

Pocock family recognised for 111 years' service to Bowling Club

Gary Pocock is one committed man who loved his job as greenkeeper at Hay Bowling Club; a position he kept for 51 years.

In recognition of his commitment and love for his club, the western bowling green has been named in honour of Gary and his wife, Annette and daughter Melina who worked as cleaners at the club for 29 and 31 years respectively.

"That's a total of 111 years of combined service from the Pocock family to Hay Bowling and Golf Club," Manager, Dave Townsend said.

"This is a truly amazing effort."

Hammer falls for seasoned auctioneer



Auctioneer, real estate and stock and station agent for almost half a century, Ian Macleod reluctantly called it a day last week when he closed his business.

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The Pocock family, Melina, Annette and Gary pictured on the green named after the family on Sunday morning. With them are President of Hay Bowling Club, Rex Thomas, chief greenkeeper, Robbie Mack, NSW Bowling Association Royal, Vince Baird and Hay Bowling and Golf Club secretary Dave Townsend.

Photo: Margie McClelland.

"Gary started at the Bowling Club at the age of 16 in August 1968.

"He completed all his training by correspondence which must have been difficult at the time, and has since passed on all that expertise to many young apprentices.

"How lucky were those lads to have been

trained by Gary.

"He also had many understudy self-acclaimed greenkeepers, as every club does.

"They are also known as bowlers.

"Hats off for keeping them all in check and looking after the greens in the professional and proud manner that you did."

Gary retired in September, proud that his protégé Robbie Mack has taken over as main greenkeeper.

"In 2014 Liz Moorhouse, who was working for eworks at the time contacted me to ask if I was interested in giving a young lad with special needs some work," Mr Townsend

said.

"At the time I didn't know who that was, and had a talk to Gary to see what his thoughts were.

"With open arms, Gary said to give him a go - so next day in walked Robbie Mack.

"Robbie and I used to travel on the Carrathool school bus and back in the day and I also had

him under my wing," Gary said.

"Gary spent a lot of time training Robbie, and once he got his head around the job at hand you never had to tell him again.

"Robbie is now our main man, with a little oversight from me.

"I am so proud of Gary for what he has

done for Robbie over the past five years.

"You have given him a career and a real goal in life and I thank you.

"We all thank you at Hay Bowling and Golf Club.

"It is only fitting that we name the western bowling green the Pocock Family Green. Congratulations."

Light up Christmas at Party in the Park

The countdown is on to Hay's biggest community Christmas party.

Party in the Park will be held on Sunday, December 15 from 5pm at Hay Park and is again organised by Hay Shire Council.

Music will be supplied by local duo, Me and Mrs Jones, together with local schools and groups leading the carols.

There will be a variety of meal options, from barbeque to donuts, snow cones and fairy floss.

Market stalls will provide an opportunity for some Christmas shopping, including homemade goods and you can try your luck on the ever-popular ham wheel which will be running throughout the night. Bendigo Bank is sponsoring the children's activities which include laser tag, jumping castles, fake tattoos, balloons, face painting and the popular slide and splash water activity.

Auscott Ltd is again sponsoring a visit from Santa who will have a sweet treat for the children.

Winners of the best festive display for businesses and residential houses will be announced on the night and there will again be a best dressed competition.

Everyone is encouraged to dress in their favourite Christmas outfit to join in the spirit of the festive season. There is also a surprise in store - a highlight of the evening will be the introduction of something new and exciting for the community, just in time for Christmas.

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Countdown to Toy Run

The annual Toy Run and Christmas Appeal at South Hay Hotel will be held on Saturday, December 14.

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Donations of toys, non-perishable food items, gifts and toiletries may be dropped off at South Hay Hotel or Intereach.

The initiative is supported by South Hay Hotel, Salvation Army, St Vincent de Paul Society and Intereach. Contact Strop May on 0459 120 462 for more information.

Australia Day awards

Nominations are now open for the 2019 Hay Australia Day Awards.

Award categories are Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Special Achievement Award and Gavin Johnston Memorial Vocational Award.

Nomination forms are available at Council's administration centre or on the website www.hay.nsw.gov.au.

Nominations close on January 10.

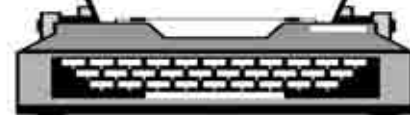
For more details contact Council's Director of Corporate and Community, Mark Dowling.

Thumbs up to those prepared to fight for a better deal for country towns and farmers under the Murray Darling Basin Plan.

The effect of the current plan is having a negative impact on every small business in the community.

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Happy birthday greetings, courtesy of Hay Tennis Club Calendar, go to:

Heidi Stephens today (Wednesday), Edward Hawkins (Thursday), Zara Prochilo and William Ponting (Friday), Jacqui Hargreaves and Milly Deacon (Monday) and Anna Cattanaach, Mick Montgomery and Scott Deacon (Tuesday).

There will be family fun for everyone at St Mary's Christmas Party this Friday when Santa will make his first official visit to Hay.

The party replaces the annual fete which is now running every two years.

The fun begins at 5pm with cake stalls, face painting, games, school performances and entertainment by Me and Mrs Jones. There will be plenty to eat with the usual barbecue and donut stalls as well as some multi cultural cuisine.

Griffith Regional Art Gallery is calling on local artists and crafts people to be part of their exciting 2020 Arts Program.

The Gallery is looking for artists with skills and experience who are interested in presenting community art programs including workshops, master classes, and children's art activities.

Expressions of interest close January 24.

Chapman returns to his spiritual home to launch his latest book



Photographer, Andrew Chapman (centre) and journalist Tim Lee (left) signing copies of their latest book, Woolsheds Volume 2 which was launched at The Grazier Book Shop last Tuesday. With them is the publisher, Adam McNicol from Ten Bag Press.

Hay has become the spiritual home for one of Australia's foremost rural documentary photographers, Andrew Chapman who was back in town last week to launch his latest book, Woolsheds volume 2.

Mr Chapman first visited Hay in 2001 at the invitation of former Shear Outback Project Manager, Sara Hector (Japp).

"I showed Sara some of my work, and she loved it but commented the photos were all taken in Victoria and suggested I include some local scenes also," Mr Chapman said at the launch.

"That started my long association with Hay. People have all been welcoming and happy for me to just walk into their sheds once they know what I am there for.

"This is my ninth book, and the fourth on wool.

"I am very stoked with it and is probably the best one I have done so far."

Also in Hay last week was ABC landline journalist, Tim Lees who wrote the words for the book.

They were accompanied by other Landline team members who were filming in the district.

Woolsheds Volume 2 is now available at The Grazier and retails for \$49.90.

The first volume of Woolsheds was published in 2012 and sold more than 20,000 copies.

Now, with the wool industry in the midst of a new boom, Chapman has teamed up with Ten Bag Press and ABC's Tim Lee to release Woolsheds: Volume 2.

The classy coffee table publication is packed with stunning pictures and engaging stories about woolsheds, woolgrowers, shearers and rouseabouts in Australia, along with a section on New Zealand.

WHAT'S ON AT GRIFFITH REGIONAL THEATRE & ART GALLERY

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Last and final call

Hammer falls on Ian Macleod's 46-year career

Ian Macleod has been a stock and station and real estate agent in Hay for close to half a century; always enjoying what he was doing and not in a hurry to retire.

But that day came last Friday, and much sooner than he had planned.

A dependency on medical facilities at Wagga has forced Ian and his wife Sue to turn their back on the business, put their family home on the market and move to the city.

"I didn't anticipate bowing out like this," he said.

"I always knew the day has to happen when I eventually would retire, but that I would have time to prepare myself for it."

Mr Macleod became a stock and station agent in 1960 when he joined AML&F in Ballarat.

He grew up on the land near Bathurst, attended school in Sydney and worked as a jackeroo in Jerilderie and Hay.

"I moved to Hay in 1973 and went out on my own in 1993," he said.

"During that time I also had the Carrathool school-bus run, a town delivery service and operated the Comet overnight transport service.

"The industry has dramatically changed over the years. There were eight agents in Hay, now we have two and all the big companies are gone.

"The average price of a house was \$80,000 and plenty sold for less."

Working as an agent means spending a lot of time on the road, and on the phone.

"But it has been an interesting life.

"I have seen a lot of Australia, have travelled



The Macleod team of Ian, Sue, Angus and Hugh has been a fixture at local and district auctions and clearing sales.

Photo: Margie McClelland.

extensively and met a lot of people.

"The only part of Australia I have not been to is the York Peninsula.

"Wonga Station at Jerilderie was my biggest transaction and Til Til was my largest clearing sale.

"I have conducted a lot of clearing and antique sales in Hay over the years.

"A lot of hard work went into these, especially the antique sales at the Memorial Hall. They were long, hard

yards but I loved it and saw some interesting things.

"Hay has been a good town to live in. We raised our family here and were involved in the community through the former Chamber of Commerce and particularly the Gun Club.

"It has been an interesting journey for sure, but has been cut short."

Ian is still available on his mobile phone and does not plan on leaving Hay until their house is sold.

CBA sponsors Christmas display

The Commonwealth Bank is bringing the community together by sponsoring a Christmas display competition to get everyone into the festive spirit this year.

The winners will be announced at the Party in the Park on December 15.

Prizes will be presented to Best Decorated House (\$250) with the run-

ner-up receiving \$150 and Best Decorated Business \$100.

Families and neighbours spend time working together on their decorations while others take time out to drive the family around to view the spectacular displays.

Organisers say the competition will put the sparkle in Christmas.



Front and centre - Ian Macleod pictured on the cover of The Land newspaper in September 1982, selling a pen of sheep at Hay.

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A visit from Santa and Community Christmas Carols

Entertainment by local duo Me & Mrs Jones

Rural News

Canning the Plan won't turn the taps on: MDBA

Statement by Phillip Glyde, CEO, Murray-Darling Basin Authority, in response to the convoy to Canberra on Monday:

Everyone has the right to peacefully protest and to voice their opinion.

It's important that different viewpoints are part of improving water management in the Basin.

We know communities across the Murray-Darling Basin are battling against one of the worst droughts on record and it's taking its toll on our landscape, people's businesses, mental health and morale.

We're seeing widespread dust storms and bushfires, towns are running out of water, and our native fish are under threat.

Some First Nations are telling us they're concerned about the quality of drinking water and the cultural well-being of their communities. There is no one this drought hasn't touched.

Pausing or ditching the Basin Plan

wouldn't turn the taps or pumps on—and it wouldn't alleviate the pain being felt in these communities during drought.

In these times, remaining committed to restoring the health of the basin is important. When times are tough, available water is stretched and everyone wants more.

The Basin Plan is a once in a life time opportunity to restore the health of this great river system for the long-term benefit of basin communities.

We are only half-way but we know it's working. There are early signs of healthier rivers.

Implementing the Plan is not easy and not without challenges—however, it remains our nation's best pathway for securing the future of this vital shared resource and the communities that depend on it.

This reform is the first of its kind in the world—we are all learning as we go. The Plan is adaptive and flexible.

Time to fix the plan: NSW

NSW Farmers is urging Basin Governments and farmers to work together to make sure that the Plan achieves the social, economic and the environmental outcomes that were promised.

NSW Farmers President James Jackson says many farming communities across the Murray Darling Basin are under immense strain as a result of the unparalleled drought.

"We know that the impacts of this drought are being made worse by a Murray Darling Basin Plan that is just not working for agriculture, Basin communities or the environment," Mr Jackson said

"In times like this, it's hard to think things could get any worse. But calls to 'Can the Plan' have the potential to put at risk the water property rights of farmers across the Basin and see more water removed from the consumptive pool."

"We are asking government to act immediately to implement the recommendations of the Productivity Commission and fix the policy, funding and operational issues that were highlighted in the Five Year review of the Plan."

Mr Jackson says NSW Farmers is working closely with government at every level to make sure that member policy shapes the future of water management in NSW.

"NSW Farmers supports the concept of a fair Plan that protects the viability of farming in the Basin and the fragile ecosystems that depend on the rivers. But we believe that the Plan is not delivering a fair deal for farmers."

"Government must abandon plans to recover an additional 450GL from farmers – we know that this additional water cannot be recovered from the consumptive pool without profound disruption to regional communities."

NSW Farmers is calling for rethinking of Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment projects to provide environmental outcomes without recovering more water from the consumptive pool.

"We are also seeking limitations to the expansion of irrigation development below the Barmah Choke which is threatening reliability for existing irrigation and causing significant environmental damage and a review of the viability of the environmental contributions made to South Australian lakes scheme."

A passion for wool; a challenge and commitment - Stacey's long road to the Board room

Stacey Lugsdin has never been one to shirk responsibility – or a challenge.

It is these traits that enabled her to reinvent herself at the age of 38; swapping the office for the paddock.

It all started with a simple comment made by husband Ian when they bought the Toyota dealership in 2000.

When Stacey asked who was going to run the farm while Ian works on his new business venture, his response was, "I thought you could do it".

She accepted that challenge and after adding many strings to her bow as a farmer, Stacey last month was appointed to the Board of WoolProducers Australia; the only female and the first independent female director. She also sits on the organisation's health and welfare committee.

"I did not grow up on the land; everything I know about farming I have learned as an adult," she said.

"I came to Hay in 1970 with my family when Dad was appointed to run the hospital.

"I went to school in Hay and started going out with Ian when we were in high school."

While raising a large family, Stacey helped out on the family farm as needed while also working in town in administration and accounting.

That all changed when the family purchased the former Thompson Toyota, with Ian running the business in town and Stacey taking over the farm.

It was the start of the Millennium drought and she had no idea what she was doing.

But she had a challenge, and a responsibility.

"I started a wool classing course in Deniliquin; that was Step 1," Stacey recalls.

"Step 2 was to learn as much as possible about farming.

"I then became a wool classing teacher for TAFE but was still constantly learning."

A Diploma in Agriculture followed and she also graduated from both the Australian Institute of Company Directors Course and the Australian Rural Leadership Program.

Stacey is a strong advocate for equality in the rural sector.

"Age, gender and your postcode should not determine your ability," she said.

"It doesn't matter how old you are; if you are passionate about something, go out and do it.

"I learned this when I did the Rural Leadership program under some great mentors.

"It's just about following your passion – and mine is the wool industry.

"My Rural Leadership program taught me to have a go. You will always learn a new skill and learn what not to do."

Stacey was sponsored by WoolProducers to undertake the Company Directors Course in Canberra and this motivated her to nominate for a



position on the Board.

"I saw an organisation that had enough faith in me, and an insight into my ability to represent commercial growers when they offered me the chance to attend the Company Directors course," she said.

"I wanted to be on that team. I am passionate about wool, and WoolProducers Australia is the only national organisation that can speak on behalf of the mainstream wool industry and represent the concerns and hopes of wool growers."

WPA is the peak national body for the wool producing industry in Australia and represents farmers who have an interest in growing wool.

WPA advocates the industry's interests to the Federal Government and internationally enabling woolgrowers to determine policy and drive change in their industry.

The National Executive is made up of woolgrowers from around Australia.

Stacey says the organisation plays a key role in working with the companies that are funded by growers to develop constructive and profitable outcomes for industry.

It also maintains a close working relationship with Australian Wool Innovation as the voice on behalf of its shareholders.

"I am really excited," she said.

"It is a two-year term and I have two years to make a contribution on national issues; after that is a bonus."

SunRice further downscales facilities

SunRice has announced a further reconfiguration of its Riverina operations, with another 100 job losses anticipated in 2020.

The C20 crop (to be harvested in 2020) is now expected to be smaller than the C19 crop harvested earlier this year, which at 54,000 tonnes was the second lowest crop on record.

SunRice took significant steps, including putting record prices to growers in August 2019 in a bid to stimulate plantings for C20, which has ensured that a milling program should be maintained at the Deniliquin and Leeton mills until at least early 2021.

SunRice said while it had been able to keep both Deniliquin and Leeton Mills open, the small plantings for C20 mean shifts will drop to a one-shift operation at both mills, commencing from the end of the first quarter of 2020.

As a result, SunRice announced that 80 manufacturing and support staff will be affected. Twenty more staff at SunRice's storage subsidiary, Australian Grain Storage, will also be impacted.

This will bring the total number of job losses at SunRice's Riverina operations to approximately 230 positions since reconfiguration commenced in November 2018.

SunRice CEO, Rob Gordon, said the series of changes were made with deep regret.

"We understand that these changes have been, and continue to be very unsettling, and we remain committed to providing as much notice as possible to our employees throughout the process," Mr Gordon said.

"We will be doing all we can to support our employees and their families in the months ahead."

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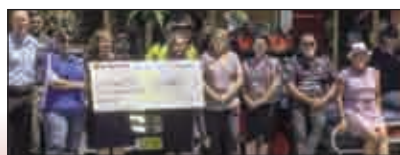
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His love of horses landed Frog the perfect job - for 40 years

Paul (Frog) Edwards grew up with horses – riding them, working with them, doing track work.

And 40 years ago he landed the perfect job as barrier attendant for the races.

His first day on the job was November 17, 1979 and 40 years and six days later he was presented with a special memento by Hay Jockey Club for his major contribution to racing in Hay.

“I was approached by the late Bruce Congdon to give him a hand,” remembers Paul – who insists on being called Frog.

“Bill Darlow and Jack Best were also on the team that day.

“Bruce got out the following year due to ill health and at the August 30 race meeting that year I was the starting stall supervisor.

“Back then we had two to three race meetings a

year in Hay, plus the picnic race days.

“They were different; we were separated. The rich people sat on one side and us poorer ones on the other side.

“Apart from Hay, my team also works the stalls at Carrathool, Hillston, Balranald, Deniliquin, Jerilderie, Tocumwal, Berrigan and Griffith.

“I have only missed going to the barriers once in my 40 years, due to a bad knee. But I did organise all the staff beforehand.

“We travel a lot because the only other team in the area is in Wagga, and sometimes race meetings clash.

“Berrigan, Tumut and Balranald for instance race on the same day.

“It is a big day; we have to be there an hour before the first race until 30 minutes after the last race.”

Growing up, Frog always attended the races and, with his two brothers, and was track rider for John Cooper for many years.

“I just love being with horses and the people connected to them; you get some good yarns with them,” he said.

“For some years, until Neil-John Nisbet came along, I had to take all the horses into the barriers when Bill and Jack became a little less agile.

“Now we have a team of six with four to five others on standby if needed.

“Apart from Fashions on the Field which draws a lot of people to the races, nothing else has changed really.

“The meetings are run pretty much the same now as 40 years ago; apart from tighter regulations. In 2013 I had to do a barrier attendance course.

“After all these years of doing the job, I did not learn anything from the course. But I do now carry a card in my wallet to say I am qualified to do the job.”

The only other change over the years has been the inclusion of women.

When Frog started his career as barrier attendant in 1979, Mr A.P.E Tyson was the patron, Mr B.H. Smith president and Messrs H.R Parker and W. Ryan vice presidents.

Honorary treasurer was John McDermott and Honorary secretary Cass Hanna was assisted by Mr P.J. Stubbs.

The committee and other officials were all men, with Dr Jane Matthews the lone female mention as medical officer; together with Doctors Bonwick and Carter.

This year’s Hay Jockey Club officials include Ali McLean as vice president, Janine Bryant secretary and Debbie Pocock as treasurer; along with a further six female committee members and Liz Randall as Swab Steward.

The reliance of sponsors has remained the same over the decades.

“I really do want to acknowledge all the sponsors; they are the ones that make the races happen,” Frog said.

“Without them there would be nothing.”

Safety is Frog’s main concern and he has ensured his team has escaped injury over the years.

There have been a couple of painful incidents, but never a serious injury.

“When I am on the job, I am there for the horses,” he said.

“I don’t bet, I don’t party – I focus on making sure no one gets kicked.”

Frog is proud of his team and thankful for his incident-free career.

But his pride and joy is his grandson, Jayden Dudley who has never been on a horse but now works as a barrier attendant alongside his grandfather.

Frog’s next milestone is clocking up 40 years at Carrathool in 2023.

The Paul Edwards Team was first mentioned in the official’s list in 1983 with LB Culley Esq the patron of Carrathool Jockey Club.

LATE NIGHT SHOPPING in Hay All participating shops open until 8pm

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Paul (Frog) Edwards (centre) on the job he loves - barrier attendant. With him are fellow attendants, Andrew Curtis and Barry Nisbet. Photo: Margie McClelland.

The Riverine Grazier - Book shop



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NEW RELEASES



Rally visit a special treat for schools



There was much excitement on Thursday when Rust 'n Dust Outback Rally cars and participants visited schools to allow the children to be part of their journey. These Hay Public School students watch with great anticipation as the line-up of cars start moving along Lachlan Street (from left) Nadin Gleeson, Kobe Payne, Liam Young, Kyper Woods, Cody Griffiths and Henry Learmonth.

PRAC TEACHERS CONTINUE THEIR LONG ASSOCIATION WITH HAY PUBLIC SCHOOL

Molly Christensen and Ellie Spain (pictured) have completed their work experience with Hay Public School as part of the year 10 curriculum.

Molly is a former pupil of HPS and Ellie is the daughter of Jane and Richard Spain (nee Dancey). The Dancey family has a long history with Hay and Hay Public School where Jane's mother taught. Jane and her sisters all attended Hay Public and Hay War Memorial High Schools.

Ellie's sister Claire Spain his completing her prac teaching at Hay War Memorial High School as part of her Teaching degree.



Social darts raises \$1600 for Angel Flight

The Hay Services Club Social Darts Group again provided a night of fun while raising money for charity.

They were joined at the weekend by the Griffith team for a game of darts, and combined with the proceeds from a raffle conducted earlier this year, were able to raise \$1600 for Angel Flight.

The group would like to thank Mackers Meats, IGA, Robbertson's Hot Bread Kitchen and Bendigo Bank and all team members for their donations.

Pictured at their fundraising event were (from left) Peter Rosser, Fiona Rosser, David Lumley, Brandon Burns, Julie, Mark and Damien Crocker, Dawn Birthisel, Nathan Crocker (front), Debbie Lumley, Raymond Dickson, Sheryl Hathaway, Jamie Thomas, Katherine Shortt, Ricky Dickson, Margaret Dickson and Judy Darlow.

73 km hike for high school students



Five students from Hay War Memorial High School have successfully completed the requirements to be awarded their bronze or silver Duke of Edinburgh award.

The internationally recognised award (founded by the Duke of Edinburgh in 1956) is a global youth development program.

The award aims to empower young Australians aged 14-24 to explore their full potential regardless of their location or circumstance.

Delilah Crighton and Benjamin Caughey have nearly completed the silver level of the award whilst Katie Arandt, Hannah Shea and Joseph

Wilson have all now completed their bronze level of the award. Accompanied by teachers James Caughey and Leonie Booth, the five Hay students and Laura Mannes (student from Coleambally) hiked 73 kilometres of the Hume and Hovell Track just outside of Tumut.

The hike was spread out over three days – November 26-28. On the first day of the hike, the group walked 24 kilometres carrying their packs. Day two they hiked 29 kilometres and day three 20km. The five students are likely to be awarded their awards at the annual presentation day assembly on December 18.

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HWMHS nominated six students and all of them attended to watch the Schools Spectacular with over 140 other rural students across NSW. Students also had the opportunity to meet the

NSW Education Minister, Sarah Mitchell and Mr Mark Scott, Secretary of the NSW Department of Education.

Thank you to Mr Mackintosh, Ms Roscoe and Miss Fletcher for joining the students and helping supervise other students as well.

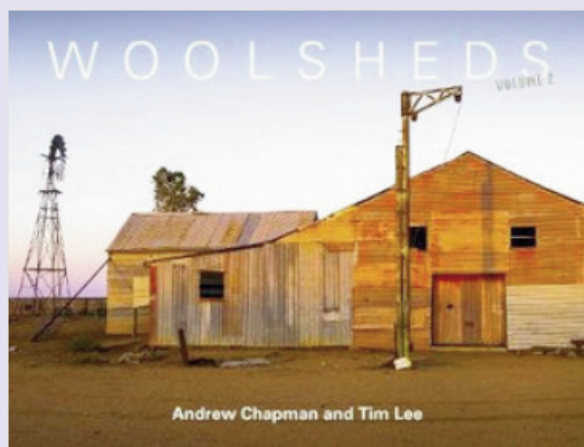
Thank you also to Ms Booth, Ms McNally and Mr Chambers for nominating the school and students to participate.

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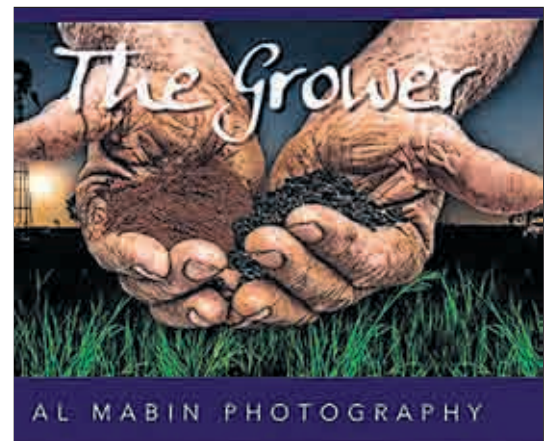
'After all,' she says 'Life is not a dress rehearsal. Your story is your masterpiece.'

Intertwining the adventures and revelations of life in Al's typical cheeky style, The Winding Road uncovers what it really takes to be successful in an ever changing environment.

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Image courtesy of Al Mabin Photography.



(left) Harry Houston is one of the locals that represents the Hay community in "The Grower". Rowan Houston, Richard Cannon and Jack Byrnes also feature in the book.

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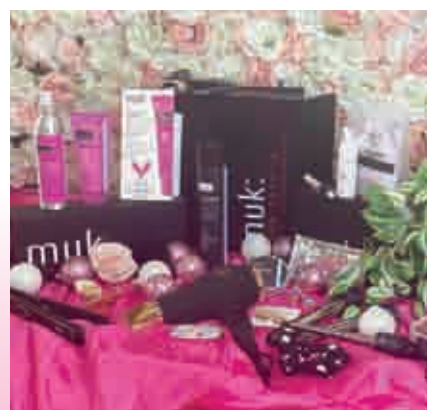
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Rust & Dust Rally aiming for new heights



Pictured: James Bisset and Glenn Saddler in Coyote and Road Runner. The Rally Tally Night will be held this Saturday at South Hay Hotel. There will be children's activities starting from 6pm, a continuous raffle, the Alfa Romeo will be drawn, CanAssist barbecue, Hay's Christmas Fireworks, the car drop and the final MONEY TALLY and cheque handovers.



28/11/19 Before departure, Jasen Crighton pictured with his cherished Mercedes Benz, The Taxi. 2/12/19 Jasen Crighton's Merc Taxi under heavy repair trying to make the last leg of its fourth consecutive rally.



Edward Ryan and Shane McGufficke from The Wobblers. Photos by Margie McClelland.



Anthony (Ant) Ellis giving the all clear from Bullant Motors.



Matt Smith and Aaron McCormick set for take-off.



River Rats crew members Ray Stewart and Greg Donohoe. With them are Greg's mother, Beryl Donohoe, his daughter, Sarah Laracy and grandson William Laracy.



Support from Hay Public School pupils Charlotte Radeski, Meredith Gaw, Jessica Tapper, Peyton Turner, Chayse Mitchell, Bella-Rose Gray, Caitlyn Lund, Jorja Townsend, Paigan Gee and Henry Learmonth.



Participants Tom Schiller and Peter Mullins discussing their rally action plan.

Calisthenics concludes another successful year with spectacular concert



Seasoned dancer, Halle Laracy.



Jim Harrison performing at the concert.



Poised, focussed and beautiful - Alanna Lauer.



Stunning costumers were a feature of the concert. Pictured in this group are (back) Gemma Townsend and Eden Payne, (centre) Sophie Harman, Matilda Gee, Halle Laracy, Maya Lugsdin (front) Nina Schiller, Maeve Harrison, Grace Auld, Emma Brown and Charlotte Clarke.

Photos supplied.

Helping hand for first home buyers



Guest speakers at a well-attended first home buyer's seminar in Hay on Thursday, Paul Lenon (Bendigo Bank), Susan Hanna (S Hanna Admin & Consultancy Services) and Therese Murphy (Landmark Harcourts).

Other speakers included solicitor Markeeta Gibson and Darren Tapper from Tapper Agri Services.

The seminar was hosted by Landmark Harcourts to assist those looking to purchase their first home.

Topics included eligibility for the First Home Buyer's Grant, obtaining finances, upfront costs associated with buying a home, the purchasing process and tips on budgeting to save for the deposit.

Photo: Margie McClelland.



Award winner, Lana-Rose Jessop.



Isabelle Sandow received an improvement award.

Thank you from Verity Auld for Hay Calisthenics

WOW! Hay Calisthenics had our third annual Showcase on November 10th and it was a huge success.

Our 40 performers were outstanding and entertained a large crowd of family and friends.

Thank you to my assistant coaches, Brooke Higgins and Asha Watkins. To my family and friends, for all the little and big ways you've pitched in - thanks!

Thanks to Hay Public School's generosity for the use of their Assembly Hall for our training. To Hay Public School P&C, Booligal Public School and Hay School of the Air for employing me to teach Cali Dance to your students. Also, to Hay War Memorial High School for the use of the Spirit of Anzac Centre.

Thank you to our generous volunteers who helped me throughout the year and at the 2019 Showcase. I am so grateful for the donations for our raffle.

Sarah Bunyan Hairdressing, Foodworks, Hay Bowling and Golf Club, Robertson's Hot Bread Kitchen, Macker's Meats, Hannah McGufficke Hairdressing, The Wok In Hay, Hay Newsagency, Harrison's IGA, Antonakas Hardware, Betta Home Living, Hay Jewellers, The Riverina Hotel, Shell Service Station, Japp's Pharmacy and Two Billy Buttons, Centrespot flowers. Also, special thanks to The Harrison family and Jan Auld for sponsoring some of our trophies. Most importantly, to all of my delightful students which this year included our Tiny Tots who were a hit on the day! I thank you for your eagerness to learn, your inspiring development, the fun we've had and for leaving me with a sense of pride and accomplishment.

See you all back at Calisthenics in 2020!

Moulamein Notes with China

No Police In Town. This just does not make sense. We have a police woman in town that would love to stay but is getting shifted to Moama.

Our so-called local police woman is based in Barham.

No good for our town; we need a police presence in town. It has been proven in the past that this works.

The reason for taking our locally based police officer away is that there is not enough crime. This means that it is working. We need police presents in town, we had one. She has been taken away and we have been left with a police distance. Not a presence in town. Either we get onto the Area Commander or we commit more crimes to make them leave our copper in town.

We have to get onto this ASAP or we will never have coppers in town again.

The commander's email address is 29042@police.nsw.gov.au

If you want a police presence in town get onto our area commander. Or go to commitacrimeinMoulamein@emptypolices-tation.com.au. We may get some results.

Pre School. Our new Pre-School/Child

Care Centre is looking great. This will be a great asset for our town. Every town needs child care, and we will have a great facility very soon.

Races, 14 December. Our Moulamein Races are not far away. Do you need a Christmas party? Do you need a ripper day out? Do you need the Birdsville Races just up the road?

Whatever you need when it comes to a good time, the Moulamein Races will provide it for you. Busses run from most towns around us. Book in and I will see you at the front gate.

Lead For Fingerlings. Our Men's Shed has teamed up with our Moulamein Angling Club and the NSW Fisheries to restock our rivers. This is great. We can turn old batteries into fingerlings.

If you have a pile of batteries, our Men's Shed Mob will gladly come out and pick them up. Or you can help them out and drop them off in town. If you do not have any batteries, cash donations are always made most welcome.

To organise delivery or a pick up, please ring Sullo on 0447541200. Stick your batter-

ies in a pile and they will come and get them. Good deal all round I think.

Lake Dropping Quickly. Our Moulamein Lake Committee did their best with the water that our Murray River Council was able to supply us on a zero allocation.

Thank you to Murray River Council for that. We kept our fish alive as well as the southern bell frog population that we have up there. Trouble is, I think our friends the southern bell frogs need a high lake level to be able to breed. All we need is water and our Moulamein Lake could be the frog centre of our district.

Crow Eaters Have 100%. I can sleep at night now. I have been lying awake at night worrying about my mates the Crow Eaters not getting their 100% allocation while we sit here on our very generous 0%, zip, nothing, or whatever you can call it.

I am pleased to announce that my friends the Crow Eaters now have their 100% water right while they are still running water to the sea so they can get their desalination plant going to convert sea water to fresh water paid for by irrigators that hate Crow Eaters. Yes; we are a very smart country.

Balranald Byline



HELP WITH THE TYRANNY OF DISTANCE FOR BALRANALD CANCER PATIENTS

Campers pitch in to aid CanAssist

The Cancer Assistance Network local branch has received funding from greenslips.com.au to help pay for patients' green slip insurance, with this assistance now available in Balranald.

Cancer patients in need, and who rely on their cars to get to treatment, are encouraged to reach out for financial assistance from Can Assist Balranald.

Can Assist Balranald has received a funding injection to help ease that burden through a new partnership with greenslips.com.au.

The comparative CTP insurance service knows the cost of green slips and recognises the importance of keeping local cancer patients' cars on the road when they need them most.

"If a cancer patient doesn't have a car they're stuck, there is no other way to get to treatment because community transport is limited," Can Assist Balranald President Connie Rasmussen said.

"We have the tyranny of distance so a car is vital and the support of greenslips.com.au is incredibly practical.

"Most people are fiercely independent because they feel no control over the cancer, so maintaining their mobility and car is something that gives them a sense of control.

"I've seen the impact a cancer diagnosis can have. We can't take that burden away but Can Assist can help pay a few bills such as a green slip," said Rasmussen.

Can Assist provides practical and financial support in the form of accommodation, travel, fuel vouchers and utilities payments, to name a few.

"Patients of all ages have sought support from Can Assist Balranald since it was founded in 2007.

They are keen to help more patients in need, especially with the payment of their CTP green slip insurance."

Cancer survivor, Tina Powis founded Can Assist Balranald and is secretary of this buoyant group.

Speaking from experience, she said the car is not only about getting from A to B for medical treatments, it is also essential for maintaining some normality through social interactions.

"When you live in the country you are very dependent on your four wheels," she added.

"You would be isolated without them and it's important to maintain as much independence as possible."

Can Assist Balranald supports a large area from Moulamein and Tooleybuc in the south to Euston out west. There are four locations for cancer treatment, all requiring significant travel - chemotherapy in Mildura or Swan Hill is a one to two-hour drive, Bendigo is over three hours away and some patients must travel further

afield to Melbourne, which is six hours.

It all depends on the patient and the treatment, but it always involves a car.

"It is not only the cancer patient impacted," Mrs Powis said.

"With a cancer diagnosis, two incomes can suddenly become one yet the mortgage, rates, car and costs of living all go on.

"Your finances get a walloping and if you have kids it is even harder.

"Can Assist take some of the financial burden off the family so the family can focus on their health priorities."

Can Assist is a community-based volunteer network, funded entirely by local donations and corporate sponsorship, with all money raised locally staying local.

Can Assist Balranald invites cancer patients to come forward and seek their support. It is as simple as calling 0474 928 919. All enquiries and ongoing support are strictly confidential.

Visit www.canassist.org.au.



Balranald Branch CanAssist member, Wyn Scott is pictured drawing the ExplorOz raffle which raised \$518.60 for the branch.

The money was made possible by the camping and caravanning group, ExplorOz which held its national gathering at Lake Paika Accommodation in late September/early October while exploring the Balranald area.

"What a generous group," Dianne Williams from Lake Paika Accommodation said.

"The gathering was attended by around 20 members and organised by Nick Causebrook who attended with his wife, Jane.

"They travelled long distances to attend the gathering and our local businesses benefited greatly from their support.

"On behalf of the Balranald community and Lake Paika Accommodation, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the 2019 ExplorOz organisers and members; your generosity will be remembered.

"Thank you also to Balranald Shire Council for allowing the raffle to be displayed at the Information Centre and for allowing staff to sell the raffle tickets."

CAN ASSIST



Providing assistance to cancer patients in the Balranald Region, including Euston, Tooleybuc and Moulamein

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Blast from the Past

The Clare Station Records

from Dr David Eastburn

Biographies

Biography complements environmental history in the explanation of actions, and can assist in bringing into focus relevant issues that are difficult to identify from other sources but which may influence decisions and outcomes. I will assemble the biographies of a selection of people (owners, employees and associates) identified in the archival records who have had direct and indirect impacts on 'Clare', to provide additional insights.

PRIMARY RESOURCE MATERIAL

Following are examples of some of the primary resource material collected from 'Clare' Station dating from 1881.

Time Books (employee lists)

Time books provide monthly lists of employees (usually surnames and initials) and their roles/ occupations. They record daily attendance and at times the specific activities undertaken on a day or over several days e.g. cutting firewood, scooping out excavated tanks, fencing, cutting edible scrub (during drought periods), poisoning rabbits etc. Time books identify starting and finishing dates and times off (holidays) of employees. They record rates of pay for different roles and total amounts earned/ owing. Additional temporary shed-hands are recorded during shearing time (usually September-October).

Time books also show variations in activities according to the time of the year such as shearing time. Employee numbers are reduced during drought periods and increased during good seasons. The combinations of employees vary over time in response to crises such as rabbit infestation, technology (whim-drivers disappear with the introduction of windmills

and workforce generally is reduced over time) and age e.g. ethnic Chinese employees largely disappear by 1920s.

Letter Books

Copies of all outgoing business letters 1894-1956 (approximately 6 300 pages)

Rough Diaries

Rough diaries contain brief information about daily station activities such as stock movements and shearing/ wool production details. The latter includes a breakdown of sheep into ewes, wethers, rams & lambs at shearing time – total number of sheep shorn/ bales of wool produced (sometimes average bale weight) and often average weights of wool produced by each of the four sheep categories. Also included in diaries are weather conditions (temperature/ rainfall/ frosts/ dust storms/ bush fires), travel details and general observations e.g.

'I think absolutely worst dust storm yet 118 degrees [F.] in shade. Very strong wind and dust all day. This storm has completely altered the face of the country'.

W. A. Waugh 26 February 1900

Diaries include a summary of stock returns (sheep, cattle, horses) and property acreage as of 31 December of the year for the Pastures Protection Board at the front and often a summary of annual/ monthly highlights at the back.

Journals

Journals record orders for goods and services from various suppliers. These are allocated to various accounts e.g. Ration a/c; Store a/c; Materials a/c; Noxious animals a/c; Shearing a/c; Plant a/c etc. A typical order of food and general household and station goods from a common supplier such as H. L.

Harben of Balranald would include details of each item including quantity or weight, container (bag, box, tin etc) unit cost, often specific brand name, and total cost. Services such as wool carriage would include the price per tonne, numbers of bales for each named carrier/ bullocky and exact weight down to the nearest pound.

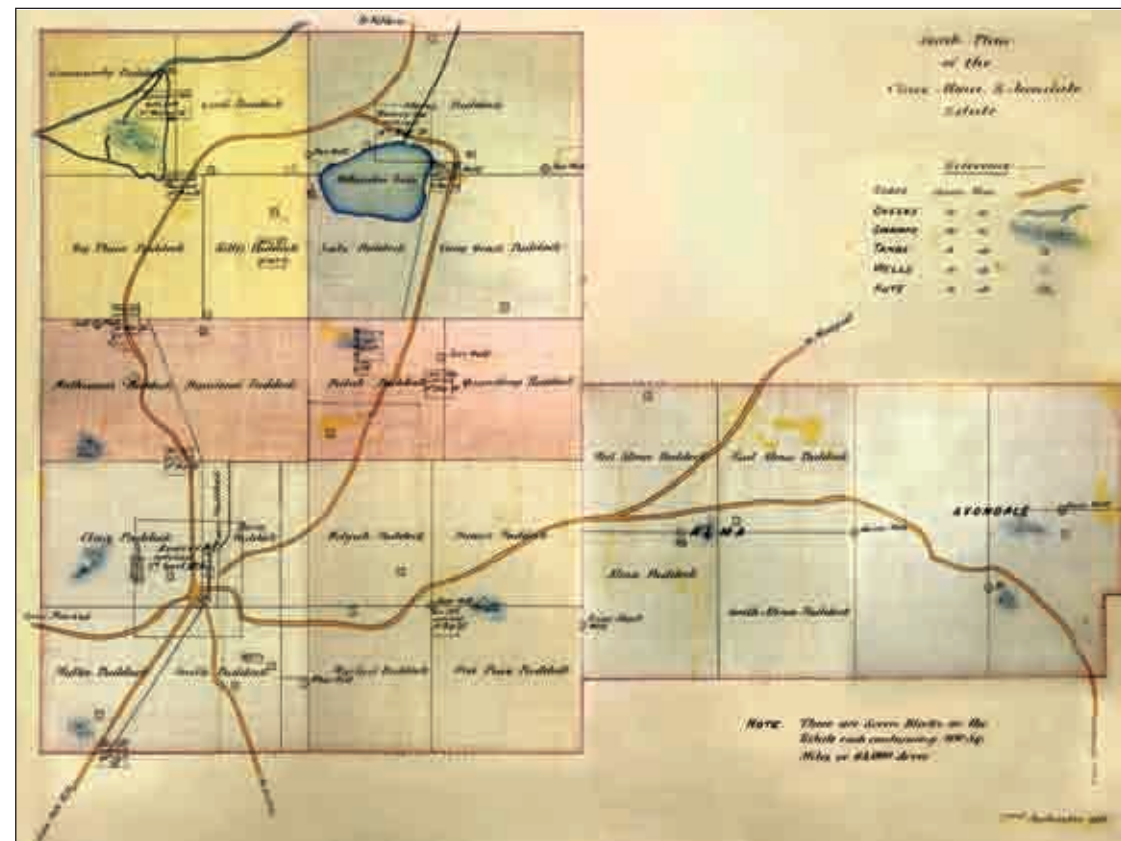
Cheque Returns (Financial Year)

Cheque Returns provide information about wage rates for various roles, including contractors. Space is provided for details of monthly stock returns – sheep, cattle, horses – and reasons for number differences (sales, purchases, deaths etc). There is a space for remarks on weather – rainfall, frosts, dust storms etc. Cheque Return books also provide a useful cross-reference for names and dates of employment etc.

Balance Sheets

(1906-1986 and for comparisons between 1895 and 1995 balances)

Balance Sheets (generally around 20 pages) provide the most comprehensive statistical summaries of assets, liabilities and experiences/ conditions for the station for each year. They include property details – size, leasehold, freehold, value, stock numbers and estimated value. Operating costs – employee and contractor wages, general expenses, plant costs, rent, improvements/ maintenance (water supply/ fencing/ buildings), feral animal control, stock feed production or purchase etc. Balance sheets include a detailed break-down of costs and profits from wool production – wages and other costs connected to shearing, scouring, transport, insurance and handling costs. Production – wool clip (numbers of bales of wool produced) and sale of stock. They also list employee categories and relative payment rates.



Clare Station map dated 22nd September 1881. The note on the bottom right says "There are seven blocks in the Estate, each containing 100 sq miles or 64,000 acres. The road on the right-hand corner goes to Booligal; in the centre bottom to Oxley; centre left to 'Till Till; at the top to 'Kilfera'; and top right to Mossgiel.



A relatively recent aerial photograph of Clare Station. Our thanks to David Eastburn again for the information.

A SHORT FUNNY ONE

A burglar breaks into this house, see.

And as he is creeping around the lounge room, gathering items of value, he hears a voice, "Watch out!, Jesus is behind you." Startled, he flicks on his torch and breathes a sigh of relief, as he sees this parrot on a perch.

Again the parrot says, "Watch out, Jesus is behind you!". The burglar says to the parrot, "What's your name then?", and the parrot replies, "Moses". "Who would call a parrot Moses," laughs the robber.

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RSL HAY SUB BRANCH will be holding it's final meeting for the year. It will be held in the Library Complex RSL rooms at 1600 hrs (4pm) on Friday December 6. All members and partners are invited for a Christmas breakup.

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MODIFICATION OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION No. 1990-002

Proposed Development:

To convert 12,000 head dairy + 48,000 beef feedlot back to original approved 60,000 beef feedlot. Converting the 12,000 head dairy to 24,000 additional beef cattle. This would give current 15,000 standing beef cattle + 24,000 dairy conversion = 36,000 beef cattle at a stocking density of 1 beef cattle per 9sqm.

Property Details:

32570 Sturt Highway "Ravensworth", Hay (Lot 2 DP 1245331)

Applicant:

Ronald Norman Harris

Consent Authority:

Hay Shire Council

This development is Designated Development. In accordance with the requirements of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000 the above Development Application and accompanying information can be viewed during normal office hours for a period of 14 days commencing on Thursday, 5th December 2019:

- Hay Shire Council Office, 134 Lachlan Street, Hay

The Development is also Integrated Development, with approval required from:

- Roads & Maritime Services
- Environment Protection Authority
- Water NSW

During the exhibition period written submissions may be made to the consent authority regarding the above application. If the application is approved, there is no right of appeal to the Court by an objector.

Submissions will be received until 5.00pm, Thursday 19 December 2019 and are to be in writing and addressed to the General Manager, Hay Shire Council, 134 Lachlan St, Hay NSW 2711. Any person making a submission by way of objection must ensure that the grounds of objection is specified in the submission.

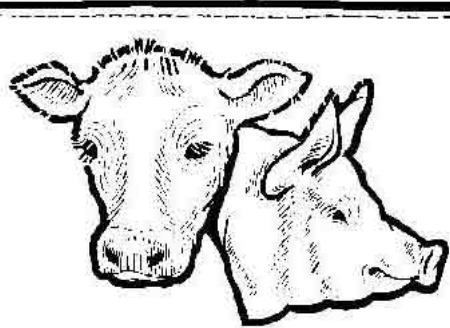
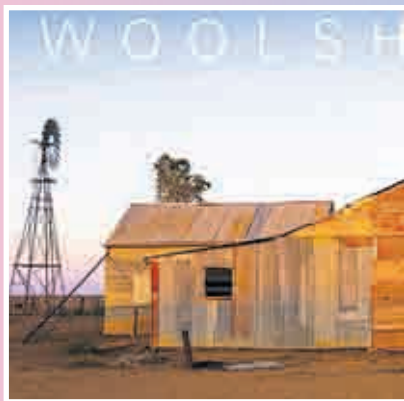
For further information please contact Roger McGrath, Planning & Development Officer, Hay Shire Council on (02) 6990 1100 or rmcgrath@hay.nsw.gov.au.

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Bowling Royalty visits Hay

Pocock replaces injured Squash stalwart



Damien Crocker accepts a plaque on behalf of Hay Bowling and Golf Club from NSW Bowling Association Royal, Vince Baird.

Photo: Margie McClelland.

NSW Bowling Association Royalty, Vince Baird visited Hay at the weekend to present a plaque to honour the work done by Garry Pocock and his family over many years.

The naming of Hay Bowling Club's second green as the Gary Pocock Family Green on Sunday was well deserved.

On Saturday in the semi-final of the Veterans' singles John Lucas had a good win over Peter Lugsdin by 31/25. John got off to an early start to be 19/2 at the 12 ends, then Peter gradually worked his way back in the game but was not quite good enough to get home.

John now plays Phil Ruddick for the right to play Maurie Freund in the final.

In the Mixed Pairs Phil Ruddick and Cherylle Schiller were far too good for Kim Crocker and Leanne Congdon as they got off to a good lead and were never headed to go on and win 25/11.

In social bowls, Peter Marks and Greg Stewart won 30/20 against Les McGrath and Jason Aylett.

Twenty teams played in the Hay President's Day on Sunday, representing the Royal, Cobar and district clubs as well as four local teams. Winners on the day were from Leeton Soldiers Club and the runners-up were from Cobar 1. *Be-Up, Lugo.*

Benduck Cup open to everyone

The Hay Golf Club's summer competition, the Benduck Cup, is rather more a fun event than a serious competition golf, and is open for anyone to have a go at. A golf handicap is not required, nor are golf clubs, as the Club has plenty of both to hand out. Club Membership is not necessary.

Whilst golf is treated as a very deep and mysterious challenge by many, it really can be a laugh a minute, particularly if you can laugh at yourself!

So anyone who has sometimes wondered what this mysterious game is really about, join in and just turn up on a Sunday morning at 8am at the Hay Golf club and have a go. The event is only played over 10 holes, which is not a big deal and takes up about two hours. You won't be disappointed.

Last Sunday morning, a stableford round was played, with 22 members competing. The winner was Paul Pless with the very good score of 24 points for the 10 holes, two ahead of Tom Lugsdin. Ball winners were Neil Headon 20, John Richards and Martin Jackson 19; Anthony Woods and Noel Corliss 18 on a count-back from three others.

Novelties went to Paul Pless - NTP on 6, and Jennings straight drive; Ian Fayle - Fayle's long putt on 2; Susan Hanna - Fayle's long putt on 10; Neil Headon - Money Ball; and the returning Stan Light won the NAGA.

Next Sunday the Benduck Cup will start in earnest with five teams. Starting time is 8am for an 8,30 am hit-off.

Perfect Lie

Commercial and Hibo drew 11 games each.

Brad Pocock has replaced injured Jane Weymouth and will be a steady rock for the Hibo team. This week Brad defeated substitute Kev Rosser 3,53 to 1,44. Geoff Hazleton put up a good fight against Harley Hey but lost 2,68 to Harley's 3,69.

Tim Zambon was too strong for Hibo's Edward Booth, as was Brad Callaghan over Adrian Parker in 3.

Kate Pingiaro continues her dominance for the Hibo team in a strong 4 set victory over Jo Schade, and Shayne Johnston continues to serve the Hibo team well with a 3 -0 win over Blake Gray.

Riv 10 defeated Highway 7
Jorian Millyard kicked the Riv

team off to a good start with a 3 set victory over substitute Martyn Quinn.

Gus Cooper cleaned Pacey Marks up in straight sets.

Tom McGufficke and Ellie Jamieson had a great battle on the court, with Tom taking the win 3,59 to 1,51.

Highway's Jan Zambon had a win over Luke Arandt 3 games to 1. Bailey Caughey continued his winning ways with a strong 3-nil set win over Sean Johnston and Matt Laracy continues to grow from week to week with a good 3 set win over Georgia Booth.

Crown 15 big winners over Cal 7

Cal seems to be the team to beat and no one has managed it yet.

Cal's Dylan Lund had a 3 set

victory over Anthony Slattery. Martyn Quinn and Charlie Wythes had a good tussle, with Quinny winning 3,67 to 2,59.

Jackson Ferguson was too strong for Hannah McGufficke who made a welcome return to the court.

Laurence Doidge was too strong for Isaac Booth in a 3-nil win, and Cals' Hunter Meads had a good battle with Georgia Booth, with Hunter winning 3,54 to 1,43.

Sole winner for the Cal team was substitute Max Corliss-Gee who had a strong 3 set victory over Devlin Clarke.

Next week at 6pm, Highway vs Hibo, and Cal vs Commercial and at 8pm South vs Riv and Crown has the bye.

Close games the order of the night in Women's tennis

Last week produced another draw 4/6 6/4 and even had the same scores as IGA's Annie Summers and Sienna Lund's game the previous week.

In this draw the Bidgee Motor Inn's team of Telesa Cooper and Georgia Booth won in the B Res/C grade.

Closest in the A/B grade was Elle Jamieson's XTRA Shot team's 6/2 4/6 win against Immy Molloy and Terese Mirabelli Japps team.

In Wednesday night's play an adjustment was necessary to the draw with Radio 2 Hay FM

receiving a bye and Lugsdin Toyota team of Steve Longworth and Warren Hunt having the closest win 5/7 7/2 against the Mystery team with Brett Hargreaves going well.

Other winners were Hay Shire, Slat's Fireworks with Tim Zambon who played nice tennis, and Auscott.

Friday Mixed was played in terrible windy conditions with Mick Cattanach's Rokeby having the closest match with the Mystery team. The other close match was Di Crighton's Crightons Cranes team against

O'Briens Fertilisers team of Hannah and Daniel Stewart. There will be a general bye for all teams this Friday.

Full details of all competitions are available on the Club's Website.

Juniors

Junior Wednesday afternoon play had some nice tennis with good shots noticed by Max Hutchings and good to see high schoolers involved.

The Under-11 annual club championships will be finalised at Sunday morning activities with full results advised next week.

Rob Young takes out Vets golf with a nett 40

Twelve Veteran golfers turned out for the November Foodworks Monthly voucher with Rob Young winning with a nett 40.

The ball winners were Don Low and Martin Jackson with a nett 41 and Paul Newnham with a nett 42 in a countback from Peter

Lugsdin.

The novelty winners were Martin Jackson - long putt on the 10th, and Rob Young - long putt on the 3rd, nearest the pin on the 7th, nearest the pin 2nd shot on the 8th and the 4 pointer (in a draw).

The NAGA was won by Cec Kem with a nett 48 in a countback from Lee Ovens.

The next round is the December Monthly Mug.

A reminder that the Veterans' Christmas party is on 19 December.

Blast from the past - July 6 - 2011



Left:
The caption on this photo from our archives reads: Hay Lions Netball teams are having a good season. Pictured in action is **Kylie Brettschneider.**

RIGHT: The talented Jodie Hicks playing AFL for Hay Lions.

FAR RIGHT: Joel Newnham, another talented AFL player.



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WEEKLY WEATHER REPORT For week ending November 18

	Date	Min.	Max.	Rain
Tuesday	26/11	13.6	22.7	
Wednesday	27/11	6.5	20.8	
Thursday	28/11	-	33.6	
Friday	29/11	14.6	36.9	
Saturday	30/11	12.9	23.7	2.4
Sunday	1/12	10.1	18.1	
Monday	2/12	10.2	20	3.8

Hicks takes a cracker of a catch



OUT! Jodie Hicks took a spectacular catch off the bowling of Burns to claim the big wicket of Devine for 60 in the Sydney Sixers W Big Bash League match last Sunday.

In this week's match Sixers stand-in captain Alyssa Healy

freed the arms on Sunday at Hurstville Oval, smashing 84 from just 38 balls in a 13-run win over the Adelaide Strikers to finish WBBL05 one win outside finals in fifth place.

In an interview after the game Hicks said: "I was standing

there thinking if it comes here, I'm going to have to jump pretty high for it, and thankfully it naturally happened.

"It probably does come from AFL a little bit and hopefully I can bring it out in the AFLW season," she concluded.

Hay plays well against a strong Coleambally team

The Hay Milliken Shield side travelled to Coleambally on Sunday to face a strong Coleambally side.

The side, led by Jim Houston and Devlin Clarke chose to bowl first on a green wicket.

Hay started well, having Coleambally 4/35 from 10 overs with some good partnership bowling from Max Spence 2/20, Devlin Clarke 1/7, Dan Jamieson 0/7 and Hilton Hargreaves 0/3.

Coly then fought back with some big hitting towards the middle of the innings before a late fight back from the Hay

side from the bowling of Prince Patel 2/19 and Ned Williamson 1/16.

Other wicket takers were Archie Houston and Jacob Lund. Coleambally finished with a very competitive total of 8/148 from 30 overs.

A captain's knock of 27 not out from Jim Houston, who also had a good game behind the stumps as the teams wicket keeper, was the highlight of Hay's batting innings.

At the drinks break the two sides were even which was another positive for the Hay side.

The younger boys in the side, Prince Patel, Liam Young, Ryan Curtis and Archie Houston, showed good fight with their batting performances towards the end of the innings and made the Coly bowlers work hard for their wickets.

In the end the Hay side was bowled out for 78.

The score line was not a true reflection of the game which was played in good spirit. The Coleambally side were a much older and stronger side as a whole and the Hay boys should take confidence from the performance and continue to improve as the season progresses.

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