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## Housing scarcity stunts growth

Independent Federal Member for Indi, Helen Haines, has started 2025 with her first policy announcement to boost housing supply in Indi and regional Australia.

Launching her vision for a \$2 billion Regional Housing Infrastructure Fund, Dr Haines is continuing to lead the national debate on housing infrastructure policy and said her plan would deliver more homes for regional Australians.

"An affordable and secure home sets people up to thrive and build their lives," she said.

"The current housing crisis is making life hard for too many people, holding back the growth

of our region and affecting essential service delivery."

Dr Haines said the fund would build the paths, poles and power that must go in before new homes can be built.

"We have the land and the vision but we need to properly invest in the infrastructure to develop our towns and regional cities," she said.

"Consecutive governments have failed to acknowledge that regional councils and smaller towns struggle to increase their housing supply because of critical infrastructure like sewerage, water and power.

"The economies of scale that work in the cities apply differently in the

country, but governments keep ignoring this problem.

"I'm unashamedly ambitious for regions like ours and cannot accept the drip feeding of funding when there are regions desperate for help with basic infrastructure like water connections. It is literally stunting our growth.

"More than a third of people live in regional, rural or remote Australia and it is beyond time we had a dedicated fund that gives us a fair share of regional housing.

"My plan will unlock new housing supply and deliver regional Australia their fair share," Dr Haines forecast.

# Emergency crews showcase their skills



Local Emergency Services are joining the Upper Murray Farmers market on February 8th to showcase who they are, what they do, and how you can help.

From 8am grab the entire family and bring them along to the Corryong Emergency Services mini-expo from

8am at the Attree Centre, right alongside your favourite market stalls.

Grab a coffee and enjoy the opportunity to have a chat to the local personnel and check out the awesome vehicles and tools. Be sure to watch out for some healthy competitions between your local emergency

services including CPR on manikins and hose rolling.

Volunteering underpins the delivery of many essential services and in rural areas these include emergency services, health care and aged care. Importantly, rural communities are particularly dependent

on local volunteers. Next Saturday is an opportunity for locals to ask the question - how can you help keep our community safe?

Services in attendance will include the CFA, Victoria Police, SES, Ambulance Victoria and DEECA.

You don't want to miss

this unique opportunity to see, speak with and get hands-on with our local emergency services. Meet your kids local heroes.

Motorists are advised that Jardine Street will be closed between Harris and Hanson Streets for a display of emergency vehicles while the market is on.

# Funding campaign gathers momentum

The Corryong Neighbourhood Centre (CNC) has thanked the community for its support for the '1000 Steps to Sustainability' campaign to ensure its future.

"We have raised just over \$20,000 directly into the CNC account as at Wednesday lunchtime and will have details on UMIF donation account receipts when we receive the report

at the end of the week," said CNC co-ordinator, Sara Jenkins.

"We are still getting plenty of questions so hopefully can answer a few more today."

**How can I be sure my donation won't be wasted if the CNC closes anyway?**

No donation will be wasted and hopefully we not be forced to actually close. We are moving forward in careful stages to overcome obstacles and make sure we continue to offer as broad a range of services to the community as possible.

If you donate directly to the CNC account by EFT, cash or through the online portal your donation will be used to:-

- Cover ongoing operational costs while our core funding is revoked including retaining staff who temporarily have no funding

- Reduce existing 'creditors' in line with a prioritised listing which you can view at the CNC.

If you donate through

the UMIF FRRR donation account, as well as being tax deductible, your donation can only be used for future activities which meet the definition of 'charitable purpose'.

In practice, this means your donation will be used to:-

- Continue the youth program until alternative funding can be sourced. Retaining an ongoing youth program after 10 years of building it up, is our highest priority after returning the bakery to profitability

- Provide funds for ongoing core operations while Neighbourhood House funding is revoked (and cannot be used to repay debt).

**How long will you continue to try and raise funds?**

Raising enough funds to meet our immediate debts (approx. \$250,000) is the more urgent priority needed to meet state government needs and secure our ongoing NH contract, so we urge people to please donate

now rather than waiting to see how we get on. Good progress towards this objective is essential to give us some leverage with DFFH to reconsider our NH contract cancellation at the end of January.

However, our ultimate aim is for complete recovery, so we will continue to run and promote the fundraising campaign to reach the \$500,000 goal throughout 2025.

**Why haven't you had a public meeting?**

There are a lot of stakeholders involved in CNC operations and several are only returning this week from the Christmas break. We want to be certain that we have had discussions with them, have a clear plan and are confident that it is achievable before having a public conversation.

At this stage, we intend to hold a public meeting sometime towards the end of February when we have more definite decisions from government.

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# Corryong receives lifesaving gift

The Corryong community is better equipped to help people in cardiac arrest after a publicly accessible automated external defibrillator (AED) was donated as part of the town's Heart Safe Community program.

The new 24/7 AED is located on the outside wall at the Corryong Caravan Park at 1516 Murray Valley Highway, Corryong.

Ambulance Victoria (AV) Ambulance Community Officer (ACO) and Corryong Heart Safe Community Program Lead, Lisa Pilli, said the donation provided an important health boost for the town.

"Defibrillators are used to shock the heart back into rhythm following a cardiac arrest, which is when a person's heart suddenly stops beating," she said.

"When a patient in cardiac arrest receives CPR and a shock from an AED before paramedics arrive, their chance of survival more than doubles.

"This 24-hour publicly accessible defib will fill a need in this part of town.

"The caravan park is a

great choice to house the device as it's well lit and staffed around the clock, making it easy to locate at all hours."

Ms Pilli said anyone could use an AED regardless of whether they had received training.

"If someone is in cardiac arrest and an AED is available, simply open it and follow the instructions," she said.

"They are safe and easy to use, and will not deliver a shock unless necessary."

Corryong now has nine registered 24/7 publicly accessible defibrillators, but Ms Pilli said we always need more.

"It would be fantastic to see more AEDs accessible 24/7 and be registered with AV to ensure Triple Zero (000) call-takers can direct people to them in an emergency," she said.

The Heart Safe Communities program is a year-long, joint initiative between AV and the Heart Foundation, which equips communities across the state with the skills to take life-saving action when someone is in cardiac arrest.

It aims to give locals the confidence to save a life by using three simple steps: Call (call Triple

Zero 000), Push (perform CPR) and Shock (use an AED).

There are 42 Heart Safe Communities across the state and Corryong is one of 12 towns currently completing the program.

Heart Foundation Victorian General Manager, Chris Enright, said the partnership with AV continues to help raise awareness and teach people what to do in cardiac arrest.

"We know how effective our Heart Safe Community program can be and how important it is for the local community to drive it to embed change at a grassroots level," she said.

"Ultimately, we hope every Victorian community can be 'Heart Safe'."

Locals will have the chance to learn Call, Push, Shock at the AV stand at The Upper Murray Farmers Market Emergency Services Display on Saturday February 8th.

From 8am-12pm the public is encouraged to attend the Attree Centre (59 Hanson Street, Corryong) to learn lifesaving skills and get to know the local first responders.



**Ambulance Community Officers Lisa Pilli (left) and Sharyn Nankervis with park employee, James Warrilow.**

"The event is a fantastic way for us to meet the community while also letting them know about alternative care," Ms Pilli said.

"As well as holding Call, Push, Shock sessions, we'll be encouraging people to sign up to the GoodSAM app which connects people in cardiac arrest with members of the community willing to start CPR before paramedics arrive.

"We'll also be

promoting the Victorian Virtual Emergency Department (VVED), a video-based health care service that provides free, 24/7 urgent medical assistance in your own home." To find a list of registered AED's in Corryong, visit [registermyaed.ambulance.vic.gov.au](http://registermyaed.ambulance.vic.gov.au).

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# Help ambos find you with just three words

Ambulance Victoria (AV) paramedics are calling on the Victorian community to make use of what3words via the Emergency Plus app, describing it as a life-saving tool.

What3words is a program linked to the Emergency Plus app which divides the world into three metre squares with each square assigned a unique combination of three words.

Just these words can be used to find a precise location which can be invaluable in life-threatening emergencies when every minute counts.

Mobile Intensive Care Ambulance (MICA) paramedic, Matt Nadin, said what3words was recently crucial in helping locate a woman in urgent need of medical attention.

"We were having difficulty locating the patient based off their description alone," Matt said.

"We felt that time was running out and we had exhausted all our traditional methods to establish their location.

"I suggested instructing the patient to use what3words and this simple step allowed us to pinpoint their location

and reach them within minutes."

The Emergency Plus app shows a patient's latitude and longitude in addition to their unique three words.

Calls to Triple Zero (000), SES and for non-urgent police matters can be made directly through the Emergency Plus app.

What3words can also be accessed through its own website and app.

Matt said all Victorians with a mobile device should ensure they have quick access to what3words.

"It's an incredible tool if you're in an emergency

and don't know exactly where you are," he said.

"Whether that's in a rural or remote area, along a freeway or highway, or simply in a new place, what3words takes away the guesswork which helps us reach you faster.

"You can tell a Triple Zero call taker your three words and they will know

what to do to pass this location information on to all required emergency services."

Location services via the Emergency Plus app can be pre-loaded and used without an internet connection.

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The Masked Lapwing is one of more than 60 species recorded at the Corryong golf course.

## New education program creates a buzz

In a diocesan first, a comprehensive and exciting new learning and teaching program, Magnify Sandhurst was simultaneously launched across 51 Catholic Schools in the Sandhurst diocese on Tuesday.

There was a buzz of excitement at each school as staff gathered for a celebratory morning tea at 10:30am before the official launch took place via a live broadcast from 11:15am to 12:15pm.

Executive Director of Catholic Education Sandhurst Ltd (CESL), Ms Kate Fogarty said Magnify Sandhurst will be introduced across 2025 to 2027 with each phase designed to bring measurable improvements in each learning environment.

“Magnify Sandhurst is set to transform learning for students with more specific and explicit teaching practices, bringing greater consistency and a more predictable and effective educational experience for all students,” she said.

“The Magnify Sandhurst program combines evidence-based practices in teaching and learning to support each student’s unique needs, strengths, and goals, focusing on strengthening core areas like literacy and numeracy, building supportive classroom environments, and integrating Catholic values in daily learning.”

“One of the key goals of the Magnify Sandhurst approach is to ease the workload of teachers.

## Twitchers get a good guide

A new pictorial guide to wetland birds of north-east Victoria is now available to help for people to get to know their local birdlife.

There are 52 species of wetland birds featured in the guide including 14 threatened species. The guide can be used to identify birds species across the North East’s diverse wetlands from alpine bogs to river flats.

Many of the species have been identified at the Corryong golf course over the past few years.

The online site eBird recorded 20 species of native and naturalised birds at the course from January 2020 to February 2023 and a survey conducted in November 2024 added another 46 to the list.

It includes the

intriguingly named Restless Flycatcher, Rainbow Bee-eater, Black-faced Cuckoo Shrike, Hardhead and Noisy Friarbird.

The guide can be downloaded at [www.environment.vic.gov.au/](http://www.environment.vic.gov.au/) or pick up a hard copy from the North East Catchment Management Authority in Wodonga or a DEECA office.

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# Our communities recognise their heroes



**Citizen of the Year, Kate Wheeler (third from left) with 'Local Legends' Diedre Lebner, Graeme van Brummelen, Colin Low and Carli and Michael Cameron (absent - Jane Mongan).**

## Corryong Awards

### Citizen of the Year 2025 - Kate Wheeler

Kate was born in Toowoomba (Qld) and began her nursing training in Brisbane in 1967. Following a stint in Tasmania to learn midwifery, Kate and two friends found their way to Corryong in May 1972. Nursing was very rewarding with the hospital having about 20 acute beds and a busy Maternity Unit. Soon after arriving in Corryong Kate met Robert Wheeler and they were married in 1973. Together they had five children and now eight grandchildren.

In 1972 with a boost to nursing staff it was decided to open Draper Ward for aged care. This proved to be insufficient accommodation for our community. Kate was instrumental in forming the Nursing Home Auxiliary to build a new facility. She argued strongly that the proposed new 20-bed unit would be too small and this proved to be correct. Kate worked tirelessly on that committee in executive positions as well as baking hundreds of cakes for street stalls. The Nursing Home (now Hilltop) was opened in 1983.

When Corryong District Hospital was considered for a Multi Purpose Service (MPS) Kate again put up her hand and played a significant role on the Project Control Group. Once again Kate argued for more comforts for our aged care unit but her pleas went unheard.

Kate completed her Master of Health (Rural and Remote) through the University of Southern Queensland. She then completed her Masters in Mental Health. Kate was a credentialed Mental Health Nurse and worked tirelessly in this role for 21 years. Kate saw a social need for many of her clients and started hosting a monthly dinner for them. So was born 'Kate's Kitchen'. These were mainly held in the Day Care Centre in the evening. 'Kate's Kitchen' was recently resurrected and open to all of the community.

While raising her children and working as a nurse, Kate also volunteered on local committees, many of which she still assists with today. Kate has been involved with Corryong Camp Draft since it began 50 years ago, being a committee member and running the canteen and catering. All of her children played football with Cudgewa Football Netball Club where she also volunteered in the canteen, making casseroles or helping with the strapping. Most recently you will find her courtside, offering netball players first aid and strapping. Kate is also a member of the Rotary Club of Corryong involving herself with fundraising activities, as well as Meals on Wheels.

### Event of the Year 2025 - Corryong & Upper Murray Agricultural and Pastoral Society

The Corryong Show was in danger of folding several years ago but more recently it has had a revamp, the highlight for many being the fireworks display at the conclusion of the event. During Show Day, local talent from crafts, artworks, homemade goodies and fresh produce are on display. The program also includes markets, a variety of food vendors, dog jump competition and pet show, animal nursery, trailer backing competition, music, rides and a display in the arena.

The Corryong Show would not come together without the volunteer committee which organises behind the scenes. Further to that, there are volunteers who run events, the bar and organise and judge items in the pavilion that make the day a huge success.

### Community Appreciation Awards

The following people who were nominated for Citizen of the Year, were recognised as 'Local Legends' for their contributions to the community:- Carli and Michael Cameron, Jane Mongan, Graeme van Brummelen, Deidre Lebner and Colin Low.

Carli and Michael Cameron were nominated for their support to youth in the community. Since 2018 they have been driving local recruits to the 37 Army Cadet Unit at Wodonga and back, to expand their leadership and teamwork skills, as well as learning the importance of volunteering.

Jane Mongan is best known in the community for providing a beauty service running her part time business for 22 years. With this time she has raised three children and has moved her business to seven locations. She was nominated for the work she does with young adults who require support and extra care.

Deidre Lebner was recognised for her selflessness and the care she offers others. Despite losing her husband to cancer and having her house burnt down during the 2020 bushfires, Deidre has shown strength and resilience by volunteering her time to bushfire recovery and the Corryong Show. She also works to provide respite to families of those who have dementia.

Graeme van Brummelen was acknowledged in 2022 for the support he offered after the bushfires such as organising local shop vouchers for community members through Baptist Union of Victoria. Graeme continues to fulfil his ministry role, offering support to many families and in particular youth. He is a member of Sewing Seeds Program run by Corryong Health for mental health support and is a participant in the Corryong Health Strategic Plan as one of the joint representatives of the local church community. He is committee member for Thrive Suicide Prevention. He involved himself with the Corryong Spirit event and also organised and ran 'Just a Farmer' movie event, a joint venture between Thrive, Corryong Baptist Church and Corryong Health.

Colin Low is currently an active Rotarian and a former Lions Club member. As part of these community groups he has contributed to many fundraisers and is very familiar with a BBQ. After the bushfires Colin joined the Thowgla CRC helping to make the valley more prepared and defensible. Col is also a volunteer with the Corryong & Upper Murray Agricultural and Pastoral Society committee and also the Man from Snowy River Festival. When Colin is not running his own businesses or volunteering his time, you may also find him umpiring a footy match or two.

### Walwa Awards

Citizen of the Year - Hayden Drummond.  
Business of the Year - Walwa Caravan Park (Kevin and Heidi Conway)  
Community Organisation of the Year: Walwa Community Op Shop

### Citizenship Ceremony

Towong Shire welcomed six Australian citizens in a ceremony led by Mayor Andrew Whitehead.

Originally from Nigeria, Philippines, the United Kingdom and New Zealand, the new citizens took the pledge in a ceremony held at the Lions Club Hall in Corryong on Australia Day. Congratulations and a warm welcome to the shire they call home.

Pictured (left): Jo Devlin, Cr Whitehead, Adewale Adebowale, Oliver Del Rosario, Julie Mabasa and Sylvia Montgomery.



**Committee members of the Corryong Show with their 'Event of the Year' award.**



**Cr Andrew Whitehead with our newest citizens.**



**Members of the Walwa Community Op Shop with their 'Community Organisation of the Year' award.**



**Walwa's Citizen of the Year, Hayden Drummond, speaks at the Australia Day breakfast.**



**Cr Jon Pitman presents Kevin and Heidi Conway of the Walwa Riverside Caravan Park with their 'Business of the Year' award.**

## Snowy Valleys Council Australia Day Awards Announced

Snowy Valleys Council (SVC) has recognised its most inspiring individuals for their exceptional contributions and outstanding service to the region.

The 2025 Snowy Valleys Council Australia Day Award recipients were announced at a special dinner ceremony held on Australia Day eve, with invited nominees joining councillors and dignitaries at the Batlow Literary Institute.

Awards were presented across five categories:

- Snowy Valleys Council 2025 Citizen of the Year – Hannah Speers, Adelong
- Snowy Valleys Council 2025 Young Citizen of the Year – Hannah Rankin, Tumburumba
- Snowy Valleys Council 2025 Sportsperson of the Year – Dylan Weir, Brungle/Tumut
- Snowy Valleys Council 2025 Environmental Citizen of the Year – Bindi Vanzella, Batlow
- Snowy Valleys Council 2025 Service to the Community – Cara Ironside, Batlow

SVC Mayor, Cr Julia Ham, said recognising and celebrating local heroes was a privilege and she was delighted to honour those who go above and beyond to support and uplift others in the region. "On behalf of the entire council and our community, I wholeheartedly congratulate all the award recipients," she said. "Your hard work and passion are the driving forces behind our collective success."

**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**CHIROPRACTOR IN CORRYONG**  
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**MEETINGS**

**Upper Murray Historical Society Inc. Annual General Meeting**  
 Tuesday 11th February, 2025 9.30am at Cafe 3707  
 • Followed by a general meeting  
 • Nomination forms available at the MFSR Museum  
 All interested people welcome

**DEATHS**

**GIBSON** (nee Baker), Kimberley Anne - 16.07.1980-25.01.2025  
 It is with immense sadness we announce the passing of our extremely precious and deeply loved daughter, sister, wife, sister-in-law and aunty.  
 It is impossible to express how profoundly Kim will be missed by her parents Richard and Rosanne Baker of Tooma; her siblings Katyana, Annaleise and Alexander; her husband Richard and his family; her siblings-in-law Grant, Dan and Ellie; and her adoring nephews and nieces Eoin, Luke, Timothy, Josiah, Isabelle and Sophie.

**THANKS**

**GRESCHKE** - Ray's family would like to thank everyone for their expressions of sympathy and cards. Special thanks to the doctors and staff at Corryong Health and Mittamatite Lodge.  
 ~ Lynda, Helen and families.

**Support needed for local academy**

Community representatives from across 12 municipalities in Northern Victoria including Towong Shire, are being invited to join the Hume Academy of Sport Board as inaugural directors.

The newly formed group is seeking passionate and dedicated individuals who have a love for sports; a vision for developing aspiring young athletes; have extensive regional, state and/or corporate networks; and experience in delivering positive community engagements.

As an experienced and qualified key sporting representative, board members will play an integral role in shaping the future of high performance sport across the Hume region and supporting athletes to reach their full potential through a Hume

Academy of Sport.

Nominations are being sought from across all the Hume local government areas - Towong, Alpine, Benalla Rural, Greater Shepparton, Indigo, Mansfield, Mitchell, Moira, Murrindindi, Strathbogie, Wangaratta and Wodonga.

A high level focus group has been established and is currently fundraising to conduct market research and develop a project plan.

The primary goal of the academy is to support young athletes across the region through talent identification and pathway programs.

If you are interested in joining the Academy's Focus Group or providing critical seed funding, email [humeacademyofsport@gmail.com](mailto:humeacademyofsport@gmail.com).

Applications close at 12pm on February 2, 2025.



The new group's vision is to develop aspiring young athletes in our community across a number sports.

**IN MEMORIAM**

**'MEMORIES' HILTON Trevor Ronald**

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**Bakery heads in the right direction**

*Cont. from page 1.*

We are also confident that we will be able to confirm that the bakery has returned to profitability.

**Have you lobbied the state and federal members of parliament and what are they doing?**

We have approached both Helen Haines and Bill Tilley. Helen has written to the relevant state and federal ministers and is continuing to lobby on our behalf.

We have also spoken with Bill's office and he will raise the matter with the Minister when State Parliament sits on February 6.

We are keeping both offices updated with progress.

**What's next?**

After three consecutive fortnights of surplus in the bakery - it may not seem like much but it is a start - we are confident that we can return the bakery to sustainable profitability over the next few months.

We are continuing to reduce hours and costs and have received financial relief from our bakery landlord and primary funders. We will be looking at options regarding other debt and cost management measures over the next few weeks.

We are also seeking legal advice regarding the state funding situation, investigating alternative funding models and

continuing discussions with the department this week and beyond.

We are investigating options in regard to selling the Walwa property to clear debts and provide cash flow but we prefer not to take this step unless absolutely necessary.

We will provide regular updates in the *Corryong Courier* and hold a public meeting later in February.

In the meantime, please come into the CNC and ask if you have any further queries.

We are also happy to come out to speak with your group or organisation and answer your queries. Just give the CNC a call on 0428 449 248 to make arrangements.

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You can also support the CNC by:

- Sharing our plight and request for donations with anyone and everyone you think may interested or able to help
- Frequenting the Upper Murray Community Bakery, which is our primary source of income
- Understanding that many practical services provided in the CNC office will now incur a fee or a fee increase
- Having an active role in the future of the CNC - become a member, serve on the new Community Advisory Committee, work towards joining the Committee

**We have never fundraised directly or locally on any scale before and we do so with great reluctance**

But our situation is dire and our timeframe to avoid closures is short. So, we are reaching out just this once to everyone who has been supported by our services in the past.....

This is most definitely a bail out. But it is not good money after bad. Our circumstances since the Black Summer bushfires have been difficult, but when the frenzy of the last few years settled down, we modified our practices, identified and improved problem areas and sourced short term alternative funding. With these changes, we were hoping to start a long, slow recovery process with the beginning of 2025. But recent circumstances have made that impossible and we now realise that we need to do something momentous and fast, so we can keep our doors open, continue to build on the work done over the long history of the organisation and get back to prioritising the delivery of vital programs and services to our remote, rural community.

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Secret message: Chalk and cheese

## Cross Maths

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

SOLUTION

1	2
=	=
3	1
=	x
3	1
=	x
3	-
=	x
8	=
4	x
2	=

	x		=	8
x		-		
	x		=	3
=		=		
2		1		

WORK IT OUT...

## Junior Crossword

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

- Someone who doesn't eat animal products
- Famous French river
- Currency used in India
- Mexican artist, - Kahlo
- Home to Mt Everest
- A large group of people
- Spanish term for mud brick
- There are 12 in a year

				1					
2									
				3					
4									
				5					
6									
				7					
8									

ANSWERS: 1. Vegan, 2. Seine, 3. Rupee, 4. Frida, 5. Nepal, 6. Crowd, 7. Adobe, 8. Month (VERANDAH)

## Spot the difference

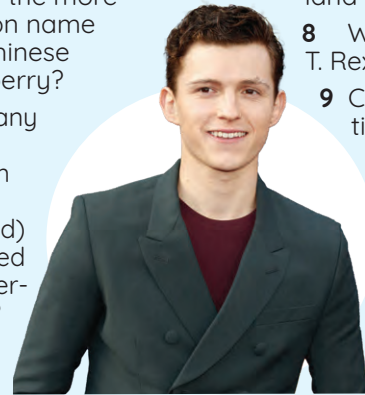
Can you find five differences between these images?



ANSWERS: 1. School sign 2. School sign 3. Moon wand 4. Cauldron flames extinguished 5. Castle flipped

## Quiz

- Was Mozart a composer, painter or sculptor?
- True or false: the moon is a satellite?
- What is the more common name for a Chinese gooseberry?
- How many movies has Tom Holland (pictured) appeared as Spider-Man in?
- Tutankhamun was a ruler of which country?
- Moana is the Māori word for what?
- What is the largest living land carnivore?
- What does the T in T. Rex stand for?
- Complete the book title: *Badjelly the...* what?
- What is 12 times 12?



ANSWERS: 1. Composer 2. True 3. Kiwifruit 4. Six 5. Ancient Egypt 6. Ocean 7. Polar bear 8. Tyrannosaurus 9. Witch 10. 144



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# Upper Murray Sport

## Ambrose attracts capacity field

More than 70 golfers competed in the three-person Walwa 500 Ambrose event on Australia Day and the excellent course conditions made for some hot scoring.

In a blanket finish, the Corryong combination of Belinda Attree, Travis Attree and late call-up Shane Bannon got the choccies with a scintillating 54½ nett (67 off the stick).

The Holbrook crew of Simon Mohr, Greg Gibbs and Jade Rangi filled second place with a 56.83 followed by the Hardwick brothers from Adelong on 57.

### Novelty winners

- Women's Longest Drive - Sharron Burgess
- Women's Straightest Drive - Ann Ryall
- Women's NTP 3/12 - Belinda Attree
- Men's Straightest Drive - Zane Heinjus
- Men's Longest Drive - Justin Knott (pin high on the 7th, about 5m off scrape!)
- Men's NTP 3/12 - Tor The Viking
- Men's NTP 6/15 - Allan Atherton
- Men's NTP 8/17 - Ray Lynch

**Corryong**  
The first Monthly Medal of the year for men and women was held on Saturday and despite a small field, the competition was tight.

The winner with a nett 72 was Zane Heinjus who put his new driver to good use and topped off a sharp short game by nailing two birdies in the process (that were worth five stableford points each!). A date with the handicapper beckons.

The runner-up was Mark Collins, just one shot adrift and Joy Bennetts



**Walwa president Tor Haugen and event marshal Hayden Drummond congratulate the Corryong team of Shane Bannon, Belinda Attree and Travis Attree on their victory.**

came third with a nett 74. Congratulations to the Corryong team of Belinda Attree, Travis Attree and Shane Bannon who were successful in the Walwa 500 ambrose event on Sunday, shooting an impressive 67 off the stick for a nett 54½.

Other prizewinners were Justin Knott (longest drive, all of 320 metres!); Belinda Attree (Women's NTP 3/12); and Zane Heinjus (straightest drive, a 'unicorn' on the day).

### Coming Up

1/8/25: 18 Holes (mixed) 7.30am for 8am hit-off  
2/8/25: 9 holes stableford (front 9), 7.30am for 8am hit-off

### Welaregang

The refurbished greens received plenty of positive feedback during last week's pennant round and this week's round 13 of the 9@9 competition saw big improvements on the scorecards.

The nine competitors

carded an average of 21½ points, with eight golfers breaking the 20 point barrier. Tony Jarvis could only manage third with his 23 points, Lance Noonan thought he was over the line with 24 but John Lebner made it two in a row, carding 26 points after having three shots slashed from his handicap last week!

If he wins again this Saturday, the scoring format for this competition

may come into question.

The win has John second on the ladder, two behind Lance Noonan's 27 with Laurie Williams on 22, Paul Land on 21 and Bill Bond 17.

With nine rounds to go, there is a maximum of 45 points to collect in one of the closest Summer Cups for years. R14 hits off at 9am this Saturday, with names in by 8.30 and visitors are most welcome to join in.



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