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TAKING ART TO THE STREETS

Kim Woods

NARRANDERA retail shops are set to be filled with weaving, photography, paintings, air brushing, sculptures and pencil drawings by local artists, showcasing talent to visitors.

The Narrandera Walk In Art Trail project is due to be launched on December 4 at the Narrandera Arts and Community Centre.

Local Community Arts Installation Narrandera facilitator Tracey Lewis said the project was a celebration of local artists.

"I can't wait to see the walls and floors of the arts centre filled with amazing works," she said.

The project will see works of all mediums and from visual artists aged from 12 years and up eventually installed in Narrandera shops, with support from Western Riverina Arts and Narrandera Shire Council.

Tracey Lewis with a charcoal drawing by 17-year-old artist Annika Tye, who is in Year 12 at Narrandera High School and will be one of the artists featured in the Art Trail. Photo: Kim Woods.

"Within the town there are limited opportunities for young artists," Ms Lewis said.

"This initiative will bring emerging and established artists together by prominently exhibiting and selling their work in shop windows along Narrandera's beautiful tree lined main street, creating interest for visitors and locals."

The exhibition includes dot paintings and didgeridoos by established local indigenous artists plus book author Jane Carter.

The exhibition launch will be held on Friday, December 4 at 6pm (with registrations on Eventbrite.com.au for a free ticket) to a background of music by local musicians.

Grant funding of \$3000 was received for framing with all works framed by John Prior, Narrandera, while QPL Rural and Narrandera Shire Council have helped with the Art Trail booklets.

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November – 16.4mm
2020 total – 570.8mm



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Flood works for Newell

THE NSW Nationals in Government's unprecedented investment in the 2020/21 Budget will see a boost for the Cootamundra electorate with safer roads, more efficient freight networks, better connections and local jobs.

Member for Cootamundra Steph Cooke said the Government's record \$33 billion transport budget would drive projects that will serve our communities for years to come.

"Transport and roads infrastructure is so important for our communities, and I am pleased there will be such a substantial investment both in the Cootamundra electorate and in the surrounding regions," Ms Cooke said.

"These projects will help our food and fibre get to markets quicker, create jobs in our communities and make travel safer for everyone."

In the Cootamundra electorate, five new overtaking lanes will be built on the Newell Highway – two at Marsden north of West Wyalong, two at Alleena and one at Mirrool, both south of West Wyalong.

A further \$7.1 million is being invested for planning and construction of Newell Highway Flood mitigation.

"The Cootamundra electorate is also set to benefit from a share in accelerated funding for Fixing Local Roads with a total of \$312 million to repair, maintain and seal the roads our communities use every day across NSW," Ms Cooke said

This year's Budget also accelerates \$108 million towards the Fixing Country Bridges program to replace old timber bridges.

Ms Cooke said along with the investment in regional roads the NSW Government is improving public transport right across regional NSW, with accessibility and safety upgrades at Cootamundra and Junee stations soon under way under the Transport Access Program.

These upgrades will make it easier for all customers, including people with a disability, to access public transport services at these stations.

Vouchers to boost tourism

RESIDENTS will be given \$100 worth of digital vouchers to be used at eateries and on arts and tourism attractions across NSW.

Member for Cootamundra Steph Cooke said the vouchers were part of a flagship \$500 million program to help business, stimulate the State's economy and support local jobs.

"So many of our small businesses have had an incredibly difficult year and these vouchers will hopefully give them the boost they deserve," Ms Cooke said.

"It's also a wonderful opportunity for everyone to enjoy themselves after this tough time.

"I am hopeful we will see people visiting our beautiful region and making the most of these vouchers, as well as locals continuing to support the businesses they love."

Every NSW resident aged 18 and over will be eligible for four \$25 vouchers worth \$100 in total – with the program designed to encourage people to spend multiple times to support their local businesses.

Two vouchers can be used for eating in at venues such as restaurants, cafes, clubs and other food service venues, and two vouchers can be used for entertainment and recreation, such as cultural institutions, performing arts, cinemas, and amusement parks.

Service NSW will operate a pilot of the scheme throughout December in the Sydney CBD before launching Out & About across NSW in the new year.

Vouchers will not be redeemable for tobacco, alcohol or gambling. For more information, visit www.nsw.gov.au.

Council support for Spirit FM

NARRANDERA District Community Radio will benefit from a donation of \$3840 due to hardships caused by the pandemic.

Narrandera Shire Council resolved to make the donation from either the Mayor and general manager's donations allocation.

Without the financial support, Spirit FM indicated services may be reduced.

Narrandera District Community Radio Station secretary Sue Ruffles said the station relied on sponsorships and memberships to meet costs.

She said limited volunteers were able to assist with fundraising events and businesses were hesitant to become sponsors due to their reduced incomes during COVID.

"The hourly news and sport announcements cost the station \$320 per month," she said.

Ms Ruffles said the \$3840 would cover the cost of the news/sport for a year.

Your say: Letters to the Editor

Renew Narrandera

EDITOR; RENEW NARRANDERA is the voice of a group of residents concerned for the best interests of our town and the victims of Council's maladministration.

The debate about Council's, and the Office of Local Government failures must be drawn back to the issues and how best to address them.

Problem resolution requires first and foremost the recognition of the fact that we have problems, we can cover them up, ignore them, or just pretend they don't exist.

That said, to all detractors let's put this to the test. If anyone doubts the veracity of the claims you are invited to contact me, make an appointment and you can view the evidence or meet the victims and view their evidence.

At that juncture even the most cynical of detractors will have to support the good people of our town in our call for an independent non-political enquiry that will view the evidence and assess the facts and act on the findings.

– **Stuart Davies**
(Advocate)

Easy to be armchair warrior

EDITOR; The subject of this letter is the ongoing, uninformed chatter about the dealings of Narrandera Shire Council, much without the personal involvement, and therefore an incomplete perspective.

It is so easy to be an armchair warrior, to rail at people that seem to be troublemakers in the community, to the point where some follow through with a letter to the Editor, anonymously, such is their resolve.

They will create a noise, but won't put their name on it.

Again, Council have matters (plural) that can only be resolved by an independent arbiter, with prosecutorial powers.

Council's refrain, that all these matters have been resolved by internal scrutiny, does not wash.

Had that truly been the case, then the people would be witnessing a major shakeup within and without Council. That has not been the case.

The nature of these matters, include criminal or illegal acts, and will not go away with the usual 'move along. There's nothing to see here.'

I am available to discuss these matters with people of the town.

– **Jeff Turner**

Hot days hit

Kim Woods

SUMMER has begun with a vengeance as Narrandera sweltered through temperatures peaking at 40.8 degrees last week.

And, another heatwave is in store with today (Thursday) forecast to be 37 degrees, 40 degrees for Friday, peaking at 43 degrees on Saturday, 40 degrees for Sunday and 38 for Monday.

Last Friday reached a top of 40.2 degrees, Saturday 40.8 and Sunday 39.4 before a cool change brought relief at 27.3 degrees and thunderstorms.

The highest temperature recorded in November at Narrandera is 43 degrees in 1980.

The average temperature this month has been 30.8 degrees, above the long-term average of 28.1 degrees.

A stop harvesting advice was issued to growers in the MIA district on November 19 and 22.

A weather front swept through the region on the weekend bringing with it lightning strikes which caused a fire near Coolamon destroying 100ha of crop.

Farmers were quickly onto the scene, along with the Rural Fire Service and two graders from Coolamon Shire Council were used to contain the blaze.

The Bureau of Meteorology has recorded 570.8mm at the Narrandera airport for the year – compared to 234.6mm for the same period last year.

A total of 8.8mm fell on Monday while the average rainfall for Narrandera to November is 403.5mm.

Soroptimist scholarship

YEAR 12 students and those already studying at tertiary level are invited to apply for the Soroptimist Scholarship for 2021.

The Scholarship is for \$1500 for tertiary education studies and is available to any student, male or female, from the Narrandera Shire who is studying a tertiary course or has an application for tertiary studies in 2021.

Applications close at 5pm, Friday, December 4, 2020. No consideration will be given to late applications.

Interviews will be held at the convenience of the committee and before the start of the University and TAFE year.

Scholarship funds will be made available upon the successful applicant confirming their offer.

Applications are available from the Narrandera Library, email: sinarrandera@siswp.org or message on Facebook @SoroptimistNarrandera.

Helping Can Assist

CANCER patients in the Narrandera Shire have been given a helping hand with financial assistance granted to Can Assist.

Narrandera Shire Council resolved to provide financial assistance to Narrandera Can Assist by absorbing the travel costs of clients through the Narrandera Leeton Community Transport service.

In March, the community transport service offered to provide financial assistance to Can Assist to ensure residents could attend medical appointments.

This assistance amounted to \$289 and for the current financial year, \$550.

The cost is funded through Health Related Transport grant funding.

Deputy general manager corporate and community Martin Hiscox said Narrandera Can Assist provided an invaluable service to residents through the provision of emotional and financial support for clients to attend medical appointments.

"Due to the pandemic, Narrandera Can Assist had to suspend fund raising activities and was not able to pay for client transport costs," Mr Hiscox said.

Council endorsed to pay \$289 for the 2019-2020 financial year and ongoing assistance until Narrandera Can Assist is able to restart fund raising.

Fresh faces step up

FOUR community members have been appointed to the Narrandera Domestic Violence Advisory Committee.

Due to the resignation of committee members Bev Hughes, Veronica Barry and Iris Schofield, Council invited community members to nominate to join the committee.

They are Leigh Mathieson, Kristy McDuff, Sue Ruffles and Tiffany Thornton.

Council has allocated a budget of \$3000 to Domestic and Family Violence Expenses, with \$500 allocated to the committee.

Cr Narelle Payne said it was pleasing to see a young male appointed to the committee to get a different perspective.

Donations roll in for hampers

Kim Woods

THE generosity of local business houses and residents will enable Christmas food hampers to be distributed to the needy in the Narrandera Shire.

Narrandera Meals on Wheels appealed for donations for the hampers with QPL Rural immediately tipping in \$100 and individuals \$20 each, resulting in 15 hampers so far.

Coordinator Sonya Hammer said the \$20 donations bought a box full of non-perishable groceries enabling a family to have a festive meal.

These included pasta sauce, tuna, Christmas pudding, tea and coffee, baked beans, diced tomatoes, canned fruit, shortbread, spaghetti, fruit cake, ham, rice, dressing, crisps and lollies.

“This is a new partnership between Meals on Wheels and Food Bank giving hampers to our clients,” Mrs Hammer said.

“We have 50 clients in Narrandera plus we deliver to Barellan and Grong Grong.

“To qualify as a client, people must be 65 years and older, and want to remain in their home independently, or 50 years and older for Aboriginal people.

“Referrals are made through My Aged Care and we can help people with that process.”

In the past six months, Narrandera Meals on Wheels have sold 357 chicken parmigiana and 859 braised steak and onion dishes, and dished up a staggering 39,000



Store person Kelly Bamblett and coordinator Sonya Hammer with the Meals on Wheels and Foodbank Christmas hampers. Photo: Kim Woods.

meal items.

Meals are delivered from Narrandera to Leeton, Griffith, Murrumbidgee, Temora, Young, The Rock, Henty, Holbrook, Lavington, Albury, Hay, Hillston and Wentworth.

“We are getting organised for Christmas and trying to make it a little cheerier for our clients,” Mrs Hammer said.

“If we could distribute 30 to 40 boxes that would be fantastic but it really does depend on the community donations.

“Donors can contact us for a bank account number or attend our office Monday to Friday from 9am-1pm.”

Orders are being taken for glazed ham and turkey breast served with gravy and vegetables for \$6.20 and frozen berry cheesecake for \$2.70 as a Christmas meal.

Mrs Hammer said a training package for volunteers had been developed by NSW Meals on Wheels Association and would be implemented in the New Year to win back volunteers lost during COVID.

Koala Count lauded

NARRANDERA'S annual koala count has been held up by Federal Environment Minister Sussan Ley as a shining example for the planned national census.

The \$2 million national count is part of a new \$18 million commitment from the Federal Government and will identify koala habitat areas and establish an annual monitoring program.

Ms Ley said the koala count at Narrandera involved volunteers supervised by National Parks and Wildlife reporting and counting the animals.

“And there are other ways of doing it but that's the practical approach that I'm looking to complement the work of our scientists and experts,” she said.

“We love our local koalas, but we just don't have the big picture so part of the announcement is all about a national koala census.”

Ms Ley said there were challenges of urban planning when it comes to koalas.

“One of their biggest threats is actually dogs and cars, and there's also disease and we live where they live,” she said.

The landmark koala package will include funding for health research and medical support, as well as the restoration of key habitat sites through on-ground actions such as revegetation, weed control, fencing, managed grazing and tailored fire planning and implementation.

Minister Ley said the koala audit would help direct Commonwealth, state and private funding to where it will achieve the most good for the species.

Annual reporting on koala populations and conservation strategies will become a manda-

tory agenda item at Meetings of National Environment Ministers and a range of techniques will be employed from scat monitoring to drone and acoustic surveys, detector dogs and citizen science surveys.

Emeritus Professor Helene Marsh, Chair of the Threatened Species Scientific Committee said that despite their iconic status, there is still much to learn about koalas in different parts of their range.

“State and territory agencies, researchers and community groups are collecting much valuable information but there are still gaps and there is a need for national coordination and reporting,” Prof Marsh said.

“This funding boost will build on these efforts, to give us a much better picture on population numbers and trends, in turn enabling us to better target our conservation effort.”

From the funding package, a further \$2 million will be invested in koala health research and veterinary support, tackling challenges such as Chlamydia and other diseases that are second only to car strikes in the normal causes of koala mortality recorded in veterinary hospitals.

The remaining \$14 million will help restore impacted koala habitat in both bushfire and non-bushfire affected areas and provide targeted funding for koala habitat in northern NSW and southern Queensland.

The NSW Premier and Deputy Premier scrapped the new SEPP, reverted to the old SEPP, and agreed to sit down with farmers to develop a new policy to protect koalas and the interests of farmers.

Call to identify health gaps

NARRANDERA has joined Leeton in a push to identify gaps in the health and hospital services in the region.

Narrandera Shire Council Mayor Neville Kschenka told councillors concerns had been raised in the region, particularly around ambulance services.

Cr Kschenka said the concerns were not staff related but patient transport was taking ambulances out of action.

He asked the Council to make a submission to the inquiry called by the NSW Legislative Council into health outcomes and access to health and hospital services in rural, regional and remote NSW.

The inquiry will examine patient experience, wait-times, an analysis of health expenditure in regional NSW, staffing challenges, provision of ambulance services, availability of oncology treatment and palliative care, and the impact of hospital services on indigenous communities.

Cr Kschenka called upon shire residents to make individual submissions to the inquiry.

“If they have any incidents to let us know about, please contact us so we can include it in our submission,” he said.

Leeton Shire Council will be providing a submission to the inquiry with a view to ensuring regional communities have fair access to quality health services.

Leeton Shire is seeking feedback from the community about personal experiences and thoughts for all health-related services.

Mayor Paul Maytom said feedback would help identify any common needs, areas of strength and any gaps in services required to meet the Shire's health needs.

“It is vital people who live in rural, regional and remote areas such as ours have comparable health outcomes and access to health and hospital services to those who live in metropol-

itan areas,” Cr Maytom said.

“This is an important opportunity for residents to have their views heard by a parliamentary committee and for the committee to gather valuable information on health and patient outcomes experienced here.”

There is an online engagement portal at haveyoursay.leeton.nsw.gov.au with the deadline for feedback extended from November 22 to 5pm today (November 26).

Leeton Shire also held a public engagement session on November 23 with a second one at the Roxy Theatre today at 1pm.

Mayor Maytom said the inquiry would not conduct investigations or reviews of individual cases.

Specific concerns about individual experiences can be raised with the NSW Health Care Complaints Commission on 02 9219 7444.

Individuals can make their own submissions to the inquiry by December 13.

Pool entry slashed

REDUCED gate prices have been offered to swimmers by Narrandera Shire Council due to the delayed access to the \$5.8 million upgrade at Lake Talbot Water Park.

The Park will be opened in stages as each of the pool areas are complete.

Due to the shorter season and limited access to some areas during the staged opening, Council will be reducing the gate admission (a 50 per cent saving until 23 January 23) and season pass (50 per cent saving).

Day passes (until January 23) are: Children under 3 are free, Senior Citizens and non-swimmers \$1 and Swimmers \$2.

Season passes: Single \$55; Family \$125, Small Family (eg. single parent with two chil-

dren) \$75.

The eastern part of the facility will open to the public including the BBQs, water slides, the kiosk, top changerooms, Olympic and middle pools on December 12.

The new splash park will become accessible for everyone to enjoy on December 23.

The final area on the western side of the facility will be opened on January 22, including the toddler pool, bottom changerooms, plantroom roof area, bottom enabled gate, accessibility pathway and ramps.

During stage one and two there will be limited disability access. The access will be at the top entrance with some stairs involved, while only the top changerooms will be available for use.

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A HIGH achiever in his academic and professional life, the late Michael Dominic Galluzzo made a considerable contribution to the welfare of Aboriginal people and was a champion of remote communities in Australia and overseas.

Michael was born on May 23, 1986 at the Narrandera Hospital to loving parents Joe and Jean Galluzzo and the youngest brother to Tony, Roseanne and Angela.

Starting from a young age he was a natural born leader as the first Aboriginal School Captain in primary school and continued on to become a State SRC rep, State Debater, National Youth Roundtable selectee, Aboriginal National Youth Committee member and an invited participant with the then Prime Minister Kevin Rudd and other high school students from across the country to participate in the youth summit.

Being a dedicated student and community champion Michael received many awards and accolades. He received a 2003 NSW NAIDOC High School Scholarship, the Narrandera High School Year 12 third Dux award

and the prestigious Charles Allan Seymour Hawker Memorial Scholarship.

After Year 12, Michael made the big move to Canberra to fulfil his dream of gaining a Bachelor of Law/Bachelor of Arts degree. It was in Canberra where the boy from Narrandera really started to find his passion in advocating for the disenfranchised including remote Aboriginal communities and other minority groups.

Michael made the most of his new life as a uni student and didn't let studying a double degree stop him from experiencing all that uni life had to offer.

Michael continued his leadership roles as Student Union President, National Student Union committee member, setting up charity organisations to support remote Aboriginal communities and undertaking volunteer work with Australian Volunteers International – working to support and improve the conditions for families and children in remote and isolated villages in Indonesia, India and South Africa.

Although he didn't seek it, Michael

was awarded the ACT Australia Day Youth of the Year Award. He may not have won the National award but he brought attention to the many causes and plights he was an advocate for.

Nearing the completion of his degrees Michael was ready to tackle the world. Committed to making a difference, he began working at Reconciliation Australia to help bridge the gap for Aboriginal communities. His most cherished moment was being a part of "The National Apology".

His work with Aboriginal Peoples didn't end there, he then went on to work with the Healing Foundation in 2011 where he worked tirelessly to support Stolen Generation survivors and their descendants.

Michael embraced a new home in Melbourne, started a new job with Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) and continued with his love for musicals.

In Melbourne, his volunteer career really took off and he became an active and dedicated member of Rotaract and Rotary. Michael was proud of his presidency of both clubs and the opportunity to lead change.

In Melbourne Michael met the love of his life, Franco, and got engaged in September 2017 before Franco tragically passed away at the young age of 32. Michael was much loved by Franco's family in Bulacan, Philippines.

Culture was important to Michael, both his Aboriginal (Wiradjuri) and Italian heritage. He travelled to Italy many times to his father's home town of Cinquefrondi in Calabria, Southern Italy.

He caught the travel bug early on starting with a trip with friends in high school to the Australian Outback. He travelled and experienced the world's beauty and many cultures, visiting close to 30 countries and seeing more of Australia through his work, going through a number of passports.

With his extensive travelling knowledge, love of world cuisines, family recipes and working with community, together with his two sisters, Michael started a new venture – Kitos in Wagga.

Michael lived a short life but he made sure to live every day to the fullest. He accomplished so much and made a huge impact on everyone he met and was always willing to give a hand and go that extra mile.



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Lil Mills scholarship

NARRANDERA Rotary Club is once again offering the Lil Mills Scholarship of \$1500 for 2021.

As students leave home and embark on the next stage of their life, they are often faced with many new financial expenses not previously encountered.

This can include things like living expenses, board, text books, transport expenses and course fees to name just a few.

The purpose of the Rotary Scholarship is to assist these students to make the transition in their first year.

To be eligible, students must be completing their last year of formal schooling, reside in Narrandera Shire and be planning to embark on some form of Tertiary Studies through a University, TAFE, apprenticeship within the next 12 months.

The Scholarship is in memory of Lil Mills, a local woman who worked tirelessly for the community through a number of voluntary organisations.

Growing up on a farm, Lil always wanted to be a teacher but due to the economic climate at the time and rural isolation, she was unable to follow this dream.

Application forms are available from Narrandera High School, Close Pharmacy and Narrandera Bendigo Bank.

Closing date for applications is Friday, December 11, 2020 and interviews will be conducted on Wednesday, February 3, 2021.

November on the Rotary Calendar is Foundation Month. The best way to support the foundation is to become a Centurion. \$2 a week is all it takes and that way adds up to \$100 per annum.

Some members pay \$100 at the start of the Rotary year in July. Narrandera has several Centurions in the Club

The funds are paid to the Australian Rotary Foundation Trust, going either to Polio Plus or the Annual Fund at our discretion.

To many, \$100 is not a major commitment but collectively it represents a major contribution to the Foundation. When funds are directed to the Annual Fund 50 per cent will come back to our District as District Designated Funds.

– Jenny Clarke, Public Image

Inspiring all with HerCanberra

Liz Lawrence

FOUNDER of HerCanberra, Amanda Whitley is one of Canberra's best-known entrepreneurs and the University of Canberra alumna.

The former Narrandera woman provides huge inspiration with her innovative outlook, resilience and hard work.

Amanda is a woman who has learnt to adapt to the ebbs and flows of the media industry where change is inevitable and resilience, innovation and hard work are mandatory.

She did her work experience at the *Narrandera Argus* while attending Narrandera High School and is the daughter of Margaret Whitley and the late Michael Whitley, a returned ex-serviceman and former president of the Narrandera Ex-servicemen's Club.

Amanda juggles family commitments with a burgeoning business.

It was during a difficult period when her second-born daughter Sophia was premature and she could no longer work as a communications director at the Australian Public Service that she began volunteering with a small-but-growing website, and formed an online friendship with the site's editor Mia Freedman.

That website was Mamamia, which expanded in recent years, evolving into Australia's largest independent women's media group.

Amanda was ready for new challenges and realised Canberra did not have an online community for women and so HerCanberra was born.

By 2011, HerCanberra was operating out of Amanda's home, creating an inclusive digital community for women in Canberra.

The online magazine focused on a wide range of issues impacting women quickly found a previously untapped market.

HerCanberra grew into one of Canberra's leading lifestyle media brands and when COVID-19 changed the media landscape in 2020 Amanda drew on both her upbringing and experience to come up

with a practical solution.

Business at HerCanberra was booming until the pandemic struck this year, forcing HerCanberra mainstays such as event promotions to be curtailed. This resulted in a significant downturn in the business, as it did most media organisations at this time.

Amanda stepped back from the day-to-day running to take up a position as the Deputy Information coordinator for the ACT Government's COVID-19 response, managing the public information campaigns, social media channels and website.

Her decision to work outside HerCanberra ensured the survival of the business, with the website continuing with an audience that relies on its content more than ever in these uncertain times.

"I feel incredibly fortunate I have been given an opportunity to step into an important role which allows me to give back to my community in a different way, while relieving financial pressure on the business and also giving the HerCanberra team a chance to put their own stamp on the brand."

Growing up in the small country town of Narrandera she always wanted to write for magazines, but didn't get the required score to get into journalism.

Not to be deterred she began studying a degree in General Communications, moving to Public Relations at the end of her first year.

After looking at several universities that had Communication courses, she decided on the University of Canberra and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Communication, specialising in Public Relations.

Her first job out of university was at a fashion and PR agency in Sydney, promoting high profile brands such as Ray-Ban and Redken but it wasn't for her and she ended up moving to Griffith to be



Amanda Whitley. Photo supplied.

nearer to her family after her father was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis.

Amanda became a driving force in marketing with Riverina Citrus, an organisation that represented around 450 citrus growers. She ran national marketing campaigns, lobbied politicians, and effectively ensured the product was being sold in supermarkets around Australia.

This five-year period proved to be pivotal, as she entered the next phase of her life as an Australian Public Service Communications Director back in Canberra, before embarking on the journey that would lead to one of the most successful media stories to emerge from the ACT – HerCanberra.

The success of HerCanberra has brought many accolades for Amanda. She was awarded the title of ACT Woman of the Year in 2016 and was named one of the '100 Years, 100 Great Women' by UN Australia, for making a difference to Canberra.

Youth step up advocacy for more mental health services

Ivy Longmire

NARRANDERA youth continue to advocate for the need of mental health services and facilities within the Shire.

Following interviews with local Narrandera High School students, it is clear the need for these services and facilities is an important issue in this town and region.

For students undertaking their Higher School Certificate examinations, stress is a common concern to them and other students.

Feelings of frustration, apprehension and tiredness are becoming more common.

"The environment is not as happy as it could be, so learning does not go as well as it could," one Year 12 student indicated.

The pressure and stress from teachers and family to perform well is increasing, in particular during exam time and on top of the coronavirus, the ability for students to learn has been impaired significantly.

Student interviewees agreed it has been harder to learn from home than at school, as it has been challenging to adapt their learning to a new virtual environment. It has caused them to miss out on events and experiences that previous year 12 students have had.

These contributing factors have all made this year extremely stressful and challenging.

Local students believe mental health facilities and services located in Narrandera are needed, especially to reduce exam-related stress. It will give easy access for people in the Narrandera Shire to seek mental health advice, instead of travelling to neighbouring townships for these consultations.

"There is a need to express and talk

about mental health without barriers, like travel and we need to be able to talk to someone directly and easily in Narrandera," one student said.

It is agreed, there is an urgent need for specialist mental health professionals who could help students to manage school-related stress and anxiety by individual consultations or group workshops.

Narrandera Youth Advisory Councillor Mayor Braden Lyons, Youth Advisory Councillor Deputy Mayor Wesley Bamblett, and Youth Councillor Madeline Fraser also agree the need for local people to access these facilities and services locally.

The Youth Advisory Council plans to hopefully initiate the development of these facilities by contacting the Member for Cootamundra Steph Cooke, lobbying for grants and funding, and having community involvement.

"What we want to see is permanent mental health facilities for the whole town to go there, whenever they want, no shame and stigma," Youth Cr Lyons said.

The Youth Advisory Council wants these facilities to be welcoming, a place where people will not be judged.

One Youth Councillor said female and male therapists would be needed for those who do not feel comfortable talking to the other sex.

Workshops specialising in certain mental health areas, such as managing anxiety, would be beneficial. Youth Cr Fraser said having mentors who have experienced certain events will help.

"It will benefit young people. We have seen in this town before, where young people have struggled and have sadly taken their life," Youth Cr Lyons said.

Malleefowl monitor

THE Malleefowl is a member of the family of birds called megapode, which means "great footed".

Malleefowl have powerful feet for building mounds and moving twigs and litter. Instead of incubating its eggs like other birds it uses the heat of this giant "compost heap" to incubate its eggs.

The Brush Turkey which lives in wetter areas can make a nuisance of itself by building a mound out of the garden is also a megapode.

Unlike the Brush Turkey, the Malleefowl is found in remote hot dry areas of bush called Mallee Woodland where it probably uses the heat of the sun as well as the heat created by decomposing vegetation.

It certainly does not make a nuisance of itself. Mallee woodland is found north and north west of Narrandera.

The Malleefowl has declined in number greatly in recent years probably due to predation of eggs and chicks by foxes and cats and competition for food by goats and other grazers.

In order to work out what we have remaining so protective measures can be put in place Local Land Services has initiated a Mound Monitoring Program over the next five years.

This involves volunteers walking through the mallee to previously located and marked mounds and taking various observations including checking of recent scraping and raking by the malleefowl.

Walking through the mallee can be challenging: it can be thick with strangle vine or closely spaced trees and it looks the same in every direction.

Volunteers mark their cars before setting off so they can find it again and set off to a GPS marked mound. Despite the tough dry conditions, the mallee is diverse with many flowering plants putting on a great display including terrestrial orchids.

Some teams lost their cars, some teams saw malleefowl at work (often a once in a lifetime sighting) and some teams were at risk of sleeping outside that night.

Most teams had a great time bushwalking through mallee with purpose and a sense of achievement.

– Nella Smith



Local Land Services has initiated a Mound Monitoring Program over the next five years. Photo supplied.



NSW Treasury Have your say - property tax reform



The NSW Government wants your feedback on proposed changes to the property tax system.

The Government is considering a once in a generation change of giving home buyers the choice to pay either stamp duty and land tax (where applicable) or a new annual property tax. This change could put money back into the pockets of NSW residents when taking the significant financial step of buying a home.

This change could also provide a critical economic boost at the time we need it the most, injecting \$11 billion over four years into the economy providing much needed stimulus in the current downturn.

Tell us what you think.

Visit haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au/nsw-property-tax-proposal to help us shape these proposed changes to deliver the maximum benefit to our state and its people.

Coolamon Cheese aims for lactose-free brie

COOLAMON *Liz Lawrence*
ARTISAN cheesemaker Coolamon Cheese Co's brie has won an international award offered by Hyundai Australia.

Hyundai announced in August it would be giving its 2020 advertising budget to three small businesses who needed it more, and artisan cheesemaker Coolamon Cheese Co is the first company to receive this generous offer.

The Take a Load Off award was especially welcome in a year that has thrown a number of difficult obstacles at small businesses such as Coolamon Cheese, which had to close their main public-facing venue due to COVID-19.

General manager Keiran Spencer told Business Insider Australia its cheesemaking, cheese tasting and cheese tour revenues were lost and many wholesale customers running cafes/restaurants were gone.

Revenues from farmer's markets and food festivals also went.

On top of that, successive seasons of drought reduced cafe and restaurant trade from a local perspective.

"COVID-19 had an undeniable impact on our business as it has with other businesses, including the businesses that buy from us. It is by far the biggest impact on trade in all departments," Mr Spencer said.

"Retail and wholesale sales were down by up to 92 per cent during COVID restrictions. Many of our wholesale customers had to close their doors during those restrictions. This had a flow-on effect to our wholesale revenue."

During the process the company had to outsource its cafe/restaurant and let go its 15 staff members, many of whom were locals, several of whom had been with the business for a number of years since opening.

Coolamon Cheese Co was established in 2015 with qualified microbiologist Barry Lillywhite, the business's founding cheesemaker and Coolamon resident.

With decades of cheesemaking experience under his belt, Barry was keen to start an artisan cheese business of his own.

Thanks to the help of June Licorice and Chocolate Factory founder Neil Druce, the pair devised an agritourism venture that included the making of artisan cheese, cheese factory tours, cheesemaking classes, a retail outlet and a cafe/restaurant all within the same facility.

With a grant from the Murray Darling Basin Regional Economic Diversification Program and help from the Coolamon Shire Council, they were able to bring their dream to life in a heritage building on the main street of Coolamon.

Barry is now happily retired but not before handing over the reins to Jennifer Nestor — an experienced artisan cheesemaker from Victoria who was delighted to move to the Riverina.

Winning Hyundai's Take A Load Off competition, a \$52,000 bespoke advertising package taken from Hyundai's own advertising budget, has given Coolamon Cheese access to services they "could only dream of before".

It has also given the business a chance to bring its lactose-free range to the market, a secret weapon that truly separates Coolamon apart from the competition.

Coolamon Cheese was awarded a bronze medal at the World Cheese Awards in Bergamo Italy in 2019 for its lactose-free brie. What makes that feat even more impressive is that the judges had no idea they were tasting lactose-free cheese.

Launching this product into the marketplace by the end of the year is Coolamon Cheese's biggest goal as well as enhancing its reputation as a premium artisan cheesemaker.

With the advertising package in hand the company hopes to become the number one hand-crafted, dairy-based, lactose-free cheese brand in Australia and to expand its ranges in all products, including its lactose-free range.

Funds now flexible for community events

COOLAMON
COOLAMON Shire Council has changed its annual event funding program which supports existing events and promotes the development of new events for the Shire.

Council General Manager Tony Donoghue said the aim of this funding has always been to provide social and economic benefits to the community and its visitors and assist Coolamon Shire to increase levels of visitation by travellers, residents and business people.

In April this year Council resolved to increase the yearly allocation from \$6,000 to \$10,000, with a maximum of \$3,000 per application and no minimum requirement. The event must be held between January 1 2021 to December 31 2021.

"This was a conscious decision at the budget to encourage tourism opportunities on the back of the COVID lockdowns. We thought there would be additional opportunities as people start to get out and about again," said Coolamon Mayor John Seymour.

"We would like to see some of our excellent community events expand on their event and attract additional visitors to town."

A report to Council's November meeting last week suggested some minor changes to the funding guidelines that would help facilitate a broader uptake of this additional funding. These changes are to include:

- Allow first year events to apply for funding, providing that they can adequately establish an ongoing business plan
- Funding is now more flexible and can be spent on items/activities to increase event numbers.



Coolamon Central School students celebrated Book Week recently by dressing up as their favourite book character. Photo supplied.

Remembering lost loved ones

COOLAMON *Liz Lawrence*
IN CONJUNCTION with Coolamon Hospital, the Coolamon Library will have a Christmas tree of Remembrance.

This is an opportunity for community members to include lost loved ones in the festive season. Community members are invited to write a message to their loved one, to include them in the spirit of Christmas.

The message will be hung on the Christmas Tree of Remembrance in their memory. After Christmas, it will be dismantled and a small ritual will be held to honour the memories contained in the messages.

Murrumbidgee Primary Health Network At Home Palliative Care team has prepared a detailed guide for community groups and committees containing all the information and resources a group needs to plan, pro-

mote and set up their own Christmas Tree of Remembrance.

Project Manager Stacey Heer said the festive season could be a particularly challenging time for people managing grief.

"We've developed the Christmas Tree of Remembrance guide to support community groups to undertake this annual activity in their local communities," Ms Heer said.

"Feelings of grief can be exacerbated by the sense of isolation that community members may already be experiencing.

"The Christmas Tree of Remembrance provides people with an opportunity to feel more connected with their community and with those whom they have lost."

Hard copies of the guide have been distributed to LHACs and libraries in the Murrumbidgee. To obtain a copy of the guide, email media@mphn.org.au.

Council to welcome markets

COOLAMON *Liz Lawrence*
COOLAMON Shire Council staff are keen to see more markets held in the shire throughout the year.

Council approved an event application from Foodies Night Markets held in the Coolamon Lions Park in late October and attendee numbers were strong with numbers consistent throughout the evening.

There were eight food vans/stalls and event organisers had an entry point and fencing around the park to ensure COVID-19 safe measures were in place.

measures were in place.

Council staff said the Lions Park worked well for a market location with toilets and playground close by and within the fence area.

Being held on a Tuesday night also did not deter attendees and with many local food vendors not open during the week and evenings, this meant they did not take business away from local shop owners.

However, Council staff suggested a couple of changes to the set-up if approached again to host in the Lions Park.

Proposal for a new hall

MATONG
MATONG'S future was up for discussion, including the potential of a new hall at the sportsground, when the Advance Matong Group met recently.

Chairman Dennis Ashcroft the old hall would be too costly to repair so the group would seek to be given control of the sportsground with a view to applying for a grant.

This would be used to build a new hall with toilets for functions and campers.

"We discussed the war memorial and would like to see it moved to the park to be placed near the Canola Way/Deepwater Road corner facing inwards so Anzac commemorations can be undertaken safely," Mr Ashcroft said.

"We will need to discuss this with the RSL as to funding the removal and consecration."

Mr Ashcroft said Coolamon Shire Council would be approached to update the town signage.

Council to go into recess over January

COOLAMON *Liz Lawrence*
COOLAMON Shire Council will meet on Thursday, December 17 and then be in recess until the third Thursday in February.

Council has in the past considered moving the December meeting around to either avoid harvest or allow staff a more appropriate time to deal with resolutions from the December meeting prior to the Christmas break.

With the December meeting falling on the 17th this year it was thought to be adequate for harvest activities and also allow adequate time for preparation and action on resolutions.

Time for a country change



Country Change is featuring Lockhart as a part of the social media campaign to promote different local government areas in the Riverina every month. Photo supplied.

LOCKHART **Claire Williams**
MATURE aged butcher apprentice Jon Bartolo and his family are the face of Country Change's Lockhart Promotion.

A former truck driver from Penrith, Mr Bartolo and the family relocated to Lockhart after a single visit.

"It was amazing how many boxes this town ticks," he said.

"Removing the pressure to work so many hours gave me time back and cheaper housing has essentially put money back in my pocket."

Country Change is an initiative by Regional Development Australia Riverina to provide support for people interested in relocating to the Riverina.

The campaign profiles the different areas within the Riverina and provides information on employment or business opportunities, career pathways and affordable housing.

Country Change is putting the spotlight on Lockhart as a part of the social media campaign

to promote different local government areas in the Riverina every month.

Mr Bartolo was thrilled to be offered his mature aged apprenticeship at Lockhart Gourmet Meats and his wife, Kathi found work at the local aged care facility, Woodhaven.

The Bartolo family are a prime example of a successful case study for the Country Change initiative.

Country Change project manager Laticia Gibson said Lockhart gained a lot of engagement through social media.

"The Lockhart social media posts tend to get a lot of likes, shares and tagging," Mrs Gibson said.

"A lot of the time people are introduced to the rural areas by contacts on social media."

Country Change also publish an annual magazine as well as monthly newsletter.

The other participating LGA's include, Coolamon, Cootamundra-Gundagai, Greater Hume, Griffith, Junee, Murrumbidgee, Narrandera, Snowy Valleys and Temora.

Lockhart chooses to stay

LOCKHART
LOCKHART Shire Council supports the NSW Electoral Districts Redistribution Panel's draft proposal that its local government area remain in the electoral district of Wagga Wagga.

Lockhart made a submission on the basis the Shire remain wholly within the Wagga Wagga electorate. A total of 41 submissions, including Lockhart Council's, were made by the due date.

Further submissions are now being invited and will be received up until December 9 on the draft determination of

the names and boundaries of electoral districts.

These submissions will be made available for public inspection on the NSWEC's website as soon as practicable after the expiry of the submission period.

During the period December 10 to 23, the NSWEC will receive comments on the submissions made in respect of the draft determination.

The Redistribution Panel will prepare a revised determination of the names and boundaries of electoral districts, having regard to all submissions and comments

on the submissions received. If it is of the opinion that its revised determination will not be significantly different from the draft determination, the Panel will determine the names and boundaries of electoral districts.

If the revised determination be significantly different from the draft determination, a further round of objections and comments will be conducted.

The 93 electoral districts in NSW are under review and the boundaries redrawn if necessary to ensure equal numbers of voters in each district.

Vital program for ageing on offer

LOCKHART
MURRUMBIDGE Primary Health Network is offering a vitality program as a free service to seniors to assist community members to age well.

An information session was held earlier this month at Lockhart Uniting Church.

The program has some eligibility requirements such as being 65 years of age or older,

or 55 years of age for those of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Island descent and a referral from a GP is required to participate.

The program is funded by the MPHN and involves individual sessions with a physiotherapist, dietitian and an occupational therapist.

During these one on one sessions, the clinicians will provide personalised advice on ways to improve physical, nutritional and cognitive reserve.

Future-proof your business

LOCKHART **Claire Williams**
SMALL businesses need to have an up-to-date business plan in place, especially in relation to COVID-19.

This was the message delivered by presenters at a Small Business Month breakfast seminar run by the Lockhart Shire Council in partnership with the Business Enterprise Centre recently at Lockhart Ex-servicemen's Club.

The seminar titled Future Proof Your Business and Build your Brand on Social Media was hosted by BEC consultants and independent business owners Casey Wilson and David Yeates.

"Having a business plan helps identify where the issues are in your business," Mr Yeates said.

Using his business as an example, Mr Yeates expressed the need to have an up to date business plan.

"Even though we already had a business plan, it didn't matter because the whole world has changed and we need to look at how we are going to survive through this pandemic."

"There are a lot of resources available online and the BEC also offer a range of tools and resources to assist with writing a business plan."

"I highly recommend business owners talk to somebody about the doubts you have with your business. Whether it's your business adviser, your bank manager or a friend, find someone to talk to."

"Ask questions and ask people for help. If people are more than willing to help out."

Mr Yeates emphasised the importance of setting a rolling start date for your business during the COVID pandemic.

"We need to set a start date and make it flexible. If the restrictions are lifted early or if they delay, we need to be ready," he said.

He also encouraged business owners to

do as much research as possible.

"Look at trends and industries and you'll start to see where your business sits."

"Look at your business costs to see if you can improve on them and search for funding opportunities through grants."

"Customers and clients are a great resource for information. There is nothing wrong with grabbing a client and asking them 'what would you do better'."

The second half of the seminar, presented by Casey Wilson, focused on business branding through social media.

Using global statistics, Ms Wilson highlighted the opportunities associated with using social media.

"With social media and being online, the biggest thing you need to do is to make sure the information is up to date," she said.

"Ensure you unpublish the accounts you're not using and keep contact information up to date in the ones you are."

"Target markets are different on each platform, so adapt your content to suit your audience."

Ms Wilson said business owners were more likely to maintain posting on social media if they had set goals and objectives.

"If you plan and know what goals you want to achieve through social media you are more likely to continue using the platforms," she said.

"For Facebook and Instagram, you need to be consistent and should be doing three to four posts a week."

To better understand the target market, she suggested building relationships through online groups and interacting with audiences to refine messaging.

"Reply to people's comments on your social media posts and ask questions in your posts for your audience to answer," Ms Wilson said.



Lockhart Bendigo Bank customer relationship officer Mollie Waters, BEC business consultant David Yeates, BEC business consultant Casey Wilson and Lockhart Shire Council human resources manager Nadine Douglas. Photo: Claire Williams.

Podiatry chair for aged

LOCKHART
LOCKHART Shire Council will donate a podiatry chair it owns to the Woodhaven Aged Care facility.

The chair was purchased for the Lockhart Medical Centre in 2006 and used by various doctors who rented the premises.

In April 2008 an arrangement was

entered with Dr Ken Mackey whereby the podiatry chair was rented to him for a monthly fee. However, some time ago the podiatry chair was returned to Council and kept in storage.

Woodhaven Aged Care were approached earlier this year by Council to determine whether that facility could put the chair to better use.

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6:00 News Breakfast [s] **9:00** ABC News [s] **10:00** Australian Story [s] **10:30** Landline Summer [s] **11:00** The Recording Studio [s] **12:00** ABC News [s] **1:00** Hard Quiz (PG) [s] **1:30** Reputation Rehab [s] **2:00** Death In Paradise (PG) [s] **3:00** ABC News [s] **4:10** Father Brown (PG) [s] **5:00** Escape From The City (PG) [s] **6:00** The Drum [s] **7:00** ABC News [s] **7:30** 7.30 [s] **8:00** Scottish Vets Down Under (PG) [s] **8:30** Griff's Great Kiwi Road Trip [s] **9:20** Death In Paradise (M) [s] **10:20** Anh's Brush With Fame (M) [s]

7TWO **2:00** House Of Wellness (PG) **3:00** Million Dollar Minute **3:30** Bright Future (PG) **4:30** Medical Emergency **5:00** Coastwatch Oz (PG) **5:30** Escape To The Country **6:30** Bargain Hunt **7:30** Father Brown (PG) **8:30** Murdoch Mysteries (M) **11:30** Wedding Surprises: Caught On Camera (M) **12:30** The Fine Art Auction (M)

ME **3:30** Mighty Mike **4:15** Odd Squad **4:35** Hank Zipzer **5:05** School Of Rock **5:25** All Hail King Julien **6:00** Dragons: Race To The Edge **6:30** Horrible Histories **7:00** Deadly 60 On A Mission **7:35** Doctor Who (PG) **8:20** Danger Mouse **8:35** Almost Naked Animals **8:45** So Awkward **9:15** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (PG)



6:00 Sunrise [s] **9:00** The Morning Show (PG) [s] **11:30** Seven Morning News [s] **12:00** **Movie:** "Honor Student" (M) ('14) Stars: Josie Loren **2:00** Cheat (M) [s] **3:00** The Chase UK [s] **4:00** Seven News At 4 [s] **5:00** The Chase Australia [s] **6:00** Seven News [s] **7:00** Home And Away (PG) [s] **8:30** The Front Bar: Cricket Show (M) [s] **9:30** The Latest Seven News [s] **10:00** The Amazing Race: You Don't Strike Me As A Renaissance Man/ I'm Not Even Walking, I'm Falling (PG) [s] **12:00** Blindspot: Artful Dodge (M) [s]

7mate **1:00** Ax Men (M) **2:00** Limitless (PG) **2:30** Rides Down Under (PG) **3:30** Life Off Road (PG) **4:00** Al McGlashan's Fish'n With Mates **4:30** Engineering Connections (PG) **5:30** Storage Wars (PG) **6:00** American Pickers (PG) **7:00** Cricket: Women's Big Bash League: Semi Final 2: Teams TBA *Live* Sydney Oval

ME **5:05** Dinosaur Train **5:35** PJ Masks **5:55** Go Jetters **6:25** Hey Duggee **7:00** Sir Mouse **7:30** Spicks And Specks (PG) **8:30** Hard Quiz (PG) **9:00** Mock The Week (M) **9:30** Reputation Rehab (M) **10:00** Superwog (MA15+) **10:25** Finding Joy (M) **10:50** Inside No. 9 (M) **11:20** Doctor Who (PG) **3:40** ABC News Update



5:30 Today [s] **9:00** Today Extra [s] **11:30** NINE's Morning News [s] **12:00** Ellen (PG) [s] **1:00** Desperate Housewives (PG) [s] **3:00** Tipping Point (PG) [s] **4:00** NINE's Afternoon News [s] **5:00** Millionaire Hot Seat [s] **6:00** NINE News [s] **7:00** A Current Affair (PG) [s] **7:30** Paramedics (PG) [s] **8:30** Kings Cross ER (M) [s] **9:30** Chicago Med (MA15+) [s] **10:30** NINE News Late [s] **11:00** Law & Order: Criminal Intent (M) [s] **11:50** Tipping Point (PG) [s] **12:50** 9Honey - Every Day Kitchen [s] **1:00** A Current Affair (PG) [s]

7flix **2:00** Chopped (PG) **3:00** Celebrity Food Fight (PG) **3:30** One Tree Hill (PG) **4:30** The Simpsons (PG) **5:00** Futurama (PG) **5:30** The Simpsons (PG) **6:30** Futurama (PG) **7:00** The Simpsons (PG) **7:30** Modern Family (PG) **8:30** The Mentalist (M) **10:30** Numb3rs (M) **11:30** Bones (M) **12:30** Fringe (M) **4:30** Guy's Big Bite (PG)

ABC NEWS **3:00** ABC News **4:00** Afternoon Briefing **5:00** ABC Newshour **6:00** ABC Evening News **7:00** ABC National News **8:00** ABC News Tonight **8:45** The Business **9:00** The Drum **10:00** The World With Beverley O'Connor **11:00** ABC Nightly News **11:30** 7.30 **12:00** ABC Late News **12:30** Barrie Cassidy's One Plus One



6:00 Headline News [s] **8:30** Studio 10 (PG) [s] **12:00** Dr Phil (PG) [s] **1:00** Jamie's Easy Meals For Every Day [s] **2:00** Entertainment Tonight [s] **2:30** Three Veg And Meat [s] **3:00** Judge Judy (PG) [s] **3:30** Left Off The Map [s] **4:00** Farm To Fork [s] **4:30** The Bold And The Beautiful (PG) [s] **5:00** 10 News First [s] **6:00** WIN News [s] **6:30** The Project (PG) [s] **7:30** Jamie's Quick And Easy Food [s] **8:30** Law & Order: SVU (M) [s] **10:30** This Is Us (PG) [s] **11:30** WIN's All Australian News [s] **12:30** The Project (PG) [s] **1:30** The Late Show (PG)

WIN BOLD **3:00** Bondi Rescue (PG) **3:30** Diagnosis Murder (PG) **4:30** Star Trek: The Next Generation (PG) **5:30** Star Trek: Voyager (PG) **6:30** Bondi Rescue (PG) **7:30** NCIS (M) **8:30** Hawaii Five-O (M) **10:30** Seal Team (M) **12:30** Home Shopping **2:00** NCIS (M) **4:00** Diagnosis Murder (PG) **5:00** Star Trek: Voyager (PG)

Gem **1:00** As Time Goes By (PG) **2:20** Explore **2:25** Antiques Roadshow **2:55** **Movie:** "Heavens Above!" (PG) ('63) Stars: Peter Sellers **5:20** Heartbeat (PG) **6:30** Antiques Roadshow **7:30** Poirot (M) **9:30** The First 48 (M) **10:30** The Price Of Duty (M) **11:30** Heartbeat (PG) **12:35** Antiques Roadshow **1:00** Home Shopping



5:00 CGTN English News **5:15** NHK World English News **5:30** Worldwatch **1:00** PBS Newshour **2:00** The Surgery Ship (PG) **2:55** Great British Railway Journeys (PG) **3:30** Who Do You Think You Are? (PG) **4:30** Joanna Lumley's Greek Odyssey (PG) **5:30** Letters And Numbers **6:00** Mastermind Australia **6:30** SBS World News **7:30** Secrets Of Britain (PG) **8:30** Empire With Michael Portillo (PG) **9:25** Fargo (MA15+) (In English/ Italian) **10:30** SBS World News **11:00** 24 Hours In Police Custody (M)

WIN Peach **1:00** TBA **1:30** The King Of Queens (PG) **2:30** Seinfeld (PG) **3:00** Becker (PG) **4:00** Everybody Loves Raymond (PG) **5:00** Frasier (PG) **6:00** Friends (PG) **6:30** Neighbours (PG) **7:00** Friends (PG) **8:00** The Big Bang Theory (PG) **9:30** Seinfeld (PG) **10:00** Mom (M) **12:00** Frasier (PG) **12:30** Home Shopping

VICELAND **4:15** PBS Newshour **5:15** Noma Australia **5:45** The Joy Of Painting With Bob Ross (PG) **6:15** Alone (PG) **7:05** Jeopardy! (PG) **7:30** NITV News Update **7:35** 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown (PG) **8:30** The Curse Of Oak Island (PG) **9:20** My Penis And Me (MA15+) **10:15** 100 Vaginas (MA15+) **11:10** Addicted Australia (M)

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 27



6:00 News Breakfast [s] **9:00** ABC News [s] **10:00** Outback Ringer (PG) [s] **10:30** Scottish Vets Down Under (PG) [s] **11:00** The Recording Studio (PG) [s] **12:00** ABC News [s] **1:00** Adam Hills: The Last Leg (PG) [s] **2:00** Griff's Great Kiwi Road Trip [s] **3:00** ABC News [s] **4:10** Father Brown (PG) [s] **5:00** Escape From The City [s] **6:00** The Drum [s] **7:00** ABC News [s] **7:30** Gardening Australia [s] **8:30** Vera (PG) [s] **10:00** Mum: June (M) [s] **10:35** ABC Late News [s] **10:50** Gruen (M) [s] **11:25** rage (MA15+) [s]

7TWO **2:00** World's Most Amazing Videos (M) **3:00** Million Dollar Minute **3:30** River Monsters (PG) **4:30** The Real Seachange **5:00** Medical Emergency (PG) **5:30** Escape To The Country **6:30** Bargain Hunt **7:30** Greyhound Racing **8:30** Escape To The Country **9:30** Selling Houses Australia **10:30** Australia's Amazing Homes

ME **3:30** Mighty Mike **4:15** Odd Squad **4:35** Hank Zipzer **5:05** School Of Rock **5:25** All Hail King Julien **6:00** Dragons: Race To The Edge **6:30** Horrible Histories **7:00** Deadly 60 On A Mission **7:35** Doctor Who (PG) **8:25** Good Game Spawn Point **8:45** Voltron: Legendary Defender (PG) **9:10** Fruits Basket **9:35** Degraassi: The Next Generation



6:00 Sunrise [s] **9:00** The Morning Show (PG) [s] **11:30** Seven Morning News [s] **12:00** **Movie:** "Heroes' Mountain - The Thredbo Story" (M) ('02) Stars: Craig McLachlan **2:00** Manhunt (M) [s] **3:00** The Chase UK [s] **4:00** Seven News At 4 [s] **5:00** The Chase Australia [s] **6:00** Seven News [s] **7:00** Better Homes And Gardens [s] **8:30** **Movie:** "Fantastic Beasts And Where To Find Them" (PG) ('16) Stars: Eddie Redmayne **11:15** SAS Australia: Uncensored: Courage (M) [s] **12:30** Home Shopping

7mate **1:00** Rides Down Under (PG) **3:00** STIHL Timbersports (PG) **3:30** **Movie:** "Battle For The Planet Of The Apes" (PG) ('73) Stars: Roddy McDowall **5:30** Storage Wars (PG) **6:00** American Pickers (PG) **7:00** Pawn Stars (PG) **7:30** **Movie:** "X-Men: Apocalypse" (M) ('16) Stars: James McAvoy

ME **5:05** Dinosaur Train **5:35** PJ Masks **5:55** Go Jetters **6:25** Hey Duggee **7:00** Sir Mouse **7:30** Spicks And Specks (PG) **8:30** Gruen XL (PG) **9:15** Absolutely Fabulous (PG) **9:45** The IT Crowd (PG) **10:15** The Catherine Tate Show (M) **10:45** Inside No. 9 (M) **11:15** Wasted (MA15+) **11:40** Doctor Who **3:55** ABC News Update



5:30 Today [s] **9:00** Today Extra (PG) [s] **11:30** NINE's Morning News [s] **12:00** Ellen (PG) [s] **1:00** Desperate Housewives (PG) [s] **3:00** Tipping Point (PG) [s] **4:00** NINE's Afternoon News [s] **5:00** Millionaire Hot Seat [s] **6:00** NINE News [s] **7:00** A Current Affair (PG) [s] **7:30** Diana: In Her Own Words (PG) [s] **8:50** **Movie:** "Mary Queen Of Scots" (MA15+) ('18) Stars: Margot Robbie, Saoirse Ronan, Jack Lowden **11:15** **Movie:** "The Game" (M) ('97) Stars: Michael Douglas **1:30** Home Shopping

7flix **2:00** Chopped (PG) **3:00** Modern Family (PG) **4:00** The Simpsons (PG) **4:50** **Movie:** "Diary Of A Wimpy Kid" (PG) ('10) Stars: Rachel Harris **6:40** **Movie:** "Ice Age: Collision Course" (PG) ('16) Stars: John Leguizamo **8:30** **Movie:** "Game Night" (MA15+) ('18) Stars: Jason Bateman **10:40** **Movie:** "Entourage" (MA15+) ('15)

ABC NEWS **3:00** ABC News **4:00** Afternoon Briefing **4:30** Friday Briefing **5:00** ABC Newshour **6:00** ABC Evening News **7:00** ABC National News **8:00** ABC News Tonight **9:00** The Drum **10:00** The World With Beverley O'Connor **11:00** ABC Nightly News **11:30** Close Of Business **12:00** ABC Late News **12:30** Friday Briefing



6:00 Headline News [s] **8:30** Studio 10 (PG) [s] **12:00** Dr Phil (PG) [s] **1:00** The Living Room (PG) [s] **2:00** Entertainment Tonight [s] **2:30** Three Veg And Meat [s] **3:00** Judge Judy (PG) [s] **3:30** Left Off The Map [s] **4:00** Farm To Fork [s] **4:30** The Bold And The Beautiful (PG) [s] **5:00** 10 News First [s] **6:00** WIN News [s] **6:30** The Project (PG) [s] **7:30** The Living Room (PG) [s] **8:30** Have You Been Paying Attention? (M) [s] **9:30** The Graham Norton Show (M) [s] **10:30** Just For Laughs Australia (M) [s]

WIN BOLD **3:00** Bondi Rescue (PG) **3:30** Diagnosis Murder (PG) **4:30** Star Trek: The Next Generation (PG) **5:30** Star Trek: Voyager (PG) **6:30** Bondi Rescue (PG) **7:30** NCIS (M) **8:30** Law & Order: SVU (M) **10:30** Evil (M) **12:30** Home Shopping **2:00** NCIS (M) **4:00** NCIS: Los Angeles (M) **5:00** Jake And The Fatman (PG)

Gem **1:00** Poirot (M) **3:10** **Movie:** "It's All Happening" (G) ('63) Stars: Tommy Steele **5:20** Heartbeat (PG) **6:30** Antiques Roadshow **7:30** Planet Earth II **8:40** **Movie:** "Star Trek 2: The Wrath Of Khan" (M) ('82) Stars: William Shatner **11:10** **Movie:** "Stargate: The Ark Of Truth" (M) ('08) Stars: Michael Shanks **1:00** Home Shopping



5:00 CGTN English News **5:15** NHK World English News **5:30** Worldwatch **1:00** PBS Newshour **2:00** The Point **3:00** NITV News: Nula **3:30** Who Do You Think You Are? (PG) **4:30** Joanna Lumley's Greek Odyssey (PG) **5:30** Letters And Numbers **6:00** Mastermind Australia **6:30** SBS World News **7:30** Scanning The Nile (PG) **8:30** The Wonderful World Of Chocolate (PG) **9:20** 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown (M) **10:15** SBS World News Late **10:45** Country Music: Hard Times (1933 - 1945) (PG)

WIN Peach **1:00** TBA **1:30** The King Of Queens (PG) **2:30** Seinfeld (PG) **3:00** Becker (PG) **4:00** Everybody Loves Raymond (PG) **5:00** Frasier (PG) **6:00** Friends (PG) **6:30** Neighbours (PG) **7:00** Friends (PG) **8:00** The Big Bang Theory (PG) **9:30** Seinfeld (PG) **10:30** Nancy Drew (M) **12:30** Home Shopping **1:30** Charmed (PG)

VICELAND **5:15** From The Ashes: A Fresh Start **5:45** The Joy Of Painting With Bob Ross (PG) **6:15** Alone (PG) **7:05** Jeopardy! (PG) **7:30** NITV News Update **7:35** 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown (PG) **8:30** Hoarders (M) **9:20** Ina Loves Porno (MA15+) (In English/ Finnish) **10:10** Vagrant Queen (MA15+) **11:00** The Feed

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6:00 rage (PG) [s] **7:00** Weekend Breakfast [s] **10:00** rage (PG) [s] **11:00** rage Guest Programmer (PG) [s] **12:00** ABC News [s] **12:30** Pine Gap (M) [s] **1:30** TBA **2:30** The Sound [s] **3:30** Searching For Superhuman: Spark Of Life [s] **4:25** Landline Summer [s] **5:00** Basketball: WNBL: Adelaide v Sydney *Live* From Cairns Pop-Up Arena [s] **7:00** ABC News [s] **7:30** Victoria (PG) [s] **8:20** Shetland (M) [s] **9:20** Endeavour (M) [s] **10:50** Poldark (PG) [s] **11:55** rage Guest Programmer (MA15+) [s]

7TWO **2:00** The Real Seachange **2:30** The Great Australian Doorstep (PG) **3:00** Sydney Weekender **3:30** Creek To Coast **4:00** Weekender **4:30** Building The Dream **6:30** The Yorkshire Vet (PG) **8:30** Escape To The Country **11:30** Peter Andre's 60 Minute Makeover (PG) **12:30** The Fine Art Auction (M) **3:30** Sydney Weekender

ME **3:35** Dragon Ball Super **4:05** Odd Squad **4:35** Hank Zipzer **5:05** School Of Rock **5:25** All Hail King Julien **6:00** Dragons: Race To The Edge (PG) **6:30** The Wonderful World Of Puppies **7:10** The Zoo **7:35** Doctor Who (PG) **8:20** Danger Mouse **8:45** So Awkward **9:15** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (PG) **9:35** Degraassi (PG)



6:00 Home Shopping **7:00** Weekend Sunrise [s] **10:00** The Morning Show - Weekend (PG) [s] **12:00** Surf Patrol [s] **12:30** TBA **2:00** **Movie:** "Oh, Christmas Tree" (AKA "Fir Crazy") (PG) ('13) Stars: Sarah Lancaster **4:00** Better Homes And Gardens [s] **5:00** Seven News At 5 [s] **5:30** Border Security - Australia's Front Line (PG) [s] **6:00** Seven News [s] **7:00** **Movie:** "Frozen" (G) ('13 Stars: Kristen Bell **9:00** **Movie:** "Fantastic Beasts: Crimes Of Grindelwald" (PG) ('18) Stars: Johnny Depp

7mate **1:00** Blokesworld (PG) **1:30** Step Outside With Paul Burt (PG) **2:00** Engineering Connections (PG) **3:00** Rides Down Under (PG) **4:00** Storage Wars Canada (PG) **5:00** Engineering Connections (PG) **6:00** Pawn Stars (PG) **7:30** Cricket: Women's Big Bash League: Final: Teams TBA *Live* From North Sydney Oval

ME **3:55** Bananas In Pyjamas **4:35** Kiddets! **5:05** Dinosaur Train **5:20** We're Going On A Bear Hunt **6:10** Dog Loves Books **6:25** Hey Duggee **7:05** The Deep **7:30** Spicks And Specks (PG) **8:00** Would I Lie To You? (PG) **8:30** Greg Davies: The Back Of My Mum's Head (MA15+) **9:55** Mock The Week (M) **10:30** Doctor Who (PG)



6:00 Easy Eats [s] **7:00** Weekend Today [s] **10:00** Today Extra - Saturday [s] **12:00** Award Winning Tasmania [s] **12:30** Rebound [s] **1:00** The Healthy Cooks [s] **1:30** Animal Embassy (PG) [s] **2:00** The 54th Annual Country Music Awards [s] **4:00** The Perfect Serve [s] **4:30** The Garden Gurus [s] **5:00** NINE News: First At Five [s] **5:30** Getaway [s] **6:00** NINE News Saturday [s] **7:00** A Current Affair (PG) [s] **7:30** Good Onya Mate: Rural Aid Concert (PG) [s] **10:30** **Movie:** "Red Dog - True Blue" (PG) ('16) Stars: Levi Miller

7flix **12:00** Mystery Diners (PG) **1:45** Restaurant: Impossible (PG) **4:45** **Movie:** "Miracle" (PG) ('15) Stars: Kurt Russell **7:30** **Movie:** "Robin Hood" (M) ('18) Stars: Taron Egerton **10:00** **Movie:** "Se7en" (MA15+) ('95) Stars: Morgan Freeman **1:00** Home Shopping **2:00** Fringe (M) **4:00** Smallville (M)

ABC NEWS **3:00** ABC News **3:30** The Breakfast Couch **4:00** ABC News **4:30** Close Of Business **5:00** ABC News **5:30** The Mix **6:00** ABC News Weekend **6:30** ABC News Regional **7:00** ABC News Weekend **7:30** Australian Story **8:00** ABC News Weekend **8:30** Foreign Correspondent **9:00** ABC News Weekend



9:30 Studio 10 Saturday (PG) [s] **12:00** Jamie Oliver: The Naked Chef Bares All [s] **1:00** The Living Room (PG) [s] **2:00** Taste Of Australia [s] **2:30** Everyday Gourmet [s] **3:00** 10 Travl Northern Territory [s] **3:30** Good Chef Bad Chef [s] **4:00** Left Off The Map [s] **4:30** Farm To Fork [s] **5:00** 10 News First [s] **6:00** **Movie:** "Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa" (PG) ('08) Stars: Ben Stiller **7:45** **Movie:** "Sister Act" (PG) ('92) Stars: Whoopi Goldberg **9:45** **Movie:** "Three Summers" (M) ('17) Stars: Robert Sheehan **11:50** Blue Bloods (M) [s]

WIN BOLD **3:00** Driven Not Hidden **3:30** Fishing Edge **4:00** By Design Heroes **4:30** Mighty Machines **5:00** Reel Action **5:30** MacGyver (M) **7:30** NCIS (M) **8:30** NCIS: New Orleans (M) **10:20** Seal Team (M) **12:15** Law & Order: SVU (M) **1:10** 48 Hours (M) **2:10** NCIS: Los Angeles (M) **3:05** MotoGP 2020 Portugal Grand Prix

Gem **11:30** **Movie:** "Carry On Screaming" (PG) ('66) **1:30** **Movie:** "A Hole In The Head" (G) ('59) **4:00** **Movie:** "Birdman Of Alcatraz" (PG) ('62) Stars: Burt Lancaster **7:00** **Movie:** "Robin Hood: Prince Of Thieves" (M) ('91) Stars: Kevin Costner **9:55** **Movie:** "Death Wish V: The Face Of Death" (MA15+) ('94)



5:00 CGTN English News **5:15** NHK World English News **5:30** Worldwatch **1:00** PBS Newshour **2:00** Figure Skating: ISU Grand Prix China **4:00** Destination Flavour China Bitesize **4:10** Gourmet Farmer **4:40** Coast New Zealand: Top Of The South (PG) **5:35** Nazi Megastructures (PG) **6:30** SBS World News **7:30** Secrets Of Our Cities (PG) **8:30** Portillo's Greatest Railway Journeys (PG) **9:30** **Movie:** "Destroyer" (MA15+) ('18) Stars: Nicole Kidman **11:40** The New Pope (M) (In English/ Italian) **4:00** Full Frontal (M)

WIN Peach **1:00** TBA **1:30** Broke (PG) **2:30** Seinfeld (PG) **3:30** Friends (PG) **6:00** Columbo: Double Shock (PG) **7:30** Kojak (M) **8:30** Spyforce (M) **9:30** The Big Bang Theory (PG) **10:30** The Middle (M) **12:30** The Flash: Cause And Effect/ Infantino Street (M) **2:30** Charmed (PG) **4:30** Home Shopping **5:30** Broke (PG)

VICELAND **5:20** Monty Python's Flying Circus (PG) **6:30** Only Connect (PG) **7:40** 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown (M) **8:30** The X-Files (M) **11:05** Hungry Ghost

6:15 Alone (PG) **7:05** Jeopardy!
(PG) **7:30** NITV News Update **7:35**
8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown (PG) **8:30**
Movie: "Notorious" (MA15+) ('09) Stars:
Jamal Woolard **10:40** **Movie:** "Flash Gordon"
(PG) ('80) Stars: Sam Jones

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Tiny Tots & Little Booris Playgroups

Tiny Tots playgroup is back at the Schools as Community Centre (SaCC). The SaCC, along with the Aboriginal education team at Narrandera Public, is also excited to offer a Playgroup for Aboriginal kids (0-5) and their families, Little Booris, on Thursdays.

Playgroup is free and it's a great fun way to connect with other families. For more details check out the Schools as Community Centre's Facebook page.

When: Tiny Tots, 9.30am – 11.30am Mondays
Little Booris, 9.30am – 11.30am Thursdays
Location: SaCC Building, Narrandera Public School
Contact: SaCC or Aboriginal Education team on 6959 2144



December in the Narrandera Library

Movies for Seniors – Thursdays at 10.30am (starting 3 December) – watch Facebook for titles

Storytime – Wednesday 16 Dec at 10am
Please phone by 5pm the day before to book your spot (max 8 kids with 8 carers)

Kids Christmas Movies – Friday 18 Dec 10.30am & 2pm

Christmas Craft

This year as we cannot hold our traditional Christmas Craft Extravaganza, we will be running weekly takeaway craft. Every Tuesday of December (Dec 1, 8, 15 & 22) a craft will be available to child members who borrow a book. Membership is free and you can join at anytime. Numbers are limited so come in early so you don't miss out.

Do-it-yourself Christmas Photos

We have a Santa Chair and Christmas Tree set up ready for the community to take their own Christmas Photos.

During January we will be running Kids Popcorn Movie days on Fridays with session times at 10.30 and 2pm. Keep an eye on Facebook for titles or contact the library.

Ganmain Markets

Avoid the crowds and shop small this giving season with a select range of boutique market stalls gracing the Ganmain Hall in the lead up to Christmas. Literally #buyfromthebush with local producers, makers and creators offering meaningful and one-of-a-kind gifts for sale. Open limited hours Thursday-Sunday in December. Visit the Ganmain Hall & Events Facebook page for exact times and further details. Gold coin entry. Proceeds to Advance Ganmain Committee, up-keepers of the beautiful Ganmain Hall.

Cost: gold coin entry
When: Thursdays-Sunday up to Christmas
Location: Ganmain Hall, Ford Street
Contact: facebook.com/GanmainHallandEvents

Narrandera Walk in Art Launch

An art trail project installed into the shops of Narrandera as an opportunity for local visual artists – this initiative will bring emerging artists together by prominently exhibiting and selling their work in shop windows along Narrandera's beautiful tree-lined main street, creating interest for visitors and locals. This project is brought to you by LCAIN Local Community Arts Installation Narrandera. The launch will feature the exhibition of the project artworks, dot paintings and didgeridoos by established local indigenous artists plus book author Jane Carter, at the Narrandera Arts and Community Centre to a background of music by local musicians.

Cost: free, but please register online at www.eventbrite.com.au/e/narrandera-walk-in-art-tickets-129637951603
When: 6pm, Friday 4 December
Location: Narrandera Arts and Community Centre, Cadell Street, Narrandera

Christmas in Narrandera Late Night Shopping promotion

Narrandera Business Group, in conjunction with Narrandera Shire Council have organised a Christmas in Narrandera shopping promotion including late night shopping on Fridays leading up to Christmas – December 4, 11 and 18. Local businesses are encouraged to participate by extending their opening hours and to organise entertainment or special promotions to coincide with these nights.

A Monster Christmas stocking is up for grabs and will be on display in the shop window of the old Landmark shop. Participating businesses will display a sign in their shop window and give shoppers a ticket for every sale over \$10. The winning ticket will be drawn on Saturday, December 19 and the winner will take home all the items in the monster stocking.

When: extended hours, Friday 4, 11 & 18 Dec
Monster Christmas draw Saturday 19 Dec
Location: Narrandera

Moments in Time: A Photography Exhibition

The Narrandera Leeton Camera Club was established in 1967, and provides a forum for local camera enthusiasts to share their photos and knowledge.

Explore the works of 13 of their members as they showcase a sample of their talents, and provide a unique insight into their interests in photography.

When: 10am – 3pm, Mondays to Saturdays (exc. public holidays)
5 December 2020 to 6 January 2021
Location: Leeton Museum & Gallery, Chelmsford Place, Leeton

Narrandera's Christmas Farmers Market

Stallholders bring produce and craft from around the Riverina with the promise of "always homegrown, home cooked and homemade with love". Come for brekkie, coffee and something unique! Santa will be making an appearance – he'll be giving out lollies to all the good children and having a ride on the Lions Train (shuttle on the hour).

When: 9am – 12 noon, Sunday 6 December
Location: The Shady Gum Nursery, Hartnett Road, Pine Hill, Narrandera
Contact: Annie on 6959 1780

Coolamon Christmas Late Night Shopping

Coolamon businesses are partnering to bring you 'Christmas Late Night Shopping'. Extended trading for one night only. The perfect night to start (or finish) your Christmas Shopping. After all that 2020 has delivered, it's now so important to continue to support our local businesses.

Purchase from participating stores between 4pm and 8pm to receive an entry into the Coolamon Christmas Mega Draw. Every time you spend \$20 or more in a store you'll go into the draw. The mega prize pool valued at \$1000. Winners will be announced after 8pm. Three prizes are up for grabs.

When: 4pm – 8pm, Tuesday 8 December
Location: Coolamon

John Martin at the Roxy

Come and enjoy a fun afternoon while John performs some of his favourite songs – a collection of numbers from various genres including some wonderful vocal pieces, songs of broken hearts, songs of soul, meaning and songs of love. Join us for a mid afternoon tea and drinks and welcome the release of John's debut album. In conjunction with the Roxy Community Theatre, John looks forward to providing an afternoon of safe, heart felt entertainment.

Cost: \$25, tickets available online
When: 2pm, Sunday 13 December
Location: The Roxy Community Theatre, Leeton
Contact: Leeton Roxy Theatre on 6953 2074 or via facebook.com/LeetonRoxyCommunityTheatre

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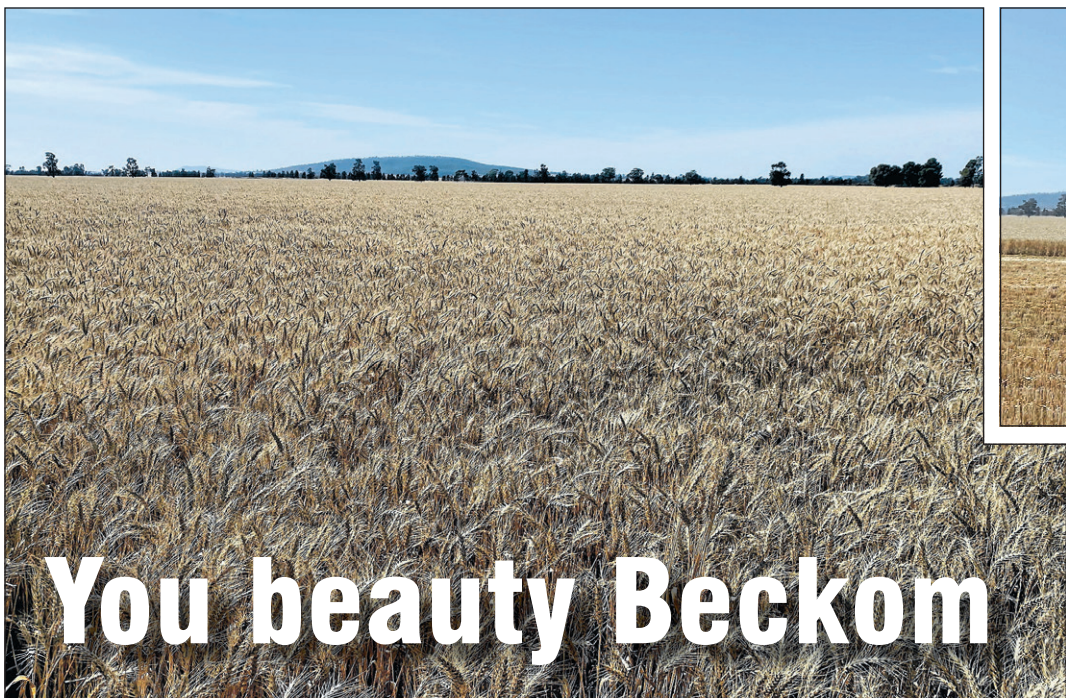
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You beauty Beckom

ABOVE RIGHT: Mitchell and Graeme Hawker in their winning crop of Beckom wheat. Photos: Leanne Hawker.

Kim Woods

BARELLAN'S winning crop in the Western Division of the dryland wheat competition has yielded 5.7 tonnes a hectare for the Hawker family.

Graeme, Leanne and Mitchell Hawker, of Brobenah, harvested the crop of Beckom last week on "Bleakhouse", storing a portion in grain bags, and delivering to GrainCorp Barellan.

Grading H2, the wheat had a protein level of 12.1-12.5 per cent, 4-4.5 per cent screenings and a grain weight of 80kg/hectolitre.

The crop just missed out qualifying for zone judging as district winners had to be 6t/ha plus.

The crop of Beckom was direct drilled into a paddock which had produced a brown manured crop of vetch in 2019.

The wheat was sown into good soil moisture using a Case tillage bar and Bourgault cart on May 13 at a sowing depth of 25mm, on a 300mm row spacing and at 40kg/ha.

The fertiliser at sowing was 90kg/ha of N-Rich 26 split between the seed and deep banded.

The crop was top dressed with 60kg/ha of Urea

in August.

"We had a perfect season with good soil moisture, it wasn't too wet over the winter and we had a couple of good rains in the spring enabling the crop to carry through," Mr Hawker said.

Up until harvest, the crop had received 450mm of rain.

"It's the best crop I've grown in 45 years of farming – last year was one of the worst, we just got our seed back," Mr Hawker said.

"It was the stored soil moisture that got us over the line. To have a year like this is fantastic."

The family uses a blend of minimum and zero till, sowing with knife points and press wheels at 9km/hr, to achieve their yields across 1600ha.

"All our crops have gone exceptionally good right across the board – I've never had a year where the yields were so good," Mr Hawker said.

Yielding 4-5t/ha with a protein of 12-13 per cent, the barley graded BAR 1 with some delivered to Barellan and the balance stored on-farm.

Storms delivered up to 20mm of rain earlier this week, delaying the oat harvest.



Your say:

Letters to the Editor

Work with us, not against

EDITOR; Well, as Gomer Pyle would say: "surprise, surprise, surprise!"

Just as our governments and their bureaucracies try to work through the massive issue of constraints, we get a 'scientific report' telling us they are limiting the amount of environmental water flowing to wetlands.

A couple of key points should be noted:

1. For over a decade many farmers and organisations who know about river flows and water management have been trying to tell governments the issue of constraints was ignored in the Basin Plan but had to be addressed. They continued to ignore it.

2. Isn't it coincidental that as soon as they realise it's an issue that needs to be addressed, we get another 'scientific report' that blames the farmers for the plan's failings, when all along the real problem is the false 'science' on which it was based.

In the Basin Plan's development, taxpayer funded scientists promoted the myth the Lower Lakes were traditionally freshwater and must be filled by pouring huge volumes down to South Australia.

Of course, the fact that this supplies SA with cheap water and fills its lakes for recreational purposes was just a coincidental benefit, wasn't it?

Despite indisputable evidence to the contrary, this freshwater myth continues to be maintained because without it the Basin Plan doesn't have a gigalitre to stand on.

And now, our city-based taxpayer funded scientists tell us we need to buy more water from farmers because they made a mess of all the modelling in the first place. They blame farms and towns, when the real problem is their blinkered approach.

Perhaps the 'scientists' should prepare a report on the benefits of eradicating the environmentally degraded cities where they live and work (compliments of taxes paid by genuine hard-working Aussies).

That's where our real environmental damage has occurred.

As a further suggestion: Would there be any chance these taxpayer-funded scientists, supported by our bureaucracy, could try working with farmers and rural communities, instead of always trying to work against them?

How about visiting some of the ecologically diverse farms, where over generations we have proud Aussies who have successfully balanced protecting the wetlands and ecology on their properties with growing food that supports their families, communities and the nation.

Because most of us in rural Australia have had a gutful of being dictated to by those who live, work and breathe in our polluted cities and try to force onto us their flawed ideologies which threaten our future and livelihoods. All with the support of our left-wing, taxpayer funded ABC.

– Paul Pierotti, Griffith

Farmers lumping costs

EDITOR; While much of the country came to a standstill with the COVID pandemic, farmers and the agricultural industry have once again proved to be the backbone of the nation, with our farmers continuing to put their heads down when the going gets tough.

What a shame in our part of the nation this occurs not only without government support, but the exact opposite.

Farmers are used to working in isolation in one form or another, so while those in other industries such as tourism, hospitality and retail have been hit hard, our food and fibre producers continue to soldier on.

However, as we do this, those of us in southern NSW and northern Victoria have had a gutful of wearing the brunt of South Australian errors in environmental management and the political inertia around fixing it.

The latest insult is the proposal for irrigators in NSW to be lumped with a 62 per cent increase in Murray-Darling Basin Authority fees.

Why is it always irrigators who pay?

One of the Basin Plan's objectives is to keep the Murray Mouth open 95 per cent of the time, and as a result of agreements between Basin states, they contribute to the cost of the dredges at the Murray Mouth.

The silting which forces the need for this dredging is a direct result of

the barrages preventing ocean tidal action from clearing the opening from Lake Alexandrina and the Southern Ocean.

At the same time farmers are paying the costs associated with forcing more water down the system, yet suffering from a reduction in irrigation reliability from 84 per cent 20 years ago to 48 per cent now.

And please don't even get me started on governments ignoring the best available science which is telling them about the impacts of decreased basin inflows and rising sea levels.

There will be a tipping point when barrages and river flows can no longer perform the functions that have been in place for nearly 80 years.

My hope is one day our leaders will wake up and realise they are killing the system the Basin Plan was designed to protect, and our food and fibre producers are collateral damage.

All this because South Australia refuses to effectively manage the end of the system and shows no interest in using water wisely for the benefit of all Australians.

Our nation's forefathers would be rolling in their graves if they knew how their foresight in building world's best water infrastructure was being mismanaged.

– Laurie Beer Mayrunga, NSW

Epic water walk for Lloyd

AN EPIC journey to raise awareness about environmental and humanitarian issues impacting southern NSW will finish at Hume Dam next Saturday.

The 303km journey which began in the small rural town of Barham on the NSW side of the Murray River on November 11 will end for Lloyd Polkinghorne at Hume Dam around lunchtime on Saturday, November 28.

What is now known as Lloyd's Walk for Water has been well supported by locals as the former farmer and now Koondrook-Barham Bridge newspaper editor stops in on a number of rural communities along the way.

Mr Polkinghorne said the walk was his contribution to raising awareness about the devastating impacts of the Murray Darling Basin Plan and water reform on the environment and people in the region he grew up in.

"The average Australian would be absolutely appalled if they were aware of the destruction to the environment which is taking place along the Murray between Hume and Barham," he said.

"They would be gobsmacked at the annihilation of our premier food bowl, forcing good farmers who took pride in caring for the environment off their farms.

"The river banks are collapsing, forests are sick from over watering and the mental health issues being faced by these salt of the earth people is unacceptable.

"I wanted to give people the opportunity to tell their story; there are so many people who have been hurt and are hurting by political decisions.

"We just have to get the message out there the plan is not working."

Mr Polkinghorne said it was in the best interest of the entire country the water mess was fixed.

"The walk has allowed people to come and share their stories in a non-threatening environment. These are stories which the rest of Australia need to know about.

"The amount of support I have received from total strangers just goes to show how important our rural communities are and what they are made of.

of. But these people are at the end of their tether with how they have been treated by governments," he said.

Mr Polkinghorne said the ultimate achievement would be drive change for those few who are left on the land to produce food and fibre for the rest of us.

"These remaining people need reliable and affordable water, simple as that," he said.

Regional stock prices

WEANED Angus steers from Narrandera achieved 462.8c/kg liveweight or \$1750 on AuctionsPlus last week.

The Dunoon blood steers, aged eight to nine months, and weighing 378kg, were sold by APC Trust, Avondale, Narrandera.

In sheep results, young non station mated Merino ewes, 12 to 13 months, Yarrowonga blood, weighing 46kg and October shorn, were sold by P Soligo, Widgelli, for \$180-\$195.

Paraway Pastoral, Mungadal, Hay, sold Merino ewes, 18 to 19 months, 56-72kg, Pooginook blood and June shorn, for \$280 to a top of \$320, and five to six-year-olds for \$233-\$234.

JA Kenehan, Araroel, Galore, sold Poll Merino ewes, non-station mated, 1.5 to 1.6 years, 52kg, Poll Boonook blood, May shorn, for \$306 while Dennis Family Trust, Maroubra Park, Collingullie, sold first cross ewes, three to five years, 81kg and October shorn, for \$272. The ewes had been brought from the Gnadbrow Pastoral sale and were by Cadell Border Leicester rams and out of Tupra blood ewes.

A line of 204 Poll Merino ewes, 3.5 to 5.5 years, 75kg, October shorn were sold by for \$242 by a Lockhart vendor.

W and B Harper, Koorngah, Ariah Park, sold 97 Merino ewe suckers, 42kg, unshorn and Kiawarra blood for \$195 and 161 Merino ewe suckers, 30kg, for \$153.

A draft of 437 mixed sex suckers, Poll Dorset/WhiteSuffolk/Merino cross, 32kg, Aberdeen Poll Dorset blood, and unshorn were sold by Webster Southern Ag, Kooba Station, Darlington Point, for \$154 or 1124.1c/kg dressed.

Shake-speer in the Park

LEETON *Kim Woods*

SHAKESPEARE in the park is coming to Leeton and aspiring actors have a chance to be part of the production as well as be mentored by professionals.

Leeton born actor Jake Speer has teamed up with the Leeton Roxy Theatre to stage William Shakespeare's King Henry V in the sound shell at Mountford Park next April.

"It is part of a cultural plan to put Leeton and the Riverina on the map – the region is such a pool of talent and interesting venues and I believe an under-served audience," Speer said.

"There is a real need for entertainment, arts and culture here."

It is not the first project Jake has brought to Leeton, shooting a documentary for the centenary of Leeton and a few plays at the Roxy.

"This is the most ambitious undertaking I have done so far – Henry V is a part I've always wanted to play," he said.

"Aside from the fact it's full of Shakespeare's most powerful and iconic speeches, many read by politicians during wartime or sports captains on grand final day.

"It's about a young prince coming into his own, taking on the responsibility of becoming king and uniting his kingdom to overcome something against insurmountable odds.

"The themes are brotherhood, comradeship, courage, bravery and sacrifice, which reflect quite deeply in the Australian culture."

Speer is calling for interested local people to fill 15 cast roles with a community information session at the Roxy Theatre on December 1 at 6.30pm.

"We are looking for people with acting experience with a passion or interest in performance," he said.

"I will outline the production and how people can be involved, including the technical aspects, stage management, costumes, directing, design, sound and lighting."

The first round of auditions will be held on December 12-13, followed by a second round on January 9-10.

Rehearsals will start on



Jake Speer will take on the part of King Henry V in the Shakespeare in the Park at Leeton with aspiring locals invited to audition. Photo: Kim Woods.

February 18 for eight weeks in the lead up to the April production.

Speer said mentorship attachment positions would be created enabling people to work alongside heads of department, including production designer Simon Greer.

"This raises the bar for local people to learn new skills and encourage them to create their own work, putting on new shows."

Up until COVID, Speer had been filming an international TV series, Click Bait, for Netflix in Melbourne.

"Luckily I had finished filming my part but the production was completely shut down – it's about the predatory nature and fake lives on social media.

"It's a big murder mystery set in a modern age. I play the role of Cameron who is a partner to a journalist caught in conspiracy of double lives and crossed lovers.

"It's a spiderweb of connections, conspiracy and blackmail – a real drama thriller.

"The story is set in Sacramento, California but shot in Mel-

bourne, with a production budget of \$56 million.

"It will be exciting to see it when it's done but certainly one of the casualties of COVID.

"A lot of the American talent has returned to go through quarantine and start filming again."

Speer said many plays, shows and films would never see the light of day as finances failed during COVID.

"The industry has been pretty well decimated but we have galvanised and there are definitely people trying their hardest to get things up and running again, working within the COVID restrictions.

"A lot of the major theatre companies have announced their 2021 season so there will be plays on Sydney stages again.

"COVID was a nice time to return to be with family and friends, take stock, writing scripts and getting projects ready for when the time comes to take them back into production."

Gym to replace old tyres

SCHOOLS, sports clubs and a rural fire brigade are among the 30 not-for-profit organisations in regional cotton-growing communities to receive a \$5000 boost from the Aussie Cotton Farmers Grow Communities program.

Gogeldrie Rural Fire Brigade was a recipient of one of the 30 Aussie Cotton Farmers Grow Communities grants.

The brigade plan to use the grant to invest in suitable gym equipment to ensure the safety of its users. Currently gym users are improvising, including dragging around spare tyres tied on with rope.

On hearing they had been successful, Gogeldrie Fire Brigade Captain David Pike said it was fantastic news and would make a big difference to their small community.

"Providing appropriate gym equipment will be a nice reward for our volunteer fire fighters and motivate our farmers to come together and put their health and wellbeing first, more often," Captain Pike said.

Coleambally School P & C Association received \$5000 to enhance educational opportunities through the construction of a covered area linking classrooms and providing a safe all-weather play area.

The Country Education Foundation of Coleambally-Darlington Point received \$5000 to support life-long learning, education and training to enable young people to complete post-secondary education.

Griffith Public School Parents and Citizens Association received a grant to buy readers for junior

classrooms and Hillston Billylids received their grant to buy digital learning resources and upgrade the play area.

Murrumbidgee Shire Council received their grant to foster community health and wellbeing by fencing of a community garden.

This year marks the seventh round of the Aussie Cotton Farmers Grow Communities program, which the Crop Science division of Bayer delivers in partnership with the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR).

This year's program takes the total investment into cotton communities to more than one million dollars.

Local cotton growers nominated each of the not-for-profits that are receiving funds, which will help strengthen community resilience and positively impact on the wellbeing of cotton-growing communities.

FRRR CEO Natalie Eggleton said a consistent theme across nominations this year was a strong desire to boost morale and maintain community spirit in the face of drought.

"There are so many not-for-profit groups and local charities doing wonderful things to make cotton growing communities great places to live and work. This year we've seen many groups seeking support to develop and build organisational and community resilience," she said.

"Their determination to see their communities thrive, despite the challenges they face, is inspiring,"

Rex increases flights

GRIFFITH

THERE are now more flights available between Griffith and Sydney as passenger demand picks up.

Regional Express (Rex) and Griffith City Council have responded to increased demand for flights and have added additional services throughout the week between Griffith and Sydney.

There are now up to 16 flights per week running Monday to Friday.

In March 2020, COVID-19 restrictions saw flights reduced to three return flights per week but as bookings rose, Rex have adjusted services accordingly.

With the introduction of the Regional Airline Network Support (RANS) from the Federal Government, Rex were able to maintain a connection to regional areas like Griffith and flights have gradually increased.

The RANS package ensured core routes in the regional network were supported, and regional and remote communities were not left behind during the pandemic.

Rex will debut on the Sydney-Melbourne route with three jet aircraft next March and plans to ramp up to five aircraft by Easter with flights to other capital cities.

Once the initial services are well established, Rex aims to progressively grow its fleet to cover all the major cities in Australia.

Griffith Mayor Councillor John Dal Broi welcomed the news of increased flights.

"Our community have shown continued demand for flights and it's

encouraging to see Rex responding to that demand. The change will provide more options and be ideal for those looking to book same-day return flights between Griffith and Sydney," Cr Dal Broi said.

Rex General Manager Network Strategy and Sales Warrick Lodge said passenger numbers on the Griffith to Sydney route are at 15-20 per cent of pre-COVID numbers.

"Rex has continued to provide the \$129 Community Fare and since April around 40 per cent of passengers travelling between Griffith and Sydney have benefited from the Rex Community Fare program.

"This has been a very important measure in encouraging travel and assisting the local community during this difficult time.

"Rex understands the importance of rebuilding the Griffith to Sydney flight schedule in a commercially viable way to ensure the continued provision of this essential service.

"It is extremely positive to see additional services being implemented in recent weeks and we thank the Griffith community for their patience and understanding during this difficult operating climate for airlines."

EastWest Airlines, due to continued border restrictions, have limited flights available between Griffith and Melbourne.

Griffith City Council will continue working with both Rex and EastWest Airlines to ensure services are meeting demand (within any COVID-19 restrictions).

Plant contractors wanted

THE NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS) is seeking suitable and experienced plant contractors in the Carrathool, Griffith, Hay, Leeton, Murrumbidgee and Narrandera areas to register their interest in being engaged for fire work and/or being invited to quote on non-fire work.

Some of the types of heavy plant that are of interest to the NSW RFS are bulldozers, excavators, loaders, floats, bulk water carriers and bulk refuelling tankers.

For the first time, the NSW RFS is utilising an on-line heavy plant management system known as

ARENA HP to enable prospective heavy plant contractors to submit their proposal details.

Tenderers will need to provide information such as their ABN, insurance details, plant details and hourly rates.

As the previous heavy plant contract has expired, all contractors who had previously been approved on the NSW RFS Heavy Plant Register now need to re-apply.

To obtain an information pack or for assistance registering, contact the MIA District office on 02 6966 7800.

Griffith Leagues hosts Thirsty Merc

GRIFFITH

GRIFFITH Leagues Club are part of the free Great Southern Nights initiative and will host Rai Thistlethwayte from Thirsty Merc on Friday, November 27 at 7.30pm.

Marketing and Promotions Manager at Griffith Leagues Club Brittany Alpen said Great Southern Nights is being delivered to stimulate the revival of the live music and entertainment sectors

and in turn the visitor economy.

Supporting Thirsty Merc's Rai Thistlethwayte from 7:30pm will be talented local musicians, Harriet Kelly, Ben Ceccato and Ali Ratcliffe.

The free event is ticketed with limited tickets available, in line with the NSW Government health advice regarding physical distancing and venue capacity. To secure tickets, head to www.greatsouthernights.com.au

Grant for new airpark lots

TEMORA

NEW aviation businesses will be able to be established at the Temora Airport thanks to NSW Government funding, generating local economic opportunities and supporting the creation of new jobs.

Member for Cootamundra Steph Cooke and Deputy Premier John Barilaro announced a \$10.1 million Growing Local Economies grant to deliver the upgrades needed to expand the airport's footprint.

Ms Cooke said the project will deliver up to 20 additional airpark lots, new taxiways and roadways as well as the power, telecommunications, gas, water, sewer and stormwater connections that new businesses need.

"This is a great investment in the Temora community and will create

new opportunities for smaller aviation businesses to establish themselves at Temora Airport and attract further investment in the region," Ms Cooke said.

"There is so much to see and do in Temora, and these upgrades will help boost visitor numbers, which is more important than ever before given the impact that COVID-19 has had on tourism right across the state."

Mr Barilaro said the \$500 million Growing Local Economies Fund is delivering vital infrastructure to support industries in regional NSW improve productivity, expand business operations and boost employment.

The Growing Local Economies Fund is part of the NSW Government's commitment to the delivery of infrastructure projects which improve the economic growth and productivity of the state under Restart NSW.

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NHS Class of 2020 graduates



Congratulations Year 12 Class of 2020

NARRANDERA High School Year 12 students got the chance to glam up for their formal at the Narrandera Golf Club on November 19.

With the easing of COVID restrictions, parents were able to be part of the celebrations.

The school will host its presentation day on Friday, December 11 with a four square metre rule in place, limiting the numbers allowed in the school hall.

Award winners and supervising staff will only be present but the ceremony will be live-streamed to the entire school community.

The school has welcomed music and art teacher Jeremy Leggett and Mark Coraci to teach Italian, HSIE and English.

Photos courtesy Ami from Pure Dreams Photography.

Pure Dreams Photography recently conducted some Christmas mini-session photo shoots from which she has donated 25 per cent of the proceeds, a total of \$200, to Can Assist Narrandera.

Gift vouchers are available – please contact Pure Dreams Photography via their Facebook page.

Thornton tackles Zone 8

BOWLS – NARRANDERA

CHAMPION of Club Champions Matt Thornton is competing at Narrandera club this weekend representing Zone 8.

There is certain to be some great bowls played so why not come down and enjoy watching the games and give our support to Matt.

Wednesday Social Bowls winning team last week was Kevin Thomson, Terry Walsh and George Shadbolt.

The Progressive Jackpot was not won and now sits at \$220. A Wrong Bias fine was recorded from Bubba.

Summer Teams Results from Friday, November 20 were: Fishos def Cadtech 18-9, 5 Good Men & Nifty def Mitchell's Pest Control 15-9, PCR def Lizards 20-19, TLE def 4 Ts 25-17, Woftam had a draw against NFS 21-21, Toll had a draw against Temprite 18-18 and winners of the night were Bowls Deep def Lizards 1 22-13. Well done to all teams.

Duty Team for this Friday, November 27 is Lizards 1 and Fishos have the bye.

Dangar Shield Results:

Round 2 – J Harrison, J Gibson, D Christian and K Haywood def C Morgan, C Rankin, D Price and I Rankin 21-12. G McComber, S Rowlands, K Thomson and T Roach def R Durnan, P Sheather, D Briggs and W Norden 22-18. M Thornton, R Flack, S Jacob and D Robinson def B Russell, B Rankin, R Blackshaw and T Walsh 17-15.

The semi-final will see the teams of Harrison vs Thornton and Zak vs McComber.

Zone 8 Senior 4s Results from the weekend saw R Donohoe, P Sheather, S Zak and N Limbrick being beaten in the semi-final.

The 2021 District Calendar is out and on the Bowls notice board. Have a look at the dates for RDBA events and start to work on your entries.

Pennants start Sunday, February 21. A reminder

if you want to be considered for a Pennant side, be sure to pop into the club and initial at your name on the list.

Bowling Jacks Reminder – jacks not being returned to the bar has caused a concerning shortage.

A call to all bowlers to check your bags and if anyone has a club jack, or mat, to please return them. Moving forward, jacks will be issued on a sign out-sign in basis when the set \$2 per/person roll up fee is paid at the bar.

Time has been extended for bowlers to place their uniform order. The order form is still on the bowls notice board.

Just add your name and select the items and size you need. A reminder that all Pennant players need the club uniform.

There is a new tailored style of pants and shorts being proposed and we are seeking bowler's interest in the style change. If numbers are there, the change will progress to next steps. See the bowls notice board for details.

The Club Social Bowls Christmas Party is set to be held on Wednesday, December 9 at 12pm. Names on the notice board to join in the fun day with lunch and prizes.

The Christmas Party at the Club is on December 12 at 4pm. Strictly – all money, full ticket costs to be paid by Tuesday, December 1 or your money paid so far will be refunded and ticket cancelled.

The results from the elections at the recent Club AGM saw the 2020/2021 Board with Shane Dunnnett as President, Ian Black Vice President and Directors Vicki Maher, David Robinson, Wes Kylie, Rod O'Brien and Mark Duncan.

Match Committee members are Bob Blackshaw as Chair, Peter Sheather, Shane Dunnnett, Lenny Clarke and Vicki Maher.

Bowls Selectors are Peter Durnan, Lenny Clarke, Barry Rankin, Jack Harrison and Lincoln Gooley.

Business house bowls creates excitement

BOWLS – COOLAMON

COOLAMON hosted the bi-annual President's Day with all clubs from throughout the Wagga & District Bowling Association represented.

At conclusion of play, the best performed team with two wins was the Official Team from Wagga District Bowling Association and runner-up was Junee Bowling Club.

Raffle winner on the day was Kevin Farrell.

Last Thursday Social Bowls was a washout, but the previous week's winners were Peter Lawrence, Helen Platt and Vera McKelvie with a plus 5, from runners-up Steve and Bob Thompson with plus 3 shots.

More Social Bowls each Thursday and Sunday. Nominations in by 12.30pm for a 1pm start. The jackpots on both days are accumulating nicely.

Coolamon Business House Bowls is in full swing and generating a great deal of amusement for participants.

Initially competition was to start on October 30, however due to an onslaught of thunder and lightning, it was considered prudent to postpone until the following week.

On Friday, November 6 ten teams took to the green. Results were: Merry Milkos 17 def Thorn Between

the Roses 16; Haycutters 19 def Beyond Bank 3, Rotary 17 def Wheels 9, 42B-1 8 def Perkys 7, Gate Shed 9 def Mongrels 6.

Best performed team on the night was Haycutters, who in turn received the pizza vouchers.

Winner of the Spider was Spud Parker.

Anyone who is interested in joining in the fun of Bare Foot Bowls, individually or as a team, there is room for another four teams.

Nominated teams comprise five players, three of whom play each Friday evening. Give yourselves a quirky name and turn up at 6pm for a 6.30 start. Bowls are available to be borrowed.

Last Friday evening's competition consisted of 10 teams, results were: Wheels 14 defeated Gate Shed 13, Beyond Bank def Perkys 10, Haycutters 19 def Merry Milkos 6, Mongrels 19 def 42B-1 11, and Ladies 31 def Billy's Boys 26.

The third round of Business Houses Competition was conducted on November 20.

Winner of the Spider was Darren Walker and best performed team was Beyond Bank who received the pizza vouchers.

The 100 Club winner and \$100 richer was Billy Nolan.

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Griffith carnival turns up heat
Beau Davies continued his form in the U15 100m hurdles bettering his time from last week in Deniliquin by 0.25s. Photos: Fran Macdonald.

ATHLETICS

NARRANDERA junior athletes performed well at the 51st MIA Championships at Griffith on November 22.

Hosted by Griffith and District Little Athletics, the championships drew competitors from Narrandera, Leeton, Finley, Wangaratta, Tumut, Temora, Tumbarumba, Dubbo, Wagga Wagga, Corowa and Deniliquin.

Narrandera Little Athletics member Beau Davies competed in the Under 15 boys, taking gold in the 100m hurdles in a time of 20.28s and javelin with 19.69m, silver in the 100m sprint at 14.94s and shot put with a throw of 9.97m and bronze in the 200m sprint at 30.96s.

Younger brother Jett Davies competed in the Under 10 boys, placing second in the shot put with a throw of 5.54m and the discus with 16.97m, and third in the 70m sprint on a time of 12s.

Niesha Whiteman competed in the Under 9s, taking a tumble on the last hurdle in the 60m hurdles but bounced back to take home three silver medals with a personal best in the shot put a 4.3m, discus with 11.06m and high jump at 89cm.

Emily Macdonald competed in the Under 7 girls to take silver

in the discus on 6.52m, third in the shot put at 2.64m, fifth in the long jump at 1.8m, sixth in the 70m sprint at 16.03s and seventh in the 100m sprint with 24.13s.

Athletes will now go on to compete at the Koorringal-Wagga 41st annual carnival on November 29 at Jubilee Park, Wagga, followed by the Murray Valley carnival at Finley on December 6.



Jett Davies took home silver in the U10 shotput at the MIA Championships on Sunday.

Carps first win for the season

CRICKET

IN SWELTERING conditions, Narrandera Carps played a blistering game to down Yanco in their first win for the season.

It was the third one day game for the season and the Carps were playing on their home turf, with Yanco winning the toss and electing to bowl.

Narrandera started well with the top four batsman all making double figures in what was extremely hot conditions.

With opening batsman Byron Horrell (19) leading the way at the top of the order before Anthony Craig (22) controlled the back end of the innings with Narrandera eventually being bowled out for 97 off 31.2 overs.

Yanco went out determined

to get the win but Narrandera's spearhead opening bowler Jordan Camm (5-15 off 7 overs) destroyed Yanco's top order with Yanco stumbling to 7-37 before a fight back from Yanco Captain Josh Lanham (22) Seth Shirdon (15) and Ahmed Bilal (25) breathing life back into Yanco's innings.

But it wasn't quite enough as Narrandera went onto record their first win of the season by eight runs with Yanco being bowled out for 89.

In round seven, Narrandera takes on the L&D Ferrets at Mark Taylor Oval, Leeton, at 12.30pm on Saturday.

In round two of the Twenty 20 matches between Rovers and Barellan, Rovers made 142 with Tim Garret 83 not out.

Barellan's notable bowlers were Rhys Wilesmith with a superbly tidy 2 wickets for 3 runs, and Zach Clark (2-17).

In reply Barellan were all out for 62 with Ellis Robertson top scoring with 22 runs.

Matt Hard did the hard work for the Rovers, taking 4-25.

The match between the Crickets and Ganmain saw the Crickets setting the pace, all out for 134.

Top scorers were Nick Morris (50) and Sam Neale (19), with Jacob Guthrie doing the damage taking 4-29.

Nick Morris also featured with the ball (1-10) but the Crickets were unable to stop the Ganmain attack, with Ben (44) and Josh Walsh (14) helping their team across the line with a final score of 6/135.

Her Sport Her Way awards

NOMINATIONS are now open for the Her Sport Her Way Awards which recognise and celebrate leaders striving to give women and girls more opportunities and equal access to participate in sport.

Acting Minister for Sport Geoff Lee said the NSW Government was committed to improving the participation of women in sport as players and leaders.

"We want to make female participation in sport part of everything we do as we inspire young girls to achieve their dreams on and off the field," Mr Lee said.

"There have been leaders right across NSW who have been outstanding examples to young aspiring women in sport and we want to hear their stories."

Minister for Women Bronnie Taylor said this year's new Local Champion category would recognise an individual involved at club or community level sport for their contribution and commitment.

"This award is a fantastic way to highlight those incredible role models who work tirelessly to increase opportunities and recognition for women and girls in their communities," Mrs Taylor said.

The other categories are Champion, Young Achiever, Outstanding Organisation and Trailblazers.

Inaugural Her Sport Her Way Champion Tiffany Slater who served as the NRL's General Manager of Elite Women's Programs, encouraged organisations to submit nominations for the awards.

"It's a privilege to be able to play a role in contributing to the growth of women's sport and gender equality. These awards provide valuable recognition for the work that goes on behind the scenes."

Nominations are open until January 14 2021. Winners will be announced in March 2021. More info at: www.sport.nsw.gov.au/her-sport-her-way-awards

Celtics face Rockets

BASKETBALL

IN THE Junior boys' basketball preliminary finals, Pistons defeated Rockets 21-14 to advance through to the Grand Final and Celtics defeated Clippers 26-14.

Clippers were eliminated with Celtics to face Rockets this week.

Intermediate boys Division 2 saw Crows defeat Eagles in a close match 32-31 and Lions eliminating Giants 32-16. Crows through to Grand Final with Eagles and Lions to play this week.

Intermediate Boys Division 1 Kangaroos def Bombers 68-32 and Magpies eliminate Swans 38-24. Kangaroos are through to the Grand Final with Bombers and Magpies playing off this week for their chance to make the Grand Finals.

The senior boys saw Warriors take out their game against 76ers 79-69 and Lakers eliminate Heat 65-53. This week 76ers will play Lakers to see who will advance to the Grand Final to play Warriors.

The Junior girls had a break last week but will play the next 2 weeks.

Division 2 Intermediate girls Lynx defeated boomers in a hard-fought game 33-31. Lynx are through to the Grand Final and will play the winner of Boomers and Suns game this Thursday.

Divison 1 Intermediate Girls saw Mystics Defeat Mercury 50-16. Mystics will play in the Grand Final against the winner of this week's game against Mercury and Storm.

Senior girls Divison 2 saw Lightning defeat Fire 71-61. Lightning will advance to the Grand final and will play the winner of this week's game between Fire and Sparks.

Senior Girls Divison 1 saw Liberty defeat Rangers in a nail biter 59-57. Liberty will now wait to see who they will play in the grand Final, Rangers or Fever their game will be played this Thursday at 7pm.

In the Senior men and women's competition played on Monday night, teams played to advance through to the Grand Finals to be held next Monday.

The results where Women's Comp Little Legends defeated Narrandera Windscreens 47-41 and will play Top Pub next week.

Divison 1 Men's saw Crossovers defeat Young Guns in a close game 50-48. Crossovers will play Bidgee Boys in the Division 1 Grand Final.

In the Division 2 men's game, Grizzlies defeated Subway Silverbacks 54-48 and will play Black Mamba in the Grand Final on Monday.

Jono notches win

GOLF - NARRANDERA

LOCAL members claimed victory in the RDGA 27 Hole Championships at Narrandera Golf Club on November 22.

Jono Schofield was named outright Scratch winner and Nick Hetherington outright Handicap winner.

Although numbers were down slightly, both visitors and the locals were impressed with the excellent playing conditions on course for the event. Those who took part were treated to breakfast, lunch and afternoon tea.

In other events, November 18 was a Stableford Medley and the winner was John Prior with 40pts and runner-up was Barry Smith with 38pts. Balls went to 35pts.

November 21 was also a Stableford Medley sponsored by Lake Talbot Tourist Park, and the winner was Wes Hall with a score of 35pts with runner-up being Bill Napper with a score of 33pts.

The "Chook Run" was again taken out by last week's winner F. Tuckett and the Monday Vets competition was won by Judy Heckendorf with a 40 nett.

Summer teams are still going well with 96 players in this week's competition playing 101 rounds but teams are reminded some registrations

have still not been paid and this is week seven.

The top five teams this week are Roadies 112 nett, Dimpled Balls 115 nett and Gee Gees 1 and 2, The Unknowns, and Happy Gilmours all on 116 nett.

The best individual scores for the week were Col Burrell, Ben Grant and Graeme Terlich all on 25 nett with Col winning out on a close count back.

Theresa Mathieson, Karen Eurell and Jason Thiem all on 26 nett. Balls went to 28 nett. With just more than one name gaining points it proves competition is keenly being played.

Col Longford, Jono Schofield, and Jason Thiem each scored two of the seven birdies carded during this week's play.

GOLF - COOLAMON

COOLAMON Sport and Recreation Club is inviting junior golfers to attend Saturday mornings at the Club commencing at 10.30am for weekly coaching sessions.

Cost is only \$5 each with weekly prizes to be won.

The morning is supervised by a Golf Club member. Further information is available from the Coolamon Sport and Recreation Club.

SMASHIN' SERPENTS



The Southern Murrumbidgee Serpents with Narrandera players Alex Wright (second from left), Darcy Pendergast (third from left), Thomas McLellan (sixth from left), Riley Parslow-Gibson (seated back right) and Phil Turtle (coach/manager far right). Photo supplied.

Matt McLellan

FOUR Narrandera boys were selected to play for the Southern Murrumbidgee team in the Geoff Lawson cup.

This is a representative competition for under 14s that encompasses all leagues across the Murrumbidgee Cricket Council.

Sunday saw a triple header of Twenty20 matches played in Griffith with teams from Wagga, Leeton and Griffith coming up against the Southern Murrumbidgee team that comprises of players from Narrandera, Coleambally, Darlington Point, Hillston and Hay who have given themselves the moniker of The Serpents.

Thomas McLellan, who had played in the first round a fortnight ago, was joined by under 13 players Darcy Pendergast, Alex Wright and Riley Parslow-Gibson who were available as there was no Milliken Shield on the weekend.

Logan Smith was selected from Darlington

Point, Charlie Patton from Deniliquin, and Ethan Inngs, Sam Straughn and Lachlan Vearing all from Coleambally.

The games were played in hot conditions but that didn't stop the Serpents having a great day of it.

In the first game against Leeton they managed to chase down a sizeable total of 105 securing victory in the 19th over.

Bouyed by the win over Leeton they kept the momentum going with the bat and posted a total of 82 against Griffith.

The Serpents bowlers had their backs up and were all over the Griffith batters reducing them to 5 for 16.

From there they didn't let up quickly finishing the job off to rout Griffith for 32.

McLellan finished with the impressive figures of 3 for 10 including two great catches by Darcy Pendergast.

The final game saw the Serpents meet the

Wagga team in what can only be described as a grudge match after Wagga had proved far too strong for them in their meeting in round 1.

Wagga were sent into bat and a consistent bowling performance held them to 92 with McLellan and Pendergast among the wickets with one and two respectively.

One of Pendergast's wickets was an absolute stunning catch held at square leg by Alex Wright.

The ball was moving so fast some spectators had genuine concerns for his safety but Alex's reflexes saw him pull in an absolute screamer.

The run chase was going along at a good pace but tight bowling in the second half led to a flurry of wickets and it came down to 20 required from the last four overs with three wickets in hand.

McLellan and Parsley-Gibson both went to out to bat in the gathering gloom of the approaching storm but were unable to finish

the chase with the Wagga opener putting on a fine display of death bowling leaving the Serpents all out and 2 runs short of the total.

Thanks to the parents for getting the team over there and coach/manager Phil Turtle for all his work in pulling the team together from across such a large geographic region.

The Geoff Lawson Cup now goes into recess until after Christmas giving players the chance to work hard on their games over the school holidays.

Meanwhile in the second round of Milliken Shield, Barellan took on Hillston at Hillston.

Archie Elwin top scored with eight runs, followed by the hitters in Toby Inglis and Jonty Conlan who hit boundaries.

Barellan made 54 runs but Hillston passed the score after three wickets.

There was great bowling by Max Conlan who took 2/8 and a wicket each to Xavier Irvin and Jonty Conlan.

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