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For the Shire of Buloke, and the districts of Birchip, Charlton, Donald, St. Arnaud, Watchem and Wycheproof

At Birchip's Australia Day Ceremony...

## Guest Speaker Inspires

The Australia Day Awards Ceremony in Birchip was a heartfelt celebration of community spirit, unity, and Australian values, with Senior Constable Will Ringin delivering an inspiring address as the event's guest speaker.

Constable Ringin, who has served the Victorian community as a police officer for the past six years, opened his speech by expressing his gratitude to the community forum for the opportunity to speak. "It's my honour and privilege to be here on behalf of all Police members within the shire," he said.

Reflecting on his journey, Constable Ringin said he joined Victoria Police at just 19 years of age, drawn by the diversity of the career and a strong desire to help those in need.

His early years saw him stationed in Warrnambool, where he spent five years, including a valuable stint in the local drug tasking unit.

"Drug crime directly correlates to almost every form of criminal activity in Victoria," he noted, emphasizing the importance of community awareness and reporting suspicious behaviour.

Constable Ringin said: "A big portion of my current role is centred around educating locals on the correct channels to report suspicious behaviour which could be linked with drug offending. Often it is the community who break drug cases open for police, and information you have may be the link that police are looking for. To put it simply, if you see something – say something."

### Challenging Role

In 2023, Constable Ringin and his fiancée, Eliza, welcomed their son, Artie, prompting their move to Northern Victoria to be closer to family. This transition led him to the Buloke Shire, where he took on the unique and challenging role of "reliever" for single-member police stations across towns including Culgoa, Sea Lake, Wycheproof, Charlton, and Birchip.

"The challenges that face police in the Buloke Shire are unique," he stated, describing the vast geographical areas covered by officers who often work alone.

Despite these challenges, Constable Ringin praised the invaluable contributions of volunteer organizations such as the CFA and SES.

"Frankly, I don't know what we would do without our volunteers," he said, extending his gratitude to all those who assist in times of need.

Constable Ringin highlighted the distinctive role of single-member police stations, emphasizing that those who serve in these positions must be deeply embedded in their communities.

"To work in these areas, you can't just work for your community, you need to be a part of your community," he stressed, underscoring the importance of fairness, firmness, and genuine care.



• Eliza Kervin, Artie Ringin, Senior Constable Will Ringin

Speaking about Birchip, where he and his family have lived for nearly a year, he reflected on the warm welcome they received.

"This community is special, and you only have to walk down Cumming Avenue to experience the warmth its people provide from day to day."

### Significance

On the significance of Australia Day, Constable

Ringin spoke of the values that define Australian identity: mateship, inclusion, fair play, respect, compassion, and integrity.

"These are things you can undoubtedly experience in Birchip every day," he said.

In closing, he thanked the community for their support and encouraged residents to reach out to their local police whenever needed. "No matter the inquiry, the doors to the

Birchip Police Station will always be open to any person who needs police or even maybe just a chat."

The audience responded with warm applause, appreciating the commitment and dedication of local law enforcement officers. The event was a fitting tribute to the strength and resilience of the Birchip community, highlighting the true spirit of Australia Day.

## Cargill Keeps Contributing

Once again, the "Cargill Cares Cropping for the Birchip Community" program has come to the rescue of the Birchip Cemetery Trust.

The Birchip Cemetery Trust's ride on mower was costing the trust an excessive amount in repairs, but replacing these big-ticket items is difficult for the trust. Fortunately though, the "Cargill Cares Cropping for the Birchip Community" project generously provided the \$4776 required to replace the old mower with a brand new mower from YBS.

This donation is further to a donation of \$18,000 towards the trust's 2023 project to install concrete plinths in all six rows of lawn cemetery to rehouse the plaques that used to sit precariously on individual concrete blocks or directly on the lawn.

The Birchip Cemetery Trust members extend their heartfelt thanks to Colin Hill, site manager at Birchip Cargill, and Andrew Lee and Andrew Barber who generously give their time, expertise and machinery to manage the local Cargill Cares Cropping program.

### Support

"Cargill Cares Cropping for the Birchip Community" has supported a large number of projects in the local area and continues to do so.

Chairman of the Birchip Cemetery Trust Grant Cartwright, said: "Cargill's commitment to improving the communities where they are located is tremendous and we are very grateful for their donations."

Grant, caretaker Darren Taylor, trust members and community volunteers have contributed a large amount of manpower to get the cemetery looking pristine and donations like this help enormously in their endeavour to preserve our history and provide a fitting memorial site for past community members and your loved ones.

Having well-maintained facilities and headstones and a pleasant aesthetic environment is very important to local families and the large



• Cargill Community Cropping Program representatives Colin Hill, Andrew Lee and Andy Barber, Cemetery Trust members, Angela Liston and Grant Cartwright and caretaker Darren Taylor

number of cemetery visitors who regularly visit loved ones or research their family history.

### Diligent

The Birchip Cemetery Trust has been diligent in preserving the records of those interred in Birchip. They have digitalised their interment records and made them available on the Birchip web page ([www.birchip.vic.au](http://www.birchip.vic.au)). Under the cemetery records tab there

are interment records, photographs of the respective headstones and where they have been supplied, eulogies or a short history of those interred.

Families can provide the Birchip Neighbourhood House with photographs, eulogies (digital) and interesting information (e.g. newspaper articles) to be attached to interment records. For more in-

formation, please contact Simone on 0429 922 735 or email [birchipblc@bigpond.com](mailto:birchipblc@bigpond.com)

Families can also add, renew or recondition their plaques and headstones at any time, but it is a legal requirement to obtain permission to install new or make changes to old headstones/plaques in a cemetery or crematorium. Permission can be gained by contacting Simone Christie administrator of the Birchip

Cemetery Trust, at the Birchip Neighbourhood House 0429 922735.

The Cargill Cares "Cropping for the Birchip Community" program are very generous benefactors of the local community, and the Birchip Cemetery Trust is very grateful for their financial contribution which has supported them to continue improving the Birchip Cemetery and its records.

# Community Chest Benefits Birchip Cenotaph Makeover

The IGA Community Chest has been operating for the past 7 years, and the Birchip RSL sub-branch has been selected by local owners Harrison Nguyen, Jimmy Doan and Billy Bui to be the beneficiary of the \$892 raised in 2024 at the Birchip store.

When you purchase a product at your local IGA with the IGA Community Chest logo printed on the label, a percentage is automatically credited to the store's IGA Community Chest fund, and during IGA Community Chest catalogue promotion weeks, all products in the catalogue bearing the special IGA Community Chest logo also contribute to the Chest.

Every November, local stores select an activity or an organisation to be the recipient of the money in their local Community Chest as IGA's way of giving back to the local communities who support them.

"We are very proud to support the Birchip RSL's goal to revitalise the seating and lighting facilities at our Birchip cenotaph," said Harrison.

## Cenotaph Makeover

The Birchip RSL sub-branch members are working hard to procure funds to makeover the Birchip Cenotaph located at the entrance of Birchip Memorial Park and have also gratefully received funds from the "Cargill Cares Cropping for the Birchip Community" program.

In coming weeks, they will be replacing the cement around the cenotaph and have plans to add cement box seating and lighting to the cenotaph, soldier statue and lone pine tree. Their ambitious plans to rejuvenate the area and preserve the community's history includes adding back-lit story boards, sharing the stories of some of our own war veterans.

## Aesthetics

These works are designed to improve the aesthetics of

the local memorial, fix the occupational health and safety concerns and the lack of access and seating, particularly for community members and visitors who have limited mobility. Adding permanent and accessible seating will also provide locals and visitors a chance to sit and reflect on our district's service history.

The Birchip Cenotaph project is going to be a staged project, with each stage completed as funding becomes available.

The committee is to be congratulated on its endeavours to rejuvenate our memorial sites for locals, visitors and future generations, as are the organisations like Birchip IGA and Birchip Cargill's "Cropping for Communities project" which have committed funding to ensure their efforts are materialised.



• Shane McLoughlan (president Birchip RSL), Judy Living, Harrison Nguyen, Noeline Hogan (secretary Birchip RSL), at the Birchip Cenotaph.

## Variety at Donald Shared Shop

New resident to Donald, Lara Dorman has joined the shared shop with her business, "Take a seat with Lara".

Lara creates custom made art nouveau designer chairs. Her range includes Mad Hatter, Alice in Wonderland, Pirates of the Caribbean and Marilyn Monroe. Lara also rejuvenates tables and other furniture, turning them into fascinating art decoupage show pieces.

Donald Shared Shop has been operating for six months and there are now 14 different businesses residing in Bassett's building. Each one brings a unique style and range of products that add to the quirky atmosphere that the shop promotes.

Bev's Baubles jewellery and clothing continues to operate alongside the other traders. Whilst Bev condensed her stock to allow

room for others, she is still providing comfortable clothing and a vast range of jewellery, beads and specialty soaps.

Deb Arnel is another new arrival to Donald who also shares the space in Bassett's building. **Benson's Bowties and Bandanas** has many handmade accessories for your pet dog. There are different sized walking harnesses, jackets, collars as well as food bowls and treat bags. Deb also produces custom made coffee cups and wine glasses, amid novelty gifts and vintage signs.

Also participating in the share shop is local "**Snowy**" **Landwehr**, who has a beautiful display of hand crafted wreaths, amazing bird houses

created from timber and pressed metal, handmade furniture plus vintage wares and wicker baskets.

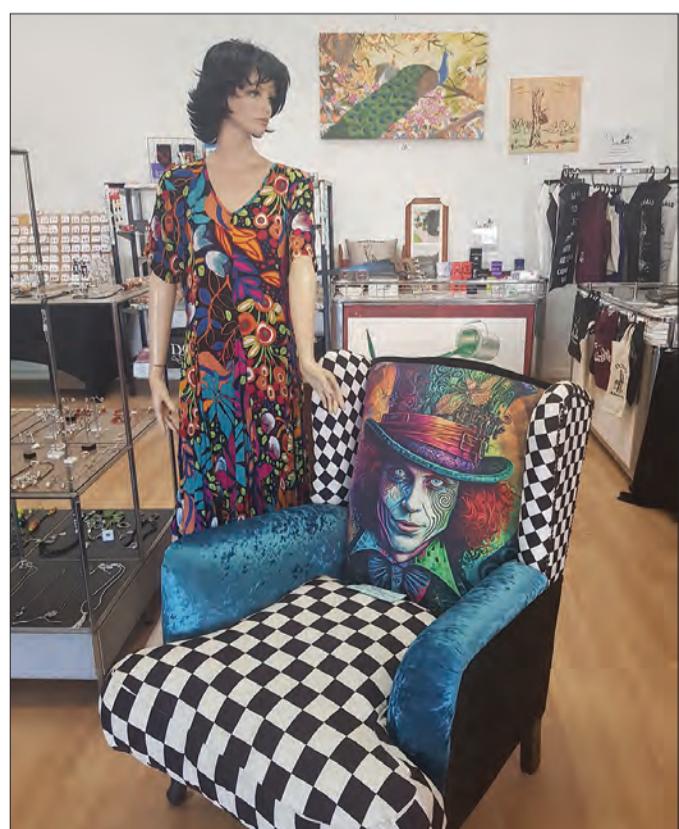
Kez Duncan, trading as **Ask for Art**, offers screen printed Donald merchandise including tea towels, handkerchiefs, cushion covers and shopping bags. There is also a selection of postcards featuring Donald attractions. Kez also has original artwork and painted handsaws for sale.

Brenden Murphy of **1 Mile to Go Photography** has a small selection of his beautiful photography on display. Brenden's images capture Donald and surrounding countryside in spectacular colour and aerial views.

The shop has also established **Basset's Office**, an alternative and affordable work station in a discreet and confidential setting in the "heart" of the shop: it is the original Bassett building office!

Bassett's building hosts the shared shops and is the result from months of hard work with Pat Timmons from Rural Business & Community and FRRR's "Helping Regional Communities Prepare for Drought" funding. Rural Business & Community is also working to establish a small Shared Shop Trail in the north west – in the shadows of the excellent Silo Art Trail.

There are more traders who have joined in, who shall look forward to sharing and promoting their business and products in another "Buloke Times" edition. Stay tuned, but if you can't wait, head into the Donald Shared Shop and take the time to look around and see the variety of goods available.



• Custom-made chair by "Take a Seat with Lara".

## Oscar Contender "Conclave" at Rex

Eight Oscar nominations, including Best Picture and Best Actor, have the movie "Conclave" in the race for film honours at this year's Academy Awards, with The Rex screening the political thriller (directed by Edward Berger) this coming weekend.

Based on the 2016 novel by Robert Harris, "Conclave" tells the story of Cardinal Thomas Lawrence, who has the task of participating in the selection of a new Pope. Surrounded by powerful religious leaders in the halls of the Vatican, he soon uncovers a trail of deep secrets that could shake the very foundation of the Roman Catholic Church.

Without the high-powered CGI and loud action beloved by many of the franchised action-hero movies, a film about the election of a Pope may not seem like much of a crowd-puller. However, with a thriller storyline which ups the tension and intrigue, the film has captured a slew of award nominations in addition to the 8 Oscars nods. Nominated for another 12 BAFTAS (British Academy of Film Awards) and 6 Golden Globes for both the acting and production values, "Conclave" has captured the imagination of both the critics and public alike.

With the film starring Ralph Fiennes, Stanley Tucci, John Lithgow and Isabella Rossellini, audience reviewers have praised a range of factors which have resonated with contemporary crowds. These include depicting the Cardinals as modern-day men seen smoking, arguing, and scrolling on their phones, revealing to the lust for power and behind-the-scenes wheeling and dealing, along with

the visually stunning cinematography. "Riveting", "suspenseful", "gorgeous and evocative" are just some of the plaudits this drama / thriller has received.

While not filmed in the Vatican, the re-creation of the world-famous Sistine Chapel against which the drama unfolds took just 10 weeks to reconstruct at Rome's Cinecitta studios. The end result is an

amazing replica, which emulates the original in every detail.

Don't miss the opportunity to see this Oscar contender (tickets are just \$12) and be in the know for when the Academy Award winners are announced on March 3.

"Conclave" (PG 120 minutes) screens at The Rex – Saturday, February 8, 8 p.m. | Sunday, February 9, 2 p.m. | Tuesday, February 11, 8 p.m..

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• Left to right: Megan Godkin-Briggs, Ebony Start, Declan Ryan and Claire Smith.

## Welcome to New Students and Teachers

[From Charlton College]

**On the first day of Foundation, new friendships are made, adventures begin, and the love of learning takes root! Charlton College wishes them all the very best on their first year of schooling.**

Megan Godkin-Briggs has relocated from Melbourne and is 6 months away from finishing her teaching degree. Megan will be working with students in both Primary and Secondary classrooms as a Teacher Aide.

Ebony Start is a very familiar face to us at the College as last year she was one of our Year 12 students! Ebony is using her first year out of school to assist our students as a Teacher Aide. They will be able to follow her example of being an excellent student.

Declan Ryan is one of our new teachers, after relocating from Queensland, and is a big fan of the Richmond Football Club. Declan will be working over both Primary and Secondary areas teaching Maths, Science and PE.

Claire Smith is another new teacher who has also relocated from Queensland – excited to live the country life! Claire will be teaching our Secondary students English, VM Literacy and Accounting.

We look forward to working with them!



• Their first year of schooling. Left to right: Olive McGurk, Leo Stahl, Lailah Teggatz, Harry Cossar, Tully Van Boven, Charlie Lane, Matilda Leslie and Chloe Watts.

## Water Corporations Stand Together

Rural water corporations across Victoria have united in standing against workplace aggression.

Goulburn-Murray Water (GMW), Lower Murray Water (LMW), Southern Rural Water (SRW) and Grampians Wimmera Mallee Water (GWMWater) are all reinforcing that their people are there to support customers and community members, but have a zero-tolerance approach to aggression towards their team members.

The water corporations have staff in various roles who interact with customers, from those out in the field conducting maintenance on water delivery assets or doing meter reads, to those in the

contact centres helping answer customers' queries.

GMW Distributions Services manager Greg Shannon said staff were there to assist customers and had the right to a safe workspace.

"Whether an employee is on someone's property to resolve a maintenance issue, or is talking to a customer on the phone, they are there to help," he said.

"We understand some customers are currently in stressful situations due to the dry weather, but threats and abuse are never acceptable."

### Out-of-Hours

Rural water corporation staff occasionally have to conduct out-of-hours maintenance on certain assets, such as meters and flume gates. These assets are often on private property, and while the water corporation will always try to notify landholders in advance, contacting them may not always be possible. Staff will always wear uniforms and have identification on them.

LMW Manager, Strategy and Communication Owen Russell, asked customers to

be understanding in these situations.

"We expect our staff to always treat customers and each other with courtesy and respect, and in return we ask that customers treat our staff in the same way."

SRW Acting General Manager, Service Delivery Desiree Craig said safety of the water corporation's people was vital and they needed customers' support to ensure their team members remained safe at work.

"We take workplace safety seriously, and strive to ensure

## Letter to the Editor



### World's Greatest Shave

(The Editor, "The Times")

Dear Editor.—

The Leukaemia Foundation's much-loved national fundraising campaign, the World's Greatest Shave, is back for its 27th year encouraging people to shave, cut or colour their hair to raise critical funds for the 150,000 Australians living with blood cancer.

As the Leukaemia Foundation's biggest fundraising event of the year, our call for participation in the World's Greatest Shave has never been more urgent, with new data revealing blood cancer is on track to become Australia's most common and deadly cancer within a decade – unless we act now.

What we know is that while the incidence of blood cancer in Australia has soared by 79 per cent in the past 20 years, in that time only 12 per cent of blood cancer research funding has been directed towards early detection and prevention of the disease – proportionally well below that of other leading cancers.

It means that while blood cancer research to date has made significant strides towards improving treatment and care options for patients and their families, unfortunately, the critical issues of prevention and early detection of the disease remain unsolved.

It might surprise readers to learn that blood cancer is the second leading cause of cancer

deaths in Australia. And yet, you cannot prevent blood cancer, nor can you screen for it or make lifestyle changes to reduce your risk of being diagnosed – it's Australia's silent and hidden cancer crisis.

With around 1 in 12 Australians projected to receive a blood cancer diagnosis in their lifetime, it is essential, now more than ever, that Australia invests more funding into blood cancer research focused on early detection and prevention, while continuing to bolster support services for patients and their loved ones.

Everyday Australians, like you and me, can do their part by signing up to the World's Greatest Shave to shave, cut or colour their hair to support the growing number of people living with blood cancer.

The Leukaemia Foundation has a bold goal of raising \$12 million through the campaign and we cannot do it alone. Every strand of hair you change will help make a difference in the lives of Australians impacted by this disease and hopefully, one day, find a cure.

We urge the Australian community to sign up, or donate directly, to the World's Greatest Shave today by visiting [worldsgreatestshave.com](http://worldsgreatestshave.com) or calling 1800 500 088.

Yours sincerely,

**Chris Tanti**

CEO, Leukaemia Foundation

## Power Outage in Donald

**Notifications of a power outage started to arrive around 2.28 a.m. from Powernet, with a projected restoration time of 6.30 a.m..**

Thankfully, just over an hour later, the power was back on.

At the time of print, an outage at Narraport was under investigation.

that all team members go home safely," she said. "No employee should have to experience workplace aggression. It not only impacts their work but can be deeply damaging on a personal level."

GWMWater Executive Manager Customer and Employee Experience, Adele Rohde, said the organisation understood the impacts of cost-of-living pressures.

"GWMWater has recently been more proactive in our approach to supporting customers to pay their bills. We have dedicated resources to assist customers to access utility

relief and hardship grants," she said.

"Our staff are here to help and we appreciate mutually respectful conversations with our customers, whether that is over the phone or in person."

There is a range of support options available to irrigators that can be found on Agriculture Victoria's website: <https://agriculture.vic.gov.au/farm-management/dry-seasons-and-drought-support/dry-season-support>

People can also contact their local water corporation to discuss financial hardship plans or how they can alter their entitlements.

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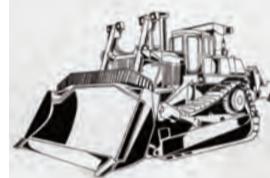
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# Helping to Get Women and Girls Into Sport

The Victorian Government is supporting more women and girls to get involved in the sports they love with more funds for sporting clubs and organisations to encourage and foster female participation.

Member for Northern Victoria, Jaclyn Symes, announced applications are open for the 2024-25 Change Our Game Community Activation Grants Program.

The program delivers grants of up to \$10,000 to community sport and recreation clubs to help inspire women and girls to take part – including new women's programs, hosting a women's round as well as opportunities for club leadership roles.

Now in its eighth year, the Change Our Game Community Activation Grants Program has provided more than \$2.9 million towards 580 grants to sport and active recreation clubs and organisations across the state.

Through the Fair Access Policy Roadmap, which has seen all Victorian councils and Alpine Resorts Victoria adopt local gender equitable access policies and the Community Activation Grants Program, the Labor Government is helping achieve more equitable access and increase the number of women and girls actively taking part in sport.

Since 2018, the Labor Government has invested more than \$2.9 million in

funding to 580 community sport and recreation clubs as part of the \$18.8 million investment in the Office for Women in Sport and Recreation and Change Our Game initiative.

Applications for this program close at 5 p.m. AEDT, Wednesday, February 26, 2025.

For more information about the program, visit [changeourgame.vic.gov.au](http://changeourgame.vic.gov.au).



• Jaclyn Symes

## Meeting Rural Victoria's Needs: Move to Win More Doctors

**The Federal and State governments are working together to deliver more doctors and better care to people in rural and regional areas of Victoria.**

A new two-year Single Employer Model (SEM) trial will support up to 15 full-time equivalent rural generalist trainees based in Bairnsdale, the Grampians and Mildura.

Rural generalists are GPs who undertake extra training to deliver a broader range of services to patients in regional, rural and remote parts of Australia.

The trial begins in February 2025.

Under the program, rural generalist trainees will be

salaried employees of the Victorian Government, rather than changing employers every six to 12 months with each new GP practice placement.

### Income

The trial will give trainees a guaranteed income and entitlements such as annual leave, parental leave, sick leave and other benefits received by doctors working in hospital settings.

Locating the SEM trial in Bairnsdale, the Grampians and Mildura will help general

practices attract rural generalist trainees and increase access to medical services for locals in the immediate term.

The trial will also encourage trainees to build local connections within the community and consider a long-term future in rural, regional and remote medicine.

Existing SEM trials in NSW, Queensland, Tasmania and South Australia are receiving positive feedback from both GP trainees and general practices.

Potholes Galore, but....

## Where's the Money Going?

The Allan Labor Government is presiding over a disastrous deterioration in the state of Victoria's roads but can't tell Victorians where it is spending road maintenance money.

In answers to questions on notice from the Leader of The Nationals and Shadow Minister for Roads and Road Safety, Danny O'Brien, the government was unable – or unwilling – to say how much money is being spent on resurfacing and rehabilitation works.

In a further embarrassment, the Minister for Roads and Road Safety, Melissa Horne, was also unable to provide answers to a series of other questions.

Ms Horne could not provide any data on sealing of shoulders, cleaning of roadside drains, how many contracts had been issued for resurfacing of roads, or even how much money Victoria received from the Commonwealth for road safety programs.

It comes after a 95 per cent reduction in total area of road repaired last financial year and on the back of significant cuts to the road maintenance budget.

"Labor likes to put out a lot of spin about how much it's spending on roads, but

Victorians know the reality of our pothole riddled road network," said Mr O'Brien.

"We also can see the lack of investment in the state of our roads and even Labor can't now confirm where the money is being spent.

"The suggestion that taxpayer expenditure on road resurfacing or rehabilitation isn't known is just a fallacy.

"The government clearly should know what it's spending its money on, but the fact is it's embarrassed by the lack of investment and is doing its best to cover up."

Mr O'Brien said Premier Jacinta Allan and Minister Melissa Horne should be honest with Victorians and admit they have been bungling road maintenance for years.

"If Labor was serious about its claims over the investment it's making in road maintenance, it would come clean and be honest with Victorians about how they are spending their money.

"Labor can't manage money, can't manage our roads and it's Victorians who are paying the price."

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2.0Ltr Bi-Turbo, 4x4, Towing Pack,

18Inch A/T Tyres, Arctic White

\$70,490 Drive Away

### MY 2024.50 Ranger

Dual Cab, Sport, 3.0Ltr V6 Diesel, 10 Spd Auto 4x4,

Arctic White, Sport Embossed Seats, Flexible Rack System

\$3000 gift card or discount on advertised Ranger Utes

\$76,000 Drive Away

### MY 2024.50 Ranger

Dual Cab, XLT, 2.0Ltr Bi-turbo Diesel, 10 Spd Auto 4x4,

Aluminium, Premium Cloth Seat Trim, Touring Pack

\$3000 gift card or discount on advertised Ranger Utes

\$65,900 Drive Away

### MY 2024.50 Ranger

Dual Cab Raptor 3.0Ltr V6 Petrol, 10 Spd Auto 4x4, Arctic

White, Raptor Embossed Leather Seats, Power Roll Shutter

\$3000 gift card or discount on advertised Ranger Utes

\$97,500 Drive Away

2023 F-150 Double Cab (crew cab) Lariat Series, 3.5Ltr V6 Petrol, 10 Spd SWB  
NOVEMBER END OF YEAR RUNOUT \$132,000 Drive Away

### My 2024.50 Transit Custom Trend

2.0L Diesel, 8spd, Automatic, Frozen White/BlackOnyx, Load Area Protection Kit

\$59,200 Drive Away

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# Tapping Into the First Aid Benefits of Nature

The medicinal properties of essential oils and their ability to deal with a wide range of first aid situations makes them a useful addition to the home medicine cabinet. Because of their versatility it is not necessary to maintain a wide selection; just the ones that you need.

Castor oil is one of the best emergency remedies for drawing out foreign bodies from wounds. It will draw up to ten millimetres deep, thoroughly removing all the nasties. Use it as a poultice after stepping

on a rusty nail, to draw an abscess, a boil or any infection from any part of the body, and to draw out the infection of tick bites (including any part of the head that was left behind) and splinters.

## Lavender Oil

Lavender oil is capable of many important jobs. It is a natural antibiotic, and antiseptic, which promotes healing and prevents scarring, and is especially effective for the treatment of burns and scalds.

To treat burns first apply ice-cold water for at least ten minutes, then immediately put two drops of neat lavender oil directly on to the affected area. Next, put five drops of the neat oil on a dry, cold compress and cover the burn, repeating as needed.

Tea tree oil is a powerful antiseptic and its anti-viral, anti-fungal and anti-bacterial properties make it useful in treating a whole range of first aid situations. Two or three drops of the oil in a bowl of warm water makes an excellent

antiseptic wash for wounds, scratches, cuts and sores. It will also relieve the itchiness and irritation of mosquito stings and other insect bites.

## Olive Oil

Olive oil is useful for treating ears that tend to wax up or discharge, or ears that ache. If there is an infection deep in the ear, you can mix a bit of castor oil with olive oil to add drawing power. Warm a little of the oil by putting a small jar of it in a pan of warm water. Add three drops to the affected ear and rub it in. Leave overnight, and clean with a bit of cotton wool the next morning. It will not only clean the ears but will also provide pain relief. For serious ear problems you should consult your family health practitioner.

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Olive oil also acts as a soothing balm for all types of skin rashes, including those caused through an allergic reaction. A small amount of the warmed oil can also be used to treat dry scalp dandruff. Simply massage well into the scalp and leave for about 15 minutes, then wash out.

## Linseed Oil

Linseed oil makes an ideal massage oil for treating, sprained, strained, twisted, stretched and torn ligaments. It will ease tight muscles ligaments and tone and improve elasticity in both tight and loose muscles. It is an essential sports medicine for the home first aid chest to treat all



• Alan Hayes

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## YOUR THREE-DAY TV GUIDE

**Tuesday**

**ABC TV (2)** 6.00 Morning Programs. 1.00 Miniseries: Ridley Road. 2.00 Parliament. 3.00 Restoration Australia. 3.55 Miriam & Alan: Lost In Scotland And Beyond... 4.40 Grand Designs: The Streets. 5.30 Antiques Roadshow. 6.25 Hard Quiz. 7.00 News. 7.30 8.00 Megafauna: What Killed Australia's Giants? 8.50 Secret Science. Final. 9.20 The Art Of... 9.50 Brush With Fame. 10.25 News. 10.40 The Business. 10.55 Four Corners. 11.40 Late Programs.

**ABC FAMILY (22)** 6.00 Kids' Programs. 5.50 Octonauts. 6.05 Kaya And The Kimja Heroes. 6.25 The Adventures Of Paddington. 7.05 Andy And The Band. 7.35 The Investigators. 7.50 Little Lunch. 8.05 Fresh Off The Boat. 8.25 Matilda And The Ramsay Bunch. 8.50 Deadly Mission: Shark. 9.20 Planet Expedition. 10.10 Doctor Who. 10.55 Merlin. 11.40 Good Game Spawn Point. 12.25 Rage. 1.25 Critters TV. 1.40 Operation Ouch! 2.05 Kids' Programs.

**NITV (34)** 6.00 Morning Programs. 2.05 Shortland St. 2.30 The Cook Up. 3.00 The Magic Canoe. 3.40 Bushwhacked! 4.05 Spartakus And The Sun Beneath The Sea. 4.35 Motown Magic. 5.00 Our Stories. 5.30 Indian Country Today News. 6.00 Bamay. 6.40 Brazil Untamed. 7.30 The Kings. 8.30 The Rap Game UK. 9.30 Over The Black Dot. 10.20 Hunting Aotearoa. 10.50 MOVIE: Redacted. (2007) 12.30 Going Places. 2.00 On The Road. 3.00 Late Programs.

**SBS (3)** 6.00 Morning Programs. 11.00 Tour De France 2024 Highlights Review. 12.00 Cycling. Tour de France. Stage 3. Highlights. 1.00 PBS News. 2.00 A Short History Of Living Longer. 3.00 Living Black. 3.35 The Cook Up. 4.05 Jeopardy! 4.30 Letters And Numbers. 5.00 Tour De France 2024 Highlights Review. 6.00 Mastermind Australia. 6.30 News. 7.30 Railway Journeys UK. 8.30 Insight. 9.30 Cycling. Tour de France. Stage 4. 1.50 Unseen. 3.35 Late Programs.

**SBS VLND (31)** 6.00 Morning Programs. 12.00 France 24 English News. 12.30 Brooklyn Nine-Nine. 12.55 Kickin' Back. 1.30 BBC News At Ten. 2.00 Tour De France 2024 Highlights Review. 3.00 Cycling. Tour de France. Stage 3. Highlights. 4.00 ABC World News Tonight. 4.25 PBS News. 5.25 Underground Worlds. 6.20 Forged In Fire. 7.05 Jeopardy! 7.35 8 Out Of 10 Cats. 8.30 Alone. 9.40 Hoarders. Return. 11.20 Dark Side Of The Ring. Final. 12.15 Shoresy. 2.40 Late Programs.

**SBS MOVIES (32)** 6.00 Whisky Galore. Cont. (2016) 6.50 A Friendly Tale. (2020, French) 8.45 Every Day. (2018) 10.35 The Assistant. (2019) 12.10 Annie Hall. (1977) 1.50 The Eagle Huntress. (2016, Kazakh) 3.25 Courted. (2015, French) 5.15 Brideshead Revisited. (2008) 7.40 Infinite Storm. (2022) Naomi Watts. 9.30 Beyond The Summit. (2022, Spanish) Javier Rey. 11.05 Life. (2017) 1.00 The Witness. (2018, Korean) 3.05 The Year Of Fury. (2020, Spanish) 5.00 Late Programs.

**SEVEN (6)** 6.00 Sunrise. 9.00 The Morning Show. 11.30 News. 12.00 To Be Advised. 1.30 Border Security: Int. 2.00 Catch Phrase. 3.00 The Chase. 4.00 News. 5.00 The Chase Aust. 6.00 Seven News. 7.30 Home And Away. 7.30 Dream Home. 9.10 The Good Doctor. 10.10 Ambulance: Code Red. 11.10 The Latest: Seven News. 11.40 The Real Manhunter. 2.00 Shopping. 4.00 NBC Today. 5.00 Sunrise 5am News. 5.30 Sunrise.

**7TWO (62)** 6.00 Shopping. 6.30 Escape To The Country. 7.30 Medical Emergency. 8.00 Million Dollar Minute. 9.00 Harry's Practice. 9.30 NBC Today. 12.00 Better Homes. 1.00 Escape To The Country. 2.00 Creek To Coast. 2.30 Auction Squad. 3.30 Harry's Practice. 4.00 Medical Emergency. 4.30 Better Homes. 5.30 Escape To The Country. 6.30 Bargain Hunt. 7.30 Call The Midwife. 8.50 A Touch Of Frost. 10.35 The Yorkshire Steam Railway: All Aboard. 11.35 Late Programs.

**7MATE (64)** 6.00 Morning Programs. 9.00 America's Game. 10.00 Storage Wars. 10.30 American Restoration. 11.00 American Pickers. 12.00 Pawn Stars. 1.00 Outback Opal Hunters. 2.00 Gem Hunters Down Under. 3.00 Billy The Exterminator. 3.30 Supercar Customiser: Yianni. 4.30 Storage Wars. 5.00 American Restoration. 5.30 American Pickers. 6.30 Pawn Stars. 7.30 Outback Truckers. 8.30 Kings Of Pain. 9.30 Family Guy. 10.30 American Dad! 11.30 Late Programs.

**NINE (8)** 6.00 Today. 9.00 Today Extra. 11.30 9News Morning. 12.00 Do You Want To Live Forever? 1.15 Talking Honey. 1.30 Getaway. 2.00 Pointless. 3.00 Tipping Point. 4.00 9News Afternoon. 4.30 Tipping Point Australia. 5.30 WIN News. 6.00 9News. 7.30 A Current Affair. 7.30 Tipping Point Australia Olympic Specials. 9.00 Tennis. Wimbledon. Day 2. 12.00 Tennis. Wimbledon. Day 2 Late. 5.00 Today Early News. 5.30 Today.

**9GEM (81)** 6.00 Morning Programs. 10.00 TV Shop. 10.30 Pointless. 11.30 My Favorite Martian. 12.00 Days Of Our Lives. 12.55 The Young And The Restless. 1.50 Explore. 2.05 Country Life For Half The Price. 3.05 Antiques Roadshow. 3.35 MOVIE: Catch Us If You Can. (1965) 5.30 Yorkshire Auction House. 6.30 Antiques Roadshow. 7.30 Wimbledon 2024 Pre-Show. 8.00 Tennis. Wimbledon. Day 2. 9.00 Agatha Christie's Marple. 11.00 A Wedding And A Murder. 12.00 Late Programs.

**9GO! (82)** 6.00 Morning Programs. 11.00 Transformers: Prime. 11.30 Bakugan: Evolutions. 12.00 Motor Racing. Formula E. Round 13. Portland ePrix. Highlights. 1.05 Young Sheldon. 1.30 Bewitched. 2.00 Full House. 2.30 The Nanny. 3.30 Seinfeld. 4.30 The Addams Family. 5.00 Bewitched. 5.30 I Dream Of Jeannie. 6.00 The Nanny. 7.00 Young Sheldon. 7.30 Seinfeld. 8.30 MOVIE: Date Night. (2010) Steve Carell. 10.20 Seinfeld. 11.20 Metro Sexual. 11.50 Late Programs.

**TEN (5)** 6.00 Morning Programs. 8.30 Bold. 9.00 Dr Phil. 10.00 Everyday Gourmet. 10.30 Deal Or No Deal. 11.00 The Drew Barrymore Show. 12.00 10 News First. Midday. 1.00 Ent. Tonight. 1.20 Judge Judy. 1.50 MasterChef Australia. 3.00 Everyday Gourmet. 3.30 10 News First. 4.00 Neighbours. 4.30 News First. 5.00 News. 6.00 Deal Or No Deal. 6.30 The Project. 7.30 MasterChef Australia. 8.40 The Cheap Seats. 9.40 NCIS. 10.40 10's Late News. 11.05 The Project. 12.05 Late Programs.

**10 BOLD (53)** 6.00 Shopping. 8.00 What's Up Down Under. 8.30 Jake And The Fatman. 9.30 Diagnosis Murder. 11.30 JAG. 1.30 Star Trek: Voyager. 2.30 Jake And The Fatman. 3.30 Diagnosis Murder. 5.30 JAG. 7.30 NCIS. 9.25 FBI. 11.15 Blue Bloods. 12.15 Shopping. 2.15 Diagnosis Murder. 4.05 JAG.

**10 PEACH (52)** 6.00 Becker. 6.30 Frasier. 7.30 Stephen Colbert. 8.30 The Drew Barrymore Show. 9.30 King Of Queens. 10.00 Rules Of Engagement. 10.30 Becker. 11.00 Frasier. 12.00 Deal Or No Deal. 12.30 How We Roll. 1.00 Big Bang. 1.30 Becker. 2.00 Rules Of Engagement. 2.30 King Of Queens. 3.00 Frasier. 4.00 Everyday Gourmet. 4.30 Friends. 5.30 Big Bang. 6.30 Neighbours. 7.00 Friends. 8.00 Big Bang. 9.30 Two And A Half Men. 11.00 Rules Of Engagement. 11.30 Late Programs.

**Wednesday**

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**9GEM (81)** 6.00 Danger Man. 7.00 Creffo. 7.30 Skippy. 8.00 TV Shop. 10.30 Pointless. 11.30 My Favorite Martian. 12.00 Days Of Our Lives. 12.55 The Young And The Restless. 1.50 Explore. 2.05 Country Life For Half The Price. 3.05 Antiques Roadshow. 3.35 MOVIE: Catch Us If You Can. (1965) 5.30 Yorkshire Auction House. 6.30 Antiques Roadshow. 7.30 Wimbledon 2024 Pre-Show. 8.00 Tennis. Wimbledon. Day 3. 9.30 Midsomer Murders. 11.30 Late Programs.

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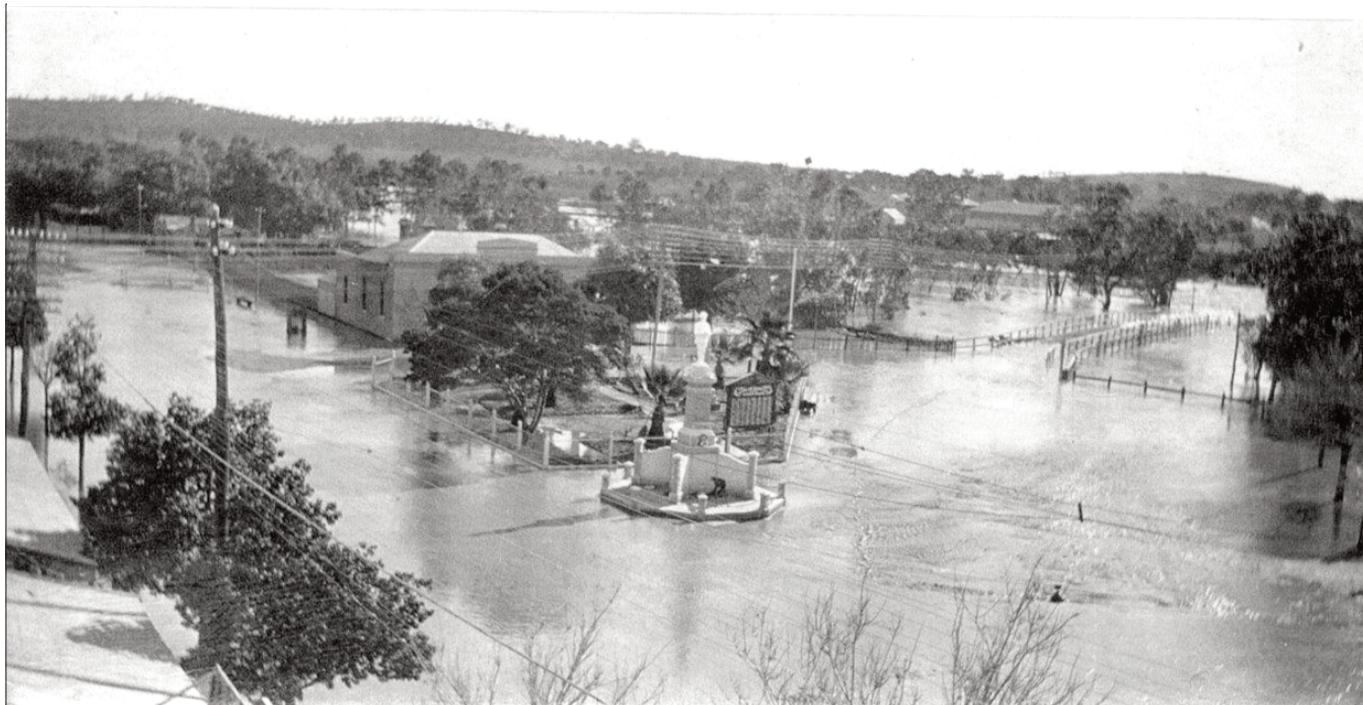
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# Charlton 100 Years Ago



• 1923 Charlton flood, pictured: the mechanics institute, bridge and war memorial in the foreground.

(Information from "East Charlton Tribune")

January 31 to February 4, 1925.

**Salvation Army Activity:** Captain Martin (from the Numurkah Corps) and Lieutenant Bray (from the Melbourne Training Garrison) who arrived to take up duty in the Wedderburn Corps a little over a fortnight ago, visited Charlton and held a service in High Street. It being an off night, and cool to boot, the attendance was very small. Breaking fresh ground, the officers did not, however, expect a large gathering at the initial venture. During their brief stay, they visited as many homes as possible. They propose visiting our town as often as they can, to hold outdoor services, and later on hope to be able to re-start a Corps in Charlton. Some years ago there was a Corps in existence here, and the Army at present owns a block of ground in High Street.

**The First Pile:** The driving-in of the first pile of the new bridge has started. For the purpose, a "monkey", with a drop of 6 feet, was employed, and the blow represented a force of something like 20 tons. The pile, which was of reinforced concrete, shod with cast-iron at its lower extremity, was protected at the top end by a wooden shock absorber. The job of driving in this pile was described by the supervisor, Mr Thompson, as the toughest job he had encountered in his long experience. It took 24 blows to sink the pile 3 inches, which means that each of the tremendous percussions was driving it one-eighth of an inch – a testimony to the extreme hardness of the soil encountered.

**Capital Cars:** Mr W. Hindson notifies that he has the Buckrabanyule, Barrakee, Woosang, Wedderburn, Lake Marmal, Wychitella, and surrounding districts agency for the cars handled by the Olympia Motors Co., namely the Rugby, Durant, large and small 6-cylinder Flint, and the English Armstrong-Siddeley.

**Wheat Arrivals:** Wheat is arriving at Charlton railway station, and the West siding, at the rate of fully 4000 bags per day, that being the total for the two places combined. This is twice as fast as was the case three weeks ago.

**Farm Changes Hands:** The sale is reported of Mr F. Beckham's farm of 320 acres, situated one mile from Charlton, to Messrs Soding Bros, at a satisfactory price.

**Jeffcott:** The news that Miss Edith Mary Tonkin had passed away at a private hospital at Elsternwick, came as a severe blow. Deceased was a daughter of Mrs E. Tonkin, and the late Mr J. S. Tonkin, and had been a life-long resident of Mt Jeffcott, until about two years ago, when she left this district to reside at Ballarat, which was her home at the time of her death. Because of her happy and sociable disposition, she was held in high esteem by all with whom she came in contact.

**St Patrick's Day Races:** Since the annual meeting of the St Patrick's Day Race Club, important developments have occurred. A deputation from Wooroonook waited on one of the joint honorary secretaries with a proposal that the amount of the St Patrick's Day Handicap stake-money should be substantially increased, and a considerable sum of money for that object has already been guaranteed. There will be a special general meeting to be held at Dwyer's Vale of Avoca Hotel. The officials are: President, Mr N. Frahm; vice-presidents, Dr W. E. Wilson, Messrs W. Halligan, W. Laffin and H. J. Jackson; joint honorary secretaries, Messrs J. Spain and F. Dodd; treasurer Mr P. Spain.

**The Tennis Courts:** The River Club was the visitor to St Joseph's Courts when the home side won by 12 sets to 8. Gentlemen for St Joseph's were: W. Killeen, E. Arundell, P. Spencer, I. Jenkins, Rev. Fr O'Shannessy, D. Vickers, G. Currie, J. Dullard, L. Reynolds, F. Travaglia, W. Patton. River team: M. Heenan, G. O'Brien, J. Sait, T. Maher, P. Maher, G. Maher, C. Reid, A. Round, J. Wright, H. Arnall, R. Sait. St Joseph's ladies: Mrs I. A. O'Donnell, Misses M. Bourke, M. Lazarus, M. Fanning, M. Soding, A. Fanning, W. Jenkins, D. Wilmet, N. Bourke. River Ladies: Mesdames G. O'Brien, M. Heenan, Reynolds, Misses E. Maher, C. Powell, D. Churchill. Visitors and home players were entertained to an excellent afternoon tea by the lady members of St Joseph's Club.

## Community Update Buloke.



### Lino Print Workshops

Immerse yourself in culture, creativity, and connection with hands-on Lino Print Workshops led by Wotjobaluk Artist Kristy Witt and Birchip Artist Kristy Dean.

**Donald**

**When:** Saturday, 15th

**February 2025**

**Time:** 10:30 AM – 3:30 PM

**Where:** Donald Train Station,  
Walker St. Donald

**Wycheproof**

**When:** Sunday, 16th

**February 2025**

**Time:** 10:30 AM – 3:30 PM

**Where:** Wycheproof Train  
Station

No cost to attend. Lunch provided - limited to 15 places per workshop. Bookings essential: Call 1300 520 520 or email us at [buloke@buloke.vic.gov.au](mailto:buloke@buloke.vic.gov.au)

\*\*This initiative is proudly funded by the Australian and Victorian Government's Community Recovery Hubs Program.



### Draft Governance Rules

Council is seeking public consultation and feedback from the community on the proposed changes to Council's Governance Rules.

Under Section 60 of the Local Government Act 2020 a Council must develop, adopt and enforce Governance Rules which govern the conduct of Council meetings.

The Draft Governance Rules have been developed with the intent to establish a more contemporary set of rules in line with changes to industry standards.

Members of the community are invited to make written submissions on the Draft Governance Rules by **4.00pm 5 March 2025**.

Those who have made a written submission are requested to indicate if they wish to make a verbal submission at the Council Meeting to be held from 7:00pm on 19 March 2025.

Submissions received by Council, after removing any personal information, may be included within the relevant Council Meeting Agenda.

Submissions should be addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, Buleoke Shire Council, P.O. Box 1, Wycheproof VIC 3527 or forwarded via email to [buloke@buloke.vic.gov.au](mailto:buloke@buloke.vic.gov.au)

Any person requiring further information should direct their enquiries to the Director Corporate and Organisational Performance on 1300 520 520 or via email at [buloke@buloke.vic.gov.au](mailto:buloke@buloke.vic.gov.au)

### Notice of an Application for a Planning Permit

The land affected by the application is located at: Borung Hwy, Gil Gil VIC 3480.

The application is for a permit for the use and development of land for a: **Place of Assembly** (annual 5 day music, arts and camping festival to be held on 10 occasions on the Labour Day long weekend from 2025 to 2034 inclusive).

The application reference number is: PA24026.

You may view the application and supporting documents on the **Buleoke Shire Council Website** <https://buloke.greenlightpm.com/planning> or by making contact with the office of the Responsible Authority, Buleoke Shire Office, Wycheproof on 1300 520 520.

This can be done during office hours and is free of charge. Any person who may be affected by the granting of the permit may object or make other submissions to the Responsible Authority.

An objection must be made to the Responsible Authority in writing, include the objectors name and contact details, include reasons for the objection, and state how the objector would be affected. An online submission form is available at <https://www.buloke.vic.gov.au/planning-applications-on-exhibition>

The Responsible Authority will not decide on the application before: **20 February 2025**.

If you object to the application, the Responsible Authority will tell you it's decision.

### Employment Opportunities with Buleoke

**Council is an equal opportunity employer. Our roles are non-gender specific and Council encourages all suitably qualified applicants to apply. For more information on equal opportunity, call Human Resources on 1300 520 520.**

You can find all current employment opportunities at [www.buloke.vic.gov.au/employment](http://www.buloke.vic.gov.au/employment)

**Applications can be lodged by:  
Mail - PO Box 1, Wycheproof VIC 3527 or  
Email - [recruitment@buloke.vic.gov.au](mailto:recruitment@buloke.vic.gov.au)**

**Diesel Mechanic – Donald  
Permanent Full Time - from \$38.09 per hour (plus statutory superannuation)**

We are currently seeking a fully qualified Diesel Mechanic to join our dedicated Infrastructure and Delivery Team. The successful candidate will play a crucial role in ensuring the reliability and performance of our fleet of vehicles and machinery that includes graders, rollers, water tankers, utilities, and mowers.

→ Applications close: Fri 14 Feb 2025.

**Supervisor Pool Lifeguards & Pool Lifeguards – Berriwillock, Donald, Sea Lake and Wycheproof**

**Casual from \$37.11 per hour (including casual loading plus statutory superannuation)**

We are looking for pro-active, focused and motivated individuals of all ages to help keep our pools open over the last few weeks of our 2024/25 swimming pool season. New team members are being sought to join our Pool Lifeguard Teams in Berriwillock, Donald, Sea Lake and Wycheproof.

→ Applications are now open.



Phone: 1300 520 520  
[www.buloke.vic.gov.au](http://www.buloke.vic.gov.au)

### Trash to Treasure

One person's Trash is another's Treasure!

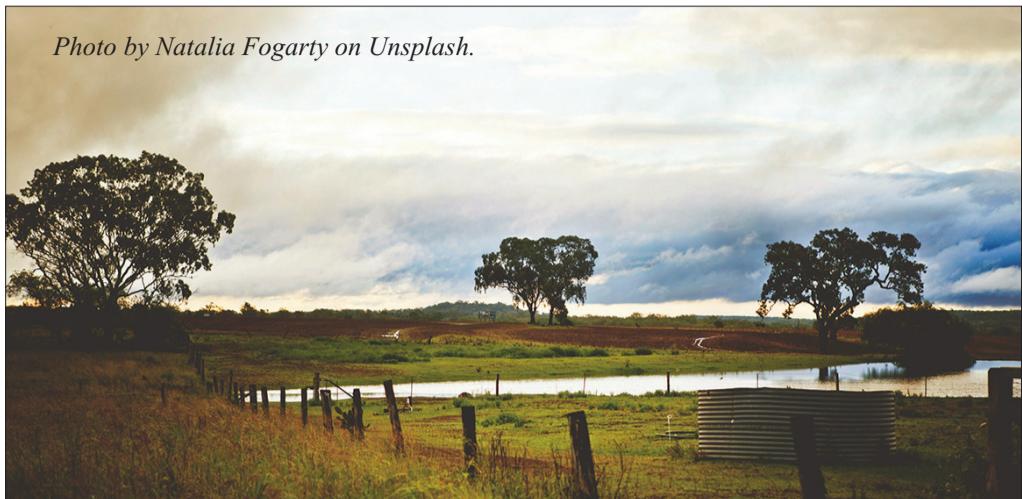
Turn your Trash into Cash by advertising it for sale in the "Times" classified pages. Phone the Donald office (5497 1222), or Birchip (5492 2735); email [advertising@buloketimes.com](mailto:advertising@buloketimes.com)



# Living with the Land



*Photo by Natalia Fogarty on Unsplash.*



## Monitor for Blue-Green Algae in Stock Water

(Alison Lee, Principal Veterinary Officer – Small Ruminants)

**Livestock owners should look for signs of blue-green algae when inspecting farm dams, troughs and other water sources, particularly during the warmer months, when algal blooms are more likely to occur.**

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Blue-green algae, also known as cyanobacteria, are bacteria that can multiply rapidly under certain conditions.

Blue-green algae are more likely to occur when the water is warm and enriched with nutrients like phosphorus or nitrogen.

While blue-green algal blooms typically appear as green paint-like surface scum in water, they can also be reddish-purple or brown in colour. It can be difficult to tell blue-green algae from other less toxic algal species.

Blue-green algae may contain toxins that damage the liver or nervous system. Drinking contaminated water can kill livestock quickly and

a number of livestock may be affected at the same time.

Animals exposed to affected water supplies may continue to die over a prolonged period. In milder cases, productivity losses may occur, which in dairy cattle may be seen as decreased milk yield.

If a suspicious bloom is found, farmers should move their stock to an area on the property with a safe alternative water source.

Farmers should plan for managing water availability in the event that a blue-green algal bloom impacts their primary livestock drinking water supply.

The plan should include calculating how much water livestock would require if the primary water supply was unsafe to drink and identifying additional alternative on-farm water supplies that could be used quickly.

In the medium term, your plan could include improving

water reticulation systems, considering options for treating blue-green algae-affected water or agisting your stock elsewhere until your farm water is safe again.

A range of useful information such as the Blue-green algae: options for livestock drinking water factsheet is available at [agriculture.vic.gov.au/bga](http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/bga)

## Japanese Encephalitis

**A confirmed human case of Japanese encephalitis (JE) has been identified in a resident of northern Victoria, the first case of JE in Victoria this mosquito season.**

JE virus has also been detected through environmental surveillance in northern Victoria along the Murray River, and in mosquitoes and feral pigs in New South Wales this summer.

These findings indicate that JE virus is likely circulating in northern Victoria this summer.

JE virus can cause a rare but potentially serious infection of the brain and is spread to humans through bites from infected mosquitoes.

Residents and people visiting northern Victoria, particularly inland riverine regions and near the Murray River, are potentially at higher risk of infection and should take measures to prevent mosquito bites.

Avoid mosquito bites by using mosquito repellent containing picaridin or diethyltoluamide (DEET) on all exposed skin. Wear long, loose fitting clothing when outside, and ensure accommodation, including tents are properly fitted with mosquito nettings or screens.

In Victoria, JE vaccine is available free-of-charge for specific groups at higher risk of exposure to the virus, including eligible people in 24 high-risk LGAs in northern Victoria.

Clinicians should test for JE virus in patients with com-

patible illness and notify the Department of Health immediately of suspected cases by calling 1300 651 160 (24 hours).

Visit <https://www.better-health.vic.gov.au/japanese-encephalitis> for more information.

**Japanese encephalitis has been detected in your area**

## Benefits of Farm Laneways

**Farm laneways are a great way to improve farm efficiency and reduce labour requirements.**

Laneways can also provide a useful refuge area during natural disasters such as flood, fire and drought.

A good laneway system makes moving stock easier, for rotational grazing or routine stock management like drenching or shearing.

Combining a laneway system with a well-designed all-weather road improves accessibility for feeding out and checking stock, or moving plant or equipment, particularly in wet years.

Careful planning and design are needed to get the best out of a laneway system.

The laneway system design should consider your operational requirements and opportunities. Consider the width and turning circle of your equipment, space for a well-built road, room for a few rows of trees and plenty of room for stock.

Making a laneway at least 20-25m wide works well for most sheep and cattle properties.

Rounding off tight corners in a laneway/road combination allows for travel at a consistent speed around the farm.

Adding regular gateways and a water supply can also allow the laneway to be used as another paddock or holding area, benefiting your property when required in emergencies.

Planning and designing a farm laneway can be done using a large air photo or satellite image of your farm.

Site laneways to access as many paddocks as possible and pick a safe and reliable route across the farm. Where possible, place laneways on ridgelines to improve drainage and make road construction easier.

Laneways can also be used to establish shelterbelts, woodlots or improve biodiversity. Take care to select species that will benefit the land and allow space to minimise damage to fencing.

Planting trees on the east and south side of your

laneway will reduce waterlogging in higher rainfall areas.

For more information, visit the Agriculture Victoria website.

As part of the Victorian Government's \$13.53 million

drought support package, eligible south west farmers can apply for on-farm drought infrastructure grants of up to \$5,000. Further information, including how to apply at: [ruralfinance.com.au](http://ruralfinance.com.au)

## What's On

### GRDC Herbicide Behaviour Workshop

*A 1.5-day GRDC supported workshop for agronomists on the science underpinning how herbicides work and its application to field practice. This workshop will focus on the biological pathways and environmental factors that influence herbicide performance, along with interactions that may occur when products are mixed and will be delivered by ICAN Senior Consultant Mark Congreve.*

**Horsham**, Horsham Golf Club, 304 Golf Course Road, Haven.

**Date:** Thursday, February 13, 2025.

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m..

Register at: <https://grdc.com.au/events/list/2025/02/grdc-herbicide-behaviour-workshop-horsham>

## Seeder Setup Clinic

*Grain growers and industry stakeholders are invited to join this free workshop hosted by BCG, bringing together machinery specialists, industry experts and researchers to discuss seeder setup to maximise crop establishment outcomes. Grower experiences will be central to the discussion creating a peer to peer learning opportunity around successes and challenges experienced in crop establishment outcomes.*

**Kaniva**, Dyer Family Farm, 123 Rowes Road Kaniva.

**When:** February 11, 8 a.m. until February 12, 1 p.m.

Register at: <https://grdc.com.au/events/list/2025/02/seeder-setup-clinic-kaniva>



## Are Emergency Able to Access Your Property?

**Agriculture Victoria are urging farmers to ensure clear access to property in case of an emergency.**

Make sure roadside numbers are visible, vegetation around gates, culverts and bridges has been cleared, and gates are wide enough and easy to open.

Check out the tips and templates on our website. Download a copy of the Farm Fire Preparedness Toolkit at:

<https://agriculture.vic.gov.au/farm-management/emergency-management/bushfires>

# For Your Summer Adventures... Land a Free Fishing Guide

**Victorian anglers can reel in the 2025 Recreational Fishing Guide, available free from hundreds of outlets including bait and tackle shops.**

The free guide can be easily stored in your tinny or tackle bag and includes all the information fishers need to stay in line with size and bag limits to keep Victoria's world-class fisheries in great shape for years to come.

Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA) Acting CEO Luke O'Sullivan said the free VicFishing app and web-based version of the guide also meant fishers could have information in the palm of their hand while out on the water.

## Changed Rules

"The 2025 guide includes changed fishing rules including the full protection of Macquarie perch throughout Victoria, removal of the Murray cod closed season from several waters, black bream in the Gippsland Lakes and revised limits for sea urchins and cockles," he said.

"These amendments already appeared in the smartphone app and web-based versions of the guide, which are updated more frequently throughout the year."

## Size Limits

"Having the guide by your side means if you're by a river somewhere you can identify the fish you've caught, know what the size limits are and how many you can keep if they're biting."

"It also includes information about recreational licences, staying safe when diving, rock fishing and boating and what types of gear you can use – all of which contribute to healthy, sustainable fisheries in the long run."

## Funding

"The guides are funded by the reinvestment of recreational fishing licence fees and complement a range of other free tools including plastic rock lobster and

abalone measures, freshwater and saltwater fish length ruler stickers and more."

Mr O'Sullivan said the free VicFishing app had been downloaded more than 100,000 times since being released in 2015 and is now available in the Karen language as well as English, Cantonese and Vietnamese.

"Karen refugees are one of Victoria's fastest growing cultural groups and we know fishing holds a great deal of importance to many Karen people," he said.

"The 2025 Chinese and Vietnamese guides will be available very soon and, alongside the app, help us better connect with these passionate fishing communities."

Printed copies of the guide are available free of charge at most bait and tackle shops, many tourist information centres, and some service stations that sell fishing gear.

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More people fishing more often  
#gofishingvictoria

**VICTORIAN RECREATIONAL**  
**FISHING**  
A GUIDE TO FISHING RULES AND PRACTICES

**GUIDE**  
**2025**

**Victorian Fisheries Authority**  
VICOTRIA State Government

## Support services

### Adult

Lifeline: 13 11 14 | Text 0477 13 11 14  
lifeline.org.au  
Suicide Call Back Service: 1300 659 467  
suicidecallbackservice.org.au  
Beyond Blue: 1300 224 636  
beyondblue.org.au/forums  
MensLine Australia: 1300 789 978  
mensline.org.au  
StandBy Support After Suicide  
1300 727 247

### Youth

Kids Helpline: 1800 551 800  
kidshelpline.com.au  
headspace: 1800 650 890  
headspace.org.au  
ReachOut: ReachOut.com

### Other resources

Head to Health: mental health portal  
headtohealth.gov.au  
Life in Mind: suicide prevention portal  
lifeinmindaustralia.com.au  
SANE: 1800 187 263 (10am-10pm)  
online forums: saneforums.org

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander: 13 YARN.org.au or 13 92 76  
Lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, and/or intersex: 1800 184 527 qlife.org.au  
Culturally and linguistically diverse: embracementalhealth.org.au

## Round 10:

### "A" Grade

**St. Mary's d. St. Arnaud**  
ST. MARY'S

C. Schmidt, lbw J. Patching ..... 14  
N. Germano, c L. Patching b J. McCartney ..... 41  
B. Watts, c M. Delzotto b L. Patching ..... 37  
L. Somers, not out ..... 96  
B. Dennes, b J. Patching ..... 4  
N. Priest, c N. Gorrie b C. Torney ..... 23  
K. Zanker, c H. Torney b K. Torney ..... 2  
C. Zanker, b K. Torney ..... 0  
J. Evans, not out ..... 0  
Sundries ..... 10  
TOTAL (for 7 wickets) ..... 227  
Fall of wicket: 32, 99, 107, 141, 209, 227, 227.  
Bowling: J. Patching 2/37 (8), J. McCartney 1/52 (8), L. Patching 1/27 (8), C. Torney 1/61 (8), M. Delzotto 0/13 (2), K. Torney 2/2 (5), G. Gorrie 0/6 (1).

ST. ARNAUD

M. Delzotto, lbw H. Nixon ..... 9  
B. Williams, lbw B. Dennes ..... 10  
J. McCartney, b C. Schmidt ..... 13  
J. Patching, c L. Somers b B. Watts ..... 32  
N. Gorrie, c&b L. Somers ..... 25  
K. Torney, c N. Priest b B. Watts ..... 6  
H. Torney, c&b L. Somers ..... 0  
C. Crooks, c N. Priest b L. Somers ..... 11  
G. Gorrie, b B. Dennes ..... 3  
C. Torney, b J. Evans ..... 4  
L. Patching, not out ..... 4  
Sundries ..... 5  
TOTAL (for 10 wickets) ..... 122  
Fall of wicket: 18, 34, 39, 74, 91, 100, 100, 104, 118, 122.  
Bowling: B. Dennes 2/9 (6), B. Watts 2/30 (5), H. Nixon 1/13 (3), N. Germano 0/24 (4), C. Schmidt 1/16 (2), L. Somers 3/28 (6), J. Evans 1/0 (0.1).

**Birchip d. Southern Mallee**  
SOUTHERN MALLEE

L. Hateley, b R. Doran ..... 0  
J. Landrigan, c ? b J. Randall ..... 6

J. Flavel, c W. Marks b J. Randall ..... 6  
L. Mitchell, b R. Smith ..... 1  
Z. Robins, b J. Randall ..... 5  
L. Weir, c W. Marks b J. Randall ..... 1  
J. Kiem, b J. Randall ..... 10  
J. Bellinger, c&b C. Lee ..... 23  
J. Moore, b J. Randall ..... 10  
J. Cook, b R. Doran ..... 2  
S. Roberts, not out ..... 3  
B. Dennes ..... 7  
N. Priest, c N. Gorrie b C. Torney ..... 23  
K. Zanker, c H. Torney b K. Torney ..... 2  
C. Zanker, b K. Torney ..... 0  
J. Evans, not out ..... 0  
Sundries ..... 10  
TOTAL (for 7 wickets) ..... 227  
Fall of wicket: 32, 99, 107, 141, 209, 227, 227.  
Bowling: J. Patching 2/37 (8), J. McCartney 1/52 (8), L. Patching 1/27 (8), C. Torney 1/61 (8), M. Delzotto 0/13 (2), K. Torney 2/2 (5), G. Gorrie 0/6 (1).

**DONALD-JEFFCOTT d. Marnoo**

DONALD-JEFFCOTT

C. Anderson, c N. Baird b B. Newton ..... 0  
A. Schofield, b C. Reading ..... 0  
K. Westerland, c S. Lang b B. Newton ..... 12  
W. Noble, c J. Duxson b Fill-in ..... 31  
D. Atkins, c D. Cameron b C. Reading ..... 73  
L. Jones, not out ..... 69  
N. Atkins, c C. Reading b B. Newton ..... 25  
E. Landwehr, c B. Newton b Fill-in ..... 31  
J. Adams, not out ..... 1  
Sundries ..... 16  
TOTAL (for 7 wickets) ..... 258  
Fall of wicket: 0, 4, 16, 66, 142, 194, 257.  
Bowling: B. Newton 3/53 (8), C. Reading 2/47 (7), J. McAllister 0/56 (8), D. Cameron

0/4 (2), J. Duxson 0/42 (8), Fill-in 2/33 (5), J. Duxson 0/16 (2).  
MARNOO

J. Duxson, c L. Jones b E. Landwehr ..... 7  
B. Cheesman, b D. Atkins ..... 0  
B. Newton, c D. Atkins b L. Rice ..... 21  
C. Reading, b E. Landwehr ..... 0  
N. Baird, c L. Rice b E. Landwehr ..... 12  
Fill-in, lbw E. Landwehr ..... 4  
S. Lang, b E. Landwehr ..... 26  
Fill-in, c J. Adams b L. Rice ..... 5  
J. McAllister, b D. Atkins ..... 27  
J. Duxson, not out ..... 1  
D. Cameron, c A. Schofield b C. Anderson ..... 7  
Sundries ..... 6  
TOTAL (for 10 wickets) ..... 116  
Fall of wicket: 6, 10, 10, 24, 33, 49, 76, 82, 109, 116.  
Bowling: D. Atkins 2/32 (8), E. Landwehr 5/32 (8), L. Rice 2/22 (8), J. Adams 0/19 (5), W. Noble 0/2 (2), C. Anderson 1/8 (2.2).

### "B" Grade

Charlton d. St. Mary's

CHARLTON

P. Soulsby, c&b M. Hartnett ..... 63  
H. Sait, c&b M. Hartnett ..... 45  
B. Sexton, not out ..... 79  
P. Sait, c A. Keys b L. Westerland ..... 35  
E. Needs, c M. Hartnett b L. Westerland ..... 4  
M. Sreekala, not out ..... 46  
Sundries ..... 29  
TOTAL (for 4 wickets) ..... 301  
Fall of wicket: 107, 130, 207, 215.  
Bowling: A. Keys 0/22 (8), L. Westerland 2/42 (7), J. Hartnett 0/7 (6), M. Hartnett 2/40 (5), S. Smith 0/35 (6), S. Knorpp 0/22 (2), B. Le Guier 0/23 (1), J. Thomas 0/13 (3), J. Smith 0/22 (2).  
ST. MARY'S

J. Thomas, b E. Fitzpatrick ..... 0

S. Smith, c E. Soulsby b P. Soulsby ..... 16  
R. Adams, b E. Fitzpatrick ..... 0  
A. Keys, b E. Fitzpatrick ..... 0  
M. Hartnett, c E. Fitzpatrick b P. Soulsby ..... 1

G. Fernandez, lbw A. Soulsby ..... 1  
L. Westerland, b P. Soulsby ..... 12  
J. Smith, not out ..... 3  
J. Hartnett, b P. Sait ..... 1  
S. Knorpp, c P. Soulsby b E. Soulsby ..... 0  
B. Le Guier, c B. Sexton b E. Soulsby ..... 0  
Sundries ..... 6  
TOTAL (for 10 wickets) ..... 40  
Fall of wicket: 0, 0, 0, 17, 18, 22, 33, 39, 40, 40.

Bowling: E. Fitzpatrick 3/5 (3), P. Sait 1/7 (5), P. Soulsby 3/9 (4), A. Soulsby 1/12 (5), H. Sait 0/0 (3), E. Soulsby 2/5 (3.2).

### Southern Mallee d. Birchip

SOUTHERN MALLEE

D. Shannon, c ? b W. Ryan ..... 87  
P. Hallam, st M. Trollope b J. Emmonson ..... 16  
K. Bellinger, b Fill-in ..... 56  
C. Castleman, c ? b Fill-in ..... 8  
A. Love, not out ..... 5  
D. Pulham, lbw Fill-in ..... 0  
A. Decker, not out ..... 1  
Sundries ..... 12  
TOTAL (for 5 wickets) ..... 185  
Fall of wicket: 49, 165, 175, 183, 183.

Bowling: Fill-in 2/32 (8), Fill-in 1/32 (8), J. Emmonson 1/32 (8), L. Angel 0/21 (4), Fill-in 0/42 (8), J. Knights 0/9 (2), W. Ryan 1/11 (2).

BIRCHIP

M. Trollope, c C. Castleman b K. Bellinger ..... 43  
Fill-in, c A. Decker b A. Madhu ..... 37  
Fill-in, c&b K. Bellinger ..... 18  
J. Knights, st D. Pulham b K. Bellinger ..... 13  
Fill-in, c A. Love b K. Bellinger ..... 2  
J. Emmonson, c D. Shannon b C. Castleman ..... 3  
Fill-in, c C. Castleman b F. Shannon ..... 3  
W. Ryan, b C. Decker ..... 5  
J. Coffey, c A. Love b F. Shannon ..... 0  
L. Angel, c C. Castleman b A. Decker ..... 4  
R. Ryan, not out ..... 0  
Sundries ..... 10  
TOTAL (for 10 wickets) ..... 138  
Fall of wicket: 81, 93, 104, 108, 118, 125, 128, 128, 138, 138.

Bowling: A. Love 0/22 (4), C. Castleman 1/28 (8), K. Bellinger 4/40 (8), A. Madhu 1/31 (4), F. Shannon 2/6 (2), A. Decker 1/5 (3), C. Decker 1/1 (1.1).

**DONALD-JEFFCOTT d. Watchem**  
DONALD-JEFFCOTT

J. Tellefson, c & b D. Tatarskyj ..... 25  
S. Postlethwaite, run out D. Borden ..... 74  
A. Bayles, c D. Slater b A. Dean ..... 62  
R. Bath, c T. Colbert b A. Dean ..... 47  
T. Reekie, b T. Colbert ..... 12  
A. Tatchell, c R. Hogan b S. Lowry ..... 38  
K. Green, c D. Slater b A. Dean ..... 0  
J. Needs, b A. Dean ..... 0  
B. Griffiths, lbw A. Dean ..... 0  
N. Nanayakkara, b A. Dean ..... 0  
Sundries ..... 26  
TOTAL (for 10 wickets) ..... 284  
Fall of wicket: 100, 109, 216, 236, 246, 260, 260, 260, 284.  
Bowling: A. Dean 6/40 (8), C. Boyle 0/50 (8), T. Colbert 1/81 (6), D. Tatarskyj 1/47 (8), J. Borden 0/49 (8), S. Lowry 1/5 (0.5).

WATCHEM

T. Colbert, c J. Tellefson b R. Bath ..... 71  
D. Tatarskyj, c J. Donnellon b B. Griffiths ..... 6  
D. Slater b L. Rice ..... 10  
R. Hogan, c C. Anderson b J. Needs ..... 8  
C. Boyle, c K. Green b ? ..... 3  
A. Dean, c A. Bayles b A. Tatchell ..... 16  
J. Foot, b R. Bath ..... 2  
J. Borden, c A. Tatchell b R. Bath ..... 30  
J. Woods, b R. Bath ..... 6  
S. Milne, b R. Bath ..... 11  
S. Lowry, not out ..... 5  
Sundries ..... 8  
TOTAL (for 10 wickets) ..... 173  
Fall of wicket: 6, 36, 51, 64, 112, 114, 116, 146, 153.  
Bowling: B. Griffiths 1/36 (7), T. Reekie 1/28 (8), J. Needs 0/24 (6), N. Nanayakkara 1/28 (6), J. Donnellon 0/12 (1), R. Bath 5/29 (7), A. Tatchell 1/12 (3).

# Charlton Harness Thanks Its Members

(By Peter Hibberd)

Last year the Charlton Harness Racing Club had in excess of 700 members, which is amazing considering the current financial climate. Last Friday night, the club thanked a very big group of those with an evening of draws, drinks, a barbecue, music and a lot of fun.

The race program consisted of 9 races, and some lucky members had races named in their honour.

To make a better day for the club, two trainers for the Charlton training centre had winners. Michael Gadsden won with No Emotion and Tori Hutchins with Celestial Zodiac. Both winners were driven by Luke Dunne, also from Charlton.

The win of Celestial Zodiac made it four wins in succession. January was a good month for Tori with six race wins.

## On the Track

Trevor Ralph has a very impressive trotter at the moment. Blackrange Glory had always shown ability but had his tricks. Transferred to the Michael Bellman stable, with a small gear change has now won his last three starts.

Trainer-driver Aaron Dunn from Horsham is a fairly regular attendee at the Charlton meetings. He had three horses

race on Friday for two wins and one second placing.

The two winners were Wild Ideal and Jilpanger Rose. Both of these horses were part-owned and bred by Helen Friend. The bloodlines as mentioned in the column, are amazing. The win of Jilpanger Rose was very good considering it had not raced since August. It had plenty of mid-race pressure and won by a clear margin, running in a good time.

## Bloodlines

Over many years I have mentioned the importance of the bloodlines of horses. Last Friday there were four winners with amazing mares or grand-dams which have produced plenty of winners. Wild Ideal and Jilpanger Rose are both out of the mare Wild Radish. This mare has only had the two foals, both winners. The grand-dam was called Dreamworks, which won nine races, but the progeny is unreal. She had

eleven foals, of which 10 won races for a total of 67 wins.

Blackrange Glory has won its last three races for Trevor Ralph; also has some very good breeding. From the mare Gloriadon, which had two foals go on to race, both winners. The grand-dam was Glory Lass which had seven foals, six of which won races for a total of 46 race wins.

Sassyola, by winning the Beth Dillon Pace, broke the \$200,000 prizemoney barrier at Charlton. Her dam Jackieola had only four foals to race, all of which have won races. The total number of race wins is an amazing 58.

The grand-dam was Maudola which only had three foals to race, all winners, for a total of 95 wins. One of those was Sokyla, which won 78 races with nearly \$1.9 million in prizemoney.

Other winner on the day had good bloodlines, but these were standouts.

## Coming Up

Charlton, this Friday.



• One of the most competitive races of the day. El Boston, driven by Jack Laugher defeats Bruised Ego (inside), driven by Ellen Tormey and out wide, Curyo Gentleman, driven by Michael Bellman.



• Owner, trainer and driver Aaron Dunn with owner Helen Friend and Wild Ideal after its win in the "Sparra" Cossar Maiden race. Both Aaron and Helen completed a double later in the day with Jilpanger Rose.



• Winning driver, Luke Dunne, winning trainer Michael Gadsden and Charlton member, Kim Thompson after the win of No Emotion in the Kim Thompson Pace.

## Road Neglect Costs Lives

The Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF) says Victorians are paying for years of roads neglect with their lives as regional Victoria's road toll soars more 156 per cent compared to the same time last year.

VFF President Brett Hosking said the state of regional Victoria's roads is a major contributing factor to the tragic toll and has called on governments to urgently fix the issue.

"The tragic reality is you're more than three times likely to lose your life when driving on country roads when compared to driving in the city."

"Rural Victorian roads have sadly claimed 23 lives this year, representing a 156 per cent increase on the same time last year. These aren't just statistics, it's our friends, family and loved ones," Mr Hosking said.

"Enough is enough. Genuine questions must be asked about as to what contributing factors are behind the accidents and there's no doubt the state of country roads is a huge factor."

Mr Hosking has called on all levels of government to urgently address major funding shortfalls to rectify our country roads.

"Over the past year, government spending on

resurfacing and resealing roads has dropped by a whopping 81 per cent. That only condemns our roads to ruin and sadly that's now a reality.

"Drivers are expected to maintain road worthy cars. It's time for cars to drive car worthy roads to ensure drivers aren't playing a daily game of roads roulette."

"With a federal election looming, there's no better time for our leaders to step up and commit to genuinely fixing this mess."

"We're calling on all levels of government to urgently address the state of our crumbling regional roads for the sake of our safety."



• The second winner for the Charlton trainers. This time, trainer Tori Hutchins and driver Luke Dunne with their winning pacer Celestial Zodiac. This horse has won its last four starts; this is a very rare feat. This win completed a double for Luke.





• One of Donald Golf's new bowlers this year is Debbie Adams. This is her first year of playing Saturday Pennant.

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Jason Abbott by 11 shots over Lynne Southwell and to Bill Rodger by 9 over Ken North enabled Country Club to carry the day, 10 points to 2.

**Pressure On Donald Golf**

Donald Golf's chances of participating in this season's Division 2 finals series took a hit against ladder leader Wedderburn, which won two rinks for an overall winning margin of 15 shots.

Lance Standfield's quartet staged a meritorious second half revival to come from behind against George Wood for a 3-shot victory.

John Grant's crew was more methodical in its approach, and continued to build up a substantial lead over Lindsay Borden's team, eventually winning by 27 shots.

Shane O'Shea's rink led from start to finish against Wedderburn's Ian Hall, and despite one wrong bias from the skipper, prevailed by 15 shots to pick up 2 points for the home team.

Golf dropped out of the top four as a result, and needs to perform well next Saturday to have any chance of returning to the final four.

Wycheproof dominated Donald to the tune of 77 shots and banked all 12 points on offer, when Paul Connolly defeated Bill Hegarty by 26 shots, Rob Grylls accounted for Beryl Milne by 36, and Matt Nicholls had the better of David Romeo by 19.

St. Arnaud moved up into the top four and into premiership calculations with an all-the-way win, albeit by just 9 shots, over Boort.

Lloyd Goddard enjoyed the biggest winning margin, by 7 shots over Greg Smith, while Kerryn Dyke had to settle for a 1 shot margin over Kelvin Ritchie, in a nail biter, with a similar margin deciding the game between Laurence Goodwin and Joan Earl.

St. Arnaud Country Club firmed up its place in the top four, defeating Charlton by 31 shots, but will need to repeat the winning performance at

Wedderburn next Saturday to ensure it takes part in the finals action.

John Needs's rink accounted for Greg Wain's lot by 16 shots, and Arnold Bond had a day out at Wayne Roberts's expense, the margin being 21 shots. Chris Webb was Country Club's only losing rink, down to Doug Finlay by 6 shots.

Details:

**Division 1**  
**Donald Golf 79-10 d. Wedderburn 68-2.**

Daniel Pettifer 25 d. Laurie Witham 20, Peter Hibberd 20 lost to Allan Jackson 30, Geoff Rigby 34 d. Damien Mason 18.

**St. Arnaud 74-10 d. Boort 64-2.**

Ashley Dyke 25 d. Kevin Depiazza 22, Steven Zsigmond 26 d. Shayne Morris 17, Terry McSwain 23 lost to Laurie Maxted 25.

**Wycheproof 72-2 lost to Donald 76-10.**

Aaron Mead 22 lost to Peter Kelly 23, Grant Allan 27 lost to Norm Hollis 32, Jono Grylls 23 d. Hunter Wingfield 21.

**St. Arnaud Country Club 76-10 d. Charlton 60-2.**

Bill Rodger 29 d. Ken North 20, Trevor McDonald 23 lost to Kevin Willey 27, Jason Abbott 24 d. Lynne Southwell 13.

**Division 2**  
**Donald Golf 70-2 lost to Wedderburn 85-10.**

Lindsay Borden 16 lost to John Grant 43, George Wood 20 lost to Lance Standfield 23, Shane O'Shea 34 d. Ian Hall 19.

**St. Arnaud 63-12 d. Boort 54-0.**

Lloyd Goddard 26 d. Greg Smith 19, Kerryn Dyke 16 d. Kelvin Ritchie 15, Laurence Goodwin 21 d. Joan Earl 20.

**Wycheproof 117-12 d. Donald 40-0.**

Paul Connolly 43 d. Bill Hegarty 17, Rob Grylls 44 d. Beryl Milne 12, Matt Nicholls 30 d. David Romeo 11.

**St. Arnaud Country Club 92-10 d. Charlton 61-2.**

John Needs 28 d. Greg Wain 12, Arnold Bond 43 d. Wayne Roberts 22, Chris Webb 21 lost to Doug Finlay 27.



• A long time member of the bowls family is Lindsay Borden. Originally played for Watchem has been a long time member of Donald Golf.

**NORTH CENTRAL PENNANT BOWLS**  
**Positions of Teams, after round 13**

DIVISION 1										
	P	W	L	D	Bye	F	A	SD	%	Pts
St. Arnaud	13	9	3	1	0	957	717	240	133	114
Donald Golf	13	10	2	1	0	929	745	184	125	114
Wedderburn	13	9	3	1	0	934	785	149	119	102
Wycheproof	13	6	6	1	0	870	767	103	113	84
St. Arnaud Country Club	13	5	7	1	0	801	892	-91	90	69
Donald	13	5	7	1	0	781	961	-180	81	65
Boort	13	4	8	1	0	825	861	-36	96	62
Charlton	13	0	12	1	0	678	1047	-369	65	14

DIVISION 2										
	P	W	L	D	Bye	F	A	SD	%	Pts
Wycheproof	13	9	3	1	0	966	663	303	136	116
Wedderburn	13	9	3	1	0	949	770	179	123	107
St. Arnaud	13	7	5	1	0	893	760	133	117	92
St. Arnaud Country Club	13	8	4	1	0	887	787	100	113	91
Donald Golf	13	7	5	1	0	854	833	21	102	88
Boort	13	4	8	1	0	791	874	-83	90	52
Donald	13	3	8	1	0	625	968	-343	74	47
Charlton	13	1	11	1	0	644	954	-310	67	31

# Peter Kelly Wins Day for Donald

It was going to be a hot day so the leadership decided to play early with a 9.30 a.m. start at Wycheproof.

Norm Hollis with Lindy Morgan, John Howley and Ian McEwen got the jump on an excellent, fast running A Green, versus the Grant Allan team. Well in front after the break, on the 15th end, they were 25-7, but lost the plot briefly to lose 11 shots in the next 2 ends, to recover and then do another 8 shots in 2 ends to be only one in front but won the last 3 ends to win, in the end 32-27 and finished well before the other two teams.

Hunter Wingfield with Kelvin Adamson, Jack Collins and Trevor Farrer came home next against Jono Grylls's lot and had a close

game all day. Wyche had a fair margin at the break 17-9, but Donald recovered well in the last half to finish 2 shots down at 21-23, which meant overall we were 3 shots up.

Now all eyes were on Peter Kelly's four with Luke Kelly, Tom Gravestocks and Jim Meyer against Aaron Mead's team, having a really close one all day and down 3 shots on the last end and it is not going to be a draw! Wyche was holding 3 or so shots and all the pressure was on Peter. Now Peter, who is also an avid golfer and has his share of holes in one, has proved an excellent draw bowler. He has avoided

making many upshots but this time picked up the kitty square and followed it into the ditch, which meant Aaron had to draw right to the lip of the green and he failed to do, giving Donald a 4 shot win, two rinks to one and 8 points to 2.

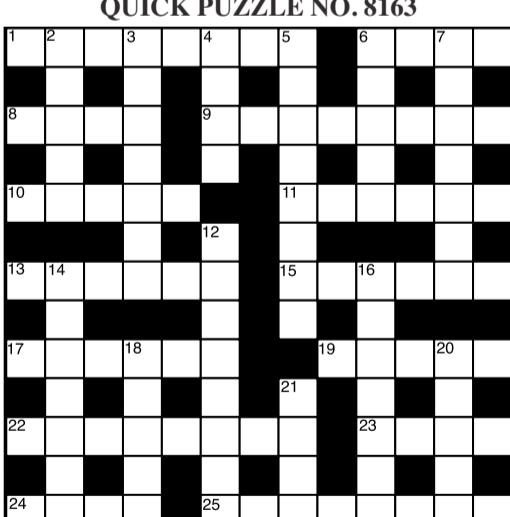
This follows a mid-week win on the Tuesday and a Div. One win last time we played Wycheproof at home in November.

Wyche Twos were far too good for our four, with many former Div One players in their team, but it was encouraging to have a couple new bowlers join our lot.

"Tiger in the Ditch"

## "Times" Crossword

QUICK PUZZLE NO. 8163



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|-----------------------|-----------------|
| <b>ACROSS</b>         | <b>DOWN</b>     |
| 1. Creature (8)       | 2. Meal (5)     |
| 6. Sage (4)           | 3. Storm (7)    |
| 8. Cut (4)            | 4. Kick (4)     |
| 9. French emperor (8) | 5. Gem (8)      |
| 10. Disorder (5)      | 6. Dance (5)    |
| 11. Risk (6)          | 7. Curse (7)    |
| 13. Game (6)          | 12. Star (8)    |
| 15. Projectile (6)    | 14. Feat (7)    |
| 17. Scanty (6)        | 16. Wine (7)    |
| 19. Month (5)         | 18. Fast (5)    |
| 22. Drug (8)          | 20. Buffoon (5) |
| 23. Cat (4)           | 21. Fruit (4)   |
| 24. Button (4)        |                 |
| 25. Fuel (8)          |                 |

• Solution next issue.

## Donald-Jeffcott Sets the Standard



• Jimmy Duxson sends down a delivery with the scoreboard showing a conservative rate prior to the later fireworks.



• Another boundary for Donald-Jeffcott's Dan Atkins. Nic Baird is Marnoo's keeper.

## Leaders Consolidate

**St. Arnaud and Donald Golf, the top two teams on Division 1 of North Central Playing Area's pennant bowls ladder, secured comfortable round 13 wins to strengthen their grip on a second semi-final berth.**

St. Arnaud outpointed Boort 74 to 64, while Golf finished 11 shots ahead of third placed Wedderburn and also pocketed 10 points.

The highlight of the round was Donald's unexpected victory over fourth placed Wycheproof, the visitors winning two rinks to one and enjoying a 4-shot winning margin.

St. Arnaud Country Club returned to the winners' list defeating Charlton by 16 shots.

Geoff Rigby's rink provided Donald Golf with a game winning buffer when he accounted for Damien Mason's charges by 16 shots.

Daniel Pettifer also prevailed in what was a tight contest against Laurie Witham, the final margin being 5 shots. And in what has become a regular clash of the titans between Donald Golf's Peter Hibberd and Wedderburn's Allan Jackson, the latter carried the day this time round, by a margin of 10 shots.

The combination of skippers Peter Kelly and Norm Hollis, who defeated Aaron Mead and Grant Allan respectively, by margins of 1 shot and 5 shots, was sufficient to counteract Wyche's one winning rink, Jono Grylls over Hunter Wingfield by 2 shots.

to provide the Donald club with another big scalp for the season and plenty to celebrate.

St. Arnaud accounted for Boort by 10 shots overall, Ashley Dyke downing Kevin Depiazza by 3 shots and Steven Zsigmond outpointing Shayne Morris by 7. Terry McSwain was the club's only losing skip, going down to the wily Laurie Maxted by 2 shots.

St. Arnaud Country Club only suffered one loss over the three rinks when Trevor McDonald lowered his colours to Charlton's Kevin Willey by 4 shots. Wins to

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In the battle between Wimmera-Mallee cricket's "A" grade leaders on Saturday, Donald-Jeffcott made a less-than-impressive start before recovering to post one of the biggest totals of the round.

Winning the toss and electing to bat, second-placed Marnoo broke through with two early wickets, only to see Donald-Jeffcott in control for the rest of the innings, which built rapidly to an impressive 7/258 from its 40 overs.

Central to this outcome were middle-order batters Daniel Atkins, 73, and Lachie Jones, 69 not out, while others among the runs included Will Noble and Eddie Landwehr, 31 each, Nick Atkins 25, and Koby Westerland 12. Marnoo's multiple wicket-takers were Ben Newton 3/53 (8), Cooper Reading 2/47 (7), and "fill-in" 2/33 (5).

In reply, main contributors for Marnoo were Jack McAlister 27, Stuart Lang 26, Ben Newton 21, and Nic Baird 12, but the total was restricted to 116, largely because of Eddie Landwehr's bowling figures of 5/32 from his 8 overs. Daniel Atkins also took 2/32 (8), Luca Rice 2/22 (8), and Cooper Anderson 1/8 (2.2).

Sensational figures of the round were those of Birchip's Jonty Randall, whose 6/19 from 8 overs were largely responsible for Southern Mallee Giants being dismissed for 64 in 23 overs. Riley Doran also claimed 2/7 (4), while Rylee Smith and Connor Lee also picked up a wicket each. Birchip then took just 13.1 overs to hit the front at 66, losing 3 wickets in the process. Leading the way were Will Marks 40 not out, and James Paley 11 not out.

It was "Saints alive" at Anzac Park, Warracknabeal, where St. Arnaud's decision to bowl first was welcomed by St. Mary's. Leigh Somers remained not out, just 4 short of a century, while Nick Germano contributed 41, Bailey Watts 37 and Nathan Priest 23, in an impressive 7/227. Five St. Arnaud bowlers shared the wickets, with Jacob Patching taking 2/37 (8), and Kynan Torney 2/29 (5). St. Arnaud's batting fell well short at 122, after Jacob Patching had scored 32, Ned Gorrie 25, Jayden McCartney 13, Colin Crooks 11, and Brad



• Lachie Jones was in fine form for Donald Jeffcott with 69 not out.

Williams 10. Leigh Somers rounded out a superb all-round performance with 3/28 (8) for St. Mary's, while Brodie Dennes also took 2/9 (6) and Bailey Watts 2/30 (8).

### "B" Grade

Score of the day went to Charlton on its home wicket, against St. Mary's. Contributing to the imposing 4/301 were vice-captain Billy Sexton 79 not out, joint captains Patrick Soulsby 63 and Hugh Sait 45, and Sujeeesh Sreekala 46 not out. Sharing the wickets for St. Mary's were Lincoln Westerland 2/42 (7), and Matt Hartnett 2/40 (5). Backing up its memorable batting performance, Charlton then followed up with a bowling barrage, dismissing St. Mary's for 40, in 23.2 overs. Sean Smith 16, and Lincoln Westerland 12 were the only double-figure scorers. Elliott Fitzpatrick started the batting collapse with 3/5 from 3 overs, followed by 3/9 (4) by Patrick Soulsby, and 2/5 (3.2) from Ethan Soulsby. Patrick Sait and Angus Soulsby also joined in the wicket-taking.

A 136-run partnership by Dale Shannon, 87, and captain Kybe Bellinger, 58, set

Southern Mallee Giants on the path to a total of 5/185 at Birchip. Parker Hallam also contributed 16. "Fill-ins" shared the first three wickets to fall, while Joel Emonson also took 1/32 (6). Birchip's reply began impressively, with Mark Trollope scoring 43, "fill-in" 37, "fill-in" 18, and Jack Knights 13. From then on, however, the innings fell right away, ending at 138. Doing most damage for the Giants were Kybe Bellinger 4/40 (8), and Finn Shannon 2/6 (2).

For Donald-Jeffcott, Ryan Bath had more than a hand in his side's success at Watchem. With the bat, he scored 47, and with the ball, 5/29 (7). Other notable scorers for Donald-Jeffcott were Sam Postlethwaite 74, Anthony Tatchell 38, and Jack Tellefson 25, and the total climbed to 284. In the circumstances, Austin Dean's 6/40 were memorable bowling figures. Against the odds, Birchip opener Ty Colbert's innings of 71 was a remarkable effort, but even with Jam Borden adding 30, Austin Dean 16, and Daniel Slater 10, the innings ended well short at 173.



• Wedderburn bowler Ian Holt delivers his bowl watched by team mates and his opposition on the next one wonders what Daniel Pettifer is doing.