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## DOUBLE TAKE

Tracey Deehan and David Greenhill at the Corryong Post Office are getting into the festive spirit as part of the Towong Council's 'December on Hanson' promotion which features cutouts out of local identities in the main street.

## Haines welcomes regional housing support

Independent Federal adoption of her target for Member for Indi, Helen Haines, has welcomed the federal opposition's 30 per cent of funding for critical housing infrastructure to go to

regional communities.

Dr Haines has been pushing for at least 30 percent of housing funding to be guaranteed to regional areas, through introduction of her own legislation in September 2023 and again in November 2024.

This week, the coalition responded with its own announcement that 30 per cent of its proposed Housing Infrastructure Fund would be quarantined

for regional, rural and remote Australia.

The opposition's \$5 billion Housing Infrastructure Fund would build critical enabling infrastructure that unlocks new housing and means both the major parties now have positions that resemble the policies she has pushed for more than two years.

"The cost of housing is causing significant stress on households in Indi,

whether they are paying their mortgage or rent and part of the reason for that is that we don't have enough housing," Dr Haines said.

"A major barrier to opening up new land for housing in regional areas is the enabling infrastructure and amenities such as sewerage and water connections, roads and footpaths and electricity poles. It's not shiny, but it's critically important.

"I'm glad that the coalition have now picked up what I've been talking about for over two years and that's the need for 30 per cent of housing funds to be put aside for regional communities."

Dr Haines added that she would continue to push the government to commit to dedicated housing funding for regional and rural Australia ahead of the election.

"I've been really loud about this issue and have worked across the parliament to advocate for a focus on regional Australia," she said.

"I'm always there to work with members of Parliament to get what's best for rural and regional Australia, for what is fair and what we need."

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# Drink driving danger rises

Victoria Police has issued a zero-tolerance warning as new analysis reveals December is the worst month for drink driving on our roads.

Over the past three years, a total of 2591 drink driving detections were recorded in December.

This is 20 per cent higher than November when 2154 motorists were caught over the limit in the three years analysed.

December also posted the highest number of collisions where the driver was over the blood alcohol limit, with 321 recorded for the month across the three-year period.

It is 18 per cent higher compared with November, which had 272 collisions where the driver was over the limit during the three-year period.

Victoria Police is warning it will have an increased focus on alcohol and drug testing this month to address the concerning behaviour and Corryong police will be involved in the state-wide campaign.

Assistant Commissioner, Glenn Weir, Road Policing Command said "These figures show what police know all too well, December is a danger



Sergeant Brendan Lampkin and Senior Constable Arlene Dighton are ready to ramp up alcohol and drug testing locally.

period for drink drivers on our roads.

"Not only do we have more alcohol detections, we have more alcohol-charged collisions than at any other time of the year.

"Our message is clear – drinking and driving don't mix.

"You will be tested, and you will be caught. So why risk it?

"Police are ramping up our focus on drink driving right through Christmas

and into the New Year," Assistant Commissioner, Weir added.

"We'll be out conducting alcohol and drug testing anywhere, any time - so if you think you won't be caught, think again. The penalties are significant and we make no apologies for removing drink drivers from our roads.

"You're not only a risk to yourself but to all road users."

Corryong police will be ramping up random alcohol and drug testing over the holiday period.

Sergeant Brendan Lampkin said that all officers are now able to conduct drug testing and five drivers had been intercepted in the past two weeks.

"This number is concerning and we will be active in removing impaired drivers from the road," he warned.

# Community grants program opens

Independent Federal Member for Indi, Helen Haines, has launched expressions of interest for the 2024-25 Volunteer Grants program.

Grants of between \$1,000 and \$5,000 are available to support the work of local community organisations to

increase participation in volunteering and enable the inclusion of vulnerable people.

"Volunteers are the lifeblood of our communities and there is always strong interest in these grants from a variety of hard-working, community focused

organisations," said Dr Haines.

There are two streams of grant funding in the 2024-25 Volunteer Grants program:-

- Stream 1 funds the purchase of communication or insurance items that will benefit a community

organisation's volunteers.

- Stream 2 funds the purchase of items or services or running volunteer-led activities, with the main purpose for supporting the development of children under 18 or adults whose volunteering activities supports children's development and wellbeing.

Details on the eligibility criteria and how to apply can be found at <https://www.helenhaines.org/resources/grants/volunteer-grants-2024-25/>

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With just eight cards remaining in the Joker Poker draw at The Club, anticipation had been rising as the jackpot headed to the \$4000 mark and last Friday, Lorraine Griffiths had the good fortune to find the elusive Joker and collect \$4250.

## The Grapevine



**Club Corner:-** The jackpot at The Club Corryong this Friday is re-starting at \$2000 after the jackpot of \$4250 was won last week.

**Christmas Appeal:-** Donations of non-perishable food items and money to the FoodShare Christmas Hunger Relief Appeal can be made locally at Corryong FoodShare - online donation page at [www.corryong.asn.au](http://www.corryong.asn.au).

Items of local interest for this column can be emailed to [editorial@corryongcourier.com.au](mailto:editorial@corryongcourier.com.au).

## UPPER MURRAY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### UPCOMING FESTIVALS

**NARIEL CREEK FOLK FESTIVAL:** Friday 27th December-Thursday 2nd January, 2025. Information on Facebook page.

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# Letters to the editor:-

## Poor decisions have caused a catastrophe

Nestled in the picturesque Tooma Valley, the Mannus Creek and its surrounding environment have long been a lifeline for the region's farms, families and wildlife.

However, a series of catastrophic decisions spanning decades have turned this once-thriving ecosystem into a disaster zone.

The Mannus Dam was licensed in the 1980s to Ellis Williams. While the licence suggested the dam would support pisciculture, this promise was never realised. Instead, Williams constructed a power-generating plant, using the dam to sell electricity to the grid.

The dam's operation quickly became a source of tension for downstream farmers.

Williams controlled the dam's release valve with little regard for the impact, flooding the creek at unpredictable intervals.

These erratic water flows destroyed fences, drowned livestock, washed away feed, obliterated bridges and made stock crossings treacherous or

impossible.

After Williams' passing, Tumbarumba Council purchased the dam, envisioning it as a multipurpose resource for the community. It was meant to serve as a backup water supply for the town; a recreational site for boating, fishing, and swimming; a fire management resource; and even an industrial water source for the Hyne Timber Mill.

Yet, the council failed to address the critical needs of downstream users who relied on a steady and consistent flow of water through their farms.

The fourth disaster struck in the form of a catastrophic spillway collapse in 2010, triggered by a sudden cloudburst upstream. Within six hours, the dam emptied its contents, wreaking havoc on the valley below.

Ancient river red gums were uprooted, farms were destroyed and roads and bridges were washed away, cutting off Tooma's residents for weeks.

The environmental destruction was immense, compounded by debris from dead poplars and willows abandoned on the banks.



In the aftermath, disaster funds were allocated to rebuild the dam, now rebranded as a lake. But instead of a solution, this brought new problems.

Persistent blooms of toxic blue-green algae have plagued the waterway, placing the dam and creek under frequent Red Alert. These blooms have rendered the water unsafe for recreation, fishing, firefighting and even as a backup water supply for Tumbarumba.

Worse still, the health of residents has suffered severely.

Families downstream are battling illnesses linked to algae exposure including chronic inflammatory conditions and neurological disorders. Many have been forced to abandon their homes, leaving behind the land their families farmed for generations.

This string of disasters has devastated Tooma's community, its farms and its wildlife.

The endangered Macquarie Perch, once a resident of Mannus Creek, struggles to survive. Platypuses, fish and other aquatic life are suffocating in the toxic waters.

It's time for action. The solution is clear - return Mannus Creek to its natural state.

Restoring the creek would allow wetlands to form, enabling nature to heal itself. Families could return to their homes, farms could thrive again and wildlife could recover. This would mark the end of an era of mismanagement and the beginning of a sustainable future for Tooma.

The story of Mannus Dam is a cautionary tale about prioritising short term goals over long term environmental and social health. It's time for the authorities to acknowledge their mistakes and take bold steps to restore the balance. Only then can Tooma begin to recover from decades of harm.

To the people of Tooma, your fight for a healthy and sustainable future is one worth amplifying.

Your voices deserve to be heard.

**Yola Cox, Tooma.**

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# Corryong CBD Update

Last week, we completed the carpark re-sealing works on Hanson Street from the Top of the Town Take Away to Australia Post. We also completed the water main connection for the memorial hall and sections of the footpath in front of the Corryong Courthouse Hotel on the south side.


This week, we will continue with the installation of drainage pits and pipes. Additionally, we will continue with footpath works up to the driveway of the Corryong Courthouse Hotel.

Due to the Christmas and New Year break the last day of onsite work will be **Tuesday, December 17**. Please note that fences around the completed sections will be removed. Some areas will still be under construction, and fences and/or flags will stay up.

Works are set to re-commence the week of **Monday, February 3, 2025**.



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# Letters to the editor:-

## Levy claims are scaremongering

I want to set the record straight on reports regarding the CFA's funding. I know it has caused some fear and anger in our regional communities.

Reports of an almost \$70M cut from the CFA are wrong.

Every year, a certain amount of money within our emergency services' budgets is earmarked for specific projects and services - like funding for the rollout of 18,000 new Motorola radios to brigades.

Setting aside these funds isn't a cut. Every dollar of these quarantined amounts is spent on CFA, directly benefitting the CFA and their volunteers.

Government departments manage many of

these projects and they pay the bill. It streamlines administration and takes the burden off emergency services so they can focus on what they do best - keeping Victorians safe.

This year, more than \$337M in CFA base funding has been allocated, an increase of almost \$17 million on the comparable figure last year.

This doesn't include the money we invest on top of this on new trucks, uniforms and upgrading stations.

The Fire Services Property Levy funds almost 78 per cent of the CFA's total funding needs - not 25 per cent.

I know National Party members are out there with their negativity trying to spin a false narrative about cuts. They should support, not scare country communities and stick to



*"The Fire Services Property Levy funds almost 78 per cent of the CFA's total funding needs - not 25 per cent." ~ Symes*

the facts.

Labor has delivered 80 new tankers since 2018, 22 are being built and 15 pumpers are on order. The Nationals didn't fund a single truck in their last few years in government and they slashed \$66M

from the CFA budget whilst in office.

It's disappointing that I must correct this unhelpful misinformation but it's a further opportunity to recognise and thank our amazing CFA brigades and all emergency services.

I want you to know our government will always give you what you need to continue keeping Victorians safe.

**Jaclyn Symes,**  
Minister for Emergency Services.

## Summer's not a silly season

*An open letter from Chris Hardman, Chief Fire Officer, Forest Fire Management Victoria:-*

Last week you might have noticed a pick-up in news articles and broadcasts forecasting a hot, dry summer and high potential for fire in some areas of the state. That news has come from the seasonal summer outlook distributed on 28 November by the Australasian Fire and Emergency Services Authorities Council (AFAC), the national council for fire and emergency services in Australia and New Zealand.

The Seasonal Bushfire Outlook for summer gives a picture of the likelihood of fire over the summer months, at both a state and national level. This year's outlook for Victoria predicts higher potential for fire for most of western Victoria as well as southwest Gippsland, including Mornington Peninsula, greater Melbourne and north-east Victoria.

The potential has been assessed this way because of the dry conditions in those areas, the availability of vegetation (e.g. grass, leaves, bark, shrubs and fallen branches) to fuel fires, high temperatures and the continuing lack of rainfall to bring moisture to the landscape.

The fire potential elsewhere in Victoria has been assessed as 'normal' but hot, dry and windy weather can still pose a risk in areas dominated by forests, woodlands, or dense, low shrubs.

'Normal' is no reason to be complacent but you should know that Victoria is prepared and that our land and fire agencies have worked all year to reduce our bushfire risk.



**Fuel management has been in full swing in the lead into the fire season.**

We are prepared and ready to respond on public land this year, FFMVic carried out risk reduction works across more than 138,000 hectares and because it isn't just about this summer or this season, I'm happy to tell you that we also carried out works on more than 90,000 hectares the year before. The impacts are cumulative.

Risk reduction works include planned burns, mowing, mulching, slashing and spraying. Collectively, we call these works 'fuel management'. They reduce the amount of vegetation available to fuel a fire, thereby reducing the likely speed or intensity of a bushfire. These qualities can help fire crews to respond and put out fires while they are still small and before they can impact on communities, assets, infrastructure and the environment. You can find out about planned burns happening near you at [plannedburns.ffm.vic.gov.au](http://plannedburns.ffm.vic.gov.au)

In November we saw some of the reward for those efforts, with a fire in the Great Otway National Park - the Chapple Vale -

Colac Tree Road fire - showing reduced spread in the footprint of one of our planned burns back in August. Thankfully, the fire was able to be contained before hotter temperatures set in just days later. Our crews remain in the area to manage hot spots and reinforce those control lines.

Recent weeks have also shown how we work together with and alongside our emergency sector partners. On the frontline, FFMVic has close to 1800 personnel, including full-time and seasonal firefighters, fire lookout observers and fire support officers. In recent months, many of them have completed training and accreditation to make sure they are equipped with the skills and knowledge they need to be safe and help keep communities safe this summer.

They are supported by hundreds of emergency and incident management staff, including 'surge staff' who have a fire and emergency role in addition to their day job, as well as firefighting equipment.

This includes tankers, earthmoving equipment and aircraft positioned across the state as well as additional aircraft that can be called upon when needed.

You can find out more about our work at [ffm.vic.gov.au](http://ffm.vic.gov.au)

Summer is a festive time in Victoria. We often have opportunities to steal a bit of magic as the year comes to an end - to come together with loved ones, to get away, to get in a bit more sleep - and a few more late nights, and to reflect on the year gone by.

But opportunity is never without responsibility. Now is also the time to prepare yourself and your loved ones for the fire season. Here are some quick tips to help you get started.

Five ways with fire:-  
1. Visit [cfa.vic.gov.au](http://cfa.vic.gov.au) to help you get started on a Bushfire Plan so you know what you will do in case of fire

2. Download and get to know the VicEmergency app - then set up 'watch zones' and turn on notifications to be kept up to date wherever you are  
3. Get to know the

Australian Fire Danger Ratings System and work out what fire danger rating will trigger your Bushfire Plan

4. Plan your travel - head to explore outdoors. [vic.gov.au](http://vic.gov.au) to help you stay safe when visiting state forests

5. Never leave a campfire unattended - if they are cool to touch, they are safe to leave.

**Chris Hardman AFSM,**  
Chief Fire Officer,  
Forest Fire Management Victoria.

## Office & Library Closures

Council Offices, Libraries and Depots will be closed on the following dates:

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# Ride follows early horse route



The old Tallangatta-Corryong road was an arduous journey.

*Cont. from last week*

The end of the First World War and the opening of the rail link between Tallangatta and Cudgewa ended an era for those who rode through the bush with the horses over Keelangie to Tallangatta.

The route over which they rode more than 110 years later has become overgrown. Road building, fires and forestry have also changed the landscape and there is nobody left to tell us about the ride.

The expansion of the Hume reservoir in the 1950s and the eventual inundation of Old Tallangatta have wrought further changes with Tallangatta Railway Station being moved to the new township just under 10kms further towards Wodonga. Now the rail route and bridges over which the men and their mounts would have travelled on the next leg of their journey lie beneath metres of water. Drought years when the water levels recede reveal them like tough old ghosts from another era.

Some of us think of them as the memorials to our pioneering ancestors journeys further into the bush in the Upper Murray.

Experienced rider and Light Horse re-enactor, Pat Leary, along with seven other horsemen plan

to ride the 700km route of the Chauvel Border Trail, beginning in Shepparton in March next year - the 80th anniversary of General Sir Harry Chauvel's death.

The ride is scheduled to finish in Tallangatta on April 16th, 2025 - the 160th anniversary of Chauvel's birth.

Rather than following stretches of the Hume freeway, the commemorative group plans to take some of the back roads, visiting some of the small towns and schools before rejoining the main trail.



The troop will include Ross Smith from Tallangatta, the president of the Sandy the War Horse committee (statue pictured).

They will blaze a new route and new experience crossing bush-covered Mount Keelangie from the Upper Murray to Tallangatta.

Ross has already done a

reconnaissance along part of the route from Bullioh to the pub at Koetong. Once the riders have ridden the whole 75kms they will be able tell us all what it must have been like for the men and their mounts who rode through the hills to catch the train to go to war.

While the ride could start at Khancoban or even from Bringenbrong, the Commemorative Ride will begin at Cudgewa.

The General Sir Harry Chauvel Foundation first linked the Upper Murray and Tallangatta in Light Horse Heritage when it produced the map of the trail.

This will set a new and special Tallangatta and Upper Murray benchmark for commemoration as the riders and the Chauvel Foundation and local historians begin to tell the stories of a special stretch of the Chauvel Border Light Horse Trail.

It is about the men who made history and the Chauvel Foundation hopes that the Commemorative Ride will ensure that it is no longer a forgotten part of our heritage.

*(My thanks go to John Murphy, president of the Upper Murray Historical Society, for his assistance with the two instalments of this story).*


~ Honor Auchinleck


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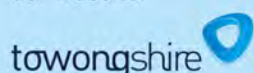
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The agenda and requirements for Public  
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## Buyers were out in force for quality

The highly anticipated Costello Rural Upper Murray Christmas Cattle Sale saw an excellent yarding of more than 950 locally bred, grass-fed cattle at the Corryong Saleyards, with strong buyer competition both on-site and online via Auctions Plus.

Highlights of the market included:-

- More than 25 per cent of the cattle were sold online, demonstrating the increasing reach and demand for Upper Murray cattle.

• A large consignment of steers and heifers was secured by Tasmanian buyers for the Greenham Never Ever Program, highlighting the premium quality of the offering.

• Graham Costello of 'Wabba House' was awarded the Sheepy Jeffries Memorial Trophy for the Best Presented Pen with a standout line of 71 Angus steers,

averaging 340kg. They were purchased by a Tasmanian grass finisher from Greenham heartland.

Top results included:-

- Nariel Pines achieved top prices with 40 Angus steers (9 months) selling to \$4.40/kg.

• Baringa Towong offered 120 Angus weaned steers, averaging \$4.10 kg and 29 heifers, reaching a high of \$1,230 per head.

Costello Rural principal Justin Costello said there was strong competition both live and online with a great attendance and solid buyer activity.

"The sale was well attended by local producers, along with RMA agents and interstate buyers seeking premium Upper Murray cattle," he said.

"Strong competition throughout the sale underscored the excellent quality and reputation of the district's producers."



The Sheepy Jeffries award for Best Presented Pen was presented by Stevo's daughter Sarah.

## The plan is to get back on track

The Liberal Party has sounded the alarm on a minority Labor-Greens-Teals government, making it clear that winning the electorate of Indi is vital to returning the coalition to government.

Senator Sarah Henderson joined Liberal candidate for Indi, James Trenery, to open the Liberal Party's campaign office in Wangarattalast Friday.

"We are working around the clock to listen to the people of Indi on the issues which matter to them," Mr Trenery said.

"Labor's cost-of-living crisis is causing so much hardship for families, small businesses and farmers across regional Victoria.

"Whether it's Labor's reckless renewables-only policy, its neglect of our

roads or failure to invest in country communities, the people of Indi have had enough of being treated as second-class citizens."

Mr Trenery also championed the coalition's \$5 billion Housing Infrastructure Programme to address Labor's housing crisis.

"In contrast to Labor's housing mess, our housing infrastructure fund will fast track up to 500,000 new homes including in Indi," he said.

Mr Trenery added that the plan focuses on unlocking supply, cutting red tape, and ensuring more Australians can achieve the dream of owning a home.

"I am committed to working hard to ensure families can afford the essentials and live with dignity," he said.

Mr Trenery has advocated for communities across Indi or more than a decade as the former



Senator Sarah Henderson with Liberal Indi candidate, James Trenery.

Mayor of Indigo Shire and as the President of Business Wodonga.

Senator Henderson said next year's federal election offered voters an opportunity to get Australia back on track.

"If elected, James Trenery would not only deliver for the people of Indi but help turn the nation around," she said.

"To win government, it is vital that we win seats like Indi. We know that a vote for an independent is a vote for the Albanese Labor government which will take our nation backwards.

"After doing so much damage in its first term, Australians have lost faith and confidence in the Albanese government."

## Support offered over water bills

North East Water is urging customers facing financial challenges to explore the wide range of support options available to help manage their water bills.

Eligible customers could receive up to \$650 in government grants, alongside additional financial assistance programs designed to ease the strain.

General Manager Customers & Culture, Marni Jones, acknowledged the challenges many people are facing.

"Life can be expensive

and unpredictable, and financial difficulties can arise when least expected," Ms Jones said.

"North East Water is committed to offering caring and flexible support to our customers when they need it most.

"This includes government grants of up to \$650, flexible payment plans, financial support payments and water leak rebates.

"Eligible customers can even receive a free water audit and if leaks are found, a plumber can complete minor repairs such as adjusting leaking

taps, replacing old shower heads or fixing inefficient toilets."

Ms Jones added that "The number of customers requiring assistance has been growing over several years and we're glad that we can help in a meaningful way.

"We aim to connect with customers who may need assistance as early as possible, so we can explore support options together before the situation becomes urgent.

For more information on the customer support program, visit [www.newater.com.au/help](http://www.newater.com.au/help).

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# Upper Murray Sport





## TEE TO GREEN





Travis Attree chips on the 9th in the Tuesday twilight competition, which now pauses for the holiday break before resuming on January 21, 2025.

**Coming up December**  
Sunday 15/12/24:- Stableford, front 9 (9am for 9.30am hit-off) / Pennant @ Batlow v Adelong  
Sunday 22/12/24: 2 Person Ambrose (SOP, 18 holes, 8.30am for 9am hit-off)  
Thursday 26/12/2 (Boxing Day): 3 Person Ambrose (SOP, back 9, 9.30am for 10am hit-off)  
Sunday 29/12/24: Stableford - back 9 (8.30am for 9am hit-off)  
**Welaregang**  
With the forecast of another wet Saturday, the late change saw nine keen golfers tee off for round six of the 9@9 competition. Rob Cox won the day

with 21 points, continuing the trend of a different winner each week. Tony Jarvis edged out Bill Sheather for second on a countback, both carding 18 points.  
The leader board shows seven players within four points in what is shaping up as the most keenly contested Summer Cup for years. This Saturday's competition will double as selection day for the pennant team with Captain Rob Cox keen to take form players to Batlow on Sunday for a crucial match against Tumbarumba. Visitors are welcome on Saturday with names in by 8.30am for a 9am tee-off.

## Tumbarumba & District Cricket

**R8 7/12/24**  
Rosewood 150 (off 36.4 overs) Artie Smith 51, Roy Smith 27, John Weule 27, Floyd Cross 5/12, Dylan Gormly 2/21 d Batlow 9-129 (off 37.1 overs), Mick Peel 44, Luke Steunkel 28, John Weule 2/10, Zach Baker 2/15, Ned Baker 2/31. Rosewood won by 21 runs. Tooma v Corryong - washed out.

**Challenge Draw**  
**R1 14/12/24**  
Coolac v Batlow (Batlow)  
Tumut Plains v Corryong (Khancoban)  
Adelong v Tooma (Tooma Rec Reserve)  
Wyangle v All Stars (Tumba)  
Gundagai v Rosewood (Rosewood)  
**R2 18/1/25**  
Adelong v Corryong

(Adelong)  
Tumut Plains v Batlow (Bull Paddock)  
Coolac v Tooma (Coolac Rec Grounds)  
Mankadders v Allstars (Borambola)  
Wyangle v Rosewood (Bull Paddock)  
**Sunday 9/2/25**  
40 Over Representative Fixture  
Tumut v Tumbarumba (Batlow)

**Upper Murray Tennis Association**  
**2024-25 Draw**

**Results R9**  
Cudgewa 54 d C/yong 31  
Khan 63 d Cud Nth 54  
Biggara - Bye



**Draw**  
**R10 14/12/24**  
Cudgewa Nth v Cudgewa  
Biggara v Khancoban  
Corryong - Bye



## With the Bias



**Pennant News**  
The B4 team travelled to North Albury for round nine of the O&M competition but bowlers were expecting another 'washout' after heavy rain the day before and early morning showers.  
However, the clouds lightened off to provide a steamy afternoon's bowls on a slowish and damp grass green.  
After a slow start all round, good wins were had by Simon Donadon's team (31-15) and Noel Blake's (26-8).  
Pete Mongan's team battled all day, coming from behind, the lead changing many times to be level for the final end. Good bowls had the jack moved around - North Albury coming away with a one point win at the last (17-18).  
The final score was 74-41 and 12 out of 14 points gained with both clubs enjoying our first visit to the Hoppers' patch.  
A home game next week against Wodonga will conclude pennant bowling for the year.  
Midweek pennant was another washout.  
A reminder that Thursday bowls is commencing at 9am during the summer months.  
The Christmas Breakup is this Sunday 15th December. We'll be having bowls at 1pm (names in by 12.30) followed by a BBQ tea. Please bring a salad or sweet.  
The raffles will be drawn during the evening - prizes include a bowls bag and we'll have other goodies. Hope you all come and join in the Christmas fun!  
Cheers!  
**Club Event Results**  
Men's Singles R3: N Blake d A Thompson; S Donadon d C Smedley. Final: Simon Donadon d Noel Blake 25-20.  
Men's Doubles: Final played yesterday between A Whitehead & B Whitehead and P Mongan & C Smedley.  
Men's Triples: Seven teams were entered with the final between S Donadon, L Kamba, C Smedley and K McKimmie, P Griffiths, R McClung to be played on Saturday 21st December.  
**Business Bowls Results R7**  
Post Office d Thoughla Triers 13-12, Ring-ins d Emergency Lads 15-3, Cudgewa d Pin Hi 21-6, Rotary d IGA 15-10, Truckies d Chalkies 22-8, Fire Brigade d Demons 15-5, Tintaldra d Costellos 12-9, Feds d Courthouse 15-6.  
**Ladder R7**  
Post Office.....12 45  
Feds.....11 19  
Truckies.....10 46  
IGA.....10 41  
Fire Brigade .....10 34  
Ring-ins.....10 32  
Thoughla Triers.....10 25  
Demons .....10 14  
Tintaldra.....6 0  
Rotary.....6 -6  
Cudgewa .....5 -32  
Courthouse .....4 -26  
Emergency Lads.....4 -28  
Pin Hi .....2 -46  
Costellos.....2 -68  
Chalkies.....0 -50  
**Draw**  
**R8 12/12/24**  
Post Office vs Chalkies .. 1  
Pin Hi vs Thoughla ..... 5  
Ring-ins vs Truckies ..... 6  
F/Brigade vs Cudgewa... 4  
IGA vs Emerg Lads..... 2  
Costellos vs Demons..... 3  
Court House vs Rotary... 8  
Feds vs Tintaldra ..... 7  
**R9 19/12/24**  
Post Office vs Pin Hi ..... 2  
Ring-ins vs Chalkies ..... 3  
Fire Brig. vs Thoughla ..... 5  
IGA vs Truckies ..... 6  
Costellos vs Cudgewa.... 7  
C/house vs Emerg Lads.. 8  
Feds vs Demons ..... 1  
Tintaldra vs Rotary..... 4  
Roll on!  
~ Kitty  
Hornets 10 d Nets 4  
Raptors 6 d Bucks 4  
**Results R10**  
**Tuesday 10/12/24 Womens**  
Rebels 65 d Mavericks 19  
Fossils 43 d Demons 15  
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