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Nhill Golf Tournament



Stacey Wallis Rabone and Pat Quinn.



Captain, Stu Bone and his partner David Bridgewater.



David Flannery and Robin Chan Wan and Stella Cugley and Noela Simpson.



Brendan Launer, Riley Launer, Ben Marra and Philip Dickinson.

The first day of the Nhill Golf Club's Annual King's Birthday Long Weekend Tournament has been run and won in pristine golfing conditions. 92 players competed in the Men's and Ladies Four-Ball Aggregate Par including the Bet Bussau Memorial Cup for the best individual score in the Ladies Competition.

Thankyou to our Major Sponsors for the day Nhill Pharmacy and Dunn-Ezy Seed Cleaning.

Winners of the Ladies Aggregate Par on a countback with -6 were Rosemary Monotti and Barb Whalen.

Runners-up, also on -6 were Ronnie Hobday and Karen Waterson.

Third place went to Stella Cugley and Jenny Picking with -7. And in Fourth place with -8 were Leonie Silk and Michelle Smith.

Winner of the Bet Bussau Memorial Cup for the best score of the day was Stacey Wallis Rabone who finished all square.

Winners of the Men's Competition finishing on an even 0 were our one and only Captain, Stu Bone and his partner David Bridgewater.

Runners-up on a countback from third with -2 were Jack Waugh and Joshua Cowell.

Third place went to Ben Pollock and Trevor Polkinghorne, also on -2.

In Fourth place with -5 were David Johns and Rowan Waugh.

Longest Drives

Division 1 Libby Lacey / Trevor Polkinghorne

Division 2 Liz Cramer / Josh Cowell

Nearest the Pins

4th Pat Quinn / David Hodgetts

7th Jenny Picking / Trevor Polkinghorne

9th Karen Waterson / Mark Whalen

12th Andrew Delahunty

14th John Lacey

Day 2

On a day which was favourable for scoring, a field of 134 golfers, comprised of 96 Men and 38 Ladies competed on the second day of the Nhill Golf Club's Annual June Tournament. Playing 4BBB Stableford, there was little margin between the top teams with countbacks required to decide the winners for both the Men's and the Ladies Competitions.

A massive thankyou to our sponsors for the day Green Taylor Partners.

Winners of the Men's Competition with an impressive 45 points were David Flannery and Robin Chan Wan.

Runners-up also with 45 points were Bailey Zimmermann and David McDonald.

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Community Strengthening Grants awarded to community groups

WEST Wimmera Shire Council has awarded funding to five community groups as part of round 2 of the 2025-26 Community Strengthening Grants Program.

The successful recipients are Harrow Mechanics Institute, Kaniva Group of Fire Brigades CFA, Dergholm and District Soldiers Memorial Hall, Apsley Golf Club, and Kaniva CFA Brigade.

Dergholm and District Soldiers Memorial Hall will receive \$5000 to repair roof stormwater drainage issues, address water damage and mould inside the hall, and install screen doors.

Harrow Mechanics Institute will receive \$5000 to sand and refinish the hall floorboards, helping prevent further deterioration, mould and future timber rot.

Apsley Golf Club will receive \$3216 for brick repointing and masonry repairs to the clubrooms to address structural cracks and prevent water ingress following storm damage.

Kaniva CFA Brigade will receive \$1082 to purchase a chain-saw and personal protective equipment to support emergency response operations, including clearing fallen trees and other hazards following fires and storms.

Kaniva Group of Fire Brigades CFA will receive \$893 to purchase a portable fridge and slide for the Quick Fill Trailer, helping volunteers access cold water and safely store food while supporting firefighting operations.

Mayor Tim Meyer said Council was pleased to support local community organisations through this funding program.

“These projects reflect the strong value and contribution of local groups, and this funding will help them deliver important upgrades and improvements,” he said.

Cr Meyer said the applications would provide clear benefits

to the wider community.

The Community Strengthening Grants program is designed to promote and increase participation of residents in community initiatives, to build and strengthen local networks and partnerships, and to support community leadership, learning, and skill development.

This funding has two rounds each year and there are two categories for the funding – community projects and facilities upgrades and equipment purchases.

For more information on the grants, including guidelines, eligibility, and application forms, go to www.westwimmera.vic.gov.au/Council/Grants-and-Funding/Community-Strengthening-Grants or call 13 99 72.

Hindmarsh Shire Libraries Warm Winter Read 2026



HINDMARSH Shire Libraries, in collaboration with Public Libraries Victoria, are thrilled to once again be participating in the Warm Winter Read program for 2026! Warm Winter Read is all about encouraging adult readers (16+) to develop long-lasting reading habits and prioritise reading this winter.

As the weather cools down and the days start getting shorter, there’s nothing cozier than curling up with a good book. Whether that being listening to an eAudiobook, scanning a graphic novel, flicking through your favourite magazine, or settling in with your favourite novel, reading can come in many forms, and is so good for you! There is a lot of ways to increase the amount you read; consider an eAudiobook while you’re doing the dishes or sneaking in a quick chapter – or 5! – before nodding off for the night.

The Warm Winter Reads program runs from 01 June – 31 August 2026. Readers that sign up to the program will be able to track their reading habits throughout the program, as well as rate and review books. There are enticing prizes available to those who register, ranging from various book bundles to a Kobo eReader!

You can join the Warm Winter Reads program at <https://readbooks.com.au/wwr>, or visit the Hindmarsh Shire Libraries located in Nhill, Dimboola, Rainbow and Jeparit to find out more about how to be a part of this exciting initiative or maybe find your new favourite book.

There will be more information published on the Hindmarsh Shire Libraries Facebook and Instagram, so follow these pages to stay up to date with all things Libraries.

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For more information, please contact Stephanie Lynch, Coordinator Libraries and Customer Service, on (03) 5391 4444, or email libraries@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au.

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What's On...

June

- 12th- KDPA's monthly Coffee & Chat; Windmill Café Kaniva 11am.
- 13th- Nhill Parkrun, 8am; Jaypex Park Nhill.
- 13th- NDSC Tiger Ball, 7pm at Nhill Memorial Community Centre.
- 17th- West Wimmera Shire Council Meeting & Community Forum Benayeo; 2pm.
- 20th- Nhill Parkrun, 8am; Jaypex Park Nhill.
- 23rd- Classic Movie: Foul Play;10am morning tea, screening at 10.30am; Nhill Memorial Community Centre.
- 24th- NHILL CINEMA: The Devil wears Prada screening, 7pm at Nhill Memorial Community Centre.
- 27th- Nhill Parkrun, 8am; Jaypex Park Nhill.

July

- 2nd- Scott's BMX Trick Bike Show, 2.30pm, book through Kaniva Link.
- 4th- Nhill Parkrun, 8am; Jaypex Park Nhill.
- 21st- Nhill Classic Movie: Beach Party; 10am morning tea, screening 10.30am, Nhill Memorial Community Centre.

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
Fair
Min 7
Max 17



Friday
Cloudy
Min 10
Max 20



Saturday
Cloudy
Min 11
Max 16



Sunday
Fair
Min 8
Max 15

Weekly District Rainfalls

2nd June to 8am – 9th June 2026

Yanac	Brett Wheaton	11.0mm
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Kaniva	Katrina Hawker	N/A
Nhill	Jim Gladdis	9.0mm

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Kaniva Recreation Reserve plans endorsed

WEST Wimmera Shire Council has endorsed schematic designs for key facilities at the Kaniva Recreation Reserve, marking an important milestone in the long-term planning of sport and recreation infrastructure in Kaniva.

At its May meeting, Council adopted the schematic designs for cricket training nets and storage, hockey field and sports lighting, hockey changerooms and amenities, and netball/AFL female changerooms.

The development of these plans included extensive consultation with local sporting clubs to ensure the needs and priorities of users were considered and reflected throughout the process.

Due to the significant costs of these projects, their delivery will be subject to external funding opportunities, Council budget considerations, and community contributions.

Kealy welcomes common sense reaction on firearm caps

COMMON sense has prevailed after proposals to cap the number of firearms per licence holder have been scrapped.

The Nationals' Member for Lowan, Emma Kealy, said the outcome was a testament to the advocacy of law-abiding firearm owners, sporting clubs and industry organisations across Victoria.

"This outcome is a credit to the many licensed firearm owners who stood up and made their voices heard," Ms Kealy said.

"Firearm owners attended forums hosted by The Nationals, signed petitions, contacted their local MPs and advocated strongly through organisations such as the Sporting Shooters' Association of Australia, Field & Game Australia and the Australian Deer Association.

"The Nationals were proud to take petitions from law-abiding firearm owners to both the Victorian and Federal Parliaments because responsible firearm owners deserve to have their voices heard.

"Licensed firearm owners should never be punished for the actions of criminals and extremists."

Ms Kealy said proposals to cap firearm ownership would have unfairly targeted recreational shooters, hunters, farmers and sporting clubs while doing nothing to improve community safety.

"Reducing the number of legally owned firearms would not have prevented horrific incidents like Bondi and would not stop criminals obtaining illegal weapons," she said.

Ms Kealy said The Nationals will continue standing with regional Victorians and the sporting shooting community.

The Nationals will always stand up for law-abiding firearm owners," Ms Kealy said.

"The Nationals will closely examine the legislation when it is released to ensure the rights of licensed firearm owners are protected."

Nhill RSL Sub Branch meeting

Hi everyone,

Please be advised that the Nhill RSL will be having a meeting on Sunday 14 June at 2pm at the Nhill Soldiers lounge. All members and guests are welcome to attend.

Kind regards

Rhys

Secretary

With the plans now in place, Council is better positioned to pursue external funding opportunities and advocate for investment in priority projects.

Mayor Tim Meyer said the facilities plans represented a significant step forward for the Kaniva Recreation Reserve and the broader community.

"The plans reflect years of input from local clubs, user groups and the wider community," he said.

"It provides a clear and practical roadmap for how the reserve can continue to grow and improve over time.

"Importantly, it also ensures Council is well positioned to pursue future funding opportunities as they become available, with shovel-ready concepts that meet current sporting standards and community needs."

The development of the plans was made possible through support from the Victorian Government's Local Sports Infrastructure Fund.

Council also acknowledged the role of sporting clubs, State Sporting Associations and Sport and Recreation Victoria in shaping the final designs to ensure they meet facility standards, accessibility requirements and future participation needs.

Regional Arts Victoria Performances Come to Kaniva

KANIVA LINK Neighbourhood House has been successful in obtaining a grant for two great, but very different performances coming to Kaniva Shire Hall in July and October.

Scott's BMX Bike trick show is at Kaniva Shire Hall, on July 2nd at 2:30pm with a cost of \$5 per person, or \$20 for a family.

Scott's BMX Trick Bike Show, showcases breathtaking BMX stunts with the pulse of a live three-piece rock band direct from Circus Oz.

This family-friendly spectacle combines incredible athleticism, world-class skills, foot-stomping live music, fun, excitement and adventure that will captivate audiences of all ages.

Scott Hone, a world-renowned BMX trick rider, takes you on an inspiring journey from his first childhood bike to the heights of circus fame. Riding forwards on the front wheel, backwards upside down, and spinning in ways you never thought possible.

Scott's performance isn't just a show about tricks; it's a powerful story of perseverance, creativity and following your dreams whilst embracing life's adventures.

The show builds to a thrilling finale with audience members joining Scott on stage for an unforgettable group bike moment.

Songs for Halls will be appearing at Kaniva Shire Hall, Thursday 22nd of October, at 2:00pm just in time for Seniors Week, and will feature songs inspired by country life and a song written especially for our town.

Award-winning singer-songwriters Charles Jenkins & David Cosma perform an intimate show showcasing original songs about land and country, suburbs, country towns, and life in Australia.

The climax of the show is a song performed on the night, specifically written for the hall/town they are performing in. Their performances focus on all things local to the beautiful state of Victoria, with songs about the town's landmarks and local and indigenous history.

Stories of love and loss, inspired by life in Victoria. Before each performance, David and/or Charles visit each town to gather inspiration and stories to create a new song about the town, which is premiered during the performance.

At the end of the tour, the new songs are recorded to create an album specific to Regional Victoria. The performance can be supported with a set from a local musician, creating a whole night out for the community.

New inclusive playground opens at Goroke Kindergarten



2026_Goroke kinder playground.



Mayor Tim Meyer and Director Corporate and Community Services Dalton Burns.

THE new inclusive playground at Goroke Kindergarten was officially opened on Monday, providing children with a modern and accessible space to play, learn and connect.

West Wimmera Shire Council Mayor Tim Meyer joined families, staff and community members to celebrate the opening of the upgraded playground.

The project was made possible through \$197,900 from the Department of Education's Building Blocks Inclusion Grant program.

The Goroke Parent Advisory Group also contributed \$2000 to the project and participated in the project control group, supporting the planning and delivery of the upgrade.

The new playground features a fully accessible wet-pour rubber surface, basket swing, trampoline and a range of inclusive play equipment designed for children of all abilities.

Cr Meyer said the new playground would provide important opportunities for children to develop social and physical skills through play.

"Play is such an important part of early childhood development," he said.

"This new space gives children of all abilities the opportunity to play together, build confidence, develop coordination and enjoy imaginative outdoor play in a safe and welcoming environment."

Cr Meyer acknowledged the contribution of kindergarten staff, contractors, Council staff and families involved in bringing the project to life.

"Projects like this are incredibly important for our rural communities and for supporting local families," he said.

"The playground will be enjoyed by children and families for many years to come."

The upgraded playground forms part of Council's ongoing commitment to supporting accessible and inclusive early childhood facilities across West Wimmera Shire.



HAVE YOUR SAY – COUNCIL PLAN ACTIONS 2026/2027

Council has drafted its **Council Plan Actions for 2026/2027** and before we adopt them, **we want to hear from you!**

These Actions provide a focused and practical roadmap for delivering on the Council Plan 2025–2029 and Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan, and sets out Council's goals for the 2026/2027 financial year.

For more information, to view the Actions, or to have your say, scan the QR code or visit www.haveyoursay.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au.

You can also provide your feedback at the CEO Drop-In Sessions being held throughout June. Scan the QR code for more details about these.

Please provide your feedback by **11:59pm** on **Thursday 2 July 2026**.





Scott's BMX Trick Bike Show
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Down Memory Lane

Some history of the district

NHILL'S "BUTCHER'S CORNER"



THE prominent corner of Victoria and MacPherson Streets has worn many names over nearly 150 years: Butcher's Corner, Buzz's Corner, McLennan's Corner, and a few since including Clohesy and Gurry.

Its story begins in the 1880s, when Richard Rigewell built Nhill's first butchery on the site.

Disaster struck in 1903. Under the ownership of Owen Edwards, the weatherboard shop was obliterated in a midnight explosion when two large ammonia tubes from the refrigeration plant detonated. The blast was

heard 20 miles away. Windows shattered across the neighbourhood, and sparks were hurled hundreds of feet into the air. By morning, the corner was a charred shell.

Arnold & Barnes rebuilt the premises the same year, adding two adjoining shops facing Victoria Street and butting the new structure against the single-story Union Hotel. These included Edwards shoe shop and a "Fruit Palace". The corner building itself was clad in Opalite, a pigmented structural glass that gave it a distinctive modern sheen — much of



which survives today after recent restoration.

After Edwards came Rodda & Patterson, who continued trading under the long-used name Nhill Refrigerating Works. Their butchery was widely known as "The Corner Shop", and period photographs show the trade name painted boldly on the right-hand façade.

A later owner, Paddy Wilson, earned a

glowing write-up in the Nhill Free Press for an elaborate window display:

"...beautifully dressed carcasses, prime roasts, sheep's heads, brawn, pressed meats, pork gorman, lamb's fry, tripe, lamb, roasts of pork, legs of mutton, cow's heel, trotters and all kinds of small goods... artistically arranged amongst pot plants and foliage..."



Down Memory Lane

Some history of the district

NHILL’S “BUTCHER’S CORNER”

Wilson sold to Norman Comrie, who then sold to the Pannan Brothers (trading as the Lowan Butchery). But the era of meat on the corner was drawing to a close. A new chapter — and a new trade — was about to take over.

In December 1943, M.P. Bussau (Max senior) purchased the property from James Rintoule. Max had been in the newsagency trade in Victoria Street since 1925, taking over a business from A.J.E. Welsch who had followed earlier proprietors including Morris, McLachlan and O’Callaghan. Max announced major internal renovations over the Christmas break, ready for a 1944 reopening.

With the move came a shift in tone. Advertising became friendlier, more casual, and the business immediately adopted the name “Buzz’s”. This is almost certainly when the iconic “Buzz’s Service” bellboys were painted onto the building — cheerful mascots that survived only narrowly after ill-considered overpainting in recent years. Even the Opalite cladding was painted over during the “Nhill Mart” era, though much has since been uncovered and restored.

The decorative concrete finials that once crowned the

corner façade have long disappeared, victims of the same slow crumbling that claimed many ornamental features on Nhill’s early shops.

Despite explosions, fires, repainting, renovations, and the occasional act of architectural vandalism, Butcher’s Corner still stands. It has been butchered, rebuilt, repurposed and reimagined — yet it remains one of Nhill’s most recognisable and enduring retail landmarks once featured on a post card and

a Bill Walls painting when it was a “colourful” newsagency.

John Williams - Treasures of Nhill & District Facebook page 29th May 2026.

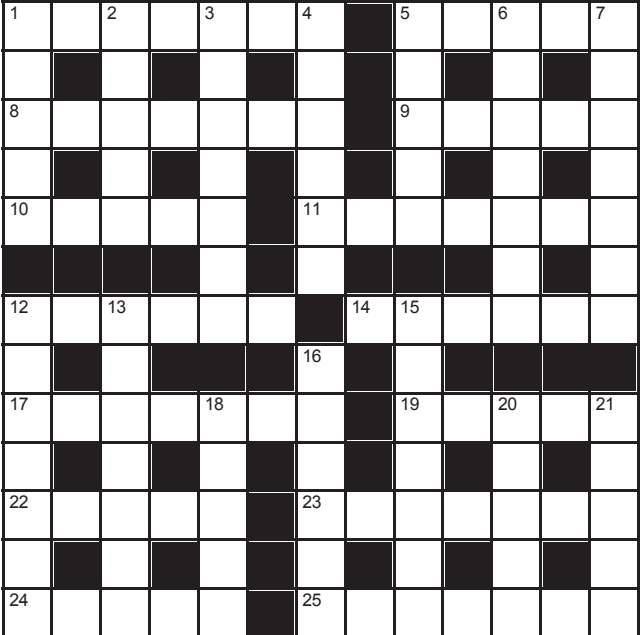


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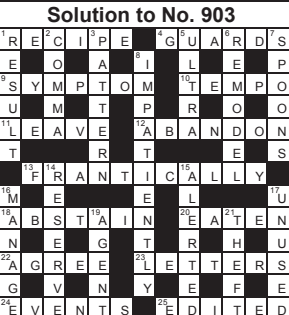
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- 5 Scale
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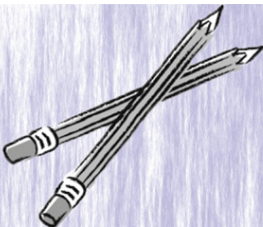
- 1. "Wort" is a product of what food process?
 - 2. Which Winter Olympics sport does not feature a women's event?
 - 3. What caused much of Lisbon, Portugal, to be destroyed in 1531 and again in 1755?
 - 4. What was the stage name of Brenda Mae Tarpley, an American singer of rockabilly, pop and country music?
 - 5. Who brokered the agreement in 2021 by finance ministers of the G7 nations to set a universal minimum tax rate for corporations?
 - 6. Gout traditionally starts in what part of the body?
 - 7. The King and I is set in a country now known as what?
 - 8. Who owns the Android mobile operating system?
 - 9. Roughly how long was the original Thriller video?
 - 10. What is the only month in the NATO phonetic alphabet?
 - 11. "Die Fledermaus" is an operetta composed by Johann Strauss II. What is a "fledermaus"?
 - 12. The term "checkmate" is based on a phrase from which language?
 - 13. Lake Titicaca is in which mountain range?
 - 14. In the expression "spill the beans" what are the "beans"?
 - 15. Which English monarch appeared on the first postage stamp?
 - 16. What was the profession of Paul Bunyan?
 - 17. Grand Marnier is flavoured with what?
 - 18. Fill in the quote Attributed to Jesus-He that is without sin among you, let him cast a..... at her?
 - 19. Which card would be removed from the deck to play Old Maid?
 - 20. From Braveheart-They may take our lives but they'll never take our
- BONUS QUESTION:** Under what country's banner were two teams entered in the 1904 Olympics in the same sport?

TRIVIA ANSWERS

- 1. Brewing beer or whiskey
- 2. Nordic combined
- 3. Earthquake
- 4. Brenda Lee
- 5. Rishi Sunak, UK
- 6. Big toe
- 7. Thailand
- 8. Google
- 9. 14 minutes
- 10. November
- 11. Bat
- 12. Persian
- 13. The Andes
- 14. Information
- 15. Queen Victoria
- 16. Lumberjack
- 17. Orange
- 18. Stone
- 19. Queens
- 20. Freedom

Trivia by Tom Trifonoff of Australian Rural & Regional News (ARR.News)

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NHILL COLLEGE



A young man with light skin and reddish hair, wearing a dark bucket hat and a white t-shirt with a backpack, stands in a park. He is holding a red and blue ribbon. The background shows a grassy field, trees, and a soccer goal.

A young woman in a white soccer jersey is running on a grassy field. She is looking up and to the right, with her mouth open as if shouting or calling for the ball. In the background, there is a blue canopy tent and several other people, some of whom are also in soccer uniforms, suggesting a game or practice session. The scene is outdoors on a sunny day.

A young male athlete with curly brown hair is captured mid-air, performing a high jump. He is wearing a blue and white patterned singlet and dark blue shorts with yellow trim. His body is arched over the bar, with his arms extended forward and his legs bent. The high jump bar is black and supported by a silver pole. The background shows a clear blue sky, green trees, and a blue canopy tent, suggesting an outdoor sports field.

A young man with short brown hair, wearing a bright yellow t-shirt and a blue wristband, is captured in motion, running across a green field. He is looking towards the left with a focused expression. The background features a clear blue sky, some trees, and a long, low building with large windows. The overall scene is bright and sunny, suggesting a clear day.

A group of students, seen from behind, are walking along a concrete sidewalk. They are wearing backpacks and casual clothing. To the left of the sidewalk is a paved road with a white dashed line. To the right is a grassy area and a school building with a wooden fence. The scene is outdoors during the day.

A large group of students and staff are posing for a group photo on the steps of a building. The group is arranged in several rows, with some students sitting on the ground in front. They are wearing a variety of clothing, including school uniforms (dark blue tracksuits with yellow accents) and casual wear. The building behind them has a grey brick wall and a red brick wall. A white car is visible in the background on the left.

9 10 Football Team.



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Refugee Week 2026: Nhill Students Turn Personal Journeys Into Public Art



A group of Karen refugee students in western Victoria will share deeply personal stories of displacement, resilience and belonging in a new exhibition marking Refugee Week 2026. Titled Portraits of Belonging, the exhibition will open on June 17 at Gallery Central Nhill, featuring works created by English as a Second Language (ESL) students now living in the rural township of Nhill.

The project aligns with this year’s Refugee Week theme, A Million Stories, and brings that idea to life through a series of portraits accompanied by autobiographical writing. Each student has documented their journey—from life before displacement to their experiences of resettlement in regional Australia—offering a rare and intimate perspective on the refugee experience.

While the exhibition marks a creative milestone for the students, it also reflects a broader effort to build connection



and understanding within the community. By sharing their stories publicly, participants are contributing to a growing conversation about identity, migration and what it means to belong.

NNHLC Educators involved in the program say the combination of visual art and personal narrative has been a powerful tool in language learning, helping students develop confidence in English while expressing complex emotions and experiences.

Nhill, which has welcomed Karen families over recent years, has become an example of regional settlement in action. Initiatives like Portraits of Belonging highlight how cultural exchange can enrich both new arrivals and the communities they join.

The exhibition will open at 6pm on Wednesday, June 17, with community members invited to attend and engage with the stories behind the artwork.

As Refugee Week highlights the diversity of refugee experiences across Australia, the voices emerging from Nhill serve as a reminder that behind every statistic is a story—often one of courage, adaptation and hope.

Wedding dress at Historical Society



NHILL Historical Society recently had a beautiful donation of a wedding dress by the late Jean Schultz to be on display. The Historical Society has a number of wedding dresses on display.

Also don't forget coming up on the 14th June 2026 from 1pm, is Nhill & District Historical Society Open Day. Come along to explore local stories, rare archives, and the people who have shaped Nhill and the district. Come along to meet the volunteers, tour the Historical Centre, and discover treasures from our past.

We're also looking for new members — especially those who can help with computer work, photography and identifying items in our collection. If you love history or simply want to lend a hand, we'd love to meet you.

Nhill Historical Society is located at 104-106 Macpherson Street.

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Research

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Start looking at houses, this will help you have an idea on what type of house you are after and what is available for your price range. Take your time and make sure you are committing to the right property before putting an offer in.

Purchase a Home

Once you have the financial side of things figured out and have found a property you are interested in its time to put in an offer. You will need to discuss the terms of the contract.

Contracts and Due Diligence

Once your offer is accepted this is when have your building and pest inspections completed and any other due diligence. After, you sign the contact, pay the required deposit.

Pre-settlement Inspection

If you have a pre settlement inspection it is important to check that the property is in the same condition as when the contracts were signed. It is best to complete a pre-settlement inspection a few days before settlement. This will allow some time for things to be rectified if needed.

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West Currie Consultants – A Proud History of Service



Julie, Bec and Lizzie.



Don, Julie and Bec.



Julie and Don.

THIS year marks a remarkable milestone for West Currie Consultants, as the locally owned accounting and advisory firm celebrates 50 years of servicing Edenhope and 30 years of Nhill and surrounding districts.

The story began when Don Currie, formerly a Tax Manager with Hungerfords in Melbourne, made the courageous decision to leave city life behind and purchase a small accounting practice in Edenhope in May 1976. At the age of 37, Don was considered too old to progress to partnership within the firm, so he instead chose to build a future for himself and his family in regional Victoria.

For the Currie family, moving from Melbourne to a small country town near the South Australian border was a major lifestyle change. What appeared as little more than a tiny dot on the map soon became home, opportunity, and

the foundation for a thriving business and community life. "We can still remember sitting around the kitchen table looking at a map of Victoria when Dad pointed to a tiny pinprick near the South Australian border and said, 'This will be our new home — Edenhope,'" the family recalled.

Don initially purchased a small parcel of accounting fees from Ted Garth. Coming from a large Melbourne firm, Don had little firsthand knowledge of agriculture and primary production, the backbone of the local economy. However, through his willingness to learn, listen and build genuine relationships, both Don and the business quickly became trusted members of the community.

DW Currie Chartered Accountant operated in Edenhope from May 1976 until May 1999 and also serviced clients in Casterton. During this period, Julie joined the

business in February 1984 as a junior bookkeeper while simultaneously studying part-time to complete her Higher School Certificate before attending Deakin University.

Under the guidance of Therese Pahl, Julie developed her administrative and taxation skills and gradually progressed through further studies, eventually completing a Bachelor of Commerce, the Certified Practising Accountant Professional Year, and her Practising Certificate.

From the beginning, the business focused on delivering personalised and practical financial advice tailored to rural and regional communities. Services included taxation, electronic lodgement of tax returns, farm management accounting, company and trust administration, and small business support.

By the mid-1990s, Julie recognised a growing need for permanent accounting

services in Nhill and the surrounding district. In May 1996, she established JA West & Co. in Nelson Street, Nhill, becoming the town's resident Certified Practising Accountant and Registered Tax Agent.

At the time, the Nhill office operated as a branch of DW Currie Chartered Accountant in Edenhope, continuing the family's commitment to providing accessible and professional financial services across the region. Julie had already spent more than 12 years working within the Edenhope practice and brought extensive experience in taxation, small business services and farm management accounting.

The opening of the Nhill office marked an important milestone in the expansion of the business. Julie identified an opportunity to support local individuals, businesses and primary producers who previously had limited access to permanent accounting

services within the town.

Julie's vision for the future was to establish a long-term presence in Nhill while continuing to maintain strong relationships with Edenhope clients. Through hard work, dedication and the support of her family, both offices continued to grow and strengthen the presence within the Wimmera region.

With the support of her parents, Rowan and her daughters, Julie later expanded the operation further, balancing her time between both offices as the client base continued to increase. As both practices expanded, administration continued to be managed from Edenhope, and the growth of the Nhill office naturally led to the merging of the two businesses. This marked the beginning of West Currie Consultants.

Over the decades, the accounting profession and the business itself have undergone

enormous transformation. From handwritten ledgers, manual bookkeeping and typewriters with carbon copies to cloud-based software and online connectivity, the firm has continually adapted to meet the evolving needs of clients across the region. In the early years, every tax return had to be typed with precision, as correcting mistakes was both difficult and time-consuming; a stark contrast to the efficiency and technology-driven services available today.

Fast forward to 2026 the next generation continues the West Currie Consultants legacy through Daughters Rebecca & Elizabeth, whose commitment and determination to obtain their Certified Practising Accountant qualifications has helped secure the future of the business.

"Succession planning can be difficult for family businesses, so we are incredibly proud to see the business continue into the next generation," Julie said.

While office locations, staff numbers and technology may have changed over time, one thing has remained constant — a strong commitment to clients and the local community.

As West Currie Consultants celebrates 50 years in business, we are incredibly grateful for the trust people have placed in us over the years and we look forward to continuing to work alongside local individuals, families, farms and businesses for many years to come.

We would also like to acknowledge and thank all past and present staff members for their dedication, professionalism and contribution to the continued success of the firm. Their commitment and support over the years have played an important role in shaping West Currie Consultants into the business it is today.

From humble beginnings and a leap of faith into country life, West Currie Consultants has spent the past 50 years building strong relationships, supporting local communities and creating a family business we are incredibly proud of.

Accountancy Firm Opens In Nhill

By Sarah Turner

A SERVICE noticeably lacking in Nhill was overcome last week when Julie West opened an accountancy business, JA West & Co, in Nelson Street, Nhill.

Julie West, a certified practising Accountant and registered Tax Agent opened the doors to her business last Thursday and is looking forward to having great success in Nhill.

The Nhill office is operating as a branch of DW Currie - Chartered Accountant, located in Edenhope, which has been operating for over 20 years and is Julie's father's business.

Julie who has been practising as an accountant for 12 years, working from her father's Edenhope office, said the reason for opening the Nhill office was because she saw a need for a permanent accountant in the area due to the fact there is not a resident accountant currently operating in Nhill.

"I have taken it on my own back to come here because I saw a need in the town and now I am hoping for success," Julie said.

Julie is offering a wide variety of services for people in Nhill and the surrounding districts. These services include tax return preparation and electronic lodgement of tax returns ensuring quick and accurate lodgement.

Julie also offers farm management accounting, a

company and trust formation service and general accounting for small businesses.

Presently Julie's office is open on a Thursday and Friday from 9am to 5.15pm but she hopes to expand her hours in the future.

"My long term goal is to be here in Nhill four days a week and visit my Edenhope clients once a week," she said.

She also said her hours are very flexible and if needed she can come to Nhill other than a Thursday or Friday.

Appointments to see Julie can be made by calling 911 113 or people can call in and see her at 83 Nelson Street, Nhill on Thursday or Friday.

Australia's Skin Cancer Rates Show Signs Of Defeat

ONE of Australia's most common and most costly cancers has unexpectedly shown the first signs of defeat according to the results of a study spanning 65 years by the Anti Cancer Council of Victoria.

Earlier studies indicated that melanoma rates could not be expected to fall until the next century following the introduction of early detection and prevention campaigns in the 1970's.

The study ends speculation by Australia's leading epidemiologists

Some Advice.....

PLANNING is an essential ingredient of any successful business, no matter how big or small.

Planning enables people to map the future of their business. Goals determine where you want to be in the future. The development of strategies allows you to display how to achieve your goals.

Plans should be constantly revised to take into account any change in circumstances which affect the achievement of stated goals.

Primary Production is an industry which contains a variable which is uncontrollable. This variable determines whether it will be wet or dry, a feast or a famine.

The weather you cannot control but by planning you may be able to monitor the impact upon your business.

Planning involves knowing your financial situation at all times. When making decisions you should be aware of the financial effect of that decision on your entire business.

Having preliminary figures prepared to bring your financial accounts up to date allows individuals to critically evaluate their position and determine whether there are any opportunities to minimise income tax liabilities. Once the end of the financial year has lapsed there is no redress for mismanagement.

If anyone has any inquiries on this subject or would like preliminary figures then please don't hesitate to call in and see me on a Thursday or Friday.

Julie West.



Nhill's new Accountant, Mrs Julie West.

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9.30am

Sunday 14 June

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9am - Divine Service.

Sunday School and

morning tea following

the service.

Nhill Uniting Church

Sunday 14 June

10am



1pm

**Kaniva Community
Church**

Sunday 14 June
10am Services at 108
Commercial St., Kaniva

Serviceton Church
Serviceton Recreation
Reserve 10.30am



**Australian
Christian
Churches**

Sunday 14 June

Nhill Hub 10.30am

Horsham 10.30am

**Nhill Seventh-Day
Adventist Church**

Every Saturday 10.00am
Sabbath School 11.15am

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**Anglican Church of
West Wimmera**

Sunday 14 June

9am St. George's Nhill

11.15 am St. Paul's Rainbow

Paul Monash

Catholic Church, Nhill

SUNDAY MASS

Every Sunday

Mass 11am

Presbyterian Church

Sunday 14 June

Kaniva Service 9am

Nhill Service 11am

Bruce Meyer Session clerk

0407 312 096

Church milestone celebrated in Nhill



NHILL Karen Baptist hosted their 11th year church anniversary and building dedication recently with over 350 people attending the event which included a number of guests from Karen Churches from Melbourne, Werribee, Bendigo, Mount Gambier, Adelaide, and Tasmania. A number of Nhill Local Churches, Organisations, Businesses, and local people and other representatives from Sharing Hope, Baptist Union of Victoria.

Organiser Jack Chatree said, “By Working hard as a community and having great support from local people and organisations, we are very glad that we could achieve our milestone of purchasing the church building.

More than that we want to thank everyone who always supports us. So we invited many people to come and celebrate with us, and say thank you.”

Hindmarsh Shire Councillor Rosie Barker



said, “ It was wonderful to see so many Nhill locals joining the celebration, showing once again how deeply the Karen community is woven into the fabric of our town. The music, the prayers, the speeches, and of course the incredible food created a day full of connection and celebration.”

“Congratulations to everyone involved in bringing this new church to life. It is more than a building — it is a symbol of belonging, resilience, and the bright future we continue to build together in Nhill.”

The day’s celebrations included the Building Opening Ceremony;Worshiping together, singing together in English and Karen Language. Music and Choir from different Churches. Appreciation Award’s were given to those who have supported Karen Community and a shared Karen Lunch was enjoyed at the conclusion.

MAYORAL MATTERS



Lord Mayor of Melbourne Nick Reece, Mayor Ron Ismay (Hindmarsh Shire Council) and Mayor Kirsten Langford (Whitehorse City Council)

Council recently held Drop-In Sessions for the draft 2026/2027 Budget in all four towns, as is with most years, with varying degrees of participation. Our budget this year prioritises expenditure on our infrastructure assets (e.g.: maintenance and renewal of roads, footpaths, kerb & channel, buildings etc). The below graph highlights where the money is budgeted to be spent in 2026/2027.

I have been suggesting that funding is going to become a challenge, our budget is beginning to reflect what I have said over the last year. Speaking with CEO’s and Mayors in Melbourne last week I believe all Victorian Councils, Rural, Regional and Metropolitan are sharing the same burden just vary in levels.

The Lord Mayor of Melbourne, Nick Reece spoke at the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) State Council conference on Friday 29 May 2026 and said fairly well the same as everyone else is saying. Most things seem to occur in cycles, presently we are at the very wrong stage of the cycle. Will things improve? I believe so it is just a matter of when. MAV State Council was very well attended and additionally Hindmarsh Shire Council had put forward a motion regarding a dedicated rural housing innovation fund that was considered and supported on the day.

Not much in the Federal budget that will be of any significant help for Regional and Rural Victoria.

As for the State Government SRL (Suburban Rail

Loop) continues to consume much of the States Infrastructure budget, sorry for the pun, but I don’t see any light at the end of the tunnel. For the rest of the State, if there is, it will be the train coming.

Council is often asked why we can’t offer services that the larger councils can deliver, this is due to the vast difference between revenue, assets per head of population and size, including kilometres of roads. The below table compares Hindmarsh to Horsham, Ballarat, and the City of Port Phillip to help understand the small budget Hindmarsh operates within.

In better news, at least it has been and is raining, with many in the farming sector suggesting it is one of the best starts to cropping in many years. Hopefully the end result when it comes to harvesting will be as good as the beginning. Fuel prices have dropped back from their earlier crazy highs, supply may be an issue at some stage, who knows.

Councillor Roger Aitken and I attended a meeting in St Arnaud at the invitation

from the Federal Member for Mallee, Dr Anne Webster MP. A very lively encounter as many were quite vocal in their opposition to the VNI West, renewables and mining proposals. Whilst we don’t, at this stage at least, have these issues, we are right next door to Yarriambiack Shire Council and Horsham Rural City Council. It will also have a big impact on Buloke Shire Council and Northern Grampians Shire Council.

In more exciting news Cr Roger Aitken and I both attended the PedelPriz Human Powered Vehicle Event on the 23 May 2026 held at the Shell Power Motorsport Park, Tailem Bend, SA. We primarily attended as a prelude to a proposed event/events to be held at Dimboola in the future. The event was very successful and drew very strong support from surrounding primary schools, secondary colleges and universities. It would be wonderful if we could have such a successful event also within our Shire in addition to the already highly successful Steampunk Festival that occurs on a bi-yearly basis. Let’s put Hindmarsh Shire on the map as much as possible.

Until next month, I hope everyone stays warm, the cooler weather has well and truly arrived in our area over the last few days. I’m looking forward to the 22 June 2026, when the days will begin to be hopefully warmer and slightly more daylight.

Ron Ismay

Mayor

Climate Adaption Strategy Update

COUNCIL adopted its Climate Adaption Strategy 2024-2036 in August 2024 to strengthen community resilience and prepare for projected climate change impacts. At the Council meeting held on Wednesday 3 June 2026, a report was presented providing an update on progress to May 2026.

Since the Strategy was adopted, steady progress has been observed across the strategy’s five (5) key focus areas, which include:

- supporting communities in preparing, enduring, and recovering from severe climate events;
- strengthening the built environment to withstand impacts from changing climate;
- protecting and enhancing natural resources and natural environments;
- encouraging climate-smart practices in farming and business; and
- embedding adaptation into Council’s own operations.

Over the past two (2) years, Hindmarsh Shire has experienced relatively favourable seasonal conditions, including higher rainfall, but climate science indicates that future trends will likely include increased variability, with hotter, drier conditions overall, more intense heatwaves and bushfire danger days, and greater extremes of flooding and drought.

Key achievements to date include:

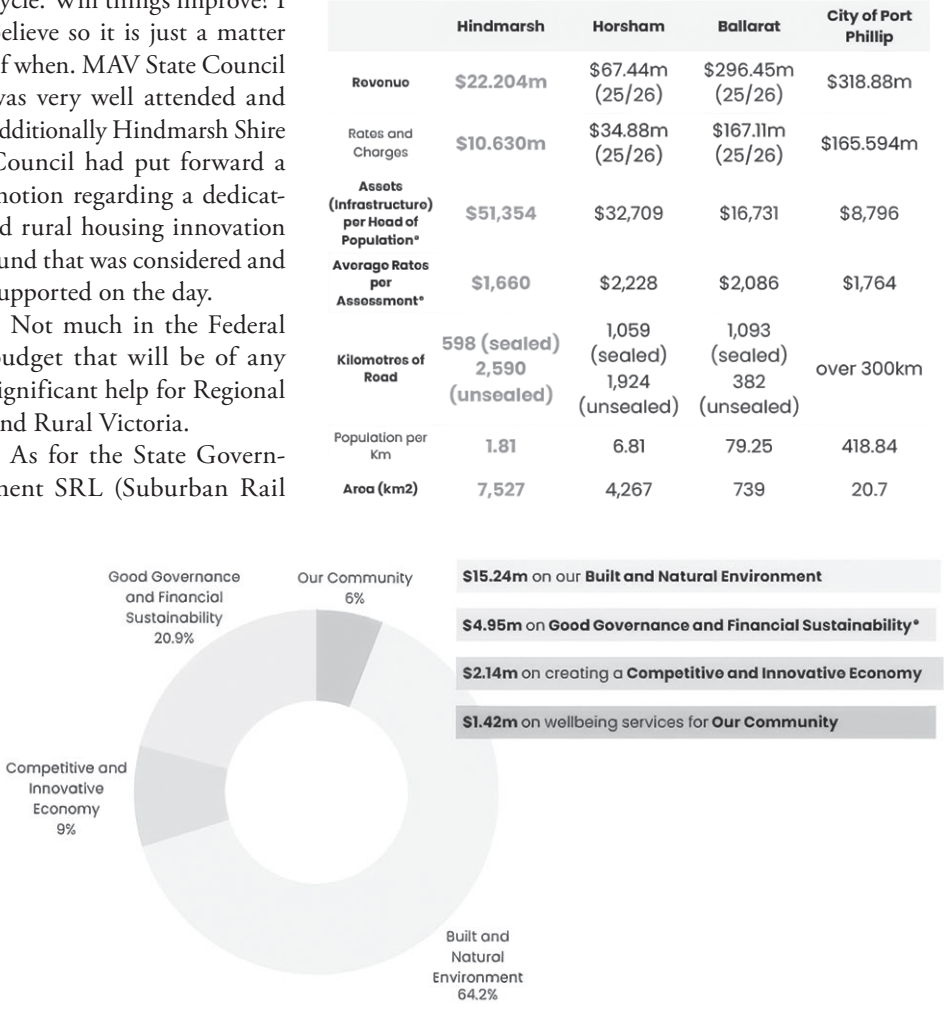
- working with emergency services to boost

bushfire and heatwave readiness in local communities including preparation and maintenance of Wimmera 72 website and preparation of fire ready guides for Nhill, Dimboola and Rainbow township.

- integrating climate adaptation measures into planning and asset management.
- ongoing pest and weed control to protect biodiversity including tree planting initiatives funded through Victorian Landcare Grant program to support restoration of habitat for native fauna.
- promotion of sustainable practices such as exploring renewable energy opportunities.
- ongoing efforts to maximise the circular economy including roll out of Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) collection program as a part of kerbside collection service. The investigation works has also progressed for creation of a FOGO processing facility in Dimboola.

You can read the full report in the Council meeting Minutes for this meeting (see item 10.2). They are available on Council’s website at www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/council-meetings.

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MULLER, Sandra Kaye

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FIELD, Gordon James (Paddy)

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Kerryn, Chris, Darren, Terry, Jamie and their families would like to sincerely thank family, friends and the community for your cards, flowers and expressions of sympathy and support on the passing of our dear Dad, Pa and 'Old Pa'.

A special thank you to the staff at Avonlea for the care and kindness that was given to Dad in the 4 years he was with you.

Also thank you to the Wimmera Base Hospital for your very thoughtful care of Dad and our family in his short time there.

Thank you to the Nhill Lions Club and the Lowan Group CFA for your kind words and guard of honour, to Kate for the lovely afternoon tea and to everyone who helped make Dad's Thanksgiving Service so special. Very special thanks to Emiley and Matt Bone for your professionalism and compassion. Please accept this as our personal thanks to you all.



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PUBLIC NOTICES



Council Meeting/Community Forum – June 2026

The next West Wimmera Shire Council Meeting will be at 2.00pm on Wednesday 17 June 2026 at Benayeo Hall. Community members are invited to join Councillors and management at 12.00pm for lunch to be followed by a Community Forum at 1.00pm.

The meeting will also be livestreamed on Council's website at www.westwimmera.vic.gov.au, to allow members of the public to view proceedings or a recording will be available on the website.

David Bezuidenhout
Chief Executive Officer

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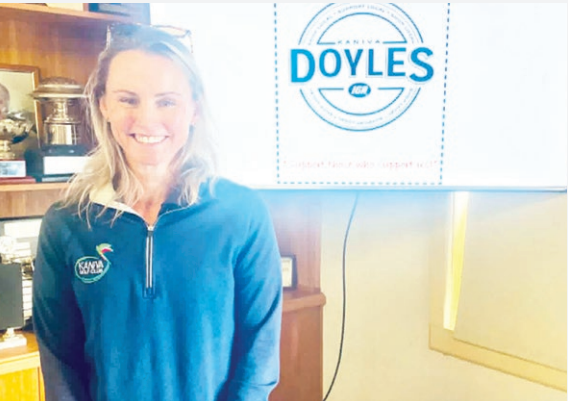


RECENTLYNhill College students travelled to Warrnambool for Greater Western Region Cross Country. They were lucky the rain held off and many students were able to run some personal best times. Congratulations to Rachel and Lenny who have progressed to the state championships finishing 7th and 5th respectively. Well done to the entire team who represented the school extremely well throughout the day.

KANIVA GOLF

WITH most of the field playing in the Nhill tournament on Saturday, there were 12 that played at Kaniva. The Doyle’s monthly medal was contested in a stroke round. Congratulations to Phil Hutton winning on a countback to Lewis Bothe with a nett 72.

Kaniva Women



Conditions were not ideal last week as 11 of us competed in the second round of the championships, monthly medal stroke competition. It was a day where we were reminded that Golf is primarily a winter sport at Kaniva. The course is looking amazing and it was a great to see our new tee signs erected. Thank you to all involved. Congratulations to Rachel Ansell who took out today’s Doyles monthly medal with a lovely nett 72. The longest putt for the day on number nine was Stace Wallis-Rabone and the money hole today went to Kim Hawker, closest in two shots on number two. Congratulations to Kim, one of our new golfers this year. It was also great to have Kelly Meyer join us today for a chat and putting. Our nearest the pins were- Meyer Bulk and Livestock #4 Donna Vivian , Nutrien #8 Rachel Ansell, Dodsons Hardware #11 A grade Ian Austin. B. Grade Denise Wallis, Hicks Haulage #14 again proved difficult with no one on the green and the Ahrens #17 going to Dawn Austin.



Rachel running in Warrnambool



Rachel and Lenny.

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Third place went to Rodney Bound and Kim Croot with 43 points.
In Fourth place with a score of 42 points were Dominic Russo and Peter Bronstein.
Ladies Winners for the day were Stella Cugley and Noela Simpson with 41 points.
Runners-up also with 41 points were Wendy Zimmermann and Min Marshall.
In Third place were Rosemary Monotti and Ronnie Hobday with 40 points.
Fourth place went to Kerri Lynch and Jenny Smith, also on 40 points.
Longest Drives
Division 1 Mitch Waugh / Amanda Brownsea
Division 2 David McDonald / Gareth Lilley
Nearest the Pins
4th Jye Field / Jenny Picking
7th Stephen Day / Megan Ashton
9th Rodney Bound / Kerri Lynch
12th Jack Waugh
14th Ben Pollock / Jill Morrison

Day 3

Sunday was a MASSIVE day for the Nhill Golf Club. The 4 Person Ambrose drew a field that is believed to be the biggest ever assembled for an event at the Nhill Golf Club of 168

golfers. It was a very enjoyable day helped by perfect weather. A huge thankyou to our sponsors for the day Shannon Bros. Winners of the 4 Person Ambrose with a nett 54.125 was Brendan Launer, Riley Launer, Ben Marra and Phillip Dickinson. Runners-up with 54.625 were Sam Leith, Josh Leith, Steven Leith and Aaron Leith. In third place were Trevor Polkinghorne, Ben Pollock, Benn Pola and Josh Cramer with 55.25. Fourth place went to Aaron Jennings, Dale Schmid, Louis Ballinger and Jake Dixon-Macdonald with 55.625. Longest Drives
Division 1 Sam Barras
Division 2 Sharon Howden / Gareth Hose
Nearest the Pins
4th Karen Waterson / Dale Shannon
7th Sarah Magor / Matt Hinton
9th Michelle Smith / Sam Barras
12th Sharon Howden / Josh Cowell
14th Carolyn Croke / Jye Field
Monday turns our attention to the Stroke rounds with the 18 or the 36 Hole Competition sponsored by Westmix Concrete and WestVic Spares.

Day 4

Results next week.

SPORT

WDGA MENS PENNANT CHAMPIONSHIP



THE Kaniva men’s pennant team finished top of the leaderboard in their division following the qualifying rounds.

With two competitions (11 teams in total) running simultaneously the top two teams crossed to play off in the semifinals at Horsham on Sunday. Kaniva played Hopetoun who had finished second in their division. The Kaniva boys were successful in the morning winning 3/2 and qualifying them for the 2026 Wimmera District Golf Association Pennant Championship game against Warracknabeal. Warracknabeal had earlier defeated Nhill in

their semi-final match in the morning.

After a quick lunch, our boys were back to compete for the championship against Warracknabeal. Unfortunately, we were not able to bring home the flag but are still thrilled to have had the opportunity to compete in the final. Well done to Warracknabeal for remaining undefeated for the year. Congratulations to our pennant players over the year. Danny Ansell, Braden Clark, Andrew Hood, Geoff Vivian, Chris Coles, Josh McCabe, Chris Meyer, Zac Vivian, Mark Williams and Adrian Hoggett. Well done boys.

WINNERS ARE GRINNERS!!!



CONGRATULATIONS to the Under 17s HDFNL representative girls on winning all their games including the GRAND FINAL in Bendigo last Sunday, which included Kaniva’s Ruby Gordon.

Coach Michelle Penrose said, “Awesome

job. One very proud coach right here. Massive thank you to all their family’s for getting them there and supporting them, Suzie Whitehead for being team manager, and wow we thought making the grand final in Portland was massive but winning at Bendigo wow.”

KANIVA GOLF CLUB ANNUAL TOURNAMENT JUNE 17TH - 21ST 2026



Wednesday 17th

LADIES DAY- 18 HOLE STROKE

9.30am for 10.00am start. \$30 entry Inc Lunch & Afternoon tea. Entries by 16/06/2026 preferred

Kaniva Floor & Décor, Lane 36,
Kaniva Hair Salon, Seven & Sage

Saturday 20th

Mens and Ladies 18 Hole Stroke

11am for 11.30am Shot gun start. \$30 Includes Lunch & Afternoon tea. Entries preferred by: 19/06/2026
18 hole Best Nett & Gross Saturday & Sunday

Wise Farm Equipment

Friday 19th

Mens and Ladies 4BBB Stableford

11am for 11.30am shot gun start. \$60 per pair
Includes Lunch & Afternoon tea. Entries welcome

Western Ag

Sunday 21st

Mens and Ladies 18 Hole Stroke and Combined 36 holes

10am for 10.30 start. \$30 Includes Lunch & Afternoon tea

Wise Farm Equipment. The ‘Wise Cup’

* Please put names, golf link number and if you are using a cart, in with Captains one day prior to competition.

Men’s Captain: Braden Clark t 0427 853541 Ladies Captain: Fleur Finlayson t 0409 097781

MISCORE IN USE / CARDS ALSO AVAILABLE

Saturday night – Casserole Tea (\$20 ph)