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Great Divide Mining and the team at the Challenger Mine in Adelong were proud to send off their first truckload of gold concentrate on Wednesday. Read the full story on page 5.
PHOTO: Camillo Malacari



Early fire season risk flagged

By CAMILLO MALACARI

Fire authorities are warning the Snowy Valleys could face an earlier-than-normal bushfire season, with dry winter conditions forecast to set in over the coming months.

Riverina Highlands Rural Fire Service district coordinator Peter Jones said emerging El Niño conditions were likely to bring reduced rainfall through winter, leaving the region dry heading into the traditional fire season.

"At this point in time, we are looking like we're going into an El Niño cycle over the winter months which means potentially a drying

condition for the winter," Mr Jones said.

"That will mean as we move into fire season in November, we could already be quite dry by that time."

Mr Jones said there was a "good possibility" the fire season could be brought forward if conditions continued to track that way.

In response, local brigades and land managers are working to complete as much hazard reduction as possible while conditions allow, taking advantage of an extended autumn burning window.

"We're trying to get as much hazard reduction done as possible while the weather window is suit-

able at this point in time," he said.

RFS hazard reduction burns are being planned in areas including near Tumut Cemetery and Blowering Dam, though operations remain dependent on weather conditions and fuel moisture levels.

Mr Jones said crews were "threading the needle" to carry out burns safely within the weather window, while also avoiding smoke impacts on nearby communities and major local events.

The extended dry spell through March and April has already allowed more hazard reduction work than usual in some areas.

"Normally, we only get about a four-week window before it gets too wet to burn," he said.

"We've had an extended time this year, and that's allowed us to get a bit more burning done."

While there are some similarities to the lead-up to the 2019-20 Black Summer fires, Mr Jones said it was too early to draw firm conclusions, with a clearer seasonal outlook expected later in the year.

"We won't really have a good indication of what the summer's going to be like until that August period," he said.

He also pointed to the challenges faced by volunteer brigades, which

rely on community members to carry out hazard reduction work.

Unlike other agencies with paid staff, the RFS must coordinate burns around volunteer availability, often on weekends, and alongside a busy calendar of local events.

"It's not always easy for us during the week ... most of our times tend to happen on the weekends," Mr Jones said.

With events including Easter, ANZAC Day, the Falling Leaf Festival and Batlow CiderFest drawing volunteers away in recent weeks, he said finding the right conditions and the right time remained a constant balancing act.

POLICE NEWS



Man charged over multiple break-and-enter offences in Tumut

A man has been charged following police investigations into multiple break and enter offences across Tumut.

Police arrested the 21-year-old on Monday 20 April, after linking him to a series of unlawful entries into residential and commercial premises over several weeks in March and April.

Police allege the offences involved a vacant rental unit in the Tumut CBD, a home on Tumut Plains Road, and another premises on Richmond Street, where the alleged entry occurred during the night while a resident was inside the dwelling.

Investigators say the arrest followed extensive enquiries, including forensic examination and CCTV analysis. Police also allege the man was found in possession of property reasonably suspected of being stolen at the time of his arrest.

The man was refused bail and is due to appear before Tumut Local Court in May and Wagga Wagga Local Court in June.

“Break and enter offences have a real impact on victims and neighbourhoods,” Tumut Police Inspector Josh Broadfoot said.

“These matters were the result of detailed investigative work, and we encourage the community to report suspicious behaviour early.”

Suspended driver detected on Hume Highway near Mount Adrah

A suspended driver has been detected by Highway Patrol on the Hume Highway near Mount Adrah.

About 12.47pm on Friday 10 April, police stopped a vehicle travelling on the Hume Highway after detecting it exceeding the posted speed limit.

Checks revealed the driver, a 33 year old man, was driving while his licence was suspended due to demerit points. He returned a negative roadside breath test and

was cooperative with police.

The man was issued with a Court Attendance Notice for driving while suspended, along with an infringement for speeding. He is due to appear before Gundagai Local Court in June.

“Licence suspensions are generally imposed because someone has demonstrated unsafe driving,” Inspector Broadfoot said.

“Continuing to drive while suspended increases the risk of those behaviours continuing on our roads.”

Bushwalkers rescued after injury in Kosciuszko National Park

Emergency services have rescued two bushwalkers after an injury left them stranded in remote alpine terrain in Kosciuszko National Park.

About 7.30am on Monday 20 April, police were notified of the incident after one of the walkers suffered a serious hand injury caused by falling rocks near Watsons Crag.

Due to steep terrain and the nature of the injury, the pair were unable to continue safely. A friend contacted emergency services, prompting a multi agency response involving NSW Police, NSW Ambulance, the State Emergency Service and a rescue helicopter.

Both walkers were safely winched from the location. The injured woman was flown to hospital for treatment, while the second walker was returned safely to their vehicle.

Police said the walkers were well prepared and had emergency communication equipment, which assisted the response.

“This incident highlights the importance of carrying emergency communications and planning for alpine conditions,” Inspector Josh Broadfoot said.

“Even experienced walkers can find themselves in difficulty very quickly.”



Enjoy the Falling Leaf

One of the most anticipated events on the Tumut calendar is happening this weekend with the running of the Bendigo Bank Falling Leaf Festival.

It begins with live theatre at the Montreal Theatre on Friday night at 6pm.

On Saturday morning, starting at 10am there will be live music, markets, entertainment food trucks and kids activities, before the event's official opening at 10.40am.

The keenly anticipated Falling Leaf Festival Parade gets underway at 1pm and runs until about 2pm. The presentation for the best float is on at 3pm.

The gates for the Tumut Rodeo Club's Festival of the Falling Leaf Charity Rodeo will be open at 1pm at Tumut Showground and is on until late Saturday night.

The popular Pretty Amazing Show with

the Pretty Amazing Jono is happening at 3.10pm.

Xander Starbuck – Space Cowboy is on again at the Montreal at 4pm.

The main part of the festival finishes up in Wynyard Street at 4pm, but the Falling Leaf Comedy Gala is on at 7.30pm at the Montreal Theatre.

The First Super Family Fun Run is happening at Rotary Pioneer Park at 9am on Sunday, and this will be followed by Sunday In The Park, with musical, cultural and kids entertainment, arts and craft and food and drink.

This will be happening from 10am to 1pm.

Also on Saturday and Sunday is the Rob Burns Memorial Model Show at Tumut Anglican Church Hall, raising funds for Can Assist and the Breast Cancer Foundation.

Rodeo ready to rock Tumut

One of the most exciting parts of the Falling Leaf Festival is the Tumut Rodeo Club's Festival of the Falling Leaf Charity Rodeo, and it's happening on Saturday at Tumut Showground.

It is an event not to be missed. “Come along and support the Tumut Rodeo Club's Festival of the Falling Leaf Charity Rodeo,” a Tumut Rodeo Club spokesperson said.

“It will be a great family day out for all to enjoy. Come and experience the thrills and spills of the rodeo in Tumut.”

Gates open at 1pm with tickets available online or at the gate.



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Man found in drain after pursuit



A man has been charged after an alleged police pursuit across Tumut on ANZAC Day.

Riverina Police District officers were patrolling Broughton Street when they attempted to stop a Toyota Corolla about 10.30pm on Saturday, 25 April.

Police activated their warning lights and when the Corolla failed to stop as directed, a pursuit was initiated.

The pursuit continued through numerous Tumut streets before it was called off when police lost sight of the vehicle.

Officers continued to patrol the

area and located the Corolla, which had been abandoned on Cedar Street.

Police searched a nearby park and located the driver, a 26-year-old man, hiding in a drain.

He was arrested and taken to Tumut police station where he was charged with police pursuit, driving without a licence, using an unregistered car and using an uninsured car.

The man was refused bail and appeared in court on Sunday, 26 April.

He was again refused bail to appear at Cootamundra Local Court on Monday, 18 May.

Rubbish dumping spreads on town fringe

By CAMILLO MALACARI

Illegal dumping on the edge of town has left a popular bush track littered with burnt-out cars, household waste and scattered rubbish, prompting concern from local residents.

Tumut resident Nelson Boyd came across the dumping while riding through bushland behind homes stretching around the former tip and the end of Simpson Street.

"It's basically just behind town, right on the edge of town where it turns to bush," he said.

"There's probably like four or five cars up there, burnt out and rolled, and a mix between car parts, lounges and fridges. Then there's piles of red bin trash, like just bags of rubbish - everything, really."

Mr Boyd said while some level of rubbish had always been present in the area, the scale of dumping appeared to have worsened.

"You always have a bit of rubbish but I've never really noticed it to be that bad," he said.

"I go through there every now and again, and there's always been the odd car ... but it just seemed a lot worse than it has before."

My Boyd said the area is regularly used by locals for recreation, including bike riding, motorbiking and walking.

"It is a popular spot," he said.

"A lot of people go through there, walking their dogs, even just riding pushbikes and doing that sort of thing."

He said most of the rubbish appeared to be concentrated near the edges of residential properties, where access was easiest.

"Pretty much as soon as you get over the first hill ... I've never noticed any rubbish deeper into the bush, just mainly from the back fences of houses to just in a little bit," he said.

"Anywhere that's easy to access by a car."

Mr Boyd described the dumping as "sad to see" and questioned why people were choosing to dispose of waste in the bush.

"I don't know if it's because the tip charges you. They do free vouchers and stuff these days, so I guess it's just laziness," he said.

"It's pretty disgusting, really."

While he said cleaning up the area would improve its appearance, he acknowledged it may not solve the underlying issue.

"If you cleaned it up, people would probably just keep doing it," he said.

"I don't even know what people like that - I don't know what's in their heads - but the sort of people

that are doing that stuff are probably always going to find a way."

Mayor Julia Ham described the situation as "appalling".

"We will be looking closely into what's happening there and what we can do to stop this illegal dumping, and it is illegal," she said.

"We have state-of-the-art waste facilities, and we encourage people to use them."

Ownership and management of the land is unclear, though the area sits on the urban fringe and is frequently accessed by the public.

Snowy Valleys Council was contacted for comment.

Photos shared by local fitter machinist Nelson Boyd show the extent of illegal dumping just outside of Tumut.





A remarkable family story will unfold at the upcoming Wagga Car Club Rosewood Rally Sprint on 9 May, as three generations of the Barton family take to the course in a celebration of motorsport passion spanning more than six decades.

Veteran driver and former businessman Phil Barton began rallying in 1963 at just 18 years of age, and will make a special return to the driver's seat after more than three decades away from competitive motorsport.

Phil retired from rallying in 1990 to focus on business interests in Tumut, before later dedicating many years to community volun-

teer work following his retirement in 2007.

Now, in an unexpected and heartwarming twist, Phil will once again don a helmet, this time as the event's Zero Car driver, thanks to the encouragement and preparation efforts of his son, Toby Barton.

Toby, himself a passionate motorsport competitor, continues to rally in a VR Holden Commodore Ute. Recognising his father's enduring love of the sport, Toby has meticulously prepared an all-wheel-drive Subaru Impreza for Phil to drive in the upcoming event.

Adding a truly special dimension

to the occasion, Phil's navigator will be his twenty-one-year-old grandson, Travis Barton, marking a rare and memorable three-generation involvement in the same event.

Meanwhile, Toby will also be competing, with his eldest son Ben serving as navigator. Complimenting 'Team Barton' is Toby's son Blake. Blake is the chief mechanic that has prepared both cars and will be on site to service the vehicles during the event. Toby's business "Toby's Motor Trimming and Custom Cut Foam" is the sponsor of the event.

The result is a unique family milestone:

- Phil Barton (grandfather) – Zero Car driver
- Toby Barton (son) – driver competitor
- Travis Barton (grandson) – navigator
- Ben Barton (grandson) – navigator
- Blake Barton (grandson) – Team mechanic.

This alignment of three generations actively participating in the same rally is a rare sight in Australian motorsport and reflects a deep-rooted family passion for rallying.

Phil Barton said the opportunity to return to the sport, particularly alongside his grandson, was some-

thing he never expected.

"Motorsport has always been a big part of my life, but to come back at 81 years of age and share it with both my son and grandson is something very special," he said.

The Rosewood Rally Sprint promises not only high-speed competition, but also a powerful reminder of the traditions and family connections that underpin grassroots motorsport across regional Australia.

For spectators and competitors alike, the Barton family story will be one of the highlights of the event.

A story of legacy, passion, and family played out on the rally stage.

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Gold begins to flow from Adelong



It was an early start for mine staff on Wednesday as the first shipment of gold concentrate was loaded into a truck...
PHOTOS: Camillo Malacari

By CAMILLO MALACARI

Wednesday morning was a big moment for the team at the Challenger gold mine in Adelong, as the first truck of gold concentrate was loaded and driven off site.

Over 19 tonnes of gold concentrate was loaded into the truck, which will be the first of many such loads leaving the site over the coming months, according to mine owners and operators Great Divide Mining (GDM).

The truck has since arrived in Melbourne, where the gold concentrate will go on for further refining.

GDM CEO Justin Haines said early production rates will aim to see one truckload of concentrate leaving the Challenger mine per fortnight, with a goal of up to two per week as operations on site expand and production ramps up.

"It's all systems go now, though as we've said before we're going to crawl, then walk, then run," he said.

"We hopefully get one truck a fortnight going now, and slowly ramp up as we're able to.

"In future, with the new ore supplies from the open cut and later on the underground, the number of trucks will increase a little bit,

up to two per week."

GDM acquired 100 per cent equity of the Challenger mine back in January after buying out the stake of then co-owners, Adelong Gold.

Mr Haines said he is thrilled with the rate things have been moving, to now have sent off the first product.

"To go from 100 per cent equity in the project in January to first concentrate transport in April - effectively three months from taking ownership to actual production - is pretty astounding," he said.

"The first time we looked at the site was in October 2024, so that's 18 months from first look to actually getting the thing running."

He said while the day marks another step in GDM's operation of the mine, he hopes it also acts as evidence to the people of Adelong and surrounds of the company's commitment to running the site.

"It's a fantastic day for Challenger, and hopefully also for the greater Adelong and Tumut community," he said.

"Hopefully it gives [the Adelong community] confidence in what we're doing and how we're doing it - just recycled water, no chemicals, and no tailing stands.

"It's low impact on the community, except



... ready for delivery to Melbourne where it will go on for further refining.

for jobs, and more industry going on within it."

The Challenger mine last recorded gold production in 2017, and has been through several hands since its heyday, however Mr Haines has stated GDM's intention to stick around for the long haul.

Operations are beginning with the processing of gold containing mullock left on the surface by previous mining operations, with plans to dig a small open cut, and to access the underground mines at a later stage.

Throughout operations, GDM will be producing a gold concentrate on site with the assistance of gravity and recycled water drawn from the flooded mine tunnels.

Mr Haines said the site using no chemicals in the process, and only recycled water, prevents damage to the ecosystem, while also keeping operational costs lower.

GDM recently held two community events in Adelong which gave residents an opportunity to ask questions of the team, and to see the mine itself.

Member for Riverina Michael McCormack attended the community open day and expressed his own delight in having the mine operating in his electorate.

"It's great to see gold mining return to Adelong, which was founded on gold in the 1850s," he said.

"The revival of the Challenger Gold Mine is an exciting economic boon for the Adelong community, with local procurement, employment opportunities and many other flow-on benefits.

"The Great Divide Mining team, led by CEO Justin Haines, is using a chemical-free approach to mining as well as using only recycled water to meet modern community expectations."



Head to 'Wunelli' on 12 May to learn about the opportunities and challenges in diversifying farm income through biodiversity markets.

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Go along to the Kingma's property 'Wunelli', a 900ha farm just south of Tumut, to hear first-hand the opportunities and challenges to diversify farm income through biodiversity markets.

The main enterprise at 'Wunelli' is grassfed cattle and fat lambs. The property also contains large tracts of bushland adjoining Kosciusko National Park.

Recent surveys have shown that these areas provide habitat for endangered species such as the Gang-gang cockatoo, Powerful owl, Barking owl and Greater gliders.

Guest speakers include Justin Williams

from DCCEEW Stewardship Support Program, Mason Crane from the Biodiversity Conservation Trust and Natural Capital Advisors from Local Land Services.

This is an outdoor event on Tuesday 12 May from 9.30am to 12.30pm at 66 East Blowering Road, Tumut.

Please take a hat and sturdy footwear. A 4WD vehicle would also be of benefit.

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Landscape-scale cultural burning study expands

The NSW government's Local Land Services has partnered with First Nations communities and the Australian National University (ANU) to expand a successful cultural burning research program.

The 'Re-emergence of First Nations burning in contemporary grassy woodlands' project is implementing Indigenous-led cultural burning practices on private and public land and travelling stock reserves (TSRs) on Ngunnawal Country and Wiradjuri Country in central and south east NSW and in the ACT.

It's one of the first landscape-scale trials of cultural burning on TSRs in NSW in history.

Central Tablelands, Riverina and South East Local Land Services will work closely with Local Aboriginal Land Councils, the NSW Rural Fire Service and ACT Government, as well as ecologists from ANU and the CSIRO, to deliver the project over four years to study the effects on biodiversity, soil and vegetation.

The project, supported by an Australian Research Council Linkage Program grant, will see 36 burns carried out across the three Local Land Services regions, with the first burns now underway in Tumut and Yass.

The sites fall within the Brungle, Tumut, Wagga Wagga, Young, Cowra and Bathurst Local Aboriginal Land Council areas.

It follows a two-year pilot in the Riverina and South East, where Local Land Services partnered with Local Aboriginal Land Councils and ANU to carry out cultural burns and monitor ecological outcomes in critically endangered

box-gum grassy woodlands on TSRs in Wagga Wagga, Young and Yass.

Cultural burns are cool, slow and controlled, trickling through the landscape and allowing native animals to shelter from the flames.

They promote the germination of plants, including culturally important food and medicinal plants.

The results from the pilot, published in a research paper, showed many native plants, including native peas, germinated after the burn – more so than in unburned areas.

Senior Riverina Local Land Services officer and Wiradjuri man Dean Freeman led the burns on Wiradjuri Country and said the results were promising.

"We're learning what part of the fire triggers regeneration – is it the heat, the smoke or the steam? I've been doing this for 25 years and it's very satisfying to see," Dean said.

He added the project explored how traditional cultural practices could be incorporated into today's land management systems to help restore ecological health and reduce bushfire risk.

"Australia is a fire-prone country," Dean said. "There's a place for all types of land management techniques in caring for Country. We're using these ancient techniques in a modern society and working together to find the best approach."

Researchers will continue to monitor the pilot sites in the Riverina and South East.

ANU Research Fellow Elle Bowd said data had never been produced at this scale before.



Dean Freeman leads cultural burning training on a travelling stock reserve at Wagga Wagga. PHOTO: Jamie Kidston

"The pilot made good inroads, but now we have more time and more resources to dedicate to this important, landscape-scale research into traditional land management tools," Dr Bowd said.

"We're also investing in building community capacity and strengthening the interface between traditional and Western land management principles by partnering with the community to achieve outcomes for and by them, as well as for western science and management."

ANU Research fellow Elle Bowd and Aboriginal Cultural Burns Lead for Wiradjuri Country, Dean Freeman (Riverina LLS). PHOTO: Nic Vevers



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Hazard reduction taskforce to boost bush fire protection

The state government has launched a new multi-agency taskforce to accelerate hazard reduction and better protect communities across NSW.

Taskforce Fire Guard will bring together fire agencies and land managers to strengthen coordination and prioritise high risk areas over the coming months.

Operating from the NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS) State Operations Centre, the taskforce will use predictive services and weather intelligence to support agencies to target efforts where they are needed most.

Participating agencies include the RFS, Fire and Rescue NSW, NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service, Forestry Corporation of NSW, Crown Lands and Transport for NSW.

The centralised body will support existing local arrangements by coordinating resources and using technology to plan and deliver hazard reduction more efficiently across the state.

Current conditions have created a valuable window for hazard reduction activity with burns underway across multiple regions.

These activities are reducing fuel loads, helping to lower fire intensity and better protect communities ahead of future fire seasons.

There may be periods when communities experience smoke and residents are encouraged to download the Hazards Near Me app, follow health advice and take care while driving.

It is important for agencies to take every available opportunity to carry out this work which has been hindered in recent years by



A new multi-agency taskforce has been put together to accelerate hazard reduction and better protect communities.

PHOTO: NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service

record floods and prolonged rains, as well as unsettled conditions and less predictable fire seasons.

Since 1 July 2025, agencies have treated 45,000 hectares across NSW, helping to protect more than 127,000 properties through a targeted focus.

"Taskforce Fire Guard brings agencies together to ensure we are making the most of every opportunity to reduce bushfire risk and protect communities. It will

strengthen how we plan and deliver hazard reduction across the state, particularly as weather conditions allow work to increase," Minister for Emergency Services Jihad Dib said.

"This is a commonsense approach to hazard reduction that brings all agencies together with a sole focus of coordinated and planned hazard reduction activities.

"This is about making sure every part of the system is work-

ing together, using the best available information, to reduce bush fire risk and protect lives and communities across NSW."

RFS Commissioner Trent Curtin said we are dealing with higher fuel loads and increasingly narrow windows to safely carry out hazard reduction.

"This taskforce allows us to better prioritise and coordinate work across agencies, focusing effort where it will have the greatest operational impact," he said.

"Hazard reduction is one of the most effective ways to reduce bushfire risk, and we will take advantage of favourable conditions wherever possible to safely carry out this work across multiple regions.

"While people may see or smell smoke, these burns are carefully planned and closely monitored to ensure community safety."

Fire and Rescue NSW, Acting Commissioner Mick Morris said Task Force Fire Guard is about strengthening how agencies work together to deliver hazard reduction burns where it will make the greatest difference to community safety.

"It does not replace existing planning or command arrangements, rather it supports them by improving coordination, situational awareness and access to specialist capability, enabling agencies to take advantage of the narrow windows available when conditions are right," he said.

"Fire and Rescue NSW's contribution is focused on the urban interface and structure risk, supporting our endorsed bushfire mitigation plans and safe integration with our broader emergency response."

A list and map of planned burns can be found on the RFS website at www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/hr or download the Hazards Near Me app for information on upcoming hazard reduction burns in your 'Watch Zone'.

People with respiratory conditions who are affected by bush fire smoke are advised to activate their health management plan and seek medical advice if necessary.

Seed donation helps renovate fire affected pastures with new genetics

By KIM WOODS

Fire affected farmers in northern and central Victoria have benefited from donated seed to oversow new pastures to help fill their autumn-winter feed gaps.

A prize of a fly-fishing trip for four mates was auctioned at the Pasture Agronomy Service conference at Wagga Wagga in March, with the successful bidder at \$4000 being DLF Seeds.

Sam Jarrett, DLF Seeds sales agronomist central and south west NSW, decided to convert the prize into \$4000 worth of Economax pasture seed for those farmers burnt out in the January 2026 Victorian bush fires to oversow affected paddocks.

The seed mix contains Saia oats, Italian ryegrass and annual ryegrass for quick, autumn feed and a spring flush with the ability to make hay.

The fire affected PAS clients were the Houston family, Houston Pastoral, Burrowye; David and Tara Brewer, Brewer Beef, Tallangatta Valley; and Jarrod McKay, Larnoo Pastoral, Yea.

There was additional support via a donation from SIPCAM, represented by Chris Fletcher, Dubbo.

Graham Houston said the seed donation was welcome at his family's Burrowye Station which lost pasture and fencing in the fires and a devastating flood that followed.

While buildings were saved, much of their cow herd was left without pasture and was lifted north to stock routes.

"The seed is in the ground and up now with the best autumn start in 30 years with 150mm in March/April - we appreciated that," he said.

"We have 20 B-double loads of cattle with drovers near the Queensland border and they are now coming home with the flush of grass. We are appreciative of the timely support by forestry management fire crews with earth moving equipment and helicopters."

Pasture Agronomy Service principal Mark Lucas said all of the fire zones had benefitted from recent rain, making it ideal for oversowing new pasture.

He was quick to contact and visit producers after the event to walk them through a program of pasture renovation.

"The intensity of a fire can be judged by cow manure - if a dry cow pat is burnt to ash, it was an intensely hot fire, burning down into the seed bed. With all of those farms visited, there was no cow manure left in the paddocks," Mr Lucas said.

"Any grass seed and perennial grass crowns were burnt down into the ground, but it doesn't have much effect on sub clover. Quite often heat near a sub clover seed will make it break dormancy quickly and this can lead to excessive clover post-

autumn break."

Mr Lucas said many producers had already sown oats for quick feed while others have sown Economax, a mixture of Saia oats, tetraploid ryegrass, and hybrid Italian ryegrass to fill the autumn winter feed gap.

"They need balance on those areas where the clover will return ferociously, resulting in bloat in cattle in early spring," he said.

"The weeds will be mainly broadleaf varieties, and they can be knocked down later."

When it comes to burnt fencing, Mr Lucas said there would be opportunities to reconfigure laneways for ease of stock management.

Sam Jarrett agreed, saying growing quick ground cover was key post bush fire to make use of recent rain.

"Oats and ryegrass would give quick, quality feed for cattle going into autumn," Mr Jarrett said.

"The opportunity to reconfigure paddocks into smaller cells gives better grazing management. If producers had old pastures, it is also an opportunity to renovate with new, improved genetics.

"There is 25 to 30 years of work that goes into the release of a single new pasture variety, and these new genetics are built to last."



Pasture Agronomy Service principal Mark Lucas. PHOTO: Kim Woods



Fingerlings released at Blowering boat ramp

By **ANGUS REYNOLDS**

There was a great turn out to release healthy Golden Perch fingerlings on Sunday 26 April.

The local acclimatisation committee was led by Blue Free and Tony Howard and Barry Day, Graham Wilkins and other esteemed members of the Hammy Cup.

We set up at Log Bridge boat ramp at Blowering and set 15,000 Golden Perch fingerlings into the wild. The fish looked great and varied in size.

Thanks for the efforts from the committee and sponsors of the cause. Work like this keeps our fisheries thriving and we would notice a great decline without the work you do.

Lately the Tumut River has been fishing well. The water temp

has dropped from a hot summer high of 20+ degrees to a nice 16 degrees which has made the fish much happier.

Better numbers of fish are found on the top stretch above town although some nice fish are still being caught down in the lower parts now that it's cooling off.

It's a great time to look in the tributaries like Gilmore and Goob especially with the weekend's rain coming as fish start to move into spawning runs.

Murray cod have been on fire right from Nangus to Childowla on the Murrumbidgee and the Adelong Creek has been a lot of fun.

Top water is still a very effective method especially in the early and late parts of the day.

Up in the high country the crickets are thick and fishing large dark flies has seen some great fish caught.

The good browns are mooching on the edges and also waiting on some rain to move up the rivers.

Again this weekend should be great in the river mouths around the big lakes as the bigger browns will be raring to go for an early run.

Remember to look up the rules for a refresher on what you can and can't do, and remember it changes from lakes to streams. For example, you can't use bait on the Eucumbene river, you can use up to three flies on lakes and a max of two flies on streams in NSW.

Happy fishing and thanks

again to the stocking efforts. Reach out to Brian "Blue" Free or haulyfishing@gmail.com if you'd like to help by making a donation.

We have more natives and trout coming for the fisheries including a big release of Brown Trout for the Tumut coming soon.

Special thanks to the sponsors of the fish stocking:

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Host a screening, meet the stars

Communities like Tumut are being asked to consider hosting a screening of the new film, JIMPA, fresh out of cinemas and directed by acclaimed director Sophie Hyde.

Community 'hosts' will have exclusive access to a live Q&A with Academy Award-winning actor Olivia Colman, along with Kate Box, Aud Mason-Hyde and director Sophie Hyde on Tuesday 13 May at 9.30pm (AEST), to celebrate the launch and to spark meaningful conversations in the lead up to the International Day Against LGBTQIA+ discrimination (IDAHOBIT, 17 May).

"We are thrilled to have Olivia Colman join us on 13 May as we bring JIMPA to homes, workplaces and communities, to spark conversations and connections between generations and mobilise support for LGBTQIA+ communities," Ms Hyde said.

JIMPA is Ms Hyde's most personal film to date, inspired by her own family. Filmmaker Hannah (Olivia Colman) takes her trans non-binary teenager Frances (Aud Mason-Hyde) to Amsterdam, to visit their gay grandfather - lovingly known as "Jimpa" (played by John

Lithgow). But Frances' desire to stay with Jimpa for a year abroad means Hannah is forced to reconsider her beliefs about parenting and finally confront old stories about the past.

In an interview with Variety, Ms Colman said, "I love the fact that this film is about learning how to listen to each other without throwing the toys out the crib. I don't understand how you can get so upset about it when someone is 'different'."

And with Vanity Fair, she said, "If I could work with the queer community and trans people on every film, I'd have the happiest life. Also, I learned more about myself."

Funny, accessible, full of sadness and joy, and with a wonderful multi-generational cast, JIMPA is a celebration of LGBTQIA+ culture. It brings a queer family to screen, taking a nuanced look at just how much has changed in terms of social expectation and our understanding of family over three generations.

"I think it's so rare that we see characters like Frances and Jim, queer characters who



Olivia Colman as Hannah, John Lithgow as Jim, and Aud Mason-Hyde as Frances in a scene from Sophie Hyde's film, JIMPA. PHOTO: Mark De Blok

live full happy lives and whose problems don't arise solely from their queerness... I hope these characters - and this film - can offer an opportunity for queer, trans communities and our allies to commune, organise and connect across generations," Aud Mason-Hyde said.

The community-hosted screenings program is available to organisations, workplaces, community groups, schools and

universities and individuals hosting 'watch parties' at home.

Upon licensing the film, hosts receive promotional resources, additional videos from the film team, and a conversation guide built in partnership with Transcend Australia, Trans Justice Project, ACON Love Project and Life Rites.

Find more information at: jimpafilm.com/host-screening

Tumut and Adelong Times property guide

Location and opportunity

Set upon a generous approximate 3,035m² allotment, 123 Fitzroy Street offers a future subdivision opportunity in the heart of town, whilst generating income from the existing dwelling. The three-bedroom residence offers a conveniently positioned residence, just a short stroll from all major amenities and currently leased at \$310 per week.

With such a generous allotment so close to town, this is an opportunity not to be missed.

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- Large living area with wood box fire and ceiling fan
- Quaint fully covered front deck
- Single carport with direct internal access to laundry
- Internal laundry with direct external access
- Fully covered rear verandah running the width of the home
- House allotment/yard approximately 620m² with house and immediate grounds on the tenancy, including rear vehicle access
- Approximate 3,035m² allotment

Do not miss your opportunity to secure this conveniently positioned opportunity, call today to book your inspection.

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Location: **123 Fitzroy Street, Tumut**
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ANZAC DAY - TUMUT

Rear Admiral Rachel Durbin's ANZAC Day address

Ladies and Gentlemen, Distinguished Guests, and Fellow Veterans,

We gather here today on Wiradjuri Country to commemorate ANZAC Day, a day of solemn reflection and enduring gratitude – forever remembered in the history of our nation.

On this day, 25 April, we reflect on the anniversary of the landings at Gallipoli in 1915 – a campaign that forged the ANZAC legend. It was on those distant shores that young Australians and New Zealanders showed the world the qualities that would come to define our nations: bravery, endurance, mateship, and sacrifice.

Today, we pay homage to those who made the ultimate sacrifice. Those who departed from their homes and loved ones, who faced danger with courage and commitment, and who never returned. Each life lost is a heartfelt reminder of the cost of freedom. Each name, each story, is a testament to their heroism, loyalty, and selfless service.

We also remember those who returned, carrying with them the trials of war and the weight of that service. Their experiences teach us resilience, humility, and the everlasting value of mateship.

The bonds forged at sea, in ports far from home, and in the heat of conflict are unbroken. They pass from generation to generation, from ship to ship, sustaining the Navy and Defence's proud heritage.

For those of us who serve in the Royal Australian Navy, ANZAC Day holds a deep significance. From the daring passage of HMAS AE2 as it slipped through the Dardanelles on this day in 1915, to the ships and sailors who safeguard our waters today, our Navy carries forward the same spirit of commitment and dedication.

The ANZAC spirit is not just history; it is



Rear Admiral Rachel Durbin.

a tradition we continue to live by and uphold. We see it in the quiet vigilance of a sailor on watch, in the determination of a crew facing storms and challenges, and in the loyalty and trust shared among shipmates.

Every ship that sails, every watch kept, every mission undertaken, continues the legacy of those first ANZACs, linking past and present, guiding our actions, and shaping our Navy today.

That spirit is not confined to a single ser-

vice, uniform, or environment. It is defined not by where Australians serve, but by how they serve one another, our nation, and those in need.

At sea, in the air and ashore, Australian Defence Force personnel have served in every major conflict since Gallipoli – in the Pacific, the Indian Ocean, Korea, Vietnam, the Middle East, and in countless humanitarian and peacekeeping missions.

At sea, in the air, and ashore, they have upheld the highest traditions

of the ANZACs.

The ANZAC spirit is not confined to one time or one generation. It lives on in all who wear the uniform of our nation. It can be seen in the calm professionalism of our sailors navigating heavy seas, in the quiet stoicism of those deployed far from home, and in the selfless teamwork of shipmates who rely on one another through every challenge.

ANZAC Day reminds us that courage takes many forms. For some, it was storming a beach at dawn. For others, it was holding a damaged ship together through fire and chaos. For many, it was simply doing their duty each day, without fanfare, in the face of fear and hardship.

Today, we remember them all – those who fought and fell, and those who returned forever changed. We remember the families who waited, the communities that supported them, and the generations who carried their legacy forward.

As we remember the ANZACs, we also recognise the broader story of service, shaped by communities, carried across generations, and too often left untold. This includes Indigenous Australians from our local region and communities such as nearby Brungle.

In towns like Tumut, the connection between service and community is deeply felt. Communities such as this do more than support those who serve; they help shape them. Values of resilience, humility, and mateship are not formed in isolation. They are forged in places where people look out for one another and where helping others is part of everyday life. Communities build character, and in turn, that character sustains our nation in times of need.

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RA Durbin honours veterans at Tumut service

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The Tumut region stands as a powerful example of service across generations. Families here have answered the call across decades, from the First World War through to contemporary operations. Local men like Private Thomas Davis, who served in the First World War, and Ernest Freeman, who served during the Second World War, stepped forward from this region to serve their nation. Their service is part of the local ANZAC Story and part of the enduring contribution of Indigenous Australians to Australia's defence. Service is often not an individual act, but a shared legacy, passed from one generation to the next. We see that in the contemporary service of locals such as Sapper Reggie Coe, a descendant of Ernest Freeman. It reflects a commitment not only to our nation, but also to family, to community, and to the enduring values that bind them together.

Within this story, we acknowledge the significant and often overlooked contributions of Indigenous Australians. For many Indigenous servicemen and women, the experience of service presented additional hardships. Despite facing discrimination and mistreatment many continued to volunteer for service.

In many cases, Indigenous Australians had to conceal or misrepresent their heritage in order to enlist, doing so at a time when they were not recognised as full citizens in their own country.

They did so out of a profound sense of duty – to stand alongside their mates, protect their families, and to serve their country.

Records of Indigenous service personnel are often incomplete due to historical recording practices. This has made their service harder to trace and their stories of sacrifice more difficult to tell. It was not until 1949 that restrictions were formally lifted, allowing Indigenous Australians to enlist openly in the Australian military.

While often treated as equals in service, carrying out their duties with courage and professionalism alongside their fellow Australians, many Indigenous returned home post service, to a society that did not afford them the same rights, recognition, or benefits. As a result, they were often left to process their experiences in isolation, without appropriate support – a powerful reminder that service to the nation has not always been matched by equality within it.

For many of our Indigenous veterans, this lack of acknowledgement and support shaped whether their service was spoken about. Many did not wear their medals, nor attend commemorations such as ANZAC Day. Many are not present alongside us today. Some didn't speak about their service at all, even to family. This reminds us that the ANZAC story, a very personal story for each veteran, is not always visible, and that many stories have only recently begun to be uncovered



Rear Admiral Durbin marched with the official party to the Richmond Park ANZAC Service on Saturday.

PHOTOS: Camillo Malacari

and understood.

As we look to the future, in an increasingly uncertain world, the enduring lesson is clear: the qualities we honour on ANZAC Day – courage, mateship, and service – are born from community. They are grown and sustained by people, like those of you gathered here today. By communities, like this one, that support, remember, and contribute to our strength.

In recognising the celebrated and the previously unknown and untold stories, including those of Indigenous Australians, we strengthen our understanding of who we are, and ensure that the ANZAC spirit remains relevant, inclusive, and enduring for all Australians, for generations to come.

The ANZAC story is not frozen in time. It lives on in each generation that serves – in every sailor, soldier, and aviator who honours that same level of allegiance, valour, and mateship. It lives in our sense of duty, our compassion for others, and our determination to stand by our mates – in uniform and in our communities. And it continues to evolve, carried by those who serve today and those who will serve tomorrow.

Today, members of the Australian Defence Force continue that proud legacy – protecting Australia's interests, contributing to peace and stability in the Indo-

Pacific, responding to natural disasters, and providing humanitarian aid around the world. They stand ready to serve where they are needed most – not for recognition, but because service is their calling.

ANZAC Day is also a day to acknowledge the strength behind the uniform – the families, partners, and friends who support those who serve. Their resilience and support are an integral part of Australia's Defence story. They withstand the separation, uncertainty, and they adapt with strength and grace. Their unwavering support allows our Defence Force to remain strong and focused.

As we gather at dawn – in cities, towns, and on ships at sea – we reflect on the cost of peace, and to recognise the freedoms we enjoy are not granted lightly. They are the product of service and sacrifice. For those of us in the service of our nation, it is a duty and a privilege to uphold this legacy.

As we observe this day, let us do so with humility and gratitude. Let us pause to reflect on those who served, those who continue to serve, and those who gave their lives so that we may live free.

May we continue to honour all who have worn the uniform not only through remembrance, but also through how we live, lead, and serve every day.

In acknowledging this history, we do

more than remember; we reaffirm our commitment to respect, inclusion, and the values for which all Australians in uniform have stood.

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We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Dr Darwiche, Dr Tran and the most amazing nurses and staff of Tumut Hospital. Your care, kindness and support for Stephen and our family meant so much to us.

We are also deeply grateful to Katherine, Braden, Robert and Denise from Beavans, Father Joseph and to Tash from Coach House Flowers for all your compassion, love and help.

Thank you to everyone for their generous donations to Frontier Dementia Research.

With all our love and sincere thanks.

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Missed by all that knew him

Prayers for the repose of the soul of the late **Patrick James Murray** will be held in the **Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Capper Street Tumut on Tuesday 5th May 2026 commencing at 10am.** Followed by interment at the **Adelong Cemetery.** Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend.

~ Rest in Peace ~



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Unfortunately, we are unable to perform our Show at Brooklyn on Fitzroy on Saturday 2 May

We apologise for any inconvenience.

We are still performing at Tumut Brewery on Friday evening 1 May at 6pm.

Whilst the show won't have Auslan interpretation, our hearing loop will still be installed.

Tickets for the Friday Show are available at <https://events.humanitix.com/xander-starbuck-space-cowboy-parts-ii-and-iii-at-tumut-river-brewing-co>

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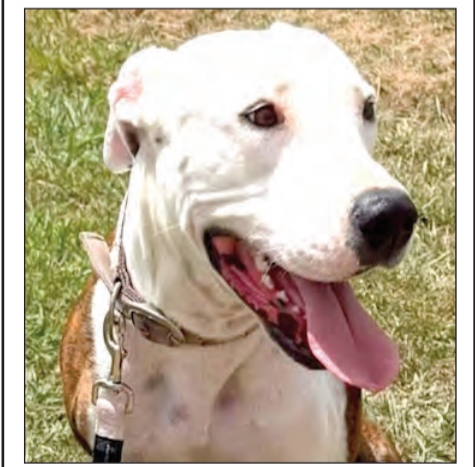
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Netball season starts tomorrow

The 2026 netball season gets underway this Saturday, 2 May, and there's a real buzz around the courts as we prepare for another exciting year.

Team numbers are once again strong, particularly in the NetSetGo divisions, which is fantastic to see.

Players, spectators, and volunteers can look forward to enjoying the fantastic facilities, with the courts resurfaced in 2025. Just a reminder that court numbers changed last season, Court 1 is now located closest to the canteen, while Court 3 sits nearest the car park.

This season will also see the addition of new seating around the courts, providing greater comfort for spectators, parents, and players. These improvements have been made possible thanks to the generous support of DME, Visy and Bellettes.

We're also excited to unveil our newly renovated canteen this season - no doubt volunteers will be lining up to take on canteen duty.

Tumut Netball has also recently been successful in securing funding through the Local Sport Defibrillator Grant Program 2025/26. As a result, a defibrillator is now located in the control room, providing an important addition to the safety of our players, officials, and spectators.

In 2026, Division 1 and Division 1 Reserve will compete across the season, playing against each other before splitting into separate competitions during the finals series.

The Round One draw is available below and is now live on PlayHQ. Umpire allocations will be shared via the Tumut Netball Association Facebook and Instagram pages in the coming days.

We're looking forward to a fantastic season filled with great competition, community spirit, and, of course, a visit to the best canteen in the area.

Teams have been graded as follows (please note grading may change)

Division 1: Hot Chippies, Woolpack, Bowlie, Amateurs, Switched On Electrical 15s.

Division 1 Reserve: Court Chaos, Pivot and Sip, Batlow RSL.

Division 2: Tiger Magic, Fire Crackers, Sparkles, Hot Shots, Club Tumut 14s.

Division 3: Cherry Bombs, Live Wires, Murray's Plumbing 13s, Goode's Coaches 12s.

Division 4: AKD Netball Ninjas, Batlow RSL Starbursts, Tiger Pride, Superboltz, Elliotts 11 Year Development.

Division 5: Feisty Fillies, Tiger Roar, Tiger Lillies, Batlow RSL Wizz Fizzers, Sparkle Sisters.

Division 6: Tigeriffic, Bluebells, Gemstone Dolphins, Supernovas.

Division 7: Tiger Cubs, Fast Fillies, Rainbow Stars, Honey Bees, Pink Ladies.

Division 8: Tiger Tots, Bush Blossoms, Sparkle Squad, The Fluffy Ducks.

No representative teams will contest the finals.

The draw for Saturday is as follows:



Please note:
Division 6, 7 and 8 games are to be umpired by the coach of each team.
Only one coach per team is allowed on court.

10am: Court 1, Div 6, Bluebells v Gemstone Dolphins; Court 2, Div 7, Rainbow Stars v Fast Fillies; Court 3, Div 5, Tiger Lillies v Batlow RSL Wizz Fizzers; Court 5, Div 8, Bush Blossoms v Fluffy Ducks.

11am: Court 1, Div 6, Supernovas v Tigeriffic; Court 2, Div 7, Pink Ladies v Honey Bees; Court 3, Div 5, Sparkle Sisters v Feisty Fillies; Court 5, Div 8, Sparkle Squad v Tiger Tots.

12pm: Court 1, Div 3, Cherry Bombs v Goodes 12s; Court 3, Div 4, Tiger Pride v Batlow RSL Starbursts.

1pm: Court 1, Div 1, Hot Chippies v Pivot & Sip; Court 3, Div 2, Sparkles v Club Tumut 14s; Court 5, Div 4, Superboltz v Elliotts 11s.

2pm: Court 1, Div 1, Court Chaos v Switch On 15s; Court 2, Div 3, Live Wires v Murrays 13s; Court 3, Div 1, Amateurs v Batlow RSL

3pm: Court 1, Div 1, Bowlie v Woolpack; Court 3, Div 2, Hot Shots v Fire Crackers.

Bye teams: Div 2, Tiger Magic; Div 4, AKD Netball Ninjas; Div 5, Tiger Roar; Div 7, Tiger Cubs.

Goal post duty: Supernovas

Collect ladder and spanner from Control after 11am games to raise goal rings to standard height.

All NetSetGo teams will be rostered for this duty once or twice throughout the season.

Canteen duty: 10am-11am, Pink Ladies; 11am-12pm, Bluebells; 12pm-1pm, Sparkle Sisters; 1pm-2pm, Cherry Bombs; 2pm-3pm, Superboltz.

Please remember that all players must be registered before taking the court on Saturday. If anyone is having trouble or hasn't received the link to register online please contact either your team contact person or email tumutnetball@hotmail.com

Spectacular golf and weather at Batlow

It was another spectacular week on Batlow Golf Course, with crystal clear days in the early 20s and warmth still in the ground keeping the frosts at bay.

That looks like changing next week, but it is that time of year.

The Batlow golf fields were well attended again, and some good results reflected both the weather and the course condition.

A big thank you to the volunteers who get out on the mowers and keep it looking as good as it does.

The results for this week: Wednesday 22 April nine-hole Stableford: Winner Joe Ross 23 points on count-back; runner-up Ron Canlin on 23 points, Friday 24 April nine-hole Stableford: Winner John Hides 22 points; Runner-up Brad Rowe 19 points.

Saturday 25 April Anzac Day 18 hole Stableford: Winner John Hides 39 points;

Runner-up Jim Howell 35 points; Nearest pin on third Robbie Christian, Drive/pitch on fifth Brad

Rowe Public Holiday Monday 18 hole Stableford: Winner Derek Burgess 38 points;

Runner-up Wade Foster 37 points, 3rd Ian McCorkindale 33 points c/back. NTP third Andrew Hockey, Drive/pitch on fifth Ian McCorkindale

A special mention to Andrew Vaz who had a major spill from his unique golf cart on Saturday but finished his round with what may well be a broken lower leg bone - get well soon mate.



The participants in the Junior Golf Open at Tumut Golf Club.

Tumut Golf Club Junior Open a hit

Last Sunday saw the very successful running of the Tumut Golf Club Junior Open held at the Tumut Golf Course in perfect weather. This was a Jack Newton Junior Golf event which attracted players from Wagga, Albury, Canberra, Cootamundra, Temora, Coolamon and The Rock as well as our local juniors.

The Tumut event is one of a series of JNJC events held throughout the Southern Riverina to encourage young golfers and expose them to competition golf.

The event was divided into three sections; (a) The Junior Open, for players up to 18 years who have a GA handicap, (b) players who do not yet have a GA handicap, (c) Juniors On The Move, youngsters who do not have a handicap and play on a shortened course.

Local players, showing the benefit of the Tumut Club's attention to junior golf, acquitted themselves very well against some stiff opposition. Most of the local players are regulars at the free clinics held each Sunday morning at 9.30am-11am. These clinics are open to all youngsters who want to try the game of golf, have some fun and make new friends.

Results as follows:

Boys Overall, Scratch: first Charlie Dickson, 72 (Murrumbidgee), and second Fletcher Wells-Lloyd, 73 (Wagga Country Club), third Mason Adams 76 (Tumut).

Boys Overall Nett: first Patrick Pollack 61, (Tumut), second Benny Moon, 69, (Cootamundra), third Charlie Dickson (Murrumbidgee).

Boys 15-17 years Nett, Charlie Dickson 71 (Murrumbidgee), second, David Wang, 73, (Tumut), third, Harrison Delaney 73, (Coolamon).

Boys 14 years and under, first Patrick Pollack, 61, (Tumut), second Benny Moon, 69, (Cootamundra), third Archie Southwell, 71 (Tumut).

Juniors On The Move first Cooper Young 42, (Tumut) second Riley Webb 48, (Tumut), NTP fourth Henry Oliver (Tumut) Girls Long Drive Isabella Oliver, (Tumut).

"Congratulations to all the prize winners and indeed to all the players who attended," a Tumut Golf Club spokesperson said.

"It was a great experience for our local players, in all sections. The competition was played in great spirit and was followed by a presentation in the clubhouse and a sausage sizzle for all competitors."

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Ian Kelly is one of many Tumut Eagles players in good form in 2026.

Eagles fly west to play South

By JOSH GIDNEY

The undefeated Tumut Eagles head west to take on South Wagga in their first away game in Wagga this Sunday.

South Wagga's form has been mixed, so Tumut will concentrate on their own game rather than have any specific game plan focused on their opponents.

"It is hard to say what to expect from them as they are coming off one win and one loss, but we will go there expecting to take all three points; that's the aim," Eagles coach Kris Dimeck said.

The Eagles have had a fan-

tastic start to the Blake Trophy season, winning their opening two games with a for-and-against of 10-0, but Dimeck knows they can't drop their guard.

"We need to focus on our game and controlling what we can do on and off the ball, and hopefully our plan works out and we can put a few goals in and come away with the win," he said.

The Eagles should be at strength, and will be fresher after having had the long weekend off.

"We should have a full team again," Dimeck said.

"The boys are pumped after having last weekend off; they are keen to get

back to it."

All the signs are good with the team.

"We've had great numbers at training which is helping us, and coming off two wins we should all be going in with confidence, but we don't want to get ahead of ourselves," Dimeck said.

Indeed, he knows his team will have to be 100 per cent switched on if they are to continue their winning run.

"We need to be smart and not take them lightly as one small mistake could cost us," he said.

"It would be great to pull off another win and come away from our first away game with the points."

Bulls eye redemption against Steamers

By JOSH GIDNEY

The Tumut Bulls have a great opportunity to get back on the winners list and put their Wagga Aggies loss behind them when they play the Albury Steamers at Jarrah Sportsground on Saturday.

Bulls coach Jesse Bellchambers said that Albury had a tough off-season.

"We are pretty confident as they are not always the strongest side, but we've got stuff to work on," he said.

Fortunately for Albury, Tumut won't be at full strength.

"We've got a few forwards out, including Spencer Smith and Lewis Simister," Bellchambers said.

"However, it will be good to give some other players a go."

The second grade Bulls will be no doubt buoyed by their 60-0 win over Wagga Aggies in their last match, but player Chace Bullock-McGrath says they are expecting a good turn out from Albury this weekend for all grades.

"They'll turn up strong and quick but I'm very confident we will get the win," he said.

"With our current form from our last two games we are very confident we will come out on top."

"We will field a full team with plenty of reserves which is good. We've been pretty full on at training, even over the long weekend we've continued to train hard and long

which will only benefit us for the long run.

Tumut womens' coach Katei Van Zyl said her team is expecting Albury to come to Tumut looking to win.

"They had a strong win against City in round one and played very well against Griffith" she said.

"We expect them to be physical through the guts of the field and then try and get it wide and move the ball around us.

"Luckily we have a full team and almost a full bench for this weekend, so we will look to use the wide range of skill sets and experiences that our team has to hopefully just play basic rugby and come away with a solid performance.

"Training has been good, high energy and the team is really settling into a family type of vibe.

"The women are very good at getting around each other and empowering each other, which is what women's sport is all about.

"The weekend off, while good to spend time with our families, has created a bit of a stop and start to the beginning of our season. Hopefully, we can come together on Friday night for a team run, get the energy high and push the team back into that rugby mindset."

She said that while the win against Aggies was great, the Red Bulls take each weekend as a new opportunity and a clean slate.



The Bulls' AJ Thomas flies high in a lineout against Aggies.

"We don't take confidence from the win, but rather confidence around how our team is feeling both as individual players and a group of women," she said.

"We can see the potential, we can feel the excitement and anticipation, and we can hear the support from one another - that's what we take into this weekend."

Bush Chemist Medal Round this Saturday

The Tumut Golf Club will hold the May Bush Chemist Monthly Medal round this Saturday for the men, which will be played in the stroke format while the ladies will be contesting a Stableford competition.

Sunday will be a Medley Stableford competition.

Last week's Anzac Day 4BBB v Par competition had 24 contestants and was taken out by the Wagga Wagga Country Club pairing of Mitchell Lancaster and Jackson Moye on countback from Ben Wysman and Mitchell Schaffer after both teams recorded scores of plus eight.

Dean and Ben McDonald claimed third with plus seven.

Other prize winners were Dylan and Jamie Freeman +6,

Braiden and Jamie Freeman +6, Paul Bevan and Stuart Tozer +6, Neil Bye and Patrick McGrath +5 and Shane Carroll and Greg Bye +5.

Sunday's Whisk and Dish Three person Ambrose had 51 participants and saw an excellent score from the team of Derek Elliott, Genevieve Mason-Elliott and Lachlan Carty who recorded 51.167 nett to claim the win from Troy Watling, Brad Hollis and Luke Rodda second on countback with 61.167.

The team of Shane Walsh, Jamie Freeman and Clayton Denson finished third also with 61.167.

Other notable scores were Darren Lang, Daniel Vafiopulous and Jason Brown 61.667, Steve Kell, Paul Booby and Greg Bye

61.833 and Dean Simpson, Dean McDonald and Ben McDonald 62c/b.

Nearest Pins- fourth Wayne Jones 488cm, ninth Greg Kuhn 530cm, 17th Keith Cooper 365cm.

Last Thursday's nine hole chook run was played over the back nine holes with 33 players contesting the Stableford format.

Five players all returned the same score of 19 points with Joshua Ireland deemed the winner on countback from Peter Wren second and William Hughes third.

Other ball winners were Glenn Stroud 19, Joanne Crowe 19, Steven Delaney 18, Jan Gustafsson 18 and Greg Sommerville 18c/b.

Nearest pin on hole seventeen went to Ryan Annetts 546cm.

The Seniors competition for

Tuesday 21 April saw 38 golfers contesting the Stableford format over the front nine holes and required a countback to separate Darryl Ryan and Robbie Worsnop after both players recorded 19 points.

Ryan was deemed the winner from Worsnop.

Other prizes went to William Hughes 18, Wayne Jones 18, Peter Webb 18, Steve Hung 17, Peter Halpin 17, John Hickson 17, Peter Linnegar 17, Mick Piper 16, Peter Wren 16, Bill Masters 16, Brian Toole 16, Col Duncan 16, John Deacon 16 and Greg Sommerville 15.

Nearest pin went to Greg Sommerville on hole nine 400cm.

Last week's midweek Stableford competition had a healthy field of

33 tee up and saw Archie Southwell claim the win with 36 points from David Wang 35 second and Bill Masters third with 34 points on countback.

Other ball winners were Dean Simpson 34, Judy Hannah 34, Darryl Ryan 33, Joshua Ireland 33, Ben Hartwig 33, Stephen Gaul 33, Callum Firmstone 33, Trevor Masters 33, Brian Toole 32, Geoff Brain 31, Derek Elliott 30, Ian McDougall 30, Dylan Freeman 29 and Michael Hannah 29c/b.

Upcoming competitions: Saturday 2 May- Men's Bush Chemist Monthly Medal (stroke), Ladies Stableford, Sunday 3 May - Medley Stableford, Saturday 9 May - Mens Inside Out Homestore 4BBB Multiplier, Ladies Stableford. Sunday 10 May - Medley Stableford.

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Stage set for derby day

By JOSH GIDNEY

Sunday is the day and Twickenham is the place where the Tumut Blues and Gundagai Tigers will do battle in one of the true highlights of the Group 9 season.

Tumut coach Dean Bristow is confident of a good showing by the Blues, but knows how good Gundagai are.

"They got beat last week and we acquitted ourselves well, so we should be confident," he said.

"We have Menzies (Seumanutafa) and Lewis (Arragon) back this week."

However, he knows any success will be hard-earned.

"I know they (Gundagai) are going to be tough," he said.

"They've got skilful, big backs. They haven't got any weaknesses, so we will have to go with them and take our chances when they come. Because it's a Sunday and we haven't got Minor League, there should be a decent crowd. This was a game I used to look forward to as a player and I have tried to instil this in the players."

Tigers first grade coach Hayden Ashcroft said the team want to put the disappointment of last week's loss to Junee behind them.

"We are ready to bounce back and get a better result," he said.

"We will be at full strength."

The Tigers will field basically the same team that lost to Junee, but Ashcroft believes they will be much more primed for the game.

"We responded well after the first round," he said.

"We were caught off guard last week but everyone's responded well. More or less everyone's willing to turn things around. They have been training really well."

He and his team are looking forward to the local derby occasion.

"It's a great day for both clubs," he said.



Chris Hartshorn and Royce Tout will be in action for Tumut and Gundagai respectively at Twickenham this Sunday.
PHOTOS: Josh Gidney and Tahlia Crane

"There's a lot of history between the two clubs, and both teams will be up for it. Tumut have a big mobile pack and they are quite strong through the middle."

Tumut reserve grade coach Jack Dean and his players are

also pumped for their game against the Tigers.

"It is always a highlighted date in the footy calendar for us," he said.

Having last weekend off has made them even more keen.



"The week off was good, and we are back into it now," he said.

Gundagai, who are coming off a win, are expected to be a big challenge.

"We are expecting a tough battle as always," Dean said.

"They're a good outfit as they have been for many years, so it'll be a grind as usual."

The Tumut side to face Gundagai should be stronger than that which played Brothers.

"We've got a few players back this week so that'll be handy for us," Dean said.

"We were light on against Brothers."

The Tumut boys have prepared well.

"Training has been good; we've just got to build each week," he said.

Blues under 18s coach Brad Baker said his team were expecting a tough battle through the middle against the young Tigers.

"I watched them (Gundagai) last Saturday and they looked like they would be in the mix at the end of the season," he said.

"We have trained well over the last couple of weeks and focused on a couple of key areas that will hopefully improve some areas that we lacked against Brothers."

"The lads have really been putting in. Hopefully we get a good start on Sunday in what should be an entertaining game."

The Blues' league tag side will be getting back on the field for the first time this year after having to forfeit their match against Brothers.

Tigers tag coach Dempsey Elphick believes Tumut will put the Tigers girls to the test.

"We're expecting them to come out strong, they always do in the local derby," she said.

"Tumut versus Gundagai is always an exciting day."

She said Gundagai's team numbers are looking strong for the big clash.

"We nearly have full numbers for this weekend, I think that goes to show the passion everyone brings when we play Tumut," she said.

An All Abilities match will also be played on the day, and there will be a Player's Player Award, voted by both teams.

"It's all about giving everyone a chance to play," Gundagai's Mitch Goodsall said.

"It will probably go for about 10 minutes each way."

Snowy Valleys Cycle Challenge grows

The Tumut Rotary Club's Snowy Valleys Cycle Challenge is set to return in 2026 with an exciting new format, expanding beyond cycling into a vibrant, multi-day festival celebrating cycling culture, creativity and community.

Taking place across 26-27 September, the event will now feature a diverse program including cycling events, a brand-new gravel ride, a

film competition and screening at the historic Montreal Theatre, an art exhibition at the Adelong Showgrounds, and a weekend of markets, food and entertainment.

Event organisers say the expansion reflects a growing demand to create a broader visitor experience and encourage longer stays in the region.

"This is about more than just rid-

ing," said Tumut Rotary event lead Ian Ritchie.

"We're creating a full weekend experience that showcases the Snowy Valleys, from its epic landscapes and cycling routes to its creative community."

Highlights of the 2026 program include:

- A range of cycling events including a new gravel ride (subject to

regulatory approvals)

- Snowy Valleys Cycle Film Competition, with screenings at the Montreal Theatre

- Art Exhibition celebrating cycling and regional creativity

- Markets and live entertainment at the Adelong Showgrounds

The expanded format is expected to boost visitation and provide new opportunities for local businesses,

artists and the community to be involved.

Further program details, including entry information for competitions and cycling registrations, will be released in the coming months.

Save the date: 26-27 September 2026

For updates, visit:

<https://snowyvalleyscyclechallenge.com.au>