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WHAT A YEAR!



A highlight of 2022 was the amazing efforts of the Corryong College Year 12 class whose Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) results placed the school in the top ten government schools in the state. The college's average ATAR was 77.3, a fantastic result as the average state ATAR score was 68.

Other newsmakers during the year were the Federal Football Netball Club and its fluctuating fortunes regarding its future, the wettest year on record that caused unprecedented flooding and an influx of bushfire recovery funding.

Our review of the year is on pages 6 and 7.

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Firefighting fleet is ready to respond

A large contingent of firefighting aircraft are ready to respond to bushfires across north east Victoria to help protect communities and the environment.

The aircraft will be used by Forest Fire Management Victoria (FFMVic), Country Fire Authority (CFA) and Fire Rescue Victoria (FRV) to respond to fires and other emergencies.

FFMV Deputy Chief Fire Officer, Aaron Kennedy, said aircraft play a critical role when responding to fires.

“On high fire danger days, as soon as the call goes out to respond, firebombing aircraft will be dispatched so we can hit fires hard and fast and keep them small,” he said.

“North east Victoria is one of the most fire prone areas in the world and this impressive aircraft fleet will work together to deliver an effective fire suppression operation.

“Aircraft work hand-in-hand with firefighters to contain fires both on private property and public land.

“Dispatching the aircraft with ground crews, fire trucks and bulldozers increases our ability to rapidly contain or limit the size and spread of fires.

“This helps keep

communities and the environment safe,” Mr Kennedy said.

Aircraft are strategically placed across the state and can be moved quickly to respond to fires which threaten life and property.

The firefighting aircraft based across the north-east region this summer include a Bomber 360 Air Tractor AT802 Fireboss at Albury; a fixed wing firebombing aircraft with the capacity to carry 3200 litres of water, foam or fire retardant. This aircraft can travel at speeds of 350km/h and is fitted with floats and can scoop water “on the run” from large water bodies like Hume Dam.

A Birdog 375 is also stationed at Albury, a single turbine fixed wing high wing aircraft which is used for fire spotting, air attack supervision, reconnaissance and firefighter transport.

Other aircraft including helicopters have been deployed to Mansfield, Ovens, Benalla, Shepparton and Mangalore.

Aircraft can also be relocated to Corryong airport if necessary.

In addition to the aircraft fleet, a total of 126 FFMV seasonal firefighters are also ready

to respond to bushfires and other emergencies across north east Victoria this summer. Of these, 49 are new recruits.

Seasonal firefighters complement FFMV’s fulltime firefighting workforce and will be located at sites across the region including Corryong, Tallangatta and Mitta Valley.

There are also 28 specialist rappel firefighters who deploy from helicopters for first attack on bushfires in remote and inaccessible forest across Victoria. They will be located at airbases in Ovens and Heyfield.

Mr Kennedy said seasonal firefighters play a critical role in effective response of bushfires on public land.

“Our recruits are trained in how to use a rake hoe to construct mineral earth control lines as well as other skills such as four-wheel driving, water pumps and hand tool maintenance, which are essential for forest firefighting,” he said.

“Their training also covered the essential elements of firefighting including fire behaviour, fire suppression, planned burning, emergency safety and survival techniques,” Mr Kennedy said.



The Helitak 348, Sikorsky S61N at Mansfield is a twin turbine engine firebombing helicopter fitted with a 4,000-litre capacity bucket.



Letters to the Editor:-

Managing fire risk during wetter seasons and beyond

An open letter from Chris Hardman, Chief Fire Officer, Forest Fire

Management Victoria (FFMV):-

Last year many Victorians experienced extreme weather with heavy rain and flooding. Our changing climate means these events are becoming more frequent and extreme.

The recent State of the Climate report by the Bureau of Meteorology and CSIRO confirms that changes to weather and climate extremes are happening at an increased pace across Australia.

In the coming decades, we will see an increase in the number of dangerous fire weather days and a longer fire season for southern and eastern Australia.

Even though conditions were wetter through most of the state last year, FFMV has continued to take action to manage bushfire risk.

Victoria is Australia’s most bushfire prone state. By investing in prevention, we aim to protect people, property and the environment by reducing the risk and impact of major bushfires.

We look for opportunities year-round to conduct planned burns that will protect people and our environment including forests, their wildlife and biodiversity from bushfires this summer and in the drier years to come.

We burn to the conditions, not the calendar. Some burns that were planned for spring may take place this summer if conditions are right and it’s safe to do so. Others could take place in autumn.

Although we don’t expect many long-running or large forest fires this summer, areas across the north and west of the state may see increasing

fire potential from mid-summer, especially in areas of high grass growth.

Drier forests, woodlands and heathlands are also at risk of fires with the onset of hot and dry weather conditions.

Going forward, we will prioritise planned burns in places with increased risk.

The wetter weather has presented opportunities for different types of burning. In some areas, the higher levels of moisture in the soil and natural gullies have allowed our crews to conduct lower-intensity burns. The gullies act as natural boundaries for the fire, which is not always possible during drier conditions.

Past events show us that planned burning can reduce the loss and destruction caused by bushfires.

As a world leader in bushfire risk management, we have many different tools in our toolbox.

Planned burning is not the only way we manage bushfire risk and reduce fuel like grass, leaf litter, twigs, bark and vegetation. We’ve increased our use of mowing, slashing and mulching.

We’ve also expanded our network of strategic fuel breaks to better protect against bushfires. These strips of land are in the highest priority locations – close to towns, water catchments and sensitive environments.

We have also upgraded our infrastructure, including forest roads, fire dams and fire lookout towers.

In addition to our bushfire risk management program, FFMV, together with Country Fire Authority (CFA), is continuing to support Traditional Owners to use cultural fire on country. More than 200 cultural

burns are planned over the next three years.

We work with CFA, Fire Rescue Victoria (FRV), local government and communities to deliver the best local approaches to bushfire risk management in Victoria.

The combination of our actions helps communities and our environment to become more resilient.

Our crews will continue to keep communities safe all year by reducing the risk and impact of bushfires on Victoria’s parks, forests and other public land.

While FFMV does a vital job managing bushfire risk, I encourage all Victorians to ensure they have the right information, tools and actions to prepare for fires.

This means familiarising yourself with the new Australian Fire Danger Rating System. This system is the same across Australia, so you can assess risk and take action if needed, wherever you are.

If you live on or near land that is at bushfire risk, make sure to follow the Fire Ready Kit from CFA.

If you’re camping this summer, do not leave campfires unattended and make sure the ashes are cool to touch before you leave.

You can find out when planned burns are happening in your area by signing up at plannedburns.ffm.vic.gov.au and make sure you have the VicEmergency app on your phone.

To find out more about what my team at FFMV and I are doing to help keep Victoria safe, visit ffm.vic.gov.au/bushfire-management-facts.

Chris Hardman, Chief Fire Officer, Forest Fire Management Victoria (FFMV).

CORRYONG AMAZING RACE

JAN 25 **JAN 25**

Wednesday January 25th
10am to 12.30 pm

Starting and ending at Attree Park, Corryong

A team race to ride, walk or run to complete challenges- No Cars or motor vehicles allowed

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Registration closes on Friday the 20th of January

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Emergency services get a boost



Members of local emergency services with Ray Waters from the Corryong Men's Shed (front).

The team at Corryong Ambulance and the Corryong CFA and SES units have publicly acknowledged the support given to them by the local Man's Shed group which recently donated \$500 to each emergency service.

This is a huge feat considering the difficulties and challenges the group had faced during 2022. The funds will go towards training and equipment for First Responder volunteers.

Enquiries from anyone interested in becoming a volunteer for any of these agencies are very welcome.

Check out the Corryong CFA or SES Facebook pages or at www.ambulance.vic.gov.au/community/become-a-volunteer/



The grapevine

Club Corner- The Joker Poker jackpot at The Club Corryong this Friday is \$2950. Last week's winner was Dawn Gray (\$10).

It was a special Christmas for former Corryong residents, Ron and June Roberts, now living at Heathcote, who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on December 18th.

Stubby holders hung for a real cool cause

The ceiling in the bar of the Corryong Hotel Motel (Bottom Pub) is being festooned with stubby holders to raise funds for local emergency services.

Under the 'Coolers for a Cause' campaign, pub patrons are asked to contribute a stubby holder to the collection and make a suitable donation.

It has been a popular initiative with locals and visitors alike and many of the stubby holders come with a story attached.

Recently, members of the Idlers 4WD Club called into the pub and added a number of stubby holders to the assemblage and \$200 to the cause.

One of the coolers was inscribed with the name 'Louise' and when asked, the donor said he had made it for his wife's 40th birthday - and she is now 80!

The initial proceeds of \$350 from the campaign will be shared by the local CFA and SES units. It will be ongoing and locals are invited to contribute their own unique stubby holders to the collection.

Publican Wendy Kirley presents CFA member, Renata Coppola, with the first donation.



For your survival, leave bushfire risk areas.

On Catastrophic rated days, your life may depend on the decisions you make, even before there is a fire. Stay safe by going to a safer location early in the morning or the night before.

How well do you know fire?

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Couple find a new adventure

A change of scenery was the catalyst for a move across the state for the two newest police officers at Corryong.

Engaged couple, Senior Constables Sophie Bell and Dan Brody, grew up in the Western Districts of Victoria and had been stationed at Horsham for two years and five years respectively, before deciding to look for new horizons to conquer.

Of course, the trick was finding a station that needed two officers and when Corryong came up on the transfer list they applied straight away.

They have not regretted

the decision at all since arriving in December.

"We like an adventure and were looking for something different and coming from the flat land of the Horsham district to the high country has been just that," S/C Bell said.

"We love the outdoors and enjoy things like four-wheel driving and camping," S/C Brody said.

"The stunning scenery has also been a plus," added his partner.

"The community has also been very welcoming and coming from country towns ourselves we are looking forward to our time in Corryong."



Carbon conference defuses confusion

Given the current discussion around the independent review into the government's carbon credit scheme and recommendations to improve its transparency and integrity, an upcoming conference will help explain what carbon markets are about.

Carbon can be confusing and there are

many options for farmers to engage in markets, many of which are still evolving.

Next month's Farming Carbon 2023 Conference at Beechworth meets a growing need to promote awareness of what carbon farming is all about.

The conference will provide insights into a successful carbon farming

program including available opportunities, processes required, issues and pitfalls.

The conference is supported by North East Catchment Management Authority (CMA) with funding from the Australian government's National Landcare Program.

Among the speakers already secured for the event are Julia Waite, MLA; Professor Richard Eckard, Melbourne University; Julian Carroll, Regional Chair Southern Australian Livestock Research Council (SALRC) and Principal, Stellar Livestock; Jane Carney, Farmers for Climate Action; Sam

Henty, Agriculture Victoria; Jim Shovelton, Board of Gecko CLaN; Alison Kelly, Agriculture Victoria; Dr Cassandra Schefe, AgriSci; and Sue Briggs, CSBP Soil and Plant Analysis Laboratory. Further speakers will be announced.

Regional Agricultural Landcare Facilitator with North East CMA, Lachlan Campbell, said the conference aimed to support land managers, agriculture industry groups, Landcare participants and industry staff in north east Victoria in building their knowledge and understanding of carbon farming systems. Among our speakers, Professor Richard Eckard

will be examining emerging imperatives for low emissions food production," Mr Campbell said.

"Dr Cassandra Schefe will be discussing the importance of healthy soil in building soil carbon and Jim Shovelton will be sharing the outcomes of a regional carbon project in the grazing industry."

The conference will be hosted at the George Kerferd Hotel Beechworth on Tuesday 28 February 2023 between 9.30am and 4.30pm.

Registrations are now open at <https://events.humanitix.com/farming-carbon>.

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Upper Murray Service

Needing childcare in Corryong in 2023?

As part of our ongoing work to secure early years services for the Upper Murray we're seeking feedback from families who are looking to enrol their children in care in 2023.

We need you to complete this electronic survey:

www.surveymonkey.com/r/childcaresurvey/
 (or you can request a hardcopy by contacting our Early Years Coordinator on:
 1300 365 222 or info@towong.vic.gov.au)

Survey closes at 5pm on Monday 16 January 2023.

For more information visit towong.vic.gov.au



Nothing to see here

Locals travelling to Wodonga over the past week would have been intrigued by a burnt out vehicle on the roadside at Shelley.

Enquiries with police have revealed that there are no suspicious circumstances surrounding the incident.

The driver of the station wagon had run out of fuel and when he refilled the tank the vehicle spontaneously burst into



flames.

A Berrigama CFA appliance attended the scene but the crew was unable to prevent

the vehicle from being destroyed.

A small grass fire caused by the blaze was quickly extinguished.

Corryong Neighbourhood Centre

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- [Upper Murray Employment Group](#) - Join the Facebook group to advertise or find employment
- [Power Saving Bonus](#) - One off \$250 payment for all Victorian households. Bring in electricity bill (all pages are required) and bank account details to apply.
- [Hume Riverina Community Legal](#) - Offering legal advice - Call 02 6055 8090
- [Good Shepherd NILS](#) - No interest loans for Centrelink recipients - Contact Nikki 0429 024 717
- [Youth Space](#) - Open after school & during holidays - All 12-25-year-olds welcome - WIFI, Nintendo switch, PlayStation, boardgames, pool table, art on Wednesdays and more!
- [Inflatable Pool Fun](#) - Friday 13th of Jan - 2.00pm until 7.00pm - Corryong Swimming Pool - All ages welcome! Kids 10-years and under must be supervised by an adult - Usual entry fees apply.
- [Upper Murray Community Calendar](#) - Find & share all local events at <http://uppermurraycommunitycalendar.org> For more information, contact Gemma at the CNC

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Classmates get together 50 years on



Corryong High School - the class of 1973.

The group of students who started their secondary education at Corryong High School in 1968 are being invited to a class reunion in March.

It is open to students who were in Year 7 in 1968, Year 8 in 1969, Year 9 in 1970, Year 10 in 1971, Year 11 in 1972 and Year 12 in 1973.

The reunion will be held over the weekend of March 24-26, 2023.

The plan for the weekend includes casual drinks at the Courthouse Hotel on the Friday, morning tea at 10am at Attree Park on Saturday morning, a school tour

that afternoon at 3.30pm and a get together at the Corryong Hotel Motel from 5.30pm.

On Sunday a morning tea will be held at the at Colac Colac Caravan Park at 10.30am followed by lunch at the same venue.

Participants are asked to bring any photos or school memorabilia to be scanned and shared.

Partners are most welcome to attend as well.

There will be a nominal charge (to be decided when numbers are finalised) to cover any costs incurred.

Early registration will assist with organisation and can be made via

Facebook at Corryong HS 1968-1973.

You can also register via email at reunion.68to73@gmail.com or you can phone or email the following people:-

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New art works sought for river route

Towong Shire Council is seeking a suitably qualified artist or group of artists to design, produce and install four new large-scale artwork pieces.

The series of artworks will build on Stage One of the Great River Road project, an Upper Murray community initiative that has transformed the Murray River Road from Bellbridge to Khancoban into one of Victoria's iconic touring routes.

The Great River Road currently showcases five large-scale artworks that were completed in 2019.

There are four sites identified for the proposed Stage Two artwork pieces



and artists may submit proposals for one, two, three or all sites outlined in the brief. Council has a total budget of \$176,000 for the four artworks.

The Project Advisory Panel - comprising community stakeholders,

council staff and representation from Murray Arts - will undertake an evaluation to progress up to four artists from the concept to development stage.

The successful artist(s) will then be commissioned to commence the works.

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What made news in 2022



January

- The entrance to the Corryong Memorial Hall has undergone a further transformation
- The increasing spread of the Omicron coronavirus variant has created a 'perfect storm' which has imposed further pressures on local health services
- The recently installed synthetic green at the Corryong Bowls Club, comprising eight rinks, has added a new chapter to the club's history
- Talented Corryong footballer, Kristy Whitehead, signed with Port Melbourne in the VFL this season.
- A storm cell swept through the Upper Murray dumping in excess of 70mm in a 24-hour period The Corryong SES was called out to the Upper Murray Community Bakery and Mal & Big O's Meat Barn
- The Bendigo Bank agency located at Costello Rural's premises in Hanson Street will shut its doors in April
- A 25,000 litre water tank will be installed in the Upper Murray to provide a supply for fire-bombing helicopters to operate in remote areas.
- The Corryong Citizen of the Year was Nicole Martin and the Event of the Year was the Kosciuszko Killer Grassroots Hard Enduro motorcycle championships and the Walwa Citizen of the Year was Irene Palmer
- Corryong Health prepares to face unprecedented challenges during the pandemic
- Former Courthouse Hotel lessee, Brad Tyrell, faces alleged fraud charges in relation to a Hume league football club

February

- Government slammed for slow rollout of test kits to rural areas
- Local nurse Sandi Grieve was recognised for her decades of service to the Walwa community and was awarded an Order of Australia (OAM) in the Australia Day awards
- More charges likely to be laid over public affray involving a vehicle in Wheeler Street
- Member for Indi, Helen Haines, says government is dragging its feet over integrity commission
- Death of former Courthouse Hotel licensee, Krishna Chopra, being treated as a homicide
- Towong Shire received \$5.727M in bushfire recovery funding
- More funding received for development of Great River Road tourism route.
- Towong councillor, Peter Dikschei, gets on his bike for charity
- Cudgewa has looked within in its own ranks for leadership for the 2022 season after announcing prominent players Luke Bloom and James McInerney as senior co-coaches.
- Corryong Memorial Hall project's progress slowed by added costs
- Man gaoled over campsite rampage involving Corryong College students
- Macquarie perch numbers were bolstered with a record stocking of more than 145,000 fingerlings into six waterways across the North East including the Cudgewa Creek.

March

- Helen Haines backs health workers in bid for new hospital
- Corryong café owner Stuart Spratt plans walk for veterans' mental health
- Corryong streetscape plans released
- Golfers lucky to avoid injury or worse from a fallen tree on Corryong course
- Tintalra Hall misses out on funding because of admin error
- Record nominations for Towong Cup race meeting
- Corryong's Hills Zone pennant champions were Ross Allen, Richard Bennetts, Graham Pfeiffer, Leif Kamba and captain Pat Kamba.
- Apprentice Hanna Le Blanc wins first major race in the Towong Cup on Mischinka
- Federal Football Netball Club makes appeal for senior football playing numbers
- Khancoban golfer Mike Conroy nails that elusive hole-in-one
- Kirrialy Anderson applies the finishing touches to the mural on the wall of the High Country Trading Post
- Corryong Museum takes possession of a rare book, the original copy of Sir Paul Edmund de Strzelecki's 1845 publication of a Physical Description of New South Wales and Diemen's Land
- Corryong club holds successful men's golf tournament
- The Cudgewa Tennis Club has announced that its new tennis courts are now finished and ready for use
- Helen Haines questions lack of support for rural areas in the federal budget



The fluctuating fortunes of the Federal club were an ongoing story during the year.

- Cudgewa makes most of home court advantage to win ennis grand final
- April
- Haines goes early with election campaign launch
- Jingellic sculpture commemorates the spirit of local firefighters
- Threatened species benefit from wildlife grants
- Bush festival draws more than 20,000 visitors to see engaged couple Morgan Webb and Emma O'Shea win the Challenge titles
- Tilley slams riverside camping system
- Federal Football Club struggles to field senior team a week out from season start which could stop the club from competing in the 2022 season
- Poetry veteran Rhonda Tallnash takes out top award at the festival
- Corryong hosts successful Easter golf tournament
- Corryong honours service men and women on Anzac Day.
- Ten candidates nominate for Indi electorate in federal election

May

- Corryong Sporting Complex seeks members' feedback on pokies proposals.
- Work starts on new FoodShare building.
- Foody fans are missing out on results because of lack of coverage by PlayHQ
- After being within a hair's breadth of going into recess for the 2022 season because of a lack of senior footballers, a last ditch plea resulted in the Federal club taking to the field
- The 81st Debutante Ball was held
- Students from Montmorency and Corryong Colleges join forces on mental health project
- The Upper Murray received a further \$300,000 in bushfire recovery funding for facilities grants
- The T u m b a r u m b a football team continued its enterprising start to the season with a comprehensive 156-point victory over a powerless Corryong.
- The Club makes decision to purchase pokies
- Old school site to be assessed for community use
- Local fire fighters from the Bringinbrong, Urmie, Maragle and Tooma brigades were recognised for their service and the Bringinbrong brigade also officially received its new Category 1 Grassland Fire Tanker

- Helen Haines will continue to pursue an integrity commission in the new parliament
- Two new recovery Parklands Albury Wodonga projects are about to get underway - The Cudgewa Mural Trail and a Towong Recovery Ranger team to undertake landscape scale environmental works in the Upper Murray region
- In a game of contrasts, Cudgewa consolidated second place on the ladder after steamrolling Corryong on Saturday by 20 goals.

June

- The river crossing at Towong will be closed for at least a year for Stage 2 of the construction of a new bridge / Confusion blamed for ambulance delay
- Local musician, Trevor Best, will launch a rally in Melbourne next week against the shooting of brumbies
- Tumbarumba wins battle of the heavyweights in local footy.
- Bushfire recovery accommodation could be re-purposed for local use
- Corryong Taxi Service may cease unless a buyer is found
- New gates complete makeover of the Cudgewa Cemetery
- Victorian Premier to investigate five-hour ambulance wait for elderly woman in Corryong
- Community paramedics could solve crisis by being allowed to attend home visits
- FoodShare is seeking help to fix a sinkhole on new block before new building can be installed
- Midway through the 2022 season, Tumbarumba is making all the running and sits two games clear of Cudgewa with an undefeated record.

- Corryong CFA shares in bushfire recovery funding receiving \$24,000 to improve its facilities
- Corryong football seniors break drought against arch rivals

Federals in local derby

July

- Towong Council continues support for recovery hub
- Corryong SES celebrates service records of members - Bruce Meek (40 years), Brian Hastings (10 and 15 years), John Williams (30 years), Colin Brown (10 and 15 years), Sharyn Nankervis (10 years), Greg Nankervis (five years) and Kevin Whitehead (35 years); Col Brown also received the National Medal for his service
- New project focuses on upgrade of four trestle bridges in the region
- Local firefighters honoured in Corryong by the Governor-General for actions during Black Summer bushfires
- Corryong's Courthouse Hotel to re-open after more than six months

- In football Blues and Dogs rack up percentage boosting wins
- New learning space in Corryong opens its doors to students
- Corryong arts group undergoes a transformation
- Following a surprise loss to Bullioh in round 9 and a two-week break for byes, Tumbarumba reasserted its claim to flag favouritism with a comprehensive 72-point away win over Cudgewa.
- Towong Hill Road landholders protest over lack of access because of bridge works
- Corryong Footwear is about to shut the doors
- Western end of Mitchell Avenue in Khancoban to be renamed after early surveyor, Major Clewes

August

- Corryong College benefits from two donations - The kitchen garden program received \$2000 from Corryong CRT supplier, Agmate Rural Services and the Parents Club received \$500 from the local branch of the Commonwealth Bank
- A special event in Attree Centre brings community together over suicide awareness
- Federals sew up fourth spot for finals fling
- Corryong school celebrates 150th anniversary
- Pioneering vet Mary Maclean remembered
- Corryong Health increases some fees following services review
- Corryong Wetlands project receives funding from Border Trust
- Local roads are identified as some of the worst in the state
- Elliot Way remains closed after landslide
- Bullioh advances to football preliminary final after defeating Federals

September

- Helen Haines submits budget wish list to new government
- Grant received for youth boxing program
- Tumbarumba outlasts Cudgewa to book grand final spot
- Corryong Health adopts a new video assessment system providing statewide virtual emergency department operating 24 hours per day and seven days a week with daily specialist medical cover and overnight nursing/ nurse practitioner cover
- Cudgewa defeated Bullioh in the football preliminary final
- Two Tumbarumba players in Jim Waters and Jacob Read tied for the football best and fairest on 17 votes from Cudgewa star Nick Brockley who also won the Corryong Courier goalkicking award with 66 majors.
- The A grade netball best and fairest winner was Tumbarumba's Brigid Rhynehart with 18 votes, pipping Federal ace Sallie Findlay on 17. The goal throwing award was won by Cudgewa's Sophie Greenhill with 376.
- Tumbarumba wins both the senior football and A grade netball premierships
- Older residents recall their connections to Queen Elizabeth II following the monarch's death
- Mrs Jean Graham, a former Towong resident, celebrated her 100th birthday
- The occupants of a Cudgewa North house escaped injury or worse last Friday morning thanks to a smoke alarm that alerted them that the residence was on fire.
- The pilot of a light plane was killed when it crashed near Lucyvale The Greengrocer changes hands after 23 years to Acres and Acres Co-op.
- Member for Northern Victoria, Tania Maxwell, calls for a larger

share of health funding for the north

- The Club Corryong received funding of \$100,000 from Border Trust for deck extensions
- The Bushtrackers Owners Group caravan muster at Towong tips close to \$100K into the local economy
- Corryong was well represented at the Melbourne Royal Show 2022 by Matilda Jackson and her Heritage Australian Stock Horse 'Camelot Fine Impression'
- October
- Helen Haines welcomes the introduction of an anti-corruption bill
- Member for Benambra, Bill Tilley, pushes for a high country hall of fame at Corryong
- Corryong College students put on first production in three years
- Bill Tilley promises \$10B in road funding if elected
- Country Universities Centre opened in Corryong
- Exhibition of works by local artists opened.
- Construction of the Towong Bridge is on schedule for completion in mid-2023
- Corryong youth worker, Adele Miles, is nominated for state-wide award
- First Snowy 2.0 tunnel completed
- The recent Corryong College athletics carnival was a day of fun and games with Mitta House emerging as the victorious team.
- Corryong Health is dealing with an outbreak of Covid-19 in its aged care facility
- Towong Mayor, Cr Andrew Whitehead, doubts council has sufficient funding for urgent road maintenance



November

- Victorian MPs will continue to fight for a new Albury-Wodonga hospital after "stop gap" funding announced
- Local health services allocated funding for upgrades - Walwa Bush Nursing Centre will receive \$424,430 to upgrade nursing and general practitioner accommodation and Corryong Health will benefit by \$310,638 for the renewal of day procedure equipment.
- With up to 100mm of rain falling across the Upper Murray catchment over the past week many waterways burst their banks including the Nariel Creek which coursed through the Colac Colac Caravan Park.
- Police to crack down on anti-social behaviour following vandalism to two vehicles
- FoodShare faces community backlash over proposed new site in Strzelecki Way
- Brother and sister - Zac and Hayley Whitsted - did themselves and Corryong College proud with top line performances at the recent School Sport Victoria State Athletics Championships
- Haines seeks multi-partisan support for anti corruption legislation
- Widespread rainfall of up to 150mm across the Upper Murray over one weekend flooded roads and cut off access to many rural properties.
- After more than two years of 'marking time', the Corryong Golf Club is undertaking several course improvements and implementing a number of programs to encourage participation in the sport
- Federal Football Netball Club announced it would go into recess for the next season
- Tintalra Avenue of Honour officially opens
- Second Covid outbreak occurs at health service
- December
- Bill Tilley retains Benambra seat with increased margin
- Timber shortage puts Corryong mill jobs at risk
- Corryong selected to host emergency expo
- Corryong Health lifts lockdown after Covid outbreak
- New hall at Urmie will officially opens
- The Nariel Creek Folk Festival celebrates its 60th anniversary
- Junior tennis star Ruby Jean Klippel is off to the Australian Open for her debut as a ball kid
- Bike trail on Playles Hill park opens.
- Year 12 students, staff and parents of Corryong College are justifiably proud following the release of the 2022 Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) results last week which placed it in the top ten government schools in the state / Elsie Drummond was named as Dux
- The winning team of the Corryong Bowls Club Men's Triples Championship comprised Simon and Angelo Donadon and Col Smedley who defeated Noel Blake, Mal Jarvis and Doug Smedley.
- Annual Weather: Total rainfall for 2022: 1020.5mm with March having the most rain with 136.00mm. Hottest day: 35.5 on 25th & 26th December. Coldest day: 7 on 1st May.
- * Please note some information missing on BoM website.



Trafalgar tales wanted

The Towong Turf Club has been approached by a journalist seeking information for an article about the famous racehorse, Trafalgar.

As many readers will know, Trafalgar was bred at Bringenbrong by the P & W Mitchell partnership. He was foaled in 1905, one hundred years after the Battle of Trafalgar.

In 1908 a newspaperman calling himself Milroy visited Bringenbrong and wrote enthusiastically about the progeny of one of the station's best broodmares, Grand Canary.

"Her latest gem is a strapping great chestnut colt named Trafalgar, by Wallace. He is being trained by Hickenbotham, at Melbourne, and great hopes are entertained of his winning one or both the Derbys.....he is a grand individual, one, in fact, without a fault in conformation or manners. His dam is a medium-sized, lop-eared chestnut mare with a very light mane and tail." (*Sydney Mail and New South Wales Advertiser*, 22 July, 1908, p 241: *A Visit To the Upper Murray*.)

The distinctive light mane and tail were inherited by Trafalgar and a lock of it has



recently been given to the Towong Turf Club, with a framed photograph of the horse and handler. Unfortunately, there is no date on the photograph, nor is the handler named and there is no place name mentioned.

Trafalgar enjoyed a stellar racing career, winning 23 out of 56 starts which included

the Sydney Cup in 1909 and the Randwick Plate four times and earning connections more than 20 thousand pounds, a tidy sum for those times.

However, he was probably best known in the Upper Murray for his close second to the great New Zealand champion, Comedy King, in the Jubilee Melbourne Cup of

1910. There was a strong suspicion of interference in the race but this was not proved.

It is interesting to note, though, that Trafalgar defeated Comedy King by a length and a quarter in a later race.

The journalist wishing to write about Trafalgar is well credentialed and publishes in the magazine

Bluebloods under the name of Renee Geelen.

In the interests of local history, the turf club wants to give her as much relevant information as possible about the horse and invites anyone with photos or stories involving Trafalgar to share them.

Contact Dixie Coultts on 0474 901 476 if you can help.

Early explorer to be celebrated

The Sejm of the Republic of Poland has declared that 2023 will be the Year of Pawel Edmund Strzelecki.

In Australia, a series of events is being co-ordinated by Kosciuszko Heritage Inc. which is promoting knowledge about the magnificent achievements of this outstanding Pole and bringing him back into living memory within Australian communities.

"Too much has been forgotten!" said KHI president, Ernestyna Skurjat-Kozek.

"Nowadays, Strzelecki is most commonly remembered only as the man who named Mt Kosciuszko but what of his trail blazing explorations?"

"What of his scientific discoveries? What of his great humanitarian deeds?"

"Knowledge about this 'Good Samaritan' who saved hundreds of thousands of children from starvation during the mid-19th century Irish famine has been growing for several years in that country.

"Professor Christine Kinealy, Director of Ireland's Great Hunger Institute at Quinnipiac University, Connecticut (USA, author of dozens of books and the world's

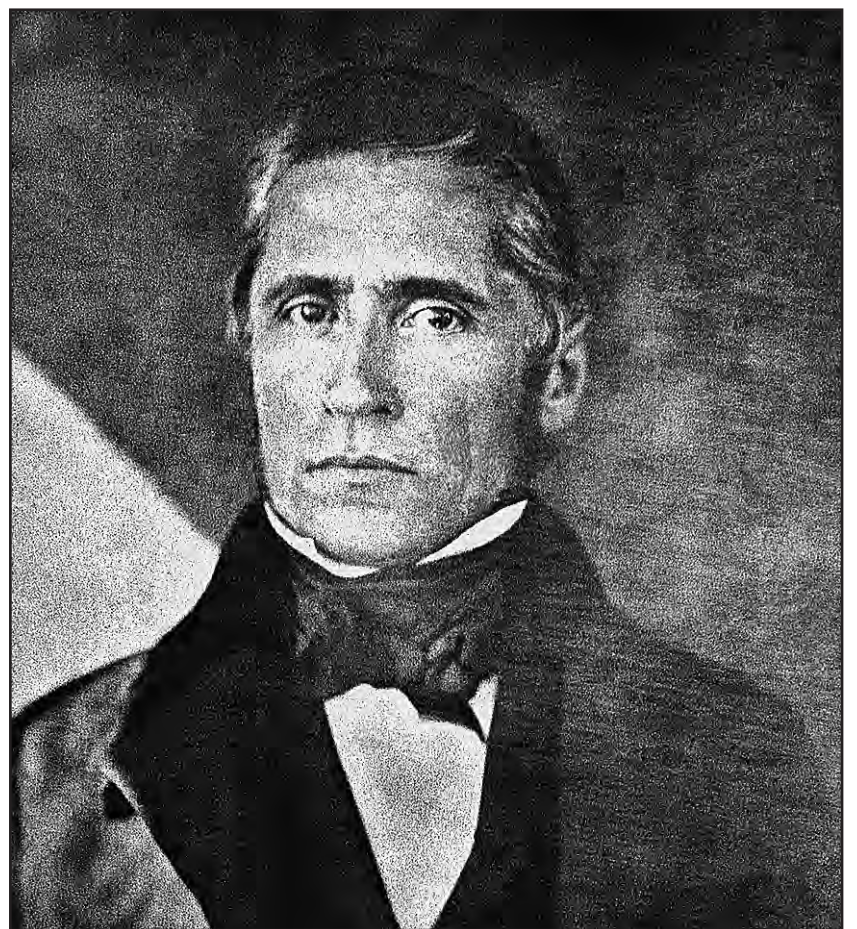
leading authority about the Irish Famine, calls Pawel Edmund Strzelecki 'My hero' and is appealing for Ireland and America to erect a monument to him.

"Few people realise that at a time when they were widely and deplorably downtrodden, Strzelecki was a respectful ally and friend of indigenous peoples on different continents including the Australian Aborigines," Ms Skurjat-Kozek added.

"Today's Australia would not be the same without its strong Catholic core. It was Strzelecki who was actively involved in organising the emigration of the Irish from Britain to Australia - ship after ship, year after year - personally greeting those who boarded and wishing them well at the time they departed the shores of their homeland.

"Strzelecki was a man of impeccable honor, a brilliant self-educated man with historically proven expertise in multiple fields. In his day he was a celebrated figure and adviser to the most eminent politicians, bankers, admirals and British intellectuals.

"He was not only a man of honor but also of humor - a sociable, elegant



gentleman, energetic, lively, witty, with an extraordinary repertoire of anecdotes.

There are countless commendable features about Strzelecki.

"It's time the Australian community has

the opportunity to learn the full truth about this most admirable man," Ms Skurjat-Kozek said.

In March 2023 KHI will announce details about 'In the Spirit of Strzelecki' International Competition with \$25,000

to be won.

For detailed information about the Year of Strzelecki contact Ms Skurjat-Kozek on 0408 897 358 or visit the websites www.kosciuszkoheritage.com or www.pulspolonii.com.

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Upper Murray Sport



High Country Darts

Results - R9 10/1/23

Bottom Pub d Walwa 5-2,
Bottoms Up d Koetong 4-3,
Cudgy Chukas d Biggara 6-1,
Possum Pointers d Courthouse 4-3,
BBB - bye.

Ladder	P	%
Bottom Pub	28	300.0
Cudgy Chukas	28	180.0
Courthouse	28	133.3
Biggara	20	80.6
P/Pointers	20	64.7
Koetong	16	107.4
Walwa	16	86.7
Bottoms Up	12	64.7
BBB	12	43.6

Sharpshooters:- Highest peg - Dean Williamson 86; Men's highest score - Mike (BBB) 160; Women's highest score - Shelly Henry (Koetong) 97.

Draw: R10 17/1/23
Biggara v BBB
Koetong v Possum Pointers
Cudgy v Bottom Pub
Courthouse v Walwa
Bye - Bottoms Up

Upper Murray Tennis

Draw - R12 14/1/23

Biggara v Cudgewa
Cud Nth v Corryong
Khancoban - Bye

Ladder - Week 11

Cudgewa	36
Khancoban	34
Cudgewa Nth	20
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Thanks also to Ilma and her helpers - The Corryong FNC and Red Cross members - and anyone else who helped in any way.

Cheers, Jan xxxx

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Q: How do you know when Santa's around?

A: You can always sense his presents.

Q: What does Santa suffer from if he gets stuck in a chimney?

A: Claus-trophobia!



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CHRISTMAS MOVIE MAGIC



- In *Elf*, what is the name of Will Ferrell's character?
- What is the name of the Who that befriends the Grinch (pictured)?
- And how many sizes does the Grinch's heart grow when he learns the true meaning of Christmas?
- How many siblings does Kevin McCallister have in *Home Alone*?
- And in what city is *Home Alone 2* set?
- In *The Christmas Chronicles*, what item's magic allows Santa to move quickly and squeeze through chimneys?
- What is the name of Noelle's reindeer friend in the movie *Noelle*?
- What type of Christmas food does a hawk steal from Olaf in *Olaf's Frozen Adventure*?
- The Muppet Christmas Carol* is based on a story by which famous author?
- In *Klaus*, what is the name of the remote town Jesper is sent to?

ANSWERS: 1. Buddy 2. Cindy-Lou 3. Three 4. Five 5. New York 6. His hat 7. Snowcone Vixen 8. Fruitcake 9. Charles Dickens 10. Smeerensburg

SPOT 10 DIFFERENCES



SOLUTIONS: 1. Picture background different 2. Stars on pyjamas different colour 3. Green present missing 4. Stocking added 5. Light switch has moved 6. Girl's overall different colour 7. Bunny's ear added 8. Snow pile larger 9. Girl's shadow gone 10. Box lid different colour

4x4 CROSSWORD

1	2	3	4
5			
6			
7			

ACROSS

- What you put on top of the tree (4)
- What you put on the tag of a present (4)
- What you do with a present (4)
- Travelled (4)

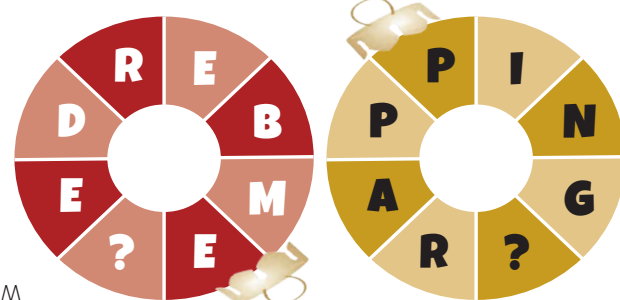
DOWN

- Frozen flakes (4)
- Sticky stuff used on wrapping paper (4)
- Word said at the end of a prayer (4)
- Payment for use (4)

SOLUTIONS: ACROSS: 1. Star, 5. Name, 6. Open, 7. Went DOWN: 1. Snow, 2. Tape, 3. Amen, 4. Rent

CHRISTMAS BAUBLES

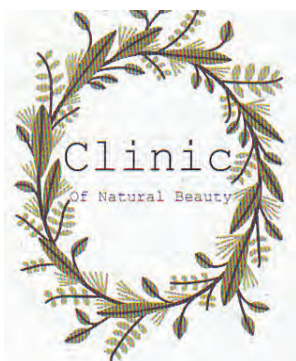
Can you work out what the missing letter is that spells an 8-letter word? It could read either clockwise or anti-clockwise.



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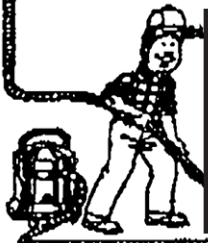
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Upper Murray Sport

Men's tournament draws a crowd

Bowls is underway again after a break for Christmas and New Year.

On Sunday the Men's Annual Triples Tournament was held, which was once again sponsored by O'Connells Refrigeration, who are great supporters of our club.

There were visiting teams from Corowa RSL, Yackandandah, Toora, Tallangatta, Wodonga, Kiewa and Lavington and five Corryong teams.

After a great day of bowling there were two teams with three wins - Lavington and Toora - so a three-end playoff was held, with the Lavington team of Brian Arundel, Brian Linehan and Tom Carroll winning. Third place was taken by the best of the two-game winners - Corryong's Rohan Whitehead, Clayton Murphy and Snow Turner.

Thanks to all helpers, especially Chris's kitchen team for the beautiful lunch.

On Wednesday the



The victorious Lavington combination of Brian Arundel, Brian Linehan and Tom Carroll with event sponsor, Bill O'Connell.

winner at social bowls were Col Smedley and Richie Bennetts and on

Thursday Ilma Clarke was the winner.

Pennant will be re-

starting this week, with six rounds left before finals begin. Business Bowls and

Barefoot Bowls will also be re-starting.

Roll on! ~ The Hammer

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TEE TO GREEN



Have a go all weekend

The Corryong Golf Club has made changes to its normal Sunday golf competition to make it more convenient for people to have a game on the weekend.

The competition will now be a 9-hole 'chook run' and tee times will be from 8am on Saturday morning to 5pm on Sunday afternoon (during daylight saving time). The regular tee-time of 8.30am for 9am hit-off will also be available.

Anyone with a golf handicap can pay a competition fee of \$10 for members or \$15 for non-members.

Scorecards are available at the green fees box on the wall of The Club and make sure you check which course is to be played (front 9 or back 9). Put completed cards and competition fees in the box after play.

Winners will be announced in the Corryong Courier and on the club's Facebook page later in the week. Prize vouchers can be collected at The Club.

In addition, on the last Sunday of the month there will be an 18-hole competition (8.30am for a 9am hit-off) with a \$100 cash prize for the winner and a barbecue lunch to follow at The Club.

Golf memberships are \$100 per year and are available at The Club.

Welaregang

The 9 @ 9 Summer Cup came back to life on Sunday with the biggest field so far vying for points in this keenly contested competition.

John Bennett will have his handicap slashed as a reward for winning the day with 16 points, two better than Rob Cox in second place. Leaders at this point are Ken Lebner and Rob Cox on 14 points with Tony Jarvis on 12.

After a three month road trip and tackling the Nullabor Links golf course, the club Captain was a little rusty but happy to be "home".

The club welcomes any new or visiting players to join us on Saturdays for 9 holes with names in by 8.30.

Hills Zone Pennant Draw: R5 January 15 @ Holbrook

7.30: Walwa v Tumba
8.00: W'gang v H'brook
8.30: Batlow v Khancoban
9.00: Adelong v Corryong

Ladder	P	G
Khancoban	8	16
Batlow	6	13
Corryong	4	11
Tumbarumba	4	9
Walwa	4	9
Holbrook	2	10
Welaregang	2	7
Adelong	2	5

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