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## Centre faces funding shortfall

Two unforeseen acts just prior to Christmas have placed the future of the Corryong Neighbourhood Centre (CNC) and the community bakery in financial jeopardy.

Firstly, the Australian government delayed providing \$85,000 of grant funding, which had already been spent, until May 2025.

Secondly, the Victorian government's Department of Families, Fairness and

Housing (DFFH) advised it will not be providing any further funding to the organisation and that, unless it is able to clear its debt by the end of January, the Neighbourhood House contract will be cancelled. This includes funding for local youth services.

CNC co-ordinator, Sara Jenkins, said "These two major blows mean that we have returned to work with \$125,000 less cash than we expected to receive;

no funding for our Youth Program for the next three years and the inability to actually complete the two 'finished' federal projects.

"Since its establishment in 2012 with the re-amalgamation of the Corryong Neighbourhood House and the Corryong Community Education Centre, the CNC has been intent on providing services and opportunities to meet identified needs - providing opportunities for employment and training and driving co-operation, progress and innovation throughout the Upper Murray community.

"While always moving forward and largely successfully, this has involved taking on risks and debt and experiencing setbacks.

"As a result, the

CNC has been in a very precarious financial position since the Black Summer fires rocked everyone's lives and businesses in 2020.

"With careful management, additional funds and support from many sources, we have still managed to strengthen our capacity to meet ever increasing community demand for our services, improve and build our vital Youth Program and keep our social enterprises open and employing for five years.

"However, this has come at a heavy financial cost," Sara explained.

"We have been balancing debt costs and repayments; negative net assets; increasing payroll and operational costs; and three consecutive years of

bakery loss and a resulting goodwill devaluation.

"One of the key reasons the bakery was established as a social enterprise by the CNC 10 years ago, was to provide financial support for our community and youth operations which had previously been restricted and underfunded to the tune of around \$100,000 per annum.

"Without bakery profits, stringent measures were taken to eliminate the financial dependence on the enterprise during these difficult times. Where additional funding was not available or sufficient, operating hours and staff hours were reduced. Payroll is by far our biggest expense, at 60 per cent of our total budget.

"Broader community development work was also curtailed and fees were introduced to cover auspice work and delivery of additional programs and projects.

"We also sought external expertise and advice and acted on that and our own learnings to make ongoing improvements in the bakery operations to improve sales and productivity and reduce costs."

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Competitors came from all over Australia and also included international pilots from Norway, PNG, Poland, New Zealand, Indonesia, Austria, America, England, Ireland and Tasmania.

Tracey Meyer, president of HG Comps which organises the competition, thanked the generosity and understanding of local land owners including the winner of the land owner prize, Duncan Paton.

"Thanks to our major sponsor Bendigo Bank (Community Bank Mt Beauty) for their generous funding of \$8498, allowing us to purchase and fit out a competition trailer with solar panels, emergency charging station and camera, which will be used for many years to come," Tracey said.

A mid-week quiz night was run with all attendees having a great time, earning valuable points toward their team score and learning about their fellow competitors, drivers and sponsors.

Last year's proceeds from the fund raiser at the Tintaldra Hotel raised a record amount of \$6700 and was donated to the Corryong

Ambulance (wilderness kit) and Corryong Health (new telehealth cardiac module).

"Thank you also to this year's minor sponsors Black Sheep Café, RV Labs, Podiatrist's Own, Corryong IGA, Upper Murray Community Bakery, Family Chiropractor, Moyes Gliders and Colac Colac Caravan Park," Tracey added.

### 2025 Results

- Floater: 1st Hayden Emms; 2nd Connor Hansen; 3rd Rhys Davies.
- Floater V: 1st James Wynd; 2nd Andy Schmidt; 3rd Andy Phillips.
- Sport: 1st Adrian Connor; 2nd Troy Horton; 3rd Neil Hollingsworth.

- Open A: 1st Rory Duncan; 2nd Jonny Durand; 3rd Gordon Rigg.
- Open B: 1st Ward Gunn; 2nd David Drabble; 3rd Todd Wisewood.

- Trevor Scott 'Hold My Bundy' Award: Rhys Davies.
- Steve 'Missy' Elliot Spirit of the Comp Award: Peter Burkitt.
- Team Mugs Award (aggregate winning team): Viking Ozbangers.

The final day of competition was last Saturday with a presentation dinner at the Colac Colac Caravan Park, with catering by the Corryong Rotary Club.

To learn more about the competition you can

check out the Corryong Cup Hang Gliding Competition Facebook page or the website: <https://www.hgcomps.com.au/corryong>.

"We are always on the lookout for ways we can work in with the community and welcome any suggestions and comments to help improve the experience for everyone involved," Tracey said.

Next year's competition is from the 3rd to 10th January, 2026. If you are a local and would like to get involved as a team driver email Tracey at [corryongcup@hgcomps.com.au](mailto:corryongcup@hgcomps.com.au).

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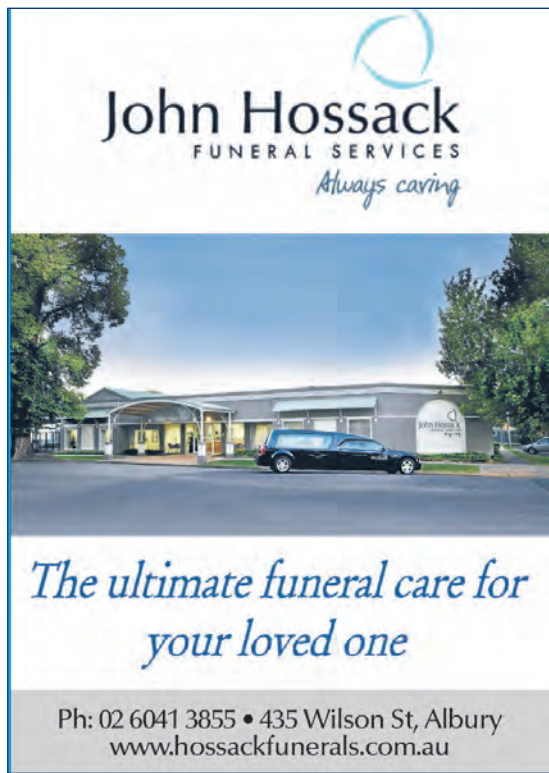
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The sewing of a hardy grass type and the

new watering system is intended to minimise the down time between the Man from Snowy River Bush Festival and the start of the local football netball season. Previously, home games at the Corryong

ground early in the season had to be transferred as the oval was unsuitable for play because of the impact of the festival.

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Nominations for the 2025 Victorian 7NEWS Young Achiever Awards, close at midnight on Wednesday 29th January 2025.

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addition, they will be featured on a TV ad, aired across the Seven Network celebrating the 2025 winners.

One of the category winners will be chosen as the 2025 Victorian Young Achiever of the Year.

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# Support needed to save centre

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"Although we have managed to have our non-bakery activities break even in 2023/24 and have passed annual audits without being declared insolvent - largely by demonstrated an ongoing capacity to 'trade out of it' - we have slipped gradually backwards, until we found ourselves at the end the 2024 financial year with current liabilities of \$450,000 with little opportunity to reduce them," Sara said.

"With major funded projects and bushfire support funds ending and limited opportunities to seek new funding - especially with limited capacity and a very poor balance sheet - we were well aware that the transition back to profitability in the bakery, which was only achieved in December, and the slow claw back to a positive balance sheet and any sort of cash flow security was going to be a difficult journey in 2025 and beyond but we were confident we had done enough to achieve the turnaround.

"However, literally in the week before we closed for the Christmas break, we received two major blows which have now made the recovery journey impossible.

"The federal government has delayed providing \$85,000 of grant funding, which has already been spent, until May 2025.

"In addition, major bushfire recovery projects funded by the federal government were completed at the end of 2024. It is usual practice for the final 10 per cent of federal grants to be paid 'on lodgement of final reports'.

"However, that doesn't mean 'shortly after lodgement' - it means 'after we have

taken months to ask for additional information' or 'after all 14 partners in the project have conducted audits, lodged their reports with the primary funding body, who then need to be audited and lodge their report with the government' who then need to 'take months to ask for additional information'.

"This means the CNC is expected to hold and expend \$85,000 of its own money and manage the burden of that cash flow shortfall until May 2025," Sara emphasised.

"The second setback was DFFH slashing its funding.

"Despite receiving comprehensive financial reports and holding regular discussions with us for the past three years and therefore being well aware of our situation and our actions, on December 18th DFFH advised that they consider us to be 'insolvent' solely because we 'cannot meet our debts as and when they become due'.

"They also indicated they will not be paying another cent to our organisation from that date and will be cancelling our NH contract if we cannot achieve a secure financial position by 31 January.

"The deemed insolvency also means that our applications for youth funding covering in the next three years which were submitted in November - and have been successfully obtained through multiple grant rounds for the past nine years - have been rejected without any prior notification or process for appeal."

The setbacks will have repercussions on the provision of a range of services to the Upper Murray community.

"Firstly, all our existing commitments will be met and as far as possible, we will try to offer services

while we try to resolve this dire situation," Sara said.

"We will complete all our current auspice arrangements, continue to host visiting services, have the Youth Space open for drop-in use and provide Centrelink and Vicroads Agency services at least 12 hours per week.

"However, if we cannot find a resolution more drastic measures may have to be taken.

"The UM Community Garage in Walwa, which has already been severely restricted to operating only when there is work booked as part of the constraints of the past few years, will be closed and sold. The investment made in the property and facilities at Walwa has made it a far more desirable prospect, so hopefully it could be sold before there is too much aesthetic deterioration but the enormous future potential of the asset will be lost to the community.

"Without a funded Youth Worker or team, the vibrant and popular Youth Program will cease including the newly established learner driving program and other successful initiatives which have been established through the Futureproof project.

"The newly renovated Youth Space will be sold, wasting substantial investment in the asset and nullifying 10 years of work to build engagement and sustainability.

"All the current services provided at the CNC will cease - printing, promotion, public computers and internet, social media management, tech support, information, Centrelink and Vicroads, visiting services, use of equipment and vehicles, grants and auspicing, training and education, emergency response, community development and support and all those other things we do when

people come in and say 'I need help'.

"The worst case scenario is that the bakery will be sold or closed if a buyer cannot be secured, almost certainly resulting in fewer jobs.

"If we are ultimately unable to save the CNC, staff entitlements could be lost, assets and property wasted and local service delivery lost. If we are forced to close the doors and 'sell up', there could potentially be three empty shop fronts in the main street of Corryong and one on the main corner in Walwa, 23 people out of work and no Centrelink or Vicroads services in Corryong."

In the meantime, the CNC is in discussion with Towong Shire, the regional NH network, DFFH and other stakeholders to see if a pathway can be found to continue to provide core services in Corryong.

"We are reaching out to all funding bodies and stakeholders to see if there is any funding or influence which could be secured to ease our cash flow crisis," Sara added.

"We are continuing to closely monitor and manage the bakery to ensure it operates profitably and is able to build on the surplus to avoid further setbacks.

"We are telling everyone and asking for any assistance they can provide - politicians, media, everyone who expresses any interest. The only way we will find help is if our circumstances are known.

"We have also started a fundraising drive - 1000 Steps to Sustainability - seeking donations of multiples of \$500 in an attempt to raise up to \$500,000 to enable us to recover from the impact of the past five years to continue and build on what we do for the community with a clear road ahead."

# Hospital plan draws ire

The Victorian government intends to implement a network-based health system in July this year to improve performance in four key areas.

"Local Health Service Networks will put patients first, delivering Victorians a better-connected health system in their own communities," said Minister for Health, Mary-Anne Thomas.

"These networks are grouped together by geographic regions and will support improved cooperation between local services, ensure doctors and specialists are available to care for patients closer to where they live, deliver clearer pathways in and out of hospital and support better wait list management across a region.

"The final groupings were determined following extensive consultation with health services with consideration given to population growth, community need, clinical capability and distance between services."

The Hume network will include Corryong Health, Albury Wodonga Health, Alpine Health, Beechworth Health Service, Benalla Health, Goulburn Valley Health, Kyabram District Health Service, Mansfield District Hospital, NCN Health, Northeast Health Wangaratta, Tallangatta Health Service and Yarrawonga Health.

"Importantly, the governance of each health service including its board and CEO will remain unchanged," Ms Thomas added.

However, the Member for Northern Victoria, Wendy Lovell, said the announcement of local health service networks is code for cuts to services.

"It will mean cuts to services, lower levels of care at smaller hospitals and a loss of autonomy."

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# Community sets priorities for continued recovery

Border Trust, the Community Foundation for the Albury Wodonga Region, has shared the results of recent community consultation that highlights the ongoing needs and priorities of the Towong Shire as it continues to recover from the 2019-2020 Black Summer bushfires.

Entrusted by the Victorian government to manage bushfire appeal funds, Border Trust established the Towong Community Bushfire Disaster Relief Fund in 2021. "Border Trust has worked closely with the community over the past several years to ensure funds have been efficiently and effectively directed to address local needs," said Border Trust Executive Officer, Sue Gold.

This latest consultation is further demonstration of Border Trust's ongoing commitment to working alongside the community to identify local priorities and ensure the remaining funds are directed where they will have the greatest impact. Since its launch in 2021, the Towong Community Bushfire Disaster Relief Fund has distributed \$2.05 million to support a wide range of recovery initiatives, from community gardens and hall refurbishments to health and wellbeing programs. However, as recovery evolves, this consultation highlights emerging priorities that reflect the community's current and future needs.

The survey and consultation identified several critical areas requiring investment:-

• **Mental Health and Community Connection:** Respondents emphasised the importance of programs that reduce social isolation and build resilience, particularly in the face of ongoing



The Towong Hall renovation was the latest recovery project to be completed.

challenges from the disaster.

• **Youth and Education:** Initiatives to assist young people, including driving programs and career pathway opportunities, were highlighted as essential to keeping young residents connected to the region.

• **Infrastructure and Community Spaces:** Upgrades to community halls, outdoor recreation facilities, and disaster relief centres were prioritised to enhance safety, usability, and preparedness.

• **Sustainable Recovery Projects:** Suggestions included environmental initiatives, preventative health programs, and support for local organisations to ensure ongoing benefits for the entire community.

• **Economic Growth**

and Tourism: Community members proposed projects to promote tourism, develop micro-industries, and support local businesses to create sustainable economic benefits.

Community members also recognised the importance of balancing immediate funding needs with a long-term approach. Many supported the distribution of remaining funds for future or longer-term initiatives, noting that recovery is a multi-year process and that additional time would allow for the development of impactful and sustainable projects.

Sharyn Nankervis from Towong, who is also Towong Soldiers Memorial Hall committee member, reflected on the process, saying "It's reassuring to see Border Trust working closely

with the community to ensure these funds are managed and distributed responsibly.

"Their commitment to understanding our priorities and directing support where it's most needed gives us confidence that funding of the recovery process is in good hands."

Sue Gold, Executive Officer at Border Trust, added "These survey results provide invaluable insights into the current and emerging needs of the Towong Shire.

"The results mirror feedback we've received via our on-the-ground community engagement and will help us prioritise projects that not only address urgent challenges but also create enduring benefits for the community.

"Border Trust's approach has always

been about listening to the community, and this consultation ensures we can continue to direct the remaining funds to where they will have the greatest impact.

"Border Trust is committed to working alongside local organisations and residents to ensure the remaining \$800,000 is allocated effectively."

Future grants will focus on initiatives that foster community resilience, enhance mental health and wellbeing and support vulnerable groups, while also promoting community connection.

To learn more about the Towong Community Bushfire Disaster Relief Fund or the projects it has supported, visit Towong Community Bushfire Disaster Relief Fund - Border Trust.

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**Save the Date:-** Upper Murray Emergency

Services will be joining the Upper Murray Farmers market in Corryong on Saturday February 8th (Jardine street will be closed between Harris and Hanson streets for a display of emergency vehicles). This is a great opportunity for the community to bring their families to meet local emergency services

personnel. More details to come.

The winner of the recent FoodShare raffle was Jan Craig (thanks to everyone who supported same). FoodShare is now open on Wednesdays (check dates for visiting services).



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# Taking a look back at the year 2024

The year 2024 was one of consolidation in the Upper Murray as bushfire recovery works continued including further development of the Playles Hill Park and construction of a new skatepark in Corryong.

However, Towong Shire faced controversy over the streetscape project in Corryong's main street with most concern expressed over the loss of parking spaces and reduction in size.

On the sporting front, Corryong returned to the local cricket competition after a gap of five years and Bullioh ended Cudgewa's 27-game winning streak with an upset in the grand final.

### January

- The Towong Shire Council reviewed its options for further stages of the Corryong streetscape project following community concern about the loss of car parking space and safety issues.

- Council faced further controversy after the removal of trees in Corryong's CBD on in preparation for Stage 2 of the streetscape project. Council advised that the tree planting plan had been developed in line with community feedback including the planting of 15 new trees to replace the seven that will be removed.

- Parents of children slated to attend the Khancoban Pre-school were notified by Snowy Valleys Council (SVC) that the service will not be available because of staff shortages.

- Victorian Fisheries stocked the stocked the Corryong-Jeremal Creek with 6000 cod fingerlings.

- The 10 community recovery committees in the Upper Murray took the Towong Shire Council to task over the lack of action in establishing evacuation centres in Corryong, more than four years after the devastating 2019-20 Black Summer bushfires.

- Australia Day Awards in the Upper Murray-



The Corryong streetscape project came under fire.

Corryong: Citizen of the Year - Glenda Haberecht; Junior Citizen of the Year: Adele Miles; Community Group of the Year - Playles Hill Project Group; Walwa: Event of the Year: Walwa Golf Club Australia Day Ambrose.

### February

- The 'Old Vets Stomping' team of war veterans Ross Boyd and Ian Errington and their one-man support crew Tony Turner entered the water at Bringenored to kayak the length of the Murray River to raise awareness of Soldier On and MatesHeroHelp.

- The year marked 130 years since the *Corryong Courier* first hit the streets to bring all the news to the people of the Upper Murray.

- The oldest resident at Mittamatite Lodge, Vera Bailey, celebrated her 103rd birthday.

- Eight-time Golden Guitar winning artist Fanny Lumsden performed to a packed house at the Khancoban Hall with support from two local performers - emerging artist winner Jack Gregory and local singer Paige Heinjus.

- The Corryong & District Memorial Hall benefited from a

Vera Bailey (103) with her youngest sister, Lois Jephcott (90).



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

- Holbrook golf club won the Hills Zone pennant title with a 4-1 victory over Welaregang.
- Following community consultation, Towong Council decided to increase the depth of angled parking bays by 0.40m from 4.8m

- to 5.2m between the Jardine Street and Donaldson Street roundabouts on the westbound side of the road.

- The Cudgewa Football Netball Club received funding of \$250,000 from the Victorian government to install new LED Lighting at the Cudgewa Recreation Reserve.

- The Corryong Bowls Club claimed the Ovens & Murray B4 Division premierships at Tallangatta with a commanding 88-50 victory over the host club and it was a family affair for Angelo Donadon whose son Simon, son-in-law Darren Vandervalk and grandson Toby Vandervalk also played on the winning team.

### March

- The Member for Benambra, Bill Tilley, announced that an ongoing cancer battle forced his decision to quit politics when his current parliamentary term expires in 2026, for what will be 20 years of service to the electorate.

- After finishing second in 2023, classy seven-

year-old mare Euphemia made amends with a 3½ length victory in a course record 1.34.9 in the 100th running of the Towong Cup; a special 'home town' victory for owners Dixie Coutts and sister Wendy Heal and their cousin Louise Robinson, along with Gavan Coutts and John Heal. Adding to the occasion was that Euphemia was bred by Wendy and John.

- After a tight contest which came down to the last mixed doubles match, Khancoban came away with a narrow 53-51 win over Cudgewa to claim the Upper Murray tennis grand final premiership.

- All Stars pulled off a nail-biting 36-run victory over Tooma to snare the Tumbarumba & District Cricket Association premiership.

- Concerns were raised over the possible abolition of the current Wild Dog Control Program in Victoria which includes the 3km Livestock Protection Buffer (LPB) zone, which expires on October 1st, 2024 with no guarantee of renewal.

### April

- Record crowds flocked to the Man From Snowy River Bush Festival to see Morgan Webb win his fourth Stockman's Challenge from Travis Bandy. Other winners were Christy Davidson (Ladies Challenge); Mackenzie Dunn (Junior Challenge); Jorgie Sturt (Stripling Challenge) and Ryder Pierce (Mini Stripling Challenge).

- Albury-based Haley Constructions was selected by Towong Council as the successful contractor for the construction of the new \$800,000 skatepark in Corryong.

- Biggara defeated Possum Pointers 4-0 in the High Country Darts grand final.

- Walwa Primary



It was a home town victory for owners of the Towong Cup winner Euphemia.

- School received funding of \$612,696 under the federal government's School Upgrade Program to replace hardcourt areas including supporting drainage renewal works and to upgrade the playground including a shade sail.

### May

- Member for Benambra, Bill Tilley, claimed that almost half a million dollars has been wasted over the past 12 months on temporary traffic lights in six locations rather than road fixes including the Murray Valley Highway at Tallangatta east and Granya Road.

- The *Boer War Diary of Cecil Davis*, was launched in a joint project by the Upper Murray and Tumbarumba Historical Societies.

- A group of local beef producers banded together under Upper Murray Beef (UMB) brand to re-open Corryong's butcher shop,

- with a focus on sourcing meat from local farms.

- After 22 years in Western Australia, Sarah Grech returned to Corryong and she and her sister Pauline Hillier took over the Legends on Hansen cafe, now operating as Cafe 3707.

- Work on the long awaited Corryong Heavy Vehicle Bypass along the Stock Route was completed.

- Stuart Gallus opened The Corryong Barber Shop, modelled on the traditional 'gentleman's barber shop' complete with chair.

- Local couple, John and Maxine Whitehead, celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary. They wed at All Saints' Anglican Church in Corryong on May 22nd, 1954.

### June

- The Board of Corryong Health announced that Dr Ian

- Cesa (PhD) will become its new chairperson.

- The Towong Shire Council announced that the Corryong Recovery Hub would close, ending the vital role it played in the recovery from the 2019-20 Black Summer bushfires.

- The Corryong Preschool Parents Committee publicly thanked the Corryong Opportunity Shop for a donation of \$5000.

- The inclusion of former Hawthorn premiership player, Matt Suckling, was the catalyst for Tumbarumba to pull off the boilder of the year in local football when the Roos outlasted second-placed Bullioh by a goal.

### July

- The Towong Council budget included a 2.75 per cent rate increase in accordance with the rate cap set by the Victorian government under the Fair Go Rates system.

- The Upper Murray Innovation Foundation received \$50,000 under the Tiny Towns fund to deliver further upgrades to the Playles Hill Park.

- After arriving as a police officer in Corryong 44 years ago, businessman, funeral director and former shire councillor, Peter Joyce, retired as manager of AG Warehouse after seven years in the job.

- The centenary of the Cudgewa Holy Trinity Anglican Church was celebrated after a decade of fund raising and renovations.

- Local singer-songwriter, Paige Heinjus (16) graduated from the Academy of Country Music junior program at Tamworth, just one of 27 young artists accepted nationally for the course.

### August

- Councillors and senior staff from the Towong, Indigo and Alpine Shire Councils held an historic joint meeting in



The bush festival attracted record crowds.

- FoodShare organisations including Corryong, high and dry without stock.

- Member for Indi, Helen Haines, hosted a community morning tea in Koetong in celebration of the long-awaited installation of a mobile phone tower.

### October

- The latest feature of the Playles Hill Park project - a Labyrinth healing space - was officially opened.

- Corryong's Man From Snowy River Bush Festival saw a changing of the guard with the appointment of six new board members at the annual general meeting - Nicole Martin (chair), Anna Beirs (treasurer), Jodie Grzeschka, Nicole Faithful, Jayden Pierce and Shea Bloom. Outgoing board members were chair Cameron Jackson, treasurer Sara Jenkins and members Bill Tilley, Ewan Carkeek and Ross Miller. Greg Hillier remained on the board.

- The renovated Towong Soldiers Memorial Hall was officially re-opened after receiving two bushfire recovery grants totalling \$97,000.

- Following the final stages of completing

- key safety features at the new Corryong Skatepark including the installation of guard rails and pedestrian lighting bollards, skaters from across the region competed a round of the North East Skate Park Series.

### November

- About 60 former workers with the Snowy Scheme ended 75th anniversary celebrations with a tour of the main Snowy 2.0 construction worksite at Lobs Hole.

- The Corryong golf club champions for 2024 were Pat Kamba (A Grade), Mark Collins (B

- Grade) and Seb Matthews (C Grade).

- The last of four large-scale artwork pieces was installed at Towong as part of Stage 2 of the Great River Road touring route project. The newest sculpture depicts two brolgas in a courtship dance on the Towong Walking Trail.

### December

- With just eight cards remaining in the Joker Poker draw at The Club, Lorraine Griffiths had the good fortune to find the elusive jester and collected \$4250.

- Sarah Jarvis, who

- achieved an ATAR of 91.6, was named as Dux of Corryong College.

- The Man from Snowy River Tourism Association - in conjunction with the Memorial Hall, RSL sub-branch and Upper Murray Historical Society - released plans for a new addition to Corryong's Avenue of Honour.

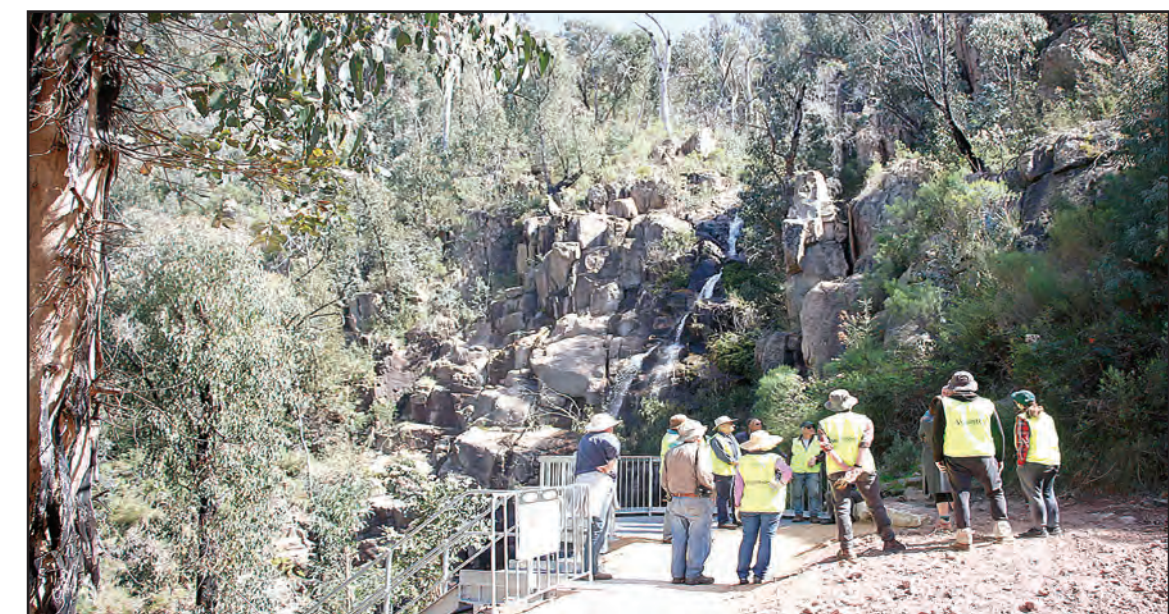
- After rocky progress over the past four years, rehabilitation of the Bluff Falls tourism area at Cudgewa North following the 2019-20 Black Summer bushfires was completed and it re-opened to the public.



The Playles Hill Labyrinth healing space opens.



Bullioh upset Cudgewa for the 2024 flag.



Bluff Falls opens to the public after the rehabilitation process was completed.



Corryong's Australia Day Award winners.



**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**CHIROPRACTOR IN CORRYONG**

**Dr Rowan Daniel**

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Next appointment: January 24th, 2025  
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**MEETINGS**

**BERRINGAMA RECREATION RESERVE**

Notice is given of a PUBLIC MEETING to be held at Berringama Fire Station on Tuesday January 28, 2025 at 7.30pm.

The purpose of the meeting is to nominate no less than three (3) or more than nine (9) persons as the Committee of Management for the for the Berringama Recreation Reserve for a term of three (3) years. The current committee's term will expire on February 10, 2025. All positions will be declared open and nominations will be accepted prior to or on the night.

Further information, nomination forms and nominee declaration forms may be obtained by contacting your local Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action office or at the meeting.

For further enquiries please contact the Secretary, Margaret Jarvis, on 0428 775 252.

**DEATHS**

**JARVIS**

**Gordon Thomas Arthur (Tom)**

2.10.1936-06.01.2025  
Aged 88 years.

Passed away peacefully at Mittamatite Lodge at Corryong Health.

Eldest son of Gordon and Mary Jarvis (dec.). Loved brother and brother-in-law of Delores and Alan Woodhouse, Beverley and Ian Clarke, Pamela Jarvis (dec.), Colin and Joan Jarvis, Deirdre and Ian Williams. Loved uncle to four nieces and six nephews.

*Forever in our Hearts.*

Family and friends of Tom are invited to attend a Memorial Service to celebrate his life at Holy Trinity Anglican Church Cudgewa on Tuesday January 21st, 2025 commencing at 11.30am.

**Lester & Son**  
Ph: 02 6056 1700

**THANKS**

**HARGRAVE** - The family of Trish Hargrave would like to express their heartfelt thanks to everyone who sent messages of condolence and attended her memorial service.

Your kindness and support have been deeply appreciated during this difficult time.

**TENDERS**

**GRAZING RIGHTS**

Tenders are invited for the lease of the Berringama Recreation Reserve for grazing purpose only.

The reserve comprises approx. 10 hectares of Crown Land between the Murray Valley Highway and Beetoomba Creek and adjacent to the Berringama Hall. The lease will be for one (1) year with an option of another two (2) years on approval of the Berringama Reserve Committee.

Tenders should state the proposed annual payment. The successful tenderer(s) will be required to maintain, at their expense, all of the fencing in and around the reserve, control of weeds within the reserve and be responsible for the spread of one tonne of super phosphate per annum for promotion of pasture.

**Tenders are to be addressed to:-** Berringama Reserve Secretary, C/- Mrs M Jarvis, 1 Walter Place, Corryong Vic. 3707.

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*Letters to the Editor*



**Engagement needed on street trees**

*Open letter to Towong Shire Mayor, Cr Andrew Whitehead:-*

Dear Andrew,  
As you are aware, the Corryong Streetscape 'Beautification Project' has been an ongoing issue for the people of this area.

The first blow was the loss of 10 semi-mature trees without warning, in Hanson Street in the summer of 2024, leaving us with a shadeless shopping precinct for the past two hot summers.

Visitors to the town constantly express dismay at the ugliness of the changes in the name of 'beautification'.

The year of 2024 consisted of noisy, dusty, roadworks, road blockages, limited access to shops and services and a great deal of quiet grumbling and mumbling amongst locals, who have had a gutfull but have patiently endured.

Economically, the long drawn out roadworks have had a hugely detrimental impact on businesses with reports that several may have to close in the near future.

On the bright side, at the 'Meet your Councillors' meeting in October 2024, locals were heartened to hear that their concerns over the south Hanson Street project would be listened to through a consultation process prior to any work commencing. You gave your word that no work would be undertaken without involving locals in the plan.

Alas, in the early days of 2025, surveyors have been seen working in the south Hanson street area and people are quite alarmed. They fear that trees will be removed despite local opposition.

Can you please reassure me that the promised consultation will be held and when and that no trees will be removed before there is full understanding of the project and input

from locals as to how they would like their town to look.

With climate change upon us and the lived experience of enduring the shadeless main street,

locals are very reluctant to see another tree lost to so called pProgress.

I look forward to your prompt reply.

**Kerry Flanagan, Corryong.**

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**TAB** **In the Heart of Town**  
Hanson St., Corryong

**MEETINGS**

**towongshire**

**2025 Council Meetings**

Time	Date	Location
Wednesday, 29 January	10.30am	Tallangatta
Wednesday, 26 February	10.30am	Corryong
Wednesday, 26 March	10.30am	Tallangatta
Wednesday, 30 April	10.30am	Corryong
Wednesday, 28 May	10.30am	Tallangatta
Wednesday, 25 June	10.30am	Corryong
Wednesday, 23 July	10.30am	Tallangatta
Wednesday, 27 August	10.30am	Corryong
Wednesday, 24 September	10.30am	Tallangatta
Wednesday, 22 October	10.30am	Corryong
Wednesday, 26 November	10.30am	Tallangatta

The agenda and requirements for Public Question Time can be found prior to the meeting on our website or by calling 1300 365 222. You can also live stream all council meetings.

Visit [towong.vic.gov.au/meetings-pqt](http://towong.vic.gov.au/meetings-pqt)

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## Colour Me



## Word Find

Can you find all of the words listed? The leftover letters will spell out a message.

- ARTHUR
- AVALON
- EXCALIBUR
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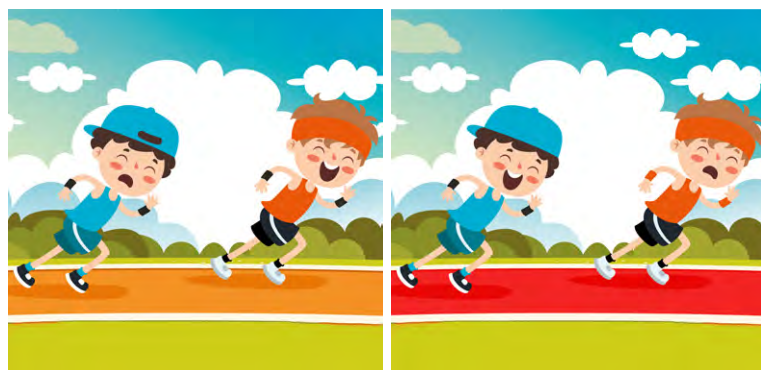
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- TABLE
- TINTAGEL
- UTHER

Secret message: The once and future king

## Spot the difference

Can you find five differences between these images?



ANSWERS: 1. Swapped mouths 2. Blue cap missing hole 3. Race track now red 4. Orange armbands 5. Extra cloud

## Cross Maths

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

	×		=	12
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3		5		

WORK IT OUT...

SOLUTION

	5									
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## Junior Crossword

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

- 1 A weapon used in Star Wars, a light -
- 2 This bad Sith Lord was once a Jedi, - Dooku, not Dracula!
- 3 A starfighter, not the B-wing, X-wing or Y-wing
- 4 Pod pilot in *The Phantom Menace*
- 5 A mean junk dealer with wings
- 6 The big hairy wookiee is called Chew-what?
- 7 R2D2 is one of these, and so is C3PO
- 8 Small teddy bear creatures in *Return of the Jedi*

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ANSWERS: 1. Saber, Count, A-Wing, Racer, Watto, Bocca, Robot, Ewoks (STAR WARS) 1601

## Quiz

- 1 Is a maestro: A) a dance move, B) a music conductor or C) a soup?
- 2 Which cereal has a toucan as its mascot?
- 3 Eating which vegetable is thought to help you see in the dark?
- 4 Battle Royale and Save the World are variations of which video game?
- 5 What does the acronym LOL stand for?
- 6 Beyoncé (pictured) voiced which Disney character in the 2019 film *The Lion King*?
- 7 Which Italian destination is known as the Eternal City?
- 8 What is a Chrysler?
- 9 In the nursery rhyme, how many blackbirds were baked in a pie?
- 10 What is 10 in Roman numerals?



ANSWERS: 1. B) classical music conductor 2. Frost Loops 3. Carrots 4. Fortnite 5. Laugh out loud 6. Nala 7. Rome 8. A car 9. Four-and-twenty 10. X

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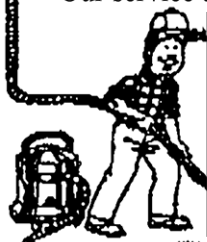
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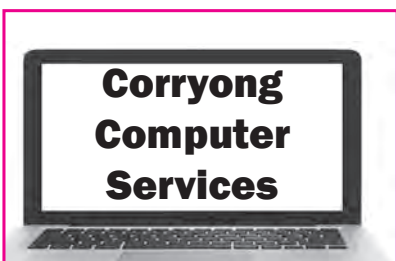
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Cudgewa: Christmas Eve 8pm  
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**Saturday Service:**  
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### Ask questions before upgrading your farm water equipment

Clem Sturmfels, Land Management Extension Officer

Seasonal conditions have led to a shortage of stock water across most of Victoria which has renewed interest in constructing farm dams, and the addition of pumps, bores, tanks, troughs and piping.

Farmers are advised to ask some important questions before constructing a new dam or adding water infrastructure or equipment to their property.

Before engaging an earthmoving contractor for a new dam, investigate answers to important questions like: How much water do I need, will the dam hold water, will it fill most years, how big should it be, is there a good site for a spillway, do I need a permit or license, what will it cost?

Longer, hotter summers and decreased cool season rainfall has meant many smaller dams built in previous years are drying up. Lack of runoff, increased water consumption and evaporation contribute to this issue.

Many new dams built across Victoria are also failing within the first few years due to inappropriate materials or poor construction techniques.

As a result, farmers need a bigger catchment area to improve the chances of filling dams regularly.

At least 10 hectares of catchment for every megalitre of water stored in a dam is recommended. Runoff from nearby roads and tracks is an effective way of getting water, especially in a dry year.

A livestock dam should be as deep as your site will allow and have a minimal surface area to reduce evaporation. Consideration should be given to planning a key large dam to use for reticulating water to troughs across the property, via gravity or pumps.

Allow a minimum spillway width of 5m. The spillway should end with a level spreader to ensure water leaves the dam in a thin wide sheet.

A gently sloping, well

grassed area is essential for a safe and stable spillway. The spillway should have little or no slope with a flat cross-section.

The addition of a trickle flow pipe set below the spillway level will minimise ongoing maintenance.

Purchasing appropriately sized pumps, tanks, troughs and pipes is essential for providing the flow of water needed on a hot day.

Ensure the construction and design of troughs are not vulnerable to livestock damage and are easy to maintain.

A single inferior fitting in a farm pipeline could result in total system failure and loss of valuable water.

Reputable products will be marked with the manufacturer's details, date of manufacture, a relevant description and appropriate industry markings. For example, the markings on good quality rural polyethylene pipe will include PE80 or PE100, indicating the long-term strength of the materials.

When purchasing pipeline equipment and fittings, deal with a reputable supplier with a good track record, spare parts and after-sales service.

Selecting an experienced and reliable contractor, plus a few basic soil tests, will minimise the risk of failure.

Ensure your contractor has the appropriate skills, a good reputation and up-to-date equipment. Ask the contractor for examples of their work and a guarantee.

A permit or license may be required to build, extend or repair a farm dam in Victoria. Contact your local rural water authority before commencing works.

For further information, visit the Agriculture Victoria website.

As part of the Victorian Government's \$13.53 million drought support package, eligible south west farmers can apply for on-farm drought infrastructure grants of up to \$5,000 to upgrade farm water systems. Further information, including how to apply at ruralfinance.com.au.



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# Upper Murray Sport

## With the Bias

## TEE TO GREEN



**Fourteen teams braved the heat in the triples tournament.**

Two club events were concluded prior to the holiday break.

In a hard fought Doubles Championship final, Peter Mongan and Angelo Donadon took on Rowan and Brett Whitehead. It was an entertaining match that was even all the way until Rowan and Brett pulled away at the last to win by three shots.

The Ladies Club Singles final was decided between Carol Fair and Catherine Ross and in a high standard game enjoyed by many onlookers, Carol forged ahead in the closing ends to win 21-14.

The final game of the mixed mid-week pennant competition was played at home against North Albury. It was an intense shootout until the last bowl down with Corryong coming away with an encouraging win - Carol Fair's team winning by five shots, Cath Ross's

by three and Cheryl Smedley's team, taking it to the wire, going down by one shot; a well earned 14 competition points.

The midweek pennant re-starts on January 21.

An annual highlight of the club's bowling calendar - the O'Connell's Refrigeration & Air Conditioning triples tournament - was played on January 5.

On what was predicted to be a 40 degree day, 14 teams rolled up from what was earlier an overcrowded field; distance and heat a deciding factor for some teams.

Three games of three bowl triples were played with a refreshing lunch and much needed cold drinks enjoyed after the second game. The day unfolded with good camaraderie and some spirited bowling.

The winners were Toora (Gippsland) led by Terry Corcoran by one point on a count back, edging out an unlucky

Tallangatta Team led by J McCoy, with third prize going to the local combination of Rowan and Brett Whitehead and Ken McKimmie.

A highlight of the day was a team from Corowa - boasting more than 290 years between them - each over 90 years old and still sending down good bowls (by hand)!

Men's Saturday pennant will resume this Saturday with a trip to Kiewa.

### Business Bowls Results R9

Demons d Rotary 8-6, Fire Brigade d Pin Hi 24-6, Emergency Lads d Tintaldra 18-3, Feds d Cudgewa 20-7, Chalkies d IGA 17-7, Thoughla Triers d Costellos 20-8, Ring-ins d Post Office 13-5, Truckies d Courthouse 27-9.

### Ladder R9

Feds.....17 37  
Fire Brigade .....16 78  
Ring-ins.....16 63  
Post Office.....16 42  
Truckies.....14 59



**Cath Ross and Carol Fair contested the ladies singles final.**

Thoughla Triers.....14 56  
Demons .....14 23  
IGA.....10 25  
Tintaldra.....8 -3  
Emergency Lads.....8 -19  
Courthouse.....8 -31  
Rotary.....6 -27  
Cudgewa .....6 -62  
Costellos.....3 -91  
Chalkies.....2 -56  
Pin Hi .....2 -94

### Draw

**R12 23/1/25**  
Post Office v IGA..... 1  
Costellos v F/ Brigade.... 2  
Courthouse v Ring-ins ... 6  
Feds v Pin Hi.....4  
Tintaldra v Chalkies ..... 5  
Rotary v Thoughla Triers . 7  
Demons v Truckies ..... 3  
Emerg Lads v Cudgewa . 8  
Roll on! ~ Kitty

Round 4 of the Hills Zone pennant competition was played on Sunday at Adelong with Corryong making a return to the winning list and Holbrook forfeiting to Tumbarumba. Batlow defeated Adelong in the other match.

With one round to go before the final, Tumbarumba and Batlow sit 1-2 on the ladder with Corryong and Adelong sitting equal third and still with a chance of making the decider.

### R4 Results

Corryong d Welaregang 4/1  
Batlow d Adelong 3/2  
Tumbarumba d Holbrook 5/0.

**R5 19/1/25 @ Welaregang**  
8:00am: Welaregang v Bat-low

8:30am: Tumbarumba v Corryong

9:00am: Holbrook v Adelong

**Final 8/2/25: 1st v 2nd Corryong**

The course is in tip top shape for the first mixed event of the year on Saturday - a 2-person ambrose over 18 holes (7.30am for a 8am hit-off).

If you are looking for a partner contact Rae Milbank on 0422 965 389 or Justin Knott on 0400

642 011.

Prize vouchers are on offer for both the scratch and handicap winners.

A reminder that a committee meeting will be held on Wednesday January 22nd at 6pm at the club. All members are welcome.

### Welaregang

The 9@9 Summer Cup continued over the Christmas period, resulting in record high attendances and four different winners.

Lance Noonan beat a field of 14 in round 8, then Laurie Williams came out on top in round 9 when a record 18 players hit the fairways.

New player Josh Land had a breakthrough win in round 10 carding 20 points.

Last Saturday saw eleven players contest round 11 which resulted in a very popular win for club stalwart Dixie Coutts who carded an impressive 24 points, two clear of Bill Bond in second place.

Only four points separate the top three players on the ladder at the halfway mark of the competition, which will continue on Saturday - names in by 8.30am.

## Tumbarumba & District Cricket

The next round of the Club Challenge takes place this Saturday January 18th.

### R2 Draw

Adelong v Corryong (Adelong)  
Tumut Plains v Batlow (Bull Paddock)  
Coolac v Tooma (Coolac Rec Grounds)  
Mankadders v Allstars (Borambola)  
Wyangle v Rosewood

(Bull Paddock)

The Challenge will wind up with the 40 over representative fixture on Sunday February 9th at the newly revamped Batlow Memorial Oval.

The next round of local cricket will be on February 8th.

### R9 Draw

Rosewood v Tooma  
Batlow v All Stars  
Corryong - Bye



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