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Celebrating 90 years of blood, sweat and friendship

Local birthday twins, John Carroll and Don Farrar will celebrate their 90th birthday on Sunday 14 July at the Pyramid Hill Football Clubrooms from 1.30pm - 4.30pm. Both local men were born on 17th July 1934, John in Pyramid Hill and Don in Castlemaine. After Don moved here in 1938, the two attended school together and became terrific and lifelong mates.

The families of Don and John would like to extend an open invitation to the community to come along and share stories and memories and celebrate the lives of two of Pyramid's favourite blokes.

No presents by request.

RSVP for catering purposes would be appreciated. Jean 0427 030 002 or Jeanette 0427 171 934



INSIDE: continued the story of the Pyramid Hill Cooperative Store, Loddon Vale CFA news, St Patricks enrolments for 2025, School Holiday Program at Neighbourhood House, Sports Pages, College Kids go Camping, Filipino Consular Visit, New Darts Comp for Under 18's

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REMINDER: NO PRESS DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

WHAT'S ON

To Baa or Not to Baa

Sheepspeare's performance of 'Hamlet'
Sunday | Mount Hope

Nurse Practitioner in Pyramid Hill

20 June, 11 July, 1 August
NDCH Victoria St | bookings essential
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Pyramid Hill FOODSHARE 2024 dates

15 July | 12 August | 23 September | 21 October | 18 November | 2nd December
From 4.30pm at Pyramid Hill Catholic Church while supplies last. All welcome.

Pyramid Hill Progress Association Meeting

Wednesday 19 July* | 7pm
*third Wednesday of the each month
Victoria Hotel

Philippine Consular Outreach Visit

Pyramid Hill Memorial Hall
Passport services, oath taking, dual citizens, notarially etc. see details in the Press
Saturday 29 June 2024 | <https://melbournepcg.org>

Pyramid Hill Storytime

Stories and Songs for preschoolers.
Pyramid Hill Playgroup, 67 Kelly Street | 10.30 - 11am
Friday 12 July

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

TUESDAYS

Morning Coffee | 10:15 AM | Neighbourhood House
Goldfields Library visit | 11:00 AM | Neighbourhood House

WEDNESDAYS

Moderate Movers exercise group | 1 PM | Pyramid Hill Memorial Hall | BYO exercise mat or towel
Social Bowls | 7:00 PM | 98 Victoria St
Book Club | 4:30 PM | last Wednesday of each month

THURSDAYS

Pyramid Cares Walking Group | 9.15AM | weekly
Caring for Kids | 1 PM | 3rd of each month

FRIDAYS

Playgroup | 10:00 AM | Preschool, 67 Kelly St
Scrabble Fever | 2:00 PM - stumps | Neighbourhood House
Pyramid Cares carer support group | 11 AM | 1st and 3rd Friday of month at Neighbourhood House
Hill Walking Group | 4.15pm | 1st Friday of the Month | meet at the Hill for friendship and fitness

ADVISORY

The Philippine Consulate General in Melbourne is pleased to announce its **Consular Outreach Mission to Pyramid Hill for Regional Victoria, including Echuca, Kerang and nearby areas**, to deliver passport services, oath-taking for dual citizens, notarials, and continuing overseas registration

Date of Outreach Mission : **29 June 2024**
Venue : **Pyramid Hill Memorial Hall, Kelly St, Pyramid Hill, VIC 3575**

Passport applicants may secure an appointment at <https://melbournepcg.org>

Applicants for dual citizenship may submit applications for requirements via postal mail to the Philippine Consulate General in Melbourne on or before **17 June 2024**



Consular Outreach Mission in Pyramid Hill, Regional Victoria



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PUBLIC NOTICES

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1st and 3rd Sun | 10:00 AM

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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
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Church of Christ

Sunday | 11:00 AM
Church of Christ, Kelly St
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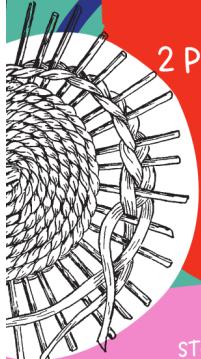
Catholic

Sat Mass | 6:30 PM
St Patrick's Catholic Church
Victoria St Pyramid Hill

Pyramid Hill Neighbourhood House



KIDS HOLIDAY PROGRAM


TUESDAY 2 JULY
2 PM- 4 PM KNITTING & WOOL CRAFT

FRIDAY 5 JULY
10 AM - 2PM BIKE MECHANIC

TUESDAY 9TH JULY
11AM - 12.30 NAIDOC WEEK
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WEDNESDAY 10TH JULY
2PM - 4PM CHOCOLATE CUP-CAKES

FRIDAY 12TH JULY
10.30AM - 12.30 ART, CLAY SCULPTURES,
BEADING AND MORE

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Monday – Friday

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07:39 AM	10:00 AM	11:09 AM
06:08 PM	08.26 PM	09:34 PM

Tuesday and Thursday (Need to book on Thursdays)

01:06 PM	TUE 03:09PM	04:29 PM
	THU 03:10PM	04:29 PM

Friday Only

07:08 PM	09:10 PM	10:25 PM
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Saturday & Sunday Only

07:40 AM	10:00 AM	11:09 AM
06:43 PM	08:57 PM	10:05 PM

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Monday – Friday

Dep Pyramid	Dep Bendigo	Arrive Melb
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02:46 PM	03:59 PM	06:11 PM

Tuesday and Thursday

10:51 AM	12:26 PM	02:25 PM
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Friday Only

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LODDON VALE CFA

A wonderful historic celebration.

John Charles (JACK) Harrison is turning 100 years. What an achievement to be still living at home beside the CFA shed and taking an interest in the happenings of the local CFA. Jack was awarded an 80yr and Life of Service medal from Commander Darren Crawford. His brother Cliff was awarded a Life of Service medal also. Congratulations and THANK YOU to our living legends. You have shown commitment & dedication through your service to the CFA and your local community. It has been an honour to have your experience, wisdom & mentoring shared within our community.



We held our AGM for 2024.

A very special thank you to Rowan Broad who has been superb as our captain for 8 years. We are pleased to have Ro stay on the Brigade Management Team with his experience & ability to mentor our members. We congratulate & welcome Graeme Bear as Captain, may he settle in and enjoy the challenges & growth of this position.

Captain: Graeme Bear

Secretary / Treasurer: Rosi Bear

1st Lieutenant: Luke Harrison

2nd Lieutenant : Drew Chislett

3rd Lieutenant: Rowan Broad

Michelle Collins – Wellbeing Advisor, NW Region CFA gave a presentation about wellbeing support that the CFA offer and some tips on Wellbeing, Mental Health & How to approach those hard conversations

We thank Murray PHN & NDCH who supported our special historic celebration at the Victoria Hotel at Pyramid Hill.



Loddon Vale CFA A Brief History

A fire inspired Mr Dickinson to convene a meeting of the local farmers of the district, with the idea of forming a Bush Fire Brigade. The meeting was called for 16th December 1931 and was held at the Hawkinston State School.

A motion by Mr Dawden, seconded by Mr Allan, that the Bush Fire Brigade be formed, this was carried unanimously. The newly formed Brigade was then named Loddon Vale and District Bush Fire Brigade. Mr George Dickinson was elected Chairman and Captain and Mr William Sly as Secretary. Messrs Charles Harrison, Charles Mills, Allan Bear and Joe Stephens were elected as Lieutenants. The annual fee to be one shilling each year.

On 31st December, 1942, the Loddon Vale Brigade joined the Bush Fire Brigade Association as a Class E Brigade. The registered number was 515 Loddon Vale.

At a meeting held in the Hawkinston State School on 26th November, 1946, the Brigade decided to join the newly formed Country Fire Authority and after 15 years as President and Secretary, Mr Dickinson and Mr Sly retired from those offices, as did Mr A Bear as Captain. Regional Officer Trevorah presented the Brigade with a new trailer capable of carrying 90 gallons of water, with a lowdown pump on it (at a cost of 150 pounds) on 25th September 1951.

In 1968, Loddon Vale received its first fire truck. It was a very old Austin, one that was to be taken out of the CFA fleet. It was suggested by Mr Lester Smith that these old tankers be placed with Brigades that did not have a truck.

3rd December 1970, Regional Officer Poor presented the President Mr Shipp with the keys to our very own unit (ex-Pyramid Hill).

The Brigade were very grateful and immediately purchased a "wireless" to be put in the truck at a cost of \$370.

Loddon Vale was supplied with a fire station in 1976. This was built with voluntary labour by members on land donated by the Harrison family near their homestead, where the majority of firemen could get to the truck quickly.

In 1982 the Brigade celebrated its 50 years of service to the community with a luncheon at the Durham Ox Hall.



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Early History of the Pyramid Hill Co-operative Store

[continued from last week] Supplied by Margaret Williamson

November 29 1933

Pyramid Co-operative Society

We specially invite all Shareholders and Customers to an **OFFICIAL OPENING** on Friday, December 8th, 1933, at 2 o'clock, and to lunch with the Directors in the Memorial Hall at 3 o'clock. We expect several Parliamentary and Melbourne business men to attend.

Do your shopping early as we expect a large attendance.

H. Manley, J.P, Chairman.

T. Opie, Manager

December 6 1933 **Opening Postponed!**

OFFICIAL OPENING Pyramid Co-operative Society's New Premises. Owing to heavy rains and the flooded roads the Directors have decided to postpone the Official Opening until Thursday, 14th December.

THOS. OPIE, Manager

December 20 1933

The Day Long Anticipated, the Official Opening of Pyramid Co-Operative

Business premises that have risen phoenix like out of the ashes of the disastrous fire one year ago (December 8 1932) celebrated last Thursday with great enthusiasm, despite the odds of the prior postponement owing to floods and at last the cold showery conditions caused the ceremony to be held in the building. The attendance was estimated at between 300-400 people, including the Hon H Angus MLA and numerous visitors from neighbouring centres

Mr. Henry Manley, chairman of directors had charge of proceedings and carried out his duties throughout the afternoon very capably in every detail.

Apologies were tendered for their unavoidable absence by the State Premier, Sir Stanly Argyle, Mr. John Allan, Minister for Agriculture, Cr Rufus Jeffery, Shire President, and many business firms and neighbouring councils. The bad conditions of the roads delayed many guests to a late hour, for many cars had become bogged en route.

On the platform were seated with the chairman Messrs. T B Hercus, P Spowart, G Innocent, M McGillivray, C Marfleet & H Twigg (Directors) Mr. Thos Opie, (Manager), Mr. Angus and Mr. John McKay to who was given the honor of opening the new building.

Mr. Manley expressed pleasure at seeing such a large gathering in the face of unpropitious weather and other circumstances. The directors, he said, regretted recent

happenings and discomforts associated with the floods, and hoped all would be forgotten that afternoon and that everyone would rejoice in the completion of the new building after 12 months strenuous endeavor. It was also hoped that the adverse conditions under which men on the land were now laboring would soon cease.

Historical Data

Mr. John McKay was accorded a genuinely warm reception upon rising to speak of the district's early history. He prefaced his intensely interesting address by expressing his pleasure at seeing so many old friends present, and also in viewing the beautiful building—better than ever they could have imagined in fact exceeding one's wildest dreams. The foundation stone of the original store, he said was laid on 15th April 1885 by Nathaniel McKay and Mr. W G Marsh.

He decided to come to Pyramid in preference to trying his fortunes in Queensland (which he had been advised to do) only after consulting a certain lady and in passing Mr. McKay paid a beautiful tribute to his wife who had stood by him faithfully for 48 years. Applause.

As far as he could remember first customer was Mr. John Aitken. The railway then was built only as far as Mitiamo the contractor's engine brought along store supplies as far as possible until the station was opened in Pyramid. In the winter there was mud over the boot tops. At that time Mr. Bent was Minister of Railways, and was of the opinion that the Hill was a delightful spot for railway station; but influence was brought to bear against this site from Durham Ox and elsewhere. At last Mr. Bent gave way and said "All right, gentleman, take it out on to the plains if you like." was a mistake, the speaker ventured to state, and lots of material has had to be carted since to make up the streets of the township.

Mr. McKay then went on to recall the names of the early pioneers, who were strong supporters of the store. John Marfleet, Furnell, Francis Royan, Cattanach (well known cheese maker), Humphrey & George Twigg, John Wood, James Collins, Bird, Innocent (Mrs. Innocent having recently died at the age of 98), McMahon, John & Walter Price, James Muir, James Emmerson, James Harrington, Church, Tom Spowart, (who also reached 98 years, John & Richard Joyce, the Bramley's, R M Stone, Angus McGillivray, Alf Randall, Fred Murray (dubbed King of the district), William Hercus and many others that time did not allow him to tell at that moment.

Most of them experienced droughts in 1881 and 1902 when nearly every animal died

Settlers and traders had a terrible financial distress. Good seasons have followed, however. In those days you could trust people (laughter). What he meant was their produce was worth more and there were no tariffs or restrictions like we have now.

People were assisted up to as much as £200 to £500 and nearly all paid up. In the early days the Terricks were timbered with thousands of pine trees which provided splendid building timber, but there had been great destruction and invaluable loss. Mr. McKay went on to praise the early store employees for their service, which included Mr. Opie who started 40 years ago and is now the Societies trusted Manager: Mr. Henry Manley, also 40 year service, Lester Chisholm, Fred Moss 22 years, Dave Smith 25 to 30 years, Miss Mabel McNeilly and her brothers and sisters, Frank Moore, Samuel McKay, Donald Bain, A Barke, S J McKay, A Dowsley, Miss Kate Kelly, Miss Mary Quinlan, J Baker, G Gibson, Miss Guest, A M & W McGillivray, J McColl.

Their business grew from a small turnover by leaps and bound still it almost became unmanageable and the problem of supply was a trying one. They started in a small way and had to keep on enlarging the building. The Society's shareholders need not regret the money that had been spent to give them one of the finest stores in Victoria, for it would be proved that its erection was wise act on the part of their directors. Mr. McKay said that they had no regrets starting here, and looked back with extreme pleasure to their 34 years business relationship with the district.

Mr. Peter Spowart continued with a short resume of the store's history since the Co-operative Society took over from Mr. John McKay in 1919. A public meeting was called in May, 1918, and it was decided the share capital should be £10,000, in £1 shares. The first canvasser, Mr. Hill, could only dispose of 2000 shares, then Mr. Nat McKay carried on and increased the sale to over 4000. (Interesting details, supplied by Mr. Spowart will be found in a circular issued by the directors for the auspicious occasion which follows in this report) Early in 1919 the first managing board was elected, comprising Messrs. E Linden Smith, T. B. Hercus, C. Marfleet, D. Bruce, S. G Seales, M. McGillivray and P. Spowart, and today four of the originals remain. Commencing with only 4053 paid up shares it would seem they had more cheek than business experience. He could say honesty of purpose and fair dealing characterized Mr. McKay's dealings with them and the Melbourne merchants were considerate towards them, probably due to Mr. McKay's reputation.

The first dividend was paid in 1923.

On December 8 last year was the fire and today, Mr. Spowart said you see this very fine structure in its place, one of the finest in the North. There has been some criticism of the cost, but in years to come the wisdom of it will be fully realized. It was worthy of the district and the shareholders and all should be proud of it. The building had been paid for so there was no burden to carry. Mr. Spowart went on to say that co-operation was a fine thing, but it demanded loyalty and without loyalty business would easily slump. Business could easily be doubled and a greater turnover would mean articles at a lower price. They had all been facing great difficulties during the past 3

or 4 years and some had weathered the storms for 40 or 50 years, yet he would say that it won't be Governments that will pull them out of their troubles. People must depend on their own brawn and muscle and learn to stick to their jobs. (Applause).

The chairman here remarked that it was thought necessary to re-capitulate the history of the store to place the function in its proper setting. He then called upon Mr. McKay to perform the opening ceremony.

Official Opening

Mr. McKay: It gives me very great pleasure to declare this beautiful emporium so splendidly built, well stocked and capably staffed duly open for business (applause)

The Unveiling of the Tablet

The company then repaired to the Kelly St frontage for the ceremony of unveiling a bronze tablet which bears the following inscription.

Established in 1885 by Mr. John McKay

Purchased in 1919 by the Pyramid Co-Operative Society

Rebuilt in 1933

Hon. Henry Angus was given this honor, and in the course of his remarks said Mr. McKay's name and good fame would outlive the present generation. The store directors he said, had all proved very capable, but there was one man who had been largely instrumental in the development of business and that was their manager, Mr. Opie. Co-operation was the key note of prosperity, and it rests with the people themselves to bring the district back to prosperous days of the past. This applies to nations, parliaments and councils. There was no need to become dispirited in this district by floods and depressions, for though we were going through bad times there were others going through worse one. It is all up to the people to make the affairs of the world a little better than they found them, and this spirit doubtless actuated the directors of this magnificent store. There still remained the necessity of making better roads to link up the townships. Mr. Angus concluded his brief address by referring to the fine co-operative spirit engendered by Mr. McKay in all his dealings, and enjoining the directors to maintain the fine business reputation formerly held by that gentleman. (Applause)

Directors' Report and Greetings

On the occasion of celebrating the opening of our new store, the directors thought it appropriate to give a short outline of the progress that has been made since the society's inception.

Shareholders may not fully realise what a fine position the society is in, considering the strenuous fight it has had since it took over the business from Mr. John McKay, owing to the fact at the time of purchase there was a shortage of share capital. The total authorized capital was

only £10,000, whilst the actual amount of capital paid up in cash was a mere £4,053/7/6. The purchase price of the business was £13,394/17/11, leaving a debit balance to start with of £9,341/10/5

However, after three years of struggle and careful financing we were able to make the final payment to Mr. McKay (4th. July, 1922), and the following year (1923) the first dividend was paid. The society has continued to pay dividends ever since. The following figures are interesting:—Total dividends paid to date, £6642/14/10; total rebates to customers on purchase; £4,750/0/0 (does not include monthly discounts). The first published balance sheet as at 31st. May, 1920, showed the following position:—Total assets of the society £20,931/18/6; total liabilities of the society, £13,368/14/7; surplus assets over liabilities, £7,563/3/11 The last published balance sheet as at 31st, May, 1933, showed the following position: Total assets of the society £34,154/5/9; total liabilities of the society, £6,266/11/; surplus of assets over liabilities, £27,887/14/9.

Therefore, prior to the disastrous fire of December last, notwithstanding the general depression and several lean years, the Society was in a very strong position and doing a very sound business, paying promptly for all goods purchased, and taking full advantage of all cash discounts. Had not the position and credit of your society been so well established, it could not have withstood the financial strain imposed by the fire.

It was a source of considerable gratification to the directors, when shareholders were called together after the fire, to find that absolute confidence still prevailed. A large meeting was unanimous in giving the directors the mandate to go ahead and rebuild. Your directors lost no time in having prepared plans for the erection of a modern establishment suitable for the needs of the Society, and today you will view one of the most up to date stores in the north. The total cost of the building and internal fittings approximated £10,000

Your loyalty was very finely demonstrated during the months after the fire, which period terminated a most successful year, showing a profit of just over £2,500. Quite a lot of discussion centered on the distribution of this amount, and eventually your directors decided that, although the fine loyalty shown by shareholders in doing practically all their business with our store under very difficult conditions, really warranted a bonus on purchases according to the rules of the society, it would perhaps be wiser to carry forward the surplus and avoid overdrawing on the bank.

Your directors now have pleasure in handing over to you, as shareholders this splendidly equipped new building which has now been placed; with selected up-to-date new stock of our full range of goods, displayed in a way which will make your selection so much easier and more satisfactory, and the prices are right. Those directors, who have visited the Melbourne warehouses in company with your manager, can testify to his keenness in buying.

Warehousemen, in effect, say, "Here comes Opie again, a man who knows what he wants and makes a quick selection, but is a terror on cut prices. However, he is a good chap and always pays cash, so it is worthwhile to meet him, and good luck go with him.

Our aim for the future is low prices, highest quality, fair dealing, and the greatest possible service we can render to customers with, we hope, greater returns to our customers in bonuses and dividends.

We hope that the effect of the floods will not be too severely felt in the district, and the directors take this opportunity of extending to one and all heartiest Christmas Greetings and good wishes for a prosperous New Year.

The Building

There is little need on our part to describe the building, which is illustrated in today's issue, also a block of the structure that was destroyed by fire a year ago. The main external features are clearly depicted —the tiled roof, clock tower with illuminated dials at night, arcaded verandah beneath which is upwards of 160 feet of plate glass display and island windows. The internal fittings are in keeping with the noble pile, even to telephonic communication with the various store departments. The appointments are all of the: latest and the wide range of goods can be displayed to best advantage. Just now with its Xmas the whole presents an entrancing picture, and compares well with any modern city emporium. It is, something which Pyramid can be, and undoubtedly is, proud of.

The architects were Messrs. Leith (Melbourne) and Thurston (Kerang) in conjunction, and Mr. M. J. Fabarius (Preston) was the builder!

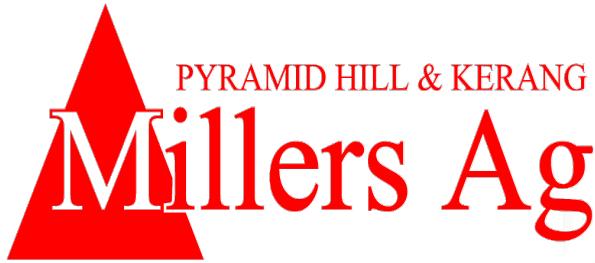
Souvenir Presentation

To each person attending the function a souvenir calendar was presented by the directors, the handsome picture of the store forming an acceptable memento of the memorable event.

An enlarged tinted photograph of the premises, suitably framed, was presented by the architects, Messrs. Leith and Thurston for the board room, and was accepted by Mr. Manley, chairman, who acknowledged the handsome gift with appropriate words of thanks.

Guests Entertained

At the invitation of the Directors all the guests of the afternoon were afterwards entertained at tea in the Memorial Hall where tables were tastefully set by McIver's Cafe, the choice flowers being cut from local gardens and arranged by Mesdames Spowart and Smart. Mr. Manley presided, and a programme of toasts was submitted, details of which however, we are unable to record owing to pressure on our limited space. The following were toasted: — Members of Parliament—Proposed by the chairman, response by Hon. Henry Angus, M.L. A.



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The programme had to be curtailed owing to the lateness of the hour. After appreciation had been expressed on the excellent catering arrangements by Mr. Alex McIver, proceedings terminated by the company singing the *National Anthem*.

Early Customers.

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Pyramid Hill Notes: Round 9

There were not too many ‘Bulldogs members, players and supporters who were not grateful to King Charles for the weekend off, with time spent indulging in a plethora of alternative pursuits. Tales of time in Bali, the 3-day Swan Hill race Carnival, losing a big fish, attending AFL games and basically doing nothing, were front and square when we reassembled at Maiden Gully for round 9.

On the football arena the Bulldogs claimed 2 wins and were highly competitive in the third game. The Under 18s travelled to Calivil to tackle Bridgewater, and despite having 2 more scoring shots, went down 8-7-55 to 5-12 42. Coach “Brydo” was full of praise for his squad who have shown continued improvement in the past few outings. Lewis Pigdon joined the Bulldogs for the day and was a valuable addition. He received the Victoria Hotel “Pizza Award” for his contributions over all 4 quarters. Xavier Emmerson maintained his recent top levels of output and took home the Pyramid Hill Butcher Award. The Good Sports Award went to Harry Goodes, who then headed to Maiden Gully to line up with the Bulldogs Reserves. Others to perform well included Blake Gibson, who also headed to Maiden Gully for his first senior game, and Connor McCoy.

After an early an early arm-wrestle the “Ressies” slipped into top gear, and against a depleted Eagles outfit were able to chalk up a comfortable win. The boys had trouble finding the “big sticks”, in the opening stanza, but turned it around so that by the main change goals outnumbered behinds. In a repeat effort from his previous outing Jack Burns controlled the corridor. His countless interceptions and effective delivery of the ball saw him deservedly take home the Victoria Hotel Award. By game’s end the goals had been shared around, and 11 players were on the scoresheet.

It was great to welcome back Matt Klein-Brettler and Adrian McEvale, and KB’s 9-goal haul showed that he still has plenty to offer and he claimed the Pony Award. When the ball did find its way deep into our back half Brad Moon did what he does best; repelled it with authority; he claimed the Victoria Hotel Award. Ashton Dye, Good Sports Award, was again instrumental in controlling the corridor, and Brad Delamare put in another high-pressure game across the halfback line. In his second game for the club Lennox Barker scored 4 goals, the Walker boys, Paris and Tom, both nailed 2 majors, as did Harry Goodes after playing in the Colts at Calivil, and Greg Quinn also nailed two goals. For the third game in a row Mark Swiney again raised both flags.

In what was almost a case of déjà vu of the Reserves clash, the Seniors also had trouble converting effective play into six-point rewards. At both changes of ends in the first half the minor score total exceeded the goals.

This levelled-up by the final change, and at the final siren goals finally outnumbered behinds. The Eagles were also undermanned in this game and tried to lock it up as much as they could, but consistent run and carry by Bailey George, Brad Ladson, skipper Steven Gunther, Ben Knight and Scott Mann, resulted in ample opportunities for those zoned forward of the ball. Zac Alford finished with 4 goals, and Bailey Scott and Jesse Sheahan slotted through 3 each. Three goals also to Bailey George was a fitting reward for his non-stop running efforts. Damon Hemphill, National Hotel Award kept the statisticians busy, and finished the match with 18 marks, which rewarded and reflected his non-stop movement in the forward arc. Not to be outdone, Tom McGregor at the other end of the ground also took 18 marks and topped it off with 7 effective spoils. The effort by the ‘Dogs back-half “General” was one of the reasons the forwards got their opportunities. It was a masterful display and fitting that Tom received the Victoria Hotel Award. As usual Bryden Morison, Healthy Mates Award, was front and centre at the coalface and over 4 quarters was in everything at ground level. Over half the squad got their names on the scoresheet, and with no major injuries it was a good way to dust off the cobwebs after a weekend off. The early highlight was Blake Gibson slotting through his first senior goal, in his first senior game. It was great to see the entire squad embrace him as the flags were being waved.

All at the Kennel are reminded to see Bailey or Nicole for tickets to the Club Ball, which is to be held after today’s game, and to mark July 20, “Goods and Services Auction and Sponsors Day” on the calendar.

We remind all at our Club, and those who visit, that care and caution are required as we travel to and from all venues; road safety is a high priority. If we all get home safely,

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NETBALL ROUND 9

Pyramid Hill V's Maiden Gully YCW

Congratulations to Jessica Minogue for playing her First Senior Netball Game in B Grade against Maiden Gully. And well done to Mia Farrar for stepping up and playing another Senior game, and also Congratulations to Eloise Walters for playing her First Senior Netball Game for Pyramid Hill in the C Reserve Team. Well done girls.

A Grade- A draw at quarter time illustrated the holes left by Darci, Amber and Teagan and, super coach Chelsea Emmerson. However, with a few changes at quarter time the girls fired up and began inching the score away from the well-oiled Maiden Gully. Aleesha and Abbey made crucial intercepts, while Jess and Mikayla's accurate shooting helped the Doggies secure a significant lead in the third quarter. It was a commendable victory for the Team, boosting their confidence ahead of next week's match against Serpentine where they will hopefully secure another win which they can celebrate on Ball Night! Best On: Victoria Hotel Pyramid Hill/ National Hotel Award: Best On: Jessica Holdstock. Final Score: Pyramid Hill 58 MGWCW 41.

B Grade- MGWCW have always been a tough Team to crack, so the B Grade girls knew they were in for a tough game! Keen for a win, the girls showed brilliant teamwork throughout the game. Working the ball beautifully down the court, with well timed leads and strong drives, our girls held a steady lead by half time. The second half showed excellent defence, with intercepts and solid rebounds from Sim and Mon. The midcourtters and attackers found their groove, with some beautiful feeding into the ring. We welcomed Jess Minogue into the team for her first senior game at Pyramid Hill and she slotted right in! Well Done girls! Victoria Hotel Pyramid Hill/ National Hotel Award: Best On: Mikayla Burge. "Players Award": Monique Doyle. Final Score: Pyramid Hill 53 MGWCW 44.

C Grade- The first half of the game was tight, both teams were shooting well and the defensive pressure was solid on both parts. By third quarter, the Doggies managed to hit their straps and make a convincing break in the margin and sustained the lead in the fourth. Gemma shot brilliantly all day, Emma utilised her accuracy at every turn, Zimmer was a menacing presence for the YC defenders. Chelsea was a consistent presence around the ring, Kym did some beautiful transitioning of the ball throughout the court, Erin managed to apply some excellent

defensive pressure resulting in turnovers, Zoe took some lovely intercepts and Shannon worked her GA hard all game. Well Done Pyramid! Victoria Hotel Pyramid Hill/ National Hotel Award: Best On: Nic Campbell. Final Score: Pyramid Hill 42 MGWCW 32.

C Reserve- The sun was shining when C Res took to the court on Saturday. The Girls gave a strong fight from the get go, with Dayna and Mia and Kelly scoring some fabulous goals. Nic and Maddi were fantastic in defence. And Eloise, Olivia and Kirily working tirelessly through Centre court. Despite not taking the Win, it was a wonderful well fought game. Victoria Hotel Pyramid Hill/ National Hotel Award: Best On: Olivia Turvey. Final Score: Pyramid Hill 28 MGWCW 39.

17 & Under- The girls started off strong from the start, in a hotly contested match that often was goal for goal. Everyone on the court gave their all in a fast paced match with some girls playing in unfamiliar positions for fresh legs. In the end the Doggies prevailed with a Win 36 to 33, What a fabulous game. Go Doggies! Pyramid Hill News and Post Award: Best On: Shamica Castro. Final Score: Pyramid Hill 36 MGWCW 33.

15 & Under- Today was a windy day. The girls had a slow start but as they eased into the game, they took control and made it their game. In the end they had a loss but the scores didn't reflect how hard they worked. Good game girls you all played amazingly. Special Junior Award- Michell Wool Award: Laura Poole. Pyramid Hill Store Award: Best On: Sophie Twigg. Final Score: Pyramid Hill 20 MGWCW 50.

13 & Under- Round 9- Maiden Gully. What a great game! Very well played from the whole team! You all did great listening to your Coach. GA and GS done fabulous goal work. C, WD and WA, very neat passes to keep the ball down our end. GK and GD you both stepped up, with great defence work. Best game yet, Winning by 9 goals with the Final Score 30-21! Keep up the great teamwork! Coffee Bank Pyramid Hill Award: Best On: Sasha Lobb. Final Score: Pyramid Hill 30 MGWCW 21.

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