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## Compromise made on bay size

Following a Notice of Motion from Cr Dikschei, Towong Shire Council has announced plans to extend the parking bay depth on the westbound (Memorial Hall) side of Hanson Street following a resolution at a Special Council Meeting last week.

Cr Dikschei said "In bringing this motion I acknowledge and accept that the current design of the Corryong Streetscape Project meets or exceeds the current Australian Design Standards, has been approved by VicRoads and has passed a independent safety audit.

"I also acknowledge the many residents and business owners who did engage with council staff prior to and during the design process and who are looking forward to a refreshed, safer business precinct.

"I cannot ignore the concerns that have been expressed publicly by members of the community. I also conducted some private research and received over 30 responses, with a majority expressing concerns about safety or



Parking bays on the westernbound side of Hanson Street will be extended from 4.8m to 5.2m.

parking functionality.

"Notably, most of the business operators and the MFSR Tourist Association were satisfied (or stronger) with the current design.

"Even though this motion does not lead to a perfect outcome, it is clear to me and most others, that nothing will.

"It does however provide a compromise that

attempts to address aspects of the community's concerns, without ignoring the substantial contribution of those that engaged when asked," Cr Dikschei said.

The motion to increase the depth of angled parking bays by 0.40m from 4.8m to 5.2m between the Jardine Street and Donaldson Street roundabouts on the westbound side of the road was carried unanimously.

To accommodate this change, adjustments will be made to the width of the footpath on the westbound side of the street. There will be no changes to the

eastbound side of the street.

Towong mayor, Cr Andrew Whitehead, said "Ultimately, today's decision is a compromise.

"The excessive costs and delays to redesign the entire project based on recent community feedback was not a feasible option. We're very comfortable that the decision to extend the depth of parking bays on the westbound side demonstrates that we have absolutely heard and are responding to community feedback while also ensuring that we are not adding significant

costs to the project and creating more disruption to businesses."

In response to the safety concerns raised by residents and to inform its decision, an independent Road Safety Audit was completed and presented to council.

Included in the audit report was a risk assessment of the existing design, taking into account the mitigating safety measures such as the diversion of heavy vehicles from the main street as part of council's Heavy Vehicle Bypass/ Stock Route project (nearing completion) and an application to VicRoads for a reduction of speed to 40km/h between the Jardine and Donaldson Street roundabouts.

The audit considered design, safety, disability access and constructability and confirmed that the design and consequently the construction of the parking bays on the eastbound side of Hanson Street were assessed as medium risk.

In the opinion of the road safety auditor, this demonstrates an acceptable level of risk. However, the incorporation of longer parking bays will provide increased parking options and functionality for some vehicles.

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This will assist longer than standard passenger vehicles, particularly those with bike and equipment racks seeking parking within the CBD.

Cr Whitehead said “On balance, we think the combination of some longer parking bays, along with the identification of additional off-street parking will provide a range of suitable options for both residents and visitors.

“It provides more parking flexibility, especially for longer vehicles or utes with bike racks, without significantly increasing costs or causing further disruptions to local businesses already facing challenges

“To ensure these options are highly visible and appropriately utilised the longer parking bays will be clearly identified and marked.”

Cr Whitehead also took the opportunity to address the way in which feedback has been received noting that the best outcomes are reliant on early engagement.

“We know that when the community engage

with council in the early stages of the project, we can deliver the best outcomes,” he said.

“We want to acknowledge the many residents and business owners who engaged prior to and during design process who have since demonstrated their support for design. We know they, like much of the community, are looking forward to a refreshed and revitalised CBD.

“We also recognise that the feedback we’ve received recently has come with a sense of urgency and a deep sense of passion. However, we ask that as works continue, interactions with staff and contractors be respectful.

“Our project manager will be available on site each week to address any questions and is available via phone outside of these times.

“There’s still a long way to go until this project is complete and despite our best efforts to minimise impact there will be periods of disruption. But, we know that these updates with wider footpaths and parking bays, pedestrian crossing, trees and plants, and new street furniture, will deliver an attractive public space that supports a real revitalisation of the Corryong CBD.”



Recent Stage 2 works uncovered the remnants of a bridge and old tanks.

In other streetscape news, in preparation for pavement reconstruction in the Corryong CBD, geotechnical drilling was

conducted at various locations in Hanson Street on Monday and Tuesday to assess soil, rock, groundwater and underground conditions.

To ensure the safety of community members, temporary traffic control measures were implemented between the Donaldson Street and Jardine Street intersections during these works.

Other measures during the pavement works will include:-

- A speed reduction to 40km/h between Jardine and Donaldson Street

roundabouts

- One way access to Jardine Street between Hanson and Harris Streets via Harris Street
- Reduced parking in front of the Man from Snowy River Arcade
- No through access to Hanson Street from the Wheeler Street laneway

Additionally, progress continues on stage 2 of the project.

Stormwater drainage and electrical conduit installation is underway and the demolition of the kerb and footpath is continuing.

## Phone outages coming up

Telstra has announced that an upgrade of its mobile network at Mount Elliot will impact mobile services.

The work will take place between Monday March 4 and Saturday March 9, 2024.

As the upgrade work needs to be carried out during daylight hours for health and safety reasons, Telstra technicians will need to switch off the

equipment which supports mobile services in the area. This may result in some disruption to mobile services.

These upgrade works can cause disruption to all devices using the Telstra Mobile Network including but not limited to mobile handsets, EFTPOS machines and any device with a Telstra Mobile SIM.

If all goes according to plan, Telstra says the

work and testing will be completed by Saturday March 9 which will be a relief to the Towong Turf Club which holds its annual race meeting on that date, attracting hundreds of visitors to the district.

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Tuesday 5/3/24:- Code of Ethical Practice Training (Youth Sector) - suitable for anyone who works closely with young people. FREE training session by YACVic.

Saturday 9/3/24:- Towong Cup race meeting. Contact: Rohan 0427 220 966 or <https://country.racing.com/towong> and on Facebook

Sunday 10/3/24:- Upper Murray Farmers' Market, Attree Park, 9am-12 noon

Friday 22/3/24:- 'Sass & Secrets' Cabaret Show, Corryong Memorial Hall 7-10pm. Contact: <https://events.humanitix.com/sass-and-secrets-tbuns6vq>

Saturday 23/3/24:- Walwa Community Market (all day)

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Sunday 6/4/24:- Upper Murray Farmers' Market, Attree Park, 9am-12 noon

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What would later become the service centre, the Corryong agency [using Bacash's Emporium in Hanson Street], opened in July 1981.

A significant turning point came for WAW Credit Union when a bank rejected a Tooma farmer's application to borrow money for a new tractor. However, he was able to secure the loan from WAW Credit Union. From here, WAW's reputation for serving the community became entrenched in the local region.

Subsequently, WAW Credit Union decided to convert the agency to a service centre. It purchased 34 Hanson Street in December, 1985 and opened the office officially on 23 January, 1986. In 1993-94, the Corryong office was renovated and extended.

WAW Credit Union rebranded to BankWAW in March 2022.

At the time of the rebrand, CEO Michael Mack, said, "The organisation will continue to be 100 per cent customer-owned, run by the same local people, delivering great customer service and supporting our regional communities."

If you pop into the BankWAW Corryong Service Centre on Hanson Street, you will see familiar faces and a few new ones too.

Dara Patricks (formerly Pilli) started working at BankWAW in 2023 and is our Senior Customer Support Officer. Dara previously worked in real estate and is well known in the Corryong community through her work as the secretary of the Corryong Football Netball Club and for playing netball for the Demons. Those who know Dara well, are aware that she has a love for all things Disney and of course, for Corryong!

A few other relatively new faces in the BankWAW office are Bec Hammersley who joined the company in 2023, Kristen Ross who started in 2022 and Amanada Sheather who came on board in 2019. More familiar faces to locals are Amanda Vandervalk who has been with BankWAW since 2019, Leanne McKimmie who joined in 2016, Fairlie Joyce who started in 2010 and Cath McInnes who has been with the company since 2003. Whether you speak with any of our regular customer service officers or any of our relievers who also live in the region, you will receive the same exceptional, personalised service.



Dara Patricks, Amanada Sheather and Fairlie Joyce.

BankWAW is passionate about giving back to our communities. One way we offer support to Corryong and other regions is through our Sponsorship Program. Each year, we give a percentage of our profits to clubs and community groups to address local issues and make positive changes in the community. We are committed to supporting initiatives that help local communities and make our region a great place to live, work and visit.

Sponsorship is part of our drive to be a community-based organisation and to maintain or develop further relationships within communities. This financial year alone, we have supported the following local organisations - the Corryong Op Shop, FoodShare Services, Corryong Football Netball Club Juniors presentation, Corryong Indoor Bowls Association, Corryong Golf Club and Corryong Bowls Club.

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BankWAW services more than 25,000 customers across the region. We are proud to have a service centre in Corryong as well as in Albury, Wodonga, Lavington, Beechworth, Yackandandah, Chiltern, Myrtleford, Wangaratta, Tallangatta, Walla Walla, Walwa and Moulamein.

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**Youth Space** – Open after school, all 12-25-year-olds welcome. Located at 42 Hanson St.  
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**Code of Ethical practice** – The Code includes a set of youth work principles and ethical practice responsibilities. March 5th, 9am-12pm - Open to ages 18 & over. Location: 42 Hanson St  
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# Food enterprise provides youth pathway

By Christine McKee

Sustainable food and sustainable employment were at the top of the list four years ago when planning began for a local food co-operative.

Today, a network of local food producers and a greengrocery form the hub of Acres and Acres Co-op.

Good jobs for young people can be scarce in rural areas but Acres and Acres has two up for grabs.

In collaboration with VIC Health, the local enterprise is taking a promising step forward offering two positions for young people aged 18-25.

One is based in the greengrocer shop in customer service and engaging with customers about sustainable food practices.

The other is based in the outdoors, getting hands-on experience cultivating fresh food and maintaining the co-op's gardens.

For the past year, teenager Nicola Costello volunteered and was then employed in the greengrocer. She has been a part of the youth initiative but she's now she's heading overseas, leaving an opening in the store.

She said she loved the work culture at



Nicola Costello wants to see a sustainable future.

Acres and Acres and the whole commitment to sustainability.

"I learned a lot, and I enjoyed coming to work," Nicola said.

"It was a really friendly environment to work in. It was chill and positive and everyone had an innovative and helpful mindset and open to new ideas and problem solving.

"I think young people have a responsibility to learn about where our food comes from, so we can make informed

decisions about what we eat and where we shop and we can help create a more sustainable future."

While her departure leaves a gap, co-op director, Josh Collings, said Nicola had been an inspiration for more youth positions in the enterprise.

"The collaboration with Vic Health has allowed us to continue to support initiatives that cultivate a more sustainable and resilient community," Josh said.

"Having young people

directly involved in the co-op is an important part of this."

During her time at the co-op, Nicola had a chance to work in the gardens, doing some planting, harvesting and processing.

There she learned just how much work it took to grow fresh food and came away with a greater sense of appreciation for what she ate.

"Spending a day labouring in the garden then eating a dinner filled with the fresh harvest was

really fulfilling," she said.

"Now I'm most excited about plans for the kitchen at Acres and Acres."

"It will ensure there's no food wastage and provide our community with tasty, fresh, healthy meals and snacks."

If you or someone you know is aged 18-25 who loves all things community and environment, who wants to make a positive impact and work in a fun and friendly workplace, contact Josh on 0433 149 487.

# Haines introduces party rorts bill

Member for Indi, Helen Haines, has introduced a Private Members' Bill to Parliament to reform how Commonwealth funding is managed to increase fairness, transparency and accountability.

The Accountability of Grants, Investment Mandates and Use of Public Resources Amendment (End Pork Barrelling) Bill 2024 seeks to end 'pork barrelling' by increasing transparency and accountability of government spending of taxpayer money in grant

programs.

"Pork barrelling is the practice of directing government funds to projects in marginal electorates to win votes, without regard to evidence of the project's merit," Dr Haines explained.

"Taxpayer money should be spent on the needs of communities not the wants of the major parties.

"Funding decisions should be evidence-based, with grants awarded on merit and need.

"At election time, the major parties use taxpayer money to shore up votes in marginal seats. Rorting grants programs wastes money and destroys public trust in government

processes."

Dr Haines has worked closely with the Centre for Public Integrity to draft the Bill, which would:

- require all grants programs to have clear and publicly available selection criteria

- ensure robust reporting to the parliament to increase accountability

- create a parliamentary committee with oversight of grant administration and guideline compliance

"My Bill would require ministers to report to the Parliament when they have delivered money to their own electorates or gone against the advice of their department when awarding grants," Dr Haines said.

"Sunlight is the best disinfectant, and by forcing Ministers to front up and explain themselves if they go against official advice, we are less likely to see dodgy decisions made on the eve of elections to win votes.

"At its best, pork barrelling is maladministration, at its worst its corruption.

"The solutions I have put forward in this Bill are practical reporting measures that ensure that the Parliament and the public know how funding decisions are made and why grants are awarded," Dr Haines said.

"Pork barrelling is happening right now during the Dunkley by-

election and before long the government and the opposition will be campaigning for the next federal election.

"We need these simple and reasonable reforms now to help rebuild public trust in government spending and to ensure public money is invested wisely and effectively."

Dr Haines will host an interactive community forum at The Cube in Wodonga from 7pm on Wednesday March 6th. The event will also be live streamed.

To register to attend in person or online, go to [www.helenhaines.org/end-pork-barrelling-interactive-community-forum/](http://www.helenhaines.org/end-pork-barrelling-interactive-community-forum/)

# Input sought on playground

Towong Shire Council is enhancing the playground on Walwa's main street with new equipment and greening the space with new landscaping and planting.

"Thanks to a generous donation from the City of Kingston in response to the black summer bushfires,

we're able to build a new playground in Walwa," said Towong mayor, Cr Andrew Whitehead.

"We'll be reaching out to our youngest community members in Walwa to hear their thoughts on the playground equipment they'd love to see."

Council will visit

the Early Years Centre and Primary School in Walwa to ask 'what kind of equipment would you love to see in your new playground?'

If you're a parent or community member you can also join the conversation by completing a short survey

on council's website. Alternatively, you can request a hard copy from council at [info@towong.vic.gov.au](mailto:info@towong.vic.gov.au) or 1300 365 222.

The survey closes at 5pm on Friday 15 March.

This project is being funded through a generous donation from the City of Kingston in response to the black summer bushfires.

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# Buffer prevents livestock slaughter

Member for Benambra, Bill Tilley, fears laws designed to protect livestock from wild dogs will be scrapped and promised consultation with people in the Upper Murray is nothing but lip service.

Member for Northern Victoria Region, Wendy Lovell, told the Victorian Parliament last Wednesday that the Victorian government had surrendered to ill-informed propaganda from lobby groups without talking to the farmers who will be most affected.

In September, the Agriculture and Environment Ministers signed a 12-month extension to the Declaration of the Dingo as Unprotected Wildlife, an order that allows dog men to bait and trap wild dogs on public land within 3kms of the farm fence.

The 3km livestock

buffer has significantly reduced dog attacks since it was first introduced in 2012. Ms Lovell said previously the order has been renewed for five years, the one-year extension an interim measure to allow for consultation over “emerging research” that says all wild dogs are dingoes and need to be protected.

“The research was bunkum, generated by a Dingo Foundation acolyte, with very few dogs from the North East in a study of 307 dogs from across Australia,” she said.

“But more importantly when the extension was announced we were promised consultation and six months into a 12-month study we’ve heard nothing.

“Those who’ve lived through the torment and terror of the pre-buffer zone know that the buffer



saves livestock. They will tell you about animals left half eaten, the toll on their mental health and the impact on native animals in the years before 2012.”

Mr Tilley said without the buffer the Upper Murray will become a slaughterhouse.

“Without the buffer the trappers will be limited to private land, the dogs free to attack from the bush at will and we remember the horrific stories and photos of the past,” he said.

“This emerging research is looney left propaganda but we’re hearing that the government may have already rolled over on this.

“We need the buffer and the people with lived experience must be heard before a decision is made.”

# Tallangatta Expo prep ramps up

An exciting development for this year's Tallangatta Expo will be a feature on working dog training with three different clinics each taking 10 dogs and their handlers.

The three activities will be:-

1. Traditional working dog training
2. Working dogs off horses
3. Training for agility and obedience

The activities will cater for spectators. People wishing to enter their dogs will be able to do so through Eventbrite but meanwhile further details can be obtained from Cate on 0427 275 283.

The Expo will once again feature an area for lifestyle exhibitors to complement the already extensive array of exhibitors with everything farming and rural plus delicious food from the Tallangatta Rotary food marquee.

Once again, the Rotary Club of Tallangatta will

be making it free entry for visitors but any donations at the gate will be gratefully accepted and they will be channelled towards Rotary's Polio Plus campaign.

The very popular wood raffle will be back, with \$1000 worth of wood on offer - \$500 for first and \$250 each for second and third. Proceeds of the raffle will go to Shelterbox which is a Rotary linked charity which provides emergency shelter for victims of disasters.

NBNco will once again have a presence with information about making the most of connectivity in rural areas.

The running of the Expo is assisted greatly by the support of Rotor Solutions Australia, NBNco, bankWAW and

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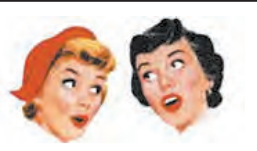
The Rotary Club of Tallangatta takes great pride in presenting the Tallangatta Expo, which gives local farmers and other rural based residents the opportunity to network with each other and exhibitors, who will be presenting their latest products and developments.

There is also the opportunity for visitors to visit the picturesque township of Tallangatta nestling on Lake Hume during the NSW school holidays.

The date for the Tallangatta Expo is Thursday 18th April at the Tallangatta Showgrounds.

Enquiries can be made through tallangattaexpo@gmail.com





## THE GRAPEVINE

Club Corner:- The jackpot at The Club Corryong this Friday is \$2250. Last week's winner was Louise Kennett (\$50).

❖ Items of local interest for this column can be emailed to editorial@corryongcourier.com.au.

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# Responding to the Call of the High Country

By Honor Auchinleck

Our aim had been to climb the North Ramshead, but the summit of another rocky outcrop claimed our attention as a lunch destination before we ever reached the North Ramshead.

As soon as we began a serious scramble the crows took off to other rocky perches on some of the other many outcrops that make up the Ramshead Range.

From the top of our outcrop we had a spectacular view of the High Country landscape, laid out like a map beneath our feet. Below the tree line on the Ramshead Range and on the other side of the Crackenback River, huge swathes of silvered snow gums mark the areas where bushfires had burned.

It reminded me of the once magnificent stand of Mountain Ash on both sides of the Alpine Way near the Pilot Lookout. It is now a silver forest and during my lifetime regeneration won't restore the forest to its former glory.

High up on the Ramshead Range there was no evidence of fire and I wonder if the network of tiny steams threading their way among the rocks, mountain heather and glades of daisies, protected the highest peaks from the flames?

My lack of knowledge of the bushfire areas in the High Country reminded me how much I had lost touch with our mountain

environment while we tended to our own bushfire recovery in the Upper Murray.

Four years on it seemed strange to find myself reflecting on the impact of the 2020 bushfires.

Towards the end of January the view down on the Ramshead Range is like looking into an immense rock garden which has passed its best but still has an alluring, rugged beauty. It makes me think about planning a High Country walk earlier next summer.

In the distance we saw the throngs of people walking out towards the summit of Mt Kosciuszko. For many visitors to the High Country, walking to the summit is a bucket list wish, a once in a lifetime experience, rather like a kind of secular pilgrimage, particularly on Australia Day. On this occasion we had settled for a less popular walk, preferring to listen to the song of the breeze and High Country crows to the murmur of human voices.

A short distance to the south of our outcrop there were two stunted snow gums growing among the rocks some two hundred metres above the main tree line at 1,800 metres. Who knows if those two snow gums are the highest trees in the High Country? They are certainly among the highest, unless other trees are beginning to creep a little higher. These two struggling trees reminded me that it doesn't matter how frequently one walks

in the High Country, there is always something different and thought provoking about the experience.

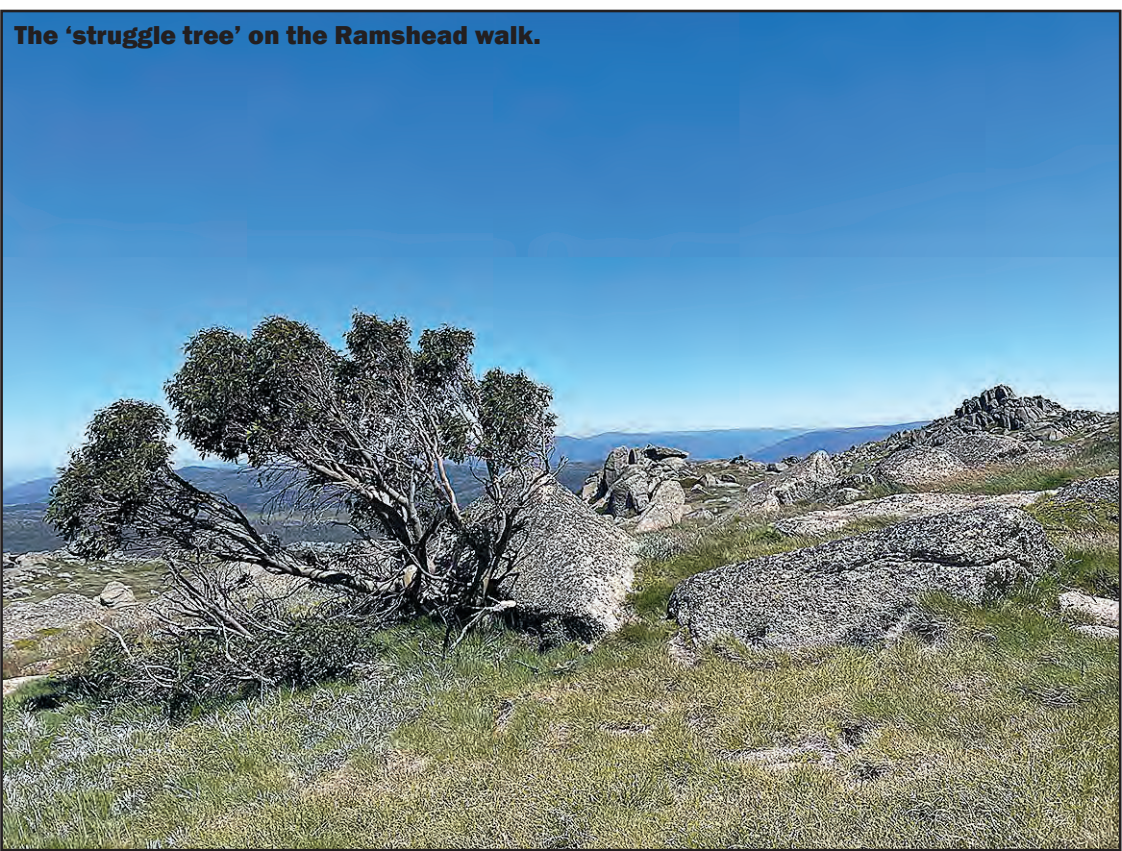
Other visitors to the outcrops had left some small rock cairns reminding us that others have been there before. Somebody had painted a symbol in white paint on a rock face. While the cairns are a harmless way of marking a personal achievement and the habit is almost as old as mankind, graffiti is an unnecessary and arguably destructive intrusion on the landscape.

We ran out of time before we reached the North Ramshead. That is something for another time.

On this occasion what mattered was the opportunity to reconnect with the High Country. Many of us have been too busy to take time out since the 2020 fires and pandemic. For all that, the High Country does more than connect you to our mountain world on our doorstep and there is always a chance that it will open new directions and ideas. It is a great day out.

The theme for the forthcoming Man From Snowy River Bush Festival is 'The Call of The High Country'. Now is as good a time as ever to heed that call.

You may find your photographs will inspire a photo story for the festival's Elyne Mitchell Photo Story Awards or



an entry to the Art and Photography Exhibition! Entries are now open and close on 15 March. We have some great artists, photographers and writers

in our community so let the world see what we can do!

(Practical Information: We walked from the top station of Thredbo's

Crackenback Chairlift. The last chairlift is at 4.30pm. If you miss it, you have to walk which is not something I recommend at the end of a long day!

You would need to be fitter than I am to walk from Dead Horse Gap to North Ramshead! Don't forget to check the weather before you set out!)

## Festival has much to offer

Seniors across the Snowy Valleys region will have many chances to celebrate during March as part of this year's NSW Seniors Festival week.

The annual NSW Seniors Festival celebrates the role and contribution of older adults to local communities throughout Australia and is held this year from 11-24 March.

Snowy Valleys Council (SVC) is hosting several events across the week with support from the NSW government which should appeal to a large cross-section of the local senior community.

On Wednesday the 13th of March seniors can have a day out at the Snowy Valleys Seniors

Expo being held at the Tumbarumba High School's Multipurpose Centre.

Attendees can enjoy a sit-down luncheon, live musical entertainment from The Australia Amy Band Kapooka and the opportunity to connect with a range of organisations and local services ready to help and support seniors living in the Snowy Valleys region.

Council is supplying coach travel to and from the venue stopping in Tumut, Adelong, Batlow, Tumbarumba and Khancoban - depending on interest. Entry to the Expo is free. Bookings are essential to attend the luncheon and

entertainment portion of the day.

On Thursday 21 March council is hosting a seniors day out at Yesteryear Plantations.

The day out costs just \$10 per person and includes return travel via coach from Tumut, Adelong, Batlow, and Tumbarumba, morning tea with a tour of the operating distillery, and a homemade country buffet lunch. Plus, natural oils, household cleaning products and gifts can be purchased from the shop.

To book for these events call the Tumbarumba Multi Service Outlet on 02 6948 9161.

## Exploring Additional Parking in Corryong



### Planning Underway

Council is undertaking to address more parking options in the Corryong CBD area.

As part of the revitalisation efforts in Corryong's CBD with the streetscape project, there will be a reduction of 16 parking spaces along Hanson Street, between Donaldson and Jardine Street.

At the January Special Council Meeting, Council committed to developing a plan to provide more parking options in the CBD.

Your feedback is vital as we shape a suitable plan together.

Here's what's happening:

1. Initial Conversations: We're speaking with local businesses and landholders to gather insights to identify potential options.
2. Community Drop-In Session: Join us to share your thoughts and ideas! Date to be announced soon.
3. Decision Time: Your feedback will help guide Council's decision-making process on the plan.

In the meantime, if you have any questions please reach out to our project manager at [info@towong.vic.gov.au](mailto:info@towong.vic.gov.au) or call us on 1300 365 222.



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**Tintaldra Recreation Reserve Annual General Meeting**  
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**Agenda:**  
Election of a new committee  
- all positions are open

## POSITIONS VACANT



## Gardener

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Corryong Health is seeking a gardener to cover eight (8) weeks leave for the period from March 21 to May 31, 2024. The requirements are to maintain grounds and gardens at Corryong Health aesthetically and functionally, complying with WHS guidelines.

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For further information, or to apply, please email [careers@corryonghealth.org.au](mailto:careers@corryonghealth.org.au).

Applications close March 8, 2024.

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## Grant round opens for community groups

The Dyson Group of Companies, incorporating the legendary Cobb & Co brand, has launched the next round of the Dysons Community Grants.

This program, now in its fourth year, has been established to provide grants in support of the many sporting, educational, welfare and community groups around Victoria, and to date more than 80 grants have been distributed.

Program Manager, Grant Deacon (pictured), said the program aims to support a range of

community-based organisations at grass roots level.

"The Dyson Group is very happy to be able to support so many community groups," he said.

"We are pleased that our grants can make a difference to so many people who work and volunteer with these groups by helping them with their special projects."

There are two rounds of grants annually, each with \$10,000 available (maximum grant \$1000).

Eligible organisations include pre-schools, primary and secondary schools, sporting clubs, not-for-profit groups, charities, welfare agencies, local societies and volunteer emergency services. Mr Deacon said "So many community groups rely on volunteers to deliver their services."

"We are so grateful for their work and excited to be able to support them. The applications we receive demonstrate the aims and achievements of so many hard working people."



This next round of grants opens on 1 March and closes 31 March,

2024. All details including pre-application guidelines and an online application

form, can be found at <http://dysongroup.com.au/about/community-grants>



## Upper Murray Sport



## New greens draw a crowd

The investment in synthetic grass greens has proved a winner for the Corryong Golf Club with more than 50 players from across the region competing in the annual tournament on Sunday - the largest field for many years.

The highlights of the day were Division 1 Women's winner, Dana Lampitt, shooting a new course record of 84 and Gordon Webb recording the second best round on the new course with a 77 in the A Grade Men section.

## Results

A Grade Men (Stroke):-  
1st - Gordon Webb 77, 2nd - Wayne Dubois 78, 3rd - Derek O'Donovan 85.

A Grade Men (Stableford):- 1st - Shane Bannan 38 points, 2nd - Andrew Hockey 32; 3rd - Derek Burgess 31 points.

B Grade Men:- 1st - Robert Newnham 34 points, 2nd - Kelly Galbraith 31, 3rd - Simon Mohr 30.



Prizewinners at the Corryong tournament (from left):- Gordon Webb, Wayne Dubois, Kelly

C Grade Men:- Dan McInnes 35 points, 2nd - Richard Bennetts 34; 3rd (on c/back) - Karl Grouenwoud 34.

Div 1 Women:- 1st - Dana Lampitt 84, 2nd - Sylvia Spring 94.

Div 2 Women:- 1st - Belinda Attree 37 points, 2nd - Joy Bennetts 36.

NTPs:- B Men - Alan Atherton; C Men - Tony Jarvis; Div 1 Women - Dana Lampitt.

Longest Drives:- A

Men - Shane Bannan; B Men - Derek O'Donovan; C Men - Dan McInnes; Div 1 - Dana Lampitt; Div 2 - Joy Bennetts.

Straightest Drive:- A Men - Gordon Webb; B Men - Mark McFarland; C Men - Steve Kishere; Div 1 - Dana Lampitt; Div 2 - Joy Bennetts.

The club has started its junior development program on Monday with a dozen keen youngsters taking to the course for the training sessions.

The sessions run on Mondays at 4.30pm and are open to all school aged children. Equipment is provided or bring your own clubs. Tuition is provided by qualified community instructors. Latecomers welcome.

For enquiries contact the co-ordinator, Richard Bennetts, on 0419 101 820.

## Coming up

Sunday 3/3/24 (8.30am shotgun start): 2-Person Ambrose (SOP) over 18 holes (barbecue lunch to follow)

Sunday 9-3/24 (9.30am for 10am hitoff): 2-Person

'Cup Recovery' Ambrose (SOP) 9 holes

Saturday & Sunday 16-17/3/24 (anytime): Stableford - front 9

Sunday 17/3: Walwa Open Tournament

Sunday 24/3/24 (8.30am): Monthly Medal - 18 holes stroke

Sunday March 31 (8.30am): Corryong Grande 3-Person Ambrose

Mondays: 9 holes (\$5) / Wednesdays: 9 or 18 holes (\$6)

Notes: For 9 hole weekend comps put \$5 entry and scorecards in the green fees box. Saturday & Sunday comps and 18 hole monthly medals are for men and women.

## Welaregang

Another good turn out of eight golfers contested the 9@9 last Saturday. Billy Bond fell over the line with 18 points, just one ahead of Paul Land and Dixie Coutts.

On Sunday, five players represented the club in the Corryong Tournament with Tony Jarvis scoring a NTP prize, the others "also participated".

The club's AGM will

be held on 23rd March (12 noon), leading into Opening day on 7th April.



## High Country Darts

## Results R11

Biggara d Walwa 4-3, Possum Pointers d Ringers 4-3, Koetong d Bottoms Up 6-1.

**Sharpshooters:-** Highest score: Men - Brendon McCallum, Henry Byrne, Greg Wheeler, Luke Wood 140 / Women - Shelley Henry 134; Highest peg: Men - Peter 'Pockets' Kasuba 118 / Women - Shelley Henry 80.

Ladder	P	%
Biggara.....	40	234.8
P/Pointers.....	28	102.4
Ringers.....	24	126.5
Koetong.....	24	108.1
Bottoms Up.....	8	48.1
Walwa.....	8	51.0

## Draw R12 5/3/24

Tooma Ringers v Biggara  
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# Upper Murray Sport Blues are lighting it up

The Cudgewa Football Netball Club is kicking goals on and off the field following funding of \$250,000 from the Victorian government to install new LED Lighting at the Cudgewa Recreation Reserve.

Member for Northern Victoria, Jaclyn Symes, announced that the Blues, reigning premiers in both senior football and A Grade netball, were among 12 facilities across Victoria to share in more than \$2.5 million from the latest round of the Country Football and Netball Program.

The program is a partnership with the AFL, AFL Victoria and Netball Victoria and has invested more than \$21.3 million in more than 165 country football and netball community infrastructure projects since 2014.

"It helps local councils replace and upgrade aging



New ground lighting will be installed at the Cudgewa ground.

grounds and facilities for football and netball clubs across rural and regional Victoria because everyone deserves equal facilities no matter where they live," Ms Symes said.

"Footy and netball clubs are the heart and soul

of regional towns.

"This boost will go a long way to helping the Cudgewa club cater for the growing numbers of people keen to get involved in grassroots sport, providing more opportunities for locals

to get active and play the sport they love."

Ms Symes also acknowledged the Towong Shire Council and the club for their significant contributions to the project.

Grants from the latest

round include ground resurfacing, new ground and court lighting and the construction of new pavilions and netball courts.

For more information visit [sport.vic.gov.au/grants-and-funding](http://sport.vic.gov.au/grants-and-funding).



## With the Bias

### Results

Wednesday 21/02  
Men's Social winners:  
Nick Barlee & Neville  
Clarke.

Thursday 22/02  
Ladies Social Scrambles  
winner: Wilma Hill.

Saturday 24/02  
Pennant: Corryong had a  
bye after a good win over  
Tallangatta last week in  
the first semi-final.

Tallangatta defeated  
Kiewa in the semi-finals.  
Corryong will play  
Tallangatta in the final on  
Saturday 2nd March at  
Tallangatta. Game starts at  
1pm and all supporters are

welcome.

The Men's 100 Up  
was played on Saturday  
24/02 and the final was  
between Ken McKimmie  
and Noel Blake  
yesterday (result not to  
hand at print time).

### Coming up

Wednesday Men's  
Social Bowls start  
at 1pm, names in by  
12:30pm.

Thursday Ladies  
Social Bowls start at  
10am, names in by  
9:30am.

Corryong Bowls Club  
phone number: 02 6076  
2907.

### UM Tennis

#### Results & Draw Results R18

Cudgewa 69 d Khan-  
coban 26; Corryong  
drew with Biggara 55-  
55; Cudgewa Nth - bye.

#### Final Ladder

Cudgewa .....54  
Khancoban .....38  
Corryong .....34  
Biggara .....30  
Cudgewa Nth .....24

#### Finals Draw

Elimination Finals  
Saturday March 2nd:  
Cudgewa v Biggara at  
Cudgewa / Khancoban  
v Corryong at Corryong.  
No play March 9th -  
Towong Cup  
Grand Final: Saturday  
March 16th

### Tumbarumba & District Cricket

#### Finals Draw

2/3/24  
Qualifying Final: Tooma v  
Rosewood  
Elimination Final: All  
Stars v Batlow  
9/3/24: Preliminary Final  
16/3/24: Grand Final

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