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Pilots in the Corryong PG Open say they love flying here but the launch site needs repair.

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Funding focuses on youth services

Since launching a fundraising appeal last month, the Corryong Neighbourhood Centre (CNC) has been reviewing its operations and priorities while it negotiates for the continuation of government support.

CNC co-ordinator, Sara Jenkins, said "The Upper Murray Community

Bakery continuing to operate at very small surplus.

"Sales have been down a bit the last couple of weeks but we are continuing to monitor closely and adjust staff levels accordingly.

"The fundraising total is now just under \$40,000 but we are asking the

community to keep the donations coming in.

"Our costs and hours are being kept to a minimum and we are cutting back wherever possible but we need a minimum of \$20,000 per month to keep operating.

"All the funds received are being used exclusively to maintain core office services, keeping the Youth Space open and operating and continuing the vital learner driver mentor program at a minimal level.

"With the lodgement of the December and January BAS this week, creditors have increased to \$244,000 which is a \$5000

increase from December 31st.

"However, we are continuing to repay our loans, making weekly payments to the ATO and ensuring our suppliers are being paid regularly."

Negotiations with the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH) are also continuing.

"Other than a deferral of the contract cancellation, we have not yet received a formal response to our letter of January 31st but we have been advised that we should expect a response later this week," Ms Jenkins said.

In related news, the

Upper Murray Innovation Foundation (UMIF), which provides support to the CNC, has decided that as the largest and most valuable property, the Upper Murray Community Garage premises at Walwa would be sold if necessary.

"After costs and loan clearance, the proceeds will be donated to Corryong Neighbourhood House (CNH) to pay out the primary social enterprise loan and clear debts.

"We are currently assembling the required documentation to enable a sale to proceed.

"However, this does not mean the garage is closing any time soon," Ms Jenkins emphasised.

"There are many options around how the property sale may be achieved and until advised otherwise, the Walwa garage will continue to operate in response to bookings as it does now."

"We will continue to get community feedback and provide updates in the Corryong Courier, on our website and in the CNC's front window.

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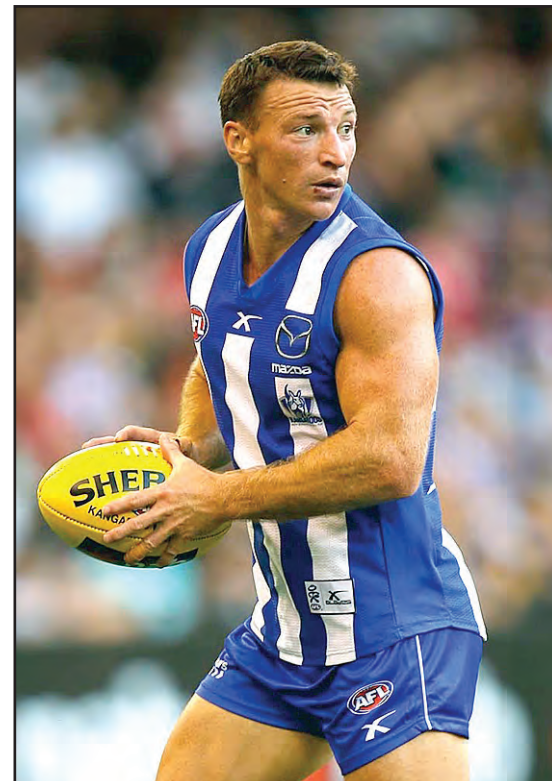
Join the champions at Towong

Racegoers will have the opportunity to mix it with AFL royalty and hopefully win a motza at Saturday week's Towong Cup meeting.

Hosted by AFL games record-holder Brent 'Boomer' Harvey and fellow North Melbourne premiership player Anthony Stevens, the Phar Lap marquee is the place to be at the 2025 Towong Cup. Boomer and Stevo will be sharing tales from their fantastic careers as well as hosting a punters club. The Phar Lap package includes racecourse admission and entry to the marquee; premium finger food provided by Black Sheep; a 4½ hour beverage package; stubby holder and race book; access to shared chairs, tables and umbrella; private courtyard with views of the winning post. Big screens nearby also show all the action from the track.

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Boomer' Harvey will be co-hosting a punters club at Towong.

Thief hoofs it out of town

A man who allegedly robbed another man of a pair of shoes outside the Corryong IGA

supermarket on January 21st has been refused bail in Wodonga Court.

Dylan Meyers, 23, was one of three people arrested in Wodonga last Wednesday, still wearing the shoes he allegedly stole.

The court heard Meyers had been wanted after allegedly approaching a man on Hanson Street,

brandishing a knife and demanding that he hand over his shoes.

Myers was on a corrections order for armed robbery at the time of his arrest and had four grams of marijuana in his possession.

Detective Leading Senior Constable Deverell opposed Meyers' bail bid, saying "I'd have great

concerns if he's given bail that he's likely to abscond, because he knows he's probably looking at a term of imprisonment."

Meyers is also wanted in NSW.

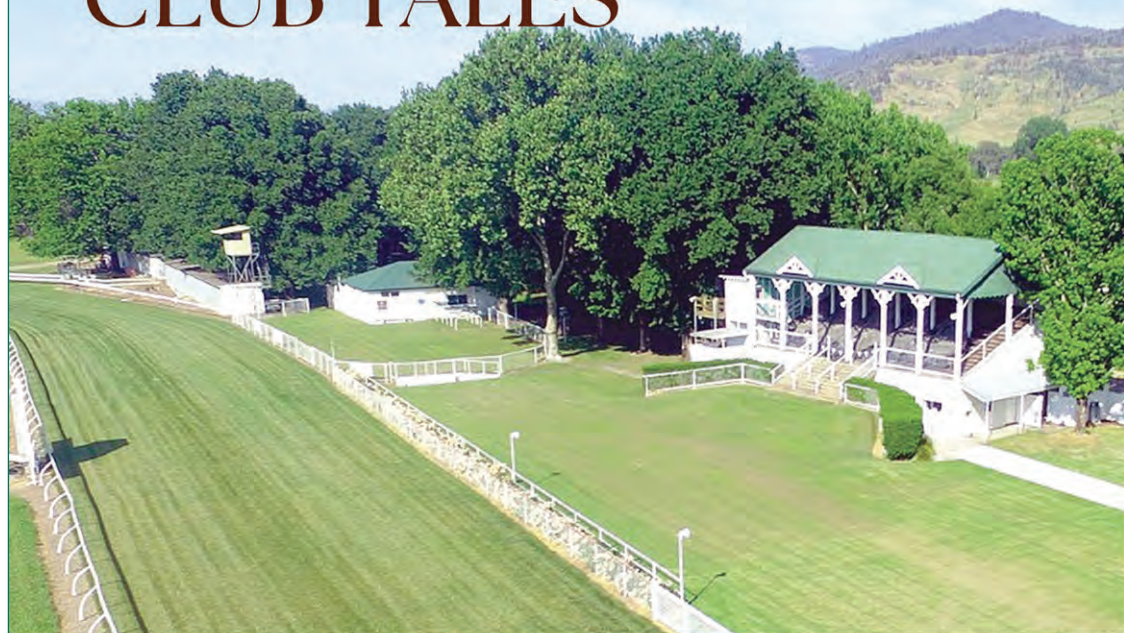
He was remanded in custody to March 4.

Two other men with Meyers during Wednesday's arrest were charged and bailed.

You're invited to the Book Launch of

TOWONG TURF CLUB TALES

by Dixie Coutts
Contributing author Honor Auchinleck



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Close to 530,000 Victorians who appear to have failed to vote in the October 2024 local council elections will have an opportunity to explain why when they receive an 'Apparent failure to vote notice' in the coming days.

Electoral Commissioner, Sven Bluemmel, says the Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) is urging people who receive a notice to respond with a detailed explanation,

as the VEC is required to issue a fine of \$99 if a person fails to respond in writing within 28 days.

"An 'Apparent failure to vote notice' is not a fine - it's a chance to explain why you appear not to have voted," Mr Bluemmel said.

"If you respond to the notice in writing with a valid reason and evidence, you are much more likely to be excused.

"Completing and sending the notice back

to us within the 28-day timeframe gives us a chance to consider your explanation and whether you can be excused."

Voting in local council elections is compulsory in Victoria if you were enrolled to vote.

Voters are encouraged to sign up to receive VEC VoterAlert updates to receive reminders about future state and local council elections at vec.vic.gov.au/VoterAlert.



The grapevine

Club Corner:- The jackpot at The Club Corryong this Friday is \$2050. Last week's winner was Anne Hore (\$10).

BankWAW is advising customers that a major

upgrade will take place from 6:30pm tomorrow Friday February 21st to 8:30am on Saturday February 22nd, 2025. During this time internet banking, the mobile app

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Race tales paint a vivid history

The storied 150-year history of the Towong Turf Club has been encapsulated in a new book by local author, Dixie Coutts, which is to be launched on the eve of this year's Towong Cup.

'Towong Turf Club Tales' tells the story of an institution that grew from races on the river flats before the turn of the 20th century to become a significant piece of the heritage of the Upper Murray.

The club's major milestones from its inception in 1871 to become the 'Flemington of the Bush' are well documented in the book and various accounts of the early days of racing paint a picture of a tight-knit community that gathered for the biggest event in the Upper Murray - the annual Towong Cup meeting.

However, it was much more than that. In his account of the history of the club, Tom Mitchell said those occasions were also "a social and business gathering, a day of relaxation, of conflict, of celebration, of intoxication and of love."

Contributing to the club's rich tapestry are the people and horses that brought all the colour and drama to the Towong track - plus the occasional act of skulduggery!

A multitude of Upper Murray families became synonymous with the Towong Turf Club including the Wheelers (who arrived in the district in 1846) and the Paton, Pierce, Whitehead, Waters, Daly, Masters, Blair, Stockwell, Schintler, Jarvis and McInnes families who have been associated with it over the past century and a half and still have descendants in the area.

The Upper Murray has

also been a regular and prolific producer of top class thoroughbreds who have met with success at the highest level and also made their mark in the breeding barn.

A pioneer in this regard was Charlie Wheeler, trainer of locally-bred 1915 Melbourne Cup winner 'Patrobas', who was associated with many big racing successes. He won the Oakleigh Plate and Newmarket Handicap with 'Queen of Scots', the Australian Cup and Melbourne Cup with 'The Parisian' and as far back as 1885, he scored his first metropolitan success with 'Abuse' in the St Kilda Cup.

Another winner of Australia's greatest race that hailed from the Upper Murray was 'Glenloth' in 1892. There have also been many horses from the district which have won high class races such as the Sydney Cup, Caulfield Cup and Victoria Derby.

There have also been a host of successful sires that have stood at stud in the Upper Murray such as the mighty 'Comet', whose progeny won approximately \$1.5 million in stakes and included stars such as 'Cobbermine', 'Star Glow', 'Persian Tune' and 'Kelly's Eye'.

Another was 'French Kingdom' which stood at Steve Paton's stud at Tooma and sired 60 starters for 43 individual winners of 154 races by 1975. His notable progeny included multiple city winners such as 'French Poet' and 'Any Day'.

One of the most successful local studs was Khancoban Station which was owned by the Chisholm family, generations of whom were staunch supporters of the Towong Turf Club. The stud was a prolific producer

of quality racehorses by its sire roster of 'Comet', 'Shiftmar' and 'Top Of The Ladder'.

In the 1970s and 1980s, station owner and entrepreneur Bruce Chisholm was at the forefront of gaining positive publicity for the turf club and his yearlings.

A 1970 report in the *Corryong Courier* read: 'And for those ladies who have a yen for glamour there will be a chance to appear on television. Vice President Mr Bruce Chisholm has arranged for Albury's Channel 4 to televise both the race meeting and his Yearling Parade next day'.

However, the common and ultimate ambition among the local racing dynasties over the past 150 years has been to win the prestigious Towong Cup and several have been able to add the silverware to their trophy cabinets.

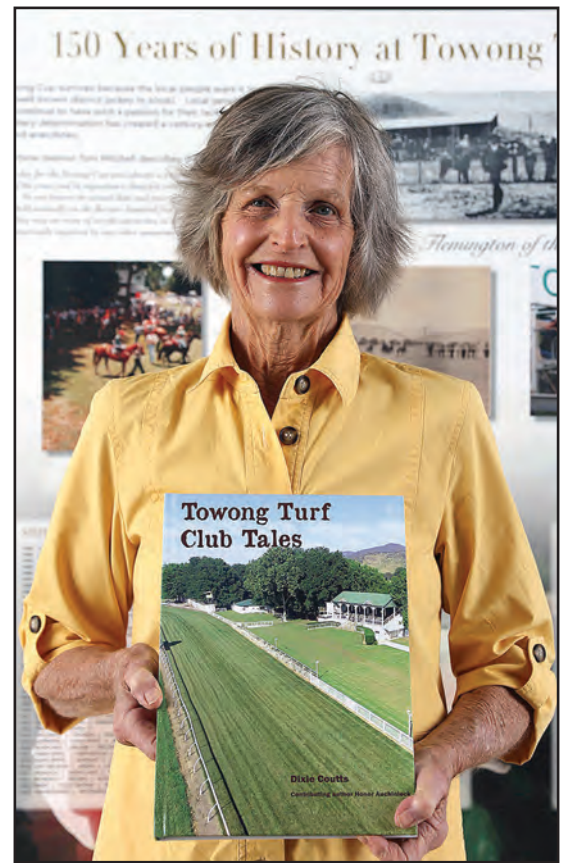
Chief among them has been the family of the author Dixie Coutts (nee Waters). The Waters' connection to the turf club stretches back to 1900 when four members of the clan were on the committee.

However, it wasn't until 1959 that the Towong Cup was won by the Ron Waters owned 'Just Care' which was bred by Ron's brother-in-law, Don McMillan.

A decade later, Ron Waters and Corryong solicitor Ray Braham won back-to-back cups with 'Timor Light' in 1968 and 1969.

It wasn't until 2021 that the Rodger Waters trained 'Sizzleonthebridge' added to the family's cup record, the first local win since Mal and Graeme Jarvis's victory in 2005 with 'Grimhuntamug'.

It was another family celebration when



'Euphemia' saluted in 2024, part owned by Dixie Coutts and her sister Wendy Healy, who also bred the horse.

'Towong Turf Club Tales' also shines the light on some of the off-track shenanigans including family rivalries, claims of 'we wuz robbed' and a race-day raid. The racecourse was also used as a crowd backdrop in the 'Phar Lap' movie because of its iconic grandstand, which is a story in itself.

The book has been a labour of love for Dixie Coutts and contributing author Honor Auchinleck (nee Mitchell) who are both steeped in local racing lore.

Dixie has racing and the Towong Turf Club in her blood. She is descended from the Waters and Paton families, both of whom have been prominent in the turf club since before the turn of the 20th century.

Honor said "Having grown up with Towong

Turf Club's early history as part my heritage, it was time to share some of my father's stories.

"It has been a pleasure to be able to contribute in a small way and to see this wonderful book become a reality."

'Towong Turf Club Tales' is an engrossing read that will strike a chord with anyone who has had any connection with the club or the pioneering families of the region.

Copies of the limited edition book (200 copies only) will be available at the launch on Friday March 7th at the Towong Racecourse at 6pm and from the merchandise stall at the Towong Cup meeting the following day. Copies may also be ordered by emailing dixie.towongturfclub@gmail.com (RRP \$70).

Anyone intending to attend the book launch must RSVP by tomorrow February 22nd via email to dixie.towongturfclub@gmail.com.

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Ken Cleary with his daughters Julie (left) and Sue.

Bright spark celebrates a century

A well known former Khancoban resident celebrated his 100th birthday with family and friends on Tuesday at the Commercial Club in Albury.

The story so far..... Ken Cleary was born in Brisbane and grew up in Fortitude Valley where his father ran the Shamrock Hotel for a short time. His mother was a station mistress at Bowen Hills and the extended family lived a very Irish lifestyle, meeting over the piano and singing together regularly. At 16 years of age Ken started an electrical apprenticeship and worked at McWhirters (a large department store) in Brisbane.

War broke out and Ken joined the Royal Australian Air Force and after training as a fitter armourer mechanic in various locations around Victoria, he was shipped to Plymouth UK via the Panama Canal to support a flying boat squadron. He recalls many details of the voyage to and from Europe on the seas to this day.

He supported the Bomber Squadron of the Royal Air Force for some time before he was moved to Berlin immediately post-war. Ken took many photos of the bombed city and was amazed at the level of destruction the war had caused.

In 1946 he missed his boat home to Australia due to an AWOL indiscretion and had to wait a few months to get back to Australia. He recalls

sleeping on the deck in a life-boat for much of the trip.

On return, he finished his apprenticeship at McWhirters and once qualified, established his own business at Kirra Beach - Kiralite Electrical. Ken and his new wife Joan (nee Spain) ran the business and started a family on the Gold Coast.

Times got tough and Ken took up a job with the Townsville Electricity Board in North Queensland. The move to Ingham in the tropics was hard for the family of now five - daughters Patsy (Gay), Sue (Blake) and Julie. After ten years and one house built by Ken, the family moved to Khancoban in 1967. They experienced flooding in Ingham and a very cold winter in the Snowy Mountains and it was the first snow seen by the family.

On his second day as an operator for the SECV, Ken was asked to don a white coat and to look like he knew what he was doing in the Murray 1 control room. Then Prime Minister, Harold Holt, was opening the power station and Ken and Joan had invitations to the event.

All went well and Ken held the job until his retirement in 1989 at Khancoban.

Sadly, his wife Joan passed just before his retirement and this was a tough period in his life. They had together built a portfolio of land and houses for their retirement.

Ken purchased

150 acres of land and eventually subdivided it on the outskirts of Khancoban adjacent to the golf course.

He loves building and renting properties which his daughters still assist him with.

His other passion is photography. Ken bought his first camera in Germany during the war and he still has it. He is renowned for taking family photos and the occasional landscape. His other interests include golf, bowls, ham radio, amateur plays and Rostrum Australia.

Ken drove to Queensland every year from 1990 to visit his sister Dorothy and his extended family. He continued into his early 90s.

Ken continued driving until the ripe old age of 98 with a fault free driving record. Giving up his driving and his car was tough for him. Moving into Estia Aged Care in Wodonga at the same time was a big change for him but he moved on as he always has. He loves the place now and enjoys the staff, music and a comfortable bed.

Ken was excited to receive a letter from King Charles III on his milestone.

Acknowledgements were also received from Member for Indi, Helen Haines; Premier of Victoria, Jacinta Allen; Minister for Veterans Affairs, Matt Keogh; the Prime Minister, Anthony Albanese; and the Governor General, Sam Moyston.



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Information freely available to the community

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“There will be a public meeting held when we have a firm response from DFFH but don’t wait for that,” Ms Jenkins advised.

“If you have questions, come into the CNC, give us a call or ask us to come and speak to your group or club.

“We are quite happy to share non-sensitive information with the community and we would much rather they had the correct and current information from us, than the wrong information from other sources.

What is the structure of the CNC?

The CNC as the community knows it is actually two separate Incorporated Associations:-

- Upper Murray Innovation Foundation Inc (UMIF) which operates as a community foundation, owns all the property and major assets, manages the grant auspices and whose purpose is to provide support for the CNH and the wider community. UMIF does not actively trade, has a DGR1 donation account with FRRR and has provided the collateral (properties) for the CNH social enterprise loans.

- Corryong Neighbour-

hood House Inc (CNH) operates the core NH program, the Youth Program and both social enterprises. CNH employees all staff and carries all external debt.

While they are separate entities legally which is the primary cause of the problem with DFFH, in NFP and philanthropic circumstances, they are considered to be closely linked and therefore treated as a combined body.

Annual audits and financial statements are conducted separately but management reports are prepared and considered together.

What’s happening with the legal and financial advice?

The CNC meetings booked this week with both pro-bono lawyers through Justice Connect and financial /insolvency/ social enterprise advisors through SEFA. The CNC seeking specific advice and opinions on current and ongoing options from both.

Who is making the decisions?

Ultimately, all decisions are made by the Committees of CNH and UMIF. Although they operate separately and in the best interests

of each organisation, the committees of both are currently the same people, all of whom have been in the role for many years.

Committee members are Tom Newton (chair), Thea Newton (secretary), Fay Whitehead (treasurer) and Ron Brown and Lesley Evans (committee members).

Community input and involvement is welcome but understand joining a committee can be a big step, especially for organisations such as the CNC and in these difficult times.

In October 2024, the CNC & UMIF committees introduced a Community Advisory Group (CAG) which provides an opportunity for community members to gain a greater understanding of the CNC and how it operates, have a say in how things are done and where it is headed and identify their areas of interest and expertise.

All potential committee members are required to complete 12 months as part of the CAG before joining the CNC or UMIF committees. The CAG has not yet been established it is hoped to set it in motion when there is more clarity on its future position in a few months time.

Operationally, the staff



management team is:-

- Sara Jenkins - CNC co-ordinator
- Gemma Whitehead - bakery manager
- Bryce Johnstone - head baker
- Peter Jenkins - UM Community Garage mechanic

What’s happening with the federal grant payments which have been held up?

After completing the queries and providing the significant amount of additional paperwork

requested in January, the Room to Recover grant has been acquitted and the final payment of \$21,168 was paid into the UMIF bank account on Monday.

Future proof is ongoing. Because funds were not available to complete the proposed activities through January, the CNC is not able to claim the amounts not yet expended as accruals.

“While Yacvic has been as generous as possible, we have effectively ‘lost’ \$30,000 in youth activity

money because of the federal grant policy of withholding 10 per cent until after acquittal and not being a large enough organisation to hold sufficient cash to cover the shortfall,” Ms Jenkins said.

“So our final report has been amended accordingly. We are now waiting on our auditors to sign off on the revised figures and will then need to re-submit to Yacvic and await their auditor’s queries.

“The original estimate of May is now doubtful. So we expect to receive the final payment - final amount yet to be determined but around \$25,000 sometime in June.

“If you have questions you want answered about the CNC and what is going on, please let us know,” Ms Jenkins said.

“Just get in touch and we can make that happen or email your questions to sara@corryongnc.org and we will answer them in the next update.”

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The crash occurred in dense bush at Lucyvale.

Pilot should not have been flying

A Victorian coroner has ruled a pilot who died in a crash near Lucyvale should not have been issued with a licence because of his limited flying experience.

Cinematographer and adventurer, Matthew Farrell (42) died in a light sport aircraft crash at Lucyvale on September 18, 2022.

Mr Farrell had been in the air for about 40 minutes before crashing amid poor weather conditions.

He had obtained his recreational pilot's certificate in April 2022 through accelerated pathway training which recognised his existing paragliding experience.

In his findings, Coroner Paul Lawrie also referred the conduct of Recreational Aviation Australia (RAAus) officers to the Victorian Director of Public Prosecutions.

He said Mr Farrell should never have been

granted his licence and had not completed the requisite amount of flying time due to his accelerated pathway.

Mr Farrell clocked 9.8 hours of flight time over four flights. It was less than the 20 hours of dual-command and five hours of pilot-in-command flying hours normally required.

A six-day inquest into Mr Farrell's death was held in January and February 2024, before the coroner handed down his findings this month.

As part of his findings, Mr Lawrie made five recommendations including that the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) review the conduct of RAAus during the investigation and inquest. RAAus is Australia's largest administrator of pilots, maintainers and aircraft and issued Mr Farrell with his licence.

He also recommended that CASA amend its Flight Operations Manual to clarify the aeronautical experience that constituted "recognised flight time" according to each type of aircraft, and to clarify the experience required for licence endorsements.

He also recommended that CASA amend its manual to redefine what it considered an aeroplane.

Mr Lawrie further recommended that the Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) should investigate all fatal accidents with RAAus-registered aircraft, rather than RAAus.

Additionally, he recommended that RAAus develop standardised training records for flight instructors that allowed for detailed auditing of training in a form approved by CASA that must be used by flight instructors in all instances.

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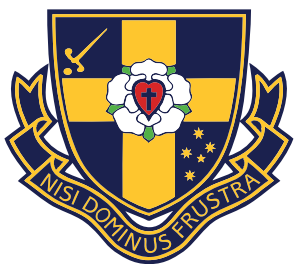
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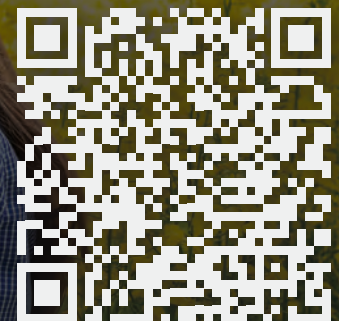
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Upper Murray Sport (cont.)

Local Basketballers participate in Wodonga Tournament



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<p>Results R14 Tuesday 18/2/24 Womens MAD 71 d Demons 8 Rebels 40 d Fillies 29 Fossils 28 d Mavericks 15 Junior Mixed Div 2A Rockets 33 d Celtics 26 Warriors 37 d Spurs 28 Lakers - Bye Junior Mixed Div 2B Kings 20 d Heat 16 Magic 25 d Bulls 22 Results R13 Wednesday 12/2/24 Div 3 Knicks 16 d Suns 9 Thunder 14 d Timberwolves 12 Div 4 Bucks 8 d Hornets 4 Nets 8 d Raptors 4 Men Bulls 38 d Rip City 10</p>	<p>Raptors 35 d Bricklayers 28 Mustangs 50 d Purple Cobras 39 Fixtures - Finals Tuesday 25/2 Mixed Div 2B Qualifying Final 3.40pm - 1 v 2 Elimination Final 4.30pm - 3 v 4 Mixed Div 2A Qualifying Final 5.20pm - 1 v 2 Elimination Final 6.10pm 3 v 4 Womens Qualifying Final 7.00pm - 1 v 2 Elimination Final 7.50pm - 3 v 4 Wednesday 26/2 Div 4</p>	<p>Mixed Div 3 Qualifying final 5.20pm - 1 v 2 Elimination Final 6.10pm 3 v 4 Mens Qualifying Final 7pm -1 v 2 Elimination Final 7.50pm 3 v 4</p>
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Upper Murray Tennis Association 2024-25 Draw
Results R16
Cudgewa Nth 72 d Biggara 37
Corryong 36 drew with Khancoban 36 (lack of numbers)
Cudgewa - Bye
Draw
R17 22/2/25
Cudgewa v Biggara
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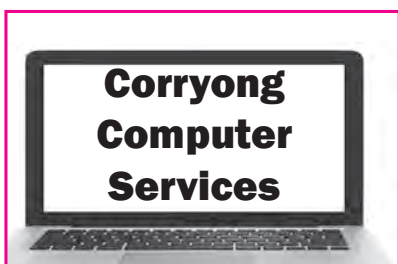
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Upper Murray Sport

Pilots love flying here

The recent Corryong Paragliding Open - a round of the Australian championships - once again proved popular with flyers and spectators although a couple of mishaps during competition could have had more serious consequences.

"The Corryong area is a world class flying area and Mt Elliot is one of the best paragliding and hangliding mountains in Australia," said Dave Gibbs from competition host Airtribune. "Pilots love coming here to fly."

The 82 competitors were able to fly from between 60kms and 80kms on five out of seven tasking days, flying over much of the local landscape from Tooma, Tindaldra and Cudgewa with goals in Corryong and Khancoban.

"Unfortunately, a couple of them had reserve parachute rides as their main paragliding wing failed to fly correctly due to turbulence," Mr Gibbs said.

This is rare but can happen when conditions are dry and hot as it causes the thermals to be a bit more turbulent.

"Both pilots landed safely and unhurt although one was in a tree on Mt Mittamatite for a few hours while waiting for a helicopter rescue.

"We would like to thank the township of Corryong for hosting this event and the many landowners who allow us to use their paddocks to land in."

Although flying conditions are world class, Mr Gibbs added that the launch site on Mt Elliot is suffering from damage from vehicles as they drive to the front edge and use it as a turning circle. Some dirt bike riders have also vandalised the launch by wheel spinning.

"The launch is dry and dusty at the best of times but we fear this ongoing damage may deter pilots coming back and the dry and dusty ground damages the wings," Mr Gibbs said.

"Hopefully we can astro turf the launch site one day."

Mr Gibbs also said that a new week-long event will be held on Mt Elliot, starting on March 1st.

The Australian Sports Class Championships will cater for a particular class of paraglider and has attracted around 65 entrants.



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Upper Murray Sport

TEE TO GREEN



Gordon Webb (left) and Wayne Dubois will do battle again in the Corryong tournament.

Corryong
The club is preparing for its annual tournament on Sunday and with a full field plus emergencies a competitive day is guaranteed.
Last year's Open winner Gordon Webb will be out to defend his title after shooting a 77 off the stick, the second lowest score recorded on the new greens. Runner-up Wayne Dubois (78) has been the best performed golfer in the Hills Zone over the past year and the course record holder with a 74 will be aiming to go one better.

Local hopes will rest with Justin Knott and Shane Bannon.
Welaregang
After some much needed rain, the course has turned green and the conditions changed dramatically for the twelve players who competed in R16 of the summer competition last Saturday.
The temperature was down and the wind was up, which seemed to suit father and son combination Darren and Jayden Land, the big hitters carding 22 and 20 points respectively.
It was Darren's first win since his comeback

to golf, while Jayden continued his good form from last week. Laurie Williams was again in the mix, his 19 points enough for third.
After a string of consistent top three finishes, Bill Bond had a day to forget, placing in the bottom half of the field.
With six rounds to play, and a maximum 30 points up for grabs, just 14 points separates the top seven players on the ladder.
Round 17 hits off at 9am this Saturday - names in by 8.30 and visitors are most welcome.

Corryong claims minor premiership

After returning to the Tumbaramba & District Cricket Association (TDCA) this season, Corryong has capped off its resurgence with a top of the ladder finish after the 10 rounds of regular competition, before heading into finals on March 1.
There is a week off for Tumbafest before finals action gets into full swing with Corryong and Tooma playing for the first berth in the grand final and Batlow and Allstars playing to keep their premiership hopes alive.
R10 Results
Corryong v Rosewood
It was all Corryong

this week at Khancoban as the Victorian side won the toss, elected to bowl and rissoloed Rosewood for 35 in 17 overs. Harry Pole took 4-17, Cameron Sheather 3-12, Angus Hawks 2-2 and Nathan Lattanzio 1-0 in a complete routing of their opposition - none of the Rosewood batsmen reaching double figures.
In swift reply, Corryong chased down the total for the loss of one wicket in under seven overs in a dominant display.
Tooma v Allstars
At competition hub, Tumba Oval, All Stars were looking at throwing a spanner in the finals works

by potentially upsetting favoured Tooma.
The hosts won the toss and batted, posting 119 before being dismissed in the 34th over, a defendable total on the large, slow ground.
Falcons import, Darcy Rixon, flailed the willow for a well made 31 with Kev Gittens (22) and Dayne Perry (19 no) also batting well. It was that man Rob Hartnett who shone with the ball yet again for Tooma, taking 4-17 while youngster Seb Bradley continues his good form with 3-27.
The chase saw the usual ups and downs but Tooma ran down the target

in the same timeframe (34 overs) for the loss of only five wickets, ensuring they stayed second on the ladder.
The McCallum brothers all made runs with Liam (34), Brendan (33 no) and Mathew (25) to the fore. Dayne Perry and evergreen Glen McCallum took two wickets apiece for the premiers but Tooma had more batting depth to get over the line.
Final Ladder
Corryong32
Tooma30
Batlow26
All Stars18
Rosewood.....14

With the Bias

Pennant news
It was an overcast day, with a cold stiff breeze with irregular gusts prevailing when Corryong's B4 team travelled to Wodonga to play Commercial Club in the first semi-final last Saturday.
It was a day full of high hopes but they were misplaced.
Across the season we had only met once (our home game was later washed out). The first game of the season was on their greens - a well worn, low profile (fast) synthetic surface that many Corryong bowlers found 'trying'.
That was our only loss for the year so we were reasonably confident as Commercial Club, while holding second for most of the year, had dropped a few games along the way.
On arrival it was

clear Commercial Club had come to play - their scoot across the river, had allowed them plenty of time to assess the green and to throw down a few 'testers' (some remaining on the green past the allowed time for such).
All games started off shot for shot but Commercial settled into the conditions earlier and eventually pulled ahead. Team Rowan Whitehead at the end of 14 games were 8-8 but a four-shot drop followed soon after by a seven shot turn-around, removed all chance, going down 9-22.
Noel Blake's team chased a lead all day - several times getting within a few bowls - with the opposition pulling away late to win 20-12.
Simon Donadon's team held their own all day, achieving a comfortable

lead before dropping a few shots late, when an overall win was out of reach, winning 21-20.
It was an intense afternoon of bowls, as indicated by the incredibly low overall score. Going down 42-62 after 63 ends meant the average game was won by less than two bowls.
And things don't look like they're going to get any easier as this Saturday we again travel 1½ hours to play Wodonga (home grass greens) at Lavington (grass 10 minutes away); before being able to have another crack at Commercial Club.
Business Bowls
Results R15
Cudgewa d Ring-ins 8-7, Fire Brigade d Emergency Lads 12-9, Post Office d Feds 18-10, Demons d IGA 12-7, Thoughla Triers d Chalkies

8-7, Rotary d Costellos 24-3, Truckies d Pin Hi 20-4, Tintaldra d Courthouse 12-8.
Ladder R15
A Grade
Fire Brigade24 99
Post Office.....24 82
Truckies.....23 104
Ring-ins.....22 76
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Demons22 41
Feds21 25
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Rotary.....16 13
C Grade
IGA.....14 28
Tintaldra13 -4
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Cudgewa12 -71
D Grade
Courthouse8 -73
Chalkies.....4 -79
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