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We wish all our customers a Merry Christmas and a bigger and brighter New Year!

The Victorian government has enacted new measures to protect the state from the spread of coronavirus by deploying more than 700 police officers to man checkpoints along the border with NSW.

In a reversal of the conditions imposed by the NSW government when Victoria was in lockdown, the Greater Sydney and Northern Beaches areas have been designated as coronavirus 'red zones', meaning people who live in those communities or have visited there since 11 December 2020, cannot enter Victoria.

Anyone from these zones found trying to enter

Victoria in breach of this order will be subject to 14 day mandatory hotel quarantine.

Currently, the rest of regional New South Wales remains a 'green zone' but residents in these areas will still need to apply for and receive a valid permit to enter Victoria.

Those living in local government areas along the border will not need a permit but will instead be able to use their driver's license as a passport to travel between Victoria and NSW.

The local government areas in the border zone on the Victorian side are: Towong, Alpine, Benalla, Bendigo,

Buloke, Campaspe, East Gippsland, Gannawarra, Indigo, Loddon, Mildura, Moira, Shepparton, Swan Hill, Wangaratta, Wodonga and Yarriambiack.

The NSW LGAs are: Albury City, Balranald, Bega Valley, Berrigan, Broken Hill, Edward River, Federation, Greater Hume, Hay, Lockhart, Murray River, Murrumbidgee, Snowy Monaro, Snowy Valleys, Wagga Wagga, and Wentworth.

In the Upper Murray, police are manning checkpoints on the Murray River at Bringenbrong, Tintalra and Walwa/Jingellic.

There is also a hard closure of Towong Bridge with barriers in place.

Festival fires up

The board of the Man from Snowy River Bush Festival has announced that the 2021 Man From Snowy River Bush Festival will go ahead with a full program from April 8th-11th, under a Covid-event safe plan.

Festival tickets will be on sale from Monday 11th January with all purchases to be made online.

The call for volunteers will also be going out soon on social media.

Upper Murray Farmers & Craft Market

Saturday January 2nd, 2021
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BUSHFIRE RECOVERY BULLETIN

This bulletin provides regular updates and stories about bushfire recovery both in our local community and across Victoria's fire-affected areas. Bushfire Recovery Victoria proudly works in partnership with council and the local community to support bushfire recovery.



A number of key Commonwealth and Victorian Government bushfire recovery grants are closing soon, but there is still time to consider your options and get your applications in.

\$10,000 Small Business Bushfire Support Grant

The grant is available for **small businesses and primary producers who have experienced significant income loss** as a result of the 2019-20 bushfires, and are located in East Gippsland, Towong, Alpine, Alpine Resorts, Indigo, Wangaratta, Mansfield and Wellington Shires. 2243 businesses in these areas have already received this grant, with over \$22 million paid out.

Businesses both directly and indirectly affected by fire can apply. It only takes a few minutes to apply online. You don't need to upload financial documents if you don't have them right now. You can be assessed under exceptional circumstances if you don't meet the eligibility criteria. Grants close January 31. **Apply at ruralfinance.com.au or call 1800 260 425.**

\$75,000 Primary Producer Grant

The Emergency Bushfire Response in Primary Industries Grants of up to \$75,000 are available to **directly-impacted primary producers** in 19 Local Government Areas and the Alpine Resorts. 434 primary producers have received this grant to date, with over \$28 million paid out.

The **eligibility criteria changed** for these grants in June so more people can now successfully apply. If you made a self-assessment early on that you weren't eligible, please look at the grant information at brv.vic.gov.au or ruralfinance.com.au to see if this is still the case.

Grants close January 31. **Apply or see more at ruralfinance.com.au or call 1800 260 425.**

Other grants closing December 31

Other Commonwealth and Victorian Government grants closing December 31 include:

\$50,000 Small Business Bushfire Recovery Grants for directly-impacted small businesses. Over 100 businesses have successfully applied to date. Visit brv.vic.gov.au or business.vic.gov.au for information on how to apply.

Concessional Loans of up to \$500,000. Apply at ruralfinance.com.au or call 1800 260 425.

\$10,000 Wine Grape Smoke Taint Grant in areas not eligible for the \$75,000 primary producer grant. For more information, visit ruralfinance.com.au or call 1800 260 425.

LOCAL ECONOMIC RECOVERY PROGRAM UPDATE

\$34m

for regional economic stimulus grants of up to \$5 million. Applications for these grants closed December 10 and we look forward to sharing results with the community soon.

\$26m

for local community projects of up to \$2 million. Applications for the first round of these grants closed on November 30 and we look forward to sharing the results soon.

There will be two further rounds of these grants in 2021, so communities have time to plan their priority projects.

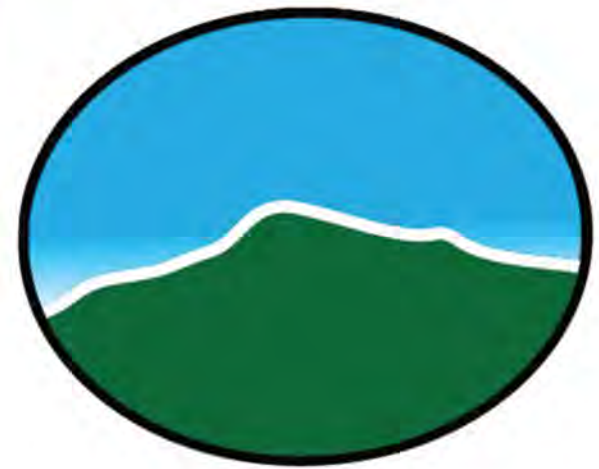
The Local Economic Recovery Program is funded by the Australian and Victorian Governments. For more information, visit brv.vic.gov.au.

What if I need advice?

We can help. Visit your local Recovery Hub, call Bushfire Recovery Victoria on **1800 560 760** or visit our website at brv.vic.gov.au to see how to access the free Case Support program and free financial counselling and business advisory services for individuals, farmers and small businesses.

CCRC

CORRYONG COMMUNITY RECOVERY COMMITTEE



Newsletter #1

December 2020

Welcome!

Welcome to the first newsletter of the Corryong Community Recovery Committee (CRC). The CRC was formed in October 2020 with 11 members representing a broad cross-section of Corryong's community organisations. Our committee members are Cathy Ross (Chair), Amanda Meagher (Deputy Chair), Mark Collins (Communications), Sheril Wilson (Treasurer), Carol Allen, Mel Bye, Maurie Foun, Ros McKenzie, Thea Newton, Karen Paton and Warwick Ross.

We are supported by the staff from the Upper Murray Recovery Hub, in particular Jai Edwards (Local Area Recovery Officer – LARO, Towong Shire), Tanya Aramini (Towong Shire) and Tracey Farrant (Bushfire Recovery Victoria)

Since forming we have adopted our Terms of Reference, developed our vision and mission statements, conducted a survey of the community, regularly met with other CRC chairs to share ideas, received a presentation from the Towong Shire Emergency Management Co-ordinator, lobbied for and participated in fire preparedness training and started to identify key priorities for the recovery of the Corryong community.

Our Mission: To ensure Corryong and the Upper Murray residents, groups and organisations have access to the information and resources needed to implement local recovery activities and programs that will create a safe, healthy and resilient community.

Meet Your LARO: Jai Edwards is Towong Shire's Local Area Recovery Officer (LARO) supporting Corryong CRC. There are four LAROs who work out of the Upper Murray Recovery Hub in the old primary school building. Staff at the Hub work closely with Bushfire Recovery Victoria (BRV). The Corryong CRC feels very lucky to be working with such a great team.

Community Survey: A community survey to find out your priorities and ideas for recovery projects and activities indicated a strong need to debrief after the fires and to feel prepared for the coming fire season.

The committee has held two vision workshops to identify its vision, mission and community priorities. These will be further explored in early 2021.



Corryong LARO, Jai Edwards, with CCRC treasurer, Sheril Wilson.

Grant Applications: Assessment of grant applications by outside agencies can be a rigorous and robust process. Your best chance for success is to have done your homework about your project before preparing the grant submission. A short video (featuring Lyn Coulston from Shelley) which can help you understand the need for good preparation is available at <https://vimeo.com/444728545>

Some grants require letters of support or endorsement from your local CRC. So we can best support your application, if you intend to ask the Corryong CRC for approval please make arrangements to present the project at a Corryong CRC committee meeting well ahead of submitting the grant application.

This will allow consideration of how your project aligns with community recovery priorities. Last-minute requests for support from the CRC may not be possible. It is important that your grant submission reflects the project as submitted to the committee.

To discuss the presentation of your grant to the committee please email corryongrecovery@gmail.com.

Fire affected roads open

Works to repair roads and tracks in the Upper Murray area which were damaged in last summer's bushfires are continuing, with many re-opening for the summer holiday period.

Forest Management Victoria (FFMVic) staff and contractors are clearing, stabilising and repairing drainage along hundreds of kilometres of roads and tracks which were significantly impacted by the bushfires, burning more than 220,000 hectares of public and private land.

FFMVic Upper Murray District Manager, Dave Jenson, said "One of our biggest concerns is the risk to visitors and our staff from fire affected trees.

"Our crews and contractors have been working hard to mitigate these risks by undertaking hazardous tree works to ensure that fire-affected

areas are safe for visitors to enjoy. We are happy to announce that some key roads and tracks will re-open for the holiday period.

"However, others will remain closed while our crews undertake soil and stabilisation and hazardous tree works to reduce the risk to the public.

"Due to the impact of the bushfires, including flash flooding events, it may take some time for all fire impacted roads and tracks to be re-opened.

"It's really important that visitors to our area plan their trip in advance to ensure that they have the most up-to-date information about which roads and tracks are open," Mr Jenson warned.

"This is particularly important in remote areas of the high country which were impacted by fires."

The following key roads are open or planned to open prior to Christmas



It may take some time for all fire impacted roads to be opened.

Eve:-

- Wheelers Creek Road between Cattleman Creek Track and Buenba Road,
- Beetoomba Spur Track;
- Eustace Gap Track;
- Dunstons Road from Benambra-Corryong Road to the Dead Finish Track intersection; and

• Wild Boar Track.

The following key roads remain closed:-

- Mt Gibbo Track;
- Mt Pinnabar Track;
- Wheelers Creek Road between Benambra Corryong Rd and Cattleman Creek Track and from Buenba Road to Mt Gibbo Track; and

• Dunstons Road south

of Dead Finish Track intersection including access to Gibsons Hut Site.

For additional information visit www.traffic.vicroads.vic.gov.au and www.ffmpeg.vic.gov.au/visiting-state-forests/forest-and-road-closures.

Play it safe and stay informed in emergencies

With summer holidays fast approaching, authorities say it's important to stay informed in emergency situations.

The CFA, Vic Emergency, Forest Fire

Management Victoria (FFMVic) and the Department of Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) are reliable sources of information and updates during an

emergency situation.

Towong Shire mayor, Cr David Wortmann, is reminding community members of the need to have fast access to information from

lead agencies in these circumstances.

"As a lot of us unfortunately experienced first-hand last summer, in emergency situations you need to make decisions

based on accurate information from reliable sources.

"Pre-tune your car and portable radio to the ABC and download the VicEmergency app."



Babies of 2020 Feature

The Corryong Courier will be printing a pictorial feature of babies born this year on Thursday January 14, 2021.

Just send a photo of your little one with their name and parents details to editorial@corryongcourier.com.au or call into the Courier office.

The cost is just \$25.

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FIREWOOD

Upper Murray Hardwood



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Catching you before it's too late.

Right now, Victoria Police are out in force catching drink drivers. Catching these drivers helps protect them from harming themselves and other road users. The lucky ones get caught.





Community farewells a horrid year

Corryong's main street and the Attree Centre were filled with party-goers on Friday evening to celebrate the Christmas spirit and to bid goodbye to what can only be described as the year from hell. Community members and visitors enjoyed the markets, music, kids' activities and each other's company - and the best news was the arrival of Santa Claus who has been given the all clear to travel the world tonight to deliver presents!

Help out those less fortunate



The Corryong branch of the WAW Credit Union has been the collection point for food donations to deliver to local families in need over Christmas, in partnership with Uniting Care.

Because of the unprecedented hardship the past year has brought with it and in light of the generosity of the local community, a second collection has been organised to make someone's Christmas that little bit more special.

Pictured: WAW service officer, Lauren Kurnof, helps Kate Wheeler from Corryong Health get the donations ready for delivery.



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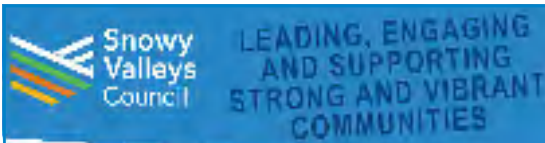
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Book at the Corryong Neighbourhood Centre (CNC) - 02 6076 2176

PUBLIC NOTICES

Season's Greetings Corryong Courier

We wish all our readers, contributors and advertisers a very Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year. The last edition of the Courier for the year will be December 24, 2020. The first edition for 2021 will be on January 14. The office will re-open on Monday January 11.



CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR OPERATING HOURS

All SVC Offices and Libraries will close at 4.30pm on Friday 18 December, 2020 and re-open at 8.30am on Monday 4 January, 2021.

Kerbside bin pickups will continue as normal schedule and all Waste and Recycling Centres will be closed on public holidays.

All Council pools will be closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

We wish you all a safe and Happy Festive Season and New Year.

Ralph Fair Memorial Service

The Upper Murray community is invited to attend a memorial service to celebrate the life of Ralph Fair on December 30th, 2020 at 2pm at Hotel.Cudgewa.

All welcome

CHIROPRACTOR IN CORRYONG

Dr Rowan Daniel

**Visiting weekly
on Fridays
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**Next appointments:
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January 15, 2021**

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MEETINGS

**Corryong
Kindergarten
Annual General
Meeting
Monday February 8,
2021 - 6.30pm**

Corryong Hotel Motel
Welcoming all parents
for the 2021 year to
join the current Parents
Club Committee to
hand over positions

DEATHS

SULLIVAN, Suzan
Margaret - Departed
this life on December
23rd, 2020.

Beloved wife of Peter.
Loving sister to Judith
and sister-in-law to
Noel.

Loving mother of Janet
and Greg.
Grandma to Mackenzie,
Allegra, Darcy and
Tabitha. Loving Step-
Mum to Kate, Anthony,
John and Step-Grandma
to Samuel, Harry and
Charlie.

*What a life, she made
her mark!*

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DEATHS

WHITEHEAD, Robert
Arnold - Formerly
of Corryong and
Wangaratta. Passed
away peacefully in
Port Macquarie on
December 16th, 2021
after 93 years gracing
this earth.

Much loved husband
of Ilma (Joy) and Ellen
(Nellie, dec.).

Idolised father of Brian
(dec.) Nola, Beth (dec.)
Kevin, Ivan and Deirdre.
Cherished stepfather to
Jenny (dec.) Sue, Mike,
Leigh (dec.) and their
partners.

Adored Pop, Grand Pop
and Great Great Poppy.

A much loved
gentleman locally
recognised by his hat
and hearing aids whose
loyalty will be greatly
missed by all who knew
him.

He led a rich and
productive life,
selflessly giving to the
many who crossed his
path.



A memorial service will
be held in Corryong in
2021.

WHITEHEAD, Robert
Arnold -
16/11/1927-16/12/2020
Passed away peacefully
in Port Macquarie
Hospital.
Loving Dad to Kevin
and Redel.
Pop to David and Jason.
Grand Grandpop to 6.
Gone to join Nellie,
Brian and Beth.

WHITEHEAD, Robert
Arnold -
16/11/1927-16/12/2020
A wonderful brother,
brother-in-law and
uncle to John, Maxine,
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We would like to
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our local schools through
their generous donations
and by volunteering their
time in the Corryong Op
Shop.

Although we had a
very tumultuous year in
2020, the Parents Club
of Corryong College was
able to allocate more than
\$14,000 in resources to
our school with funds
made available to us from
Towong Shire Bushfire
Recovery grants and the

Op Shop.

We have purchased
new shade shelters for the
four school houses, an
espresso coffee machine
(pictured) and grinder
for the hospitality unit, a
barbecue, vacuum cleaner,
PA system, headsets
and equipment for the
technology department.
We also funded the cost
of bus travel for the F-2
Albury excursion and will
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the Humanities program
in 2021.

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We are looking for people who are:

- Excited to work and excel in early childhood
education
- Able to be a Flexible and Respectful team member
- Enthusiastic about their role and the children
- Willing to have fun and learn

In addition to the Pre-school, Snowy Valleys Council
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CLOSING DATE

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FURTHER INFORMATION

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close Tuesday 5th January, 2021.**

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More legal help made available

Bushfire-affected people in North East Victoria experiencing legal problems now have increased access to free advice.

A full-time bushfire lawyer, Harley Dannatt, has been employed in the role with the Hume Riverina Community Legal Service (HRCLS) to deliver the free and confidential legal service.

Mr Dannatt has started visiting Corryong every two weeks, attending the Corryong Neighbourhood Centre and Upper Murray Community Recovery Hub to speak to people about legal problems they have faced after the January 2020 bushfires.

HRCLS manager and principal lawyer, Sarah Rodgers, said the focus of his role would be to assist people with legal problems as a result of the January 2020 bushfires.

He would also be helping people with legal issues arising from the coronavirus pandemic.

Historically, legal issues have not affected people until months and even years, after the

bushfires have wreaked havoc.

“From what we know, problems don’t appear straight away, so having a lawyer in the role for the next two years is vital for helping people who face issues cropping up long after the fires have passed,” Ms Rodgers said.

For more information call 1800 918 377 to talk about your issue or email cls@umfc.com.au or visit <https://www.hrcls.org.au/bushfire-legal-help/>.

Cool donation for firefighters



Immediately after last summer’s bushfires swept through the region, McDonalds Victoria started a state-wide appeal which has resulted in the specific donation of a coolroom and trailer to the Corryong CFA Group.

Pictured: Greg Nankervis and Matt Pilli check out the new equipment with Matt Laurence and Dale Robertson (McDonalds North East) who travelled to Corryong on Monday.



Merry Christmas



After a challenging year, I wish you all a safe and happy Christmas and a bright and prosperous New Year.



Tania Maxwell MP

Member for Northern Victoria

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Christmas promises better times

By Honor Auchinleck

This time last year many of us were concerned about the forthcoming fire season but nobody could have guessed that within a couple of weeks it had changed our lives. Instead of putting out fires, the much hoped for rain came at least two days too late, bringing more hardship to some with floods and mudslides. Those disasters were only the beginning of a year from hell.

No-one could have imagined 'recovery' would then take place against the backdrop of a pandemic with family

members getting caught up in lockdowns, border closures, travel and social distancing and quarantine hotels in the cities.

It has been an angst-filled year for those of us with family members living in places where there is a high coronavirus incidence, with many of us having family members who are unable to return for Christmas.

Not surprisingly, only a couple of weeks short of the first anniversary of the Upper Murray fires, many feel almost too tired to celebrate the festive season. Yet Christmas seems to have gathered all the more significance because of all we have been through. Perhaps all we want is getting together with family and friends, never mind if some of the Christmas trappings are forgotten. Above all we're hoping that Christmas and New Year will herald better times.

Similarly 75 years ago at the end of WWII emotions were heightened as a conflict-worn community welcomed home those who had served, many of whom had endured years of unimaginable hardships, let alone injuries and illness. Bereaved families felt more than ever the

loss of those family members who weren't fortunate enough to have a homecoming.

Christmases during and in the aftermath of conflicts and natural disasters can be some of the toughest, leaving some of the most poignant memories.

In October 1945 my father Tom brought home in his scant luggage a Christmas card from the Changi prisoner-of-war camp (pictured). He chose it perhaps for its prophetic note in the quotation, which read "To Tom Mitchell of Towong Hill - 'How beautiful upon the mountain are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace' (Is.52.7)", from A R Macneil, Changi Christmas 1944. Padre Macneil composed the 2/29th Battalion marching song during the unit's pre-

embarkation training at Bonegilla.

During Christmas 1944 Tom and his mates from the Upper Murray and the other prisoners of war could only dream of freedom. In his diary Tom gives a detailed account of their meagre but much appreciated Christmas menu. Despite near starvation, Tom notes that he began to feel the 'gastronomic strain'. The following day he admits 'Have now had the squitters for 4 weeks and 2 days - it is a tiresome business. I have been in bed now 2 weeks - the first Xmas I have ever spent in bed.'

If this last year has given us the shits, at least our discomfort has not been brought about by starvation and disease!

The news of the Japanese surrender in

September 1945 brought the 'good tidings that publisheth peace'. With it came the chance of a new beginning, just as we are hoping that the roll out of the vaccine protecting against Covid-19 and Christmas 2020 and New Year 2021 will herald some kind of return to normality.

Christmas arrives come hell or high water or in our case, fire, flood and then pandemic and border closures.

Sometimes it is the simplest Christmas greetings that mean most to their recipients - just like Padre Macneil's Christmas greeting to my father.

Roll on Christmas and New Year greetings bringing hope, good health and a plethora of other good wishes! As for the New Year, have a good one

Corryong Neighbourhood Centre

Wishing everyone a safe Christmas and a joyful New Year.

Upper Murray Employment Group - Join the Facebook group to advertise or find employment.
FREE Variety Concert & Dinner - RSVP to CNC before Fri 8th Jan.
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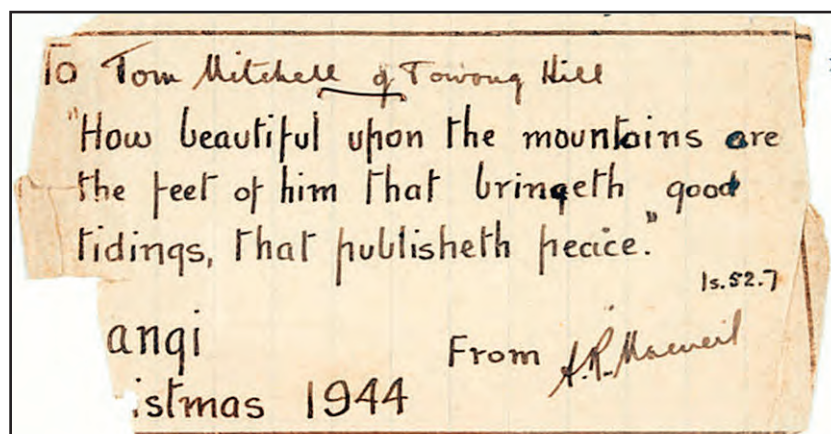
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pm Lindy O'Connor;

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Boers;

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pm -;

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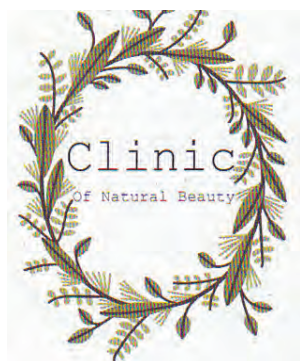
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The club's Men's Singles Championship was played during the week with some exciting contests eventuating, including the final between Simon Donadon and Rohan Whitehead which was hailed as one of the best matches seen on the Corryong rink for many years.

Results

R1: Noel Blake d Norm Sheather, Rohan Whitehead d Malcolm Jarvis, Toby Vandervalk d Doug Smedley, Simon Donadon d Brett Whitehead, Neville Clarke d Kevin Turner, Ken McKimmie d Colin Smedley.

Rd 2: Ken McKimmie

d Neville Clarke, Rohan Whitehead d Noel Blake, Simon Donadon d Angelo Donadon, Stewart Ross d Toby Vandervalk.

Semi-finals: Simon Donadon d Ken McKimmie and Rohan Whitehead d Stewart Ross.

Final: Simon Donadon defeated Rohan Whitehead in a high quality game with only a handful of shots separating the two.

In other bowls during the week, Wednesday's winners were Noel Blake and Colin Clark and on Thursday the winners were Cheryl C Smedley and Ilma Clarke.

Business Bowls

The phone number supplied for Greg Wilson

in last weeks' *Courier* was incorrect - contact him on 0418 648 412 to register your team. The season starts on January 14th and Greg would like all teams registered ASAP!

The Mens Triples Tournament is to be held on Sunday 10th January - all those involved with organising and catering mark it in your calendar.

The Ladies Club Triples is scheduled for January 14th.

Thursday rosters:- Jan 7th - J Thompson, M Whitsed, J Spurgeon; Jan 21st - J Cooper, M Humphrey, C C Smedley.

Happy Christmas to all - and roll on!

~ The Hammer



Singles finalists Rohan Whitehead (left) and Simon Donadon had a battle royale.

Tee off for a better year

The Walwa Golf Club will host its Australia Day ambrose tournament in

January 2021 after this year's event was cancelled because of the summer bushfires.

The 3-person ambrose event has been christened the 'Cooloff 500' and will be held on Sunday January 24th with hit-off at 8.30am. Entry is \$35 per person and includes lunch. For more information or to register contact Hayden

Drummond on 0439 137 090. In other golf news, the seven-team Hills Zone pennant season will start on January 3 and culminate with the final on February 28.

Draw

R1 3/1/21 at Walwa:- 8.00am Welaregang v Holbrook; 8.30am Tumbarumba v Corryong; 9.00am Batlow v Adelong.

R2 10/1/21 at Batlow:- 8.00am Welaregang v Holbrook; 8.30am Tumbarumba v Corryong; 9.00am Batlow v Adelong.

Corryong golf

Coming Up: Boxing Day & January 2nd: Mixed Ambrose (9 holes).

Other times:-

The Corryong midweek mixed summer

competition is played Mondays and Wednesdays (9 holes) 8.30am for 9am start. All welcome.

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Classes will continue to cost \$5 each until the end of the year.

Membership fees will be charged from 1 January, 2021 and casual attendance to classes will return to \$10 per class and \$5 per student.

UM Tennis Association**Ladder**

Cudgewa.....28
Khancoban.....26
Corryong.....18
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Cudgewa Nth.....14

Draw**Week 11 - 9/1/21**

Corryong v Khancoban
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