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We're hearin' ya!

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

"Following the Black Summer bushfires that devastated the Upper Murray region it's been vital that telecommunications across the region continue to improve," Dr Haines said.

The tower was funded by the federal government's mobile black spot program.



Dingo extension a win for common sense

The extension of the wild dog protection buffer by the Victorian government this week has been welcomed by Bill Tilley.

"The decision is a

massive win for common sense and community voices," he said.

On Tuesday night the Agriculture Minister, Ros Spence, and Environment Minister, Steve Dimopoulos, announced the

continuation of the dingo unprotection order in north east and eastern Victoria, until 2028.

The order, that sets a narrow 3km buffer on the boundary of Crown land and the farm fence, had

been subject to a one-year review because of claims it threatened dingo populations.

Mr Tilley said the community response was a blueprint for others.

"More than 12 months

ago the threat to the order became apparent and a group of reasoned, experienced landholders came together and we were able to lobby effectively," he said.

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Council goes into caretaker mode

In the lead-up to the Victorian Local Government elections, councils must comply with special arrangements during the 'caretaker period', which ends on election day Saturday 26

October, 2024.

During this time comments on council's Facebook page will be hidden from the public; while its online presence including social media and print advertising,

will be reduced, with no mention of councillors or any ongoing projects or updates.

Council's e-newsletter will still be published but will not include an introduction from the mayor. Important operational updates that directly impact the community will also be shared.

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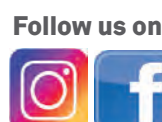
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'Shedders' broaden their role

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.

OCTOBER
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 sylidic8@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.
Saturday 19/10/24: Run Upper Murray (RUM). Contact Phone: Mat Doré on 0409 292 933 or register online at <https://runuppermurray.com.au/>
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The Corryong Men's Shed is planning to expand its activities and forge closer ties with the community and is seeking input on how best to achieve this through a survey.

The men's shed has long been a hub for older men, providing a space for social interaction and hands-on activities such as producing kindling for the local craft shop and running wood raffles.

While these activities remain central, the group is now looking to expand its offerings and involve a wider segment of the community.

It is broadening its role by connecting with local schools and Corryong Health to promote mental wellbeing and combat isolation.

Beyond traditional



Members of the 'Chip, Chop, Chat Shop' in action.

activities like kindling production and wood raffles, the men's shed intends to include more creative, social and cross-generational projects.

By working with local schools, it is seeking to involve younger generations and foster learning across the ages.

Additionally, its link with Corryong Health focuses on addressing mental health challenges and reducing isolation, particularly among older men.

Whether members are experienced in woodworking or trying something new, the shed offers an environment where people can learn, work on personal projects and share skills.

Its projects provide an opportunity for members to work on meaningful tasks, from crafting items for the community to

practical repairs.

The shed also serves as a crucial space for promoting social connection and addressing isolation. Its goal is to offer more structured support for those struggling with loneliness, using the shed as a place for companionship and activity.

Members are actively working to grow the men's shed into a more inclusive space. By expanding its range of activities, engaging with schools and connecting with health services, it aims to foster stronger social ties and promote mental wellbeing across the community.

To further understand community needs, the men's shed is conducting a survey to help better engage with and support the Upper Murray community.

The feedback from the

survey will help shape the future approach and ensure the shed is addressing local needs.

The survey is available online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7DLLFFP> (use the QR code below) or at the men's shed.

To find out more, drop into the shed on a Wednesday morning from 10am to 12 noon, where you'll see current projects underway, meet the members and learn more about their plans for the future.



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Club Corner:- The jackpot at The Club Corryong this Friday is \$3760. Last week's winner was Mick Latta (\$50).

This Sunday, September 29th, the Uniting Church morning

service will be held at Walwa at 11am. Meet at the church car park at 10.15 for car pooling or let someone know you'd like a lift. It will be a communion service followed by lunch. The following Sunday, October

6th, the service will be in Corryong at 10am (but will not be a communion service).

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

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Wild dog war not over



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“Speeches in Parliament, formal and informal meetings with ministers, manning a stand at a farming expo - together we used the media and social media wisely as well as their knowledge and experience to explain the situation,” Mr Tilley said.

“This is a massive win for that team of people and their supporters.”

Mr Tilley added that the battle had been won but the war wasn't over.

“Narrow-minded sectional groups will still claim these dogs are dingoes but for people who have seen them up close they know the truth,” he said.

“The order talks about

dingoes but as most already know this order allows dog men to control wild dogs – hybrid killing machines, dingo and domestic crossbreds – on the edge of farmland.

“These dogs kill lambs, calves, alpacas, Maremma dogs and pets at will.

“Before the buffer the killing was out of control but when it was introduced in 2012 it cut the losses to just 25 per cent of the previous year.

“Many people said the original number was under-reported. The stories livestock and pets mauled and killed in a night became so common that landholders simply couldn't be bothered.”

The Ministers also announced that the Wild

Dog Management Program will also be expanded to include extra supports for farmers through targeted controls of deer, foxes, pigs and wild cats and to reflect this expansion, will be renamed the Vertebrate Species Management Program.

The Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF) also welcomed the decision to extend the order.

VFF President, Emma Germano, said the decision follows months of sustained advocacy by farmers to ensure the welfare of livestock in the face of wild dog attacks is balanced with the need for dingo conversation.

“This is a sorely needed win for common sense,” she said.

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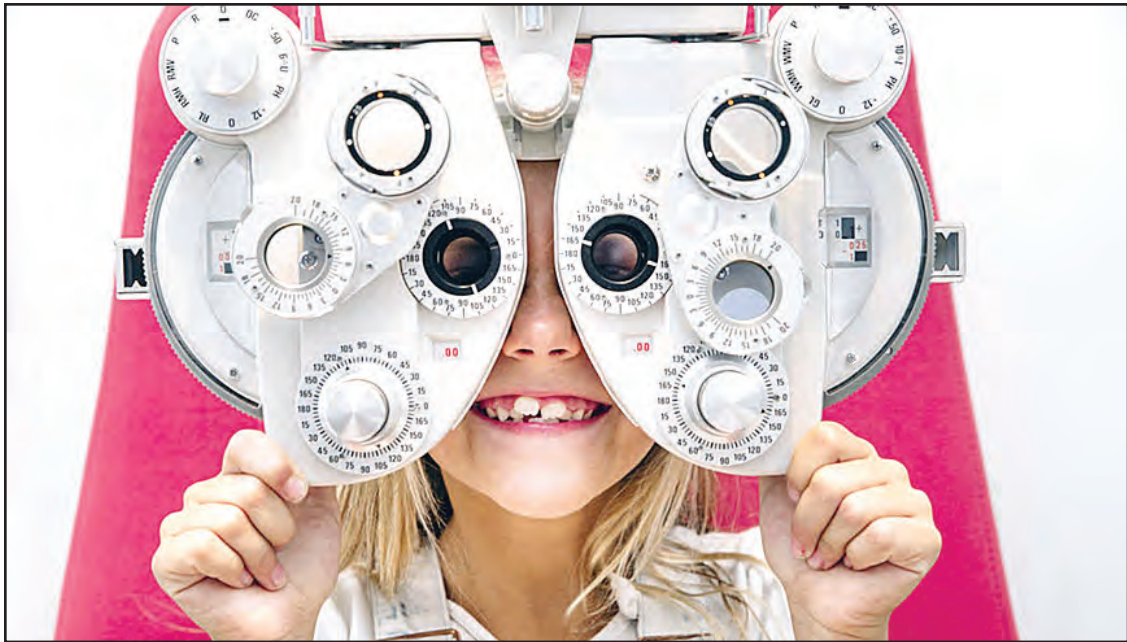
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Focus goes on eye health for children



Letters to the Editor:-



Dementia conversation continues

Thank you to everyone who took action to create a more dementia-friendly future during 2024 Dementia Action Week from 16-22 September.

Across Australia, individuals and organisations supported our campaign to 'Act Now for a Dementia-Friendly Future' encouraging everyone to take simple actions to challenge the stigma and discrimination

faced by people living with dementia.

This follows research released by Dementia Australia for Dementia Action Week which found there has been a decade of persistent poor understanding of dementia among Australians leading to stigma and discrimination.

On behalf of the estimated more than 421,000 people living with dementia in Australia and the more than 1.6 million

people involved in their care, we thank everyone for their support.

While Dementia Action Week is only one week each year, the conversation and action to eliminate discrimination continues year-round.

For information and tips on how you can continue working towards a dementia-friendly future, please visit dementia.org.au/DementiaActionWeek.

For support any time, please contact the National Dementia Helpline on 1800 100 500, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Merran Kelsall AO,
Chair, Dementia Australia



WHAT A BEAUTY!

Ian Williams and Sandra Tanson measured the girth of this gum tree on the former family property at 'Willowbank' at 8.3 metres (27') with a width of three metres. The giant is estimated to be 500 years old.

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By Kelly Gibbons
Wodonga Eyecare
October 10th is World Sight Day and this year we are focussing on our children's eyes.

It's often difficult for children to articulate their vision problems.

Sometimes they won't realise that they cannot see as well as their classmate. They might simply be used to the vision they have and accept it as normal. These children are always my favourite to examine because their initial response to their first pair of glasses is pure magic!

For the first time in their life, they realise that they are supposed to see the individual leaves on the trees, not just a big

green blob. A little boy I saw a few years back was amazed that he could see individual stars!

If a child has trouble seeing things in the distance, they are often short-sighted or 'myopic'. Myopia is now described as an epidemic because it has become so prevalent in our children and teenagers with all the time we spend indoors staring into our computers and phones.

When I first started practicing, there wasn't much we could do to slow down the progression of a child's myopia. We would prescribe glasses and a few years later, we would find that they needed stronger glasses as their prescription worsened. Thankfully things have

changed!

We now have an arsenal of tricks up our sleeve to effectively slow down their myopia and prevent them from one day needing the dreaded 'coke bottle' glasses. We can now use special eye drops, contact lenses, multifocal glasses or a combination of these things to have a meaningful impact on myopia progression.

Here are three things you can do if you want the best for your child's vision.

Firstly, regardless of their age, arrange their first eye examination with an optometrist. This will allow the optometrist to make wise and timely decisions to ensure that your child sees well.

Secondly, encourage your child to spend at least two hours a day outside. Daylight can have marvellous effects on a child's visual development and can slow the progression of myopia.

Finally, encourage your child to always wear a hat and sunglasses when outside. Protect them from harmful UV rays.

WodongaEyecare visits Corryong Neighbourhood Centre every fortnight. To encourage you to have your child's eyes examined, all children will be bulk billed and will receive free retinal scanning for the months of October and November.

Happy World Sight Day everyone - we'll see you soon!



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Local strategy charts our course

Several innovation opportunities have been identified for the Local Development Strategy (LDS), following several workshops in May and June and Innovation Upper Murray is now moving forward with the formation of working groups.

After producing a context analysis identifying innovation opportunities for the region based on its strengths, the workshops investigated in detail each opportunity and earmarked the following projects as worth pursuing.

Pumped Hydro

Proposition: To investigate and evaluate the potential for pumped hydro development in the Upper Murray that leverages the region's natural assets (elevation changes and water) to generate and store renewable electricity for use in the region and beyond, while delivering community benefit.

This proposition builds on the community-led

Upper Murray Place Based Power Plan (UMPBP) developed to embed a more resilient, reliable and low emissions electricity system for the region.

Primarily focused on implementing a series of microgrids across the region to enable self-sufficiency in energy generation, storage and distribution, this credible plan recognised the potential for pumped hydro in the region.

Recent investigations for pumped hydro installations in the Upper Murray identified a suitable site in Berringama and the relevant landowners have indicated their willingness to be involved.

The Innovation Working Group (IWG) met on Tuesday to map out a due diligence approach for the Berringama site to develop a detailed step-by-step approach that will break down the scope, required government structure and investment for each step of the feasibility phase.

Empowering Next

Generation Agriculture

Proposal: To empower Upper Murray producers to develop and lead agriculture production systems that leverage the region's distinct seasonal growing conditions, drought resilience and future market opportunities; giving the region a competitive advantage in a climate impacted world.

Forecast to be less impacted by drought and climate change than many temperate regions, the Upper Murray's remoteness is seen as advantageous to growing high risk biosecurity crops while the micro-climates will continue to be favourable for pasture-based dairy and livestock systems as well as grain/seed and forage crops.

After a first discussion around understanding the potential to unlock greater water access in the region, the next interactive session will explore how to leverage data and data-driven decision making, technologies and modern practices to improve productivity, sustainability and overall producer/regional market competitiveness.

The next meeting of the IWG is scheduled for Monday 14th October, 2024.

Utilisation of Plantation & Agriculture Biomass

Proposal: To utilise current biowaste products from plantation and agriculture activities to create higher value products through biomanufacturing or local regional inputs.

The demand for structural fibre continues to increase and large areas of pine plantations and cropping activities in the region generate significant amounts of bio-waste each year.

A full audit is necessary to move forward with this innovation opportunity before considering any feasibility study for one or several options.

A meeting will be held on Wednesday 16th



A more connected tourist ecosystem will increase visitation.

October, 2024 to form an IWG.

A Connected Upper Murray Tourism Ecosystem

Proposal: To create a more connected Upper Murray tourism ecosystem to grow visitation and better leverage the region's unique wilderness, nature-based and outdoors tourism potential for regional benefit.

The potential for greater connection exists at multiple levels including how to connect and leverage the Upper Murray's positioning to neighbouring regional drawcards such as Mt Kosciusko, Thredbo ski field, Snowy Valleys Way and Great River Road Sculpture Trail.

A coherent connection between locations or activities within the region to improve the visitor experience and logistics including a physical connection such as improved transport between the High Country Rail Trail end at Shelley and Corryong and a connection between visitor economy products/s.

The IWG met on Tuesday to develop a clear tourism project based around the ideas formulated at the innovation stage.

Conservation Ecology Centre

Proposal: To preserve, showcase and advance understanding of the Upper Murray ecosystems, flora and fauna and conservation areas through the creation of a conservation ecology centre.

Extensive parts of the

Upper Murray region are national and state parks and primarily forested with a high number of species that include a large range of endemic, rare and threatened plant species and wildlife. A conservation ecology centre offers a unique opportunity to better understand, manage and ensure protection of the Upper Murray's environment and its ecosystems through a co-ordinated and collaborative approach involving research and education.

While the IWG recognised the need to keep the network live and focus on restoration projects, there was no distinctive big-scale opportunity that would benefit community, businesses etc. as a coherent project to move forward within the phase of the LDS.

However, ecology is seen as a holistic approach which should be integrated in the discussions of other innovation opportunities, particularly agriculture and tourism.

For more information or to get involved with one or more of the projects go to <https://uppermurrayinc.com.au/innovation-uppermurray>.

Innovation Upper Murray is funded by the state government and supported by key stakeholders Upper Murray Incorporated, Upper Murray Community Recovery Committee, Towong Shire Council, the Victorian Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action, and RMIT University).

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

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@42 Hanson street, Corryong. Check window calendar or social media for updates.

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Youth Space Opening – Rescheduled until October 25th (due to access difficulties from streetscape)

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Students get a taste of the outback

Corryong College students Seb Rowlinson, Layne Klippel and Zoe McKimmie were three of nine young people who were accepted to participate in the recent Kimberley Cultural Extension Trip program.

Seb reports on the trip:-
On the morning of July 31st, I boarded a plane to Broome, Western Australia and greeted friends I had met just a month prior. As we flew over Uluru, we captured some stunning pictures before arriving at Broome airport around lunchtime. After passing through security again, we removed some layers and sat in an outdoor food court, operating on what the teachers called 'Kimberley time', which essentially meant people arrived when they got there. As a result, we ended up waiting an extra hour for our next plane. When we finally boarded, we sat on the runway for another 40 minutes before taking off for Kununurra.

Upon landing, the pilot was a bit heavy on the brakes!

We hopped into the utes and hit the road, headed for El Questro Station. After a three-hour drive, we arrived in the dark and got dinner ready. The next day, we visited some nearby hot springs, spending the day relaxing. Early the following morning, we packed up camp and were on the road by 5:15am heading to our next stop, Theda Homestead. We found showers there and met a cute dog. Since we were only staying the night, we quickly showered and left the next morning, taking their canoe with us, strapping it down to a drum of helicopter fuel.

Next, we moved on to Carson Station, where we spent four nights at two different campsites. At the first site, we participated in a smoking ceremony before going fishing and visiting an ochre site. Afterwards, we flew by

helicopter to the second campsite, first landing atop some nearby cliffs. We climbed down through the brush to a rock art site, had lunch, then climbed back out the way we came, returning by helicopter. This time, we landed on the beach at the next camp, Windjana Rock, which was surrounded by rock art and located next to the Drysdale River. The river was filled with freshwater fish as well as saltwater and freshwater crocodiles. We spent the day catching fish and mussels straight from the water.

The next day, we started early, climbing into the hills on our right and up to Windjana Rock, where we found some bush tucker to snack on. Around lunchtime, we headed back to our campsite, took the canoe across deep water and clambered up the sandbanks. We then climbed over and through rocks to discover more paintings, including the oldest one, an irregular infill-style kangaroo painting that was 17,500 years old.

We left that campsite the next day. While most of the group walked 6kms back to the old camp where we had left the utes, Dan and I paddled the canoe 8.5 kms down the river, fishing along the way. After departing Carson Station, we participated in a cultural burn-off, lighting the grass as we drove past.

We were headed for the Kulumburu community, our first time seeing others in a week, and found a store there. That night, we hung out at the town's basketball court, meeting local kids before school the next day.

We helped out at the school the following day and returned to the mission where we were staying to find a full bush bull left for us to butcher. We left it out to dry, explored some nearby rock art and found bush nuts. Later, we planned a barbecue.

The next day, we headed for the coast, spending two days resting there before backtracking to the Gibb River Road. We made one last stop at Theda Station for lunch and returned their canoe.

The following week was spent on the road and we could all feel that the trip was nearing its end. We spent two nights at Munurru and from there, it was one night at gorge after gorge, discovering some of the most breathtaking views I'll ever see. After nearly 2,000kms of driving, we found ourselves just outside Derby, visiting an art centre where we met two med students from Perth who help out in the communities.

After visiting one last art centre in Derby, we arrived back in Broome that afternoon, relaxing and finishing up some work.

Two days later, we left the west coast, watching the sunset and thinking about how there's "always good light in Broome."

In other college news, students were the guests of Corryong Health for a celebration, reflection and connection with Aunty Marg Murray and the Mungabareena Aboriginal Corp. The special

occasion honored the rich cultural heritage of the Aboriginal community with a 'Traditional Welcome and Smoking Ceremony'.

Following the ceremony students got to experience a vibrant expression of culture and storytelling through captivating performance by Traditional Aboriginal Dancers, showcasing their rich history and deep connection to the land.

On the sporting front, the following senior students who recently competed at Albury have advanced to the next level:-

- Zoe McKimmie: 1st - 800m & 2nd- 400m
- Gemma McNamara: 2nd - javelin
- Tess Paton: 2nd - 400m
- Mabel Edwards: 2nd - 400m
- Tyson Furness: 1st - javelin
- Quinn Galbraith: 2nd - 1500m
- Ella Grzeschka: 2nd - discus
- Ananda Hyatt: 2nd - high jump
- Charlie Kemp: 1st - 400m, 800m & 1500m
- Jackson McInnes: 2nd - shotput
- Lily McKimmie: 1st - 100m, 200m & shotput
- Madi McKimmie: 1st - high jump & javelin



Zoe McKimmie, Seb Rowlinson and Layne Klippel ready to depart on their adventure.



Students attended a smoking ceremony at Corryong Health.



Students camped in some of Australia's most stunning landscapes.

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Kindergarten Enrolments

3 and 4 year old Kindergarten enrolments are now open for 2025 at our centres in Corryong, Tallangatta, Bellbridge and Walwa.

To enrol, visit our website at: tinyurl.com/2025-enrolments
Or speak to the friendly staff at your local Early Years Learning Centres.

Enrolments close 5pm Friday 8 November.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Council Office Closures

All Council offices will be closed on Friday, 27 September, due to the AFL Grand Final Public Holiday. We will re-open on Monday, 30 September. For Council-related emergencies during the closure, please call 1300 365 222 and follow the prompts to access our after-hours service, available 24/7.



PUBLIC NOTICES

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.

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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.

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

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OPINION PIECE:-

World News Day - Celebrating the role of local journalism

By Andrew Schreyer, Country Press Australia

As we are about to mark World News Day on September 28, it's a fitting moment to highlight the critical role that local journalism plays in sustaining our regional, rural and local communities.

While global headlines often dominate attention, it is the local stories that matter most to the day-to-day lives of people across Australia. Public interest journalism in small towns, rural areas and local communities acts as a lifeline, connecting residents with their local councils, businesses and neighbours in ways that larger media outlets often overlook.

Country Press Australia (CPA) represents more than 230 member newspapers including the Corryong Courier, each of which serves as an essential voice in its community. These publications don't just report the news, they are embedded in the fabric



of local life.

Whether it's covering local elections, holding regional authorities to account or celebrating community achievements, local papers ensure that the concerns and aspirations of their readers are brought to the forefront.

This role is even more crucial as regional, rural, and local communities face their own unique challenges from economic pressures to infrastructure needs.

Public interest jour-

nalism is the cornerstone of a healthy democracy. In a world increasingly overwhelmed by misinformation and sensationalism, local newspapers stand out as bastions of fact-based, reliable news.

At CPA our mission is to uphold the highest standards of journalism while reflecting the true character of the communities we serve.

The rise of social media has undoubtedly revolutionised how

we share and access information but it has also brought with it a troubling surge in disinformation. From deep fakes to viral conspiracy theories, the digital age has made it easier for falsehoods to spread and harder for people to trust the news they consume. Social media's often unregulated content flow leaves many questioning what is real and what isn't, which can harm the very foundations of informed public discourse.

In contrast, the newspapers that make up CPA continue to provide a much-needed antidote to this information chaos. Our journalists work tirelessly to ensure that the news we deliver is accurate, balanced and rooted in the realities of the communities we cover. These local stories are vital, offering context and insight that reflect the true needs and interests of regional, rural, and local Australia.

While media and technology are constantly

evolving, the core mission of local journalism remains unchanged: to inform, to hold the powerful to account and to serve the public good. The 230-plus member newspapers of CPA are committed to this mission, ensuring that the stories and concerns of regional, rural and local communities are not just heard but taken seriously.

In an era of increasing digital noise, local newspapers remain a trusted source of truth. By supporting your local newspaper, you are not only helping to keep your community informed but also supporting the crucial role of public interest journalism in upholding democracy.

Together, we can ensure that facts, fairness, and community spirit continue to guide our regional, rural and local towns towards a brighter future.

(Andrew Schreyer is the president of Country Press Australia and publisher of the Warragul and Drouin Gazette).

New chief to lead energy transformation

The Member for Indi, Helen Haines, has welcomed the appointment by the Australian government of Tony Mahar to his new role as the new Australian Energy Infrastructure Commissioner.

Mr Mahar has extensive experience in rural and regional Australia, most recently as CEO of the National Farmers Federation

(NFF), in this important role.

His role will be to work as an intermediary between farming and regional communities, industry and government to promote leading community engagement practices as Australia transforms its energy system to cheap, clean renewables and modernises its grid to meet growing demand for electricity

from households and businesses.

"I have worked productively with Mr Mahar during his time as the CEO of the NFF on issues like sustainable agriculture facilitators, renewable energy and biosecurity levies," Dr Haines said.

"Last year I worked closely with former AEIC Professor Andrew Dyer, as he undertook an

independent Community Engagement review regarding renewable energy infrastructure developments.

"Alongside Senator David Pocock, I contributed to the terms of reference for this review and ensured that Professor Dyer held roundtables in Wangaratta, where he heard firsthand from locals about their experiences with large scale renewable

developers.

"The review made a range of practical, important recommendations and I look forward to once more working closely with Mr Mahar in his new role to ensure they are implemented and that ultimately renewable energy benefits the regional communities that host this infrastructure," Dr Haines said.

MEETINGS

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

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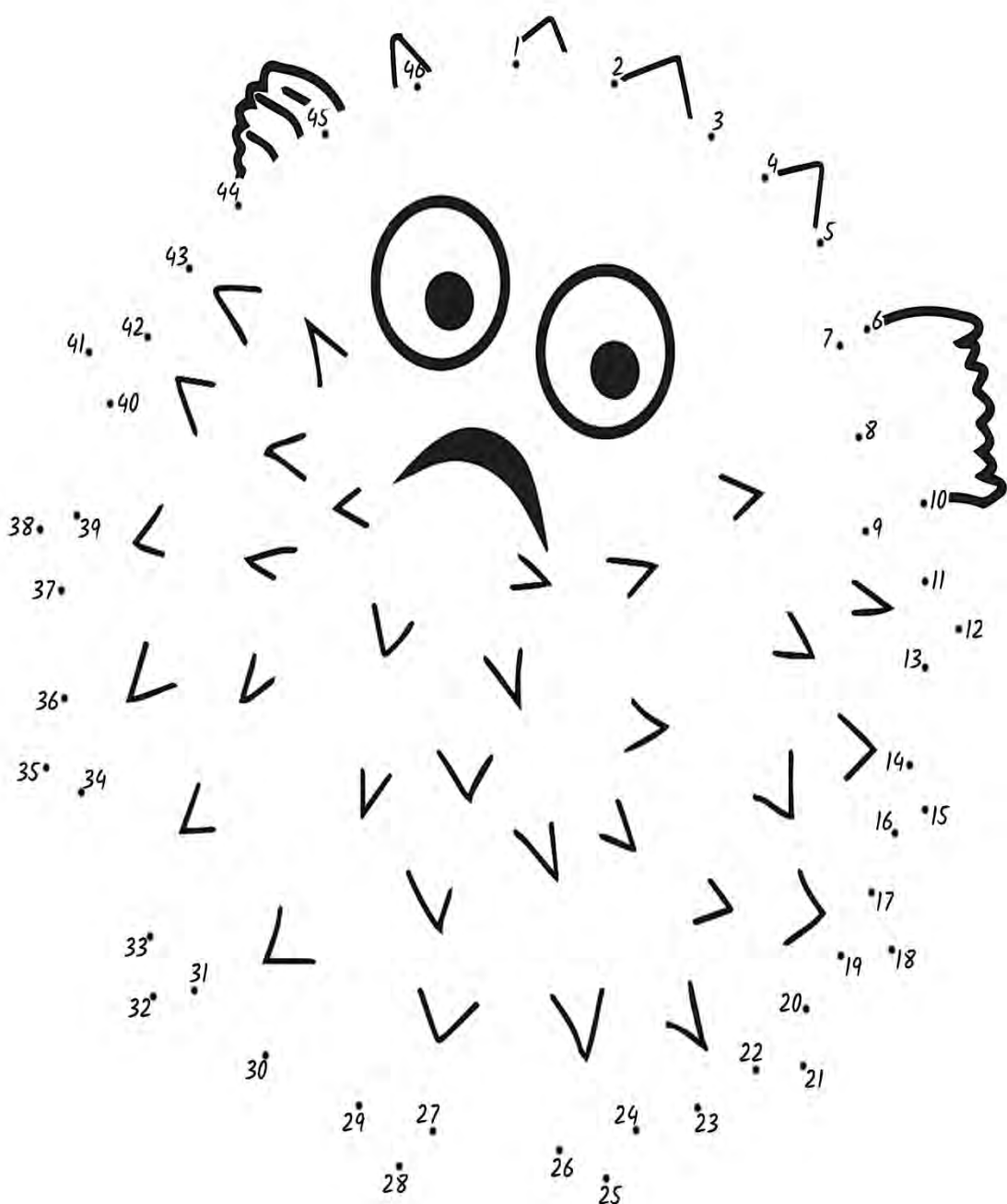
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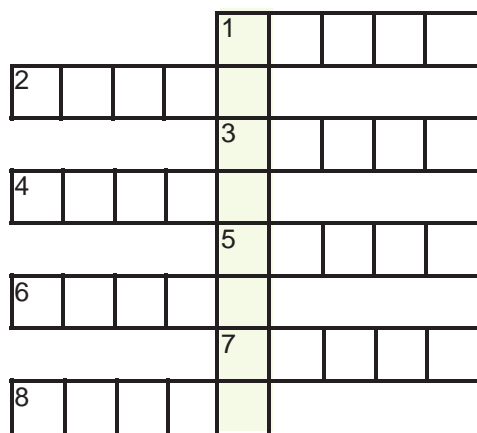


ANSWERS: 1. No point on palette 2. Red guitar 3. Missing roller skate 4. Sun in sky 5. Reader looking up

Junior crossword

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

- 1 A fun TV show which starts with Yo!
- 2 Batman does not find this man very funny
- 3 Australia is known as Down what?
- 4 Ralph Wiggum's dad is called this
- 5 Mr. Baggins the hobbit
- 6 She has a little brother called George
- 7 This girl has a purple plastic purse
- 8 A flying elephant with big ears



ANSWERS: Gabbu, Joker, Under, Chief, Frodo, Peppu, Lilly, Dumbo (GRUFFALO)

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Quiz

- 1 Who invented the telephone?
- 2 What colour is opposite yellow on the colour wheel?
- 3 What type of animal is a shiba inu?
- 4 Who was the US president before Barack Obama (pictured)?
- 5 What sport do the Australian Wallabies play?
- 6 True or false: a strawberry is not a berry?
- 7 The premier of Western Australia is from which political party?
- 8 What colours are used in the Windows logo?
- 9 How many white pieces are there on a chess board?
- 10 What TV series did Ariana Grande star in from 2010-2013?



ANSWERS: 1. Alexander Graham Bell 2. Purple 3. Dog 4. George W. Bush 5. Rugby Union 6. True 7. Labor 8. Red, yellow, green, blue 9. 16 10. Victorious



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Thursday: Corryong - Cudgewa side of Hanson Street (Granya, Bullioh, Murray River Road etc)
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WEEK 1 12/10/24 *	WEEK 13 25/1/25*
Corryong v Khancoban	Cudgewa v Khancoban
Biggara v Cudgewa Nth	Corryong v Biggara
Cudgewa - Bye	Cudgewa Nth - Bye
WEEK 2 19/10/24	WEEK 14 1/2/25
Biggara v Cudgewa	Corryong v Cudgewa
Cudgewa Nth v Corryong	Cudgewa Nth v Khancoban
Khancoban - Bye	Biggara - Bye
WEEK 3 26/10/24	WEEK 15 8/2/25
Cudgewa v Khancoban	Cudgewa v Cudgewa Nth
Corryong v Biggara	Khancoban v Biggara
Cudgewa Nth - Bye	Corryong - Bye
WEEK 4 2/11/24	WEEK 16 15/2/25
Corryong v Cudgewa	Khancoban v Corryong
Cudgewa Nth v K/coban	Cudgewa Nth v Biggara
Biggara - Bye	Cudgewa - Bye
WEEK 5 9/11/24 *	WEEK 17 22/2/25
Cudgewa v Cudgewa Nth	Cudgewa v Biggara
Khancoban v Biggara	Corryong v Cudgewa Nth
Corryong - Bye	Khancoban - Bye
WEEK 6 16/11/24	WEEK 18 1/3/25*
Khancoban v Corryong	Khancoban v Cudgewa
Cudgewa Nth v Biggara	Biggara v Corryong
Cudgewa - Bye	Cudgewa Nth - Bye
WEEK 7 23/11/24	WEEK 19 15/3/25
Cudgewa v Biggara	Cudgewa v Cudgewa Nth
Corryong v Cudgewa Nth	Biggara - Bye
Khancoban Bye	* Matches marked with an asterisk will be played at these venues
WEEK 8 30/11/24	Week 1 12/10/24
Khancoban v Cudgewa	Corryong
Biggara v Corryong	Week 5 9/11/24
Cudgewa Nth - Bye	Cudgewa
WEEK 9 7/12/24 *	Week 9 7/12/24
Cudgewa v Corryong	Khancoban
K/coban v Cudgewa Nth	Week 13 25/1/25
Biggara - Bye	Corryong
WEEK 10 14/12/24	Week 18 1/3/25
Cudgewa Nth v Cudgewa	Khancoban
Biggara v Khancoban	N.B. NO PLAY MARCH 8TH (TOWONG CUP)
Corryong - Bye	FINALS
WEEK 11 11/1/25	Saturday March 22
Corryong v Khancoban	Elimination Final
Biggara v Cudgewa Nth	Saturday March 29
Cudgewa - Bye	Grand Final & Tournament
WEEK 12 18/1/25	
Biggara v Cudgewa	
Cudgewa Nth v Corryong	
Khancoban - Bye	



With the Bias

Results
 Wednesday 15/9/24: Winners - Rohan White-head and John Faci
 Thursday 16/9/24: Winners - Chris Harrison and Janette Rixon (good to see some beginners doing well!).

Upcoming events
 The Men's Championship Pairs is set for Saturday October 5th.
 The Mixed Championship Pairs is scheduled for Sunday October 20th - make sure you get a partner!
 The Ladies Triple Tournament, sponsored by John Hossack Funeral Services and Corryong Pharmacy, is on Tuesday 8th October. We're hoping for a great day and all local bowlers are urged to play. The lunch will be catered for by the Lions Club.
 Our 2024 handbook is now available - get your copy from the clubhouse. Also another reminder for memberships to be paid - pennant competitions begin on October 12th and 15th October - you must be financial to play. Roll on!~ Kitty

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TEE TO GREEN

Welaregang
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Paul Land edged out Kenny Lebner on a countback, both carding 34 points, with Lance Noonan just one shot back. A larger field is expected this Sunday for Round 1 of the Club Championships with tee off at 11 am.

Corryong
The popular Twilight Competition (3 person teams) starts on Tuesday October 22nd (6pm hit-off). Email team nominations to corryonggolf@gmail.com with names and contact details (places filling fast, capped at 10 teams).

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

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)
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

High Country Darts

Results R15
Possum Pointers d 44 Internationals 4-3, Koetong d Biggara 6-1, Tooma Ringers d Bottoms Up 4-3.
Final Ladder
44 I/nationals.....40 133.3
Koetong.....32 133.3
P/Pointers28 101.9
Ringers28 87.5
Biggara.....28 75.0
Bottoms Up.....24 84.2

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

Finals - 1/10/24
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