



NHILL'S TIGER MOTH BACK IN THE AIR

A local father and son have completed a 12-month restoration of a classic training aircraft, which visitors to the NAHC may now see flying over town on weekends.



Len and Brian Creek with the refurbished Tiger Moth.

Last Friday was an exciting day for Len and Brian Creek as they flew their Tiger Moth over Nhill for the first time in 12 months.

The Tiger Moth, one of the exhibits at the Nhill Aviation Heritage Centre, needed refurbishment, but what was expected to be only a quick 're-paint job' soon extended into

a much larger project. Brian, a Licensed Aircraft Maintenance Engineer (LAME), and his father Len have worked diligently since June last year to restore the aircraft to its former glory. Apart from the wings and engine, the plane was stripped down, the fuselage re-covered and a long-range fuel tank installed.

Visitors to the NAHC have been able to watch the restoration

unfold over the past 12 months. For many, it was an eye-opener to learn that the aircraft is largely made from fabric, wood and steel. It is still regarded as one of the safest antique aircraft to fly.

The restored Tiger Moth can be seen at the NAHC on weekends from 10am to 4pm. In good weather, you may also spot it flying over the town.



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Community Meeting for Dimboola Swimming Pool Update



HINDMARSH Shire Council invites all community members to attend an information session to receive an update on the Dimboola Swimming Pool Upgrade Project.

What is the Dimboola Swimming Pool Upgrade Project?

In July 2025, Council announced that it had been successful in securing \$1 million dollars for the upgrade of Dimboola Swimming Pool through the State Governments Round 2 of the Regional Community Sports Infrastructure Fund.

The proposed upgrades were to include a variety of improvements to the Dimboola Swimming Pool, including the

following works:

- Wet deck conversion to the pool;
- Installation of a balance tank and pool hydraulics;
- Crack and expansion joint repair;
- Construction of all abilities access ramp to improve access to the pool;
- Construction of disabled carpark;
- Updated landscaping; and
- Upgrade of the paved area within the swimming pool.

This important project aims to improve the condition, accessibility, and long-term sustainability of the Dimboola Swimming Pool for the benefit of the whole community.

Community Meeting Details:

Date: Monday 20 July 2026
Time: 7:00pm
Location: Dimboola Library, 101 Lloyd Street

What to Expect

- Project update and current progress
 - Key challenges and next steps
 - Opportunity to ask questions
 - Open discussion with Council representatives
- Council is committed to keeping the community informed and engaged as the project progresses, and your input is valued.
- For more information, please contact Ram Upadhyaya, Director Infrastructure Services, on (03) 5391 4444, or email rupadhyaya@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au.

Nominate for Senior Citizen of the Year award

WEST Wimmera Shire Council will recognise outstanding members of the community through its annual Senior Citizen of the Year award.

Nominations open on July 17 and anyone over the age of 60 can be nominated.

The Senior Citizen of the Year award recognises an unsung hero from across West Wimmera Shire.

Winners are often someone who continues to be active in the community and encourages others to do the same.

They demonstrate a positive attitude towards ageing and community wellbeing and have continued to make a valuable contribution to the community since turning 60.

Mayor Tim Meyer said there were many people in the shire who made an outstanding contribution to their community.

“If they are aged over 60, this is an excellent opportunity to nominate them for Senior Citizen of the Year,” he said.

“There are many quiet achievers within our local communities who deserve recognition.

“We encourage people to start thinking about who they can nominate for this award.”

Nomination forms will be available online at www.west-wimmera.vic.gov.au.

Forms can also be collected from the customer service centres at Edenhope and Kaniva.

Nominations will close at 5pm on Monday 17 August 2026, and the winner will be selected by Council in a closed session at the September 2026 Council meeting.

The winner will be announced at West Wimmera Shire Council’s Seniors Concert in Edenhope on 29 October.

This year’s concert will feature Diamonds in the Rough – a Neil Diamond tribute show.

For more information and to submit nominations, visit <https://www.westwimmera.vic.gov.au/Community/Healthy-ageing/Senior-Citizen-of-the-Year> or contact Amanda Munn on 13 99 72

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Weekly District Rainfalls

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Kaniva	Katrina Hawker	12.0mm
Nhill	Jim Gladdis	15.0mm

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WHAT LIONS DO BEST.....WE SERVE



President Alwyn Dyer handing over to New President Russell Thomas with Leo Andrew Thomas.



Diane Eastwood receiving Service Award from Shirley Blackwood.



Shirely Blackwood inducting incoming President Russell Thomas.



Butch Witmitz receiving service award from Shirley Blackwood.

LAST Thursday night the Kaniva Lions and guests enjoyed a soup and savoury dinner with sweet delights with Tea and Coffee to follow. A cosy warm evening on a cold wintery night!
We were delighted to welcome members of other

clubs who attended, from Bordertown, Nhill, Goroke, Edenhope and Dimboola! We look forward to strengthening our friendships and ties with these clubs.
Following our dinner, the more formal part of the evening took place, with a

Presidents Report from the outgoing President, Lion Alwyn Dyer. Lion Alwyn thanked everyone for coming and for the Club members for a busy and productive year in serving our Community. Activities have included, but not limited to, running a driver-revivor at the Border stop on numerous busy weekends, (well supported by additional Community volunteers) – Thankyou, Australia Day breakfast BBQ, Street BBQ to support various community activities through the year, maintenance at the Kaniva Cemetery, manning the gates for the Football/Netball clubs at local matches, raising funds for the Royal Children’s Hospital appeal and catering for a breakfast and lunch for town guests from the Square Dancing weekend. We have

just completed another week-end of serving this group as they gathered in Kaniva just last weekend for another fun weekend of square dancing.
Zone West Co-Ordinator Lion Shirley Blackwood, very ably inducted our new Club leadership team for the next 12 months. We thank her for the professional and friendly way she conducts this part of the evening.
We say a big welcome to our new President for the year, Lion Russell Thomas. It’s great to see members step up and try something new. We look forward to working with you Russell and appreciate your very thoughtful

comments of what you have observed since joining the Kaniva Club. Russell expressed that he was honored and looking forward to working with the team and club members doing what he has seen us do every day, and that is serve our community and show up for each other as well, and the great spirit of friendship we have currently in our Club!! Russell challenged us all to be on the lookout for the quiet ones, who may need a helping hand, but will not ask for it. As Lions, we can step up and serve folk where needed quietly. As our motto goes: “Where there is a need, there is a Lion”.

It was also a pleasure to have our Deputy Mayor: Councilor Helen Hobbs in attendance at short notice, due to Mayor Tim Meyer’s inability to come along due to illness. We thank her for taking time out of her extremely busy schedule to join us for the evening, and wish our Mayor a speedy recovery.
Thank you to all who organized the meal and evening and kept us well fed and entertained with some jokes, a quiz and some fun.
Have a great year, Kaniva Lions Club.
Kerryn Dyer

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More Than 300 Runs: Erin Alexander’s Remarkable Commitment to parkrun



FOR most people, getting out of bed early on a Saturday morning isn’t always easy. For Erin Alexander, it has become a way of life.
Three weeks ago, Erin celebrated an incredible achievement, completing her 300th parkrun—a milestone that reflects years of commitment, consistency and community spirit.
While crossing the finish line for her 300th event is an outstanding accomplishment in itself, Erin’s contribution to parkrun extends far beyond running. Throughout her parkrun journey, she has also amassed an incredible 218 volunteer credits, proving that the heart

Run Director and Timekeeper, to welcoming first timers, scanning barcodes, handing out finish tokens, processing results, taking photographs, tail walking, setting up and packing away the course, Erin has always been willing to step up whenever needed. Her versatility and reliability have made her one of the people that keeps Nhill parkrun running week after week.
The numbers tell a remarkable story. Across 302 parkruns, Erin has visited 15 different events, with 278 runs completed at Nhill parkrun, where she has become one of the event’s most familiar faces. Her fastest parkrun time of 22:57, achieved at Ararat parkrun, is a testament to her running ability, while her dedication has seen her regularly finish among the leading women at events she has attended.
But statistics only tell part of the story.
Erin is known throughout the Nhill parkrun community for her quiet dedication, reliability and willingness to help wherever needed. Whether she’s welcoming newcomers, capturing memories with the camera, encouraging participants to the finish line or helping pack everything away after the event, she embodies the true spirit of parkrun.
Reaching 300 parkruns while also contributing 218 volunteer credits is an extraordinary achievement and one that reflects years of generosity, commitment and community spirit.
Congratulations, Erin, on this outstanding milestone. Your passion for parkrun has enriched the Nhill community and inspired countless participants and volunteers along the way. Thank you for everything you have

Down Memory Lane

Some history of the district

NHILL'S UNIQUE SOLDIER'S LOUNGE



NHILL'S Soldiers' Lounge, built in 1921 on Clarence Street, is a small hall with a surprisingly large story. It opened on the same day the town unveiled its War Memorial, and from the outset it became a dependable venue for meetings, socials, tea parties and receptions of every sort.

The building was designed by Wimmera architect J. B. Barnes and constructed by local builder R. W. Searle, who managed the project in just six months while juggling a remarkable list of other works across the district.

The main room measures 50 x 20 feet, with a 20 x 10-foot ante-room behind it. Local fundraising covered the entire cost, allowing the building to be handed to the Returned Sailors and Soldiers Imperial League of Australia free of debt. At the time, Nhill's RSL sub-branch was considered the strongest in Victoria outside Melbourne, helped by the fact that half the Lowan Shire Council were returned servicemen.

At its opening, the lounge was furnished

with two lounges—one donated by the Church of England Girls' Friendly Society—and an oval table from the Presbyterian Girls' Guild. Lockers, chairs and fittings were described as "the best material," and the walls carried a series of war pictures. Like the CWA rooms used by travellers waiting for the Overland, the Soldiers' Lounge offered a warm, reliable resting place for ex-servicemen and women.

The first social evening held there included a euchre tournament, songs by local performers and a "dainty" supper. The night ended with the singing of For They Are Jolly Good Fellows, Just a Wee Doch and Dorrach and Auld Lang Syne. Locals later said this gathering officially "warmed the lounge."

Its name gives it a special place in Australian architectural history: it is believed to be the only free-standing building in the country officially called a "Soldiers' Lounge", rather than the more common Soldiers' Memorial Hall or Soldiers' Club.

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Shire of Lowan.

Unveiling of Monument and Opening of Soldiers' Lounge.

Tuesday, 13th Sept.

Shops Close at 12 noon.

PROCESSION—Led by the Nhill Band and Fire Brigade, of Returned Soldiers in Uniform, and the State School children of the Shire, will assemble at the Shire Hall at 1.30 p.m. Route to Monument will be from the Shire Hall, via Kiersp's corner down the west side of Victoria-St., round the South end of gardens, then back along the East side of Victoria-St. to Monument. Enclosure round Monument will be occupied by the Band Members of the Fire Brigade, and the Returned Soldiers. School Children will be grouped in enclosure railed off to the West of the gate.

NOTE.—Motor cars must keep behind the enclosure which will be railed off across Victoria-St., and part of Nelson Street.

UNVEILING CEREMONY.—2.30 p.m.
 "God Save the King." Led by the Band.
 The Shire President will introduce Ex-Cr. R. Dickinson, who will preside for the day. Ex-Cr. Dickinson will formally hand over the Monument to the Citizens and Ratepayers of the Shire of Lowan. A. S. RODGERS, M.H.R., will perform the unveiling ceremony, and will read out the names of the fallen soldiers.

"Last Post"
 "Lead Kindly Light." By the Nhill Band.
 Memorial certificates will be presented to the Relatives of the Fallen by Mr. Rodgers.
 School Children—Patriotic Song. "Native Land"
 Speeches by the visitors
 "GOD SAVE THE KING."

Procession to the Soldiers' Lounge.
 Opening of the Lounge by MR E. TURNBULL (President of the Returned Sailors' and Soldiers' Imperial League of Australia).

7 p.m. Ticket offices at Messrs Fischer Bros' Garage and the SIDE DOORS of the Theatre Royal will open. NOTE—No tickets will be sold at the Main Entrance to the Theatre.

Admission—One charge, 2/. Children Half Price.
 No Reserved Seats.

Entertainment will commence at 8 p.m. by the following artists:—Mr McDougall (Arrarat), Dr Middleton, Mr J. R. Smith, Mr W. Wolstenholme, Mr and Mrs McLachlan, Miss Gunn, Misses Hall. Also CLUB DRILL by Girls specially trained by Mrs Gross; "Choro" songs effectively dressed and staged by Chorus Girls under Mrs Gross, assisted by the Nhill Band and the Nhill orchestra.

Presentation of Certificates to the Nhill Returned Soldiers will be made during the interval.

After the close of the above entertainment a COFFEE SUPPER will be held in the Lowan Hall, when speeches will be made by the visitors. Admission 3s 6d.

As the Committee wishes to make final arrangements for the catering for the Social, it is requested that intending patrons will purchase tickets for the Social on or before Saturday next. The tickets are obtainable from Messrs Davis, Mellish, and Blackwell, or at the Shire Hall.

The Public WILL NOT BE ADMITTED into the gardens during the Unveiling Ceremony.

PERCY CRESSWELL, Shire Secretary.

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Some history of the district

NHILL’S UNIQUE SOLDIER’S LOUNGE

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By 1927, hiring the lounge for a meeting cost 2/6. In 1932, when the Nhill Scouts needed a hall, the Returned Soldiers stepped in and turned the lounge into a week-long War Museum. Around 700 people, including schoolchildren, visited to see locally collected relics and souvenirs.

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Being close to the picture theatre, the lounge became the natural spot for dancers to break for supper during balls. A photograph by J. W. Brown for the Nhill Free Press shows the official opening by Arthur David, President of the Returned Sailors and Soldiers Imperial League of Australia. He described the building as a lasting tribute from the residents of Lowan to the district's servicemen.

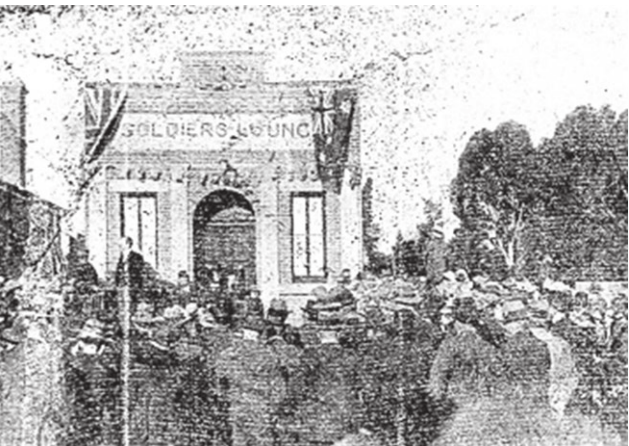
Another clearer image is attributed to James Batson and is probably just after the unveiling as the Australian flag is missing.

Architects describe it as an interwar design, neat and practical, stripped of heavy ornamentation and well suited to rural towns of the 1920s. Remarkably, it remains untouched and unmodernised, retaining the character it had on opening day.

Footnote: During the construction of the Soldiers' Lounge, builder R. W. Searle was also repairing Nhill School, renovating the Dimboola and Kiata State Schools, building three cottages at the Closer Settlement in the West Wimmera, renovating the Nhill Post Office, erecting a publican's booth at the Nhill Racecourse, and constructing a villa for Gordon Bone, a residence for F. W. Borgelt in Leahy Street, and the Fischer Brothers Garage (now Mr Lee's).

Different times!

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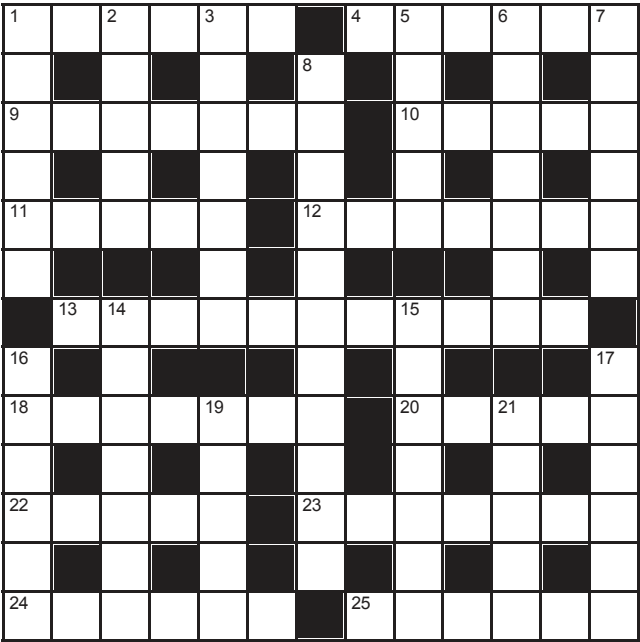
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Solution to No. 908



TRIVIA

- 1. What was the Roman name for Scotland?
 - 2. Magyars is an ethnic group primarily associated with which European country?
 - 3. Max is a little boy who appears in which children's story by Maurice Sendak?
 - 4. What was the Giotto spacecraft sent to investigate in 1985?
 - 5. Which university is based in Cambridge, Massachusetts?
 - 6. Who was known as the King of Rock and Roll?
 - 7. Is Thanksgiving celebrated in Canada?
 - 8. What causes the death of the title character in Madame Butterfly?
 - 9. The Hippocratic Oath begins with 'I swear by, the physician'?
 - 10. What is the official language of Panama?
 - 11. Who succeeded Lyndon Johnson as president of the USA on 20 January 1969?
 - 12. Who was the legless World War II fighter pilot who was detained in German prisoner of war camps for 4 years?
 - 13. What is a goby?
 - 14. Most of the state of Nevada is in which time zone?
 - 15. In climbing and mountaineering, where are crampons worn?
 - 16. Robert Downey Jr and Benedict Cumberbatch have both played which character?
 - 17. Vevo is best known for providing what type of videos to YouTube?
 - 18. Which of the Seven Dwarfs comes first alphabetically?
 - 19. Which is the world's largest gulf?
 - 20. Which ancient Greek city-state was home to a famous oracle?
- BONUS QUESTION: In 2016 Dubai, UAE, hosted the first international Grand Prix in what discipline?

TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. Caledonia 2. Hungary 3. Where the Wild Things Are 4. Halley's Comet 5. Harvard 6. Elvis Presley 7. Yes 8. Stabbed with a dagger 9. Apollo 10. Spanish 11. Richard Nixon 12. Douglas Bader 13. Fish 14. Pacific 15. On the feet 16. Sherlock Holmes 17. Music 18. Bashful 19. Gulf of Mexico 20. Delphi BONUS QUESTION ANSWER: Drone Racing

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Scotts BMX tricks – Show



LAST Thursday on a cold and blustery day, approximately 135 parents, children and grandparents or just anyone who was interested, gathered excitedly at the Kaniva Shire Hall for a wonderful performance of BMX Bike Tricks. For a whole hour, Scott and his Band, who started out together at Circus Oz, kept us all entertained with the tricks, stories and juggling he could do on his bike.

Scott didn't just do tricks, he told us a story of how he tried to join a circus.

Scott Hone, is a world-renowned BMX trick rider, took us 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..

A couple of points and advice really stood out, and is great life advice for everyone of all ages. "Every time you fall off your bike, get back on and you'll go a little bit further next time" – That works in all areas of life. If something doesn't work for you, keep trying and if you get stuck, look for a better way! It certainly worked for Scott as there were so many really hard balancing tricks he could do with his bike. The show had a thrilling finale with 5 children from the audience being invited to come on stage and with a bit of instruction, all 5 rode around the stage with Scott on his BMX bike!! That would take so much practising to balance like that!!

We are very grateful for Creative Victoria and Regional Arts Victoria, for awarding us a grant to be able to bring quality shows to our town! Keep a lookout for the next show which is coming up in October.

Songs for Halls will be touring to Kaniva on Saturday 10th October, as a featured act at the Kaniva Show 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. Put it in your diary, and don't miss out on this opportunity.

We have such a great venue with our Shire Hall, and particularly now that we have heaters and coolers. It makes such a difference. A great opportunity to experience the arts at a very affordable price, and right here in our own town too!



Nhill & District Historical Society Holds Annual General Meeting



Tricia Alexander, secretary/treasurer, Craige Proctor, President of WVAHS and Wendy Rethus, President (photo by Helen WH)

THE Nhill & District Historical Society held its Annual General Meeting on Sunday afternoon, 12 July, with members gathering for what proved to be a warm and enjoyable occasion.

The Society expressed its appreciation to the outgoing Committee for their dedication and progressive work over the past year. The retiring officebearers were: Don Keam (President), Wendy Rethus (Vice President), Tricia Alexander (Treasurer), Colleen Forbes (Secretary), Lorraine Pilgrim, Merrilyn Lowe and Vienne Rocher.

The incoming Committee for the year ahead was then confirmed: Wendy Rethus (President), Don Keam (Vice President), Tricia Alexander (Secretary/Treasurer), Colleen Forbes, Yvonne Gladdis, Jeff Muller and Lorraine Pilgrim.

Craige Proctor chaired the AGM and later entertained the group with one of his once again well researched family histories on Troy Knight, a renowned music man in the Wimmera.

The Society thanked all members who have stepped forward to serve, acknowledging their commitment to keeping the organisation active and ensuring the district's history continues to be preserved for the community.

Get Your Vietnamese Fix at Mr Le's

WHETHER you are craving Vietnamese flavours or simply looking for a quick bite, Mr Le's in Nelson Street, Nhill, is your one-stop shop for fresh food and baked treats.

The popular local eatery serves freshly made bánh mì, traditional pastries, bread, rolls, cob loaves and a tempting selection of sweet and savoury treats. With both takeaway and dine-in options available, there is something to satisfy even the fussiest eater.

Last year, Adelaide radio broadcaster Amanda Blair shared a glowing recommendation after stopping at Mr Le's during a Melbourne–Adelaide road trip:

"Hot Melbourne–Adelaide road trip food suggestion: Nhill. Some, like my husband, joke that 'nothing happens there', but I say au contraire.

"With the influx of migrants and refugees working at the Luv-a-Duck factory, some really interesting shops have sprung up. This place is the bomb — Mr Le's Vietnamese. Amazing food, magnificent roast pork bánh mì and lip-smacking pork and chicken bao.

"They also really know how to bake, so their cabinet is full of delicious-looking baked goods. This will be my new halfway food stop."

Mr Le's is open Monday to Friday from 6am to 8.30pm, and Saturday and Sunday from 7am to 8.30pm.

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- Run Director – 147 times
- Post-event Close Down – 129 times
- Barcode Scanning – 61 times
- Event Day Course Check – 21 times
- Results Processor – 16 times
- First Timers Welcome – 15 times
- Tail Walker – 15 times
- Finish Tokens – 12 times
- Timekeeper – 7 times
- Volunteer Co-ordinator – 1 time

Those figures represent hundreds of Saturday mornings, thousands of volunteer hours, and countless smiles, words of encouragement and acts of kindness.

While participants often receive applause for personal bests and milestone runs, it's volunteers like Bev who make every one of those achievements possible. Every barcode scanned, every stopwatch clicked and every finish token handed out

has helped create a welcoming and inclusive event for people of all ages and abilities.

Bev's commitment has helped transform Nhill parkrun into far more than just a weekly event. It has become a place where friendships are formed, families spend time together, visitors are welcomed and the community comes together.

Three hundred volunteer credits is an outstanding achievement, but those who know Bev understand that she has never volunteered for the recognition. She does it because she genuinely cares about her community and wants others to enjoy the benefits of parkrun.

On behalf of everyone who has ever walked, jogged, run or volunteered at Nhill parkrun:

Thank you, Bev. Thank you for your vision, your leadership, your generosity and your unwavering commitment over so many years. Nhill parkrun simply wouldn't be what it is today without you.

Congratulations on an incredible 300 volunteer milestones—a remarkable achievement and one that is richly deserved.

BEV Rethus Reaches an Incredible parkrun Milestone

For most people, Saturday mornings are a chance for a sleep-in. For Bev Rethus, they're an opportunity to give back to her community.

This weekend, the Nhill parkrun family celebrated an extraordinary achievement as Bev reached 300 volunteer credits—a milestone that reflects years of dedication, early starts and countless hours spent ensuring others can enjoy their weekly 5km walk, jog or run.

But Bev's contribution to Nhill parkrun goes far beyond a number.

She was the driving force behind bringing parkrun to Nhill in the first place. Without her vision, determination and countless hours of planning behind the scenes, the local community may never have enjoyed the weekly event that has become such an important part of so many people's lives.

Since the very first event, Bev has quietly worked behind the scenes, making sure everything runs smoothly. Whether she's setting up the course before sunrise, packing everything away after the final participant has crossed the finish line, or taking on one of the many volunteer roles needed each week, Bev is always willing to help wherever she is needed.



They're Coming Bank

COME Tuesday 28th July 2026 at the Nhill Senior Citizens Club rooms, 1pm will be the place to gather. Peter Coad & The Coad Sisters, with the Runaway Dixie Show are returning for another sell out show.

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KICKING DIRT

Wheat growers invited to have their say on export code

WHEAT growers across the Nhill district are being invited to comment on proposed changes to the rules governing Australia's wheat export industry.

The Federal Government has released an exposure draft of a streamlined Wheat Port Code following a review that found the existing code was no longer fit for purpose.

The Wheat Port Code regulates access to bulk wheat export terminals and is intended to support transparency, competition and the efficient movement of Australian grain into overseas markets.

Under the proposed changes, the code would continue in a simplified form for three years while the wheat industry develops a new self-regulatory framework.

Federal Agriculture Minister Julie Collins said retaining a streamlined code during the transition would provide certainty for growers, exporters and other industry participants.

"Australia's wheat industry is a major contributor to our

economy and regional communities across the country, so it's important we have a framework that supports a modern, competitive export market," Ms Collins said.

"By streamlining the code for three years, we're providing certainty for industry while giving it the time needed to develop an effective self-regulatory model."

The Australian wheat industry is forecast to be worth about \$10 billion in 2025–26 and remains an important part of the economy in grain-growing regions such as the Wimmera.

The Government said feedback would help ensure the revised code continued to support competition and transparency while reducing unnecessary regulation.

Growers, grain businesses, exporters and other interested parties can provide feedback through the Federal Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry's Have Your Say consultation website.

Consultation is open for three weeks from July 2.

Don't bring back more than holiday memories

Jim Moran, Leading Biosecurity Officer - Plants

Hopefully, the challenges of last harvest and this season's sowing are now behind you, providing the opportunity for you to enjoy a well earned winter holiday.

If you're travelling interstate or overseas it is important to remain vigilant with hygiene practices and do your biosecurity checks before returning home.

Trips to other regions, especially grain growing regions, perhaps to attend field days or visit farms, may inadvertently put Victoria at risk to new pests, weeds and diseases.

Returning from overseas can still pose a biosecurity risk, with pests, weeds and diseases potentially hitching a ride on clothing, footwear and luggage even after getting through customs.

That's why biosecurity is everyone's responsibility.

There are more than 300 exotic and endemic pests, weeds and diseases currently posing a threat to the grains industry.

If brought home, these risks could affect your property,

increase production costs, and even disrupt market access.

Examples include: Khapra beetle, Karnal bunt, Hessian fly, Wheat Stem Sawfly, Brown Marmorated Stink Bug as well as exotic rust strains and viruses.

These are all commonly found in overseas countries and regions we visit for holidays, research, trials and work.

If you're visiting farms, paddocks or rural areas take care not to bring pests and diseases back home with you.

Comply with national, domestic and regional quarantine rules and recommended practices. Leave behind any food, plant material, soil or animal products.

Before returning home, wash any clothing worn in agricultural areas and clean and disinfect your footwear using a disinfectant such as diluted bleach or an alcohol/water mix if possible.

If you have visited a particularly high-risk area, known to be infested, it may be worth considering leaving your clothing and footwear behind.

Wipe down non-washable items such as suitcases, iPhones, iPads, camera bags, watchbands, glasses and belts with a disinfectant wipe.

And don't forget your vehicle. Clean your car thoroughly of any soil, seeds and plant material.

Pay attention to areas such as the foot well, radiator grill, vents, under carriage, tyres and wheel arches and other tight spots.

Good biosecurity doesn't end once you get home.

Remind family members, employees and others travelling with you to take these precautions and keep an eye out for anything new or unusual appearing in crops or paddocks.

Early detection and reporting are critical to protecting Victoria's grains industry.

For more information visit the Grains Farm Biosecurity Program website grainsbiosecurity.com.au and remember, if you see any unusual pests or disease symptoms, call the Exotic Plant Pest Hotline on 1800 084 881.

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For rental properties in particular, compliance isn't just a box to tick, it's a requirement under Victorian legislation. Landlords must ensure their properties meet the required safety standards, including regular electrical and gas safety checks, compliant smoke alarms, and minimum rental standards.

These requirements are designed to reduce safety risks and provide tenants with a secure place to call home. Regular inspections can identify potential hazards before they become costly repairs or serious safety issues.

For landlords, staying compliant also helps protect your investment.

Keeping up with maintenance and safety checks can prevent unexpected expenses, minimise liability, and provide peace of mind that your property is meeting current regulations. Tenants also benefit from understanding compliance requirements. Reporting maintenance concerns promptly and allowing access for scheduled safety inspections helps ensure the property remains safe and well maintained throughout the tenancy.

Property legislation is continually evolving, so it's important to stay informed. Working with an experienced property manager can make the process much easier by coordinating required inspections, keeping track of compliance dates, and ensuring all necessary documentation is up to date.

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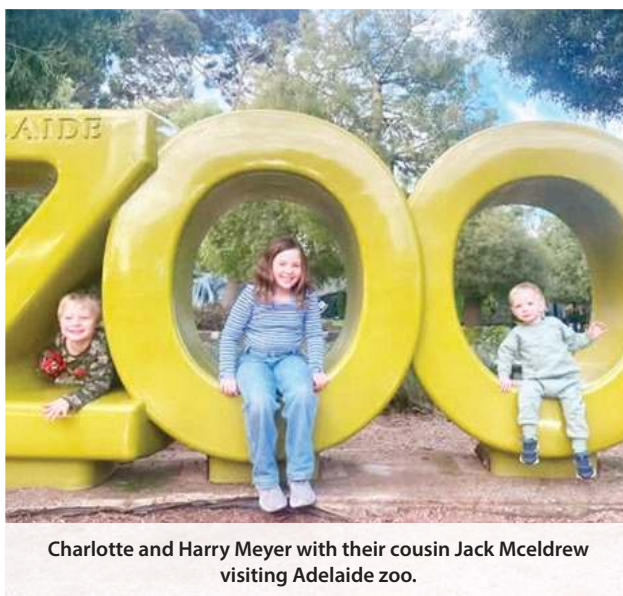
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Labor’s Aged Care Chaos

MEMBER for Mallee Anne Webster has called on Labor’s Aged Care Minister Sam Rae to urgently intervene after Commonwealth Home Support Programme funding changes left older residents in the Grampians facing the loss of vital home maintenance and gardening services.

‘Older Australians should not be left feeling they cannot remain in their own homes because Labor has shifted much needed funding away from trusted local providers without making sure services will actually continue,’ Dr Webster said.

‘Minister Rae cannot wash his hands of this. His department’s decisions are now causing real distress for older people in a bushfire-prone region who rely on basic gardening and maintenance support to stay safe, independent and at home.’

Dr Webster said her office had been contacted by distressed Southern Wimmera residents who fear they may be forced from their homes because they cannot manage essential maintenance without assistance.

‘This is exactly what happens when Canberra makes decisions for regional communities instead of with them,’ Dr Webster said.

Grampians Community Health has advised that all CHSP-funded gardening and home maintenance services for nominated clients will be limited to two hours per year from 1 August 2026.

GCH General Manager of Aged ad Disability Kate Astbury said, ‘Historically, we have continued to provide services beyond funded hours, often at a significant financial loss, to ensure clients maintained safe access to their homes and to support bushfire preparedness and recovery following recent bushfire events’.

‘Our concern is for the older people in our community who rely on these services. We have an ageing population and access to essential home maintenance support should not depend on where someone lives. A postcode should never determine whether an older Australian can receive the services they need to stay safely and independently in their own home,’ Ms Astbury said.

‘The decision to limit the services of gardening and home maintenance has been taken out of our hands, as interstate providers have been allocated funding for this region, and don’t appear to have a local presence,’ Ms Astbury added

The loss comes as Northern Grampians Shire Council is also exiting service delivery because it does not have the capacity to continue long term.

‘Minister Rae needs to pick up the phone, engage directly with Grampians Community Health and affected residents, and guarantee that no older person is left without the practical support they need to remain safe at home,’ Dr Webster said.

Business, Community and Events Grants – Open for Applications



HINDMARSH Shire Council recently reviewed and renewed its grant programs and is excited to announce that they are now open for applications.

The renewed grant programs that Council now offer are:

- Business Boost Grants (previously known as the Business Assistance Grants program)
- Connected Communities Grants (previously known as the Community Action Grants Program)
- Regional Events Sponsorship Framework (previously known as the Regional Community Events Grant Program)

Business Boost Grants

The Business Boost Grants program provides financial assistance to support local businesses to establish, grow, and improve their contribution to Hindmarsh Shire’s town centres and local economy. This program is broken down into two funding streams:

- Focus on Facade provides funding up to \$3,000 (1:2 co-contribution) to help businesses and landlords improve shopfronts and building façades, creating more attractive and welcoming town centres.
- Start and Grow provides funding up to \$2,000 (1:2 co-contribution) to support a wide range of business types, including home-based businesses, agricultural and rural enterprises, and other non-retail or emerging sectors.

Read the guidelines or apply at: www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/BBG.

If you have any queries, please contact the Tourism and Economic Development team on (03) 5391 4444 or via email business@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au.

Connected Communities Grants

The Connected Communities Grants program aims to strengthen community wellbeing, inclusion and participation by supporting local groups to deliver activities, programs, and events that bring people together. This program is broken down into four funding streams:

- Active Communities provides funding up to \$1,500 to support sports and recreation initiatives that align with Council’s Public Health and Wellbeing Plan, Sports and Recreation Strategy and the Fair Access Principles.
- Social Communities provides funding up to \$2,000 to support events and activities that bring people together.
- Creative Communities provides funding up to \$1,500 to support arts and culture and projects, programs, or activities that celebrate creativity.
- Resourced Communities provides funding up to \$500 to support community groups that require resources to enable meaningful community activities.

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Regional Events Sponsorship Framework

The Regional Events Sponsorship Framework supports high-quality events that attract visitors, stimulate local economic activity and showcase the unique character of Hindmarsh Shire. This program has one funding stream:

- Event sponsorship of up to \$7,500 to assist event organisers in delivering regionally significant events that enhance tourism, strengthen community pride, and contribute to the vibrancy of our towns. The total amount requested through the grant progress must not be more than half of the total event cost.

Read the guidelines or apply at: www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/RES.

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Applications for these grant programs close at 11:59pm on Monday 31 August 2026.

30 YEARS OF KLU

THE Kaniva Leeor United Football & Netball Club will celebrate 30 years of amalgamation on Saturday July 25th this year.

During those 30 years the club has experienced many changes including their strip changing from Nth Melbourne colours at inception, calling themselves

“The Boomers”, to becoming “The Cougars” in 2005 and incorporating a cougar logo and adding green to their uniforms. New change rooms and toilets were also erected at Kaniva that year.

After sharing the 2 grounds at Serviceton and Kaniva, the club voted to move all home games to Kaniva, this

happening in 2009. The Kaniva Community HUB was built and opened in 2017.

When Covid hit, and crossing the border became an issue, members made the difficult decision to leave the KNT and play in the Horsham District Football Netball League.

With the areas declining

population, both the football and netball teams have been more competitive playing against similar sized clubs.

A lack of local junior footballers several years ago has seen the Under 14’s and 17’s combine with Edenhope to form the “Saint Cougars” giving our younger players a game each week.

The A Grade football team is currently sitting 4th on the league ladder, enjoying their best season to date.

Although KLU has had limited success on the field and courts, they have held together as a strong family club and enjoyed many social events over the years.

The invitation is extended to all past players, members and supporters to join us on Saturday July 25th, 2026, at the Kaniva Recreation Reserve to help us celebrate this important milestone in the club’s history.

Catch up with current and previous players while watching the footy and netball during the day. The A Grade football and netball players will be wearing specially designed 30 year guernseys and dresses, which will be auctioned later in the evening after a pig on the spit tea.

A 30 Year History of the KLUFN Club book will be available to order, and commemorative bottles of port will also be available to purchase.

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DEATHS

ARTHUR – Bernard Michael

Passed away on July 7th, 2026, in Geelong, aged 89.
Loved husband of Joan (McBeth) and father to four children, grandfather of 12 and great-grandfather of 6.
Much-loved brother of Marie, Colleen, Jock, Isla, Clare, Angela and Glenda.
Kathryn and Craig Bendall; Jarryd, Megan, William and Gideon; Lauren and Kia; and Caitlyn.
Graeme and Diane Arthur; Stephen, Ebony and Oliver; Ben; David, Bridget and Joseph; and Michaela.
Michael and Helen Arthur, Emma and Tyler; Laura; Mark, Maddie, Archie (dec) and lylah.
Craig and Lisa Arthur; Jack and Chelsea.
Sadly, missed by his many nieces, nephews and their families.
Bernard's funeral service will take place at 11am on Tuesday, 21st July, at the Kaniva Community Church, 108 Commercial Street, Kaniva. In lieu of flowers, donations to Dementia Australia are welcome.

MITCHELL, Dianne "Didi" (Nee McArdle) 15 September 1952 – 6 July 2026

Our much-loved Dianne "Didi" Mitchell passed away peacefully, surrounded by her family, after a brief illness.

Didi touched the lives of so many children and families over the years with her kindness, care and friendship. We'd love you to wear a touch of purple and join us as we celebrate her life.

Friday 17 July 2026 at 2:00 pm
Kaniva Community Hub
132 Budjik Street, Kaniva VIC 3419

Everyone who knew and loved Didi is warmly welcome.

Please stay after the service for light refreshments as we continue to share memories and celebrate Didi's life.

Lovingly remembered by her family:
Julie and Jason, Robbie and Charlie
Peter and Jaime, Claire and Abby
Angela and Ray, Lily, Amy, Deklan and Ebony
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NEWTON

Leslie Kenneth "Les"

Passed away suddenly on July 7, 2026 aged 76 years.
Dearly loved partner to Mel, and previous partner to Kathryn and Lenda.
Loving father and father in law of Damien; Adrian (dec); Sascha; Andrew & Aly; Hannah & Adam.
Stepdad to Ayla, Sienna, Kai and Marli.
Adored Poppy to Brock, Kai, Tate, Mason and George.
Cherished brother to Russell.
Dearly loved, never forgotten

FUNERALS

NEWTON

Leslie Kenneth "Les"

The Funeral of Les Newton will take place at the Horsham Church of Christ on Friday, 17 July 2026 commencing at 1.30pm.
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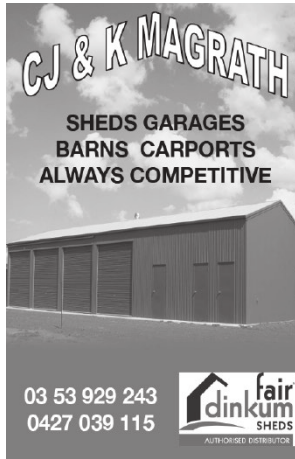
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KLU FOOTBALL NETBALL RESULTS



Dimboola carnival team.



Robyn Staehr Played her 200th game.



Zoe Hawker played her 50th game.

Seniors

KLU 10.11 71 def Nati 2.8 20

Best Players: Corey Gregson, Blake Dodson, Lachlan Bates, Tyler Roos, Bennett Crouch, Billy King

Reserves

KLU 6.5 41 def by Nati 6.7 43

Nati started by admiring the quality of the surface and then got two quick goals while KLU were still wiping the sleep from their eyes. And without some excellent defence from Corey, Kane and Waggy it could have been worse. After good forward pressure from Stim and Dylan, Tyson scored our first major. He scored another just before quarter time and the Cougars were down by 4 points.

Harry white opened the scoring in the second term and that was answered with two to Natimuk for the term. The Cougars were down by 12 at half time.

Tyson kicked his third goal to get the second half underway while Waggy just kept rebounding the ball out of defence. The wet windy conditions were making it harder and harder to score but we found a way with the Senior Coach marking in the goal square quickly followed by another from further out. KLU 5 points up at 3/4 time.

The last quarter was a real battle with Nati scoring the only goal which, unfortunately was enough for them to get home.

Goals: T. Mitchell (3), J. Hicks (2), H. White

Goals: T. Roos (4), C. Gregson (2), L. Eats, B. King, B. Crouch, M. Manteit

Best Players: Tyson Mitchell, Corey Natt, Dylan Carnemolla, Harrison White, Daniel Stimson, Leon Fischer

U 17s

St Cougs 10.13 73 def Rup 0.0 0

Best players:

Jack Borgelt, William Sambell, Hudson Ferguson, Lachlan Coad, Blake Goodlet, Ajay Bradburn

U 14s

NO GAME

Netball Results

A Grade

KLU 35 def by Nati 37

Best Player: Ruby Gordon

2nd Best: Lauren Brown

Coaches Award: Jasmine Talbot

For those following along at home... yes, the two-goal curse continues.

With this being our third two-goal loss in a row, it's fair to say the girls are incredibly disappointed.

The first quarter saw us get off to a great start, finishing seven goals ahead. But Natimuk were determined not to let us extend that lead and came out after the break with plenty of hunger and drive.

It was tough to recover after Natimuk's nine-goal turn-around in the third quarter, which proved to be the difference in the end.

It just wasn't our week once again, but we're looking forward to the bye to reset, train hard, and come back bigger, better, and ready to go for the second half of the season.

B Grade

KLU 48 def Nati 22

Best Players - Edwina Hicks and Blair Burke

With wet, wintery conditions greeting everyone on Saturday,

the game plan for the match against Natimuk was quickly adjusted. Players focused on controlled footwork, with shorter passes the aim of the days play in order to maintain possession and reduce the risk of turnovers.

Leah and Jenna set the scene with their defensive pressure being applied to the goal shooters. This continued down the court with Edwina and Sinead preventing mid-court movement by their opponents. Once again Blair and Tiarnee combined well in the goal circle, with support provided by Hannah. The girls were able to patiently move the ball around waiting to find the best possible shot for goal, close to the ring. Changes at half-time to the team's structure saw Abbie and Annika come on in the GA and WA positions respectively.

Saturday's conditions were a test for the team's adaptability under the trying conditions with the final result evident of a great, all-round team performance.

C Grade

KLU 22 def by Nati 50

Best Players: Lucy Mulraney, Sharon Munn

Despite the very wet conditions, the C Grade girls put in a determined effort today, with the rain not letting up for the entire game. It was a tough contest, and although we came away second on the scoreboard, there was plenty to take away as we head into this week's bye. The girls never gave up and worked hard right until the final whistle. Great effort in the wet, girls!

A huge congratulations to our very own Robyn Staehr on reaching an incredible 200 club games. What an amazing milestone and a true testament to your commitment and dedication to the club. We love sharing the court with you, Robbie, and we're so proud of everything you've achieved. Congratulations!

C Reserve

KLU 13 def by Nati 42

Best players: Tiarnee Dyer, Kali Finlayson

The C Res team struggled with the rain and wind Saturday. Goals wouldn't drop and with lots of slippery lose balls, unfortunately we just couldn't be the ones to pick them up. The score line does not reflect how well the team played.

U 13s

KLU 5 def by Nati 29

Best Players: Isla Lannin, Zoe Staehr

KLU welcomed Natimuk to our home courts for a cold and windy day of netball. The challenging conditions made accurate passing and shooting difficult, but the girls adapted well and continued to work hard throughout the game.

There were some fantastic leads into space, with players working hard to create options and support each other down the court. It was also great to see several girls trying different positions.

The team showed great determination despite the windy weather, encouraging one another and never giving up. Every player contributed with plenty of effort, and it was pleasing to see the girls continue improving their teamwork and communication as the game went on.

Well done to all the KLU girls on another positive performance, doing better against Natimuk than the first time we played them. We look forward to building on these improvements as we count down the weeks.

We had a team go for the Dimboola u13s junior netball carnival, the girls played incredible netball and showed great sportsmanship, they did a great job representing our club and we are so proud!

YANAC HOCKEY RESULTS



Yanac Warriors' Savannah puts some good pressure on her Horsham Bombers opponent Jayda. Photo Rachel Clark

U12 Development Program

Yanac Lowan Stars (3) def Horsham (0)

Goals: Cooper Alexander, Savannah Hedt, Asher Cramer

Encouragement Award: Savannah Hedt

U16

Yanac Warriors (4) def Horsham (1)

Goals: Henry Zanker (4)

Umpire Votes: 3 - Henry Zanker, 2 - Annabella Zanker, 1 - Aaron Pedie

Women

Yanac Women (11) def Horsham (0)

Goals: Lexi Farmers (3), Susan Hedt (3), Caitlyn Alexander (2), Lacy Cramer (2), Erin Alexander

Umpire votes: 3 - Erin Alexander, 2 - Lexi Farmers, 1 - Caitlyn Alexander, 1 - Annabella Zanker

Open

Yanac Tigers (3) def Horsham (0)

Goals: Jamie Harding, Zach Dorrington, Todd Alexander

Umpire Votes: 3 - Brad Alexander, 2 - Rourke Croot, 1 - Shaun Alexander

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KANIVA HOCKEY REPORT



Kaniva Cobras’ Lachlan Schultz runs the ball through the midfield under pressure from Nhill Rangers’ Deegan Clark.



Kaniva Cobras’ full back Logan sends the ball out of defence under pressure from former teammate Lachie Mills. Photos Rachel Clark

Kaniva Rampagers

The Kaniva Rampagers faced a tough challenge on Saturday as they took on the Nhill Bandits.

Nhill opened the scoring with two early goals before Lacey found the back of the net for the Rampagers with her first goal of the season. Nhill added another two goals later in the game to finish 4-1 winners.

The match gave the Rampagers’ more experienced players the opportunity to work on their defensive skills, backing each other up and supporting teammates under pressure.

Brooke earned an encouragement award for her fantastic effort across the field. After spending some time in the centre, she took on the challenging role of goalkeeper for most of the game, making several excellent saves despite the freezing conditions and constant pressure from Nhill’s attack.

Annabelle also received a coach’s award for her outstanding performance at full back. She was a reliable & solid line of defence, consistently attacking the ball with strong tackles and helping keep the Bandits’ forwards at bay.

A special thank you goes to Avery and newcomer Annabel, who kindly volunteered to help Warracknabeal field a team, showing wonderful sportsmanship and community spirit.

Kaniva Raiders

The Kaniva Raiders returned to Dimboola this week to take on the Nhill Leopards in a thrilling contest, coming away with a hard-fought 4–3 victory.

The opening quarter was evenly contested, with both sides settling into the game. Strong defence, several well-earned short corners and some determined runs forward created

opportunities for Kaniva, but neither side could break the deadlock. One Raiders short corner found the back of the net, only to be disallowed for a high ball.

Nhill struck early in the second quarter before Kaniva responded with a short corner converted by Jonas to level the scores. Nhill regained the lead with a field goal, while Flynn applied excellent pressure up forward and Lewis repeatedly cleared the ball from defence. Reagan, Delta and Raiders debutant Annabel all showed great positioning throughout the quarter.

Kaniva lifted again after halftime. Consecutive short corners kept the pressure on, with Jonas converting to even the scores at 2–2. Lewis made a strong run through the midfield before being stopped just outside the scoring circle by Nhill’s defence.

The Raiders carried that momentum into the final quarter. Nhill edged ahead with another field goal, but Jonas completed his hat-trick from a short corner to level the match once more. With the game on the line in the final minutes, the forward line locked the back into their end. Jonas passed the ball into the circle where Amity was perfectly placed to get the final touch and score the winning goal.

The second half showcased some of the Raiders’ best hockey of the season. Their passing became quicker and more purposeful, they used the space well, and the midfield worked tirelessly to support an eager forward line and keep the pressure locked inside Kaniva’s attacking half.

Final score: 4-3

Goals: Jonas 3, Amity 1

Votes: Jonas 3, Lewis 2, Reagan 1

Coaches award: Amity

Kaniva Women

The Kaniva Women travelled to Dimboola on Saturday for a friendly match against the Nhill Thunderbirds in windy and cold conditions.

Both teams fought hard throughout the game, with the match finishing in a 1–1 draw. Jules Braisby scored Kaniva’s goal, while Ben Cannell was the goal scorer for Nhill.

Kaniva faced plenty of defensive pressure throughout the game, defending several short corners. Goalkeeper Briony Knoll had an excellent game in goals, making a number of important saves to help keep Kaniva in the contest and earning three club votes.

Goal Jules Braisby

Umpire votes 3 Imogen Dickinson 2 Lisa Stimson 1 Jules Braisby

Club votes 3 Briony Knoll 2 Haley Pearse 1 Jules Braisby

Kaniva Cobras

Despite the cold, wet conditions at Dimboola on Saturday afternoon, the Kaniva Cobras rose to the challenge to record a hard-fought 4-1 victory over the Nhill Tigers in an entertaining contest between two evenly matched sides.

While it was certainly more enjoyable watching from the warmth of the clubrooms than playing in the relentless rain, both teams put on an impressive display of hockey. The game was a tight battle from the opening whistle, with the ball travelling end-to-end as neither side was willing to give an inch. Kaniva broke the deadlock just before quarter time when Clint Beattie converted a short corner to give the Cobras a 1-0 lead.

Nhill responded within the opening minute of the second quarter to level the scores, with the remainder of the half seeing the ball move end-to-end as both teams fought for control. The relentless contest matched the persistent rain, with the scores locked at 1-1 at half-time.

Kaniva continued to create opportunities in the third quarter, and after several unsuccessful short corners, Lachlan Schultz restored the Cobras’ lead with a field goal just before the final break.

The Cobras carried that momentum into the last quarter. Adam Wallis extended the lead with a field goal before Jordan Clark put the result beyond doubt with another in the final minute, securing a well-earned 4-1 victory.

Goals: Clint Beattie, Lachlan Schultz, Adam Wallis and Jordan Clark.

Umpire votes: 3 Jordan Clark, 2 Adam Wallis, 1 Lachlan Schultz

Club votes 3 Adam Wallis 2 Charlie White 1 Lachlan Schultz 1 Travis Carter.

KANIVA GOLF RESULTS

THE PLOZZA



Glennis Sampson.



Jett and Marc Rabone.

Father and son win the Plozza for the first time ever “It was an absolutely ordinary day” for Golf at Kaniva on Saturday. While the morning was fine and sunny, the wind and rain came in for the final round of the RD Plozza board event. 14 players so seven teams competed today. A massive day in these conditions playing 36 holes.

The winner of the 2026 RD Plozza was team Rabone. Congratulations Marc and Jett Rabone on a combined score in harsh conditions of 126. Runners up Darryn Hawker and Phil Hutton on 122. Congratulations to all competitors in trying conditions.

The nearest the pins were- Meyer Bulk and Livestock #4 and H & R Rural #8 Jett Rabone

Dodsons Hardware #11 Danny Ansell. Hicks Haulage #14 Braden Clark and the Ahrens #17 Phil Hutton. The money hole today for the third shot number 15 was Chris Meyer. Birdies to Fart and Collsey. Thanks heaps to our awesome sponsor Lane 36.

Last Wednesday, what a beautiful day for Golf at Kaniva. With regulars six away we had 9 in the field for our Doyle’s July monthly medal and putting competition. This week’s sponsor is Lane 36, an amazing local shop that we hope everyone supports. The winner of the Doyles monthly medal today was Stacey Wallis-Rabone with a net 74. Winner of the day was Glennis Sampson with a very tidy net 75. Congratulations ladies. Our nearest the pins were-

Meyer Bulk and Livestock #4 and Nutrien #8 Leonie Shurdington, Dodsons Hardware #11 A Grade Ian Austin and B Grade Glennis Sampson, Hicks Haulage #14 was Chloe Mulraney and again the Ahrens no 17 was too tough for the single shot to the green

DIMBOOLA JUNIOR CARNIVAL



ANOTHER great day out in Dimmy for the annual junior carnival, where Nhill and District Sporting club sent a netball under 12 team and under 8 football team to complete in a round robin games against teams in Wimmera League and Horsham District League.

A big thank you to the coaches, umpires and team managers who made the day possible and thank you also to all the parents for braving the weather and Dimboola for hosting.

See more photos in next week’s edition of the action.

NHILL HOCKEY ROUND 9



Nhill Thunderbirds' Nellie Gill works the ball through the centre under pressure from young Jonas.



Nhill Rangers' Thomas Krelle sends the ball past Kaniva Cobras' Travis Carter.
Photos Rachel Clark

ROUND 9 of WHA hockey saw NDSC – Hockey Division play at Dimboola Health & Fitness Centre. This was another venue change, with the day hosted by Yanac. The day was chilly and rain after lunch made it even more so. Nhill played against all Kaniva teams, with a win, a draw and two losses.

Bandits

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

From coach Rickie:

Great game by our Bandits. Was nice to see some run through the centre and then using the wings.

Was great to have Hugo back after being out. Big thank you to Char, Lis and Emily for volunteering to help Warrack out. It so fantastic to be able to help other teams who are struggling for numbers so no one misses out.

Awards were: 1 Hugo for some nice passing in the forward line; 2 Esther who concentrated well and stood in good position; 3 Gus for using the wing well and standing in perfect position at the goals, you were so close!!

Final score: Bandits 4 def Kaniva Rampagers 1.

Goal scorers: Madalyn 2, Stella 1, Atreyu 1.

Ahrens Tiger Cash: Hugo.

Lanes & Games: Esther

Marra Award: Gus.

Leopards

Q1 Raiders began strongly and earned five short corners. Some good defence by goalie Nile and defenders kept them from scoring.

Q2 Nhill got a good quick run which saw Ben from the right side just inside the D send a slightly raised ball toward spot where Barrett connected with the ball mid air to shoot it passed the goalie. Raiders scored off a short, and Daniel did a good run and kept Nhill in front with a field goal.

Half time score: 2-1 up.

Coach Pete urged the team to get control of the game, and they tried.

Q3 Raiders kept up the pressure and goaled to level the scores. Daniel was on a good run into the D in the last minute but tripped and rolled an ankle and was unfortunately out for the rest of the game.

Q4 Raiders attacked. Barrett scored a field goal to put Nhill in front, before Raiders once again tied. A late goal to Raiders gave them the win.

Final score: Leopards 3 lost to Kaniva Raiders 4.

Goal scorers: Barrett 2, Daniel 1.

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

SMS Rural Tiger Cash: Chelsea.

Lanes & Games: Madalyn.

Thunderbirds

Q1 The 1.30pm game started overcast and windy, with neither team fielding their full teams. Thunderbirds were in attack for a good portion of the quarter and had about seven short corners, but some great defence particularly by Kaniva's goalie made it impossible to score.

Q2 Thunderbirds had a couple more shorts, but it was Kaniva who scored from theirs. Thunderbirds scored with a handy goal from Ben to level the scores, a solo run to the left and slotted the ball passed the goalie on an angle.

Half time score: 1-1.

Q3 Kaniva increased the pressure and played out another short after the whistle, but Thunderbirds kept them out.

Q4 The drizzly rain continued but so did the competitive game, with no score. The rain set in right at the final whistle.

Final score: Thunderbirds 1 drew with Kaniva Women 1.
Goal scorers: Ben 1.

Umpire votes: Kendra Clark 3, Caitlyn Rowe 2, Lanie 1, Chloe Zanker 1.

IGA Nhill voucher: Catherine Tischler.

Horsham Wool Tiger Cash: Chloe Zanker.

With no coach Helen this week and a full bench we were grateful to have former Nhill member Naomi Kuhnell helping out with subbing.

Rangers

Rangers are now without Lee Marra who has made a mid-season transfer to help out the Kaniva club who has been struggling for men's numbers this year, while Nhill has had an abundance. However, this particular week the Cobras turned up with a full complement of male players including Lee and turned out to be extra competitive this game.

Q1 Nhill started out with a different backline without Lee, having young Asher back there instead. Asher did a great job defending and often pushed up high throughout the game. Cobras scored off a short late in the quarter.

Q2 Lachie scored a field goal late in the quarter to level the scores.

Half time score: 1-1.

Q3 Late in the quarter Kaniva scored to get in front.

Q4 Joseph had copped a hit to the leg earlier and sat out for the last quarter. Cobras scored twice including one in the last minute.

Final score: Rangers 1 lost to Kaniva Cobras 4.

Goal scorers: Lachie Mills 1.

Umpire votes: Lachie Mills 3, Asher 2, Steven Carew 1.

IGA Nhill voucher: Jason Reichelt.

Miller Transport Tiger Cash: Asher.

With no coach Sam this week (or Helen or Pete) and a full bench we were grateful to have Naomi helping with subbing. Especially appreciative that she did so after already helping out the women, and this one in the cold and steady rain that fell for the most part of the game!

The team wore black arm bands in respect of the recent passing of Thomas K's grandfather.

Round 10

Nhill hockey's next matches will be on Saturday 18 July 2026 at Nhill. Nhill will take on Horsham teams. Bandits at 12.30pm; Leopards at 11am; Thunderbirds at 2pm; Rangers at 3.30pm.

- Rachel Clark

FINALS VENUES HAVE BEEN ANNOUNCED:

QUALIFYING final will be held Saturday, August 29th at Anzac Park, Warracknabeal; Elimination Final on Sunday, August 30 at Beulah Memorial Park.

Second semi final- will be held Saturday, September 5 at Dimboola Recreation reserve and First Semi-final Sunday, September 6th at Central Park, Stawell.

Preliminary final will be held Saturday, September 12th at Murtoa Recreation Reserve and the Grand Final will be hosted September 19th at Horsham City Oval.

NHILL GOLF



Trevor Polkinghorne, Jenny Smith, Wendy Zimmermann and Jimmy Philip.

ON Saturday the 11th of July The Love Brothers Rose Bowl Pinehurst was played. The Honour Board Event was strongly contested in all 4 seasons!! Sunshine in the morning, strong winds and rain followed

Winners of the day were Trevor Polkinghorne and Jim Philip with a score of 72.375 runners up were Leon Clark and Rodney Bound with 73.25 and third place Brendan Etherton and Graeme Launer on 73.75

Ladies winners for the day were Wendy Zimmerman and Jenny Smith with 78.25 runners up were Jenny Creek and Mary Waugh on 82.25

Nearest the pins

4th Trevor Polkinghorne/Min Marshall

7th Todd Alexander/ Megan Ashton

9th Rodney Bound / Megan Ashton

12th

14th Trevor Polkinghorne/ Rae Bound

On Wednesday 8th July

After a chilly start and what turned into a beautiful day 8 ladies played Stableford

Winner for the day with 30 points Jean Clark

Runner up on a three way count back Jenny Smith

from Cathrine Kennedy and Beryl Conquer all on 29 points

Nearest the pins

7th Libby Lacey

2nd on the 9th Alison Braendler



Jean Clark and Jenny Smith.

SPORT

NHILL FOOTBALL RESULTS



Tom Wheaton was again named in the best players on Saturday.

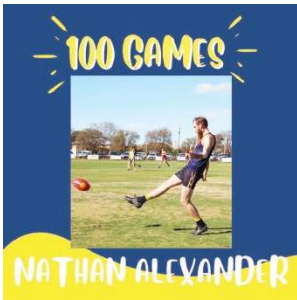


Under 11 award winners.



Jack under 14's was on fire kicked 6 goals for Nhill Tigers.

MILESTONE GAME



100 Club Games – Nathan Alexander

Congratulations to the man they call “Skaife”. Nathan Alexander who played his 100th club game this weekend against the Burras. Known for his sporting prowess across the Wimmera, Nath first crossed from the darkside and gave football a go in 2011, sneakily packing a football bag and making his way to Davis Park to play Under 17s. Between 2016 and 2021 he happily bounced between both sports (while also enjoying his cricket in the summer), but from 2022 onwards he’s played full seasons with the (Nhill) Tigers, only missing three games.

A lock down defender with tremendous athletic ability, he is a hard man to match up on and no opposition player wants to be singled out for his attention. Making the WFNL team of the year in 2025 was no surprise to his team mates or coaches, as he is ever reliable despite his laid back attitude.

It was perhaps a surprise for new joint-senior coach Trevor Ryan though, when at the start of 2025 Skaife turned up with no pre-season under his belt only to be straight in the best in three of the first six rounds. Trev clearly hadn’t heard about the Alexander sporting genes, but he soon learnt.

Nathan isn’t just a remarkable player on the field, as he also volunteers heavily around our club. He is our Cricket Director and a member of our general committee, as well as our A Grade cricket captain. He can often be found behind the bar or at working bees, more than happy to lend a hand.

He also recently joined the new fathers’ club at the NDSC, which hasn’t slowed him down at all.

Seniors

Nhill Tigers 11-10-76 defeated Minyip Murtoa 4-4-28.

Goalkickers: Jake McQueen 4; Toby Marshall 2, Wallace Wheaton 1; Petros Politios 1, Drew Schneider; Jarryd Dahlenburg 1 and Josh Ryan 1

Best Players: Jarryd Dahlenburg sponsored by Dmd; Tom Wheaton sponsored by Luv a Duc; Xavier Bone sponsored by the Union Hotel; Drew Schneider sponsored by White Hart Hotel and Players Player Nathan Alexander.

Reserves

Nhill Tigers 4-7-31defeated by Minyip Murtoa 8-10-58.



Goalkickers: Oli Hickman 2, Connor Jones 1 and Brady Alexander.

Best Players: Darcy Alexander sponsored by Warrack Butchery, Charlie Hickman sponsored by Westech AG; Simon Dufty sponsored by Union Hotel and Tim Bone sponsored by the White Hart Hotel.

Under 17's

Nhill Tigers 15-12-102 defeated Minyip Murtoa- 4-2-26

Goalkickers:, Andrew Klee 5, Kay Th’Yu Htoo 2; Rilet White 2,Cooper Gebert 2, Frazer Wheaton 1, Jamar Zanker 1 and Nicholas Verrall 1,

Best Players: Riley Philip sponsored by Matt’s Mowing, KAY Th’Yu Htoo sponsored by FARMER’S Arms Bistro, Brayden Ryan sponsored by Trevor Albrecht and Jamar Zanker sponsored by Tread Care.

Under14's

Nhill Tigers 9-1-64 defeated Minyip Murtoa 0-1-1.

Goalkickers: Jack Dodds 6, Lar Htunt Clay Klue 1 and Gay Soe Gay Soe 1, Thee Thee Nwe 1 and Douglas Lunga 1.

Best Players: Jack Dodds sponsored by Matt’s Mowing, Parker Rabone sponsored by Bistro at Farmers Arms , Lar Htunt Clay Klue sponsored by Azza’s Tyres and Gay Soe a sausage roll.

Under 11's

Patrick sponsored by Nufarm footy, Lachy sponsored by Morrison Contracting, Jack sponsored by Emmetts Horsham, Axel sponsored by Horsham Lanes and games and cooper coaches award.



Tiger cubs braved the weather to play in the half time match.

NHILL NETBALL ROUND 12

Nhill Tigers vs Minyip Murtoa



Brooklyn Fraser shooting, and Kristy Alexander WA. Photo contributed.



Aroha Beazley shoots on Saturday. Photo contributed.



Best Players: moddies Ruby and Tessa.

Grade	Score - Nhill / Opposition	Best on Court	Sponsor	Coaches Award	Sponsor
Moddies		Tessa	Farmers Bistro	Ruby B	Westmix Concrete
13 & Under	Nhill 15 vs MM 39	Claire McEldrew	Cook Drilling	Helena Taylor	Nhill Free Press
15 & Under	Nhill 19 vs MM 26	Sophie	Farmer Arms	Katie	Luv a Duck
17 & Under	Nhill 44 vs MM 35	Eden	Nhill IGA	Stella	West Wimmera Beef
A Grade	Nhill 60 vs MM 40	Tess McQueen	Ahrens	Zara	White Hart Hotel
B Grade	Nhill 35 vs MM 46	Elena James	Nutrien Ag	Giana Pohlner	White Hart Hotel
C Grade	Nhill 35 vs MM 25	Milla Goodwin	Reverse raffle	Aroha Beazley	White Hart Hotel
C Res	Nhill 8 vs MM 29	Alison Dahlenburg	Reverse Raffle	Mikayla Smith	White Hart Hotel