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Demerger comes at a cost

Residents in Snowy Valleys will have a say about the future of their local government area, with the Minister for Local Government, Ron Hoenig, recently giving his support

for the council to start preparing for a referendum to vote on a potential de-amalgamation.

The minister acted on a report from the NSW Local Government

Boundaries Commission which examined the council's deamalgamation proposal including its implementation plan and financial sustainability plan.

The commission recommended the council's proposal be supported which the minister accepted and he will now consult with the NSW Electoral Commissioner to allow council to hold a constitutional referendum and let residents vote on whether they want to demerge.

The minister met with Snowy Valleys Council (SVC) mayor Cr Julia Ham, Member for Wagga Wagga Dr Joe McGirr and the Member for Albury Justin Clancy to release the report and discuss the next step in the process.

"The communities of Snowy Valleys weren't given a choice when the Liberal-National government forced the amalgamation," Mr Hoenig said.

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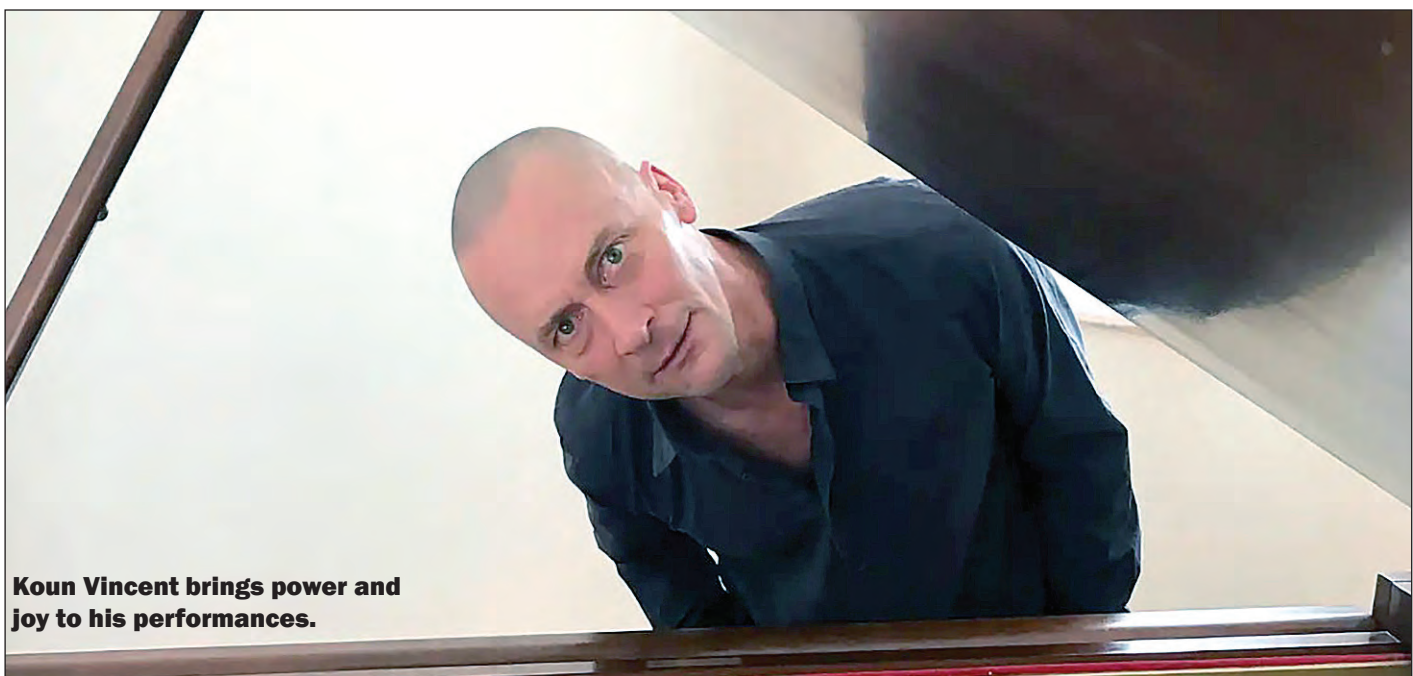
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Monk has found the heart of his music



Koun Vincent brings power and joy to his performances.

Six years after leaving a career as an internationally celebrated jazz pianist for the life of an ordained Buddhist monk, Koun Vincent has announced a return to the keyboard and the national stage with a new Australian tour including a performance in Corryong.

Koun's re-emergence is one that jazz fans have been waiting for but doubted would ever happen.

At the time, the musician-turned-monk was adamant that the worlds of Zen training and a touring musician were incompatible.

"You can't do both," he said at the time, seeking the seclusion of a Japanese monastery.

Prolonged meditation persuaded him that the opposite was true - jazz and Zen could go together. Both were about being in

the moment, each could enhance the practice of the other.

Vincent began giving house concerts of the great composers of the American Songbook - Gershwin, Porter, Ellington, Berlin, Mancini, Kern, Monk and others - to small audiences a couple of years ago. The music was so revelatory, and the reception so intense, that Vincent is now ready to

take his new clear view of jazz nationwide in a series of solo shows.

Prior to his career pause (when known as Tom), Vincent enjoyed an extensive career spanning 30 years. As a jazz pianist and bandleader he performed and recorded in Australia, Europe, Japan and USA alongside artists such as Branford Marsalis and Don Burrows and released eight albums.

Now, the master musician is playing better than ever.

"I've found the heart of real jazz," he says

"I approach my playing with a new power and deeper purpose.

"Thanks to my monastic experiences, at long last I've got the chops to re-examine those great jazz standards and learn something new every time I play, with spontaneity and joy."

Vincent will appear at the Corryong Memorial Hall on Friday September 12th - to book see the advert on page 2 of this issue.

Look up for aerial warning



While the AFL Magpies will be swooping on the Sherrin this finals season, the feathered variety will be posing a risk to pedestrians and cyclists.

Lachlan Clarke, Manager Statewide Wildlife Advisory Services at the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA), said "Swooping is a normal, temporary behaviour for native birds like magpies, butcherbirds and masked lapwings to defend their eggs and chicks for a short time while their young are most vulnerable.

"Think of it as a warning sign. They're telling you to keep your distance. While it can be a bit unsettling, it's rare for them to make contact.

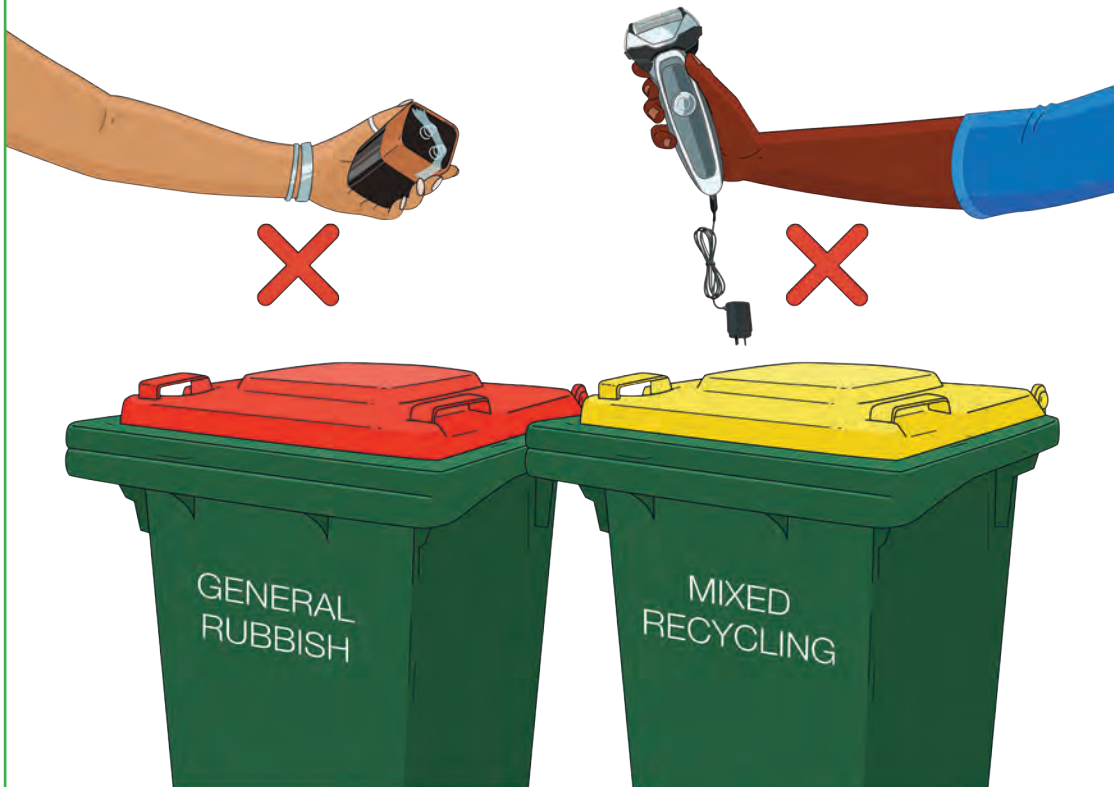
"This behaviour only lasts a short time, usually ending once the young have left the nest."

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Share the road responsibility



Every road user can take more care to reduce the risk of a crash.

The National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) is calling on all road users to look out for one another and take extra care on remote and regional roads this September for Rural Road Safety Month, an initiative of the Australian Road Safety Foundation, after 205 lives were lost from crashes involving heavy vehicles last financial year.

NHVR Chief Operations Officer, Paul Salvati, said it was alarming that almost 60 per cent of those fatalities occurred in rural or remote areas.

“When travelling through rural or remote roads in Australia, there’s unique challenges and risks involved compared to travelling in suburban areas,” Mr Salvati said.

“You’re more likely to encounter larger trucks which require longer distances to stop safely and have multiple blind spots, meaning the driver may not know you’re there.”

Mr Salvati reminded motorists that trucks are vital to keeping Australia moving and that everyone has a crucial role to play in keeping our roads safe.

“That means giving trucks extra space, only overtaking when it’s safe and always keeping a safe following distance,” he said.

“Losing loved ones in a road accident is a tragedy, so we want to remind all drivers to

take extra caution when getting behind the wheel.

“Every road user can reduce the risk – slow down, stay alert, be patient around heavy vehicles and never risk taking a chance with it comes to safety.”

The NHVR runs ongoing safety campaigns to educate drivers on how to safely drive around trucks, whether you’re a seasoned driver or just starting with your learner or provisional license.

The NHVR’s Heavy Vehicle Safety Initiative (HVSI) funds crucial projects that deliver real safety improvements across Australia’s heavy vehicle industry and help protect all road users.

This includes St John Ambulance’s Defibs in Trucks Program, which will equip 50 heavy vehicles with new, high quality Automated External Defibrillators (AED’s) and provide First Aid training to drivers to reduce deaths nationally including in regional, rural, and remote communities.

Mr Salvati said the initiative is a great example of how the HVSI program is making a difference on our roads to increase truck drivers’ knowledge and confidence in providing bystander first aid.

“Truck drivers are often the first responders to incidents in rural areas, so this fantastic initiative will assist in reducing roadside deaths,” he said.

Concerns raised over fire plans

Ahead of the looming fire season, a recent CFA survey revealed that 40 per cent of Victorians living in bushfire-prone areas do not have a bushfire plan in place to save their family.

One in five people in these areas do not believe “leaving early” in a fire emergency is the best way to safeguard their loved ones and 16 per cent would stay to protect their property.

CFA’s annual post-season bushfire community survey has been conducted every year since 2009 to understand the attitudes, behaviours and preparedness of householders living in bushfire risk locations in Victoria.

Despite the recent AFAC Spring Seasonal Bushfire Outlook indicating increased fire risk across several drought-affected parts of the state, the survey found that out of the 611 people interviewed, 24 per cent did not feel adequately prepared around their home.

Over the last two years, the survey shows the perception of a bushfire being a threat to Victorians and their property has declined from very large to small, with 50 per cent of people not showing concern and nearly 40 per cent are not alarmed enough to warrant direct interaction with CFA.

Worryingly, those least concerned and less likely to be prepared were located just 500 metres to one kilometre from bushland.

CFA Chief Officer, Jason Heffernan, expressed his concerns about the distressing statistics, warning Victorians that now is not the time to be complacent with an earlier and more active fire season predicted.

“It is never too early to prepare,” he emphasised.

“Don’t gamble with your safety this season. Residents living in high fire-risk areas must take their preparation.”

“Take a moment to sit



down with your household and make a plan so everyone knows what they need to do and where they need to go if a fire threatens your local area.

“It’s easy to panic and make poor decisions if you’re not prepared and the last thing you want in an emergency is to become trapped. Leaving early is your greatest form of protection.”

A further 31 per cent of respondents to the survey would delay leaving until threatened by a bushfire, waiting for the danger to increase or for instructions from emergency services.

“It is vital you understand the risks of your residential area and where you are travelling this summer,” Mr Heffernan said.

“The best way to do this is to download the VicEmergency App and set your watch zones to your locations so you are alerted to warnings wherever you are.

“Don’t wait for an official warning before you take action to protect your family.

“We have a number of resources available on our website to actively help you prepare before it is too late and our volunteers are always happy to help you with any questions you may have.”

The CFA will be running a ‘Get Fire Ready’ weekend on Saturday 4 October and Sunday 5 October, where many brigades will open their doors to connect

Fire risk comes early

Victoria is likely to experience an early start to the fire season this spring with drought-affected areas facing an increased risk, according to the Australian Seasonal Bushfire Outlook for Spring.

In the past 18 months, Victoria has experienced low rainfall across most parts of the state except for East Gippsland.

This has resulted in an increase in fuel such as dead plant material and vegetation, which has the potential to support significant bushfire potential. The more fuel available, the hotter and more intense a bushfire can become and the faster it can spread.

Green growth in paddocks during spring is also likely but underlying dryness may result in early curing. The degree of curing influences how easily a fire can ignite and spread.

Eastern and northern Victoria is forecast to have a normal level of risk for spring with a wetter outlook forecast for northern Victoria.

Emergency Management Commissioner, Tim Wiebusch, said “Our emergency services are well prepared for a possible early start to fire season and have been undertaking briefings including multi-agency exercises to ensure we are

as prepared as possible, not just for fires but for all types of emergencies including floods and storms.

“Communities need to understand their local risks and prepare early, including how to access emergency information and warnings.”

Forest Management Victoria Chief Fire Officer, Chris Hardman, added that “Forest Fire Management Victoria works year-round with our agency partners to manage the risk of bushfires.

“We want our communities to know that when a bushfire starts, we are ready to respond. Our crews have specialist skills and training for fighting fires in our state forests and national parks, including rappelling, tree-felling, and ‘dry firefighting’.

“Bushfire management is a shared responsibility. We encourage the community to prepare themselves as best they can. Stay up to date with warnings and keep informed as the season progresses.

“Download the VicEmergency app to check the Fire Danger Ratings and receive vital emergency information, tune into your local emergency broadcaster and never rely on one source of information,” Mr Hardman said.

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Firewood collection is only allowed from state forests during the firewood season from designated firewood collection areas.

Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action Director of Forest and Fire Operations, Aaron Kennedy, encouraged people to get their wood now ready for winter 2026.

"Spring is an ideal time to collect your firewood," he said.

"Depending on the type of vegetation and

level of dryness when cut, most wood takes longer than 12 months to dry.

"Ideally people should plan their firewood needs two years in advance."

An interactive map is available and includes details about vehicle access, while pdf maps include safety and other practical information.

Find your local collection area and information about collecting firewood at www.ffm.vic.gov.au/firewood/firewood-collection-in-your-region

Mr Kennedy said people could only collect a limit of two cubic metres per person per day and

a maximum of 16 cubic metres per household per financial year.

"If you are unable to collect firewood for domestic use, you can nominate someone to collect firewood on your behalf," he said.

"Most people do the right thing, collect wood that is already on the ground, take only what they need and stick to limits and rules," he said.

"Check the weather and conditions before you go, always be aware of your surroundings and take care when using your chainsaws."

The spring firewood collection season ends on



Limits apply to the amount of firewood you can collect.

Sunday, 30 November.

Financial assistance is available for people on low incomes who buy firewood: www.ffm.vic.gov.au/firewood/energy-concession-and-support.

Community members can find out more about collecting firewood and report any suspected illegal firewood collection by calling 136 186.

Locals can help with fuel reduction

Member for Northern Victoria Region, Rikkie-Lee Tyrrell, has called on the Victorian government to allow public access to state forests to help reduce fuel loads that increase the impact of potential bushfires.

Speaking during the adjournment debate, Ms Tyrrell asked the Minister for Environment, Steve Dimopoulos, to allow Victorians to assist with

fuel reduction in state forests by implementing recommendation seven of the Inquiry into Climate Resilience report recently tabled in Parliament.

Ms Tyrrell said the recommendation focused on mitigating the impact of bushfires by using strategic fuel reduction and planned burns and fuel load removal to better manage fuel loads.

"There are many state

forests in my electorate and my constituents who live nearby regularly express their concerns to me of the bushfire risks they face from high fuel loads that have accumulated due to government inaction," Ms Tyrrell said.

"My constituents want to assist with fuel reduction so why not allow locals to help clean up our forests."

THE GRAPEVINE

Club Corner:- The jackpot at The Club Corryong on Friday is \$1400. Last week's winner was Sam Paton (\$10) and the monthly winner was Yvonne Scott.

Young gun:- Cudgewa footballer, Ryder Pierce, has had a stellar season which has been recognised by him winning the Upper Murray league's Under 12 Best & Fairest runner-up award as well as the Blues' Best & Fairest awards in both Under 12s and 14s including winning both goalkicking awards!

Letters to the Editor

Good Samaritans

To those who stopped and rescued us from the trapped cabin of our Courier ute on Friday night at Shelley, we wish to offer you our heartfelt thanks. Unfortunately we didn't get your names as we were very dazed!

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Record beef production forecast

Australia's beef industry is on track to break production records in 2025 according to Meat & Livestock Australia's (MLA) latest Australian Cattle Industry Projections - September Update.

Despite a slight easing in numbers, the national cattle herd is forecast to remain stable at 31 million head, supported by strong seasonal conditions in the north and strategic herd management in the south.

MLA Acting Market Information Manager, Erin Lukey, said these figures reflect the latest seasonal, market and production data.

"These projections are a vital tool for the red meat industry," she said.

"They provide a clear, evidence-based outlook that helps producers, processors and exporters make informed decisions.

"By understanding the trends in herd

composition, production capacity and global demand the industry can better plan for the future and remain competitive in a dynamic global market."

Key indicators are:-

- Slaughter is forecast to rise 8.6% to 9.02 million head in 2025, supported by robust cattle supply and processing capacity.

- Carcase weights are expected to remain stable at 309.5kg/head, a historically high level.

"While increased female slaughter typically reduces average weights, the impact has been offset by improved pasture conditions resulting in higher quality cows and the continued trend of finishing cattle at heavier weights through feedlots and improved pasture systems.

Beef exports are also forecast to reach 1.5 million tonnes shipped weight

in 2025, as Australia continues to capitalise on global supply constraints caused by declining production in key competitor markets such as the United States and Brazil.

"With the US progressing into a herd rebuild phase and Brazil facing herd contraction following heavy slaughter and drought recovery, Australia is uniquely positioned to meet rising international demand," Ms Lukey said.

"The industry's focus is shifting from expansion to maintaining productivity and sustainability.

"This positions the industry well to respond to both domestic and international demand in the years ahead, ensuring that Australia continues to lead in efficiency, quality and resilience across the global red meat supply chain."



Rates notices preview tax pain

As local government rates notices hit letterboxes across the state, farmers are highlighting the madness of the Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund Tax (ESVF) now hitting the pockets of Victorian homeowners, according to Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF) President, Brett Hosking. He said that the mounting outrage is adding more weight to calls to scrap massive increases in the tax. "People are opening their rates notices to reveal this new cash grab by the state government," he said. "If you're a homeowner, take a moment to consider that a farmer would be forced to pay 166 per cent of what you're paying for a property of the same value."

"The lunacy is if I'm a homeowner and my neighbour's house catches fire, people call 000. As a farmer and volunteer firefighter, if my neighbour has a fire, they call us.

"Through the CFA we are the fire department and we'll be slugged this backward tax for the privilege," Mr Hosking said.

The VFF has warned that the tax could exacerbate existing financial pressures on farming families who already shoulder the cost of maintaining firebreaks, equipment and volunteer firefighting commitments. "It's not just a tax, it's a fundamental misunderstanding of who is already paying and protecting the community," Mr Hosking added. "There is absolutely no support for this tax...not from the fire services, not from local councils and overwhelmingly not from farmers and regional communities."

Budgeting masterclass on offer

Local farmers will be able to learn how to maximise their profits at a workshop in Corryong next week. At this event, Carmen Quade of AgriFocused will look at strategies for farm budgeting.

Taking a profit-focused perspective, you will learn how to use a budget as a tool to manage difficult times as well as speed recovery and growth.

Topics covered:-

- how to estimate income and expenses realistically
- saving money on overhead expenses
- tracking and reviewing budgets
- the programs you can use to write and monitor your budget
- negotiating better deals or finance with your bank
- drought support availability

The workshop will be held on Tuesday September 9th from 9am to 3pm at the Upper Murray Events Centre, Strezlecki Way, Corryong. Register online at www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1451704.

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Upper Murray Sport



TEE TO GREEN

Welaregang

It was a quiet Sunday on the fairways with some members travelling to the Tumbarumba tournament, some unable to play and some just didn't turn up!

The rain cleared and the four dedicated golfers enjoyed a perfect day on the course. Ken Lebner and Shane Blake carded 83 for a nett 71 to take out the Keno Golf NSW 2 person ambrose qualifier from Dixie Coutts and Laurie Williams. Ken and Shane have now qualified for the regional final at Thurgoona in October.

This Sunday should see a larger field on course for the September Monthly Medal stableford - names in by 11.30am for a 12 noon tee off.

Corryong

Four golfers teed up for an 18-hole stableford but after a war of attrition with the course, Zane Heinjus emerged as the winner with a score of not many!

With the weather on the improve, a good field is expected for this Sunday's event - the September Monthly Medal, 10am for 10.30am.

Coming Up August

September
Thurs 4th - 2 person Ambrose @ 3pm
Sun 7th - Monthly Medal 18 holes @ 10.30am
Mon 8th - Social golf
Wed 10th - Stableford
Thurs 11th - 2 person Ambrose @ 3pm
Sun 14th 18 holes Stroke @ 10a.30am / Jindera Tournament
Mon 15th - Social golf
Wed 17th - Eunice Ross Foursomes
Thurs 18th - 2 person Ambrose @ 3pm
Sun 21st - 18 holes Stableford / 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

Tumba Tournament

The Tumbarumba club held its annual tournament on Sunday with 51 local golfers hitting the fairways.

Results
Open Scratch
1st - Wayne Dubois (72), 2nd - Ray Lynch (74), 3rd - Doug Morey (79)

A Grade Stableford

Indoor Bowls

Semi-Finals: 1 v 4 & 2 v 3
A Grade
Bacash's v Young Guns
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Winners of semi-finals

Results R17 29/25
St George 17 d Café 3707 14, Attackers 16 d Lucyvale 13, Hoppers 18 d Costello Rural 9, Courthouse 19 d High Rollers 15, Cudgie Pub 13 d CNC 11, Cudgie Kings 13 d Sassy Strikers 8, Bacash's 15 d Thougla 10, Culture Club 19 d Surts & Co 11, Young Guns 15 d Super UCG 10.

Ladder R17
A Grade
Bacash's64 276
Thougla58 189
Courthouse54 161
Young Guns.....46 64

B Grade
Lucyvale.....46 15
Café 370740 38
Attackers40 -33
Hoppers32 -2

C Grade
St George.....32 -40
Cudgie Kings32 -49
Costello Rural28 -10
High Rollers28 -27

D Grade
Cudgie Pub24 -68
Super UCG22 -47
CNC22 -10

E Grade
Sassy Strikers20 -89
Culture Club12 -123
Surts & Co12 -226

Finals Night 8/9/25 - 7pm



Tumbarumba's Steve Read congratulates Wayne Dubois on his tournament win.

1st - Tony Castles (38 points), 2nd - Andrew Hockey (34), 3rd - Justin Knott (34)

B Grade Stableford
1st - Allan Atherton (39 points), 2nd - Rob Blencowe (36), 3rd - Wes Goldspink (35)

C Grade Stableford
1st - Jake Burgun (42 points), 2nd - Pat McAlister (39), 3rd - Ben Lesniak (33)

Women's Division
1st - Sharon Burgess, 2nd - Maria Irwin

Novelty Prizes

Nearest the Pin - Wes Goldspink, Doug Morey, Sharon Burgess
Nearest the String - Pat McAlister, Maria Irwin
Longest Drive - Justin Knott, Nathan Morton, John Cameron, Jackie Wright

Sports improvement grants open

The Victorian government is backing better facilities for grassroots sport and local communities.

Member for Northern Victoria, Jaclyn Symes, is encouraging applications for the 2025-26 Local Sports Infrastructure Fund (LSIF) which creates better places to play, train and compete across Victoria.

The fund was extended in the Victorian Budget 2025/26 and has three streams including community facilities, community sports lighting and planning with councils being able to apply for between \$40,000 and \$500,000 for projects.

Potential projects

include new or improved sports courts, lights, change rooms, playgrounds and skate parks, to benefit local clubs and communities.

All Victorian councils and Alpine Resorts Victoria are eligible to apply in partnership with their local sport and recreation clubs, sport associations and leagues with a focus on projects that will support local communities and groups to increase participation including among women and girls.

"Sport is the heart and soul of Northern Victoria and we are getting on with upgrading infrastructure so clubs can keep up with soaring demand, while also

making them accessible and more inclusive," Ms Symes said.

"I urge eligible councils and sporting organisations to partner and apply for projects that will make a real difference to our community."

Previous projects in Northern Victoria to receive grants from the Local Sports Infrastructure Fund include funding towards the Wahgunyah Pump Track, Seymour Tennis Complex Lighting Project and the Robinvale Splash Park.

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Upper Murray Sport continued

Around the local clubs

Blues News continued from page 9

Our second quarter was some of the most top quality netball we have ever produced comprising control, precision, teamwork, determination and grit! It got us an eight-goal turnaround to put us in the lead going into the third term.

However, Tumba came out gunning and threw the girls off with their dominance. There was a huge goal turnover that quarter and we were then down by 10!

If you didn't look at the score board you never would have thought that was correct. The intensity by both sides was amazing at this age. Despite all efforts we couldn't get the game back and Tumba took out the win by nine goals.

I'm so proud of the girls and the amazing season they all had. Congratulations on a wonderful season and congratulations to Tumba for their great win.

Season Awards

Football

Seniors:- Best & Fairest - John Spencer; Runner-up - Jake Vinge; Most Consistent - Mitch Pynappels; Most Determined - Jack McInerney; Most Improved - Kyle Jarvis; Best Defender - Josh Lieschke; Coach's Award - Jack Ross; Goal Kicking John Spencer 95.

Reserves:- Best & Fairest - Maison Bloom & Marc Gould; Runner-up - Ned Scanlon; Most Consistent - Aiden Nicholas; Most Determined - Blake Dakin; Most Improved - Brandon Whitehead; Best Defender - Ned Scanlon; Coach's

Award -Darby Whitehead; Goal Kicking - Brendan McEvoy 18.

Under 14s:- Best & Fairest - Ryder Pierce; Runner-up - Mackinley Klippel; Most Determined - Tom Turnbull; Most Consistent - Jack Turnbull; Most Valuable - Mitchell McInnes; Goalkicking - Ryder Pierce 14. Coach's Award - Harry McVean.

Under 12s:- Best & Fairest - Ryder Pierce; Runner-up - Monty Whiteley; Most Improved - Lenny Jarvis; Most Determined - Chase Aalbers; Most Consistent - Miller Galbraith; Toughnut Awards - Kelly Pierce & Ryan Turnbull; Goalkicking - Ryder Pierce 23; Coach's Award - Jody Pierce.

President's Award - Dawn Carman.

Netball

A Grade:- Best & Fairest - Megan Nankervis; Runner-up - Malory Nankervis; Coach's Award - Charlotte Star.

B Grade:- Best & Fairest - Zoe McKimmie; Runner-up - Fleur Thompson; Coach's Award - Zoe McKimmie.

C Grade:- Best & Fairest - Quinn Galbraith; Runner-up - Izzy Cottrell; Coach's Award - Emily Thomas.

D Grade:- Best & Fairest - Ash Byrnes; Runner-up - Sally Houghagen; Coach's Award - Chloe McInnes.

15 & Under:- Best & Fairest - Taylor Turnbull; Runners-up - Lola Paton & Isabelle McVean; Coach's Award - Taylor Turnbull.

12 & Under:- Best & Fairest - Katie Pierce; Runner-up - Trixie Nugent; Most Improved - Chelsea Goodluck; Coach's Award - Lexi Faithfull.

Club Goals shooter - Lola Paton.



DEMONS DEN

A Grade:- Well season 2025 has come to a close and it wasn't the result we were hoping for in the grand final but Cudgewa came out firing and it just wasn't our day.

Despite the result I'm really proud of what the girls have achieved this season as we only had one player return from the A grade side last year, so it was a fresh start for everyone. There were a few weeks we struggled with numbers and actually only managed to have our whole team available for two games during the home and away season.

We really only came together as a team at the end of the season so to even make the grand final was a great achievement. Although we didn't finish the season at our best, there was still lots of positives to take away, so bring on next season.

~ Maree Nicholas (Coach).

C Grade:- What a way to end the year, making it into the grand final!

After last year's premiership win, we were hungry to make it two in a row and not having won against Cudgewa all year made us the underdogs but that didn't deter us.

Unfortunately, we didn't come away with the win but it was only a two-goal loss after a hard fought game.

In classic style, we made an entertaining comeback in the last quarter but it just wasn't enough.



Best-on-court Malory Nankervis soars for the spoil.

However, what was asked for was delivered by the team and that was to put 100% in until the end and be grateful regardless of the results.

I also want to mention the amazing supportive sideline cheers we had, it really made the atmosphere electric too.

We will come back strongly again next year! ~ Shoardy (Coach)

D Grade:- The girls may not have come away with the win but what a season it's been. The growth from the very first game to the grand final has been incredible and their improvement is something to be so proud of.

Every player gave their all and the teamwork, determination and spirit shown right to the end is a true credit to the group - well done ladies we will get them next year!

Overall, well done on a terrific and fun season!

~ With love, Caitlyn McCarthy (Coach)



Sallie Findlay pulls down a crucial intercept.

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Upper Murray Sport



A scuffle between Ben Hall and Hayden Wells led to an unprecedented length of the field free kick.

Around the clubs

Netball

A Grade:- Coach Mal Nankervis's nerves were high coming into the grand final against Corryong. After a strong season and Corryong pushing them to their first loss in the semi finals, the girls knew they had to be more hungry and deliver their A game.

That's just what they did and the first half was a spectators delight, a fast clean yet aggressive match, both sides with a couple of unforced errors that both sides took advantage of.

One umpire commented that it was a great game to officiate.

In the second half when fatigue was setting in for both sides, it was the Cudgie girls who gritted their teeth and flew to a solid 22-point win.

Meggo Nankervis and Hatty Mackinnon came mentally prepared for the challenge as the Demons' super strong defence pushed the girls to their limits but they both delivered standout games. Pip Brown came into GS for some quality minutes with a solid performance to maintain control of the goal ring before the return of Hatty who finished off the match strongly.

Shonny Green and Jo Beirs are a delight to watch through the mid court and their fitness was a credit to them and hard to match. In wing defence Charlotte Star returned from injury and applied some great pressure to the opposing WA, taking some fantastic intercepts when needed most.

Coach Mal Nankervis had a great game in GD with partner Charlotte Sutherland in GK, both nabbing some clever intercepts throughout the game. Mal also kept the talk going, supporting and encouraging her team until the end.

Best on Court - Mal Nankervis

B Grade:- Cudgie has wrapped up its fourth

premiership, going through the season undefeated.

The experienced Pip Brown was a pillar of strength and worked together with the talented young Marlie McLean and Gemma McNamara who already show flair and skill and they brought it all game. Bella Mckimie is a fierce, gutsy mid courter and delivered her A game with Emily Boyle by her side. Em always brings structure, talk and support through wing attack, sharing it with Gemma McNamara - a clever duo. Zoe McKimmie and Jess Shanks shared wing defence and applied some fierce defence to Bullioh's mid courters and made the most of any of their unclean balls.

Fleur, Sarah Dart and Eylish Thompson rotating through the defensive roll are a solid team together and made the game very hard for Bullioh's goalers.

The girls worked hard all year and delivered the perfect end to a stellar season.

Best on Court - Pip Brown.

C Grade:- In a very good, tight match our ladies came away with a two goal win against a very competitive Corryong side.

We watched some spectacular netball with our shooters Brie, Quinn and Ruby-Jean getting their goals from all angles; while our fast mid court players were back and forth up and down the court feeding their ball beautifully to our goalers after each turnover and centre pass.

Our defence never stopped, playing strongly against Corryong's skilled shooters.

Best on Court - Chloe Mitchell.

15 & Under:- What a grand final!

Both teams hit another level on Saturday and it was exciting to see the brilliant netball being played by all these young girls. Coach Claire from Tumba and I both said the future is looking bright to have such superstar netballers coming through our league.

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Upper Murray Sport

Bulldogs go back to back

Blues bomb their lines in bid for redemption

Cudgewa's mission to avenge its surprise loss to Bullioh in the grand final in 2024 was torpedoed by the Dogs in emphatic fashion in Saturday's decider when they powered away to an ungettable lead in the third quarter.

Apart from a few muddy patches, the Bullioh ground stood up to the three-day deluge prior to the game and provided a surface that saw 28 goals kicked, with the Dogs proving deadly accurate on goal.

The game started in frenetic fashion with players from both sides throwing themselves in to contests and the umpires were intent on imposing their authority early with a strict interpretation of the holding the ball rule and a preparedness to dish out 50m penalties, which benefitted the Blues who scored two goals as result in the first term.

The Dogs burst from the blocks with a six-pointer inside the first two minutes but shortly afterwards Cudgewa forward Ben Hall marked inside the 50m arc and was immediately flattened by a Bulldog, nailing his first of five goals for the day from the penalty.

The resultant skirmish galvanised the Blues who ramped up the pressure and booted the next two majors but Bullioh recovered in the dying minutes to snare two long-range goals to lead by five points at the first change.

The Dogs controlled play for the bulk of the second term by

maintaining possession until they spotted a target and more often than not, they found one and the methodical approach yielded three goals.

However, the Blues stayed in touch with Mitch Pynappels, Jack Ross and Dylan Haycraft finding more of the Sherrin resulting in two majors of their own late as long kicks found their mark.

The third quarter proved pivotal as best-on-ground Aiden Heinrich, Joel Heiner and Joel Bannister starred for the Dogs with pinpoint passes to teammates in attack who peppered the sticks for a six-goal return and an insurmountable 38-point margin at the last break.

Bullioh's dominance was evident as they had eight individual goal kickers highlighted by the four-goal effort of the underrated Lachie Meehan.

Contrastingly, the desperate Blues were relying on long bombs into their forward line for scoring opportunities and had kept their thin hopes alive with two late goals but a bizarre incident after the siren virtually sealed their fate.

The spot fires during the match came to a head when Ben Hall and Dogs' defender Hayden Wells, who had staged their own private war, began wrestling in the Blues' goal square, leading to a large melee.

The umpire in control was struggling to clear the area so his colleague came from midfield to assist but

his patience soon ran out and he paid a free kick to Bullioh and took the Dogs' recipient the full length of the field to pot the goal and snuff out Cudgewa's chances. (*)

With the pressure dropping markedly, both sides scored more freely in the final stanza to keep the large crowd entertained but the Dogs eventually cruised to the finish line for successive flags.

In A Grade netball, Cudgewa overcame a determined Corryong to thwart the Demons' bid for their first ever premiership.

Cudgewa had fallen to Corryong in the 2nd semi-final but there was no complacency in the decider as the Blues hit the court running and forced several turnovers to take the early lead.

The midcourt pressure continued in the second quarter and the Blues extended the margin via the hot-handed duo of Megan Nankervis and Harriet Mackinnon in the scoring arc.

The Blues' defence under the leadership of Malory Nankervis also stepped up to limit the opportunities of Corryong's main scorers Tahnee Thorpe and Meg Greenhill.

The Blues were on song from the start and played to the final whistle for a comfortable 22-goal victory to make it a hat trick of A grade flags.

(* An enquiry to the AFL Umpires Association regarding the length of the ground penalty at three quarter time failed



Bullioh defenders Clayton Bosman and James Wells double team John Spencer.

to shed any light on the correctness of the decision under the AFL Laws of the Game).

Grand Final Results

Football

Seniors

Bullioh 4.1, 7.2, 13.5, 17.7 (109) d Cudgewa 3.2, 5.2, 7.3, 11.5 (71)

Goals:- Bullioh - L. Meehan 4, A. Heinrich 3, C. Brunnenmeyer 2, A. Murray 2, K. Wallace 1, H. Wells 1, J. Wellington 1, J. Peters 1. Cudgewa - B. Hall 5, J. Spencer 3, J. Bartel 1, S. Bartel 1, D. Haycraft 1.

Best:- Bullioh - A. Heinrich, L. Meehan, J. Heiner, H. Wells, J. Bannister, J. Bolton. Cudgewa - M. Pynappels, B. Hall, J. Lieschke, J.

McInerney, J. Ross, D. Haycraft.

Reserves

Bullioh 3.2, 6.3, 7.5, 9.7 (61) d Tumbarumba 4.0, 5.2, 5.3, 6.5 (41)

Goals:- Bullioh - B. Hardisty 2, A. Barnes 2, B. Simmonds 1, J. Fenton 1, B. Harrison 1. Tumbarumba - A. Widdison 2, L. McCallum 1, K. Curran, T. Bennett, N. Bolton.

Best:- Bullioh - P. Paton, A. Gordon, B. Hardisty, C. Ried. Tumbarumba - K. Curran, R. Hulm, J. Doolan, Q. Rooney.

Under 14s

Corryong 1.1, 2.2, 4.4, 8.6 (54) d Tumbarumba 2.4, 4.9, 4.11, 5.11 (41)

Goals:- Corryong - O. Davis 4, L. Boers 2, J.

Yule 1, C. Heinjus 1. Tumbarumba - J. Higgins 3, J. McCullough 1, K. Middleton 1.

Best:- Corryong - J. Yule, H. Nicholas, O. Davis, S. Malenab. Tumbarumba - L. Nagle, J. Higgins, K. Middleton, D. McGee.

Under 12s

Corryong 1.0, 2.3, 3.4, 4.7 (31) d Cudgewa 0.0, 0.0, 0.1, 0.1 (1)

Goals:- Corryong - O. Cummins 2, L. Boers 2.

Netball

A Grade

Cudgewa 39 d Corryong 17

B Grade

Cudgewa 45 d Bullioh 35

C Grade

Cudgewa 30 d Corryong 28

D Grade

Tumba 45 d Corryong 26

15 & Under

Tumba 40 d Cudgewa 31

12 & Under

Tumbarumba 20 d 6 Bullioh

Best Players

Football

Under 12s - Lachlan Boers (Corryong)

Unders 14s - Owen Davis (Corryong)

Reserves - John Pearn (Tumbarumba)

Seniors - Aiden Heinrich (Bullioh)

Netball

12 & Under - Amity Cameron (Bullioh)

15 & Under - Mary Middleton (Tumbarumba)

D Grade - Cecile Farrell (Cudgewa)

C Grade - Chloe Mitchell (Tumbarumba)

B Grade - Pip Brown (Cudgewa)

A Grade - Malory Nankervis (Cudgewa)

Don't turn a blind eye to Pinkeye Prevention!

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Vaccinate cattle against Pinkeye now!

Pinkeye is a very contagious, painful and complex condition found in cattle. With a season of good rain and pasture growth, we are looking at a bumper fly season therefore Pinkeye will be a great concern for many producers in the Upper Murray districts.

The effects of pinkeye:

- Extreme pain and distress to the animal
- Weight loss or a reduction in daily weight gains
- Decline in appetite and overall production
- Stress and labour costs for farm owners/managers
- Significant treatment costs and antibiotic usage
- Cattle rejected (eg. Feedlots, saleyards & export)

Coopers® Piliguard is the only registered Pinkeye vaccine available. Pinkeye season is fast approaching - prevention is better than cure.



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