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Early bird market was a winner
A variety of stalls attracted many patrons at the first Farmers Market for the season on Saturday. More on page 2. Photo: Deb Harrap.

Suicide report sends sobering message

The final report of the Royal Commission into veteran and defence suicide is a watershed moment for Australia and an opportunity to prioritise the health and wellbeing of veterans and serving defence personnel, according to Member for Indi, Helen Haines.

The report contained 122 recommendations, the culmination of three years and 5,800 submissions that examined the crisis rates of suicide among serving members and veterans.

"This report is incredibly significant for our veterans' community," Dr Haines said.

"It is clear that

governments need to do more to make the health and wellbeing of our defence personnel an active and long-term priority, not just during their service but also when they transition to civilian life and beyond.

"Whenever I speak with veterans and defence personnel and their loved ones across Indi, they tell me about their challenge in accessing timely and coordinated supports when they need it, despite the best endeavours of local services.

"My office hears from veterans whose services have been cut off because of delays within the

Department of Veterans' Affairs. This simply isn't good enough. The final report makes clear that these delays are a form of secondary trauma for veterans."

The Royal Commission noted previous inquiries and reviews have provided 750 recommendations in the past, that have resulted in some improvement but not the level of reform needed to effect significant change.

The federal govern-

ment will review the recommendations and provide a formal response.

"Defence personnel make unparalleled sacrifice in serving our country and unfortunately that commitment has not been reciprocated with sufficient support during and after service," Dr Haines said.

"As an Independent Member of Parliament representing veterans right across north-east Victoria, I will be pushing

the government to make significant and lasting changes. Veterans should not have to wait any longer, and I call on the government to respond to the Final Report as soon as possible.

"This week I spoke with Julie-Ann Finney, whose dogged advocacy after the suicide of her son David was the catalyst for this Royal Commission. Her heart breaks every day at the loss of her son and so do thousands of others."

Bushfire safety is being overlooked

A recent CFA survey revealed that 45 per cent of Victorians living in bushfire-prone areas are not concerned about bushfire safety despite being at increased risk.

People in these areas were also waiting too long to leave in the event of a fire, putting themselves and their families in jeopardy.

CFA's annual Bushfire Community Survey also

revealed that 22 per cent of residents did not interact with CFA within the last six months because they felt they did not require more information or were unaware of CFA's programs and resources.

CFA Chief Officer, Jason Heffernan, expressed concern over these statistics, urging all residents in fire-risk areas to take their safety more seriously and begin

preparation now.

"Many Victorians may not be aware they're living in a bushfire-prone area, with fire season fast approaching, it's vital that Victorians know their level of risk and plan accordingly," Mr Heffernan said.

"It may be a result of people who are new to the area or who have not experienced a significant fire in the past and are unaware of the dangers.

"The CFA has resources available to help people prepare but it's vital that the community actively seeks out this information before it's too late."

Alarming, a further 30 per cent of respondents would delay leaving during a bushfire event.

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Early market hits the target



Taking time out for a quick snack at the farmers' market were (from left) Kerry Potocky-Pacay, Deb Hewatt and Pam Menere. Photo: Deb Harrap

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The earlier than usual start to the series of Upper Murray Farmers Markets was well received with many locals and visitors getting out and about on Saturday morning.

There was plenty of variety on offer with 17 stalls operating and the live entertainment provided by talented musician Riff added to the carnival atmosphere.

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Don't make dangerous decisions

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The CFA survey also revealed that 14 per cent of respondents were planning to assess the situation and 16 per cent were intending to wait for instructions from emergency services. Twelve per cent stated

they would stay and defend their property.

"These are dangerous decisions," Mr Heffernan warned.

"Bushfires can spread unpredictably and quickly. Waiting to assess the situation or hoping for instructions from emergency services can result in tragedy.

"The safest option is always to leave early.

"While the CFA is well-prepared to respond to emergencies, it's crucial to remember that bushfire safety is a shared responsibility.

"We can't guarantee that every home will be reached in time during a bushfire. Every resident needs to have their own bushfire survival plan and take proactive measures to

protect their property.

"We urge everyone to have a clear bushfire survival plan in place.

"Know your triggers for leaving early and ensure that all household members know what to do in case of a fire."

Victorians can expect a warmer-than-average spring with an uncertain rainfall outlook coming into summer.

"While the overall fire risk is considered normal, it's important not to be complacent," Mr Heffernan added.

"Fires can still occur anytime and anywhere when temperatures rise and vegetation is dry.

"Warnings are issued when an incident is occurring and you need to act promptly."



THE GRAPEVINE

Club Corner:- The jackpot at The Club Corryong this Friday is \$3700. Last week's winner was Judy Hilton (\$25).

Save the Date:- 'Call-Push-Shock' on Tuesday October 15th at 6pm at the Tintalra Hall - introducing the newly installed community AED (defibrillator). All locals are welcome for a 'hands-on' practice session with local first responders,

Items of local interest for this column can be emailed to editorial@corryongcourier.com.au.

SNOWY HYDRO WATER INFORMATION SESSION

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UPPER MURRAY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

Sunday 29/9/24:- 'Dungeons & Dragons' in the Youth Space, 42 Hanson St from 12pm until around 4:30pm. Feel free to dress up! Bring your character sheet, dice and snacks to share if you like.

Sunday 29/9/24: Cudgewa Trash 'n' Treasure Trail & Pop-Up Cafe, 9am-1pm at the Cudgewa Hall. Contact: Tracy 0448 760 774

Saturday 5/10/24:- Corryong Show, Corryong Recreation Reserve from 3pm to 9pm.

Saturday 5/10/24:- Charity Push-a-Thon for Mittamatite Lodge (finishes at the Corryong Show). For more information and Expressions of Interest contact Sylvia Montgomery on 0428 762 356 or email syldic8@bigpond.com.

Monday 7/10/24: Probus Club meeting at Cafe 3707 at 10am. Contact: Jean Townrog 0417 124 822.

Friday 18/10/24 & Saturday 19/10/24: Colac Colac Caravan Park Concert Weekend (BYO refreshments & chair. Bookings essential 02 6076 1520.

Register your calendar event at <https://uppermurraycommunitycalendar.org/> (Include event name, date, time, location, booking details & contact info)

Food services frozen out of funding

A decision by the Victorian government to cease the funding allocation for the regional delivery of chilled products at the end of June 2024 has left some regional FoodShare organisations including Corryong, high and dry without chilled food products.

Liberal Member for Northern Victoria, Wendy Lovell, has asked the Minister for Carers and Volunteers, in Parliament, to provide additional funding directly to rural and regional Foodshares to enable them to continue sourcing chilled products.

“FoodShare organisations provide an incredibly valuable service to Victorians by making food that might otherwise go to waste available to families facing financial stress,” Ms Lovell said.

As a result of the government’s decision, the auspicing agency Food Bank will no longer deliver critical foods like milk, yoghurt, cheese, fresh juice and other chilled products to regional and rural

Foodshare organisations.

The funding cuts directly affect FoodShare Corryong which will no longer receive perishable fruit and vegetable chilled and frozen goods.

“We purchase directly from Foodbank in Melbourne and have our goods delivered by Wodonga FoodShare fortnightly,” said co-ordinator, Rev Carol Allen.

“The government’s decision will make things really difficult for us to meet the needs of our clients who doing it tough at the moment.

“We’re not really sure how we are now going to be able to source these products without additional funding and donations.”

Ms Lovell said that “FoodShares in larger regional cities can sometimes access limited chilled products from large supermarkets but in smaller towns this option is often not available.

“Many of these products are made locally and FoodShare outlets



Deliveries of perishable goods to Corryong FoodShare are under threat.

have tried to source chilled products directly from local food processors but many ‘food seconds’ are donated centrally to Foodbank, meaning some food produced in the area is not available in that region.

“Dairy products like milk, yoghurt, and cheese are important sources of calcium for children to grow up with strong and

healthy bones, but families who face financial distress will often first cut back on more expensive grocery items like dairy.

“It is therefore highly important that food relief services are able to meet this critical nutritional need in the diets of children by supplying chilled foods like milk and yoghurt.

“However, due to the state government’s funding cut, FoodShares in regional Victoria will

no longer be supplied with the chilled products that they used to receive and will now struggle to make dairy foods available to the children and families that they assist.”

“Chilled dairy foods are important for the diet of families that FoodShare assists. I urge the Minister to make funds directly available to regional outlets to cover the cost of collecting, storing and transporting chilled food that needs to be kept cold.”

Rebates reduce replacement costs

The Victorian government has launched a new rebate program offering as much as \$7,700 for energy efficient upgrades that lower bills and reduce carbon emissions.

The program incentivises homeowners and businesses to install energy-efficient air-conditioning systems.

Households and businesses that take advantage of the rebate will also reduce their energy costs and support the state’s broader climate action plans.

Air conditioner rebate amounts range from as low as \$70 to as high as \$7,700. The amount depends on

the type and size of systems being both decommissioned and installed. The amount also varies based on whether the system is ducted or non-ducted, as well as the efficiency rating of the chosen product.

The most significant rebates are available to those decommissioning non-ducted (room) gas heaters, ducted (whole-of-home) gas heaters, and hard-wired slab heaters.

Only approved reverse cycle air conditioners under the Victorian Energy Upgrades (VEU) are eligible and installations must be carried out by accredited providers to qualify.

The rebate is applied at the point of sale and is available to home-owners, renters and businesses across Victoria.

The air conditioning discount helps reduce energy consumption by encouraging energy-efficient upgrades.

The statewide initiative encourages people to purchase split system air conditioners. However, it also applies to other types of energy-efficient heating and cooling technologies, ranging from clothes dryers to freezers. The

rebate specifically applies to the replacement of reverse cycle air conditioners.

It’s important to recognise that the VEU’s air conditioning system discount isn’t a true rebate at all, nor is it a full subsidy. Owners and operators will still have some out-of-pocket costs.

Even so, the air conditioner discount reduces the cost of purchasing and installing eligible AC units.

Approved providers will help residents choose eligible products. They also will help complete the rebate process.

Remember, systems must be installed by licensed professionals to meet government standards.

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We’re excited to be preparing for the release of our 2025 Annual Calendar of Events poster. If your event is set to welcome guests from near and far, and the event name, date and location are confirmed, we want to hear from you!

How to Get Involved: Fill out the Expression of Interest form <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/M5ZWY6W>

For inspiration, check out the 2024 Annual Calendar of Events: tinyurl.com/2024-annual-calendar

Deadline: Sunday 17 November 2024

Types of events featured (but not limited to!):

- Agricultural shows and rallies
- Annual tourism sporting activities
- Markets
- Festivals
- Race days
- Live music events and concerts
- Fishing competitions
- Major golf tournaments

Eligibility: Events must take place within Towong Shire and/or the Upper Murray.

We look forward to showcasing your event and supporting its success! For more information please contact: Lizzie.Star@towong.vic.gov.au or 1300 365 222.



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Community Calendar – Share & find local events: <http://uppermurraycommunitycalendar.org>

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Wodonga Eye Care – Visits CNC every 2nd & 4th Monday – Book appointments on 02 6056 4000

Driving Mentoring – On your L’s? Boost your driving hours with CNC mentoring for just \$5/hr.

Youthspace Opening – September 27th. (All ages) 12pm - 3pm. Come see the difference for yourself!

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Obituary:- Graham Charles Walker

Man of many talents overcame adversity

Graham was born on September 25th, 1953 in Albury at 'Blackie House'.

He was the third child of Max and Margaret Walker alongside siblings Terry and Jan. At this time, they lived in a white weatherboard house in High Street, Wodonga. The house was built from green hardwood timber cut at the Guy's Forest sawmill of his father Max and grandfather Bob Walter.

Graham started primary school in Wodonga in 1959 but a few months later Max and Margaret bought a dairy farm in Kancoona, naming it 'Lindenlea'.

Margaret looked after Graham, Jan and Terry at the dairy farm through the week while Max was working at the sawmill in Shelley.

Graham then moved to Kancoona Primary School which was a single room for all grades. Right away Graham's teacher moved him into Grade 1 saying he was a bright kid and didn't need to do prep.

One momentous day in primary school was when Graham's teacher asked the students to pick a football team, from jumpers that were drawn on the board. Graham chose the team with black and white stripes and that was the start of a lifelong passion for football and mighty Collingwood.

After primary school Graham moved to Mount Beauty High School. He completed Year 10 in 1969 and then went to tech school before completing a mechanic course at Albury TAFE. Being a qualified mechanic was a valuable skill Graham gained to be of greater assistance on the farm. Throughout his schooling and post TAFE, he continued to help his mother work at 'Lindenlea'.

On April 14th, 1979, Graham married Pam Clapham, a local farm girl

from Gundowring.

Graham and Pam went to Bermagui for their honeymoon and it became one of Graham's favourite places. He spent many holidays there over the years with his family and friends, going on boating and fishing trips and spending time at the beach with his loved ones.

In the beginning of their marriage Graham and Pam lived in the old farm house at 'Lindenlea'. Graham worked on the dairy farm with Margaret and Pam for several years, while also busily growing potatoes. Graham loved all things farming and he was passionate about buying new farm machinery. This led him to all sorts of contracting work including fencing, hay, silage, and spraying.

On January 28th, 1984 Graham and Pam welcomed their first child Jessica. Graham loved her from the moment he saw her and Jess was taken around the farm with him everywhere he went.

After spending many years at 'Lindenlea', Graham and Pam bought the Dederang General Store in 1987 which they ran on and off for several years. In 1989 the block was subdivided and Graham built Dederang Rural Supplies at the back.

Among contracting, running two businesses and raising a family, Graham decided to take on another project building a family home in Dederang. This was perfect timing, as around this period two more kids came along with James born on January 30th, 1992 and Lucy on May 16th, 1994.

Living in Dederang, Graham was a volunteer CFA member. He played tennis at the local club and he was an avid golfer. He always made time for a round of golf with his mates and that's where he got the nickname 'The Phantom' - only he was



the phantom that never shut up!

Missing life on the farm, Graham and Pam bought a property in Howlong in the mid-90s, which they named 'Walkerville'.

Graham spent long days working on the farm, cropping and looking after the livestock. For a period of time he did this while travelling back and forth between Dederang and Howlong. Pam and the kids moved down to join Graham in 1997.

During this time, he also share-farmed the property across the road - looking after one farm just wasn't enough! All the while, he still ran his contracting business and employed numerous people.

In 1998, Graham started to notice weakness in his legs. He went to many doctors who were unable to find a cause.

In 2000 he decided to pack the family up and travel overseas to London and the Mayo Clinic in America to search for answers. He was diagnosed with a very rare degenerative muscle

disease. While overseas the family made the most of it travelling all around Europe, Canada and America and having many adventures along the way.

At the end of 2001 after experiencing increasing challenges to his mobility, Graham and Pam moved back to the Kiewa Valley. Here they spent a few years bringing the Dederang General Store back to life.

In 2004, Graham and the family moved into town in Lavington. By then Graham was in a wheelchair most of the time but this didn't hold him back from living his life to the fullest.

Graham and Pam had a customised motorhome built that could accommodate his wheelchair and Graham, Pam, James and Lucy spent seven months travelling around Australia.

After getting back to Albury, Graham needed to find some extra activities to fill his time living in town, so he joined the Lavington Lions Club and completed a handful of TAFE courses with a special interest in computing and IT software.

After a few years at the house in Zago Court, Graham decided he needed more space and moved to a property in Nagle Road which had a couple of acres. He loved watching the kids riding the motorbike around the paddock and going rabbiting with Tilly across the yard. And of course having more space to store his beloved farming equipment!

Graham always had a project on the go and in the last five years he took over running Walkers Sawmill in Corryong, which he saw grow in staff numbers and productivity.

In the last few years he has received several awards including a Sustainability Award for sawmilling in 2019, being named Albury's Citizen of the Year in 2020 and receiving other prestigious awards from the Lions Club Albury.

Graham had many achievements throughout his life being a proud father and grandfather, a successful businessman and helping out and being part of the community wherever he lived.

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Council may be heading back to the future

At the close of nominations on Tuesday for the upcoming Towong Shire Council elections, seven candidates have emerged to fill the five vacancies.

The nominations include current councillors Andrew Whitehead (mayor), Aaron Scales, David Wortmann and Denise Anderson. Cr Peter Dikschei is not seeking re-election.

Among the other candidates is former councillor, Peter Tolsher, who did not stand for re-election in 2020.

New faces on the ballot paper are Matthew Spurgeon and Jon Pitman who are both Corryong-based.

Voting in this election for Towong Shire is by post only. The Victorian Election Commission (VEC) will post ballot packs to all enrolled voters from Monday 7 October, 2024.

Commissioner calls for transparency

In related news, VEC Electoral Commissioner, Sven Bluemmel, says that

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is expected to make an appearance at local council elections in October.

Mr Bluemmel has urged voters to think critically about campaign material, while encouraging campaigners to be transparent in the use of any AI-generated or AI-modified material.

In particular, the VEC is calling for visible labelling on any AI-generated or AI-modified election campaign material to ensure voters are not misled.

“Getting campaign information to voters is an essential part of the robust contest of ideas in any election,” Mr Bluemmel said.

“We know that voters are concerned about misinformation and disinformation. They need reliable and trustworthy information to help them make informed decisions about how to vote.

“That is why, as well as the usual authorisation statement requirements, I am urging campaigners to meet community expectations by clearly labelling any election material that has been



Peter Tolsher (left) with fellow councillors in 2016 - David Wortmann, Aaron Scales, Jenny Star and Andrew Whitehead. Cr Star was succeeded by Cr Denise Anderson in the 2020 election.

generated or modified through the use of AI.

“Tackling political obfuscation is essential if we are to protect voter confidence in our electoral system. It is the responsibility of all participants, not just the VEC, to maintain that confidence,” Mr Bluemmel added.

There are no laws in Victoria that regulate truth

in political advertising. Voters are encouraged to exercise their own judgement and think critically about the information they see, before deciding to let it influence their vote.

“Voters should look for an authorisation statement, showing who authorised the distribution of the material,” Mr Bluemell explained.

“This is a legal requirement for all election campaign material.

Voters are also reminded to visit the website at vec.vic.gov.au as the source of truth for all information about the election processes.

“I encourage all voters to think about what you see and hear in these local council elections,” Mr Bluemell cautioned.

New priest is on the way

Since Rev Maryann Leonard left for her next posting, the local Anglican community has been well serviced by visiting ministers and Rev Dr Peter Pocock.

Bishop Clarence Bester recently travelled to Corryong and informed Parish Council that at the end of September our rectory will have a new assistant priest and his wife - Elwyn and Riya Enos - who will be with us for our fifth Sunday service, which is to take place at Khancoban.

Come and join us at the Alpine Inn Khancoban for our service at 10.15am followed by lunch and meet Elwyn and Riya, who will be in Corryong for six months.

In other church news, there is an Anglican street stall on September 27th, which will be in lieu of the annual church fete. All donations of cooking, plants and other items will be gratefully received.

You can also buy tickets that week in our Monster Raffle (multiple draws). Tickets will be sold on Wednesday, Thursday and all day Friday and the draw will be held after the street stall.

Several Anglican and Uniting Church parishioners have been visiting Mittamatite Lodge for afternoon tea and talks with of the residents, usually on the fourth Friday of each month.

The annual Flower Show is coming up at the end of October - watch this space.

~ Fay Whitehead (Church Secretary)

Road and Track Closures

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Run Upper Murray Event

To ensure the safety of residents, participants, and other Mount Elliot users, traffic management measures will be in place for the Run Upper Murray event taking place on Saturday 19 October 2024.

Road closures will be in effect from 7:30am to 4:00pm at various locations, with many of the tracks within the Mount Elliot State Forest Reserve included to accommodate the event.

Road Closures:

- Fishers Track (full length)
- McCormack Gap Road at the Thowgla Road intersection
- McCormack Gap Road (heading north) and Mt Elliot Ridge Track (heading north) at the Schintlers Track and Mt Elliot Ridge Track intersection
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New machine needed to meet challenges

In its latest update, Snowy Hydro has advised that a new tunnel boring machine (TBM) will be deployed to help keep the Snowy 2.0 project on its delivery timeline.

New ground testing techniques have provided a better understanding of the full extent of a complex fault zone on the route of the 17km tunnel that will connect Snowy 2.0's upper reservoir to its underground power station.

Snowy Hydro CEO, Dennis Barnes, said activating a fourth tunnel boring machine is the right course of action, given that what is now known about the tunnelling challenges ahead has provided the opportunity to mature the design.

Subject to planning approval, the new machine - costing around \$75M - is expected to be operating before the end of 2025.

Following community consultation, a modification to the project has been submitted to the NSW Department of Planning,

Housing and Infrastructure and will be subject to the department's independent community consultation and assessment processes.

"We're mindful that we are building Snowy 2.0 in a precious and protected national park," Mr Barnes said.

"We have worked diligently to arrive at a proposal that does not step outside our existing construction area or increase our already approved impacts.

"The Snowy 2.0 team is working hard to protect the sensitive environments we operate in."

Fauna underpasses have been built on Ravine Road at Lobs Hole to allow a safe crossing for native species such as the Smoky Mouse.

Special cameras installed on these crossings assist with monitoring activities, recording the movement of many native animals including lizards, snakes and the Eastern Pygmy Possum.

"This successful use of the Lobs Hole fauna



A new tunnel boring machine will cost \$75,000,000.

underpasses by native animals has led to the installation of additional crossings on Marica Trail at the Marica worksite," Mr Barnes added.

In other works, underground at Lobs Hole excavation of the access tunnels and temporary construction tunnels is about 85 per cent complete, while the development of the two caverns for the

power station complex is approximately 25 per cent complete.

More than 50 per cent of the brackets (known as corbels) that will hold the temporary construction cranes to build the underground power station have been installed in the two caverns.

Approximately 16,000 rock bolts have been installed in the roof of the

two caverns to stabilise the rock after excavation has been completed.

Excavation of the Talbingo intake is nearing completion and the first drill and blast activities for the connection to the tunnel that will link the lower Talbingo Reservoir to the underground power station (known as the tailrace tunnel) have commenced.

Water cluster braces for extreme weather events

In a significant new agreement, five water corporations from across northern Victoria have formalised a mutual aid arrangement to boost their resilience against increasingly frequent extreme weather events.

North East Water, Goulburn Valley Water, Coliban Water, Grampians Wimmera Mallee Water, and Lower Murray Water have committed to strengthening their collaboration in both planning and emergency

management.

Jo Murdoch, Managing Director of North East Water, noted that the corporations provide essential water and sewerage services to communities dependent on the Murray-Darling

Basin. The MOU establishes several key areas for collaboration, including emergency training, resource and intelligence sharing, and sharing emergency resilience

planning, standardising processes, and preparing jointly for summer and winter seasons.

The initiative has received strong support from Minister for Water, Harriet Shing, who praised the collaboration.

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Corryong CBD Update



This week, works will continue on both the north and south sides of the main street. Footpath works in front of Ruby's Clothing store are ongoing, and watermain connections are still in progress.

A reminder that access from Jardine Street to Hanson Street, beside the Newsagency, will be closed for drainage works starting September 16. The closure will last one week, with no vehicular access, and alternate pedestrian routes will be provided.

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.

How can I stay up to date?

Visit our website or sign up to our project newsletter to receive updates directly to your inbox.



Scan here to visit the website and sign up to the newsletter



PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice of intention to apply for a Licence to construct Works (pump) / Take and Use for a Licensable Purpose

GMW Reference No. BSW0142-24

I, Robert McVean of 1008 Murray Valley Highway, Corryong Vic. 3707 (refer to VicRoads Map 37 G4), intend to make application to Goulburn Murray Water for a Licence to Construct Works (Pump) and if successful:

This is my Notice of Application for a new Licence to Take and Use Surface Water and transfer 25.0ML of licensed entitlement from an existing licensee on a temporary or permanent basis.

The application is for one (1) pump to be constructed.

The water will be used for the purpose of irrigation.

To be constructed on lands described as Volume 10709, Folio 048, Crown Allotment 6, Section M, Towong; Volume 5559, Folio 613, Lot No. 1, Plan No. 57222OE, Plan Type TP; Volume 4029, Folio 681, Lot No. 1, Plan No. 900705E.

Any person able to demonstrate that their interests will be affected by the issuing of this licence including any intended surface water use, is invited to make a formal submission setting out the nature of the impact within 14 days of publication of this written notification. To make a submission please read the information available to download from Make a Submission about a licence application - Goulburn Murray Water (www.g-mwater.com.au/customer-services/forms) - refer to the Groundwater section (or contact G-MW to arrange for a copy to be posted to you). Submissions must be lodged using the GM-W template available by either mail or email to licensingadmin@gmwater.com.au or PO Box 165, Tatura Vic. 3616.

PUBLIC NOTICES



OPTOMETRIST

Visiting fortnightly

Next appointment:

Monday Sept 23rd

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CHIROPRACTOR IN CORRYONG

Dr Rowan Daniel

Visiting weekly on Fridays

9.30am-5.30pm

Next appointment:

September 27, 2024

81B Hanson St., Corryong

Ph: 6056 2185

Ken Bailey Mechanical Repairs

46 Donaldson St

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Phone

6076 1119

MEETINGS



Towong Turf Club Annual General Meeting

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

Nominations for the committee to be in writing or email and addressed to: Secretary, Towong Turf Club, PO Box 233, Corryong 3707 or via email at towongturfclub@gmail.com.

Nominations to be received no later than October 1, 2024.

Corryong Lions Youth Club Hall Annual General Meeting

Wednesday October 16, 2024

5.50pm at the Hall

All welcome

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IDs are required when placing birth, wedding and engagement notices.

MEETINGS

Ordinary Council Meeting

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held in Tallangatta on Wednesday, 23 October, at 10:30am.

The agenda and Public Question Time details can be accessed before the meeting by calling 1300 365 222 or visiting our website: tinyurl.com/october-council-meeting

As this meeting falls within the caretaker period, any public question time submissions will be deferred to the next Council meeting after the election.

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DEATHS

BOS Ernst (Ernie)

Of Cudgewa. Passed away suddenly on Monday September 9, 2024 at the Albury Base Hospital. Aged 75 years. Dearly loved husband of Yvonne. Loved father and father-in-law of Tricia and Phil Britton, Matthew and Lynette, and Simon. Much loved Poppy of L'Koda, Kalinda, Nixon, Freya and Isaac. Loving Great Poppy of Hunter. Brother of Hans (dec.), Maria, Billy and Sarah.
Rest In Peace

Family and friends of Ernie are invited to attend the Celebration of his Life which will take place at the Corryong Youth Club Hall on Thursday September 26th, 2024 commencing at 11.00am. A burial will follow at the Corryong Cemetery.

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DEATHS

PATON Nona Merleen (nee Coghill)

Passed away peacefully at Mittamatite Lodge Corryong. Aged 102 years. Beloved wife of George Alan (dec.). Dearly loved Mum of Graham, Roy, Irene and Bruce. Cherished Nan to her many grandchildren and great grandchildren.
Always In Our Hearts.

To all the staff at Corryong Health, the Paton family thank you for your care of Nona.

FUNERALS

PATON

The Funeral Service for the late Nona Paton will be held at St Andrew's Uniting Church, Wheeler Street, Corryong TODAY Thursday, September 19, 2024 commencing at 11:00am.

Following the service the cortege will proceed to burial at the Corryong Cemetery, Pioneer Avenue, Corryong.

The service will be livestreamed at www.hossackfunerals.com.au

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TENDERS

Corryong Bowls Club Inc.

Quotes are invited for the refurbishment and upgrade of the seated area around the rink. For further information and on-site appointments contact Ken McKimmie on 6076 1066.

Look out for swoopers

Now that spring is here, some native birds may start swooping people during their breeding season.

Simon Ruff, Senior Wildlife Projects Officer at the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA), said "Every spring, some native birds swoop to defend their eggs and chicks for a short time while their young are most vulnerable.

"While swooping is unsettling, it's normal behaviour for a range of native birds, warning people and animals not to come near their young. It's rare for birds to make contact."

Native birds swoop in urban and rural areas, parks and gardens, along bike tracks or anywhere that birds are nesting. Species that may swoop commonly include magpies, masked lapwings (plovers) and butcherbirds.

"Not all birds swoop during the breeding season, so the presence of magpies or other common swooping birds doesn't necessarily mean you'll be swooped," Mr Ruff said.

"Remember, the swooping behaviour will only last a short time, normally stopping soon after the young leave the nest."

If you are worried about being caught out by a protective bird this spring, here are some steps you can take to feel safe:-

- Know your local



Wear protective head covering during swooping season.

swooping hotspots and avoid the area

- Move quickly but do not run if you find yourself close to a swooping bird.
- Wear protective head and eye coverings.
- Don't harass birds – this can make swooping worse.
- Don't feed the birds and do not destroy their nests.
- Avoid known swooping hotspots by planning your route.

Incidents are recorded

on Victoria's interactive swooping bird map - visit www.wildlife.vic.gov.au/managing-wildlife/swooping-birds.

All native wildlife is protected by law. Harassing, harming or disturbing native birds and other wildlife is illegal in Victoria and penalties apply.

You can report wildlife crime such as harassing, harming or disturbing wildlife to Crime Stoppers Victoria on 1800 333 000.

Worker bees wanted

The Playles Hill Park group is inviting the community to lend a hand at its working bee this Sunday (September 22) at 10am.

There is plenty to do at this time of the year including planting, mulching and digging of agapanthus. Tools are required including

wheelbarrows, shovels, mattocks, buckets, gloves and of course, energy.

If a Sunday doesn't suit you but you have a spare couple of hours on a week day, let the group know and they can see if some team members are also available on that day. Contact Cathy Ross on 0428 761 609.

PUSH-A-THON

Fundraiser – Corryong Health



When: Saturday, 5th October, 2024

Time: 1.30 pm

Where: Starting top car park, Kiel St, Corryong Health & ending at the Corryong Show. Travelling via Greenham & Donaldson Sts, into Strzelecki Way then to the showground

Why: Purchase Heart Monitor

How: Build your own buggy, wheelchair, commode, pram or anything you can push with wheels

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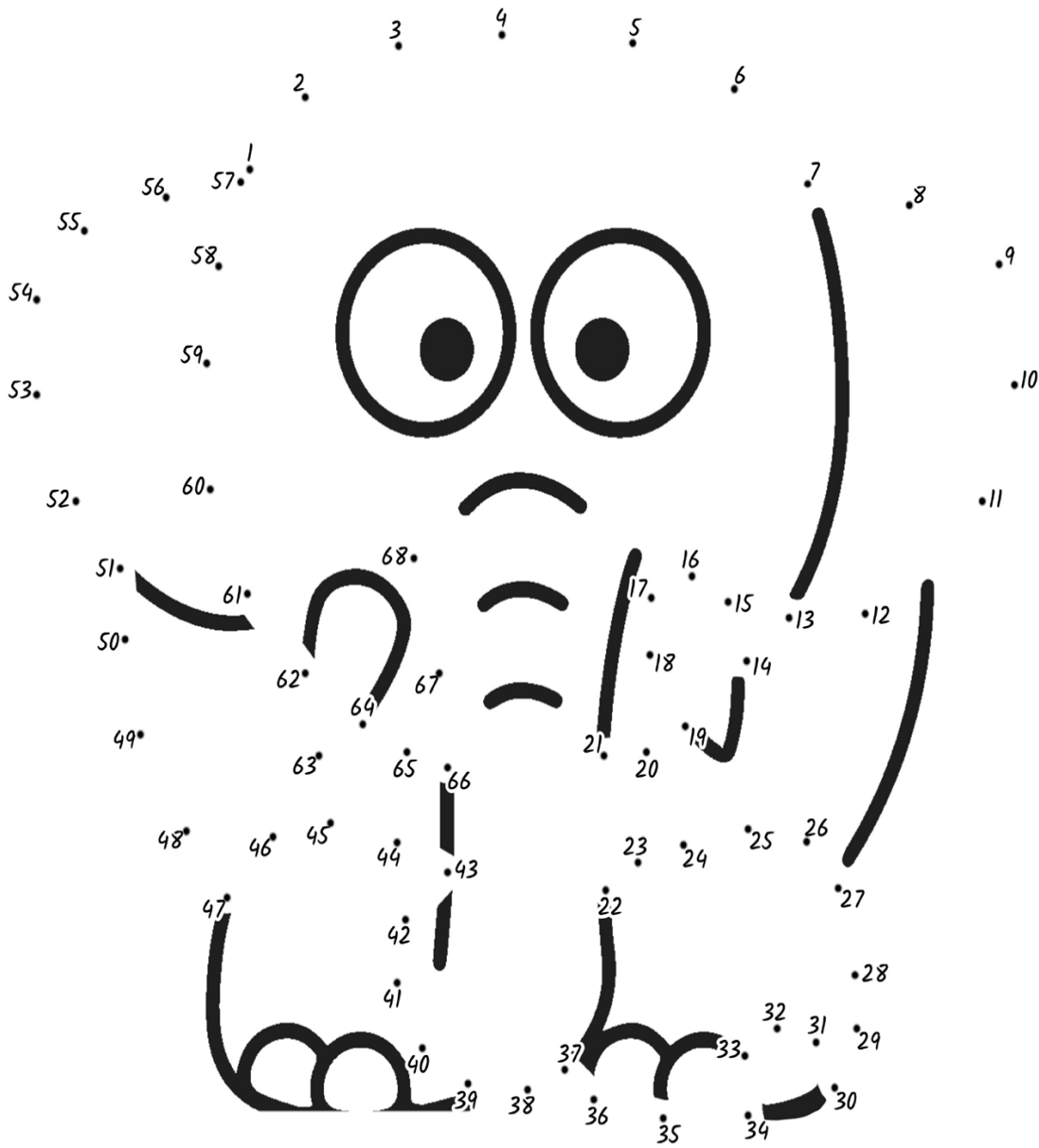
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The leftover letters will spell out a message.

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- CARAPACE
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Secret message: Tough outer shell

Spot the difference

Can you find five differences between these images?

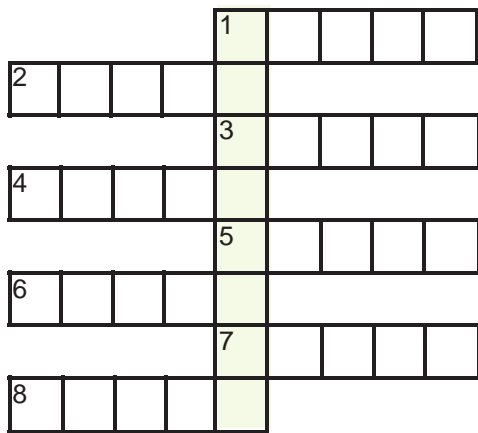


ANSWERS: 1. Green cart now blue 2. Cart teeth swapped 3. Purple balloon missing 4. Bush spots red 5. Sun face upside down

Junior crossword

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

- 1 & 2 A singer sings through one of these
- 3 Your dad does this loudly when he is asleep
- 4 Kermit and Freddo are these
- 5 This fruit is good for your teeth
- 6 The opposite of coming
- 7 A message on your computer
- 8 Annoying bugs



ANSWERS: Microphone, Snore, Frogs, Apple, Going, Email, Pests (MESSAGES)

Quiz

- 1 Which year will *Frozen 3* be released in cinemas?
- 2 Where were the 2024 Olympic Games held?
- 3 What is the name of Mario's green dinosaur friend?
- 4 The 55th anniversary of what space-related event was celebrated this year?
- 5 When is the next leap year?
- 6 In which country would you find the Little Mermaid statue?
- 7 What colours appear on the Canadian flag?
- 8 What greek philosopher does Taylor Swift (pictured) reference in her song *So High School*?
- 9 What is the Australian national netball team called?
- 10 True or false: Jupiter, Uranus and Neptune also have rings around them?



ANSWERS: 1. 2027 2. Paris 3. Yoshi 4. The moon landing 5. 2028 6. Denmark 7. Red and white 8. Aristotle 9. Diamonds 10. True



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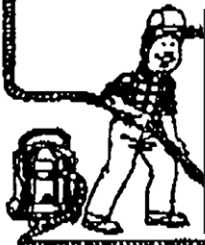
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22/9: am & pm V Kane
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Sept 24: Cathy & Warwick Ross;
Sept 25: Greg & Sharyn Nankervis;
Sept 26: Jeff & Val Cooper;
Sept 27: Elaine Mildren & Joy Whitehead.

OP SHOP

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Sept 21: am Kirsty Heinjus & Anna Van Geest;
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Sept 24: am Daff, pm Charlie O'Connor & Brie Jones;
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Sept 26: am Lisa Greenhill;
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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

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Study digs into dairy health



The study will monitor key health indicators.

Dairy Australia and Food Innovation Australia Limited (FIAL) are joining forces with leading Australian researchers to support dairy veterinarians and farmers to monitor and benchmark their animal health, antibiotic use and anti-microbial resistance.

The study, undertaken by world-class researchers from universities in three states, will cover all eight dairy regions across Australia and aims to understand the current animal health status and antibiotic use on Australian dairy farms and identify key strategies to addressing antimicrobial resistance (AMR).

Pilot farmers will receive reports on key animal health indicators such as clinical mastitis and calf health, antibiotic and anti-inflammatory use. Dairy veterinarians, farmers and post-graduate students can also nominate to be part of this groundbreaking research.

Dairy Australia National Lead - Animal Health and Welfare, Dr Stephanie Bullen, said that effective antibiotics are a critical tool for dairy farmers to maintain the health and welfare of their animals.

"AMR develops when infections no longer respond to antibiotics used to treat them," she said.

"AMR can occur due to overuse of antibiotics, incorrect use of antibiotics or when one type of resistant bacteria transfers their resistance genes to another type.

"All users of antibiotics - medical professionals, patients, veterinarians and farmers - have a responsibility to use antibiotics well. The Australian dairy industry has committed to stewardship of antibiotics, using as little as possible and only as often as necessary, and this is reflected in the Australian Dairy Sustainability Framework."

FIAL Managing Director, Dr Mirjana Prica, added that this study is important to the future of dairy in Australia's food system.

"Global protein consumption has risen 40 per cent since 2000 and the demand for traditional proteins like dairy is expected to remain strong in Australia," Dr Prica said.

"From our comprehensive *Capturing the Prize* report launched in October 2020, we know

that growing demand for traditional proteins such as dairy, meat and eggs could present an additional opportunity worth A\$31 billion.

"Investing in this project is important with the rise of consumer interest in the origins of their food and the industry's need to increase supply chain transparency, food safety testing and biological hazard control."

The project will combine on-farm data from herd management software with a farm's veterinary medicine purchase data from practice management software to generate farm reports. The research will be underpinned by robust social science to ensure reports meet farmer and veterinarian needs.

Additionally, Dairy Australia and FIAL are funding the first specific survey on AMR in dairy cattle to understand the current levels of antimicrobial resistance to important bacteria on participants' farms.

Any organisations that are interested in partnering in this research should get in contact with Dr Stephanie Bullen of Dairy Australia at stephanie.bullen@dairyaustralia.com.au.



High Country Darts

Results R14
Bottoms Up d 44 Internationals on forfeit, Tooma Ringers d Koetong 4-3, Biggara d Possum Pointers 4-3.

Ladder R14
44 I/nationals.....40 172.7
Biggara.....28 185.7
Koetong.....28 122.7
Possum Pointers ..24 100.0
Bottoms Up.....24 88.1
Tooma Ringers...24 68.8

Sharpshooters:- Men's highest score - Dave Low & Angus Western 180 / Women's highest score - Ash Dodwell 124 / Highest peg - Les Purss 104.

Draw
R15 24/9/24
44 Internats v P/Pointers
Koetong v Biggara
Ringers v Bottoms Up

Finals
1/10/24: 1st & 2nd Semis
8/10/24: Preliminary Final
15/10/24: Grand Final

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Welaregang inflicts crushing shield defeat

The Donal Paton Shield is back home, where it belongs, adorning the walls of the Welaregang Country Golf Club.

Despite loading up their team, the visiting Walwa players just could not handle the lightning fast greens and once the scores had been averaged out, found themselves crashing to a three-shot defeat - the biggest losing margin for some six years!

The hero for the home team was newcomer Laurie Williams, who carded 39 stableford points in his first ever Paton Shield outing. Welaregang's only affiliate player Justin Knott was solid with 30 points while the visitors' stalwart Crundle did his best with 34 points. Dennis Heather won the nearest the pin.

Club stalwart Dixie Coultts again did a great job in organising the wonderful spread before and after the game.

This Sunday will be a club stableford day - names in by 11.30am for a 12 noon tee time. Visitors are most welcome to join in the competition.

Corryong Coming up September

Sunday 22/9/24 (9am for 9.30am): Stableford - back 9 (Batlow Open Tournament)

Monday 23/9/24 10.30am: American Foursomes - front 9

Wednesday 25/9/24 10.30 am: Stableford - front 9

Sunday 29/9/23 (11am for 11.30am): Monthly Medal - 18 holes stroke

Monday 30/9/24 10.30am: Stroke - front 9

October

Wednesday 2/10/24 10.30 am: Club Spoon (Stroke & Putting)

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

Monday 7/10/24 10.30am: Stableford - back 9

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

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

Monday 14/10/24 10.30 am: 4BBB (DFP)

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

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

Monday 21/10/24 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



Lorraine Paton was on hand to present the shield to Welaregang Captain, Lance Noonan.

non-members & women members)

Monday 28/10/24 10.30 am: Stableford - back 9

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

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With the Bias

On the back of a successful opening day with around 30 players taking to the rink, a bumper bowls season is coming up.

With the men's B4 Saturday and mixed mid-week O&M Pennant competitions starting later in the month, interested new members/players are encouraged to attend our mid-week social bowls arvo - men on Wednesday and women on Thursday. Names in by 12.30pm, roll up at 1pm. Contact the club for more details on 6076 2907.

The Mens B4 team was premiers last year and have won three of the last four O&M pennants but it's about to get a lot

tougher with several large Albury clubs entering the fray this year. Good luck for the upcoming season.

Results

Opening Day:- Two games of 10 ends were played with the pair of Catherine Ross and Adrian Cummiskey delivering the only unblemished card to record a win.

Wednesday 11/9/24:- The winners were Rohan Whitehead, Stewart Ross.

Thursday 12/9/24: The winners were Cath Ross and Wilma Hill.

Beginners are encouraged to come along on a Thursday when Carol Fair will be on hand for some coaching.

Roll on!
~ Kitty



Cath Ross sends down the first kitty for the season while Angelo Donadon waits to deliver the first bowl.

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