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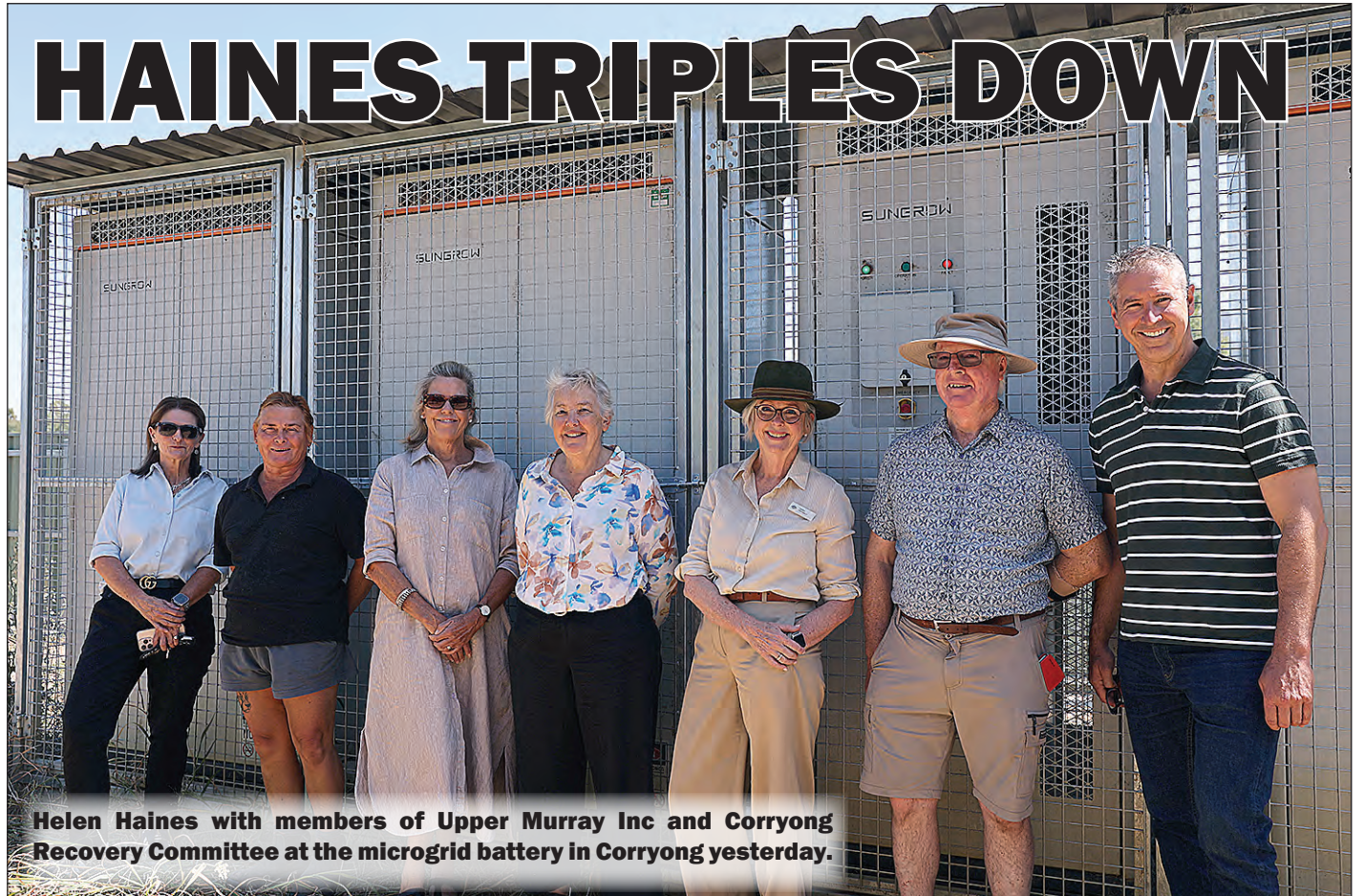
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HAINES TRIPLES DOWN



Helen Haines with members of Upper Murray Inc and Corryong Recovery Committee at the microgrid battery in Corryong yesterday.

Independent Federal Member for Indi, Helen Haines, will fight for more funding for micro-grid technology to provide energy security for remote areas if re-elected.

Dr Haines travelled to Corryong yesterday to meet with Upper Murray Inc (UMI) board members and representatives from the former Corryong Community Recovery Committee to launch her policy.

Dr Haines said she would push for a tripling of the funding for microgrids in regional communities to \$150 million.

"Too many places in Indi and regional Australia are confronted with repeat power outages which is unsafe, costly and incredibly frustrating for residents," Dr Haines said.

"Regional, edge-of-grid towns deserve reliable and secure power supply and microgrids

could offer a practical, tangible solution to meet their energy needs. This is especially important in times of bushfires, storms and other severe weather events.

"If re-elected, I want the Regional Australia Microgrids funding to be tripled, to reach more towns in more corners of regional and rural Australia."

Dr Haines said that since 2019, governments have invested around \$100 million in developing and deploying microgrids in regional Australia but more was needed to address energy insecurity in many communities.

She cited Corryong as an example of the benefits microgrids can deliver,

having advocated for investment to help secure their energy supply after the 2019-20 bushfires. Corryong received \$28.6 million in funding for a simple microgrid to improve the energy resilience of the town in times of an outage, with a federal government contribution of \$7 million through the Disaster Ready Fund. Once complete, the microgrid will be able to power more than 900 local households and businesses for up to five days.

"For communities that experience regular power outages, microgrids can be life-changing and life-saving," Dr Haines said.

Dr Haines said successive governments have neglected regional

townships at the expense of building transmission to get power to the major cities.

"We are not seeing enough done for our small towns that suffer from unreliable power supply or who experience frequent outages caused by extreme weather," she said.

It's just not good enough!

The current proposal for the new Albury Wodonga regional hospital is simply inadequate, according to Towong Shire mayor, Cr Andrew Whitehead.

"The redevelopment proposed will barely meet current demand let alone the future demands for a region of 300,000 people," he said.

"The government isn't listening to the medical experts, community or local government representatives.

"It is pushing on with a redeveloped hospital that won't meet today's needs let alone the future.

Cr Whitehead has called on residents to make their voices heard.

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CENTENARIAN CELEBRATES
Vera Bailey marked her 104th birthday last week with family and friends and she has thanked them for making her feel so special. She also thanked Janice M for the delicious cake and the staff who made her day so enjoyable.

The Grapevine



Club Corner:- The jackpot at The Club Corryong this Friday is \$2100. Last week's winner was Peter McNamara (\$50).

Last year's Towong Cup winner 'Euphemia' looks a great chance of repeating the feat for local connections after winning a Benchmark 70 race for fillies and mares at Moonee Valley last Friday night, starting at the juicy odds of \$19.

Items of local interest for this column can be emailed to editorial@corryongcourier.com.au.

Support needed now more than ever

The Corryong Neighbourhood Centre (CNC) is asking the community to get behind the Upper Murray bakery, particularly while Hanson Street streetscape works are being carried out.

"The bakery is continuing to operate at a very small surplus but we need the ongoing patronage of the community in the bakery to maintain this surplus - now more than ever," said

CNC co-ordinator, Sara Jenkins.

"The bakery is continuing to operate normal hours, for now.

"With the streetscape works closing all the car parks and fencing along the front of the buildings we have moved all the bakery seating to inside the CNC.

"Our costs are being kept to a minimum and particular thanks go to our generous landlord who has

given us a discount on the bakery rent."

The CNC has also secured an official payment plan with the Australian Tax Office which provides greater security for its committee.

"It will also enable us to have a bit more cash to pay down our other creditors," Ms Jenkins said.

"We are also looking into other options to increase our cash flow in the short term."

Mayor makes call to action

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"We are demanding the healthcare service and facilities our community deserves," Cr Whitehead said.

"A new greenfield site is what we need to ensure the hospital has adequate capacity to service the region's population including Towong residents.

"A shortage of hospital beds leads to ambulance ramping, and with Towong's distance from major facilities, we have one of the slowest ambulance response times in the state. The new

hospital must have enough beds to ensure ambulances are not left waiting at the doors to admit patients.

"It's time for people power!" Cr Whitehead asserted.

"The state government needs to hear that our communities are not happy with the inadequate funding allocation to build the hospital.

"We need a fair share of funding from the state government for a region of our size.

"Approaches to them for a better outcome have been dismissed.

"It's time to take a

stand!"

Towong councillors are inviting residents to join them for a rally in Melbourne on March 5th at 11.30am on the steps of Parliament, Spring Street, Melbourne.

"We are encouraging community members from across the shire to join us at the rally," Cr Whitehead said.

"The voices of our community need to be heard."

More information on how you can be part of the rally will be provided via council's Facebook page and website.

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Parents power on for preschool Firewood collection areas open

The Corryong Preschool Parents Committee had a stellar year in 2024 with it concluding in being its most successful fundraising year to date.

President Bridie Sheather presented the following report at the annual general meeting:-

The committee of 10 women accomplished so much in a short period of time.

With the Man From Snowy River Bush Festival BBQ being the most successful fundraiser for the year, this is one we hope we can leverage off in 2025 with our spot booked ready to go.

Other fundraisers such as mangoes, personalised tea towels and the inaugural art show, which had so much positive feedback from the community that we can't help but repeat this one again in 2025!

Our funding has contributed to the preschool in so many ways. The uniform which is fully funded by the parents committee is now supplied free of charge (one shirt and one hat). Play equipment, learning equipment and varying resources have also been provided to the preschool.

Our long standing working relationship with the Corryong Opportunity Shop stands strong, as we have three representatives

from our committee who also sit on that committee and collaborate throughout the year. The Opportunity Shop donates once a year to our committee and we are lucky to work so closely alongside them. Volunteering there is now something our kids look forward to more than us!

In 2025 we are farewelling, Rebecca Paton, a beloved member to our committee who has sat as treasurer for a long period of time. With no more children attending preschool we farewell her organisation skills and smiling face.

We hope to welcome more parents to the committee in 2025 - mums and dads are all welcome to join.

We have so many goals, suggestions and ideas for the 2025 fundraising year and as always, we encourage the community to approach us with thoughts in how we can better our fundraising attempts to ensure we can make our preschool better in the future.

In 2025 we have pledged to pay half the fruit levy that parents pay per term. The levy has allowed educators to purchase fruit for morning tea for the children, parents pay \$20 per term to contribute to this. In 2025 we will be paying \$2240 to educators to

cover half of these costs, meaning parents will only need to pay \$10 per term.

We will be providing students with one free t-shirt and one free hat. As well as starting the process in purchasing misting fans and outdoor heaters for the outdoor play space, this will allow more outdoor time throughout Corryong's wild and extreme four seasons. This was an idea brought to us by educators and we are so excited to assist them with seeing this to fruition.

We will be aiming for 2-3 fundraisers per term and striving to beat our fundraising record once again.

Without committees like ours, resources would fall to a minimum so ensure you rally behind these in order to continue the growth of wonderful organisations.

As I step up to my third year as Corryong Preschool Parents Committee president, I am excited and so lucky to be surrounded by these powerhouse women who are an asset to our community and how lucky they stand on our committee. I cannot wait to learn and grow with these women and see all we can contribute to our preschool.

Bridie Sheather, Parents Committee President.

Victorians will be able to collect free firewood for personal use from designated state forest firewood collection areas from 1 March, 2025.

The autumn firewood season ends on 30 June, 2025 but collectors are reminded individual collection areas may close earlier if there is no more firewood available.

DEECA Director of Forest and Fire Operations, Aaron Kennedy, urged collectors to play it safe and check local weather conditions as well as their planned route before heading into the forest.

"When collecting, please drive only on formed roads, be aware of the environment around you and the safety of yourself and others as trees may fall or drop limbs without warning," he said.

Mr Kennedy said people can collect up to two cubic metres per person per day with a maximum of 16 cubic metres per household per financial year. He encouraged people who rely on firewood for heating and cooking to plan for their needs early.

Mr Kennedy also reminded people that collected firewood cannot be sold.

"Firewood needs at



least 8-12 months to cure and must be dry before use," he said.

Financial assistance is available for people on low incomes who need to buy firewood: www.ffm.vic.gov.au/firewood/energy-concession-and-support.

Find your local collection area and information about collecting firewood at www.ffm.vic.gov.au/firewood/firewood-collection-in-your-region. Maps will be live from midnight, Saturday 1 March. An interactive map includes details about vehicle access, while pdf maps include safety and other practical information.

Within designated collection areas, collectors can collect and cut wood that is on the ground due to natural fall or forest and fire management works. Heavy penalties apply to anyone who cuts down a tree, living or dead.

Wood will be of varying sizes and may not be the same quality as the firewood sold by a commercial cutter. A wheelbarrow may be needed to transport wood to the vehicle as it cannot leave tracks.

"Most people do the right thing and stick to the collection limits but people should know authorised officers from the Conservation Regulator, Parks Victoria and Forest

Fire Management Victoria will be patrolling to catch those who aren't," said Mr Kennedy.

Authorised Officers can issue fines of more than \$769 to those caught breaking the firewood collection rules. More serious offending can result in maximum penalties of \$9,879 and/or 12 months in prison. Authorised Officers can also seize chainsaws, trailers, vehicles, and equipment that's used in the commission of offending.

Community members can find out more about collecting firewood and report any suspected illegal firewood collection by calling 136 186.

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Mutual support builds community spirit



The Corryong Craft Shop has made a donation of \$500 to the Corryong Neighbourhood Centre (CNC) '1000 Steps to Sustainability' Appeal in appreciation of its invaluable support and assistance over the years with computer set-up and general IT issues, setting up an EFTPOS connection and making CNC office space available for the craft shop's monthly meetings.

Pictured: Accepting the donation from CNC youth workers Adele Miles and Cherrie Byrne was Debbie Harrap. Tax deductible donations (over \$2) to the CNC Appeal can be made online at <https://app.etapestry.com/onlineforms/TheFoundationforRuralRegional/UMIF.html>.

Haines calls for incentives for homes and businesses

Independent Federal Member for Indi Dr Helen Haines MP is committed to making home and business electrification more accessible and affordable as key cost-of-living initiatives if re-elected. "Energy bills are one of the biggest costs for both households and businesses and my plans would allow both to make the upfront investments they need to be more energy-efficient and save money," she said. Dr Haines has launched her policy for an 'Electrify Everything Loan Scheme' that would help homeowners lower the cost of running their home through home batteries, energy-efficient appliances and solar storage solutions. She has also committed to help small business reduce their energy and tax bills through a proposed \$30,000 energy incentive for small business and primary producers for investment in assets or new technology.

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Corryong CBD Update

Works on the Corryong CBD Streetscape have recommenced after the summer break. Hanson Street between the roundabouts, is expected to be near completion for The Man from Snowy River Bush Festival on 10 April 2025.

We acknowledge that the streetscape works have taken longer than anticipated, and we sincerely appreciate your patience. We have faced internal and external challenges that led to delays however, they were necessary to ensure all works meet the required standards. We understand the impact this project has had on residents, businesses, and visitors, and while the process has taken longer than expected, we remain fully committed to completing the project.

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Study centre contributes to community growth

Now entering its fourth year of operation, Corryong's Country Universities Centre (CUC) is celebrating the achievements of our learning community.

Several students graduated from their courses last year and are now moving onto their next step. This includes people in agriculture, business, education, health and environmental science - all areas of knowledge that are needed in our community.

Dominic Sandilands used the CUC to complete all the requirements to begin his practice, Corryong Podiatry. When asked if the centre was helpful, he replied "Since needing to use CUC myself, I probably underestimated the significant impact it provides."

"Having interacted with the other students and comparing with my own circumstances, the value of local services in rural and remote areas can often be the difference between doing and not doing the study."

Dr. Handoko Wahjudi completed his PhD last year at the University of



MacKenna Hughes values a quiet place to work.

Melbourne and is now working locally to care for our waterways.

He reflected "I'm grateful to Corryong's CUC."

"I lacked a quiet place in Corryong to work from which made it difficult to publish my PhD research. Fortunately, the CUC kindly provided me with dual monitor computers and internet."

"The support helped me publish on time, which cleared the way

for my river restoration work in New South Wales and several publications with the University of Melbourne.

"Thank you for your very kind help. I'd recommend your facilities to anyone looking to complete their studies."

"These are just two examples of how the CUC has enriched the community," said CUC Education Co-ordinator, Vicki Kane.

"Imagine the impact

as more of our students remain and study in the local community.

"We hope that we can contribute to a growth in more teachers, nurses, agricultural workers and others who work in our local community."

Another CUC user, MacKenna Hughes, is currently studying online for a Certificate II in Animal Studies at Open Colleges.

"This is the place I want to be on a hot day!" MacKenna declared.

"Excellent air-conditioning, computers and a quiet place to complete my work without getting sidetracked have been very beneficial in my studies."

"In the coming weeks we will be welcoming students with O week activities, ready to study workshops and open days," Vicki added.

"If you are studying or thinking of it contact us via our website www.cucovensmurray.edu.au, follow on Facebook or Instagram or visit us at 6 Boundary Street, Corryong between 9am and 3pm on weekdays (except Tuesday)."

Knowledge beats scammers

Online predators are becoming more sophisticated, costing Australians over \$318 million in 2024 alone.

To help stay one step ahead, Crime Stoppers Victoria and BankVic have announced a five-year partnership extension, reinforcing their commitment to educating the community on scams, fraud, and broader financial safety.

Crime Stoppers Victoria Chief Executive, Stella Smith, emphasised the power of education in preventing cybercrime.

"Knowledge is the best defence against scams," she said.

"The more people understand how scams work, the less likely they are to fall victim. By partnering with BankVic, we can ensure Victorians have the latest information and practical tools to protect themselves online."

Ms Smith also highlighted the importance of working with a trusted organisation.

"Trust is essential to the work we do at Crime Stoppers and BankVic shares that same commitment to integrity and community safety," she said.

"Their long-standing reputation makes them a strong



New tools help protect against scams.

partner in our mission to protect Victorians from cybercrime."

BankVic CEO, Anthony De Fazio, reinforced the bank's dedication to supporting the community.

"BankVic and Crime Stoppers Victoria are so well aligned in our purpose," he said.

"Through this partnership, we can continue to support the community at a broader level, particularly when it comes to fraud, scams and financial safety."

"Australians lost a staggering \$292,620,000 to online investment

scams in 2023 alone, making it more important than ever to know how to protect yourself. Providing education, resources, and support are at the heart of BankVic's partnership with Crime Stoppers Victoria."

As part of this

partnership, Crime Stoppers Victoria and BankVic will launch the third instalment of their successful online safety series in 2025, equipping the community with practical tools to stay safe online. Each month, free resources will be released, covering topics such as spotting scam language, recognising financial abuse and avoiding Ponzi schemes.

Following the success of the Anatomy of a Scam podcast series in 2024, a new podcast featuring expert insights and practical tips will also be launched.

All online safety resources, including the latest guides, tips, and podcast episodes, are available on Crime Stoppers Victoria's dedicated Scam Safety Hub, ensuring the community has easy access to essential information.



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Car classic celebrates passion, precision and performance



A unique car and lifestyle event will be making a special stop in Corryong next month.

Targa Classica is a 1,200km journey celebrating classic and modern cars, bringing together enthusiasts, community and culture.

With more than \$100 million worth of vehicles participating, this is a rare opportunity for locals to experience these incredible machines up close as they pass through Corryong.

Targa Classica expands into New South Wales for the first time, bringing classic and modern motoring together in a celebration of passion, precision and performance.

There are few experiences in the motoring world that capture both the nostalgia of the past and the excitement of the present quite like Targa Classica.

More than just an

event, it is a journey—one that blends history with innovation, motorsport with lifestyle and scenic beauty with thrilling performance.

Targa Classica is built for every kind of motoring enthusiast and includes brands such as Bugatti, Porsche, Alfa Romeo, and Ferrari alongside Australian classics like the Holden Sandman and Torana. The event also welcomes JDM legends and some American muscle, making it a true showcase of diverse automotive passion.

The event is expected to inject more than \$1,000,000 into regional economies, with more than 1,500 hotel beds filled and 4,500 meals served. Competitors travel from all over Australia and increasingly overseas, to what has become a standout feature on the Australian motoring calendar.

For the first time, Targa

Classica begins its journey in Albury, marking an exciting expansion into New South Wales.

The motoring entourage will make a stop in Corryong on Tuesday March 11th.

Over four days, competitors will navigate more than 1,100 kilometres of breathtaking landscapes, from sweeping alpine roads to rolling valleys and lively regional townships.

The event wends through eight regions, bringing together local communities and enthusiasts to share in the spectacle of the event.

From New South Wales, the journey continues south into Victoria featuring a variety of open roads, racetracks and regional charm before concluding in the heart of Melbourne, perfectly timed to coincide with the excitement of the Melbourne F1 Grand Prix weekend.

Mayors want funding restored

Chairman of the NSW Country Mayors Association (CMA), Rick Firman, has called for the Australian government and opposition to commit to the restoration of Commonwealth funding for local government.

“Federal governments of all persuasions have slowly but surely eroded the funding that is provided to local government,” Cr Firman said.

“It is alarming that the annual federal Financial

Assistance Grants (FAGs) provided to local government decreased from one per cent of Commonwealth taxation reveg a cost-of-living crisis, nue in 1996 to just 0.5 per cent today.

“The inadequate funding situation creates large rate rises across rural and regional NSW local government areas during a cost-of-living crisis.”

Cr Firman also raised concerns that this falling revenue was a major

contributing factor to the financial sustainability challenges that many councils in rural and regional NSW currently face.

“Declining Commonwealth contributions, coupled with rate pegging in NSW and increasing operating costs, are making it very difficult for councils to continue to deliver services and infrastructure at the levels our communities need,” he said.

Corryong Neighbourhood Centre

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Streetscape Update – As of 24/02 the bakery & CNC will be fenced off due to the streetscape. During this time both businesses will be operating as usual, except bakery seating will be **INSIDE** of the CNC office.

CNC Survey is active! Please help us better understand the community's needs by providing us with your valuable feedback.

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Everybody loves a mystery

This is the second of two articles about the 2025 MSRBF Art and Photography and Elyne Mitchell Photo Story Awards and its theme 'Man or Myth?'

What would acclaimed author Elyne Mitchell have said about the 2025 MSRBF Art and Photography and Elyne Mitchell Photo Story Awards' theme 'The Man or the Myth'?

As her daughter I will tell you some of what I remember.

Elyne spoke to people on both sides of the High Country - in the Monaro and the Upper Murray - who remembered Banjo Paterson. She did her research and contacted Paterson family members and asked them about the identity of 'The Man' who inspired the poet to write 'The Man from Snowy River' and if he was Jack Riley? She would have wanted to know if he was a composite character inspired by many mountain men or whether he was a myth?

Elyne and Tom Mitchell's home at Towong Hill often echoed with the discussion about whether or not Jack Riley was 'The Man'. The competitive Tom was convinced Jack Riley was

Paterson's subject and he had an advantage over Elyne because his family had known Paterson in Sydney.

Paterson had stayed with the Mitchells at Bringenbrong and Tom had corresponded with him while Elyne had only met the poet once.

Elyne held her own ground and argued that Banjo's 'Man' was probably a composite character in the poets imagination, made up from his memories of stockmen he knew on the Monaro or in the Upper Murray.

In her 'The Man from Snowy River' young reader series and later on in the 1990s as inaugural patron of the bush festival, Elyne supported the possibility that Jack Riley might have been the bard's inspiration.

Sometimes Elyne would say we have a wonderful poem and why do we need to know the identity of the 'Man'? Like Banjo and as a writer, Elyne knew that most people love mysteries and myths.

If anyone was to ask Elyne about the inspiration motivating her to write, her answer might have included her father General Sir Harry Chauvel. As a child Elyne

had been thrilled by his stories of the wild horses, but his stories were set on the Upper Clarence River near his childhood home at Tabulam.

Quite apart from her father's stories, there were his wartime exploits with the Light Horse Brigade on Gallipoli and later rising to command the Desert Mounted Corps in Palestine.

Elyne had other inspiring heroes too. Close to home there was Paul Edmund Strzelecki and the mystery of which mountain he climbed.

While she accepted that Mt Kosciuszko was higher by 19 metres at 2,228 metres than the next highest peak, Mt Townsend at 2,209 metres, she would ask if we know for sure that that Strzelecki climbed Mt Kosciuszko?

Confusing things still further, in the 1930s when Elyne first arrived in the Upper Murray, there were local people who referred to the High Country above the tree line as 'Kosciusko'!

If Elyne was still alive she might challenge entrants of the Elyne Mitchell Photo Story Awards to go out and work out what is important - 'The Man or the Myth'.

You will need to take

Riley's famous ride is reenacted at the bush festival each year.



a photograph or find one you have already taken to illustrate your writing. Don't forget to reference the theme but like Elyne, you might consider what is important to you - the man or the myth or is it the landscape? Give your work a title.

Towards the end of her life, Elyne paid tribute to the Upper Murray and the High Country as 'The country that built my heart'. For Elyne, her

inspiration encompassed the world in which she lived, with its people, fauna and flora, myths, stories, songs and poetry.

She wouldn't have had much time for identity politics. It didn't matter who you were. What mattered to Elyne is what you did with your life and that you were doing something worthwhile for your community.

She practised what she preached in her writing

and created her own myth with her story in 'The Silver Brumby'. Her books inspired generations to enjoy reading.

Banjo Paterson died 84 years ago in 1941 so there is unlikely to be anyone around who remembers him personally. Tom and Elyne are also long gone and the lively discussions fell silent long before the homestead fell victim to the 2020 bushfires.

So, aspiring entrants

will have to make up their own minds!

Paterson fans and entrants to The Man from Snowy River Bush Festival's Art and Photography Exhibition and The Elyne Mitchell Photo Story Awards might find interest and inspiration in Alistair Campbell's 'Banjo Paterson Papers: A Life in Pictures and Words' from the Paterson Family Archive.

~ Honor Auchinleck

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Corryong storms to pennant victory

On Saturday the B4 pennant team travelled to Lavington for the preliminary final against Wodonga.

Buoyed by an almost spotless home and away season, the high hopes and confidence of the previous week (dashed by Commercial Club), were replaced in most bowlers minds with the sense of - a job to be done!

The day was cloudy with a fresh easterly - seemingly keeping at bay a growing black mass moving in from the north - a sprinkle about half way through provided some relief from the humidity, but no delay.

Thanks to the Lavington Club for putting their hand up to host the game - the greens were immaculate - fast and true and several of their players were on hand to help make for an enjoyable

afternoon's bowls; played with a friendly and respectful determination.

Wodonga was very keen to make a long elusive final, while we knew we had to improve greatly from our last week's outing and as so often happens, three different match-ups produced three very different results.

Noel Blake's team was playing a Wodonga "on song", behind 4- 21 at the 12th end; Peter Mongan's team, trading shot for shot, was up by four; while Simon Donadon's team had hit the ground running, leading 22-3. With more than half the game played only six shots separated the two sides.

Pennant bowls is a team effort with all bowlers having a role to play, and those Corryong players needing to, stuck to their task, improving in skill and confidence as the game rolled on.

Noel's team picked up nine shots to four finishing 13-25. Peter Mongan was unavailable the previous week and it was a welcome relief to see the 'old master' of grass leading his team to a 19-11 win. Simon Donadon's afternoon was

a masterclass of grass green bowling, driving his team with solid support to a 34-8 win and an overall win of 66-43 to Corryong.

It's all to do again this Saturday against Commercial Club at Wodonga and we know we have to bring our best bowls. Any support will be greatly appreciated as

Commercial have a good following, with their over 60s cheer squad at the front line.

In other news, Carol Fair Carol won her way to the the quarter finals in the Champion of Champions competition but lost at that stage in a tough game, 22-25.

Roll on, Kitty!



BIRTHDAYS



Kalinda Bos

Happy 18th Birthday Kalinda

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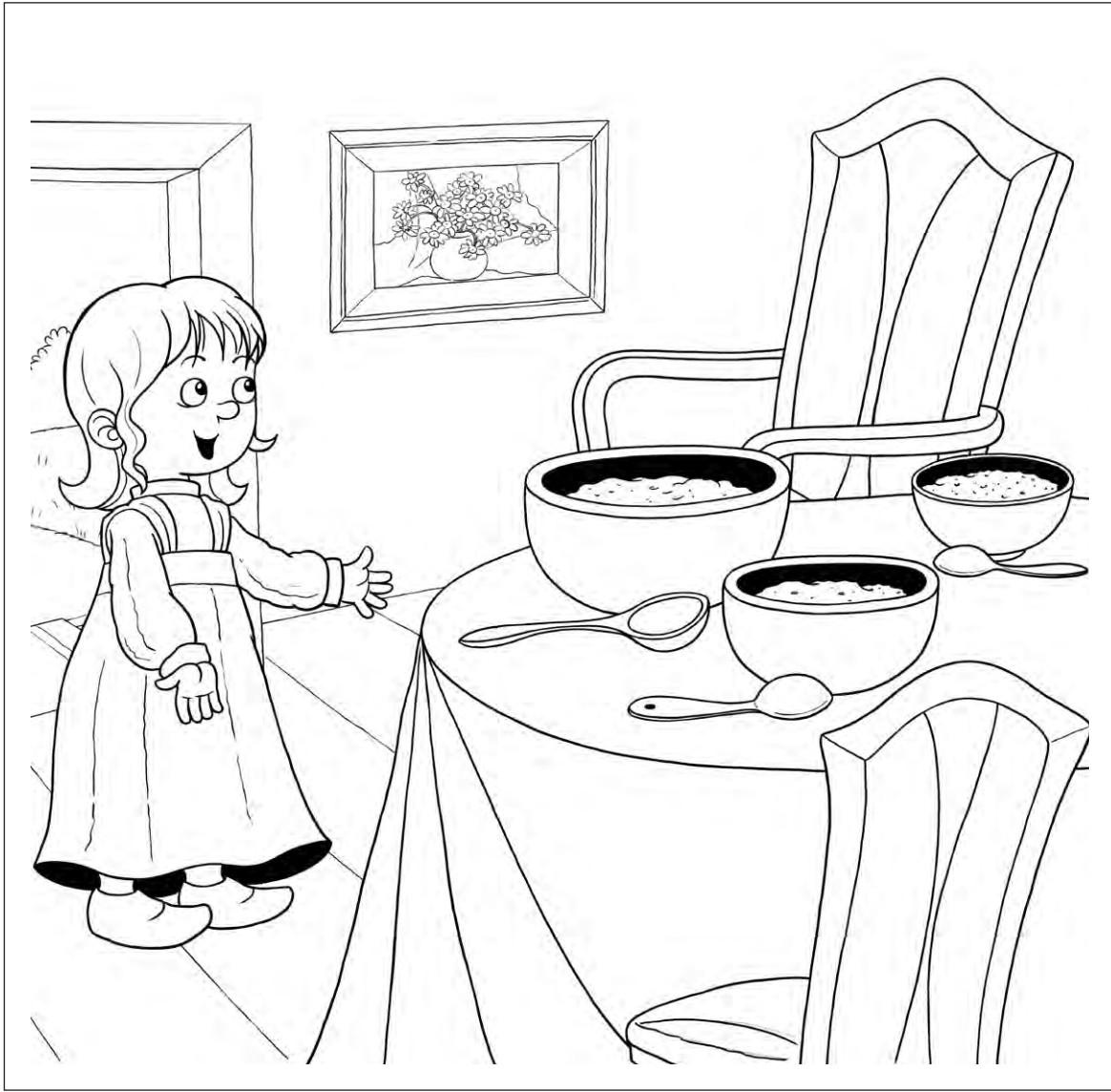
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Secret message: Eye in the sky

Cross Maths

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

SOLUTION

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WORK IT OUT...

Junior Crossword

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

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| 1 Super heroes: - boy and Lavagirl | 5 Kid's book: <i>The - Who Came to Tea</i> |
| 2 Animated movie: <i>Lady and the -?</i> | 6 Famous French kids' books about an elephant |
| 3 Animated movie: <i>The Prince of -?</i> | 7 Hilarious kid's book series: Captain - Pants |
| 4 A Bugs Bunny catchphrase: "What's - -?" | 8 Kid's book: <i>Should I Share My Ice -?</i> |

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ANSWERS: Shark, Tramp, Egypt, Up Doc, Tiger, Babar, Under, Cream (SPECTRUM)

Quiz

- Mandarin, lemon and orange are all what type of fruit?
- What colour is the kangaroo paw plant?
- Maleficent (pictured) is the villain in which fairytale?
- The Sahara Desert is found on which continent?
- What letter of the alphabet is used to show snoring in cartoons?
- What kind of clothing item is a bowler?
- Which bushranger was known for his homemade iron armour?
- The *Mona Lisa* was painted by which artist?
- And which gallery houses that painting?
- Mufasa is the father of which Disney character?



ANSWERS: 1. Citrus 2. Red 3. Sleeping Beauty 4. Africa 5. Z 6. Hat 7. Ned Kelly 8. Leonardo da Vinci 9. The Louvre 10. Simba



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Action from the course



Nathan Lattanzio fires his approach into the 7th green in the Corryong tournament on Sunday.



Scott Prior watches his shot closely.



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| Results | Men |
| Tuesday 25/2/24 | Bricklayers 31 d Bulls 29 |
| Womens | Mustangs 55 d Rip City 5 |
| Qualifying Final | Raptors 40 d Purple Cobras 31 |
| MAD 30 d Rebels 20 | Fixture - Wednesday 5/3/25 |
| Elimination Final | Junior 2A |
| Fillies 40 d Fossils 38 | Preliminary Final |
| Junior Mixed Div 2A | 6.00pm - Warriors vs Spurs |
| Lakers 56 d Warriors 33 | Junior 2B |
| Spurs 48 Celtics 17 | Preliminary Final |
| Junior Mixed Div 2B | 5.00pm - Kings vs Bulls |
| Heat 38 d Kings 11 | Womens |
| Bulls 30 d Magic 28 | Preliminary Final |
| Results | 7.00pm Rebels vs Fillies. |
| Wednesday 19/2/24 | |
| Div 3 | |
| Suns 12 d Thunder 8 | |
| Knicks 23 d Timberwolves 6 | |

Upper Murray Tennis Association 2024-25 Draw

Results R17
Cudgewa 72 d Biggara 14
Cudgewa Nth 57 d Corryong 52
Khancoban - Bye
Draw
R18 1/3/25
All games at Khancoban
Khancoban v Cudgewa
Biggara v Corryong
Cudgewa Nth - Bye

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Final Ladder
Corryong..... 28
Tooma..... 26
Batlow..... 22
Alls Stars..... 18
Rosewood..... 14
Finals R1 1/3/25
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Corryong v Tooma at Khancoban at 1pm
Elimination Final
Batlow v All Stars

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Upper Murray Sport

Playoff determines championship

Early drizzle failed to dampen the enthusiasm of the capacity field in the Corryong Open tournament on Sunday and competition was fierce in all grades as the heat and humidity ramped up, none more so than the battle for the Open title which was decided by a playoff.

Corryong course record holder, Wayne Dubois, has been the player to beat on the Hills Zone circuit recently and maintained that form to post a 77 off the stick and looked the likely winner. However local hope, Shane Bannon, got it together on the last nine to match Wayne and force a playoff.

The pair returned to the par-four 18th tee for the decider and Wayne elected to go first after winning the honour but his drive found its way into the rough. Shane failed to take advantage and followed suit with a wayward drive of his own. Both chipped into the fairway and Wayne then sent a missile into the green but it rolled over the back lip. Shane again emulated his opponent's shot to also run through the green.

The stage was set for a grandstand finish in front of the buzzing 50-strong crowd on the club deck and when Shane's chip finished short the door was open. Wayne played a sweet shot to within 40cms and when Shane's attempt slid past the hole, he calmly potted the putt to claim the title.

Shane had some consolation by winning the A grade stableford with 41 points.

Other club members to perform well were Pat Kamba (B grade winner), Mark Collins (B grade runner-up), Zane Heinjus

(C grade winner) and Tameeka Mulquiney (Women's runner-up).

Results

A Grade Scratch Champion: Wayne Dubois 77; runner-up Mitch Curry 81; 3rd Sean Bannon 85; A Grade stableford winner: Shane Bannon 41 points.

B Grade Winner: Patrick Kamba 39 points; runner-up Mark Collins 34 points on c/b from Michael Smith.

C Grade Winner: Zane Heinjus 35 points; runner-up: Jono Lebner 34 points.

Ladies Champion: Sharon Burgess 31 points; runner-up Tameeka Mulquiney 29 points on c/b from Joy Bennetts.

NTPs: Tony Castles, Mark Collins, Shane Bannon, Michael Smith, Richard Bennetts, Raewyn Milbank.

Straightest Drives: Jade Rang, Graham Pfeiffer, Jono Lebner, Sharon Burgess.

Longest Drives: Grant Schultz, Michael Smith, Zane Heinjus, Joy Bennetts.

The club held its 2024 awards on Saturday night on the deck, accompanied by two special presentations.

Mark Collins was made a Life Member of the club after bringing up 30 years on the committee, for the most part as secretary.

He said he has seen the club go through many highs and troughs during that time and he regarded being involved in obtaining funding for course and sporting complex improvements in recent years as a proud achievement, most notably the installation of synthetic greens which has been a 'game changer'.

A floral presentation and gift was also made to

Ilma Clare in recognition of her dedicated service to the club, particularly in the role of president.

Coming Up - March

Sat 1st: Stableford - Front 9

Sun 2nd: Monthly Medal -18 Holes Stroke

Tues 4th: Twilight Chicken Run 2P Ambrose 6pm

Wed 5th - Stableford Front 9

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The two most consistent golfers over the last three weeks were at it again last Saturday.

Jayden Land won the day on a countback from the unlucky Laurie Williams, both carding 24 points.

It was Laurie's third 2nd placing in four weeks but his good form does have him one point clear at the top of the competition ladder.

Lance Noonan's 20 points took third on another countback from Paul Land.

Six members represented the club in the Corryong tournament on Sunday with mixed results.

After having a shocker on Saturday when he couldn't hit a fairway all day, Jono Lebner won the 'nearest the string' with his first tee shot of the day...oh, the irony of it all! His improved form earned him 2nd place in C grade.

Bill 'Angles' Bond's form slump continued into Sunday as he tries to come to terms with a new set of clubs.

R18 of the summer comp tees off at 9am this Saturday and visitors are always welcome - names in by 8.30am.

More tournament photos on page 11.



Wayne Dubois celebrates his victory in front of a large gallery.



Tournament winners (l to r)- Shane Bannon (A Grade stableford), Sharyn Burgess (Ladies champion), Zane Heinjus (C Grade), Wayne Dubois (A grade) and Pat Kamba (B grade).



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