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Adelong's billion dollar baby

Gold contained within Adelong's historic goldfield has a notional value of more than \$1 billion at current prices, after Great Divide Mining confirmed a 169,700-ounce mineral resource across its local project.

At Thursday morning's Australian spot gold price of about \$6125 an ounce, the resource equates to a gross contained-gold value of approximately \$1.04 billion.

The figure is not a valuation of the project itself, with the amount of gold ultimately recovered and the cost of mining and processing among the factors determining its eventual value.

Great Divide Mining (GDM) announced this week that independent geological consultant GeoRes had restated resources previously estimated across the Challenger, Currajong, Caledonian and Donkey Hill deposits.

Together they contain an estimated 1.55 million tonnes of material grading 3.41 grams of gold per tonne, for a total 169,700 ounces of contained gold.

About 92,500 ounces, or 55 per cent of the total, sits within the higher-confidence Measured and Indicated resource categories.

The Challenger deposit, where GDM has recommissioned the historic mine and processing plant, is the largest individual resource with 80,300 ounces at 3.77 grams per tonne.

GDM chief executive Justin Haines said the updated figure strengthened the company's case for developing the historic Adelong field.

"The 169,700 oz resource now gives us a substantial platform from which to continue developing Chal-

lenger and systematically assess the broader potential of the Adelong Gold Project," he said.

GDM secured full ownership of Challenger in February after acquiring the remaining 49 per cent interest it did not already hold.

The company has since moved into commercial production, with the first shipment of gold concentrate leaving Challenger in April and initial cash receipts following. An off-take agreement covers 100 per cent of concentrate produced at the mine through to 30 June 2027.

Mr Haines said the speed of the development reflected GDM's focus on established mining areas where previous workings and existing infrastructure could shorten the path to production.

"When we established GDM, we were very deliberate about pursuing a brownfield strategy — acquiring projects in proven mining districts where the geology, infrastructure and mining history could give us a genuine head start," he said.

"Adelong is clearly demonstrating why we believed that was the right strategy."

The Adelong Goldfield has a long history of mining, with about 380,000 ounces previously produced from underground operations, including around 130,000 ounces from the 1.4km Old Hill Line.

GDM said further work would focus on developing Challenger and assessing the wider potential of the goldfield.

"Just six months after completing the Challenger acquisition, GDM has operating cash flow sitting atop a 169,700 oz high-grade gold platform," Mr Haines said.

"That's GDM's 'wow' factor."



It might not look like much, but the gold concentrate being produced by Great Divide Mining is coming from goldfields recently valued to contain approximately \$1 billion worth of gold at today's prices.
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Wild futures forum puts threatened species in the spotlight



Conservation leaders, researchers, landholders, students and community members are invited to come together in Adelong on 17 September for the inaugural Wild futures: Protecting the Riverina Highlands threatened species forum, to explore threatened species conservation efforts across the region.

Hosted by Riverina Local Land Services, this free one-day forum will showcase the people, projects and partnerships working to protect some of the Riverina Highlands' most vulnerable plants and animals.

Attendees will hear from conservation experts, researchers and practitioners delivering innovative recovery programs and practical solutions to support biodiversity outcomes across the landscape.

The forum will provide an opportunity to learn about current threatened species recovery efforts, discuss emerging challenges and opportunities, and strengthen connections between researchers, land managers and the community.

Senior land services officer with Riverina Local Land Services, Cherie White said the event would bring together a diverse range of people committed to protecting the region's unique biodiversity.

"This event is a great opportunity for farmers and community members to hear firsthand about the conservation efforts underway to support the recovery of some of our most endangered species," she said.

A highlight of the event will be a keynote presentation from Distinguished Professor David Lindenmayer, one of Australia's leading experts in biodiversity and landscape ecology.

"We have an outstanding lineup of 15 speakers who are at the forefront of threatened species conservation," Ms White said.

"Presentations will cover a diverse range of topics, from the first discovery of Leadbeater's Possum in New South Wales in 2025 to conservation initiatives focused on some of our most elusive species, including the platypus and greater glider."

The event will be held on Thursday 17 September at the Adelongia Theatre in Adelong, with refreshments and lunch provided. Attendance is free, however places are limited and registrations are essential.



The Adelong-Batlow UHA committee.

Adelong-Batlow UHA support Mobile Skin Check Truck

The Adelong-Batlow Branch of the NSW United Hospital Auxiliary are pleased to announce they will be partnering with Tumut Hospital Auxiliary, Tumut Rotary and Can Assist in funding the Mobile Skin Cancer check clinic for five days in late October.

The truck will be stationed at the Tumut District Hospital. Appointments will be necessary but Tumut Hospital is not taking bookings for the truck - please do not ring them. Booking details will be announced as soon as they come available.

The auxiliary encourage all interested Batlow residents to take advantage of this free service which will include full body scanning, biopsy of suspicious lesions if necessary and referral to your doctor for further treatment if required.

The Adelong-Batlow Hospital Auxiliary has welcomed several new members to the committee this year with three of the newcomers putting their hand up to take on executive positions at the recent AGM.

Over \$25,000 has been gifted to the Adelong-Batlow Hospital over the past 12 months, items gifted include recliner chairs, patient scales, block out curtains and framed photographs of local interest for the hallways.

Also, textbooks for the student nurses and gifts for the permanent residents at Christmas and planter boxes for the courtyard.

The auxiliary meet bi-monthly in the MPS on the fourth Tuesday at 10.30am. New members are always welcome.

Be ready for thunderstorm asthma threat

By SEAN CUNNINGHAM

Locals are being urged to prepare for the risk of thunderstorm asthma events over the next few months, with health authorities warning the condition can strike even people who have never experienced asthma before.

The Murrumbidgee Local Health District (MLHD) issues annual spring warnings about thunderstorm asthma events.

Although these events are rare, they can occur when specific weather conditions cause rye grass pollen to break apart into tiny particles, which can then be inhaled deep into the lungs, triggering severe breathing difficulties.

While people with existing asthma or hay fever are considered most at risk, asthma can also affect those with no history of respiratory problems by causing sudden and severe breathing difficulties.

With pollen levels expected to rise in the next few months, regional and rural communities are being encouraged to be aware of the risks and take simple steps now to protect themselves ahead of the thunderstorm season.

People with asthma or hay fever are strongly encouraged to consult with their GP or pharmacist, ensure medications are up to date and review their asthma action plan.

The warning is especially important for farming communities in the Riverina, where rye grass pollen levels can be higher than expected.

If you or someone around you is experiencing severe symptoms, please call triple zero (000) immediately.

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Blowering Dam wall access under scrutiny

By CAMILLO MALACARI

Concerns have been raised over public safety at Blowering Dam after trail bike riders were repeatedly spotted on the dam wall despite its closure over an electrical issue and risk of electric shock.

A notification on WaterNSW's website states the dam wall and nearby sections have been closed as a precaution due to an electrical issue, however resident Paul Skeen says the closure is not clearly signposted for people approaching the area via the Hume and Hovell Track.

A WaterNSW spokesperson said improvements to signage will be made in the area.

Mr Skeen said over the last few months he has spotted trail bikes in the immediate vicinity of or on top of the dam wall, which WaterNSW said has had public access restricted since late 2025.

In mid-August Mr Skeen was walking the section of Hume and Hovell Track which passes through the area presumed restricted, before returning home and finding the notification of closure due to an electrical issue on WaterNSW's website.

On a later visit to the area, he noticed the addition of stickers on metal objects in the area displaying warnings of 'Risk of electric shock'.

"Those stickers make me quite concerned," he said. "Every single bit of metal has those stickers on it, which means every single bit of metal is considered live as far as I can tell."

"To walk the Hume and Hovell Track you basically brush past some of this metal that now has the signs on it, and the area is still used by people walking through who are none-the-wiser."

Last weekend he was in the area and discovered a wombat that had only recently been hit by a vehicle, prompting a joey rescue at the dam wall.

"I've never had to deal with an

accident with an animal before and I know there are a lot of people out there that do it every day," Mr Skeen said.

"I take my hat off to them for doing what they do, but was a bit of a shock for me over the week-end."

"That mind space of digging a baby wombat out of its mother's pouch to try to get it help really impacted me."

"To think someone already driving in an area that is closed off to vehicles, then has the disrespect for the environment to hit a wombat and not check its pouch or do something about it."

Outside of mobile range, Mr Skeen put the joey in his backpack and rode back to Tumut, where he was able to arrange to meet with a WIRES volunteer in Gundagai.

Affectionately named 'Pringles', the joey is now safe and recovering at WIRES in Junee.

In response to questions from *The Times*, a WaterNSW spokesperson said WaterNSW is reviewing arrangements for walkers on the Hume and Hovell Track near the Blowering Dam wall following recent concerns raised by a member of the public.

"The current closure areas will remain in place as options to address an issue with electrical infrastructure in the dam wall area are investigated," they said.

"While the likelihood of an incident remains very low, WaterNSW has implemented precautionary measures to minimise any risk to the community by restricting access."

"In light of the ongoing nature of investigations, improvements to signage will also be made, and we thank the public for bringing this to our attention."

WaterNSW did not provide further details about the nature of the electrical issue, or answer whether it had placed the 'Risk of electric shock' stickers around the site.

They said investigations into fix-



ing the electrical issue are still underway and there are no current timeframes in place for the re-opening of the dam wall or access road.

WaterNSW encourages members of the public to report any observed trespassing or unsafe activity so that appropriate action can be taken, and they said signage and barriers are in place to discourage unauthorised access.

"For safety reasons, members of the public should not enter areas that have been closed or restricted," they said.



Above: Paul Skeen rescued Pringles the wombat joey from its mother's pouch at the top of Blowering Dam, in an area restricted to vehicles.

Left: Stickers warning of risk of electric shock have been placed on metal items throughout the area near the Blowering Dam wall through which the Hume and Hovell Track passes.

Fire training camps to strengthen Forestry Corporation's bushfire readiness

Forestry Corporation firefighters have stepped up preparations for the approaching bushfire season with a series of intensive training camps being held around the state.

Forestry firefighters from the Snowy Valleys will be participating in two camps over the coming months, including one held in Southern NSW, and another at Bombala in October.

Forestry Corporation's fire training and operations officer Adrien Thompson said large softwood plantations in the Snowy Valleys will be a major focus for fire crews throughout spring and summer.

"Of the two million hectares of state Forests in NSW our highest risk areas are our pine plantations," Mr Thompson said.

"These assets are valuable to softwood communities such as Tumut and Bombala, so any forest that is experiencing drying conditions under elevated fire conditions enabling ignitions to start will be a key focus for us and we will respond as quickly as we possibility can to any fire reported in the landscape," he said.

Another was recently held at Mount Sea-view near Wauchope, bringing together 45 staff members from the North West, New England, Mid North, Hunter and Central Coast regions, completing nationally recognised qualifications in Fire Fighter, Advanced Fire Fighter and Crew Leader roles.

Fire training and operations coordinator Nathan Fischer said the fire training camps play an important role in ensuring firefighters are prepared to protect communities, forests and assets during

the fire season.

"Forestry Corporation has a responsibility as a firefighting authority to ensure our people are trained, capable and ready to respond to fires in the landscape," Mr Fischer said.

"With two million hectares of state forests across NSW, it's essential we maintain a skilled workforce that can respond safely and effectively wherever they're needed."

"The training combines classroom learning with practical field exercises, helping firefighters build confidence and capability in fire behaviour, tactics, leadership, communications and equipment operation."

The recent camp included a live fire scenario, providing participants with hands-on experience in a realistic fire situation.

Among those undertaking training was Tamworth-based Production Supervisor Mat Newberry, who completed a Crew Leader course having previously gaining qualifications as a Firefighter and Advanced Firefighter.

Mr Newberry joined Forestry Corporation as a seasonal firefighter after serving 16 years with Fire and Rescue NSW and said the Crew Leader course provided valuable insight into the responsibilities of leading a team of firefighters.

"The biggest shift as a Crew Leader is moving from being on the tools to looking at the broader operation," Mr Newberry said.

"You're responsible for the safety and wellbeing of your crew, identifying hazards and risks, monitoring changing fire con-

ditions and making sure critical information is communicated from your position on the fireground to those managing the operation."

Having worked in both structural and forest firefighting environments, Mr Newberry said the experience had broadened his understanding of fire management.

"Forest firefighting is vastly different to structural firefighting, and it presents a

unique set of challenges as we often see across the state over spring and summer," he said.

"Since joining Forestry Corporation, I've had the opportunity to expand my knowledge and experience through wildfire operations and specialist training, including working as a Planning Officer within Incident Management Teams during major incidents."

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Watch out for ‘pies, it’s swooping season

By CAMILLO MALACARI

As the Snowy Valleys ushers in spring and people start to enjoy the warming sun, breeding season begins for Australian magpies and family defence becomes a priority for the iconic bird.

To protect their nests, eggs, and young, some magpies may swoop on people strolling past, responding to what they perceive as a threat to their nests.

One such hot-spot of magpie swooping activity is near Snowy Valleys School and the childcare centre, with a resident taking to Facebook to warn people.

“There’s a magpie starting to swoop on people walking past,” they said. “Please stay alert.”

Commentors shared their stories of encounters with the protective bird in the comments, while others advised taking a different route.

According to Wildlife Information, Rescue and Education Service (WIRES), while swooping behaviour can be alarming, it is temporary, most magpies don’t swoop at all, and those that do are thinking only of defence.

Australian magpies are intelligent, social birds that form long-lasting pair bonds and keep the same territory year after year.

During breeding season, magpies may swoop to de-



fend their nest, eggs, or chicks from perceived threat.

“Swooping is a natural defensive behaviour, not random aggression,” WIRES notes on its website.

“It usually occurs for a short period of time between August and December, while young birds

are in or near the nest.

“The behaviour usually stops once the chicks have left the nest.”

WIRES contends that magpies have excellent memories and are believed to be able to distinguish between people, identifying unknown individuals as intruders.

Further, school uniforms, cyclists, and individuals can be targeted due to past experiences of one magpie or chick, while others are left alone.

Magpies defending their nest usually give off warnings first, giving an opportunity to help prevent further swooping.

Loud carolling or repeated calls, beak clicking or clapping sounds, low warning passes overhead, perching nearby and watching, and swooping from behind as you pass through the territory, are all behaviours that should prompt one to move calmly away from the area according

to WIRES.

Commenters on Facebook told stories of individuals receiving minor but notable injuries from swooping magpies, including one commenter who said their partner had returned home with blood running down their face after a run-in during a walk.

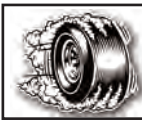
WIRES offers advice to those living among magpies on the best ways to avoid being swooped.

- Stay calm and leave the nesting area
- Walk quickly, don't run
- Wear a hat or use an umbrella if needed
- If cycling, dismount and walk through the area
- Don't wave sticks, throw objects or try to scare the bird. Behaving aggressively may increase the perception of humans as threats
- Respect their warning signals and move further away
- Avoid the area for a few weeks if possible, as swooping usually stops once the chicks leave the nest

Magpies play an important role in Australia's ecosystems by controlling insects and other pests. Their intelligence, complex family groups and distinctive carolling make them one of Australia's most recognisable native birds.

With patience and a little extra care during breeding season, people and magpies can safely share the same spaces.

Sleek American muscle in Tumut



**SPIN MY WHEELS
WITH JOSH GIDNEY**

Sammy Osecan's 2024 Corvette is probably the last car in Tumut that could be mistaken for a people mover.

Sammy traded in another of these, a red one, for this grey machine in Wagga in 2024.

He is very happy with his purchase.

“It’s excellent; the best car I’ve ever had,” he said.

“It’s a joy to drive. It’s a convertible, but it’s a bit too cold at the moment to have the top off.”

The Corvette was built at Bowling Green, Kentucky, like every other Corvette, but it is right-hand drive and it turns heads in Tumut.

“It’s not a car you see every day,” Sammy said.

“A lot of people know it in Tumut. They just about block the road (to see it). Local people are kind about it and pleased to see it. People ask if they can have a photo with it.”

Despite its low stance, even speed bumps aren’t a problem.

“It’s got air shocks on the front which lift it,” he said.

It also has a 6.2-litre eight-speed engine and eight-speed sequential gearbox, but Sammy insists it’s not too high-tech to work on.

“It’s got a big pedigree and it can be matched with any supercar on the road, but you don’t need a software update, you just open the bonnet and check it out,” he said.

He’s grateful to have mechanic Matt Henman at Tumut Exhaust and Brake, who



he calls a “local angel” here in Tumut to work on it.

“I’m very happy with their quality of work,” he said.

“They are very caring.”

The Corvette, as you might imagine, isn’t Sammy’s daily drive.

“I only take it out on weekends,” he said.

Sammy is hoping not to have to ever part with it.

“If I go broke I can sell it and live on it for a while,” he said.

Rego discount kicks in

Local drivers renewing their vehicle registration will pay \$100 less to register their privately owned vehicle, while motorcyclists will pay \$80 less for their rego after the state government's registration discount kicked in on Tuesday.

The \$100 registration discount will benefit the owners of more than 4.4 million vehicles across NSW, putting money back into the pockets of families facing ongoing cost-of-living pressures.

Around 360,000 privately owned light vehicles are due for registration renewal in September alone. For drivers whose rego was due in July or August, the \$100 discount will be applied when their registration is renewed in 2027.

Eligible motorists do not need to do anything to receive the discount. It will automatically apply when an owner receives notification that their eligible vehicle is:

- due for registration
- when a new vehicle is registered in NSW; and
- is re-registered in NSW after previously being unregistered.

Drivers can view their registration details and switch to digital registration reminders in their MyServiceNSW account and in the Service NSW app. This is the easiest way to manage vehicle registration and stay up to date.

Minister for Roads and Regional Transport Jenny Aitchison said the government is committed to making life easier for commuters.

"And our registration discount is a clear example of that," Ms Aitchison said.

"We know it's not cheap to get from A to B, which is why we're making sure drivers, motorcyclists and commuters on public transport can save some of their hard-earned money.

"Our registration discount is automatically applied, meaning there's no homework, just savings, so families can spend money on their loved ones instead."

Meanwhile, motorists who let their registration lapse will now be sent an SMS reminder as another safeguard to stop people accidentally driving unregistered vehicles on the state's roads.

The state government introduced the new text reminder earlier this year to make NSW roads safer and help people who have forgotten their registration renewal avoid fines. Last year, more than 50,000 motorists were fined for driving unregistered and uninsured.

Almost one million people are already taking advantage of digital reminders, receiving notifications via email, their MyServiceNSW Account inbox and the Service NSW app six weeks before, two weeks before and one day after their registration expires.

Motorists who opt in for digital reminders will now receive an additional SMS notification the day after their registration expires to both remind them to renew – and stop them driving an unregistered vehicle by mistake.

This instant phone notification is an extra, convenient contact method in case people miss an email.

Digital registration reminders are optional and customers who don't opt in will continue to receive a paper reminder in the mail about six weeks before vehicle registration is due.

Motorists who fail to renew their vehicle registration must not drive their vehicle on roads until the registration is renewed. Vehicle registration ensures vehicles are road-worthy and have compulsory third party CTP insurance in case of a crash.

For more information and to opt in to digital vehicle registration reminders, visit the Service NSW website or click on 'Registrations' in the Service NSW app.

SES tackle wilderness navigation challenge

By HELEN CASTLES



Volunteers from Tumut SES unit took on Navshield 2026 last weekend, joining over 500 participants from across NSW competing in the SES's premier navigation event. PHOTO: Tumut SES

Two NSW SES Tumut unit members tested their specialist navigation skills in rugged terrain at NavShield 2026 last weekend.

NavShield, or the Australian Emergency Services Wilderness Navigation Shield, is run by NSW SES Bush Search and Rescue.

Members Jobe Gentle and Lane Heynes, who are also qualified Alpine Search and Rescue (ASAR) operators, took on the overnight two-day event, heading into the bush at 9am Saturday and finishing at midday Sunday.

With only a map and compass for navigation, participating teams were required to plot checkpoints, plan their own routes and navigate through rugged bushland – including throughout the night – to locate as many checkpoints as possible.

By Sunday, Jobe and Lane returned to the start line having completed their 27-hour navigation challenge after more than a full day and night in Belanglo State Forest.

Nearly 40 kilometres of rugged terrain was navigated on foot, equating to more than 50,000 steps taken.

"It was minimal rest, maximum focus and teamwork all the way," Tumut SES said.

"For our ASAR operators, NavShield was also a great opportunity to practise the navigation, endurance, teamwork and decision-making skills used when searching for missing or injured people in remote and difficult terrain."

Followers were even able to track Jobe and Lane's progress around the course in real time on the unit's Facebook page after a Garmin was clipped to the pair, allowing followers to see where they were going.

The premier navigation event attracts entries from local, interstate and overseas organisations, including emergency service organisations, Defence, rogaining clubs, bushwalking clubs, and schools and education groups.

This year saw more than 500 participants from across the state take on the gruelling challenge.

PM speaks to the leaders of NSW country councils

Prime Minister Anthony Albanese attended the Country Mayors Association of NSW (CMA) dinner in Sydney last Thursday night.

Snowy Valleys Council was represented at the dinner by mayor Julia Ham.

The prime minister was the keynote speaker at the event and members were pleased to hear his recognition of the financial constraints many councils across Australia face and his commitment to the recent resolution passed at the National Labor Conference to implement the Federation Compact.

"Mr Albanese spoke of the infrastructure funding announced in the Federal Budget and assured agricultural communities reliant on seasonal labour that the government is going to monitor the working holiday visa program and ensure it meets employer demand," said CMA chair Rick Firman.

"There was some disappointment that the controversial water buy-back issue was not covered.

"The prime minister also indicated the Federation Compact was being teased out with state and territory Local Government Associations.

"We need to continue to remind our prime minister, the government as well as opposi-



Labor Senator for NSW Deborah O'Neill, NSW Minister for Local Government Ron Hoenig, Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, CMA chair Rick Firman and LGNSW president Darcy Byrne.

tion and cross benches that financial sustainability of local government is the number one issue for us, and we need their urgent help.

"The board, members, staff and I greatly appreciate that our prime minister took the time to address our function and join us for dinner.

"The vast majority of our CMA members ensure party politics is left out of local government – it's about our communities.

"The night cemented the NSW CMA as a significant representative of rural, remote and regional councils, on both a state and national level."

NSW Local Government Minister Ron Hoenig and Shadow Local Government Minister Tim James, LGNSW president Darcy Byrne and CMA chair Rick Firman also addressed the 150 rural, remote and regional NSW council leaders at the gala event. "It was heartwarming to see

our prime minister visibly moved when Parkes Shire mayor Neil Westcott, played guitar and sang captivatingly stirring renditions of 'Advance Australia Fair' and 'And the Band Played Waltzing Matilda,'" Mr Firman said.

"The roof nearly came off the building when we all joined with Mayor Westcott and sang our National Anthem together. That's a moment our CMA family and our prime minister will remember warmly."

Insurance in the region under the spotlight

Leaders from across the community came together in Wagga Wagga on Thursday to discuss local insurance challenges and opportunities, with the aim of strengthening insurance outcomes for the region.

Insurance Council of Australia Chief Executive Officer Andrew Hall, Federal Member for Riverina Michael McCormack, State Member for Wagga Wagga Dr Joe McGirr, Wagga Wagga mayor Dallas Tout and representatives from Wagga Wagga City Council examined the range of insurance issues being raised by the community and explored practical measures to improve insurance outcomes.

Key discussion topics included; insurance affordability, community concerns, flood mapping, mitigation infrastructure and the need for practical solutions to improve insurance outcomes.

Mr McCormack said the roundtable brought together key decision makers to address insurance challenges affecting local families and businesses.

"This roundtable is an important opportunity to identify the insurance challenges facing members of our community and

work towards practical solutions that improve accessibility and affordability for residents across the Riverina," Mr McCormack said.

"By bringing key stakeholders together around the same table, we can have constructive conversations about the pressures facing households and businesses and identify opportunities to deliver better outcomes for our region."

State Member for Wagga Wagga Dr Joe McGirr said reducing flood risk through strategic investment and planning was critical to improving insurance outcomes for the community.

"Our community has experienced firsthand the impact of flooding. Continued investment in mitigation infrastructure and effective planning is essential to reducing risk, improving insurance outcomes and strengthening community confidence," Dr McGirr added.

"Communities need confidence that they can access affordable insurance coverage, and that starts with ensuring our towns and cities are resilient to future natural disasters through smart planning and targeted investment."

Insurance Council of Australia CEO Andrew Hall said engaging directly with regional communities helped ensure the insurance industry understood local concerns and challenges.

"Insurance affordability is one of the most significant pressures facing many communities exposed to flood and other natural hazards, and the best way to put downward pressure on premiums is to reduce the risk communities face," Mr Hall said.

"Strong partnerships between insurers, governments and local communities are essential to addressing the complex factors driving insurance costs and improving long-term resilience across regional Australia."

Wagga Wagga mayor Dallas Tout said the roundtable provided an important forum for collaboration between government, industry and the community.

"Wagga Wagga City Council understand the significant impact rising insurance costs can have on our community. This roundtable brings together all levels of government, industry representatives and local stakeholders to discuss the challenges we face



Dr Joe McGirr was among the regional leaders who came together at Thursday's Wagga roundtable addressing insurance challenges.

and improve insurance outcomes for the people within our community," Mayor Tout said.

"This is an opportunity to ensure local voices are heard and that the experiences of residents, businesses and community organisations help inform future solutions to insurance affordability and accessibility challenges."

Invitations were extended to insurance companies operating across the region, whose participation provided valuable industry insights while enabling them to hear directly about the experiences and concerns of local communities.

AFPA appoints John McKillop new independent chair

The Australian Forest Products Association (AFPA) is delighted to announce the appointment of highly respected agribusiness leader John McKillop FAICD as independent chair of the AFPA board.

Mr McKillop brings more than 25 years of senior executive experience, alongside an extensive governance portfolio across peak national industry bodies, member-owned structures, commercial agribusinesses, and

environmental ventures.

His extensive leadership background includes serving as independent chair of the Red Meat Advisory Council (RMAC), Australia's peak policy body for the red meat industry, as well as chair of Sea Forest, Manor Estates Holdings, and Compass Agribusiness Management.

He has also served on the boards of key national bodies such as Meat and Livestock Australia (MLA) and Dairy Australia.

At the executive level, Mr McKillop has managed large-scale primary production operations, environmental land management, and significant asset portfolios across Australia.

His past leadership roles include CEO of Kidman and Co, CEO of Hassad Australia, managing director of AgCap, and managing director of Clyde Agriculture.

His broader governance and commercial background include executive leadership at Herron Todd White Agribusiness, covering land valuation and biodiversity credits.

Holding a Master of Business Administration from Deakin University and having completed executive education at Harvard Business School, Mr McKillop is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors (FAICD).

In a statement the AFPA board said it is delighted to welcome Mr McKillop as independent chair.

"John is a proven leader with deep expertise in managing complex, vertically integrated supply chains, leading policy advocacy with government, and driving strategic growth across Australia's primary industries," the board said.

"His track record in stakeholder engagement, natural resource stewardship, and governance will be invaluable as AFPA continues to advance the sustainable growth and interests of Australia's forest products sector."

Mr McKillop said it's a privilege to take on the role.

"The forestry and forest products sector plays a vital role in Australia's economy, regional communities, and transition toward a sustainable, low-carbon future," he said.

"I look forward to working closely with the board, CEO, members, policy makers, and industry stakeholders to build on AFPA's strong advocacy and ensure the sector's long-term prosperity."

Mr McKillop will begin the role in October this year, and we look forward to introducing him to members and stakeholders during the last quarter of 2026.

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Government must scrap cap on veteran care: McCormack

The Coalition is renewing its call for the federal government to scrap the cap on allied health treatment for veterans.

Shadow Minister for Veterans' Affairs Michael McCormack said that recent backflips and exemptions announced by the Department of Veterans' Affairs were a clear sign the Labor government had got it wrong from the start.

"Veterans across Australia have been speaking with one voice. They do not support this cap, and they do not believe their health-care should be rationed," said Mr McCormack, who is on a national listening tour, hearing concerns from veterans in every state and territory.

"I've sat down with veterans and veteran groups right around the country and the message is consistent: this cap is unfair, it creates uncertainty and it risks veterans missing out on the care they need.

"Veterans served this nation without a cap on their service, and they don't believe there should be a cap on their access to care.

"The minister is now scrambling to patch holes in a policy that should never have been introduced in the first place.

"Every exemption, every clarification and every change announced by the Labor government is proof that veterans were right to raise concerns from



Shadow Minister for Veterans' Affairs Michael McCormack said the announcement of the cap has left veterans confused, anxious and vulnerable.

day one."

The Department has now confirmed the threshold will not apply to Veteran Card holders receiving the Special Rate Disability Pension, Totally and Permanently Incapacitated Pension, or veterans who have been determined to be catastrophically injured.

Shadow Minister for Defence Personnel Phillip Thompson OAM

said the Labor government's handling of the issue had only deepened concerns within the veteran community.

"Veterans didn't serve Australia with a cap on their service, and they shouldn't face a cap on their access to healthcare," Mr Thompson said.

"The Labor government's latest carve-outs expose the fundamen-

tal flaw in this policy.

"Many Afghanistan veterans who served our nation in some of its most demanding operations do not fall within these exemptions despite requiring ongoing allied health support for service-related conditions.

"The question they are asking is simple: if a catastrophically injured veteran deserves uncapped

access to treatment, why doesn't every veteran whose doctor says they need ongoing care?

"Matt Keogh, Minister for Veterans' Affairs is scrambling to patch a broken policy when he should simply scrap the cap altogether and the Prime Minister should sack him."

Mr Thompson said many veterans still did not understand whether they would be affected because the federal government continued to change the policy under pressure.

"Healthcare decisions should be made between veterans and their treating health professionals, not by bureaucratic thresholds devised in Canberra," he said.

"Veterans have already sacrificed enough in service to our nation. They should not have to fight for access to the care they need.

"The longer this drags on, the more uncertainty it creates for veterans and their families."

Mr McCormack said the Coalition would continue standing with veterans and advocating for unrestricted access to clinically necessary treatment.

"The message from veterans is clear and the Labor government should listen," Mr McCormack said.

"Scrap the cap and give veterans the certainty they deserve."

Batlow VIEW Club report



Members enjoying the entertainment provided by Evelyn.

The August meeting of Batlow VIEW Club opened with president Linda calling for a minute's silence to remember friend and longtime View member Clarice Ross.

Clarice was an inaugural member of the club, joining in 1990 and serving in many positions on the committee. She will be missed.

Members were reminded that the open gardens day will be held on Saturday 7 November, and that now is the time to be potting up plants for the plant stall.

The funds will go towards supporting two Learning for Life students – Sage who is 7 and in Year 2 and Eamon who is in Year 11.

The Viewpoint "What have you noticed has blossomed/recovered since the bushfires?" produced some varied thoughtful answers ranging from the return of vegetation and the pine

planting to the new businesses and organisations in town which have aided in the town's recovery.

Three birthdays were celebrated. Evelyn entertained with some humorous stories which left all laughing and feeling good.

Members were fortunate to hear two impromptu talks from visitor Kerrie Gibson and member Sheila Pittaway. Fitting in perfectly with the Viewpoint, Kerrie spoke of arriving in Batlow just before the bushfires, having bought a block of land with plans ready to build a house.

Then came Covid, upending and delaying the building of the house which took far longer and was far more difficult to complete. She overcame the challenges and is still able to laugh at the problems she endured.

Sheila gave members an in-

teresting and entertaining account of her recent trip to Canada, France and England with family members. Her adventures and the sights she saw allowed us to experience the beauty and history of the places she visited.

The next luncheon will be held on Wednesday 9 September, at the Batlow RSL Club, 11am for 11.30am.

The guest speaker will be Donna Killeen who will speak on her yachting experiences and the Viewpoint is "What sort of boat have you been on and how were your sea legs?"

Members welcome all women to join them at their next luncheon for fun, friendship, information and entertainment, and the chance to dress up and enjoy lunch out.

VIEW stands for Voice, Interests, Education of Women.

Acceptances and apologies to Maria on 0466 263 333.



Best wishes to members Susan, Maria and Christine who celebrated their birthdays in August.



Margaret Isselman thanks Sheila Pittaway for her impromptu talk on her recent travels.

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 - The home is freshly painted with new carpet throughout all 3 bedrooms and hallway area.
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 - A covered alfresco area.

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7 Yaralla Street, Tumut

- Set on a block size of approximately 2038m2.
 - Two bedroom home with built-in robes.
 - Open plan living area.
 - Kitchen features electric cooking.
 - Bathroom includes shower & bath + separate toilet.
 - Split system air conditioner.
 - Rear undercover verandah.
 - Double carport + 2 garden sheds.
- The expansive backyard is a standout feature, providing plenty of room and an option for further subdivision.

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572 Tumut Plains Road, Tumut

- Set on a block size of approx. 1.75 acres.
 - The historic homestead provides the chance to restore a piece of Tumut Plains history, retaining its original charm & character while creating a beautiful country home.
 - An iconic piece of Tumut history, this property was once the home of the historic Tumut Plains School.
 - This property is also known the iconic "Tumut Valley Violets Farm".
 - Large shed/ workshop + solar system.
- Extensive outdoor entertaining area + propagating area.
 - Chook house, green house & glass house.
 - Positioned in the Tumut Plains district being approximately 7.6km to the town CBD.
 - Outstanding views back to the mighty Tumut River.

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6 Macquarie Street, Tumut

- Set on a block size of approximately 1467m2.
 - Well-appointed four bedroom home with built-in robes.
 - Master bedroom complete with walk-in robe and private ensuite.
 - Spacious open plan living area, providing a central hub for everyday living.
 - Well equipped kitchen with electric cooking & dishwasher.
- Double-door wood heating + reverse cycle split system air conditioner & ceiling fan.
 - Undercover rear entertaining area, perfect for entertaining.
 - Double colorbond garage + double carport + fully secure yard.

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 - Large open plan living with additional living room.
 - Expansive kitchen with gas cooking & abundance of storage.
 - Bathroom features shower & bath + separate toilet.
 - The home offers wood heating.
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 - Large open living area + sunken formal lounge room.
 - Kitchen with gas cooking + dishwasher.
 - Bathroom features shower, bath & toilet.
 - Wood heating + reverse cycle split system a/c.
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Henty connecting farmers and showcasing innovation

By KIM WOODS

A staggering \$250 million worth of the latest in agricultural and machinery products will be showcased to the nation in southern Australia's single biggest agricultural event, the Henty Machinery Field Days.

The agribusiness super event is scheduled for 22 to 24 September and has evolved into the nation's agricultural shop front over its 63-year history with 14 kilometres of outdoor sites.

The theme for this year's event is "Leading Australian Agriculture Forward".

HMFD chief executive officer Belinda Anderson said field days played a vital role in strengthening rural communities, especially during challenging times.

"Field days are more than just events – they are essential to the future of agriculture and regional Australia," Mrs Anderson said.

"At Henty, we see first-hand how field days connect farmers, showcase innovation, and support local business.

"The event has a proud heritage and the HMFD Co-operative has never lost sight of the primary reason for its existence – to promote the agricultural industry, and the latest in new and emerging agricultural technology."

This year's field days will have all the usual attractions including the prestigious Henty Machine of the Year Award, the working sheep dog trials, Country Lifestyle pavilion, Farm Gate, Baker Seeds agronomy



A view of the 2025 Henty Machinery Field Days which drew 60,000 visitors across the three days. PHOTO: Andy Rogers

trials, helicopter joy rides, live entertainment, the Natural Fibre Fashion Awards and vintage farm machinery display.

"2026 will further build on the visitor and exhibitor experience achieved in 2025 with a sold-out exhibitor site allocation and a 10 per cent increase in ticket sales compared to 2024," Mrs Anderson said.

New to Henty this year is the Farms of the Future Mobile Learning Centre which is bringing practical agtech education directly to

regional communities.

Built to travel across NSW, the Centre gives farmers the chance to step inside, ask questions, and see how different agtech and connectivity options could work on their own properties. Visitors can explore tools and technology, learn about options such as satellite, cellular and Wi-Fi, and experience real examples of farmers using agtech to solve everyday challenges.

The official opening on Tuesday 22 September by Senator Pauline Hanson will include the presenta-

tion of the prestigious Henty Machine of the Year Award. Also, in attendance at the official opening will be Association of Agricultural Field Days Australasia chairman Bruce Wright.

Greater Hume Council will sponsor the Best Australian Designed and Manufactured Machine to be presented on Wednesday 23 September at 10.30am.

HMFD CEO Belinda Anderson will present the HMFD Exhibitor Awards to the winners of the Best

Outdoor Large Commercial, Best Outdoor General and Best Indoor Exhibitor sites (Country Lifestyle and Farm Gate) on Thursday 24 September.

At Country Lifestyle, the stage will be the focus of fashion parades featuring garments from exhibitors daily at 10.30am and 1pm.

Designers with a flair for converting natural fibres into wearable art will compete for more than \$5500 worth of prizes, including the new Best Repurposed/Recycled Fabric Garment Award sponsored by Greater Hume Council for \$500.

The Henty Natural Fibre Fashion Awards showcase designs using at least 70 per cent natural fibres with parades daily and the winners announced at 2.30pm on Thursday.

Farm Gate will be a hive of activity of gourmet products direct from regional producers whilst outside on the sound stage is the talented regional duo Happy Hour.

Competition is expected to be intense this year at Henty as the nation's best sheep dogs and their handlers gather for the Murray Valley Championship Yard Dog Trial and Henty Three Sheep Trial which are proudly supported by Dogpro.

The display by the Henty and District Antique Farm Machinery Club members always draws a large crowd of both young and old visitors, and will include a working display of water pumps, hay baler and a vintage wheat grader.

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Under 16s League Tag – Premiers

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Congratulations to every player, coach, manager and supporter who contributed to this remarkable run.

Four in a row is something truly special, and you've made the club, your families and your community immensely proud.

The team now moves on to face Wagga Brothers this Saturday in the G9JRL Championship Match at Geohex Park at 12.55pm. Goodluck girls, go the Blues.

Under 16s Girls Tackle – Runners Up

The Under 16s Girls Tackle team fought right until the final whistle in an incredibly physical and hard-fought grand final.

With no interchange available, the girls dug deep, showed enormous determination and refused to give in.

It was a thrilling contest, with both sides leaving everything on the field.

"The result may not have gone our way, but there is so much to admire.

"Girls, hold your heads high – your courage, toughness and team spirit were outstanding. What a season, what a team, what a game."

Under 14s League Tag – Runners Up

The final game didn't fall the team's way, but the performance from the Under 14s League Tag girls was exceptional.

They fought hard, never stopped competing and left everything out on the field.

Every tag, every run and every play showed the heart and commitment within this team.

Their unity, resilience and willingness to back each other until the final whistle was something to be proud of.

Under 14s Girls Tackle – Runners Up

A massive effort from the Under 14s girls, backing up after their League Tag match to take on the challenge of tackle.

Despite a tough tag game earlier, they didn't let the result affect them.

They laced up again, stepped onto the field and put their bodies on the line against strong opposition.

They tackled bravely, chased every play and supported one



Under 16's League Tag team - Premiers.

another right to the end.

The courage, determination and never-give-up attitude they showed was incredible. Two games in one day, and they met it with heart and commitment.

"Girls, you should be incredibly proud – what an effort."

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Tumut Minor League has been incredibly fortunate this season to have a group of dedicated referees throughout the season.

"Their commitment and reliability have been vital; without them, there is no footy, and we are truly

grateful for the time and effort they give each week.

"We also extend our sincere thanks to our committee members, coaches and managers, who volunteer countless hours to ensure everything runs smoothly from start to finish.

"Their hard work, organisation and passion are the backbone of our club.

"Tumut Minor League is strong because of the wonderful people behind it, and we are proud of the community that continues to support our players and the game."

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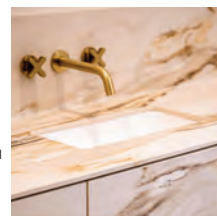
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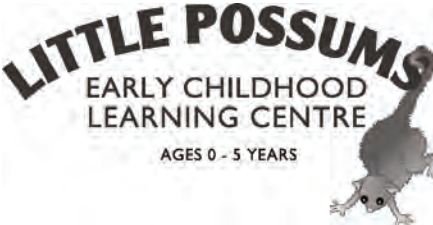


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Kerry John Kell

The family of the late Kerry Kell would like to express their sincere gratitude to all relatives, friends, and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy, cards, floral tributes, and attendance at his funeral service. Please accept this as our personal expression of thanks.



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'A well-earned rest for a life well lived'
Family and friends of the late Gordon Garner are invited to attend his funeral service being held at All Saints' Anglican Church, River Street Tumut on Tuesday, 8th September 2026 commencing at 11am. Followed by interment at the Tumut Lawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to Can Assist Tumut would be greatly appreciated. Envelopes will be provided.
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DONALD BROOKE

Passed away peacefully at Wagga Base Hospital on Friday, 28th August 2026. Aged 63 years
Much loved son, brother, uncle and friend to many.
Resting peacefully
Family and friends of the late Donald Brooke are invited to attend his funeral service being held at the Tumut Golf Club, 74 Fairway Drive, Tumut on Monday 7th September 2026 commencing at 11am. Followed by a private cremation.
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LINDA FAY CLEE (nee Cooper)

Passed away peacefully with her loving family by her side on Saturday 29th August 2026. Aged 84 years.
Adored wife to Allan (dec). Treasured mum to Lecinda, Gordon, Geanene and their partners. Much loved Nana to her grandchildren
She will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.
Family and friends of Linda are invited to attend her Memorial Service being held at All Saint's Anglican Church, River Street Tumut on Monday 7th September 2026 commencing at 2pm. In lieu of flowers donations to Clare Holland House Home Based Palliative Care would be greatly appreciated. Donations can be made via <https://www.canberrahospitalsfoundation.org.au/in-memory>
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SPORT

Netball regular season action wraps up

The sun was shining all day for Round 14 as Tumut Netball wrapped up the regular season in fantastic fashion.

It was a beautiful day to be around the courts, with plenty of great netball, enthusiastic supporters and a wonderful atmosphere as teams took to the court for their final games before the finals series.

There were some fantastic results and closely contested games across the divisions, with teams giving their all right through to the final whistle. After a long winter season, it was great to see the determination, teamwork and sportsmanship that has been on display throughout the year continue into the final round.

Saturday also marked the end of the NetSetGO season, with the youngest players enjoying a special gala day-style morning. The modified format gave teams the opportunity to play a number of short games before everyone came together for their end-of-season presentations.

“It has been a fantastic NetSetGO season, and we have loved watching our youngest players grow in confidence, develop their skills and, most importantly, enjoy their time on the court,” a Tumut Netball Association spokesperson said.



Bridee Piper about to have a shot for Tiger Magic.



Tasma Pentland having a shot at goal for Sparkles.

There were plenty of smiles throughout Saturday morning, providing the perfect way to celebrate another wonderful year.

“Congratulations to all of our NetSetGO players, and a huge thank you to their coaches, families and supporters who have encouraged them throughout the season. We hope to see all those smiling faces back again next year.”

With the regular competition now complete, attention turns to the semi-finals. After 14 rounds of competition, the qualifying teams are ready to battle it out for a place in the next stage of the finals series.

“We are looking forward to some exciting and competitive netball as the season reaches its business end.

“A big thank you to all of our players, coaches, umpires, volunteers, canteen helpers and supporters who have contributed throughout the regular season. We couldn't run our Saturday competition without the many people who give their time each week.

“Good luck to all teams taking the court for the semi-finals – we can't wait for another fantastic weekend of Tumut Netball.”

The results from Round 14 are:

Division 1 and 1 Reserve: Woolpack 43 defeated Batlow RSL 26 (MVP Kaitlyn Breed and Jasmine Boxsell); Pivot and Sip 18 defeated Court Chaos 17 (MVP Talisa Blewitt and Ellie Cosgrove); Bowlie 59 de-

feated Goodes Coaches 15s 13 (MVP Maggie Talbot and Charlotte McDonnell).

Division 2: Sparkles 30 defeated Tiger Magic 27 (MVP Hannah Hood and Charlotte McDonnell); Club Tumut 14s 43 defeated Hot Shots 38 (MVP Isabella Crowe and Savannah Bower).

Division 3: Switched On Electrical 28 defeated Live Wires 17 (MVP Sophie Cobden and Bella Crowe); Cherry Bombs 30 defeated Murray's Plumbing 13s 19 (MVP Arabella Bellette and Elsie Baker).

Division 4: Tiger Pride 27 defeated Superbolts 26 (MVP Molly Lott and Ella Smith); AKD Netball Ninjas 26 defeated Elliotts Landscaping Development 8 (MVP Abigail Forsyth and Elise O'Brien).

Division 5: Sparkle Sisters 27 defeated Tiger Lillies 4 (MVP Freya Masters and Josie Lott); Tiger Roar 28 defeated Batlow RSL Wizz Fizzers 0 (MVP Macey Elliott and Kasey Skein).

The draw for Saturday 5 September is as follows:

11am: Court 1, Division 5 Tiger Roar v Sparkle Sisters (Emmy Gaskin and Zoe Hamilton); Court 3, Division 5 Tiger Lillies v Batlow RSL Wizz Fizz (Taylor Gorman and Georgia Thornton).

12pm: Court 1, Division 4 Tiger Pride v AKD Netball Ninjas (Jodie Hamilton and Tasma Pentland); Court 3, Division 4 Superbolts v



Addison Bye of Sparkles considers her options.

Feisty Fillies (Taylor Gorman and Bianca Anderson).

1pm: Court 1, Division 2 Sparkles v Tiger Magic (Tylah Dwyer and Sophie Ryan); Court 3, Division 3 Live Wires v Cherry Bombs (Savannah Bower and Annalise Maher).

2pm: Court 1, Division 1/R Court Chaos v Pivot and Sip (Hannah Hood and Kay Dodds); Court 3,

Division 2 Fire Crackers v Hot Shots (Katrina Hargraves and Jaz Crampton).

3pm: Court 1, Division 1 Hot Chippies v Bowlie (Sophie Ryan and Jodie Hamilton).

Canteen Duty: 11am-12pm, Feisty Fillies; 12pm-1pm, Sparkle Sisters; 1pm-2pm, Fire Crackers; 2pm-3pm, Tiger Magic.



Superboltz' Willow Nicholson in possession on Saturday.

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Vafiopulous takes centre stage in busy weekend of golf

It was another action-packed weekend on the Tumut Golf Course, with some excellent scoring across both the Saturday Men's Stableford and Sunday's Legacy Charity Day.

There was plenty of competition throughout the weekend, with Daniel Vafiopulous enjoying a particularly strong run, taking out Saturday's Stableford before teaming up with Jason Brown to claim Sunday's two man Ambrose.

Saturday Men's Stableford

Daniel Vafiopulous was in fine form on Saturday, posting an impressive 38 points to take the win in the Men's Stableford.

Shane Carroll and Jason Brown both finished on 37 points, with Carroll taking second place on a countback. Jack Stewart also needed a countback to secure fourth on 36 points, finishing ahead of Ben McDonald and John Haydon, who also returned 36.

Paul Bevan claimed seventh on 35 points via countback from Jordan Neill, while Matthew Dehnert finished on 34. Robert Crawford took tenth on 33 points after a countback from Daniel Nolte, who also finished on 33.

Nearest to pins: fourth – David Wilde, 6.10m, ninth – Daniel Vafiopulous, 2.50m, ninth White Tees – William Hughes, 4.82m.

Sunday Legacy Charity Day – two man Ambrose

Sunday brought one of the highlights of the golfing calendar, with the Legacy Charity Day attracting a great field for the two man Ambrose.

With teams combining their best efforts on every hole, there was plenty of opportunity for some big scores – and that's exactly what the winning combination of Jason Brown and Daniel Vafiopulous produced.

The pair put together an outstanding 63.25 nett to take the honours, capping off a terrific weekend for Vafiopulous and another impressive performance from Brown.

Stuart Tozer and John Barbour finished runners-up with 64.75, while Robert and Byron Crawford claimed third place on 65.50. Stephen Gaul and Riley Dean were next on 65.75, followed by Daniel Nolte and Mark Morris on 66.00.

Benjamin Gaul and Jordan Neill finished on 66.75, with Michael Cramp-ton and Neil Bye recording 67.25.

There was a three-way tie for eighth on 67.50, with Ryan Annetts and Dylan Freeman winning the countback ahead of Paul Booby and Steven Kell, and Matt Dehnert and Ben McDonald.

Ben Hartwig and Jamie Freeman rounded out the leading scores with 68.00.

Beyond the competition, the Legacy Charity Day was a fantastic opportunity for the club to come together for a great cause.

A strong field, plenty of camaraderie and some quality golf made for an excellent day on the course, with the charitable spirit of the event proving just as important as the scores on the leaderboard.

Nearest to pin: Men's fourth – Braiden Freeman, 10.57m, Ladies' fourth – Lorraine O'Sullivan, 10.60m, ninth – Neil Bye, 2.79m, Men's 17th – John Barbour, 3.03m, Ladies' 17th – Joanne Kilgore, 5.89m.

Upcoming events: 5 September – Bush Chemist Monthly Medal Stroke, 6 September – Inside Out Trophy 4BBB Aggregate, 12 September – Men's and Ladies Stableford, 13 September – NSW two-person Ambrose (white tees).



Level 2 gymnasts Anna, Makayla, Aurora, Maisie, Holly, Tessa, Isabelle and Stella.



Gym Fun Gymnastics Centre Level 1 gymnasts Gracie, Harriet and Lilli at the second Grand Prix State Trial in Queanbeyan.

Tumut gymnasts strong at State Trial



Level 3 gymnasts Frankie, Summer, Amelia, Miyuki, Luka, Holly and Elaina.



Level 4 gymnasts Eliza, Macey, Alexis, Amelia, Josie, Makayla and Miya.

Tumut's Gym Fun Gymnastics Centre athletes delivered a strong performance at the second Grand Prix State Trial in Queanbeyan, with 25 gymnasts from Levels 1–4 making the trip to compete against some of the state's best young athletes.

The event marked the final State Championships qualification trial for the season and provided gymnasts with an opportunity to put months of training into practice on the competition floor.

The club celebrated a number of excellent results throughout the day, highlighted by Miyuki Bugg, Holly Noble and Josie Webb, who each earned an Overall Silver Banding. Their achievements reflected the commitment and perseverance they have shown throughout the year.

Beyond these outstanding achievements, the competition was filled with positive performances, personal best scores and routines that demonstrated the growth of Gym Fun's developing program. Athletes showed composure under

pressure and continued to improve their execution across all apparatus.

Gym Fun owner Ellen Murdoch praised the efforts of the entire team.

"Every gymnast should be proud of what they achieved in Queanbeyan," she said.

"We saw athletes challenge themselves, perform with confidence and support one another throughout the day. The silver bandings achieved by Miyuki, Holly and Josie were a wonderful reward for their hard work, but I was equally proud of the determination shown by every member of the team."

With the two Grand Prix State Trials now complete, Gym Fun gymnasts will await qualification outcomes while continuing to train towards upcoming competitions and future development opportunities.

"The club congratulates all 25 athletes who represented Gym Fun Gymnastics Centre and thanks the families and coaches who supported the team throughout the season," Ms Murdoch said.

Bowlers take on the Presidents Cup

Two Tumut teams and two Gundagai teams of bowlers have been selected and will be travelling to West Wyalong this weekend representing Southern Highlands in the Presidents Cup.

Team one is Steve Poole, Sam Goodman, Anne McCauley and Rick McAlister.

Team two is Mandy Shoard, Scott Watling, Deb Akers and Shirley Rankin.

Team three is Gundagai is Bob Smart, Mick Holstein, Sharon Armstrong and Ben Reichel.

Team four Gundagai is Tom French, Mark Niemkewicz, Bronwyn Naughton and Jessica

Wright.

The Presidents Cup continues to be one of the pinnacle side events on the Riverina bowls calendar with players striving to do their best for their regional areas. Good luck to all these players.

Super Sunday Bowls for Sunday the 30 August

had 24 bowlers playing on a beautiful morning. Winners were Ray Claffey, Carol Carlile and David Lucas.

Runners up were Mandy Shoard, Deb Akers and Michael Olditch. The bonus draw went to Brian Malone.

Expressions of interest are now being taken for

anyone interested in representing Southern Highlands, in the Bing Walder Shield (men's) will be held on 10 and 11 October at Holbrook and the Riverina Murray Shield (women's) on 17 and 18 October in Temora. Sheets are now in the bowls room to get your names down.

Low scores under bright skies at Batlow

Another fine week made for three days' play at Batlow Golf Club, although scoring was low on each day as the fairways still produce a very unseasonal level of growth which renders the "chip-and-run" style of play pretty much obsolete and the confidence levels can be knocked around as a result.

Nonetheless everyone enjoyed the opportunity to get out on the paddock and the camaraderie of the sport.

On Wednesday 26 August the nine-hole Stableford winner Joe Ross 19 points; runner up Ian McCorkindale 15 points.

Unusually, no-one was able to land on the par-three third.

On Friday 28 August nine-hole Stableford winner Brad Rowe 23 points; runner up Joe Ross 20 points.

Again everyone missed the third.

On Saturday 29 August the 18-hole Stableford winner Mark Pozlewicz 34 points; runner up Jake Smith 30 points.

Again no-one landed on the third, But Derek Burgess chipped in for a birdie on the drive/pitch fifth.

Sunday 30 August saw a great contingent of 15 Batlow players

head over to Tumbarumba for their annual tournament.

This was an 18-hole event with three members' grades competing for Stableford honours, womens' Stableford, and a scratch category for the A-graders. Batlow did itself proud once again.

Open Scratch Stroke Winner: Wayne Dubois with a very commendable 75, women's Stableford runner-up Sharon Burgess with 29 points, A-Grade Stableford winner Andrew Hockey 39 points, B Grade Stableford winner Robbie Christian with 34 points, Robbie Christian also

took out the B-grade longest drive, and Sharon Burgess took the women's longest drive.

"A big thankyou to all the players who made it a really enjoyable day, and congratulations to those who came away with such a good spread of results," a Batlow Golf spokesperson said.

"We're now just three weeks away from our annual tournament, so again please keep an eye on your messages regarding another working bee to prepare the course for this.

"In the meantime get out there and enjoy our spring weather, and happy golfing everyone."

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Taggers primed for semi-final challenge



The Tumut Blues league tag team are carrying the club's hopes into Saturday's minor semi-final in June.

By JOSH GIDNEY

The Tumut Blues league tag will take winning form and confidence into Saturday's minor semi-final against Cootamundra at June.

They are the remaining Blues team in the Group 9 finals, and have the rest of the club behind them.

Win this and they are one game away from the grand final.

The Tumut girls scored an impressive 16-0 shutout win over Albury in the elimination final at Young last Saturday, while Cootamundra lost the qualifying final against Temora 32-0.

"The girls are really keen especially after the win on the weekend; everyone's spirits are really high," Tumut captain Julia Day said.

As well as this, Tumut will have their full-strength squad available this Saturday, just when they need it most.

"We've haven't had the same team throughout the season due to multiple girls being out with injuries, but we finally have our full team back at the right time," Day said.

"It will be good to actually have a bench to sub if needed."

Tumut won't have a particular game plan for Cootamundra.

"We don't really have a spe-

cific game plan; it's more just trying to limit our mistakes," Day said.

Tumut have had many strong individual performers over recent weeks and the whole season.

"Alliena Roddy and Sharlie Thomas have both been stand outs the past few weeks, along with Sophie Gilchrist, who has been very consistent for us throughout the whole season," Day said.

There is a substantial young brigade which has given the Blues a big boost.

"Our Minor League girls make up five of our players, so to have these girls makes a huge impact on our team; we

would have barely been able to field a team without them," she said.

Day and her team mates believe they have what it takes to get to the big dance.

"I know we have the team to make the grand final, it's just up to us now to do our job to get there," she said.

Regardless of what happens in the finals, the future looks bright for the team.

"I think majority of our team will be around for next season and the years to come after that," Day said.

"Tumut league tag will have a very strong future, especially with the talent that is now in Minor League."

Crucial clash for Eagles

By JOSH GIDNEY

The Tumut Eagles must win their match against Charles Sturt University at the Bull Paddock this Sunday to ensure their much-improved season propels them into the Blake Trophy finals.

"It is a must-win for us," Tumut coach Kris Dimeck said.

"A draw will be no good, so we need to get out there and actually get the three points and after seeing the results on the weekend we also need team three or four to lose so we can jump ahead of them and make the finals."

The Eagles' finals destiny isn't entirely in their hands.

"Unfortunately we can't control any other game but our own, so we'll just go out there on Sunday give it all we got and hope for the other result," Dimeck said.

The Eagles' improvement on last year's season has been remarkable.

"The boys should be proud of the season we have had considering we couldn't win a game last year and now we've come to the final round of the season and we're fighting for the top four spot, so no matter what they outcome is each and every boy that played this year can be proud, but let's go out there on Sunday and give it all we've got."

The final make-up of the Eagles side for this game isn't yet known but they won't be at 100 per cent strength.

"I'm not too sure about the side as of yet; our keeper (who suffered an injury in last Saturday's game) is definitely out but I'm sure we can get someone to step in there and do a great job so come next training night we should know," Dimeck said.

"I'll sit down with the captain and we'll go through our side and see what will be the best we can do to win on Sunday."



Bryton Creati will be one of the Tumut Eagles players putting it all on the line against CSU at the Bull Paddock on Sunday.