



Community members, partners and supporters at the opening of Belonging at Gallery Central

Photo: Gallery Central

REFUGEE WEEK 2026

Portraits of Belonging Exhibition Opens with Warm Community Celebration

More than 90 community members, partners, students and supporters gathered to celebrate the opening of the Portraits of Belonging Exhibition as part of Refugee Week 2026, in an event marked by reflection, gratitude and community spirit. The works reflect individual journeys of migration, settlement, and belonging, aligned with this year's Refugee Week theme, *A Million Stories*.

The exhibition launch at Gallery Central on Wednesday 17th June, brought together a wide cross-section of supporters to honour stories of belonging, resilience and diversity. Guests were welcomed into a warm and inclusive atmosphere that reflected the heart of the exhibition itself.

Tarah Dodds, Chair of the Committee of Management at NNHLC, officially opened the exhibition and delivered the opening address, recognising the importance of creating

spaces where community voices and lived experiences can be seen and celebrated.

A highlight of the event was the moving reflection speeches delivered by ESL students May Than and Gay Doh Moo Moo, whose words captured the powerful themes of belonging, strength and connection. Their thoughtful contributions left a strong impression on those in attendance.

Special thanks were also extended to multilingual staff members Thablay, Yah Min The and Klu Say, along with ESL teacher Cindy, for their support and dedication in helping make the event such a success.

The exhibition also stands as a celebration of the incredible efforts of the ESL students, whose hard work and commitment were warmly acknowledged on the day. Each artwork tells a deeply personal story, capturing experiences of life before arriving in Australia, the challenges of resettlement, and the

strength and resilience required to build new lives in a regional community. Alongside the portraits, students have written biographies that offer insight into their identities, cultures, hopes, and dreams for the future.

The project has been made possible through a strong collaboration between local educators, bilingual support staff, and community partners. A key partner in the initiative is Uniting Vic.Tas through the HACC program, whose ongoing support has played a vital role in enabling community participation and connection.

For those who were unable to attend the opening, the Portraits of Belonging Exhibition remains on display at Gallery Central for the next two weeks. Visitors are encouraged to experience the powerful portraits and stories that highlight belonging, diversity and community.



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Nhill Historical Society Meeting

ON Sunday 21st, the Nhill Historical Society hosted an afternoon meeting featuring guest speaker Mr. Bill Allen.

Mr. Allen, a qualified mine geologist and Heritage Officer based in Bendigo, gave an engaging presentation on the gold rush era of the early 1860s.

The difficult working conditions and health issues faced by miners and their families.

The contribution of Chinese, Cornish and German miners who worked in the underground mines.

The role of the gold escort route in the development of the Western Highway between Adelaide and Melbourne.

The interesting fact that Nhill had electricity 10 years before Bendigo.

Mr. Craig Proctor will be the guest speaker at the Society’s AGM 1.30pm on 12th July. Craig will be presenting a glimpse into the story of the

Knight Family singers in the Wimmera in the 1870’s and ‘80’s.

An open invitation is extended to everyone to attend held at the Senior Citizens Hall.



Mrs. Wendy Rethus Vice President Nhill Historical Society and Mr. Bill Allen Mine Geologist and Heritage Officer with Bendigo Heritage

What's On... June

- 24th- NHILL CINEMA: The Devil wears Prada screening, 7pm at Nhill Memorial Community Centre.
- 26th -Kaniva Drinking water celebrations, light lunch 12.30pm and official opening 1pm AT Kaniva Wetlands and Fauna Park. Please RSVP.
- 27th -National Tree Day Planting,10am;Join Kaniva District Landcare for a community tree planting day at 1153 Murrawong Road, Telopea Downs. Meet at Windmill Corner at 9:30am to catch the bus or follow the bus to the site at 1153 Murrawong Road, Telopea Downs.
- 27th- Nhill Parkrun, 8am; Jaypex Park Nhill.
- 29th- Hindmarsh Shire Council, school holiday’s activity, cookie decorating, Nhill Memorial Community Centre,1pm-2pm.
- 30th- Hindmarsh Shire Council, school holiday’s activity ;Dance with Katrina Fraser- Wimmera Lutheran College Hall - Multipurpose Hall, 1pm to 2pm.

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.

Nhill Senior Citizens



WEDNESDAY 17th June saw Heather step up into the President’s position as Jan was away up north having a lovely relaxing few days which she was really looking forward to.

After Sheila said Grace for us today we all tucked into a nice mug of hot soup, freshly made sandwiches and then delicious hot pudding with ice-cream and cream. Maurice Conway was the entertainer for the afternoon.

Maurice is a local singer songwriter originally from the Hopetoun area. His songs are based on many local mallee towns which tell some beaut stories of the towns and some of the local characters. Maurice took time out to travel overseas to share his love of music to many other parts of the world before deciding to return back home to the good old mallee to put pen to paper again.

Watch this space, Nhill just could be his next title song!! Wednesday 1st July will be Bingo afternoon and 15th July will see us celebrating Christmas. Till then, everyone keep well rugged up as winter is well and truly here, the rain is great for the rainwater tanks, gardens and the farmers are happy.

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District Weekend Weather Forecast

	Thursday	Min	Max
	Sunny	6	14
	Friday	Min	Max
	Cloudy	6	14
	Saturday	Min	Max
	Sunny	5	14
	Sunday	Min	Max
	Fair	7	14

Weekly District Rainfalls

16th June to 8am – 23rd June 2026		
Yanac	Brett Wheaton	23.0mm
Kinimakatka	Rodney Bound	N/A
Kaniva	Katrina Hawker	33.0mm
Nhill	Jim Gladdis	22.0mm

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PRESENTATION OF LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

ON Sunday 14 June 2026, the Nhill Aviation Heritage Centre Board proudly presented Life Memberships to Graham Drage and Ray “Whimpey” Reichelt, recognising their exceptional dedication to preserving aviation history and advancing the Centre’s restoration projects.

Graham Drage — Life Member

Graham has demonstrated a long-standing and passionate commitment to the collection and preservation of aviation heritage. The NAHC had long dreamed of acquiring an Avro Anson, and through a chance meeting between the late Don

Kube and a friend, Graham made that dream possible. He generously donated the frame of an Avro Anson, along with significant parts essential for the restoration, supported by Mick Kingwill’s engineering expertise.

A former pilot and flying instructor, Graham has served on the Board for many years, sharing his expertise and enthusiasm with the community.

Ray “Whimpey” Reichelt — Life Member

Local aviation enthusiast “Whimpey Reichelt” also played a crucial role in the Avro Anson project, rebuilding the

undercarriages, two Cheetah engines, and the carburettor. The Board also recognised his outstanding efforts in raising funds for the purchase of a Wirraway, a contribution that significantly advanced the Centre’s restoration work.

Following the presentations, attendees enjoyed a light lunch and the opportunity to celebrate the achievements of two remarkable contributors.

Congratulations Graham and Whimpey on this well-deserved honour.



L-R Graham Drage, Rob Lynch President and “Whimpey” Reichelt.



Graham Drage proudly displaying his Life Membership with Merv Schneider Distinguished Life Member.



Whimpey Reichelt celebrating with his family.

Historical Society open day a success



Tony and Deb Hoare new owners of the Wheatheaf Hotel Netherby with Cr. Rosie Barker



Sec. Colleen Forbes, Treas. Trish Alexander and Vice Pres. Wendy (JR) Rethus

THE Nhill and District Historical Society Inc. (NDHS) recently held a successful open day, with visitors showing strong interest in the improvements being made at the Society.

Attendees were particularly interested in plans to improve lighting in the display cabinets, as well as the Society’s aim to change displays on a more regular basis.

The purpose of the day was to show locals that work is continuing behind the scenes to preserve the history of Nhill, including its town, businesses and the people who have helped make Nhill what it is today.

The Society also hoped to encourage more

locals to join and become active members. In this regard, NDHS felt the day was a success.

While some computer skills are involved in much of the Society’s work, volunteers only need basic typing skills, with training available for everything else. There are also many non-technical jobs to be done, including cleaning and dusting, repairs and maintenance, and caring for the building, grounds, collection items and display cabinets.

Anyone with investigative or photographic skills would also be very welcome, as every item in the collection needs to be photographed and identified.

The Society’s major project at present is the publication of Daryl Deckert’s work on the Soldiers of Nhill. The manuscript is in its final stages, and NDHS is awaiting grant funding to assist with publication.

Anyone interested in purchasing a copy of the book is invited to contact the Society at nhillhistorical@gmail.com with an expression of interest. This will help the Society gauge demand, as it is currently unsure whether an initial print run of about 250 books would be enough.

NDHS has also recently created a Facebook page called *Nhill and District in Retrospect*. Those wishing to follow the Society’s progress can visit: [www.facebook.

com/61573325084882](http://www.facebook.com/61573325084882)

The next NDHS meeting will be held on Sunday 21 June 2026 at the Nhill Senior Citizens’ rooms in Campbell Street, starting at 1.30pm. Guest speaker Bill Allen, from the Bendigo Gold Heritage Museum, will attend. Afternoon tea will be available.

The NDHS AGM will be held on Sunday 12 July 2026 at 1.30pm, also at the Senior Citizens’ rooms. The chair and guest speaker will be Craig Proctor, from the Mortlake and Jeparit Historical Societies and President of the Western Victoria Association of Historical Societies.

All are welcome to attend.



Cr. Helen Hobbs of Kaniva and Vice Pres. Wendy (JR) Rethus.
Photos Helen Woodhouse-Herrick.

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Down Memory Lane

Some history of the district

AMBER'S LEADLIGHT



ABOVE the windows of Amber's Sweet Bliss In Victoria Street Nhill is a surviving piece of early shopfront advertising: leadlight panels with "Economic" and "Drapers" set into the glass.

The panels likely date to 1922, when the business then operating on the site expanded and renovated. Gordon's—earlier known as the Bargain Store, then the Economic Store—adopted "Economic Drapers" as its preferred

GORDON'S

Economic Drapers.

We have begun to make preparations for our extensive alterations the contractors are ready to start, so, in order to make room for them, we are going to sell the balance of our winter stock at greatly reduced prices.

Call and see our Stocks of Golfers, Coats, Frocks, Corsets, Underclothing, Hosiery, etc

All our Winter Stocks must be cleared ; it will pay you to give us a call.

Gordon's Economic Drapers

Victoria Street, NHILL

BRANCHES AT—77 Bridge Street, Ballarat ; Firebrace Street, Horsham ; Main Street, Stawell.

branding at that time.

In the early 20th century, "Economic" was a common marketing term. It signalled that a store aimed to offer good value and lower prices than the more traditional drapery houses, appealing especially to working-class customers.

Gordon's was a small regional chain with shops in Ballarat, Stawell, Horsham and Nhill. The Nhill leadlight is one of the few physical reminders of that business and its branding.

It also sits within a broader pattern: several original leadlight panels still survive around Nhill's main streets, including the well-known example at the former Central Café.

John Williams - Treasures of Nhill & District Facebook page 9th May 2026.

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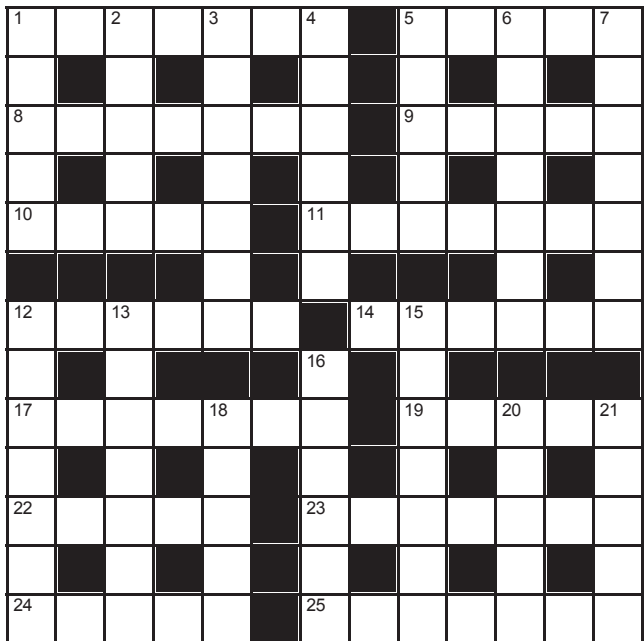
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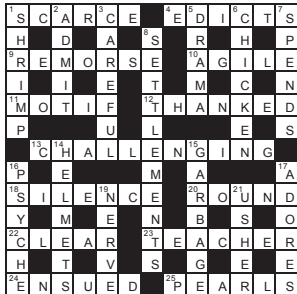
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- 9 Large storage containers
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- 12 Irritates
- 14 Musical dramas
- 17 Comes back
- 19 Bicker
- 22 Outspoken
- 23 Typical
- 24 Office work stations
- 25 Ancestry

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- 1 Put pen to paper
- 2 Vital organ
- 3 Old
- 4 Samples food
- 5 Liquid measure
- 6 Defeat



Solution to No. 905



- 7 Pays attention
- 12 Reached the destination
- 13 Detects
- 15 Game participants
- 16 Land mass
- 18 Laws
- 20 Nibble
- 21 Occasion

TRIVIA

- 1. With which country is the bouzouki most associated?
 - 2. Who released an album in 2005 called "Confessions on a Dance Floor"?
 - 3. Where is the "Day of the Dead" celebrated on 2 November?
 - 4. In the middle ages, what were built in Canterbury, York, Lincoln, Salisbury, Lichfield and Winchester?
 - 5. What is haloumi?
 - 6. What colour is produced by the complete absorption of light rays?
 - 7. The US nuclear submarine Thresher that sank in 1968 was named after a what?
 - 8. The song Maxine was sung by which singer?
 - 9. The UN emblem consists of a pair of what around the world?
 - 10. Which continent claims the most FIFA World Cups?
 - 11. "Leggie" is a term that is used in what sport?
 - 12. Which artist was the architect for the dome of St Peter's Basilica, Rome?
 - 13. Who was the female lead in the film "Casablanca"?
 - 14. What nationality was Confucius?
 - 15. Where are the Huygens Gap and the Maxwell Gap?
 - 16. In which TV sitcom would you find the character Liz Lemon?
 - 17. As described in the Bible Moses used a what to perform miracles and wonder in Egypt?
 - 18. Who was nicknamed the Godfather of Soul?
 - 19. Which character is kidnapped at the beginning of The Simpsons arcade game?
 - 20. Which ancient civilisation used a version of scissors as far back as 1500BCE?
- BONUS QUESTION:** How many coronations had been held at Westminster Abbey before that of King Charles III?

TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. Greece 2. Madonna 3. Mexico 4. Cathedrals 5. A type of cheese 6. Black 7. Shark breed 8. Sharon O'Neill 9. Olive branches 10. Europe 11. Cricket 12. Michelangelo 13. Ingrid Bergman 14. Chinese 15. Saturn 16. 30 Rock 17. A staff 18. James Brown 19. Magpie 20. Egyptian

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



Message from the Principal

THIS week marks the half way mark of the school year. Students and staff are looking forward to the upcoming school holidays as we close out Semester One.

We have had another busy term with students involved in a range of activities including a Mother's Day afternoon, Walk Safely to School Day, Little Desert Cross Country Championships, National Simultaneous Storytime, Winter Lightning Premiership, and Freestyle Dance Ministry. Together with the other Catholic schools from across the Diocese we celebrated Catholic Education Week in May.

Our building program continues to progress and we are looking forward to being able to move in to our new classrooms sometime next term.

Together with the other two schools in town, dates have been set for visits by the current four-year-old Kinder children. We will have the children visit St Patrick's School on the morning of Friday 7 August.

I wish families well with their decision making in determining which school will best meet the needs of their child's primary school education.

Any children in 4yo Kinder, and their parents, who may not be able to attend on Friday 7 August are very welcome to contact me to arrange for a tour, classroom visit or information pack.

Please feel free to email principal@spnhill.catholic.edu.au or contact the school office on 53911575 for further information regarding enrolments at St Patrick's School.

Mr Kingsley Dalglish

Principal



Above and right: Hannah winning at Cross Country



Little Desert Cross Country team



Charlotte and Bethany on our Big Freeze Beanie Day



Mackenzie, Hannah, Elvi and Moe Tha Zin helping at CWA



Ava focusing during hockey clinic



School Captains Claire and Gu Thay Paw at Catholic Education Week Mass



The victorious Tee-ball team from Lightning Premiership



Weekly Reading awards at assembly



Stella in the House Soccer competition

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Researchers seek more surveys

Benchmarking Study. The confidential survey takes about 30 minutes to complete.

A/Prof Luke said questions were on a broad range of topics including soil management, farm practices, long term property plans and preferred sources of information.

“We also aim to uncover new farming trends and changes that have occurred since the 2023 survey, and similar surveys conducted over the past 12 years,” A/Prof Luke said.

Previous Wimmera surveys were in 2002, 2007, 2012, 2017 and 2023.

Wimmera CMA acting CEO Luke Austin said results enabled the CMA to target investment and deliver support that aligned with landholder goals.

“This research helps us further understand the issues facing farmers, and we can then strongly argue a case for projects and funding that will have the most impact and relevance in the long-term.”

Mr Austin said although they had the ability to compare results between surveys, the CMA was first and foremost focused on current issues.

“The higher the number of people who contribute to the survey, the better understanding we get of priorities for Wimmera farmers and how best we can support them.”

- For more information, contact Associate Professor Hanabeth Luke on 08 9360 7472 or email Hanabeth.Luke@murdoch.edu.au.
- To complete the survey online, please go to soilcrc.com.au and click on Wimmera Victoria Landholder Survey in the top menu bar.
- The Soil CRC national survey covers six major farming regions of Central West NSW, the Western Australian Wheatbelt and South-West, South Australia's Eyre Peninsula, all of Tasmania, and two major Victorian catchment areas. To date, around 4,500 landholders across Australia have participated in the national survey.

Boost for businesses impacted by Varroa mite

MORE support is now available for businesses and beekeepers who rely on bees for income and crop pollination

Agriculture Victoria has appointed James Rowe as a new Horticulture Sector Officer to support pollination-dependent businesses affected by Varroa mite.

James brings experience in the apiary sector, where he supported beekeepers through the transition to Varroa mite management, as well as a strong agricultural background across broadacre and horticulture.

In his new role, funded through the Victorian Varroa Transition Program, James will provide information, guidance and resources to businesses in horticulture, cropping and pasture, as pollination services increasingly depend on managed commercial European honeybee hives.

Agriculture Victoria Horticulture Services Program Manager Aimee McCutcheon said the appointment would help businesses adapt to long-term changes in pollination services and protect productivity.

“Working closely with apiary and pollination-dependent industry groups and businesses helps us understand their challenges and respond to the changing landscape,” Ms McCutcheon said.

“James will also continue supporting the horticulture and apiary industries through the Farm Business Resilience Program.

“Varroa brings ongoing challenges for growers and beekeepers. This new role will support them by developing and delivering practical information, resources and advice.”

Suspected Varroa mites, or any other plant pest or disease, should be reported immediately to the national Exotic Plant Pest Hotline on 1800 084 881 or via www.agriculture.vic.gov.au/varroa.

RESEARCHERS are seeking more responses for the sixth Wimmera Rural Landholder Survey to identify Wimmera farmers' needs, challenges and priorities.

Associate Professor Hanabeth Luke from Murdoch University is leading the survey, Australia's longest running research project of its type, for Wimmera CMA. Landholders have until July 6 to complete the survey.

A/Prof Luke said they had received some completed surveys but needed more.

“We are grateful to all the Wimmera landholders who have completed the survey so far, during what is a busy time of year on farms,” she said. “To ensure the results are representative of the region, we would really appreciate if more landholders could contribute their insights, knowledge and experience.”

The university sent out 2000 surveys as part of the national Soil Cooperative Research Centre Rural Landholder Social

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Planting in Winter!

As the weather gets cooler, it's time to start thinking about what to plant in your garden to add some colour to your yard and contribute to your kitchen throughout winter.

Benefits of planting in winter

- There are less garden pests in winter, which reduces the risk of damaging plants.
- More rainfall means less time watering and less water usage.
- Enjoy fresh produce throughout the whole year.

Winter Vegetables

Some may think the growing season is over but some vegetables can thrive throughout winter. Some greens that are versatile for winter and summer are Spinach, Kale, Silverbeet and Brussel Sprouts. More popular vegetables to grow in winter are Carrots, Broccoli, Onion, Beetroot and Cabbages.

Winter Herbs

Lots of winter dishes require herbs, which are even better if they are supplied from your own garden! Herbs that can survive the cooler months are Rosemary, Thyme, Parsley, Coriander and Chives.

Add Colour to your Garden

Appealing plants that can bloom throughout winter are Banksias, Camellias, Grevilleas, Wisterias and Geraniums. These plants will give your garden a welcoming and colourful look.

Winter Planting Tips

Choose the right variety of plants: Choose plants that can survive throughout tough conditions.

Start seeds indoors: This will give the plants a better chance at germinating.

Provide adequate sunlight: Position garden beds in an area that gets the most sunlight throughout the day.

Protect from frost: Cover your plants on cold nights to avoid frost damage.

Mulch garden beds: Adding organic mulch around your plants helps regulate soil temperature and conserve moisture.

Monitor pests and diseases: Although less common in winter, it's important to watch out for any signs of pests or diseases.

Harvest regularly: Picking your plants regularly will create continuous growth and will allow you to enjoy the produce at their freshest condition.



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28 MacPherson Street, Nhill

Beautifully blending character and modern comfort, this well-presented three-bedroom home offers spacious living, stylish updates, and exceptional versatility. Featuring a renovated kitchen, multiple living areas, a dedicated home office, master bedroom with walk-in robe and ensuite, and year-round climate control throughout, the home is designed for comfortable family living. Outside, enjoy a fantastic entertaining space with an external kitchen, a substantial two-bay shed with workshop, raised garden beds, and solar panels, all set within a low-maintenance yard. Offering space, functionality, and lifestyle appeal, this property is ready to be enjoyed.

Rachael McCartney: 0475 461 390

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BALDOCK, Leslie Thomas

Passed away peacefully in Melbourne on 15 June 2026, with his daughters by his side. Aged 92 years. Much loved husband of Glamis (deceased), loving father of Fiona and Mifwany. Loved father-in-law of Ray and Scott and poppy to David, Emma and Hayley.

Together again with Mum and always in our hearts



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 - Ability to work independently while also contributing positively to a team.
 - Motivated and reliable with a 'can do' attitude and the ability to multi-task.
 - Respect for confidentiality and discretion.

Closing date for written applications is:
30 June 2026

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Hindmarsh Shire Council is seeking expressions of interest from a suitably qualified individual to be appointed as an external member to Council's Audit and Risk Committee for the remainder of the 2024 to 2028 Council term.

The Audit and Risk Committee is an independent Advisory Committee established in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2020* to provide oversight and appropriate advice to Council on the effective conduct of its responsibilities for financial and performance reporting, risk management and fraud prevention, internal controls and facilitating the organisations ethical and sustainable development.

About You

We are seeking applicants with strong business acumen, understanding of Hindmarsh Shire Council's rural context, demonstrated professionalism, substantial experience in private sector business management, and a practical, stakeholder-focused lens. External members are required to demonstrate experience in the fields of finance, risk, governance, audit, and/or public sector management.

A copy of the Audit and Risk Committee Charter and Terms of Reference which clearly set out the Committee's roles and responsibilities is available from the Council's website www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au/council-committees.

Expressions of interest, detailing background, experience and an understanding of the Committee's duties and responsibilities (as detailed in the Audit and Risk Committee Charter) are to be in writing and addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, PO Box 250, Nhill or emailed to hr@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au, and be received by **12noon** on **Wednesday 15 July 2026**.

Any questions regarding the position can be directed to Petra Croot, Director Corporate and Community Services, at pcroot@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au or by phone at 03 5391 4444.

HEALTHY AGEING

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Positive Ageing: Planning Well for the Years Ahead

AGEING well is about more than simply growing older. It is about staying healthy, keeping independence, remaining connected to community and making plans that support a good quality of life.

The Australian Government Department of Health, Disability and Ageing encourages older Australians to think ahead about their health, care needs and social connections. While many people plan carefully for retirement and finances, it is just as important to consider how to stay active, supported

and involved in later life.

Good health is a key part of positive ageing. Regular physical activity, healthy eating, mental wellbeing and preventative health checks can all help people remain active and independent for longer. Looking after both the body and mind can reduce the risk of illness and support confidence as people age.

Planning ahead for aged care is also important. Many older Australians want to remain living at home for as long as possible, and early planning can make it easier to understand what

help is available. Support may include assistance around the home, transport, meals, personal care, nursing, allied health or social activities.

Community connection also plays a major role in ageing well. Spending time with family and friends, joining local groups, volunteering, attending activities or simply staying involved in community life can support emotional wellbeing and reduce loneliness. Social connection can also benefit memory, physical health and mental health.

The department's positive ageing work aims to support older people to live well, stay healthy and remain connected. It also works to challenge ageism and stereotypes, promote the wellbeing of people aged 65 and over, and help ensure older Australians can access care that meets their needs.

A free service called LiveUp provides practical information and ideas to help older Australians stay independent, active and engaged. For people who need care or support, My Aged Care is the main starting point for information and assessment.

Positive ageing does not mean ignoring the changes that come with getting older. It means meeting those changes with preparation, support and connection, so people can continue to live with dignity, purpose and choice.

Staying Home, Staying Connected: Audrey's Story of Support in the Wimmera



WWHS Support Worker Jaimee Coleman delivering meals to Audrey Pretlove as part of Support at Home services.

FOR many older Australians, home is more than just a place — it's where memories live, routines feel familiar, and independence matters most.

Thanks to West Wimmera Health Service's Support at Home Care Partners, residents like Audrey Pretlove are able to continue living safely and comfortably in the place they love.

"It has been a privilege being Audrey's Care Partner, working alongside her to ensure services are tailored to her individual needs and preferences," Teagan Chaston, Care Partner, said.

"As a Support at Home Care Partner, our goal is to help people like Audrey feel supported, valued, and able to continue living comfortably at home."

Audrey is one of many local community members benefiting from personalised in-home support that helps her maintain independence while receiving the care she needs.

"It means I can stay in my own home and potter around," Audrey said.

"I really appreciate them coming to see me because it means I don't have to find a way to get myself up to the hospital. It means a lot for people who can't drive and whose family live away."

Through her Support at Home package, Audrey receives a wide range of services designed around her needs, including meal delivery, nursing care, domestic assistance, allied health services, and both one-on-one and group social support.

For Audrey, this practical support has made a significant difference to her day-to-day life.

"Having people come and do the housework has been very helpful, as they're able to do a more thorough job than I can now," she said.

While the practical help is important, Audrey says the social side of the program has been just as valuable.

"I really look forward to the social activities, seeing people and talking to others," she said.

Through one-on-one social support, Audrey is also able to continue enjoying some of the simple outings she once did independently.

"I enjoy going for a drive with Norelle to get a coffee — we either come back home or go down to the animal park," she said. "It's what I used to do when I was able to drive — I'd go and get a coffee and the paper and go to the animal park."

West Wimmera Health Service's Support at Home packages are available to people aged 65 years and over (or 50 years and over for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people) and are funded by the Australian Government.

The packages are flexible and designed to meet a range of needs, from help around the house and meals, to personal care, transport, and clinical services such as nursing and allied health — all delivered in the comfort and familiarity of home.

To get started, individuals can contact My Aged Care on 1800 200 422 to arrange an assessment. From there, West Wimmera Health Service can guide people through the process and coordinate the right supports.

To learn more about Support at Home packages, contact West Wimmera Health Service on (03) 5391 4222 and follow the prompts to Community and Allied Health, or visit the WWHS website: wwhs.net.au and search 'support at home'.

Ageing Australia welcomes changes to give residents easy access to doctors

AGEING Australia congratulates Federal Health, Disability and Ageing Minister Mark Butler for responding to providers' concerns that changes to bulk billing for medical appointments would have seen GPs stop supporting aged care residents.

Ageing Australia has been working with Minister Butler and the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing for an urgent fix for this issue with the changes originally due to come into place on 1 July and to ensure continued access to GP services in aged care.

"We have been focused on ensuring all aged care residents can continue to access bulk-billed appointments with GPs, even if they are unable to physically sign agreements or lack the capacity to provide documented consent for every individual service," Ageing Australia CEO Tom Symondson said.

"We've been working intensively with Government on this issue over the past month to find a sensible solution that supports older people in care. To their credit, they have listened to our concerns and acted decisively."

"Requiring documented consent for each GP visit — including telehealth consultations — is completely impractical for many aged care residents."

"Access to doctors should be as easy as possible for older people, and any barriers to that access should be avoided at all costs. The changes announced today are a sensible fix to ensure continuity of care for older people."

"This decision shows what can be achieved when the sector and Government work together to find solutions."

Changes to the Assignment of Benefits process announced today include:

- Maintaining verbal assignment of benefit for all bulk billed patients for a 12-month transition period, to avoid the need for a physical signature to be provided for each appointment.
- Fast-tracking amendments to enable residents to make an enduring assignment of benefit for ongoing GP bulk billed services, either directly or through a person acting on their behalf.
- Allowing aged care residents to make multiple enduring agreements with different practitioners according to their needs and wishes.

Media contact: Peter O'Dempsey 0499 106 957 or Media@ageingaustralia.asn.au

About Ageing Australia: Ageing Australia is the national organisation representing all providers of aged care and housing to older Australians.

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Tim Rayner Audiology was established back in 1990 and this family operated practice has continued to thrive.

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This year they have increased availability at The Horsham Hearing Clinic, 28 Dooen Road, now open each Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday with visitation to Grampians Health – Horsham on Thursday of each week. This year Eva Toma and Dom Hart Audiologists have started with the practice and are regularly visiting Horsham. We have five Audiologists working in the clinic, making us one of the largest clinics in Western Victoria.

Tim Rayner said “the most important thing was to listen to our patients and deliver the treatment and support that is required.

Taking time is vital, the patient is our focus.”

Over the last four years the clinic has become a VCIP (Victoria Cochlear Implant Clinic Partner) with the Royal Victorian Eye & Ear Hospital Cochlear Implant Clinic. We are involved with giving access to Cochlear Implants – Bionic Ears to regional participants.

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The Audiologists within the practice also specialise in ear cleaning using a technique of employing curettes and suction to remove wax.

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We are a family-owned local business with no connection to any major manufacturer. None of our staff are paid commissions for sales or provision of devices.

You can be assured that advice given by Tim Rayner Audiology is based on your best interests. The clinic continues to develop, and we will continue to look after our patients now and well into the future.

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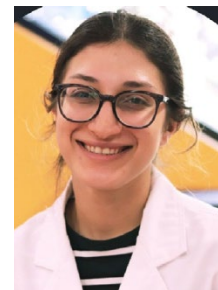
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KANIVA LEEOR FOOTBALL RESULTS

Under 14s

St Cougars 5.1 31 def by Swifts 12.8 80

Best: 1 - Henry Flynn, 2 - Markus Flynn, 3 - Archer Ferguson, 4 - James Tischler, 5 - Harry Lannin, 6 - Tyson Harry

Under 17s

St Cougars 13. 17 95 def Swifts 3.4 22

Best: 1 - Levi Linto, 2 - Thomas Dunstan, 3 - Hudson Ferguson, 4 - William Sambell, 5 - Kai Whitfield , 6 - Kobi Stimson

Reserves

KLU 4. 12 36 def by Swifts 12.12 84

Best: 1 - Bennet Crouch, 2 - Daniel Stimson, 3 - Perry Palmer, 4 - Kane Hawker, 5 - Vaughan McClure, 6 - Ryan McClure

On a pretty good track Kaniva Leeor made a solid start but failed to capitalise on our early shots at goal with Jonno and BJ missing from well within range. Dylan snapped our first and then we witnessed the senior coach roll back the years with some elite candy selling. We were down by 16 points at quarter time.

Our backline was under constant pressure with Waggy, Perry and Stim all doing a great job but we couldn’t take our opportunities and were down by 23 at half time. The McClure brothers were combining well but converting was still our biggest issue. In the end KLU went down by 48 points.

Seniors

KLU 10.13 73 def Swifts 10.10 70

Best: 1- Blake Dodson, 2 - Josh Clayton, 3 - Charlie Maddern, 4 - Billy King, 5 - Jock Maddern, 6 - Patrick Munn
Goals
B. Dodson (5), J. Eats (3), J. Clayton, L. Bates

Netball Results:

A Grade

KLU 55 def Swifts 32

Best Players: Ruby Gordon, Ellen Bennett, Abby Croft

It was a slow start to the game, but by the second quarter we settled into our rhythm and started to play some great netball. Our defensive pressure created plenty of turnovers, allowing us to win the ball back and convert opportunities down the court. The girls worked hard for each other all game and continued to build momentum as the match went on. It was a strong team performance and great to come away with the win.

B Grade:

KLU 59 def Stawell 50

Best players - Annika Munn & Leah Hawker

A close and even match all game as we found our feet again after 2 weeks off. All players played their part in the match with our goalies moving well to create space for our midcourt players to feed into. The defenders were relentless all game and provided crucial turnovers when we needed it most. A late 4th quarter charge had the momentum swing in KLU’s favour and were the eventual winners in front of a loud Stawell cheer squad. Thank you to the Bonnie, Sharon, Mel, Louise & Teagan who all made themselves available to fill in from the C Grade this week. The B Grade has had a competitive season so far and we are looking forward to seeing what we can achieve in the second half of the season.

C Grade:

KLU 25 def Swifts 24

Best players: Jess Parker, Lucy Mulraney

C Grade had a good hit-out against the Swifts on a chilly day in Stawell. It was a close contest throughout, with both teams working hard from start to finish.

Our defenders did a fantastic job creating turnovers, while the goalers capitalised on those opportunities and converted them into goals. It was great to see the team working together and applying pressure across the court.

A special mention to Megan and Alice, who stepped up and were part of our C Grade side this week. Both girls did an amazing job and fitted in seamlessly. Thanks for your efforts, girls! A great team performance all round. We look forward to being back at home next week. Well done, everyone!

C Res:

NO GAME

U 13s:

KLU 1 def by Swifts 31

No Report

Moddies:

A chilly start in Stawell didn’t stop the Moddies girls from putting together a fantastic team performance on the netball court. From the first whistle, they displayed excellent teamwork, pressure and accurate passing as they worked hard in every quarter. Their determination and positive attitude shone through, with every player contributing to a great game. The girls should be proud of the skill, sportsmanship and effort they showed throughout the match.

KANIVA HOCKEY REPORT



Kaniva Cobras’ Jonathan Dyer under pressure from Yanac Tigers’ Archie Zanker.



Kaniva Raiders’ Lola aims to push into attack, under pressure from her Yanac Warriors opponent Aaron.
Photos Rachel Clark

Kaniva Women

It may have been a change in time and location of the clash between Kaniva Women and Yanac Women, but the intensity and competitiveness of the game was exactly as expected.

The opening quarter was an evenly matched contest, with neither team able to score. Yanac earned an early short corner, but Kaniva’s defence stood strong to keep the game scoreless at quarter time.

Yanac broke the deadlock midway through the second quarter and added pressure through another short corner, but Kaniva’s defence continued to hold firm. Goalie Olive worked tirelessly in goals, making several important saves to keep Kaniva within reach.

Yanac extended their lead early in the second half, but Kaniva continued to fight hard. Late in the third quarter, Jonas entered the field to give Emma a well-earned rest in her first game back after several weeks sidelined with a quad injury. The move paid off immediately, with Jonas scoring Kaniva’s first goal with just one second remaining in the quarter to bring the margin back to one.

Yanac responded early in the final term with their third and final goal. Both teams had further short corner opportunities, but determined defensive efforts ensured no more goals were scored.

Although the final result was Yanac 3 defeated Kaniva 1, Kaniva can take plenty of positives from the contest, showing strong defensive pressure, determination and resilience throughout the match.

Umpire votes 3 Olivia Diment 2 Jess Wallis 1 Imogen Dickinson

Club votes 3 Olivia Diment 2 Imogen Dickinson 1 Delta Stimson

Kaniva Cobras

The time had come once again for the Kaniva Cobras to face the Yanac Tigers. Conditions for playing hockey were excellent after a change of venue meant a soft, muddy grass field was replaced with a fast, flat synthetic pitch. And that’s exactly how the play began. The Cobras took early control of the ball taking it straight into their forward line. But a Tigers defence is a strong defence and the ball soon came back again. After denying several Yanac short corners, Kaniva was happy to go into quarter time with scores still 0-0.

For the next two quarters, control of the play continued to swap between the two teams. Both sides earned themselves a number of short corners but neither side managed to capatilise. At three quarter time, scores were still deadlocked at 0-0.

The Cobras were still in the game, taking on the Tigers with a number of quick-fire bursts into their forward line. But the sudden loss of two key players had odds starting to swing in the Tigers favor. Two quick Yanac goals had the game finishing 2-0 their way.

Umpire votes were 3 Noah Krelle, 2 Jordan Clark, 1 Nathaniel Dickinson

Club votes were # Noah Krelle 2 Jordan Clark 1 Adam Wallis

AFTER a very soggy week across the Wimmera, the tough decision was made to move round 7 of the Wimmera Hockey Association from Kaniva to Dimboola. This meant the round ran over both Friday night and Saturday. A credit to all involved in making this happen so smoothly and successfully.

Kaniva Rampagers

The Kaniva Rampagers took on the Yanac Lowan Stars in Dimboola on Saturday in what proved to be a challenging contest against a strong opposition side.

With plenty of players available this week, Elvi and Tilly took on the important role of the team’s cheer squad from the sidelines, supporting their teammates throughout the game.

Yanac came out strong from the first whistle, keeping Kaniva’s defence under constant pressure during the first half. Despite the best efforts of the backline, a couple of goals found their way through. Max, however, showed great resilience in goals, shaking off the setbacks and making several excellent saves throughout the game. His determination and effort earned him this week’s encouragement award.

The second half saw the Rampagers create more opportunities in attack. Dessa put in a strong tackle, while Amity made some excellent leads down the field. Kyan, Avery and Agnes worked tirelessly around the ground, and Brooke’s positioning created opportunities in attack. Both Brooke and Harper came agonisingly close to opening the scoring for Kaniva.

In defence, Lonny and Lacey produced some strong sweeps

under pressure, while Annabelle and Darcy moved through multiple positions and worked hard to help feed the ball forward.

Yanac managed a late third goal to finish the game 3-0 winners, but the Rampagers can be proud of their persistence, teamwork and positive attitude throughout a tough match.

Kaniva Raiders

It was time for another tight tussle with the Kaniva Raiders facing up to another determined Yanac Warriors line up. Both teams started well but it was the Warriors dictating much of the early play. The Raiders defence held fast for most of the first quarter but Yanac was finally able to break through, scoring late in the term with a field goal.

The game continued with both teams fighting for control of the ball. Again, the Raiders defence held off several short corners to keep the opposition at bay. At half time, the Raiders were very much still in it.

The third quarter had the ball going back and forth, with each team taking it in turns to attack. The Raiders teamed up well, passing it amongst one another to try and navigate the Warriors’ defence. But for all their efforts, Yanac once again scored to take the lead out to 2-0.

Putting in a great effort right until the end, the Raiders kept fighting. It was only in the last 9 seconds of the game that the Warriors once again scored from a field goal to take the final score to 3-0. Best player went to Olive for her efforts in goals. Umpire votes were awarded 3 Lewis, 2 Ruby and 1 Delta.

SPORT

KANIVA GOLF ANNUAL TOURNAMENT



Ladies day winners: A grade Anna Dawes, Fleur Finlayson and Trudy Parker Then B Grade Stacey Wallis Rabone, Kay Bothe and Rachel Ansell



Runner up best nett Dawn Austin, runner up best Gross Tania Dignan, winner Best Gross Libby Lacey and winner best nett Stacey Wallis-Rabone.



Saturday A grade men's winners Nic Barnett, Mike Sanders and Chris Colls.



Dawn Austin, Libby Lacey and Gail Holland.



Danny Ansell, Zac Vivian and Lewis Bothe winners Foursomes.



Saturday ladies Tania Dignan, Kate Hood, Fleur Finlayson and Libby Lacey.



Danny Ansell, Donna Vivian and Kas Jarrett.



Chris Colls Winner of the Wise Cup best 36 hole nett and the Bob McKeown Cup 36 hole best Gross.



Ladies winners Foursomes Karen Germano and Janice Midgley picutred with Danny Ansell.

LADIES DAY @ KANIVA

Congratulations to the 22 ladies who played in our Kaniva Golf Tournament Ladies Day today. The day was sponsored by Kaniva Floor & Décor, Lane 36, Seven & Sage, and Kaniva Hair Salon. We thank our sponsors for their support and ask that you all support them. Today we thank the Rainbow, Bordertown, Horsham and Servi girls for supporting us, (we will be back to support you I'm sure).

Now to the Golf. In A Grade our scratch winner was Fleur Finlayson with a tidy 84 off the stick. Fleur also won the coveted Isobel Merrett trophy with 84 – 13–71. The A Grade Nett winner went to Trudy Parker (H'sm) 96-19-77 and Runner up to Anna Dawes (B'town) 89-11-78. In the B Grade today, Stacey Wallis-Rabone won the scratch event with 104-29-75. The B Grade nett winner was Kay Bothe 121-46-75 on a count back to runners up Rachel Ansell 104-29-75. The Veterans winner went to Maree van Kempen with nett 81. Well done ladies!

Longest Putt: Fleur Finlayson
Straightest Drive A Grade: Margery Rich (Goroke/H'sm)
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Longest Drive B Grade: Rachel Ansell
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No. 11 Dodsons Hardware – Fleur Finlayson
No. 14 Hicks Haulage – Lynne McKenzie
No. 17 Ahrens – Trudy Parker

FRIDAY FOURSOMES

We had 76 in the field for our fourball Stableford. Hat off to all our volunteers for presenting the course, surrounds, clubhouse and hospitality so well. Great job. Our thanks also to our sponsor Western Ag. Overall winners with 43 points were Zac Vivian and Lewis Bothe. Second place went to Chris Meyer and Phil Hutton with 40 points. Best 9 out Jock Shurdington and BJ Moar 22 points, Best 9 in Josh McCabe and Jake O'Connor also 22 points. In the ladies comp our winners today travelled from Warracknabeal, Karen Germano and Janice Midgley 37 points. Runners up Donna Vivian and Kas Jarrett 36. Best 9 in went to Chloe Mulraney and Rachel Ansell and Best out Fleur Finlayson and Anna Dawes. The straight shooters of the day, Leonie Shurdington and Craig Smith and the big hitters Chris Meyer and Anna (Long Drive) Dawes. The nearest the pins were- Meyer Bulk and Livestock #4 Ben Pollock, Nutrien #8 Mick Purchase and Wendy Hewitt, Dodsons Hardware #11 Fleur Finlayson and Stuart Bone, Hicks Haulage #14 Bruce Ballinger and Anna Dawes, Ahrens #17 Angus Lange and Janine Rohrlach

SUPER SATURDAY STROKE

We had a ripper day today with great field. The golfing weather had improved and a fun day was had. Thanks to our major sponsors for the weekend Wise Farm Machinery Bordertown for their support. If you're looking for farm machinery please give them a call. In the Men's competition today the Gross winner was Mike Sanders (Barossa but relay Kaniva) with a 80 off the stick, runner up Nick Barnett (Glenelg) 82. In B Grade the scratch winner was Linc Charles (Vines GC) 86 & runner up Peter Johnson (Bordertown) 88. In the C Grade Gross, Hayden Whittlesea (Bordertown) had a win with Ian Austin (Kaniva) being runner-up with 96. In the nett events the A grade winner was Chris Colls (Kaniva) with a nett 70 and the runner up Anthony Lowe from Bordertown with 73. In the B grade nett our club president took the honours with Geoff Vivian having a nett 72. Runner up was Phil Hutton with 73. In the C grade nett for the mens the winner was Trevor Wallis (Servi) with a nett 75 and runner up was a crowd favourite Marc Rabone with 76.

In the ladies stroke round today Libby Lacy (Nhill) won the day with a 87 off the stick. Runner up was Tania Dignan (Stawell) with 88. Great rounds ladies!. In the nett competition, the winner for today was Kate Hood with a nett 78 and runner up Fleur Finlayson with a nett 79.

The straightest drives of the day, Dawn Austin and Nick Barnett and the longest drives today were Morgan Cameron and Jon Clayton. The nearest the pins were- Meyer Bulk and Livestock #4 Chris Meyer and Libby Lacey, Nutrien #8 Mark Williams and Tania Dignan. Dodsons Hardware #11 Micheal Hurse and Libby Lacey, Hicks Haulage #14 Mike Sanders and Kate Hood. Ahrens #17 Jake O'Connor and Fleur Finlayson

SUNDAY 18/36 HOLE STROKE

Another great round the last day of our annual tournament. Thank you again to Wise Farm Machinery for their sponsorship. Again, well done and thanks to all our volunteers. In the men's competition A Grade Gross winner with 73 shots was Mathew Morrison (Nhill), second with 78 John Clayton (Mt Gambier). B grade winner Lincoln Charles (Vines GC) with an 86 on a count back to Chris Meyer (Kaniva) also 86. In the C grade, the winner of the day was Luke

VanKempen (Adelaide/Kaniva) 100 runner-up John Mercy (Rossdale) with 103. In the nett competition the A grade winner was Chris Coles bringing in a 78-11-67. Congratulations on an amazing round. Runner-up Peter Mitchell (Drouin) with nett 70. B Grade winner was Jake O'Connor (Kaniva) with is a net 70 runner-up Alex Jung 71. In the C grade Liam Feder (Kaniva) took the honours with nett 68 and Damien McKeown (Kaniva) Nett 79.

In the Ladies competition the Gross winner with 83 off the stick was Libby Lacey (Nhill) runner up with 90 shots Tania Dignan (Stawell). In the Nett, Stacey Wallis-Rabone (Kaniva) won the day with a nett 77 and Dawn Austin was runner up on a count back with nett 80. The straightest drives of the day, Kate Hood and Dean Wallis and the longest drives today were Stacey Wallis-Rabone and Braden Clark. The nearest the pins were- Meyer Bulk and Livestock #4 Shae Mercy and Libby Lacey, Nutrien #8 Zac Vivian and Lisa Jakobi. Dodsons Hardware #11 Chris Meyer and Tania Dignan, Hicks Haulage #14 Nick Barnett and Libby Lacey. Ahrens #17 Nic Clayton and Lisa Jakobi.

The club also ran a nearest the pin over the tournament on Hicks Haulage No. 14. The mens winner with 55cm was ex-local Mike Sanders and the ladies Kate Hood with 245cm.

The highlight of our annual tournament is the 36 hole competition that compiles the two days of golf over the Saturday and Sundays stroke rounds. The Wise Cup is awarded to the mens 36 hole nett winner. With two great rounds Chris Colls was awarded the Wise Cup with nett total 137. Runners up Lincoln Charles 142 and 3rd Jake OConnor 143. In the 36 hole scratch competitions, golfers compete for the Bob McKeown Cup. Congratulations again to Chris Colls for doubling up with a total of 159 over the two rounds. Second place was John Clayton 163 on a count back to Braden Clark 3rd also with 163. It the ladies we compete for the Dawn Austin (Gross) and Gail Holland (Nett) Cups. The 2026 Dawn Austin Cup was won by Libby Lacey with a total of 170 shots. Runners up Tania Dignan with 178 and 3rd Lisa Jakobi 186. The Gail Holland 36 hole Nett cup went to Libby Lacey with a nett 154, 2ns Tania Dignan with nett 158 and 3rd Stacey Wallis -Rabone nett 159. Congratulations ladies.

RAFFLE

Kaniva Golf Club again ran a major raffle at their annual tournament Thank you to our generous donors, Lynton and Kay Mackenzie, Hood family, Srixon Golf, Crown Inn Kingston and KGC.

1st 1 hour Joy flight (L & K Mackenzie) : Jess Wallis
2nd 2 Nights Accommodation Kingston (K & A Hood) : Jake O'Connor
3rd 2027 Golf Membership (KGC): Libby Lacey
4th Cleveland Golf Bag (Srixon Golf) : Heather Howe
5th \$200 Dining Voucher Crown Inn Kingston SE: Mike Sanders
6th Spin for Cash (KGC): Lewis Bothe

SPORT

NHILL HOCKEY ROUND 7



Nhill Leopards' Daniel runs the ball wide, under pressure from Dimboola Kangaroos opponent Chelsea. Daniel scored twice and was named umpires' best.



Thunderbirds' Jess controls the ball with one hand on one of several occasions, in a great running game earning herself a place amongst Nhill's best against Dimboola Roos. Photos Rachel Clark.

ROUND 7 of WHA hockey saw NDSC – Hockey Division play at Dimboola Health & Fitness Centre, after a venue change due to recent weather and ground conditions at Kaniva, with Kaniva still hosting the round. The day was cool with minimal breeze and fortunately barely a spot of rain. Nhill played against all Dimboola teams, with one win and two losses.

Bandits

The Under 12 Development Program team Bandits played against the Kookaburras. Kookaburras scored once in the first half and twice in the second half. From coach Rickie: Good game. Our defence was great. Awards: Trey for his amazing defensive game; Charlotte for her great all over game. Final score: Bandits 0 lost to Dimboola Kookaburras 3. Goal scorers: NA. Whites Gypsum Tiger Cash: Atreyu. Lanes & Games: Charlotte.

Leopards

Q1 The early 9.30am game again this week...this week was meant to be 11am however the venue change meant a time change as well. The first quarter was a little sluggish and there was no score. Q2 Daniel scored the first goal, soon followed by Barrett, before Dimboola scored one back. Half time score: 2-1 up. Q3 With an open D with two Leopards and the Dimboola goalie, the ball found its way to Jody who sent the ball toward goal and Zade swept it in. This backs up Zade's first ever U16 goal from last week – apparently the 'go Nhill!' cheers work! Q4 Dimboola attacked, Nile did some great goalie work. Barrett scored, Daniel scored, and Dimboola scored with less than a minute to go. Coach Helen said: Saskia played a solid game on the fullback line and continually improves every week; Chelsea made great position at centre, has learnt to attack the ball and can read the play to ensure when the fullback has the ball she gets in the right position to receive the ball. Final score: Leopards 5 def Dimboola Kangaroos 2. Goal scorers: Barrett 2, Daniel 2, Zade 1.

Umpire votes: Daniel 3, Barrett 2, Amelia 1. Pacific Fuel Solutions Tiger Cash: Chelsea. Lanes & Games: Saskia. Good job Zade and Molly for filling in for the Warrack Revengers on the Friday evening, then fronting up for the 9.30am Leopards game on Saturday!

Thunderbirds

Thunderbirds knew they were in for a tough game, originally drawn to play Dimboola on grass this week but due to the venue change this meant playing a top team on their 'home' turf again, which would make them extra strong. On the plus side, Thunderbirds were excited to have Captain Cally back for the first time this season since she rolled her ankle in round 1. Cally eased into the game perfectly on the RHB and it's great to have her back on the field! Q1 Dimboola scored. Nhill attacked and earned a short corner. Dimboola scored again. Q2 Dimboola scored twice. Lanie and Saskia on fullback this quarter and Erin in goals were working hard to defend. Half time score: 4-0 down. Q3 Dimboola scored twice. Q4 Dimboola scored three more. Nellie had a great run and nearly scored a goal. Amelia was doing some great midfield work. Jess played one of her best running games, keeping up so well with the fast pace of the game and laid numerous tackles throughout the game! Good work also to Erin, it was a tough day in goals. Kenni was cutting off a lot at CHB, tearing across the field and doing some good hits. Final score: Thunderbirds 0 lost to Dimboola Roos 9. Goal scorers: NA. Umpire votes: Kendra Clark 3, Jessica 2, Chloe Zanker 1, Lanie 1. IGA Nhill voucher: Jessica. Union Hotel Nhill voucher: Cally Shurdington.

Rangers

Rangers had the bye.

Round 8

Nhill hockey's next matches will be on Saturday 27 June 2026 at Dimboola. Nhill will take on Warracknabeal teams. Bandits at 12.30pm; Leopards at 11am; Thunderbirds at 6pm; Rangers at 4.30pm.

- Rachel Clark

NHILL GOLF CLUB



Kerri Lynch



James Philip.

ON Saturday the 13th of June 6 crazy/brave men swam around 18 holes for the monthly medal.

Winner of the day, the green jacket and the pewter mug, with an 81-6-75, was Jimmy Philip. Have a look at him there grinning like a Cheshire cat after only deciding to play at the last minute. Tony "ToFo" Foley came second on a countback from GT. Nearest the pins - Greg Sampson got 2, Doddsy got 2 and the other one went begging. No change from the Ladies winners on Wednesday (Kerri Lynch winning from Eunice) as the remaining challengers sensibly stayed home. This week: Wednesday (tomorrow) - Ladies Par Thursday - Stableford Saturday - Par. On Saturday the 20th of June PAR was played ;Ladies winner of the day was Megan Ashton with plus 1 runner up Kerri Lynch minus 1 A Grade winner and Winner of the day was Matt Morrison with plus1 on a Countback from Runner up Kim Croot also on plus 1 and 3rd Brendan Launer also on plus 1 B grade winner was Peter Davey on minus 1 runner up Al Taylor or minus 2 and 3rd Steven Pilgrim on minus 3. Nearest the pins 4th Bob Huxley 7th Rodney Bound 9th Brendan Launer 12th Peter Davey 14th Trevor Polkinghorne



Peter Davey , Megan Ashton and Matt Morrison



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SPORT

YANAC HOCKEY RESULTS

U12 Development Program

- Annabella Zanker

Yanac Lowan Stars (3) def Kaniva (0)

Goals: Lenny Reichenbach, Ada Reichenbach, Esther Alexander

Encouragement Award: Ada Reichenbach

U16

Yanac Warriors (3) def Kaniva (0)

Goals: Imogen Hedt, Henry Zanker, Matilda Zanker

Umpire Votes: 3 - Liam Dickinson, 2 - Aaron Pedie, 1

Women

Yanac Women (3) def Kaniva (1)

Goals: Natalie Harding (2), Susan Hedt
Umpire votes: 3 - Erin Alexander, 2 - Natalie Harding, 1 - Susan Hedt

Open

Yanac Tigers (2) def Kaniva (0)

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



Yanac Warriors’ steady full back Liam has a run into attack and was named best on ground in their game against Kaniva Raiders.
Photo Rachel Clark.

NHILL FOOTBALL



Under 17’s Jamar goes up for the ball.



Under 11’s best players David, Daniel, Cooper, William, Lachy.



Lenny under 14’s.

Under 14’s

Nhill Tigers 11-6-72 defeated Horsham Demons 2-1-13.

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

Best Players: Jack Dodds sponsored by Matt’s Mowing; Darcy Borgelt sponsored by Bistro at Farmers Arms and Pho Phyo sponsored by Azza’s Tyres.

Under 17’s

Horsham Demons 13-8-86 defeated Nhill Tigers 2-0-12.

Best Players: Riley White sponsored by Matt’s Mowing, Riley Philip sponsored by Bistro at Farmers Arms, Nate Prenzler sponsored by Treadcare and Dustyn Eckermann sponsored by Trevor Albrecht.

Reserves

Nhill Tigers 12-9-81 defeated Horsham Demons 5-10-40.

Goalkickers: Oli Hickman 3, Tim Bone 2, Brodie Cramer

2, Wallace Wheaton 2, Jack Mason 1, Josh Kealy 1 and Ben Pollock 1.

Best Players: Oli Hickman sponsored by Westech Ag, Jack Mason sponsored by Warrack Butchery, Wallace Wheaton sponsored by Maxi Tankers and Josh Shrive sponsored by the White Hart Hotel.

Seniors

Nhill Tigers 19-7-121 defeated Horsham Demons 9-10-64.

Goalkickers: Drew Schneider 6, Tom Wheaton 4, Xavier Bone 3, Jarryd Dahlenburg 2, Josh Ryan 2 and Jake McQueen 1 and Lachlan Ryan 1.

NHILL NETBALL ROUND 9

Nhill Tigers vs Horsham Demons



Sophie defends in the Under 13’s.



Shilah defends in the under 15’s and was named as best on court.



Moddies best players Grace and Charlotte.

Grade	Score - Nhill / Opposition	Best on Court	Sponsor	Coaches Award	Sponsor
Moddies		Grace	Campbell Silos	Charlotte	Westmix Concrete
13 & Under	Nhill 7 / demons 37 (mercy)	Tori Dodds	Cook Drilling	Liv Fritsch	Nhill Free Press
15 & Under	Nhill 15 / Horsham 55	Shilah Hiscock	Luv a Duck	Zali Donnell	Farmers Arms
17 & Under	Nhill 17/ Horsham 68	Rachel R	Nhill IGA	Claire	West Wimmera Beef
A Grade	Nhill 38 / Horsham 72	Emma Schilling	Ahrens	Tess McQueen	White Hart Hotel
B Grade	Nhill 22 v Horsham 66	Charlotte Donnell	Nutrien Nhill	Brooklyn Fraser	White Hart Hotel
C Grade	Nhill 28 v Horsham 45	Jorey Russell	Horsham Wool	Hayley House	White Hart Hotel
C Res	Nhill 24 v Horsham 43	Madeleine Albrecht	Reverse Raffle Ticket	Brodie Kennedy	White Hart Hotel