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• Birchip Probus members celebrating the approach of Christmas and the festive season, from left, Helen Barber, Rosie Rickard, Pat Smith, Betty Connelly, Jean Smith, Lorna Litt, Jan Jeffery, Penny Braine, Maureen Donnellon, Pat Colbert, Margaret Lowry, Dorothy Jolly.

It's Probus Party Time

Birchip Probus Club members enjoyed an excursion to Valentine's Garden, a Christmas luncheon delivered to their clubrooms by Sharp's Bakery, and Christmas themed entertainment to say goodbye to another interrupted year of Probus in 2021.

The Probus members were brimming with excitement after their trip to Valentine's, buoyed by the interesting garden that rambles around the large block, with unique cactus plants,

garden sculptures and interesting home made and designed pieces of memorabilia.

On their return to the clubrooms, the tables were decorated in Christmas theme, and there were Christmas crackers, Christmas jokes, party hats and, of course, Christmas gifts for everyone, setting the scene for a festive celebration with fellow Probians.

The Christmas luncheon was an optimistic way to end 2021, and it provided much hope that 2022 will be a fun-filled year of guest speakers, luncheons, trips and fellowship, with lots of new members.

Here Comes Christmas!

(By Jenny Pollard)

While it's likely to be headers instead of sleighs which herald the arrival of the Buloke Christmas season, in Charlton, December 1 usually sees the Cabbaritta CWA Branch install the town's Christmas window display.

And so it was last Wednesday that the ladies set to on this year's offering, which is sure to catch the eye of many a passer-by.

In conjunction with the traditional nativity scene (which has also had a revamp), an entire Christmas village made up of Lemax miniature buildings will captivate the eye with their gloriously colourful and highly detailed rendering.

Newcomer

Thanks to newcomer Cabbaritta member, Shirleen Stafford, her willingness to share these exquisite pieces has ensured a picture-book fantasy for those wanting some covid-escapism, and for those who just want to

regain their child-like enthusiasm for the festive season.

A passionate collector, Shirleen was assisted by her daughter, Abbey, as the pair carefully extracted one delight after another from their robust packing cases. While the finishing touches were yet to be applied at the time of the photos, Shirleen indicated that the village would be populated by miniature people and rustic ornaments.

Shirleen explained that she and friend had fallen in love with Lemax after seeing items at a Christmas store in Mooraduc many years ago.

"It just took off from there," Shirleen said, "but due to their cost, I only buy one each year!"



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• The Christmas village has a fairy-tale look, as this building shows, and is sure to attract viewers of all ages.

Texting, In Brief

The children tell us we are "old hat" if we don't have an i-phone or smart phone. Much older hat should we be so unlucky as not to own a mobile phone, which is already out of date.

They love to text each other on their i-phones. Of course, the initials of words have an essential place in those texts - not that today's younger people are particularly lazy, but it's so smart to know what the symbols mean.

So you thought "SMH" stood for Sydney Morning Herald? It used to, but that's very passe.

Nowadays, the initials stand for "Shake My Head", according to Google's list of one hundred text abbreviations that are currently most used with their new meanings, in the whole world.

Most of us who follow sport know what GOAT is : "the greatest of all time". Even a common one that

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bobs up all the time, sometimes out of nowhere: LOL = "laughing out loud".

But did you know that LMAO is short for "laughing my arse off"? At this stage, things start to sound American, with NGL ("not gonna lie"), and HMU ("hit me up").

Perhaps it's a bit more universal when you find that AFK is "away from the keyboard", and DM is "direct message".

There must be some doubt, however, if you are told that TBH is "to be honest", not to mention the abbreviation FOMO - "fear of missing out".

In our balmy days, if you came from the country, BAE meant "the Bureau of Agricultural Economics". Not any more. Apart from the fact that the office is now known by the acronym of ABARES (Australian Bureau of Agricultural & Resource Economics and Sciences), BAE is interpreted as "before anyone else".

These were all amongst the top ten of the text abbreviations which were "googled" most of all. Sometimes, they were used hundreds of thousands of times a month.

So, next time you want to know what people are talking about, look up the rest of the hundred most used before you start.

In this era of social media, TBH & NGL, you might find yourself LOL. But then, if you are sent a DM, you could be AFK. At all events, you are not likely to suffer from FOMO or being the GOAT, at least not BAE !

Here Comes Christmas!

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The scaled-down dwellings all light up, and some, including a Christmas tree and the interior of a ballroom rotate and play music. Unfortunately, it isn't possible for this to happen in the Charlton display.

While many of the buildings have been purchased with associations to the Stafford family, the general collection of grand dwellings, B & B, church, bakery and the many figurines will invite the onlooker to stop and appreciate the detailed imagining needed to create, what will obviously become, heirloom items.

Nativity Scene

Keen to retain the true meaning of Christmas, Cabbaritta has always made sure a nativity scene is part of the display, and 2021 has seen many of the iconic figures replaced thanks to CWA member Lyn Donaldson, with help from her husband Herbie. The pair cut-out and primed the figures, then the members of the CWA craft group applied the artistic finish.

The Mensland store windows in High Street, where the display is housed, have also been trimmed with a variety of Christmas ornaments to extend the festive look.

As in previous years, children are encouraged to keep a look-out for the little Christmas mouse, which



• Cabbaritta members, Bronwyn Fisher (left) and Bernice Kenny are pictured with the revamped Nativity scene.



• Abbey and Shirleen Stafford were busy installing the Lemax Christmas village in the Mensland windows as part of the CWA festive season display. Amongst the many beautiful buildings, the quilt shop is Shirleen's favourite.

Christmas Deadlines

To enable the "Times" to meet distribution deadlines for the final issue of the year (Friday, December 24), contributors are asked to note the following deadlines:

For those wishing to place Christmas Greeting notices in the final issue, the deadline for copy is 12 noon on Wednesday, December 15.

Deadline for display advertising in the final issue is 5 p.m. on Tuesday, December 21.

Deadline for news copy is 12 noon, Wednesday, December 22.

Copy can be lodged at either our Donald or Birchip offices.

moves around the display in the lead-up to the big day. This year the mouse is confined to the nativity scene window only.

The Cabbaritta Branch provides a wonderful community service through the planning and execution of this initiative on a yearly basis,

and members are to be commended for their dedication in creating a visual feast for both local and visitor appreciation.

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Time to Light Up!

One of the most attractive themes of the festive season in many parts of the north west is the brilliantly colourful display of lights that herald the imminent arrival of Christmas Day.



Some towns offer prizes for the best creations, others prefer not to make it a competition but rather an opportunity for residents to get into the spirit of the season, where even a single string of lights adds significantly to the overall display.

December 1 is traditionally the date when the first lights are switched on and many families have already been working on their displays.

"The Times" encourages its readers to participate where possible so that no matter which town you visit, the lights of the festive season shine through with a message of welcome and good will.

Buloke Project Update

As we roll into the end of 2021, Buloke's projects are ramping up.

Project Control Groups (PCGs) for Buloke's Streetscape projects have met throughout the month of November to discuss the progress of each.

Mayor Cr. Daryl Warren is excited to see the substantial plans for our communities progressing.

Shade umbrellas are now up in Cumming Avenue, Birchip, with additional street furniture on its way, to be installed in the coming weeks.

Improvements to Birchip's vehicle turning areas at Rundle Street and Lockwood Street have also been completed, reducing the bottlenecking traffic hazard around the supermarket and bakery.

In Wycheeproof, the completed footpath has greatly enhanced the safety for pedestrians, and improved the appearance of the town.

Wycheeproof's footpath renewal has been a complex activity, with abandoned services under the old footpath requiring readjustment of the existing red bricks in the drain.

"The revitalisation of our town streetscapes is now

starting to take shape," said Cr Warren.

"The concept drawings for Donald are almost complete, and some minor modifications put forward by the Charlton community have been included into its plans.

"We expect that Sea Lake's works will commence in early 2022, after we have worked through the contributions and suggestions from the community for their entrance signs, which is currently being surveyed."

Cr. Warren said that whilst the impacts of COVID-19 on advancing works programs had been substantial, they continue to progress.

"It is exciting to see so much activity now going on in our communities, and we are looking forward to moving ahead with the Buloke Streetscape Renewal Projects, and realising the vision the communities have for these five towns, which were included in the initial funding round," he said.

For more information on each of the Buloke Streetscape Projects visit www.buloke.vic.gov.au



• Charlton's Streetscape project has moved to the next phase after a productive walk-through meeting with members of the community.



• Buloke's Streetscape projects control group recently met with members of the Wycheeproof community.

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Sincere thanks are expressed to all those people of this community who have supported the school generously in provision of Awards for this evening. Your interest in our school is appreciated.



Public Notice for Temporary Road Closure

The public is advised that **Best Street, Sea Lake from Horace Street to Sutcliffe Street, Cunningham Lane from Fraser Lane to Best Street and Howard Lane from Education Lane to Best Street from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday, December, 10, 2021** for the annual Street Christmas Party organised by Advance Sea Lake Inc., Sea Lake.

The public is asked to take note of detours and roads closures that will be in place.

Wayne O'Toole
Interim Chief Executive Officer.

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DEATH

BULL.— Tiffany Ann on November 14, 2021. The Birchip-Watchem Hockey Club mourns the death of 2021 women's premiership player, Tiffany Bull. A friendly and supportive teammate, and a fiercely determined full back. Condolences to Mary Ann, Gary and Eddie.

DEATH

BULL.— Tiffany Goodbye to my little training mate.

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Blue Coman Wins Trotters' Cup

(By Peter Hibberd)

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Driven by Kerryn Manning, it sat behind the leader, Jackson Square, who set a solid pace with extra pace injected from the 600 metre mark the leader was under pressure at the home turn.

Using the sprint lane, Kerryn took full advantage to go through and win by nearly 3 metres, defeating Kyvalley Finn and Well Defined.

Blue Coman is raced by Cormack Racing since returning from a spell and has recorded 3 wins and 4 placings from 11 starts.

Crowds Return

A very hot day with storms around did not deter harness racing fans from returning to the Charlton harness track last Thursday.

With a ten-race program, favourite punters had a very good day with many winning some at very short prices.

Most impressive on the day were 2 three-year-old fillies Tay Tay and Life Happens. Both from strong stables, they look to have very promising futures.

Coming Up

Trots at Charlton Thursday, December 16, and Monday, January 17, 2022. The January date might change as a new stables complex is due to start around that time.

A spy tells me of another major announcement for the Charlton Club.

Charlton Results

Race one: Having only its third race start, Island Caesar,

driven by owner/trainer Danny Simpson recorded its first win. In what was a very good drive, coming from outside the front row, with very good gate speed, it was able to go across the field and get a position behind the leader. Using the sprint lane, it won by nearly 3 metres.

Race two: Kerryn Manning driving the John Hurrell trained trotter Do Ya Wanna Donna, was quickly away to lead and controlled the race from then on. Running the final section in 28.8. Won by 7 metres in a 2.2.7 mile rate.

Race three: The Blow Out result for punters came when Itsallandover driven by Ashley Ainsworth won the stand start trotters' event. Being able to lead Ashley slowed the field early, but stretched it out in a final 58.6 last half.

Race four: The second division of the mobile trotters race was won by Patchwork, driven by James Herbertson. It started at the short quote of \$1.90 but punters had no real worries.

Race five: The very promising filly Tay Tay trained and driven by Alex Ashwood started at the very short quote of \$1.10. Won by 10 metres but the last quarter time of 25.8 is exceptional.

Race six: A change of driver was the key to Beach Time's win. Kerryn Manning took over the driver's seat from trainer Ros Rolfe. Being able to lead was the key to the win for this horse and it was well supported to start favourite. This was Kerryn's second win for the day.

Race seven: Trainer Emma Stewart provided Life Happens from a spell; only having raced once before for a win at Charlton back in June. It was another short priced favourite to win.

Race eight: The Alison Tormey-owned Tupelo Beach was a very impressive winner in a 1-57.6 mile rate. In the run, it was five back on the outside and driver Jordan Leedham had a 3 wide trail down the back straight; 4 wide on the final bend and sprinted very quickly to win comfortably and give his trainer a second win for the day.

Race nine: In a very keenly contested 2 year old race in what 5 horses went across the line with 2 1/2 metres separating them. Missed The Truth driven by Tayla French narrowly defeated Roll Win Ron and Sunstar. The favourite Jet Rock had no luck at all.

Race ten: Trainer Glenn Bull recently returned to Victoria after a short period of time in NSW. Having to come wide in the final straight Favouritehighlight driven by Glenn defeated Atego Shades and Shecandoit in a tight finish.

Winners

Quick Witted, a trotter who only returned to racing recently, won for John Tormey in what 5 horses went across the line with 2 1/2 metres separating them. Missed The Truth driven by Tayla French narrowly defeated Roll Win Ron and Sunstar. The favourite Jet Rock had no luck at all.

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Ryan Sanderson won at Kilmore last Thursday driving Art of Sheng Li for trainer Vince Vallelonga. Ryan has a very good strike rate with this stable at the moment.



• Trainer Alex Ashwood and driver Jordane Leedham, after the win of Tupelo Beach. The winner is owned by Alison Tormey.



• Games time! Enjoying the social gathering, Annie Jolly (front) is pictured with other Wycheeproof seniors at the final meeting of the year. Also pictured are Elaine Ison-Ritchie, Wendy Hutcheon and Eleanor Pollard (back to camera).



• Beach Time, driven by Kerryn Manning, defeats Polly Peachum and, inside, Jilliby Gypsy. This was Kerryn's second winning drive on a very busy day.



• The best finish of the day. In the middle, Missed the Truth, driven by Michael Bellman, narrowly defeats Roll With Ron, driven by Jack Laugher; inside, Sunstar, driven by Lance Justice. On the outside, unplaced, was race favourite Jet Rock.

Wycheeproof Seniors' Christmas Meeting

Members arrived early to the welcome of a Christmas themed table with decorations, vases of flowers, Christmas crackers, and inviting jugs of fruit cup.

After all were seated we thanked God that we could gather together to share this meal and remembered absent members.

"Wyché Alive", the caterers for the day, served a real Christmas feast for all to enjoy. A delicious sweet of pav roll accompanied by mixed berries was the perfect conclusion to a great meal.

The Christmas Cake made and decorated by Marie Harrison was cut by the most senior member present, Wendy Hutcheon. Merry Christmas was sung, with Adrian Jorgensen at the piano. A small piece of cake was enjoyed with tea or coffee.

Visitors from the school arrived with teacher Mrs Jan Elder. Students Ever, Cheryb, Jewel, Olivia and Ludah entertained us as they danced and sang "Aussie Aussie Christmas", All I want for Christmas is You" and "We Wish You a Merry Christmas". After much applause, a small thank you gift was

given to each student and they met Grandma and others.

The competition for the day, a voucher from the nursery was won by Nancy McNaugh-ton, Second prize of a standard rose donated by Adrian was won By Pam Wallace. The catering group was thanked for their efforts to present such an enjoyable Christmas meal.

All joined in the singing of well-known Christmas carols, with Adrian at the piano. Some members left, wishing all Merry Christmas and three tables were set up ready for games afternoon.

To conclude the afternoon, a cap of tea and/or coffee was accompanied by a large slice of lemon/cream sponge (thanks to the caterers). A loud clap of thunder and threatening rain hastened members' departure and we look forward to next year's program of enjoyment.

The seniors wish all the joy, peace and blessings of Christmas.

COMMUNITY UPDATE



Council Facilities Update

Victoria is on the roadmap and Buloke has been leading the way with a double vaccination rate of above 95%.

Please be aware that in line with the Victorian Government's Roadmap requirements, from Thursday 18 November anyone aged **12 years and 2 months** and over entering Council facilities will need to be fully vaccinated. This includes our Libraries, Customer Service Centre, Community Facilities and Recreation Reserves, Swimming Pools, Landfills, Transfer Stations as well as the Depots and Offices.

Our staff will need to ensure patrons check in and have proof of vaccination, or a valid exemption, (either through the ServiceVic app or a printed vaccination certificate and ID) – the same as what you have to do when visiting a restaurant or café.

Thank you in advance for being considerate to our incredible staff members who are fully vaccinated and doing their job to help keep all of us safe.



Smart Cities comes to Buloke!

Mildura, Buloke, Gannawarra and Swan Hill councils are participating in the 12-month Smart Cities project, which runs until June 2022.

This project will see various locations across Buloke equipped with sensors to collect data on how different buildings and sites are used in the community. This will help with planning of services and ensuring that Buloke is managing these sites effectively.

One of the parts of the trial is the installation of counting sensors which will measure the usage of the public toilets in Donald, and another is looking at the movement of planes at Donald's Aerodrome.

The data collected from these sensors is non-identifiable and live data will be available on our website once the sensors have been installed, in mid-December.

For more information on these projects, visit <https://www.buloke.vic.gov.au/smart-cities-project>, or call 1300 520 520.



Reminder to get your Raffle and Street Permits in on time!

With the Summer Holiday Season fast approaching, there is an increase in applications for Raffles and Street Permits across Buloke. To ensure that your application will be successful, you need to make sure that you are submitting your applications to Council at least **14 Working Days** before you plan to have your raffle or event, there are no exceptions to this.

For more information visit: <https://www.buloke.vic.gov.au/footpath-trading> or call 1300 520 520 to talk to our Compliance Office.

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The public is asked to take note of detours and roads closures that will be in place.

Wayne O'Toole – Interim Chief Executive Officer.

Notice of Christmas Service Closures

Council offices will be closed from midday Friday 24 December 2021 to 8.30am Tuesday 4 January 2022. For all urgent matters please call 1300 520 520.

You can check Council's service arrangements for the Christmas and New Year period via the link.

<https://www.buloke.vic.gov.au/christmas-and-new-year-service-arrangements>.



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Council is an equal opportunity employer. Our roles are non-gender specific and Council encourages all suitably qualified applicants to apply. Council is recruiting for:

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Applications close Monday 13 December 2021

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Buloke Shire Council is looking for a media and communications professional to continue to promote and tell the stories of the Shire.

Applications close Friday 17 December 2021

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Council is seeking an experienced project management and business analyst and to help roll-out the new Corporate ICT system.

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Technical Officer - Temporary Full Time

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Applications close Monday 13 December 2021

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Applications close Friday 10 December 2021.

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Building a Better Buloke.



Lady Luck Smiles on Trudi and Robert

Week three winners in Donald Chamber of Commerce and Industry's 2021 "We're Getting Back to Business" Christmas Shopping Promotion are Trudi Mitchell and Robert Reseigh, who both submitted their winning entries after shopping at Weir's IGA Supermarket.

Chamber secretary Stacey Morris (above) was out and about, on Friday, calling in at Woods Street businesses Hardingham's Electrical and Jasper & Co, to conduct last week's draws.

Before entering each business, Stacey, live streaming the activity on the Chamber's Facebook page, outlined the services provided by each, and highlighted the decorative Christmas windows created by the owners and staff members.

To be in the draw to share in the week four draw for two \$100 vouchers, collect an entry form each time you spend \$20 or more at any of the participating businesses, fill in your contact details, as both Trudi and Robert did, and lodge the completed entry(s) in one of the five collection bins strategically located along Woods Street.



• **Above:** Megan Jardine, representing Hardingham's Plumbing and Electrical, draws out the week three winning ticket submitted by Trudi Mitchell. **Below:** Allison Cashin, from Jasper & Co, assists Santa's Little Helper, Harry Nunn, to draw out the entry submitted by Robert Reseigh.





• Participants in the 'Bounce Back' program at the Donald Bowling Club, back row, left to right, Erika Bicket, Ebony Frank, Will Burke, Tyson Coates, Jett Adams, Cody Zielinski. Front: Macie Mortlock, Gabby Campbell, Alexa Cameron, Arli Geddes, Harry Forrest.

Communities are Bouncing Back

(By Alison McEwen)

Like many Buloke Shire organisations, the Donald Bowling Club was the recipient of a Bounce Back Grant, the purpose of which was to encourage people to come out of the isolation imposed on the community because of COVID-19.

In regional Victoria the isolation was less stringent, although we have a long way still to go to return to "normal", it is good to be able to enjoy our sport and encourage others to participate.

Accepting the Donald Club's invitation, the Year 10 PE class tried out bowls. Learning the technique of holding the bowl and deliver it with a pendulum swing was tested through skills training games.

Windmills pushed into the green were targets to try to rest against. Coloured spots skewered into the green with kebabs sticks were other targets. Bowls footy through the "goals" for 6 points, closest to the Frisbee and, of course, nearest to the five dollar notes, all paved the way to trying out the skills in playing a game of 4 ends.

The Year 10s had two sessions spread three weeks apart because of the rain. Topping the fun sessions off was a can of soft drink and a slice.

The Granite Youth Group of 18 young people also enjoyed a similar program one Friday night.

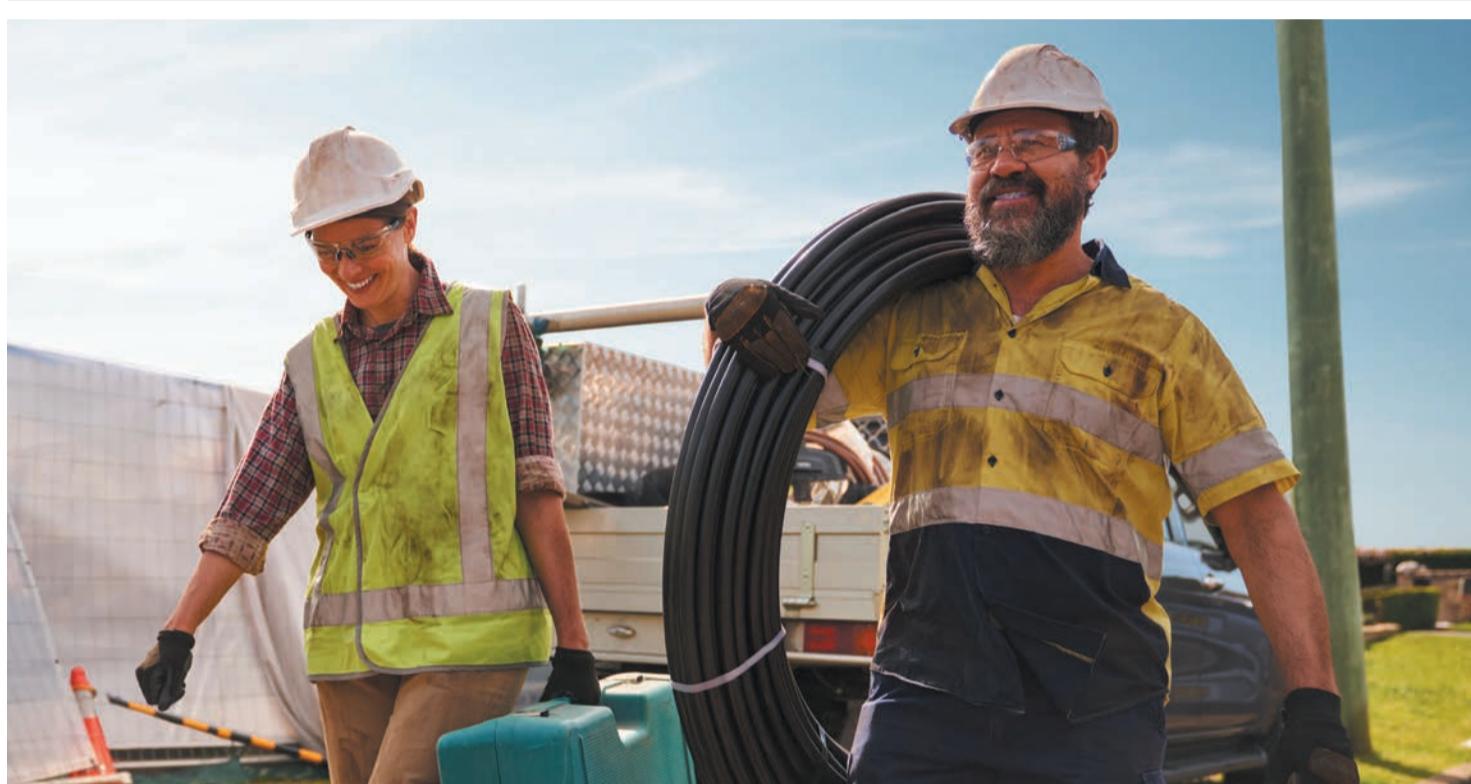
Their night started with pies for tea, and finished with creamed sponges and slices for supper.

It was a delight to entertain residents from the Goodwin Village. After months of being restricted to their residence, and very limited access to visitors, it was lovely to welcome five residents to an afternoon of bowls. One resident played, and the others enjoyed watching a game of social bowls followed by the final of the men's 100-Up.

Peter Kelly and Graeme Euvrard demonstrated the craft of bowling at a very high level. Chatting over afternoon tea was as enjoyable for the residents as well as for the members.

The grant has made possible an addition to the art work in the town as seen on the new "Welcome to New Members" sign facing Campbell Street, and further bowls equipment has also been purchased.

Donald Bowling Club's appreciation is extended to the Shire for making this possible. Club members also remind everyone that Barefoot Bowls/Come and Try start in the evenings on January 5.



• Arli Geddes – showing the correct stance in delivering the bowl



• Marty Burke, Sophie Burke, Ed Pearse and Jack Pearse enjoying cream cakes for supper after Youth Group bowls session.

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Lasting Memories

(By Florence Breed)

I have kept my ration book and my identity card from the war because of their sentimental value.

They were issued to every person after September 3, 1939, and they were a very important part of our lives, because they had to be shown wherever you went to prove you were not a German spy – and you could not buy food without them.

Of course, food was severely rationed because enemy U-boats in the Channel sank many of the ships that were carrying merchandise to Britain; but we soon became used to substitutes such as SPAM (tinned meat), dried milk and dried eggs. However, those tasteless eggs made raspberry omelets that looked just like linoleum tiles. However, I loved condensed milk, but that was only available for a high number of ration points.

The hardest work in the house was creating various defences against air-raids. Mother worked for hours to paste every pane of glass with wide

sticky tape to prevent breakage from bomb-blast. She also hung heavy curtains over the front and back doors to make them gas-proof.

Gas Masks

I remember that by the end of that first September of the war, gas masks were given to every British family, but thank goodness they were never needed, and it was such a cumbersome item that had to be carried wherever you went. It was fitted into a square cardboard box and hung over one's shoulder on a length of string.

In school we had to practise wearing our gas masks, and the teacher would shout advice such as: "Remember, chin in – right in – first – before you start to pull the straps over your head." Gas masks really made breathing difficult, and there was always the sickening smell of rubber and disinfectant.

Who could possibly forget those steel-built, tunnel shaped,

Anderson shelters donated by the Government? As we lived in Plymouth, which was a city likely to be bombed because naval boats were built and repaired in its docks, our house was in danger and so a donated Government shelter was half-buried in a great hole of our back-garden with earth heaped on top of it to make it invisible from the air. Father grew flowers on top of it to help its disguise.

Some neighbours piled sandbags against their house walls, but at one shilling for each bag, few people could afford to take that precaution.

Evacuation

Many of my friends disappeared during the early months of the war, because they were evacuated for their own safety. They were taken on trains to rural places outside the city where they would be safe from any bombing raids.

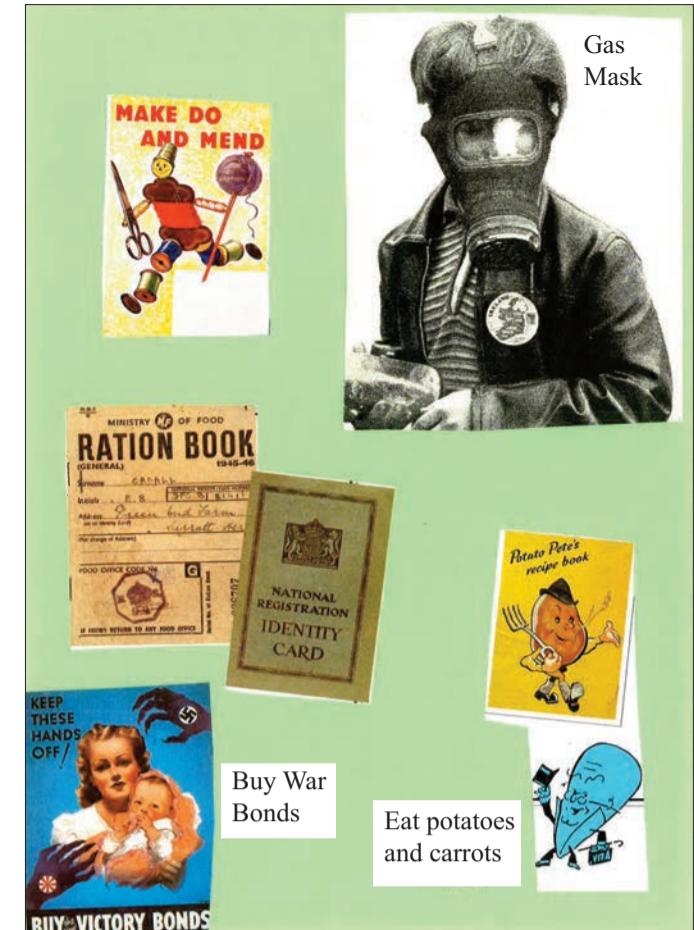
However, many of them

soon returned home, because they were unhappy in a strange area with stern hosts, and were homesick for their city life.

I remember that my father disappeared for a while in 1940, because he was busy on his naval ship doing that important work of helping to rescue thousands of our brave men of the B.E.F. during their evacuation from the Channel port of Dunkirk.

Bombings

With the fall of France, Hitler now thought he could easily conquer England, so mass bombing on British cities began in the summer of 1940. Who can ever forget the wail of air-raid sirens and the drone of planes overhead? I would look up at the long line of enemy aircraft, just like a flock of big black birds flying across the face of a full moon, but soon the crumping sound of bombs would make me flee



for safety inside our Anderson shelter.

From July, 1940, to May, 1941, mass bombing took place on several industrial cities and ports – London, Birmingham, Bristol, Glasgow, Coventry, Manchester and Liverpool. Nearly 2000 people were killed in London's first night of that Blitz in September, 1940 – and those other cities were also badly bombed in preparation for Hitler's intended invasion of Britain.

were worthless and nothing was ever returned to those who gave money to help in the fight for victory.

I remember that in the playground we would sing our own words to famous tunes – such as the one from that popular film "Snow White":

*Whistle while you work,
Hitler is a twerp;
Goering's barmy,
So's his army,
Whistle while you work.*

Saturday mornings were always popular because my friends and I would go to the movies, held at the little local cinema. Just for three pence the dark streets and the bombs could be forgotten as we enjoyed adventure films, comedies, westerns and musicals, from the United States. It is a fact that in wartime Britain, some 30 million cinema tickets were sold each week!

The Americans

It was in January 1942 that American soldiers first arrived in Britain, and in the West-country their army camps soon became of interest. Altogether, 1.5 million would pass through Britain before the war ended.

Who can forget those glamorous, gum-chewing, jeep-driving soldiers in their stylishly-tailored uniforms? They were so kind with gifts to children who would shout, "Got any gum chum?" as they followed those Yanks along the street.

Rationing

I think the healthy part of wartime was the fact that we ate more vegetables because of the meat rations. The local fish and chip shop did an enormous trade, because fish was not as rationed, and could be caught around the local coast. It kept us well-fed, and I will always be grateful to fish!

It was not until ten years after the war finished in 1945, that I remember one summer day in June, 1955, I put my ration book on the grocer's counter to collect my weekly food, and he picked it up with a big smile and handed it back to me saying, "You won't be needing this any more!"

At last, without a ration-book, people could now buy as much food as they wanted, so that really was the end of the war!

With Focus On At-Risk Groups . . .

Suicide Prevention Grants to Double

The Federal Government is increasing suicide prevention grants to organisations across the country to help reduce Australia's suicide rate towards zero.

Organisations in Mallee can now apply for funding through the National Suicide Prevention Leadership and Support Program Grant Opportunity, with \$114 million available for national projects that will raise awareness of the impact of suicide and support Australians who are at risk.

Member for Mallee, Anne Webster, said supporting the mental health and wellbeing of Australians is a national priority and something the Morrison Government is deeply committed to.

Difficult Times

"The last two years have been a particularly difficult time for many people in Mallee, with the COVID-19 pandemic taking a toll on the mental health and wellbeing of Australians," Dr. Webster said.

"There are many organisations in Mallee who have stepped up and have been working tirelessly to support those in our community who are struggling."

"I encourage these organisations to apply for this grant opportunity so they can continue to deliver and upscale the important work they do each and every day."

Specific vulnerable groups – including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, veterans, men, regional communities, and culturally and linguistically diverse communities – have been identified as the primary focus of the Grant Opportunity as these groups have higher rates of suicide than the general population.

Funding Shared

Funding will be shared across various activity streams, including:

- Suicide prevention support for at risk populations and

communities (\$64.5 million).

- Support for lived experience of suicide (\$6 million)

- Suicide prevention training (\$18 million)

- National leadership in suicide prevention (\$4.5 million)

- National leadership in suicide prevention research translation (\$3 million)

- National media and communications strategies (\$15 million)

National Tragedy

Minister for Health and Aged Care, Greg Hunt, said suicide is a national tragedy, with 3,139 Australians taking their lives in 2020.

"One life lost to suicide is one too many," Minister Hunt said.

"While we were pleased to see a 5.4 per cent reduction in the number of suicides in 2020, suicide remains a significant public health issue in Australia."

"Every suicide death has a devastating impact on families, friends and communities and that's why we are deeply committed to driving the suicide rate towards zero."

The National Suicide Prevention Leadership and Support Program was launched in 2017, and to date, more than \$100 million has been awarded to eligible organisations.

As part of the 2021-'22 Budget, the Federal Government committed to increasing the additional program funding from \$57 million to \$114 million to include additional activity streams related to lived experience and suicide prevention training, and to significantly expand support for vulnerable population groups.

At-risk populations and communities include, but are

not limited to, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, men, LGBTIQ+ people, culturally and linguistically diverse people, regional, rural and remote communities, veterans, and young people.

Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister for Mental Health and Suicide Prevention, David Coleman, said more than half of the available funding, \$64.5 million, is reserved for programs that reach our most at risk populations.

"We're particularly interested to see applications that focus on populations and communities that are disproportionately impacted by suicide, such as men and boys and people in regional, rural and remote Australia," Assistant Minister Coleman said.

Men More Likely

"We know that men are three times more likely than women to take their life, but less likely to access mental health support. We also know that people in rural, regional and remote Australia have a much higher rate of suicide than people in metropolitan Australia."

"We also encourage applications for programs that will reach other at-risk populations, such as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who die by suicide at more than double the national rate, and our LGBTIQ+ community, which has the highest rates of both suicidal thoughts and suicide attempts in Australia."

"The support that will be provided through the National Suicide Prevention Leadership and Support Program will be vitally important in

helping to reduce the number of people we lose to suicide each year."

Record Investment

Through the 2021-'22 Budget, the Government is investing a record \$2.3 billion in the National Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Plan to deliver landmark reform in mental health support and treatment for Australians in need.

The Plan recognises Australians need a system that acts early to help people before mental health conditions and suicidal distress worsen, and that whole-of-government and whole-of-community changes are needed to deliver preventive, compassionate, and effective care.

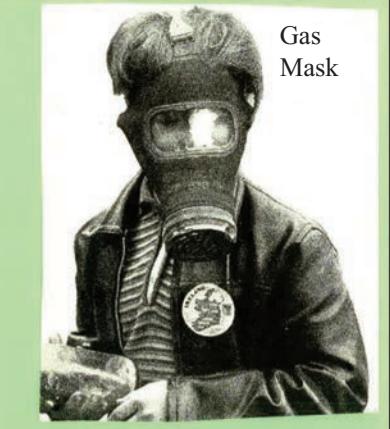
The additional investments will take the annual federal health expenditure on mental health and suicide prevention to a historic record of \$6.5 billion this year alone.

Program Now Open

The National Suicide Prevention Leadership and Support Program is now open. Applications will close on January 28, 2022.

For more information and to view the Grant Opportunity Guidelines visit: www.grants.gov.au.

Anyone experiencing distress can seek immediate advice and support through Lifeline (13 11 14), Beyond Blue (1300 22 4636), or the Government's digital mental health gateway, Head to Health (www.headtohealth.gov.au). Young Australians needing support can access free services through Kids Helpline (1800 55 1800), their local headspace or online through headspace <https://headspace.org.au/headspace>



More Than Words —A Remarkable Journey

(By Jenny Pollard)

As we return to a more normal world, and with entertainment back on the agenda, Charlton resident, Bruce Gardner's story about living the life in the rock 'n roll world is surely one to share.

And it was his way with words which helped to make the dream of many a youngster – that of being part of a successful rock band – come true for this teenage boy from Broadmeadows.

While numerous others aspire to fame and fortune, the group Bruce joined ended up creating a sensation not just in his local area, but through backing many of the biggest names in the Australian music scene of the 1960s and '70s.

Now retired, Bruce recently shared his tale at a gathering in Charlton, opening his address with an outline of his passion for now writing poetry. He then back-tracked to reveal the amazing beginnings of his wordsmith work which culminated in providing songs for the hottest new talent on the '60s' rock scene – a very young Broadmeadows group by the name of "Total Fire Band".

As part of the four, then five-member group, Bruce's writing skills were honed during his apprenticeship as a typesetter at the local newspaper, where he also regularly wrote a column about the growing music scene.

"Platter Chatter"

Initially called, "Platter Chatter", it later morphed into "In Time with Bruce" and provided snappy reviews on the changing music styles generated by the impact of Beatles and the Rolling Stones. Reviews of up-coming records and groups were a feature.

Also a guitarist, (though, somewhat modest about his skills), Bruce was invited to join "Total Fire Band" in 1967, following the City of Broadmeadows "Cavalcade of Youth" – an event designed to showcase the talents of all forms of local entertainers within the region. At just 18, he became the oldest member of the group, with the youngest – a school boy of just 15.

Broadmeadows

The importance of "Total Fire Band" relates as much to the setting in which it was formed, as it does to the talents of its members. Broadmeadows in those days was the much-maligned northern suburb of Melbourne – notorious for its rough background, hooliganism and gang fighting.

Against such negative associations, the rapid rise and glowing high profile of "Total Fire Band" was like a beacon, and provided an uplift for the area – so much so that the current Broadmeadows Council is planning a retrospective acknowledgement of the group, (hopefully set for next year), with a big music event, complete with special staging and a book to revive interest in the local band which created such a buzz.

The five band members included Wayne Morrison (lead guitar), Mark Eustace (lead singer), Trevor Misselbrook (drums) Doug Willmot (organist) who, along with Bruce, projected a wholesome, clean-cut image.

Originally managed by Channel 9 employee, Geoff Crozier, after judging at the "Cavalcade of Youth", the group received massive exposure through television appearances on prime-time shows like "New Faces", "Blind Date", the Royal Children's Hospital Appeal and the iconic, "In Melbourne Tonight", hosted by TV legend, Graham Kennedy.

Fan Club

Starting off small – with local gigs across the northern and western suburbs of Melbourne – "Total Fire Band" rapidly built a following with a fan club and newsletters, breathlessly heralding their arrival on the music scene.

Given the limited communications of the day, incentives offered through fan membership (including personally autographed photos, a badge, band member bios), plus the attraction of five young men in tune with the "happening" music scene, did the rest.

The band also gained traction through the highly rated radio 3UZ disc jockey of the day, John Vertigan, opening up access to huge numbers of listeners on his immensely popular show.

Profiles in industry publications such as "Go Set" magazine, the "Sun" "Young Sun" columns, the "Herald" "In Black and White" column, support from the prominent DJ, Stan Rose, plus significant publicity through local newspapers kept the boys in the spotlight.

Writing Music

Commenting on his writing for the band, Bruce said: "Normally music is written first, and then lyrics are fitted to the tune. But we did it the other way, and it worked for us. Even today when I write poetry or song lyrics I put the chords to it last. I still have contact with Wayne (Morrison) who lives in New Zealand, and he has helped me through a couple of tricky spots if I am struggling with what I have written. The range of songs we wrote together was well varied and ranged from soft ballads to heavy and plain old rock and roll."

The band released a record on their own label (a first back in the day), titled "Billy Cart b/w Lady I Love You", both written by Wayne and Bruce, and released through the Fan Club, with initially strong sales. Other hits such as "Flight 224" also gained prominence.

Next Level

As their profile grew so did their desire to move on to the next level of entertainment. Believing that Geoff no longer had their best interests at heart, the boys went with a change of management, enlisting Arthur Merriman – the Victorian Sales Manager for Overeem Amplifiers – who had seen the band on television. In a move made in heaven, the company supplied the band with state-of-the-art music gear which improved and enhanced their sound, consequently raising their profile even more.

Red Outfits

Under Arthur's guidance, and in keeping with their "fire" theme, the band wore red outfits, complete with ladies' red, decorative shoes. Bruce remembers the pain endured when the boys took part in the Moomba Parade and instead of being transported on an old fire engine as planned, they had to walk the entire distance in their high heels!

As the audience reactions became more frantic, the boys' shirts were designed with detachable sleeves so they could be ripped off, thereby adding to the frenzy of the moment. Their tagline of "Think pink – but wear red", saw the fan base also adopt their idols' fiery colour scheme. While Bruce no longer has this trendsetting costume, a colour photo from an old press clipping captures the impact!

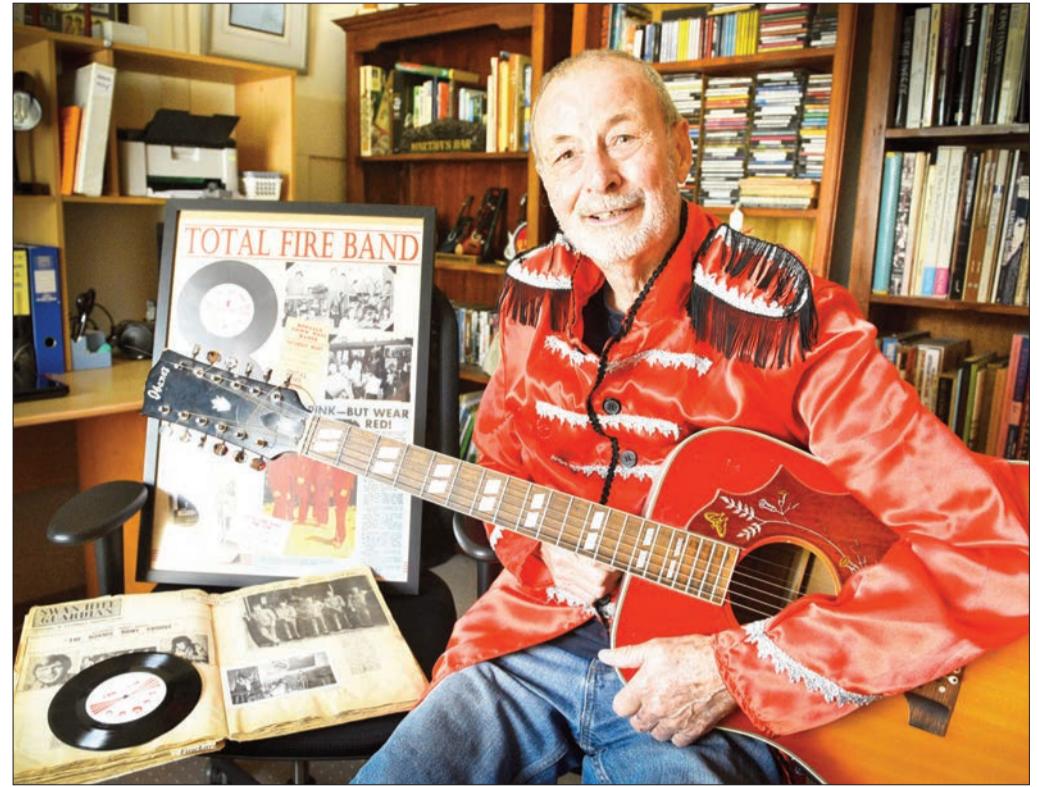
Memorabilia

A reservoir of information is contained in the many scrapbooks of memorabilia which chronicles the band's rise to fame. Progress from local outlets, to regional stopovers and then metro gigs saw them supporting some of the biggest music stars of the time. Ronnie Burns, Normie Rowe, Issi Dye, the Master's Apprentices, Billy Thorpe and the Aztecs – the list reads like a who's-who of Australian musical talent, and confirmed the bands' emerging status as a group destined for stardom. They certainly lived up to their moniker of "hot stuff" with reviews proclaiming: "predicted to be one of the top bands of 1970", "teenagers are clamoring for this group to appear in their area", "Total Fire Band – the hottest property around".

Highlights

Amongst the highlights of their career was their involvement in the 1970 Moomba Parade, in which they were the only accepted rock group to take part. Featuring in the evening pop concert, the boys performed in front of a crowd of around 10,000 spectators. A stint at the 1970 "Battle of The Sounds" at Festival Hall, was another big step which the band embraced.

Meeting and supporting the late, indigenous Boxing World Champion, Lionel Rose, at an Australia Day performance



Taking a walk down memory lane, Charlton resident, Bruce Gardner is pictured with memorabilia from his days as a lyricist and bass guitar player with the "Broady" "Total Fire Band". The band's origins and achievements, which created a such a favourable image for the northern suburbs area, are set to be acknowledged through a retrospective exhibition and event by the Broadmeadows Council in the near future.

where he sang his hit "Let Me Thank You", was yet another highpoint.

As 1970 progressed, Bruce felt that a crossroad had been reached, and it was time for him to leave the group. While the band continued for a short time after, capturing a spot at the Sunbury Music Festival, and with member, Denis Dunstan going on to become the Australian manager for Fleetwood Mac, the group knew they had reached the end of the road.

"It was a great experience,"

said Bruce, "and of course we loved the atmosphere and adoration, but being so young none of us was ready for the really big time which we felt we were being pushed towards. We had a very rapid rise over a short period of time."

Real Estate

Using his writing skills, he headed into the real estate business, before moving to Charlton with his partner, Annette, in 2012, where they opened the business, "Timeless Treasures and Tea Rooms".

While arthritis now limits

his guitar playing, Bruce is still passionate about writing, and is spending time developing his evocative poetry. A trip to Port Arthur triggered an intense affinity with the location – one which he is keen to explore more thoroughly through his poems.

While life's journey can take many routes, an astute way with words has underpinned much of Bruce Gardner's life.

This is his story to share.

One Hundred Years Ago

From the "Birchip Advertiser", December 7, 1921.

Local and General

Mr. D. Sheean, of Narrabri, delivered the first load of wheat to the Birchip Railway Station, yesterday.

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Good progress is being made with the erection of the Birchip West Telephone League's lines in the parishes of Ballapur, Warmur and Wirrimbirchip, and there is every likelihood of the work being completed by about the second week in February.

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The weather has been very unsettled of late. During the past week several heavy showers of rain have fallen; 86 points were recorded in Birchip. Farmers have been greatly inconvenienced in consequence, and many will be unable to complete their hay carting before harvesting the wheat. The recent unfavorable weather conditions will have detrimental effect on grain. In some cases, it is thought that farmers will lose about three bushels to the acres as a result of grain shrivelling.

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High School Movement
A public meeting was held on Tuesday last at the local State School with the view of further adding to the above movement.

About 15 were present and Mr. F. W. Brockett occupied the chair and pointed out the obligation of establishing a Higher Elementary School, as there were 60 to 70 children (approx 20 from those numbers who have already gained their Merit Certificates) in Birchip and surrounding districts waiting for higher education.

The matter was then brought up regarding the expense of various items during preparation for the above, and the following willingly assisted to help financially: Messrs. Cutts, Barber and Young £1 each; Messrs. Porter, Chalk, Brockett, Glenny, Watson and C. O'Donnell 10/- each and R. Phelps, 5/-.

On the motion of Chalk and Porter, respectively, the following Executive Committee was appointed: Messrs. Glenny, Porter, C. O'Donnell, Cutts, Chalk and Watson.

It was decided that Messrs. J. Lockwood, H. S. Glenny,

A. Thompson and J. Lilburne be appointed as a deputation to put the matter before the Minister of Education (Sir Alexander Peacock), on Wednesday, December 7, at 2 p.m..

Mr. Watson was instructed, on the motion of Porter and Cutts, to write to the parents of the children who have gained merit certificates so as to ascertain the child's attendance.

The meeting then closed.

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International Films Present Olympia, Birchip Every Saturday Night

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Across - 6, Crooked deal. 7, Well. 8, Round one. 9, G-rope's. 10, Dep-u-ty. 12, Career. 15, Sees to (seize, too). 17, Fla-red u-p. 19, A-dam). 20, Deep concern.
Down - 1, Co-lla-pse. 2, Skirts. 3, (in-de)Ed-mund(ane). 4, Lead. 5, Plane-t. 6, Cheer. 11, Pres-age-s. 13, All-ude. 14, Red-uce. 15, Su-pine. 16, Train. 18, Reed (rev.).

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eucalyptus oil, and gently, yet firmly brushing towards the centre of the mark.

To remove stains and grease marks from carpet, add eucalyptus oil to a small spray atomiser and spray generously on to the affected area and then wipe away with a clean absorbent cloth.

Eucalyptus oil also makes an excellent disinfectant floor cleaner. Just add a teaspoon of the oil to a bucket of water when washing or mopping over vinyl, linoleum or tiled floors.

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In the garden, eucalyptus oil can be used as a safe, non residual garden spray that is effective against earwigs, slugs, snails and slaters. Mix one teaspoon of oil with 500 millilitres of soapy water, and spray around the base of plants and seedlings, repeating as necessary. Only make up sufficient spray for immediate use, and thoroughly wash out the sprayer when finished.

When out-of-doors or working in the garden, we are quite often plagued by mosquitoes. To protect yourself from this annoying insect, dissolve 10 drops of

eucalyptus oil in 30 millilitres of almond oil, or any other vegetable oil, and rub well on to exposed skin. Renew every two to four hours, or as necessary.

If you do happen to be bitten by a mosquito, or any other biting insect, you can get quick relief from the pain by applying eucalyptus oil to sore and swollen areas, reapplying a drop at a time until pain has gone. Do not apply any more than ten drops of the oil to the affected area.

For a warming soothing liniment that helps get muscles loosened and ready to go, especially when exercising or training, mix eucalyptus oil with almond oil, ensuring that it remains strongly scented, and massage into mus-

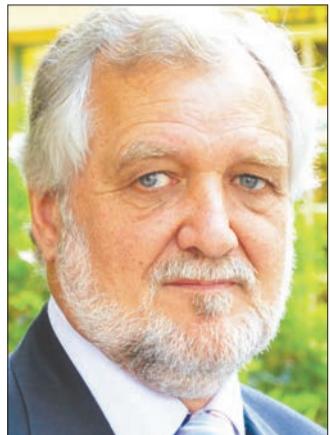
cles until a warm glow is felt.

Eucalyptus oil also makes an effective dog wash that is reputed to get rid of fleas. Just add a little oil to soapy washing water. Flies can also be kept at bay so that they don't bother your pet, by mixing one teaspoon of oil with one cup of water and combing this through the animal's fur.

So, if you don't already have a bottle of eucalyptus oil in your cupboard, make sure that the next time that you go to the supermarket it's on your shopping list.

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YOUR THREE-DAY TV GUIDE

ABC TV (2) 6.00 News. 9.00 News. 10.00 War On Waste: Turning The Tide. 11.00 Antiques Roadshow. 12.00 News. 1.00 Miniseries: Ridley Road. 1.55 Press. 3.00 News. 4.10 Think Tank. 5.10 Grand Designs. 6.00 The Drum. 7.00 ABC News. 7.30 7.30. 8.00 Anh's Brush With Fame. 8.30 Books That Made Us. 9.25 Australia Remastered: Nature's Great Divide. 10.40 News. 11.10 Q+A. Final. 12.15 Midsomer Murders. 1.45 Press. 2.45 Rage. 4.25 The Drum. 5.25 7.30.

ABC TV PLUS (22) 6.00 Kids' Programs. 5.35 The Wonder Gang. 6.05 Ben And Holly. 6.25 Shaun The Sheep. 6.40 Andy's Prehistoric Adv. 7.00 Dino Dana. 7.15 Odd Squad. 7.30 Spicks And Specks. 8.30 Adam Hills: The Last Leg. 9.10 Schitt's Creek. 9.55 Preppers. 10.30 Doctor Who. 11.20 Catastrophe. 11.45 In The Long Run. 12.10 Sick Of It. 12.30 GameFace. 12.55 Whose Line Is It Anyway? 1.40 Community. 2.00 Parks And Recreation. 2.30 Close. 5.40 Kids' Programs.

NITV (34) 6.00 Morning Programs. 11.20 Yothu Yindi Tribute Concert. 12.50 Artie: Our Tribute To A Legend. 1.20 Behind College Bars. 2.20 Always Was Always Will Be. 3.00 Wapos Bay. 3.25 The Magic Canoe. 4.00 Project Planet. 4.30 Grace Beside Me. 5.00 Shortland Street. 5.30 Chefs' Line. 6.00 Pete & Pio's Kai Safari. 6.30 Kriol Kitchen. 7.00 Our Stories. 7.30 Celts/Lakers: Best Of Enemies. 9.30 My Family Matters. 10.00 Karla Grant Presents. 10.30 Wild Kai Legends. 11.00 Hunting Aotearoa. 11.30 Songs From The Inside. 12.00 Volumz.

SBS (3) 6.00 WorldWatch. 12.30 America: News. 2.05 Scotland From The Sky. 3.10 Journey Through Armenia. 4.10 The Cook Up. 4.10 Animal Einsteins. 5.05 Jeopardy! 5.30 Letters And Numbers. 6.00 Mastermind Aust. 6.30 News. 7.30 Stonehenge: The New Revelations. 9.00 Pearl Harbor. 10.30 SBS News. 11.05 Before We Die. Final. 12.10 Miss S. 4.35 VICE Guide To Film. 5.00 France 24 Feature. 5.15 NHK World English News. 5.30 Deutsche Welle.

SBS VLND (31) 6.00 WorldWatch. 12.00 Basketball. NBA: Golden State Warriors v San Antonio Spurs. Replay. 2.00 Date My Race. 3.05 Gymnastics. 2020 FIG Trampoline World Cup. Highlights. 4.00 WorldWatch. 5.25 Takeshi's Castle. 5.55 Shortland Street. 6.25 Rockkwiz. 7.05 Jeopardy! 7.35 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. 8.30 Fear Of Dancing. 9.30 Stacey Dooley: Young And Homeless. 10.40 Big Fat Quiz Of The Year. 12.25 The X-Files. 2.00 Undressed. 2.30 Late Programs.

SBS MOVIES (32) 6.00 Rosie. Cont. (2018) 6.40 Believe. (2013) 8.30 The Finishers. (2013, French) 10.10 Operation Arctic. (2014, Norwegian) 11.50 Rams. (2015, Icelandic) 1.30 A Monster In Paris. (2011, French) 3.10 Long Way North. (2015) 4.40 Little Nicolas. (2009, French) 6.20 This Beautiful Fantastic. (2016) 8.00 Grandma. (2015) Lily Tomlin. 9.30 Dean Spanley. (2008) Jeremy Northam. 11.25 In Bed With Victoria. (2016, French) 1.15 Infernal Affairs 3. (2003, Cantonese) 3.25 Late Programs.

PRIME7 (6) 6.00 Sunrise. 9.00 The Morning Show. 11.30 News. 12.00 MOVIE: Maggie's Christmas Miracle. (2017) Jill Wagner. 2.00 House Of Wellness. 3.00 The Chase. 4.00 Seven News At 4. 5.00 The Chase Australia. 6.00 Seven News. 7.00 Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 3. Melbourne Renegades v Adelaide Strikers. 11.00 Born To Kill? 12.00 Shopping. 5.00 News. 5.30 Sunrise.

7TWO (62) 6.00 Shopping. 6.30 Travel Oz. 8.00 Harry's Practice. 8.30 Million Dollar Minute. 9.30 NBC Today. 12.00 House Of Wellness. 1.00 Deadly Dates. 3.00 Creek To Coast. 3.30 Animal Rescue. 4.30 M'A'SH. 5.30 Escape To The Country. 6.30 Bargain Hunt. 7.30 Pie In The Sky. 8.30 Lewis. 10.30 Without A Trace. 12.30 Deadly Dates. 2.30 The Real Seachange. 3.00 Mighty Ships. 4.00 Harry's Practice. 4.30 Million Dollar Minute. 5.00 Shopping.

7MATE (63) 6.00 Morning Programs. 7.30 Creek To Coast. 8.00 American Pickers. 9.00 Barter Kings. 10.00 America's Game. 11.00 A Football Life. 12.00 Storage Wars Canada. 1.00 Ink Master: Redemption. 2.30 Pawn Stars. 3.00 American Pickers. 4.00 Fish'n With Mates. 4.30 7th Gear. 5.30 Storage Wars: TX. 6.00 American Pickers. 7.00 Pawn Stars. 7.30 Highway Patrol. 8.30 Secrets Of The Supercars. 9.30 Supercar Customiser: Yianni. 10.30 Vegas Rat Rods. 11.30 Late Programs.

NINE (8) 6.00 Today. 9.00 Today Extra. 11.30 Morning News. 12.00 MOVIE: Lonestar Christmas. (2020) 1.45 Talking Honey: Princess Diana. 2.00 Pointless. 3.00 Tipping Point. 4.00 Afternoon News. 4.30 Hot Seat. 5.30 News. 6.00 News. 7.00 ACA. 7.30 Snackmasters. 9.10 Travel Guides. 10.10 Spice Girls: How Girl Power Changed The World. 11.10 Nine News Late. 11.40 Damian Lewis: Spy Wars. 12.35 Tipping Point. 1.30 TV Shop. 4.00 Take Two. 5.00 News. 5.30 Today.

9GEM (81) 6.00 TV Shop. 7.00 Creflo. 7.30 TV Shop. 9.30 Newstyle Direct. 10.00 Danoz. 10.30 Pointless. 11.30 My Favorite Martian. 12.00 Poirot. 1.10 Days Of Our Lives. 2.05 The Young And The Restless. 3.05 Antiques Roadshow. 3.35 MOVIE: Carry On Cabby. (1963) 5.30 Murder, She Wrote. 6.30 Antiques Roadshow. 7.30 New Tricks. 8.40 The Closer. 9.40 Rizzoli & Isles. 10.40 Law & Order: Criminal Intent. 11.40 Chicago Med. 12.35 Antiques Roadshow. 1.00 Late Programs.

9GO! (82) 6.00 Kids' Programs. 12.00 Supergirl. 1.00 Revenge Body. 2.00 America's Top Dog. 3.00 The Nanny. 3.30 3rd Rock From The Sun. 4.00 That '70s Show. 4.30 Malcolm. 5.30 The Nanny. 6.00 3rd Rock From The Sun. 6.30 That '70s Show. 7.30 Raymond. 8.30 MOVIE: EuroTrip. (2004) 12.20 Desperate Housewives. 2.10 Revenge Body. 3.00 Teen Titans Go! 3.30 NinjaGo: Masters Of Spinjitzu. 4.00 PokéMon. 4.30 Kids' Programs.

TEN (5) 6.00 The Talk. 7.00 Judge Judy. 7.30 Bold. 8.00 Studio 10. 12.00 Dr Phil. 1.00 The Dog House. Australia. 2.00 Ent. Tonight. 2.30 Everyday Gourmet. 3.00 Judge Judy. 3.30 Freshly Picked. 4.00 Farm To Fork. 4.30 Bold. 5.00 News. 6.30 The Project. 7.30 The Dog House Australia. 8.30 NCIS. Return. 9.30 NCIS: Los Angeles. 10.30 NCIS. 11.30 The Project. 12.30 Stephen Colbert. 1.30 Shopping. 3.00 Infomercials. 3.30 Shopping. 4.30 CBS Morning.

10 BOLD (53) 6.00 Shopping. 7.00 Infomercials. 8.00 Bondi Rescue. 8.30 Waltzing Jimeoin. 9.00 A-League Highlights Show. 10.00 JAG. 12.00 NCIS: LA. 1.00 NCIS. 2.00 Diagnosis Murder. 5.00 JAG. 7.00 Bondi Rescue. 7.30 NCIS. 8.30 Blue Bloods. 10.25 NCIS: New Orleans. 11.20 Evil. 12.15 Shopping. 12.45 Infomercials. 1.15 Shopping. 2.15 MOVIE: Pawno. (2015) 4.10 Madam Secretary. 5.05 JAG.

10 PEACH (52) 6.00 Stephen Colbert. 7.00 Seinfeld. 8.00 Becker. 9.00 The Middle. 10.00 Frasier. 11.00 King Of Queens. 12.00 In The Dark. 1.00 2 Broke Girls. 2.00 Seinfeld. 3.00 King Of Queens. 4.00 Becker. 5.00 Frasier. 6.00 Friends. 6.30 Neighbours. 7.00 Friends. 8.00 The Big Bang Theory. 9.30 Mom. 11.35 Frasier. 12.00 Shopping. 12.30 Infomercials. 1.30 Stephen Colbert. 2.30 James Corden. 3.30 In The Dark. 4.30 Shopping.

Wednesday

ABC TV (2) 6.00 News. 9.00 News. 10.00 Invisible Wars. 10.55 The Great Australian Bee Challenge. 12.00 News. 12.30 Press Club. Final. 1.35 Media Watch. 2.00 Press. 3.00 News. 4.10 Think Tank. 5.10 Grand Designs. 6.00 The Drum. 7.00 ABC News. 7.30 7.30. 8.00 Hard Quiz. 8.30 Gruen. 9.10 Preppers. 9.40 QI. 10.10 Adam Hills: The Last Leg. 10.50 News. 11.20 Universe With Brian Cox. 12.20 Media Watch. Final. 12.40 Father Brown. 1.25 Silent Witness. 2.25 Late Programs.

ABC TV PLUS (22) 6.00 Kids' Programs. 6.40 Andy's Prehistoric Adv. 7.00 Dino Dana. 7.15 Odd Squad. 7.30 Spicks And Specks. 8.00 Would I Lie To You? 8.30 Art Works. 9.00 Brian Johnson's A Life On The Road. 9.45 The Sound. 10.15 Doctor Who. 11.00 Books That Made Us. Final. 12.05 Love On The Spectrum. 1.00 Pilgrimage: Road To Istanbul. 2.00 Louis Theroux: Life On The Edge. 2.50 Community. 3.15 Parks And Recreation. 3.40 Close. 5.05 Kids' Programs.

NITV (34) 6.00 Morning Programs. 12.00 The Whole Table. 1.00 Power Meri. 2.00 My Life As I Live It. 3.00 Wapos Bay. 3.25 The Magic Canoe. 4.00 Project Planet. 4.30 Grace Beside Me. 5.00 Shortland Street. 5.30 Chefs' Line. 6.00 Pete & Pio's Kai Safari. 6.30 Kriol Kitchen. 7.00 Our Stories. 7.30 Celts/Lakers: Best Of Enemies. 9.30 My Family Matters. 10.00 Karla Grant Presents. 10.30 Wild Kai Legends. 11.00 Hunting Aotearoa. 11.30 Songs From The Inside. 12.00 Volumz.

SBS (3) 6.00 WorldWatch. 12.30 America: News. 1.00 PBS News. 2.05 Scotland From The Sky. 3.10 Journey Through Armenia. 4.10 The Cook Up. 4.10 Animal Einsteins. 5.05 Jeopardy! 5.30 Letters And Numbers. 6.00 Mastermind Aust. 6.30 News. 7.30 Scotland's Sacred Islands With Ben Fogle. 8.30 Michael Mosley On Cosmetic Treatments. 9.30 Before We Die. Final. 10.25 SBS News. 11.00 In Therapy. 11.50 Departure. 5.00 France 24 Feature. 5.15 NHK World English News. 5.30 Deutsche Welle.

SBS VLND (31) 6.00 WorldWatch. 12.00 Hustle. 12.55 North To South: The Full Journey. 4.00 WorldWatch. 5.25 Takeshi's Castle. 5.55 Shortland Street. 6.25 Rockkwiz. 7.05 Jeopardy! 7.35 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. 8.30 MOVIE: Donnie Darko. (2001) Jake Gyllenhaal. 10.35 MOVIE: A Good Old Fashioned Orgy. (2012) 12.20 The X-Files. 3.00 Thai News. 3.30 Bangla News. 4.00 Punjabi News. 4.30 Sri Lankan Sinhalese News. 5.00 Korean News. 5.30 Indonesian News.

SBS MOVIES (32) 6.00 Little Nicolas. Cont. (2009, French) 6.40 Dean Spanley. (2008) 8.35 This Beautiful Fantastic. (2016) 10.15 Long Way North. (2015) 11.45 The Motorcycle Diaries. (2004, Spanish) 2.05 Believe. (2013) 3.55 The Finishers. (2013, French) 5.35 1982. (2019, Arabic) 7.30 Chef. (2014) Jon Favreau. 9.35 Skin. (2008) Sophie Okonedo. 11.35 Eye In The Sky. (2007, Cantonese) 1.15 In Your Hands. (2018, French) 3.20 Late Programs.

PRIME7 (6) 6.00 Morning Programs. 1.00 The Ashes: The Lunch Break. 1.40 Cricket. The Ashes. First Test. Australia v England. Day 1. Afternoon session. 3.40 The Ashes: Tea Break. 4.00 Cricket. The Ashes. First Test. Australia v England. Day 1. Late afternoon session. 6.00 News. 7.00 Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 4. Hobart Hurricanes v Sydney Sixers. 9.40 Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 5. Perth Scorchers v Brisbane Heat. 1.00 Late Programs.

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7MATE (63) 6.00 Morning Programs. 1.00 The Grade Cricketer. 1.30 Seven's Motorsport Classic. 2.00 Inside Line. 3.00 7th Gear. 4.00 Fish'n With Mates. 4.30 Barter Kings. 5.30 Storage Wars: TX. 6.00 Cricket. The Ashes. First Test. Australia v England. Day 1. 6.30 Cricket. Big Bash League. Game 4. Hobart Hurricanes v Sydney Sixers. 7.00 Pawn Stars. 8.30 Storage Wars. 9.30 Storage Wars: NY. 10.00 Irish Pickers. 11.00 Desert Collectors. 12.00 Late Programs.

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Living with the Land



World-First Research Facility Launches at Horsham SmartFarm

The Victorian Government is investing in world-class innovation and technology at the Horsham SmartFarm, backing our grain growers to be-

Parliamentary Secretary for Regional Victoria Danielle Green recently launched the world-first Free Air Temperature Extreme (FATE) facility, established by Agriculture Victoria to

advance research into growing new grain crop varieties that are suited to Australia's increasingly extreme weather.

It is vital to support Victoria's grain growers to better



manage the impacts of extreme weather on the quality of their crops as Australia becomes more prone to frequent heat waves and crops remain at ongoing risk of frost damage.

The FATE facility uses unique technology that simulates extreme weather events, including heat waves and frost, to measure how cereal, oil and pulse crops perform under these conditions in open-field environments.

Featuring open-air radiant heaters that are affixed to mobile trolleys, the FATE facility applies heat waves to crops at specific temperatures and times, to capture real-world data on how grain crops respond to extreme weather.

This data will support research into developing grain growing strategies that are effective under a changing climate and help farmers understand how environmental factors affect the response of new crop varieties, their resistance to pests and disease, and crop production techniques.

With access to real-world data, the FATE facility will also enable researchers to use computer simulation models to forecast grain growing strategies for regions that don't have access to this on-ground technology.



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• Agriculture Victoria Senior Research Scientist Glenn Fitzgerald (left) and Research Scientist Alex Clancy, at the new FATE facility.

The FATE facility is backed by a \$700,000 investment by the government, including a contribution from the \$5 million Smarter Safer Farms initiative, which is

building skills in science and digital agriculture.

The Horsham SmartFarm is delivering on the Victorian Government's 10-year Agriculture Strategy to modernise

and protect the state's farming industries.

For more information on our SmartFarms visit agriculture.vic.gov.au.

If the eye cancer tumour is larger than 2 cm, it is illegal to take the cattle to sale yards.

Eye cancer in cattle

These eye cancers are acceptable in a saleyard or abattoir

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Eye Cancer in Cattle — Know the Responsibilities

It's important to check your cattle for eye cancers before bringing them to saleyards.

Advanced eye cancer is unacceptable due to animal welfare considerations.

If the tumour of the eye is smaller than 2cm and not bleeding or discharging, it is allowed in Victorian saleyards, but for slaughter only.

Cattle with eye cancers between 2cm and 3cm, that are not bleeding or discharging, may go direct to an abattoir at owners' risk of non-payment. Otherwise, they must be treated or destroyed humanely on farm. They must not go near a saleyard.

An eye cancer larger than 2cm is a notifiable disease, owners should seek veterinary advice if in doubt.

The recommended method of disposal of cattle with small eye cancers is direct to an abattoir.

Under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1986, owners may face cruelty charges if they allow eye cancers to grow too large.

In all cases, early detection, treatment and prompt disposal of affected animals is necessary.

More information of the Code of Practice for animal welfare can be found on the Agriculture Victoria website.

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Keep up to date with all the latest restrictions and requirements at coronavirus.vic.gov.au

2022 VICTORIAN CROP SOWING GUIDE

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If You're Sowing in 2020 ...

This Guide is for You

Grain growers will be better equipped to plan what to sow next season with the release of Agriculture Victoria's 2022 Victorian Crop Sowing Guide.

Published in partnership with the Grains Research and Development Corporation (GRDC), the guide provides the most up-to-date information on crop variety performance and crop disease resistance ratings at a time when growers will start considering what to plant for the winter crop season.

Agriculture Victoria Project Leader Sarah Brown said the annual sowing guide is a valued resource for growers with contributions from Agriculture Victoria experts, independent researchers, universities, other state departments and marketing and breeding companies.

"We publish this guide to prompt growers to ask themselves, 'Am I growing the best variety for my situation?'," said Ms Brown.

"The guide enables growers to drill down into specific variety characteristics, such as yield performance and disease ratings to ensure selected varieties are ideally suited to local production conditions."

"Local advisers are also a key resource for information relevant to individual locali-

ties, so we encourage growers to use this publication as a guide for discussion with their consultants, advisers and marketing agents."

It will be important for growers and advisers to review disease resistance ratings in March 2022 in the cereal and pulse disease guides to ensure they know the current resistance ratings of varieties.

Most of the grain yield and quality data provided in the summary is sourced from the GRDC National Variety Trial (NVT) program of comparative crop variety testing, with data from some breeding trials added to the information available.

The aim of each NVT is to document a ranking of new and widely adopted varieties in terms of grain yield and to provide grain quality information. Results from the NVT program are also used by pathologists to determine disease resistance ratings presented in the Victorian Crop Sowing Guide.

Visit the GRDC website to download the Victorian Crop Sowing Guide.

School's Out for These Students – and Parents

As reported in Friday's "Times", the annual valedictory dinner for Birchip P-12 School's graduating students was held on November 25.

In thanking all parents for their contributions over the years, Mr Andrew Sayle made special mention for those whose association with the school was ending as their last child graduated.

- Those proud parents are pictured on this page with their own graduating students.



• Georgina, Matthew and Damien Hogan.



• Brendan, Chloe and Angela Gleeson.



• Cameron, Abigail and Sharon Flowers.



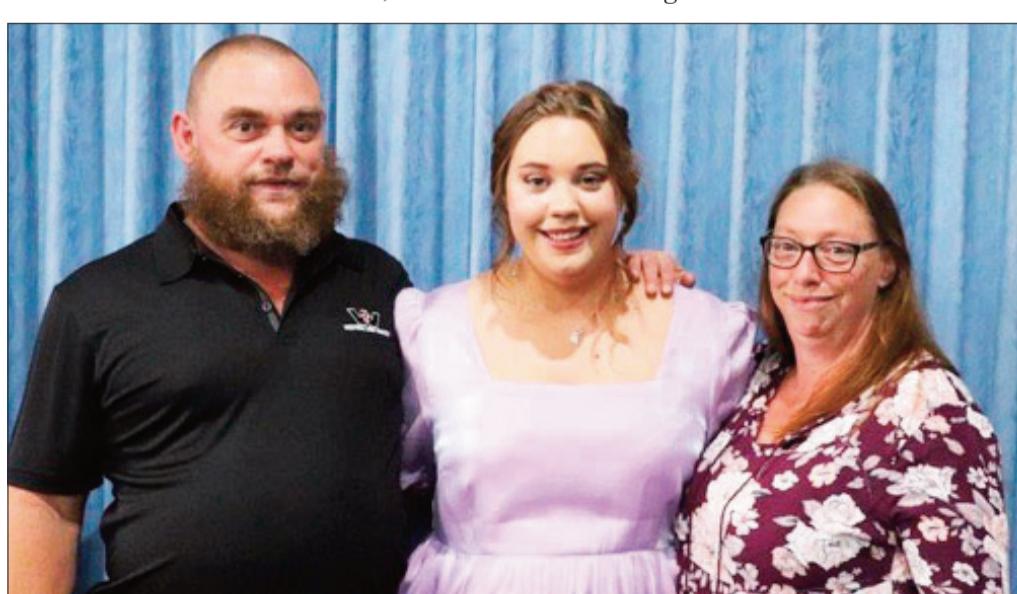
• Murray, Phoebe and Janine Paley.



• Leon, Patrick and Noeline Hogan.



• Mavis, Blair and Darren Gould.



• Chris, Sharni and Kate O'Toole.



• Michelle and Tessa Lee.



• Keen Donald footballers lining up for their first club training session leading up to North-Central's 2022 season, from left, Will Burke, Hayden Geddes, Jordan Bath, Cody Brooks, Nat Clark, Ryan Leeder and Cooper Anderson, with senior coach, Rohan Brown and his assistant, three-year-old son, Jack.

Royal Blues Back on Track

After taking time out from a disappointing conclusion to North-Central Football League's 2021 season, when home-and-away games were limited and finals not possible, Donald Football Club conducted its first pre-season run leading up to the 2022 season last Friday evening.

Welcoming the small number of players keen to make a start to their preparation, senior coach, Rohan Brown, said that the evening's session would be brief and not overly focused on fitness, as would similar sessions on the following two Fridays, starting at 6.30, leading up to a break over the Christmas/New Year period.

Harvest and other work commitments had prevented many from attending, with Rohan having received numerous phone calls from players unable to attend.

He indicated that training would resume in earnest early in the new year.

Accompanying Rohan to Donald for Friday's session was three-year-old son, Jack, who is already showing a passion for the game, and even has his dietary requirements well planned, having notified grandma Yvonne Brown that he would be needing some pasta prior to heading back to Ballarat with his Dad.

Mixed Results for Donald Golf Bowlers

Donald Golf Division 1 bowlers played Donald at home on Saturday, winning all three rinks to record a 94 shots to 45 win, securing all 12 pennant points.

Daniel Pettifer's rink of Geoff Rigby, George Geddes and Stewart Hollis combined very well to defeat John Howley's team 35-13.



• Opposing leaders, Jim Meyer (Donald Golf, bowling) and Steve Smyth (Wedderburn) bowled very well during their Division 2 encounter, giving their respective teams every opportunity, and contributing to what was a very closely contested game.

Golf led 23-1 at afternoon tea, but John's men rallied to win seven ends after the break, to "steady the ship."

Wayne Gniel's team of Robert Reseigh, Alan Frank and Lindsay Borden played a close match against Norm Hollis's team, with scores 15-5 all at end 20.

Golf won four of the last 5 ends to eventually win 22-18, in a hard-fought contest. Norm Hollis played very well to keep Donald in the match.

Trevor Hollis's team of Peter Hibberd, Greg Hamer and Bill Livingston won 16 of the 25 ends played, to convincingly defeat Bill Hegarty's team 37-14.

In Division 2, Donald Golf travelled to Wedderburn to

play on an excellent green. Golf won two of the three rinks, but lost narrowly, 67 shots to 72, thereby securing 4 points to 8.

Marg Kelly's team of John Slater, Brian Bayles and Colleen Raynes had a good battle with Bob Passalick's team, but unfortunately lost five shots on the last two ends to lose 19-27.

George Wood led his team of Joyce Hollis, Thelma Boyd and Brian Brasier to defeat Travis Jackson's team 25-23.

This was a great win as they trailed 14-22 after 20 ends. Winning 5 of the last 6 ends enabled Golf to claim victory.

Marilyn Frank's team of Shane O'Shea, Michael Raynes and Jim Meyer, trailed 18-20 at end 21, against veteran Ian Hall's charges.

They won three of the last four ends to win 23-22.

Thank you to the players who competed at short notice, to take the place of those undertaking harvest duties.

Christmas Tea

Members are reminded that a Christmas tea is to be held on Saturday, December 11, after pennant. Could members please bring a salad?

The first round of the men's club pairs is to be played on Friday, December 17, starting at 4 p.m.. Entries close on Thursday, December 16.



• North Central ladies' State Triples winner, left to right, Brenda Dixon, Pam Rollinson and Merilyn Frank.

Triples Success for Donald Golf Trio

The Donald Golf trio of Merilyn Frank, Pam Rollinson and Brenda Dixon has won the North Central Ladies' State Triples even, contested at the Donald Bowling Club last Thursday.

Merilyn led very consistently all day, and was supported by Pam Rollinson and Brenda Dixon (skipping), the trio combining well to claim Area section of the State Triples.

They will go on to represent North Central at the Region finals in March.

Congratulations, Merilyn, Pam and Brenda, and good luck at regional level.

E-Mailers!

Contributors sending stories and photos to the "Times" via E-mail are reminded to include identifications of any people in photographs.



• One of the many boundary shots by Birchip's James Paley on his way to 53 not out against St. Arnaud. (Photo by Amanda Reid)

B-Doubles Dominate the Scene

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which to reach a winning tally of 2/98, James Paley remaining 53 not out, and openers Lachie Randall and Mark Trollope scoring 15 and 14 respectively.

Runs were hard to come by at Charlton Park, where top-scorers for Brim K.S.H. were Sean Wright 13, Barry Schilling 12, and Kobe McGregor 12, in a total of 67 from 33.5 overs. Doing most

damage for Charlton were Patrick Soulsby 4/5 (8), and Patrick Sait 3/4 (6.5). Charlton replied with a winning total of 95 in 22.4 overs, though losing 9 wickets in the process. Patrick Soulsby scored 20, Nick Zagame 17, and Elliott Fitzpatrick 13. Top bowling figures for Brim K.S.H. were those of Sean Wright 4/15 (8), and Barry Schilling 2/16 (5).

It was a very early finish at Watchem, where the home

side was all out for 14 in 11 overs, the destroyers for St. Mary's being Bailey Watts 6/6 (5), and Brodie Dennes 3/6 (6). In an action-packed 1.5 overs in reply, St. Mary's lost 2 wickets, but was carried to a swift victory by Curtis Castleman, 12 (3 fours), and Paul Healey, 10 (with 2 fours).

Southern Mallee Giants were unable to field a team against Jeffcott in "B" grade.



• Birchip branch manager Marcia Mallia presents Birchip Tennis Club secretary Julie Coffey with the donation.

Bank Backs Tennis Club

The Commonwealth Bank is committed to supporting local organisations which make a difference in their community, and the Birchip Branch is excited to be able to pass on \$500 from the Community Donation Program to the Birchip Tennis Club.

Every CommBank branch and customer-facing team is given \$500 to donate to an organisation of their choice, and the Birchip staff chose the Tennis Club as its recipient in 2021.

During 2021, CommBank has donated over \$384,000 to organisations within local communities across Australia.

Branch Manager Marcia Mallia said, "We chose the Birchip Tennis Club to receive this \$500, as Covid has impacted members' fundraising abilities for the past two years and they are looking to extend their facilities to include a playground and sandpit."

This will complete their wonderful facilities and have

an everlasting impact on the families with children of all ages at the club."

In previous years the Birchip staff have chosen worthy causes, including the historical society, the community car, the school, the community Christmas party and Wirrim Lodge.

Wimmera-Mallee Cricket Scoreboard



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Round 4:

"A" Grade

St. Arnaud d. Birchip BIRCHIP

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| C. McCredden, b J. Patching | 2 |
| W. Marks, c M. Egan b L. Patching .. | 3 |
| J. Falvey, b J. Patching | 1 |
| H. McCredden, c J. Coloe b L. Patching .. | 1 |
| T. Lowry, c M. Stones b J. Patching .. | 8 |
| P. Hogan, lbw b L. Patching | 8 |
| J. Randall, c M. Egan b J. Patching .. | 8 |
| P. Sheahan, c NJ Birthisel b C. Torney .. | 43 |
| T. Tonso, b J. Patching | 4 |
| C. Bennett, run out (M. Egan) | 21 |
| C. Boyle, not out | 3 |
| Sundries | 7 |
| TOTAL | 108 |
| Fall of wicket: 2, 6, 6, 6, 14, 26, 30, 48, 94, 108. | |

Bowling: J. Patching 5/29 (8), L. Patching 3/17 (8), MJ Bibby 0/23 (4), M. Egan 0/14 (2), C. Torney 1/18 (6.2), BW Hando 0/1 (3).

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| M. Stones, b J. Falvey | 3 |
| M. Egan, c T. Lowry b J. Falvey | 25 |
| J. Patching, c C. Boyle b P. Sheahan | 5 |
| NJ Birthisel, b C. Bennett | 26 |
| BW Hando, lbw b C. McCredden | 9 |
| N. Gorrie, lbw b J. Falvey | 0 |
| J. Coloe, c C. Boyle b C. McCredden | 1 |
| C. Torney, lbw b C. McCredden | 1 |
| L. Patching, c & b P. Sheahan | 0 |
| MJ Bibby, not out | 6 |
| B. McKinnon, not out | 6 |
| Sundries | 30 |
| TOTAL (for 9 wickets) | 112 |
| Fall of wicket: 20, 49, 49, 54, 58, 66, 67, 80, 94. | |

Bowling: J. Randall 0/32 (8), J. Falvey 3/17 (8), P. Sheahan 2/15 (8), C. McCredden 3/15 (8), P. Hogan 0/9 (2), C. Bennett 1/9 (4), W. Marks 0/4 (2).

Wycheproof-Narraport d. Marnoo WYCHEPROOF-NARRAPORT

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| C. Duffy, c MR Austin b J. Duxson .. | 55 |
| H. Connolly, st B. Cameron b T. Collins .. | 84 |
| J. Ison, lbw b T. Collins | 0 |
| W. Allan, not out | 32 |
| B. Gaylor, not out | 4 |
| Sundries | 14 |
| TOTAL (for 3 wickets) | 189 |
| Fall of wicket: 124, 125, 169. | |

Bowling: L. Weidemann 0/12 (5), A. Love 0/31 (6), J. Hinton 0/12 (5), B. Cheeseman 0/14 (3), J. McLean 0/45 (8), J. Martin 0/8 (3), J. Duxson 1/27 (5), T. Collins 2/33 (5).

MARNOO

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|---------------------------------------|-----|
| J. Hinton, b B. Gaylor | 2 |
| B. Cameron, b H. Connolly | 64 |
| J. Duxson, run out (J. Ison) | 5 |
| J. McLean, b W. Allan | 24 |
| A. Love, lbw b H. Connolly | 0 |
| T. Collins, not out | 4 |
| B. Cheeseman, b X. McKersie | 2 |
| L. Weidemann, not out | 0 |
| Sundries | 19 |
| TOTAL (for 6 wickets) | 120 |
| Fall of wicket: 20, 31, 99, 111, 119. | |

Bowling: B. Gaylor 1/16 (8), W. Allan 1/21 (7), J. Ison 0/33 (8), H. Connolly 2/25 (8), T. Rumbold 0/12 (4), J. Coles 0/6 (3), X. McKersie 1/2 (1), W. Ison 0/1 (1).

Donald d. Brim K.S.H.

DONALD

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| C. Anderson, c L. Dovaston b L. McGinniss | 0 |
| C. Brooks, b JS Pymer | 34 |
| T. Letts, b IW McPherson | 20 |
| K. Green, c IW McPherson b L. Dovaston | 19 |
| K. Westerland, b L. Dovaston | 0 |
| Z. Leith, b IW McPherson | 0 |
| C. Anderson, c S. Hill b L. Dovaston | 11 |
| D. Letts, not out | 7 |
| B. Harrison, b S. Hill | 0 |
| W. Noble, not out | 3 |

Sundries

TOTAL (for 8 wickets)

101

Fall of wicket: 2, 50, 75, 75, 75, 85, 89, 92.

Bowling: S. Hill 1/14 (8), L. McGinniss 1/23 (8), JS Pymer 1/36 (8), L. Dovaston 3/16 (8), IW McPherson 2/10 (8).

BRIM K.S.H.

S. Schultz, c C. Brooks b Z. Leith

3

L. Dovaston, lbw b K. Westerland

12

L. McGinniss, b Z. Leith

0

IW McPherson, not out

29

R. Bennett, c W. Noble b D. Letts

17

S. Hill, st C. Brooks b D. Letts

0

F. Wright, run out

0

C. McPherson, c Harrison, b D. Letts

20

JS Pymer, lbw b C. Anderson

0

W. McPherson, c C. Brooks b C. Anderson

1

J. McPherson, b C. Anderson

0

Sundries

8

TOTAL

90

Fall of wicket: 20, 20, 20, 59, 60, 60, 86, 88, 90, 90.

Bowling: K. Westerland 1/24 (7), Z. Leith 2/27 (7), D. Letts 3/22 (5), C. Anderson 3/13 (4.5).

Bowling: W. Hogan 1/6 (5), J. Paley 1/7 (5), L. Randall 3/24 (8), J. Emeson 2/19 (8), C. Lee 2/27 (8).

BIRCHIP

M. Trollope, b T. Spear

14

L. Randall, c AP Watts b H. Torney

15

J. Emeson, not out

7

J. Paley, not out

53

Sundries

9

TOTAL (for 2 wickets)

98

Fall of wicket: 33, 33.

Bowling: T. Spear 1/33 (6), K. Torney 0/7 (1), H. Torney 1/30 (4.5), JA Smith 0/3 (1), AP Watts 0/5 (1), G. Gorrie 0/14 (1).

Charlton d. Brim K.S.H.

BRIM K.S.H.

B. Schilling, b PC Soulsby

12

S. Wright, b PC Soulsby

13

B. Williamson, c J. Zagame b PC

Tony Takes His Game to New Level

Former Wycheproof resident, Tony Keane, has taken his involvement in Australian Rules Football to a level that few can match, which has been rewarded in the 2021 Australian Security Industry Awards, in the category of Outstanding Security Performance.

From a grass roots level kicking goals for Wycheproof-Narraport to heading up the AFL's Integrity and Security Department, Tony, son of Joan and Leo Keane, of Wycheproof, is currently at the top of his game.

The awards were conducted virtually on October 27, with Tony announced as the Outstanding In-House Security Manager/ Director Award recipient, an award sponsored by Securecy.

Tony joined the AFL integrity department as an investigator in 2014, after spending 13 years as a member of Victoria Police, including time as a member of the homicide squad.

As manager of the AFL's Integrity and Security department, Tony's responsibilities include multiple AFL portfolios including anti-doping and Illicit drug testing programs involving blood, urine and hair testing, controlled treatments, player whereabouts and registrations, safeguarding children and respectful behaviours, wagering, and match day restricted areas, investigations into overall off-field player related behaviour, and security and emergency management.

His involvement in maintaining security and the successful completion of the AFL's 2020 season during the very challenging impact of COVID-19 was the subject of

his nomination for the 2021 award.

Nomination

In part, Tony's nomination by the AFL reads:

"Over the past two years, reliance on the Security Industry has been elevated nationally, following the COVID-19 crisis. The global pandemic has severely impacted and created many challenges across the AFL, including border restrictions and state lockdowns."

Throughout this period, in his role as Head of AFL Integrity and Security, Tony has been critical to the survival of the AFL business and more over our industry.

"In 2020, Tony volunteered to relocate from Victoria, leaving



• Tony Keane, head of AFL Integrity and Security.

ing family behind, to lead a team of AFL personnel across to Western Australia and establish the AFL's first two security quarantine facilities.

"During this time, Tony excelled, building partnerships with the WA Government, WA Police, Government Health officials, Airport and Hotel security teams, while overseeing more than 1,000 players and officials from eight AFL teams, transitioning in and out of Western Australia quarantine.

"Tony was instrumental in driving the security performance in WA, collaborating with Police Command within Operation TIDE and contracted security, to mitigate the risks and target harden facilities.

Strategic Thinking

"His strategic thinking saw Tony establish new systems to improve security performance across the industry. These included establishing and AFL personnel register, affording increased access control and a COVID-19 database, requiring registration and compliance by staff, club personnel and contractors, supporting government contract tracing capability.

"While Victoria remained locked down, the AFL competition relocated to Queensland for the first time in the game's history. Showing true commitment and leadership, Tony relocated from Western Australia to Queensland, where his experience in setting up the initial quarantine sites became essential in establishing the security footprint in Qld.

"In Queensland, Tony designed and delivered a robust security overlay across fifteen AFL quarantine sites, housing over 2,500 players, officials and families, ensuring compliance with Government health restrictions at each location.

"Tony established rigorous processes, including personally interviewing security firms and selecting guards individually. He created an overarching security framework providing structure, control and governance, including a new incident and investigation process within the AFL and across all 15 sites.

"Tony excelled, providing outstanding leadership, and developing a security culture that motivated others across our business to high standards. Without Tony's direction and influence across our business, the AFL may never have completed season 2020, including the grand final, played at the Gabba."

Australia Wide Responsibilities

Tony oversees the integrity and investigations programs across both the AFL (18 teams) and AFLW (14 teams), and in 2021 assumed responsibility for State and Community-based investigations Australia wide, which, therefore now includes North-Central Football League.

He has travelled internationally, researching best practice sports integrity programs in the UK, USA, Poland and Switzerland, and now apply those learnings into the AFL's integrity framework.

He has also travelled extensively to China for the AFL, developing and imple-

menting the security posture for the AFL's matches at Jiangwan Stadium in Shanghai.

He has also travelled internationally with Australia's international Rules Series team to the USA and Ireland, as the head of Team Security.

Tony leads a team of 5 full time employees and 20 part-time casuals, with a representative at each elite level game around the country (approximately 300 games per annum).

In his role as the head of Integrity and Security, Tony also has overall responsibility for the security operations at the AFL owned Marvel stadium, which hosts everything from AFL, BBL, A-League Soccer, concerts and large-scale events and conferences.

Regional Victoria has produced many leaders in a wide variety of fields, in Australia and world wide.

Tony Keane, from Wycheproof, ranks among those to have reached the highest level of involvement in one of the most challenging industries, for which his home town can be very proud.

Demons Bedevil Saints

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Laurie Witham's rink set up the win by accounting for Shane Morris and his team.

Details:

St. Arnaud 59-2 lost to Wycheproof 62-10.

Phil McRae 24 d. George Coatsworth 18, Glendon Hancock 18 lost to Eric Rayes 25, Alan Jackson 17 lost to Brett Macdonald 19.

Donald Golf 94-12 d. Donald 45-0.

Trevor Hollis 37 d. Bill Hegarty 14, Daniel Pettifer 35 d. John Howley 13, Wayne Gniel 22 d. Norm Hollis 18.

Charlton 58-0 lost to St. Arnaud Country Club 111-12.

Ken North 22 lost to Bill Rodger 31, Lynne Southwell 11 lost to Jason Abbott 50, Kevin Willey 25 lost to Mark Esmore 30.

Boort 54-0 lost to Wedderburn 90-12.

Laurie Maxted 18 lost to Bob Montebello 26, Kevin Depiazza 23 lost to Neale Holt 33, Shayne Morris 13 lost to Laurie Witham 31.

Division 2

Ladder leader Korong Vale. conceded only 2 points to its Boort opposition, on its

way to a 19 shot victory, and adding 10 points to its impressive total.

Wedderburn and Donald Golf fought out a humdinger of a battle on the well presented Wedderburn green (curator Laurie Witham is doing an incredible job keeping the surface in excellent condition despite not having access to the usual water supply).

Competition was close on all three rinks, with Donald Golf winning two, through the agencies of first-time pennant skipper Merilyn Frank and experienced campaigner, George Wood, but Bob Passalick and his charges secured an 8-shot win in Wedderburn's favour, to give the hosts a 5-shot win overall.

Wycheproof enjoyed a good day out against Charlton, winning all three rinks by a combined margin of 46 shots, with Lorraine Milburn and Jeannie Grylls showing the way.

St. Arnaud upset cross town rival, St. Arnaud Country Club by 14 shots overall, to record its first win of the season, Gary Shinners masterminding the surprise attack with a commanding 17-shot win over Amanda Marland, while Graham Shaw and his

Kevin Pole 22 lost to Graham Shaw 23, Chris Webb 23 d. Wayne Rourke 19, Amanda Marland 14 lost to Gary Shinners 31.

Ladder after round 9 — Division 1

| P | W | L | D | Bye | F | A | S/D | % | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|-----|-----|-----|------|--------|-----|
| 9 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 429 | 282 | 147 | 152.13 | 78 |
| 9 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 366 | 312 | 54 | 117.31 | 68 |
| 9 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 411 | 297 | 114 | 138.38 | 62 |
| 9 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 392 | 341 | 51 | 114.96 | 60 |
| 9 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 356 | 336 | 20 | 105.95 | 60 |
| 9 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 308 | 380 | -72 | 81.05 | 46 |
| 9 | 0 | 5 | 4 | 0 | 272 | 404 | -132 | 67.33 | 31 |
| 9 | 0 | 5 | 4 | 0 | 278 | 460 | -182 | 60.43 | 27 |

Ladder after round 9 — Division 2

| P | W | L | D | Bye | F | A | S/D | % | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------|-----|
| 9 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 400 | 321 | 79 | 124.61 | 69 |
| 9 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 304 | 255 | 49 | 119.22 | 60 |
| 9 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 380 | 297 | 83 | 127.95 | 54 |
| 9 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 272 | 269 | 3 | 101.12 | 49 |
| 9 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 261 | 277 | -16 | 94.22 | 48 |
| 8 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 261 | 258 | 3 | 101.16 | 40 |
| 9 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 229 | 304 | -75 | 75.33 | 36 |
| 8 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 176 | 229 | -53 | 76.86 | 32 |
| 9 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 314 | 387 | -73 | 81.14 | 32 |

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Demons Bedevil Saints

Wycheproof's division 1 pennant team made a successful raid on St. Arnaud last Saturday, bedeviling the Saints with their bowling prowess and coming home with 10 important premiership points.

The overall margin might have been just 3 shots, but the win has seen the Wycheproof leapfrog St. Arnaud into second place on the team rankings.

Brett Macdonald's rink picked up the biggest scalp of the day, defeating Alan Jackson's crack rink by 2 shots.

Phil McRae flew the flag for St. Arnaud, skippering his team to a 6-shot win over George Coatsworth.

But with Eric Rayes's team getting home by 7 shots against Glendon Hancock, it gave Wyche enough shots up to secure victory.

The results of the other three matches went in accordance with positioning on the premiership table.

Donald Golf bolted in against cross town rival Donald, the hosts picking up all 12 points on offer and

establishing a 49-shot winning margin, thanks to some strong performances by rinks skipped by Daniel Pettifer and Trevor Hollis.

Norm Hollis and his rink led the resistance from Donald, but in the end they too succumbed to Golf.

St. Arnaud Country Club bounced back from the previous weekend's defeat to blitzing Charlton by 53 shots overall, banking the 12 points on offer as well.

Jason Abbott's rink was in devastating form, winning by 39 shots to lay the foundation for the overall big win.

Wedderburn made the most of its team bonding session driving to Boort, eclipsing the hosts by 36 shots and taking home all 12 points.

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• It's only early days, but already the scoreboard tells the tale of a neck-and-neck battle between host Wedderburn and the visiting Donald Golf. Wedderburn's Tony Benaim delivers his bowl on one rink, while opposing skippers, Merilyn Frank (Golf) and Ian Hall focus on the action on their rink.



• A late cut by Ben Williamson (Brim K.S.H.) flies into the gloves of Charlton's Jackson Zagame. Other Charlton players pictured are Chris Edwards and Elliott Fitzpatrick.

B-Doubles Dominate the Scene

It's that time of the year when, understandably, farming business is likely to take preference over bat and ball.

Such is the case at the moment, with country roads alive with heavy vehicles transporting harvested grain to receival points, while many cricket and other sporting clubs have struggled to fill their playing lists.

Round 4 of Wimmera Mallee cricket matched up the two unbeaten top teams at Brim, where Donald battled for runs against a persistent

Brim K.S.H. attack. The bulk of Donald's 40-over total of 8/101 came from Cody Brooks 34, Tom Letts 20, Kalon Green 19, and Cooper Anderson 11. Multiple wicket-takers for the home side were Leigh Dovaston 3/16 (8) and Isaac McPherson 2/10 (8).

Then, for the fourth round in a row, the unstoppable Isaac McPherson batted right

through to the end of his team's innings, this time for 29 not out, to add to his three previously scores of 59, 109 and 31, all not out.

Other contributors to a total of 90 from 23.5 overs were Chris. McPherson 20, and Leigh Dovaston 12. All Donald bowlers shared the wickets, Cooper Anderson taking 3/13, David Letts 3/22 (in his first "A" grade game in

a long time), Zac Leith 2/27, and Koby Westerland 1/24.

A match winning opening partnership by Hunter Connelly, 84, and Chris Duffy, 55, and 32 not out from Will Allan, set Wycheproof-Narraport up for a 40-overs total of 3/189 at Wycheproof, wicket-takers for Marnoo being Thomas Collins 2/33, and Jimmy Duxson 1/27. In reply, Marnoo batted right through its 40 overs, with Brylie Cameron scoring 64, and Jake McLean 24, but the total of

6/120 was well short of the target. Hunter Connelly's 2/25 completed a noteworthy double.

At St. Arnaud's King George Park, Birchip was in all kinds of trouble against the opening attack of Jacob Patching, 5/29 (8), and brother Lachie, 3/17 (8), finding itself at 7/30 before Patrick Sheahan, 43, and Cameron Bennett, 21, boosted the total to 108. St. Arnaud also had its problems with the Birchip bowling attack of

James Falvey 3/17 (8), Connor McCreden 3/15 (8), and Patrick Sheahan 2/15 (8), but with Nick Birthsel scoring 26, and Mitch Egan 25, the Saints took the game at 9/112.

"B" Grade

Sent in to bat at Birchip, St. Arnaud was all out for 83, in 34 overs. All five Birchip bowlers shared the wickets, with Lachie Randall taking 3/24, Joel Emonson 2/19, and Connor Lee 2/27. Birchip needed only 15 overs in

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