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Pictured:- IGA managers, Zane Heinjus and Helen Prior, present representatives from the Corryong College Parents Club and the Corryong Bowls Club with their cheques.

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Pork barrelling must stop

Member for Indi, Helen Haines, will host an interactive community forum on March 6th in Wodonga as part of a campaign to 'End Pork Barrelling', the practice of governments directing funds to projects in marginal electorates to win votes, without regard to evidence of the project's

merit. "Taxpayer money should be spent on the needs of communities not the wants of the major parties," Dr Haines said. "Funding decisions should be evidence-based, with grants awarded on merit and need." She cited prominent examples of pork

barrelling such as the Sports Rorts, Commuter Car Park Rorts and the misuse of the Community Battery for Household Solar program. Dr Haines will introduce her Accountability of Grants, Investment Mandates and Use of Public Resources Amendment (End Pork Barrelling) Bill 2024 in the House of Representatives on Monday.

"As an Independent MP, I have worked hard to improve integrity and accountability in politics," she said.

"Alongside our community I successfully campaigned for a federal integrity commission, which is now in place. I am continuing that work through this Bill to bring accountability to spending taxpayer money."

The interactive community forum will be held at The Cube, Wodonga from 7pm on Wednesday March 6th. The event will also be live streamed. To register go to www.helenhaines.org/end-pork-barrelling-interactive-community-forum/

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Vera was born in 1921 and says the key to her long life is a difficult question to answer.

"If you live a good, clean life you'll be welcome anywhere," she said.

"I had a very good reputation and I wasn't afraid of anything."

Vera grew up in Khancoban, the eldest of seven children. Her father, Ernest Whitehead, fought in WWI and her mother, Myrtle, was a school teacher.

Later, the family settled in Upper Towong where they ran cattle until Ernest had a disagreement with the local school teacher and moved his family to Corryong.

After completing school, Vera worked in Hobbs, the general store where IGA now stands, then moved to Melbourne and secretarial school.

She worked as a private secretary and had

just been promoted as secretary to the Assistant Commissioner of Police when her mother took ill and she returned to Corryong to take care of her.

After coming home, the 'girl next door' married former school friend, Robert (Bob) Bailey and had four children of her own - Heather, Ross, Barbara and Noel.

Heather said her Mum liked Bob because he wasn't like the other boys who tried to frighten the girls off their horses as they rode to school.

When Robert died, Vera became President of Wodonga War Widows Guild for 12 years.

She was also the District Commissioner of Guides.

"Mum says doing whatever she could to help people was a big part her life," Heather said.

"Even if that means climbing through windows in her 80s!"

"Her neighbour collapsed in the toilet in the middle of the night and Mum noticed she wasn't up and about so she went over and climbed in through the window.



"She was always an optimist and built a new house at 95!"

Vera lived in that house for six years until she moved into care at

Mittamatite Lodge where she's still not afraid to try anything.

At 103, she plays bingo and catches and throws the ball with the other

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UPPER MURRAY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

February
Friday 23/2/24:- A Million Thanks Morning Tea at the Corryong & District Memorial Hall at 10.30am. RSVP to 0428 226 874 by 12/2/24.
Saturday 24/2/24:- 'Let's Celebrate Living' Community Concert at the Corryong & District Memorial Hall from 7.30pm to 11.45pm. Contact: <https://www.eventbookings.com/b/event/let-s-celebrate-living>

March
Tuesday 5/3/24:- Code of Ethical Practice Training (Youth Sector) - suitable for anyone who works closely with young people. FREE training session by YACVIC.
Tuesday 5/3/24:- Corryong Probos Club meeting at the Corryong Hotel Motel @ 10am. Contact: Jean 0417 124 822.
Saturday 9/3/24:- Towong Cup race meeting. Contact: Rohan 0427 220 966 or <https://country.racing.com/towong> and on Facebook
Sunday 10/3/24:- Upper Murray Farmers' Market, Attree Park, 9am-12 noon
Friday 22/3/24:- 'Sass & Secrets' Cabaret Show, Corryong Memorial Hall 7-10m. Contact: <https://events.humanitix.com/sass-and-secrets-tbuns6vq>
Saturday 23/3/24:- Walwa Community Market (all day)

Khancoban concert showcases local talent

Eight-time Golden Guitar winning artist Fanny Lumsden performed to a packed house on Saturday night at the Khancoban Hall with support from two local performers.

The show was part of Fanny's 10-year-anniversary Country Halls Tour and provided emerging artist winner Jack Gregory and local singer Paige Heinjus with the opportunity to perform in front of a live audience.

With its humble beginnings in three halls in the Riverina in 2012 raising money for Blazeaid, the Country Halls Tour has gone from strength to strength, with Fanny and her small team putting on full band, full



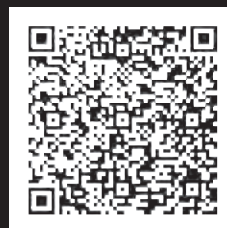
Fanny Lumsden with support acts Jack Gregory and Paige Heinjus.

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Priority works carried out on waterways

The North East Catchment Authority (NECMA) is in the process of undertaking flood recovery works on a further five high priority cases in the catchment including a creek in the Upper Murray.

The five cases were selected following an assessment process that takes into account any risks including the threat to public infrastructure and river health if no action is undertaken.

This assessment produces a priority ranking score for each case which enables sites to be compared to maintain a uniform and equitable evaluation process.

Works are being carried out on the Corryong Creek, Tallangatta Creek and Upper 15 Mile Creek.

Two cases are located on the Ovens River with one of these adjacent to Nimmo Bridge in Myrtleford and the other approximately 600 metres upstream. There are also cases on

Each of the additional five cases require instream works to stabilise banks involving the placement of timber or rock to protect CMA assets and/or public infrastructure such as bridges. Debris removal is also required to prevent further blockages during future high flow events.

NECMA CEO, Katie Warner, said there were more than 40 high priority cases in the Ovens King Blackdog catchment alone and the CMA was working hard to access additional funding for flood recovery including for further damage caused by rainfall events in late 2023.

"We are also regularly communicating the impacts to the Department of Environment, Energy and Climate Action (DEECA) which receives information for high level funding bids," she said.

The funding for these works comes from the Victorian and Australian governments as part of the state's recovery from flooding in October 2022.

If landholders want to undertake self-funded flood recovery works, a Works on Waterway Permit is required. The form is available online and there is no fee to submit the permit application (necma.vic.gov.au).

"When landholders submit a permit application, they will be provided with expert guidance on the planned activities," Ms Warner said.

"This ensures the funds landholders allocate for flood recovery works lead to the anticipated and beneficial outcomes for erosion control/bank stabilisation and broader river health."

Landholders can contact the Statutory Planning Team directly at planning@necma.vic.gov.au or phone 1300 216 513

Photos: Before and after works on a section of the Corryong Creek.



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Our dedicated Project Manager is available at the Corryong Library to showcase the designs, guide you through the project details, and address any inquiries you may have. Feel free to drop by and say hello!

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Recovery support continues

Three Victorian not-for-profit organisations (NFPs), working in places impacted by the 2019-20 bushfires, have been awarded grants in the closing round of the Foundation For Rural & Regional Renewal (FRRR) Bushfire Recovery fund.

These grants will enable multi-year projects to be undertaken by key community groups, providing sustainable support for the long-term recovery of fire-affected communities.

The following groups will share in \$295,000 of funding - the Yoowinna Wurnalung Indigenous Healing Service in East Gippsland; the Cann Valley Bush Nursing Centre and Sarsfield Community Association.

Locally, additional funding has been provided under the program to the Corryong Neighbourhood Centre (CNC).

In 2021, the CNC

was awarded a two-year grant of \$103,340 to improve organisational efficiency and capacity. To continue to meet the needs of their community, grow youth programs and build on social enterprise development, it has been awarded an additional \$16,232.

Nina O'Brien, FRRR Disaster Resilience and Recovery Lead, said that despite the challenges of pandemic restrictions, compounded by additional natural disasters, local groups have shown true determination to sustain operations in order to support community recovery.

"With the first round of grants awarded in 2021, we have already begun to see how these NFPs are building their resilience and capacity so that they can do what they do best, and help their community to heal, for the long-term," she said.

The Grapevine

Club Corner:- The jackpot at The Club Corryong this Friday is \$2200. Last week's winner was Frank Bullivant (\$10).

The winner of the Men's Shed Wood Raffle was Noelene from Walwa with ticket no. 220. Thanks to all who supported the raffle.

The Cudgewa CWA Branch sincerely thanks the community for its continual support for the Christmas plum pudding fundraiser.

Info Centre query:- "I'm here to see the big lobster." It seems visitors are typically referring to the crayfish sculpture at Bringenbrong Bridge. (Both are aquatic arthropods - invertebrates with an exoskeleton - and have a similar appearance, plus lobsters live in the ocean and crayfish are a freshwater species.

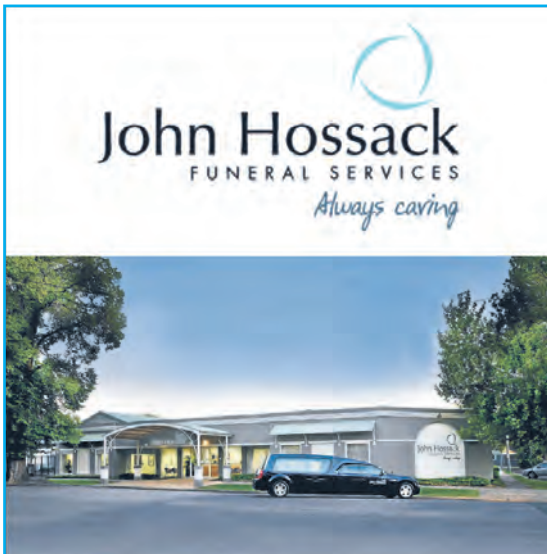
Corryong Neighbourhood Centre

Opening Hours: Monday - Thursday 9am - 5pm

Wodonga Eye Care - Visits CNC every 2nd & 4th Monday - Book appointments via 02 6056 4000
Youth Space - Open after school & by request. All 12-25-year-olds welcome. Contact socials @UpperMurrayYouth to get involved, or call us via 02 6076 2176.
Sit & Sew - Every Wednesday - 2pm-4pm. Gold coin donation, bring along projects &
Driving mentoring - Boost your driving hours with CNC's mentor driving for just \$5/hr - For more information contact Corryong Neighbourhood Centre or @UpperMurrayYouth on socials
Mad Hen Art - Wednesdays weekly, 3:30pm-5:30pm, 42 Hanson St - Open to ages 12-25
Code of Ethical practice - The Code includes a set of youth work principles and ethical practice responsibilities. March 5th, 9am-12pm - Open to ages 18 & over. Located @39 Hanson St, 3707
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Snowy continues backing for local schools



Following the success of the inaugural funding last year, Snowy Hydro will run its Local School science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) program again in 2024; extending the opportunity for Snowy Mountains and Cessnock schools to apply for grants of up to \$10,000.

Recognising that today's students are tomorrow's workforce, Snowy Hydro plays a pivotal role in supporting teachers and students by aligning educational programs with industry expertise.

Last year these grants provided thousands of students and 18 Snowy Mountains schools - primary and secondary, both public and private - with hands-on interactive

STEM experiences. The program is part of Snowy Hydro's ongoing commitment to local regions, which already supports various STEM initiatives including a First Nations Science Camp, the development of a robotics club, 3D printers, an aquaponics project and the enhancement of school resources for the next generation of innovators.

Snowy Hydro CEO, Dennis Barnes, said "Snowy is dedicated to fostering education opportunities in and out of the classroom and assisting in developing career pathways.

"The funding is just one example of Snowy Hydro's ongoing commitment to education and development in support of STEM,

particularly among our local communities."

The funding program complements Snowy's successful Snowy STEM Academy, the annual Science of the Snowy Scheme Competition, and the unique tailored programs for local schools.

Applications for the 2024 Local School STEM fund open on Monday 26 February and must be lodged by Monday 25 March. Local schools can apply for funding of up to \$10,000 to support STEM related excursions, student sponsorship, equipment, and camps. All applications must be completed online via the Snowy Hydro website.

For more information visit <https://www.snowyhydro.com.au/localstemfund/>



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Dairy company weighs in for hall floor

The Corryong & District Memorial Hall has benefited from a contribution of \$10,000 from Saputo Dairy Australia (SDA) towards renewal works at the community facility, ensuring the local community has a safe place to gather during an emergency.

With funding support provided through SDA's Building Strong Communities program, the hall has been given a full floor refurbishment (pictured), helping the multi-purpose facility become a greater recreational and emergency resource for the community. It is currently home to 16 sport, recreation, arts, culture and dance groups.

Community members have been invited to inspect the hall improvements at a

'Million Thanks' morning tea tomorrow at 10.30am.

Hall secretary and treasurer, Sheril Wilson, said "The committee was extremely grateful for SDA's support to upgrade the hall floor, which helps our small but mighty community."

"It is the lifeblood of our community and SDA's contribution to our facility provides local groups with an improved activity space, while also ensuring a safe and comfortable environment where residents can gather when needed."

SDA's Kiewa Site Manager, Mark Sedgwick, said "In line with our Saputo Promise commitments, we continue to invest in regional initiatives that support local communities where our people and our dairy

farmers live and work.

"It's a huge bonus for the region to have such a fantastic multi-purpose facility that caters for so many user groups and is also available during times of crisis."

"We're proud to invest in improvement programs, services and equipment to help build strong and resilient communities."

Under the Community Pillar of the Saputo Promise, SDA's Building Strong Communities Program aims to support not-for-profit organisations with initiatives such as disaster preparedness, relief and recovery, sustainability projects and dairy education programs.

To learn more about Saputo Dairy Australia's community programs, visit www.saputodairyaustralia.com.au/en/our-promise/



Local community partnerships

About Corryong and District Memorial Public Hall

The Corryong and District Memorial Public Hall (CADMPH) was officially opened in 1959 in memory of the brave men and women lost to world conflicts and returned service men and women. The facility includes a sports

auditorium with capacity to seat 600 people, a café, green room, foyer and toilet facilities.

As a designated place of refuge in the event of a natural disaster, the hall can house up to 1,000 people with the comfort and security of solar power, generator back-up, all abilities access and room to provide a haven for families, the elderly and sick animals.

Local school has a new starter

The newest student at Walwa Primary School has already made an impression on his fellow pupils and teachers.

"Our new little prep, Cooper Albert, embraces the joy of camaraderie as he enthusiastically engages with his fellow peers at the school," said

acting principal, Chrissie McKimmie.

"His zest for learning knows no bounds, evident by his love for swimming lessons, the thrill of constructing intricate car ramps and the excitement of delving into the world of letters and numbers. He is also enjoying typing,

cooking and drama classes.

"Adding to his vibrant repertoire of interests, he finds sheer delight in the simple pleasure of riding his bike to school."

Photo: Cooper Albert (front left) with fellow students at the school swimming sports.



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Expressions of Interest can be addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, and submitted in the following ways:

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- Post: PO Box 55 Tallangatta Victoria 3700.

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Tree Removal

Corryong Early Years Centre

The silky oak tree located at the Corryong Early Years Centre was recently removed. Following an independent assessment determined that the branches of the tree were poorly attached to the main trunk, potentially containing decay at their union. The structural weakness posed a significant risk, especially given the tree's location between the early years playground and Attree Centre, where pedestrian traffic is high.

Considering the potential danger of branch failure and the safety of children and carers, removal was necessary. While the decision to remove a tree is not made lightly, ensuring community safety remains Council's top priority.

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Idyllic racecourse has a shady history

An exciting new radio play is about to hit the airwaves.

‘Trouble At Towong’ has been written by Carol Lowden and centres on the alleged appearance of Squizzy Taylor at the Towong Cup meeting of 1927.

Carol is a Mansfield writer with ties to the Upper Murray and a particular interest in the Towong races. Her uncles were Mervyn and Archie Whitehead, of The Meadows, and she remembers when Mervyn’s horse, Negombo Star, won the Towong Cup in 1967.

Legend has it that infamous gangster, Squizzy Taylor, masterminded a disturbance at the Towong races in 1927 and while everyone was watching the fracas, made off with the gate takings from the secretary’s office.

Squizzy Taylor’s name was regularly in the Melbourne newspapers at the time. According to true crime history writer, Roy Maloy, Taylor was “arguably Australia’s most prolific criminal in the first half of the 20th century” and “His career in crime saw him committing almost daily crimes of a size and magnitude that would equal the largest singular crime in the whole career of most other crooks. His ability to play the legal system against itself allowed him to serve

comparatively little prison time and walk free from a majority of his crimes.”

Apparently, Taylor was known to frequent racecourses and in 1922 was strongly suspected of burning down the Members’ Stand at Caulfield on the morning of the Caulfield Cup.

Taylor died after a gunfight with a rival gangster, John ‘Snowy’ Cutmore, in Melbourne in October 1927.

Although there were some who doubted that Squizzy Taylor was actually at Towong, the rumour persisted and the story grew, with both the *Melbourne Herald* and the *Border Morning Mail* producing feature articles.

Two of the oldest members of the Towong Turf Club Committee, Tom Waters and Toby Harris, were interviewed, and while Tom said “We all thought it was a bit of a joke. Half the people at Towong doubted the story but it certainly gave the club a bit of publicity” (*Border Morning Mail* 9/2/1988). Toby told of his father, Hugh Harris of Hunters Plains, confronting Squizzy and his gang. Evidently, the thugs were camped on the river helping themselves to the Harris turkeys and roasting them over a campfire and burning rails from the fence.

According to Toby,

“Dad said he rode down and told Squizzy ‘I don’t mind you knocking off my turkeys but there is no need to knock off the bloody rails to cook them!’ Squizzy just mentioned how dry the place was looking and what a big fire it would make and so Dad hightailed it home.” (*Herald* 17/3/79)

We may never know the truth but we can still enjoy drinks at Squizzy’s Bar on Towong Cup Day and cheer on our horses as they flash down the straight in the Squizzy Taylor Dash each year.

This year’s Towong Cup, for many the highlight of the year on the social calendar, is especially significant because it marks the hundredth year of the feature race being called the Towong Cup.

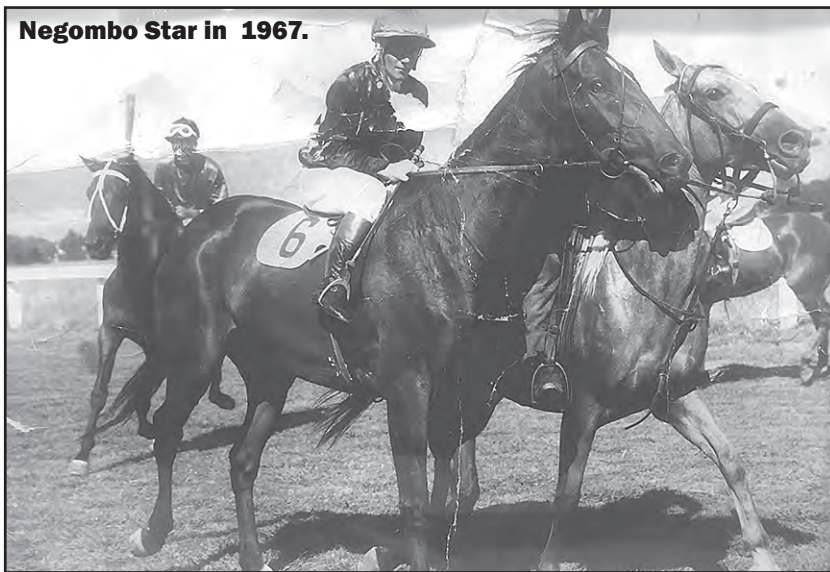
From the club’s inception in 1871 until 1924 the main race was variously called the Towong Handicap or the Shire Handicap, with prizemoney being from 20 to 30 sovereigns, exceptionally good stake money for the times. In 1924 the first Towong Cup was run over a distance 1.25 miles (approximately 1800m) and was won by the legendary Tom Burke, which went on to win the next two Towong Cups as well. Bred by well known racing identity William (Billy) Lowden, the horse was by John Pierce’s top sire, Costello, from Billy Lowden’s mare, Exult.

After Billy’s death in 1926, Tom Burke was transferred to Melbourne and continued to win flat races, hurdle races and a steeplechase while being trained by another local horseman who found success in the city, George Murrell.

Long touted as ‘The Flemington of the Bush’, the Towong racecourse draws huge crowds every year to its Cup Day.

In 2008 a racing enthusiast commented “Many tracks have mountains behind them. Others are nestled amongst them. Such natural features contribute to a perfect setting for a race meeting but add a wonderfully maintained grandstand, (built in 1912) to the centre of the picture and you are looking at an idyllic country track.” (Con Marasco, Towong shows why bush racing is hard to beat, *Winning Post*, 15/3/2008, p.103)

The *Winning Post* article was written at the height of tumultuous times for the Towong Turf Club, where emotions were running high at the news that its Christmas meeting had been slashed as part of Racing Victoria’s rationalisation of country race meetings. Although a subsequent change of government in Victoria saw a brief reinstatement of Towong’s very popular Christmas meeting, by 2015 the Towong Cup was the only meeting held at



Negombo Star in 1967.

Towong each year.

Undaunted, the committee and the community fought on to preserve the race club and to make the Cup meeting a standout success each year. The setting of the iconic grandstand in the shadow of Mt Mittamatite still draws travellers from the Murray Valley Highway and as they approach the racecourse, they are impressed by the many improvements which have been made.

The heritage fence is well underway, extensive white panelling around the carpark and green lawns adds flair to the natural beauty of the course, and the track itself undergoes regular improvements to maintain its excellent condition. Just this year, workers at the course



Billy Lowden and Tom Burke at Towong in the 1920s.

were pleasantly surprised one day when Melbourne tourists were struck by the quality of the “turf”.

Visitors interested in the history of the Towong Turf Club can read it on a series of illustrated panels along the walkway beneath the grandstand and the famous elm trees,

well over a century old now, still offer generous pools of shade.

On Saturday March 9th this year the Towong Cup is definitely still the coolest place to be in more ways than one! (To listen to the radio play go to <https://c7.radioboss.fm:18291/stream>).

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MEETINGS

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New works help reduce fire risk

Major road and bridge works in the Upper Murray district have made it faster and safer for firefighters and machinery to respond to bushfires in the area.

More than 400 kilometres of strategic fire access roads on public land have been upgraded as part of the program by the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA).

Road works near Corryong, Tallangatta and the Mitta Valley were completed prior to the peak summer bushfire period helping reduce the risk of bushfires to the community and environment.

Two bridges which provide critical access to public land near Lucyvale and were damaged by the 2019-20 fires and subsequent flood have also recently been replaced.

Upper Murray District Manager, Dave Jensen, said the focus of the works

is to improve Forest Fire Management Victoria's (FFMVic) response to bushfires.

"We know that every minute counts when responding to bushfires," he said.

"The quicker we can have trucks and machinery out the door and on the fireground, the better chance our firefighters have of containing bushfires before they spread and impact communities.

"Maintaining and upgrading key fire access roads is critically important to safely and effectively respond to bushfires and other emergencies."

The works were completed by FFMVic staff and machinery, with the assistance of local contractors.

Mr Jensen said further works were planned this year in the lead up to the 2024-25 summer.



Road works have been completed at Black Jack Track, south of Lucyvale.

Funding was provided through the Victorian government's \$272.3 million Reducing Bushfire Risk program and flood recovery.

Powerhouse parents push up profits

Last year's Corryong Kindergarten Committee has left the community facility in sound shape as the new school year starts.

At the recent annual general meeting, president Bridie Sheather said that a host of fundraising activities had been undertaken for the benefit of the children.

"The fourteen members held seven fundraisers which included the very popular Mango fundraiser in December that saw one of our highest mango sales.

"Other popular events included the tea towel fundraiser which has been running since kinder began. In 2023 this again proved to be our most successful and we imagine will so in the future.

"The new addition of the colourful sock fundraiser was well embraced by the community, as were our Father's Day plate fundraiser and of course, the chocolate fundraiser.

"The committee worked hard to increase their fundraising profit in 2023 and endeavoured to supply the kindergarten with more resources

for educational play for both the three-year-old kindergarten program and four-year-old program.

"We worked closely with the Corryong Op Shop - our committee representatives have thoroughly enjoyed their time working and aiding in the volunteers program the Op Shop run. We hope that this relationship can continue for many years to come as both the Kindergarten committee and the Corryong Op Shop committee aim to benefit our community.

"We concluded the year with a graduation party like no other, a wonderful celebration to say goodbye to the four-year-olds who were welcoming 'big' school in 2024 and celebrated the three-year-olds who are excited to start their final year of kindergarten. Again, this event was solely run by the committee and was a perfect way to celebrate the end of a stellar 2023.

"The committee in 2023 was a powerhouse of mums who worked hard throughout the year. We came together and seamlessly brought about an exciting and

child-focused year. In 2024 we hope to welcome new mums (or dads!) to the committee, enhance our fundraising

capabilities and bring more opportunities and resources to the kindergarten programs."

Upper Murray Sport

High Country Darts

Results R10

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

Sharpshooters:- Highest score: Men - Brendon McCallum, Henry Byrne, Greg Wheeler, Luke Wood 140 / Women - Shelley Henry 134; Highest peg: Men - Peter 'Pockets' Kasuba 118 / Women - Shelley Henry 80.

Ladder	P	%
Biggara.....	36	250.0
Ringers.....	24	133.3
P/Pointers.....	24	118.8
Koetong.....	20	94.4
Bottoms Up.....	8	52.2
Walwa.....	8	48.9

Draw R11 27/2/24

Biggara v Walwa
 Possum Pointers v Ringers
 Bottoms Up v Koetong

Tumbarumba & District Cricket

Results R15 17/2/24

Tooma 6/155 off 32 overs (Breandan Lane 31, Nathan Lattanzio 26, Matthew McCallum 23*, Dylan McLachlan 3/17) d Falcons 114 off 36.2 overs (Kyle Wilesmith 32, Samuel Clarke 30, Robert Hartnett 5/9).

Batlow 2/145 off 21.4 overs (Michael Peel 100*, Floyd Cross 28*, John Weule 2/21) d Rosewood 144 off 37.5 overs (Edward Smith 31, Ryley Collins 4/24).

Finals Draw 2/3/24

Qualifying Final: Tooma v Rosewood

Elimination Final: All Stars v Batlow

9/3/24: Preliminary Final
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MEETINGS

Ordinary Council Meeting

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held in Tallangatta on Wednesday 28 February commencing at 10.30am.

The agenda and requirements for Public Question Time can be found prior to the meeting by calling 1300 365 222 or on our website.

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Upper Murray Sport

Hoopsters have a hit out



Corryong centre Jacko McInnes (front) battles for the rebound.

Two teams represented Corryong at the recent Wodonga tournament with the Under 16s girls team narrowly failing to make

the final and the Under 14s gaining valuable experience at the next level. Both teams have developed throughout

the past 12 months of representative competition and are travelling far and wide to further hone their skills.



With the Bias

Results: Wednesday 14/02 men's social roll: Winners were Nick Barlee & Fred Gray.

Thursday 15/02 ladies social winner was Pat Sheather.

Saturday 17/02 pennant: Corryong at home defeated Tallangatta in the qualifying final and it was great to have so many spectators. We were able to use the air conditioned club house with a good view of the players. This was followed by a BBQ tea for the players.

Congratulations to Tracey Fair, our Ladies Club Single Champion, for making it to the second round of the Champion

of Champions played at Wangaratta. It was great to have representation from the club at that level.

Coming up: Wednesday Men's Social Bowls start at 1pm, names in by 12:30pm.

Thursday Ladies Social Bowls start at 10am, names in by 9:30am.

Corryong Bowls Club phone number: 02 6076 2907.

Business Bowls Finals' Results

A Grade Fire Brigade d Ring-ins

B Grade Feds d Demons

C Grade Pin Hi d College

D Grade Rotary d Costellos

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Results & Draw

Results R17

Cudgewa 64 d Biggara 33; Cudgewa Nth 41 d Corryong 38; Khancoban - bye.

Ladder

Cudgewa50
Khancoban38
Corryong32
Biggara28
Cudgewa Nth22

Draw R18 24/2/24

Khancoban v Cudgewa
Biggara v Corryong
Cudgewa Nth - bye

Finals

Elimination Final:
Saturday March 2nd
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Towong Cup
Grand Final: Saturday
March 16th

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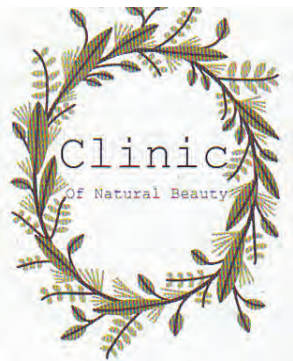
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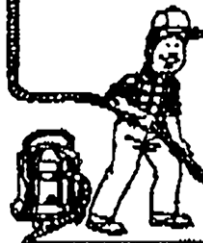


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Holbrook hoists pennant high

The final of the Hills Zone pennant competition on Sunday turned into a one-act affair when Holbrook took the title 4-1 from Welaregang.

Both teams had to win in the last round to make the decider and Holbrook won the hosting rights by finishing on top of the ladder on matches won difference.

Welaregang was undone by the course's length and the quickness of the sands, with Lance Noonan the only visitor to record a victory.

Results
Holbrook d Welaregang 4-1. Jade Rangi d Mark Walton 4&2; Greg Gibbs d Tony Jarvis 2&1; jimon Mohr d Rob Cox 2&1; Matt Toll d Paul Land 4&2; Lance Noonan d Corey McCarthy 4&3;

Corryong
The club launched

its junior development program on Monday with a group of keen youngsters taking to the course for the first of the six weekly sessions.

The sessions run on Mondays at 4.30pm and are open to all school aged children. Equipment is provided or bring your own clubs. Tuition is provided by qualified community instructors.

Places are still available for the remaining five sessions (the cost is \$10).

Another longer session will be held in Term 4.

For enquiries contact the co-ordinator, Richard Bennetts, on 0419 101 820.

Coming up

Sunday 25/2/24 (8.30am shotgun start): Corryong Open Tournament

Sunday 3/3/24 (8.30am shotgun start): 2-Person Ambrose (SOP) over 18 holes (barbecue lunch to follow)

Sunday 9-3/24 (9.30am for 10am hitoff): 2-Person 'Cup Recovery' Ambrose (SOP) 9 holes

Saturday & Sunday 16-17/3/24 (anytime): Stableford - front 9

Sunday 17/3: Walwa Open Tournament

Sunday 24/3/24 (8.30am): Monthly Medal - 18 holes stroke

Sunday March 31 (8.30am): Corryong Grande 3-Person Ambrose

Mondays: 9 holes (\$5) / Wednesdays: 9 or 18 holes (\$6)

Notes: For 9 hole weekend 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

Nine players contested round 14 of the Summer Cup 9@9 competition on February 10th when Lance



Young golfers and instructors at the first training session on Monday.



Holbrook pennant winners (l to r) Simon Mohr, Matt Tol, Greg Gibbs, Corey McCarthy and Jade Rangi.

Noonan brought a halt to Rob Cox's winning run, carding 21 points, two better than Rob. Third was Mark Walton, his 18 points showing that he is coming to terms with the course and the sand greens after enjoying years on the 'green pastures' of King Island.

Paul Land's lead in the competition had been whittled back to just six points and with seven rounds to play there are six golfers well in contention.

(Apologies for a production glitch when we

missed last week's report - MCEd.)

Another good field of ten players contested round 15 of the 9@9 last Saturday with Tony Jarvis bouncing back to form carding 21 points to hold off Mark Walton by two. This puts Tony back in the top five overall with just eight point separating the quintet.

On Sunday Rob Cox led the team of Paul Land, Tony Jarvis, Mark Walton, Lance Noonan on the long trek to Holbrook for the much anticipated pennant

final on their very long course, in hot conditions and on their very fast greens.

Unfortunately the team went down 1-4 to the hosts. All five matches were closely fought out with the home team getting the job done in the latter stages.

Back in the club house, Rob put on his 'Hillzone President's hat' and congratulated the winners as he presented them with the shield, also thanking them for a top day and for the great presentation of their course.

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