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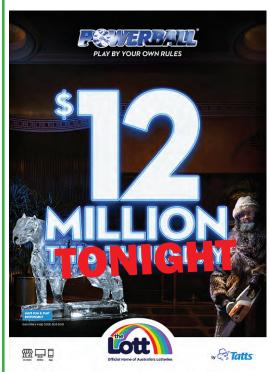
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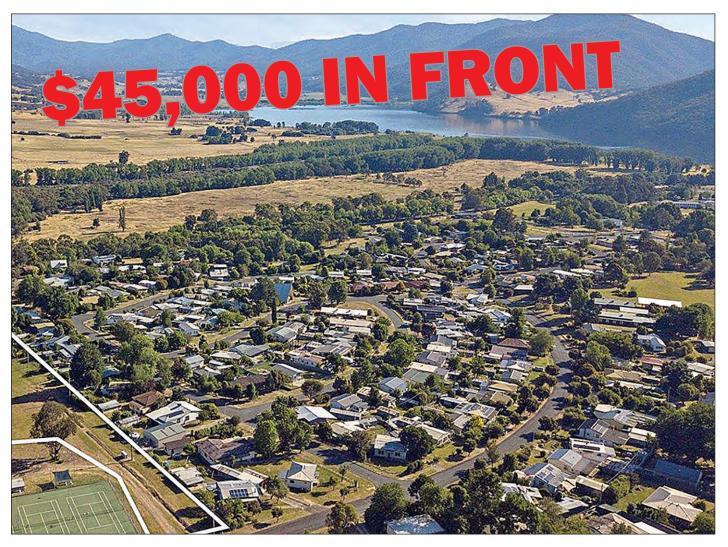
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for Northern Victoria, Wendy Lovell, demanded the Treasurer end the blatant disadvantage faced by Victorian first home buyers, who receive far less support on stamp duty than their NSW counterparts.

In Khancoban, under the NSW government's program first home buyers do not pay stamp duty on properties up to \$800,000 but in Corryong the cut-off is \$600,000.

The Federal government's First up first home buyers by guaranteeing their deposit and removing the need Lenders Mortgage Insurance and the cap for NSW is \$750,000; however, for Corryong the cap is \$100,000 less.

Ms Lovell highlighted recent example at Leneva, in Wodonga.

"A young woman had worked hard to save up her deposit on a \$675,000 home," she said.

"That price exceeded the cap in Victoria for both schemes which meant an



extra \$17,785 in stamp duty and \$26,664.63 for Lenders Mortgage Insurance.

"Had that home been in Thurgoona there would have been no additional cost."

Mr Tilley said the lack of parity was pushing first home buyers into NSW.

"It seems ridiculous that when these programs are dreamt up that no one seems to be looking across the river, looking at what our neighbouring state is

doing and assessing the unintended consequence of their actions," he said.

"Seriously, why would a first home buyer be buying on this side of the Murray?

"My argument is simple, we are one community here on the Border and the cap should be the same no matter which side of the river you live on."

The Treasurer has 28 days to respond to Ms Lovell.

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Follow the beaten pathway

The Towong Shire Council recently put the finishing touches to the Corryong Circuit Trail including the installation of signage.

The 5.47km loop trail provides a pathway that connects 18 points of cultural, natural and historical significance around the township. It comprises a sealed pathway beginning in the centre of town and then following a loop along Corryong's outer streets.

It is a shared-use trail suitable for walking and cycling by all ages.

"The circuit trail provides valuable recreation options for residents and visitors alike," said Towong mayor, Cr Andrew Whitehead.

"It also provides an excellent perspective on the town and the marvellous surrounding landscapes."

As part of the funding agreement, both way-finding and interpretative signs are now in place along 4.2 kms of the trail. Each sign highlights the unique story of its location or street, adding an extra layer of local heritage to users' experience.

"We thank the Upper Murray Historical Society for their contribution in developing the panels," Cr Whitehead added.

Walker found safe

A multi-agency search and rescue assessment over the weekend turned into a real-life mission when NSW State Emergency Service (SES) was tasked to search for a hiker who had failed to return from a back country expedition in the Snowy Mountains near Khancoban.

Ten NSW SES Alpine Search and Rescue Unit members joined the search for the missing hiker on Saturday with NSW Police, PolAir, Rural Fire Service, Police Rescue Squad and NPWS staff.

The man was found near Valentine's Hut on Sunday.



The trail has 18 points of interest.

Pastor notches up nine decades



Douglas Allen celebrates his milestone birthday.

The minister at Ambassadors of Jesus in Corryong, Pastor Douglas Allen, recently celebrated his 90th birthday with his wife Carol and friends at the Corryong Hotel Motel.

"Congratulations on reaching this amazing milestone of 90 years young but please stop climbing ladders and stick to the banjo so we can look forward to celebrating your 100th!" Carol implored.

It was a more sedate affair than Pastor Douglas's 80th birthday when Carol arranged a ride on a Harley Davidson motorbike for him.

Council plan opens for community comment

Towong Shire Council has officially released its Draft Council Plan 2025-2029 and is inviting residents across the region to review and provide feedback.

Crafted following two years of community-led master planning, place-based 'Our Towns' consultations and other strategic engagements, the draft encapsulates the priorities and actions the council aims to pursue over the next four years.

It received more than 600 individual contributions through online feedback and in-person engagement sessions from March to May. This input has helped shape the priorities of the draft plan.

With a four-year outlook, the Council Plan sets the foundation for how projects are prioritised, budgets are allocated and resources directed, ultimately framing how Towong Shire will progress toward its long-term community vision.

Over the coming weeks, the council will share highlights from the draft plan in the media and engage directly with community groups and previous contributors to ensure it closes the loop and show how council has incorporated their feedback into the plan.

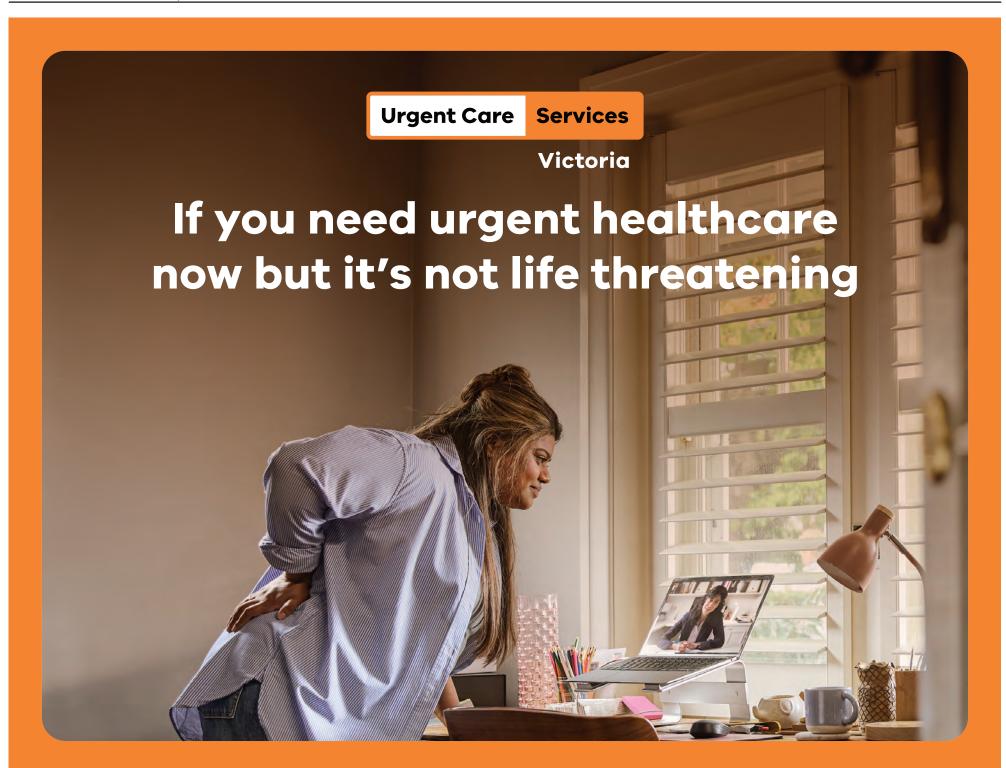
The plan is available for review on the council website at towong.vic. gov.au/council-plan or by calling or emailing to request a hard copy.

The consultation period is now open and ends at 5.00pm on Friday October 3rd, 2025.

Written feedback is welcome via email to info@towong.vic. gov.au and addressed to the Chief Executive Officer or by post to the Chief Executive Officer, Submissions, Towong Shire Council, PO Box 55, Tallangatta 3700.







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Tyrrell calls for better road repairs

As part of her ongoing campaign to improve the road network throughout her electorate, Member for Northern Victorian Rikkie-Lee Region, Tyrrell, has questioned the Victorian government on the quality of the workmanship contractors responsible for repairing damaged Victorian roads.

Ms Tyrrell has been a constant advocate for the repair of many regional roads throughout Northern Victoria and last month called on her constituents to contact her with details of specific roads that needed urgent attention.

Her office has since been inundated with complaints from constituents and she has highlighted these concerns in regular contributions in Parliament.

"Almost as often as I hear from my constituents about damaged, neglected roads, I also hear about the unsatisfactory road repairs carried out by contractors employed by the government," Ms Tyrrell said.

"I hear stories of these works crumbling, potholes re-forming and rough surfaces reappearing within weeks and sometimes days, of so-called repairs being completed." To improve the standard of the repair work on regional roads, Ms Tyrrell also called on the Minister for Roads and Road Safety, Melissa Horne, to implement an inquiry into the poor workmanship to hold



contractors responsible to

"Repairs lasting only a few weeks is not value for money," she said.

"They should be fixed

correctly the first time with no corners cut and no need for almost immediate repairs.

"The shoddy workmanship we are

seeing on rural roads is appalling and I call on the Minister to take action to ensure our roads are repaired and repaired properly."

Crossbench secures home care win The

The government has bowed to pressure from the crossbench to release 20,000 new Home Care Packages for aged care, agreeing to amendments in the Senate last Wednesday

Independent Members including Helen Haines (MP for Indi) and Senators raised the alarm back in June that the delay of the government's aged care reforms would leave 80,000 people stranded on the wait list for in-home support.

The parliamentarians signed an open letter calling on the government to fund, at a minimum, 20,000 new packages under the current Home Care Packages scheme, to bridge the gap until the rollout of reforms in November.

Crossbench pressure increased on government last week, with questions from Dr Haines to the Member for Aged Care, a motion from Member for Mayo Rebekha Sharkie and

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amendments to aged care legislation from Independent Senator David Pocock and the Coalition.

Dr Haines said this was a win for older Australians and showed the impact of the crossbench in the interests of the nation.

"I think we have seen a victory that will bring practical relief to 20,000 people waiting for a home care package," she said .

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"This is proof of the positive and effective work the crossbench does across the parliament for the good of the nation.

"The government had consistently rejected calls from the crossbench and peak bodies to release more packages that would help hold the waitlist steady.

"I'm pleased that the government has now seen

Dr Haines had noted earlier that the waitlist had blown out a further 50 per cent in six months and the department had confirmed no additional plans had been released beyond the attrition rate.

"The fact is that the wait list for home care is getting longer, not shorter and this is the last thing older persons and their families need - more delays and more uncertainty when were they promised the opposite from this government," she said.

The bill will now be returned to the House of Representatives.

Grapevine

Club Corner:- The jackpot at The Club Corryong on Friday is \$1500. Last week's winner was Kelly Galbraith (\$10).

Following recent issues with the ATM at Corryong branch, BankWAW has advised that the facility owned and managed by Armaguard and are working with them to rectify the problem. Armaguard Service is available Monday to Friday on 1300 785 258.



The death occurred on September 8, 2025 of Irene Caroline Sutherland (nee Jarvis), the second daughter of Richard and Irene Jarvis of 'Morella'. Jingellic and wife of Reg Sutherland (dec.). Her funeral service is being held in Wodonga today at 10am.



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



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<u>UMCC</u> – Keep up to date with local events or post your own! Search: 'Upper Murray Community Calendar' into your browser/ scan the QR code below. To post create an account & send us a msg.

 $\underline{\textbf{CNC Phone project}} - \textbf{The CNC is collecting unwanted devices to repurpose them into usable}$ ones. This initiative also aims to helps reduce the number of batteries ending up in our landfills

PSB5 - The Victorian Government's Power Saving Bonus is now open. Eligible concession card holders can get \$100 off their electricity bill. To apply, bring in: Both pages of your electricity bill, your BSB and account number, Medicare and concession cards + Driver's licence (if applicable)

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Bush users face lock out

The Liberals and Nationals are strongly opposing the Victorian government's move to create more national parks which will deny access to long-term bush users.

Shadow Minister for Public Land Management, Melina Bath, said the government is forging ahead with plans to convert state forests in central west Victoria to national parks after introducing legislation into Parliament last week.

The proposed new national parks - Wombat Lerderderg, Mt Buangor and Pyrenees - will cover more than 65,000 hectares and lock out bush users such as gold prospectors and four-wheel-drive enthusiasts.

Anger has been building among bush user

groups for some time over the issue with more than 40,000 signatures collected in a petition against more national

Ms Bath, said longtime users would be unfairly excluded.

"The Liberals and Nationals support the ongoing access to public land," she said.

"We do not support the

formation of more national parks."

Firewood collectors, horse riders, trail bike riders, campers and dog walkers are other users impacted by the looming formation of new national

The Bill also extends the areas where deer hunting is legal in national parks, which the Liberals and Nationals support but at the same time locks out other users.

"This is creating division," Ms Bath said.

"Labor is allowing more access with one hand and taking away with the other," Ms Bath said.

"This is pitting bush users against each other.

"We will always defend the rights of bush user groups who have been so strong in their opposition."

Snake season brings warning

As temperatures rise, snakes become more active, emerging from a period of reduced activity to seek food and mates.

While they may be more visible, snakes generally pose little danger to people when left alone.

Lachlan Clarke,
Manager Statewide
Wildlife Advisory Services
at the Department of
Energy, Environment and
Climate Action (DEECA),
said "Most snake bites
occur when people try to
capture or kill them.

"The most effective way to stay safe is to simply leave them alone. This includes keeping pets on leads in areas where snakes are known

to occur."

Tips:-

- Keep your yard tidy, clear away clutter like timber piles and rocks.
- Supervise pets, keep dogs on a lead and watch pets closely in high-risk areas. If you suspect a bite, seek immediate veterinary
- Dress for the occasion, when out walking, wear long pants and proper shoes.
- Don't try to catch or harm a snake. Call a licensed snake catcher instead.
- In the case of a bite, call 000 immediately.

Snakes are protected under the Wildlife Act 1975 and capturing, harming or killing them is



illegal

You can report wildlife crime to Crime Stoppers Victoria on 1800 333 000.

For more information contact DEECA on 136

For essential snake bi

first aid information go to www.stjohnvic.com.au/ news/snake-bite-first-aidtips/

Help track moths on the move

As spring unfolds across southeastern Australia, the remarkable Bogong moths are once again beginning their epic migration.

These tiny nocturnal travelers journey hundreds of kilometers from lowland breeding grounds to the cool alpine caves of the alpine areas, where they shelter over summer.

This migration is not only a natural wonder but also a vital part of the ecosystem.

Bogong moths provide a rich food source for many alpine species, including the endangered mountain pygmy-possum.

However, in recent

years, their numbers have declined dramatically due to climate change, habitat loss and light pollution.

The public can play a part in protecting this iconic species by contributing to the Bogong Moth Tracker, a citizen science project that helps researchers monitor moth movements across the country.

How to get involved-

- Spot a moth? Log your sighting on the Moth Tracker website or app.
- Take a photo if you can it helps verify sightings.
- Share your observations with friends and family to spread



awareness.

Every sighting adds valuable data to help

scientists understand migration patterns and identify critical habitats. Whether you're in the city, suburbs or bush, your contribution matters.

Predators outfoxed by fake eggs

La Trobe University researchers are looking for volunteers to help with an innovative turtle conservation project in the Murray River Basin.

Foxes are destroying more than 90 per cent of freshwater turtle nests, which has led to a serious decline in turtle populations.

Two species in the Murray River Basin are already classified as nationally or regionally threatened.

Researchers

trialling a technique called conditioning taste aversion (CTA). Instead of killing foxes, they're training them to avoid turtle nests by by burying poultry eggs (mimics of turtle eggs) containing a nausea-inducing substance, researchers can create aversion behaviours in foxes.

Field trials will take place across wetlands in the Murray, Kiewa, and Ovens River catchments. The research team will use wildlife cameras to

monitor fox behaviour and conduct turtle population surveys to measure the success of the technique.

Freshwater turtles play an important role in maintaining water quality and ecosystem health. They also hold cultural significance for First Nations communities.

Volunteers are needed to assist with field work including camera monitoring and turtle surveys. This is a great opportunity to contribute to hands-on conservation



research.

Check out the position description at http://bit. lv/3HsfN9N

Read more about the project at https:// wodongalandcare.org.au/ once-bitten-twice-shy/.

The project is supported by Wodonga Urban Landcare Network, WIRES National Grant Programs, and La Trobe University.





If Meta was a miner we'd shut them down

By Damian Morgan Country Press Australia (CPA) President

I'm often asked why Meta (owners of Facebook) should be forced to pay compensation to news publishers.

It's a fair question.

the surface, Facebook can be seen as a media disruptor, like Uber upending the taxi industry or cars replacing horse and

It's easy to think social media is just the "new and improved" media.

But Facebook isn't a modern version of traditional media at all it's an entirely different thing.

The core business traditional media producing content primarily news and entertainment. We are a product business.

Facebook doesn't produce any content. Zero. Its business model is

to "share" other people's content without paying for it.

This has never been done at scale before.

In the early days,

many of us curated our Facebook feeds to include trusted news sources. That made the platform more important to us, more credible and far more valuable.

Credible journalism gave Facebook enormous legitimacy. It made the feed worth coming back to and helped Facebook build its empire.

Credit where due -Facebook was a brilliant pioneer of the internet, effectively inventing social media and colonising the World Wide Web. It offered everything for free - until we relied on it.

Then they cashed in, creating one of the most powerful and profitable corporations in history.

But like all new boom industries, social media's race to dominate the internet has left regulation in the starter's blocks.

There were protect guardrails to people and organisations from the consequences of its domination.

There was recourse for scams or misinformation.



There was no regard for the mental health of

There was no thought for the destruction of regional news services.

The benefits of social media are clear but the full extent of the harm caused by Facebook - and the copycat platforms that followed - are still not fully understood, let alone addressed.

Facebook's "product" is you.

attention what they sell and they'll serve up almost anything to keep it - along with vour personal data - to advertisers, based on what you read, watch, click and where you go online.

with Meta Now, glasses, they're even tracking what you see and say every day. The

staggering. While Facebook deserves credit

innovation, its refusal to engage with regulation is contemptible.

potential for harm is

Google has behaved differently.

Its core product -- is also vastly search valuable when includes journalism from credible sources. For example, when you search for updates on a local bushfire or the war in Ukraine, those results are far more valuable when they include stories from trained journalists credible organisations.

Without trusted journalism in the mix, Google's search results would be less relevant, less useful and far less

That's why Google agreed to pay Australian news publishers the introduction of the world-first News Media Bargaining Code in 2021.

Facebook initially complied, then they walked away. They are now openly defying the Australian government and refusing to pay for the journalism that helped build their empire and continues to drive their profits.

The Albanese government is responding with the News Bargaining Incentive to force them to the table. So far, Facebook has responded with silence and contempt.

Let's put this into perspective as government stands to the bullying tactics of

Imagine for a moment that Meta was a mining company.

It's not a perfect analogy but it's a useful

Mining companies don't own the resources they extract so they pay royalties because those resources belong to the people.

Facebook doesn't own the internet or the content it extracts yet it refuses to pay anyone, anything.

Mining companies impact the environment so they pay taxes, levies and

Facebook damaged the information environment massively spreading scams, misinformation, and harmful content - yet takes no responsibility.

Mining is dangerous, so companies are required to invest in safety, education, and emergency services

Facebook profits from dangerous content that fuels our mental health yet contributes nothing to public wellbeing.

Mining companies affect the communities where mines are located so they invest in those communities as part of their social licence to operate.

Facebook has pillaged and damaged local news in regional Australia.

Now it refuses to pay for the journalism it profits

If Facebook was a mining company, we wouldn't let them get away with it.

We would shut them down.

Parliament speech confirms backing for regional news

A powerful speech recently delivered in Canberra by the Member for Monash, Mary Aldred, has reinforced the depth of community and bipartisan political support for strong regional news services.

Speaking in the House of Representatives, Ms Aldred called for the urgent implementation of the federal government's News Media Assistance (NewsMAP) Program and the proposed News Bargaining Incentive.

Ms Aldred highlighted the vital role of regional newspapers in keeping communities informed, connected and represented, describing local papers as "the threads that hold communities together."

Country Press Australia (CPA) President, Damian Morgan, said Ms Aldred's words reflect what every regional community demonstrate that the future of regional journalism is sides of politics.

absolutely right," he said.

"Local newspapers are the lifeblood of their communities. We share the triumphs and tragedies, we celebrate volunteers and we tell the stories that connect people to one another.

"It is encouraging to see both government and opposition recognising this and backing regional journalism."

Morgan said CPA was particularly appreciative of the federal government's announcement News Media Assistance Program (NewsMAP) and its commitment to allocate funds directly to support public interest journalism in regional communities.

"NewsMAP is a very significant initiative," he said.

"For the first time, the federal government has created a structured framework that recognises the unique challenges of regional and local publishers and commits dedicated funding to help sustain them. With bipartisan voices now reinforcing the need for action, this is an important and positive step forward.

"We thank Albanese Government for listening to the concerns of regional publishers and for committing funds under NewsMAP. This decision an issue that unites both sends a clear signal that iournalism regional "Mary Aldred is matters and that local communities deserve strong, independent news outlets.

> "With bipartisan of its recognition importance, we hope to see it rolled out quickly and with certainty."

> Mr Morgan stressed however, that the success of NewsMAP will be measured by how quickly it is implemented.

"The framework is

there, the commitment is there, and the funds have been announced. What we need now is for NewsMAP to move from promise to delivery. Publishers are waiting, communities are waiting, we cannot afford further delays," he said.

He also highlighted other pressing challenges, including the withdrawal of Meta from its Australian publisher agreements and the urgent need for the government's proposed News Bargaining Incent-

"Meta has walked away from regional news deals, leaving a massive hole in local journalism funding.

The government's proposed News Bargaining Incentive is the right solution, and Mary Aldred's support shows there is bipartisan of recognition how urgent this reform is. Consultation must begin legislation must be progressed quickly. Regional journalism doesn't have the luxury

of waiting another year or two for Canberra to act," Mr Morgan said.

Mr Morgan also strongly backed Aldred's warning against weakening copyright protections to benefit global AI companies.

"Australia's copyright laws are world-leading, and any attempt to hand over our content for free to AI companies would be devastating. Regional publishers strongly oppose such changes and journalism must be paid for if it is to survive. On this, too, we are seeing strong bipartisan agreement," he said.

CPA has long argued that fair government advertising allocation, proper industry consultation and stronger bargaining rules for digital platforms are essential to securing the future of trusted local journalism.

'We thank Mary Aldred for using her speech to stand up for regional news and for showing that there is bipartisan resolve on Display?bid=chamber/

these critical issues," Mr Morgan said.

'We also acknowledge the Albanese government for its positive step in announcing NewsMAP. Now it's time to see it rolled out and backed up with the wider reforms regional journalism urgently needs.

A transcript of Ms Aldred's speech parliament is at https:// www.aph.gov.au/ Parliamentary Business/ Hansard/Hansard_

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New alliance backs rural health

A strategic partnership has been formed between Latrobe Health Services Foundation and Phoenix Australia to tackle rural and regional health inequality.

The Latrobe Health Services Foundation exists to deliver better health outcomes for more Australians, especially those in rural and regional areas.

"We're making this happen by championing health initiatives where they are most needed," said Latrobe CEO, Ian Whitehead.

"We have always been about strong community spirit. Backed by our financial commitment, the foundation is funding local programs that can deliver meaningful positive impact on the health of our community for both members and non-members alike.

"In providing greater accessibility, equity and affordability of health services in regional and rural areas, we're putting Latrobe spirit in action."

The partnership will fund and support programs that deliver long term, meaningful impact, not only for members but for all Australians in underserved areas.

This will be achieved through two distinct types of funding:-

• Strategic initiatives and partnerships - largescale, multi-year support that can have a scalable impact on health outcomes in rural/regional Australia; and

• Grants program targeted for community organisations and related to literacy, accessibility and equitable health service provision

Foundation's The access to a \$10 million funding pool from Latrobe Health Services will actively support the initiatives and partnerships that strengthen health outcomes among rural and regional Australians and ultimately Latrobe Health members, with carefully considered management to ensure that resources are directed where they are needed most and where they can have the greatest

"Overcoming issues of health inequity is one of the most critical issues Australians in regional, rural and remote areas face," Mr Whitehead said.

As part of its inaugural initiatives, the foundation has partnered with Phoenix Australia, the National Centre of Excellence in Post-traumatic Mental Health.

Together, Latrobe
Health Services and
Phoenix Australia are
developing and piloting
a new mobile phone
application to enhance
mental health and
wellbeing in rural and
regional communities,
where mental health
services are often limited
or inaccessible.

The app is centred around the Skills for Life Adjustment and Resilience (SOLAR) program, a well-researched and evidence-based intervention developed by Phoenix Australia already shown to reduce symptoms of depression, anxiety and post-traumatic stress.

SOLAR is designed to improve mood, boost wellbeing and help individuals manage stress and has already demonstrated positive outcomes across both face-to-face and digital delivery.

What sets this initiative apart is its commitment to community-driven development. Input from rural and regional Australians ensures it meets the specific needs and experiences of the communities it aims to serve.

A three-year randomised controlled trial, conducted by Phoenix Australia, will assess the effectiveness of the new SOLAR-Rural app, contributing valuable data to the growing field of digital mental health.

"While we recognise the complex challenges facing our rural communities, this initiative will provide simple, practical and evidenced based skills to manage stress effectively," said Professor Meaghan O'Donnell, Head of Research at Phoenix Australia.

"Our goal is to empower individuals with skills that build resilience in the face of ongoing pressures."

In addition to major strategic projects, the foundation has launched a Small Grants Program to support grassroots organisations driving local health improvements.

Grants will fund initiatives aligned with the foundation's four pillars - from boosting health literacy to breaking down barriers to care.

The inaugural round of community grants has funded projects in regional areas to support people living Type 1 Diabetes, seniors needing health checks, access to speech pathology and occupational therapy, suicide alertness training and maintenance and spare parts for a lifesaving defibrillator.

Eligible applicants must be based in a rural or regional area in Australia, hold a valid ABN or ACN, operate as a non-government or community-based organisation and have been established for at least 12 months.

Examples of eligible projects include health education sessions led by qualified professionals, community first aid training, workshops on chronic disease management and health booths or pop-up clinics at local

Local stud secures top lots

Real world industry relevant bulls with calving ease, growth and carcase were in demand from commercial beef producers at the recent Reiland Angus 2025 Spring bull sale with prices topping at \$26,000 twice.

Interfaced with AuctionsPlus, the sale was hosted by the Lucas family at Killimicat Station, Tumut and drew regular buyers from NSW and Victoria as well as several new commercial clients.

A total of 67 bulls sold under the hammer from the 78 offered to average \$10,149. A further five bulls were sold afterwards for a 92 per cent clearance rate.

Repeat buyer, Graham Houston and his son James of Houston Pastoral, Burrowye, secured the two top price bulls at \$26,000.

Reiland V-Mogul V941, a 626kg son of Pine View Mogul G241, ranked top one per cent on BREEDPLAN for Angus breeding indexes and was a trait leader for calving ease, birthweight, 200- and 400-day weight, milk, days to calving and eye muscle area.

Reiland Angus retained a 50 per cent semen and marketing share in the young sire.

Weighing 752kg,
Reiland U-Momentum
U776 was sired by The
Rock Momentum Q8
and ranked in the top
one per cent for IMF
(intramuscular fat) at
+6.5 per cent, and is a

trait leader for calving ease, gestation length, birthweight, milk and carcase weight.

Houston Pastoral invested in a total of 15 bulls for an average of \$12,266.

James Houston was impressed with the growth, marbling, calving ease, temperament and maternal bloodlines of the two top sires.

He said Reiland bulls had proven their longevity and structural soundness within their large commercial herd.

"Industry wise, we are looking to hit 600c/kg for feeder steer prices, rain in the north and the US indicators supporting the herd rebuild and export market result in a positive time," he said.



Mark Lucas, Reiland Angus, with top price buyers Jaclyn Mclean from Melbourne and Graham and James Houston, Houston Pastoral, Burrowye and Reiland U-Momentum U776.



PUBLIC NOTICES

Hard and **Green Waste** Collection

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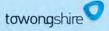
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The Biggara Recreation Reserve Committee, on behalf of the Biggara Valley community, thanks the Federal government's Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts for its \$900,000 grant funding to realise this project.



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Family and friends of Vera are invited to attend the celebration of her life which will take place at the Corryong Uniting Church, 3 Wheeler St. Corryong on Friday 19th September, 2025 commencing at 2.00pm. At the conclusion of the service, the cortege will leave for the Corryong Cemetery.

To view a live stream of this service, please go to www.lesterandson.com.



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BAILEY. Vera Jean -18.2.1921-7.9.2025

Loving sister of Lois and sister-in-law of Edwin (dec.).

Loved Aunty of Hume, Keith (dec.), Graeme, Myrtle, Maxwell and Faith.

> Fond memories are ours to keep.

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Netball stalwart goes the extra yards



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District Netball Assoc-(TDNA) recognised the dedication and contribution to its by awarding success former Upper Murray player, Dawn Cardwell, a Life Memebrship.

The TDNA said it was delighted to award Life Membership Dawn whose unwavering dedication and tireless service have left a lasting legacy within the association.

"Dawn's contributions shine as a gold standard of commitment, leadership and community spirit.

Elected to the TDNA committee in 2016, Dawn brought with her a wealth of experience as a long serving delegate from Kiewa-Sandy Creek. While officially holding the role of treasurer, her impact her impact extended far beyond the ledger.

Dawn has countless unofficial hats (too many to mention) but does include ensuring the safety and readiness of courts and its surrounds for each finals series. These are the essential tasks upon which a volunteer organisation thrives and Dawn has carried them out with grace and grit.

Evan after stepping down from the committee last vear, Dawn's dedication never wavered.

continues represent TDNA on the Sandy Creek Recreation Reserve committee and true to form, checked in ahead of this year's finals to ensure everything was on track. Her quite leadership, hands-on approach and deep care for the community have made her a cornerstone of TDNA.

Whether working behind the scenes or stepping up front and centre, Dawn's influence has been felt by all.

This Life Membership is a tribute to a lifetime of generosity, service and heart.

Thankyou Dawn, you haven't just supported the TDNA, you've helped shape it's soul."

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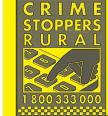




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Upper Murray Sport



TEE TO



Kenny Lebner is dwarfed by the forest that he narrowly avoided.



Runaway winner Jono Lebner (right) with runner-up Tony Jarvis.

Welaregang

The stableford day turned into a five way battle incorporating the McGrath Cup Matchplay final with Jono Lebner dominating both.

His 33 points was easily enough to take out the daily prize, four clear of runner-up Tony Jarvis with Bill Bond third on 27 points.

As for the matchplay final, Lance Noonan had no answer to the big hitting Lebner who just kept finding the fairways with booming drives. The consensus was that he would eventually start spraying them all over the course, which did happen a few times but not enough to let his opponent back into the match which ended on the 15th hole.

This Sunday is another Club Day Stableford event with names in by 11.30am for a 12 noon tee off. Corryong

The "usual suspects" played a stableford event on Sunday and captain Justin Knott maintained his recent good form to claim the honours with 32 points from

A heads up that the men's club championships are being held in October with the first round on Sunday October 12th (10am for 10.30am hit off) - and the trash talk has already started!

Coming Up

September

Sun 21st - 18 holes Stable-ford / Batlow Tournament

Mon 22nd - Social golf

Wed 24th - 4BBB / Committee meeting @ 6pm Thurs 25th - 2 person Ambrose

Sun 28th - 2 person Ambrose @ 10.30am Mon 29th - Social golf

October

Wed 1st - Stableford / front 9. Thurs 2nd - 2 person ambrose @ 3pm

Sun 5th - 18 holes stroke / Holbrook 1000 Ambrose

Wed 8th - Stableford / front 9

Thurs 9th - 2 person ambrose @ 3pm

Sat 11th - Adelong Tax Buster tournament Sun 12th - 1st Round Men's Championships (10.30am

Tues 14th - Parkinsons Charity Day / Irema Brown

Trophy Wed 15th - Stableford / front 9

Thurs 16th - 2 person ambrose @ 3pm

Sun 19th - 2nd Round Men's Championship & Monthly

Tues 21st - Twilight golf starts 6@6

Wed 22nd - Stroke / Putting / front 9 Thurs 23rd - 2 person ambrose @ 3pm

Sun 26th - 3rd Round Men's Championships. Wed 29th - Mulligans / Committee meeting. @ 6.00pm.



Upper Murray Sport



Bowlers hit the rink for first roll

Sunday Corryong Bowls Club officially welcomed the start of the 2025 - 26 season with some 30 members turning up up for the afternoon in cloudy and coolish conditions.

Pat Sheather and Stewart Ross had the honour of rolling down the first bowls, with eight teams playing 12 ends before enjoying a sumptuous afternoon tea.

A further 12 end game was played which resulted in three teams holding two wins with C Murphy and A Johnston ahead by one shot in the final tally.

It was good to catch up with the teammates and everyone is excited about entering a new competition division which begins at home on October 11, against (a never played before) Milawa Bowling



Pat Sheather and Stewart Ross rolled down the first bowls of the new season.

Favourites hit the target

The grand final of the High Country Darts winter season on Tuesday night went to script when Possum Pointers defeated affair with Liam, Mat 44s by 4-0.

The Tooma-based team had been at the top of the ladder for the majority of the season and went through the finals series

undefeated after beating Nomads in the 2nd semi-

The win was a family and Brendy McCallum representing Possum Pointers (pictured).

Grand Final 16/9/25 At Tooma

Possum Pointers d 44s 4-0





Around 30 bowlers turned up for the start of the news season.

Hawks swoop for double flags

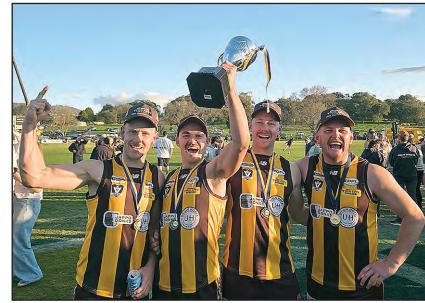
Footballers with an Upper Murray connection tasted premiership success on the weekend, most notably with Kiewa-Sandy Creek (KSC) in the Tallangatta & District league.

Four of those who played at junior level with the defunct Border-Walwa club reunited at the Hawks this season for a shot at a senior flag - Connor Newnham, Jack Haugen and brothers Alex and Cooper Daly.

The Hawks defeated Barnawatha in the decider on Saturday by 66 points with Newnham being named the Wayne Bartel medal for best-onground for his seven-goal

KSC was victorious in the reserves with a 58-point win over Yackandandah and the team included Buckley and Connor Wilson, Jed Scammell and Noah Attree. Another teammate was Zak Collins, the son of former Federal star, Jon Collins.

In the Central Highlands league, former Federal footballer, Bailey McKimmie, two goals for Skipton in its 31-point win over Daylesford in the grand final; after missing the 2024 season with a knee injury. Bailey is the son of Beau and Kristin McKimmie.



Premiership Hawks (I to r) Alex Daly, Cooper Daly, Jack Haugen and **Connor Newnham.**

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