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Towong mayor Cr Andrew Whitehead, Lisa Pilli and Maisie Pilli (Corryong Ambulance) and Mark Florence and Dianne Fahey (Towong Shire) prepare to launch.

Skatepark is a community achievement

Towong Shire Council and community members came together to celebrate

the official opening of the Corryong Skatepark on Saturday.

The event saw a tremendous turnout from residents and skatepark

users with families, young skaters and community members enjoying the day.

Al Skate Co hosted engaging workshops and tutorials, giving participants a chance to learn new skills.

Towong Shire mayor, Cr Andrew Whitehead, led the official ribbon-cutting ceremony, acknowledging the contributions of everyone involved in bringing the skatepark to life.

"This skatepark represents what we can achieve as a community," he said.

"I extend a sincere appreciation to our community groups who have been a vital part of this project and the contractors and staff involved.

"The park plays a role in providing a vibrant space where young people and families can connect, socialise and have fun, while also strengthening community ties and promoting an active lifestyle."

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Go wild at the expo

In an exciting development, the Tallangatta Expo has managed to attract the Wild Action Zoo as a feature of this year's event.

This has been possible due to the support of sponsors such as Rotor Solutions Australia and the Tallangatta and Kiewa Veterinary Clinic. Featuring a selection of native animals, including reptiles, birds and marsupials the interactive hands-on experience is aimed at children and adults alike.

As the Tallangatta Expo is on April 16th, it will occur during both the NSW and Victorian school holidays and as such, will present a fantastic opportunity for families to learn and experience these animals with a very strong focus on conservation.

Another feature of the expo will be Dog Training Clinics where canines and their handlers can be put through their paces with expert trainers including David McKereth. This is made possible due to support from sponsors such as Agbizassist, Brewer Beef, Smith's Tallangatta Meat Processors and Kiewa Valley Lamb.

The Tallangatta Expo will also be the finishing point for the Chauvel Australian Light Horse ride, which is a ride to commemorate the 160th anniversary of the birth of the legendary leader of the Australian Light Horsemen of WWI, General Sir Harry Chauvel.

Arriving at the expo at 1pm, this is an occasion to honour the memory of the Australian Light Horse as well as an opportunity to donate to the preservation of their legacy. More details re the Chauvel Ride are available at www.talhs.org.

Visitors to the expo in previous years have had the opportunity to buy tickets in a wood raffle and this year the Rotary Club of Tallangatta has a massive \$2000 worth of firewood up for grabs with \$1000 worth of wood as first prize and \$500 value for second and third. Tickets will be available in the main street of Tallangatta in the weeks leading up to the expo and at the Rotary Tent at the on the day.

With an emphasis on farming, the expo once



Wild Action Zoo offers unforgettable animal encounters.

again gives a unique opportunity for exhibitors and visitors to come together in a peaceful and picturesque venue at the Tallangatta Showgrounds to experience the latest in agriculture.

The expo is on Wednesday April 16th with gates opening at 9am for visitors and 7am for

exhibitors and entry is free.

Information on exhibitors will be available via the website www.tallangattaexpo.com or email tallangattaexpo@gmail.com.

Registrations for the Dog Training Clinics can also be made on the website.

Haines gives tax cuts and health funding a tick

Independent Federal Member for Indi, Helen Haines, has welcomed tax cuts and funding to deliver more training places for doctors in regional Australia under key announcements in Tuesday's federal Budget.

Dr Haines' advocacy for a Commonwealth injection of funding into the regional healthcare workforce was substantially reflected in the 2025-2026 budget.

In her Indi budget submission, she requested that the government provide additional funding, including via Commonwealth Supported Places, for regionally-based medicine university courses.

The government announced that 200 rural GPs will be trained every year

by 2028, as part of the \$606.3 million committed in the budget.

In addition to this, the budget revealed that universities wanting to access the \$35.7 million for 100 new Commonwealth Supported Places (CSP) a year in medicine must demonstrate evidence-based strategies that encourage medical students to pursue a career in general practice, particularly in regional, rural and remote areas.

"This is a critical announcement and a win for regional areas facing critical shortages of healthcare workers, with a commitment to 50 percent of additional General Practitioner trainee places being in regional and rural Australia," said Dr Haines. She also welcomed

the requirement on CSP funding for regionally-based medicine and said she would be following up with universities and government alike to make sure it is being met.

Dr Haines also welcomed other healthcare inclusions such as cheaper medicines by lowering the Pharmaceutical Medicines Scheme general patient co-payment from \$31.60 to \$25 from 1 January 2026 and \$7.9 billion to expand eligibility for bulk billing incentives.

"We know that Australians are failing to fill their scripts for medicines or failing to go to the GP, just because it costs too much," she said. "These measures will help alleviate that."

Dr Haines however criticised the government

for a lack of dedicated funding for building hospitals in regional Australia.

"Under this budget, once again there is no fund for health services like Albury Wodonga Health to bid into for a new hospital," she said.

"Until federal governments realise that Commonwealth financial support is absolutely necessary, regional and rural health services will keep struggling to provide the healthcare their communities deserve."

Dr Haines added that the surprise inclusion of further modest tax cuts was an 'election sweetener' but nevertheless would be welcomed by Australians facing continued cost-of-living pressures.

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Councils continue hospital battle

Last week, Towong Shire Council met with neighbouring border councils to keep the momentum going after the Melbourne rally on the steps of the Victorian Parliament last month.

"The focus remains on advocating to stop the redevelopment plan for the Albury Wodonga Regional Hospital and build a new hospital on a new site," Towong mayor,

Cr Andrew Whitehead, confirmed.

"If you couldn't attend the first event but still want to show your support, North East councils are coming together for a community rally this Saturday, March 29 from 10am to 11am at QE2 Square in Albury.

"This is our chance to share our experiences, to be heard and to push for real change. Guest

speakers, including myself, will be there to share their stories."

In other news, council is starting consultation sessions for the Council Plan 2025-2029.

"There will be morning and evening sessions across the shire, giving everyone a chance to have their say on the next four years of the future strategic direction of council," Cr Whitehead said.

All details, including registration, are available on council's website.

In related news, the Wodonga Council is leading the way in calling on the federal government to provide funding for a new single-site Albury Wodonga hospital.

It will be seeking support from other local councils involved in the campaign for a new hospital.



Letters to the Editor:-

Go Grey in May

Each year too many people are diagnosed with brain cancer - we just hope that in time they will find a cure!

There are many different types of brain cancers with different gradings ranging from 1-4, grade 4 being the worst.

In my husband Greg's case he had no symptoms - one day he is active and working and the next day he had passed out. By the end of the day I was told he had a mass on the brain. Further tests to come was more bad news.

Greg had been diagnosed with a rare, very aggressive grade 4 brain cancer called Glioblastoma. Your life changes in a split second. It's the news that no family ever wants to hear!

Sadly within four months after being diagnosed, Greg passed away at the age 64.

So, in memory of Greg and to raise awareness of brain cancer, I will be doing another High Tea fundraiser.

All money raised will go straight to brain cancer research with a mission to rapidly improve survival rates and continue the vision to ultimately find a cure for brain cancer.

High Tea will be on Sunday 25th May from 12pm-2pm at the Corryong RSL Hall. The cost is \$50 per person - limited numbers, bookings essential.

Dietary requirements must be given when booking. Please text 0400 659 527 by May 2nd.

With Mothers' Day coming up, you might like to spoil Mum with a voucher to the High Tea (which must be ordered before 21st April).

If you are unable to attend and would still like to donate, a collection box will be at Corryong Café Brew for the month of May. All donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance, Leonie Wilson.

The Grapevine

Club Corner:- The jackpot at The Club Corryong this Friday is \$2300. Last week's winner was Ros McKenzie (\$10).

The Walwa Kindergarten has officially moved from the town's community hall to a new building on the grounds of Walwa Primary School.



Protestors at the first rally on the steps of Parliament House. Photo: Mark Jesser, Border Mail.

Support needed for power upgrades

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Dr Haines said more needed to be done for people on low incomes and to help households and small business electrify.

"Every dollar of relief makes a big difference to everyday Australians right now," she said.

"Almost 5000 people in Indi are on JobSeeker and there are no provisions in this budget for Commonwealth Rent Assistance, Job Seeker allowance or other Commonwealth support payments.

"What is also still missing for households

and businesses is support to electrify.

"With the cost of domestic gas, Australians know that the best energy cost saver is rooftop solar and electrification."

Dr Haines also said it was disappointing the government had failed to continue support for small businesses to reduce costs through energy upgrades.

"The government's own budget papers tout the \$56.7 million in grants for small businesses to access energy upgrades, such as replacing inefficient appliances and improving heating systems so

businesses can save money on their energy bills but in the fine print it's clear there's actually no new money for this program," Dr Haines pointed out.

Indi was the second most successful electorate in the program, with \$2.25 million awarded under two rounds.

Dr Haines is also angry that regional infrastructure programs like the Growing Regions and the regional Precincts and Partnerships Program, along with regional roads and housing infrastructure funding, had no further financial commitment in

the budget.

"The Growing Regions Program exhausted its funding and the Regional Precincts and Partnerships Program is due to expire after this financial year," she explained.

"Regional councils and organisations rely on competitive grant programs like these for key projects and community infrastructure.

"The appalling state of our local roads is evidence that much more support is needed for our local government road programs," Dr Haines emphasised.

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Planned burning reduces future risk

Forest Management Victoria (FFMVic) will take advantage of favourable weather and forest conditions across the state this autumn to reduce the risk of bushfires on the community and environment.

FFMVic Deputy Chief Fire Officer, Aaron Kennedy, said planned burning is one of the key tools firefighters use to reduce the size, intensity and impact of bushfires.

"Reducing fuels such as grass, leaves, bark, shrubs and small fallen branches means fires are less intense, slower to spread and safer for firefighters to control," Mr Kennedy said.

"Autumn is generally the best time of the year to undertake planned burns as the weather is more stable and fire behaviour is manageable and predictable.

"Given the limited opportunities to undertake planned burning, it is important that we commence this work as soon as weather and forest



conditions are suitable."

This year more than 100 planned burns across an area of 46,300 hectares are prepared and ready for ignition in north east Victoria.

Priority burns are planned in state forest, parks and reserves around Koetong, Mitta,

Tallangatta, Marysville, Toolangi, Kinglake, Glenburn, Woods Point, Tatong, Howqua, Bright, Beechworth and Yackandandah. While planned burning is our most effective tool to reduce bushfire risk, in locations where planned

burning isn't suitable, we mulch, mow, slash and spray, build fuel breaks and upgrade and maintain the public land road network to keep Victoria safer," Mr Kennedy said.

"We work with the Bureau of Meteorology to assess weather conditions such as humidity, temperature and wind speed and will only carry out burns when the conditions are suitable, and it is safe to do so."

FFMVic works with emergency sector partners including the Country Fire Authority, Fire Rescue Victoria and Emergency Management Victoria to manage bushfire risk, prepare communities and respond to bushfires and other emergencies.

Register for the latest updates about where and when FFMVic deliver planned burning at <https://plannedburns.ffm.vic.gov.au/>.

Farmers feel powerless



Member for Benambra, Bill Tilley, says the Tallangatta Valley Dog Fence needs to be switched on before more stock is lost to predators.

During the parliamentary sitting week, Mr Tilley called on Environment Minister, Steve Dimopoulos, to remedy the situation that has seen the electric fence unplugged through a lack of manpower.

The 75-kilometre exclusion fence runs on a north-south alignment along the private land and public land interface from the Murray River to the Tallangatta Valley.

During a protracted debate over the future of managing wild dogs last year the fence had a dedicated worker to

prevent shorts and other threats to its integrity.

Mr Tilley said he understood that person had been redeployed.

"This government has been red hot on non-lethal methods of controlling these dogs and here we have a 75-kilometre one that they've turned their back on," he said.

"The fence keeps the dogs at bay and ensures dingoes are safety kept in the national park.

"But instead, the department pulls the plug."

Tallangatta Valley farmer, Emma Nankervis, said it would be tragic if the fence fell into rack and ruin.

"It's proven to keep pigs, deer, dogs and other pest species out of private

property when working effectively," she said.

"It's always been an unwritten rule among farmers that we're responsible for keeping our animals out of our neighbours' farms - why isn't the government doing the same?"

Mr Tilley pointed to the Environment Department's own stats to highlight increased attacks.

"Figures from the DEECA invasive species program shows a 30 per cent increase in livestock either killed and maimed and a 53 per cent in the number of wild dogs seen and heard," he said.

"Locals say it is a direct reflection of the fence being out of action."

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Spearheaded by CropLife Australia and its not-for-profit subsidiary Agsafe, in collaboration with the Australian Seed Federation, bagMUSTER provides farmers, growers, and the broader agricultural sector with a practical and responsible recycling solution - transforming waste into opportunity.

The program's first phase is happening in Victoria, with collection sites now operational in the Macedon Ranges Shire Council.

Farmers and growers can currently drop off eligible PP bags such as those used for fertilisers, seeds, grain, stock feed and pet food at collection sites in Kyneton, Romsey and Woodend.

The bagMUSTER initiative is more than just a recycling program, it is a vital step towards creating a circular economy in agriculture, where waste is repurposed rather than discarded.

The program offers a range of benefits including reducing plastic waste, preventing pollution and protecting ecosystems.

Also, there is no fee for dropping off eligible bags at participating collection sites.

The remainder of Phase 1 of the program will see collection sites established across western Victoria.

Phase 2 will expand the program to the rest of the state, with plans to roll out nationally as infrastructure becomes available.

To learn more about bagMUSTER and find collection sites or to explore participating retailers visit bagMUSTER.org.au.



Producers are missing out on fair farm gate prices

Last week's release of the competition watchdog's inquiry into supermarket pricing lays bare the power imbalances, tactics and transparency issues faced in the dairy industry, according to the Australian Dairy Farmers (ADF).

It says the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission's (ACCC) inquiry shows more must be done to strengthen safeguards for Australian dairy farmers and the agriculture industry more broadly.

ADF President, Ben Bennett, said farmers are the most vulnerable participants in a supply chain dominated by big players.

"This report backs up what we've been saying for years - that the big supermarkets have increased their product margins over the past five years at the cost of our industry," he said.

"With the exception of homebrand milk, which the big supermarkets use as a loss leader, we consistently see the retail price of dairy products rise. Yet, right now, dairy farmers are struggling to juggle high input costs with declining farm gate prices.

"The big supermarkets directly sourcing milk from farmers is further eroding market competition, compounding the issues our industry faces."

Mr Bennett welcomed the government's support for the report and called on leaders to adopt and enforce the recommended reforms.

"We also want the government to look beyond these recommendations and consider how they can ensure retail price increases flow to farmers," he said.

"Government must also implement policies that promote local dairy products and counter the rising levels of cheap dairy imports."

With one major supermarket now a dairy processor in its own right and a review of the Dairy Code of Conduct underway, Mr Bennett hopes the government will seize the opportunity to strengthen provisions and protections for farmers dealing with processors.



Blackberry Control Field Day

The Northeast Blackberry Action Group, Upper Murray, in partnership with the Upper Murray Landcare Network and the Victorian BlackBerry Taskforce, will be holding a field day for discussing various aspects of Blackberry Control. The day will cover three main discussions and demonstrations.

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Fake news sites slammed

Australia's largest association of independent newspapers has supported calls for the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) to review a number of online publications allegedly funded by Climate 200 supporters.

Country Press Australia (CPA) president, Andrew Schreyer (pictured), says this serves as a timely warning about the increased risk of politically funded propaganda being passed off as independent news in the upcoming election campaign.

"The AEC has an excellent record of strictly monitoring and regulating political advertising but now there is a new threat where fake 'news' sites can become a loophole for political advertising donations to be redirected to fund 'journalism' that mainly produces political propaganda," Mr Schreyer cautioned.

"There are concerns from our organisation's more than 240-strong membership that the level of trust readers had for local papers was being compromised following the recent emergence of a number of online publications produced by Gazette News."

He said claims by Gazette News to be

committed to providing high-quality local journalism to communities where local news has declined or disappeared were both misleading and wrong, given there were dozens of independently owned mastheads that have existed in many cases for more than 150 years in some of the same areas where Gazette News now operates.

"It's all too easy now to set up a 'news' website that publishes political propaganda dressed up as journalism and amplified through social media campaigns," Mr Schreyersaid.

"Such sites are a threat to the integrity of our political advertising regulations and to the public trust in truly independent news publishers who are reporting objectively and holding the powerful to account.

"Most of our member newspapers have news websites and a history dating back well over 100 years. In addition, many local radio and television services across rural and regional Australia have a proud history of supporting and serving local communities.

"Independently owned, place-based public interest journalism providers such

as our member newspapers work hard to earn the respect and trust of the communities they serve."

Mr Schreyer said it can take years to earn that trust but it can also be easily put at risk by entities whose actions can undermine what local papers have fought so hard for, and for so long.

"Our members produce balanced and accurate journalism underpinned by the integrity and respect they share for the community," he emphasised.

"We are concerned that the actions of this single organisation could undermine the respect readers have for authentic public interest journalism."

It has been revealed that the three major funders of Gazette News have also donated more than \$1.7 million to environmental lobby group Climate 200 and associated candidates, according to AEC disclosures.

"The revelation that Gazette News online publications are funded by top teal donors damages the reputation of independent regional, rural and local mastheads," Mr Schreyer said.

"Consumers of content produced by Gazette News publications need to be made aware of their



funding sources and view their content through that lens.

"Balanced, independent and professionally produced public interest journalism such as that produced by our members is the democratic infrastructure that holds communities together."

Mr Schreyer said as members of the Australian Press Council, CPA publications are required to abide by a code of ethics that stresses the importance of fairness and balance in their reporting and for journalists to

not be influenced by outside influences or organisations.

Mr Schreyer welcomed Nationals leader David Littleproud's intervention in this matter and thanked him for his strong representation of local, rural and regional newspapers and the work they do in thousands of local communities across the nation.

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DEATHS
DAMM, Elsie May - Passed away peacefully at Corryong Hospital on March 21st, 2025. Aged 84 years.
Dearly loved wife of Roscoe for 64 years. Loving Mum and mother-in-law of David and Faith and Rodney and Tracey; precious grandmother of Jonathon, Sophie, Matthew, Edward, Tom and Jessica; and great grandmother of Taj. Cherished friend of Kaine, Milly, Jemma and Bron.
Sadly missed by all. Forever in God's loving care.


DAMM, Elsie May - Your gifts of love, patience, kindness, hospitality, devotion, service to God and unfailing faith were a shining example to your family that will live on.
Your passions became our passions, whether it was home making, fishing, hospitality at gatherings, service to others, doing what you could with the resources you had and always putting the needs of others above yourself.
We cannot begin to express how much you meant to us and all who knew you. We were blessed and honoured to have you as our Mum, mother-in-law, grandmother and friend. You are missed.
Forever in our hearts.
David, Faith, Jonathon, Matthew and Jessica.

DAMM, Elsie May - Taken too soon.
Dearly loved Mum and Grandma of Rodney and Tracey, Sophie and Kaine, Edward and Milly and Tom and Jemma.
Heaven has gained another angel.
Dearly loved by all that knew her, she will be sadly missed.
Special thanks to all the nurses and other staff at Corryong Health for their kind and loving care of Elsie and the extended family, it wa"
Forever in our Hearts.

DAMM, Elsie May - 7.12.1940-21.3.2025
Devoted wife to Ross.
Beloved daughter of Edward and Rita Brown (both dec.).
Much loved sister and sister-in-law to Ed and Anne (both dec.), Beryl (dec.) and Ray, Morris (dec.) and Nancy, Mary and Graeme, John and Elaine, Clarrie and Margaret and aunt and great aunt to their families.

DEATHS
HAYES, Jillian Bridget Hayes (nee Smith) - Passed away peacefully on March 20th, 2025 after a short illness. Aged 80 years.
Beloved wife of Tony and adored mother of Rebecca, Paul and Bridget; mother-in-law to Bruce and Marty; grandmother to Thomas, Phoebe, Mikayla, Lachi and Clancy.
❖
A Memorial Mass for Jill will be held on Thursday April 3rd, 2025 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Hanson St., Corryong at 9am.

LOORHAM, Michael John
1940-2025
The Welaregang Golf Club mourns the death of esteemed former member, Michael Loorham. Always an enthusiastic player and very popular member of the club, Mike is fondly remembered by many.
The club extends sympathy to Betty and her family on their sad loss.

FUNERALS
DAMM
The funeral service to celebrate the life of Elsie May Damm will be held at the Corryong Lions Youth Hall, 16 Donaldson Street, Corryong on Thursday April 3rd, 2025, commencing at 11.00am. Following the service the cortege will leave for burial at Corryong Cemetery, 27 Pioneer Avenue, Corryong.

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Light horse skills will be on display

An exciting contest showcasing the mounted military skills of old such as tent pegging, skill-at-arms and stand-to-horse will get spectators' blood racing when the 8th Light Horse Indi Upper Murray hosts the Lt Col Leslie Maygar Memorial Trophy at Walwa on Sunday, April 6th.

As well as the equestrian competitors, members of the 9th/14th Prince of Wales Regiment will be in attendance and the 8th Light Horse Indi VMR will have a static display at the event.

There will also be a Bush Market on the tennis courts adjacent to the oval.

The day starts at 9am and entry is a gold coin donation (BYO seating). refreshments will be available at the Walwa Store and the Walwa Hotel.

The competition is named in honour of Lt Col Leslie Maygar VC, DSO, VD who served with the Victorian Mounted Rifles in the South African War Victorian Mounted Rifles.

It was during this conflict that Maygar was awarded the Victoria Cross for the rescue of a fellow soldier under heavy fire.

When WWI started he once again volunteered for military service, enlisting with the Australian



Tent pegging is a tactic used by mounted troops since ancient times.

Imperial Force as part of the 4th Light Horse Regiment.

While serving on Gallipoli in 1915 Maygar was promoted to the rank of major and in October that year was appointed to command the 8th Light Horse Regiment. He was in command of the last party to withdraw from the trenches at Anzac Cove and rose to the rank of lieutenant colonel.

The Light Horse troopers will stay on in the district after the Maygar Trophy to participate in events at the Man from Snowy River Bush Festival three days later, commencing with a commemorative wreath laying at the Anzac Park cenotaph at 5pm on Wednesday, April 9th.

Members of the Australian Light Horse Association (ALHA), who

have been attending the festival since 2011, will also be on show at the re-enactment, in the main arena and at the street parade.

Members of the ALHA attend Anzac Day and other commemorations throughout Australia at their own cost, taking pride in presenting themselves and their horses in a manner that would have made the original Light Horse proud.

The following excerpts from the Anzac Portal of the Department of Veterans Affairs describe the activities of the Light Horse:-

".....The advantage of mounted military units in early conflicts was that they were more mobile than infantry and could travel faster over long distances.

The Light Horse in the Australian Imperial Force (AIF) mostly contained recruits who served in the regiments of the Citizen Forces.

Many young men from rural areas of Australia volunteered for the Light Horse regiments but they had to pass a riding test to join. The test was easier for men from the bush because horses were still the main method of transport on farms and in country towns.

The army did not officially accept First Australians into the AIF until May 1917, when enlistment standards were relaxed to include 'mixed heritage' with a parent of European origin. Indigenous soldiers served as valuable members of the Light Horse.

Many possessed excellent horse-handling skills and specialist tracking knowledge.

Australia shipped more than 120,000 horses overseas during WWI. Only about 29,000 served with Australians and other Allied troops in Egypt and the Middle East. Most were sold to the Indian Army.

During the war, Commonwealth purchasing officers bought many horses from breeders and graziers. The army preferred station horses, referred to as 'Walers', because they were well suited to the desert conditions in Egypt and

Palestine. Walers had been used by stockmen and mounted units in Australia for many years. They had also been exported from Australia and sold to the British Indian Army as mounts.

Occasionally, Light Horse recruits brought along their own horses and the government would purchase them. All AIF horses received the government hide brand.

Light horsemen camped in bell tents close to their horses. Each tent would fit eight men with their feet towards the centre like the spokes of a wheel.

Light horsemen mostly fought dismounted. They were considered to be 'mounted infantry' instead of 'cavalry'. The soldiers rode horses to a battlefield where they engaged with the enemy on foot and then left quickly on horseback when disengaging. The use of horses made the force more mobile and faster than infantry units and horse-drawn artillery.

During combat, they rode in sections of four light horsemen. One soldier held the reins of all four horses. The other three men in his section dismounted and went forward to fight on foot. The horse handler had a dangerous job because enemy aircraft could target him.

Sometimes the light horsemen fought from horseback, like cavalry. In the Battle of Beersheba, the light horsemen rode in with their bayonets. Their rifles were slung over their backs.

In 1918, some regiments were issued with sabres so they acted like cavalry but mostly they dismounted to fight. Each regiment contained 25 officers and 400 men, of whom around 100 performed horse-holding duties during combat. The regiment was organised into three squadrons (A, B, C), each with four troops that had 10 four-person sections.

Veterans of the Australian Light Horse felt proud of their service and connected to each other with many of them riding on horseback in Anzac Day parades for many years after the war."

For more information visit <https://anzacportal.dva.gov.au>

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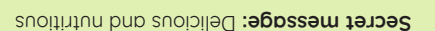
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Premier’s prize marks a milestone

The Victorian government will give a dozen students the opportunity to embark on a fully funded 11-day study tour to Gallipoli, Türkiye, where they will retrace the footsteps of the Anzacs.

Member for Northern Victoria, Jaclyn Symes,invited students from Years 9-12 to apply for the 2025 Spirit of Anzac Prize and gain a deeper understanding of Australia’s wartime history.

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the prize, ensuring that Victorian students continue to learn about our veterans’ service and sacrifice. This milestone is particularly significant as students will visit Gallipoli on the 110th anniversary of the Anzacs landing on 25 April, 1915.

“By walking the same ground as those who served, students will gain a profound appreciation of the resilience, mateship and courage that define the Anzac spirit,” Ms Symes said.

“The Premier’s Prize not only deepens students understanding of the Anzac spirit, it also creates lifelong memories and friendships that stay with the participants well beyond the tour.”

As part of their application, students will reflect on their interest in wartime history, their understanding of Anzac values, their contributions to their school and community and the knowledge they hope to gain from this unique experience.

“For 20 years, the Premier’s Spirit of Anzac Prize has given young Victorians the wonderful opportunity to gain a profound appreciation of our nation’s history and the sacrifices made by those who served,” said Minister for Veterans Affairs, Natalie Suleyman.

“I encourage eligible students to embrace this opportunity to walk in the footsteps of our heroes and be part of the legacy that continues to educate and inspire future generations.”

More than 4,000 students have submitted applications in the last 20 years, with more than 500 of these given the opportunity to visit historic battlefields and memorials across Europe, Southeast Asia and Australia.

“Through opportunities like this, the government is fostering a deep respect for history, so the sacrifices of past generations are never forgotten.”

Applications are open until Monday April 28, 2025. To apply visit www.vic.gov.au/soap.



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Upper Murray Sport



A FULL FIELD

All rinks were filled for the second annual Corryong IGA tournament on Sunday with a countback required to determine the winning team



A full quota of teams rolled up to contest the second annual 'IGA Local' bowls tournament on Sunday.

Three games of 2 bowl triples were played with a refreshing lunch served up after the second game.

Most of Corryong's best bowlers were present (thankfully well spread out across the 16 teams), with the 'luck of the draw' playing a large part in the final results.

There were some intense contests across the day and some not so, with

most regulars turning up for an enjoyable and very social day on the green (and in the clubhouse!).

At the end of the event there were no three game winners with three teams finishing on two wins and a draw.

On a 'points up' countback (and to cries of "rigged") the team of Adrian Cummiskey, Zane Heinjus and Shane Bannon were in front with team Cathy and Stewart Ross and Peter Griffiths the runners-up.

Numerous side awards

were issued prior to the majors - most notably Sarah Rees who not only took out the 'most enjoying personality of the day' and took home Happy the Garden Gnome (and also won a bottle of wine in the raffles held prior to the presentation).

It seemed the perfect ending to another successful season for the Corryong Bowls Club and we thank IGA Supermarket for their ongoing support and participation across the year.

The Ladies 100 Up was

completed last week. The two semi-final matches were both closely fought games. Melissa Humphrey defeated Cheryl Smedley and Carol Fair won over Catherine Ross. In the final Carol overcame a large handicap deficit to come out the winner against Melissa.

It was a great competition all through and we all enjoyed the handicap format.

Both 100 Up events have been completed with Col Smedley defeating Noel Blake in the men's

final.

The annual general meeting and awards day will be held on Sunday April 6th. Ring in by 10.30am for an 11am rollup start. A barbeque lunch is planned for about 12.30. All members are invited - please bring a salad or slice.

The meeting will commence after the awards presentation.

Enquiries to the secretary Leif Kamba on 0407 483 377.

Roll on!
~ Kitty



Carol Fair (left) and Melissa Humphrey fought out the 100 Up final.



TEE TO GREEN

Welaregang

There were no changes to the ladder positions in the Summer Cup series on Saturday but there were different names in the winners' circle with Paul Land holding on to beat Rob Cox on a countback, both carding 23 points.

Rob had a great opportunity to steal the win but missed a 152.5cms birdie putt on the last after a brilliant tee shot rolled past the hole...everyone

watching from the deck thought it was going in!

Jono Lebner took third place on another countback from Bill Bond and Lance Noonan, all on 21 points.

Laurie Williams missed out on any major points for the first time for weeks but remains one shot off the pace and needs to finish in the top two of this week's final round to have a chance of winning the Summer Cup.

Members are reminded that the annual general meeting will be held at 12 noon this Saturday March 29th, at the club house.

The winter season kicks off with a three person 'bring a guest' 18 hole ambrose event the following Sunday, April 6th - names in by 11.30am, hit-off at 12 noon..

The club's first major event, the Graziers Cup, will be played on April 27th.

Corryong

The club is preparing for its headline event on Easter Sunday - the Corryong Grande - and the field is filling fast.

Entries to 0419 101 820.

Upcoming Events

Sat 29th - Stableford Front 9

Sun 30th - 18 Hole Stableford

Sun 30th - Walwa Annual Tournament

Wed 2nd - Committee

Meeting

Hit-off Time:- All 2025 Corryong golf club events are 8.30am register for 9.00am hit off unless otherwise stated.

Course Closed:- Please note there will be no golf due to the course being used for bush festival 31/3/25 to 16/4/25. Volunteers are needed for car parking for a couple of hours on the Saturday and Sunday - please fill in the sheet in the golf office.

Season culminates with local derby

The Corryong Tennis Association will hold its grand final this Saturday, March 29th and in what is believed to be the first time in living memory, the two Cudgewa teams will vie for the title.

Top of the ladder Cudgewa claimed its berth in the decider with a 72-31 victory over Corryong in the first elimination final, while second-placed Cudgewa North overcame defending premier Khancoban 60-39 in the other eliminator.

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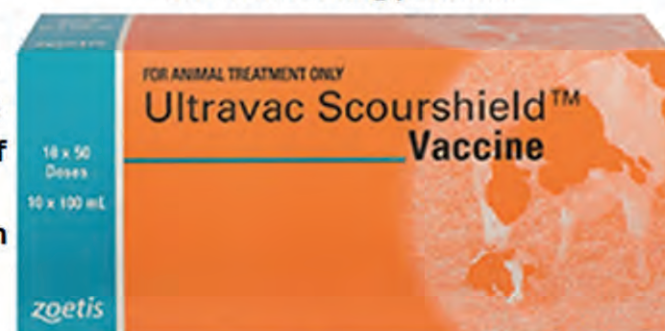
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