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Road repair funding needs reviewing

Federal Member for Indi Helen Haines has backed recommendations for the federal government to review its funding to local government on road maintenance to improve rural roads following natural disasters.

Dr Haines assisted in drafting the report as a member of the Standing Committee on Regional Development, Infrastructure Transport.

The report follows a 12-month inquiry into the significant challenges of maintaining Australia's regional, rural and remote road network in the face of severe weather events, and how to improve road resilience for future natural disasters.

"Rural and regional people deserve to drive on safe, well-maintained roads and we need adequate funding so that local roads can be built to withstand future weather events," Dr Haines said.

The committee travell-



ed across the country to hear governments, engineers, emergency management organisations, scientists and weather experts including holding a hearing in Wodonga.

from local climate

brought committee to our region to ensure our voices and perspectives were heard directly and the committee found the evidence provided by Indi's councils incredibly compelling," Dr Haines said.

"The final recommendations reflect what the committee heard time and

again from local councils including Towong Shire, that current funding arrangements only cover the damage caused by natural disasters and don't allow communities to build back better."

The report recommend that consultation be held with local governments to consider road infra-

structure priorities at the local level.

It also recommended that road funding programs be reviewed to allow for greater flexibility.

"I am proud to have been a member of this committee and thank everyone who made a submission," Dr Haines

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Former worker faces fraud charges

A Corryong man who has been charged with 26 deception offences won't learn his fate until February next year.

In Wodonga Court last week before magistrate Ian Watkins, it was alleged that Matt Louis Davis bought personal goods on his former employer's

credit cards and made cash transfers of \$31 755

Davis was arrested, charged and bailed for allegedly carrying out the offences between February 2021 and September 2022 while employed at Mildren & Coysh Pty Ltd in Corryong.

However, while on

bail, Davis allegedly conducted an online scam involving the selling of computer parts to six people, fleecing them of \$3375. While on bail on those charges, it is alleged that he conned a further five people on Gumtree over the sale of a computer processing unit.

In opposing Senior Consstable Leah Lafrank said there were fears that Davis would continue to commit like offences online.

Magistrate said that given Davis had no prior convictions and had mental health issues there was no certainty he would face a gaol term if found guilty.

Davis was bailed with the condition that he cannot access the internet.

He will next appear in court on February 9th.





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The taming of the beast

The newly appointed CEO at Corryong Health is looking forward to getting back to the coalface after undertaking a number of varied roles both in the public and private sector of the industry.

Julia Cooper began her career as a 17-year-old trainee nurse at St Vincent's Hospital in Melbourne and spent several years working in the Intensive Care Unit and Cardiac Services. She also worked with the Air Ambulance Service for two years with four other nurses.

Ms Cooper also has extensive practice management and core clinical care experience.

It became apparent to her that it was vital to have a connection between management and clinical operations.

"There are two sides of the coin but they are really important to each other," she said.

"Management's role is to enable clinical care which is our core business. We must ensure that the clinicians have the right skills, training and tools to properly look after patients.

"In the late 1990s and early 2000s I realised that to change the system I had to work within the system.

"I started my corporate career in the private health fund industry as a clinical advisor and negotiator and worked closely with the Commonwealth Department of Healh.

"We had three levels of government involved in providing several different funding streams and people were getting lost



trying to navigate their way through the system."

This started Ms Cooper on a journey of "managing the beast that is health care" that led to roles with major accounting firms working in their risk and actuarial departments which involved assessing, evaluating and managing the financial risks associated with the health care industry and developing systems to improve their efficiency.

She also became involved in consulting with government and providers on health reform as well as undertaking further studies in business data analytics.

In all of her endeavours,
Ms Cooper's focus has
been on contributing
to overall comunity
wellbeing.

After experiencing most aspects of health care, Ms Cooper decided that she wanted to return to her roots at an operational level and Corryong Health has provided her with the perfect opportunity to do so.

"It has led the way as a multi-purpose service which has been adopted throughout Australia and recently introduced the Victorian Virtual Emergency Department (VVED) which has also been a game-changer," she said.

Ms Cooper has hit the ground running since starting on December 4th including a board meeting, annual general meeting, attending the Rotary senior citizens dinner and a school assembly.

"I've loved it, getting out into the community and meeting people," she said

"We've also had a spot visit from the NDIS and we blazed through that brilliantly," she added.

"I look forward to being out and about in the community to listen and learn about how Corryong Health can continue to support the community. I would especially like to hear about what they think works well, what is not working and any ideas are welcome."

Outside work, Ms Cooper is looking forward to visits from her daughter and two grandsons and friends. She also cares for her poodle Arlo and has a passion for gardening and folk music.





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Work initiative connects the dots

As the school year comes to an end the careers team at Corryong College have been very busy finalising opportunities for their students for next year in the form of School Based Apprenticeships & Traineeships (SBAT).

Partnering with the Department of Education, Head Start, Mas National, Kestrel Recruitment and local employers, four students will begin their journey into the world of work one day per week next year.

The students will be completing qualifications while still at school in electrotechnology, agriculture, automotive engineering and animal care giving them a great lead into long term careers in their chosen fields.

Emma Paton, Careers Administration Officer at Corryong College, said "We are proud to offer a huge variety of pathways for our students.

"We strive to provide opportunities that are individually catered to the student's passions and careers. We would like to congratulate our four students who this

week signed up to begin their School Based Apprenticeships for 2024.

"They have worked hard to gain these positions, having been supported at the school and in the workplace and we are certain they will achieve great success."

One of the students, Layne Klippel, completed a successful work experience placement with Matt Spurgeon and the team at Mildren & Coysh who have a strong history of supporting young people. He was then offered the chance to begin his automotive journey with a SBAT.

Mr Spurgeon said "It is important to grow your own workforce and to have young people like Layne on board is a positive sign for our business."

Head Start Coordinator, Shane Crispin,
said Corryong is a
great community with
an amazing school,
supportive employers
like Spark On Services,
BG & DK McNamara
Bus Services, Mildren &
Coysh and many others
who embrace the value
young people can bring



Catching up at Mildren & Coysh were (from left) apprentice Beau Morley, Head Start's Shane Crispin, Greg Coysh, Layne Klippel and Jess Klippel from Mas National.

to their businesses and the community.

"While the wrap around support of the Head Start SBAT program is new it is already making an impact to entrench the 'grow your own workforce' mantra," he said

If you or someone 076 258.

you know is interested in finding out more information about SBAT call Mr Crispin on 0476

Bushfire recovery round opens

Round 6 of the Towong Community Bushfire Disaster Relief Fund Grant Program is now open and closes on February 24th, 2024

Delivered by Border Trust, the Community Foundation for Albury Wodonga Region, the program aims to support the recovery of communities within the Towong Shire affected by the 2019-2020 bushfires.

"Recovery takes time and we are pleased that we can continue to deliver funds to support the Towong Community", said Glenys Atkins, Border Trust's Community Engagement & Impact Coordinator.

"To date, we've supported 37 community identified initiatives totalling more than \$1.5 million and we look forward to continuing this assistance where we can."

Recently announced Round Five of the program awarded grants totalled \$222,790 for projects and included:-

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Christmas

Church Services

24th at 11am (not the usual 9.30am for Sunday services). Note: No service on Christmas Day.

Advent Four will be on Sunday 24th December

Christmas Eve: 6.00pm at All Saints, Corryong.

Christmas Eve: 8.00pm at Holy Trinity,

Christmas Day: 9.30am at All Saints, Corryong.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Corryong

Christ the King Catholic Church, Walwa

St Joseph's Catholic Church, Khancoban.

Christmas Eve: 10.30am followed by Christmas

All other Christmas & New Year services at

10.30am on the Sundays (guest speaker from

St Andrew's Uniting Church, Corryong Christmas Service will be on Sunday December

All Saints Anglican Church

Christmas Eve: 6.00pm

Christmas Day: 11.00am

Christmas Day: 9.00am

Christmas Day: 5:30pm

Christmas Eve: 10.00am

Christmas Day: 8.30am

Ambassadors of Jesus

lunch (RSVP for catering)

Old on Sunday 07.01.2024)

Baptist Church, Corryong

at 9.30am at All Saints, Corryong.

• Technology upgrade for the Corryong & District Memorial Public Hall;

• Logistic and Volunteer Upgrades for Corryong FoodShare Services;

• Stage 2 Corryong Opportunity Shop Revamp and Facelift:

• Upper Murray Innovation Foundation for the Playles Hill Labyrinth and the Cudgewa School Park Revitalisation;

Round Six of the grant program is primarily targeting applications up to \$50,000. Applications for funding up to \$100,000 may be considered after consultation with Border Trust

For guidelines and an online application form go to the Border Trust website or contact Glenys on 0447 684 506.



the Editor:-

Dinner went well

The Rotary Club of Corryong held its annual Christmas Dinner last Wednesday and judging by the atmosphere and feedback everyone thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

Thank you to the Lions Club of Corryong for the use of the hall. Thanks also to all the Rotarians and helpers who made the night such a success. Thank you to Maurie and Max for the music and Gary for the yummy dessert.

Rotary would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Peter Humphrey, President.



Border Boat Licence (BBL) are running two boat licence courses in Tallangatta and Corryong.

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Time: 10.30 am – 3.00 pm

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Make a difference this bushfire season

Crime Victoria has partnered with Victoria Police to remind people to consider the consequences of their actions in a bid to prevent potential bushfires this summer.

The new, 'You Light It, You Own It' campaign reminds Victorians to exercise caution to avoid starting reckless or accidental fires.

This campaign follows the recent launch of Operation Safeguard - the annual police operation which aims to deter or reduce the impact of fires across Victoria.

Bushfires cause devastation in Victorian communities claiming lives, displacing families and impacting livelihoods and the Australasian and Emergency

Authorities Council (AFAC) is urging Australians to prepare for a bushfire season similar to the 2019-20 Black Summer.

follows a This forecast of above average temperatures and below average rainfall for large parts of Australia.

Devastating bushfires have already started in Western Australia, New South Wales and Tasmania with Victoria's Gippsland region and Otway Ranges considered to be at an increased fire risk following dry conditions.

Crime Stoppers Victoria Chief Executive, Stella Smith, said "We want Victorians to stop and think before their actions cause a fire this summer.

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production of illegal drugs or

any other criminal activity,

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"Bushfires can start

from actions as simple as lighting a campfire or using farm machinery and power tools on a hot and windy day.

"No-one wants to be responsible for risking lives from an out-ofcontrol fire, so we want to encourage people to make the right decisions."

Crime Statistics Agency data shows in the year ending June 2023, there were 29 offences recorded in Victoria for causing a bushfire.

Ms Smith said the 'You Light It, You Own It' campaign was a reminder to stop and think about the consequences of starting a catastrophic fire.

"The forecast is for a hot summer and we want the community's help to stop bushfires before they

Victoria Detective Inspector, Chris Murray APM, of the Arson & Explosives Squad, said

start," she said.

"Preventing bushfires is everyone's responsibility.

"For areas at risk of fire, expect to see a highly visible police presence particularly during fire danger periods. Expect to be spoken to by police and understand this, if you



"Accidental recklessly lit fires are just as devastating as those fires deliberately lit. The consequences outcomes to the community are the same.

"If you're responsible

control, you will be investigated, with penalties ranging up to 15 years jail. The maximum penalty for arson causing death in Victoria is 25 years imprisonment.

"You don't want your actions to be the cause of

this, if the fire gets away from me, can I control it? If the answer is no, don't light it."

Victorians are urged to share what they know about suspicious and reckless fire activity with Crime Stoppers on crimestoppersvic.com.au.

In an emergency or if you see smoke or flames, call 000

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Florence gets on the move

A tunnel boring machine (TBM) working on the Snowy Hydro 2.0 project is operational again, 12 months after getting stuck in soft ground creating a large sinkhole above it.

Named Florence the machine was meant to drill a tunnel 15 kilometres long but had only made it about 150 metres before coming to halt.

Tunnelling of the Snowy 2.0 headrace adit at Tantangara has now restarted following NSW government approval for the project's planning modification.

TBM Florence's initial advance commenced last week and tunnelling is being conducted in closed (slurry) mode and progress is slow and steady.

"The project has engaged specialist experienced personnel to manage this process," said Snowy Hydro CEO, Dennis Barnes who has welcomed the milestone.

"We were very pleased to receive the green light for tunnelling at Tantangara to recommence and to allow remediation of the subsidence area.

"The conditions of approval were developed through the extensive review, public consultation and determination process and will be strictly adhered to as we get back underway with excavation of the tunnel.

"The Snowy 2.0 delivery team is acutely aware of its responsibilities working in the sensitive environment of Kosciuszko National Park," Mr Barnes added.

"We are focused on achieving excellent environmental outcomes throughout construction of this pumped-hydro expansion of the Snowy Scheme and critical infrastructure for Australia's transition to renewable energy."

The modification approval extends the project's western boundary above the TBM at Tantangara.

This will enable close monitoring of surface conditions as TBM Florence advances. Surface monitoring will

Tunnelling work has restarted at the Tantangara adit.

continue until there is at least 100 metres of "overburden" - the distance from the TBM to the surface.

In preparation for the restart of tunnelling at Tantangara, extensive geotechnical investigations were carried out on the headrace adit alignment, along with ground improvement works.

In other project news, good progress is being

made at Talbingo with excavation of the tailrace tunnel. TBM Lady Eileen Hudson has excavated approximately 1,000 metres since its relaunch in July.

Manufacturing of Snowy 2.0's six pumped-hydro units that will generate up to 2,200 megawatts of power for Australia's electricity grid is in full swing.

Five of the six 153 tonne spiral cases have

been manufactured, along with four draft tube liners and cones, three main inlet valves and other major power station components, including the first turbine runner.

One of the 13 metre long, 7.5 metre wide spiral cases was recently delivered to Lobs Hole, making a 442km night time journey from Port Kembla to the Snowy Mountains.



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Agriculture Victoria is working with Victorian farmers and industry to prepare for, respond to and recover from natural disasters, including floods and storms.







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Club Corner:- The jackpot at The Club Corryong this Friday is \$3550. Last week's winner was Shane Blake (\$10).

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Corryong FoodShare Services will be closing for the Christmas break on 20.12.23 and will re-open on the 10.1.24. For urgent requirements call 0427 762 051. The furniture and home goods operation is closing down - all remaining donated stock to be cleared by end of January 2024 - call 0427 014 935 for access.

High Country Darts

R5 Results

Biggara d Possum Pointers 5-2, Tooma Ringers d Bottoms Up 5-2, Koetong d Walwa 7-0.

Sharpshooters:- Highest score: Men - Brendon McCallum 140 / Women - Shelley Henry 125; Highest peg: Men - Peter 'Pockets' Kasuba 118 / Women - Shelley Henry 58.

Ladder	P	%
Biggara	16	191.7
Koetong	12	150.0
Ringers	12	133.3
Bottoms Up	8	78.9
P/Pointers		66.7
Walwa	4	52.2

R6 Draw 9/1/24

Walwa v Biggara Ringers v Possum Pointers Koetong v Bottoms Up

Singles Championships 16/1/24 @ the Corryong Hotel Motel

Obituary:-Douglas Charles Sheather

Beloved bushman was a fine judge of man and beast

Doug was born on June 25th, 1930 in Corryong. He was the second child of George and Eileen Sheather. and younger brother to Phyl and older brother to Col, Norm, Bill and Ken.

The family home was on the farm 'Battery Park' at the end of Hamiltons Lane, Corryong. The farm has stayed in the Sheather name as it was the family home of Col and Pat and where David, Leslie and Robert were raised. Doug was very happy to know it now belongs to Pete and Trudy Sheather.

Recently, Doug was asked why the farm was called 'Battery Park' and he responded it was the old gold mining battery for Mount Elliot. Apparently, after the battery was closed, there was a bucket of mercury left behind. Doug, being the young entrepreneur that he was, used to dip pennies in the mercury then take them up the street and pass them of as a two shilling piece which had a higher monetary value! This money-making venture didn't last too long before he was caught out and the number of siblings involved was never confirmed.

Doug left school at around the age of 14 and then continued to help milk cows as well as doing other jobs on the farm. It was during these young years that the siblings used to trap rabbits over the creek to sell as well.

Doug first left home when he and Col lived on a farm at Bunroy in a small hut about opposite where the Nicholas dairy is today. They spent a winter there mainly ring barking trees. On weekends they would walk to Corryong over McCormacks Gap to play football and then return on the cream lorry on Monday morning.

In 1954 after Bunroy was sold Doug, Col and Norm bought a property at Khancoban. While they were farming there they lived in a cement brick garage. After a year Col returned to 'Battery Park' and Doug and Norm stayed on at Khancoban. The property was on the edge of Cold Water Creek where the caravan park is

situated today. It was later sold to the Snowy Hydro development. This is when Doug and Norm purchased the property 'Akoonah' at Indi and moved there in June 1959. They later bought a neighbouring parcel of land and built a 10-a-side herringbone dairy and milked up to 120 cows until 1974 when they converted back to sheep and cattle farming.

Doug lived 'Akoonah' with Norm and Maureen, Bernie, Janet, Bloss and Craig for a period of 17 years.

In 1976 a further grazing property 'Fernlee' was purchased at Khancoban but was referred to often as 'over the hill'. It was to become Doug's home and the move was on.

The house where Ken and Lindy lived at 'Battery Park' was disassembled. loaded on to home-made pontoons and reassembled at Khancoban. All hands were on deck and it was anyone's guess as to how many regulations were broken through that whole

It was around this time that Doug fell in love with bulldozers. He made the track from Indi to Khancoban which has had a few alterations in its time. He also made the track up to the repeater station. If it got too boggy or if there was a tree across the road, a new path was made around it.

As Doug didn't have a lot of time for rules and regulations, clearing with the bulldozer on the Khancoban side did see him in court where a small fine was incurred.

In 1984, Doug took complete ownership of 'Fernlee' and 'Akoonah' was transferred to his nephews, Bernie and Craig.

For many years to follow all the brothers would get together for harvesting (small square bales) along with Sam Hamilton, Bill Lloyd and in later years Graeme Evans at Sinclairs. They would work their way around all the farms. Doug would turn up all the time to help even when he didn't need the hay himself. These were great times and most of Doug's nieces and nephews can remember the great family times that were had when harvest was on.

settled Khancoban, there were many memories of family visits and staying with Doug. If you wanted to get there by boat you pulled up at the boat ramp opposite, flashed your headlights and Doug would be over to pick you up. (No mobile phones in those days!).

Many fishing days were spent in that boat with family and firends as well as expeditions up the river to pick blackberries.

It was a great family

gathering place and there were many games of cards played and cricket matches on that front lawn - not to mention the best mud fight ever had up at his water tank. Doug's nieces and nephews have a lot of stories to tell when they staved with Uncle Doug and their children have created their own memories with him there

There was always a dog at Doug's side including Jack the bull terrier, Stubbie the three legged dog, Toby the girl dog with a boy's name and of course little Jack, who never left his side.

It was at his time at 'Fernlee' that Doug became very interested in vegetable gardening and his orchard. For a long time the fences were moving further out into the paddock. Doug's theory was if you can't eat it don't grow it.

Nearly everything Doug ate and cooked with came off the land. The only groceries he bought was tea (Bushells of course), bread and a pound of butter and 50/50 cordial. Of course, there was curry, mustard, gravy mix and flour to thicken those famous stews which contained more chillies, onion and garlic than average - they nearly blew your socks off but it was a great flavour!

The grocery purchases were made during the Saturday morning trip to town. It was a very set routine - into town, stop at Murray Goulburn if it was open (Coop was always there to give Doug a helping hand) then down to see his cousin, Sue Dobinson, up to Uncle Bill's for a cup of tea, out to Snags and Barb McKimmie's to get his meat and about every second or third week, out to Bloss and Kenneth's at Cudgewa (which was outside his driver's licence radius but didn't worry Doug in the slightest). Just like he wasn't too impressed when he went for his driving test last year and was told that he shouldn't cross the unbroken line to turn at a T-intersection. He couldn't see what the problem was because you wouldn't do it if someone

was coming the other way! Doug's other passion was his leather work

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which he taught himself to do. For a lot of years he couldn't look at a kangaroo without thinking what he could turn it into. He did the whole process from scratch and spent many hours tanning and skinning hides and transforming them into the most amazing whips which have ended up all over Australia and the world. He also made halters, belts, bracelets and

He also made a lot of halters for people out of twine with the most recent recipient not even having time to get the box of beer to Doug for payment!

He was still plaiting with Samara on the Monday, seven days before he passed away. During that week he was soaking a hide to soften it, cutting the strands and removing the hair from it, ready for another whip.

verv Doug was generous with donating his whips to the Man From Snowy River Bush Festival and the Corryong Campdraft.

He also worked tirelessly for the Corryong Upper Murray Agricultural and Pastoral Society. He was always first to a working bee whether it was before the show to prepare the grounds or after the show to clean up the mess. He also always turned up to cut wood for the show society raffles. On show day he worked all day in the arena with the show jumping horses. In later years he was still lifting the jumps when men half his age weren't out there. He was recognised with a Life Membership of the society many years ago.

Doug also had a love of the bush and the high country and when his nephew, Bernie, became manager of Tom Groggin Staion in 1987, Doug was in his element helping to

do cattle work and droving cattle up and down the mountain. It was during this time that he became a very photographed person and was well documented in a lot of books and magazines.

Another milestone was helping Cathie and John Blair with the shearing and he shore 57 sheep in his 57th year - a feat he was very proud of.

Doug went on many horse rides and one story which came to light recently was about ants. He said there were a lot of jumping ants up in the bush and if the girls on the ride got ants in their clothes they should start to strip off. He added that he always made sure he kept an angry ant in his matchbox!

Doug was a quiet, generous, independent and determined man. What you saw was what you got - no bells nor whistles. He had a very keen wit

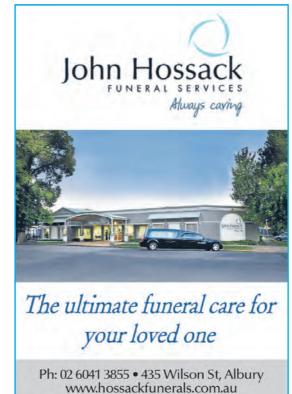
and a cheeky smile and was a perceptive judge of character - whether it be human, dogs or horses. He was always up for a cup of tea or if you arrived a bit later in the day, a beer or a whisky.

Doug was grateful that he had his wish fulfilled and got to spend his final days at 'Fernlee' surrounded by his family and friends.

Being a lover of cricket, the night before his passing he got to watch the first 50 overs of the one day international cricket final and was happy the next morning to see that Australia had won. On the morning of his passing he was taken for a drive around the farm and visited his vegetable garden.

He passed away in his recliner on his front verandah looking at the beautiful view of the lake that he had enjoyed for the last 50 years.







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Tuesday 12/12 Mid-week Pennant: Corryong def by Kiewa.

Wednesday 13/12 Men's Social: Scrambles casual game played.

Thursday 14/12 Ladies Social: a very hot day!

Saturday 16/12 Men's Pennant: Corryong def Dederang.

Sunday 17th December Club Christmas Party): There were 20 people playing pairs and winners of the day were Peter Mongan and Wilma Hill. Among the lucky raffles prize winners were Ken McKimmie, Cheryl C Smedley and Linda Carson.

Upcoming events

been re-scheduled to Thursday January 11th, The final of the Men's

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R9 (14/12/23):

Ring-Ins d Post Office 15-9, Pin Hi d IGA 9-6, Fire Brigade d Legends 13-7, Tintaldra d Costellos 12-10, Feds d Thougla Triers 10-8, College d Cudgewa Hotel 16-2, Truckies d Demons 12-8, Emergency Lads d Rotary

R9 Ladder

Γhougla Triers	. 21	70
Demons		69
Fire Brigade	. 21	45
Fruckies	10	1 2

Triples still to be played at Ring-ins...... 18 a date to be decided. Emerg. Lads 16 IGA...... 15

names in by 9:30am.

Business Bowls

Thougla Triers	. 21	70
Demons	. 21	69
Fire Brigade	. 21	45
Truckies		1 2

Legends 12 Tintaldra.....12 Pin Hi 12 -57 Rotary......9 College 9 Costellos..... 0 -101

Post Office......14

Cudgewa Hotel.... 0 -113 Draw R10 - 4/1/24 IGA v Post Office......3 Ring-ins v Legends 1 Pin Hi v Tintaldra 5 Fire Brigade v Thougla.. 7 Costellos v Cudgewa..... 4 Feds v Demons......6

College v Rotary 2

Truckies v Emerg Lads .. 8

R11 - 11/01/24 Post Office v Legends 2 IGA v Tintaldra 7 Ring-ins Thougla.....4 Pin Hi v Cudgewa 1 Fire Brigade v Demons.. 6 Costellos vs Rotary 8 Feds v Emerg Lads.......3 College v Truckies 5 Happy bowling, Dolly.



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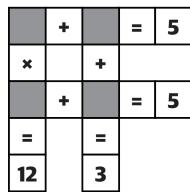


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Solve all the clues and an eight-letter phrase will be spelled out.

- Christmas song
- 2 Santa's address, the - Pole
- 3 Santa's helpers
- Instruments that jingle
- Fruit mince desserts
- You wear it while you cook
- **7** Open a gift in a cardboard package
- Cold weather character,

SOLUTION: I Carol, 2 North, 3 Elves, 4 Bells, 5 Tarts, 6 Apron, 7 Unbox, 8 Frost (CHESTNUT)



Use the numbers 1-4 (once each) to fill out the equations going across and down.

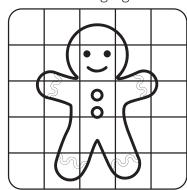


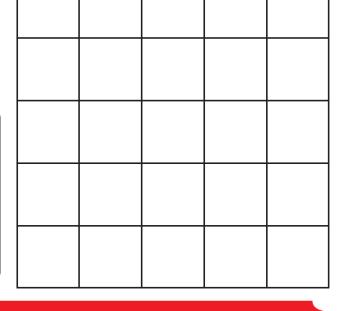
KIDS' QUIZ

- What kind of instrument is a timpani?
- 2 Is the Statue of Liberty taller than the Eiffel Tower?
- What kind of dinosaur can you play as in Super Mario Odyssey?
- A circus tent is usually decorated with: a) stripes, b) polka dots or c) stars?
- What is the name of Bob the Builder's (pictured) cat?
- What is the capital city of Denmark? 6
- Who is the captain of the Matildas soccer team? Which ingredient in bread makes
- it rise? Which Australian state or territory is the
- biggest by area? 10 Which country are tacos from?



Can you copy the image below to the larger grid?





7. Sam Kerr 8. Yeast 9. Western Australia 10. Mexico SOLUTION: 1. A drum 2. Yes 3. T-Rex 4. Stripes 5. Pilchard 6. Copenhagen

SANTA'S SILLIES

- Q. Why did the Christmas tree go to the barber?
- A. Because it needed a trim-ming.
- Q. What do you get if you cross a snowman and a vampire?
 - **A.** Frostbite.
- Q. Why did the gingerbread man go to the doctor?
- A. Because he was feeling a bit crumby!

4x4

2 5 6 7

ACROSS

- Dull sound (4)
- Engage (4)
- Side of a shape (4) Necessity (4)
- **DOWN**
 - At the time (4)
 - Camouflage (4)
- Encourage (4) 3 Act of kindness, a good - (4)

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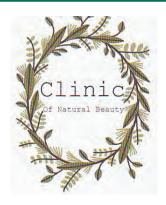




- 1. Instead of cookies, Swedish kids leave out a cup of hot coffee for Santa.
- 2. According to the Guinness Book of Records, the world's tallest-ever cut Christmas tree stood at 67.36 metres.
- 3. The song Jingle Bells was the first song to be played in outer space.
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Granya9.	30am	
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*Upper Murray Sport

Coaching scene set for next season

The announcement of Dan McCarthy as Corryong's senior coach for 2024 last week means all four Upper Murray clubs have now appointed their mentors for the upcoming season.

McCarthy won the league's best and fairest award in 2017 when playing for Border-Walwa and a friendship struck up with Corryong stalwart Evan Nicholas at the time was the catalyst for signing on with the Demons as head coach.

Corryong went winless last season but is expected to improve markedly under McCarthy's tutelage.

The benchmark 2024 will be title holder Cudgewa which has appointed premiership players Jason Bartel and Dayne Carey as cocoaches. The Blues will lose 2023 coach Drew Cameron and best and fairest winner Darcy McKimmie but retain the bulk of last year's team which went through the season undefeated.



Dan McCarthy in action for Border-Walwa in

Losing grand finalist Bullioh is looking to make up the leeway between it and the Blues with the appointment of Clint Brunnemeyer as coach and has already announced the signing of Joe Bolton, Peters Jordan Jack Wilson and Jye Hodgkin from Mitta United plus a key defender in Rick Thompson. However, gun forward Ash Murray is no

UM Tennis

Results & Draw

Results R11 16/12/23

Cudgewa Nth 66 def

Khancoban 60 def

Cudgewa

Corryong

Draw R12 13/1/24

Biggara v Cudgewa

Khancoban - bye

Biggara22

Khancoban22

Cudgewa Nth14

Cudgewa Nth v Corryong

Biggara 34

Corryong 48

Ladder

Cudgewa - bye

certainty to pull on the tricolours in 2024

Tumbarumba looked leadership and has appointed premiership players Jim Waters and Wade McPherson as cocoaches. The Roos are focused on getting back to the top and will rely on the development of its juniors and recruits from nearby Riverina leagues.

Tumbarumba & **District Cricket Results** R10 16/12/23

Rosewood 7/134 off 40 overs (Roy Smith 69, Floyd Cross 2/14) d Batlow 56 off 28.4 overs (John Weule 3/17).

Draw R11 6/1/24

Falcons v All Stars Tooma v Batlow Rosewood - bve

Captain claims singles crown

Knott made a one-act affair of the Corryong men's singles championships in the final round on Sunday after carding an 83 to go with his previous round of 78, to win from Pat Kamba.

In B Grade, Mark Collins won from Graham Pfeiffer and C Grade went to John Whitsed ahead of Ed Barry.

The pennant team had a 3/2 victory Walwa on Sunday thanks to the latter forfeiting one match.

Two 'newbies' were welcomed to the side with Raewyn Milbank winning her match 5&4 and Belinda Attree going down 4&2. Kudos to Kelly Galbraith who finally had his maiden victory in fine style 7&5. Club captain Justin Knott went down 3&2 after having to give his opponent 10 shots on handicap.

Competition dates over the holidays:-

Dec 26 Tuesday (Boxing Day): 9 Hole Stableford (play any time) Saturday Dec 30: 9

Hole Stableford (play any Sunday Dec 31 (NYE):

18 Hole Stableford (Monthly Medal) - 8am for 8.30 hit-off Tuesday Jan 2: 9 Hole

Stableford (play any time) Saturday January 6 & Sunday January 7: 9 Hole Stableford (play any time over the weekend)

Sunday January 7: R5 Hills Zone Pennant @ Holbrook v Tumbarumba (Richard Bennetts is acting captain)

Sunday January 14: 18 Hole Stableford (Monthly Medal) - 8am for 8.30 hit-

Notes: For 9 hole comps put \$5 entry and scorecards in the green fees box. Saturday &

Sunday comps and 18 hole monthly medals are for men and women.

Welaregang

The 9 @ 9 competition Paul leader Land eventually slowed down on Saturday, allowing someone else to win.

Lance Noonan took full advantage carding 21 points to hold off visiting golfer Teresa Waters by two points. Rob Cox found a bit of form with 18 points and continued this into Sunday's pennant matches against Batlow at Tumbarumba.

Rob and Tony Jarvis both returned to the winners list in that competition which saw Lance Noonan scramble back from two down to win his match on the 20th hole giving Welaregang a very good win leading into the Christmas break.

The Saturday 9 @ 9 will continue this week and over the Christmas / New year period if there are enough starters to warrant it (otherwise just a social game). Visitors to the area are most welcome to join members for a hit. **Hills Zone Pennant**

R5 results - Tumbarumba Corryong d Walwa 3/2 T/rumba d Adelong 5/0

Welaregang d Batlow 3/2 Khancoban d Holbrook

Ladder

Khancoban 6	13
Гumbarumba 6	13
Welaregang6	11
Holbrook 4	12
Corryong 4	10
Walwa2	8
Batlow 2	8
Adelong 2	5
D.	

R6 7/1/24 @ Holbrook

7:30 Holbrook v Walwa 8:00 Corryong v Tumba 8:30 K/coban v Batlow 9:00 Adelong v W/gang

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