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A storm front that ripped through the Upper Murray last Wednesday caused indiscriminate and varying degrees of damage, delivering rain falls of 10mm to 25mm.

The Corryong SES responded to a callout to clear a fallen poplar tree at Tintandra but a spokesperson said "We were relatively unscathed around the district."

More extensive damage was caused at Towong where a large tree came down on either side of the township's electricity transformer. Debris was also strewn along sections of the **Murray Valley Highway.**

At Nariel, the wind blew out the three roller doors on a shed which also damaged a vehicle. Some residences also lost parts of their roofs. Reports of storm damage were also notified by Biggara residents.

Picture:- The Lighthorse Reserve was hit hard. (Photo: Maisie Pilli). The second s



"We were pushed off a cliff"

funds to ensure the a resulting goodwill future of the Corryong Neighbourhood Centre (CNC) - 1000 Steps to new funding; and the turnaround, Sustainability - has raised \$10,000 since it was launched last week. Donations of \$500 are being sought from businesses, community groups and individuals to raise a total of \$500,000 approaching a cliff, we to erase the CNC's were just pushed off it," immediate debt and put it said CNC co-ordinator, back on a sound financial Sara Jenkins. footing.

A campaign to raise years of bakery loss and a difficult journey in 2025 devaluation; limited opportunities to seek Department of Families, Fairness and Housing withholding annual funding until the CNC can demonstrate its financial stability. "We knew we were

"We were well aware

and beyond but we were confident we had done enough to achieve the

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Several factors have that the transition back contributed to its current to profitability in the bakery, which was only balance sheet poor including major funded achieved in December, projects and bushfire and the slow claw back to support funds ending, a positive balance sheet creating a shortfall of and any sort of cash flow \$85,000; three consecutive security was going to be

what is needed for the CNC to return to a financially secure footing, so that we can continue to deliver our ongoing services to the community and retain jobs and facilities."

Ms Jenkins emphasised that a report in other local media on Tuesday claiming that the \$500,000 was needed by the end of January was incorrect.

"We thank the community for their support so far for responding to our fundraising call out." Cont. on page 4.

CELEBRATE THE LONG WEEKEND AT THE BOTTOM PUB





E Letters to the Editor:-

Contaminated creek causes harm

I am writing this letter to explain why I am unable to return home to visit my family.

The devastating impact of blue-green algae on the river system in our area has destroyed the natural beauty of one of Australia's most stunning properties and severely affected the health, livelihood, and wellbeing of creek users and surrounding aquatic

life.

The damming of water has caused significant harm to Mannus Creek, disrupting its natural flow and leaving the ecosystem contaminated with algae.

This environmental disaster turned a thriving, pristine area into a shadow of its former self. The ecological collapse has forced my sister's family to leave their home, uprooting their lives and shattering the bond we all shared with this cherished place. The fear of falling ill from exposure to the algae adds another layer of anguish. I cannot risk my health or contribute to the ongoing crisis. The area's deterioration is heartbreaking and deeply personal, representing the loss of a place that held so much meaning.

It is imperative to

restore Mannus Creek's

natural flow to heal the

ecosystem and prevent

further destruction. Healthy waterways are vital for our environment and communities and this situation highlights the consequences of human intervention without regard for nature.

Returning home is no longer joyous but a painful reminder of all that is lost. I pray for a solution to bring life and vitality back to Mannus Creek. **Pip Cox,**

Former Tooma resident.





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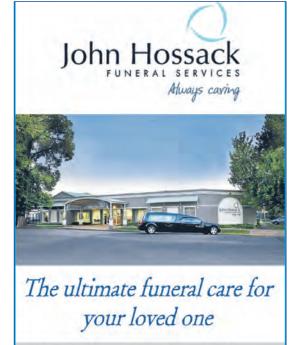
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Pothole pictures tell the story

Local residents are being urged to take photos of the worst potholes in their area in a competition aimed at pressuring the Victorian government to address the appalling state of regional roads. The statewide

competition is being run by The Nationals and Liberals. The worst potholes will

be used in a 2025 'Potholes for All Seasons' calendar that will be presented to Premier Jacinta Allan and Roads and Road Safety Minister Melissa Horne . The Nationals'

Member for Northern Victoria, Gaelle Broad, said regional roads were in a terrible state due to years of neglect and cuts to the road maintenance budget by the state government. "I am constantly being

contacted by people upset and angry about the shocking state of our roads," Ms Broad said. "This is a massive issue right across northern Victoria. Every day cars

Victoria. Every day cars are being damaged, and

Club Corner:- The

jackpot at The Club

Corryong this Friday is

\$2050. Last week's winner

was Dawn Gutteridge

(\$10)

A series of potholes on the Murray Valley Highway between Corryong and Towong has been an ongoing problem for a number of years.

lives are put at risk."

Ms Broad said the government's own data showed road maintenance works in regional Victoria plummeted by 95 per cent last financial year.

"In addition, a government survey last year found 91 per cent of roads analysed were in poor or very poor condition," she said.

"The condition of regional roads is now the biggest safety concern for motorists." Ms Broad said the 'Potholes for All Seasons' calendar should be hung on the office wall of the Premier and the Minister for Roads and Road Safety as a daily reminder to fix our roads.

"Motorists should only take photos of roads where they can do so safely and without putting other road users at risk," she added.

Pothole photos can be uploaded for the calendar online at www. potholepics.com.



Reminder:- Upper Murray Emergency Services will be joining the Upper Murray Farmers market in Corryong on Saturday February 8th and Jardine street will be closed between Harris and Hanson streets for a display of emergency vehicles - come and meet your first responders.



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Journey to sustainability starts

Cont. from page 1. "Naturally, we have been getting a lot of questions from the community and wanted to clarify a few things about the '1000 Steps to Sustainability' campaign," Ms Jenkins said.

Q&A Are donations tax deductible? Where are the funds going?

Donations made directly to the CNC bank account or through the website payment portal are NOT tax deductible. The advantage for us with these payments, is that we can access the funds immediately and that they can be used for whatever is needed. Our priority for these funds is to ensure ongoing delivery of services, protection of staff positions and entitlements and reduction in short term debt.

Donations made through the UMIF/FRRR donation account ARE tax deductible. We have to apply for funds to be released from this fund, which can be a delay of a month or so. And funds have to be used for "charitable purposes" - which means only for future activities. Our intention is to prioritise donations from this account to specifically fund our Youth Program, which currently has absolutely no funding for 2025.

Do we need to raise the full \$500k by the end of January?

No, the *Border Mail* (*Tuesday January 21*, 2025) got that a bit wrong. We are aiming for \$500k overall and there is a deadline at the end of January but they are not

related. The \$500k goal is what is needed for the CNC to return to a financially secure footing, so that we can continue to deliver our ongoing services to the community, so that we can apply for additional grants without being immediately rejected because of our financial situation and so that jobs and facilities can be retained.

The end of January deadline is what has been imposed by the Government State (DFFH) to continue our Neighbourhood House contract. They require us to clear our immediate debts and to be in a position to meet all future debts as and when they fall due to meet their requirements of solvency. Our aim is to try and achieve this or at least demonstrate that we are making steps in the right direction by the end of January, which may enable us to negotiate a continuation of or an alternative to the existing contract. The Neighbourhood House program provides approx. \$100,000 per year to the CNC, which is significant but not a deal breaker. But it also provides extensive insurance coverage and support and opportunities through the regional networks, which are extremely valuable to the CNC operations.

The urgency of the fundraising is more because we have started 2025 \$125,000 short of where we expected to be due to the federal and state government advice received just before Christmas. And because of those decisions, we have also not been able to secure any funding for our youth program for 2025 and beyond.

We knew we were approaching a cliff, we were just pushed off it.

But surely the bakery is making money?

No, the bakery has not made a profit since 2020. Uncertain times, the pandemic, rising supplier costs, changes to payroll penalties, less visitors, poor snow seasons and our mission to provide stable and secure employment to our staff



and help them through their own difficulties have all contributed to this. Our margins have always been tiny and a small increase in costs and a small fall in sales has a devastating impact.

Our aim and one of the primary drivers to establish the bakery social enterprise 10 years ago, is that the expected profit of 10 per cent will provide \$100,000 per year to the CNC to support the funding shortfall in delivery of our office based services and the youth program (at a basic level). We have made a number of changes, especially since July 2024, and believe we finally have the right balance to move back to achieving this goal in 2025.

The turnover, staffing and operating costs of the bakery are more than 75 per cent of the total CNC operations and should be our main source of income. If the bakery is not profitable, the CNC cannot be sustainable, which is why we are so focused on its operations and costs. Why hasn't the Walwa Garage been closed and sold?

Because it does not contribute in any significant way to the CNC shortfall and is a valuable asset which we would like to remain in community hands.

The garage now operates by appointment only, so is able to break even on an operating level.

It is a large property which requires upkeep so there are some minimal costs associated with that but we believe it offers potential for community, commercial, education and housing opportunities in the future. We have not been able to pursue that potential because we have not had the capacity or the funds to do so but they are possible in the longer

funds to do so but they are possible in the longer term. If the property is sold - and it will be the first to go if we cannot achieve

financial security any other way - it will be lost to the community and its current level of upkeep may not be maintained.

Does everything else pay its own way?

Pretty much everything which involves service delivery and government funding is underfunded. The youth program relies on additional grants to do anything more than man the youth space a couple of afternoons a week.

As previously explained, the garage runs at a very small loss due to maintenance costs.

The main CNC office receives funding from many sources for many services and operates a fee for service - none of which come close to covering the cost of delivering the broad range of services we provide, even for the reduced hours we now operate.

We have been fortunate enough to receive additional funding and grants from government and philanthropic agencies since the fires, which have largely made up that shortfall - but all that additional funding has now ceased.

Will the Youth Program stop?

This is probably our biggest concern.

Cont. on page 5.

Delivering for our community



Helen

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Youth services given priority

Cont. from page 4.

We have worked really hard for over 10 years to build the youth program to engage and support local youth through changing times and build a team to deliver the program.

Funding for the program has always been up and down but we have, until this year, always had a State Govt Engage! grant which provided at least minimal staffing and activities.

This base grant has been supplemented by various other grants with the last two years providing both a federal grant to renovate and requip the youth space and the Yacvic Futureproof project to provide various activities and programs including the establishment of the driving mentor initiative.

All of that funding has now finished and we cannot apply for or receive any additional funding until we secure our financial position. We are working out how we can complete the outstanding planned activities for The Futureproof grant when the final \$55,000 payment will not be received until May.

For now, we are continuing to open the youth space and run the usual in-house activities. Adele Miles and Cherrie Byrne are continuing in their dual youth/office roles and we are retaining

our additional youth team members to deliver their usual activities.

Because the youth program is so valuable and we know how hard it is to regain engagement and momentum when activities stop, we are prioritising this ongoing delivery as cheaply as possible until the end of March, when we will be better able to make decisions for the remainder of 2025 and

beyond. Why haven't I seen anything about this on social media or email yet?

We have only started promoting the fundraiser locally this week. You may have seen or heard news of it in the *Border Mail* or on the local ABC Radio, because they turned up in the first week of January looking for stories of five years on from the fires. Initial coverage was provided in last weeks' *Corryong Courier*.

There are hard copies to of the flyer at the CNC to and in the community of and it has been shared by the Walwa Bush Nursing to Centre and Corryong CRC to their email trees.

We wanted to be sure we had all our accounts for December up to date and had spoken with all the relevant stakeholders directly before we started the local promotion.

Apologies if you receive the flyer more

than once but we want to make sure that everyone knows about it and that all the correct information is available.

Can I donate less than the requested \$500?

We have asked for \$500 donations from individuals, families, groups, organisations etc because the amount we need to raise is large and the situation is urgent.

However, of course we will gratefully accept any donation. You can make a donation of a different amount in person at the CNC office, via direct bank deposit or through the UMIF donation account. See the fundraising flyer for all the details.

We understand this is complicated and probably a bit of a shock to many in the community. If you have any queries about what is happening at the CNC or the fundraiser, please call the CNC on 0428 449 248 or call in to the office. Our staff will be happy to answer your questions or to redirect you to someone who has the information you seek. The Member for Indi,

Helen Haines, has also written to the federal minister about the funding issue. "It's untenable that a

lers community organisation rted should have to crowd fund for survival because you of a delay in funding tore disbursement," she said. Your support is needed now

The former chair of the Corryong Recovery Committee (CRC) is encouraging the community to give its full support to the campaign to ensure the future of the Corryong Neighbourhood Centre (CNC).

The CRC committee wound up in June 2024 but has maintained its email list in to act on important community issues and information.

"The possible closure of the CNC, Upper Murray Youth Space, Upper Murray Community Bakery and Upper Murray Community Garage in Walwa) would affect all aspects of these operations including community support, youth services and the staff who are employed in these areas," said former CRC chair, Cathy Ross.

"This issue is one which does affect our whole community and I am in awe of the support which the CNC and the youth workers have given our community, especially in the last five years with recovery from the Black Summer fires.

"Many individuals and organisations have benefited from this support.

"Now the CNC is asking for its community to support it. Can you give \$500 or more to help?

"This support is needed now, as next month may be too late!"

Community explores plans for council split



Around 25 people met with council last week to learn more about the de-amalgamation plans.

Snowy Valleys Council (SVC) is continuing to seek input from the community about the possible de-amalgamation of the local government area.

Around 25 people joined SVC Interim General Manager, Steven Pinnuck, and Councillors Trina Thomson, Hugh Packard, David Sheldon and John Larter in Tumut last Tuesday to learn more about council's D e - a m a l g a m a t i o n Implementation Plan (DPI) and Financial Sustainability Plan (FSP). The session covered

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• Financial sustainability scenarios for the existing Snowy Valleys Council (SVC). • Projected finances for the two proposed new councils - Tumut Region and Tumbarumba Region. • Differences in proposed Special Rate Variations between the two new councils and SVC.

Plans for dividing council equipment and resources in the event of de-amalgamation.
Opportunities for

shared services between the two new councils.

• The de-amalgamation process including the referendum requirements and outcomes needed.

Mr Pinnuck said the attendees were engaged, raising insightful questions about the topics.

"I'd like to thank those who attended and encourage everyone to review the deamalgamation documents to understand what the future may hold," he said.

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Community meetings have also been held in Khancoban, Tumbarumba and Talbingo over the past week.

The de-amalgamation plans are on public exhibition until 31 January 2025 and all feedback will be shared with the Boundaries Commission and presented to council in February.

For more information or to provide feedback on the DPI and FSP, visit www.svc.nsw.gov.au/deamalgamation.

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Option 1: donate directly to the CNC *These donations are not tax deductible, but are the most efficient and flexible for how they may be used by the CNC

- 1. go to https://www.corryongnc.org/1000-steps-to-sustainability to donate online
- 2. make a deposit to our bank account 803-070 100096205

3. or come in to the CNC

Option 2: donate through our Community Foundation (UMIF)'s FRRR donation account at

https://app.etapestry.com/onlineforms/TheFoundationforRuralRegional/UMIF.html **These donations are tax deductible, but incur a 2.5% fee by FRRR, have to be used directly for charitable purposes and are delayed by an application process.



- Sharing our plight and request for donations with anyone and everyone you think may interested or able to help
- Frequenting the Upper Murray Community Bakery, which is our primary source of income
- Understanding that many practical services provided in the CNC office will now incur a fee or a fee increase
- Having an active role in the future of the CNC become a member, serve on the new Community Advisory Committee, work towards joining the Committee

We have never fundraised directly or locally on any scale before and we do so with great reluctance

But our situation is dire and our timeframe to avoid closures is short. So, we are reaching out just this once to everyone who has been supported by our services in the past......

This is most definitely a bail out. But it is not good money after bad. Our circumstances since the Black Summer bushfires have been difficult, but when the frenzy of the last few years settled down, we modified our practices, identified and improved problem areas and sourced short term alternative funding. With these changes, we were hoping to start a long, slow recovery process with the beginning of 2025. But recent circumstances have made that impossible and we now realise that we need to do something momentous and fast, so we can keep our doors open, continue to build on the work done over the long history of the organisation and get back to prioritising the delivery of vital programs and services to our remote, rural community .

What will your donation provide for the Upper Murray Community?

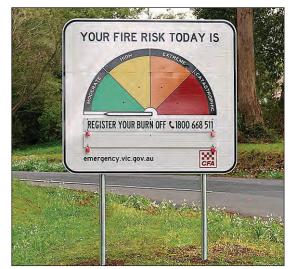
All funds raised will be used to:

- settle supplier and ATO/GST debts and ensure staff entitlements are up to date and protected, bringing us back from the brink of insolvency and therefore again eligible to apply for government and philanthropic grants
- complete the 2 now effectively unfunded Federal Projects fund Core staff to deliver services to the community •
- sustain the Youth Program until alternative funding can be acquired.

Please contact the CNC office on 0428449248 or sara@corryongnc.org if you have any questions or would like more information.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

Travellers need to know risks



While this coming long weekend will be an opportunity for Victorians to travel across the state and gather for barbecues, the CFA is urging people to be prepared and remain vigilant.

Recent fires serve as a reminder the fire season is just getting started and communities need to be their activities.

"With the fires now contained and visitors welcome to re-enter these areas, we ask the community to stay alert," said CFA Chief Officer, Jason Heffernan.

"Travellers should familiarise themselves with the fire danger ratings of the area they are heading to and to monitor conditions through more than two sources of information.

"While the recent bushfires have been contained by the incredible work of our dedicated firefighters, fire risk will continue to linger over the coming months.

"With temperatures set to reach high 20s to mid-30s across the state, I want to emphasise the significance of downloading the

VicEmergency App to in the region you find yourselves in.

"You may need to alter your route, so please avoid driving through highrisk areas in hot and dry conditions, and if using

machinery avoid driving through dry vegetation on days such as these."

With the state still well within fire restrictions, residents are reminded they cannot light a fire in the open air to burn off vegetation without a permit issued by a Fire Prevention Officer.

Mr Heffernan also ready as they embark on urged those firing up their barbecues and outdoor cooking appliances this weekend to make sure they are properly extinguished before walking away.

"We want all Victorians to enjoy their long weekend without any surprises, so it is really important your set-up is safe," Jason said.

"We know campfires, spit roasts, pizza ovens and fire pits will be popular this weekend, however if they are not within a properly constructed fireplace or exceed one metre by one metre in size, they can pose a serious fire risk."

То understand what activities you can undertake this weekend, visit CFA's 'Can I or Can't I?' webpage.

Travel safety tips for this long weekend:-

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Virus escalates along the border

Holiday makers and residents in the state's north are being reminded to remain vigilant against mosquitoes, following recent detections of the Japanese encephalitis virus.

Victoria's early warning mosquito surveillance program has identified the virus in two mosquito traps in Moira Shire – the first mosquitoborne disease detections this season.

It follows similar recent detections in New South Wales and a confirmed human case of Japanese encephalitis identified in Victoria in December. Chief Victoria's

Health Officer, Tarun Weeramanthri, said the findings confirmed the virus was circulating in northern Victoria.

"Japanese encephalitis virus can cause a rare but potentially serious infection of the brain and is spread to humans through bites from infected mosquitoes," Dr Weeramanthri said.

"If you're visiting Victoria, northern

particularly inland riverine regions and near the Murray River, you're potentially at higher risk of infection. "It's important to take

steps to prevent mosquito bites so cover up, use repellent and limit your time outdoors when mosquitoes are about." The Japanese

encephalitis virus vaccine is free for eligible people in 24 high-risk local government areas northern Victoria in including Towong Shire. There is no specific



treatment available for Japanese encephalitis. The best prevention is to protect against mosquito bites.

For people who develop Japanese encephalitis, treatment aims to reduce the severity of the symptoms and may include medication and admission to hospital.

Corryong Neighbourhood Centre

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Community Calendar - Share & find local events in the Upper Murray this holiday season

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Fuel	Fuel will remain Open
Deliveries	 Deliveries will be limited during the demolition phase, by request only. Normal deliveries will occur during the construction phase.
New Store Open	Store, drive through & fuel openDeliveries as normal



We appreciate your understanding during his development and will do our best to minimise disruptions, ensuring our customers have access to their farming requirements as usual.

Traffic Plan: To ensure safe traffic flow around the store during construction, please refer to our new traffic plan below, which includes directions and designated parking areas.



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nomination forms and nominee forms may be obtained by contacting your local Department of Energy, Environment Climate Action office or at the meeting. please

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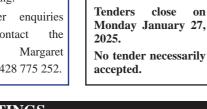
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reminding campers to make sure they check the conditions and brush up on campfire safety ahead of the upcoming long weekend. The reserve comprises The Conservation approx. 10 hectares Regulator, Land

Parks Victoria and Forest Fire Management Victoria will be conducting patrols in Victoria's parks and forests throughout the weekend to make sure campers are doing the right thing.

of 257 A total unattended campfires and BBQs have been detected by field staff on public land so far this financial year.

Over the last few weeks where Total Fire Bans have been declared,





fire authorities and land managers continue to detect illegal campfires across the state during extreme destructive fire." weather conditions. Heavy penalties apply for anyone lighting a campfire on a Total Fire Ban day.

"Even if a Total Fire Ban has not been declared, we encourage campers to consider the need for a campfire on hot or windy days," said Chris Hardman, Chief Fire Officer, Forest Fire Management Victoria. "If you are building

a campfire, make sure vou know how to build a safe one and don't leave it unattended while it is alight and that you put it

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out with water. "It only takes one stray ember to cause a

"Many people try to put out campfires incorrectly with soil or not enough

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"If it is cool to touch it is safe to leave."

To ensure campfires are safe:-· Before you light a

fire always check fire restrictions, including whether a Total Fire Ban is in place. Download the VicEmergency app or go https://www.emv.vic. to gov.au/.

• Plan ahead and consider alternatives for cooking such as a portable butane cooktop.

• Use a purpose-built fireplace if available, otherwise dig a trench at least 30cm deep.

· Always follow the designated rules of your campsite. In national parks, fires can only be lit in purpose-built fireplaces unless marked otherwise.

Grants boost local projects

Park.

Member for Indi, Helen Haines, is inviting Expressions of Interest for Round 9 of the Indi Stronger Communities Program.

Open to community organisations and local governments, grants between \$2,500 and \$20,000 are available for community projects.

"Each year,

· The campfire must not exceed one square metre, and three metres above and around your fire must be clear of flammable material.

• Branches and logs on your campfire must be no longer than one metre.

• Never leave a campfire unattended - an adult must always stay within a 50-metre line of sight.

· Campfires must be extinguished with at least 10 litres of water every time you leave the site.

· All rubbish must be taken home with you, not burned.

who breach People regulations campfire on public land face a maximum penalty of \$19,759 if the matter is prosecuted in court. The maximum penalty for lighting or maintaining a fire during a Total Fire Ban day is \$47,421.60 and/or two years in jail.

Report unattended campfires to DEECA at 136 186 or call 000 to report a bushfire. For more on campfire rules go to: https://www.vic.gov. au/campfires-stoves-andbbqs

Euroa Citizens Band, refurbishments at the Bonegilla Hall and the installation of shade sails at Tangambalanga Active

> "Seeing these projects brought to reality and the lasting benefits experienced by our communities has been an extraordinary highlight of being Indi's Independent

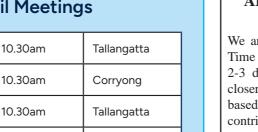
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the dedication and commitment of many local organisations to building of representatives of a thriving community is local governments and recognised with funding to boost their local projects," Dr Haines said. "Priority areas focus for Round of boosting 9 include tourism, supporting our veterans and people with disabilities and upgrading and to submit an

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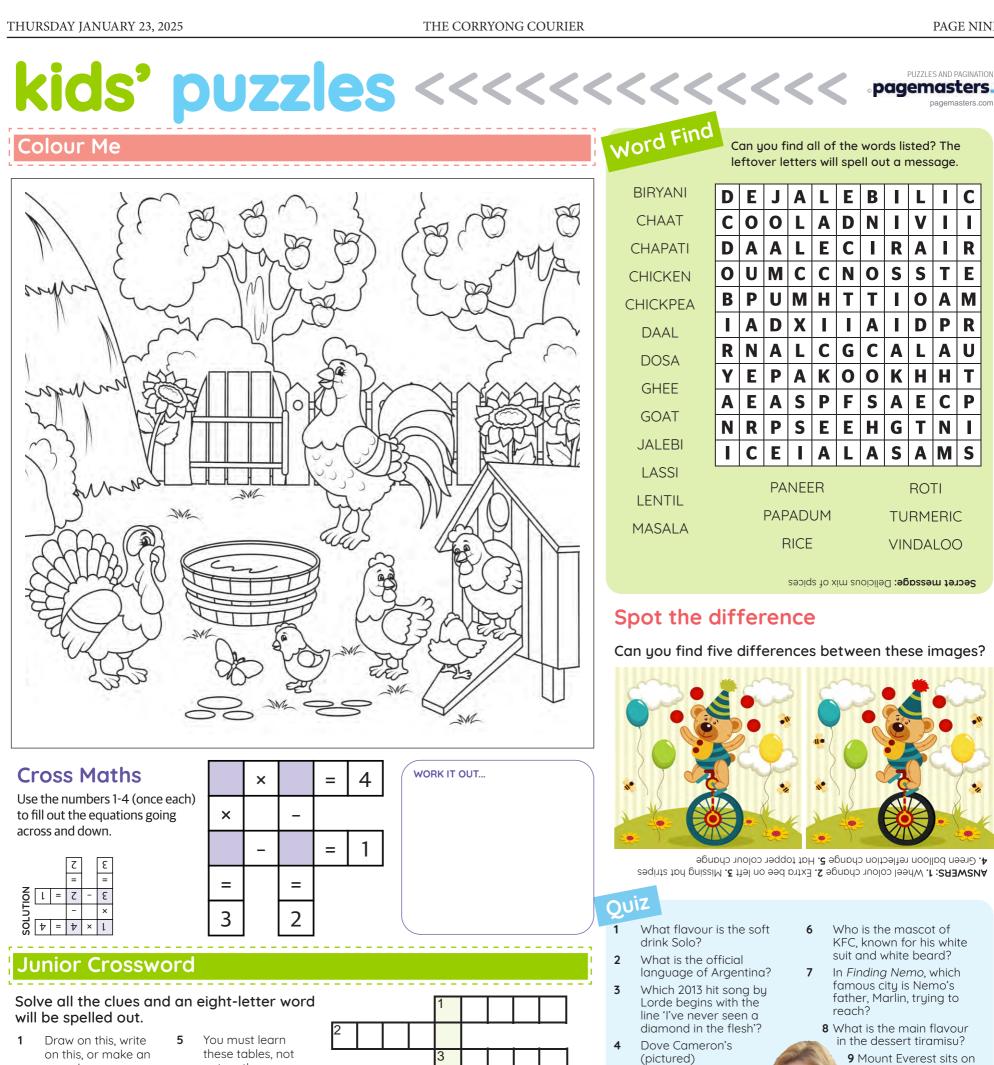
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MP," Dr Haines added. A panel comprised community groups will assess the Expressions of Interest, prior to successful proponents being invited to make applications to the Department of Industry, Science and Resources.

For more information medical and sporting Expression of Interest, visit helenhaines.org/ grants.

> Expressions of Interest must be received by 5pm on Thursday 13 February.



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SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

Red tape cut over water use

The Country Mayors annum. Association of NSW

(CMA) Executive Board

has welcomed the recent

announcement by the

they intend to remove

some of the red-tape that

has prevented farmers

from using their water to

fight fires on their property

legislative improvements

include the provision

that a landholder can

now use surface water

and groundwater sources

without a water licence

or water use approval to

fight fires. This includes

streams, creeks and rivers

adjoining the relevant

for training and controlled

burning and for testing

equipment but only when

it is carried out under the

authority of a firefighting

agency such as the NSW

Landholders can also

prepare for the threat of

bushfires by taking water

to store in a tank or dam

for future firefighting

purposes. The maximum

volume for each property

100,000 litres

is

Rural Fire Service.

Water can also be used

boundary.

It's understood the

and adjacent land.

government that

NSW

CMA Chairman, Rick Firman OAM, hailed the changes as a victory for common sense.

"The CMA Board and our 92 Members warmly welcome this decision made by NSW Emergency Services Minister, Jihad Dib and our NSW government - common sense has prevailed!"

Mr Firman said the cutting of red tape that impedes rural and regional fire fighting is all the more important at this time, when the devastating extended USA fire season overlaps Australia's. limiting large-scale aerial resources.

'It is especially pleasing to see the Minister ensuring the amendments have been made ready for the summer fire period, via the amendments to the Water Management (General) Regulation 2018," he said.

"These amendments are overdue, however, credit when it is earned. CMA warmly thanks Minister Dib and our state government for implementing this sensible approach."



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Farmers can now use their own water to fight fires.

Ag conditions improve

Seasonal conditions, global trade settings and economic growth prospects are the topline themes set to be front of mind for Australian farmers in the first half of 2025, according to Rural Bank's 2025 Agricultural Outlook Report.

With around two thirds of Australian agricultural products exported, increasingly volatile global markets will be key to setting supply, demand and future growth across the sector.

Farmers are expected

to encounter a more positive first half of 2025 amidst a generally

favourable rainfall outlook

prospects, though a volatile

geopolitical environment remains a concern for the industry. A slight easing of ocean freight rates will provide a small boost to exporters.

The report notes that the refreshed trade relationship with China will continue to benefit a range of agricultural sectors, while the potential impact a Trump presidency may have on global trade flows and market access to the USA has also prompted much debate.

Australia gaining an exemption to tariffs that have been proposed during the US election campaign will be a key focus in diplomatic and and improving demand trade circles over coming

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Upset decides finalists Challenge delivered many positives



The Tumbarumba team of (from left) Ray Lynch, Brad Crane, Doug Moray, Jake Burgen and Steve Read. was jubilant with Welaregang's win over Batlow, gifting them top spot.

The final round of the Hills Zone pennant golf competition was played on Sunday at Welaregang and in a boilover, the home side won its first match for the year with a 3-2 scoreline against Batlow.

The loss ensured that Tumbarumba finished on top of the ladder and had choice of venue for the final against Batlow on February 8th after they defeated Corryong 3-2.

In the other match, defeated Holbrook А

Corryong This week's event is the first Monthly Medal

of the year for men and women on Saturday - 18 holes stroke at 7.30am for an 8.00am start.

Several teams are also heading down the river on Sunday for the Walwa 500. Welaregang

After winning R1 with just 14 points, John Lebner went 10 better to take out R12 of the 9@9 Summer cup.

The Tumut District Cricket Association has once again shown the depth of its competition roster by taking the second round of the Club Challenge 4-1 over its Tumbarumba counterpart.

While having to endure perhaps slightly scoreboard more disappointment than they would have liked, many players from the Tumbarumba competition have still enjoyed the experience by getting to travel further afield to play on turf wickets, in new surroundings and against different opposition. **Batlow v Tumut Plains**

On a Bull Paddock green top, both sides found batting difficult, Batlow being the first to navigate the deck, sent in and being skittled for 81 after 26 overs. A Thomas was the destroyer for Tumut with 3-27, with bowlers M Henman and D Hood taking two wickets each. Mick Peel top-scored for Batlow and the match with 28.

In reply, after losing a wicket first ball, the Tumut top order all found starts, steadied by D Butt with 26 not out to see the hosts get to the target five wickets down.

stopped any plans to play at Borombola, the second field at Anzac Park in Gundagai played host to this anticipated fixture, All Stars winning the toss and batting, coming away with 143, dismissed in the 36th over. Tyrone Casey notched a timely 57 for the Tumba Premiers. B Ugle took 4-24 for Mankatters.

The chase was long, arduous but in the end fruitful for the hosts, running down the total in the 39th over for the loss of six wickets. Mankatters opener N Foley led the way with 54. All Stars gun recruit Kev Gittens took two wickets in a close finish, which again fell the way of the hosting side. Tooma v Coolac

The second game at Anzac Park yielded different results for the visitors, Tooma winning the toss and posting a very competitive 6-224 from their 40 overs. Liam McCallum top scored with an impressive 80, while captain courageous Rob Hartnett contributed yet again for his side with 65 not out.

Not done, Hartnett backed up with the ball in the Coolac run chase, taking 3-15 with support from Mathew McCallum who took 3-28, the visitors

in the 37th over.

Rosewood v Wyangle The second turf game at the Bull Paddock was similar to the first one -Rosewood batting first and dismissed for 80, Wyangle opener Tom Boxall taking 5-17.

The hosts made light work of the target, opener Jason Bulger registering 58 in an eight-wicket victory for the home side. Corryong v Adelong

The game at Adelong was also a low scoring affair, Corryong winning the toss and batting and being dismissed for 84 after 28 overs with C. Wilson taking 4-26 and B Hardwick 3-17 causing a middle order collapse. Corryong opener Jordan Wilson dug in with 34.

Despite losing a few early wickets, T Gorman guided the Donkeys to a six-wicket victory with an unbeaten 51 ensuring a comprehensive result for the Tumut Association in the second round of the

Club Challenge. Despite the results on the scoreboard, the Tumbarumba Association still looked at the positive aspects.

When approached by Tumut for a potential merger of the two competitions in the off rumba was happy to use the Club Challenge as a trial to test the proverbial waters if such an undertaking could even be realised.

"While the logistics of such a proposal render the concept untenable, many Tumbarumba players have still enjoyed the change,' said TDCA treasurer, Glen McCallum.

"The boys were happy for something different and hopefully we'll see if there's the same interest next year"

TDCA secretary, John "With Riddell, added the constant struggle of finding the numbers in bush cricket, it's something both comps always need to consider.

"I think that with lines communication remaining open, it keeps both competitions in touch and the Challenge is a good idea to meet half way if there's ever a shortage of cricketers."

The remaining fixture is the Representative Match to be held at Batlow on Sunday February 9th. With the Challenge already decided, Tumbarumba will be looking at retaining the McKenzie/Bulger Trophy, last contested in 2019.

R9 Draw 8/2/25 Rosewood v Tooma Batlow v All Stars Corryong - Bye

Holbrook Adelong 4-1.	defeated	Another young gun, Jayden Land, also had	helping gain top	Tumbarumba spot.	to	All Stars v Mankatters After last week's storm		competitions in season, Tumbaru
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travelled to Kiewa on Saturday intent on a solid win to consolidate their position at the top of the ladder - Kiewa needing the same to stay in the hunt for a top four position.

smoother, The faster synthetic green gave Corryong a clear disadvantage with all Kiewa teams getting off to a good start. Eventually

surface and hot, gusty conditions, teams skipped by Peter Mongan (26-13) and Simon Donadon (27-11), recording comfortable wins; while Noel Blake's four battled bowl for bowl - going into the final end up by one and prevailing

20 -15). Full points! This week - home to North Albury.

The Men's 'Hundred

Sunday (full results next week). **Business Bowls**

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continues this Saturday

at 9am, visitors are most

final round of the Hills

Zone pennant competition

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The club hosted the

Breaking through for

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Results R11

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Roll on! ~ Kitty

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