

Pyramid Press

MINCHA WEST PREMIERS

It was fifth time lucky for Mincha West who have upset the red hot favourites and premiers of the last 4 years Calivil North; 100 games to 93 on Saturday at the Dingee lawn courts.

The two combatants had played off in the previous 4 Grand Finals with Calivil North waltzing to victory each year quite comfortably by margins of 45, 21, 36 and 24 games respectively. An underMANNed Mincha West gave themselves little chance of reversing the trend from previous years and instead focused more on the end of season party and having fun on the day.

Played in absolutely perfect weather conditions in a competitive but respectful manner plenty of laughs were had from each side of the net, this was replaced with engaged silence as the upset result seemed a probability with the last mixed set

on the court the equation was simple Calivil North pair Daniel Rogers and Ava Maxted had to defeat Peter Gargan and Meg Stewart from Mincha West 7-4 to tie the result, however Pete and Meg had other ideas putting an exclamation mark on the result winning the set 7-3.

After failing to deliver in previous years the strong Mincha West Mens side finally came to the party winning all six sets. Veterans Colin Mann and Vaughan Herrick leading the way in the bottom section instrumental in the overall 42 to 26 game result. However, it was the Ladies section where the upset result stemmed from. The Calivil North ladies have been dominant for the best part of 4 decades having been the backbone of 26 premierships in last 36 Years. The Mincha West ladies were able to claim 2 sets as well as 2 tiebreakers against the more fancied opposition, in what was a solid team effort a losing margin of only 7 games in the ladies exceeded all expectations and left the overall scores at 72 to 63 with Mincha West enjoying a 9 game lead going into the mixed sets.

Vaughan Herrick and Jed Stewart increased the margin to 14 however Calivil North quickly hit back reducing the margin to 1 game with 3 sets left on court. Don Stewart and Tina Prout increased the margin back to 4 games with a 7-4 victory, James Ritchie and Jeannie Wagner managed 6 games against the highly fancied Maxted/Strachan combination leaving Peter and Meg to bring home the title.



Mincha West team photo: (Back) David Mann, Jayden Pepperell, Vaughan Herrick, Pete Gargan, James Ritchie, Colin Mann (Front) Donny Stewart, Jeannie Wagner, Meg Stewart, Tina Prout, Emily Prout, Zoe Stewart

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CO-ORDINATOR CATCH UP

Hi Neighbours

I have a confession to make my friends. Bring me your computers, your ipads, your phones and your tablets, ask me about websites, or social media.. But do not.. under any circumstance.. bring me your Nintendo Switch Consoles. I have quite spectacularly found my limit. My heel of Achilles is the Nintendo universe. I bought a Nintendo Switch for our upcoming youth programs, and after two days I am still trying to open a door on Minecraft. I know that once I open the door, I will see what all the kids are going wild for, but right now. I am wild that I can not open the door. I think I need a 12-14 year old Nintendo teacher!

So, yes we will be having some youth activities over the Easter holidays! Craft from the Goldfields Library, gardening in our community garden and Nintendo switch door opening and other games.. More information in next week's Press!

Is anyone wondering what has happened to our Cleo the Community Car? I've had folks ask me down the street where she is! Don't panic. We now have a garage space that has been donated by Peg. So just because Cleo isn't out the front of the House, doesn't mean you can't book a trip.

The other thing I want to wind up with my friends is that the Power Saving Bonus is an almost guaranteed \$250 in your account. Please come and see me with your electricity bill and bank details, and I can apply on your behalf. Only 20% of eligible households across the state applied in the last round which ended last week. I want to encourage all of you to call or visit me to get this done! All households [not businesses] are eligible.

Come on down my friends.

Next week is the last Press before the end of the term! Get your stories to us by Tuesday 6pm to be included.

Kim



ASK AN ACCOUNTANT

Wednesdays 1pm - 2pm
Neighbourhood House

Come and learn some tips and tricks from Cheryl and enjoy a light lunch with us!



Autumn Fun!

Library Agencies

School Holiday Program
TUE 11-FRI 21 APRIL 2023

Image: mommysshorts

Bling Station

Add a bit of bling to your day at our drop-in bling station! Take on the pipe cleaner challenge and see what sparkly, wearable creations you can make.

Ages 4-12 years.

TUE 11 APR, 10.15-11AM
Pyramid Hill Library Agency

WED 12 APR, 1.30-2.30PM
Inglewood Library Agency

THU 13 APR, 10-11AM
Dingee Library Agency

Justice of the Peace

Mark Boyce has just started in the area as Justice of the Peace. If you require a document witnessed, or assistance with a Statutory Declaration or more, you can see Mark at the Pyramid Hill Neighbourhood House. 12.30 - 2.30pm Tuesday 2nd May, 16 May, 30 May, 30 June.

Bookings are recommended if you anticipate needing longer than 15 minutes.
Call 5455 7129

Pyramid Hill Website

Attention members of clubs and community groups! Pyramid Hill website is being updated and we would like you to check if the groups in town have the most current contact details and office bearers?

Contact Heather to update your information!
ladson@bigpond.com.

Plan for Pyramid Update

It's inspiring that so many people have submitted really great ideas for the Plan for Pyramid. Thank you for sending them in and thank you to the people who have encouraged and assisted others to contribute too! If you haven't submitted your ideas already, then this is the last week to do so.

For us, it's now time to bring all those ideas together into one place ready for Progress to analyse in May/June.

Thank you from Progress

WHAT'S ON

Camel beauty pageant

Sun | Mount Hope

Plan for Pyramid - final day for surveys to be submitted

Fri 31 Mar | online & at the Post Office and Neighbourhood House

Local Indigenous History Event - Historical Society

Fri 31 Mar | More details inside the Press

Geology Rocks - Talk with Rock Expert

Fri 31 Mar | 3:30 PM | Pyramid Hill College | RSVP 5455 7377

BCG Managing Soils & Trials Review

Fri 31 Mar

3 - 5 pm Managing Soils with Kelly Angel

5.30 - 7 pm Trials Review (Meal to follow) *details inside Press*

Pyramid Hill College Easter Fete

Wed 5 April | 3 pm - 6 pm

Pyramid Hill College

School Holidays Friday 7 April – Sunday 23 April

School Holiday Event BLING STATION Goldfields Libraries

Tuesday 11 April | 10.15 - 11am

Pyramid Hill Library Agency

VLINER TRAIN AND COACH

Monday – Friday

Train dep Melbourne | 07:39 AM and 06:08 PM

Departs Bendigo | 10:00 AM and 08:26 PM

Arrives Pyramid | 11:09 AM and 09:34 PM

Tuesday and Thursday

(Need to book on Thursdays)

Train dep Melbourne | 01:06 PM

Coach dep Bendigo | Tuesday 03:09 PM

Thursday | 3.10 PM

Arrive Pyramid | 04:29 PM

Friday Only

Train dep Melbourne | 07:08 PM

Arrives Bendigo | 09:00 PM

Coach departs Bendigo | 09:10 PM

Arrives Pyramid | 10:25 PM

Saturday & Sunday only

Train dep Melbourne | 07:40 AM and 06:43 PM

Arrives Bendigo | 10:00 AM and 08:57 PM

Arrives Pyramid | 11:09 AM and 10:05 PM

V/LINE TO MELBOURNE

Monday – Friday

Train dep Pyramid | 08:05 AM and 02:46 PM

Arrives Bendigo | 09:18 AM and 03:59 PM

Arrives Melbourne | 11:28 AM and 06:11 PM

Tuesday and Thursday

Coach dep Pyramid | 10:51 AM

Train dep Bendigo | 12:26 PM

Train Arrives Melbourne | 02:25 PM

Friday only

Coach dep Pyramid | 05:30 PM

Train dep Bendigo | 07:01 PM

Train Arrives Melbourne | 09:09 PM

Saturday only

Train dep Pyramid | 08:05 AM and 02:46 PM

Departs Bendigo | 09:20 AM and 04:01 PM

Arrives Melbourne | 11:30 AM and 06:09 PM

Sunday only

Train dep Pyramid | 08:05 AM and 05:47 PM

Departs Bendigo | 09:18 AM and 07:00 PM

Arrives Melbourne | 11:30 AM and 09:12 PM

WHAT'S ON *regular activities*

Cleo Community Car

Call the Neighbourhood House to book transport to your next appointment

Price List inside

Bendigo Blood Donation Trips - Community Car

Call the Neighbourhood House to book a groups of donors (max 4 people)

Blood donation trips are free thanks to Pyramid Hill Progress Association

TUESDAYS

Moderate Movers exercise group | 9:30 AM | Seniors Centre

Mackay St | BYO exercise mat or towel

Morning Coffee | 10:15 AM | Neighbourhood House

Goldfields Library visit | 10:15 AM | Neighbourhood House

WEDNESDAYS

Social Bowls | 7:00 PM | 98 Victoria St

Book Club | 4:30 PM | last Wed of each month

Ask an Accountant | 1:00 - 2:00 PM | Neighbourhood House

THURSDAYS

Thursday Words | 1:30 - 3:00 pm | Neighbourhood House

FRIDAYS

Rhyme Time | 9:30 AM every Friday during term |

Neighbourhood House

Playgroup | 10:00 AM | Preschool, 67 Kelly St

Scrabble Fever | 2:00 PM - stumps | Neighbourhood House

BOOK CLUB

Last Wednesday of the Month

This month's book is:

Boy Swallows Universe by

Trent Dalton

This popular group has two vacancies only for those wishing to join this year!



PUBLIC NOTICES

CHURCH SERVICES

Anglican

1st and 3rd Sun | 10:00 AM

Tyndale Church

Victoria Street

Pyramid Hill

2nd Sun | 9:00 AM

4th Sun | 11:00 AM

St Thomas' Church

Durham Ox Road

Pyramid Hill

Enquiries:

Rev Sue Allen | 0417 365 386

Bill Boyd | 0448 219 457

Church of Christ

Sun | 11:00 AM

Church of Christ Kelly St

Pyramid Hill

Enquires:

June Smith | 0438 062 646

Uniting

1st and 3rd Sun

10:00 AM

Tyndale Church,

Victoria St,

Pyramid Hill

Kids Rock

For all school aged children

3:30 - 5:00 PM | Every second Tuesday during term

Uniting Church Pyramid Hill

Enquiries:

Robyn | 0427 561 973

Catholic

Sat Mass | 6:30 PM

St Patrick's Catholic Church

Victoria St

Pyramid Hill

PYRAMID HILL COMBINED CHURCHES

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

PALM SUNDAY CELEBRATIONS
St. Patrick's Catholic Church
1 April 2023 @ 6.30pm
Uniting Church
2 April 2023 @ 10.00am

MAUNDY THURSDAY
St. Patrick's Catholic Church
6 April 2023 @ 4.00pm
St. Thomas' Anglican Church
6 April 2023 @ 8.00pm

GOOD FRIDAY
Uniting Church
7 April 2023 @ 10.00am
St. Patrick's Catholic Church
7 April 2023 @ 3.00pm

EASTER SUNDAY
St. Patrick's Catholic Church
8 April 2023 @ 8.00pm
St. Thomas' Anglican Church
9 April 2023 @ 9.00am

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**FRIDAY 31ST MARCH
3:00PM - 5:00PM**

MEET AT CORNER OF PYRAMID-YARRABER RD AND BIGGS RD
MURRAY DAIRY/PULSE AGRONOMY EVENT
MEAL TO FOLLOW @ DINGEE PUB
RSVP ESSENTIAL



BCG TRAVELLING TRIALS REVIEW

DINGEE PUB | MARCH 31, 2023

5:30pm - 7:00pm | Meal to follow

Review of local site results:

Murray Dairy - Fodder for the Future (Angus Butterfield)

- Mitiamo vetch and cereal trials - nutrition, disease, end use, hay timing

Pulse Agronomy (Brooke Bennett)

- Review of four years, what have we learnt, where to from here

Local NVT Results (Kelly Angel)

- Canola, wheat and oat trials from Diggara

Register by 28 March: bcg.org.au/events



A UNIQUE INSIGHT INTO OUR INDIGENOUS HISTORY

A presentation of the findings of Dr Jennifer Jones, who has conducted a research project examining the early impact of the gold rush and pastoral settlement on Barapa land, as a means to trace the life history of an apical Djaara woman, Emma Kerr

FRIDAY MARCH 31st at the PYRAMID HILL MEMORIAL HALL

'Jaara spirituality and the rise of settler society on the Loddon Plains'



- 1.30pm: **DR JENNIFER JONES** FHEA, Associate Professor in Interdisciplinary Studies, History Program Coordinator, Department of Archaeology and History, La Trobe University – presentation of research findings
- 2.30pm: **AFTERNOON TEA**
Display of Aboriginal Artefacts from Mr Paul Haw's 'Keeping Place'
Display of Aboriginal Artefacts at the Pyramid Hill Museum
- 3.30pm: **DR ROD BOUCHER**, Geological Consultant - Presentation on the geological formation of Pyramid Hill, the Terrick Ridge and Kow Swamp
- 5.00pm: *'Lake of Scars' documentary screening, followed by a Q&A session*

FREE ADMISSION INCLUDING AFTERNOON TEA

For further information please contact: Cheryl McKinnon, Secretary, Pyramid Hill & District Historical Society - 0409557888 - pyramidhill.hist.soc@gmail.com

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**See Penny or Kim at the Neighbourhood
House to book CLEO our Community Car.**

pyramidhillcar@gmail.com



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5455 7129



Pyramid Hill News & Post Easter 2023 Opening Times

GOOD FRIDAY (07/04/23) CLOSED
(PAPERS AT CAFÉ)

SATURDAY (08/04/23) OPEN
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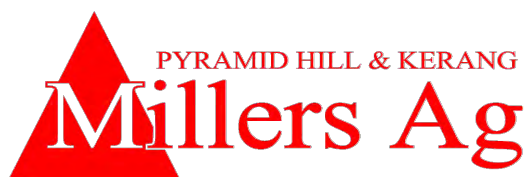
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EASTER FETE

WEDNESDAY 5TH APRIL

FETE: 3 PM - 6PM
DINNER: 6 PM ONWARDS
MOVIE: SHREK STARTS 6.30PM

Community Stalls
Craft
Face Painting/Nail Painting
Chill Air Studios
(Tatts & Hats)
Books

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in the way drop them off on the nature strip
at

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Bill: 0427 888 102

This week's happenings at Pyramid Hill College

Term One Assembly



Respect Learn Community



We held our first term assembly on Friday which included the induction of student leaders and a range of presentations. Congratulations to all the elected student leaders and we look forward to working with them this year. Thank you to our strong contingent of parents and members of the community who joined with us to celebrate our students' leadership, art and sporting achievements.



Harmony Week

Harmony Week is a very special week in the school calendar with this year's theme being 'Everyone Belongs'. On Friday we had a wonderful celebration as we shared in a multicultural lunchtime feast. We sampled authentic Egyptian, Kenyan, Filipino, New Zealand and Australian foods and attempted authenticity with our Greek, American, Canadian and Indonesian food and drinks. Thank you to all our students, staff and families that contributed in so many ways to this very special occasion. This event was a resounding success and there were many requests to hold another multicultural feast soon!

MAYORAL COLUMN

28 March 2023

Reminder: Free Feed Quality Testing in March

Has your feed been flood or storm-affected? Do you know how good it is?

If you're a farmer in a flood or storm-affected area, AgVic is offering a free feed quality test to check the quality of your feed sources. There are a limited number of tests available, so they're encouraging farmers to register now.

After the results have been returned, a follow up webinar will be held on Tuesday 18 April to discuss test results and options for keeping your stock as productive as possible.

While you get one free test, AgVic encourage farmers to sample and test all the feed being offered to livestock. To register for a free test, complete the following online registration form at <https://bit.ly/feedqualitytestrego>

For more information, contact Agriculture Victoria Flood Recovery Officer on Toni Dakis 0428 975 728 (Mon, Tues and Thurs).

Game, Set and Match

Loddon Valley Tennis Association saw Calivil North and Mincha West face off in the tennis grand final last Saturday (25 March) in Dingee.

Congratulations to Mincha West players on winning the grand final.

Let the games begin

North Central Football League, Netball and Hockey Association had a season launch event last Sunday (26 March) in Charlton. Cr Beattie attended the night which saw community members come together to kick off this year's season.

To see a copy of the NCFL fixtures timetable please visit <https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=629643115626353&set=a.551004296823569>

Loddon Valley Football Netball League round one starts this Saturday 1 April.

To see a copy of the Loddon Valley FNL fixtures please visit <https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=147915461359573&set=a.107466415404478>

Thank you to organisers, sponsors, volunteers and players for making this season possible and I am confident this season will be a success.

I wish the teams the best of luck, and I encourage all of you to come out and support your local teams.

Full Speed Ahead

Annual Eddington Vintage Sports Car Club Sprints occurred last Saturday (25 March) on Playfair Street in Eddington. This is a traditional quarter mile (402 metres) single car and motorbike sprint against the clock to set the fastest time. Many different



types of historic, touring and racing cars & motorbikes compete in the event.

This event brings together car enthusiasts from all over the region to compete against each other in a series of races down the main strip of the town. From the roar of the engines to the cheers of the crowd, this event was one to remember.

Logan Pub also saw car enthusiasts showcase their vehicles and enjoy a day filled with music, food and entertainment. It was a great opportunity over the weekend to all come together, celebrate our shared love for cars and enjoy some great entertainment.

Project updates

Significant progress has been made in the development of Donaldson Park Community Hub project. Construction of the facility is progressing well, and a significant milestone has been reached with the recent pouring of the concrete slab.

Completion of the Donaldson Park Community Hub will also see Wedderburn be able to host more community and regional events, further highlighting our Shire and all its positive qualities.

The Pyramid Hill Streetscapes Revitalisation Project is well underway with the concrete footpaths being poured, install of fencing almost complete and the barbecue area at Kelly Park prepared and set for installation in the coming weeks. This project aims to revitalise Pyramid Hill township, and enhance the community's overall look and feel.

To see more of the details of the Pyramid Hill Streetscapes please visit <https://www.loddon.vic.gov.au/Our-Council/Current-projects/Pyramid-Hill-Streetscapes-Revitalisation-Project>

Stop, Revive and Survive

Next Thursday (6 April), there will be a driver reviver station located at the Serpentine Bears Lagoon Truck Stop along the Loddon Valley Highway from 3.00pm onwards. East Loddon Lions Club are offering free tea and coffee, while Mitiamo Golf Club will be cooking a BBQ.

Wedderburn Lions Club will also be hosting a driver reviver station at Ryan's Creek, Calder Highway Wedderburn next Thursday (6 April) from 9.00am to 6.00pm.

I encourage all drivers passing through to use these stops whenever they feel the need to rest. It only takes a few minutes to take a break, but it can make a significant difference by preventing accidents caused by fatigue.

To see more driver reviver stations please visit <https://www.driverreviver.com.au/driver-reviver-sites/>

Keep an eye out for local community group activities over the Easter long weekend.

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GIRLS 3RD IN STATE

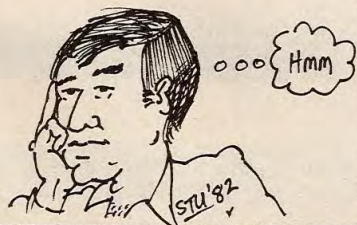
After a convincing win in the Northern Zone U/16 4x50 metre Freestyle Relay last Monday, our four star swimmers Kerry Mooney, Maureen Cassidy, Leisl Vincent and Raelene Hickmott along with a small band of supporters, journeyed back to the State Swimming Centre on Tuesday of this week to compete in the All High Swimming Sports. After going through all the preliminaries, the girls were now in the main event; a race against the best High School relay teams of their age in Victoria.

At about half past seven the gun sounded and Leisl shot off the blocks like a bullet and stormed down the pool fifteen metres clear. Alas! She hadn't heard the false start sounded. Second time around she was a bit slower away and reached Maureen several lengths behind the leaders. Maureen then began to churn up the water to close the distance with a mighty effort. Kerry held on to third position for Pyramid to keep hopes alive for a placing at least, and after a thrilling neck and neck tussle down the pool, Raelene managed to touch a metre ahead of the fourth placed team.

The bronze medals that the girls receive literally mean that they are the third fastest girls U/16 relay team in Victorian High Schools. Not a bad effort especially considering two of the girls are eligible for the same race again next year.

Edwards' Thought For The Week.

Listen carefully to what people say; even a clock that has stopped working has to be right twice a day.

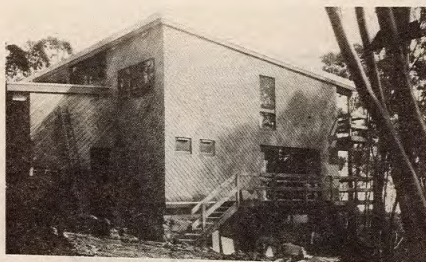


BAW BAW CAMP

Building a two storey ski lodge is a mammoth job; just ask any member of the Ed-Ski Club who spent most of their free weekends and vacation times over the last four years on Mount Baw Baw doing just that. It was an extremely demanding schedule, both physically and financially, but the end result is something that all club members can be proud of.

This year the students of P.H. H.E.S. Year 7 to 10, will be able to take advantage of this facility as one of the Ed-Ski Club members is on the school staff.

Approximately 30 students will be spending a week at the lodge from July 12th to 16th and during that time will be given daily instruction in snow skiing. Skis, boots and stocks will be available from Franz Reiter's on the mountain. The students will be able to experience not only the benefits of actually living in the snow fields and awaken to the crisp air of a white wonderland, but also the exhilarating sport of snow skiing.



Mount Baw Baw is in Gippsland approx. due North of Drouin, the nearest town being Neerim South. It is about 150 km from Melbourne and 390 km from Pyramid Hill. Estimated Traveling time by bus from Pyramid Hill to Baw Baw car park will be about 8 hrs.

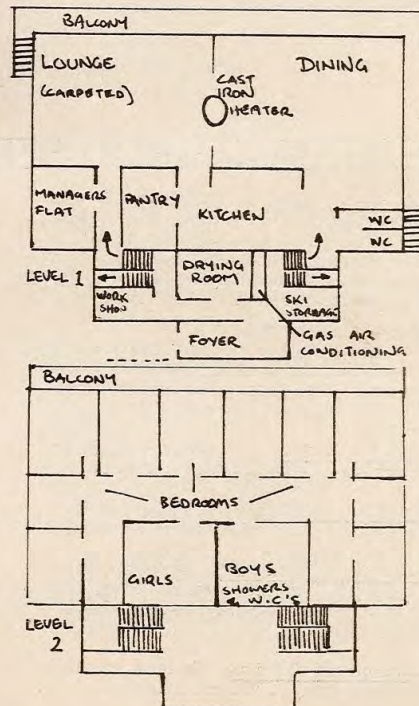
Access to the Village and Lodge is by separate transport from the car park where the students will leave the bus and travel by special vehicle (about 10 Min) and then take a ride on the longest chairlift in the Southern Hemisphere, which will take them up to the Village of Baw Baw. The view of Latrobe Valley is breathtaking. The lodge is only about 50 m along the road to the top of the chair lift.

While staying at the camp students will find they have work to do in the preparation of meal, washing up, and a daily clean-up

of the lodge. Duty groups will be organised to see these jobs are done quickly and efficiently to the mutual benefit of all.



Student enthusiasm and expectations of the camp are running at a high level and since the first snow fall usually comes in May and builds up to a heavy cover by July, the students are bound to have a thoroughly memorable trip.



BOWLS NOTES

What a fantastic sight it was to see the entire front green covered with joyful bowlers last Wednesday. That fete was basically achieved by the hard work and welcoming persona of our Tournament Secretary, Jan. At this time of the year many bowlers are taking a break, but Jan managed to lure teams from Murray Downs, Kerang, Cohuna, Barham, Wedderburn, Kerang Golf, Leitchville, Gunbower and Cohuna Golf to join with one of our own Club teams so that fourteen teams of four enjoyed some competition. The day began with the Leads and Seconds rolling to the spider – that trial saw Barham's Bev Berry draw closest. The Thirds and Skips then tried their hand to get near the spider – Kerang's Carol Pay was the winner. Then the real competition began as the teams vied for the sponsorship money so generously provided by Catalyst Metals, Pitson Wagner Accountants, Loddon Shire and Moama Bowling Club. After playing the first round of twelve ends the bowlers gathered in the Clubrooms to partake in a scrumptious lunch consisting of baked potatoes compete with all the trimmings and washed down with a generous slice of sponge. Holding their bulging bellies, off the players went again to engage in another two games of ten ends before descending on the food tables again to wonder at the selection of sweets served up. There were many delighted gasps as players entered the Clubrooms to behold the tables adorned with such tantalizing choices. Kate had excelled again - with the assistance of Bill. There were trifles and pavlovas and cheese cakes (baked and non-baked) and lemon meringue pies and black forest cakes and parfaits and fruit salad with ice-cream – take your pick. The assortment was colourful and inviting. A few players admitted to with-holding from the sponge at lunchtime in anticipation of the desserts to follow – smart, them.

The Club benefitted from the players purchase of raffle tickets as ten items were up for grabs, thanks again to the support of many of our local businesses as well as the generosity of Club members. Generally the prizes were spread around although there were a couple of people who were fortunate to score twice.

Lucky Lead, Lucky Second, Lucky Third and Lucky Skip names were drawn from the cards submitted by teams not attaining first, second or third place. These lucky people were recipients of the prize money donated by sponsors Pitson Wagner, Loddon Shire and Moama Bowling Club.

Our Club was delighted to have Mr. Adam Place from Catalyst Metals attend the afternoon session. Adam spoke briefly about the mining project and stated how the

company is keen to not only enlist the support of the community but also to give back to the community. The PHBC was certainly appreciative of their sponsorship which helped to draw the number of teams represented on the day – from near and far. Adam presented the winners with their earnings: Third place was the Barham team entered by Wendy Cook, Second place was the Cohuna team entered by Terri Hancock and the extremely happy winners were the Kerang team entered by Som Pascoe (we need to find some way to handicap Som – she is becoming a perpetual winner!!) Congratulations, all.

The success of the day would not have been possible without the hard work of our Club members. In particular, thanks is extended to the green keepers (Bill, Joe, Carmen, Allan and Greg) who continue to do an amazing job and commit so much of their own time and effort. Special mention also to Kate for making so many desserts but also for organizing all the catering. Thanks to Lionel for working the bar, Jan who acquired the teams and calculated the scores, and other members who contributed to the catering, the setting up and the putting away/cleaning up. Every bit of assistance goes a long way to make the day a success.

And now we do it all again!! Well. It won't be the same but a similar work load as still on our schedule is another tournament on **Wednesday 5th April** again A/C Fours Star Day Tournament with a 10:00am start. Once again the prize money is a luring factor with sponsorship from Providence Gold and Mineral, cluBarham and Ellis Nuttall. Our last hosted tournament is scheduled for **Sunday 7th May** with a 12:00 start. That is the very popular Seafood Tournament. Please put these dates in your diary and keep doing your great maintenance and catering jobs to ensure the place looks fantastic and we uphold our reputation for providing a fantastic feast.

Social Night at the Vic Hotel: Our next dinner outing supporting our generous sponsor, Paul from the local hotel will be on Thursday, 20th April, 6:30pm when it is planned to have a guest speaker from Providence Gold and Mineral in attendance.

Club Pennant Break-Up: planned to dine at Moama on 30th April, Sunday afternoon. More details to follow. Put the date in your diary.

Keep Smiling: We all know the saying, "Winners are grinners." But, did you know, you can't win an argument with a chicken? It's impeccable. Also, it's hard to win a race against a barber because he know a short cut.

TENNIS NOTES

Mincha West 100 def Calivil North 93

Photos from Loddon Valley Tennis Grandfinal



First Place = Kerang



Pictured above: Jed Stewart - Youngest member of the grandfinal team, played with a tooth abscess. All smiles now!



Second Place = Cohuna



Third Place = Barham



Pictured above: Emily Prout (no 1 lady) and David Mann (no 1 man)

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FOOTBALL NOTES

The 2023 O'Connors "Community Pre-Season Practice Series" saw a massive crowd congregate last weekend at Mitchell Park as nine clubs, from five rural football netball leagues, met for a final "hit-out" before the 2023 season kicks off this weekend.

Targeting football and netball members, the day was embraced by a huge crowd that via a gold coin entry fee, donated more than \$1500 to the Pyramid Hill fire brigade. On the football field Umpires from the Central Rivers and Loddon Valley Football/ Netball Leagues also had their chance to fine tune their preparations, whilst junior Club umpires were guided and mentored by Netball Victoria umpires on the netball courts. Feedback from Club officials at both the football field and netball courts was positive, and the day was declared an overwhelming success.

Nyah Nyah West United eventually overpowered Wandella, and won the first of four football games in comfortable fashion. Game two saw Ultima and Newbridge lock horns, and after an absorbing first two terms, the 'Roos pulled away to win in the final stanza. Leitchville/Gunbower, after a productive off-season recruiting campaign, were too strong for Moulamein in the penultimate clash. The fixture closed with Pyramid Hill and neighbours Boort providing the closest contest of the day. Both Clubs chose to run as many as possible off the bench in the final term, and the 'Dogs hit the front and won in the dying stages.

There were some valued contributors to the day thanks to off-field involvement. Northern District Community Health Service supplied specially designed "AgriSafe" information pamphlets at the gate which highlighted the need for community members to take the time to monitor their mental and emotional health. Thanks to the National Centre For Farmer Health (#BuildingFarmSpirit) for their ongoing support.



*Pictured above:
John Carroll*

The day was made so much easier to plan, prepare and deliver thanks to the generous support from "O'Connors Case IH". Special thanks to Tom Draffen and Melissa Freeman for their contributions to what was a successful day for Pyramid Hill and surrounding communities.



Tony Mullins and Pyramid Butcher...Jack



Final Score Pyramid vs Boort



*Central Umpires James Downey and
Max Carroll*



Four teams on the ground at Mitchell Park

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