

Tumut and Adelong Times

AND BATLOW DISTRICT NEWS

• Print Post Approved No. 10005270

Tuesday, 21 April, 2026

Phone: (02) 6947 2422

news@tatimes.com.au

www.tatimes.com.au

\$2.50 Inc GST

**LAW CHANGES
TROUBLE
COUNCILLORS**
PAGE 3



**ANZAC DAY
IN THE
VALLEYS**
PAGES 6-7



**AMELIA
HASSETT
DRAFTED
TO WNBA**
PAGE 16



GDM CEO Justin Haines, Josie Kirby, former federal member for Riverina Kay Hull, GDM chairperson Paul Ryan, Laetitia O'Connell, John Kochanski and mayor Julia Ham at the Adelong Alive Museum, sharing the history and the future of the Challenger gold mine. Full story on page 8. PHOTO: Camillo Malacari

Another tobacconist shut down

A tobacconist on Wynyard Street has been issued a temporary closure order after NSW Police assisted NSW Health inspectors in undertaking a compliance inspection last week.

The tobacconist will be shut until 13 July and is the second tobacconist in Tumut to have had a temporary closure order imposed.

The inspection was conducted at the Wynyard Street business under the Public Health (Tobacco) Act as part of ongoing regulatory efforts to address the supply of illicit tobacco products across the region. During the inspection, NSW Health identified the presence of illegal tobacco and nicotine products at the premises.

As a result, NSW Health

issued a temporary closure order, requiring the business to cease trading. Notices were affixed to the premises and the store was secured.

NSW Police provided support to NSW Health inspectors during the inspection to ensure the safety of staff and members of the public. The matter is being managed by NSW Health, and any further regulatory action will be determined by Health authorities.

The same store was subject of a ramming attack in early March which saw a vehicle driven into the front of the store causing heavy damage.

The rear of a neighbouring shop was also damaged in what appeared to have been a case of it being mistaken for the rear of the to-



bacconist.

Back in February, Tumut Mart (formerly Lit) on Fitzroy Street was issued a similar closure order for the

sale of illicit tobacco, in breach of the Public Health (Tobacco) Act.

The store's 90-day closure is still in effect and will be

lifted on 19 May.

Once a closure order is issued, it will be an offence to sell any products from the premises for the period of the closure order, and no one will be able to enter the premises, except those people with an exemption or with a reasonable excuse.

There will be significant penalties for continuing to sell product from a premises subject to a closure order or for entering the closed premises without a reasonable excuse or exemption.

Closure orders will allow NSW Health, in collaboration with NSW Police, to take immediate action against businesses engaging in the illicit tobacco and illegal vape trade.

"We are continuing to ramp up efforts across the

state to stop the sale of illicit tobacco and illegal vapes," NSW Health Minister Ryan Park said earlier this year.

"The recent closures should serve as a reminder for those people in the community who are doing the wrong thing that we are serious and they will be prosecuted.

"We are actively strengthening our efforts to bolster enforcement activity and will continue to pivot our approach to target even those who feel they can evade the law."

Members of the public can lodge complaints about retailers they believe are doing the wrong thing via the complaints portal on the NSW Health website at www.health.nsw.gov.au/tobacco/Pages/let-us-know-reports-complaints.aspx

Gold rush of interest in Adelong



Above: Former member for Riverina Kay Hull and mayor Julia Ham were among those who received tours of the Challenger mine site during last week's flurry of community engagement.

Right: CEO Justin Haines with a pan full of gold concentrate, the end product of GDM's process at the mine

PHOTOS: Camillo Malacari

By CAMILLO MALACARI

Adelong has been abuzz with activity for a series of events ran by Great Divide Mining (GDM), the team behind the revival of the historic Challenger Gold Mine, late last week.

A community information evening held on Thursday evening at the Adelong Services and Citizens Club left standing room only as the community came out in force to get an update on operations at the mine site.

Organisers reported that over 60 residents packed into the club to hear directly from the company.

"We lost count at 62 [attendees]," GDM chairperson Paul Ryan said of the turnout, which he said reflected the genuine local interest in the future of the mine and its role within the district.

"I'm from a rural background myself, and I'm genuinely delighted to see how interested and engaged the Adelong community is in what's happening in its town and in its district."

The evening provided an open forum for discussion, with CEO Justin Haines addressing a broad range of community questions.

Mr Haines reaffirmed the com-

pany's position on processing at the site, where gold concentrate is being extracted from ores using water and gravity.

"The site has never used cyanide, and we're not about to start. It'll be clean recycled water only," he said.

He also outlined GDM's staged and safety-focused development plan, including:

- Progressive clean-up and rehabilitation of legacy surface mullock
- Transition to a small-scale open cut to improve site access and safety
- Establishment of dual entry and exit points in preparation for underground mining operations

Mr Haines noted that these steps form part of a recommissioning strategy, with a focus on protecting the environment and maintaining community amenity.

On Saturday the session was followed up with the Challenger Gold Mine Community Open Day which saw many of the residents from the information session and some new faces return to Adelong Alive Museum where they were ferried across to the mine site for tours led by Mr Haines.

Among those guests was

Member for Riverina Michael McCormack, as well as Snow Valleys councillor James Hayes, who were involved in the official opening of the venture.

"[I] was delighted to officially open Great Divide Mining's Adelong gold mining venture on Saturday," Mr McCormack said in a later post on Facebook.

"The Challenger gold mine has gone from a mothballed site to first gold in under six months using a clean, chemical-free process of recycled water and gravity only.

"This project promises to bring jobs and plenty of flow-on benefits, including local purchasing, to the community of Adelong, which was founded on gold in the 1850s."

After being picked up from the museum, groups were taken by bus to the site where they underwent a brief safety induction before getting a look at what's been happening at the mine.

The GDM team has been processing leftover by previous operations, engaging local contractor Lee Broome (L.A Broome Contracting) to haul the rocks for processing.

The large stones then get ground into a fine sand-like powder, which

is run through a spiral separator which uses water recovered from the mine's flooded underground tunnels and gravity to separate the heavier gold and gold containing particles from the less valuable rocks.

It is this concentrated gold-containing sand that GDM will then be selling. The byproduct of this process, sand, can then be used in construction while the water is re-used for further extraction.

Meanwhile Apex Park was set up with coffee and snacks, face painting and bubbles to keep those waiting for their tours entertained.

Residents' sentiments around the project were largely positive with several saying they were

hopeful GDM would be able to keep the mine going as previous operators have been unable to.

"This one seems the most successful," resident Phillip Allen said. "I've got high hopes."

"It'll be the best thing to happen to Adelong. The main thing is that Adelong keeps going. What the town needs next is a bakery."

Justin Haines said organisers were happy with the interest in the project and the turnout at both community events.

"We wanted to engage positively with the Adelong community," he said.

"They've engaged solidly, positively, and in big numbers. We're delighted."



Above: Andrew, Jo, Graeme and Elaine Lee had fun at the Open Day event at the Adelong Alive Museum.

Right: Lorrae McDonnell and David Webster were among the many locals who took the opportunity to visit the mine site on Saturday.



Above: Margo and Phillip Allen, Rick Dowell, and Jan Ballard have high hopes for GDM's venture at the Challenger Mine.

Right: Taya Flett enjoyed the face painting.



Beverages on show at Batlow CiderFest 2026

Batlow will once again come alive with the flavours of Australia's finest cider and craft beverages as Batlow CiderFest 2026 brings together an exciting mix of returning favourites and new producers for this year's event.

Festivalgoers can look forward to a diverse and high-quality selection of cider makers, celebrating both tradition and innovation in the Australian cider industry.

Returning in 2026 are some of the region's most loved and respected producers,

including The Apple Thief, Crafty Cider, Batlow Cider, 3 Sons Cider, Small Acres Cider, Cedar Creek Cider, Daylesford Cider and Darkes Cider, each bringing their signature styles and crowd favourites back to Batlow.

This year also welcomes two exciting new additions to the cider line-up.

Baltic Cider will make its debut at CiderFest, introducing festivalgoers to a bold, new world cider style shaped by Northern European terroir and innovation. Representing Baltic Cider is Krišjānis Putniņš of Murbūdu Cider Co., an Australian-born cider maker now based in Latvia. Known for his experimental approach, captured in his slogan "Abnormal Cider". Krišjānis will be showcasing his award-winning Gin Botanicals



A packed lineup of ciders and craft beverages are set to be showcased at this year's CiderFest.

PHOTO: Van Der Photography

cider, which took out Gold at the 2025 Australian Cider Awards.

Also joining the line-up is Brewers Orchard from Gippsland, crafting small-batch cider and juice with a strong community focus. Each variety supports a different cause, from veterans and junior sport to wildlife and local initiatives, meaning every sip contributes to meaningful impact. Inspired by Gippsland's natural landscape, their crisp, refreshing

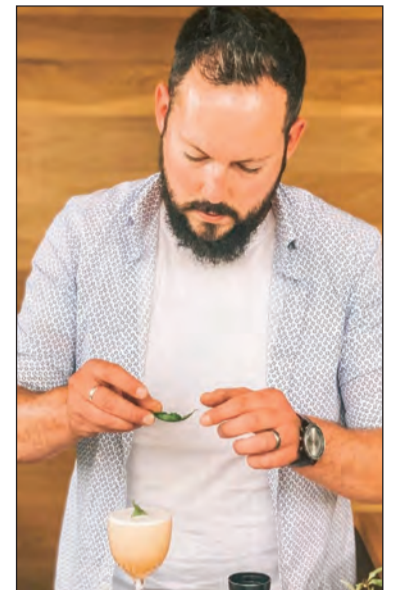
drinks are made for the outdoors and packaged sustainably.

For those looking beyond cider, Batlow CiderFest continues to offer a well-rounded beverage experience. This year's line-up also includes Tumut River Brewing Co, Mount Tumbarumba Vineyard, Vinbar, Ladbroke Distilling Co, and newcomer Win's Creek Meadery, ensuring there's something for every taste.

Included with every festival

ticket are exclusive tasting sessions held at The Can in Hides Park from 10.30am to midday. These sessions provide a unique opportunity to meet the makers, sample featured products, and hear directly from producers about their craft. The sessions will be hosted by Rob Hall of Cider In Context, offering expert insights into the cider-making process and industry trends.

Event organisers encourage at-



Rob Hall of Cider in Context will host tasting sessions at The Can in Hides park from 10.30am to midday.

tendees to plan ahead and travel safely, with festival bus tickets available for \$33 plus booking fee. Combined bus and festival tickets can be purchased via the official website.

Early bird ticket prices are available until Saturday 26 April, with strong demand expected. For tickets and more information, visit: batlowciderfest.com.au

Snowy Valleys turns out for outdoor movie night



Crowd enjoying the night, the ambience, and the movie.

Under clear skies, the Snowy Valleys community gathered at Tumut Rotary Pioneer Park for Council's first Pop-Up Outdoor Movie, delivered by the Youth Council.

More than 150 people from

across the region settled in under the stars with, blankets, picnic rugs and plenty of snacks to enjoy a screening of the 2025 live-action How to Train Your Dragon.

The night featured a Youth Coun-

cil barbecue fundraiser, popcorn, drinks and lolly bags, along with bean bags and relaxed lighting that helped create a family-friendly outdoor cinema atmosphere.

Youth Council members Cr An-



Youth Council members, Amy Murphy, Cr Andrew Wortes and Anna Stuart, welcoming everyone to the event.

drew Wortes, Amy Murphy and Anna Stuart officially opened the event, thanking the community for its support in bringing the night to life.

With a strong turnout and posi-

tive feedback, the Youth Council is already looking at more events like this in the future.

This event was funded by the NSW Government Office for Youth as part of Youth Week.



Falling Leaf draws nearer and nearer

As the 2026 Bendigo Bank Falling Leaf Festival draws nearer, some colourful images of festivals passed have been surfacing on Facebook.

Jenny Hodges shared this picture (left) which features Giddo, Robert 'Giddo' Giddings on his Penny Farthing.

The festival will feature two days and nights of fun, laughter, entertainment, food and community events, spread across a number of venues throughout Tumut.

Beginning on Friday, 1 May, the event will be in full swing come Saturday when the main street of Tumut is transformed for the iconic markets, live music, street parade, comedy gala, kids activities, roving

entertainers, food trucks and much much more

Tumut's "adopted son" The Pretty Amazing Jono is bringing his award winning magic, mischief and mayhem direct from Newcastle Fringe Festival to the Tumut River Brewing Co Main Stage on Wynyard Street

Sunday will see the return of the fun run, the colour run, creative and cultural workshops and community fun.

Organisers say entries are still open for the street parade

"We hear a lot of talk around town about people putting in entries, but we need the forms filled in... you know, legal stuff and all that," the said in a recent

Facebook post.

Forms are available at: www.fallingleafestival.com.au/street-parade

The theme of 1970s is just a guide and not compulsory. But if you do go down the 70s path, remember you can win \$500 cash for best dressed.

Meanwhile the festival was among several local recipients of funding via the Eastern Riverina Arts Country Arts Support Program.

"With funding received we can bring an incredible hands-on art and craft experience to the Falling Leaf Festival's Sunday in the Park on 3 May, with Melissa Martin Art," organisers said.

EAGLES
WIN AGAIN

PAGE 15



Tumut and Adelong Times

Sport



Hassett's away to the WNBA

By JOSH GIDNEY

Adelong basketball star Amelia Hassett is pinching herself after being drafted to the Los Angeles Sparks WNBA team.

In what must be one of the biggest moments in the history of Snowy Valleys sport, Hassett was picked up in the draft from the Kentucky University Wildcats in the US College Women's Basketball competition.

Hassett, 22, has worked very hard and has performed brilliantly for the Wildcats, but she still didn't expect this.

"I feel great," she said.

"It was very surprising; I knew that it could've happened, but I didn't think it was true until they called my name out on the TV."

Her family in Adelong got the news early as well, and of course they and Hassett have been in touch.

"My mom and dad and brother were all watching it on the TV, and yes, I spoke to them," Hassett said.

"My dad obviously did have a few tears so he was super proud and my mom and my brother were both super proud."

Hassett appreciates those around her sharing the joy.

"No one really thought that this was going to happen so it was pretty

cool to see how much they love and support me," she said.

The Wildcats are sad to see her go but over the moon to see her hard work and great form rewarded this way.

"I was actually with Coach Brooks, the Kentucky coach, when I found out and he was jumping with joy; he was so excited and it just showed how much he obviously cares and has love for me," she said.

She will miss her former basketball home and those she has shared her time at the Wildcats with.

"I am definitely going to miss Kentucky," she said.

"I've been there for two years. I'm familiar with all the coaches and the girls. I'm very comfortable there so it is a place I'm going to miss. I am going to obviously go back and visit but I'm going miss it a lot."

This success wasn't necessarily in Hassett's plans when she first embarked on her American dream in 2022.

"I obviously wanted to keep playing basketball after I graduated college but I never thought that I would've gotten into the highest level in America, so just to be drafted I think is very exciting and a cool experience, so now I am going into training camp and hoping to make a spot."

Croquet Club heads west

The Tumut Croquet Club has recently relocated to Adelong, and is now to be called the Adelong/Tumut Croquet Club.

The Tumut green had to be abandoned to free the ground for the building of the new Multipurpose and Evacuation centre.

The club is now very fortunate

to be able to play their weekly Tuesday games on the beautifully kept green at the Adelong Bowling Club in Campbell Street.

Members are delighted with the new venue and held their self-catered Christmas party in the clubhouse, overlooking the park.

The club recently held the

AGM, resulting in the election of the following office bearers:

President: Gloria Carlson, vice president; Chris Dehnert, secretary; Col Locke, treasurer; Jan Locke, and publicity Annette Hassett.

New members are always welcome to join this friendly group, playing at 9am each Tuesday.

Croquet knows no age limits and is a non-strenuous game which enhances your physical, mental and social well-being. There are plenty of spare mallets you can use.

If interested, either contact Gloria on 0407 694 549 or just turn up. No fee will be charged for two weeks for you to see if

you enjoy it.

A cuppa over morning tea with the group of very friendly men and women is included each week.

Occasionally a luncheon is organised, and the next one will be on 13 May, at the Adelong Services and Citizens Club to celebrate the club's 13th birthday.

Public meeting called to confirm community de-amalgamation representation

A public meeting is being held at the Tumbarumba Bowling Club on Wednesday 22 April at 6pm.

The purpose of the meeting is to formalise the creation of a committee to represent the interests of the residents of the new Tumbarumba Shire in the de-amalgamation process.

In its report on a de-amalgamation to the NSW Minister for Local Government, Ron Hoenig, the Local Government Boundaries Commission made recommendations regarding community participation in the process:

"Given the long and passionate history of this process, it is recommended that a Transition Group is created, as recommended in Peter Tegart's report, with equal numbers of local community members for Tumut and Tumbarumba, and that an indepen-

dent chair is appointed by the Minister in consultation with the Office of Local Government," their recommendation said.

The transition officer has been appointed and the process will soon be underway.

"It is vital that we as a community are informed and allowed input into the process which will determine the success or otherwise of our new shire," said one of the meeting organisers, Tony A'Beckett.

"Work has already been done by members of our community which indicate that the de-amalgamation process will be challenging and require constant vigilance.

"Citizens are urged to come to the meeting on Wednesday which will also be addressed by mayor Julia Ham," said Mr A'Beckett.



PHOTO: Tumut Rural Fire Brigade NSW RFS

POLICE NEWS



Tumut man charged with high-range drink driving and breath test refusal

A Tumut man has been charged with high-range drink driving and refusing to submit to a breath test following an incident in the town last week.

At about 5.20pm on Thursday 16 April, police were patrolling Fitzroy Street near Fuller Street when they observed a red utility vehicle stop abruptly and park near licensed premises. The male driver exited the vehicle and began walking away before police stopped him for random testing.

Police observed signs of intoxication, including the smell of alcohol and slurred speech. The man initially refused to provide a roadside breath test and became verbally aggressive toward officers.

He was arrested and taken to Tumut Police Station, where a breath analysis was later conducted. Police allege the result placed the driver in the high-range prescribed concentration of alcohol category. His licence was immediately suspended.

The man has been charged with high-range PCA and refuse or fail to submit to a breath test and is due to appear before Tumut Local Court in June.

"Refusing a breath test doesn't avoid consequences — it often makes matters worse," Inspector Josh Broadfoot said.

"High-range drink driving is extremely dangerous and will be dealt with firmly."

Police charge driver over Talbingo roll-over after investigation

Police have charged a man this week following investigations into a serious roll-over crash near Talbingo earlier this year.

The incident occurred about 4.30pm on Sunday 21 February, when police travelling along Yellowin Access Road located a vehicle that had rolled down a steep embankment in a remote area. The 65-year-old male driver had exited the vehicle and was located in-

jured on the roadside.

He was treated by paramedics and transported to hospital due to the nature of the crash.

Police later conducted forensic analysis and expert review, which allege the man was driving with a middle-range blood alcohol concentration at the time of the incident.

The man has been issued with a Court Attendance Notice and is due to appear before Tumut Local Court in June.

"Alcohol continues to be a major factor in serious crashes on rural roads," Inspector Josh Broadfoot said.

"Many of these incidents are survivable, but only if drivers make better decisions."

Accidental house fire in Rosewood prompts safety reminder

Emergency services are reminding residents to take care around open flames following an accidental house fire near Rosewood earlier this month.

About 3pm on Thursday 9 April, Fire and Rescue NSW, NSW Ambulance and police were called to a property on Tumbarumba Road after a small fire started in the lounge room.

The fire, which began when a fireplace was being lit, was extinguished by occupants using a garden hose and wet towels before crews arrived. Damage was limited to a single piece of furniture, and there was no structural damage to the home.

A child sustained a minor burn to the hand and was treated by paramedics before being transported to hospital as a precaution. The fire was deemed accidental, with no further police investigation required.

"As colder weather sets in, we're urging families to take extra care with heaters and fireplaces," Inspector Josh Broadfoot said.

"Supervision and safe lighting practices can prevent injuries and house fires."

Hazard reduction in Tumut

Fire smoke abounded in Tumut on Saturday, but there was nothing to be alarmed about.

Forestry Corporation NSW and RFS units conducted a controlled burn of an 18-hectare area in Tumut State Forest, on Tumut's

south-western outskirts throughout Saturday, leaving a plenty of smoke and haze, but the community safer in the long run.

Everything went according to plan and the hazard reduction was deemed a success.



Author Catherine Rains, special judge for the Snowy Valleys Writing Competition.

Writing competition for Snowy Valleys youth

Riverina Regional Libraries are calling all budding authors to put their creativity to the test with the Snowy Valleys Writing Competition

There are categories for infants, primary and high school kids, but you must live in

the Snowy Valley's Council area to enter and you must include the key phrase, which was released on Monday.

Special judge is Catherine Rains, the author of *The Sheepdog Who Was Afraid of Sheep*.

Next round of RediCommunities to be held

The Australian Red Cross has been working with community groups in Tumbarumba to fund and implement tailor made initiatives that will strengthen the community's ability to respond to disasters and other major disruptions.

To address these vulnerabilities, three key initiatives have been proposed:

1. Tumbarumba Emergency Community Directory
2. Welcome Packs for New Residents

3. AnnualEmergencyServicesPanel
The next workshop will refine these priorities and develop a plan for implementation.

Tuesday 28 April – 4.30pm to 7pm - Tumbarumba Bowling Club. Catering provided – RSVP essential.

If you have any questions, feedback, or are interested in attending the upcoming workshop, contact Peter Makryllos 0400 740 370 pmakryllos@redcross.org.au

Tumut and Adelong Times

Independent newspaper serving Tumut, Adelong and Batlow communities in the Snowy Valleys Shire.
Digital Edition www.tatimes.com.au

Tumbarumba Times

Independent newspaper serving communities of the southern Snowy Valleys.
Digital Edition www.tumbarumbatimes.com.au

SENIOR JOURNALIST:
Camillo Malacari
0423 095 255 news@tatimes.com.au

JOURNALISTS:
Josh Gidney 0414 918 768
sport@tatimes.com.au
Helen Castles (02) 6947 2422
news@gundagaiindependent.com.au
Tumbarumba Times - Mark Simpson 0406 376 605
news@tumbarumbatimes.com.au

ADVERTISING: (02) 6947 2422
production@tatimes.com.au

CLASSIFIEDS: (02) 6947 2422
classifieds@riverinamedia.com.au

Subscriptions - admin@tatimes.com.au (02) 6947 2422



Published by Hartley Higgins for Riverina Media Group Pty Ltd (ABN 26 673 422 127) 56 Capper Street, Tumut NSW 2720. Responsibility for election comment is accepted by Camillo Malacari.
Copyright: All advertising and editorial content of this issue is copyright of Riverina Media Group and cannot be used without Riverina Media's permission.

Tumut & Adelong Times is bound by the Standards of Practice of the Australian Press Council. If you believe the standards may have been breached, you may approach the newspaper itself or contact the council by email at info@presscouncil.org.au or by phone on (02) 9261 1930.

Councillors on hook under aged care laws

By CAMILLO MALACARI

Snowy Valleys councillors have raised concerns over new aged care laws that could leave them legally responsible for services they do not directly manage.

The issue was raised in a mayoral minute at last Thursday's council meeting, with councillors told they may now fall under the definition of "responsible persons" for aged care services following reforms stemming from the aged care royal commission.

Mayor Julia Ham said the implications were not clearly understood when the changes were introduced following reforms stemming from the aged care royal commission.

"I'm going to hand it over to the general manager to explain what happened in the Royal Commission and why the nine councillors here, why we are now all responsible people for aged care – which is something we did not understand at the time," she said.

General manager Jessica Quilty said the changes arise from updates to aged care legislation which broaden the definition of who is considered responsible for service delivery.

"Essentially what they're saying

[is] if you're responsible for the function of a business that carries out aged care related services, you are now considered a responsible person," she said.

She noted the issue was not confined to Snowy Valleys.

"I think it is a concern for not only this council but for councils across NSW that are responsible for age related services," she said.

Deputy mayor Hugh Packard said the implications extended beyond the state.

"It's actually all throughout Australia, it's not just NSW, its everywhere with local government," he said.

Snowy Valleys Council delivers a range of services that fall under the aged care umbrella, including an over-55s facility in Tumbarrumba, home care packages and community transport, as well as some support connected to the National Disability Insurance Scheme.

However, councillors said the new requirements blur the line between governance and operations, raising concerns about accountability without direct oversight.

Councillor James Hayes said the situation placed councillors in a difficult position.

"The way it works is we're responsible because we're basically the board of directors, but we don't know what's going on because that's all operational, so we don't know what we're responsible for," he said.

"It's a little bit crazy ... we also don't know the dynamics of how the waste system works, or the mechanics of the trucks ... it's now asking us to have an expertise that no elected representative should be expected to have at that level of detail."

Councillor Trina Thomson

Cr Ham echoed those concerns.

"My understanding is [as] the responsible person ... if something goes wrong, we're the ones in court," she said.

Councillor Trina Thomson questioned the scope of the changes and whether they extended beyond aged care.

"Is it just about the aged care services or is it about all the services provided through the outlet, and that would include NDIS funding as well?" she asked

She later said the expectations

placed on councillors did not reflect the nature of their elected roles.

"It's a little bit crazy because we also don't know the dynamics of how the waste system works, or the mechanics of the trucks. So it's now asking us to have an expertise that no elected representative should be expected to have at that level of detail," she said.

In response, Ms Quilty said staff were looking to improve reporting to councillors to provide greater oversight of aged care operations.

"We were planning to do reports to council, just to let councillors know what's been happening in that space, have there been any incidents, what training is occurring, and we plan on doing that on a six-monthly basis to help councillors in that area," she said.

Questions were also raised about whether councillors would be adequately insured under the new framework.

"Given that's the case, normally if you're on a board you'd have insurance for directors for those sorts of events. Where do we sit in

relation to that?" Cr John Larter said.

Ms Quilty said she would need to confirm the details.

"My understanding is that councillors would be covered but I will triple check."

The discussion also touched on whether council should continue delivering aged care services directly, with Cr Larter suggesting the possibility of outsourcing to specialist providers.

However, Cr Thomson warned against creating unnecessary concern within the community and among staff.

"We need to be really careful that we don't set a fear among the community that they're going to be abandoned. Particularly for our staff," she said.

Councillors ultimately resolved to seek further information, including a report into council's aged care services and clarification from government on the implications of the legislation.

The mayoral minute also called for council to write to the relevant minister and advocate through local government bodies for clearer guidance and potential changes to ensure councillors are not assigned operational responsibility for aged care services.

Helping life support customers plan ahead for power interruptions



Online resources now available to help people plan ahead for power outages. PHOTO: Essential Energy

A practical planning resource supporting people during power outages who rely on medical equipment across Australia

According to Essential Energy's Customer Resolutions Manager, Elaine Gillman, the Life Support Power Outage Plan, part of a national collaboration led by The Energy Charter, is a practical planning resource for people who rely on medical equipment at home and those who care for them.

The plan provides free and accessible tools, including a simple checklist and a downloadable plan that people can tailor to their own circum-

stances and share with carers, family members and health professionals.

For households that rely on medical equipment at home, planning ahead for a power interruption is an important part of managing care needs. While electricity networks are designed to be reliable, outages - whether planned or unplanned - can occur, and increasingly more severe and unpredictable weather can also impact the network and, in some cases, lead to longer restoration times.

"The Life Support Power Outage Plan gives households a clear way to plan ahead, make shared decisions and feel more

confident about their arrangements," Elaine says.

Since its release, more than 40,000 Australians have accessed the Power Outage Planning resources, with over 23,000 engaging specifically with the Life Support Power Outage Plan. Feedback indicates many users feel more confident and better prepared after using the tools.

"We're working to make sure customers know the plan is available and understand how it can support them. Sharing these resources through our customer communications helps ensure people feel informed and sup-

ported," Elaine says.

Customers who rely on medical equipment at home, along with their carers and support people, can access the Life Support Power Outage Plan online at lifesupport.poweroutageplan.com.au.

Customers are also encouraged to ensure they are registered as a Life Support customer with their electricity retailer, so their life support needs are known during planned and unplanned power interruptions.

For more information, please visit essentialenergy.com.au/at-home/life-support

REILAND ANGUS

AUTUMN BULL SALE - Wednesday, April 22nd, 2026 at 1.30pm

LOT 1
Reiland V Benchmark
NLR24V2956



- ✓ Gestation Length -8.7
- ✓ EMA +8.2
- ✓ IMF +4.9

SELLING

75 Stellar ANGUS BULLS



Matt Campion 0437 290435
Ken Miall 0427 135 974



Ben Seaman 0408 164 671
Ryan Bajada 0435 411 536



- Mark Lucas 0428 693 585
- Harry Lucas 0427 449 131
- Sam Lucas 0402 450 686
- Huw Lucas 0405 683 813

www.reilandangus.com.au

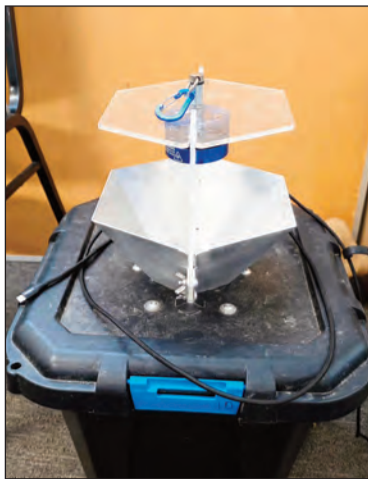
LOT 17
Reiland V - Successor
NLR24V1749



- ✓ Scrotal Score +5.4
- ✓ EMA +8.9
- ✓ Docility +29



A rain moth which has turned up in a local Bogong moth citizen science project. PHOTOS: Mountain Landcare



One of the "bug lanterns" used to trap moths.

Landcare project turns up mothy mystery

A new citizen science project tracking the iconic Bogong moth has begun across the region but early results from local participants suggest something unexpected.

The Bogong Moth Sentinel Project, led by Invertebrates Australia, has seen 50 "Bug Lanterns" deployed the Snowy Valleys region and in particular the Tumbarumba region.

Local residents are among those taking part, setting up light traps on verandas and under eaves to monitor night-time insect activity and contribute data to national research.

While the project aims to track the migration of the Bogong moth (*Agrotis infusa*), early observations from Tumbarumba and surrounding areas tell a mixed story.

Participants report that:

- Earlier in the season, there appeared to be a noticeable abundance of Bogong moths

- More recently, numbers have dropped off significantly

- Instead, many traps are being dominated by large native moths – particularly the rain moth

The rain moth, known scientifically as *Abantiades atripalpis*, is also commonly referred to as the bardee (*bardi*) grub moth.

The presence of rain moths has surprised some participants, with their large size and heavy-bodied appearance making them hard to miss in the traps.

Unlike Bogong moths, which undertake long-distance migrations to the alpine regions including Charlotte Pass, rain moths are:

- Short-lived as adults
- Emerge after rain events

The Bug Lantern kits were recently distributed, with more than 350 people expressing interest in the program, far exceeding the 50 available units. The participants are contributing observa-

tions through platforms like iNaturalist, helping build a clearer picture of insect activity across landscapes.

The changing pattern of moth sightings raises questions about:

- Timing of Bogong moth migration
- Population fluctuations
- Environmental conditions influencing insect behaviour

Scientists have previously raised concerns about declines in Bogong moth numbers, making community-based monitoring more important than ever.

For now, the message from Tumbarumba is one of curiosity as much as concern with locals playing a key role in uncovering what's really happening in the night skies above the region.

And while the Bogong moth may be proving elusive, the project is already shining a light on the rich and often overlooked world of Australia's invertebrates.

Tumba Lions call on community spirit for market day "trolley drop"

The Tumbarumba Lions Club is once again rallying the community to lend a helping hand, launching its latest "Trolley Drop" initiative to support local families doing it tough.

With cost-of-living pressures continuing to bite, Lions members say even small acts of generosity can make a real difference. On Friday, 24 April, residents are encouraged to add just one extra item to their shopping list and donate it to the cause.

A collection trolley will be set up inside IGA Tumbarumba from 8am to 4pm, making it easy for shoppers to contribute while they're already in town for IGA's Market Day.

The initiative focuses on gathering non-perishable pantry staples along with pet food and essential toiletry and personal care items. These everyday goods can quickly ease the burden on

struggling households.

All donations will be passed on to Vinnies, ensuring they reach those most in need within the local community.

Debbie Butwell, Tumbarumba Lions Membership chairperson said the strength of the region has always been its willingness to look out for one another. "IGA is keen to help with the initiative and has the appreciation of the club" she added.

"Times are tough for many, but together we can make sure no one goes without the basics," she said. "If everyone gives just a little, it adds up to a lot."

The Tumbarumba Lions Club is encouraging residents to get behind the initiative once again and help "nourish our neighbours."

For more information, contact Debbie on 0458 283 286 or email tumbarumbalions@outlook.com.



The last Lions Club Trolley Drop drew plenty of donated groceries for those doing it a bit tough.

Pictured is Tumba Lion Jess with Bathurst visitors, Lions District Governor Judy Smith and Michael Smith.

PHOTO: Tumbarumba Lions Club

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

COUNCIL SERVICES, NOTICES, JOBS AND WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK



POSITIONS VACANT

- Collection & Sanitation Driver
- Rates/Water Officer (Temp 12mths)
- Senior Environmental Health Officer
- Team Member Parks & Amenities, Tumut

Application closing dates vary.
To apply visit: www.svc.nsw.gov.au/careers

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Multipurpose And Evacuation Centre - Operation & Management

Council is seeking commercial offers from organisations interested in the operation of the new MEC for a five year period.

The successful organisation will be responsible for the complete management of the MEC, including but not limited to:

- Coordinating all bookings, payments and documentation.
- Day-to-day operational use, including setup and pack-down of the various areas, cleaning, etc.
- Maximising its potential as a sporting venue.
- Promoting community engagement and connectivity, including marketing and securing hirers.

Apply via Tender Link ID SVC-1158222: tenderlink.com/snowyvalleys
Enquiries to Phillip McMurray, SVC Major Projects Project Manager: pmmcurray@svc.nsw.gov.au | 0448260341
Submissions close 5pm Mon, 4 May 2026.

ON PUBLIC EXHIBITION

1. Draft Integrated Planning and Reporting Suite including:

- 2026/27 Delivery Program, Operational Plan and Operating Budget
- 2026/27 Fees and Charges
- 2026/36 Long Term Financial Plan
- 2026/36 Asset Management Strategy

2. Draft Tumbarumba Flood Study

- Defines existing flood behaviour within the Tumbarumba Creek catchment

3. Draft 2026/28 Productivity and Cost Savings Plan

- Establishes a structured framework to further strengthen Council's long-term financial sustainability.

The draft documents can be viewed at www.svc.nsw.gov.au/public-exhibition

Submissions of comment may be made via the online feedback form, by email to info@svc.nsw.gov.au, or in writing to SVC, 76 Capper St, Tumut NSW 2720

SUBSCRIBE TO OUR NEWSLETTER

Council News
Keeping you up to date with works, projects & consultation opportunities

www.svc.nsw.gov.au/newsletter

LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Batlow Library Ph 6941 2446

- Lego Craft and Computer Games - daily
- Play2Learn Playgroup - Wed - 10.30am
- Knitters Group - Wed - 10am
- Preschool Story Time - Tues - 10.30am

Tumbarumba Library Ph 6941 2457

- Preschool Story Time - Wed - 10.30am
- Lego Club - Wed - 3.30pm

Tumut Library Ph 6941 2541

- Preschool Storytime - Thurs - 10.30am
- Lego Club - Mon and Tues - 3.15pm

Let's talk about your library!

We want to know more about how you use your library, what you think about your library service and any ideas you have for future improvements

Take the Survey and let us know

Scan here or ask us for a hard copy

Community Pop-Up Draft Tumbarumba Flood Study

- Tuesday 28 April - 3pm to 6pm
- Wednesday 29 April - 9am to 11am

Council Chambers Bridge St, Tumbarumba

Join us at a community pop-up to learn more about the Draft Tumbarumba Flood Study and provide feedback while it's on public exhibition

www.svc.nsw.gov.au/tumba-flood-study

YOUTH COUNCIL

FREE Pizza &

T
r
i
v
i
a
N
i
g
h

Wed 22 APRIL

For Youth Ages 12-24 Years

5-7pm

@ the Tumut Library

ONLINE REQUESTS FOR SERVICE

www.svc.nsw.gov.au/online-services

\$1million Equine Centre officially opened

By MARK SIMPSON

Federal minister for regional development and minister for emergency management, Kristy McBain, and state member for Albury, Justin Clancy were on hand to officially open the Tumbarumba Equine Centre last Tuesday evening.

Attending to witness the ceremony were around 20 guests from numerous organisations associated with the project which was a clear demonstration of the Tumbarumba and district community working together to have the world class facility built following the Black Summer Bushfires of 2019-20.

The latest upgrades were initiated after the fires when it was suggested that the district needed an evacuation centre and a secure stockholding site to house larger animals during emergencies.

It was also an extension of a long running programme of upgrades at the Tumbarumba Race Course which had included a camp draft ring, adult riding arena and upgrades to water and electricity infrastructure.

A joint statement from Ms McBain and State Minister for Gaming and Racing, David Harris outlined the substantial funding the community had been able to secure.

"Tumbarumba Equine Club received \$800,000 from the Albanese government through the Black Summer Bushfire Recovery Program for a new safe and secure stockholding site to house large animals during emergencies," the announcement said.

"The upgrades to the Tumbarumba Racecourse site also include 20 new electrical posts that provide power to 80 camping sites for public use.

"These new sites will be more easily accessed, with a new road making it easier to commute in and out of the area during community events and festivals.

"In addition, \$200,000 was provided by the NSW government for upgrades through ClubGRANTS Category 3 Disaster Readiness Infrastructure funding. The grant was used to build additional stockholding yards with protective roofing, associated watering facilities and to install lighting," it read.

Improvements will help the Tumbarumba Equine Club attract new members and broaden opportunities to host festivals and events, which will significantly boost local economic growth.

The facilities have quickly gained an international reputation as a leading venue for equine competition.

Minister McBain was full of praise for the success of the project.

"As the former local member for Tumbarumba, I am proud to have supported the building of this amazing new facility through the Bushfire Local Economic Recovery Grants.



Minister for Regional Development and Minister for Emergency Management, Kristy McBain unveils the Equine Centre plaques with state member for Albury, Justin Clancy and Equine Club president, Brent Livermore. PHOTOS: Mark Simpson

"Not only did this facility and the racecourse provide a point of refuge for members of the community and their animals during the Black Summer Bushfires - by offering locals a safe space for their animals, a staging area for fodder and feed to be provided, as well as vet services - it has always been a point of community connection.

"The future looks bright now with the Tumbarumba equine facility built, fitted out and able to provide more adequate protection during future natural disasters. This will also unlock economic opportunity for the region by increasing the capacity to hold bigger equine events.

"A big congratulations to all involved in seeing this project come to life."

The Equine Centre serves as another demonstration of the "can do" attitude of Tumbarumba people.

As former mayor, Ian Chaffey, is so fond of pointing out "when Tumbarumba people need something they don't just wait for someone to do it, they get out and do it themselves".

Justin Clancy said it was credit to all those who worked on the project and spoke of a future when the trees around the

grounds had matured.

"I hope in many years to come you will sit on the patio and reflect on the part you played in creating this.

"Job well done," Mr Clancy said.

As if to prove the point the unveiling of plaques took place in the dark but quickly illuminated by a couple of utes with headlights focused on the object of celebration.

Fitzroy Medical Centre

61 Fitzroy St Tumut NSW 2720

AFTER HOURS CLINIC

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

6pm – 8pm

Bulk Billing Available

Valid Medicare card required

Starting March 2nd 2026

For appointments:

Ph: 02 6947 2011

or book online via **HotDoc**

This service is funded by

phn
MURRUMBIDGEE

An Australian Government Initiative

firstHealth
LIMITED

This service is supported by funding from firsthealth Limited and Murrumbidgee Primary Health Network through the Australian Government's PHN program.



The main arena against the backdrop of Mt Tumbarumba. The centre has quickly gained a reputation as a world class events facility.

ANZAC DAY

Tumbarumba ANZAC commemorations this Saturday

Members of the Tumbarumba RSL have been busy to ensure that Tumbarumba can once again commemorate this important day, not only for veterans, but also for the families of these veterans.

"ANZAC Day is a day for the community to remember the sacrifice made by so many men and women, the suffering and hardship endured in all conflicts," said RSL organiser, Barry Houting.

ANZAC Day in 2025 will go ahead in much the same way as past years.

As ANZAC Day falls on a weekend this year the state government recently determined that Monday would also be a public holiday making for a bonus long weekend.

Mr Houting is hoping this won't impact attendances.

"We're hoping that the community will still come out. They have always been very good in taking part in the commemoration and although I expect there will be people taking advantage of the holiday think the community will very supportive," said Mr Houting.

ANZAC Day itself will start with the Dawn Service at the cenotaph in Winton Street commencing at 6 o'clock in the morning, followed by a breakfast in the Memorial Hall.

At around 10.20am the march will begin to form up and will march off at 10.30am returning to the cenotaph so that the main service can begin at 11am. All ser-



Tumbarumba cenotaph will be the site of remembrance on ANZAC Day this Saturday.

PHOTO: Mark Simpson

vice and ex-service members along with families of those who served are all invited to join the march.

After the main service those attending are invited to join others at the Tumbarumba Bowling Club. A good chance to catch up with

family and friends and enjoy a cuppa or a drink and quite possibly a game of two-up.

The forecast for Saturday is

looking wonderful but should there be any rain the services will move into the Memorial Hall opposite the cenotaph.

Vinnies recognise the contribution of animals in conflict



Tumbarumba Vinnies has installed its annual ANZAC Day window display but this year is recognising the contribution that so many animals made in times of war and conflict.

"We remember the humans that have fought in wars but we don't always think of all the animals that were so important," said Carol Patrick, a volunteer at Vinnies in the Parade and one of the instigators of the display.

One normally thinks of horses and the cavalry but all manner of animals played and continue to play crucial roles in the defence forces including dogs and even

carrier pigeons.

"And so many don't come back. Like the horses that had to be shot after World War I that couldn't come home," said Ms Patrick.

"The official day to commemorate the animals is in February and they have their own purple poppies. But it's not a major event and most people would know about it. So we thought we'd take the opportunity for ANZAC Day when people are thinking about it to remind them of the animals in war," she said.

PHOTO: Mark Simpson

ANZAC Day in Adelong, Batlow and Talbingo

Towns throughout the Snowy Valleys will host events for ANZAC Day, this Saturday 25 April. Here is your guide to when and where to attend services.

ANZAC Day will see people around the Snowy Valleys, the country, and the world come together in solemn commemoration of soldiers of the Australian New Zealand Army Corp, and in honour of all Australians who have served and died in all wars, conflicts and peace-keeping operations.

In Adelong, there will be a short service at the Grahamstown-Shepardstown monument at Adelong Services and Citizens Club at 9.15am.

This will be followed by wreath laying at the cemetery gates.

At 10am, a contingent including school children, ex-servicemen and women and serving personnel assemble at Adelong Services and Citizens.

The march to Memorial Park gets underway at 10.45am and the wreath laying by officials and

members of the community at 11am.

The combined service will start at 11.15am and everyone will return to the Services and Citizens Club at 11.45am.

Batlow will commemorate ANZAC Day with the traditional dawn Service at the Cenotaph (Memorial Park, Batlow) at 6.00am followed by a breakfast barbecue at the Batlow Men's Shed, corner Kurrajong and Leaburn Avenues, Batlow.

The march will commence at

10.20am from Memorial Avenue, beside the Commonwealth Bank, and proceed to the cenotaph. The main service will follow.

The Talbingo community will gather pre-dawn at the memorial in Miles Franklin park on Saturday morning.

The ANZAC Commemoration will commence at 6.30 led by Darryl Dunn with the mounting of the Catafalque Party provided by the Department of Defence from Wagga Wagga.

People in attendance will be in-

vited to lead parts of the Commemoration. In particular, Bruce Brien will deliver an ANZAC story. A guest speaker has been requested from Defence.

Community wreaths will then be laid, with organisers aiming to complete the ceremony as the sun peaks over the hills at around 7.15.

After the ceremony, the Talbingo Club will make their facility available where community members will serve their traditional savoury mince breakfast.

ANZAC DAY



Rear Admiral Rachel Durbin, AM, CSC, RAN Head Navy Engineering.

Rear Admiral to speak at Tumut Service

RADM Rachel Durbin grew up in the NSW Snowy Mountains and joined the Royal Australian Navy in 1993 through the Australian Defence Force Academy as a Marine Engineer.

She spent her sea-time onboard HMA Ships Westralia, Anzac, Canberra and Perth deployed on operations in the Persian Gulf, conducting exercises in North and South East Asia, fisheries operations in the Southern Ocean and border protection off Northern Australia.

Following promotion to Captain in 2013, RADM Durbin enjoyed strategic roles within the Rizzo Reform Program, Major Surface Ships Sustainment (CASG) and Navy Capability Division. On promotion to CDRE in 2021, RADM Durbin served as Director General Engineering-Navy from 2021-2023.

In March 2023 RADM Durbin was promoted to Rear Admiral and assumed the role of Head Navy Engineering. She has also served within the Navy Leadership and Culture Program and Navy Workforce Management responsible for engineering workforce requirements and remediation.

She holds a Bachelor of Engineering (Mechanical), Master in Engineering Management, Master in Arts in Strategy and Management, is a Chartered Engineer and Fellow of the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering; Engineers Australia; and the Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology.

She is also a graduate of both the Australian Command and Staff Course and the Defence Strategic Studies Course.

RADM Durbin was awarded the Conspicuous Service Cross in 2013, and made a Member of the Order of Australia in 2025 for her exceptional performance of duty in Royal Australian Navy senior Engineering and management positions.

In addition to her technical expertise, policy and operational leadership, she is an outstanding role model, dedicated to growing the naval engineering profession and promoting the impact of science and technology in Australia.

She is married to Scott and mother to two active children. She enjoys camping and skiing with family and the relentless pursuit of children's sports every weekend.



Adam Farquharson played The Last Post on bugle at last year's ANZAC Day.

Tumut to reflect on ANZAC courage

ANZAC Day will be commemorated in Tumut on Saturday 25 April.

The guest speaker this year will be Rear Admiral Rachel Durbin AM CSC RAN.

Rear Admiral Durbin grew up in Tumut and attended Tumut High School and still has family in Tumut. She spent her sea time onboard a number of HMA ships deployed on operations in the Persian Gulf and other areas. She is currently Head Navy Engineering.

ANZAC Day will commence with the Dawn Service at the Cenotaph in Richmond Park with Tumut schools featuring in the Service. This solemn service will commence at 6am.

Soldiers from 1/19 RNSWR will mount the Catafalque Guard at the Dawn.

Service which will be a first for Tumut at the Dawn Service.

Representative Basketball will supply bacon and egg rolls immediately after the Dawn Service.

The ANZAC Day march will commence from the Tumut Fire Station, Wynyard Street, with marchers to assemble from 10.15am for a 10.30am start.

A flyover Wynyard Street by Sqd Leader Derek Fox RAAF and John Larter in a former CT4B RAAF training aircraft will signal the commencement of the march.

Relatives of deceased Veterans are welcome to participate I.E. One relative for one deceased Veteran. Medals of deceased Veterans should be worn on the right side. These people should assemble in front of the C.W.A. rooms for placement in the march.

Vehicles carrying disabled Veterans will lead the march.

As a tribute to our original ANZACs, the march will include mounted and marching members of the Light Horse Re-enactment Group.

The Town Band will lead the official party including Rear Admiral Rachel Durbin AM CSC RAN, Robert Watson, President Tumut RSL Sub-Branch and Sub-Branch executives, representatives from Tumut Police,



Lighthorsemen led last year's ANZAC Day parade.

and Snowy Valleys Council - Deputy Mayor Hugh Packard, Parade Marshal will be Lindsay Dobbie.

The ANZAC Day contingent will comprise of men and women who have or are still serving in the Australian and Allied Defence forces, including those who have served in active service areas, or those who have contributed to Australia's security through their service in the Regular, Reserve and National Service components of the A.D.F.

Tumut Schools, Scouts and Girl Guides will also participate in all ANZAC Day activities.

The main ANZAC Day Service will commence at the Cenotaph at 10.40am with the Catafalque Guard mounted, by soldiers from 1/19RNSWR.

The Service will commence with the symbolic placing of Military Hats from the three Services.

The Service includes ANZAC Day Address by guest speaker Rear Admiral Rachel Durbin AM CSC RAN, and the official and public Wreath Laying. The ODE, which has been in the past number of years, recited in Māori and English, will also include a recital in the Wiradjuri language by Rebecca and Regina Russell, whose grandfather was a World War II Veteran, in acknowledgement of the many Indigenous men from the Tumut area who served in World War I and World War II.

Aircraft from 723 Sqn from Albatross Nowra will conduct a flyover during the Service as a tribute to those who served and those Tumut men and women killed in action.

It is expected the main ANZAC Day Service and the 6am Dawn Service will be broadcast live on Sounds of the Mountains, 96.3FM.

After the Service, the tradi-

tional ANZAC Day Lunch will be held at the Tumut Golf Club, commencing at mid-day. Ticket-holders only, for the lunch.

No ticket sales on ANZAC Day.

Tickets available from the Tumut RSL Sub-Branch office, Thursdays 10am to mid-day.

The official ANZAC Day 2-UP will be conducted at the Golf Club from 2.30pm, and proceeds will aid Legacy.

Disabled Veterans requiring transport for ANZAC Day should contact Robert Watson 0477 201 031 by mid-day Friday 24 April.

Visiting and local ex-serving and serving personnel are welcome to participate in all ANZAC Day activities, including the lunch.

Transport will be available for Veterans after the ANZAC Day Service to convey them to the Tumut Golf Club. This is available from the Robertson Street side of Richmond Park.

TUMBARUMBA BATLOW MINOR LEAGUE

Opening round of 2026 Tumbarumba-Batlow Minor League season

The minor league season got under way at Tumbarumba on Saturday hosting the Wagga Roos.

Under 6s Green

Round 1 saw our Under 6's take to the field for their first game of the season, and for some, their very first game of footy ever. The excitement and enthusiasm were evident from the first whistle, with all players giving it their absolute best.

There was plenty of try-scoring action throughout the game, with Elora Murphy, Sidney Burton, Colton Scott, Brittany Arnold, Penny Moate and Crüe Membrey all crossing the line. The team also showed great effort in defence, with some impressive tagging on display.

A special mention goes to Hudson King, who played his first game and slotted straight into the team, showing confidence with some strong runs.

This week's award winners were Brittany Arnold and Colton Scott for their outstanding efforts.

A fantastic start to the season by all players. We're looking forward to watching their skills and confidence continue to grow each week.

Under 6s White

Football season is well and truly back, and if the first home game is anything to go by, we're in for a fantastic season ahead. With blue skies overhead and plenty of excitement on the field, the Under 6s kicked things off in style.

Isabelle G got the season underway with a massive run straight out of the gates, setting the tone early.

Not long after, Frank M crossed for the first try of the season with an impressive full-field effort, the first of two for Frank in a standout performance.

In his first season, it's been fantastic to see both his skill and sportsmanship already



Mason Mouat Under 12 his footy debut. PHOTO: Jenna Adam

shining through.

Crüe M was next to score with another brilliant full-field try, followed quickly by Isabelle G, who added two tries of her own to cap off a strong game.

Penny M ran her heart out to score in the corner, her big smile saying it all as she crossed the line.

Not to be outdone, Hudson W, another newcomer, followed up with a great full-field try, showing just how quickly he's taken to the game.

Charlie L showed real determination in her debut, chasing down tags and making some excellent runs, while Layla B added a cracker of a try, weaving through with great footwork.

Loki H had a huge impact in defense, chasing down plenty of tags and showing impressive speed with ball in hand.

Hannah B, also new to the team, played

like a seasoned pro, running hard, chasing tags and displaying wonderful sportsmanship throughout.

Every member of the team contributed, with excellent runs and chases. A brilliant start to the season. We can't wait to see what the next few weeks bring.

Awards:

Player of the Week: Hannah B, for the heart and effort she showed in her very first game.

Canteen Award: Charlie L, for playing the whole game with bravery and enthusiasm.

Under 7s

Perfect footy weather for the boys' first game of the season-and they came out firing like they'd been playing all year.

Dane Arnold was on absolute fire, bagging four tries and clearly not in a sharing mood. Charlie Sullivan followed up with three, while Opie Peel, Flynn Hammond and Arlo

Spitiri chipped in with two each, try line traffic was busy all day. Korben Houting also got in on the action with a well-earned try.

Wade Flew was everywhere in support and kicked off the second half like he'd had three Red Bulls.

Defensively, the boys were just as sharp, with everyone making great tags. no one was getting away easy today.

Plenty of speed, slick footwork, and a whole lot of smiles. A cracking start to the season and a top team effort.

Awards:

Player of the week: Opie Peel

Tumbarumba Bowling Club award: Dane Arnold

Canteen Award: Wade Flew

Under 8 League Tag

Unfortunately, Wagga Roos didn't have an Under 8 League Tag side, so they played a scratch match against their Under 7s. Despite this, it was a fantastic start to the season for our team.

We had a few exciting debuts this year: Ella Heinecke had an outstanding first game, making some great tags and great runs; Penny Mann also debuted strongly with some excellent runs and multiple tags; Annie Nurthen impressed with her running game and solid tagging effort.

All the girls played really well in their first game, setting a great tone for the season ahead.

Try scorers: Sailor Weule, Charlie Bradley, Mia Salter, Indianna Drew, and Bonnie Pearsall all crossed the line, each scoring one or two tries for their teammates - a great achievement.

Awards:

Player of the Week: Ella Heinecke

Canteen Award: Penny Mann

A fantastic team effort all around - well done girls

■ Continued on page 11

FREE!

Comes standard!

Australian Owned & Engineered

Cruiser ZTR
from \$8,999

Greenfield Ride-on
from \$4,999

FREE!
PUSH MOWER

with any
Cruiser
ZTR*

FREE!
FRONT BLADE

with any Greenfield

Two Mower Deals. Two Serious Freebies! April only!

Upgrade and get more for your money. Buy a Cruiser ZTR and get a Push 18S Mower **FREE!**
Buy a Greenfield Ride-On and get a **FREE** Front Blade to help tackle leveling and spreading with ease.
Only while stocks last! Offers end 30/4/26. *Excludes Cox Compact ZTR.

DOWNLOAD OUR CATALOGUE

See your **COX** or **Greenfield** dealer or visit www.coxmowers.com.au

TUMBARUMBA BATLOW MINOR LEAGUE

Continued from page 10

Under 8s

The team showed fantastic effort across all four quarters, with strong runs, improving defence and great teamwork.

It was awesome to see Myles Moate, Mac Murphy, Jaxson Kirton, Tallon Scott, Sonny Lyons, Marley Doughty, Ariella Murphy and Myles Harper all getting involved and supporting each other throughout the game.

Each quarter saw different players step up and make an impact, showing great confidence and willingness to have a go.

Although the Roos came away with the win, the effort, attitude and improvement from the Tumba Batlow side was outstanding.

A fantastic start to the season. Well done team.

Under 9s

The Tumba Batlow Under 9s took to the field on Saturday in a well-planned scratch match, making the most of a unique situation and showcasing the strength of their growing squad.

With Wagga Roos Blue unable to field a team, the decision was made ahead of time to split the Tumba Batlow players into two sides.

With an incredible 17 players registered this season, it was the perfect opportunity to ensure all kids got valuable game time.

The match was played in great spirit, with both teams putting on an impressive display of skill and teamwork.

Strong defence was evident across the field, while all players had plenty of chances to run the ball and get involved in the play.

It was a fantastic hit-out for the group, allowing combinations to build and confidence to grow.

Coach Peely was pleased with the effort, particularly the way the players supported each other and embraced the chance to simply enjoy their footy.

While there was no official opposition, the intensity and effort from both sides ensured it was a worthwhile and enjoyable contest for everyone involved.

With numbers strong and enthusiasm high, the Tumba Batlow Under 9s are shaping up for a great season ahead.

Under 10s League Tag

The Under 10s League Tag Girls started the 2026 season strong playing two games against Roos Blue.

The first game was exciting. With ground making runs, strong defence and great teamwork the girls came away with the win 42-8

Try scorers were: Olivia (2), Kendal (2), Romi (3), Kyani (1) and Chloe (2) and conversions from Romi, Oliva and Kendal.

The girls held strong in defence with some excellent tagging from; Harlie, Roxie, Indi, Mia, Milla, Ivy and Hayley.

There were a few new faces in the team, Armani had a great couple of runs, Hazel and Claire put pressure on the other team chasing runners and holding strong in the defensive line.

With the first game of the season out of the way, the girls stepped up again in game two. Securing another win 34-14.

Try scorers were: Romi (2), Indi (1), Kendal (2), Armani (2) and Claire (1) and one conversion for Kendal.

Player of the week award: Amani

Tumba Bowling Club: Kendall

Canteen award: Chloe

Under 10s

Tumba Batlow took on Roos Blue at Tumba to kick off the 2026 season, with a great game played by both sides.

It was a strong performance from the Tumba Batlow team, showing great teamwork, effort and improvement across the field.

The players worked hard in both attack and defence, with plenty of positive moments throughout the match.

At full time, Tumba Batlow came away with a solid win, finishing 38-28 over Roos Blue.

Try scorers from the game were Harry Burton with three, Hugo Hammond, Ryan Salter, Beau Arnold and Archie Jarvis with one each.

A big effort from all players, with everyone contributing and supporting each



Tumbarumba Batlow Greens Under 12 celebrate a try against Wagga Roos in the opening round of season 2026.

PHOTO: Jenna Adams

other well.

Award winners:

Player of the Week: Archie

Canteen Award: Hugo

Bowling Award: Harry

A fantastic start to the season. Well done to all involved.

Under 12s League Tag

Round 1 looked a little different for our Under 12 League Tag girls, with the opposition unfortunately unable to attend.

Instead, the girls played a scratch match between themselves and made the most of the opportunity with a good run and plenty of involvement.

Led by captain Winter Weule, the team showed solid energy and effort throughout.

There were some nice moments across the game, with Roxie Weule showing good hands on the ball while Kendal Bremner and Harriet Bradley worked hard in defence and Xara Houting doing well with her tagging.

Patricia-Lee Arnold crossed for a try and converted, while Kendal Bremner and Harriet Bradley also scored a try.

Halle Anderson and Marlee Crawford both went close to scoring. Romi Webb had some solid kicks while April Richmond put in a strong effort in her first game.

Brielle Arnold was consistently involved, and Nevaeh Webb showed good defence with her tagging.

This week the player of the week award went to Brielle Arnold, the Bowling Club award went to Harriet Bradley and the Canteen award went to Xara Houting.

Overall, it was a great chance for the girls to get a run in and we look forward to seeing what's ahead for them this season.

Under 12s

The team kicked off their season with a

solid game against Roo's blue.

The team had two new players Theo Flenley and Mason Mouat start this round as well as Hunter Smith returning after a year off adding much needed numbers to our team.

Mason had a brilliant game at fullback making two solid try-saving tackles. Hunter ran the ball strongly on his carries whilst Theo will continue to improve as the season goes on.

Louie Peel was one of three players that stepped up from the Under 11s and was excellent in defence as well as chasing the ball on every kick scoring a nice try from one chase.

Leo Peel not to be out done by his brother played a great game leading the defence tackling anything that moved as well as having some dangerous runs.

Leo Spiteri was sensational at dummy half (DH), scoring two tries. He also had some tough carries when his team needed it coming out of his own end.

Kai Bell playing in the centres scored the last try for his team from a strong carry.

Overall, the team played well for their first game of the season.

They should be happy with their efforts and shows potential for this season seen from the first hit out. If they can build and improve this performance they can win a lot of games this year.

Thank you to the U11 players that played up for us. Your support is very much appreciated.

Award winners were:

TBML Canteen Award: Harrison Mellen
Tumbarumba Bowling Club Award: Mason Mouat

Player of the week: Charles Triffitt

Under 16s League Tag

The Under 16s League Tag side has kicked off the season in impressive fashion, securing a hard-fought 18-14 victory over Albury Thunder.

Both teams showed strength across the field, but the Tumba girls displayed determination and composure under pressure to come away with the win.

It was a tightly contested match from start to finish, with momentum shifting between both sides.

Try scorers were Lucy McEachern, Krui Wilson and Ruby Bradley broke through the defence with speed and skill, getting points on the board and playing a key role in the team's success.

The team would also like to thank the club committee and volunteers for their ongoing support throughout the season.

A strong team effort across the park sets a great tone for the season ahead, with the girls looking to build on this momentum in the coming rounds.

Under 14s League Tag

The girls had a fantastic game against Wagga Roos Blue, showing great teamwork from start to finish. Communication on the field was strong, with plenty of calling out, solid tagging, and some brilliant attacking plays that led to an awesome scoreline.

Their hard work paid off, coming away with a well-deserved win, 52-10.

A big thank you to the Under 12 League Taggirls who stepped up to help the team this week – your effort and commitment didn't go unnoticed.

Awards:

Canteen Award: Ayvah

Bowling Club Award: Amba

Player of the Week: Miller

A huge effort by all the girls – keep it up.

SPORT



Tumbarumba Aero Club hosted a fly in of ten planes in March. PHOTO: Tumbarumba Aero Club

Tumbarumba Aero Club hosts Wagga fly in

Sunday 29 March saw a perfect day for flying and Tumbarumba Flying Club hosted the Wagga Wagga Aero Club for brunch with 10 aircraft flying in.

The aircraft landed on the local ALA at Glenroy/Mannus around 9.30am and were then transported by Apple Transport, Ian Chaffey, to "Strathdoon" home of Club President Ralph and Jan Walker and family.

Pilots came from Sydney to join in the flying. One passenger was from Cal-

gary Canada.

Some people drove up and were joined by several of our local members including long time patrons of the Tumbarumba Club Simon and Colleen Guest.

Peter Demeo managed the arrivals, parking and departures as air traffic controller.

With a great deal of cooking support from Rod and Rob from Wagga, and local members and relatives, a great brunch of juice, bacon, fresh rolls from the Tumba Bakery, chipolatas

from Tumba Meats, followed by tea and coffee. All accompanied by many flying stories.

All aircraft were back in the air by 1pm. Led by Wagga Club President Geoff Bruest and Flying Captain John Smith.

Huge support came from local member Stephen Judd for cleaning and transporting the tables and chairs from the hanger and back.

The Tumbarumba airfield was in perfect condition thanks to the crew from council.

Welaregang golf April monthly medal

Perfect conditions and freshly mown fairways greeted the eight players competing for the April monthly medal.

The season's first stroke event proved too hard work for some with two "DNFs", and some big scores.

The in form Jono Lebner carded a winning score of 93 for 69 nett to win by four from Justin Knott (80/73).

Paul Land was third, with a costly blow out on one hole which pushed his score out to 78 nett, but was helped out by good form

with the flat stick (30 putts).

Justin's 28 putts give him an early lead in the Dave McKimmie trophy, run in conjunction with the monthly medal series over the winter season.

Nominations are still coming in for the Bill Sheather Cup (formerly the Graziers Cup) which tees off at 9am this Sunday 26 April.

Registrations for this two person Ambrose competition can be forwarded to Lance Noonan (0419927470).

Registration on the day by 8.30am.

CHURCH NOTICES



TUMBARUMBA HOLY MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil - 6:00pm
 Sunday - 9:00am
Our Lady of Perpetual Succour
 – Tooma – Sunday - By appointment
St Joseph the Worker – Khancoban
 – 3rd & 5th Sundays - 12pm

WEEKDAY HOLY MASSES

Monday 5:30pm - 3 Week Eastertide
 Tuesday 7:30am - St Anselm of Canterbury
 Wednesday 7:30am - 3 Week Eastertide
 Thursday 7:30am - 3 Week Eastertide
 Friday 5:30pm - St Fidelis
 Saturday 9:15am - ANZAC Day

TUMBARUMBA COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday Service - 10am

EXPOSITION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT AND SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Opportunity for Confession will be during Exposition on Friday evenings, Saturday mornings and half an hour before weekend Holy Masses.

Lord, help us to see in your crucifixion and resurrection an example of how to endure and seemingly to die in the agony and conflict of daily life, so that we may live more fully and creatively. You accepted patiently and humbly the rebuffs of human life, as well as the torture of the cross. Help us to accept the pains and conflicts that come to us each day as opportunity to grow as people and become more like you-make us realise that it is only by frequent deaths of ourselves, and our self-centred desires that we can come to live more fully, only by dying with you that we can rise with you.

-Mother Teresa

PUBLIC NOTICE

Is your business celebrating a special occasion?

- Grand Opening
- Expansion • Birthday
- Anniversary

ADVERTISING FEATURES CAN

WORK FOR YOU!

Phone 6947 2422

PUBLIC NOTICES



PROPOSED ROAD CLOSURE – HAZARD REDUCTION BURN

Forestry Corporation advises the public that Maginnitys Gap Road will be closed to traffic for approximately 3 kilometres west of Cararoo Road due to a scheduled Hazard Reduction Burn within Munderoo Flora Reserve.

A detour will be in place during the burn operations and for subsequent days to allow for hazardous tree assessments and associated safety works.

The hazard reduction burn and associated road closure are planned for April/May 2026, weather permitting.

Motorists are advised to follow all signage and traffic control directions.

PESTICIDE USE NOTICE

NOTIFICATION OF 1080 AERIAL BAITING PROGRAM ON STATE FORESTS AND MANAGED LANDS

Forestry Corporation of NSW wishes to advise the public that the aerial application of the pesticide 1080 (sodium fluoroacetate) will commence 30th of April 2026 for the control of wild dogs in the following State Forests and managed lands:

- Bungongo SF
- Billalpaloola SF
- Bondo SF
- Micalong SF
- Carabost SF
- Bago SF
- Maragle SF
- Munderoo SF
- Woomargama SF
- Rippling Waters

1080 poison baits will be laid in accordance with Pesticide Control (1080 Bait Products) Order 2020 under section 38 Pesticides Act 1999 Areas undergoing treatment will have signs displayed and all directions regarding entry should be followed. Landholders, neighbours and visitors are warned to restrain their pets and working dogs and ensure they do not enter the baiting location during poisoning operations or to muzzle dogs if they are required to work the baiting location during and after poisoning.

In the event of accidental poisoning seek immediate veterinary assistance

For further information regarding this notice please contact the Forestry Corporation office on (02) 69473911.



To advertise phone 6947 2422

Tumbarumba Times

02 6947 2422

Trades & Services DIRECTORY

FLOOR COVERINGS



27-29 Boundary St, Tumut

For all your Floor Coverings Carpets, Hybrids, Vinyl Planks, Laminates, Timber Veneers and Marine Carpet.

We also have an Overlocking Service.

Come in and see Scotty or Wendy for a free measure and quote or

Ph: 0408 194 755 or 0488 064 463

Business Hours: Mon-Fri 9-5 • Sat 9-12

PLUMBING



PLUMBING

Local Experts You Can Trust

- Emergency Plumbing Repairs
- New Homes & Renovations
- Gas Fitting
- Sewer machine & Drainage
- Maintenance & Checks
- 30 Years Experience
- Vic Lic No. 37179 | NSW Lic No. 65832C

0421 137 116

Tumbarumba | Rosewood
 Khancoban | Jingellic | Tooma
 Corryong | Walwa | Batlow

WORK & FARM BINS



SAVE THE TRIP TO THE TIP

CALL US

02 6925 7008

www.smallmons.com.au



BUILD YOUR BUSINESS

Advertise in your local Trades & Services Directory

every Tuesday in the Tumbarumba Times

Ph: 6947 2422



Classifieds

Tumut and Adelong Times
Tumbarumba Times

PUBLIC NOTICES



Notification of 1080 Aerial Baiting Program

Riverina Local Land Services wishes to advise the public that the aerial application of the pesticide 1080 (sodium fluoroacetate) will occur commencing Monday 27 April 2026 for the control of wild dogs in the Gilmore, Adjungbilly and Brindabella Wild dog plan areas.

1080 poison baits will be laid in accordance with Pesticide Control (1080 Bait Products) Order 2020 under section 38 Pesticides Act 1999. Areas undergoing treatment will have signs displayed and all directions regarding entry should be followed.

WARNING: Landholders, neighbours and visitors are warned to restrain their pets and working dogs and ensure they do not enter the baiting location during poisoning operations or to muzzle dogs if they are required to work the baiting location during and after poisoning. In the event of accidental poisoning seek immediate veterinary assistance.

For further information regarding this notice please contact Gundagai Local Land Service office 1300 795 299.

MEETING

TUMBARUMBA LITTLE ATHLETICS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 5th May
6.30pm start

Tumbarumba Bowling Club

PUBLIC NOTICES

GOT A POSITION VACANT?

Advertising will get you results!

Phone:
6947 2422



HAVING A GARAGE SALE?

Why not advertise it in the Times classifieds.

PHONE
6947 2422

Call us today...

CLASSIFIEDS WORK

Phone
6947 2422

DEATH NOTICE

HARVEY, Marie Patricia (Pat) 21 June 1930 – 14 April 2026

Passed away peacefully on Wednesday 14 April 2026, at Blakeney Lodge Tumut. Long-term resident of McLure Circuit Jindabyne, and former resident of old Jindabyne. Aged 95 years.

Dearly loved wife of John (dec). Mother and mother-in-law of Graham, Robyn, Rosemary and Tony (dec). Cherished Grandmother of Jay, Nicole, Clare and Grace. Great Grandmother to their children.

Family and friends of the late Pat Harvey are warmly invited to attend her funeral service to be held at St Columbkille's Catholic Church, Jindabyne, on Thursday 23 April 2026, commencing at 1pm. A burial service will follow at the Jindabyne Cemetery.

The family wish to express their deepest gratitude and heartfelt thanks to the staff, volunteers and residents of Blakeney Lodge for their devoted care, support and friendship.

ALLENS FUNERALS
43 Denison Street, Cooma
Phone (02) 6452 2094

PUBLIC NOTICES



ADELONG ANZAC DAY 25th April 2026

9.15am: Service at Grahamstown/Shepherdstown Memorial followed by pilgrimage to Adelong Cemetery where graves of recently buried Ex-Service men and women will be visited.

10am: Contingent including school children, Ex-service men and women, Enlisted Personnel assemble in front of Adelong S&C Club.

10.45am: Contingent march to Memorial Park for combined Service.

11am: Wreath Laying Service

11.15am: Combined Service

All visiting Ex-service and serving personnel invited to participate

Tumbarumba Times Tumut and Adelong Times

Due to the ANZAC Day public holiday on Monday, April 27, 2026 the Tumbarumba Times/Tumut and Adelong Times Tuesday Edition will be published on Wednesday, April 29, 2026.

The classified deadline for this publication date will be Tuesday, April 28 at 10am.

The Tumut Office will be closed on Monday, April 27, 2026. Normal office hours will resume Tuesday, April 28, 2026.



BOWER WOOD
LAWYERS

TUESDAYS FROM 10AM
54 THE PARADE TUMBARUMBA

CONVEYANCING AND PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT
BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL
WILLS AND ESTATE PLANNING
DECEASED ESTATES AND ADMINISTRATION

02 6936 6940

bowerwood.com.au

MEETING

TOWN MEETING Tumbarumba Shire – your future

- Community update
- Have your say in appointing community representatives for the demerger process

6pm

Wednesday, 22 April
Tumbarumba Bowling Club

All community members encouraged to attend

PUBLIC NOTICES



BATLOW ANZAC DAY 25th April 2026

6am: Dawn Service at Batlow Cenotaph

At conclusion of the Dawn Service the Batlow Men's Shed will be selling egg and bacon rolls at the Men's Shed in Memorial Avenue.

10.20am: Contingent if marching form up in Pioneer Street, Batlow

10.30am: March commences to Cenotaph for the Main Service and at the conclusion of the Service will then March back to Pioneer Street.

All visiting Ex-service and serving personnel invited to participate



TUMUT RSL SUB-BRANCH TUMUT ANZAC DAY 25th April 2026

6am: Dawn Service
– Cenotaph (Richmond Park)

10.15am: Ex-service personnel assemble for ANZAC Day march
– Tumut Fire Station

10.30am: ANZAC Day march commences.

10.40am: ANZAC Day service
– Cenotaph Richmond Park

12 noon: ANZAC Day lunch – Golf Club. Serving and Ex-service personnel ONLY

Tickets available from RSL Sub-Branch office. 10am-12 noon Thursdays or monthly meeting 6pm Friday 17 April.

NO tickets sold ANZAC Day

2.30pm: 2UP – Tumut Golf Club (proceeds aid Legacy)

Disabled veterans requiring transport Contact Robert Watson 0477 201 031 by 24 April or Jeff Matthews 0438 921 917

All visiting Ex-service and serving personnel invited to participate

WINDSCREENS

Fitted at your home
at no extra cost

WAGGA WINDSCREEN DOCTOR

6925 0322

(Advertisement)

FOOD FOR THOUGHT God's Greatness, Man's Insignificance!

No branch of science proclaims God's greatness and man's insignificance more eloquently than astronomy. The simple fact that distances must be reckoned in light-years (the distance that light travels in a year) illustrates the point. Light travels 186,000 miles per second, and there are 31.5 million seconds in a year, so light travels roughly six trillion miles in a single year! Yet some stars are billions of light-years from the earth. No wonder we call such computation astronomical.

To gaze into the heavens at night should give us great thoughts about God. The moon and the stars are the work of His fingers! When we think of the numberless myriads of stars, of the vast distances in the universe, and of the power that holds the planets in orbit with mathematical precision, it boggles the mind.

Relatively speaking, the planet Earth is a speck of dust in the universe. If this is so, what is a single man perched upon this planet? Yet God is interested in every individual! He has a personal, intimate concern for every human being.

"When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have ordained, what is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man, that You visit him?" (Psalm 8:3-4).

One single man's perspective:

Astronauts are particularly carefully selected individuals who have undergone countless tests and very thorough training. In space, they often have to manage very critical situations, but as compensation they also get to see and experience overwhelming things.

American astronaut, James Irwin, describes in his autobiography how he flew to the Moon with Apollo 15 in 1971. In the preface, he says, "... as we flew into space we had a new sense ... of the nearness of God" and "I sensed the beginning of some sort of deep change taking place inside of me".

Then he makes it clear that his book is not the biography of a hero. He talks about the disappointments and crises, about the accidents and illnesses in his life. And so his book is not only about adventure and the triumphs of technology, but is also a colourful life story.

Above all, however, it is a document about the relationship between God and the human being, James Irwin – about the gifts and blessings that God gave to this James Irwin, about the disappointments that he (James) experienced with Him (God), and about the effort and patience with which He led him on the right path.

Through his book, Irwin desires that his readers might become aware once again, or for the first time in their lives, of God's guidance and love. Only a very few people have been to the Moon. But every person can come to God through the Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, *"I am the way, the truth, and the life: no one comes to the Father except through Me"* (John 14:6).

W MacDonald & The Good Seed
Submitted by N Yabsley. Ph: 69449153

SPORT

Ill-discipline costs Bulls

By JOSH GIDNEY

Wagga Agricultural College (Aggies) scored a 30-22 win over the Tumut Bulls side at Jarrah Sports-ground on Saturday, ill-discipline proving costly for the Bulls.

Eparama Tovunivono scored three tries for Tumut, and Jesse Bellchambers one.

Bellchambers was yellow carded in the first half for what was called an intentional infringement, and Varaniva Saukuru was red carded for alleged foul play, leaving the Bulls one short for much of the game.

Aggies went to half time 7-0 in front, and most of the scoring was done in the second half.

Zac Johns kicked two penalty goals for Aggies, which proved crucial.

Earlier, the Tumut Womens' side, the Red Bulls, recently merged with Wagga Reddies, defeated Aggies 20-12, Varaniva Saukuru, Lorraine Ngauma, Jade Bellchambers and Emma Hickey scoring tries for Tumut.

Red Bulls coach Katei Van Zyl said it "felt really nice to finally get boots on the field and crack into a game."

"My biggest take away from the game was just how good it felt to get our team out there. "There is a really fun, welcoming and warm energy/feeling with the team this year, which helps to keep the players grounded and to bring the team together as one unit."

"Considering we have only had a one-and-a-half training session with both the Wagga and Tumut women, everyone came together really well yesterday."

Van Zyl is excited about the team's potential going into the rest of the year.

"There is so much potential in our team and I feel it can only im-

prove with getting more hours under the belt as one team," she said.

"Saturday's game actually made me feel really excited about this season. It honestly feels like Tumut is often underestimated, however, our performance yesterday made me think I need to clear my calendar for August because I think we have every right and the skill level to make it to finals.

"For now though, we will just take the win with enthusiasm, pride and a smile. We get back to work on Tuesday and we continue to bring this group of women together and make them not just a team, but a family.

"We continue to build our sisterhood, showing up for each other, our club, our community, but most importantly, for ourselves and for all women who underestimate their own power."

Tumut's second grade side also had a great day, crushing Aggies 60-0 after going into half time 27-0 in front.

The Bulls Chace Bullock McGrath said the win was fantastic.

"We definitely went into the game confident, but blowing them out of the park like that definitely exceeded our expectations," he said.

"The scoreline though doesn't give Aggies enough credit, as they played a tough and quick game.

"Our forwards definitely set the tone, which allowed us backs to cross the line for some tries."

The Bulls seconds had many great performers.

"Sekeli Taletawa definitely was one our best, scoring five tries and club debut player Zach Stelter played an unreal game at the front."

Bullock-McGrath said this win would give the team confidence and momentum heading further into the season.



Lorraine Naguama about to get a ball away for the Red Bulls women's side against Aggies.

Seth Bellchambers on the move for the Tumut Bulls against Wagga Aggies at Jarrah Sports-ground on Saturday.

PHOTOS: Josh Gidney



Adelong lead interclub golf challenge at Tumbarumba

The Interclub Challenge between Tumbarumba, Batlow and Adelong was played in perfect conditions on the weekend, with 33 golfers enjoying a superb day under clear blue skies.

With not a cloud in sight and the course presenting beautifully, players were able to take full advantage of the conditions, making for an enjoyable and highly competitive second round.

The atmosphere across all groups reflected the spirit of the event, with plenty of laughs shared alongside

some quality golf.

After Round 1, Adelong set the early pace with a strong team total of 137, opening up a nine-shot lead over Batlow on 128.

Tumbarumba found themselves a further nine shots back on 119 but remained well within striking distance heading into the next stage.

The scoring showed how tight the contest is shaping up to be, with all three clubs still firmly in contention and plenty of golf left to play.

There was some out-

standing scoring in the four Ball Best Ball format, with several pairs combining brilliantly.

Adelong's Shane Walsh and Matt Hardwick led the way with an impressive 46 points, showcasing consistency and strong teamwork throughout the round. Batlow's Derek Burgess and Brad Scoullar matched that effort with their own excellent 46 points, ensuring their side stayed within reach of the lead.

Tumbarumba's top performers, Matt Byatt and Alex

Lilly, also put together a very solid round of 43 points, keeping their club in the hunt and building momentum heading forward.

Nearest to the pin honours added another layer of competition to the day, with some precise iron play on display.

Rob Christian claimed the prize on the second hole, Matt Byatt added to his strong day by taking out the fifth, and Brad Crane finished things off with a great shot on the 18th.

These moments high-

lighted the individual brilliance on show and were well celebrated across the field.

Heading into the final round to be played at Batlow, Adelong holds a narrow but valuable lead on 259, with Batlow close behind on 252 and Tumbarumba on 240.

With the home course advantage coming into play for Batlow, and Tumbarumba still within reach with a strong performance, the final round promises to be an exciting finish.

Every point will count, and the pressure will be on as teams look to chase down the lead.

The Interclub Challenge continues to be a fantastic day of golf and camaraderie, bringing together players from all three clubs in a friendly yet competitive environment.

Events like this highlight the strength of the local golfing community, where sportsmanship, connection and enjoyment are just as important as the final scores.

Vets tournament a hit despite fuel crisis withdrawals

Over 100 golfers teed up to contest the Bendigo Bank Veterans Tournament at the Tumut Golf Club last week with visiting golfers from far and wide spending a few days enjoying the course, club and town facilities.

Thirty-seven visiting players withdrew due to the current fuel situation.

The presentation dinner which was held following the final round on Tuesday evening was well at-

tended with 95 players enjoying a great meal where the winners were presented with their prizes.

The overall 36 hole competition winners were: Ladies – first Roslyn Poulton from the Nowra Golf Club, second Helen Pearce, Tumut Golf Club, third Meg Whitby, Tallebudgera Golf Club fourth Dianne Maybe, Shelley Beach Golf Club, fifth Jennifer Manns, St Georges Basin Golf Club.

The Men's division required a

countback to decide the winner, with Don Marling from the Harden Golf Club declared the winner from Robbie Worsnop, Tumut Golf Club second, third Michael Maybe, Shelly Beach Golf Club, fourth John Mason, Howlong Golf Club, fifth Dean McDonald, Tumut Golf Club.

The first round competition for Monday had 105 players tee up with the results as follows:

Ladies - first Judith Cooper, Tumut, second Marion Newton,

Hawks Nest, third Bronwyn Annetts, Gundagai, fourth Julie Berwick, Kew.

Mens - first Wayne Jones, Tumut, second Greg Cullen, Tumut, third Barry Stevenson St Georges Basin and fourth Phillip Lumsdon, Tumut.

The second round for Tuesday saw 102 players teeing up.

Ladies - first Linda Cowhan, Forbes Golf Club, second Rhonda Fields, St Georges Basin, third

Dianne Cruise, Tumut, fourth Val Machell Tumut.

Mens - first John Daley, Grafton, second, Gordon Whitby, Tallebudgera, third Greg Manna, St Georges Basin, fourth Darryl Ryan, Tumut.

"Congratulations to all winners and thanks to the organisers, sponsor Bendigo Bank and visitors who made this a great two-day event," a Tumut Golf Club spokesperson said.

SPORT

Eagles go back-to-back

By JOSH GIDNEY

The only thing better than opening the season with a win is opening the season with two wins, and that's what the Tumut Eagles have done in 2026.

The Eagles, who didn't win a game in 2025, defeated the Lake Albert Sharks 3-0 at the Bull Paddock on Sunday, claiming the Lachie Smith Trophy.

Not only have they not lost a game yet, they haven't conceded a goal.

Jiemin Shang booted Tumut's first goal in the 25th minute, soon after a penalty, and the teams went to the break with the Eagles up 1-0.

It wasn't until the 70th minute that Rhys Creed booted Tumut's second, and then added another in the 75th minute to give Tumut a lead they carried to full time.

Coach Kris Dimeck was understandably upbeat with his team.

"The boys put in so much effort today," he said.

"We didn't give up and played for the whole 90 minutes."

Things the team have worked on in training came off well on the day, much to Dimeck's delight.

"It was great to watch and see the little things work," she said.

"The training has helped us getting our set plays together and the boys keep working hard and well together and it showed today.

Dimeck said the Eagle's backline were "unreal" lead by the skipper Marvin Sing.

"We had Bryton Creati, who was one of our best," he said.

"Our keeper Glenn Bennett was on his toes all game and pulled off some of the best saves."

Last week's 7-0 win over Cootamundra Strikers Blue played its part in this win.

"We took last week's game to today's game with confidence, knowing if we played our style, goals and the win would come," Dimeck said.

"The boys were pumped up after the game singing our song and winning the Lachie Smith Trophy.

"The boys have a week off with long weekend; however we still will train and be ready for our next game."

Right: Sonny Annette-Grady in action for the Tumut Eagles in the win over Lake Albert Sharks at the Bull Paddock on Sunday.

PHOTO: Josh Gidney



Blues, Brothers inseparable

By JOSH GIDNEY

A second half resurgence saw the Tumut Blues finish Saturday's match against an improved Wagga Brothers side with a 20-all draw at Geohex Stadium in Wagga on Saturday.

Callum Rossiter, Malik Aitken and Michael Fenn scored tries for Tumut, while Rossiter kicked three conversions and a penalty goal.

Blues coach Dean Bristow said he felt mixed emotions about the game.

"It was a tale of two halves," he said.

"They (Brothers) were the better side in the first half, but we clawed our way back into the game in the second.

"I was just disappointed we couldn't finish it off."

Tumut avoided being the first team to lose to Brothers since 2023, and had plenty of good performers

on the day.

"Mal Aitken was good back at fullback, and our middle played really well; Mick Fenn, Jordy Maher and Jordy Anderson.

"Bailey Piper played really well, coming off the bench playing hooker.

"We didn't let in any points in the second half, which was pretty pleasing.

The Blues didn't suffer any serious injuries, although Sydney recruit Finn Health put a scare through the camp when he came off with a knee injury five minutes into the game, but got it strapped and went back on.

The Blues reserves were pipped 30-26 by Brothers, with Jaden Keenan, Marley King.

Callum Keenan, Lachlan Breed and Angus Purcell scoring tries for Tumut, and Toby Tanks kicking three goals.

It was a tough day for the Blues women's tackle side, who lost 80-6 to a red-hot Brothers outfit.

"They were very strong across the park and showed their experience, so full credit to Brothers, they were better on the day," Tumut manager Sam Timms said.

Tumut on the other hand were understrength.

"We were a bit short and also lost Emma Timms, which made it tough," Timms said. "Unfortunately, her shoulder AC injury looks like it will rule her out for most, if not all, of the season, which is a big loss for us."

However, Timms still found positives.

"Nell Miller worked hard all game, scored our only try, and was voted players' player, which was well deserved," he said.

"There were a number of others who kept turning up

and competing right to the end, which is something we're proud of."

Timms believes things will get better.

"We're definitely confident we can bounce back," he said.

"This group is building something, and performances like that, even in a tough loss, will help us improve.

"We'll take the lessons, keep working hard at training, and be better for it next game against Young."

Tumbarumba's Jorja Brennan played second row for Brothers.

"It was a great first game to start off the season," she said.

"I'm in a new position so it was a good way to get rid of the first game jitters.

"We have a great bunch of girls so I think it's going to be a fun and really enjoyable

few months ahead. I'm really excited to see how we go and grow as a team.

"As for Tumut, it was really nice to see them be able to form a team as there has been a couple of clubs not being able to form a women's tackle team.

"I'm grateful that Tumut were able to form a team because we need to keep the comp alive."

Brothers under 18s overcame Tumut 44-18, Tumut's tries being scored by Marley King, Hobie Baker and Harley Adams and three goals kicked by Aidan Turnbull.

Tumut coach Brad Baker believes Brothers will be competitive this year.

"They had big bodies," he said.

"We didn't get much ball in the first half and they got a good lead that the lads couldn't quite recover.

"Tumut were good when

they got possession with glimpses of some real positive footy to come.

"We will be working at training to control our sets and get into the grind as we prepare for the clash against the Tigers.

"Marley King at fullback played well for us while Cody Piper in the forwards worked hard.

"Hobie Baker at lock tried hard with some good runs and ball playing, putting the Blues on the front foot at times. He was voted players player by his team mates.

"It was a good eye opener for our new comers Brody McDonald, Cordell Coe, and Lucca Parisi, who all showed potential.

"We must congratulate Ethan Watts and Max Beavan who made their reserve grade debuts alongside Marley King with all lads playing well."

Autumn tennis up and running

Round one of the Tumut Tennis Autumn Competition got underway last week in excellent playing conditions.

The club welcomed newcomers Nick Larson, Mel Murray and Ros Beck to the group.

The results for Tuesday evening were All Stars defeated Crafty Crew 32-14 and Bubblicious defeated High Fliers 33-17.

Set winners on the night goes to Jessica Du Preez, Geoff Naylor, Craig Rowbottom and newcomer Nick Larson.

The was great scoring from Mark Morris and Connor Baker, both contributing 15 games to team Bubblicious while Jane Aragon was best for the Crafty Crew and Letitia Burns together with newcomer Ros

beck were best for the High Fliers.

Results for Thursday evening were Pink Panthers narrowly defeated the Yellow Flamingos 24-22 and Brave Blues defeated Green Foxes 31-20.

Single set winners on the night were Natalie Nolte, Lee Kingma, Peter Quinn, Grace Hooper, and Tracy Allen, Allen also being best overall scorer on the night, dropping only one game.

Letitia Burns played reserve.

Wednesday afternoon social tennis had a great roll-up last week with eight players.

Junior tennis will be trialling a short run on Mondays from 5 to 6pm. It has not yet been decided how long this will go for.



TUMBA MEATS

WEEKLY SPECIALS

FROM THE BUTCHER

Beef Ribs	\$16.95kg
Honey Soy Pork Ribs	\$21.95kg
Honey & Rosemary Legs of Lamb	\$18.99kg
Porterhouse Steak	\$44.99kg

A range of flavours to enhance your meals available.
Ask our friendly team for advice

22 The Parade Tumbarumba • P: 6948 2081

Find us on

WANT TO PROMOTE YOUR SPORTS CLUB?

By sending in weekly reports of games played, you are promoting your sport and your club

Email reports to: sport@tatimes.com.au