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The Nariel Band has been performing in some form for more than a century.

Music festival marks a milestone

From a small gathering of like-minded people and curious locals, the Nariel Creek Folk Festival has become the oldest running event of its kind in Australia, continuing a long tradition of old time music and dance which has been a feature of the Nariel Valley for more than 100 years.

The Upper Murray community is invited to celebrate a remarkable achievement this holiday period as the festival notches up its 60th anniversary.

It began in 1962, originating from a picnic of music and dance held on the banks of the Nariel Creek which followed a night of dancing at the Nariel Hall and in Corryong, enjoyed by locals and visiting members of the Victorian Folk Music Club.

The dances and music were of historical significance to the collectors and archivists of music and dance in Australia. The picnic has now become a wonderful family festival, steeped with so many artistic and folkloric traditions.

Everyone is invited to the Nariel Recreation Reserve and the Cudgewa Hall over eight days from December 27th to January 3rd to welcome in the 2023 New Year.

The festival begins with a traditional Nariel dance on the night of Tuesday December 27th, hosted by the Cudgewa community. All proceeds go towards the maintenance of the local Cudgewa Mechanics Institute Hall.

A Contra Dance, run by Ray and Jennie Simpson, is held between 5pm and 7pm on Wednesday December 28th. Contra Dancing is easy to learn and a very social dance. All steps will be expertly called by some of Australia's leading dance callers. Beginners and families are all welcome.

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Roads submissions encouraged

The condition of regional and rural roads following severe weather events will be the subject of an inquiry by the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Regional Development, Infrastructure and Transport.

Federal Member for Indi, Helen Haines, who is a member of the committee, encouraged constituents in the electorate to make submissions to the inquiry.

"The state of the roads in Indi and across regional and rural Australia following the recent floods has taken things from bad to worse," Dr Haines said.

"I have already called on the federal government

to increase funding to local councils to respond to the problems they are facing and this inquiry goes further, taking a long-term look at how we can build better roads as the climate changes and the number of severe weather events increases."

Dr Haines said she hoped local councils and people across Indi would take this opportunity to influence policy and funding decisions on regional and rural roads.

"We can't just keep patching and filling holes, without looking at structural issues," she said.

"I want to make sure our roads are safe, and our local economies are supported by useable



A potholed area between Corryong and Wodonga. Photo: Border Mail.

roads. I'm looking forward to what we learn through this inquiry and putting that into action."

The terms of reference for the Inquiry into the Implications of Severe Weather Events on the National Regional, Rural and Remote Road Network are:-

- Road engineering and construction standards required to enhance the resiliency of future road

construction;

- Identification of climate resilient corridors suitable for future road construction projects;

- Opportunities to enhance road resilience through the use of waterproof products in road construction;

- The Commonwealth's role in road resilience planning; and

- Any related issues. The committee

is seeking written submissions, ideally of no more than ten pages, from organisations and individuals providing recommendations relating to any or all of the inquiry terms of reference by 28 February, 2023.

Further information about the inquiry, including published submissions and hearing transcripts, will be available on the inquiry web page.

Fire restrictions announced

The Fire Danger Period (FDP) for municipalities in CFA's North East Region including Towong Shire will begin at 1am on Monday December 19, 2022.

The Seasonal Bushfire Outlook for summer identified potential for increased grassfire conditions for the 2022/23 fire season, due to significant grass growth and delayed harvest activities.

CFA District 24 Acting Assistant Chief Fire Officer, Brett Myers, said widespread rainfall in winter and spring led to high grass fuel loads and the region can expect to see significant grassfires to start the fire season.

"The temperature and wind experienced over

the past fortnight has significantly dried the abundance of grass that exists across most areas in North East Victoria," he said.

"In some areas there are wet underlying conditions which may present access issues for firefighters, so we're asking the community to remain vigilant around fire and items that can cause fire."

While CFA firefighters are preparing for the bushfire season, they are urging the community to use common sense and take responsibility for preventing fires.

More information and restrictions are published at www.cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/firedanger-period

restrictions.

Landholders should be aware that a written permit is required to burn off grass, undergrowth, weeds or other vegetation during the FDP.

Victorians can find out 'Can I or Can't I?' information at www.cfa.vic.gov.au/warningsrestrictions/can-or-by-calling-VicEmergency-Hotline-on-1800-226-226.

As of 1 September, the fire danger rating system changed and is now nationally consistent across every state and territory.

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Power Saving Bonus – One off \$250 payment for all Victorian households. Bring in electricity bill (all pages are required) and bank account details to apply.
Hume Riverina Community Legal – Offering legal advice – Call 02 6055 8090
Upper Murray Employment Group – Join the Facebook group to advertise or find employment
Good Shepherd NILS – No interest loans for Centrelink recipients – Contact Nikki 0429 024 717
Youth Space – Open after school - All 12–25-year-olds welcome – WIFI, Nintendo switch, PlayStation, boardgames, pool table, art on Wednesdays and more!
Upper Murray Community Calendar – Find & share all local events at <http://uppermurraycommunitycalendar.org> For more information contact Gemma at the CNC

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Charity walker is passing the test

Dr Prabodh Malhotra, who recently passed through the Upper Murray, is on schedule to complete his solo 1000km charity walk from the MCG to the SCG in support of the McGrath Foundation.

The 70-year-old retiree, began his trek on November 13 in support of the foundation's mission to raise money to fund McGrath Breast Care Nurses in communities right across Australia and increase health awareness.

Dr Malhotra's high country journey has taken him to Jindabyne, Cooma

and Canberra from where he will rejoin the Hume Highway. He is expected to arrive at the SCG in early January to coincide with the opening day of the 'Pink Test Match'.

He told the *Courier* that the toughest stint of his trek to date was the walk from Murray Gorge to Thredbo.

"My body was starting to feel it but the hardest part of the walk is behind me now," he said.

Dr Malhotra migrated to Australia from India in 1980 and said that "This country has given me so much, now I want to give something back."

He has raised close to \$40,000 for the McGrath Foundation so far.

Donations can be made online at <https://fundraise.mcgrathfoundation.com.au/fundraisers/prabodhmalhotra/walk-from-mcg-to-scg>.



Dr Malhotra nears Khancoban on his trek.

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Festival celebrates six decades

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Two more Nariel dances will be held at the Mechanics Institute Hall at Cudgewa on Friday December 30th and Monday January 2nd.

Children's dances are also included, as well as a door prize and spot prizes throughout the night.

The Cudgewa dances are alcohol free and dress is light casual.

The New Year's Eve bush dance, with the local Rotary Club doing the catering, is held on The Green at the Nariel Recreation Reserve. This is followed by the New Year's Day picnic concert and the bush dance on the

evening of New Year's Day.

The New Year's Eve concert begins at about 3.00pm and the New Year's Day concert at 12.00pm, with the younger children displaying their musical or poetry talent followed by lots of local and imported talent - young and old, professional and amateur - providing a wide range of family entertainment for the whole day.

At the festival, many opportunities exist for watching or participating in campfire sessions, learning tunes and techniques from other musicians and dancers, catching up with friends

and meeting new friends. There are also kids' activities on every other day.

This year the festival committee will again be raffling two tickets to the National Folk Festival in Canberra at Easter 2023 (worth over \$800) as well as other prizes. Many thanks to the local businesses who have supported the festival with raffle prizes and to the local emergency services for their support.

Contact Ray Simpson 0419 599 542 or Jamie Molloy 0421 246 586 if you would like to help as a volunteer or simply would like more information.

Corryong ranks among the best

Despite the impact of bushfires and Covid-19 over the past two years the students and staff at the Corryong College can be justifiably proud of the achievements of the 2022 VCE class.

Ballaratt Clarendon College was the top Victorian school with a median score of 38 and Corryong was in the upper echelon with a score of 34.

The College will hold its awards presentation this afternoon.



The Grapevine

Club Corner:- The Joker Poker jackpot at The Club Corryong this Friday is \$2750. Last week's winner was Daryl Matheson (\$10).

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas!

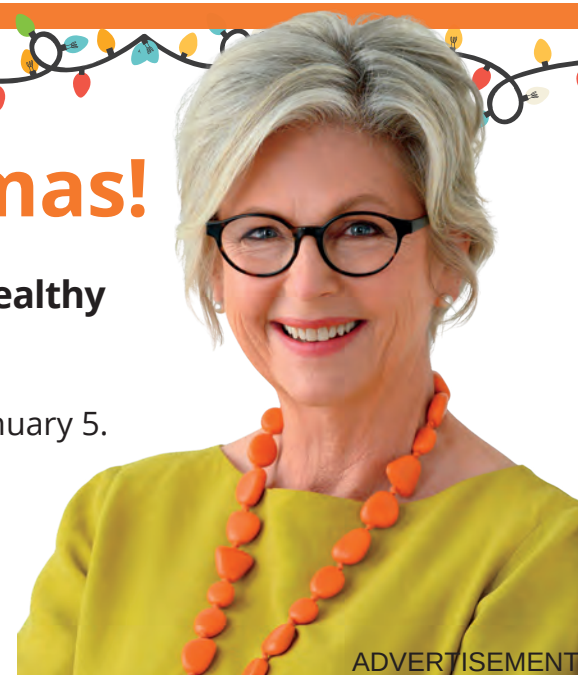
Wishing you and your loved ones a joyous festive season and a happy, healthy and safe 2023.

My office will close for the break on December 22 and we will see you again starting January 5.

Helen Haines MP

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ANNUAL REPORT 2021/22



From the Mayor

The past year was once again a year of challenges, with the disruption of COVID-19 and ongoing recovery work following the Black Summer bushfires. I am very proud of the way our small team of Councillors and staff have pulled together and delivered some great outcomes.

As a small council, securing financial support is essential for us to deliver projects and to remain financially sustainable. In 2021/22 we secured \$13 million for projects including:

- The Lake Hume Masterplan;
- Corryong Circuit Trail – Stage One;
- Great River Road – Stage Two; and
- Walking track upgrades in Eskdale and Bellbridge.

It was exciting to see the completion of some long-term projects including:

- Stages 1 and 2 of the Georges Creek Road upgrade - resulting in improved connectivity between the Talgarno and Bellbridge areas through to the Murray Valley Highway and Tallangatta;
- The Tallangatta Holiday Park amenities upgrade;
- Renewal of the Cudgewa and Bullioh Netball courts; and
- Construction of the Tintaldra boat ramp.

Delivering on our commitment to provide quality services we:

- Implemented three-year-old kinder across the Shire;
- Expanded our childcare delivery; and
- Reactivated the Tallangatta Neighbourhood House to foster community connectedness and wellbeing.

Towong Shire... the ideal place to be.

In our mission to work with our communities to enhance their social, economic and environmental wellbeing we:

- Adopted our Economic Development Strategy and our Destination Management Plan;
- Delivered and supported a range of workshops for the Agricultural sector;
- Assisted small businesses to adapt and recover from COVID-19 and provided support for the development of Chambers of Commerce in Corryong, Tallangatta and the Berringa Peninsula;
- Upgraded our Resource Recovery centres; and
- Advocated for rezoning of parts of the rural activity zone to support additional residential development.

Our efforts to support our communities following the bushfires continued with the delivery of the final round of our Community Grants program. Across four rounds we were able to support over 165 recovery projects including community events, equipment purchases and community facility upgrades.

As one of the smallest councils in the State, with a very small rate base and a significant geographic area to service, we continually strive to provide quality services and infrastructure for the communities we serve whilst ensuring financial sustainability over the longer term.

Our 2021/22 Budget included a rate increase of 1.5%. This rate increase helped us to keep delivering services and infrastructure for our communities. Services like our parks and gardens maintenance, garbage collection, road grading and maintenance, and library services.

My fellow Councillors and I began this term with goals, aspirations and a drive to serve our communities. As we tick over the halfway point for this term, I'm proud of what we've achieved to date and look forward to the 'second half'.

We would like to thank all of our staff for their commitment and dedication to delivering services and projects for our communities over what has been another challenging year.

We know that 2022/23 will have its challenges, but we look forward to achieving great outcomes and delivering on our Community Vision of Towong Shire being *the ideal place to be*.

Our 2021/22 Annual Report can be viewed at www.towong.vic.gov.au.

Halfway Point

Our Councillors began their current terms determined to deliver for their communities. As the halfway point of their term ticks over here are some of their reflections.



Cr Aaron Scales

"I'm proud of the work we have done with our communities to develop sport and recreational facilities across the Shire."

We have secured \$500,000 for the redevelopment of Playles Hill, Corryong.

We have developed a Recreation Strategy and a Masterplan to activate Lake Hume.

Cr Denise Anderson

"I'm proud of our ongoing efforts to share information and our continued exploration of better ways to communicate with our communities."

We have expanded the number of media and community avenues to engage and communicate with our communities.

We're using social media more to keep our communities informed in a timely way.

Cr Peter Dikschei

"I'm proud of how Council decisions are driven by the needs of our communities and the integrity and transparency with which our decisions are made."

We have reviewed our Governance Rules and Councillor Code of Conduct.

We received over 500 individual pieces of community feedback to inform our Community Vision and Council's strategic priorities.

Cr David Wortmann

"I'm proud of the work we have done in supporting our communities to recover from the Black Summer fires and the delivery of recovery projects."

We have supported over 165 bushfire recovery projects through our community grants program.

We have facilitated the development of municipal recovery plans in the Upper Murray.

Cr Andrew Whitehead

"I'm proud of our strong advocacy efforts to the state and federal governments on key issues such as road funding and bushfire recovery support."

We secured \$13 million in grant funding in 2021/22 to support capital investment and service delivery.

We secured \$4.88 million in funding to support ongoing recovery works.

Prices reflected current market

Costello Rural offered a high quality yarding of 1100 head at its annual Upper Murray Breeders Sale last Friday in Corryong

"The draft was predominantly Angus calves from 7-10 months and heavy 14-18 month-old steers," said principal, Justin Costello.

"While the top weight was 590 kilograms live-weight, most steers were between 290kgs and 385kgs.

"Most of the competition came from Wodonga district and three volume buyers purchased steers and heifers to go north of the Riverina and into the Cooma district.

"The sale was firm on

current market results," he said.

Compared to 2022, the average price of \$1740 was \$500 cheaper.

Steers sold to a top of \$2240, with most pens selling between \$1520 and \$1950.

The consistent quality meant most steers equalled between 520c and 594c/kg liveweight. Only a few pens of young steers sold over 600c/kg liveweight.

"Most producers were generally happy with their prices considering the market had softened due to supply constraints at the kill side of the ledger," Mr Costello added.

Some of the results included:-

H C Auchinleck, Towong sold quality Merridale blood Angus steers, 291-356kgs, to a top of \$1925.

Keith Wilson, Tintalra, sold 99 Angus steers, 12-18 months between \$1790 and \$2420. These weighed from 335-573kgs lwt.

G & B Costello, Tintalra, sold 90 Angus steers, RAFF & Merridale blood, from \$1550-\$2040 270-398 kgs lwt.

AJ & MJA Jarvis, Cudgewa sold 45 Angus cross steers to a top of \$1980 which were predominantly Angus calves 7-10 months and heavy 14-18 month-old steers.



Letters to the Editor:-

Nurse's story revives memories

I enjoyed Honor Auchinleck's recent two-part article in the *Corryong Courier* on nurse Ivy Bartlett and it prompted memories of my maternal grandmother, Constance Ivy Jarvis.

She was a local girl, the daughter of Norman Richard Jarvis and Isabelle Newell Goldspink who were married in 1892.

She obtained her first nursing certificate from Williamstown Hospital. Being about twelve years younger than Ivy Bartlett, she may have been spared the worst part of the war.

I have a letter from the Repatriation and Demobilisation Depart-

ment of the A.I.F. in Belgrave Square, London SW1, dated May 5th 1920, signed by the Matron in Chief, AANS, AIF giving my grandmother her details to be at Tilbury Dock on May 17th for her passage back to Australia.

I haven't found any information on her from the AIF service records so far.

I do remember her bringing home two German helmets which she said she picked up on a battlefield. These were used by three generations of the family until very recently, as plant pots!

On her return, Constance obtained further nursing certificates from other Melbourne hospitals and eventually she started

her own nursing home in Oakleigh.

I believe quite a few people from the Upper Murray came down to her for nursing care, often for very little cost.

Her son (my uncle Bruce Hamilton) inherited a farm at Wabba from the White family as a result of her kindness. Bruce ran the farm for a few years and played football for Cudgewa until he developed polio in the late 1940s and the place was sold.

Constance enjoyed carting her grandchildren all over the Upper Murray to visit cemeteries, meet relatives and develop a great affection for the area. **Bill Jeans, Brighton.**



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Community meeting with Inspector-General Tony Pearce

The independent Inquiry into the 2019-20 Victorian Fire Season identified a range of opportunities for improvement to how Victoria prepares, responds, and recovers from emergencies.

Upper Murray community members are invited to catch up with Inspector-General for Emergency Management Tony Pearce to hear and share information about how recommendations from the Inquiry are being implemented.

Monday 19 December 2022

5.30pm for 6.00pm with light refreshments available

Towong Shire Recovery Hub (Alpine Room)

Corner Donaldson Street and Towong Road, Corryong

Information on the Inquiry and registering for the meeting is available at igem.vic.gov.au or by calling (03) 8684 7900

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The Fire Restriction Period will commence at 0100 hours on the date shown and unless varied by a subsequent declaration, will end at 0100 hours on 1 May 2023.

Municipality	Date of Commencement
Shire of Alpine	19/12/2022
Shire of Indigo	19/12/2022
Shire of Toowong	19/12/2022
Rural City of Wodonga	19/12/2022
Mt Hotham Alpine Resort	19/12/2022
Falls Creek Alpine Resort	19/12/2022

Certain restrictions on the lighting of fires are in force during the Fire Restriction Period. Information about fire restrictions within the Country Area of Victoria can be obtained from www.cfa.vic.gov.au, your local CFA District Office or Municipal Fire Prevention Officer

Information about fire restrictions within the Fire Protected Area can be obtained from www.ffm.vic.gov.au, or your local Forest Fire Management Victoria Fire District Officer

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Upper Murray Sport

Ruby Jean goes to the Open

One of the up and coming junior tennis players in the Upper Murray, Ruby Jean Klippel, has been selected as a ball kid for the Australian Open in January 2023. The tournament is one of the largest sporting events in the world but it



Ruby Jean Klippel has been training for four months for her ball kid debut.

wouldn't run without the help of ball kids.

They help it run smoothly, whether that be in Rod Laver Arena with the likes of Rafael Nadal, Novak Djokovic and Iga Swiatek Swiatek or on

the outside courts.

After being whittled down from 2,500 applications, Ruby Jean will be one of 360 ball kids who will take part in the 2023 Australian Open. As part of her four-

month training regime, she has been busily honing her skills at the Under 18 Australian Championships as a practice run.

The Upper Murray Tennis Association is proud to sponsor Ruby Jean as she pursues her ambition to be as good as she can be and have some fun in the tennis arena.

If you are watching the Australian Open between the January 16th and 29th, 2023 you may see her hard at work catching, fetching and rolling balls.



High Country Darts Results - R6 6/12/22

Courthouse d Biggara 5-2, Possum Pointers d Walwa 4-3, Cudgy Chukas d Bottoms Up 4-3, Koetong d BBB on forfeit, Bottom Pub - bye.

Ladder	P	%
Courthouse	24	121.1
Bottom Pub	20	250.0
Cudgy Chukas	20	133.3
Walwa	16	105.9
Biggara	16	105.9
P/Pointers	12	66.7
Koetong	8	82.6
BBB	8	61.5
Bottoms Up	8	59.1

Sharpshooters:- Highest peg - Dean Williamson 86; Men's highest score - Mike (BBB) 160; Women's highest score - Shelly Henry (Koetong) 97.

Draw: R8 20/12/22
BBB v Cudgy Chukas
Bottoms Up v Courthouse
Biggara v Walwa
Possum Pointers v Walwa
Bye - Koetong

Upper Murray Tennis Results 10/12/22

Khancoban d Biggara 72/31
Cudgewa d Cudgewa Nth 72/30
Corryong - bye
Ladder - Week 10
Cudgewa34
Khancoban30
Cudgewa Nth16
Corryong14
Biggara6
Draw - 17/12/22
Corryong v Khancoban
Biggara v Cudgewa Nth
Cudgewa - Bye

POSITIONS VACANT



CUC Ovens Murray (Corryong) is hiring an Education Co-ordinator

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Want to support local students in higher education?

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CUC Ovens Murray is recruiting now for a start date in Late January 2023.

Email degrees@cucovensmurray.edu.au to request a copy of the Position Description or for further information about the position call Mark van Bergen on 0490 022 028.

Applications close on Monday, January 9th, 2023 at 5pm.

Assistant Cook Required:

We are looking for an experienced or very willing to learn cook to join our busy kitchen team at the Corryong Hotel Motel.

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Request for Tender

We're seeking a suitably qualified contractor to undertake upgrade works for the Mitta Mitta intersection.

Tenders close on Monday 23 January 2023.

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Road Closure Notice

Jardine Street, between Hanson and Harris Streets, will be closed THIS FRIDAY December 16 between 4pm and 9.30pm for the Christmas Carols and Markets.

Emergency vehicles will be able to access the road if required.

The purpose of this closure is for community enjoyment and safety.

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Great fires spark mystery novel

Hot on the heels of Janice Newnham's successful book, *From The Inside*, comes her second offering *White Lies - Where There is Smoke*.

Both books are set in Walwa in the period after a devastating bushfire.

From The Inside described Janice's family's experiences during the first nine weeks after the 2019/2020 Black Summer bushfires had ravaged their farm. *White Lies* is a true crime / mystery set in Walwa just after the trauma and devastation of the Black Friday Fires of 1939.

The inspiration for this book was the "ghost story" she was told by the late Verd Brindley soon after she arrived in Walwa in the late 1990s:

"I arrived in the Upper Murray in November 1995 - just me in my ute, with a few belongings. I was accompanied by my Kelpie 'Spider' and my horse, 'Sizzle'.

"I was wrenched out of familiar surroundings in a semi-rural area of a major Australian city and relocated hundreds of miles away to an old farmhouse in the small township of Walwa," she recalled.

"I was isolated from a familiar close network of friends and busy social life and found myself in a small, tight knit, remote rural community."

Janice moved into Thelma Hunt's house, an old farmhouse on Shelley Road, which was partially furnished and filled with mementos and echoes of past residents.

"Too many echoes!" she says.

"At times, my kelpie refused to enter the room on the southeast corner of the house and he was often startled and stared intently at nothing in particular. He stuck with me like a shadow!

"I had the feeling that objects in the house seemed to move on their own accord when I wasn't looking. I became a little spooked. Yes, I admit, I have a fertile imagination!"

One of Janice's new neighbours, Verd Brindley, a charming old fellow, born and bred in the magnificent house on 'Avondale', took her under his wing. One day, over a cup of tea, Janice revealed her concerns and spooky experiences.

He laughed and launched into the history of the house, the couple who had built it and their tragic deaths. He provided a colourful, intriguing but ultimately sad story from which there were plenty of potential candidates for

the poltergeist.

Verd fuelled a desire in Janice to find out more about Dickie White, the shadowy protagonist of his ghost story and over the subsequent years, she spoke to a plethora of actual and second-hand witnesses to the Walwa Tragedy. She trawled the Trove website (hosted by the National Library of Australia) and the archives of the Public Records Office of Victoria and accumulated a mass of research material.

In addition, she pored over the grainy black and white images and deciphered the smudgy old newspaper articles and archaic documents. She tried to read between the lines and fathom the depth of the stories and details of the characters.

"Yet, I procrastinated and the book remained firmly lodged in my brain for years," she added.

In December 2019, just short of the 80th anniversary of the final event of the Dickie White Saga, the Black Summer Bushfires stormed through the Upper Murray and the house, centre stage to the saga, was destroyed. It was a profound echo of the past as in January

1939, the Black Friday Bushfires - fires of a similar magnitude and with similar disruptive impacts on individuals, property, the environment and community bonds - ripped through Walwa and the rest of the Upper Murray.

In 1939, the repercussions of the disaster led to the sudden and tragic demise of first, Elizabeth White (nee Brennan) and subsequently, her husband, a man known to the Walwa community as Raymond/Richard/Dickie White. He was a man with a mysterious past and who

was the focus of small-town rumour and gossip.

The similarity of events and fractured community bonds in the aftermath of a massive bushfire disaster in 1939 and then again in 2019/20, caused Janice to look on the mystery of Dickie White with fresh eyes. She took it as a sign to stop procrastinating and turn the history and folklore into a novel.

"*White Lies* is my interpretation of the Dickie White Saga or Walwa Tragedy, as the newspaper journalists of 1939 dubbed the sequence of events," she explained.

"This novel is based on

facts but re-imagined with dialogue and descriptions which may often flagrantly deviate from reality and venture into creativity in the interests of flow and colour."

It is a complex story of perhaps a post-traumatic-stress-disorder-tortured WWI veteran who attempted to run from a difficult past and reinvent himself in a rural setting but who was ultimately hounded to death by misinterpretations of his actions and circumstances and pursued by enthusiastic investigators who amassed a lot of 'evidence', although much of the evidence was unsubstantiated. Overall, he was the victim of vicious small-town gossip.

Alternatively, it might be the story of a cunning, scheming individual who manipulated situations to his own advantage but who came unstuck when his web of lies was unpicked through the persistent, dedicated investigations of police, utilising innovative forensic techniques and insightful deductions.

Of course, it might also be somewhere between... it is up to the reader to decide.



Author, Janice Newnham, with her mentor Len Johnson.

The book includes historical photographs and maps to illustrate the tale and to provide the reader with the basis of a DIY ghost tour of Walwa.

Len Johnson, author of *Love Letters From The War* and many other historical manuscripts mentored Janice during her writing journey and has provided her with a

resounding endorsement of her storytelling ability and commitment to detail.

The author is also the marketing manager, distribution agent and retailer, so enquiries to purchase a copy of the book are most welcome! -

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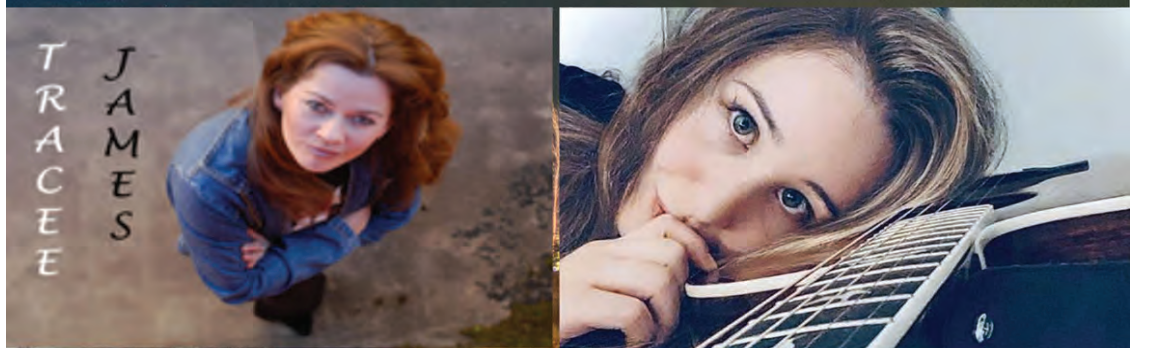
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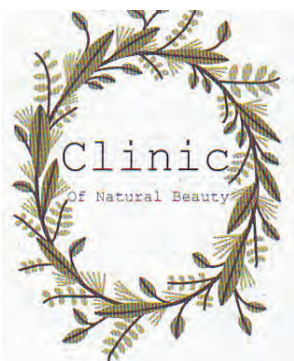


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He leads Graham Pfeiffer by a handy 14 shots from Richard Bennetts and John Whitsed. Henry Byrne

shot a 97 for his first round and could make an impression in the third and final round this Saturday - 8.30am for 9am hit-off. The best two of three rounds count.
In the Hills Zone competition, defending champions Corryong recorded their first victory to keep their hopes of back-to-back titles alive.
After a hiatus of

four years from the competition, Khancoban is making very post a winner and sits on top of te ladder as the only undefeated side.
Results R3
Corryong d Walwa 3/2, Khancoban d Welaregang 4/1, Adelong d Batlow 3/2, Tumarumba d Holbrook 3/2.
Ladder **P** **G**
Khancoban 6 11

Batlow.....	4	9
Tumarumba.....	4	8
Holbrook.....	2	9
Corryong.....	2	7
Walwa.....	2	6
Welaregang.....	2	5
Adelong.....	2	5

Draw: R4 December 18 @ Tumarumba
7.30: Tumba v Batlow
8.00: Welaregang v Walwa
8.30: H'brook v Corryong
9.00: K'coban v Adelong
Corryong

The revised dates for the 'Get into Golf for Women' program have been confirmed.
Three sessions will be held on Saturday February 25th, Saturday March 4th and Saturday March 18th (Towong Cup is on March 11th). As it could still be warm at that time of year the sessions will start at 9am (lunch and drinks afterwards).

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With The Bias

Singles title decided
Last Thursday the Ladies Championship Singles was concluded. In the semi-final matches Cheryl C Smedley defeated Mandy Gleeson and Catherine Ross beat

Janet Spurgeon in a very close, long match.
Good bowling continued in the final in which Cheryl defeated Cath 25/22, after another extended and exciting match. Congratulations Cheryl and also congratulations to all for the high standard of play.
The club's Christmas breakup is being held this Sunday, 18th December with bowls in the afternoon at 1pm (names in by 12.30 please), followed by a BBQ tea at 5.30pm.

when we go there later in the season! This week we go to Corowa Civic.
On Saturday Tallangatta came to Corryong and defeated our weekend team. We won on two rinks but lost overall 62/41.
There is now a break before Pennant resumes in January.
The Men's Triples Tournament, sponsored by O'Connells Air-Conditioning, is on January 8th and entries are coming in from other clubs.



Catherine Ross (left) and Cheryl Smedley had a tight battle for the singles championship.

There is a change to the arrangements for the meal, with the committee deciding at its recent meeting to provide all the food including salads and sweets, so no-one needs to bring anything, just yourselves. The Grand Raffle will be drawn during the evening.
Social bowls on Wednesday: winners were Noel Blake and Mal Jarvis.
In Pennant during the week the midweek team at home defeated Kiewa by five shots and they promised us a tough match

Business Bowls
Round 7: Feds d Fire Brigade 13-7, Demons d Thoughla Triers 15-9, IGA d College 21-3, Butcher Boys d Emergency Lads 16-4, Pin Hi d Ring-ins 12-7, Legends d Trev's Truckies 11-9, Post Office d Tintaldra 15-10, Costellos d Rotary 8-7.
Ladder
Feds..... 15 45
Legends..... 15 28
Post Office..... 12 21
Fire Brigade 12 41
Ring-Ins..... 12 17
Demons 12 -8

IGA.....	10	19	Costellos.....	6	-35
Butcher Boys.....	9	31	Tintaldra.....	4	-11
Trev's Truckies.....	9	25	College.....	3	-96
Thoughla Triers.....	9	1	Rotary.....	0	-56
Pin Hi.....	9	-16	Roll on!		
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