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Vaccine access under fire

By Emily Waite

A RESIDENT has expressed their concern at the difficulty and confusion surrounding access to a potentially life-saving vaccine.

Offering protection against the Japanese Encephalitis Virus (JEV), a mosquito-borne illness that can be fatal if left untreated, the Japanese Encephalitis Vaccine is available free of charge to residents and workers in high-risk areas.

In December, following an announcement that the Mitchell Shire had been confirmed as a high-risk location, the *Review* listed three local clinics that had access to the vaccine as informed by the Local Public Health Unit GV Health.

However, after printing, one of the clinics informed the *Review* that they were unaware of the vaccine, while others in the region that had stock available had not been listed.

Concerned about contracting the virus, a resident booked in for a vaccine at one of the unlisted clinics.

However, during the appointment, they were informed that the clinic was unsure whether they were eligible for the free vaccine, as the wording of the criteria was vague.

The eligibility criteria states: "People aged 2 months or older who live or routinely work in any of the high-risk [LGAs] and: regularly spend time engaging in outdoor activities that place them at risk of mosquito bites, or are experiencing homelessness, or are living in conditions with limited mosquito protection …, or are engaging in outdoor flood recovery [efforts]."

The resident, who regularly spends time outdoors, stated that it was the lack of specifications on what constitutes an 'outdoor activity' that discouraged the doctor from administering the vaccine.

While the resident was contacted by the clinic shortly afterwards to rebook their appointment, the concern that healthcare providers had not been provided with transparent information remained.

"The vagueness of terms like 'outdoor activity' has left both healthcare providers and residents uncertain about who qualifies for the vaccine," they said.

"This lack of clarity has resulted in inconsistent access, with some clinics unaware of the program and others unsure about eligibility requirements, ultimately putting residents at greater risk."

The Department of Health, however, informed the *Review* that they had provided local immunisation providers and the public health unit with information regarding the program's expansion, eligibility criteria, ordering processes, an eLearning module, and reporting requirements.

In addition, they stated they had provided these communications to public health networks and several pharmaceutical and general practice associations, encouraging them to distribute the information within their own networks.

They also informed the *Review* that 'outdoor activity' was a clinical decision based on the judgement of the treating doctor.

This, however, is not mentioned on the vaccine's webpage, nor is it mentioned in the eligibility criteria.

The *Review* then contacted Minister for Health Mary-Anne Thomas—who, in November, had released a statement praising the expansion of the 'important program' that would 'protect [Victorians] and their loved ones'—for a comment, but were informed the enquiry had been passed onto the Department of Health for a response instead.

"It's essential that the details of any program are fully finalised and communicated to all parties before public statements are made about its importance," the resident said.

"While the Department of Health asserts that they have communicated the necessary details to providers, the absence of these specifics in public-facing guidelines and the failure to address the issue with clarity remains troubling.

"It is crucial that more transparent and direct communication be established to ensure residents receive the protection they need without confusion or delay."

Despite the ongoing concerns, locals are still urged to book in for a vaccine, and are reminded to wear appropriate clothing and repellent when spending time outdoors to avoid being bitten.

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HONOURED: Neale Daniher has become the 65th recipient of the Australian of the Year award. Since its inception in 1960, the Australian of the Year Award has expanded to recognise senior, young, and local Australian heroes, with this year's list boasting 128 nominees. See page 3 for the story. Photo: NADC / Salty Dingo

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It's time to show and shine!

SEYMOUR'S annual Show 'n' Shine is back!

Set for Labour Day on Monday, March 10, the King Park's event will see around 500 classic and vintage vehicles on display, 70 swap meet stalls, a market with a diverse array of products, and an auction that offers bidders a vast range of items—all donated by local businesses—with genuine bargains on offer.

A little something for everyone, the show will also boast kids' rides and amusements, a food court with lots of delicious options, coffee vans, live music, and a raffle with over $3000 in prizes to be drawn on the day. Local services will also be present with displays and demonstrations.

Backed by the Lions Club of Seymour Goulburn and the Seymour and District Car Club, the event is one of the largest fundraisers on the Lion's Club calendar, and a major event for the Car Club.

Gates will open to the public bright and early at 8am, with kids free and a gold coin entry for adults.

For enquiries relating to show cars, contact Judi on 0407 562 003 or *secretary@seymouranddistrictcarclub.com.au*. For all other enquiries, contact Reggie on 0417 329 981 or *rbaallen@gmail.com*.



SPOTTO: How many yellow cars can you see in this picture?



A GOLDEN EVENT: Seymour's Show 'n' Shine promises to have something for everyone.

Words of wisdom

What makes you happy?

Georgia, age 11: Riding my horses and going to comps.

Benjamin, age 12: Sports, school, friends.

Alice, age 8: Playing with my brother.

What advice do you have for others?

Jay, age 12: Make the most of life.

Ollie, age 9: Always try.

Logan, age 12: Don't worry about the small stuff.

What is one thing everyone should do?

Hashim, age 10: Respect others.

Bryce, age 11: Stop littering.

Ollie, age 9: Never give up.

Police Beat

Kilmore East man charged

SEYMOUR Highway Patrol officers have charged a man after a woman was left with life-threatening injuries following a crash in Kilmore on Wednesday, January 22.

It is alleged the driver of a Mitsubishi SUV was travelling along Kilmore East Road when they left the roadway and crashed into a tree about 8pm.

The driver, a 29-year-old Kilmore East man, fled the scene.

The passenger, a 38-year-old Kilmore woman, was taken to hospital with life-threatening injuries where she remains in a stable condition.

The Kilmore East man was located and arrested by police after he self-presented to hospital where he remains under police guard.

He has since been charged with six offences, including: drive manner dangerous causing serious injury, drive in a manner dangerous, careless driving, fail to render assistance, unlicensed driving, and fail to keep left of dividing lane.

He was remanded to appear at Shepparton Magistrates' Court on April 30.

Anyone who witnessed the crash or the vehicle prior to the crash, has dashcam footage or information is urged to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or *www.crimestoppersvic.com.au*.

Local crime watch

WALLAN - Theft

On January 25, unknown offender/s have stolen a jet ski on a trailer from Bentinck Street, Wallan.

BROADFORD - Theft

Between 4.30pm on January 22 and 5pm on January 28, unknown offender/s have accessed a property in Spur Road, Clonbinane, by cutting a wire fence and stealing a blue motorbike trailer.

SEYMOUR - Theft

Between 9pm on January 26 and 9am on January 27, unknown offender/s have attended West Falls Road, Tallarook, and stolen a buggy valued at $40,000.

KILMORE - Theft

On January 30, unknown offender/s have stolen a caravan that was parked on Northern Highway, High Camp, advertised for sale. The value of the caravan is $48,000.

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A true Australian

By Emily Waite

ASSUMPTION College alumnus Neale Daniher AO has been named Australian of the Year.

A former Essendon Football Club player and founder of FightMND—an organisation bearing the acronym of the illness he was diagnosed with in 2013, Motor Neurone Disease—Daniher has dedicated the last 12 years of his life to spreading awareness of the debilitating disease, raising over $115 million through the foundation in the hopes to find a cure.

His selfless commitment to the cause, even in the advanced stages of his diagnosis, has seen him labelled as an inspiration to all, with FightMND Chief Executive Matt Tilley dubbing Daniher as a true Australian.

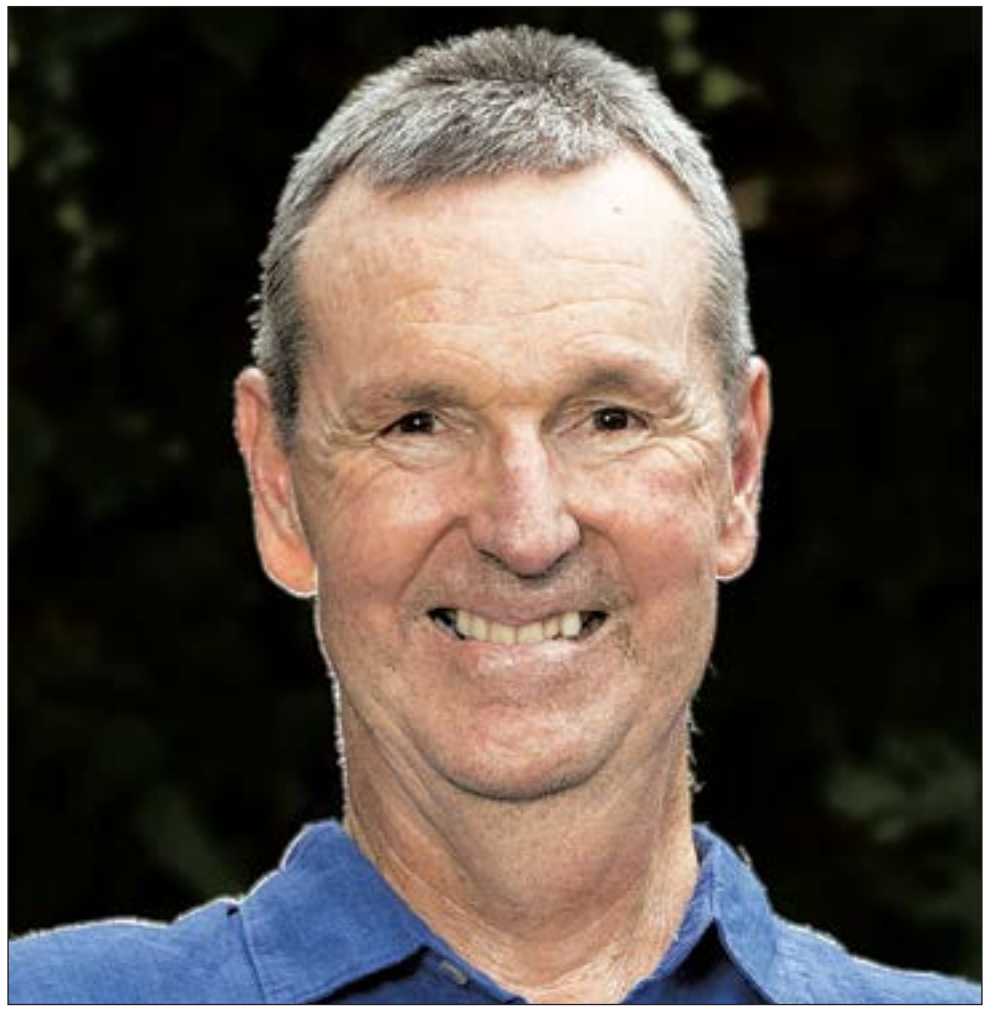
"It's becoming increasingly tricky, and sometimes a little fraught, to describe what is truly 'Australian', but I think Neale and his remarkable story capture the essence of what we think we are at our very best," he said.

During his acceptance speech, Daniher thanked his friends, family, and colleagues, attributing the award to a collaborative effort.

"I am deeply honoured to accept the title of Australian of the Year 2025," he said.

"This recognition isn't just for me, it belongs to the entire MND community—the families, the carers, the researchers, the volunteers, all those at the FightMND foundation and MND state associations, and the countless Australians who have joined us in this fight."

Known as the 'beast', MND is a progressive disease that robs the individual of the ability to move, speak, swallow, and breathe. Yet despite experiencing many of these symptoms, Daniher has continued to fight for a cure.



AN INSPIRATION TO ALL: Neale Daniher has been crowned Australian of the Year for his unwavering dedication to finding a cure for MND, a condition he is also affected by.

"I chose to fight because if I didn't, how could I expect anyone else to?," he said.

"I thought, if people truly understood the challenges we face, they'd join the fight with me. And you have—oh, how you have. So again, I thank you.

"Together, we've built a movement. Since 2014, we've raised over $115 million for care and medical research, supported clinical trials across the country, and developed new drugs that offer hope.

"More than that, we've shown people living with MND that they are not alone.

"This disease is not incurable, it's simply underfunded and misunderstood. With focus, funding, and unwavering determination, we can change that.

"To everyone who has bought a beanie, donated a dollar, or spread the word—thank you. You are proof that when Australians unite, nothing is impossible."

To donate to FightMND, visit *www.fightmnd.org.au*.

A lap for a life

LANCEFIELD'S Relay For Life is back!

Returning on Saturday, March 1, the annual event is set to attract hundreds of participants, who will join the fight against cancer by completing laps around the Lancefield Recreation Reserve.

With around 336 people diagnosed with cancer in the Macedon Ranges region each year—almost one a day—Relay For Life is an important event that raises much-needed funds for Cancer Council's vital research, prevention, and support services.

On average, more than 134,000 participants take part in Relay For Life events across the nation, raising about $14 million each year.

To participate in the event, residents can sign up as team leaders or join a team, become a member of a local committee, or volunteer at a Relay For Life event.

Former nurse and Lancefield committee member Amanda Mullins said Cancer Council was looking for both committee members and volunteers to help organise March's Relay For Life.

Though Ms Mullins has cared for cancer patients as a nurse, the illness hits even closer to home. Sadly, her father passed away from prostate cancer, and her twin brother died from bowel cancer five years ago at the age of 49.

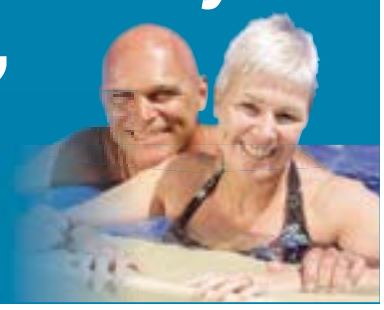
"Relay For Life is a cause really dear to my heart, and I love the work Cancer Council Victoria does, so I'm really keen to encourage people to get involved and help," she said.

"It just brings everyone together—the conversations you have when you're walking around a track with someone you've just met are really special."

To join the Lancefield Relay for Life committee or volunteer, email Cancer Council Victoria community giving officer Grant White at *grant.white@cancervic.org.au*, or visit *www.relayforlife.org.au*.



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The online program, which starts this month and runs every Wednesday, will continue over six weeks and is suitable for both new and experienced farmers, including those interested or involved in livestock and grains, are mixed farmers, horticulturalists, or apiarists.

Agriculture Victoria Project Leader Kit Duncan-Jones said participants would benefit greatly from the course, noting that past participants had rated the program very highly for satisfaction and benefits gained.

"The course is designed to help farmers set and achieve their individual business goals, and is relevant to those who are new to farming and young farmers, as well as more experienced farmers," he said.

On completion of the course, participants will also be offered a one-on-one session with an experienced farm management consultant to review their business plan.

"Online delivery of the course allows farmers from anywhere in the state to participate, from the comfort of their own homes or workplace, and without the added time commitment of travel," Mr Duncan-Jones said.

"If you're a farmer who wants to better manage your business, strengthen your farm resilience to withstand future droughts and shocks, and set up your farm for success now and into the future, this is the program for you."

To register your interest, complete the short survey at *https://forms.office.com/r/wUGjPY3MvJ*.

For more information, contact Sarah Clack on 0417 316 345 or at *sarah.clack@agriculture.vic.gov.au*.

Burning pit sparks fine

By Emily Waite

A PIT full of burning industrial waste found at a Macedon Ranges property last year has resulted in a $1976 fine.

Shortly before 10pm on November 12, seven CFA units from Woodend, Bolinda, Riddells Creek, and Clarkefield responded to reports of a fire in Monegeetta.

Upon arrival, firefighters discovered that the blaze was the result of a pit full of burning vehicle batteries, mattresses, car parts, fuel tanks, metal crates, and other scrap.

Victoria Police was then called to the scene, who forwarded the matter onto Environment Protection Authority (EPA) Victoria to handle the investigation.

EPA then issued a fine to a woman at the property for unlawful deposit of the waste, alongside an order to clean it up.

EPA Northwest Regional Manager Paul Ratajczyk said that while some of the waste could have been recycled, the rest should have gone to landfill.

"Dumping material like this in a roughly constructed pit pollutes the soil and very likely the nearest waterway, which presents a risk to human health and the environment," he said.

"And burning it adds toxic smoke, increasing the risk to members of the public and the firefighters responding to protect the community.

"Everyone must make sure their waste goes to a place that can lawfully accept it. Dumping like this can be reported by anyone, and EPA doesn't hesitate to take action."

The cost of depositing the waste at one of the region's council-owned resource recovery facilities, located in Kyneton, Romsey, and Woodend, would likely have cost significantly less than the fine.

While the facilities charge Macedon Ranges residents $38 per mattress, regardless of size, no charge is issued for e-waste batteries, car bodies and parts (excluding tyres, which are $10 each), and scrap metal.

The order to clean up the burnt waste and take it to a licensed facility for disposal, however, often exceeds the cost of the accompanying fine.

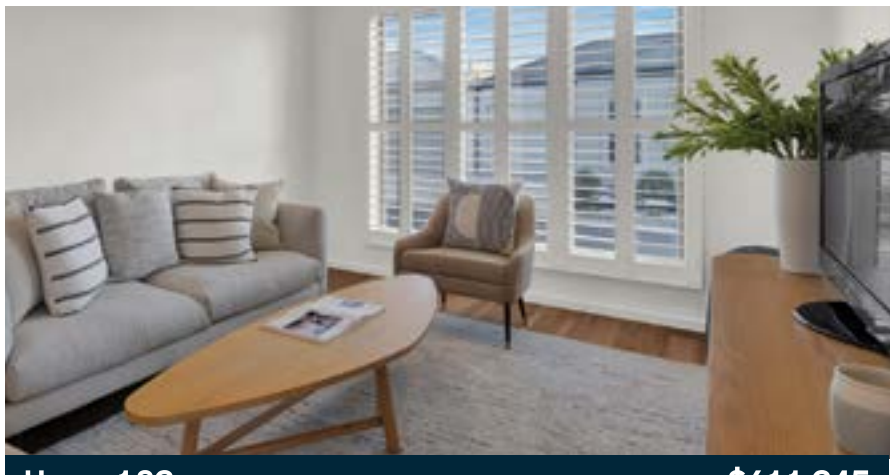
Although the fire was not lit during the fire danger period, which began on November 25 for the Macedon Ranges area, the unregistered burn-off and unnecessary callout of seven units—which arguably left surrounding towns with reduced fire protection—did not result in a fine.

To report pollution, contact EPA's 24-hour hotline on 1300 372 842 or visit *www.epa.vic.gov.au/report-pollution/reporting-pollution*.

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Five minutes with Fran

By Fran Cleland

ONCE again, it was a case of act first, think later. Sigh, if there were medals to be won for that trait, I could win gold for Australia.

It's been a failing all my life and has, too many times, got me into hot water.

A nest of wasps appeared—the little European devils, imported along with cane toads, rabbits, foxes, and prickly pear from other places to be total pests to us Aussies—and they took up residence in a conifer bush several yards from the back door.

They annoyed the dogs, hung round the rubbish bin, and made general nuisances of themselves.

Dr Google was my best friend, and I researched the easiest way to move them on.

I found that covering the entire conifer with special dust to kill them would work, and it said to wait until after dark when, hopefully, the varmints would be asleep.

I discussed this with my better half who was at work, and he said that he would attend to it when he came home that night if I went and bought the powder, which I did.

But, as usual, I looked at the conifer, looked at the tin of powder, and thought, 'How hard can it be?'.

You can, of course, see where this is heading. I went and searched the workroom cupboard.

I donned a pair of my son's CFA overalls, and pulled on thick socks, gumboots, and leather gloves, wrapped a thick scarf around my neck, and, as the piece de resistance, my son's full-face, rally car helmet.

I was ready for battle. No stinging little sucker was going to get through *that* lot, no need to wait for dark. I would attack now … I was dressed for WAR!

So, out I went. Lord knows what any visitor who arrived might have thought when they saw my outfit, and with the can in hand, I approached the conifer and began flailing the exterior with the powder.

I quickly discovered I was handicapped by three things.

One, that the wasps were not at all happy about being attacked by a space monster and came out en masse to see who dared to invade them.

Two, that I had forgotten it was a hot day, and three, because of the heat and my heavy breathing, the helmet—which was now air proof thanks to the scarf—fogged up and I couldn't see or breathe.

Naturally, I panicked.

Visualisations flooded my mind of having to remove the helmet to breathe and being attacked by several thousand (well, it seemed that many) furious wasps, and having the family finding my sting-riddled corpse when they came home.

I fled back indoors, and collapsed in a panting, sweating heap on the cool laundry floor.

I quietly hid all evidence of my escapade, and that night when my husband came home, he followed the instructions on the canister: waited until darkness fell, went out, doused the bush in powder, and peace reigned again.

One day I will learn.



PRICKLY PEST: Gorse competes with young trees and shrubs, hindering the growth of native understorey species. Over time, the surrounding soil becomes more acidic and loses nutrients, affecting other plants.

Preventing pesky pests

MEMBER for Macedon Mary-Anne Thomas recently announced that Macedon-based organisation, the Threatened Species Conservancy, was named as a successful recipient in the third round of the $5 million Partnerships Against Pests grants program.

Receiving $48,875 for their project Strategy for Gorse and Willow Management on Private Land along Five Mile Creek, Ms Thomas said the program would help strengthen environmental partnerships across the community.

"This funding supports local community groups to carry out important work that protects our rural communities from invasive weeds and pests," she said.

The project will seek to educate landowners on the environmental pests, by developing and distributing educational material to private landowners in the area, delivering a field day with best practice management demonstrations, and work with individual landowners to develop long term management plans.

In addition, the conservancy will seek to map gorse and willow infestations, produce both social and traditional media campaigns, run a stall at Woodend market, and develop an overarching strategic framework for managing gorse and willow on private properties in the area.

The Partnerships Against Pests grants program aims to support organisations that protect Victoria's environment, agriculture industry, and cultural heritage from biosecurity threats.

During the most recent round, grants ranging from $10,000 to $50,000 were available to various agricultural and environmental not-for-profit organisations, including Landcare groups and networks.

Successful projects include initiatives such as the peri-urban and regional fox monitoring, the development of community pest management plans, and partnering with Traditional Owners for on-country management while protecting cultural heritage. The grants are delivered in addition to the $250,000 allocated to competitive grants for Victoria's four Community Pest Management Groups.

Ghost fish rises from the grave

A FARM dam in central Victoria is playing a leading role in the restoration of a critically endangered fish.

Considered a canary in the climate change coal mine, the flat-headed galaxis is a small-bodied silver fish that was once prevalent across the southern Murray Darling Basin.

However, climate change and river regulation has decimated their population during the last 50 years, with North Central Catchment Management Authority (CMA) project manager Peter Rose dubbing the creature a 'ghost fish'.

"Ghost fish rely on connected billabongs and slow flowing creeks and rivers to get where they need to go," he said.

"Climate change means hotter and drier conditions and more intense rainfall events, the total opposite to that.

"Ghost fish were declared extinct in NSW and South Australia, and up until recently we weren't sure whether or not they were extinct in Victoria.

"The Arthur Rylah Institute surveyed 60 sites in 2022 and found four populations in north-east Victoria, and since then have been working with a range of partners to bring them back.



JUST KEEP SWIMMING: The endangered flat-headed galaxis, also known as the 'ghost fish', is slowly increasing in numbers.
Photo: Photo: T Raadik

"We put about 50 adults into a dam near Castlemaine in March, and we have been monitoring them ever since."

Dr Rose said ghost fish have struggled to breed in captivity, but that it appeared wild breeding was showing signs of success.

"We went back in November and were very excited with what we found," he said.

"We managed to capture about 50 juvenile fish, which means they have been breeding successfully.

"This is great news, because we can now start harvesting them with a goal of repopulating natural wetlands and breeding them up in other dams."

The ghost fish project is part of the CMA's Native Fish Recovery Program, a key plank in the organisation's work to protect communities, economies, and native plants and animals from the impacts of climate change.

The work is funded by the Victorian Government's Nature Fund, established to support high impact projects that deliver on the goals of Biodiversity 2037, to stop the decline of native plants and animals, and improve the state's natural environment.

First time driver? Score a free lesson

LEARNER drivers and their supervisors now have access to a free driving lesson.

Backed by the State Government, the myLearners Free Lesson program will provide eligible drivers and their supervisors with one free 60-minute in-car training session, designed to teach learner drivers essential road safety skills, and help supervising drivers gain the confidence to support their learners to complete their 120 hours.

To be eligible for the session, the driver must be a Victorian learner permit holder aged 16 to 19 years and must have completed between 10 to 30 hours of driving practice. Their supervising driver must be fully licensed and available to attend the lesson with them.

Minister for Roads and Road Safety Melissa Horne praised the government's support for the cohort, who are almost four times more likely to be involved in a fatal or serious injury crash than more experienced drivers in their first year of driving on their Ps.

"A single professional lesson can cost up to $100," she said.

"We're putting that money back in the pockets of busy families and giving young Victorians the skills they need to be safe on the road.

"Teaching your kid to drive is a right of passage, but it also comes with worries.

"Every parent wants to make sure that their kids will be safe when they hop behind the wheel, and this free lesson will help them do just that."

To register for the session, visit *https://mylearnersdrive.com.au/*.



BEST OF BOTH WORLDS: The free course will benefit both learner drivers and their supervisors.

The third age is the fun age!

OLDER people in the Mitchell Shire are heading back to class thanks to the University of the Third Age (U3A).

The U3A is an international self-help movement, run by and for retirees. A university in the original sense of the word, the organisation offers classes from dancing to woodwork, languages to mahjong, while simultaneously being a low-cost way to stay active, find new interests, and most importantly, have fun and make friends.

There are 105 organisations across Victoria, and all U3A classes and activities are run in accordance with COVID-safe plans and are mandated by the Victorian Government. There are three groups in the Mitchell Shire, and to enrol in a course or activity, you must be a member.

Occasionally, there is a small charge to cover materials or tutors' expenses, however most courses are free.

Kilmore and District

The Kilmore group rang the bell for their first 2025 class with their Ukulele Singalong and Recorder classes. Since then, they have played their first darts and carpet bowls games for the year.

Kilmore also offers trivia, a gardening group, and a book club.

An annual membership costs $35 for an individual, or $60 per couple. There is a once-off joining fee of $5, and an option to join as an associate member for just $5 extra per person, which President Mark Perrott stated boasted a wealth of benefits.

"As an associate member, you can attend any U3A [group]," he said.



TAKING NAMES, TAKING NUMBERS: U3A will be holding a registration day for upcoming courses.

"Yours might not have the class you want—for example, Wallan has Italian, and we don't. So, you can attend their class."

To see all the courses and activities on offer, visit *www.u3akilmoreanddistrict.com.au/courses-activities*.

Seymour and District

President Irene Telford said new additions to their program included Music Made Simple, Your Fascinating Brain, and Creative Writing.

Students can also anticipate the return of their favourites, such as Walk and Wonder, Genealogy, Bobbin Lace, German, and Art.

"Our organisation is in its milestone 20th year," Ms Telford said.

"An annual membership is $40 for an individual, or $60 per couple, and that allows you to participate in as many classes as you like.

"It's great value, and it's an opportunity to keep your brain and body active."

Semester one, run between February and June, offers 18 classes and activities of interest, alongside extra-curricular subjects. New courses are introduced in the second semester, which is run between July and November.

The Seymour U3A office is open every Monday from 10am–12pm, (excluding public holidays) at Chittick Place, Seymour.

To learn more, contact Jo on 0448 700 967 or Irene on 0425 755 093, or email *seymu3a@gmail.com*.

Wallan and District

At Wallan U3A, their mission is to make the third age the fun age.

When the timetable is launched, games to play will include Mahjong and trivia, while leisurely activities will include Tai Chi, water aerobics, and dancing.

Wallan also has a cooking and a card and craft-making class.

Secretary Brenda Nicholas said extra-curricular activities and course ideas are always welcome.

"Our registration day is Friday, March 14, 10am–1pm at the Wallan Neighbourhood House," she said.

"The tutors will be available to talk to, and we are always looking for new ideas. We also go out once a month for a luncheon."

Single memberships cost $30 per annum, or $50 per couple. Associate memberships are also welcome at Wallan for an additional $5 per membership.

To see all the courses and activities on offer, visit *www.u3awallan.org.au/courses-activities*.

For more information about U3A, visit *www.u3avictoria.org.au*.




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Are you being heat safe?

FOLLOWING several days of sweltering temperatures, Member for Northern Victoria Gaelle Broad has urged locals to take extra care as blazing forecasts continue.



CALL A FRIEND: Residents are encouraged to call-in on friends and loved ones during heatwaves.

"As we move into the real heat of summer, it's important to be aware of the hazards of extreme heat, especially as we are likely to be spending more time outdoors with family and friends in our beautiful region," she said.

"Heat kills more Australians than any natural disaster, and we have already seen days where the temperature has reached 40 degrees in parts of northern Victoria.

"Heat can cause serious and potentially fatal health problems such as heat exhaustion and heatstroke, [and] it can trigger heart attack or stroke, or worsen existing medical conditions.

"While extreme heat can affect anybody, those most at risk include people aged over 65, babies and young children, pregnant women, people with existing health problems, and those who are socially isolated."

Ms Broad encouraged locals, whether they were spending time predominately indoors or outdoors, to keep cool, stay hydrated, and check in with friends and family on hot days.

"In the event of a medical emergency such as heatstroke, call 000," she said.

Residents should also consider applying a minimum of SPF50 to exposed areas, and wear a hat and sunglasses to prevent UV damage to the eyes.

While sunscreen should be worn all year round to prevent skin damage and soften signs of aging, UV ratings of 3 or higher indicate the ability to be burnt, and should be applied on these days. UV ratings during summer typically sit at 11 or higher, the maximum rating that can be issued, with skin able to be burnt within just 10 minutes.

For more information on how to be SunSmart, visit *www.sunsmart.com.au*. For more information on how to stay safe in extreme heat, visit *www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/how-to-cope-and-stay-safe-in-extreme-heat*.

Heel prick test expands

VICTORIAN newborns will now be screened for an additional rare and serious genetic disorder.

Acting Minster for Health Ingrid Stitt recently announced that testing for galactosaemia will now be included in Victoria's newborn bloodspot screening program, run by the Victorian Clinical Genetics Services.

Commonly referred to as the 'heel prick test', the newborn bloodspot screening program is designed to help parents get their children early treatment to rare health conditions, so they can live long, healthy lives.

"Early testing is an important tool for supporting the health of all Victorian babies, while also giving parents peace of mind," Ms Stitt said.

"By expanding the newborn screening program, we're ensuring that rare conditions like galactosaemia are spotted early so that babies get the treatment they need right from the start."

The addition brings the total number of tests on the screening program to 32, and is offered to all newborns within their first 72 hours of life at no cost.

Galactosaemia is a rare genetic condition that prevents the body from metabolising galactose, a type of sugar found in milk and other dairy products.

The most serious form of galactosaemia occurs in approximately one in 50,000 babies and can cause life-threatening liver disease, infections, and cataracts if it is not diagnosed soon after birth.

Through screening, affected babies will be detected and treated early to prevent these symptoms. Treatment consists of restricting dietary galactose, and replacing dairy milk with lactose-free formulas.




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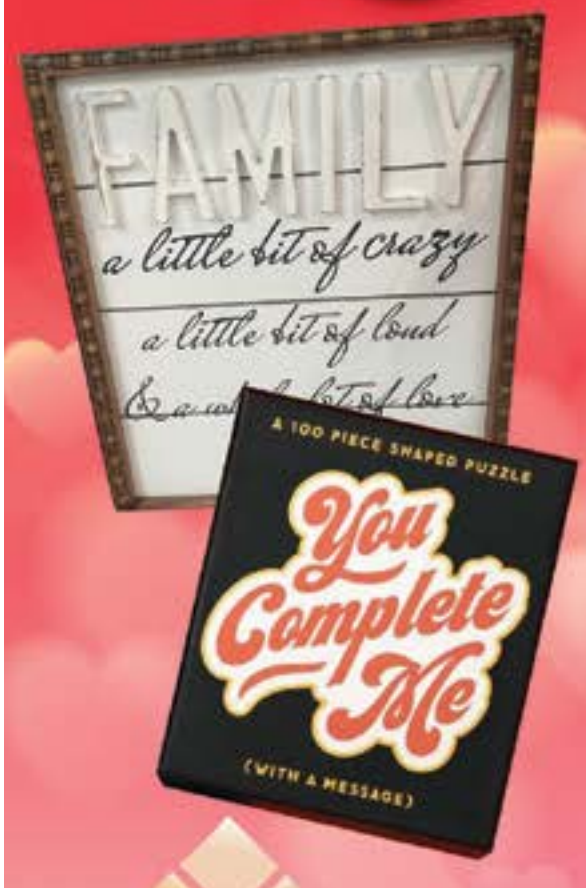
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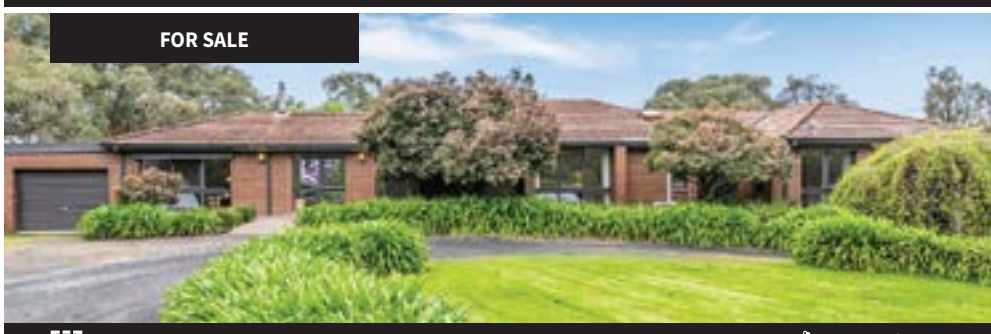
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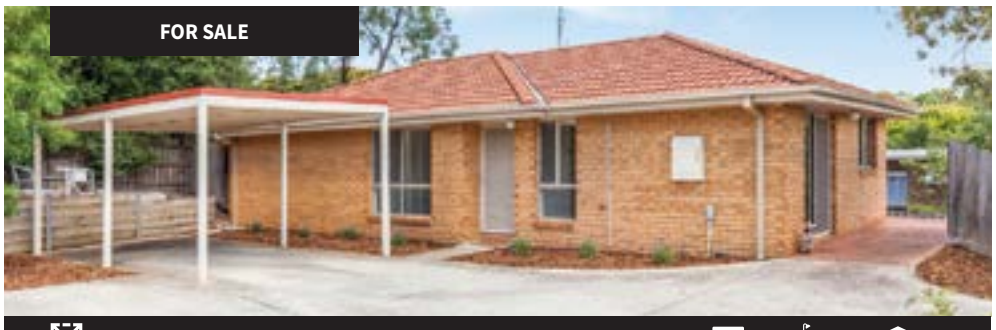
Quality and Space in The Elms

- This impressive residence in the peaceful Elms Estate offers the perfect blend of space, comfort, and style
- Five generously sized bedrooms including a luxurious master suite with ensuite, walk-in robe, and private balcony
- Expansive kitchen, featuring quality appliances, ample cabinetry and a walk-in pantry and multiple living areas

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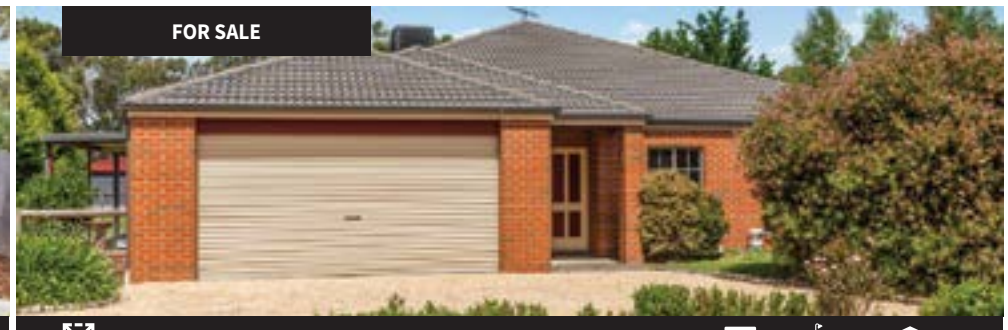
Great Location, Perfect Presentation

- This beautifully updated brick veneer property offers a perfect blend of comfort and convenience in a prime location
- Freshly painted throughout, with brand-new flooring and window furnishings and within walking distance to Kilmore's charming main street, shops, cafes, schools, and sporting facilities
- Well-equipped kitchen with brand-new oven and a dining area

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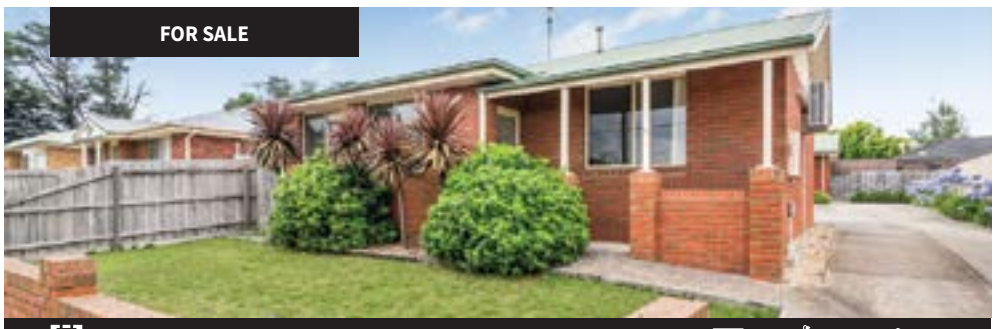
Dream Living in The Elms

- Nestled on a sprawling allotment of over 2600 sqm in the Elms Estate, this beautifully presented family home offers a perfect combination of space, comfort, and convenience
- Features four generous bedrooms, a study, multiple living areas and a range of impressive features that are sure to delight
- Huge pergola, gas ducted heating, evap cooling and new carpets

FOR SALE
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KILMORE | 1/35C George Street

Perfectly Positioned

- This beautifully property has a charming façade and features 9ft ceilings throughout and a spacious open-plan living area with a reverse cycle split system
- The kitchen is equipped with a free-standing cooker and double sink making meal prep a breeze
- Two robed bedrooms, central bathroom with separate WC and laundry

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WALLAN | 8 Abelia Court

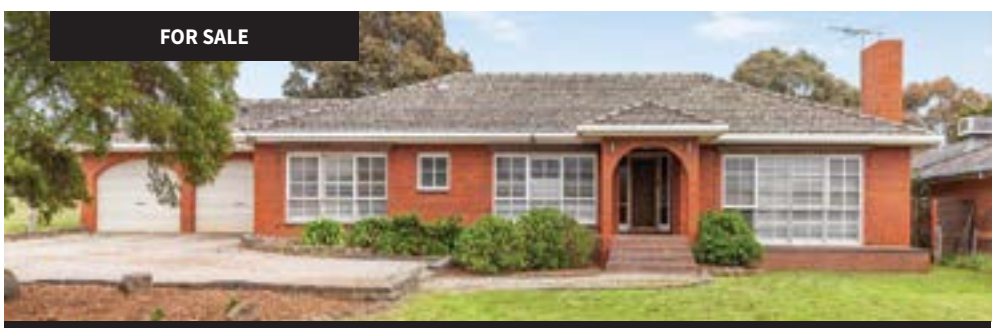
Spacious Family Retreat in Peaceful Court Location

- Gourmet kitchen with waterfall stone benchtop, walk-in pantry, 900mm oven, open-plan meals and family room flowing to decked alfresco area
- Double-glazed windows, wood heater, 3 phase ducted refrigerated heating/cooling, double garage, double carport, 7x4m (approx) shed, 10 kw solar system

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$850,000 to $920,000

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WALLAN | 133 Raglan Street

Elevated Opportunity

- Elevated and level allotment of 2506m2 with two 25m street frontages (Raglan and Dudley) including a spacious and well-built five-bedroom home
- Fully equipped kitchen adjoining an open plan meals and family room, separate dining room with bay window and sunken lounge with open fireplace

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KILMORE | 40 George Street

Charm on George

- This character-filled four bedroom home constructed by a respected local builder offers comfort and modern living with all the charm of yesteryear on a spacious 716m2 allotment
- As new 10x8m (approx) shed with power connected, mains water and concrete floor and convenient side-vehicle access to the back yard
- Hardwood flooring and new carpets and plantation shutters

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WALLAN — FOR SALE



32 Aurina Drive, Hidden Valley **$1,050,000 - $1,100,000**

CONTEMPORARY FAMILY HOME ON A HUGE ALLOTMENT

4 2 2

If you are looking for a modern four bedroom home, with all the modern up-to-date features and a large block of land in a quiet cul-de-sac, this is one to put onto your shortlist. With four spacious bedrooms, the master has a parents' retreat, excellent garden views, a huge double walk-in robe, a full ensuite bathroom with an oversized shower, double vanity and a separate toilet.

HIDDEN VALLEY — FOR SALE



24 Cavallo Crescent, Hidden Valley **$1,400,000 - $1,500,000**

PERFECTLY POSITIONED RANCH STYLE HOME ON OVER ONE ACRE

4 2 2

This is what Hidden Valley is all about, great views, plenty of land, large quality homes and city conveniences.. This property has the lot on 5420 sqm. approx. Beautifully presented with plenty of rooms for the large family, this home is sure to impress. It has just been repainted and new flooring and carpet to the majority of the house. Boasting four bedrooms and three living spaces plus an outside entertaining area, there is space for all occasions.

KILMORE



SOLD

7 Ballantine Court **SOLD**

FULLY RENOVATED 1.29 ACRE PROPERTY WITH SUPERB FORMAL GARDENS

4 2 4

It is like taking a trip into another world when you enter this impressive property. Everywhere you look, you will be amazed at the architectural detail and beauty whether you are inside the house or walking around the stunning grounds. This house has all the necessary pre-requisites for a large luxury family home with: - Four large bedrooms - the master has a large walk-in robe and an ensuite bathroom with a double vanity and oversized shower.

KILMORE — FOR SALE



13 Malthouse Street, Kilmore **$850,000 - $895,000**

BRAND-NEW HOME WITH SPECTACULAR VIEWS

4 2 2

Why go through the building process, when you can have a brand-new JG King, steel-framed home to move into straight away? This home is spacious and has all the contemporary styling cues that are so desirable in today's architecture. With four roomy bedrooms, the master has a walk-in robe and an ensuite bathroom with a separate toilet. The other bedrooms all have built-in robes and a full family bathroom and separate toilet.

WALLAN — FOR SALE



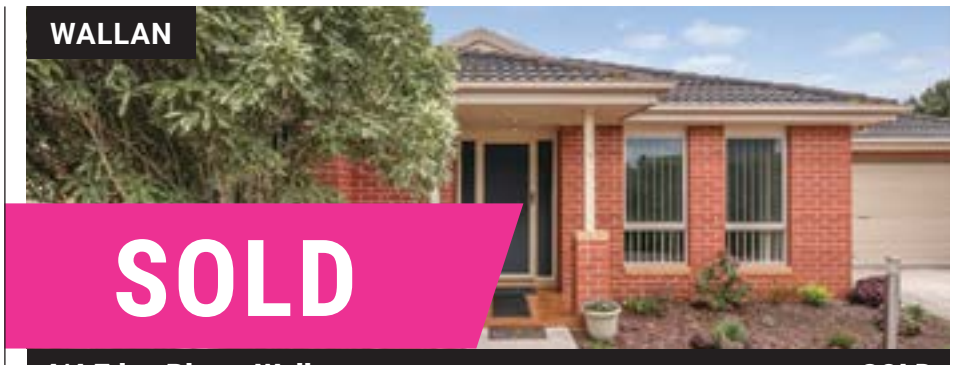
24 Ivanhoe Road, Wallan **$565,000 - $595,000**

AS-NEW FOUR BEDROOM FAMILY HOME

4 2 2

This is an excellent opportunity to buy a virtually new house without all the waiting and extra cost of building. The house is an up-to-date design with plenty of natural light and it has a good balance of bedroom space, living spaces and yard space. It is in the newer part of Wallan, so it is in a quality neighbourhood and surrounded by newish homes. The house has four good sized bedrooms, the master has an ensuite bathroom and a built-in robe.

WALLAN



SOLD

4/4 Eden Place, Wallan **SOLD**

VERY ROOMY THREE BEDROOM UNIT WITH TWO LIVING ROOMS

3 2 2

Exceptional unit, has the sizing of a house but the price of a unit, and offers low maintenance living, location and fantastic presentation inside and out which all blend together to offer the ultimate for a relaxed lifestyle. Perfectly located, it is a stone's throw to the cafes, shops and local schools, this spacious three bedroom, two bathrooms and two living rooms is certain to meet demands of first-home buyers, down-sizers and seasoned investors.

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JOKES

Q: What do you call security guards working at a Samsung store?

A: Guardians of the Galaxy.

Q: Which flower talks the most?

A: Two lips.

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Noah Lord
Kilmore, 4 February

Olivia Langdon
Kilmore, 7 February

Liam Bell
Kilmore, 7 February

Skylar McAuliffe
Broadford, 7 February

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Lancefield, 8 February

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Sadie Montgomery
Wallan, 10 February

Lily Godden
Wallan, 10 February

Kayla Caton
Lancefield, 10 February

FAMILY QUIZ

1. What year did Cyclone Yasi hit North Queensland?
2. What does ANZAC Day commemorate?
3. Which Australian Prime Minister disappeared at sea?
4. In which year was gold discovered near Ballarat?
5. What year did the Sydney Harbour Bridge open?
6. Which opened first? The Sydney Harbour Bridge or the Storey Bridge (Brisbane)?
7. Famous World War I digger John Simpson Kirkpatrick enlisted the help of what animal at Gallipoli?
8. In what year did the First Fleet arrive in Australia?
9. When did Paul Keating become the Prime Minister of Australia?
10. What year did Sydney host the Olympics?
11. How many states make up Australia?
12. What is the largest sand island in the world?
13. Where is the largest coral deposit in the world located?
14. What is Australia's most eastern point?
15. Which Strait separates Australia and Papua New Guinea?

ANSWERS: 1. 2011 **2.** The first engagement of Australian and New Zealand troops in the First World War. **3.** Harold Holt **4.** 1851 **5.** 1932 **6.** Sydney Harbour Bridge **7.** Donkey **8.** 1788 **9.** 1991 **10.** 2000 **11.** 6 States (2 Territories).

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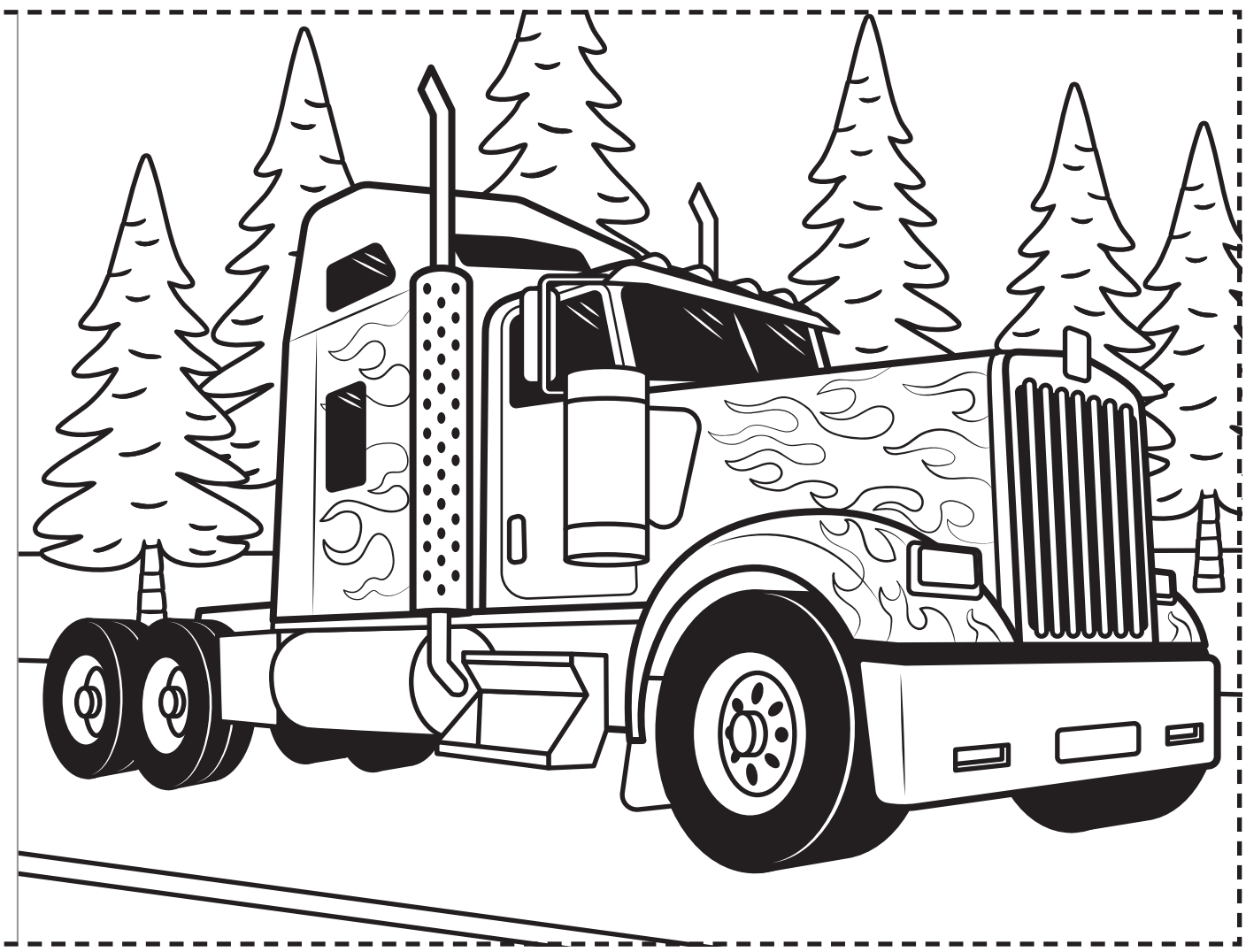
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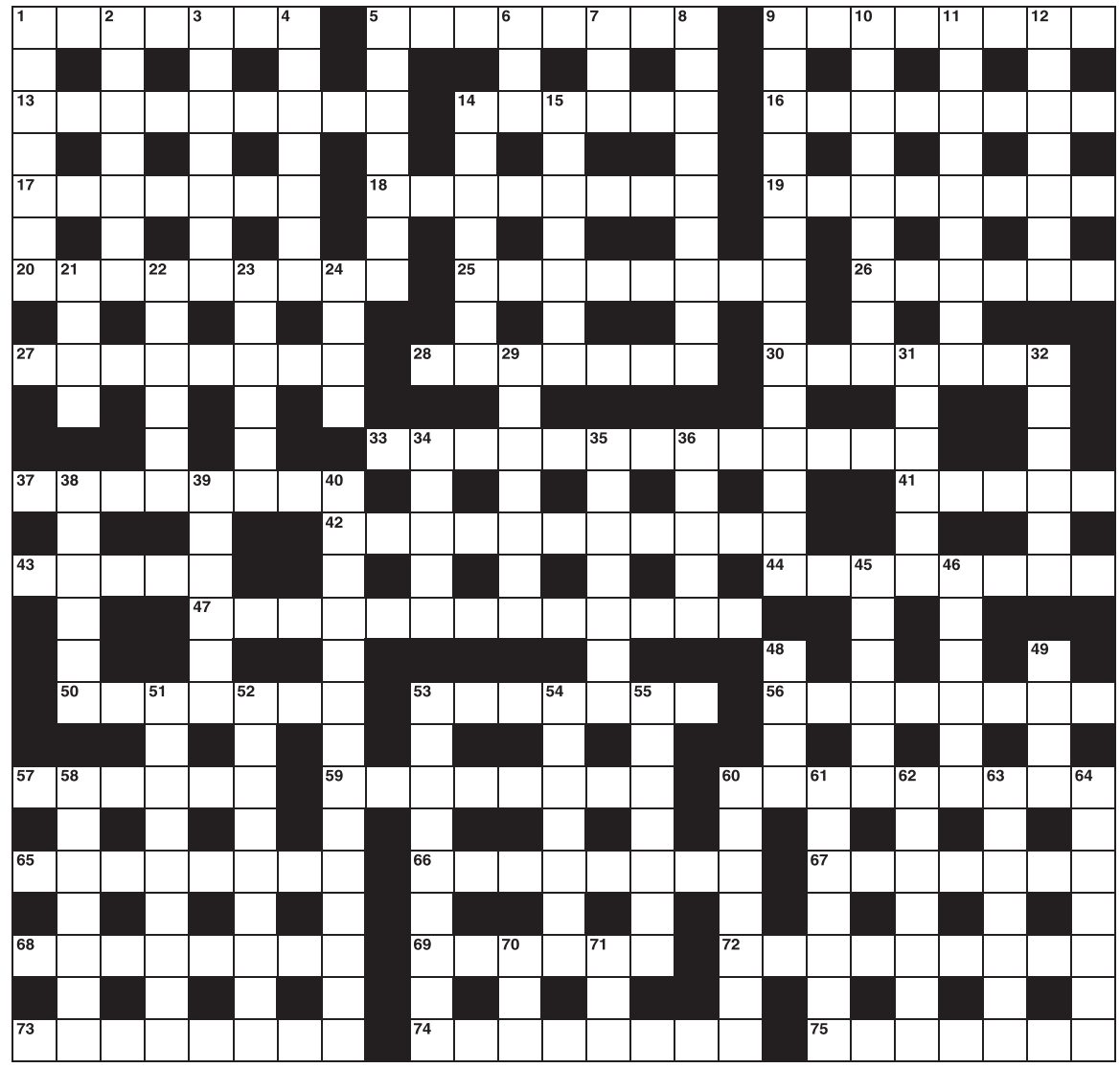
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ACROSS

1 City in northern France (7)
5 Needle (8)
9 Ovine insecticide (5,3)
13 Feeling a strong affection (9)
14 Pass (6)
16 Apparently contradictory figure of speech (8)
17 Start of day (7)
18 US state, North – (8)
19 Ban (8)
20 Adored (US) (9)
25 The action of setting something on fire (8)
26 Egg dish (US) (6)
27 A type of shot in cue sports (8)
28 Act of disloyalty (7)
30 Difficult to understand (7)
33 Agreeing in amount (13)
37 Data about data (8)
41 Reason (5)
42 Magazine writer (11)
43 Brouhaha (5)
44 Edible snail (Fr.) (8)
47 Exhibition (13)
50 Former name of Telstra (7)
53 Window shopper (7)
56 African republic containing Kilimanjaro and the Serengeti (8)
57 Joins (6)
59 Representative (8)
60 Diocese (9)
65 Person who plays the organ (8)
66 Accused (8)
67 Book of the Old Testament (7)
68 Australian animal (8)
69 Carry to excess (6)
72 Banishment (9)
73 German car brand (8)
74 High praise (Medieval Lat.) (8)
75 Obviously (7)

DOWN

1 Managed (7)
2 Novice (7)
3 Formally put an end to (7)
4 Distribute (food) (5,2)
5 Persuaded (7)
6 Sick (3)
7 Phone program (3)
8 Exaltation (9)
9 Mall (8,6)
10 Study of word history (9)
11 Outstanding (9)
12 Venerate (7)
14 Sooner (7)
15 Georgian state capital (7)
21 Bypass (4)
22 Plant family that includes sage (6)
23 Roma is its capital (6)
24 Concludes (4)
29 Ruler (7)
31 Spanish rice dish (6)
32 Gambling house (6)
34 Jewellery items (5)
35 Discounts (7)
36 Opening (5)
38 Bar (6)
39 Clear riverbed (6)
40 Rooms (14)
45 Abdominal exercise (6)
46 Overhaul (6)
48 Small case for needles (4)
49 Melanesian island state (4)
51 Sluggish (9)
52 Dismissed (9)
53 Maryland city (9)
54 More tired (7)
55 Dance musical genre (7)
58 Tell a story (7)
60 Room for sleeping (7)
61 Doubter (7)
62 Work (7)
63 Wetter in terms of weather (7)
64 False and defamatory statement (7)
70 Slippery fish (3)
71 Excavate (3)



CROSS MATH

Insert each number from 1 to 9 in the shaded squares to solve all the horizontal and vertical equations.
Multiplication and division are performed before addition and subtraction.

	÷		×		=	15
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	÷		×		=	21
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9		11		16		

No. 1

4x4

No. 001

ACROSS

1 Containers
5 Continent
6 Really
7 Humanities

DOWN

1 Indonesian island
2 Employer
3 "Our home is – by sea"
4 Remarks

1	2	3	4
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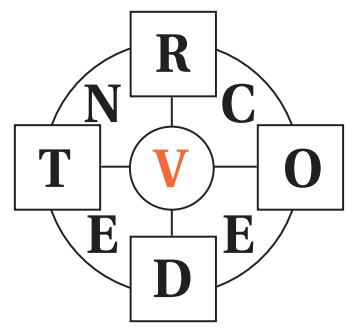
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9-LETTER

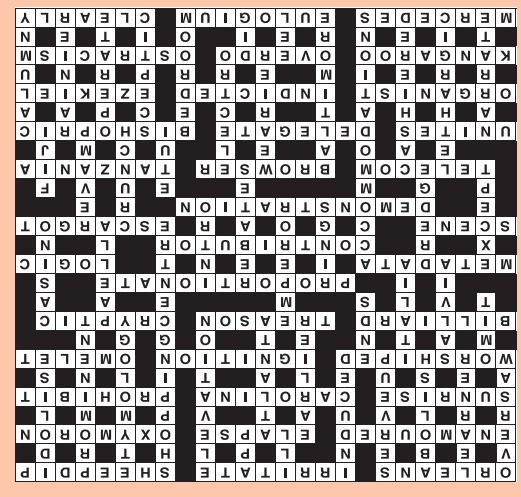
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Using the nine letters in the grid, how many words of four letters or more can you list? The centre letter must be included and each letter may only be used once. No colloquial or foreign words. No capitalised nouns, apostrophes or plural words ending in "s".



Today's Aim:
19 words: Good
28 words: Very good
38 words: Excellent

TODAY'S SOLUTIONS



4X4

DOWN:
1. Java,
2. User,
3. Girt,
4. Says.

ACROSS:
1. Jugs,
5. Asia,
6. Very,
7. Arts.

9-LETTER WORD

converT, CONVERTED, corvee, cove, coven, cover, covered, covert, covet, coveted, devon, devote, dove, drove, even, event, ever, nerve, nerved, never, oven, over, overt, roved, rove, vector, vectored, veer, vend, vendor, vent, vented, venter, veto, vetoed, vote, voted, voter

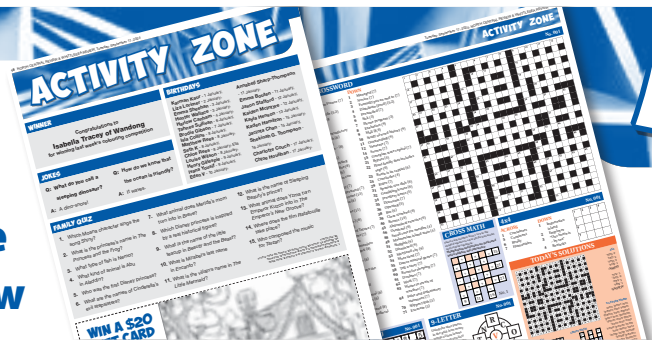
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9	5	6	8	4	1	3	7	2
6	8	2	3	1	5	4	9	7
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CROSS MATH

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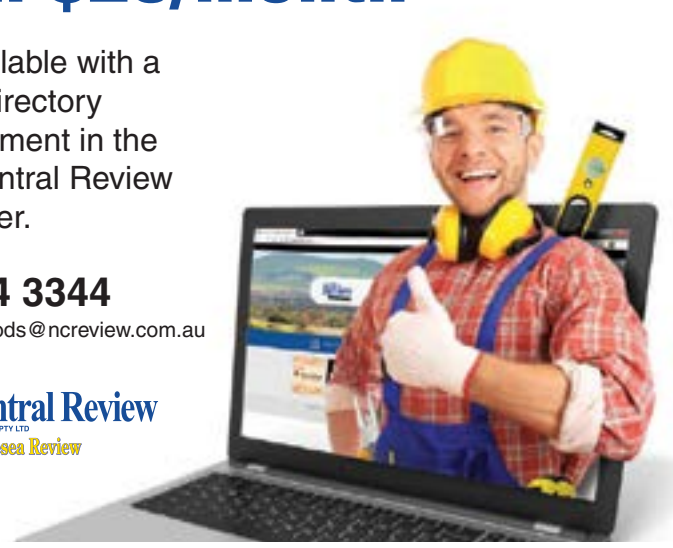
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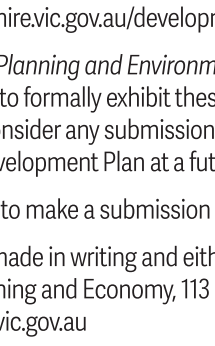
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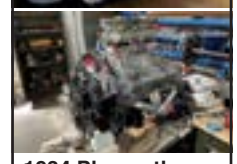
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Notice of an Application for a Development Plan: 40 Kilmore-Lancefield Road Kilmore



Development Plan Area Outlined in Red

The land affected by the application is 40 Kilmore-Lancefield Road, Kilmore

The application is for the approval of a Development Plan. It is important to note this proposal has not yet been determined by Council and a future decision will need to be made. The application reference number is PL/13/110. The Development Plan can be viewed at Council's website: www.mitchellshire.vic.gov.au/development-plans

In accordance with the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and Mitchell Planning Scheme there is no requirement to formally exhibit these documents and consider submissions. However, Council will consider any submissions or comments received as part of its formal consideration of the Development Plan at a future Council Meeting.

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If you have any comments in relation to the Development Plan, please provide this in writing by no later than **Friday 28 February 2025**.

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ROAD USERS TAKE HEED: Drivers must remain stopped at a pedestrian crossing until it is clear. These rules apply even if there is no crossing supervisor.

School-safe run guide

WITH the return of school, Kidsafe Victoria is urging parents, carers, and drivers to prioritise child safety both on the roads and in vehicles.

To help prevent unintentional death and injury to children, Kidsafe Victoria has released their Safe School Run guide, a free guide for parents addressing key safety concerns during the morning and afternoon rush.

Kidsafe Victoria Chief Executive Sarah Sexton said that while the return of school was an exciting time, it also posed many dangers.

"Back-to-school time is exciting but busy, and it's easy for safety to slip through the cracks as we all get back into routine," she said.

"School zones are busy places, with children crossing roads, getting out of cars and sometimes rushing in their excitement to get to class. We urge drivers to slow down, stay vigilant, and be prepared for the unexpected."

Top tips and legal requirements

- Children aged between 4 and 7 years of age must use either a forward facing child restraint with an inbuilt harness or a booster seat with a properly fastened and adjusted seatbelt when travelling on Victorian roads.
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- Children under 12 should sit in the back seat where possible.
- Never leave children unattended in a vehicle. The temperature inside a car can soar 20-30 degrees Celsius higher than outside, even on mild days.
- Separate children's play spaces from garages and driveways, and always check for children before driving.

To download the complete Safe School Run guide from Kidsafe Victoria's website, visit *www.kidsafevic.com.au*.



TIME TO BOUNCE: The bungee trampoline proved to be a popular attraction.

A great family day

THE Kilmore Football Netball Club's Community Family Festival proved popular with locals and visitors despite the extremely hot Saturday that welcomed the month of February.

The JJ Clancy Reserve was packed with attractions for all to enjoy, from bouncing castles, super slides, food trucks, and animal farms.

Kilmore CFA and SES were in attendance to show off the skills and equipment that have kept the community safe over the years.

One of the feature attractions was the bungee trampoline that offered plenty of flying and bouncing, proving popular with the youngsters.

For those who preferred the cooler side of the festival, there were food trucks, a bar, and music in the JJ Clancy Community Facility.

Attendances picked up as the sun went down and the heat of the day slackened off, with those present saying the event was well worth braving the summer heat.



SMOOTH TUNES: The day may have been hot but the coolest thing at the festival was the Carter and Chappy Band.

Sport Scoreboard

CRICKET

GISBORNE AND DISTRICT CRICKET ASSOCIATION

SATURDAY JANUARY 29

ROUND 11

JOHNSTONE SHIELDS FIRSTS

AINTREE 10/175 (Charandeep Kalsi 86, KamalKant Singh 21, and Pradeep Venkatesh 13. Charandeep Kalsi 5/21, and Maninder Singh 1/10) *defeated by* **KILMORE 7/183** (Ryan Knight 56, and 1C, Jacob Walton 48, and Ben Dawson 33. Elliot Frendo 3/14.5, Ben Dawson 2/18, and 2 C's. Josh Squire 1/8).

WALLAN 10/143 (Matthew Clayton 32, Bryan Vance 30 and Scott O'Donnell 23. Steven Bell 5/27, Bryan Vance 2/7, and 1C, and Matthew Clayton 1/5) *defeated by* **EASTERN HILL 9/192** (Jake Wright 41, Benjamin Bryant 44, and Ollie Bryant 38. Benjamin Bryant 5/24, and 2 C's, Daniel O'Sullivan 2/19, and Tim Rudd-Schmidt 2/13.5).

CRICKET

JOHNSTONE SHIELD SECONDS

WALLAN 6/196 (Hamish Mullavey-Clark 35, Bradley Regan 107n/o, and Chase Fowler 28. Darby Bishop 1/6, Mitch Van De Duim 6/17.4, and 1C, and Nathan Reus 1/3.) *defeated* **EASTERN HILL 3/113** (Harvey Hager 27, Riley Graham 31, and Hayden Szcyzkulski 21. Ben Brown 1/1, and 1C, Michael Hard 2/7, Harvey Hager 2/3.5, and 2C's).

KILMORE 10/181 (Leon Zelvys 34, Darcy McNicholas 80, and Rowan Pollock 18. Lachlan Peggie 1/5, and 1C, Hayden Proctor 2/15, and Rowan Pollock 2/7) *defeated by* **AINTREE 5/186** (Gurtej Nahal 75, Narinder Singh 35, and Ankur Harkut 21 n/o. Gurtej Nahal 3/12.5, Sukhjit Singh 2/9, and Kamalpreet Singh Uppal 2C's).

CRICKET

JENSEN SHIELD FIRSTS

WALLAN 9/142 (Robbie Fowler 23, Andrew Avola 32, and Dave Curran 16 n/o. Andrew Bingham 3CWK, Joe Barry 4/6.2, and 1C, Jedda Hubball 2/5, and 1C) *defeated* **GISBORNE 10/135** (Jack Shaw 25, Tom Mousley 44, and Patrick Gray 17. Charlie Francis 3/8, Ryan Muller 1/5, and Daniel Mousley 1/4).

JENSEN SHIELD THIRDS

WOODEND 5/128 (James Fiford 18, Jamie Walker 20, and Alistair Gray 67. Jamie Walker 1C, James Fiford 1/8, and 1C, and Nick Tucker 6/8) *defeated* **KILMORE 9/126** (David Mac Bean 13, Glen Fairweather 34, and Leigh Barry 30. Adam Ciacia 1C, Timothy Peggie 1C, and Glen Fairweather 1C).

CRICKET

KOOKABURRA WOMEN'S LEAGUE

ROUND 11

WALLAN 5/189 (Megan Farrell 72 rn/o, Kia Montgomery 55, and Felicity Vance 9. Emersyn Castle 1/4, and Kia Montgomery 1/6) *defeated by* **GISBORNE 2/194** (Brianna Woodburn 71rn/o, Ruby Watts 62 n/o, and Ava Haynes 27 n/o. Nina Harbinson 5/1, and Brianna Woodburn 6/4).

KILMORE 8/73 (Taylah Logie 16, Jaye Price 12, and Justine Muston 18. Jaye Price 1/6, and 1C, Danielle Pearce 1/3, and Rebecca Proctor 1CWK) *defeated by* **MACEDON 3/156** (Caitlin Shaw 64, Matilda Berns 33, and Emily Wilkinson 27 n/o. Matilda Berns 4/3, Emily Wilkinson 2/3, and Kym Riley 1CWK.)



A WELL-DESERVED WIN: Romsey Golf Club's Jenny Hartley won the monthly medal with an impressive score of 68.

GOLF

BROADFORD GOLF CLUB

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 29
MIXED STABLEFORD

	Maureen Wheeler	43
	Sue Stoddart	42c/b
	Lindsay Beeson	42c/b
	Kurt Gabauer	42
NTP:	Eric Anderson	4th
	Terry Dobson	9th
	David Wheeler	11th
	Dennis Austin	16th
D&P:	Terry Hyland	7th
	Brian McDowell	12th

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 1
OVERALL MONTHLY MEDAL
DOLF ZWAR QUALIFICATIONS

	Brad Huggan	-7

MIXED STROKE

A GRADE

	Craig Thorpe	Ec/b
	Matt Darling	Ec/b

B GRADE

	Brad Huggan	-7
	Lindsay Beeson	-5

C GRADE

	Natasha Richards	-6
	Jodie McCaig	-5
NTP:	Tom Richards	4th
	Shane Daly	9th
	Rod Gale	11th
	Chris Spencer	16th
D&P:	Norm Edge	7th
	Dennis Austin	12th

KILMORE GOLF CLUB

WEDNESDAY
STABLEFORD WOMEN'S

	Helen Clancy	40c/b
	Molly Bell	40
NTP:	Sandra Wicking	10th
	Bronwyn Gunn	17th

STABLEFORD MEN'S

	Ron Campbell	39
	Robert McFadden	37c/b
	Jim Ioannidis	37
	Mario Maddalena	36
NTP:	Lindsay Musgrave	10th
	Barry Archbold	17th

SATURDAY LADIE'S STROKE
MONTHLY MEDAL

	Jill Banon	67
	Darlene Baker	71
NTP:	Darlene Baker	12th
D&P:	Darlene Baker	10th
	Sophie Banon	17th

A GRADE

	John Roberts	69
	Anthony McGregor	70

B GRADE

	Mario Maddalena	69c/b
	Stephen Maurer	69c/b
NTP:	Andrew Young	8th
D&P:	Ulli Popovic	7th
	Mervyn Schadendorff	10th
	Duncan Griffiths	17th

GOLF

ROMSEY GOLF CLUB

WEDNESDAY
MONTHLY MEDAL

	Jenny Hartley	68

MIXED STROKE

	Jenny Hartley	68
	Ron Cole	70
	Hugh Williams	75c/b
	Chris Manktelow	75

SATURDAY
ROUND 1 A SUMMER CUP

	Ben Owen	+3
	Mick Squire	+1c/b
	Davey Kenney	+1c/b
NTP:	Davey Kenney	1st
	Dylan Harris	15th
	Mitch Atlas	16th
D&P:	Ben Owen	6th

LANCEFIELD GOLF CLUB

TUESDAY JANUARY 28
LEGEND STABLEFORD

	Steve Gilbert	36
	Allen Collins	35
	Stewart Stevens	34c/b
	Wayne Mee	

WEDNESDAY TWILIGHT
10H STABLEFORD

	Nathan Maroney	19

SATURDAY OVERALL

MONTHLY MEDAL
LADIES 18H STROKE

	Anne Robinson	70
	Sheena Flentjar	71
	Carole Mee	73

MEN'S STROKE
MONTHLY MEDAL

	Chris Enright	66
	John Wilson	69c/b
	Barry Flentjar	

TENNIS

BROADFORD DISTRICT JUNIOR'S

ROUND 10

SECTION 3

WANDONG
defeated
WALLAN KOKKINAKIS.

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Sulky snippets

By Len Baker

Vale Leon Conway

VETERAN Lancefield owner/trainer Leon Conway passed away aged 84 on Thursday, January 23.

Leon, born and bred in the Mallee town of Hopetoun, was a brother of Maurie and Bill Conway (both well-known bookmakers), now deceased, who worked for years mainly in the northern part of the state, but did have a stand at both the Showgrounds and Moonee Valley trots. Leon was also an uncle of St Arnaud's Ross Conway.

Leon loved his harness involvement and raced several horses over the years, including what was probably his best, an unhoppled Dawn Ofa New Day-Rumbleon gelding by the name of Forever And A Day who won 15 races with 34 placings from 135 starts. Others to grace the track were Lost Forever, Phillip Street, Forever A Star and maiden Here Comes Lenny, which raced at Kilmore on Thursday for Rita Burnett while carrying his colours.

I recall Leon and partner Lisia Horton accompanying me on a trip to New Zealand for a 'Harness Jewels' Tour a while back—they both had a ball and made many new friends.

Popular in the Lancefield area, Leon was laid to rest on Monday, February 3 in Hopetoun.

Harness Racing Victoria extends thoughts and wishes to Lisia and the Conway family.

Exciting race card for Kilmore

A big 10 race card was held at Kilmore on Thursday with excellent racing the order of the night.

The highlight was a double to 82-year-old Havelock (Maryborough) owner/trainer Derrick Kraft with 5YO Sweet Lou-Majestic Reign gelding Reign Em In taking in the 1690m Jet Roofing Pace, and 5YO Betting Line-Themajors Daughter gelding Kimchi the MC Security Pace over the same trip. Both driven by James Herbertson, Reign Em In (gate two on the second line) settled three back in the moving line as polemarker Alcatraz Girl led before being past by Reign Em In with a lightning burst of speed three wide to lead at the bell. Travelling smoothly approaching the final bend, Reign Em In couldn't be caught, scoring by 1.5m from Our Mystery Bet which raced exposed, with Royle Blood (three wide last lap from the rear) third 7m away. The mile rate 1-59.4.

Kimchi, after settling three back in the running line from gate three on the second line, sustained a long run commencing in the back straight on the final occasion to gain the day from 13YO gelding Friends which trailed the pacemaker Self Exclusion (gate five), angling into the clear on the home turn. Goodtime Stryker, after following the winner home from the rear, was third. The margins 3.5 by 5.5m in a mile rate of 1-59.4.

Former Herald-Sun journalist Neale Donnelley and racing partner John Morihan, along with Hong Kong resident Andrew Aitkin, were in the winners circle when Somebeachsomewhere-Diamond Dancer 6YO gelding Beach Hopper chalked up his fourth success in 32 outings by winning the 1690m Broadstead Kilmore Pace. Trained at Long Forest by Andy Gath with wife Kate driving, Beach Hopper (gate four) was caught exposed as My Way (gate three) on his inside led out. Gaining cover when Khans Creed came away from four pegs racing for the bell, Beach Hopper, angling three wide on turning, ran home best to prevail by 2.2m from Deuce Coupe along the sprint lane, with My Way holding down third a head back. The mile rate 1-57.

Parwan owner/trainer Paul Parsons combined with 'Herbie' to land the TAB Pace over 2180m with handy 7YO For A Reason-Esthers Light mare Our Bella Lucia, a winner of 15 races. Our Bella Lucia (one/two), from gate two on the second line, was sent forward prior to the bell to cross the leader Tenminutes and lead for the final circuit to cruise to the wire 5.4m in advance of Michen Roy (gate two–four pegs–one/two last lap–three wide home turn) and Ace Montana (death–one/one) who was 3.1m away third. The mile rate 2-00.9.

Derrinal (Heathcote) trainer/driver Glenn Bull loves racing at Kilmore, and the family-owned 10YO American Ideal-Rocky Bay Lass gelding Regal Rock at start 151 brought up victory number 22 (33 placings) when greeting the judge in the 1690m Momentum Gaming Pace. Crossing the speedy beginner Lorimermajor (gate five) shortly after the start, Regal Rock showed his rivals a clean pair of heels to record a head margin in a slick 1-57 over Lorimermajor along the sprint lane, which was given every chance to run him down. Hurrikane Dusty, after racing uncovered from gate six was third 7m back.

The O'Brien Electrical Trotters Mobile over 1690m went the way of Andy and Kate Gath's lightly raced 4YO Majestic Son-Watts Up Rainbow gelding Watts Up Raptor in a mile rate of 2-00.9. Settling three back in the moving line from gate two on the second row, Watts Up Raptor, despite making the final bend five wide, exploded to the wire, scoring by 6.4m from the odds-on favourite Coconut Mickey (gate six) which led from the bell. Volsteadsdelight, after trailing the pacemaker for the last lap, held third 5.7m back.

Twenty-two-year-old Kiwi reinsman Riley Mitchell cracked it for his first winner on Australian soil when successful aboard Melton owner/trainer Steve Alexandrou's 9YO Great Success-Majestic Eclipse gelding Allwatfunjingles in the 2180m Carlton & United Breweries Trotters Mobile. Despite racing in the open from gate four outside Melbreh (gate six), Allwatfunjingles was too tough over the concluding stages, recording a 1.9m margin from Alex Hurley's Massif Central which trailed the leader, gaining a late split in the straight. Melbreh held down third 2.6m away. The mile rate 2-06. It was Allwatfunjingles' first victory since Maryborough back in November 2021. Riley is the son of Sonia Smith.

Bagshot owner/trainer Mary Jane Mifsud's honest 4YO Majestic Son-Arannalea mare Majestic Ga Ga, driven by Bendigo's Jack Laugher, was an easy victor of the 2180m Buds & Branches Florist Trotters Mobile, leading for most of the journey from gate five to account for a death-seating At The Distance from outside the front line in a rate of 2-05.5. Kyvalley Anthony (gate three), which trailed the winner after leading out, was third 7m back.

Romsey's Chris Svanosio trained and reined Always B Miki-Jodi Lindenny filly Crayons To Perfume to record a terrific victory in the Beraldo Coffee 3YO Maiden Trotters Mobile over 1690m. Bred and raced by John and Geoff Senior (Geoff being a former HRV Board member), Crayons To Perfume from the pole trailed the well-supported leader Miss Joplin (gate two) before flying home at a great rate along the sprint lane to blouse the leader by a nose in a tricky finish. Lunar Witch (gate four), after racing parked,held on for third 4.9m back. The mile rate 1-59.9.

The C&M Build Group 4YO & Older Maiden Pace over 2180m concluded the program and ex-Riverina 6YO Sweet Lou-Smithie's Delight gelding Lochiel Lad, a prohibitive $1-09 favourite, trained and driven by Tooleen's Alby Ashwood, toyed with his rivals. Flying away from gate five to lead easily, Lochiel Lad was never out of second gear, coasting to the wire 19.1m in advance of Treacherous Jewel which trailed from gate two, with With In Reason (G-3-one/one) third 5.3m away. The mile rate 2-03.2.

Kilmore will race again on Thursday, February 13.

From the boundary



By Ray Carroll

POIGNANT STORY

BRIAN McCarthy came to Assumption in the 50s from Yarrawonga and was a First XVIII star before my time. A tough winger or half forward with a long left foot kick, he was recruited by St Kilda where he played 75 games between 1956–61. In later years, he coached in the country. His working career took him across Victoria and Kilmore was on his schedule with occasional stopovers at Mac's Hotel when Ray Jordan was the 'guvnor'. Brian's wife Coral is a beautiful lady of great faith and a wonderful singer. For the last few years, she has been supporting Brian all the way through a tough health battle. Residents now of Camperdown in Western Victoria, this highly regarded couple raised a fine family. One of the daughters Marlo is fighting the same rare cancer that took her husband's life nine years ago. Multiple Myeloma is extremely rare. "It was very confronting being diagnosed with the very same cancer that took my husband," she said. "Surgeons told me the chances of getting the cancer were extremely slim." There is no cure, and Marlo realises the end is inevitable, but she is bravely battling on for the sake of her two boys. "I learned much from my husband's experience," she said. She told the *Warrnambool Standard* recently "It's almost like he's showing me the way and how to cope." Former Channel 7 sports presented Sandy Roberts was diagnosed with the same incurable disease.

SHADOWS ON THE GREEN

An old sepia print of cricketers playing on the Main Oval before World War II arrived in the post the other day, along with postcards of Assumption footballers circa 1915.

They were a poignant reminder of what the ACK number one stretch of turf has meant down the years to generations of dark and light blue boys.

Acknowledged by sports historians as one of the iconic venues of Australian college football and cricket, the 'Main' has a rich history, adorned as it has been by fine teams and players.

International cricket XI's have played there—teams from England, Wales, India, New Zealand, and southern Africa.

Gaelic football sides from Ireland and an Australian rules team from Denmark have also performed at the ground.

Rule's sides from Nauru and the Tiwi Islands have enjoyed visits to play, and regale the hosts with glorious singing in the Anderson Pavilion.

A team from Dublin in the mid-80s showcased a brilliant Irish footballer, Niall Quinn. There were AFL scouts on hand to witness the game and so impressed were they with Quinn that offers were made for him to relocate down under.

However, he was a huge talent also at soccer and on his return home, Arsenal signed him, and in ensuing



years he starred in the premier league and in internationals.

Heath Streak and the Flower brothers played here with a powerful Zimbabwe Youth XI, in an era when their nation was the jewel of Africa, not the impoverished ruin it is today under the corrupt rule of the despotic Mugabe and his cronies.

College annual accounts from the 40s and 50s reveal the great Test left-hander Neil Harvey hit a century in 40 minutes playing for an All¬Star XI that included Lindsay Hassett and Des Fothergill.

Tiger legend 'Captain Blood' Jack Dyer recalled enjoyable visits for 'social gains' followed by grand sessions at the Royal Oak.

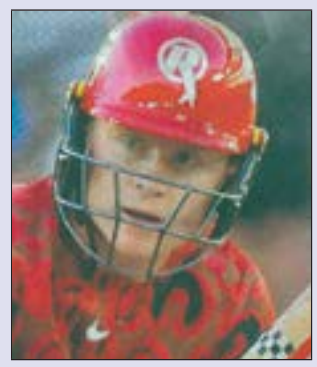
Stawell Gift winner Tommy Deane wrote about preparing on the ACK turf for his Stawell triumph.

VARIA

It was good to be asked to speak at a gathering of ex-students last year at the Rising Sun Hotel in South Melbourne. Quite a number of former college champions were among those present. In the photo at left back are cricket legend Peter Ryan and Renato and Laurie Serafini, who both had illustrious football careers with Fitzroy and Carlton.



FUTURE STAR



Eighteen-year-old Geelong boy Oliver Peake has been given the nod of approval by some Aussie greats as a test player of the near future. His dad Clinton was a fine player for Geelong in premier cricket and Victoria. Oliver captained Geelong Grammar to the ADS title in 2024 and starred in last year's U19 World Cup. He is part of a list of very young emerging players who will be replacing some of Australia's aging stars in the near future. Others include Chris Connolly and Mahli Beardman (WA), Harry Dixon (VIC) and Liam Scott (SA).

★★★

The life and times of Assumption has ensured the First XVIII and First XI were at the pinnacle of the nation's college sport. Thanks to Sarah Wogan for sending me the photo the other day. Sarah is one of Kilmore resident Nick Wogan's three fine daughters.

THE BIG BASH

Cricket Australia's domestic T20 competition just ended its 14th year, and crowds and television audiences show the concept is an increasing success story. Test cricket is the pinnacle of the sport, and it was great to see huge crowds this summer at the venues. Surveys indicate that a fair percentage of T20 fans are being converted to the traditional format.

NEALE'S HONOUR

Neale Daniher has been star quality all his life—as a schoolboy's AFL footballer, coach, and remarkable campaigner for MND. All across the nation, people will be rejoicing in his being named Australian of the Year for 2025. He has soldiered on down the years with incredible courage in the face of adversity, and his life story is truly inspirational. What a contrast to the motley crowd of protestors in the city on Australia Day. More than four decades have passed since Neale graced the classrooms and playing fields of Assumption, but memories remain of a teenage boy from the Northern Riverina farm fields who was a star then and a star always, whose spirit shines like a beacon on a mountain top. Congratulations to a legend.



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A hot day at the office

THE weekend was a challenging one for teams in the Gisborne and District Cricket Association (GDCA) as the weather dominated conditions of play.

Despite the heat, all teams put on impressive performances in their matches, win or lose.

Kilmore

In the Johnstone Shield First's league, Kilmore scored a convincing win with seven wickets 183 to Aintree's 10 wickets 175 in the final session of the two-day game.

Ryan Knight and captain Jacob Walton held the fort for Kilmore with a combined 104.

Kilmore batters were able to withstand the onslaught of Aintree bowler Charandeep Kalsi, who took five wickets for a total of 44 runs in his 21 overs.

Another contributor was Ben Dawson who made 33 runs off 76 balls.

Fall of wickets for Kilmore saw 1-13 Steven Burns, 2-108 Jacob Walton, 3-112 Ryan Knight, 4-115 Kyle McNicholas, 5-115 Callum Partridge, 6-148 Shaun Suttie, and 7-165 Ben Dawson.

Meanwhile in the Johnstone Shield Seconds, Kilmore was not as lucky in its clash against Aintree, going down 181 to 186 in the closely contested game.

Darcy Nicholas was the pillar of the team with 80 runs, boosting his side's chances, but a solid onslaught from the Aintree bowlers kept Kilmore's hopes in check.

In the Jensen Shield Thirds, Kilmore took on Woodend in a tightly contested game at the Woodend racecourse.

Brent Proctor opened for Kilmore but managed only seven runs before being run out. Adam Ciacia and David McBean followed soon after in what was becoming an expensive opening term.

Glen Fairweather stabilised the innings, notching up 34 runs before being caught. The next three wickets fell cheaply before Leigh Barry took to the crease to contribute a tightly fought 30.

The fall of wickets for Kilmore was 1-7 Adam Ciacia, 2-19 Brent Proctor, 3-41 David Mac Bean, 4-66 Glen Fairweather, 5-85 Toby Ciacia, 6-85 Callum Peggie, 7-93 Timothy Peggie, 8-109 Samuel Smith, and 9-125 Leigh Barry.

Woodend opened its innings chasing 126. Alistair Gray looked threatening before falling to a combined Peggie brothers' effort, being caught at 67 by Timothy Peggie off a ball by Callum Peggie.

Kilmore put up a strong fight but fell short, losing by two runs with a final score of nine wickets for 126 after 40 overs to Woodend's five for 128 after just 19 overs. The hot conditions definitely added an extra layer of challenge for both teams.

In the Kookaburra Women's League, the Kilmore girls were not so fortunate against Macedon, going down 73 to 156 on a hot and windy Sunday.

The side could not withstand the onslaught of the Macedon bowlers, particularly Matilda Berns, who took four wickets while conceding just four runs.



ACTION-PACKED: There was plenty of movement around the wicket in Kilmore's match against Woodend in the Club North league, played at Wandong's LB Davern Reserve.

Wallan

On Saturday, Wallan lit up the Greenhill Reserve against Gisborne in a challenging Jensen Firsts game.

Andrew Avola was putting on a solid show before he was run out on 33 runs.

Jason Dodd, Darrien Blair, Dave Curran, and veteran Robbie Fowler also boosted the side's score.

Fowler's innings boosted his career run score to 5345.

Joe Barry kept the visitors in check with four wickets while conceding just 23 runs.

The final score saw Wallan finishing the day to win 143 runs to Gisborne's 135.

Broadford

Broadford Club North met Lancefield at the Lancefield Recreation Reserve in a challenging one-day game.

Connor Stute underpinned the batting and soon clocked up an impressive 79 runs off 46 balls, giving his side a solid edge in the match.

Declan Teohaere and Paul Withers added to Broadford's solidarity with their combined 111 not out. The final score saw Lancefield just scrape home with 263 runs to Broadford's 261.

In the McIntyre Cup, the Broadford Firsts came home convincing winners over Sunbury United, 191 runs to 162.

The Seconds were not so lucky, suffering a 294 to 188 loss to Sunbury United in the two-day clash.



LET'S BOWL: Kilmore's Harley Austin delivers another challenging ball to the Macedon batsman.

