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BIKE R US
 Since purchasing Hobie's Sports Store in Corryong in October, Mick and Kerrie Butler have made a number of innovations including bicycle hire. Mick also provides a maintenance and repair service which has been a boon for the Corryong College Outdoor Education fleet of mountain bikes which can now be serviced locally.
 Pictured: Corryong College teacher, Warren Sinclair, picks up a couple of bikes from Mick.

Hall project faces delays

The Corryong & District Memorial Hall committee has written to the CEO of Bushfire Recovery Victoria (BRV), Mariela Diaz, detailing

problems it is facing to progress the upgrade of the community asset. The committee was the recipient of a Local Economic Recovery

(LER) grant of \$390,000 and works were due to start in July 2021. A project manager was appointed and preliminary steps have been undertaken including advertising a tender for works resulting in a lack of response.

"Sadly, this is the situation not only with our project but common among other local projects," the letter to BRV explained.

Building delays are occurring across the region because of several factors including the high demand for grant projects and private works.

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Farm inspectors detract from firefighting capability

Member for Benambra, Bill Tilley, has called on the Victorian government to come clean on whether Department of Environment, Land, Water & Planning (DELWP) officers will be taken off fuel reduction burns and firefighting to assess camping sites on leased farm river frontages.

In the Victorian Parliament yesterday, Mr Tilley highlighted an internal advertising campaign for DELWP staff to take up the roles for the next 12 months.

"Last year, farmers protested on the steps of Parliament over the massive overreach in the regulations that would have allowed camping on their leased river frontages for up to 28 days, threatened their farm biosecurity and allowed campers to set up toilets and grab firewood," Mr Tilley said.

"Common sense won the day with the regulations relaxed and potential site assessments reduced to 27 properties and only four rivers – the Campaspe, Ovens, Broken and Goulburn."

Mr Tilley said that had now spread state-wide.

"My mail is up to 32 staff are going to be taken from their normal duties as part of an internal recruitment drive," he said.

"I also understand the conditions of the

secondment, 'quarantine' them from emergency management and fuel reduction operations.

"We know farmers on the Mitta and Murray are now getting letters and emails saying their property is to be assessed, despite the fact those letters still only reference the priority rivers.

"When the farmers made further inquiries, they found that often the assessments had been carried out without their knowledge."

Mr Tilley said anglers and hunters already had access to these river frontages.

"This isn't about stopping that access but if the state truly wanted to extend this to camping they would have adopted a more consultative approach, they would have worked with the leaseholders," he said.

"This jackboot diplomacy does nothing to encourage a good relationship between the fishers, hunters and landholders or indeed DELWP.

"I would hate to think that fuel reduction burns or indeed a major firefighting operation could be jeopardised because of the ideological push that is actually pushing farmers to the brink."

Students terrorised by drunk

A Tumbarumba man who frightened a group of Corryong College teenagers who were on a school camp at Paddy's River Falls near Tumbarumba, last November, has been gaoled.

An intoxicated Nicholas Hallcroft, 34, targeted two teachers and eight Year 9 girls on three occasions on November 10.

The teacher-in-charge was concerned about Hallcroft's behaviour around 5pm.

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Council welcomes recovery funding

Following last week's announcement of \$25.4M in national funding for 46 local community projects in the electorate of Indi under the Black Summer Bushfire Recovery Grants program, the Towong Shire Council is elated at the news that 26 projects in the municipality have been successful in receiving grants.

"With more than \$22 million being injected into 26 projects across the shire, this is a huge step forward in our ongoing recovery journey," Towong mayor, Cr Andrew Whitehead, said.

Three projects put forward by Towong Shire Council were successful through the program including the Cudgewa Avenue of Honour Rejuvenation and Walking Track upgrades, the Walwa Recreation Reserve Resilience Enhancements Project and the Corryong Skate Park upgrade.

"I'm excited to see that three council projects were successful and can't wait to share more about these initiatives with the community," Cr Whitehead said.

Cudgewa's Avenue of

Honour is a majestic tree line that runs through the township. Made up of elm and plane trees planted in 1917, it commemorates the district's World War I local heroes. During the bushfires the Avenue of Honour was in the direct line of the fire front and thirty-seven trees were damaged.

"The funding will contribute to the replacement of the damaged trees and an upgrade to the adjoining walking track, bringing this important historic location back to life," said Towong mayor, Cr Andrew Whitehead.

The Walwa Recreation Reserve was used as a staging area during the 2019/20 bushfires and funding for its upgrade will involve the construction of additional amenities, provision of undercover storage, installation of a generator and refurbishment of the building's exterior.

"The project aims to build the community's resilience by increasing its capacity to support emergency services and the community during future emergency events,"



The avenue of honour a year before the bushfires.

Cr Whitehead said.

After the 2019/20 bushfires impacted the Upper Murray region, the redevelopment of the Corryong skatepark was identified as a key priority of the local youth.

"The upgraded facility will provide improved park elements, aiming to encourage recreational participation and social connection, particularly for young people and families across the Upper Murray region," Cr Whitehead said.

"I'd also like to say a huge congratulations to all of the successful recipients, as well as a huge thank you for the time and effort you have

put in to continuing to support our recovery process through these important projects.

"I'd also like to thank the Australian government for their ongoing support for our bushfire affected communities."

The grants show how wide ranging bushfire recovery can be, according to Member for Indi, Helen Haines.

"Communities in Indi were devastated by the Black Summer bushfires and the recovery process has been hampered by the pandemic," she said.

"As our communities look to the future, the grants for these projects give hope for the future.

"Communities need infrastructure that will serve us in times of emergency. At other times, we need projects that respond to the mental health needs post-bushfire and build community resilience.

"Over the long term, we need infrastructure projects that boost tourism to support economic recovery.

"I look forward to seeing the difference this funding will make across Indi, helping communities heal and be better prepared for future emergencies.

Man gaoled over camp ranpage

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The man began calling out to the students, before leaving the area.

He returned around 8.30pm and when confronted by the teacher he got out of his vehicle carrying a baseball bat.

The teachers then moved the girls from around a fire into the camp kitchen about 200 metres away.

Hallcroft drove around the area a few times before returning and walking through the campsite clutching the baseball bat, which was later taken from him by another nearby camper.

Hallcroft was sentenced to 20 months in gaol for the offences.

Hall project is lagging

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Other factors have been the effects of Covid-19 restrictions in the workplace and a shortage of materials, qualified contractors and labour.

Contractors are also reluctant to cost projects with a wait time of up to twelve months to commence work and the uncertainty over material prices.

The Memorial Hall works were fully costed prior to submitting the grant application, however there was no provision for asbestos investigation and

remediation.

BRV funded an asbestos assessment but some of the the grant funding was then needed to cover the cost of remediation leaving a shortfall to fully fund the scope of works.

The project manager has been in conversation with BRV to negotiate a way forward for not only the hall situation but across the board generally.

The committee flagged that the project is extremely unlikely to succeed within deadline and meet the full scope of works.

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Mt Mittamatite Caravan Park	11.10am	Khancoban Pub	11.30am
Jingellic Pub	11.00am	Khancoban Caravan Park	11.40am
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Thank you Gateway Health and Bushfire Recovery Victoria

BUSHFIRE RECOVERY BULLETIN

This regular bulletin provides recovery updates following the the 2019–20 Victorian bushfires.

Bushfire Recovery Victoria proudly works in partnership with council and the local community to support bushfire recovery.



LOCAL COMMUNITY PROJECT GRANTS AVAILABLE NOW

Funded under the Local Economic Recovery program, the third round of Local Community Projects Grants are now open.

Jointly funded by the Commonwealth and Victorian Governments, grants are available for projects in business, economy and tourism, Aboriginal community recovery, wellbeing, environmental and infrastructure recovery.

Recovery works best when it is community-led. No one knows what communities need better than local people. Successful projects will build a sense of community pride and connectedness, achieving the aspirations and priorities of local communities.

For information, to speak to someone and to apply, visit vic.gov.au/brv-LER-grants

Local Community Project Grants at work in Victoria’s North East

BRV has allocated more than \$256 million to affected communities after the 2019-20 bushfires.

This funding is driving vital regional recovery and backing local community projects like the restoration of the Corryong bowling green.

Following the 2019-20 bushfires, and with more than a week without water and power, the bowling green at the Corryong Bowls Club withered.

As a recovery priority for the Corryong community, the Corryong Bowls Club sought to future-proof this important community sporting facility by installing synthetic grass on their main bowling green.

The Local Community Projects Grants (Round 2), part of the Local Economic Recovery program, funded the Corryong Bowls Club restoration project.

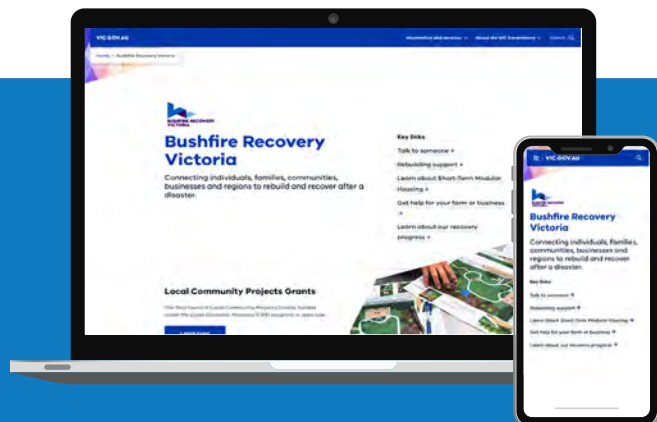
“This funding means that the bowling green will be more available to the public and ease the burden on volunteers for upkeep. The bowling green will be available for use now and in the future.”

Cathy Ross (Corryong Bowls Club Secretary)

In addition to providing a place for sport and recreation in the good times, the Corryong Bowls Club hosted a community event in the wake of the 2019-20 bushfires to thank Hay Runners and support crews for delivering 90 truckloads of hay into Corryong for farmers impacted by the bushfires.

The project is now complete and undergoing final checks from the contractor.

If you have an idea to help your community recover following the 2019-20 bushfires? Visit vic.gov.au/brv-LER-grants



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Recovery funds boost trails

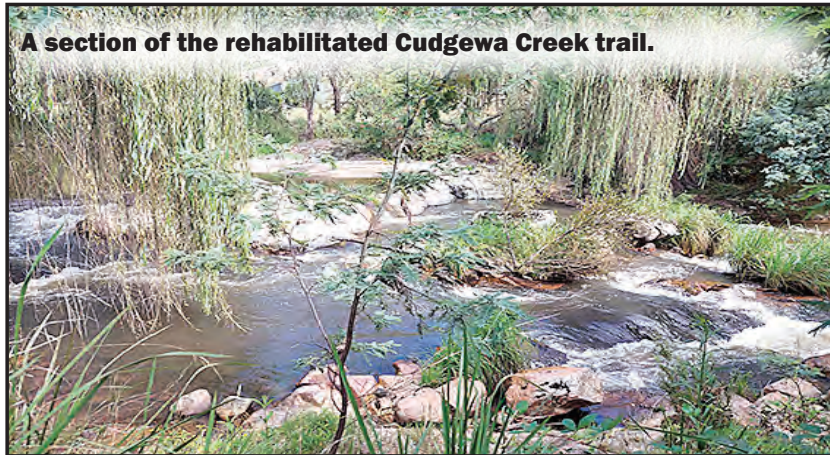
Parklands Albury Wodonga's Recovery team has been active in some high conservation value natural areas in the Upper Murray this summer, supporting the work of local communities in bush restoration and connectivity.

One of the sites is the remnant bushland of 'The Needles' historical trestle bridge reserve. At this time of year the bush there is full of flowering Bursaria and alive with the insects and bird life these highly

productive native shrubs support.

Work is also underway to target the woody weeds in the reserve, with blackberries threatening to smother the native raspberries and Elm suckers overtaking this otherwise healthy bushland.

This is part of Parklands Landcare Led Bushfire Recovery project, a partnership project with Upper Murray Landcare groups involving re-fencing of conservation corridors and treatment of



A section of the rehabilitated Cudgewa Creek trail.

weeds in high conservation areas, supported by the Australian government's Bushfire Recovery Program for Wildlife and their Habitat.

A second project, supported by Bushfire Recovery Victoria's Nature Led Recovery fund, will

finance signage in the four unburnt Upper Murray trestle bridge historic reserves. Wayfinding and interpretive signs will bring local knowledge alive and improve the visitor experience in these unique rail reserves.

Parklands is also

seeking local artists, historians and storytellers to contribute to the signage and help plan a potential mural trail at Cudgewa.

To get involved, phone 0427 926 282 or email info@parklands-alburywodonga.org.au.

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Local drivers put on notice

Corryong police will be maintaining a strong, highly visible presence over the next few months with the town's major events the Towong Cup and Man From Snowy River Bush Festival approaching.

The roads will be a large focus of local police, with officers paying particular attention to drink and drug driving.

"We look forward to the community safely enjoying these events,"

said current officer-in-charge at Corryong, acting Sergeant Marc Gould.

"The message is to drive safely and plan ahead."

Corryong police will be out in force targeting speeding and impaired driving with local officers being supported by specialist resources including the highway patrol.

"The community will notice the increase in highly-visible testing

sites, random breath tests, intercepts and speed detection both on the main roads and the back roads," A/g Sgt Gould said.

Motorists are urged to slow down and take extra care especially with the influx of tourists attending the events.

Police are also anticipating travel to regional areas and tourism hotspots over the Easter school holiday period to increase.

RESEEDING THE UPPER MURRAY

CLOSING SOON

ReSeeding the Upper Murray is closing. Please contact us to apply today or present your reseed vouchers soon.

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The leftover letters will spell out a message.

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Secret message: Home is where you hang it

Spot the difference

Can you find five differences between these images?

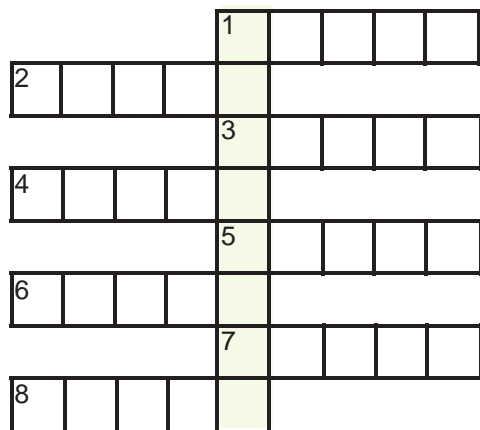


ANSWERS: 1. Sun 2. Clouds 3. Butterfly 4. Flowers 5. Fox's ears

Junior crossword

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

- 1 Falls over
- 2 Hilarious
- 3 Trousers
- 4 "Did you— any fish?"
- 5 Opposite of shuts
- 6 Type of plane, — jet
- 7 Birds build them out of twigs
- 8 Blind, burrowing animals



ANSWERS: Trips, Funny, Pants, Catch, Opens, Jumbo, Nests, Moles (TRYPHOONS)

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Quiz

- 1 What star is closest to Earth?
- 2 What river flows through Perth?
- 3 The Pope is the head of what religion?
- 4 What kind of animal is Wilbur in *Charlotte's Web*?
- 5 The Great Barrier Reef is off the coast of which Australian state?
- 6 Kiwi (pictured) are native to which country?
- 7 Which ocean is the largest in the world?
- 8 *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them* is a spin-off of which film and book series?
- 9 How many lungs does the human body have?
- 10 Who painted the *Mona Lisa*?



ANSWERS: 1. The sun 2. Swan River 3. Catholic Church 4. Pig 5. Queensland 6. New Zealand 7. Pacific Ocean 8. Harry Potter 9. Two 10. Leonardo da Vinci



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Parish prepares for busy time ahead

Covid restrictions are now easing and so hopefully our life will commence getting back to normal.

Maryann, our resident priest and her husband John, have been with us since the middle of last year and we are now getting ready to celebrate this upcoming time of Lent with her.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Day (1st March) - See the advert on page 2 in today's paper where we invite all community members to enjoy Shrove Tuesday in the Anglican Hall (easy access off Wheeler Street as well as Hanson Street). This year there is no charge

for pancake night (6 for 6.30pm).

Ash Wednesday (2nd March) - 10am service at All Saints followed by morning tea.

Stations of the Cross - 5.30pm each Friday in Lent at All Saints followed by soup and bread in the hall (no cost).

Mothering Sunday (27th March) - 9.30am at All Saints, Posies and Simnel cake.

Palm Sunday (10th April) - Lovely Palm Crosses given out.

Maundy Thursday (14th April) - 6.00pm at All Saints (bring your own towel, Covid rules apply).

Good Friday (15th April) - 3pm at All Saints



Malcolm Batty and Fay Whitehead sorting books for display.

followed by hot cross buns and cuppa in the hall.

Easter Saturday (16th April) - Vigil at 6pm at All

Saints (New Fire).

Easter Sunday (17th April) - 8.00am at Holy Trinity, 10am at All Saints plus Baptism followed by morning tea in the hall.

Bible Study is available on Thursdays - 9.30am morning session and at 7pm in the evening session. Contact Maryann on 0439 066 553 to discuss.

The Mothers Union meets monthly in the Church Hall commencing at 1.30pm usually on the 3rd Tuesday in the month. All are welcome.

Knit and Natter also meets on Tuesdays at 1.30pm in the hall. A warm invitation is extended to people who wish to get out of their homes and mix with other people - either doing their knitting or craft work or just coming

to have a natter.

We also hold Bingo weekly on a Wednesday at the Club Corryong. A very enthusiastic friendly group of people comes at 1pm for 'eyes down' start at 1.30pm.

Thirteen debutantes have commenced their dance training for the ball on Friday May 6th.

The Corryong Browsers bookshop is going from strength to strength, especially following the recent upgrade. Old carpet pieces have gone, replaced by an appealing plank style floor and providing an open appearance for both of the rooms. The bookshop also has a web page corryongbrowsersbookshop.com.

Fay Whitehead, Parish Secretary.

Corryong Neighbourhood Centre

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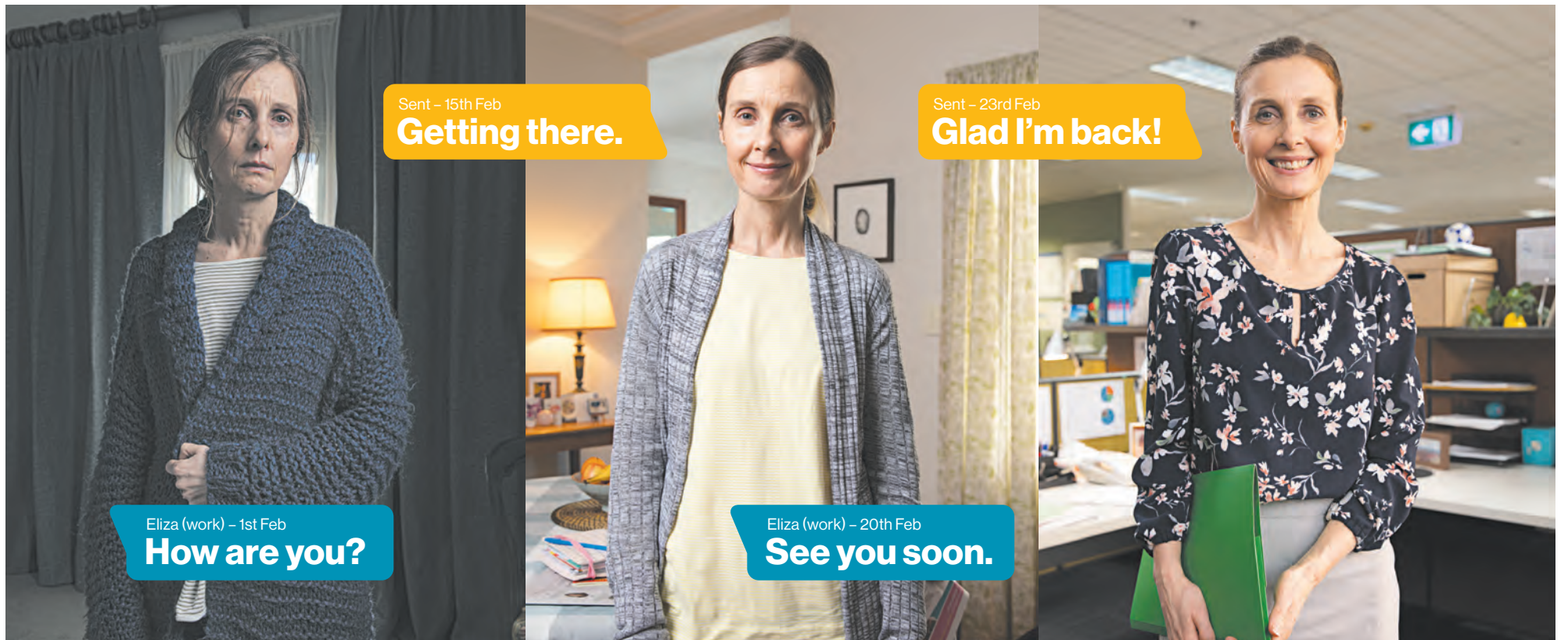
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MEETINGS

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Team Nominations for 2022 Season
Windup & Trophy Presentation for past two seasons

Sunday March 6, 2022
Corryong Hotel Motel
At 12 noon

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New and existing players are urged to attend as it is imperative to have numbers at the meeting for darts to continue.

MEETINGS

Towong Turf Club Committee Meeting
Tuesday 1 March 1, 2022 - 7.30pm
At the racecourse

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Dairy program backs farm business



The dairy support program helps assess the viability of future farming.

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The program has helped dairy businesses of all sizes assess the financial viability of future farming options including farm succession, other agricultural enterprises or industry exit. Confidential discussions and farm cashflow forecasts are used to explore how the farm business might look in the future and a strategy developed on what steps need to be taken to get there.

The program also helps dairy farmers find the right kind of ongoing support and makes referrals to other industry specialists and consultants for specific recommendations for their farm business.

Often the most difficult conversation of all can be opening discussions about transitioning the operation of the family farm to the next generation. Many farmers find it easier to deal with the day-to-day challenges of farming than invest the time, effort and emotion that accompanies many succession

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The DDS program provides support and guidance to dairy farmers who want to start succession planning for the next generation of farmers.

This support includes farm business analysis, confidential discussions with family members and referrals to specialists.

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Free bushfire book launched

After almost two years in the making, the Mountain Cattlemen's Association of Victoria (MCAV) is ready to release its children's story about bushfire.

To be donated to hundreds of primary schools across the state, the book is set to raise bushfire awareness and its emotional toll in a child-friendly format.

"We are really excited about this project," MCAV president, Bruce McCormack, said.

"We can't wait to get it onto the shelves at libraries, schools and kindergartens all across Victoria."

Copies of the book will be donated to education providers impacted by the 2019/2020 bushfires, with Mr McCormack explaining the story was "educational but realistic."

"The story is told from the perspective of a young girl who watches her family - who have been on the land for generations - deal with the impact of bushfire," he said.

"There are illustrations picturing dead stock and

mental health implications but ultimately it is a story of family connection, love and the continuation of life."

To stimulate interest in the publication the MCAV ran a 'Name this Book' competition, inviting students from across Australia to submit title suggestions.

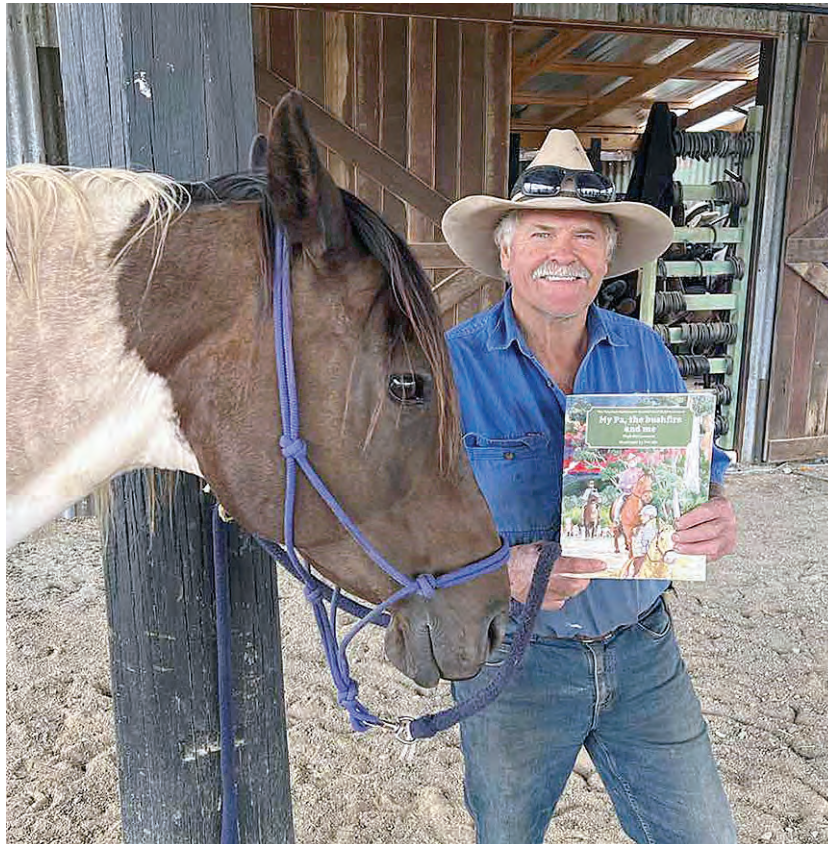
"It was a really wonderful experience to see the breadth of interest in the project," Mr. McCormack said.

"We had entries from as far away from the Northern Territory and the winner ended up being a family who do School of the Air in South Australia."

'My Pa, the bushfire and me' includes questions for discussion with young readers and a double page spread of bushfire images, contributed by those who lived through the 2019/20 fires.

"To say we are proud of the finished product is an understatement," Mr. McCormack said.

"To be able to give them away to education providers is something really special," he added.



Bruce McCormack with a copy of the picture book.

The book is written by journalist and MCAV Office Manager, Rhyl McCormack, and is illustrated by award

winning artist Timothy Ide - of Tom the Outback Mailman fame.

The book is available to purchase for \$14.95.

For more information, to purchase or to access educational resources visit www.mcaav.com.au.

Virtual challenge goes viral

A fundraising event which creates awareness of Machado-Joseph Disease (MJD), was forced to move online into a 'virtual reality' this year because of pandemic restrictions but this has not

dampened support for the cause.

Rebekah Lyons organised the original 'Ten Summits Challenge' in 2018 in honour of her mother Julie Hickox, known to family and

friends as 'Jewels', who suffered from MJD.

The event went ahead this month under the banner *Jewels '22 Challenge* - a virtual step challenge where participants aimed to

complete 10,000 steps a day. Monday was day 21 of the 28-day challenge and the story so far is that 199 people are participating (42 teams); 34,803,917 steps have been taken (a total

distance of 23,968.6kms; and \$7,871 has been raised so far.

Two teams have already finished the virtual challenge. To support the challenge donate online at <https://chuffed.org/project/jewels22challenge>.

The Grapevine



The winner of the Bingo raffle last week was Bev Klippel and the winner of the Jackpot was Pauline Davis. The next session is on Wednesday March 2nd for 'eyes down' at 1.30pm. Come and join in for a great afternoon out.

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Record stocking helps species recovery

Macquarie perch numbers have been bolstered with a record stocking of more than 145,000 fingerlings into six waterways across the North East including the Cudgewa Creek.

The Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA) CEO, Travis Dowling, said "Macquarie perch are an endangered species and stocking is a critical way to accelerate their recovery

in the wild.

"We've been working collaboratively to 'bring Maccas back' for several years, especially since the 2019-2020 bushfires further impacted their populations.

"Our efforts are supported by recreational fishing licence fees and the Victorian government's 'Go Fishing' plan to get more people fishing, more often. This year,

those efforts were assisted by a grant through the Landcare-led Bushfire Recovery Grants Program.

"This funding allowed us to transport wild-caught Macquarie perch broodfish more quickly," Mr Dowling explained.

This season's Macquarie perch stocking program culminated in the community coming together last week to release the 145,200 fingerlings into North East waters including 15,000 fish into the Cudgewa Creek.

Stock was also released in the Ovens River, below Wangaratta (40,000), Goulburn River near Trawool (58,000), King River (15,000), Buffalo River upstream of Nug Nug (15,000) and Lake Dartmouth (2,200).

"Stockings have been complemented by instream fish habitat and riverbank improvement works by locals; the Victorian Department of

Environment, Land, Water and Planning, Landcare volunteers; recreational anglers and traditional owners," Mr Dowling added.

"The Landcare grant also meant staff at the VFA's Snobs Creek hatchery, near Eildon, could spend more time breeding these valuable fish and increasing the number of fingerlings produced for stocking.

"That dedication resulted in almost three times as many Macquarie perch being stocked this year compared to last..

"Stocking a record number of 'Maccas' this season is a credit to the co-operation and dedication of several groups.

"This is another wonderful example of how partnerships deliver better outcomes for the environment and our iconic native fish populations, which are valued so highly by so many."



Volunteers release the fingerlings into a local waterway.

TEE TO GREEN

Corryong favoured for final

As the only undefeated team in the Hills Zone pennant competition, Corryong heads into the final as favourites over Batlow, which leap-frogged Holbrook after the final round at Tumbarumba on Sunday.

Holbrook was also undefeated until dropping the last two matches against the in-form Batlow (4-1) and Corryong (3-2).

The final will be held at Welaregang on Sunday March 6.

Round 7 results 20/2 at Tumbarumba

Corryong d Holbrook 3-2, Batlow d Walwa 5-0, welaregang d Adelong 4-1.

Final Ladder

Corryong	12	22
Batlow	8	20
Holbrook	8	17
Welaregang	6	17
Tumbarumba	6	16
Walwa	2	10
Adelong	0	23

Welaregang results

Sunday 12/2:- John Bennett recorded his second win, amassing 22 points, well in front of runner-up Bill Bond with 16.

Sunday 19/2:- Lance Noonan edged out Tony Jarvis (18 points to 17), to retain a handy lead in the summer competition.

With five rounds and a maximum of 25 points remaining, a number of players can claim the trophy. With John Bennett finding some form and Bill Bond getting back to his best after his hip operation, the next few weeks will be keenly contested.

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Last weeks results:-

Wednesday: Peter Mongan and Ron Kennett.

Thursday: Cath Ross, Mandy Gleeson and Joyce Thompson.

On Saturday the weekend pennant team had a home game against Tallangatta and won the day 71/43, winning on all three rinks. The team travels to Dederang this Saturday.

The second-placed midweek team had a bye and is travelling to take on top team Chiltern this week.

Members, please note the Mixed Pairs is scheduled for this Sunday February 27th at 10.30pm.

Select your partner and enter the team by Friday afternoon.

The Ladies Triples will be played on March 3rd,

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Business Bowls Results 17/2/22

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R14:- Ring-ins d Thoughla Triers 6-4, Tintaldra d College 5-2, Demons d Greengrocer 9-1, Emergency Crew

d Post Office 8-5, Fire Brigade d Tradies 14-1, Trev's Truckies d Feds 5-3, IGA d Rotary 12-6, Butcher Boys d Costellos 8-4.

Ladder

Ring-ins	18	76
Trev's Truckies	18	74
Butcher Boys	17	80
Fire Brigade	17	96
Feds	17	75
Emerg Crew	16	58
Demons	12	75
Thoughla Triers	11	63
Tradies	10	63
Post Office	10	55
Greengrocer	10	51
IGA	9	63
Tintaldra	7	56
Costellos	4	35
Rotary	3	32
College	3	27

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