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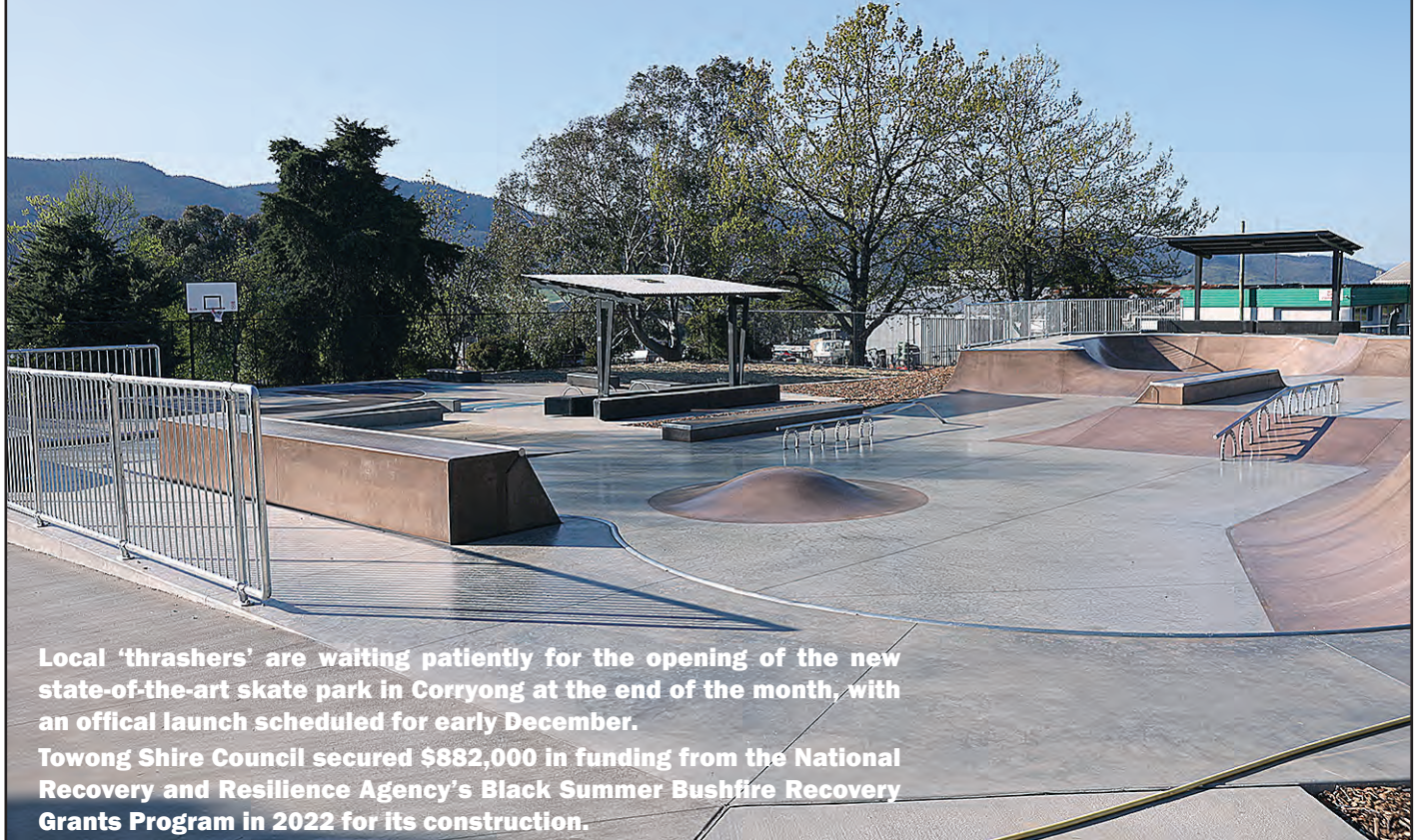
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## BACK TO THE GRIND



Local 'thrashers' are waiting patiently for the opening of the new state-of-the-art skate park in Corryong at the end of the month, with an official launch scheduled for early December. Towong Shire Council secured \$882,000 in funding from the National Recovery and Resilience Agency's Black Summer Bushfire Recovery Grants Program in 2022 for its construction.

## Funds should be earmarked for rural councils

Two regional Victorian councils have given evidence to the Parliamentary Inquiry about the challenges faced by local governments including maintaining services from a small ratepayer base and attracting workforce.

The Rural City of Wangaratta and Murrindindi Shire Council addressed the House of Representatives

Standing Committee on Regional Development, Infrastructure and Transport in Wallan last Thursday.

Independent Federal Member for Indi, Helen Haines, who is a member of the committee, said "Fixing our roads, building critical infrastructure to support more new homes and providing childcare, aged care, disability and local health services are

all so important to people in Indi which is why this committee's work is important.

"I have increasingly heard from councils that a range of factors are making it more difficult to fulfil these roles in our communities and people are missing out.

"The issues include the

small ratepayer base in regional areas, difficulties accessing federal funding for capital works and attracting a skilled workforce, an increase in service demand as our population ages and an increase in the cost of building and maintaining important infrastructure due to inflation.

Dr Haines said the committee was seeking to find solutions to ensure the sustainability of local councils.

"The challenges regional councils face are different from metropolitan equivalents and it's important we tailor solutions with this in mind," she said.

## Putting on a good show

Despite rural and agricultural shows facing uncertain futures over the past few years, the Corryong Show on Saturday promises to be one of the biggest and best

yet. The move to a springtime date and twilight event has proved to be a great success and enthusiastic crowds are expected to take in the

multitude of attractions. The feature of the show will be the ever popular fireworks display which will light up the sky once the sun goes down.

The interests of young people will be well catered for with a number of free attractions including zorb balls, jumping castles, pony rides, face painting and animal nursery.

There will also be free skateboard and scooter workshops, just in time for the opening of the new skate park in Corryong later this month.

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## Healing space lifts the spirit

The latest feature of the Playles Hill Park project will be launched later this month and the community is invited to join in the celebrations.

The official opening of the Labyrinth space will include a guided walk with special guest, Dr Lisa Shortridge - a life-time member of the Australian Labyrinth Network and a founding member of Things of Spirit.

Dr Shortridge has contributed greatly to the spread of labyrinths in south-western Victoria and uses holistic healing and meditation to sharpen thinking, stimulate creativity, reduce stress and improve mental and physical wellbeing.

She is also practised in pranic breathing, sound healing and meditation.

Things of Spirit is

a group of like minded people who are dedicated to building a happy and harmonious, co-operative, non-denominational spiritual community.

Its primary message is "It is who we are, not what we do, that is important for health, happiness and wellbeing."

The group encourages the development of the qualities of kindness, compassion and non-judgement and regular labyrinth walking gently supports this process.

The official opening will be held at Playles Hill Park on Saturday October 26th at 10.30am followed by morning tea in the pavilion (RSVP by October 22nd to 0418 869156).

Dr Shortridge will also hold a labyrinth workshop on Sunday October 27th 2024 from

10am to 12 noon). The session will include a guided walk, information and discussion about the labyrinth and how it may be used in everyday life (morning tea \$15 - RSVP by Monday October 21st to 04188 869 156).

The Playles Hill Project Group, through the Upper Murray Innovation Foundation, received a grant from the Border Trust Towong Community Bushfire Disaster Relief Fund for the labyrinth project.

The labyrinth is a reflection and healing space which was designed by Mark Healy from Tasmania and constructed by Nigel Moutat from Khancoban. The planting around the site was done by the local volunteer Playles Hill Project group and the local Youth Group.

## Film aims to start the convo

This October is mental health month and as part of an awareness approach to the issues of mental health, local community group Upper Murray suicide prevention network Thrive, along with Corryong Baptist Church and Corryong Health are sponsoring a free screening of the film 'Just a Farmer'.

This is a compelling feature film that seeks to initiate and deepen conversations around mental health, particularly within the agricultural community.

By sharing the untold

stories of farmers and the unique challenges they face, the film aims to shed light on mental health issues and promote community solidarity.

It addresses a pressing societal issue - mental health in farming communities. The story tracks Alison's journey through life after tragedy. The film reveals the remarkable resilience of farming communities and is a powerful story of love, loss and survival as it touches the hearts of community in different ways as Alison navigates life without her husband,

Alec.

The free screening will take place at the Lions Youth Club Hall on Friday October 18th and will feature the guest appearance of Leila McDougall, actor and screen writer of this feature length movie. A light supper will be provided afterwards.

The movie is for mature audiences only as the content depicts real life mental health scenarios.

To RSVP for catering purposes or for more enquiries contact Graeme van Brummelen on 0488 269 393.


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# Early scouting days remembered

After a long hiatus, the 1st Corryong Scout Group was reformed in 2020 and is once again providing young people with the skills for life.

However, after a previous revival following WWII, the group eventually went into recess in 1999.

At the time, Corryong woman Helen Malitz was asked to collect information about local mounted scouts.

Three former scouts Albert Mildren, Gordon Herbert and Robert Whitehead wrote to her and the following are some of their recollections:-

**Albert Mildren (Pictured)**

I joined the 1st Corryong Troop in 1939 (scout number 92525).

The scout master of the day was Rev Wade, his scout name being 'Skipper'. He was Methodist minister of nearby Cudgewa and helped reform the 1st Corryong Troop after a long recess.

He took a group of scouts to the 1938-39 Sydney Jamboree at Bradfield Park. There is a good chapter of the early and recent Scout and Guide history in T W Mitchell's book 'Corryong and the Man from Snowy River Country' published in 1981 (ISBN 0959627413).

During my own experience some of the outstanding persons were Kel Pearson, Skipper Wade, Chas Brown, Kanga Coulson, Ian Hales, Col McClure, Cameron McMillan, Robert Whitehead, T W Mitchell, Len Lebner, Rev. Dunklya Hunkin. Committee members were Chas Lebner, H Nankervis and H Kaigin.

Weekly meetings from 1937 until 1941 were held



in the Athenaeum Hall. The present scout hall was opened in 1941.

After the departure of Skipper, Thomas Tregarthum Coulson arrived. He really lifted the troop with his ideas and great character and was very popular with all. He conducted proper meetings, organised patrols. He started competitions at meetings and during outings and camps.

World War 11 was at its height. The scouts collected waster paper, rubber and metal and helped with the wood cutting for absent servicemen's families. The local postmaster held Morse code for prospective RAAF recruits. Several senior scouts attended these sessions.

In company of Graham Stevens I took a leader's course at Gilwell Park in 1942. Scouts grew onions for seed to send to England.

Kanga Coulson left

Corryong in 1944. The troop was carried on by Mr Ian Hales, assisted by Rev. Hunkin (Tiger), Col McClure and myself.

After my resignation Robert Whitehead and others carried on.

Some activities I remember included Corryong Scouts travelling to Albury for an Easter Rally in 1940. We embarked by train from Cudgewa. It took all day to arrive at Albury showgrounds. We had inter-troop competitions and camped on the showground in tents.

TW Mitchell organised camps, boating etc at his property and at the Mitta arm of the Hume dam, called the 'Head of the Mitta'. Many competitions on the water were held. Mr Mitchell organised an army helicopter and crew to demonstrate rescue operations. Wodonga and Tallangatta troops all attended.

In 1947 a local transport operator took

the troop on a camping tour to Canberra via Yass and returned via Wagga, Tumut and Cooma. While in Canberra we were accommodated by local scout scouts at their hall on Black Mountain, near the present site of ANU.

Mr Embery also took us on another jaunt to Deniliquin, Echuca Bendigo etc. meeting local troops at every stop.

Kanga Coulson sadly died at Daylesford in the late 1940s. We attended a memorial service in the Anglican church in Corryong. We also had an earlier memorial service for Baden-Powell (Scouts founder), this time at the local Methodist church 1941.

A mounted patrol was formed in Corryong for scouts interested in horsemanship. Notables were Gordon Herbert, Kevin Carlyle and M Findlay.

I failed in my attempt at First Class badge when Jim Greenhill and I were lost in the bush at Bunroy!

Sir Rohan Delacombe visited Corryong in his capacity as Victorian Chief Scout to dedicate a lake side Scout-Guide Chapel at the Mitchell property in April 1969.

Scouts and Guides formed a Guard of Honour for the departure of Princess Anne at Corryong airfield after a visit to the Snowy Mountains area.

I left the Scout Movement in 1945 after starting a five-year motor mechanic apprenticeship. To increase my £2-2-6 weekly wage I took on sleeping duty at the local manual telephone exchange for £3 per week. Not much time for other activities!

I still had an interest in Scouting.

I visited the HQ in

London in 1957 and noted the interest at that time in world-wide Scout Rodeo contests.

In 1976 I visited Mafeking in South Africa where it all began at the turn of the century.

**Gordon Herbert**

About 1934 I became a lone scout but little came of it then. On 14/3/1946 I was discharged from the A.I.F. and returned to my pre-war employment at Towong Hill station.

Shortly after, my employer Mr T W Mitchell, asked if I would lead a mounted scout group. I said 'yes' but stipulated that the numbers be limited to six (I had visions of carnage if greater numbers of horses and boys came together at one time!).

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**Saturday 19/10/24:** Run Upper Murray (RUM). Contact Phone: Mat Doré on 0409 292 933 or register online at <https://runuppermurray.com.au/>

**Friday 25/10/24:** Youth Space Re-opening, 42 Hanson St., Corryong, 12pm to 3:00pm.

**Saturday 26/10/24:** Khancoban Poker Run (Charity Motorbike Ride).

**Saturday 26/10/24:** Playles Hill Labyrinth Community Opening, 10.30am to 12pm, light morning tea provided - RSVP by Monday 21/10/24 to 0418 869 156.

**Saturday 26/10/24:** Towong Soldiers Memorial Hall Re-opening, 2.30pm

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# Water comes to Corryong

*Celebrating Corryong's Centenary of Reticulation*

By John Murphy

Next Thursday, October 10th, will mark exactly 100 years since the residents of Corryong were connected to reticulated (piped) or mains pressure water.

For a dry town perched up on the edge of Playles Hill, where the benefits of a permanent water supply were obvious, obtaining such had been a long and difficult road.

Corryong was officially designated a town in 1875 and from that time until late 1924 householders and businesses were totally reliant for all their domestic and trade water needs on water tanks and often, unreliable wells sunk into granite soil. The thought of additional water for decorative and vegetable gardens and other green spaces was out of the question and during late summer and in times of drought, water shortages during the early days of Corryong, were severe.

The town sits near two clear, crisp mountain streams and in times of scarcity water could be supplied from Hanson's Bridge on Parish Lane



Local Water Commissioner, Alfred Acocks, turning the tap to release the first water from Corryong's newly-constructed reticulation system in 1924.

Photo: Upper Murray Historical Society Collection.

(approximately 3kms distant) or School Lane (approximately 2kms) and the Thowgla Bridge (approximately 3.5kms from town) via water carts but by these means it was expensive to purchase and difficult to handle and time-consuming to procure.

The prospect of reticulating the town was first investigated when Government Surveyor Mr E. J. Brown, Chief Engineer of the Water Supply Department, Melbourne, made his way to Corryong in 1889. Reticulation had been achieved in other rural towns to great benefit.

The obvious advantage of Corryong's location was the two nearby streams emanating from the mountains and these he considered as viable options to supply the town's water needs. The two streams were Corryong Creek (also known as Nariel Creek further upstream) and Thowgla Creek. Both had reasonable 'fall' at were not too great a distance to supply the township with water by natural

gravitation. The thought at that time of pumping water up to the town (at an elevation of 314 metres) was out of the question. The only appliance in those days capable of such was a steam engine connected to a hydraulic pump which would have needed constant attention and a never-ending supply of fuel.

Dismissing this option, Brown conducted a contour survey to potentially cut an open channel to the Corryong starting at 100 feet (30.5m) above the business centre of the town to "points of supply" on both Thowgla Creek and Corryong or Nariel Creek with a fall of two feet per mile (0.38 metres/kilometre). He envisaged bringing the water to his chosen starting point on the slopes of Playles Hill via an open water race and this fall would allow the water to flow without eroding the walls or bed of the race.

Coincidentally, he found the distance following up both valleys to where the streams could be tapped was the same at eleven and a half miles

(approximately 18.5kms).

In his report he designated that the Corryong Creek scheme would be the more favourable of the two in that during the summer months Thowgla Creek had a much-reduced supply. At this time (1889) Corryong's population amounted to 110 souls. He estimated the costs at £995 (\$1990) for the construction of the race and other infrastructure but this did not take into account compensation to the land holders through which the race would pass. Despite all this good work Brown's report languished on various people's desks and the scheme was taken no further.

In 1895 Councillor C. M. Findlay called a public meeting in Corryong to consider a proposal for a water supply sourced from Thowgla Creek. This was devised by Towong Shire Engineer Mr Peter Wright. It was a variation on Surveyor E. J. Brown's proposal. In the mid 1890s Corryong's population was estimated at 280 individuals, its numbers being very recently

increased by the discovery of gold on Mount Elliot.

The cost of the scheme was calculated at £1,000 (\$2,000) using an open water race from the point of supply on the upper reaches of the Thowgla Valley to the site already chosen for the reservoir above the town. However, Findlay's proposal was considered too great a financial burden by a majority of other councillors in the Corryong Riding and the scheme was voted down. Little did they realise how much they would rue this decision.

The mid-1890s saw the beginnings of the great Federation Drought - so-called because it commenced in 1895 and reigned until 1903 - right through the transformational period in our history where Australia became a single nation. It was perhaps the most severe drought experienced since European arrival and many experts still consider it was more damaging than any drought since.

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## Helen Haines MP

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# Big dry forced the water issue

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The extreme dry spell affected mostly the eastern states. The worst years were 1901 and 1902.

Corryong, although being reasonably drought resistant, did not escape its consequences.

The Federation Drought was absolutely ruinous, especially for rural Australia and the smell of death hung everywhere. This long extended dry spell saw enormous stock losses. Sheep numbers Australia wide fell from 91 million to 54 million and cattle numbers fell from 11.8 million to seven million. In addition to this, in Eastern Australia, rabbit numbers increased to plague proportions and they stripped the country of nearly all vegetation in their desperate quest for sustenance. This saw the end to many long-term farming dynasties - some which had existed since early squatting days. With the majority of livestock lost on many properties, debts could not be paid and banks foreclosed with their owners losing everything.

Near Mildura the Murray River ran dry and more locally, both Corryong Creek and Thowgla Creek ceased to flow. Once again water had to be carted from Corryong Creek and this was sourced from questionable pools still remaining in the creek's bed. Water for drinking purposes had to be boiled.

Also during this period, students at the Corryong Rural School had to bring their own water in bottles as no water was available on the school grounds. How the horses in the school paddock coped during the day isn't known.

Through the next two decades, since the worst years of the drought, with regard to the water situation, among those concerned there was still much indecision, differences of opinion and delay with some still opposed to reticulation.

Another proposal, with various alternatives, was submitted in 1912. This time, although not completely disposing of the idea of an open race, the committee also looked at piping water to the town reservoir; one of the main factors being the continuing rabbit plague. One way of dealing with these pests was poison baits but when they ate them, they soon afterwards headed for the nearest pools and dams to find relief and these water sources became putrid with their corpses. By this time costs for the scheme had risen considerably with the Shire Engineer submitting the following:-

- Piped water from Nariel Creek - Wooden pipes were being considered - £5,000 (\$10,000)
- Open channel from Nariel Creek - £4,000 (\$8,000)
- Pumped water from

Thowgla Creek near the Cudgewa Butter Factory - £3,000 (\$6,000)

• Pumped water from Corryong Creek near Hanson's Bridge (Briggs Gap Road) - £3,000 (\$6,000)

The above expenses included the cost of the town reservoir and reticulation and, if the Thowgla Creek option was not taken up, then the Butter Factory would be supplied with water from the town.

Still, nothing was done in making a final decision and physically getting the project off the ground. Then came the drought of 1914, another drought so severe that Corryong Creek, below Mt Mittamatite, ceased to flow. Another public meeting was held in September 1916 this time with a more determined committee comprising Mr Albert Bartlett, a strong and long-time advocate of reticulation, Mr T. Brown, Mr A. Acocks, Mr Hamilton and Councillor H. Nankervis. The meeting was convened at the Athenaeum Hall, forerunner to the Memorial Hall. The Towong Shire Engineer, Mr. Sambell, was also in attendance to offer technical advice.

At this time Corryong's population, even with many young men away at the war, stood at about 500.

**Next week:- Government backs project post-war.**

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**WHERE:** Youth Club Hall, Donaldson Street, Corryong.

**TIME:** 7.00pm

To book your seat call or text Graeme on 0488 269 393 or book through Humanitix with the QR code.

## Corryong CBD Update



We have been working with external departments to ensure all work meets the required standards. This week, we will continue with streetscape works on both the north and south sides of the main street.

To ensure the safety of community members and site workers temporary fences will be installed around work areas.

We thank you for your patience and cooperation as we carry out these tasks.

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# Corryong had only mounted troop



Cont. from page 3.

We recruited Len Lebnr, Mervyn Findlay, Kevin Carlyle, Jack Tyrell and Stewart Findlay. We rallied at monthly intervals at the scout hut (a hut near the stock yards and stables at Towong Hill). We raised the flag, then carried out normal scouting activities.

We also made a deal with Mr Alan Hamilton, whereby a number (10 or so) of his 12 to 15 month old jersey steers were fed on Towong Hill grass, in return for being yarded, lasooed and then ridden on rally days.

We had one day-long horseback ride to the big point on Indi range, ascending from the Biggara Valley and descending to the Khancoban Valley.

We planned a week-long ride with pack horses to the Toolong area. Mr O A Rixon was to be our guide and we were set to go when the sudden death of my mother put an end to those plans. Subsequent happenings caused the folding of that mounted scout troop.

We operated between the end of March and the end of December 1946.

I think attendance was close to 100 per cent.

During this time a group of Department of Information photographers stayed at Towong Hill for a few days. We invited them to a mini rodeo that we held. They came as spectators although some became participants. One, a Mr Bothouley, elected to ride a jersey steer which pitched him off. We named that steer 'Bothouley's Folly'.

Mr J P Pierce and his sons, Johnny and Murray, came that day. They gave lessons in whip cracking, rope spinning, steer roping etc..

Thirteen years later Joan and I became actively involved in the formation

and running of the Upper Murray Pony Club. This active involvement lasted for 30 years. Today we have three children, their spouses and six grandchildren actively involved in the movement.

I feel that although Mounted Scouts may have faded, the pony club movement (with similar goals) is flourishing.

### Robert Whitehead

I became a member of the movement in 1939 while being in Corryong after the destruction of our house in the 1939 bushfires.

I recall a camp at Albury showground - must have been a district camp with a large number of events and sporting competitions. Our transport must have been by train from Cudgewa to Wodonga as I seem to remember being one of several - not all - our troop riding our bikes across to Albury.

We had Christmas holiday camps at Stacey's Bridge and Colemans (now John Whitsed's at the top of Biggara); travelling to these on the back of a truck, made available by Messrs Kaighin and Vickery, who operated a general merchant's store, for at least some of the camps.

One Sunday afternoon early in my day we went to Cudgewa and gathered a load of wood from, I think, Carkeek's property for Rev Wade, our scout master a Methodist minister whose house was at Cudgewa.

We had a special service and gathering at the scout hall at the time of Baden-Powell's death.

Day trips were made to 'Towong Hill' and the lagoon below the homestead for swimming, canoeing and other activities before the late Tom Mitchell went to war.

Sometime after his return he made the area

'Lake Possum' or Possum Puddle available for scouting activities and I understand an area containing the waterhole was made the property of the movement. However discussions with region leaders shortly before I left the movement indicated a degree of uncertainty about the situation.

The troop took part in the district camp at Tallangatta "the head of the Mitta", organised by Tom Mitchell when district Scoutmaster.

Corryong had, to my knowledge, the only mounted troop and Alex Masters and Mark and Ron Waters would be able to help you with that group pre-war.

There was a reformation organised by Tom Mitchell and led by Gordon Herbert. Others from Cudgewa whom I think were members and brought to meetings by Rev Wade were Ken Jarvis and Max Carkeek. There were some others but not in the district anymore as I recall.

Scout leaders in my time were Rev Wade assisted by Kel Pearson, Rev Jamison, Presbyterian minister, 'Kanga' Coulson, Col McClure, Albert Mildren, Jim Embery (the latter three being late post-war when I was away from the troop).

I was assistant to Jim Embery when he left the district and I carried on as an acting Scoutmaster for a number of years as a full leader was not found. I later became a group leader. Howard Smith was my successor.

The troop always was part of the ANZAC day march and service.

Footnote:- The 1st Corryong Scout Group meets on Thursday nights from 5.30-8.30pm.

For more information email 1stcorryong@gmail.com.

# THE STORY ISN'T ALWAYS BLACK & WHITE

People driven by facts, experience and knowledge are a powerful mix. Last week the Victorian Labor Government chose to protect landholders from wild dogs. I'm pleased to have played my part in making this happen.



Scan for my initial speech back in 2023

Bill Tilley MLA, Member for Benambra  
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**Walwa Tourist Park**

Notice is given of a **Public Meeting** to be held at the Walwa Hotel, Walwa on Tuesday October 15, 2024 commencing at 6.30pm.

The purpose of the meeting is to nominate no less than three (3) nor more than nine (9) persons as the committee of management for the Walwa Tourist Park for a term of three (3) years. The current committee's term will expire on November 21, 2024.

All positions will be declared open and nominations will be accepted prior to or on the night. Nominations from women are encouraged.

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

For further enquiries contact the secretary, Verna Duryea on 0428 250 358.

**Corryong Show Fireworks Display**

Residents are advised that there will be a fireworks display at the Corryong Recreation Reserve on Saturday October 5, 2024 between 8pm & 9pm.

**Monster Garage Sale**

**Corryong Baptist Church**  
89 Hanson Street, Corryong  
Saturday October 12 from 9.00am  
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**MEETINGS**



**Towong Turf Club Annual General Meeting**

Tuesday October 15, 2024 at Towong Recreation Reserve at 7.30pm  
All welcome

**The Man from Snowy River Tourism Association Annual General Meeting**

Thursday October 10, 2024 at 2:00 pm  
CNC Meeting Room  
All welcome

**MEETINGS**

Cudgewa Football Netball Club  
**Annual General Meeting**  
Thursday October 17th  
7:30pm at the Clubrooms  
ALL PLAYERS & SUPPORTERS WELCOME TO ATTEND

**DEATHS**

**KAEPLER, Helga**  
- 06.01.1933 -  
20.09.2024

Aged 91 years.  
Loving wife of Kurt (dec.), sister to Margaret (dec.) and Werner (dec). Aunt to Wolfgang (dec.) and Michael. Dearly loved Great Aunt to many.

Passed away at Mittamatite Lodge, Corryong after a long and full life.

At Helga's request, a private cremation will take place and family will be celebrating her life privately.

**KAEPLER, Helga -**

Helga, you were one of a kind and we will miss your cheeky sense of humour. Thank you for sharing your stories with us and becoming a large part of ours.

*Rest in Peace.*

Love always Ben, Lauren, Ashton and Declan.

*Machs Gut, Machs Besser.*

**THANKS**

**BOS - Yvonne, Tricia, Matthew, Simon** and families would like to express their sincere appreciation for the lovely messages, flowers, cards, food, kindness and support following the loss of Ernie.  
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Red alert levels represent 'bloom' conditions. The water may appear green and may have strong, musty or organically polluted odours. Blue-green algae may be visible as clumps or as scums.

The 'blooms' should be considered to be toxic to humans and animals, and the water should not be used for drinking (without prior treatment), stock watering, or for recreation.

On advice from WaterNSW people are reminded not to enter the water, not to drink untreated water or bathe in water drawn from the lake or creek while the red alert level warning is in place.

Livestock owners should monitor stock water supplies and remove stock from waters where surface scum is visible or blue-green algae is suspected.

A red alert level warning indicates that



people should not undertake recreational activities where they may be coming into direct contact with the water. Contact with the water may also pose a threat to livestock, and pets.

People should not eat mussels or crayfish from red alert warning areas. A precautionary approach should be applied to fishing during bloom events.

Any fish caught should be cleaned and

washed thoroughly in uncontaminated water and any internal organs disposed of before consumption. Fish fillet meals from algal bloom affected areas should be limited to 1-2 servings per week. Avoiding fishing in a bloom location is the best way to minimise risk, particularly catching and eating fish from locations with severe blooms that last extended periods of time.

water sampling at the lake and downstream to a weekly monitoring frequency and the alert will be lifted when two consecutive samples fall below the high alert.

Blue-green algae occurs naturally at low levels in lakes and rivers, however they may reproduce quickly in favourable conditions where there is still or slow-flowing water, abundant sunlight and available nutrients.

Council has increased

**The Grapevine**

on Fridays from 4.30pm to 5.30pm starting on October 18th. See page 12 for more details.

**Daylight Savings Time:-** Remember to turn your clock forward one hour at 2am on Sunday October 6th.

**Club Corner:-** The jackpot at The Club Corryong this Friday is \$3800. Last week's winner was Graham Moon (\$50).

The Corryong Golf Club is conducting an 8-week junior development program

**Get a push along**



**Sylvia Montgomery tries out a bathtub on wheels for Saturday's event.**

There is still an opportunity for groups of friends or community organisations to enter a 'chariot' in Corryong Health's 'Push-a-Thon' on Saturday to raise funds for a new cardiac monitor.

Build your own buggy, wheelchair, commode, pram or anything you can push with wheels and join in the race which will finish at the Corryong Show.

The event was originally held in 1972, when nursing staff pushed domestic staff 13kms to raise money for the Draper Ward aged care unit. Marshalls are also required along the route to the recreation reserve.

For more information or to offer your help contact Sylvia Montgomery on 0428 762 356 or email sylidic8@bigpond.com.

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## Word find

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The leftover letters will spell out a message.

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- CORN
- DOUGH

Secret message: Greatest thing since sliced

## Spot the difference

Can you find five differences between these images?

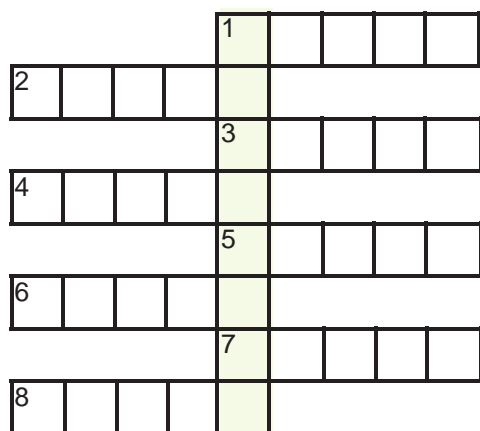


ANSWERS: 1. Upside down skull 2. Telescope switched to binoculars 3. Sun missing eye patch 4. Extra square 5. Gold anchor

## Junior crossword

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

- 1 A type of snake
- 2 Sharp bit on a rose stem
- 3 Topmost room of a house
- 4 What a wizard performs
- 5 Cute aquatic mammal
- 6 Eagle's claw
- 7 Jeans are made of this
- 8 Popular Italian food



ANSWERS: Adder, Thorn, Attic, Magic, Otter, Talon, Denim, Pizza (ANACONDA)

## Quiz

- 1 The Pyramids of Giza are located in which country?
- 2 Samantha Kerr (pictured) is known for her involvement in which sport?
- 3 True or false: the platypus is the only mammal which lays eggs?
- 4 Lucy, Edmund, Susan and Peter Pevensie are characters from which series of novels?
- 5 The Great Red Spot is a giant storm on which planet?
- 6 Is gouache a type of (a) fruit, (b) animal or (c) paint?
- 7 'Danke schön' means 'thank you' in which language?
- 8 Anthony Albanese is the leader of which Australian political party?
- 9 Are tigers found in Asia or Africa?
- 10 Which UK singer-songwriter's albums are named after mathematical symbols?



ANSWERS: 1. Egypt 2. Soccer 3. False (echidnas also lay eggs) 4. The Chronicles of Narnia 5. Jupiter 6. (c) paint 7. German 8. The Labor party 9. Asia 10. Ed Sheeran



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 • St Joseph's, Khancoban - 1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday of the month at 5.30pm.

### BAPTIST CHURCH

89 Hanson Street

**Enquiries:**  
 Pastor Graeme Van Brummelen - (02) 60761 468 / 0488 269 393  
 Service time: 10am  
 Kids church: 10.30am  
 Youth Group: during school term Friday nights at 7pm

### ANGLICAN PARISH

Eucharist at All Saints Corryong 9:30am - every Sunday  
 Eucharist at Biggara 2pm - 1st Sunday  
 Eucharist at Holy Trinity Cudgewa 11.30am - 3rd Sunday  
 Combined Service at Khancoban at 10.15am followed by lunch - 5th Sunday  
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### PENTECOSTAL

#### Ambassadors of Jesus

59 Donaldson Street  
**Sunday:** 10.30am Worship & The Word followed by Fellowship Lunch.  
**Wednesday:** 7.45pm: Alternate Fellowship - Ladies, Prayer, Men's, Family.  
**Enquiries:** Pastors Douglas & Carol Allen 6076 2050 / 51. Fax 6076 2052. E-mail: [aoj@corryong.net](mailto:aoj@corryong.net).  
**Catch The Fire Ministries & Rise Up Australia** Prayer Meeting: 7.45 pm Sunday: First of the month at Council Chambers, Corryong  
**Enquiries:** B Cadle 6948 4468

### UNITING CHURCH

Services are held at 9.30am each Sunday, except 5th Sundays, which are at Walwa 11am.  
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## Upper Murray Sport

### Tumbarumba & District Cricket Association 2024-25 Draw

**R1 19/10/24**  
 Allstars v Corryong (Tum)  
 Batlow v Tooma (B)  
 Rosewood - Bye  
**R2 26/10/24**  
 Rosewood v Allstars (R)  
 Corryong v Batlow (K)  
 Tooma - Bye  
**R3 2/11/24**  
 Tooma v Allstars (T)  
 Rosewood v Corryong (R)  
 Batlow - Bye  
**R4 9/11/24**  
 Tooma v Rosewood (T)  
 Allstars v Batlow (Tum)  
 Corryong - Bye  
**R5 16/11/24**  
 Corryong v Tooma (K)  
 Batlow v Rosewood (B)  
 Allstars - Bye  
**R6 23/11/24**  
 Corryong v Allstars (K)  
 Tooma v Batlow (T)  
 Rosewood - Bye  
**R7 30/11/24**  
 Allstars v Rosewood (Tum)  
 Batlow v Corryong (B)  
 Tooma - Bye  
**R8 7/12/24**  
 Tooma v Corryong (T)  
 Rosewood v Batlow (R)  
 Allstars - Bye  
**14/12/24 - R1 Club Challenge**  
 Tumut Clubs v Tumba Clubs (Ranked 1-5 at various grounds TBC)  
**18/1/25 - R2 Club Challenge**  
 Tumut Clubs v Tumba Clubs (Ranked 1-5 at various grounds TBC)  
**25/1/25 - Six-a-Side Hit Out**  
 At Rosewood.  
**1/2/25 - General Bye (Tumba Races)**  
**R9 8/2/25**  
 Rosewood v Tooma (R)  
 Batlow v Allstars (B)  
 Corryong - Bye  
**R10 15/2/25**  
 Allstars v Tooma (Tum)  
 Corryong v Rosewood (K)  
 Batlow - Bye  
**22/2/25 - General Bye (Tumbafest)**  
**1/3/25 - Finals Week 1**  
**8/3/25 - Finals Week 2**  
**15/3/25 - Grand Final**  
 (22/3/25 - Grand final washout weekend)



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# Upper Murray Sport

## TEE TO GREEN

The Corryong Golf Club is conducting its second junior development program for the year, over an eight-week period on Fridays from October 18th to December 6th from 4.30pm to 5.30pm.

Professional coaching will be provided by Penny Graeber, teaching professionals from Thurgoona Golf Club and qualified community instructors. All equipment will be supplied by the golf club.

The program is limited to 12 participants and costs \$40 (timely attendance at all sessions is expected).

Register via Golf Australia MyGolf at <https://www.golf.org.au/mygolf/home/> by Wednesday 16th October, 2024.

Enquiries to MyGolf co-ordinator, Richard Bennetts, on 0419 101 820.



The Corryong club is running an eight-week junior program, starting later this month.

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**Corryong results**

The Monthly Medal on Sunday was a keenly contested event with Seb Mathews taking the honours with a nett 72 at his first competitive outing.

The runner-up was Richard Bennetts with a 73 nett and third went to John Whitsed on 76.

**Coming up**

**October**  
Sunday 6/10/24 (9am for 9.30am): Stableford - front 9 (Holbrook 3 Person Ambrose)

Wednesday 9/10/24 10.30 am: Stableford - front 9

Saturday 12/10/24: Adelong 3 Person Ambrose  
Sunday 13/10/24 (9am for 9.30am): Stableford - back 9

Wednesday 16/10/24 10.30 am: Stableford (secret partner) - back 9

Saturday 19/10/24: Tallangatta Charity Day - 3 Person Ambrose

Sunday 20/10/24 (8am for 8.30am): R1 Men's Championships - 18 holes stroke (daily comp for non-members & women members)

Wednesday 23/10/24 10.30 am: Stableford - front 9

Wednesday 23/10/24 10.30 am: Spring Tournament (4BBB / SOP)

Sunday 27/10/24 (8am for 8.30am): R2 Men's Championships - 18 holes stroke (Monthly Medal) (daily comp for non-members & women members)

Wednesday 30/10/24 10.30 am: Club Spoon Final & Novelty Day

**November**

Sunday 3/11/24 (8am for 8.30am): R3 Men's Championships - 18 holes stroke

**Welaregang**

The first round of the Club Championships went to a count back but 24 points on the inward nine was enough for John Lebner's first win. The brand new driver eventually started finding some fairways and with four 4-pointers on the way home, John's 35 was enough to edge past Paul Land with Tony Jarvis one back on 34.

Round two will be a stroke event on October 13. This Sunday is a stableford competition - tee off at 11 am.

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## With the Bias

The pennant divisions and draws for the season have at last been released.

Our weekend team is in a group with Commercial Club, North Albury, Yackandandah, Tallangatta, Wodonga, Kiewa and Lavington. Their first match is against Commercial on October 12th, in Albury. The midweek team will be playing against Wodonga, North Albury, Commercial Club, Kiewa, Howlong and Lavington. The first round is on October 15th but we have a bye and will play Wodonga on October 22nd, in Corryong.

It will be an interesting season for us with several new clubs having come into Ovens and Murray, from NSW.

Roll on!

~ Kitty



**High Country Darts Finals**

1/10/24  
**1st Semi:** Possum Pointers d Tooma Ringers - forfeit  
**2nd Semi:** 44 Internationals d Koetong 4-3  
**8/10/24:** Preliminary Final - Koetong v Possum Pointers at UM Pizza  
**15/10/24:** Grand Final

**Upper Murray Tennis Association 2024-25 Draw**

**WEEK 1 12/10/24**  
**At Corryong**  
Corryong v Khancoban  
Biggara v Cudgewa Nth  
Cudgewa - Bye  
**WEEK 2 19/10/24**  
Biggara v Cudgewa  
Cudgewa Nth v Corryong  
Khancoban - Bye

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