Playground
 Council is seeking a qualified and experienced contractor for the design, supply and construction of a playground in Walwa. Demolition of the existing playground will also be required.
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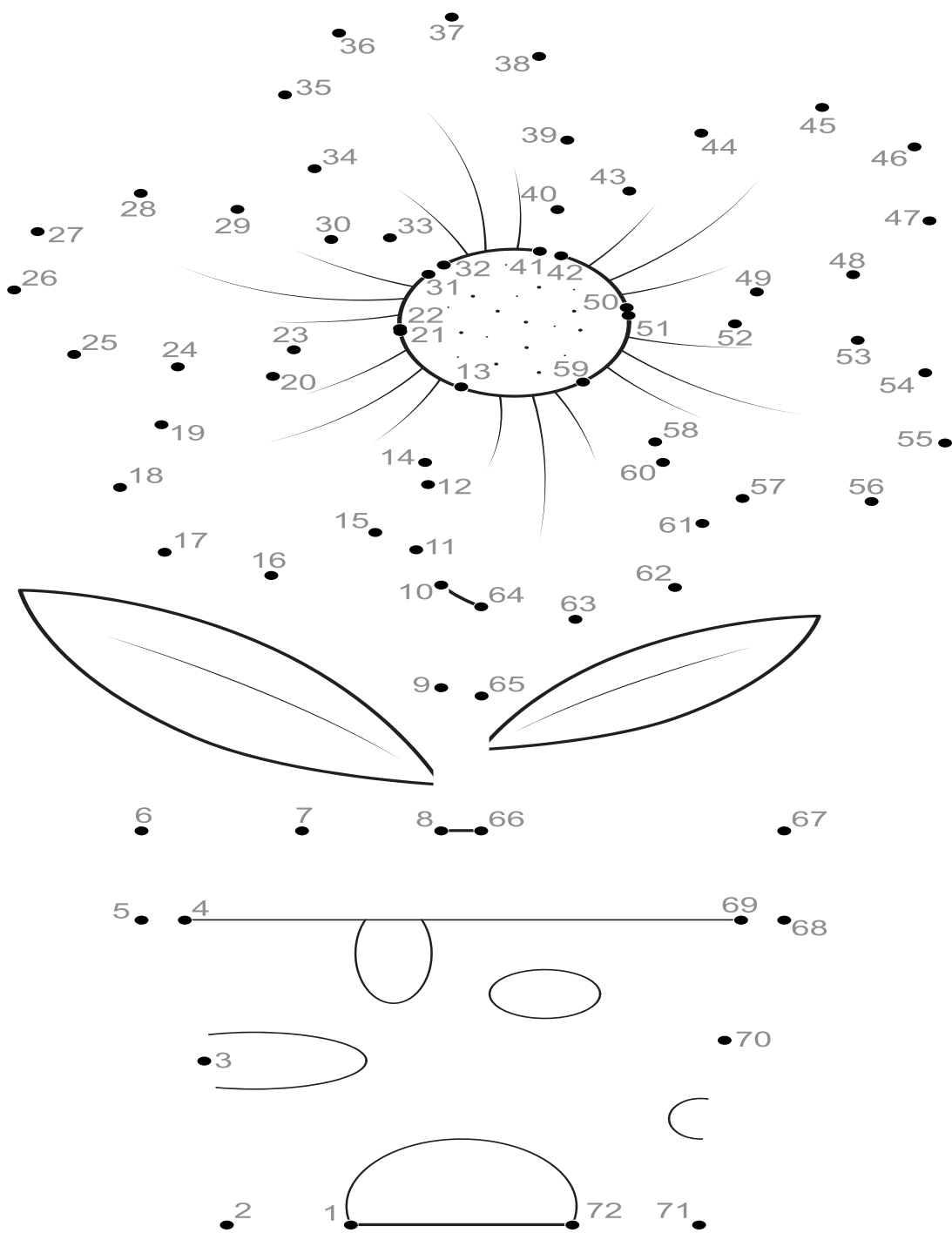
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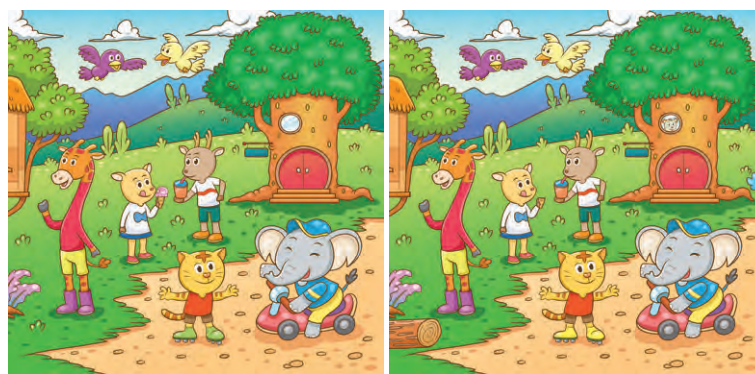
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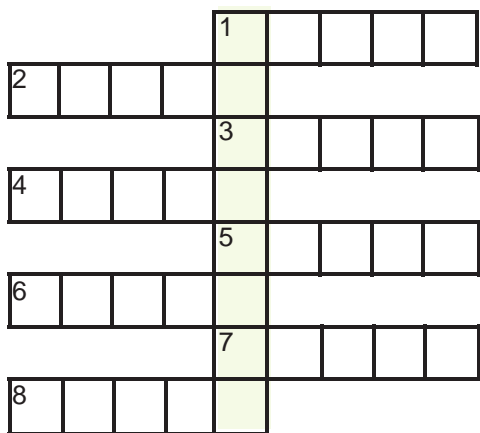


ANSWERS: 1. Log bottom left 2. No ice cream in cone 3. Blue flower on right 4. Animal in window 5. Roller skates turned yellow

Junior crossword

Solve all the clues and an eight-letter word will be spelled out.

- 1 5 x 10
- 2 A type of hand drum
- 3 Opposite of lower
- 4 Worn by a king or queen
- 5 A person who steals
- 6 A type of hard cheese
- 7 A country in Europe
- 8 A Japanese noodle dish



ANSWERS: 1. Fitty, Bongo, Upper, Crown, Thief, Gouda, Italy, Ramen (FOUNTAIN)

Quiz

- 1 The superhero Captain Marvel is known by what other name?
- 2 What was the name of NASA's Mars Rover that spent 15 years exploring Mars?
- 3 The *Mona Lisa* is on permanent display in which art gallery?
- 4 Morocco is located on which continent?
- 5 Calamari is the culinary name for which animal?
- 6 What is the name of the current pope: a) Paul b) Francis or c) Benedict?
- 7 What subspecies of brown bear is the largest alive today?
- 8 Billie Eilish (pictured) wrote which song for the 2023 *Barbie* movie?
- 9 What animal appears on the Royal New Zealand Air Force logo?
- 10 True or false: platypus are egg-laying mammals?



ANSWERS: 1. Carol Danvers 2. Opportunity 3. The Louvre 4. Africa 5. Squid (or octopus) 6. b) Francis 7. Kodiak Bear 8. What Was I Made For 9. Kiwi 10. True



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Season opener coming up

The Corryong Golf Club's women's winter season opening day is on Wednesday April 24th when the club hosts the Parkinson's Awareness Day (Irema Brown Trophy).

The event is a 4BBB (draw for partner) and hit-off is 9am for 9.30am.

Lunch will follow at 12.30pm with a guest speaker. The costs are: golf and lunch \$30 and luncheon only \$25.

RSVP to Ilma Clarke on 0409 246 276 or Raewyn Milbank on 0422 965 389.

The course remains closed for the bush festival and security fencing has been installed around the new synthetic greens (pictured). It is expected to be open no later than April 18th - check the club Facebook page for updates.



Welaregang

The expected rain stayed away on Sunday, allowing 20 keen players to contest the Opening Day 3-person ambrose event.

The combination of

Shane Bannon, Sam Patricks and Bill Bond carded a handy 60.4 nett to win the day from the "nearly didn't make it" team of Dixie Coutts, Rob Cox and Mark Walton on

62.4. Justin Knott, Dave Williamson and Skeet made the podium with 64.2.

A huge thanks to the ladies for another famous 'Welaregang Spread'

which would have catered for a field of 50!

The winter program tees off on Sunday at 12 noon with a stableford event - names in by 11.30am.

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Bowls comes to a close

The Corryong Bowls Club held its season windup on Sunday including presentations to winners of the major events.

A pleasant game of bowls was played before lunch. Winners of the 'Club Glass' were Catherine Ross and Rob McClung.

A barbecue was cooked by Ken McKimmie and Doug Smedley, with salads and desserts made by the members.

This was followed by the annual general meeting.

Noel Blake presented his presidents report, followed by Lindy O'Connor with the treasurer's report.

Pat Sheather was invited to sit in the chair while the Club Elections



Catherine Ross congratulates Tracey Fair (Ladies Singles) and Noel Blake (Men's Singles) on the victories.

for the 2024-2025 season were held. Noel Blake was re-elected as President, Rohan Whitehead as Vice President, Lindy O'Connor as Treasurer and Leif Kamba as Secretary. It was great to see new members Thomas Nicholas and Clayton

Murphy join the board.

Competitions: Wednesday 03/04 social winners: Catherine Ross & Rohan Whitehead.

Wednesday men's and ladies social bowls start at 1pm - names in by 12:30pm. Ladies Thursday social bowls is in recess



High Country Darts

Finals Results

Preliminary Final 9/4/24
Possum Pointers d Tooma Ringers 4-1

Grand Final 15/4/24
Biggara v Possum Pointers at UM Pizza

Sharpshooters:- Highest score: Men - Dave Low 160 / Women - Shelley Henry 134; Highest peg: Men - Peter 'Pockets' Kasuba 118 / Women - Shelley Henry 80.

Season Windup:- Sunday April 28th at UM Pizza at 12 noon. RSVP to Lance Noonan on 0419 927 470 or Peter Kasuba on 6076 1004.

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