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GOD'S OWN

The recent cold snap has brought its challenges but scenic views on a crisp day like this from Lawrence Lookout at Shelley remind us of why we live in the Upper Murray.



Haines joins demand for a national watchdog

Almost 60 prominent judges, lawyers experts and leaders have signed an open letter to the Prime Minister, published in newspapers this week, calling on the government to establish a strong, effective and independent integrity commission.

The signatories include the Hon Mary Gaudron QC, former Judge of the High Court of Australia, the Hon Tony Fitzgerald AC QC, who led the Fitzgerald Inquiry that uncovered corruption in

the Queensland police force in the 1980s and the former Member for Indi, Cathy McGowan AO.

Member for Indi, Dr Helen Haines, launched the letter in Australian Parliament House on Tuesday with two of the signatories, the Hon Anthony Whealy QC and the Hon David Harper AM QC.

The letter calls for a robust integrity commission with broad jurisdiction, strong investigative powers and

public hearings when it is in the public interest to do so - powers which are contained in Dr Haines' Australian Federal Integrity Commission proposal but missing from the government's draft proposal.

Dr Haines said the government urgently needed to legislate an Australian National Integrity Commission as Australians have had enough of the lack of accountability in our politics.

"For the last two years I have been fighting to clean up our politics and create the culture of integrity that Australians deserve from their political representatives," she said.

"After decades as a nurse and midwife, one of the reasons I entered politics was to bring the standards I saw in my professional life, upheld by everyday people, into politics.

"I've introduced a bill into Parliament that will create a strong and independent Federal Integrity Commission," Dr Haines said.

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Integrity call can't be ignored

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"This commission will have the power to root out corruption, expose lies and hold our politicians to account," Dr Haines said.

"This bill has wide support but Scott Morrison has been dragging his feet.

"All we have seen is a dud exposure draft which has been roundly rubbished by almost everyone. At the same time, I have a strong and robust bill that has the support of many signatories to this letter. - and I know it has support of MPs from every party in Parliament!

"The 59 civic leaders have told the government that time's up. Integrity can't wait. The calls can't be ignored any longer.

"In 2018 the Prime Minister promised that

he would implement an integrity commission. The 8th of September 2021 will mark 1,000 days since he first made that promise but we are still waiting on him to act," Dr Haines said.

"Establishing an integrity commission is the one thing all sides of politics agreed to do in this 46th Parliament. With only two months until an election could be called, this is fast shaping up to be a broken election promise.

"I don't want to go to the next election without an integrity commission and neither does the Australian public."

Dr Haines said that the ABC's *Australia Talks* survey showed that 9 in 10 Australians believe the government

should establish a federal corruption watchdog.

It also showed:

- 89 per cent believe that most politicians in Australia will lie if they feel the truth will hurt them politically

- 56 per cent believe Australian politicians are often corrupt

- 73 per cent think Australia is doing poorly in holding politicians to account

- 59 per cent disagree that politicians in Australia can generally be trusted to act in the interests of the people they represent

- 72 per cent disagree that politicians in Australia are usually held accountable for their actions.

Helen Haines presented her petition for an integrity commission in May 2020.



Camping laws offer no protection

The Victorian government has been accused of leaving farmers out in the cold under new laws which allow camping on state-licensed river and water frontages.

"The government has failed to provide a single cent of new funding under the 2021/22 State Budget to monitor and enforce these new laws," claimed Shadow Minister for Environment and Climate Change, Bridget Vallence, in Parliament on Tuesday.

"At Public Accounts and Estimates Committee hearings, Minister for Environment, Lily D'Ambrosio also confirmed no funding or support for farmers

who are now unable to obtain adequate insurance for the increased risks of pollution, fire and biosecurity hazards."

Member for Benambra, Bill Tilley, was in disbelief at the lack of planning and the confirmation that \$601 million has been cut from the DELWP budget.

"This just demonstrates the ineptitude of this government that fails to resource these plans despite the exposure of everyone with river fronts leases," he said.

"What do they do, fence it off and leave it to the Labor government?"

"DELWP's struggling to look after the public lands that they have now,

how will they do it with \$601 million less than they had last year?"

"I'm sick and tired of having to identify and highlight this navel gazing government's failures - they are just completely ignoring regional and rural Victoria in just about everything that they do."

"The government had promised new powers would be given to Parks Victoria Officers to enforce new offences created by the regulations such as interfering with livestock, damaging wildlife or native vegetation, or

polluting the area with waste.

"However, this week the Minister for Environment conceded that no additional money had been allocated to Parks Victoria to enforce these new camping laws," Mr Tilley said.

"The Minister told the Parliamentary hearing she was confident the new laws could be adequately managed under existing budget measures.

"I know the people on the frontline are as frustrated as anyone else over the lack of resources.

"They have a big job to do and this doesn't help."

Shadow Minister for Environment and Climate Change, Bridget Vallence, said "This is a slap in the face to around 10,000 Victorian farmers who hold these state-issued licences, and proves the government has turned a blind eye to the additional demands that camping places on these precious waterways and our environment.

"They have failed to get the balance right with the laws and are leaving rural communities behind."



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BUSHFIRE RECOVERY BULLETIN

This bulletin provides regular updates and stories about bushfire recovery both in our local community and across Victoria's fire-affected areas.

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



LOCAL ECONOMIC RECOVERY GRANTS SUPPORTING LOCAL COMMUNITY PROJECTS

THE MITTA VALLEY MOUNTAIN BIKE PARK

The Mitta Valley Mountain Bike Park received \$1.5 million as part of the Local Community Project Grants Round 2 which is funding local projects vital for community recovery in bushfire-affected regions.

Chris O'Connor, Chairman of Mitta Valley Inc said, "this is a great opportunity for community growth and stabilisation. It gives us the opportunity to diversify business with potential growth for future employment in the region."

The Mitta Valley Mountain Bike Park rebuild is just one of the 24 projects funded under the Local Community Project Grants, part of the Australian and Victorian governments' \$68.6 million Local Economic Recovery (LER) program. The funding will help construct the second stage of the Mitta Valley Mountain Bike Park in the Mitta State Forest, including the development of a network of trails to suit riders of all abilities and skill level, skills course, beginners' loop, pump track and trail hub facility, social area and signage.

The LER program is just one avenue of funding available to support community recovery. If you have a project idea, contact 1800 560 760 or visit a local Bushfire Recovery Hub to discuss it with our staff who can help from start to finish, including help with identifying alternative funding options.

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Chairman of Mitta Valley Inc.

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SEVERE WEATHER ACROSS THE STATE

The Acting Premier recently announced that Bushfire Recovery Victoria will support the clean-up and recovery work for communities across the state that were impacted by storm damage, and still suffering loss of power and communication.

This does not change the support that we are providing to the communities impacted by the 2019-20 Victorian Bushfires. We are still working hard to ensure that your communities have access to the recovery supports you need right now, particularly where you have also been impacted by the storms.

Please continue to call 1800 560 760 or reach out to your local recovery hub for support and assistance.



BUSHFIRE RECOVERY GRANTS FOR COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Team Mount Beauty recently received \$50,000 as part of the Bushfire Recovery Grants for Community Facilities. It will support community groups to build, upgrade or repair important local facilities that everyone can use. The funding will support stage two of works on the start of the trail at Big Hill Mountain Bike Park.

This grant means a lot to the local community and Damian Heman, Team Mount Beauty Committee member. Damian was very pleased to be receiving this grant, saying: "Team Mount Beauty has a very long history and is driven by hard-working volunteers. Everything we do now builds on the hard work of previous volunteer Club members. We have a long track-record of working with Government, contractors, local business and our amazing community."

"This new grant will make it easier for all our users to enjoy the trail and importantly, make it safer for everyone. It will also tie in perfectly with works the Alpine Shire are planning."

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Partnership supports pasture regeneration

In response to the need to help large areas across the Upper Murray impacted by last year's fires, Bushfire Recovery Victoria (BRV) has provided funding to AgBiz Assist via their charity AgBiz Care, to assist with the re-establishment of pastures for fire affected farmers and landholders.

The Re-Seeding Upper Murray Project, which covers all areas of Towong Shire burnt out in the 2020 bushfires, is being delivered by AgBiz Assist using the resources of Agriculture Victoria, Towong Shire Council, the Upper Murray Landcare Network and BRV.

Agbiz Assist has reached out to farmers and landholders through a survey and asked what pasture recovery support they need.

Applications are now open and being assessed with funds ranging from \$1,000 to \$3,000 per affected property, to be allocated by way of vouchers that can be redeemed from any of the three Corryong rural



supply traders.

Alternatively, farmers can apply for a rebate on seed already purchased during autumn.

Under this collaborative partnership, a range of free information and training sessions, webinars and field days will continue to be rolled out by Agriculture Victoria and Upper Murray Landcare personnel to anyone who has an interest

in productive pastures.

The practical application of this technical advice will not only offer the best possible outcomes for successful management of newly established winter and spring sown pastures but will also provide pasture management benefits for the next seven to ten years.

Topics ranging from advice on selecting and preparing the

best paddocks and seed blends through to carbon markets and regenerative agriculture methods will play dual roles in supporting the recovery of farming communities while offsetting the looming impact of climate change.

Machinery, fertiliser, labour and diesel costs are added to the thousands of dollars farmers invest in seed each season. This program

will help them to develop strategies that contribute to improved performance and resilience.

Landholders are encouraged to apply by completing the confidential survey form available at www.surveymonkey.com/r/JLKM7KK. Once the survey has been completed an application form will be forwarded or you can call Agbiz on 1300 834 775.

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Border Trust has announced its first round of funding to support the regeneration of local communities following the devastating bushfires of 2019-20.

Four community organisations will share in funding of \$32,000 through the Border Trust Bushfire Relief Fund to support local communities affected by the fires in the local government areas of Towong, Alpine, Greater Hume and Snowy Valleys.

Locally, the following groups have been funded:-

- Cudgewa Cemetery Trust \$9,410 - seating and shelter;
- Lucyvale Tennis Club \$800 - pressure pump for the hall;
- Corryong Youth Club Hall \$11,985 - purchase of new gas cookers.

The Albury Wodonga Regional Foodshare will also receive \$10,000 towards the purchase of a second warehouse freezer.

A total of 15 community organisations received a total of \$148,369 in round one of the relief funding.



Funding has been received to upgrade the cooking facilities at the Lions Youth Hall in Corryong.

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Say hello to the storytellers

The mountains are alive with stories and this winter is the time to tell them, according to the Snowy Valleys Council (SVC).

Over the next three months, the award-winning playwright Hannie Rayson (pictured) and ABC theatre-buff Michael Cathcart are moving to the region to help locals to unlock the great stories of their lives.

SVC Executive Director Community and Corporate, Paul Holton, said the *Hello Snowy Valleys!* project is a perfect additional element to the region's Winter Bites Festival program.

"We are incredibly excited to be able to make this opportunity available to the residents of the Snowy Valleys," he said.

"Hannie and Michael will be on the hunt for great stories – be they funny, poignant, sad or uplifting. The pair will be helping each storyteller to craft their tale into a short, powerful performance.

"The duo will also be presenting Life Writing workshops over six Sunday afternoons, starting on June 20 where they'll help to identify resident's personal stories, develop powerful techniques for writing them down, and help in structuring the stories."

The workshops will be spread across Batlow, Tumbarumba, Adelong and Tumut.

Hannie said "Most people know that they have a story to tell but they don't know how to start. The techniques which we've developed are simple, effective and deeply fulfilling."

Hello, Snowy Valleys! will culminate in the creation of a piece of live theatre about the Snowy Valleys – a tapestry of stories told by the people who live here. There will be three performances at the Batlow Literary Institute over the weekend of August 21.

The total cost of the workshop series is \$120 per participant which includes admission to all six workshops and refreshments.

Hannie began her professional life in community theatre at Theatre Works in 1980. Since then, her plays have been produced throughout Australia and internationally. She works in theatre, film and television and writes a column for *The Age* newspaper.

Her great passion is to hear the stories of Australia told by Australians.

"Hearing Aussies tell stories in our rich and colourful vernacular is one of life's great pleasures," she said.



"It's how I met Michael and why we fell in love. We both love this stuff."

Michael Cathcart is an award-winning historian, theatre director and ABC broadcaster. He is taking 10 weeks leave for the project.

Their mission is to create a piece of theatre about the Snowy Valleys - a tapestry of stories told by the people who live here. This will be a celebration of local life, fuelled by struggle, resilience, wit and tenderness. It is a story told by farmers, butchers, teachers, pickers, timber cutters – local people who are bearing witness to events great and small that have given this place its unique history.

Michael and Hannie are moving to the Snowy Valleys region for the duration of this project.

For more information about how to register visit www.svc.nsw.gov.au/hello-snowy-valleys.

This initiative has been partly funded by the Bushfire Community Recovery and Resilience Fund.

Council plans to build back better

Snowy Valleys Council (SVC) has adopted its Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) suite of documents for 2021/22 including an overall budget of \$73 million.

This year's Operational Plan contains 112 Actions and a \$35.4 million Capital Works program which includes close to \$20 million in grant funding.

SVC mayor, Cr James Hayes, said following a challenging 2020, council remains focused on "building back better" and supporting communities to thrive.

"While it is a high priority for council to seek increased funding to cover costs, improve efficiencies and ensure we deliver responsible budgets, council believes that ensuring we have a high level of amenity in our local area reflects community desire and assists in attracting people to the region," Cr Hayes said.

"The 2021/22 budget reflects this belief. "We're investing a total of \$10.5 million in economic development projects including the civil works for Tumbarumba Snowy View Estate phase 3, building of itinerant worker accommodation at the Batlow Caravan Park and improvements and safety upgrades in the Tumut Aerodrome.

"We've also approved a \$13.6 million investment in support of our roads network ensuring it is able to support local visitor and industry needs and more than \$2 million for council buildings including the re-build of the Ournie Community Hall."

SVC CEO, Matthew Hyde, said council has a continued focus on long term sustainability in planning for the coming 12 months.

"We are improving our strategic planning and advocacy with state and federal governments for support with high priority projects to ensure the long-term economic future of the region," he said.

Key actions to be completed in 2021/22 include \$7.3 million in renewals and upgrades of waste, water and wastewater facilities, delivery of the new FOGO service and processing plant, delivery of community events and programs including the Long Lunch in Khancoban and promotion of the Visit Snowy Valleys brand to attract more people to the region. Each year Council also reviews its Fees and Charges Schedule for the services it provides reflecting a user pays principle," Mr Hyde said.

Some changes include increases in annual water access charges for potable and raw water and a harmonising of septage waste charges which will now see consistent minimum fees for all sillage dumping.

"An hourly halls and parks hire fee has also been introduced for community groups to allow for more usage flexibility."

The adopted IP&R documents can be accessed and downloaded from council's website www.svc.nsw.gov.au/Planning-and-Reporting.

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Passion for bikes led to a dream career

When she was a young girl growing up on a Thougla farm, Rikki Dryden's main interest was horse riding but after moving to Melbourne for work as an 18-year-old she became obsessed with motorbikes.

Rikki had puttered around the family property on an old 'Postie' bike as a youngster but a rare sight for a country girl captivated her.

"When I first got to Melbourne I saw a chick riding a Yamaha 1000cc and thought 'how good is that?'," Rikki recalled.

"I reckon that'll suit me just fine."

The inspirational moment has led to a wealth of experience riding all types of machines from road bikes ranging from 600cc up to 1200cc plus motocross, enduro and adventure bikes.

Rikki's passion led to her working in the motorcycle industry which she says is not really a job.

"To be able to work in an industry you love is seriously amazing!"

Rikki's impressive career background with Motorcycling Australia - working her way up the

ranks from administrative staff to business development - has resulted in her selection for Sport Australia's 2021 Women Leaders in Sport (WLIS) Program.

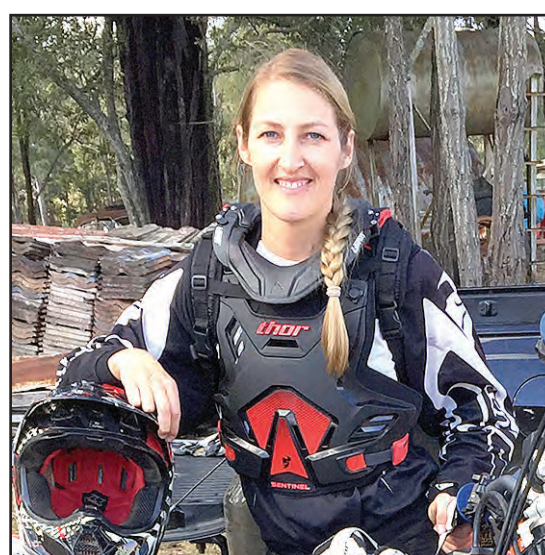
She is among 160 participants undertaking a six-week course which aims to support and empower women in the sport workforce.

"I've been lucky to work in the motorcycle industry since 2005 when I started with the Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit in events admin," she said.

"Moving onto the Honda Riders Club in Events Co-ordination, I got to travel the country riding some of our best race tracks.

"In this role I also worked to grow women's participation by holding female track day groups which were a great hit.

"After Honda I worked with the Australian Superbike Championship in Event Operations and was Race Secretary. After moving to Brisbane I worked with Champions Ride Days before starting my own business running motorcycle tours in Europe for five years.



Rikki Dryden is leading the way for female riders.

"When not working at major events I volunteer as Deputy Race Secretary for the MotoGP and World Superbikes.

"In the past I raced a little MX and Enduro and was a regular track day rider and now I'm an adventure rider," Rikki said.

"I now work with Motorcycling Australia in Rules & Technical which I've been loving, learning more about all disciplines."

Rikki is also an anti-bullying campaigner and raised awareness of the issue at the end of 2019

when she initiated an all-female team ride across the Simpson Desert.

The 12 women had to climb and descend more than 1000 sand dunes in the gruelling trek.

One of Rikki's aims is to see more girls and women competing at top levels in all motorcycle racing disciplines.

"We have some amazing women competing with the world's best off-road but a few more in road racing would be cool," she said.

"There is nothing stopping you!"

The Grapevine



The death occurred on June 12, 2021 of former Towong resident and well renowned musician, Francisca Lichtenberg, at Lavington UPA. A celebration of her life was held on June 18th at North Albury, followed by a private cremation.



Our local 'posties' have been deluged with notices from AusNet Services in the past fortnight advising of interruptions to the Corryong electricity supply and subsequent cancellations - bottom line is that no interruptions are currently scheduled, according to the AusNet website.

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Upper Murray Sport (Cont.)



Results continued from page 12: Federal: Samuel Bradley 1, Luke Potter 1, David Hansford 1. Best: Haydn Cook, Marc Gould, Steven Galt, Jason Davey, Mitchell Pieper, Alex Harris.

Reserves

Bullioh v Cudgewa

Cudgewa 1.1, 1.6, 4.9, 7.10 (52) d Bullioh 0.2, 3.4, 3.5, 4.6 (30).

Cudgewa:

Goals: James Whiteley 2, Gregory Wheeler 2, Jake Tregilgas 1, Tyson Carey 1, Lachlan Brown 1. Best: Sam Harrison, Campbell Booth, James Cleven, Tyson Carey, Lachlan Brown, Gregory Wheeler.

Bullioh:

Goals: Brendan Glass 2, Lachlan Carter 1, Jake Reeves 1. Best: John Byatt, Lachlan Mather, Bradley Simmonds, Mark Nichol, Harrison Nicholls, Luke Hutton.

Tumbarumba v Federal

Tumbarumba 2.2, 5.6, 9.9, 13.12 (90) d Federal 1.0, 3.0, 4.1, 4.1 (25).

Tumbarumba: Goals: Angus McEachern 3, Todd Bennett 2, James Dollan 2, Matthew Johns 1, Brendon Lane 1, Mathew McCallum 1, Mitchell DeLuca 1, John Pearn 1, Jamie Webb 1. Best: Mitchell DeLuca, Matthew Johns, Daniel Bates, Brendon Lane, Angus McEachern, Todd Bennett.

Federal:

Goals: Jonathon Campbell 1, Hayden Mckimmie 1, Tyi Johnstone 1. Best: Wayne Piltz, Tyi Johnstone, Dean Taylor, Hayden Mckimmie, Charlie Star.

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Bullioh v Cudgewa

Bullioh 1.1, 2.7, 3.10, 6.10 (46) d Cudgewa 0.1, 0.1, 0.1, 1.1 (7).

Bullioh:

Noah Smedley 2, Henry Brewer 1, Zak Moyle 1, Rory Kearney 1, Sean McErlain 1. Best: Noah Smedley, Rory Kearney, Jack Hallawell, Nate Klippel, Sean McErlain, Chad Klippel.

Cudgewa:

Goals: Riley Bloom 1. Best: Riley Bloom, Corby Russell, Luke Turnbull, Isaac Nicholas, Lewis Costello, Brock Hamilton.

Tumbarumba v Federal

Tumbarumba 4.4, 7.4, 10.7, 12.10 (82) d Federal 0.0, 1.3, 1.3, 2.4 (16).

Tumbarumba: Goals: Noah Meek 4, Albert Middleton 2, Alexander Crain 2, Campbell Murray 2, Ewan Middleton 1. Best: Albert Middleton, Noah Meek, Ewan Middleton, Campbell Murray, Campbell Crain, Alexander Crain.

Federal: Goals: Reece Findlay 1, Dylan Segelow 1. Best: Nate Sheather,

Jacob Turvey, Beau Morley, Leigh Gericke.

Netball

A Grade: Bullioh 37 d Cudgewa 35; Tumbarumba 51 d Federal 36. **B Grade:** Cudgewa 49 d Bullioh 35; Tumbarumba 44 d Federal 27. **C Grade:** Bullioh 34 d Cudgewa 20; Tumbarumba 29 d Federal 18. **D Grade:** Bullioh drew with Cudgewa 20; Tumbarumba 24 d Federal 2. **15&U:** Cudgewa 18 d Bullioh 15; Federal 21 d Tumbarumba 1.



Swans Nest

Netball

Under 11s: The girls came out firing. CC and Lola drove to the space, Billie, Matilda S and Belle moved to the space in the goal ring. Ivy, Tilly, Immy and Matilda O put constant pressure on opponents in the centre court while Aywen, Lila and Chloe put on a massive amount of defence pressure. A fantastic game girls after a number of weeks off. Awards: Ivy, Lola & Billie.

Under 15s: Welcome back Holly! As reflected in the scores, Feds girls dominated this game. With all 11 girls present, Amy had a job rotating everyone through. Tess and Paige both top scored with seven each, both looking comfortable in goals. Other goals went to Jorja (4) and Maddie (3). There was some wonderful flow of play which was quiet impressive to watch. Cassie dominated in defence, intercepting several passes and causing turnovers. Lexi did a fabulous job in C, sticking close to the ball. Pip and Ella worked hard in GK and stopped a few goals. Chloe shone in defence and interceptions. Awards: Holly Butler (netball socks) and Quinn Galbraith (canteen).

D Grade: We had a tough game against Tumba, going down 24-2 although everyone played

a great game. Emily did an amazing job for her first game of netball. Our three award winners were Ally who received the voucher from Pickled Parrot, Cassie who received a \$20 club voucher and Emily who was awarded the club mug.

C Grade: Narelle has been working hard with the team and their efforts showed this. Maddie, Meg and Paige again dominated in the goals with Emma and Mia always available in the ring for the passes. Georgie, Narelle, Cassie, Kate and Karly gave their all in defence, with some great intercepts.

A great game by the ladies, who just get better and better each week. Awards went to Mia who received the Wolf and Wood package and Georgie who received the \$20 club cash.

B Grade: A great game to watch despite the score. All ladies worked well together with Claudia, Miss and Isobel working together well in goals. It was great to see Georgia B return to the court, who worked well in the defence positions with Lauren, Kelsey and Paula. Amy, Mon and Chrissie toiled hard around the mid-court and ring. Kelsey received the club cash award and Paula received the Jack's Store award.

A Grade: What a game! Our ladies were on fire. We welcomed back Chrissie who had a ripper of a game in goals with Tiarnie, keeping the scores even with Tumba for the first three quarters. Isobel, Oriane, Ames and Kelsey worked well together defending and attacking in mid-court with accurate passes. Sallie and Georgia were the standouts in defence. Unfortunately Tumba was just too good in the fourth quarter but this was an excellent game to watch and great coaching by Lauren. Awards: Sallie - club \$20, Chrissie - Jack's Store, Georgia - club \$20.

TEE TO GREEN

Welaregang

A small field competed for the Monthly Medal in perfect conditions on Sunday, with Lance Noonan (75 nett) coming out on top by just two shots from Tony Jarvis (77).

Visitors Belinda and Melissa from Corryong also enjoyed the day playing nine holes.

This week a larger field is expected with players back from trips, to compete for the prestigious President's Trophy. Tee off is 12 noon with visitors very welcome.

Corryong

Monday 14/6:- Winner - Ilma Clarke 18 points; R/up - Cheryl Lloyd 17;

Lucky ball - Sue Morley.

Monday 21/6 (Club Spoon):- The day was won convincingly by Val Cooper. It was great to have Val back at golf and for her to play so well. She won the silver spoon with 36 points and least number of putts in 11. Runners-up were Ros Sheather and Cheryl Smedley with 37½.

Corryong midweek winter comp is played on Monday and Wednesday, 10am for 10.30am hit-off. All welcome.

The Sunday golf times are as follows:-

- To 26/9/21 - 11.30am for 12 noon
- 3/10/21 to 27/3/22 - 8.30am for 9am.

Darts doubles decided

The High Country Darts Association held its Doubles Championships on Tuesday at the Tooma hotel, with 20 players contesting the event.

The winning combination was Dean

Williamson and Duncan Robertson who defeated Henry Byrne and Dave McCallum.

The resumption of the normal season will depend on what pandemic restrictions apply in Victoria and NSW.

Indoor Bowls

Results

R5 (22/6): St George drew with Hoppers 13 all, Thoughla d Attackers 23-12, AFL d Indiettes 25-6, Courthouse d CNC 21-10, Bacashes d Pole Cats 18-7, Lucyvale d Bandits 13-10.

Ladder

Thoughla 20 +52
AFL 18 +59
Courthouse 16 +55
Hoppers 14 -4
Attackers 12 +38
Bacashes 8 -27

CNC 8 -33
St George 6 -21
Lucyvale 6 -25
Bandits 4 -9
Indiettes 4 -20
Pole Cats 4 -65

Draw

R6 28/6/21
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Tonia is moving on to new challenges and we wish her all the best. Her lovely caring nature will be a big loss for our little team. We will all miss her and no doubt our town will miss her too.

Thanks so much Tonia!

THANKS

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We wish to express our gratitude to all the staff at Corryong Health for their compassionate and caring support given to Irema during her lengthy stay in their care and for this we are forever grateful.



Special thanks go to the Corryong Ladies Golf Club who were always there for Irema and who provided a wonderful spread at the club after her service.

For those many people who sent beautiful flowers and sympathy cards, please accept our thanks for your kindness.

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Farmers take the lead on climate change

Dairy farmers in north east Victoria are at the forefront of an industry response to climate change - identifying changing rainfall patterns, increased temperatures, availability of water, weather extremes and access to health services as challenges and/or opportunities for the next decade.

The North East Dairy Climate Futures Project invited dairy farmers to have a say about their own businesses in response to data released by the CSIRO in 2020 that supported predicted climate change



Upper Murray dairy farmer, Meaghan Daly, with Murray Wallace from Rabobank at one of the workshops.

impacts across the valleys of north east Victoria.

At a series of workshops across the region earlier this year, dairy farmers embraced the opportunity to identify what should be the focus for their industry.

North East dairy farmer and Alpine Valleys Dairy Inc chair, Patrick Glass, said there had been a high level of participation at the workshop and the key priorities for the industry had come from the farmers themselves, not from consultants.

"The voice of farmers has not been diluted in any way in this final report," he said.

"It's now up to the farmers themselves to drive this and demand some answers or ensure more questions are asked."

"We don't want this to be a document to sit on the shelf because we will be the ones impacted by these changes."

Project convenor on behalf of Alpine Valleys Dairy Inc, Patten Bridge, said through

their participation in project workshops, learn message they wanted to be on the front foot around the challenges and opportunities presented by the changing climate, as well as be part of developing relevant solutions.

The project's final report recommends Alpine Valleys Dairy Inc., set up by dairy farmers to:-

- maximise opportunities for the region's dairy industry, should ensure responsibility for climate change adaptation actions is shared among relevant shareholders;

- regularly communicate progress regarding climate change adaptation activity and outcomes to dairy communities; and

- ensure younger farmers have a strong ownership of the overall climate adaptation strategy and outcomes.

The report recommends 10 farmer-driven industry projects related to the five challenges and opportunities identified

Mr Bridge said the industry projects covered the main commercial imperative for dairy farmers seeking to create profitable and sustainable businesses.

"The breadth of projects underlines there is no one strategy or answer which will cover the adaptation requirements for the region," he said.

"It will be the responsibility of dairy farmers, particularly those coming into the industry, to drive the project's recommendations."

"It will be critical that this project remains a conduit for the farmer's voice."

Mr Bridge said the nominated projects should be a catalyst for partnerships between local dairy farmers and key stakeholders about how these farmer priorities might be addressed. They include North East Catchment Management Authority (CMA), Albury Wodonga Health, local government, Murray Dairy, AgBiz Assist, Goulburn-Murray Water, local tertiary institutions, other agricultural industries, Agriculture Victoria and commercial service providers.

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Council delivers zero waste message

In the lead up to the introduction of its new food organics and garden organics (FOGO) collection service, Snowy Valleys Council (SVC) has launched its new look 'Towards Zero Waste' brand.

The new brandmark has been developed to signify the three waste options - Recycling, Organics and Waste - using bold colours and quirky characters (pictured).

SVC mayor, Cr James Hayes, said the new brand and the rollout of the new organics service is a huge step forward in undertaking the actions set out in council's Zero Waste Strategy.

"It's about getting the

message out there loud and clear that council is focused on minimising waste to landfill and reducing the region's environmental footprint," he said.

To coincide with the launch and FOGO service, council is working on a range of promotional and educational tools and materials to help promote and extend conversations within households and communities around reducing waste and diverting it from landfill.

Along with printed collateral, social media and press focused on education and community awareness, council is also rolling out a program targeted at school children



using community theatre. The roll out of the new FOGO collection service will be undertaken alongside the 'bin harmonisation project' and is scheduled to commence in July 2021.

The new FOGO kerbside bin is estimated to increase diversion rates for household waste from landfill in the Snowy Valleys to approximately 60 per cent in the next few years with the target to reach at least 75 per cent over the next 10 years.



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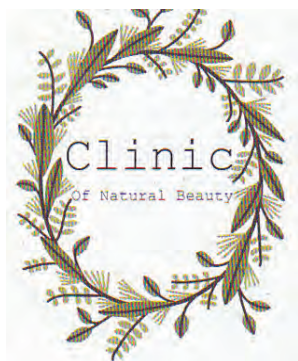


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Our weather

A low will move over eastern NSW today and back towards the southern NSW coast tomorrow, where it will remain near stationary during Saturday.

Corryong:- Week ending: 8/06/21 (please note some information missing from BOM website).

Max Temp: 16.5 (2/06/21)

Min. Temp: -3.0 (5/06/21)

Rainfall: 10mm

Evap: 8.6mm

Khancoban:- Week ending: 8/06/21

Max. Temp: 16.9 (2/06/21)

Min. Temp: -1.6 (5/06/21)

Rainfall: 18.44 mm

Weather forecast

Today: Shower or 2; Max 13; Min: 3

Friday: Shower or 2; Max: 15; Min: 3

Saturday: Showers: Max: 12 Min: 7

Sunday: Showers easing: Max: 12; Min: 7

Monday: Partly cloudy: Max 14; Min: 5



Upper Murray Sport



Double header makes up for lost rounds

Following the loss of two rounds of competition because of the pandemic lockdown, the Upper Murray Football Netball League (UMFNL) will hold its 1st and 2nd semi finals over the one weekend, so that the season will not be extended beyond the grand final date of September 4, 2021.

The competition resumed last Saturday with the scheduled round

nine after the lockdown caused the postponement of rounds seven and eight.

These were originally re-scheduled to the bye weekends (June 12 and July 3).

As matches were not possible on the June long weekend, the league consulted the clubs on what options were available because only one lost round could be re-scheduled.

Round seven will now

be played on the scheduled general bye on July 3.

Round eight will be played on August 14, which would have been the first semi final date under the original draw.

Both semi finals will now be played on the same weekend of Saturday August 21 (second semi) and Sunday August 22 (first semi).

In round seven this Saturday, Tumbarumba hosts Corryong and Federals are at home to Cudgewa.

In round eight on August 14, Bullioh plays Tumbarumba at home and Corryong takes on Federals in the local derby.

The finals dates are as follows:-

- Saturday August 21 - 1st Semi Final (3 v 4);
- Sunday August 22 - 2nd Semi Final (1 v 2);
- Saturday August 28 - Preliminary Final;
- Saturday September 4 - Grand Final.



Tumbarumbas Hunter Clayton kicks towards the goals as his Federal opponent approaches.
Photo: by Wendy Lavis.

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Blues train keeps on rolling



Undefeated Cudgewa cemented its premiership favouritism after despatching second placed Bullioh by 38 points on Saturday.

Taking advantage of their home deck, the Dogs started well to hold a slim lead at the first break but a more committed Cudgewa outfit piled on six consecutive goals to establish a match-winning lead at the half.

Ben Hall and Kylin Morey gave the Dogs' defenders headaches with a combined eight of the Blues' 12 goals but the real damage was being done further afield as the miserly defence of Robert Phibbs, Josh Boyle, James McInerney and coach Brayden Carey kickstarted many fruitful attacks.

Bullioh's inaccuracy in the third quarter when it kicked 1.6 cost the Dogs any chance of getting back

into the game.

Blues' assistant coach, Dayne Carey, acknowledged that their shock loss in the 2019 grand final was motivation for Saturday's victory.

"They beat us back in 2019 for the premiership, so it's always nice to get one back on them," he said.

Tumbarumba indicated it will be a finals threat after demolishing winless Federals by 144 points, vaulting over Bullioh to steal second place on the ladder.

The Roos had a spread of goalkickers with Steve Hoffman, Henry waters, Quinn Rooney and Jake Read booting four goals apiece in the rout.

The Swans did not have the depth to halt the onslaught despite the battling efforts of Haydn Cook, Marc Gould and Mitch Pieper.

In A grade netball, top placed Cudgewa asserted its authority with a solid 10 goal win over third-

placed Tumbarumba (44-34).

Bullioh retained second place with a convincing 18 goal victory against Corryong (50-32).

This week

The league has slotted the postponed round seven into the previously scheduled general bye for this Saturday.

Tumbarumba hosts Corryong in a real test for the Dees if they want to make an impact in the finals but the Roos are also on a mission and will get the points at home.

Federals are at home to Cudgewa and are unlikely to slow down the Blues juggernaut which will boost their already impressive percentage.

Round 9

Football

Seniors

Bullioh v Cudgewa

Cudgewa 1.3, 7.6, 8.7, 12.9 (81) d Bullioh 2.3, 2.6, 3.12, 5.13 (43).

Cudgewa:

Goals: Benjamin Hall 5, Kylin Morey 3, Jayden Pryse

1, Michael Voigt 1, Ryan Mee 1, Jake Vinge 1. Best: Robert Phibbs, Joshua Boyle, Benjamin Hall, Dayne Carey, Steven Phibbs, Michael Voigt.

Bullioh: Goals:

Jacob Curran 1, Timothy Osteraas 1, Taylor Fenton 1, Joshua Walters 1, Shane Price 1. Best: Maximilian Nicolson, Jacob Curran, Kelvin Wallace, Joe Bolton, Taylor Fenton, Joel Bannister.

Tumbarumba v Federal

Tumbarumba 7.9, 12.14, 18.15, 24.21 (165) d Federal 1.0, 2.2, 2.2, 3.3 (21).

Tumbarumba: Goals:

Steven Hoffman 4, Henry Waters 4, Quinn Rooney 4, Jacob Read 4, Fynn De Bono 2, James Crozier 1, James Waters 1, Hunter Clayton 1, Alex Penfold 1, Harry Grant 1, Sam Crozier 1. Best: Hunter Clayton, Steven Hoffman, James Waters, Fynn De Bono, Jacob Read, Henry Waters.

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