

Kaniva celebrates treated water milestone



Cr Richard Hicks, Dylan Feduniw (Kaniva P-12 College), Courtenay Wallis (Kaniva Progress Association), Sally Marshall (GWMWater acting general manager), Caroline Welsh (GWMWater board chair).

Residents and visitors of Kaniva will now enjoy a fully treated drinking water supply straight from the tap, marking a significant milestone for the West Wimmera community.

Previously the largest town in Victoria without a drinking water supply, Kaniva's new connection means residents no longer need to rely on rainwater tanks or packaged water for drinking and food preparation, providing greater convenience and peace of mind.

Drinking water is supplied to Kaniva from the Dimboola Water Treatment Plant via a pipeline extension and is treated in line with the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines.

As part of the project, the capacity of the Dimboola Water Treatment Plant was increased to cater for Kaniva's needs.

Grampians Wimmera Mallee Water (GWMWater) Acting Managing Director Sally Marshall said the project demonstrated the organisation's commitment to supporting thriving regional communities.

"A reliable drinking water supply is essential for preserving the liveability of communities in our region," Ms Marshall said.

"The completion of this project is a significant step forward in health, liveability, and opportunity for this town."

"A drinking water supply was fundamental to supporting the wellbeing of this community, now and into the future."

The milestone was celebrated on Friday 26 June at the Kaniva Wetlands & Fauna Park, where community members gathered alongside representatives from West Wimmera Shire Council, the Kaniva Lions Club and the Kaniva Progress Association.

Kaniva Lions Club hosted a community barbecue, bringing locals together to mark the occasion.

A new drinking water fountain was also unveiled at the park during the event, symbolising the town's new access to safe, treated drinking water.

Ms Marshall said it was important to recognise the strong community support behind the project.

"This project has been a collaborative effort, and it was wonderful to celebrate its completion with the people of Kaniva and local organisations who play such an important role in the community," she said.

For more information about water quality and township water supplies, visit gwmwater.org.au

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Council is currently completing a review of library services to ensure that current services, programs and resources align

with community needs, as well as to identify any changes to services or new programs patrons would like to see in their local library.

Council is always looking for ideas and input on what can be done differently - and just as importantly, if users enjoy current services and programs, Council would love to hear that too.

HAVE YOUR SAY

If you are a member of Hindmarsh Shire Libraries, have visited one of our libraries before, or would like to use our libraries in the future - we want to hear from you!

To provide your input and have your say, please complete the survey on the Have Your Say Hindmarsh website at www.haveyoursay.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au.

The survey closes 11:59pm on Sunday 12 July 2026.

The responses from this survey will be collated, reviewed and will help to inform the library review being undertaken. Council will consider any or all ideas received and look forward to bringing you enhanced library services into the future.

For more information, please contact Janelle Reichelt, Manager People and Performance, on 03 5391 4444, or email libraries@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au.

What's On...

July

- 2nd- Scott's BMX Trick Bike Show, 2.30pm, book through Kaniva Link.
- 4th- Nhill Parkrun, 8am; Jaypex Park Nhill.
- 10TH- School Holiday Program Movie: Minions & Monsters, free screening 1pm, Nhill Memorial Community Centre.
- 11th- Nhill Parkrun, 8am; Jaypex Park Nhill.
- 18th- Nhill Parkrun, 8am; Jaypex Park Nhill.
- 21st- Nhill Classic Movie: Beach Party; 10am morning tea, screening 10.30am, Nhill Memorial Community Centre.

August

- 8th- Woorak Hall Centenary Celebrations, 1pm-6pm, Woorak Hall.
 - 8th- Back to Yanac Hockey Club-TBC.
 - 14th- Nhill Coastbusters Music Bingo fundraiser for Beyond Blue "wigs theme", 7pm Nhill and District Sporting Club,
 - 29th- Netherby/Lorquorn 1962-1982 Reunion football and netball, Netherby Hall, 10.30am
- If you have a community event that you would like publicised in this Community Calendar, please email editor@nhillfreepress.com.au or send details to us at 27 Victoria Street Nhill, 3418, to have it listed. This is a free service, although paid events and meeting notifications must also be placed as a public notice.

District Weekend Weather Forecast

	Thursday	Min	Max
	Cloudy	8	12
	Friday	Min	Max
	Rain	8	13
	Saturday	Min	Max
	Rain	7	12
	Sunday	Min	Max
	Cloudy	6	12

Weekly District Rainfalls

23rd June to 8am – 30th June 2026		
Yanac	Brett Wheaton	N/A
Kinimakatka	Rodney Bound	8.0mm
Kaniva	Katrina Hawker	1.0mm
Nhill	Jim Gladdis	9.0mm

West Wimmera Shire Council adopts 2026-27 budget

WEST Wimmera Shire Council has formally adopted its 2026-27 Budget, setting a clear direction for service delivery, infrastructure investment and continued community development across the shire.

Council endorsed both the 2026-27 Budget and Annual Plan at a meeting in Benayeo on Wednesday.

The budget provides for total budgeted income of \$25.862 million, including \$9.245 million in operating grants and \$5.230 million in capital grants.

It also includes a capital works program of more than \$8.27 million, representing a significant increase on the previous year.

Council's priorities for the coming year include roads and infrastructure renewal, maintaining service delivery standards, renewing essential assets and progressing important community and infrastructure projects that support local liveability.

Council has also maintained a strong focus on ensuring value for money and targeted investment in priority areas.

This approach reflects Council's ongoing commitment to delivering quality services while maintaining a financially sustainable organisation.

The average general rate and municipal charge will increase by 2.75 per cent, in line with the State Government's Fair Go Rates System.

Mayor Tim Meyer said the budget considered broader economic and funding challenges, while maintaining a focus on practical outcomes for the community.

"This budget supports Council's ongoing focus on essential services, infrastructure renewal and community priorities," he said.

"We are continuing to work through a challenging funding environment, while ensuring we deliver practical outcomes that support liveability across the shire."

"Council remains committed to finding new opportunities, fighting for funding for projects, and always looking at ways to improve our communities."

Copies of the adopted 2026-27 Budget and Annual Plan are available to view at Council's Customer Service Centres in Edenhope and Kaniva.

All documents are also available on Council's website. For more information, visit westwimmera.vic.gov.au.

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Book Fair funds go to local projects



Author and university lecturer Bill Murray finds a copy of his own book at the Nhill Book Fair.

DID you know that every month approximately 1000 books are donated to the Nhill Book Fair? These are categorized, sorted and available for sale at the following book fair. All Books, DVDs, Jigsaws sell for \$1.00

each (some items are even cheaper) and the next book fair will be held on July 4, 2026, from 10-2pm. Reading a good book or working on a jigsaw is a great way to spend cold wintry days

The Nhill Book Fair is a

volunteer fundraising venture, with all money going to the Nhill Aviation Heritage Centre. Last month's book fair raised \$933.00 which is to be used for advertising banners to be placed at the entrances to town. Recently funds from the book fair have been used for replacing interpretive signs at the Nhill Aerodrome, while \$5000 is tucked away for use planting trees and shrubs once the new Foyer project at the aerodrome is completed.

Lately the book fair seems to have become a great place to catch up with friends and family and this is encouraged wholeheartedly. Grab yourself a coffee from LOL or some morning tea from the CWA pop up shop or Lowana (you can even bring a thermos if you choose) to keep yourself warm while searching for your next good read. Heating is on, but sometimes this pops the circuit breaker in an old building so no guarantees. Our cheerful crew look forward to seeing you.

Hindmarsh Receives Community Satisfaction Survey Results



HINDMARSH Shire Council has received results from the 2026 Community Satisfaction Survey, and thanks all members of our community who took the time to share their feedback.

Hindmarsh Shire Council Mayor, Cr Ron Ismay, said "the Community Satisfaction Survey forms part of the picture of how we identify areas for improvement and track progress over time. We also look at other input like complaints, service requests, in person consultations and the feedback received from community members who take the time to tell us when we're doing something well – everyone's experience matters."

Hindmarsh Shire Council

has recorded continued improvement in its overall performance, with community satisfaction increasing to one of the highest levels achieved in recent years. While the improvement is modest, it builds on a positive trend over the past three years and reflects steady progress across most of Council's service areas.

Council performs in line with, or above, state-wide and small rural council averages in most areas, highlighting strong service delivery across the organisation. Customer service and waste management remain among Council's strongest areas, although recent results indicate a decline in perceptions of waste management that will be a focus

for improvement.

Over the next 12 months, Council will prioritise strengthening community consultation and engagement, as well as ensuring decision-making continues to reflect the interests of the community. Targeted efforts will be directed towards improving perceptions in the West Ward, where results were lower compared to other areas.

Cr Ismay said, "this survey helps us identify areas for improvement, and we'll be working with our West Ward residents to advocate for betting funding and attention for local Department of Transport managed roads and address their concerns."

Council remains committed to building on its current performance, maintaining its strengths, and addressing areas for improvement to better serve the Hindmarsh community.

The survey is conducted annually as part of a mandatory statewide assessment of community satisfaction across councils. Results can be found here.

AWARD FOR NHILL AVIATION HERITAGE CENTRE



Rob Lynch President NAHC receives the Silver Award presented by Marc Sleeman CEO Grampians Wimmera Mallee Tourism

THE Nhill Aviation Heritage Centre was a 'Silver Winner' at the Tourism Volunteer Recognition Summit held in the Murtoa Stick Shed last week.

Thirty nominations for tourism volunteer awards were received from right across the Grampians and Wimmera Mallee region. Volunteers, community groups, tourism operators, councils and industry partners came together to celebrate the volunteers who are the lifeblood of our communities

In presenting the award to the NAHC, Mr Marc Sleeman CEO of Grampians Wimmera Mallee Tourism said : 'The Nhill Aviation Heritage Museum has grown from a community vision into a significant tourism attraction through the dedication of its volunteers. Since its establishment, volunteers have restored historic aircraft, developed interpretive displays, maintained the museum and its grounds, guided tours and supported events. The museum celebrates Nhill's rich aviation history, particularly its connection to the RAAF during World War II, and volunteers have played a central role in bringing this story to life. Their work includes aircraft and display restoration, research, cleaning,



event management and visitor engagement. All delivered with professionalism and pride. Their contribution strengthens Nhill's identity and enhances the visitor experience.'

Rob Lynch, NAHC President accepted the award on behalf of all the NAHC volunteers.

Other winners were the Dunkeld & Grampians Visitor information Centre, and Speed Lions Club for their organization of the Mallee Machinery Days.

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NHILL'S DELIVERY HORSES



Nhill Fire Brigade.



Ah Looey outside the Commercial Hotel



Bowden's milk cart.



The Nhill whim.



Killarney's restored wagon

POST-WW2 petrol rationing certainly helped keep horse-and-cart transport alive in Australian towns, but the real reason it hung on was simple: motor vehicles, parts, and tyres were scarce and painfully expensive.

Because of that, Nhill's Baby Boomers enjoyed a rare double feature — the final years of the horse-and-cart era running alongside the motoring age.

In the 1950s and 60s you could still hear the town horses doing their daily rounds, delivering milk, bread, vegetables, fuel, and collecting bottles, rubbish, and the less glamorous backyard contents. They moved at a pace that suggested they weren't in any rush to embrace progress.

These "delivery horses" were famously intelligent. They learned their routes by heart, stopping and starting on their own while the driver jumped out to hand-deliver goods.

For town rounds, the economics were clear: horses were

practical, cheap to run, and far less temperamental than early engines.

Today, of course, the only "working horse" most of us see is the clothes horse.

The mighty farm Clydesdale has been immortalised in Goldsworthy Park's Talking Horse statue, but the real unsung heroes were the "town horses" — quiet, steady workers who clip-clopped around Nhill with a chaff bag over the nose and the navigation skills of a modern autonomous vehicle.

They stopped for hazards before their owners noticed them, remembered every gate and back lane, and completed their routes without a hint of Satnav.

It was a privilege to witness the "olden days," including Daphne and Killarney's "dunny cart," which doubled as a beer-bottle wagon and was Nhill's version of Steptoe and Son — "Killarney and Niece," you might say. As local "sanitary

engineers," they carried a certain aroma, and when they stepped into a shop, customers tended to hold their noses.

Another familiar sight was Bob Bowden's four-wheel milk trailer pulled by Wendy or Charlie. Earlier milko carts were two-wheelers from the days of churns and dippers. The Chinese market gardeners also used horses to deliver fruit and vegetables, with Louie Tong often parking between the trees in Nelson Street. Indian hawkers with horse-drawn wagons visited regularly.

The Nhill Stores timber yard used them, and the Nhill Carrying Company operated a horse-drawn trailer. Earlier still, the Fire Brigade relied on a team of horses, and Nhill's first "town horse" spent its days walking in circles pumping bore water at the whim.

A striking photo from the 1920s shows Art Borgelt refuelling an aeroplane at the Nhill landing ground — a perfect snapshot

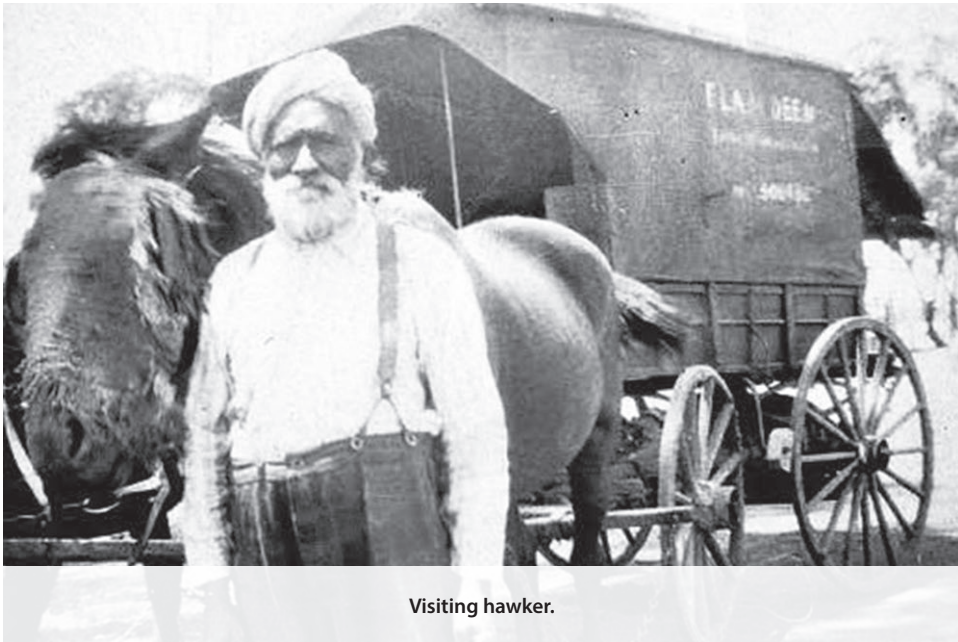
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NHILL’S DELIVERY HORSES



Borgelt's Carriers



Visiting hawker.

of old and new technologies crossing paths.
By 1969, nostalgia had set in. The Nhill A&P Society suggested inviting Carlton & United Breweries to bring their horse-drawn beer wagon to the annual show — preferably fully loaded — to honour the work of delivery horses.
But not all horse-related memories were

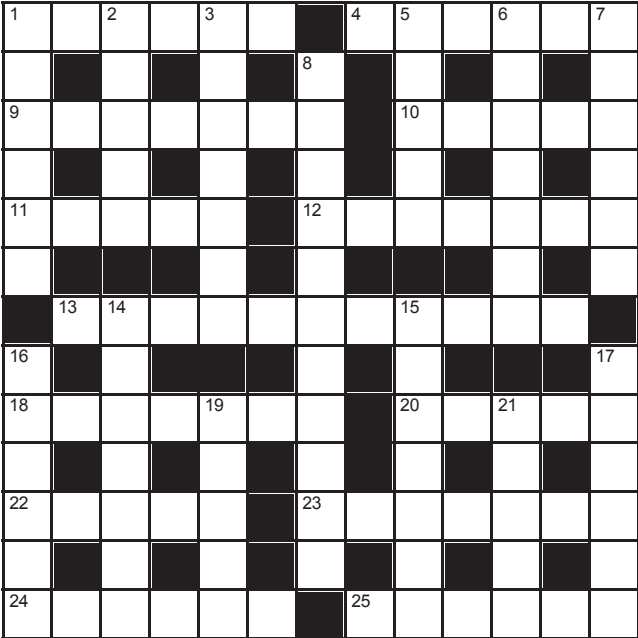
charming. As horses became less common, the Lowan Council grew more vigilant, declaring them a health hazard under the Health Act. One particular worry was a horse-drawn cart that delivered meat from the slaughter yards to the butchers and then carried offal and other objectionable material on other trips.
By the 1970s it was almost impossible to drag

a horse to water in Nhill — the town’s only trough in Nelson Street, opposite Carlands, had crumbled away.
In the end, Nhill’s delivery horses slipped out of daily life the same way they worked within it — quietly, steadily, without fuss. We may not remember every horse by name, but we remember their patience and the way

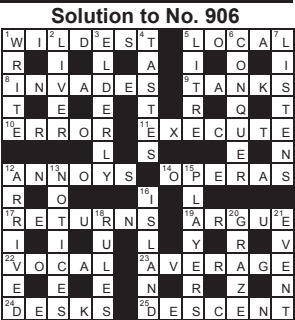
they stitched the town together one doorstep at a time.
John Williams - Treasures of Nhill & District Facebook page 11th June 2026.

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- Across**
- 1 Gloomy
 - 4 Leisurely walk
 - 9 Noise from storm
 - 10 Fold
 - 11 Tomb
 - 12 Bundle
 - 13 Unforeseen
 - 18 Lavish
 - 20 Competed
 - 22 Hurts
 - 23 Administrator
 - 24 Element essential for breathing
 - 25 Permits



- Down**
- 1 Notice
 - 2 Home office
 - 3 Official assessor
 - 5 Subject
 - 6 Function
 - 7 Received in the mail
 - 8 Apprehension
 - 14 Badly behaved
 - 15 Cautious
 - 16 Root vegetable
 - 17 Loves
 - 19 Follow
 - 21 Chocolate source



- ### TRIVIA
- 1. Which planet is named after the primordial Greek god of the sky?
 - 2. Which Summer Olympics was the first to exclude South Africa?
 - 3. Dr Kay Scarpetta was invented by which author?
 - 4. With the history of which country is Rasputin associated?
 - 5. What is the name of the test cricket venue in Manchester, England?
 - 6. According to Elvis Presley in the song Can't Help Falling in Love, what do wise men say?
 - 7. In which event might a participant use the scissors technique?
 - 8. Abuja is the capital of which country?
 - 9. Who is credited with the saying There's a sucker born every minute?
 - 10. Switzerland is landlocked-True or False?
 - 11. Frank Sinatra's song Strangers in the Night inspired the name of which cartoon character?
 - 12. Neophobia is the fear of what?
 - 13. All or part of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, Greece and Turkey are often described as being in what region?
 - 14. What makes soft drinks fizzy?
 - 15. Robert Allen Zimmerman, American singer-songwriter, author and visual artist, is better known as who?
 - 16. Which ancient Greek philosopher wrote The Republic?
 - 17. Traditionally buttons on women's shirts are on which side?
 - 18. Which sci-fi series had its 50th anniversary in 2013?
 - 19. What can't a cheetah do that other wild cats like a tiger or puma can?
 - 20. Who appeared on the cover of the 1967 inaugural edition of Rolling Stone?
- BONUS QUESTION:** When was the gambling casino, Monte Carlo, first opened in Monaco?

- ### TRIVIA ANSWERS
- BONUS QUESTION ANSWER:** 1863.
- 1. Uranus
 - 2. 1964
 - 3. Patricia Cornwell
 - 4. Russia
 - 5. Old Trafford
 - 6. Only fools rush in
 - 7. High jump
 - 8. Nigeria
 - 9. PT Barnum
 - 10. True
 - 11. Scooby Doo
 - 12. New things
 - 13. The Balkans
 - 14. Carbon dioxide
 - 15. Bob Dylan
 - 16. Plato
 - 17. Left side
 - 18. Dr Who
 - 19. Roar
 - 20. John Lennon
- Trivia by Tom Trifonoff of Australian Rural & Regional News (ARR.News)

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Kaniva Social Support Group Helping Locals Stay Connected in Retirement



Kaniva Social Support Group enjoying lunch at Lake Charlegrark.

WEST Wimmera Health Service is encouraging older residents to stay active and connected through its welcoming Social Support Group in Kaniva.

Designed for people aged 65 and over—particularly those

who have recently retired—the group offers a relaxed and friendly environment where community members can enjoy social connection, laughter and meaningful activities.

Held weekly on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays,

the program brings people together for a variety of experiences, including community outings, games, crafts, exercise sessions, movie days and shared meals. Participants also enjoy special events such as guest speakers, barbecues

and day trips.

Recent outings have included a cosy lunch by the outdoor fire at Lake Charlegrark, where the group enjoyed great food and conversation while meeting the new caretakers—just one example of the many memorable experiences on offer.

Facilitated by dedicated Social Support Coordinators, the group focuses on reducing social isolation, promoting wellbeing and helping people enjoy an active and fulfilling lifestyle.

A spokesperson for West Wimmera Health Service said the program is about more than just activities. “It’s about building friendships, having fun and making the most of this stage of life,” they said.

Community members interested in joining the Kaniva Social Support Group can express their interest by calling the WWHS Intake Team on 5391 4292.

New Leadership Team Welcomed at Kaniva Hospital



New Kaniva Leadership Team _Shelley Brown and Chloe Mulraney.

WEST Wimmera Health Service is proud to introduce the new leadership team at Kaniva Hospital, bringing a strong mix of local connection, experience and passion for community care.

The new leaders share a deep commitment to delivering high-quality, person-centred care and strengthening services for the Kaniva community.

Director of Nursing, Chloe Mulraney said their journey into nursing was inspired by local encouragement. “A previous Kaniva Director of Nursing, Lesley Hawker, encouraged me to return to study and consider nursing, and Shelley Brown also inspired me while she was studying. They both gave me the confidence to give it a go,” she said.

While Nurse Unit Manager, Shelley Brown’s path into health care began in a more unexpected way. “It all started with three little boys, a trip to hospital for sutures, then a first aid course and years volunteering in emergency response. I never planned on leadership, but I’ve found I really enjoy it.”

Despite their varied pathways, both leaders share a clear vision of what success looks like at Kaniva Hospital. “A great day at work is a fully staffed facility providing quality care to our community,” Chloe said, while Shelley described it as “a calm, steady day where the team feels supported and residents and patients are well cared for.”

Looking ahead, the team is focused on building confidence and strengthening care. “We are passionate about the health of our community and want people to see Kaniva Hospital as their number one choice for healthcare,” Chloe explained. Shelley added their focus is on “building clinical confidence across the team and strengthening everyday practice.”

The leadership team hopes the community will feel the difference. “We want people to see us as part of their life—like a piece of their jigsaw—and know our doors are always open,” they said.

“Our care is safe, consistent and delivered by staff who genuinely know and respect the people they look after.”

They also highlighted that leadership in health is always evolving. “People are often surprised that we are still learning every day. We’re constantly building our skills so we can better support our team and community.”

Outside of work, the leaders bring plenty of personality—from a well-known love of golf to caravan adventures exploring remote parts of Australia.

With a shared commitment to continuous improvement, connection and high-quality care, the new leadership team is ready to support Kaniva Hospital into its next chapter.

Cancer Support Friendship Group in Nhill

WEST Wimmera Health Service’s FREE Cancer Support Friendship Group offers Nhill locals a welcoming space to connect, share and support one another.

Run by the Service’s Cancer Support Nurse, the group provides informal monthly catch-ups where people can enjoy a chat and a cuppa in a relaxed, supportive environment.

The next catch up is scheduled for Thursday 23 July at the Education Hub at Nhill Hospital from 1:30pm to 3pm.

The group is open to anyone at any stage of their cancer journey, as well as carers, family members and friends.

For more information, contact the Cancer Support Nurse on (03) 5363 4401 or email CRN@wwhs.net.au.

FREE Modified netball coming to Nhill: for those aged 50+

A new Modified Netball program is set to kick off in Nhill, offering a fun and social way for locals aged 50 and over to stay active.

Run by West Wimmera Health Service’s Allied Health Team, the sessions feature a slower-paced, low-impact version of netball—perfect for those looking to ease back into exercise or try something new.

The eight-week program will be held Wednesdays at 3:30pm at the Nhill College Stadium, commencing Wednesday 15 July.

Open to all abilities, the program is designed to support physical and mental wellbeing while bringing people together through friendly teamwork.

Sessions are free and there’s no need to book in advance—simply show up on the day and wear comfortable clothing and enclosed shoes.

For more information or to get involved, contact Allied Health on 03 5391 4267.

Go Dry this July to support people affected by cancer



AUSTRALIANS are being encouraged to put down the wine glass, beer or spirits this July and take part in Dry July, a national fundraising campaign supporting people affected by cancer.

Dry July challenges participants to go alcohol-free for the month of July while asking

family, friends and workmates to sponsor their efforts. Funds raised help provide practical, emotional and physical support for cancer patients, their families and carers.

The campaign is free to join and participants receive their own online profile page where they can collect donations, set a fundraising goal, share updates, unlock progress badges and access fundraising resources.

Money raised through Dry July helps fund services that make life a little easier for people during an incredibly difficult time. These services may include transport to treatment appointments, specialist cancer nurses, information and support lines, therapy programs, exercise and rehabilitation services, and accommodation close to hospitals.

Dry July also highlights the personal benefits of taking a break from alcohol, including clearer thinking, more energy, better sleep, healthier skin and possible weight loss. But the real heart of the campaign is its impact on people facing cancer and those caring for them.

The rules are simple: sign up, ask others to donate, go alcohol-free in July and help make a difference.

Participants can take part as individuals, join a team, or get involved through their workplace. Even those who do not wish to take part can support the campaign by donating to someone who is going dry.

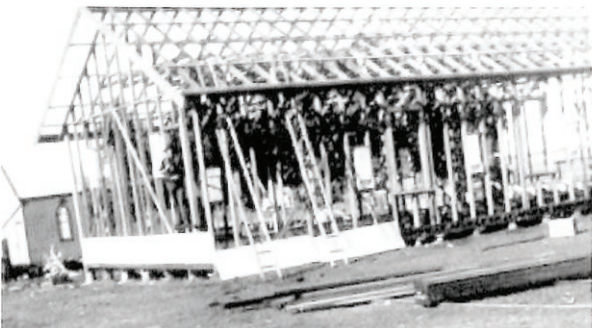
Dry July is run by the Dry July Foundation, and donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

To sign up, donate or find out more, visit dryjuly.com.

Woorak Hall Celebrates a Century of Community



2026 Woorak Hall.



1926 Construction of the Woorak Hall (view is the back of the hall, looking east, old Woorak Methodist church in the background)



1955 Phyllis Schultz's 21st celebration at Woorak Hall

FOR 100 years, Woorak Hall has been at the heart of community life in the district, bringing people together for celebrations, sporting events, meetings, concerts, dances and countless social occasions.

On Saturday, 8 August 2026, past and present residents, visitors and members of the wider community are invited to celebrate the Hall's centenary and share in this special local milestone.

While the current Hall was built in 1926, community gatherings at Woorak date back even further. An earlier Woorak Hall and Mechanics Institute stood nearby before being destroyed in the devastating cyclone of 1897. The district then went almost three decades without a hall before local residents united to build the present facility, which has

served the community ever since.

Over the years, the Hall has hosted school concerts, weddings, birthday celebrations, Christmas trees, flower shows, tennis club functions, CFA meetings, fundraising events, table tennis competitions and community dances.

Former residents recall attending dances and afternoon teas, school concerts, wedding receptions and milestone birthdays. Music has long been part of life at Woorak Hall, with local musicians entertaining generations of residents at community gatherings and social occasions. A button accordion donated to the Hall almost a century ago remains a treasured part of that history.

The Hall has continually evolved with the times, from the connection of electricity in 1961 to extensions and improvements made by generations of volunteers. Through it all, it has remained a focal point for community life and a lasting tribute to the determination and vision of the district's pioneers. While the district has changed over the years, the Hall continues to bring people together through the activities of the Woorak Community & Land Management Group, as well as community gatherings and celebrations.

The centenary celebration will commence with doors opening at 1.00pm, followed by the official opening at 2.00pm by local Olympic Gold Medallist Lucy Stephan. Historical displays, photographs and memorabilia will showcase the Hall's rich history, while the contents of a time capsule buried at the Hall in 2001 will also be on display. Visitors are invited to bring along an item or written message to be placed in the time capsule before it is resealed and reburied for future generations. A community afternoon tea, children's activities and old-fashioned games will provide entertainment for all ages. The Hall's historic accordion will provide music during the afternoon, and guests will have the opportunity to share stories and memories from across the decades.

As preparations continue, the Woorak Hall Committee is calling on the community to help build the centenary displays. Anyone with photographs, memorabilia, documents or memories connected to Woorak Hall is encouraged to get in touch. Whether it is a dance, wedding, school concert, sporting event, fundraiser or community gathering, every contribution helps tell the story of the Hall and the people who have shaped its first 100 years.

For further information, to share photographs or memories, or to register attendance, contact Wendy Crowhurst on 0428 387 193 or email woorakhall@gmail.com. Event information and online registrations are also available at www.trybooking.com/DJLSV.



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1976 Woorak Hall Jubilee Ball held Friday, 8th October 1976 These people, who were all present at the opening of the Woorak Hall in 1926, returned for the Jubilee Ball in 1976. Back Row: Glad Whitehead, Mrs Mavis Moll, Clarrie Schultz, Bert Preston, Bob Smith, Reg Collins. Front Row: Bill Bone, Mrs Alex Schultz, Mrs Jean Bound, Mrs Lou Clark, Lou Clark



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ADOPTION OF 2026/2027 BUDGET INCORPORATING REVENUE AND RATING PLAN

At the meeting held on Wednesday 24 June 2026, Hindmarsh Shire Council adopted its **Annual Budget**, incorporating the Revenue and Rating Plan, **for the 2026/2027 financial year.**

The **total amount to be raised by general rates and charges in 2026/2027 is \$10.63m** which is an increase of \$0.285m from 2025/2026.

The **community has told us that roads and pedestrian infrastructure are the highest priority**, so Council is **investing \$4.41m** in capital works on road construction, resheets, reseals and final seals, kerb and channel, and footpaths.

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Kaniva Tree Planting Weekend



Those planting on Saturday.



Margaret Johns from Ballarat; with Cece from Adelaide planting trees on Saturday

ON Saturday Kaniva Landcare Group had 20 volunteers plant about 2000 bushes/trees at Jeanette Feder’s at Telopea. It was a cool but sunny day and after the volunteers finished the planting, they enjoyed a lunch of soup and sandwiches supplied by

Kaniva Playgroup parents. The Volunteers were from Kaniva, Melbourne, Adelaide and Geelong. The day finished with an evening meal supplied by Kaniva Landcare Group at the Bills Gully Hall.

Sing Australia



NHILL Sing Australia members enjoyed singing for the residents of Avonlea last Friday. Residents and staff sang along, all had a

good time and enjoyed a cuppa and chat afterward. For all Sing Australia enquiries please contact Kelly on 0427899280.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NHILL

- by HM Woodhouse-Herrick

ON Sunday we had the pleasure of visitors to our Church from Melbourne being Steve and Alison Enticott. Steve is a Sports Chaplain and they were on their way through to MONARTO Zoo to spend a few nights sleeping out amongst the wild for their 11th Anniversary. We wish them well and it was a delight to have met up with them for our Service today.



L: Bruce Meyer, Alison and Steve Enticott, David Bedford.

HORSHAM SPORTS & COMMUNITY CLUB SPONSORSHIPS



Representatives from sporting clubs and community organizations who received Horsham Sports and Community Club sponsorships:- West Wimmera Shire Council: - Steven Alexander (Lawloit Public Hall), John Heinjus (Kaniva Fire Brigade), Roger Clark (Telopea Downs Progress Association), Maree van Kempen and Ian Austin (Kaniva Golf Club) and Murray Guy (Kaniva Bowling Club).



Hindmarsh Shire Council : - Lisa Braybrook (Winiam Hall), Gary Hall (Nhill A & P Society), Jenny Smith (Nhill Golf Club), Wendy Crowhurst (Woorak Hall), Peter Duperouzel (Nhill Silo Heritage Project), Tricia Alexander (Nhill & District Historical Society) and Barry Cramer (Nhill Bowling Club).

LAST Sunday at the Horsham City Bowling Club the Horsham Sports and Community Club distributed funds to the successful sporting clubs and community organizations from their annual sponsorship program. This year there were 89 clubs and organizations from around the Wimmera area to share in the funds distribution of \$150,000.00 that included twelve from local Nhill and Kaniva and district clubs and/or committees and that were situated in the Hindmarsh and West Wimmera Shire Councils respectively. Details of the successful local clubs and organizations were: - Hindmarsh Shire Council: - Winiam Hall - \$950.00 - To purchase a community barbecue. - Nhill A & P Society - \$3,000.00 - To assist in the purchase of security gates. - Nhill Golf Club - \$2,000.00 - To purchase a

computer. - Woorak Hall - \$850.00 - To purchase a vacuum cleaner. - Nhill Silo Heritage Project - \$2,000.00 - To purchase paint for signage. - Nhill & District Historical Society - \$2,000.00 - To purchase glass display cabinets. - Nhill Bowling Club - \$900.00 - To purchase a pie warmer. West Wimmera Shire Council: - Lawloit Public Hall - \$2,100.00 - To purchase an oven. - Kaniva Fire Brigade - \$735.00 - To purchase torches and brackets. - Telopea Downs Progress Association - \$620.00 - To enable us to update honour boards. - Kaniva Golf Club - \$2,500.00 - To purchase vanity basins. - Kaniva Bowling Club - \$1,500.00 - To purchase a defibrillator.

Horsham Sports and Community Club current President Daniel Hounsell welcomed all representatives of the clubs and community organizations that were to receive funds in this year's distribution and he gave an outline of the development, promotion, advancement and assistance given to the clubs and organizations over many years under their sponsorship program. After this year's distribution of \$150,000.00 it brings the overall community contributions by the club in their annual program to over \$4,000,000 over the years. Horsham Sports and Community Club Chief board members in attendance then announced the successful applicants and how their sponsorship funds were to be used for the projects in their individual club and/or organization. An afternoon tea was then provided to all to conclude a successful presentation day.

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NHILL NETBALL ROUND 10

Nhill Tigers vs Southern Mallee Thunder



Aroha Beazley shoots in the C Grade on Saturday.



Brodie Kennedy C Res.



Zara shoots in the Under 17's.
Photos Georgia Ward

Grade	Score - Nhill / Opposition	Best on Court	Sponsor	Coaches Award	Sponsor
Moddies		Abby C	Campbell silos	Kenzie and Lucy	Westmix Concrete
13 & Under	16 Nhill / 18 Thunder	Zahra Bone	Cook Drilling	Ivy Launer and Helena Talor	Nhill Free Press
15 & Under	Nhill 20 / Thunder 35	Zali	Luv a duck	Sienna	Farmers Arms
17 & Under	Nhill 39 / SMT 17	Nellie	Nhill IGA	Tia	West Wimmera Beef
A Grade	Nhill 44 V SMT 31	Courtney Hillier	Ahrens	Em Schilling	Union Hotel
B Grade	Nhill 61 v SMT 34	Brooklyn Fraser	Nutrien Ag	Tash Whiteside	Union Hotel
C Grade	Nhill 28 v SMT 44	Lucy Marshman	Nhill IGA	Taylor Darrington	Union Hotel
C Res	Nhill 33 v SMT 15	Madeleine Albrecht	Westmix Concrete	Kat Sheills	White Hart

KANIVA LEEOR FOOTBALL RESULTS



Luke Bennett.

Seniors

KLU 6.8 44 def by NQ 8.16 64

Dylan Natt, Lochie Hahne, Lochie Eats., Jock Maddern, Jason McCarthy.

Goal scorers: N. Murphy (2), T. Roos, L. Hahne, B. Dodson, L. Eats

Reserves

KLU 5.8 38 def by NQ 15.16 106

Bennett Crouch, Perry Palmer, Tyson Mitchell, Tyler Saunders, Harry White, Carey Natt

Goal scorers: D. Carnemolla (2), J. Brown (2), L. Fischer
The Cougars faired well in the first quarter against Quantong with scores level. In glorious conditions Quantong got on top in the second with Tyson Mitchell very busy along with Dylan Carnemola and Vaughan McClure. The margin was 27 points at half time. Jonty Brown and captain Corey Natt were very good along with Dave Willersdorf. It was a good battle in the second half with the Cougars finishing full of fight although not finishing up with the chocolates.

U17s

St Cougs 5.8 38 def by NQ 11.11 77

Levi Linto , Kai Whitfield, Oscar Dunstan, Jack Borgelt , Bailey Hartas, Kobi Stimson

U14s

St Cougs 0.1 1 def by NQ 9.8 62

Harry Lannin , Tyson Harry , Archer Ferguson , Archie Dunstall, Ben Jewell, Mitchell Hendy

Netball results

A grade

KLU 45 def. by NQ 47

Best Player: Nikki Hawker

2nd Best: Ellen Bennett

Coaches Award: Ruby Gordon

The girls knew it would be a tough contest against a fit and very tall NQ side. Coming off two byes and with a new line-up, they came out firing from the first whistle.

The game was played at a high intensity throughout, with neither team able to gain a significant lead. The girls maintained their composure and consistency, matching NQ's pace for the entire match.

Every player gave 100%, worked tirelessly for one another, and showed great teamwork and determination. Although they went down by just two goals, they should be incredibly proud of their effort and performance in such a closely fought game.

B Grade

It was a tough day at the office for our B Grade Netball team on Saturday with our match against Noradjuha Quantong proving to be a fast, tough, physical encounter. Defensively Jenna and Leah were holding strong, supported on the goal circle by Hannah and Edwina.

Blair and Tiarnnee (who was settling back in after her overseas adventure) had a tough time against their opponents with no easy goals forthcoming. Annika was providing support with some excellent passing into the goal circle.

A number of positional changes late in the second quarter and at half-time saw Abbie come on as Goal Attack and Sinead in the Centre position.

An even final quarter saw Noradjuha Quantong outscore Kaniva Leeor by 1 goal (12 - 11), with the girls pleased on how they had finished out the game.

A strong week on the training track to refine skills and work on our game plan should see the girls bounce back next week against Harrow-Balmoral.

Final Score - Kaniva Leeor 30 defeated by Noradjuha Quantong 56.

Best Players - Hannah Melling and Annika Munn.

C Grade

Final score KLU 25 def by NQ 62

Best players: Mel Fischer, Jess Parker

Tough day at the office for our C Grade girls today, but the effort and determination never dropped. Everyone worked hard right until the final whistle and continued to support each other throughout the game.

There were a few changes made through the goal end to give our goalies a well-earned rest, and it was great to see everyone step up when needed. While the result didn't go our way, we're proud of the way the team kept their heads high and stuck together in a challenging game. We'll regroup, learn from today, and come back ready to go next week.



Hamish Bennett.
Photos Symone Mitchell.

C Res

Final score: KLU 27 def by NQ 55

Best players: Alice Maddern, Keira Jewell

No report

U13s

NQ 37 def KLU 7

Home game today against the top side, the sun was shining and thankfully there was no fog. Our girls played a beautiful game.

Their defence over the whole court was spot on and they had several turn overs.

The shooting from each girl who played there was great and so nice to see the excitement and smiles. That's what it's about.

Our attacking and leading was again spot on and the girls have improved again.

Good luck next week when we head to Harrow.

Best: Saskia Bird

Second: Isla Lannin

Moddies

The Moddies girls put together an impressive team performance, showing great passing, smart movement and strong defensive pressure throughout the match. Their ability to make space with well-timed intercepts kept the opposition under constant pressure. The girls combined beautifully across the court, producing many wonderful passages of play with teamwork, determination and skill. It was a fantastic all-round effort from the Moddies team, who should be proud of their performance.



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KANIVA HOCKEY REPORT



Kaniva stalwart Adam Wallis in action for the Cobras against Horsham Hurricanes.

Kaniva Rampagers

The Kaniva Rampagers enjoyed a sunny day on the hockey field as they took on Horsham in another spirited contest. While Horsham claimed the win 2-0, the Rampagers displayed great teamwork, enthusiasm and determination throughout the game.

With plenty of fresh legs on the bench, the team kept up the pressure all game. Avery, Tilly, Amity and Agnes worked tirelessly as feeders, directing the play and supporting both the attacking and defensive lines. Up forward, Elvi combined well with Kyan in attack, while Brooke and Harper both took turns at centre striker, creating some excellent scoring opportunities that came agonisingly close to finding the back of the net.

At the other end of the field, Max had another outstanding game in goals, making several strong saves with excellent support from full backs Lonny and Annabelle, who worked hard to keep Horsham’s attack under control.

This week’s coach’s awards went to Harper & Agnes. Harper for her fantastic enthusiasm and determination. She put in several strong tackles, made some great runs with the ball, and showed just how keen she is to keep learning and improving. And Agnes for another strong performance, listening well to instructions, backing up her teammates and running her heart out from start to finish.

It was another enjoyable game for the Rampagers, with plenty of positive play and great attitudes on display. The team now enjoys a well-earned week off before returning refreshed for the next round.

Kaniva Raiders

The Kaniva Raiders put together an outstanding team performance this week, defeating the Horsham Bombers 4–1 with a display of strong defence, relentless attack and excellent teamwork.

The Raiders created numerous attacking opportunities from the opening whistle, earning several short corners and keeping Horsham under constant pressure. Returning players Colby and Flynn made an immediate impact in their first games of the season, while Lola controlled the play through the centre. Kaniva broke the deadlock before halftime when Caleb’s shot found the back of the net after deflecting off a Horsham defender, giving the Raiders a 1–0 lead at the break.

An injury during the warm-up meant goalie Ruby was unable to continue after halftime, with Olive stepping into the goalkeeper’s role. She settled in well as Kaniva continued to dominate possession.

The third quarter saw Flynn make a determined run into attack before setting up Colby for a quick field goal. Colby added his second soon after as the Raiders continued to press forward, with play spending much of the quarter in Kaniva’s attacking half.

Excellent teamwork was on display across the field, with Caleb and Lewis forming a solid defensive wall, well supported by Delta and Reagan. Jonas, Flynn and Colby provided plenty of drive through the midfield and forward line, while the whole team backed each other up and moved the ball with increasing confidence.

Early in the final quarter, Jonas converted from a short corner to extend Kaniva’s lead to four goals. Horsham managed a late consolation goal from a short corner in the final few minutes, but it wasn’t enough to challenge the Raiders, who finished deserving 4–1 winners.

Congratulations to Delta, who received the Coaches Award for an outstanding all-round performance.

Goals: Colby 3, Caleb 1, Jonas 1

Votes: Jonas 3, Olive 2, Colby 1

Kaniva Women

Kaniva Women travelled to Dimboola to take on Horsham in sunny conditions and produced a dominant performance, running out convincing 5–0 winners.

It didn’t take long for Kaniva to make their mark, with Jules Braisby opening the scoring just two minutes into the match. The pressure continued to build, and before long Imogen Dickinson added a second goal to give Kaniva a well-deserved 2–0 lead at the first quarter break.

From there, Kaniva controlled the majority of the play, moving the ball well and keeping the Jets on the back foot. Strong teamwork and relentless pressure meant Horsham struggled to create many opportunities.

Jules Braisby added her second goal in the third quarter to extend the lead before Kaniva mixed things up, rotating players into different positions. The changes paid off, with Jess Wallis making the most of her time in the forward line and snuck one past the goalie. Lisa Stimson then rounded out the scoring with Kaniva’s fifth goal, sealing an impressive 5–0 victory.

It was another complete team performance, with everyone contributing to a dominant display from start to finish. The willingness of the team to adapt to positional changes while maintaining control of the game was a highlight, and the 5–0 result was a fitting reward for their efforts.

Goal Scorers: Jules Braisby 2, Imogen Dickinson 1, Jess Wallis 1, Lisa Stimson 1

Umpire Votes: 3 Imogen Dickinson, 2 Olivia Diment, 1 Lisa Stimson

Club Votes: 3 Skye Braisby, 2 Jess Wallis, 1 Olivia Diment.

Kaniva Cobras

Round 8 of the WHA season had the Kaniva Cobras traveling to Dimboola to take on the Horsham Hurricanes. Before the game an odd thought came over me as I’m pretty sure we don’t have hurricanes in Australia and with a little help from google it confirmed my suspicions. But regardless there was a storm being created in the 3pm time slot on the Dimboola Turf.

The game started with plenty of pace and good movement from the Cobras. It was a very even first quarter with both teams going into the 1st quarter break 0-0. The second quarter the



Kaniva Women’s Olivia Diment controls the ball in the midfield, against Horsham Jets. Photos Rachel Clark.

Cobras continued the momentum from the first quarter and a break away play with a run from Jordan Cark to break the ankles of the defender and pass the ball to Tim Jorgensen to put the icing on the cake. Many opportunities were had for the Cobras this quarter but only being able to go into the half 1-0.

The mood was high leading into the second half but little did we know it was going to be a game of 2 halves. Injuries and a cheeky couple of slices of lettuce during the game that would have the Cobras down to 10 men for parts of the game that became costly. Horsham hit back in the 3rd quarter with a brilliant piece of hockey class that was quoted at the break “not much could be done about that”.

In the fourth quarter, the fight was still there in the Cobras side but the momentum had swung to be with the Hurricanes and they capitalised with another 2 goals. With the final score being 1-3 in favour of the Hurricanes.

The Cobras would like to give a special shout out to the following for stepping up and playing 2 games during the day and doing more than their fair share on the field: Imogen Dickinson, Briony Knoll, Lisa Stimson, Jonas Beatie, Bec Curtis and most importantly promoted figure Player/Coach Jules Braisby.

Umpire Votes 3 Jordan Clarke, 2 Lachie Schultz 1 Noah Krelle

Club votes 3 Jordan Clarke 2 Lachie Schultz 1 Imogen Dickinson

To all the hockey goers out there good luck to the juniors at JSC as for the rest of us, enjoy our week off.

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NHILL HOCKEY ROUND 8



Nhill Rangers celebrate young Jack’s winning goal against the Warrack Hoops.



Nhill Rangers captain Joseph Knoll scored top votes against the Warrack Hoops.

ROUND 8 of WHA hockey saw NDSC – Hockey Division play at Dimboola Health & Fitness Centre. The day was cool with minimal breeze, but fortunately no rain or fog which had been fairly thick the previous few days, and standing in the sunshine was lovely. Nhill played against all Warrack-nabeal teams, with four wins! This is the first time Nhill has won all four games in a day since Rd 9 in 2024, when it was also wins all round against Warracknabeal.

Bandits

The Under 12 Development Program team Bandits played against the Avengers.

Molly scored in the first half. Warrack scored second half and Laird scored the next goal for the win.

From coach Rickie:

Great game by everyone. Perfect weather and playing at Dimboola was a great opportunity to put into play some of the skills we have been practising at training. Was great to see some nice running with the ball and nice passes. Again our defence was strong and some nice running through centre and passing to the wings helped score a few goals.

Awards went to Alyssa for her great tackling in defence and confidence to take on players; Laird for a great run with the ball and goal, exactly how we have been practicing; and Marra cash to Maddy for her all over game.

Final score: Bandits 2 def Warrack Avengers 1.

Goal scorers: Molly 1, Laird 1.

Award: Alyssa.

Award: Laird

Marra Award: Madalyn.

Thanks to Atreyu for helping out the Warrack team, especially against his own team, which made for some fun tussles against his sisters.

Leopards

Q1 The Leopards came up against a slightly depleted Revengers team, however Revengers started strongly and scored the first goal.

Q2 Nhill attacked and Barrett found the goal which spurred on the team for a busy quarter. Daniel scored next, then Barrett, with Daniel scoring again twice for a hat-trick.

Half time score: 5-1 up.

Q3 Jody was in the right spot to pick up a rebound and score a goal. Both teams attacked and had several chances each way. Barrett scored late in the quarter for a hat-trick.

Q4 Midway Warrack scored a goal. Less than a minute later Barrett scored one back, excited to score 4 goals in one game for the first time ever.

Nile had a chance to show off a few great goalie moves. Jack and Amelia were solid in defence. Ben nearly had a goal or two doing good work in defence and attack.

Final score: Leopards 8 def Warrack Revengers 2.

Goal scorers: Barrett 4, Daniel 3, Jody 1.

Umpire votes: Barrett 3, Ben 2, Daniel 1.

Award: Daniel.

Award: Barrett.

Thunderbirds

Thunderbirds faced a slightly depleted Warrack Women side, however their fill-in players were handy and the team did not make it easy to score. The women had the 6pm last game for the day and although it was fairly cool by then the amount of running kept the girls warm.

Q1 After an even start, with five minutes to go Kenni slammed in a goal off a short corner.

Q2 Barrett had a good run and scored twice with his little run around moves.

Half time score: 3-0 up.

Q3 Warrack scored a goal, which was their first goal for the season, well done to them and they were rightly very excited. Rachel scored with a good swipe from spot, with Nellie close making sure it went in! Nellie was rewarded for her great efforts with a goal soon after, and then another! Warrack earned a short but Nhill defended well.

Q4 No score last quarter.

Jess was determined and ran hard all game, again laying numerous (one-handed!) tackles. Saskia was awarded for her commitment!

Final score: Thunderbirds 6 def Warrack Women 1.

Goal scorers: Nellie Gill 2, Barrett 2, Kendra Clark 1, Rachel Clark 1.

Umpire votes: Caitlyn Rowe 3, Kendra Clark 2, Nellie Gill 1.

Award: Jessica.

Award: Saskia.

Rangers

Rangers knew Hoops were slightly depleted this week but knew it would still be a tough game, with Hoops sitting on top of the open ladder. Rangers also know how to have a little fun and had a couple of fun family dynamics added to the program, made possible this week



Nhill Leopards’ goalie Nile makes another good save against Warrack Revengers.
Photos Rachel Clark

by three late withdrawals.

Helen got to play alongside son Jack for the first time, which means she’s now played hockey alongside all three of her kids at some stage or other in either women’s or open!

Nellie made her open debut for Rangers and this meant she got to play alongside her brother Henry for Nhill for the first time.

Q1 Nhill came out fast and Lachie scored the first goal. Rangers braced for the return however late in the quarter young Jack, in his open season debut, scored from the wing! This was Jack’s first ever open goal, well done!

Q2 was even and Rangers defended well to hold onto their two-goal lead.

Half time score: 2-0 up.

Q3 Warrack had several short corners but Rangers defended.

Q4 Hoops scored midway which put some pressure on. There were several more Warrack short corners for the quarter including one played out after the final whistle, but Rangers successfully defended to take their first win for the season!

The last time Rangers had beaten Hoops

was Rd 9 in 2024.

Final score: Rangers 2 def Warrack Hoops 1.

Goal scorers: Lachie Mills 1, Jack 1.

Umpire votes: Joseph Knoll 3, Jason Reichelt 2, Lachie Mills 1.

Award: Jack.

Award: Lachie Mills.

JSC

Victorian Junior State Championships will be played in Melbourne later this week with the U14 and U16 three day tournaments in Melbourne. Nhill’s Barrett will play in the North West Lightning zone U14 Boys team, alongside Jonas from Kaniva and James from Horsham, with Paul Mackereth from Horsham as one of the coaches.

Round 9

Nhill hockey’s next matches will be on Saturday 11 July 2026 at Yanac. Nhill will take on Kaniva teams. Bandits at 12.30pm; Leopards at 9.30am; Thunderbirds at 3.30pm; Rangers at 12.30pm.

- Rachel Clark

SPORT

YANAC HOCKEY RESULTS



Yanac Warriors’ Asher sends the ball up the wing against Dimboola Kangaroos. Photos Rachel Clark.



Yanac Warriors’ Zara sends the ball into attack against Dimboola Kangaroos.

U12 Development Program	- Annabella Zanker, 1 - Clayton Hiscock
Yanac Lowan Stars (4) def Dimboola (0)	Women
Goals: Esther Alexander, Eddie Alexander, Lexie Rethus, Asher Cramer	Yanac Women (1) def by Dimboola (3)
Encouragement Award: George Higgins	Goals: Lexi Farmers
U16	Umpire votes: 3 - Erin Alexander, 2 - Caitlyn Alexander, 1 - Annabella Zanker
Yanac Warriors (0) drew with Dimboola (0)	Open
Umpire Votes: 3 - Liam Dickinson, 2	Bye

NHILL GOLF



ON Saturday the 27th of June 33 golfers set off around the course in beautiful sunshine

Ladies winner of the day was Megan Ashton with 31 stableford points runner up Libby Lacey on 30 points
Megan played off in the Grandfinal of Matchplay against Rae Bound and Won that too

Men’s A Grade winner was Jex Lacey on 34 stableford points runner up Todd Alexander on 33 points and Matt Morrison 3rd with 31 points
. Men’s B Grade winner was Graeme Ussing on 38 points and winner of the day Runner up was Rodney Bound (birthday boy) with 34 points on a Countback from Peter Davey also on 34 points

Nearest the pin
4th Jex Lacey
7th Rodney Bound /Min Marshall
9th Trevor Polkinghorne
12th Rodney Bound/ Libby Lacey
14th Ritchie Dodds
Next week Rainbow and Natimuk have tournaments so if you can please support them

On Wednesday the 24th of June the Ladies played Stableford in beautiful conditions, the sun was shining and the greens were quick . Winner of the day was Rae Bound with 35 stableford points runner up



Gus Ussing, Megan Ashton and Jex Lacey.



Jean Clark and Rae Bound.

was Jean Clark on 28 points PAR 3’s so there was NO
It a pity we can’t reach the nearest the pins !!

KANIVA GOLF



OBVIOUSLY still a few keen golfers around following our successful tournament last week.

16 in the field on Saturday competing for the Stableford cup. BJ Moar had a good round of 36 points and won the day, with Capt Braden Clark runners up on 35.

Thanks to our sponsor OMAD whose support we greatly appreciate. The nearest the pins were-Meyer Bulk and Livestock #4 Braden Clark, Nutrien #8 Chris Meyer, Dodsons Hardware #11 Josh McCabe. Hicks Haulage #14 BJ Moar and the Ahrens #17 Braden Clark. Club treasurer Michael Hodges sank the long putt of the day while Braden took the cash again on the money hole.



BJ Moar



Stacey Wallis Rabone and Glennis Sampson.

NHILL FOOTBALL



Nhill's Josh Lees tangles with his Thunder opponents on Saturday.



Lachie Ryan attempts to break free from his opponent.
Photos Georgia Ward.



Under 11 award winners Ayden, Julian, Axel, MOUNG and Khemaka.



Jarryd Dahlenburg lays a strong tackle on Saturday.



Liam Albrecht gets wrapped up in a strong tackle on the weekend.



The game was heated at times, with Nhill Tigers coming out on top.

Nhill Seniors

Nhill Tigers 12-12-84 defeated Southern Mallee Thunder 8-5-53.

Goalkickers: Xavier Bone 2, Drew Schneider 2, Petros Politis

2,Mitch Dahlenburg 1, Tom Wheaton 1. Lachlan Gill 1 and Stanley Cox 1.

Best Players: Josh Lees sponsored by Dmd; Nathan Alexander sponsored by luv a Duck, Petros Politis sponsored by Union Hotel, Lachlan Gill sponsored by White Hart Hotel. Players awarded to Josh Lees.

Reserves

Southern Mallee Thunder 12-9-81 defeated Nhill Tigers 7-8-50.

Goalkickers: Bailey McQueen 2, Wayne Batson 2,Connor Jones 1 Nick Robins and Bronti Effrett.

Best Players: Wayne Batson sponsored by Westech Ag, Jordan Gurry sponsored by Warrack Butchery, Bronte Efrrett sponsored by Cook Drilling, Jono Wickhman sponsored White Hart Hotel, Tim Bone and Charlie Hickman.

Under 17's

Southern Mallee Thunder 9-13-67 defeated Nhill Tigers 6-3-39.

Goalkickers: Lenny Shurdington 2, Liam Clarke 1, Nate Prenzler 1 and Cooper Gebert 1.

Best Players: Cooper Gebert sponsored by Matt's Mowing, Nicholas Verrall sponsored by Bistro at the Farmers, Kenny Pyatt-Gallagher sponsored by Maxi-Thankers and Frazer Wheaton sponsored by Trevor Albrecht.

Under 14's

Nhill Tigers 8-15-63 defeated Southern Mallee Thunder 0-0-0.

Goalkickers: Lenny Shurdington 3, Parker Rabone 2,Tom Warner 1, Phyo Phyo Kine 1 and Douglas Lunga 1.

Best Players: Lenny Shurdington sponsored by Matt's



Mid season recruit Josh Ryan kicked two goals and played well for the Tigers.

Mowing, Douglas Lunga sponsored by Farmers Arms Bistro Lee Lee Azza's Tyres football.

Under 11's

Khemaka Nufarm footy, Axel sponsored by Morrison Contracting, MOUNG sponsored by Morrison Contracting, Julian sponsored by Horsham Lanes and Games and Ayden coaches \$10.