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at

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Sunday
28 August 22



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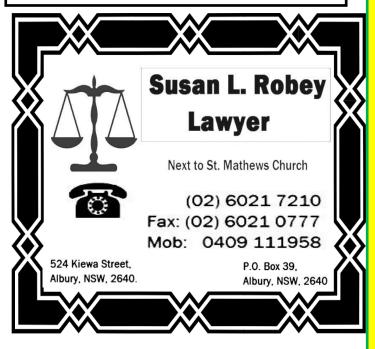
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Rainfall for July 2022

20.5 mm Yearly total: 470mm

What's on in August

For further details on these events please read the Flyers or Reports in this Bulletin.

7th Tennis Club Open Day

9th Information Session - Attracting migrants and refugees to relocate to the Murray Region for lifestyle and employment opportunities at Henty Community Club @ 5.15pm to 7.00pm.

23rd Information Session , as above, at Holbrook

Library @ 5.15pm to 7.00pm

4th and 18th Wiggle and Giggle, Henty

28th Wirraminna Wattle Day





Swimmers' dominant as Australia get off to a golden start at the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham.

Eight gold medals won in pool and velodrome on day one

Winning starts for cricket and netball teams in Birmingham





Flower Show and Open Gardens Sunday 30 October 2022

Now is the time for you to start thinking about what sections you might enter. Crafty people can start knitting and embroidering, and get creative. You can also enter a mosaic item or two this year.

Cooks can perfect their recipes, including jams and relishes. Children can start on their Lego creations, as well as plan their vegetable man and miniature gardens.

Items in the schedule this year include:

Children -

Saucer decorated with Flowers in sand. Vegetable Man – toothpicks can be used – maximum height 25cm

Minature garden on a tray – 30cm x 30cm

Flower Arranging -

Table Arrangement with a candle centerpiece.

Small Vase of Flowers for the Busy Person Miniature Arrangement in an egg cup.

Arrangement in a most unusual container not a vase.



Plate of 4 scones *, Plate of 4 slices uncooked base, Plate of 4 choc chip muffins, Plate of 4 chocolate brownies*, Plate of 4 sweet biscuits (2 varieties) *, Plate of 4 savoury muffins*, Chocolate cake, iced, Orange cake iced, loaf tin, Carrot cake, lemon icing, Apple cake *, Date and Walnut loaf, Light Fruit Cake, Sponge Cake - Jam Filled. Pavlova Base (4 egg white) *

Novice - Chocolate Cake, iced, Plate 4 slices *, Plate 6 Anzac biscuits.

Men's Cooking - Iced cake (non-packet mix), Plate 4 savoury muffins*

Children's Cooking - 3 Chocolate Crackles - Decorated, 3 Arrowroot Biscuits - Decorated, 3 Cup Cakes – Decorated.

Bale Art

Construction is about to start in August on the Hall corner. Thank you to the Scott family for donating the bales. **Volunteers**

We are going to need your assistance again to stage this event.

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Prize Winning Chocolate Cake

Time to sharpen your cooking skills for the Flower Show/Cooking Section, this recipe could see you a Winner!

INGREDIENTS

1¾ cups self-raising flour 1¼ cups white sugar 2 tbsp cocoa powder ½ tsp bicarb soda 125g butter, at room temperature, chopped 2 eggs 1 cup milk



200g dark chocolate 60g butter



METHOD

- ■Preheat oven to 180C.
- ■Grease a 20-centimetre round cake tin and line the base with baking paper.
- ■Combine all the ingredients in a large mixing bowl and using electric beaters beat for about 3 minutes until the mixture is combined, smooth, thick and pale. Pour into the tin and smooth the surface.
- ■Bake for about 1 hour, until a skewer comes out clean when inserted and cake comes away from the sides of the tin. Cool in the tin for 5 minutes, then turn out onto a wire rack to cool completely.
- ■For the icing, melt the chocolate and butter together in a saucepan over low heat. Cool for 15 minutes, then spread over the cooled cake.

Hints to the Competitor: May be baked in any deep tin except a ring tin. Cake must be presented as baked (not trimmed) and iced on top only with chocolate icing. Icing should match the colour of the cake when cut. Points to be looked for in judging: The cake should have a rich dark colour evenly around the base and sides. No visible RACK MARKS on entries. FROSTING not to be used unless otherwise specified. PACKAGE MIXTURES are NOT to be used in any SECTION of the contest.

Source: Prize Winning Recipe of "The Land" Cooking Competition - Merle Parrish





Burrumbuttock Public School



COLA Update!

How great is our COLA looking after the synthetic turf was installed over the school holidays. The students have already enjoyed playing handball, with plans to purchase a large chess set as well.

Mushroom Hunting

Emma, Lucy and Tierre discovered some very interesting fungi around the playground last term! They found lots of different

coloured mushrooms growing! Banksia class and Mrs Miller followed up with some fungi studies.



NAIDOC Week Celebrations Waratah having been working in class on creating PowerPoint Presentations on Famous First Nation people. Scan the QR codes below to view some of the

students' presentations.

Banksia have been participating in NAIDOC Week activities as well. They have been learning about Dreamtime stories, the meaning of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags and significant symbols.

During art classes with Miss Lawrence, students recreated Indigenous Artwork by working with dots and symbols to tell a story.

Students participated in a combined NAIDOC Week, Walbundrie Small Schools excursion to the Yindyamarra Sculpture Walk in Albury. Along the walk they had the

opportunity to view a series of stunning contemporary Aboriginal sculptures lining the Wagirra Trail from Kremur Street to Wonga Wetlands.



Cathy Freeman By Ella Hawkins

Aurthur Beetson by Isabella Sherman

























Eddie Betts By Peter Hogan

Burrumbuttock Community Forum here to stay

The Burrumbuttock Community Forum held its AGM on Wednesday 6th July 2022. Chairperson Marion Vile reported that it had been a challenging time for the Forum over the past two years of Covid, but that it still had a crucial role to play in communicating the ideas and projects of the local community to the Council. The Forum needs to keep meeting regularly to hear the opinions of locals and advising the Council of local issues of concern.

The following Election of Office Bearers was held:

President - Colin Wiltshire

Vice President – Barry Mott

Secretary - Marion Vile

Community Members – Jeff Litchfield, Councillor Ashley Lindner. Syd Churcher will be approached to join committee.

At the General Meeting that followed the following items were discussed:

- Urana Road Walking track the track is full of dead wattles and is not an attractive entry to the village. It was moved that the whole section needs clearing up and possibly plant feature trees.
- Burrumbuttock-Walla Road needs some maintenance grading on the edges.
 Consideration should also be given to widening this road, as it used by a large number of heavy vehicles and school buses, and can be dangerous. Street Lighting in Jacob Street a light is needed at the first bend in the street off Howlong Road, as it is extremely dark at night at this location. Lighting in Gibson Street is also needed.
- Footpath extension Cr Lindner reported that the school wished to have the Howlong Road footpath extended from its present end opposite the school, along Howlong Road, up to the preschool. This would allow for a more convenient movement of pupils between the two facilities.
- Information Signs no sign at Schmidt Park has yet been installed, despite requests to Council.

It was moved that a meeting of Greg Blackie, Shire Engineer and the new Greater Hume General Manager be arranged at Burrumbuttock so that the above matters can be inspected with Forum committee and community members.

Burrumbuttock Hall Annual General Meeting

The Burrumbuttock Public Hall held its Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 13th July. President Jeff Litchfield reported that there were now two coin-operated power meters installed for campers at the Hall. Free camping continues to be well supported. The raised garden bed is growing lettuce, silver beet and herbs. A Book exchange has been installed at the rear of the Hall outside the back door for general usage.

Election of Office Bearers was conducted. Jeff thanked the committee for their work over past twelve months. The following office bearers were re-elected for 2022 – 2023:

President: Jeff Litchfield Vice President: Barry Mott Secretary: Marion Vile Treasurer: Fe Coleman

Committee Members: Rhonda Burns, Rhonda Piper-Litchfield, Min Hamdorf, Sadie Krzywnicki,

Fleur Hall, Andrew Hogan.

Wiggle and Giggle Henty Library

4th and 18th August 2022. 12.30pm



Wiggle and Giggle!

In conjunction with Greater Hume Council and facilitated by the Intereach Family Team, Wiggle and Giggle will be running for parents and children under 5 years old. Come along and enjoy an hour of fun and interactive songs, rhymes, stories, games and activities with your child. Whether you are a new or a regular attendee, you are very welcome.

For more information:

Anthea – Intereach Family Team. M: 0428 031 156 Susan – Henty Library – Phone 02 6036 0100

Burrumbuttock Tennis Club Looking for players

Hi Readers

Still quiet on the Tennis front, but the Committee are starting to make plans by getting members intentions for the coming season starting early October.

The Committee has decided to conduct an Open Day on Sunday August 7 (see flyer) to try to recruit players and kick-start our season, all welcome.

Regards, Maurice Tynan, President



Sunday 7 August 3 - 5pm

For Members & Non-members

Free Sausage Sizzle
BYO Racquet, Chair & Drinks

Enquiries: Maurice Tynan 0419 416 151

Does Australia have a love-hate relationship with Nick Kyrgios?

It's common to mock what we don't understand, and with someone like Nick Kyrgios, who breaks the mould of what we expect an Australian sports star to be, we become a deeply divided fan base.

He's not Pat Rafter or Ash Barty, but he's no less authentic. And it's not fair to expect him to be.

We yearn for that kind of talent, so to see it unfulfilled, or possessed without humility, as though we should simply be grateful for that gift, sits uncomfortably with us.

Kyrgios projects an often-contradictory disposition. Defensive yet carefree, cocksure yet apprehensive, caring yet blasé. The inability of the sporting public to reconcile these things make him difficult to accept.

When the best and worst of us is on display, we don't know whether to cheer or hiss. We love the tennis but hate the histrionics.

The constant arguing with the umpires is tiresome, but he is hardly on his own in this department. I dislike it, not just because it's rude and often unjustified, but because it can derail him.

Where it had the ability to push John McEnroe to a higher standard, Kyrgios often plays with a chip on his shoulder which weighs him down, and the media is complicit in driving this resentment.

We don't have to love him, nor even like him. But the sooner we accept him, rather than project onto him what we feel he should be, the sooner the outside noise ceases to become a distraction.

Maybe just then we will see a talent fulfilled.

Source: Written Julian King for SEN 1116 (Sports
Entertainment Network) is a commercial AM radio station
based in Melbourne, Australia, operating on 1116



kHz.Serbia's Novak Djokovic poses with the trophy after winning the men's singles final alongside runner-up Australia's Nick Kyrgios at Wimbledon in London, July 10, 2022. Picture: Toby Melville/Reuters

The beginning of Australian Rules in Australia

Australian Rules football evolved in Melbourne in the mid-19th century. Both Gaelic football and an Aboriginal game (commonly referred to as 'marngrook') have been cited as inspiration, but the game really emerged from the football played in English public (that is, private) schools. Transported to the parklands of Melbourne, the game was shaped by the vast open spaces and the men who played it.

In England, the rules of football differed from one school to the next and when playing outside of their school, teams had to agree on which rules to follow. At Cambridge University in 1848, a common set of rules was established that drew from five schools – Harrow, Eton, Rugby, Winchester and Shrewsbury.

In colonial Melbourne, the same issues arose. Football games were chaotic and often lengthy negotiations over rules were required before play could begin. It became apparent that some formal rules were necessary.

Setting the rules

In May 1859, Thomas Wentworth Wills, a renowned cricketer and the greatest proponent of the new game, was one of seven members of the Melbourne Cricket Club who established a set of rules.

Several of the group had studied at Cambridge so they likely had experience of playing a hybrid form of football. They were willing to compromise and, as a result, the game that emerged was not bound by tradition. In many ways, the new sport reflected the aspirations of colonial Melbourne where class mattered less than skill, pluck and endeayour.

The rules included:

- handling of the ball at any time
- that the player with the ball could only run as far as was needed to kick the ball.
- that a player who caught (marked) the ball cleanly from a kick could take a free kick
- that throwing the ball was banned
- that an opponent could not be held if he did not have possession of the ball.
 - In the following decade, several amendments were made so that:
- players could run with the ball if they bounced it or touched it on the ground every five or six yards
- the ball had to be kicked through the goal, rather than carried through as it was in rugby
- players were penalised if they held the ball when tackled.

Growing popularity

There are no more popular out-door gatherings in wintertime than those which take place on Saturday afternoons in Richmond-paddock to witness the football

strife. These contests attract an attendance which includes all classes, and sometimes numbers as many as 10,000 persons.

By the 1870s football was well established in Melbourne. Clubs formed around suburbs, hotels, churches, schools and workplaces, and in a society of recently arrived immigrants, provided a sense of belonging and community.

Games began to be played regularly and an unofficial system of senior and junior clubs emerged. The starting time for senior games was soon fixed at 3pm on a Saturday afternoon, enabling some manual labourers to play.

Players and spectators represented the full gamut of Melbourne society. The games were still played on open parkland, there were no admission fees and crowds of 2000 to 3000 spectators regularly gathered to watch. Women too were regular attendees, parading in their finery around the playing area.

However, the rising popularity of the game was making it increasingly chaotic. Enthusiastic spectators encroached onto the field and disrupted the game, sometimes intentionally.

In 1869 two matches were played on the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG). One took place between Melbourne and the Victorian Police Force, the other between Melbourne and the 14th Regiment.

Cricket clubs had refused regular requests to allow footballers onto their grounds on the basis that the unruly players and spectators would ruin the turf. Unfortunately, those first games at the MCG did nothing to convince them otherwise. Football was again banished to the parks.

In Carlton in 1876 the football club fenced off a new ground and smoothed it out. An admission fee was



introduced to cover costs and, although it was largely resented by spectators, 5000 paid to watch Carlton play Melbourne.

It became clear to cricket clubs that money could be

made this way. Around the city, and particularly in country towns, football moved onto cricket grounds and the game evolved from being played on a roughly rectangular field, to being played on an oval

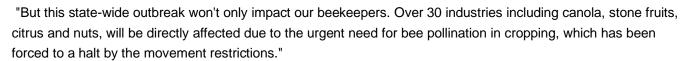
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Varroa Mite outbreak: More than just honey

The Rural Financial Counselling Service's in NSW are warning that current detections of Varroa Mite in NSW are growing, and the flow on will impact far more than just honey.

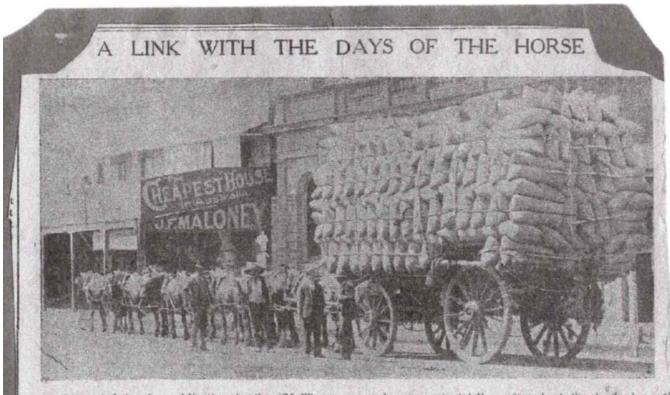
Rural Financial Counselling Service (RFCS) NSW EO David Galloway said the organisation already had a number of apiarists on the books affected by the varroa mite outbreak, however the flow on effects could hit well over a hundred other clients.

"Recreational and commercial beekeepers are already feeling the stress and pressures of the varroa mite outbreak restrictions stopping the movement of their hives and equipment, which is devastating for these farmers," Mr Galloway said.



RFCS NSW Media Enquiries: Stakeholder and Communications Manager Anna Jeffries 0408 357 918





Interested in the publication in the "Mail" recently of a picture taken many years ago of a great load of wool, Mr J. L. Kotthoff, of Smith st., North Albury, brought this 44-year-old picture to the "Mail." The wagon carries 330 bags of chaff, which Mr Kotthoff estimates weighed between 16 and 17 tons, loaded and carted by Mr William Lindner, for Thomas H. Griffith, of "Delaware," Howlong road. The picture, bearing the imprint "Oakley," was taken outside the Bank of Australasia. Older residents will recall J. F. Maloney's shop, the business from which was later moved to the next block, opposite Dean Square. In recent years the bank has risen by another floor, but the ground-floor design has in no way changed. Apparently the "keep to the left"

rule was not strictly enforced at the beginning of the century.

Mr Kotthoff recalls that as a lad he went to work for Mr Griffith at his home, "Rose Villa," in Wilson st., adjoining the now disused Albury Tennis Club. The Griffith family occupied other well-known homes in the town before moving to "Delaware," where Mr Kotthoff continued his employment.

On the day that the big load was lifted, Mr Griffith sent him along to watch the wagon on to the road, but his presence failed to prevent trouble, for the wheels edged off the bad track and over went the great stack of chaff. It was next day before the driver got under way again, but then he reached the railway without incident.



Brock-Burrum Netball Club



Hello again and welcome to the last 4 rounds of the season! All of our teams have had a few wins and a few losses, and it's now that we start to turn our attention towards September. We're looking to have a good showing come finals, as we have a few teams that look sure to finish top of the ladder, with the U15s currently top of the ladder. U13s, B grade, C Grade and C Reserve all look sure to finish in the top 6.

We've got Culcairn this week in round 15, with a few games sure to be tough and physical, as they usually are against a

strong opponent in Culcairn. The following week is CDHBU, which will again be an interesting round, as the Power has a few teams clawing to make finals, so both clubs are sure to come out firing. The club had its ball on the 23rd of July at the SSA Club, and I think it's safe to say, a great night was had by all! It's such a great opportunity to see everyone out of the red, black and white and



dressed in their best.

A big well done to some of our 17s girls who have been benching and filling in for the short senior teams in the last few weeks. While they're doing us a solid job by benching for us, it's also a great opportunity for the girls to be a part of a senior team. And they make us so proud when they take the court and tear it up.

We have our cash draw in a few weeks' time on August 14th, another great chance to get together outside of a Saturday, socialise and try and go home with a bit of money. If you're keen to attend, see the club about grabbing some tickets.

That's about it from me. Go Saints! Bec Livermore





COUNCIL NEWS July 2022

The meeting was recorded and available for viewing on Council's website https://bit.ly/35uKFxX
Business dealt with at the 20 July 2022 meeting included:

Council welcomed the new General Manager, Evelyn Arnold to her first meeting.

Council resolved for the Mayor and General Manager to execute the Deed of Agreement 2022 – 2026 for the Riverina Regional Library.

Council approved the construction of footpath in Adams Street, Jindera. Landowners will be notified of the estimated amount of their contribution to the project.

Council approved the construction of Kerb and Channel in Jindera Street, Jindera. Landowners will be notified of the estimated amount of their contribution to the project.

Meeting agendas and minutes are available for viewing at any time on Council's website.

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Cr Tony Quinn | Mayor

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Attracting migrants and refugees to relocate to the Murray Region for lifestyle and employment opportunities

Two Info Sessions for community and prospective employers within Greater Hume Tues 9 August at Henty Community Club @ 5.15pm to 7.00pm

Tues 23 August at Holbrook Library @ 5.15pm to 7.00pm

All welcome

As part of a NSW Government pilot program to work with local communities to attract migrants and refugees to resettle in regional NSW, the Greater Hume community are invited to info sessions to learn more about this local project this month.

The focus for the three-year pilot program is for people living in Western Sydney with the skills and aspirations to move to the region for employment and lifestyle opportunities. The overall aim is to provide migrants and refugees with the information and support they need to relocate to the region, and support Greater Hume communities to welcome newcomers and help them to thrive in the long-term.

Those that attend these consultation sessions will be updated on this pilot program by Murray GROW Taskforce members.

Hear how your community can make a difference by being involved, as well as have any questions answered, and hear your feedback, to ensure that there is locally led design and decision making occurring.

Co-Chair of the Murray Taskforce, Andrew Kotzur of Walla Walla said, "the NSW GROW program becomes a win-win for communities in terms of increasing diversity and clearly for businesses, it's an opportunity for prospective employers". It's no secret that there's a shortage in the workforce, but it's not without challenges, because housing is also very challenging at the moment. Individual communities can't do this on their own, but working with Red Cross, Council, other support organisations together with the community and employers we are hoping to find solutions. I encourage any business or community member to attend one of these sessions and hear about the potential benefits for the project within Greater Hume Council area" he added. Should you wish to attend, a reply to this email is appreciated, it will help us plan light catering Margaret Killalea (She/Her)

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OPENING HOURS

Burrumbuttock Transfer Station

1st Sunday of the month 2.00pm-4pm 3rd Sunday of month 10.00am – 12noon

Shop, Post Office

Monday to Wednesday 8am-5pm

Thursday 8am-6pm Friday/Saturday 8am-8pm

Phone Norm or Janice-6029 3240

Farmers Inn Hotel

Monday to Friday 1pm

Tuesday 3pm – close
Saturday 11am – close
Sunday 12 noon

Phone Mardi – 6029 3218

Beginning of Australian Rules Football Cont'd Managing the game

The Victorian Football Association (VFA) formed in May 1877 comprising delegates from all levels of the game – senior, junior and country clubs. Its brief was to supervise all matters relating to football including revising the rules, resolving disputes, and providing umpires for the bigger games. It was also responsible for the promotion of the game and the organisation of intercolonial matches.

However, the disparity between weak and powerful clubs caused conflict within the Association, especially over the distribution of gate-takings. The more successful teams drew larger crowds and felt that they were entitled to a greater share of the funds.

Clubs put much of the money raised into improving the ground and facilities for both spectators and players, but by the 1880s money was also being offered to lure players from one club to another. The VFA promoted the amateur ideal of sport, where the game is played for its own benefits rather than financial reward. Meanwhile, the clubs were moving towards professionalism.

In 1896 the eight strongest clubs – Melbourne, Essendon, Geelong, Collingwood, South Melbourne, Fitzroy, Carlton, and St Kilda – formed the Victorian Football League (VFL). Tired of 'carrying' the weaker clubs, they were keen to make the sport economically viable, commercial and more appealing to spectators.

The evolution of the game continued, with new rules introduced to speed up play and reduce the likelihood of a draw. Richmond and University joined the league in 1908, although the latter left after the 1914 season; and Footscray (now the Western Bulldogs), Hawthorn and North Melbourne joined in 1925.

National game

From the 1880s the game that came to be known as Australian Rules football spread from Victoria, west to South Australia and Western Australia, and south to Tasmania. Rugby union and league prevailed in New South Wales and Queensland but, a century later in 1982, financially troubled South Melbourne relocated to Sydney. The VFL's desire to build a national league began to be realised when Brisbane and West Coast were admitted to the competition in 1987.

The League further acknowledged the national expansion of Australian Rules when it changed its name to the Australian Football League (AFL) in 1990. Since then, Adelaide (1991), Fremantle (1995) and Port Adelaide (1997) have joined, and foundation club Fitzroy merged with the Brisbane Bears to form the Brisbane Lions after the 1996 season. Recent additions to the AFL are Gold Coast (2011) and Greater Western Sydney (2012), broadening the competition to an 18-team league. Source National Australian Museum