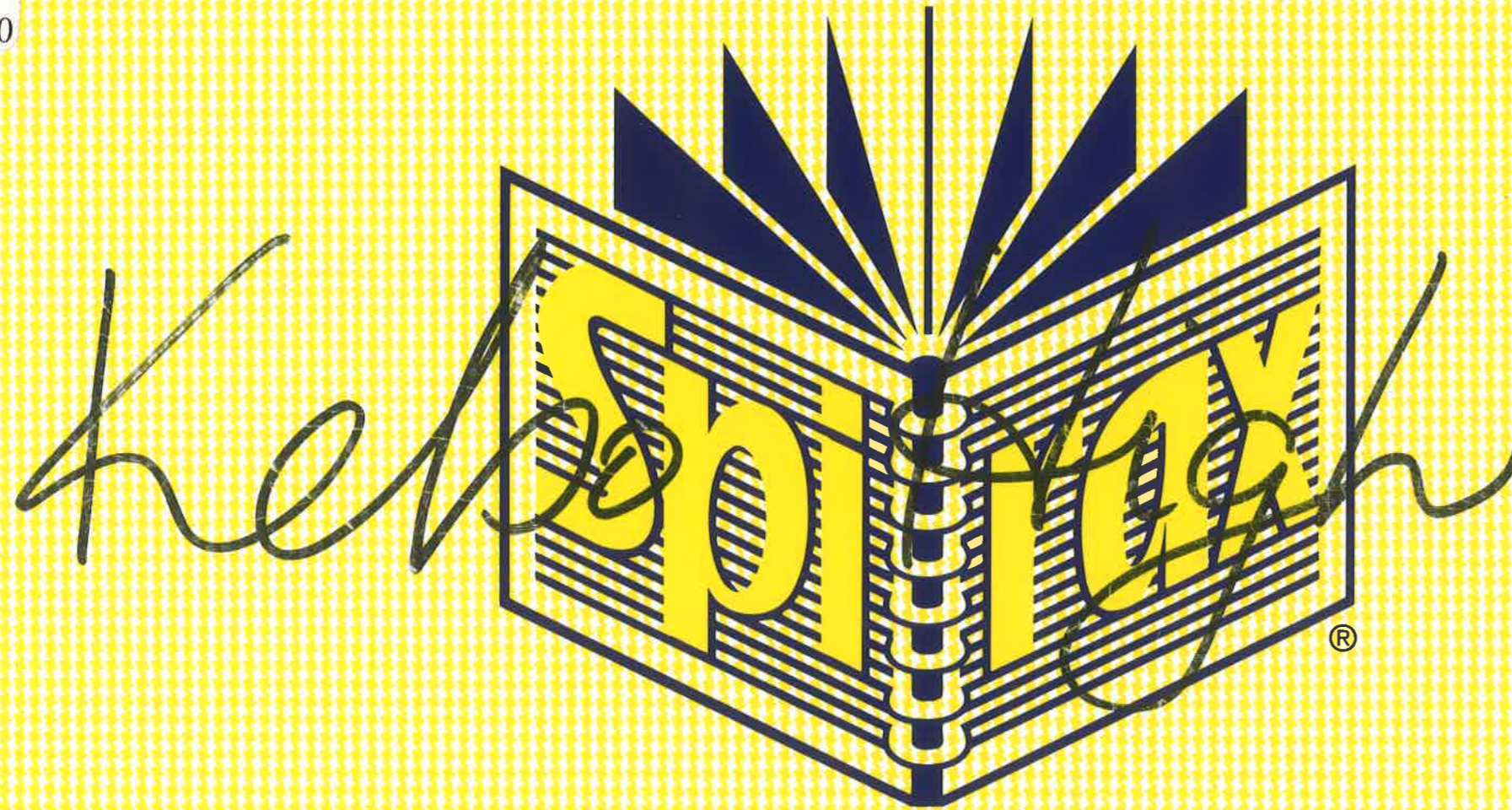


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Bathurst juniors look to big future in the game

Representative honours



TITLE DEFENCE: Kelsey Willott and Esther Hotham will help the NSW U15s hockey side as they aim for their third successive Australian title.

Photo: CHRIS SEABROOK

HOCKEY

By MARK RAYNER

SOME of Australia's most exciting future hockey talent will be on show when the Australian U15 championships are held in October and Esther Hotham and Kelsey Willott of Bathurst will be there.

The girls will play important roles as NSW look to get a hat trick of titles, having won the tournament in 2006 and 2007.

Kelsey was a part of the side which won the 2007 competition

in Melbourne and both girls are excited at the prospect of defending the title.

For Esther it will be her first representative game and she hopes the start of a long representative career.

She got into the sport when she was five because her whole family played and she decided she wanted to be involved.

It proved to be a good decision as the 13-year-old has blossomed.

Fourteen-year-old Kelsey also had success, previously representing NSW at an under 13 level before making the jump to under

15s. Both girls have experienced premier league hockey, Kelsey is a regular with Bathurst City and Esther sometimes comes into the side.

Kelsey believes it's an ideal preparation for representative matches and improving her game.

"It's really good for skills and the older players are trying to teach me more of the higher level skills," Willott said.

The girls also play for Kelso.

Esther explained that in order to gain state selection they were picked in a squad of half state that

travelled to Sydney to try out and the girls were selected from there.

"We go away in the school holidays to Newcastle for training for two days and then just before we leave for the actual tournament we have a three day camp," Willott said.

Both girls want to continue in the sport and are aiming for big things.

"We want to keep going, make it as high as we can," Hotham said.

"That's the plan anyway," Willott added.

Time for Macpherson to get a passport

HOCKEY

NEVER before has Bathurst talent Sam Macpherson needed a passport to play hockey, but on current form it won't be the last time he will need it.

The St Pat's Premier League player has had a busy hockey schedule so far this season and it will be capped off when he tours South Africa next month after being selected in the NSW under 18 Bush Rangers squad.

Macpherson's 18-day tour will commence on July 4 as he builds on an already impressive list of representative honours.

He represented Bathurst at the under 17 Hockey NSW Championships at Grafton in May and also played for the CHS Western outfit at the State High School Championships, also held at Grafton.

Bush Rangers head coach Jai Singhota, from Sydney, is looking forward to working with Macpherson and his natural goal scoring abilities.

Prior to playing in the Cape Town Under 18 International Hockey

Festival, Macpherson will be spending three days at the Pretoria University's High Performance Unit.

This unit has been created and established to actively plan and support high performance athletes and assist them in achieving their full potential.

To be given full support of the staff and facilities at this unit is most certainly a privilege as it is host to some of the best international sporting individuals and teams.

England's rugby world cup and the Australian's cricket world cup squads have both had their performance assisted by the Pretoria High Performance Unit.

While in South Africa, Macpherson and his fellow Bushrangers will also be providing coaching and mentoring to some very under privileged children at their school in Fisantekraal.

If you have any old hockey sticks, balls and sports clothing you can donate to these children you can give them to Macpherson.



TOURIST: Sam Macpherson will head to South Africa next month as part of the Bush Rangers squad.

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Drug booklet has a mixed message

A SYDNEY health service booklet which tells teenagers what to do if they choose to experiment with drugs sends a mixed message, the head of Australia's peak drug body says.

The controversial teaching resource is aimed at students in Years 9 and 10 and was produced by the Sydney West Area Health Service, News Ltd said yesterday.

The Choosing to use ... but wanna keep your head together? booklet suggests young people should not experiment until they are over 18, know their family medical history and "use only small amounts and not too often".

But Australian National Council on Drugs chairman John Herron said he had looked at the booklet online and did not endorse it.

Greens want talks on petrol prices

THE Australian Greens have called on state and federal governments to hold emergency talks over the rising cost of fuel.

The governments needed to do more to encourage people to use public transport systems, Greens senator Christine Milne said.

"It is essential that Australia starts to plan for on-going high fuel prices," she told reporters.

Greens leader Bob Brown says a fast and efficient public transport system should be a political priority.

Manuals cause mid-air failure

CONFLICTING advice between two manuals contributed to a mid-air hydraulics failure aboard a Qantas jet flying from Los Angeles to Brisbane last year, the aviation safety investigator has found.

Despite the failure the jet, carrying 406 passengers, landed safely in Brisbane.

An Australian Transport Safety Bureau report said conflicting advice in the Flight Crew Training Manual (FCTM) and the Flight Crew Operations Manual (FCOM) had "created the potential for confusion".

"The conflicting information between the FCOM and the FCTM regarding hydraulic system pressure loss created the potential for confusion by flight crew," the bureau said.

Qantas has asked the plane's manufacturer to clarify the FCTM.

Aussie wines on top of the world

FOUR South Australian wines have been acclaimed as the world's best of their variety at the prestigious International Wine Challenge in London.

The annual challenge attracted more than 9000 entries, rated by a panel of 400 judges who blind-taste the wines.

Coonawarra's Majella Wines won the international cabernet sauvignon trophy for its Majella 2005 cabernet, while Clare Valley's Kilikanoon claimed the international shiraz trophy for its 2005 Oracle shiraz.

Another Clare Valley winery, Tim Adams Wines, claimed the international semillon trophy for its 2007 semillon.

And Eden Valley's Yalumba won the international vigner trophy for its 2007 Virgilius.

Spiritual smoke finally



COUNCIL QUARTET: (Left) Bathurst Regional Council was officially represented by Mayor Paul Toole and councillors Tracey Carpenter, Ian North and Norm Mann. Tribute was paid to the generous assistance of Bathurst Regional Council and the leadership of Norm Mann immediately following the fire.

Opening ends the years of tumult

AS he bathed in the smoke of smouldering eucalyptus leaves last Friday, Kelso High principal Paul Stirling could only have reflected on a tumultuous three years.

This smoke, a symbolic cleansing ceremony by the local Wiradjuri community, was in stark contrast to the smouldering ruins from the blaze of August 19, 2005.

As he watched the flames leap from his school that night, Mr Stirling knew his challenge would be to look forward and create a better future from the destruction.

Last Friday, as the smoking ceremony brought the official opening to a conclusion, he could smile knowing that he had met the challenge.

"The most important part was a true closure from all we had been through in the past," Mr Stirling said.

"The fire and the hardship are finally behind us. We've opened our brand new school. Now we are totally focused on moving ahead and getting better and better."

There is little doubt that the Denison College of Secondary Education Kelso High Campus lives up to Mr Stirling's boast that his school is "one of the best equipped in the state".

But he is quick to point out that the real value is for all local public school students, including those who access the broader range of curriculum through Denison College and primary students who use facilities as part of the i-Explore initiative.



FIRE OF RENEWAL: Wiradjuri Elders Bill Allen and Gloria Rogers conducted a cleansing smoking ceremony to mark the conclusion of the official opening of Denison College of Secondary Education Kelso High Campus.

of Bathurst," he said.

"This is a fantastic new school and the community should be immensely proud of its role.

"The Kelso High Campus is part of Denison College of Secondary Education, a product of comprehensive community consultation that had the single aim of determining how to best meet the needs of the students of Bathurst into the future.

"Through Denison College, all public secondary students not only have the opportunity to access the state-of-the-art facilities at

Kelso High Campus, but enjoy a broader curriculum than any one school can offer."

Mr Della Bosca said that while many had mourned the loss of a 30-year-old high school, there was much enthusiasm for how far school facilities had advanced.

"Kelso High Campus comprises the latest advances in teaching and learning with an emphasis on technology," he said.

Mr Della Bosca said some of the special features included a performance space, gymnasium, human movement studio and "strategically located computer laboratories".

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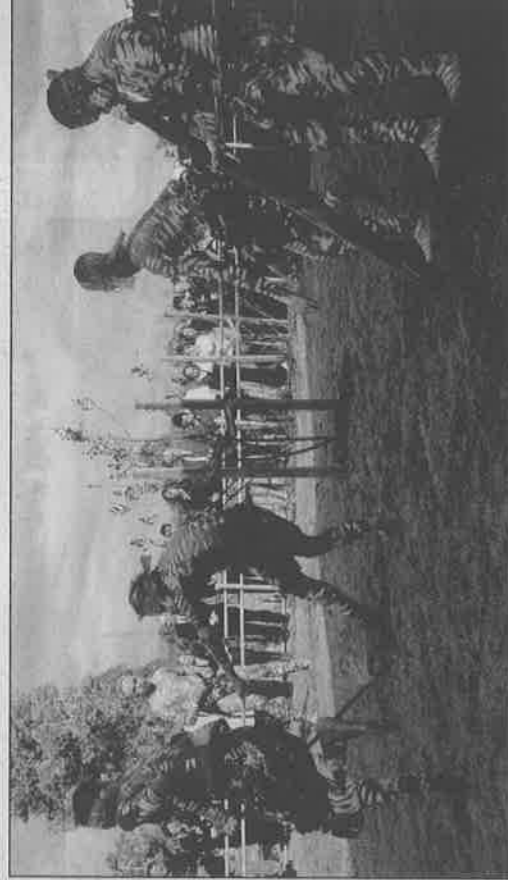
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BUILDERS' PRIDE: St Hillier's representatives Peter Baumgart, Thal Lidu, Garry Wilson and Luke Farraday smiled with the satisfaction of a job well done as they watched the official opening of Kelso High Campus. The project was completed one school term ahead of schedule. 8905



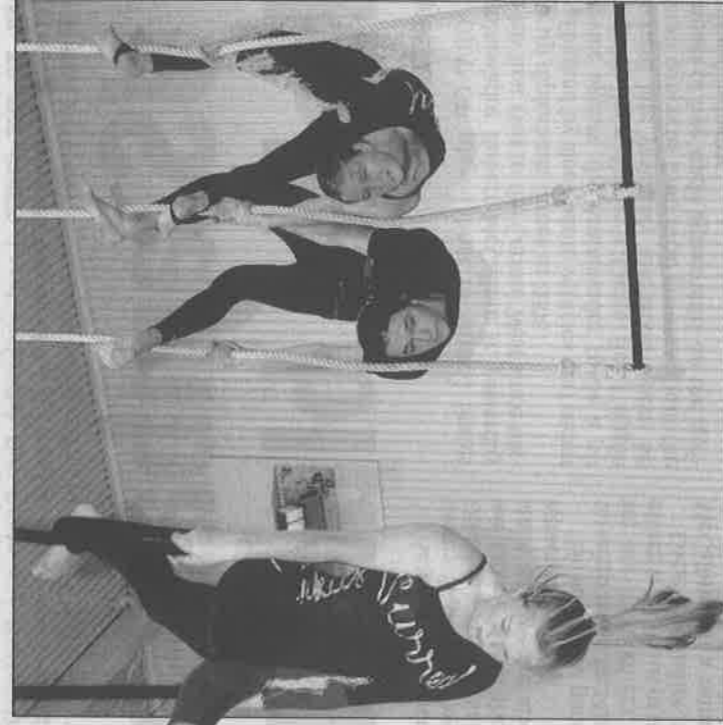
HIGH HUNTERS: Students performed a traditional hunting dance to mark the conclusion of the Denison College of Secondary Education Kelso High Campus official opening ceremony. 8900



WIRADJURI WELCOME: Local Aboriginal Elder, Aunty Gloria Rogers flanked by students, offered a traditional greeting. 8788



SURREAL WELCOME: Performers from Cirkus Surreal provided a colourful greeting to Education Minister John Della Bosca. 8758



AERIAL ACTION: Tabatha Daymond, Lazar Kamilic, Crystal Rowley and Ashleigh McDonald are part of the high flying Cirkus Surreal that thrilled guests at the Denison College of Secondary Education Kelso High Campus official opening. 8871

"It is a real team effort and with everyone directed at delivering the best education for young people," Mr Stirling said.

While the official opening brought many heartfelt tributes, Western NSW Regional Director, Carole McDiarmid gave special recognition to Mr Stirling's leadership.

"Paul Stirling has been outstanding in the rede-

velopment of the Kelso Campus," Mrs McDiarmid said. "I offer my utmost praise for his leadership."

Mrs McDiarmid also mirrored other speakers by highlighting the role of the community.

"As only rural communities can and do, Bathurst citizens were truly wonderful," Mrs McDiarmid said.

"The entire Bathurst

community rallied to support students with the continuity of their education."

Mrs McDiarmid said Kelso High was a community school, designed by the community to meet the curriculum requirements for not only 2008 but well into the future.

"This facility is a world-class learning environment, one we worked for and one our students deserve," Mrs McDiarmid said.

While the school community at the new Kelso High would be unlikely to say so publicly, they have every right to feel short-changed over last Friday's official opening.

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Gillard has an eye on childcare fees

CHILDCARE providers have been warned by the federal government not to raise fees unfairly.

There have been reports of some childcare centres raising their fees ahead of an increase in the childcare tax rebate, which will rise from 30 per cent to 50 per cent from July 1.

Deputy Prime Minister Julia Gillard said she had written to providers, asking them to disclose what their fees were at the start of the year and any increases they planned to put in place.

"We've made it clear to childcare providers that whilst we understand that there are real reasons from time to time for an increase in costs like any other business... we do not want to see any unfair pricing practices emerge," she told Fairfax Radio Network yesterday. "We're certainly going to be keeping our eye on it."

Case adjournment concerns D'Arcy

LAWYERS for swimmer Nick D'Arcy say the latest adjournment of his hearing on assault charges won't allow them to call witnesses for his defence.

D'Arcy is charged with recklessly inflicting grievous bodily harm on former swimmer Simon Cowley by assaulting him in a Sydney bar early on March 30, just hours after winning a spot on the Australian Olympic team.

In a brief hearing in Sydney's Downing Centre Local Court on Monday, the case was adjourned to July 24.

Outside the court, lawyers for D'Arcy said this would not allow them to call witnesses in his defence because the witnesses were members of the Australian Olympic team, which leaves for Beijing on July 23.

Tax changes will hurt low earners

LOW-PAID community workers will leave the sector because a change in the fringe benefits tax will leave them worse off, their union warns.

Planned changes to the tax, which take effect from July, will alter how salary is calculated for family and child care payments.

A worker on \$36,000 a year, plus \$16,000 in salary sacrificing benefits, will be treated as though they earn around \$50,000.

The Australian Services Union (ASU) says many employees will leave the sector because pay packages are often boosted through salary packaging.

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Bathurst City victorious



AMAZING FEET: St Pat's player, Lucy Weal (extreme right) appears to have 'trapped' the ball between her feet after a shot from Bathurst City player, Annka Dicker. Looking on is Bathurst City player, Mardl Watts (middle). Bathurst City won 4-2. Photo: CHRIS SEABROOK

Early goals leave St Pat's to play catch-up

HOCKEY

By SAM DEBENHAM

IT HAS taken until the 10th round, but defending champions Bathurst City firmly stamped themselves as being a major chance to repeat the dose with a clinical 4-2 win over St Pat's on Saturday.

The Saints entered the match on top of women's Premier League and had not tasted defeat all season, but two goals from Nikki Braun and singles to Katie Grives and Tanya Lowe changed all that.

Leading 3-nil at half-time, St Pat's asked plenty of questions of their opponents and got back to within a goal at 3-2 thanks to strikes from Kirralee Naylor and Rachel Griffin but Braun's second sealed the win for City.

St Pat's coach Ben Weal was justified

in his belief that City are still the team to beat and had no problems admitting his side lost to a better team on the day.

"That takes the monkey off the back a little bit really, people had been starting to talk about how long we had been without a loss," he said.

"There are no major dramas for us out of that match - I still think they are the benchmark in the competition."

Braun opened the scoring mid-way through the first half for Bathurst, and her salvo was quickly followed with another from defender Grives.

The warning signs became alarm bells for St Pat's when Lowe sent home a penalty stroke and the match was almost beyond the blue and whites' grasp already.

Braun's settler following the St Pat's mini-revival steadied things and City were able to run the match out comfortably.

City coach Jillian Long was not hid-

ing the fact that it was easily her team's best effort of the season.

"We had been improving in the last few weeks and that was definitely our best win so far," Long said.

"Renee Abberly in goals was fantastic today, one of her saves was unbelievable."

"I thought that basically everyone played well though. It was just a very pleasing win."

The victory puts City ahead of St Pat's on goal difference and ensures that plenty of other teams with post-season aspirations will be sitting up and taking notice.

The weekend result moves Bathurst City to second while Pat's drop to third on goal difference.

BATHURST CITY 4 (Nikki Braun 2, Katie Grives, Tanya Lowe goals), **defeated ST PAT'S 2** (Kirralee Naylor, Rachel Griffin goals)

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Throwing themselves into show rehearsals



ROLL UP, ROLL UP: Ashleigh McDonald, Kimberley Perry, Maxine Delaney, Aleisha Page, Tabatha Daymond and (front) Gemma Lord from Cirkus Surreal. Photo: PHILL MURRAY

By MIRIAM SIERS

CIRKUS Surreal is busy practising for the biggest show the troupe has ever attempted.

The show is called On a Winter's Night and will be held tomorrow, Friday and Saturday night at the Kelso High gymnasium from 7pm.

Cirkus director Stephanie Brown said the aim was for the audience to forget they were sitting in a school gym.

"The kids have been working really hard to try to transport the audience to another place - just like a dream," Ms Brown said.

"There's no storyline but sort of an Arabian Nights theme with a twist."

Ms Brown said the jewellery for the show had been imported from Turkey and India for the night and the costumes looked beautiful.

"The costumes are absolutely exquisite, they're just beautiful. The colours and visual side of the show is just so intoxicating," she said.

Ms Brown said the show was all about giving something back to the community of Bathurst.

"Cirkus Surreal belongs to Bathurst, not just Kelso High," she said.

"We feel a really big commitment to

the community of Bathurst and that sense of belonging is really important to us."

Ms Brown said the matinee performances on Thursday and Friday morning for schools and nursing homes were booked out within an hour. Tickets are \$10 but there are only 100 places at each show.

Cirkus Surreal is made up of students from Kelso High and was established six years ago.

The talented group visited Las Vegas in January this year as special guests of the world's most famous circus troupe, Cirque du Soleil.

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WINNERS: Back row: Coach Leigh Clarke, Madison Hall, Jamie Clarke, Michelle Baker, Maddie Lippiatt, Ailie McGarity, Zoe Watts, manager Ange Brown. Front row: Sarah Watterson, Aimee Ashcroft, Claire Sullivan, Kate Brown, Jessica Watterson, Georgina McGregor, Taylah Thomas.

Under 13s Whitewash district rivals at Dubbo

HOCKEY

By SAM DEBENHAM

THE Bathurst under 13 White team has taken out their third district carnival of the season after taking on six other regional sides during the Western Conference Carnival in Dubbo last weekend.

Under the tutelage of coach Leigh Clarke,

the side conceded just one goal throughout the tournament and were unbeaten for the carnival.

The home side gave Bathurst Whites a fright by holding them to a nil-all draw but were unable to breach some solid defence.

Clarke's team went on to demolish the Orange No 2 team 8-0, and then dispensed with Parkes 4-0 before turning their sights to the crunch games.

The top Orange side managed to find the back of the net once but still could not knock off the Bathurst side, who took on Lithgow in the decider.

Bathurst prevailed 1-nil to clinch their third win of 2008 and firmly established them as one of the teams to beat when they head to Parkes in mid-July along with the Bathurst Greens for the Half State Championships.

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MILESTONE: Kelso High soccer player James Christie receives his Bathurst Junior Sports Awards from reliance Credit Union CEO John May. Also pictured are (from left) deputy mayor Ian North, Jim McFerran (Bathurst RSL) and Phil Cole (2BS).

Milestone for sports program

THE 1000th Bathurst Junior Sport Award has been presented to Kelso High soccer player James Christie.

James was a recent participant at the NSW All Schools Tournament as a member of the NSW Combined High Schools Team.

His award was the 74th presented in the 2007/2008 financial year.

So far \$236,500 has been presented local sporting stars since the program began in 1994.

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A tough second day

Greens side comes third

HOCKEY

By MARK RAYNER

THREE wins from five matches wasn't enough for Bathurst Whites to defend their under 18 girls Southern Half State Titles Division One crown in Orange over the weekend.

The team started positively winning their three matches on Saturday by big margins, but they were unable to keep it up in their next two matches yesterday morning.

The team couldn't have started better, beating Sutherland 6-0.

Coach Angela Hennessey said everything just worked for her side in their first match.

"Everything went well for the side. They played a structured game and they got the basics right. They were able to convert their short corners," Hennessey said.

The team was able to back up that win with a 2-0 victory over Lithgow and a 4-0 win against Wagga Wagga, leaving them in first position with a huge goal difference after the first day.

Before the tournament, Hennessey nominated Crookwell and Southern Highlands as the two toughest sides in their pool and they proved that yesterday when Bathurst played both.

Bathurst were competitive in these matches but were unlucky to lose both 1-0 and that saw them finish in third place in their pool and miss out on the final.

Despite the disappointment of not being able to defend their title, Hennessey said there were a lot of positives to come out of the tournament.

"The girls should be really proud of their efforts. They played great team hockey regardless of the results," Hennessey said.

"They were unlucky that they came up against the two toughest teams on the final day, but they matched it with Crookwell and Southern Highlands."

"As a team, we defended well. We attacked well and we would have finished with the highest goal rate in competition."

After experiencing a huge turnover in players and coaching staff this year, next year is expected to be more stable with only one player from the current squad becoming ineligible for the side.



IN FRONT: Mardi Watts tries to escape the attention of a Southern Highlands player in the Bathurst Whites 1-0 loss yesterday. Photo: STEVE GOSCH

HOCKEY

BATHURST Greens had a tough 2-all draw with Parkes to finish equal third in the under 18 girls Southern Half State Titles in Orange on the weekend.

After winning the competition last year, Bathurst were one of the favourites going into the weekend, but with the city fielding teams in both divisions and six players moving up to the first team this year, it meant the side was young and inexperienced at this level.

Despite that, the side was able to win two of its three pool games and fight all the way with Parkes in the third place play-off.

Playing on the unfamiliar grass surface, the side was able to start the weekend in good fashion with a 2-0 win over Tumut and backed it up with a hard-fought 1-0 victory over Sutherland 2.

It was a tougher assignment on Sunday when the girls came up against a tough Goulburn side and they were beaten 4-0.

"That was Goulburn's number one side and we had a lot of younger players so that was still a good effort from the girls," co-coach Carly George said.

The side finished second in their pool and were then due to face Parkes in the battle for third and it was a tough encounter where Parkes were only just able to come out ahead.

"We were behind the whole time," George said.

"They went 1-0 up then we levelled and they went 2-1 up and we caught them again."

"The girls were unlucky. They had a few opportunities they just couldn't make the most of."

George nominated Kelsey Willott, Steph Plunkett, Steff Schultz and Esther Hotham as the players who really stood out during the titles.

"It was a really good effort by the girls because they are a young side and with only one player from division one ineligible next year, we should have a lot of these players back again," George said.

School Principals

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Denison College of Secondary Education

Kathleen Compton, Geoff Hastings and Paul Stirling bring to the Principalship of Denison College of Secondary Education very experienced educational leadership - leadership that focuses on preparing our students for a very dynamic twenty-first century world. The principals work together to implement programs on both campuses of the college to empower students with a wide range of educational, technological, vocational and social skills. In addition, the principals ensure a focus on the development of the whole child through our wide range of first class extra curricula activities in sport, debating, leadership and the performing arts.

Key initiatives in 2008 have included the development of online learning modules to enhance student preparation for national and state testing programs. The principals are now planning how our new video conferencing facilities will extend opportunities for virtual excursions to NASA, the Barrier Reef and other national and world locations.


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OF SECONDARY EDUCATION

LEFT: Paul Stirling, Kelso High Campus
MIDDLE: Kathleen Compton, College Principal
RIGHT: Geoff Hastings, Bathurst High Campus



The Mathesons join forces in top grade

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AUSTRALIAN RULES

By SAM DEBENHAM

IT is rare enough for one father-son combination to get on the park together in any sport, let alone one so physically demanding is Australian Rules.

Even more remarkable is the fact that the Bathurst Bushrangers can now boast two sets of father and son in their side after the recent debut of ruckman Sebastian Matheson.

Seventeen-year-old Matheson and dad Brian joined Chris and Paul Long in the exclusive club a fortnight ago against Parkes and are expected to line up together once more in side's Central West AFL clash with the Orange Tigers tomorrow.

A crucial match for both sides as third (Bushrangers) take on second, the senior Matheson cannot wait for another chance to get stuck into it alongside his promising son.

"This is something I've wanted and looked forward to for 17 years and it is a really nice thing to be able to say that I've played senior footy with my son," Brian said.

"It was even better last week-

end when we played in a winning side together, and I got to pass it to him a few times as well."

At a handy six-foot and with a heap of experience at fullback since joining the Bathurst club in 1991, Brian is dwarfed by ruckman Sebastian who towers over most at six-foot-five.

But it is not just his height that has impressed Brian since his son first began playing at age four - it is the all-round package that already has father singing his son's praises.

"He [Sebastian] is a lot leaner than I am, but has a lot more skill than I do - I just have to try and play hard because I don't have the skills to back me up," he said.

Sebastian is equally happy to be playing in the top grade with his dad after 13 years of junior football, describing Brian as easily the biggest influence on his time in the sport.

"There aren't many kids fortunate enough to play with their dad for various reasons - I think that for the whole time most boys are growing up they hope that they get the chance to do this," the younger Matheson said.

"Dad has had a massive influence on me, he got me into AFL and coached me a lot; it's been great to get on the field with him a few times.

"Playing first grade is a lot different to under 17s and reserves, it's a lot harder to get a kick."

For some extra experience Sebastian has also been playing with the East Coast Eagles in the Sydney Premier League under 18s competition, a move which both he and his dad agree has had a good effect on his game.

The man responsible for giving Sebastian a start with the Bushrangers, captain-coach Steve Withers, is confident his team can get the points when they do battle with Orange tomorrow.

"We played them earlier in the season and went down by five goals, but I'm still fairly confident we can reverse that result," Withers said.

"I do expect it to be very tight but a win this week will draw us level with them.

"It is a critical game but it gives us a crack at moving into second spot on percentage.

"They have a new guy in their mid-field [Danny Grellett] who has been their main contributor, they go through him a lot, so we will be looking to cut off his supply to their forwards and shut down their direct style."

The Bushrangers and Tigers will clash at George Park from 2.30pm tomorrow afternoon.



TALL TAILS: Fullback Brian Matheson has someone to look up to in the shape of six-foot-five son Sebastian, who has joined him in the Bushrangers' first grade side in recent weeks. Photo: PHILL MURRAY 070208pebast

Victory sees Bathurst City lead competition

HOCKEY

By MARK RAYNER

BATHURST City have jumped to the top of the Western Premier League hockey ladder after a 3-1 win over Lithgow Panthers on Saturday.

City were two points behind Ex-Services going into the weekend's game but St Pat's 2-1 win over Ex-Services has seen City take the lead.

Senior player Kellie James said after the game she was pleased to come away with the win but felt the team could have played better.

"We were a bit disappointed with the way we played there. I think we were lucky to come away with a 3-1 win because our first half was really disappointing," James said.

"We had a few things we wanted to achieve and we didn't go the right way about going it but in the second half we came home a lot stronger. We were passing the ball around and playing the hockey that we should be playing."

Lithgow dominated the first half of the match, spending plenty of time in their opposition's half but they were unable to convert their possession into goals and it hurt the Panthers when Tanya Lowe was able to get a goal in the 25th minute.

Panthers were unable to take advantage of their two short corners in the first half and they went into the break down 1-0.

"That has been a problem for us throughout the season. When we are dominating we're not getting the results we want," Panthers' coach Bernie Hemmy said.

"Once we do start, we will continue to dominate and start putting the ball away come the end of the season."

James was unimpressed with her team's first half performance despite the lead and layed down the law in the sheds.

"We weren't focussing on things we need



BREAKAWAY: Bathurst City's Mardi Watts avoids the desperation tackle of a Lithgow Panthers' defender. Photo: PHIL MURRAY

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to focus on, we were being pushed off the ball. If a 50/50 ball came, we let them have it and we were just making things difficult in the sense that we weren't playing with meaning to what we were doing," she said.

"We just needed play with a bit of passion and put our bodies on the line. Once we did that, they started to crumble a little bit."

Lithgow came out and scored the first goal of the second half when Roxsanne Van Veen beat the defence to score and the game was all level again but James' half-time talk had the desired effect and Bathurst City started to put some pressure on Lithgow.

In the 58th minute of the game, Rebecca Lee was able to give the home side the advantage and five minutes later Tanya Lowe got her second off a short corner to give City the win and first position in the league.

James was among her side's best in their victory but she was quick to praise those around her.

"Melissa McNab was excellent in defence

for us, she had to move around the field in a couple of positions and she did it without a fuss and had a go," James said.

"We had Rachel [Miller] come back, but I don't think that was the focus of the game, we just wanted her to come back and have a run with a few of her old mates."

"Tanya Lowe was again really strong in the middle and she's probably playing some of the best hockey in the comp at the moment."

For Lithgow, Roxsanne Van Veen tried hard all day but in the end City just proved too strong. But Hemmy was pleased with the team's efforts.

"We had a bit of bad luck. We were down three of our upper level players but the girls battled on," Hemmy said.

"We didn't have much of a bench. The girls we did have on the bench were crook as well, but the girls toughed it out."

BATHURST CITY 3 (Tanya Lowe 2, Bec Lee goals) **defeated LITHGOW PANTHERS 1** (Rachel Van Veen goal).

Dance teams to rock again

THREE Bathurst teams are busy preparing for the Rock Eisteddfod Challenge Sydney Heats after spectacular performances at the Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre in May.

Bathurst West Public School, Kelso High and Bathurst PCYC teams will travel to Sydney this Friday to take part in the dance festival.

Australia's largest and longest running youth performing arts and health promotion event, the Rock Eisteddfod Challenge gives students the opportunity to dance, design and perform to an audience of hundreds.

Each school has chosen an exciting theme to act out in dance and drama.

Kelso High's performance is a James Bond extravaganza and Bathurst PCYC will explore the world of domestic violence in Australia.

Bathurst PCYC and Kelso High will compete against 43 other schools from across NSW in the bid for a place at the Sydney Grand Finals in September. The two teams will join seven others at the Olympic Sports Centre on Friday.

Bathurst West Public School will perform in the J Rock section designed for primary school students.

Rock Eisteddfod Challenge event manager Fiona Wilkie said almost as many schools would participate in J Rock this year as in the senior division.

"J Rock aims to educate students about healthy lifestyle choices by encouraging and promoting the benefits of a healthy diet and physical activity," Ms Wilkie said.



WORKING HARD: Kelso High dancers will travel to Sydney this Friday to compete in the Rock Eisteddfod Challenge Sydney Heats.

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STATE REPRESENTATIVES: Bathurst talents, from left, Allie McGarity, Zoe Watts, Kate Brown and Maddy Lippiatt will travel to Adelaide in September for the Under 13s Invitational Tournament. Photo: PHILL MURRAY

A welcome under 13s invitation

HOCKEY

By MARK RAYNER

BATHURST has again shown its hockey strength by having four players selected in the NSW under 13s girl's invitational team that will travel to Adelaide for the Under 13 Invitational Tournament which runs from September 29 to October 4.

Kate Brown, Maddison Lippiatt, Allie McGarity and Zoe Watts all impressed selectors with their efforts training with the NSW squad to progress to the final state team.

Aimee Ashcroft was also selected in the squad and was unlucky to miss out on team selection after strong performances throughout the year.

All five girls were a part of the Bathurst

team that won under 13s Half State Hockey Championships division one title at Parkes in mid-July, after beating South Coast 4-2 in the grand final.

Their coach Lee Clarke said after the tournament that her team were a very talented side who lost only one game all season.

"I also thought our forwards were exciting to watch, with speedy wingers, skilled inners and one of the best centre forwards I've seen in junior hockey in Maddie Lippiatt," Clarke, who also praised Brown, said.

The four girls said they are looking forward to the competition and expect the competition to be tough.

"It will probably be a step above what we have experienced so far," McGarity said.

The whole team will get together later this month to train before the the start of the car-

nival on September 29.

Also showing the strength of hockey in the region was the selection of Renee Hunter from Lithgow, Rachel Divall from Orange and Mariah Williams from Parkes to bring the total number of Central West players in the state team to seven out of the 16.

NSW UNDER 13 INVITATIONAL TEAM: Kate Brown, Maddison Lippiatt, Allie McGarity, Zoe Watts (Bathurst), Rachel Divall (Orange), Renee Hunter (Lithgow), Mariah Williams (Parkes), Lily Brazel (Parramatta), Anna Brotherson (Grafton), Zoe Collier (Manning Valley), Samantha Coulter (Parramatta), Kimberly Gooden (South Coast), Samantha Danckert (Central Coast), Claire Johnson (North Shore), Hayley Martin (Macarthur), Chloe Montgomery (Goulburn).

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SOPHISTICATED: Kelso High School students during rehearsals for their Rock Eisteddfod performance, *Will James Bond Save The World?*, earlier this year. Photo: PHILL MURRAY

Teams bow out of Rock titles

By LOUISE EDDY

DESPITE putting on a magnificent show during the heats of this year's Rock Eisteddfod Challenge, none of the senior Bathurst teams has advanced to this year's grand final.

Kelso High and Bathurst PCYC competed in Rock Eisteddfod heats in Sydney last Friday and have now bowed out of the competition.

PCYC director Benny Hope said his team had done a great job. "The performance was amazing, phenomenal," he said. "It was easily the best performance we've done."

It was the eighth year that Bathurst PCYC strutted their stuff in Sydney.

This year they explored the theme of domestic violence towards children with a performance titled Saturday Mourning.

The team was made up of 45 performers from different schools.

"It is a bit disappointing for the folks who banked on us going through to the grand final so they could watch our performance," Mr Hope said.

He said now the PCYC team was looking for a big local venue so they could perform the piece one more time at the end of the month for all those who didn't get a chance to see it.

The Kelso High Campus of Denison College took audiences on an exciting journey with a performance inspired by a number of classic James Bond films called *Will James Bond Save*

Junior Rockers tomorrow

WEST Bathurst Public School will perform at Sydney J Rock for the second year tomorrow. They will tell the story of Mount Panorama and the Bathurst 1000.

Thirty-seven schools will perform in J Rock, the junior division of Rock Eisteddfod Challenge which has been designed for primary school students.

the World? Co-ordinator Maree Brandau said there were 80 students on stage and 20 back stage for the performance.

They ranged in age from Year 7 to 12. "We were a little disappointed we didn't make the final, but we did take out an award for stage and set design," she said.

Ms Brandau said the students loved the glamorous costuming necessary for the James Bond retrospective.

"The costumes were pretty sophisticated," she said. "The dresses were made from Vogue patterns and the boys got to wear suits and ties. "They loved it."

Students from 45 schools battled it out at Olympic Park Sports Centre for a place in the Rock Eisteddfod Challenge Sydney grand final.

Event manager Fiona Wilkie said Bathurst schools always put on a great performance. Rock Eisteddfod Challenge is celebrating its 29th year in Australia.

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contest poll

Mr Junior Sport to stand for council

By BRIAN WOOD

THE man considered by many as Mr Junior Sport in Bathurst has decided to run for council.

Graeme Hanger last week signalled his intention to be a contender at the upcoming local government elections for the Bathurst Region.

A teacher at Kelso High School, Mr Hanger said he was no newcomer to politics.

"I was elected to Blue Mountains Council in 1977," he said. "So, really, I would be just renewing my involvement in local government."

Mr Hanger, 62, said he's over a heart scare which resulted in a bypass operation last November.

"I've had a new lease of life since then," he said. "My wife's right behind this decision and says I would do a good job having been involved in community life in Bathurst for so long."

"I came to Bathurst in 1984 and have been teaching at Kelso High School since 1991."

"Obviously I am well known for my involvement in junior sport, but any vote for me is a positive vote for someone who wants the best for Bathurst. Really, there's no better place to live."

Mr Hanger said he doesn't see any major issues on the horizon for the city.

"I think it's a matter of steady as she goes and consolidating on what we've already got," he said.

"We've got great facilities but they have to be maintained and promoted."

"It would be great to be able to be part of the region's continuing growth with an expected population approaching 50,000 people in another 25 years' time."



CONTENDER: Graeme Hanger has decided to run for Bathurst Regional Council.

NSW 1985 UK/IR SPICER TOUR

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Snap Shot

THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT: Ben Chapel from Kelso High's Cirkus Surreal entertains Reg Little (81) and his friends during the Seymour Centre's 28th birthday celebrations yesterday. The circus troupe preformed for all the guests at the party held in the RSL auditorium. Photo: PHILL MURRAY

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Paint the town yellow

the lead up to Daffodil Day on August 22, the Cancer Council's western regional office is encouraging residents of the Central West to paint the town yellow to show their support, and help provide hope to those touched by cancer.

Kate Schofield, community relations co-ordinator at the Cancer Council's western regional office said it was a great cause.

"While local shops and individuals can sell Daffodil Day goodies throughout August, or purchase fresh daffodils on the official day to raise funds for the cancer cause - why not decorate your shop window with all things yellow, colour your hair, wear yellow nail polish or yellow clothes for a gold coin donation," she said.

"Ask friends and family members to give a gold coin donation for your hair-colouring efforts, or school kids could pay a gold coin to wear yellow to school. 'Painting the town yellow' is both a great way to remind your neighbours that Daffodil Day is coming, and a fun way to help raise funds."

Uniting those touched by cancer, Daffodil Day is the annual Cancer Council fundraising event giving hope to cancer patients, their family and friends. As well as funding cancer research, Daffodil Day aims to change attitudes about cancer by funding cancer prevention, information and support services across the state.

"One in two people will hear the words 'you have cancer' before they are 85 years old. On a local level, that means around 1500 people in our region are diagnosed with cancer each year. With 600 dying as a result,



DAFFODIL DAY: Makayla (left), Larissa and Katrina Benham and Sid Seagull patrol the streets of Bathurst and Kelso on Daffodil Day last year.

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it's important we do everything we can to help people in the western community who are struggling because of cancer," Ms Schofield said.

"Last year residents from the western region raised over \$166,400 from Daffodil Day, which was a fantastic effort."

"More than \$3.5 million was raised in NSW. These vital funds assist the Cancer Council in its mission to defeat cancer by providing essential services to

the people of the Central West such as the Cancer Council Helpline on 131120.

"This year we're aiming to raise even more, and with your help we will be able to ease the burden of cancer in the Central West."

To find out more about how you can help 'paint the town yellow' in the lead up to Daffodil Day call 1300 65 65 85 or visit www.daffodilday.com.au.

OOT come back to earth



NO YOU DON'T: Collegians goal shooter Grace McAulley keeps the ball out of reach of OOT Magpies goal keeper Tess Eslick. Photo: PHILL MURRAY

Magpies beat Skins, but thumped by Collegians

NETBALL

By SAM DEBENHAM

A BRAVE but ultimately heavy defeat at the hands of Collegians has completed a bittersweet week for Out Of Touch Magpies in Bathurst A grade netball on Saturday.

Collegians thumped Magpies 60-25 to continue their march to the finals against an undermanned outfit who could field only six players throughout the match.

It was a sad way for Magpies to come crashing back to earth after pulling off a stunning upset on Wednesday night in inflicting CSU Park Skins' first on-court defeat of the season, 59-50.

Missing Paige Eslick, Mary Ann Porter, Alysha Booth and Teigan Colley, OOT played without a wing defence for the entirety of Saturday's game but opened the match surprisingly well.

They even led early on, before the high-flying Collegians attack clicked into gear mid-way through the term.

With goal attack Laura Bourke proving hard to contain with her extra height,

Collegians took a 14-9 lead into the first break and it was to be as close as the Magpies would get from there on in.

Collegians won the second quarter 14-5 and stretched the margin to 14 goals at the main break. Only a major disaster could have derailed them from there.

With Bourke shooting at an incredible 75 per cent for her 44 goals, Collegians continued to stretch the margin and despite some juggling of the Magpies line-up as they tried to stem the tide, it was to no avail.

It was a far cry from the triumph earlier in the week, where Alanna Eslick's unheralded but vastly improved team played above and beyond all expectations to put a dent in the CSU reputation.

"I'm extremely proud of the girls. Collegians have played an extremely physical game which is fine, but we are a young team and we are playing one short and I think we've played a nice game ourselves," Eslick said.

"Our side are doing a great job and having fun and that's one of the things I've been telling the girls each week at training."

Goal attack Jess Porter was one of her side's best contributors early while centre Lauren Beacroft had her moments in an under strength mid-court.

For Collegians, who stay in with a good chance of a top two finish, Bourke was superb while shooter Grace McAulley was also strong.

Their mentor Cathy Keech was impressed with her team's form in a game where they were never pushed too far.

"It was a good solid performance, we had two straight losses to Bulldogs a fortnight ago but we've trained hard since then and the girls came out firing from the opening," Keech said.

"We are working hard to finish as high as we can, obviously a top two spot would be great and put us straight into a major semi-final, but at this stage we are only thinking week-to-week."

In other results, Shanahan's Hawks smashed All Saints' College 69-30, while Bulldogs made a huge statement with a 43-28 upset win over CSU Park Skins, showing that their title defence is right back on track after some early-season wobbles.



LOOKING AHEAD: Roni O'Connor and her son Korey speak with teachers Cassie Hanrahan of Bathurst High Campus and Brian Burke of Kelso High Campus about future career and study plans. Photo: CHRIS SEABROOK 082008career

Planning for future success

By LOUISE EDDY

TWO weeks of interviews between school staff, college staff, senior students and parents from across both campuses of Denison College finish today.

The interviews were designed to assist students with senior studies and future career paths.

More than 200 Year 10 students from the Bathurst and Kelso High campuses have taken part in the successful pilot program.

College principal Kathy Compton said the college felt the movement of students from Year 10 to 11 was a critical transition.

"It's about aligning career choices and goals with their subject choices," she said.

"We thought it was important to have dedicated time with students

'We try to be as lateral thinking as we can and concentrate on the students.'

and parents.

"We try to be as lateral thinking as we can and concentrate on the students," Mrs Compton said.

The interviews give students the opportunity to consider and discuss interests, abilities and career paths and ensure that subject choices best suit their future plans.

Students are given the opportunity to vary subject choice during the interview if necessary.

The interviews follow a Future Directions night for students and parents at Charles Sturt University and a job expo.

"We have had an overwhelming response from parents. They have been so positive," Mrs Compton said.

"Sometimes parents feel that they are out of touch when it comes to their child's education.

"We live in an ever-changing world and the things we as parents might think are appropriate might not be any more.

"Changes in society mean parents need to be kept in the loop regarding their child's opportunities and this gives them the chance to ask all kinds of questions from the very big picture down to the practical details," she said.

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CHAMPIONS: Members of the Bathurst City Amateur Swim Club who took out the club champions at the Touzell Memorial Gala Day held in Blayney earlier this month.

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Unbeatable team is named champion club

SWIMMING

By **BRIAN WOOD**

THE Bathurst City Amateur Swim Club proved unbeatable at the Touzell Memorial Gala Day held at Blayney earlier this month.

They were the champion club with high quality swims from all club members the order of the day.

Bathurst's relay teams were ahead of the pack with gold ribbon winning swims from its 4x 100m freestyle relay mixed open team, 4x 50m freestyle relay mixed 13 years and under, 6x 50m freestyle relay and open men and 4x 100m medley relay mixed open.

There were silver ribbon winning swims from the 4x 25m medley relay mixed 10yrs and under, 4x 50m medley relay mixed 13yrs and under, 6x 50m freestyle relay women

open and showing the depth of younger swimmers in the club, the under 10s took the silver and bronze ribbons in the 4x 25m freestyle relay mixed 10yrs and under.

There were also some outstanding individual efforts with Sam Simson taking nine gold medals and the 14 years boys championship; Lisa Humphries six gold and two silver and 11yrs girls champion; Daniel Kelly five gold, two silver and a bronze and 10yrs boys champion; Kaitlin Wright five gold and a bronze; Nicholas North four gold and three silver; Thomas Geyer three gold and a silver and 8yrs and under boys champion; Jodie Simson three gold and two bronze; Lachlan Conyers two gold, six silver and a bronze and the 12yrs boys champion; Zachery Telfser two gold, two silver and three bronze; Laura Wright two gold, and two bronze; Nathan Bankovic one gold,

three silver and three bronze; Aiden Telfser one gold and three silver; Harrison Stower one gold and two silver; Bennet Stower one gold and four bronze, Jack Mitchell won a gold medal; Jenna Humphries eight silver and a bronze and the 13yrs girls champion; Correy Ross five silver and a bronze; Alanna Bankovic three silver and three bronze; Olivia Luck two silver and two bronze; Joshua Stapley won two silver medals; Jason Drew one silver and three bronze; Braydon Ross one silver and a bronze; Karrie Humphries two bronze; Nathan Luck won a bronze and Melanie Arthur also won a bronze medal.

Rosie Hogan, Blake Arthur, Brendon McMahon and Maddison Luck had a fantastic meet and showed tremendous potential improving their personal bests in several events.

Young Panthers show the way to the lead

RUGBY LEAGUE

By **MARK RAYNER**

WHILST the Bathurst Panthers may have had a lean year in Premier League, their juniors have showed the club still has plenty to smile about with four teams competing in the finals series.

The under 10s, 14s, 15s and 16s are all still in the running to compete in their respective grand finals in Orange in a fortnight's time.

Three of the teams, the under 10s, 15s and 16s will all compete in major semi-finals and victory to those teams would see them go straight through to the grand finals.

Meanwhile the under 14s will be looking for a win over Orange CYMS to play the loser of the major semi-final in Lithgow next week. The 14s will be looking to defend their title.

Panthers juniors spokesperson Mick Siejka said the under 14s were the most improved Panthers team and would be strong again on Saturday.



JUNIOR LEAGUE BX. PANTHERS CAPTAINS: Left, Bryan Jones, Doug Hewitt, Storm Seljka, Dwayne Morgan and James Smith. At back are the U10s Panthers team.

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Snap Shot

READY FOR ACTION: Kelso High students Josh Shanahan (left) and Nicholas Geyer helped out at the NSW Rural Fire Service's secondary schools cadet program. Photo: ZENIO LAPKA.

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Extra-time and penalty-shoot out as Western grab a premiership double

Burge happy to be wrong

SOCCER

BY ANYA WHITELAW

WHEN the under 14 Western NSW Panthers FC side missed their first two attempts in Sunday's penalty shoot-out coach Wayne Burge thought it was a case of grand final over against Illawarra Stingrays.

He was delighted to be proved wrong as Panthers prevailed 3-2.

Goalkeeper Monique Cummings produced a pair of quality saves to square things up in the tense end to the Super League grand final. Western skipper Jane Hanrahan then found the mark and when the next Illawarra penalty taker missed the mark all together, it was time for Burge and his players to celebrate.

"When those two girls missed I thought that was it, I wasn't nervous, I thought we had dead-set lost it," Burge, who is based in Dubbo, said.

"But out of the blue our keeper Monique, from Dubbo, came up with those two save it a row."

The score after penalties was 3-2 to Western, but it took a full game plus 20 minutes of extra-time before a victor could be decided at St Mary's Cook Park.

Tori-Lee Canham scored just five minutes in off a corner to give Western, who won the 2007 title in extra-time, the perfect start.

However, Illawarra levelled the game before half-time as they too found the mark off a corner kick and 1-1 was how the score remained despite Western striking the framework on six occasions.

"The second half was just end-to-end stuff, we hit the post four times," Burge said. "In extra-time with one minute to go in the second lot of 10 we hit the post twice - it was the same girl both times, Young's Chloe Callaghan.

"I was nervous, we had all the play, we were the better side, anyone in the crowd would have known that we deserved to win, but we just



MIXED FORTUNES: While Bathurst's Gillian Rosconi (front) missed out on a Super League title with Western NSW Panthers FC club-mates, back, from left, Teigan Cox (under 16s), Naomi Hangan (14s), Maddy Holt-Smith (14s), Georgia Bennett (16s) and Tilly McMaster (16s) were successful on Sunday. Photo: CHRIS SEABROOK

Late goals clinch victory for Panthers

SOCCER

By MARK RAYNER

WESTERN NSW Panthers FC under 16s are the Super League champions after beating Illawarra 4-1 in extra time at Cook Park on Sunday.

The teams couldn't be separated after 90 minutes with scores locked at 1-1, but it was Panthers who had the momentum and were able to score another three goals during extra-time to avoid a penalty shoot-out.

Western side with Graeme Ross said.

Panthers made it a foregone conclusion in the first period of extra-time when Jenny Simpson got her second goal of the game and Georgia Bennett also opened her account.

In the second stanza Bathurst's Bennett got her double to rub salt into the Stingrays' wounds.

"It was a tough and the result goes on one game, so it was pleasing for the girls to be minor premiers and champions," Fearnley said.

It was a tight affair early in the match with Panthers having a number of

scoreless it was the Stingrays who got the first goal of the game when they scored against the run of play.

However, Panthers were patient and with 10 to go, Bennett took a free kick and got the ball to Simpson who brought the scores level and gave the team the confidence to go on with the game.

Fearnley said he was pleased with the contributions that Bennett and Simpson made to the side, as well as Lisa Matthews, but was happy with the team's overall performance.

"Probably the most pleasing thing

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YOUR



BOB TRIMMING

Major projects?

Any infrastructure that reduces wastage of natural resources, including the new low-cost solar and/or wind-powered electricity generators servicing either the whole of Bathurst or at least new subdivisions.

A recycled grey water system for the whole of Bathurst.

Free supply and installation of rainwater tanks to every resi-

IMPORTANT LESSON: Ric Engle points out wheelchair basketball

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Generating employment?

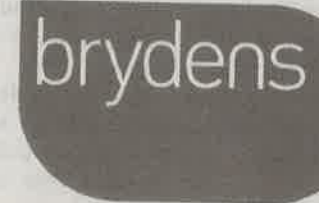
By ensuring sufficient low cost electricity and continuing adequate water resources.

By improving road and rail links across the mountains. Attract

KELSO High students found out what it is like living without full mobility on Wednesday when the Arrive Alive Wheelchair Sports Roadshow visited the school.

Sponsored by the NSW Motor Accidents Authority students across the five years learnt about road safety awareness and the consequences of taking risks on the road.

Ric Engle and John Waddell told their personal stories to the students in the hope that the first-hand experience would help the next generation of young drivers realise that



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PREMIER LEAGUE HOCKEY

2008 FINALS SERIES



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Souths' season comes to an end

HOCKEY

By DANIEL BRIGGS

IF you had asked a bookmaker six months ago what odds you could get on Ex-Services being Orange's last remaining hope for a senior Central West sporting premiership, they would have let you write your own ticket.

And if they had, there's a fair chance they would not be sleeping for the rest of the week after the blue and golds snapped a nine-year hoodoo against Souths with a hard-fought 2-0 victory over the Bathurst club in Saturday's women's Premier League Hockey minor semi-final at the Orange Hockey Centre.

Bloomfield's loss in the men's minor semi-final and Orange Tigers' defeat at the hands of Bathurst in the Central West AFL now means Ex-Services are the city's only remaining hope for premiership glory in 2008.

In a physical encounter, a goal in each half proved enough for Ex-Services to book a showdown with St Pat's in this Saturday's grand final qualifier. It was the home side's first-ever victory over Souths since the inception of PLH in 2000.

Ex-Services coach Gail Kennewell was delighted with her side's commitment throughout the 70 minutes after watching her troops avoid a dreaded straight sets finals exit.

"It's very exciting. The desperation of the girls ... they knew it was sudden-death and they knew they had to play hard and be desperate," she said.

"We've created a bit of history here today [with the first win over Souths] - but we've been creating history all year. It was a great all-round team effort from the girls."

Souths coach Grahame Cranston conceded his side was outplayed, but called for more consistency from the match officials.

"Girls aren't used to being tack-

'They scored early and we really struggled to get back into it after that.'

led that hard and not having one card shown all game. It [the defence] was just too aggressive," he said.

"You just want to see some consistency there. I thought we had a good chance coming into today's game but we just couldn't get a roll on. They scored early and we really struggled to get back into it after that."

The home side started the match with great intensity and were rewarded just five minutes in when Tarlee Roberts broke through Souths' defence before linking beautifully with Linda Wilson, who made no mistake from close range.

Ex-Services nearly doubled their advantage eight minutes later when star midfielder Jade Warrender struck the post from a penalty corner.

In a game of few opportunities, Warrender made the most of successive penalty corners 12 minutes into the second half, slotting home an innocuous shot past Souths keeper Amanda Harvey to double Ex-Services' advantage.

Souths rarely threatened the home side's defence until the dying stages when Ex-Services' keeper Nat Parementer and defender Leanne Jones produced brilliant last-ditch saves to keep the opposition at bay.

For Ex-Services, defender Leanne Kennewell was outstanding in a committed team performance, while for Souths, Tahlia Cranston was a standout in a side that struggled to find its rhythm.

EX-SERVICES 2 (Linda Wilson, Jade Warrender) **defeated SOUTHS 0.**



CLOSING IN: Souths' Zoe Watts pressures Ex-Services star Jade Warrender in Saturday's minor semi-final at Orange Hockey Centre. Photo: JUDE KEOGH

No fear for Kennewell's Ex-Services

HOCKEY

THEY haven't beaten St Pat's all season - but Ex-Services aren't scared.

The two clubs will come face-to-face for the fourth time in 2008 in

this weekend's women's Premier League Hockey grand final qualifier. And although St Pat's have won all three meetings so far - 4-1 in round six, 2-1 in round 15 and 2-0 in the first major semi-final - Ex-Services coach Gail

Kennewell says her troops don't fear the blue and whites,

"We've always thought that they were beatable," she said.

"We think any team is beatable - we've even beaten Bathurst City this year."

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BUSHRANGERS SHOOT FOR GLORY



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Show no mercy boys

BUSHRANGERS SHOOT FOR GLORY



FAVOURITES: After winning 16 straight games to make tomorrow's grand final against Orange Tigers, the under 17s Bushrangers will start as red hot favourites.

Long's the Bushies' best

But plenty of strong performances come in decider

AUSTRALIAN RULES

HE was named the Central West AFL's best and fairest under 17s player a week earlier and on Saturday it just got better for Bathurst Bushranger Paul Long as he won a premiership flag and best on ground medal.

Long's work as rover in Saturday's massive 14-18-102 to 2-1-13 win over Orange Tigers at Cowra's Mulyan Oval was important for the Bushrangers as he got the ball inside 50, racked up the centre clearances and booted a major of his own.

While he was unable to finish the day with a premiership double after backing up for first grade who went down 15-9-99 to 8-8-56 to hosts Cowra, it was still a big effort for Long.

Finishing with three medals around his neck made him more than happy.

His under 17s coach Graeme Grundy praised his efforts, but said Long was one of a number of players who could have been named best on ground.

"Paul played well, he was the season's best and fairest and he got a lot of possessions, but really I think there were a couple of the boys who could have won it," Grundy said.

"Matt Luther was absolutely brilliant in the middle, he threw his body into it and was just brilliant all day."

The other players listed as strong performers for Bathurst were Peter Grundy who kicked five majors, Scott Jablonski who dominated centre clearances, Keegan Browne and Jeremy Russell.

- ANYA WHITE/AW



GRAND FINAL ACTION: Bathurst's Sebastian Matheson (right) fists the ball away from Orange Tigers rival Kirk Phillips in Saturday's decider. Photo: BEN DREWE

Under 17 Bushrangers aim for perfect season

AUSTRALIAN RULES

By SAM DEBENHAM

NO mercy. There will be no sympathy for the opposition whatsoever from the Bathurst Bushrangers under 17s when they take on the Orange Tigers in the

carried away. "The team is one with a significant amount of depth and oodles of ability. To be honest they are streets ahead of the other teams," Grundy admitted.

"But I've been talking to them about the element of complacency that can creep into the side in this sort of situation.



19/9/08

Time Out

Three different Bathurst clubs to fight for premier league titles Tight hockey deciders predicted

Sports Talk

Anya Whitelaw

COME tomorrow afternoon Bathurst will boast at least one Premier League Hockey champion – maybe even two – but the question is, which club will be the grand final victors?

Both games have their favourites, but their opponent's odds of taking out the title would not be that much greater. All four grand finalists finished in the top two after the 19 regular season rounds.

The men's grand final will be a replay of last year's decider – Souths versus Lithgow Panthers in Lithgow.

If Bathurst finish the day with two premierships then one will belong to Souths, but as all teams in the men's competition know, beating Lithgow is no easy task.

When Souths produced a massive upset and won last year's title 3-2 over Lithgow it was the Panthers' first loss in 54 games. Since that point the 2007 runners-up have been defeated just once – a 3-2 result against St Pat's on July 5.

In their three meetings this year Lithgow have prevailed 3-1, 2-0 and then 3-1 in the grand final qualifier, but Souths certainly deserve their place in tomorrow's grand final and as they proved last year, they can defy the odds.

As Lithgow boasted the best attack (86 goals for) and defence (21 against) during the regular season it highlights how they take their chances and how few they give their rivals.

However, Lithgow are beatable and as they will be without two of their regular defenders tomorrow, it may help Souths' cause.

If Brian Morgan's men can strike early as they did when defeating local rivals St Pat's



ALL BATHURST DECIDER: Bathurst City's Mardl Watts (right) tries to take the ball from Pat's Amy Boye a fortnight ago. City won that contest but Pat's can get revenge in tomorrow's grand final. Photo: PHILL MURRAY

last Saturday, then they could very well make it back-to-back titles.

The women's decider will be a clash

between defending premiers Bathurst City and St Pat's – a club which won four consecutive titles before their impressive

streak ended in 2007.

Minor premiers Bathurst City had an easier path to the grand final and will start as favourites given their record of 14 wins and two draws from 18 games during the regular season.

A majority of their squad were part of last year's title success, they boast a lethal centre forward in Katie Grives and in defence have NSW Country representative Kirsten Howard. They leaked a mere 18 goals during the regular season and scored 20 more than any other side.

However, downing Pat's will be no easy task.

The Saints drew with 3-all with Bathurst City in the opening round of competition and while they have not beaten the defending premiers in their two contests since, Pat's do boast players who know how to win big games.

From the side that won the 2006 title against Souths, Bec Clayton, Alana Brown, Madeline Hastings, Rachel Griffin, Brigette Cooke, Lucy Weal, Jenny Muldoon, Kristy Conroy, Amelia Burke, Kiralee Naylor and Hayley Schultz are part of this year's squad.

However, from that winning Pat's side goalkeeper Renee Aberley now plays with Bathurst City and the only Souths player to score in that contest, Nikki Braun, also plays with defending premiers.

In fact it is Braun's third consecutive premier league grand final appearance – something no other female player tomorrow can boast.

This game will again be a close contest and both teams will fight to the final siren, but I'd expect goals will be few.

Back in 2006 was the last time three Bathurst teams made grand final day, Pat's winning their contest against Souths 2-1 while the Souths men also suffered the bitter taste of defeat, going down 3-1 to Lithgow.

SPORT



Second title eludes Souths

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Lightning strikes twice for premiers CITY'S MCGNABB NABBS A DOUBBLE



VICTORS: Bathurst City are celebrating back-to-back Western Premier League Hockey titles after a 3-1 over St Pat's in the grand final on Saturday. Photo: PHILL MURRAY

HOCKEY

By SAM DEBENHAM

BATHURST City have completed a remarkable back-to-back Western Premier League hockey double after clinically disposing of St Pat's in the grand final at Bob Roach Field on Saturday.

After a super-dominant season in which they strung together 13 straight

wins to close out the year, City were comprehensive 3-1 winners in a match where they never gave their opponents a realistic chance of victory.

Two almost identical goals from Mel McNabb killed off the St Pat's challenge after a brilliant opening goal from City striker Bec Lee.

Following an indifferent start in which the defending premiers looked unusually cautious, the game sprang to life in the eighth minute.

Latching onto a Katie Grives pass, Lee slammed a thunderbolt past Pat's custodian Tara Picker. The shot was still on the way up when it smashed into the top-left corner of the net.

Stunned, Pat's found themselves con-standy on the back foot from that point as City launched raid after raid on their defence.

Mardi Watts missed a 15th minute shot but earned a penalty corner from which McNabb fired her first salvo of

the afternoon.

Picker made a superb save, but from another resulting corner, McNabb used exactly the same play and, this time around, a deflection into the goal was the best Picker could manage.

Watts was beginning to hurt Pat's with her counter-attack through the centre, with only Kristy Conroy managing any sort of dominance for her team.



THE VICTORS: The Western under 14s outfit which claimed the Country title, from left, (front) Kaitlyn Riles (Orange), Aimee Morris (Bathurst), Dana Grenfell (Bathurst), Kiara North (Bathurst); (middle) Kelsey Sherman (Bathurst), Shlan Chatfield (Gilgandra), Courtney Johnson (Dubbo), Chloe Callaghan (Young), Eden Stoddard (Young), Hayley Burge (Dubbo); (back) Tanya Pilon (manager), Jessica Daymond (Bathurst), Tori Canham (Coonamble), Monique Cummings (Dubbo), Jane Hanrahan (Bathurst), Jane Winter (Dubbo), Sarah Burns (Kinross, Orange) and coach Wayne Burge.

Bathurst talents part of Western's Country victory

SOCCER

WESTERN under 14s claimed the Country title and the 12s just missed out after the final round of the New South Wales Girls Football Championships were played out at Dubbo's Apex Oval on Saturday.

Coached by Dubbo's Wayne Burge, Western 14s finished in a blaze of glory with a 3-0 win over Metro Far North and leapfrogged Southern, who went down 2-1 in the final round.

The under 14s outfit con-

tained six Bathurst players: Aimee Morris; Dana Grenfell; Kiara North; Kelsey Sherman; Jessica Daymond; and Jane Hanrahan.

Western finished with four wins and two draws from their eight games in a State Championship dominated by Metro Far South, who were unbeaten but were held to 2-1 by Western earlier in the week.

Western 12s finished with two wins and three draws for nine points, just one behind Country champions Riverina.

On Saturday in the final round they finished 2-all with Metro Far North.

In the under 16s, Western didn't fair all that well with just one draw from eight games, losing 2-1 on Saturday morning.

Burge paid tribute to the talents of his young under 14s and the support he received from the parents and friends.

"It was a real tearful ending to the carnival on Saturday, everyone got on so well on and off the field during the week and for me it was a pleasure for me to be

involved with them," he said.

"We only suffered two losses all week, one right at the end and we held the state champions to 2-1 and finished with a nil all draw against third placed Metro South, so I am very proud of the way everyone really put in."

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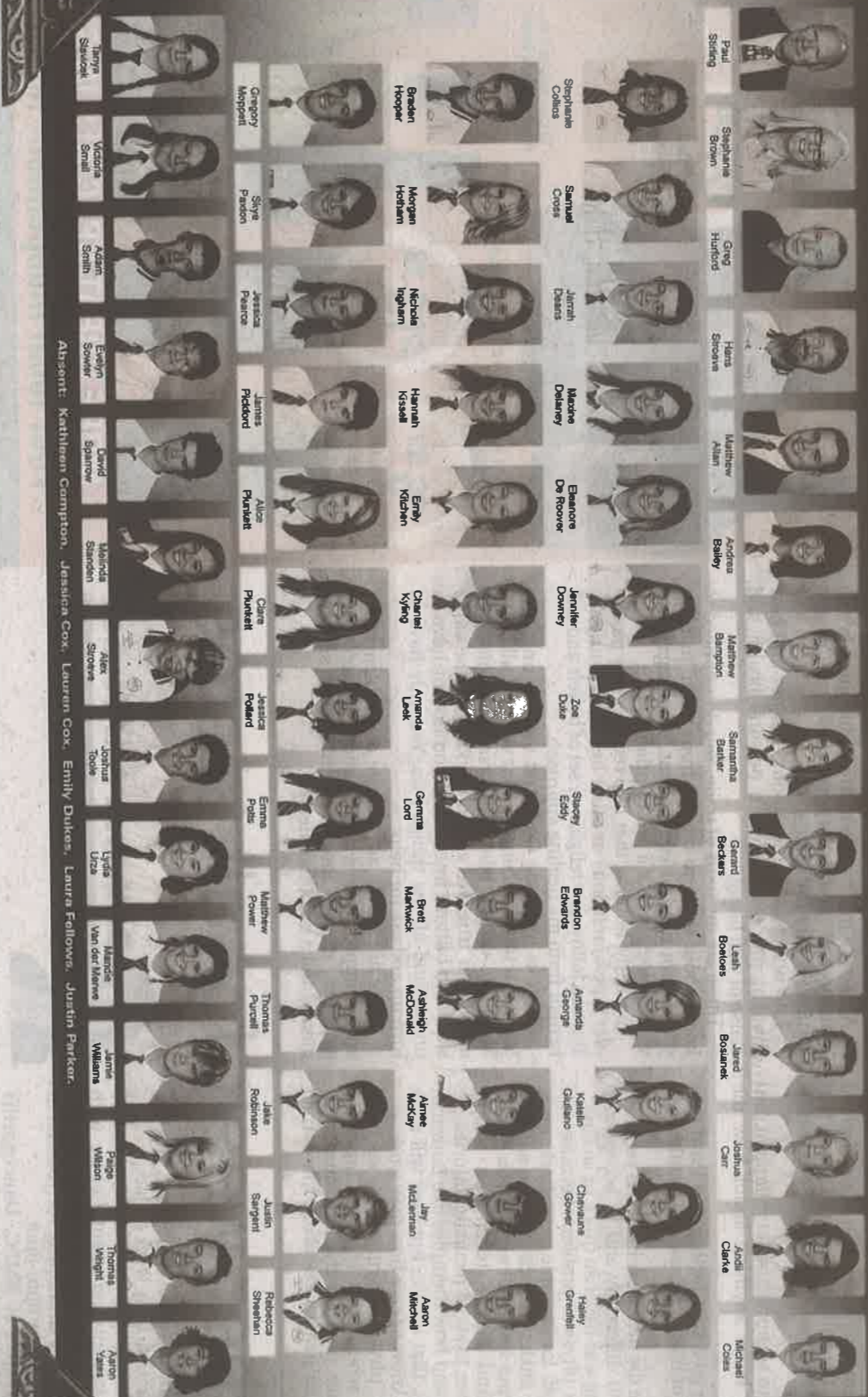
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ABSENT:

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CARER: Rebecca Rose enjoyed the recent Young Carer Camp at Lake Burrendong.

Respite for young carers

BATHURST girl Rebecca Rose was among a group of young people who attended a Young Carer Camp recently.

The camp, run by the Commonwealth Government and carer respite and Carelink centres in Orange and Dubbo, brought together young carers from across the region for a time of fun, fellowship and recreation.

The camp was held at Lake Burrendong Sport and Recreation Centre and activities included grass skiing, archery and paint ball. There were also art and craft sessions, groupwork and presentations from guest organisation ESSERE which trains young people in resilience skills.

Carers Week kicks off on October 19.

- ❑ Learn to Dance free, RSL auditorium from 6pm. Social dancing from 7pm. Ted or Pat Howard 6337 1991.
- ❑ Consider donating a couple of hours to help out Riding for the Disabled each Thursday and Friday during school terms. Mike Biddle 6337 5746.
- ❑ Bathurst Seymour Centre open Monday to Friday for seniors, people with a disability and carers. 6332 1449.
- ❑ Kids' Time, after-school activities for children aged 5-12, Bathurst Regional Art

- Gallery, \$4 per child. 6333 6555.
- ❑ 8-ply wool required as donations for Can Assist. No more little jumpers needed. Wool can be left at Bathurst Information and Neighbourhood Centre. 6332 4866.
- ❑ TaikOZ at Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre, 8pm. 6333 6161.
- ❑ Coastal Series 2008, hand-blown glass, Fox's Gallery. 6331 8699.
- ❑ Bathurst District Historical Society monthly meeting, eastern end Bathurst Historical Society Museum, 8pm. Alan

- McRae 6332 1622.
- ❑ Cancer Support Group meets, Daffodil Cottage, 7.30pm.
- ❑ Ladies Probus Club of Macquarie meets, Senior Citizens Centre, 10am. June 6332 3370, Robyn 6337 1434.
- ❑ Macquarie Lions Club meets, Continental Restaurant, 7pm for 7.30pm.

Compiled by Bathurst Information and Neighbourhood Centre. Items welcome. 6332 4866.

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Chifley Scholarship to support apprentices



CHIFLEY SCHOLARSHIP: Premier Nathan Rees chats with local students Alex Williams, Cornelia Wall, Renata Simpson and Bradley Campbell at the Chifley's house in Busby Street last Friday morning.

A SCHOLARSHIP program for country apprentices named in honour of former Prime Minister Ben Chifley was announced in Bathurst by NSW

met with local Year 10 students from Bathurst and Kelso High Schools who are considering taking up apprenticeships.

In the first year of the Chifley Scholarship 30 apprentices

year apprenticeship, by which time they will be working full time.

The scholarships will be awarded on the basis of hard-ship and aptitude, with appren-

trained tradespeople," he said. "The Ben Chifley Scholarship is about doing things differently to boost the number of apprentices in the state."

Mr Rees said scholarship

Plans afoot for syndicate to buy units

CAPACITY: The water level at Ben Chifley Dam continues to rise, thanks to recent drenching rain across the Bathurst region.



"Having good infrastructure is only part of the solution to a secure water supply. The other is good demand management and that means encouraging residents to get the most out of every drop."

"In terms of comparing this with the said. "about full by the end of November," he the catchment and we should be just this rain flows into the dam from across "We expect the levels to increase as

Plans afoot for syndicate to buy units

As the search for a buyer of the trouble-plagued Mount Panorama Resort continues, a Bathurst-based real estate buyers agent is aiming to snap up the bargain of a lifetime. With the resort expected to be sold by the end of the year, the agent is looking for a buyer who can take over the resort and turn it into a profitable business. The agent is looking for a buyer who can take over the resort and turn it into a profitable business. The agent is looking for a buyer who can take over the resort and turn it into a profitable business.

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Record numbers sitting this year's HSC exams

BRENDAN ARROW

A TOTAL of 64,509 students and the state will once again put their thinking caps for paper two of the mandatory English Higher School Certificate exam this morning.

For two hours, students studying standard and advanced courses will be in pages of answer booklets, putting their pens to rest on their secondary education in English.

This year's HSC students make up the largest group ever to complete Year 12 in NSW.

Most students will sit six exams each from 110 different combinations for courses ranging from Indonesian to Geography, Art and Design, Chemistry, and Physical Education and Physical Activity and Food Technology.

Students will read from 13 million printed pages of questions and submit answers in 1.75 million write-booklets before more than 7000 markers get down to work grading each response.

On Friday, Kelso High students Zoe Duke, Paige Wilson, Alice Plunkett and Morgan Hatham were praised with their efforts after the English paper.

"It was pretty good, it wasn't as tough as the trial exams," Zoe said.

"I was put off by how cold the room was, it felt like a bit of a gaol." For Alice and Morgan, today's exam also doubles as their last exam of the HSC.

"So the partying will start then," Zoe said.



ONE DOWN: Kelso High students Zoe Duke, Paige Wilson, Alice Plunkett and Morgan Hatham share a laugh after their first English exam last Friday. Photo: BRENDAN ARROW.

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Staines dominates long course

SWIMMING

By MARK RAYNER

SHE went down to the NSW Disability Long Course Championships to have fun and be competitive but Rachel Staines ended up dominating the event, coming home with five gold medals and a state and national record.

In an amazing effort, the 13-year-old finished first in the 50 metres freestyle, 50m breaststroke, 100m breaststroke, 200m breaststroke and 200m individual medley.

In addition she smashed the Australian record for the 200m by nearly seven seconds, coming home in a time of four minutes, 39.19 seconds as well as breaking her own state record in the 100m breaststroke.

She also set a personal best in the 100m freestyle.

Staines said she didn't expect to break records at the meet, but was pleased with her performance.

"Yeah I was over the moon with my results. I didn't really expect to win all five but it went really well," she said.

Staines has cerebral palsy and competes in the S7 class, meaning she has limited movement in her right arm and leg. Her goal is to swim in the 2012 Paralympics in London.

"I will keep training and as I get older I will do even more," she said.

The Kelso High swimmer covers 1.8 kilometres where she didn't miss a beat in the pool.

"I enjoy the challenge," she said.

Her father, Alan Staines, said his daughter's success was her hard work.

"We didn't expect to break records, but she did."

There was a record for Rachel to break credit to her.

"As a father, I'm proud of her. She put on her technique."

"She loves to swim. She's always kept to her swimming style."

Staines was helped by her best opportunity.

"I want to be a professional swimmer and staff at the club."

O'Shea from O'Shea and swimming help and support.



STELLAR PERFORMANCE: Rachel Staines won five gold medals from the five events she competed in as well as achieving a state and national record at the NSW Disability Long Course Championships. Photo: ZENIO LAPKA

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Medal haul at championships

KARATE

THE 15th International Sports Karate Association Championships were held over three days at the Homebush State Sports complex in Sydney from October 17-19, with a number of Bathurst participants faring well at the tournament.

The event saw more than 900 competitors in a large variety of events, ranging in age from four years to 70 years, with experience from novice levels through to masters with more than 40 years' experience.

Strong international teams from the USA, India, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Fiji and Samoa contested the championships.

Classes included point fighting, continuous fighting, koshiki fighting, point grappling, submission grappling, greco-roman wrestling, traditional kata, extreme kata, traditional and extreme weapons, self defence, shomanship, traditional breaking, creative breaking and sumo wrestling.

"It would be almost impossible to prepare students to be competitive in all of these events - my students did well in the events they trained for, with some of them dominating their age and grade divisions," Warren Hickey said.

"Our club did very well with our 11 competitors - we managed to win eight world titles, three second places and six third places.

Stand-out competitors from Hickey's club included Nathan Warn, who won the black belt kata in his age division and second place overall in the grand championship kata event.

He also won the open black belt division in the under 70kg weight category for point fighting and placed third in the continuous fighting 70kg division.

Felicity Hickey was also among the medals for the open grade eight years and under division, winning her self defence and showmanship events.

Jordan Hickey was outstanding in the nine years and under advanced black belt division, winning four world titles.

He won the point sparring, traditional kata, self defence and traditional weapons.

"People interested in learning martial arts or having their children taught can phone me on 6331 7770 for more information," Warren Hickey said.



TOP COMPETITORS: Front left, Ben Brunton, Tegan Brunton, Felicity Hickey, Jordan Hickey and Grant Jones. Middle: Warren Hickey, Robert O'Hara, Beau Weston, Mark Brodie and Nathan Warn. Back: Cameron Hodges, Sam Callan and Taylor Hickey. Photo: CHRIS SEABROOK.



AWARD WINNERS: Bathurst Aquatic Centre management staff Tamsin Lee and Adam Lewis at the pool yesterday and (below) an aerial view of the Kelso High campus of Denison College. Main photo: CHRIS SEABROOK

Too cool for our

THESE were amazing scenes yesterday in Bathurst clubs and pubs when loyal fans of legendary trainer Bart Cummings watched as he landed his historic 12th Melbourne Cup winner at Flemington. Viewed, paying \$41, won by the narrowest of margins from \$21 chance Bauer (Corey Brown) in a photo finish with West La Guerre, also \$21, third. Organistate Bathurst TAB operator David Kelly had his doors open at 7.30am, but he had been up two hours earlier also conducted ion shows.

Fans share in Bart's

FASHION STATEMENTS: Belinda McClements with Brooke Stonestreet at Bathurst RSL Club yesterday. Photo: CHRIS SEABROOK



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More chances likely to come young star's way

Griffith breaks ground

By SAM DEBENHAM

BATHURST talent Lisa Griffith has achieved a lot in her young cricket career, from zone, region and state representation - she has done the lot.

But in terms of occupying a unique spot in the cricketing landscape, it's unlikely she has ever broken ground like she did last Saturday.

In running out for Oxford in the Waratah Cup, it's believed Griffith became the first female to play top grade cricket in Bathurst against the men for over 20 years.

It's believed Margaret Kauter was the last female to have played at the top level locally, back in the mid-80s.

Not only did Griffith play in the narrow defeat to City Colts, but there is every chance that she did enough to retain her spot for this Saturday's match with ORC at the Sportsground.

Batting at number 11, Griffith was only at the crease for a short time before departing for one.

She returned in the field though to bowl - and did well enough that she actually bowled her full complement of eight overs, finishing with the more-than-respectable figures of 1-35.

She drew praise from both her own captain, as well as the opposing skipper.

"That Lisa Griffith - I tell you what, she bowled pretty well I've got to say," Colts' captain Dan Casey

said in the aftermath of his team's win - a sentiment with which Oxford captain Russell Gardner agreed.

"Lisa bowled very good lines, and did well to remove Stu Brown. She bowled very impressively," Gardner said.

An all-rounder in terms of her women's cricket, Griffith has spent the past few seasons playing in the lower grades for Oxford - mainly as a swing bowler who generally shows plenty of control.

Though she is used to playing alongside the boys, she says that the transition to the top grade was something a little different and she noticed a big change in atmosphere.

"It's a pretty intense level of cricket. It's a lot quicker than what I'm used to, but the guys were all awesome to play with," she said.

"I was pretty happy with how I went. There is a lot less margin for error so you have to work extra hard to make sure you're getting every ball on exactly the right spot."

Griffith was not making a big deal out of her status as something of a groundbreaker though she was fully aware of just how rare her achievement is.

"I felt really privileged to be there - it was so good to get the call to come and play," she said.

"It was just awesome. I'm not sure where I'll be playing this week but as far as I know we are actually going to be a bit short again so I might get another game and hopefully come out with some more wickets."

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GRADE EXPECTATIONS: Oxford bowler Lisa Griffith took away a little slice of history as she became the first female in over 20 years to play top grade Bathurst cricket. Photo: PHILL MURRAY

Girls under 13s win prestigious title

INDOOR HOCKEY

THE under 13 girls district indoor hockey team did Bathurst proud over the weekend by taking out their division in the Indoor Championships held in Port Macquarie.

A team of 10 girls were selected and competed successfully, winning all but one game over the three day carnival under

their coach Kirralee Naylor.

The team defeated Grafton 3-2 in a thrilling grand final after starting the titles a little slowly, going down to their eventual grand final opponents in their opening match.

With four of the 10 Bathurst players were not seasoned indoor hockey players, the team needed time to get to know one another, which showed as they steadily improved, following the opening loss. Grafton won 3-1 in that first encounter after getting a bright start, but Bathurst served notice of what was to come as they competed well in the second half. Needing to get a win under their belt, Bathurst went away, made a few changes to positions and came out firing for the second game against New England I.

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Team's confidence grew as tournament progressed

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Swim team hopes to sizzle in qualifiers

SWIMMING

By **BRENDAN ARROW**

SNOW and sleet maybe be forecasted for Sunday but the Bathurst Swim Club will be hoping to heat up the pool with some fast laps at the Central Tablelands (CTS) Summer Qualifying in Katoomba.

Bathurst will be the third largest team at the event, with 27 swimmers set to make the journey, a number only bettered by the Katoomba and Glenbrook clubs.

Frank Telfser from the Bathurst Swim Club said the team should hold their own against the other 220 swimmers that are expected to compete.

"We will have competitors in events right through from those aged six to 15," he said.

"Tom Evans and Zac Telfser should do well as our only long course swimmers in the 400 and 800 metre free style races."

The Bathurst swimmers will head into the competition with some form on the board after a successful meet at Dubbo a fortnight ago.

In the 12-year-old girls competition Jodie Simson came home first in the 50 metre and 100 metre breast stroke while Sam Simson, in the 15-year-old boys, finished second in the 100 metre breast stroke as well as in the 200 metre races for back, butterfly and breast stroke.

However, it was eight-year-old Thomas Geyer who performed best at the Orana meet in Dubbo, with first's in the 50 metre freestyle, backstroke and breast-stroke events while he also



LIGHTING UP THE POOL: Members of the Bathurst Swim Club, from left, back Jodie Simson, Sam Simson, Kaitlin Wright, Danfai Kelly, Zac Telfser, Rhonda Hausfeld (coach) with Tom Evans (front left), Thomas Geyer, Laura Wright, Alden Telfser and Lachlan Conyers offer a smile after a successful Dubbo carnival. 112008swim

claimed a second in the 50m butterfly.

This Sunday's swimming meet, Telfser said, is important for determining the aged champions for people as young as eight-years-old to the opens competi-

tion and even the veterans.

"The CTS Summer Qualifying is also a big part of the lead up to the Regional Carnival which will be held in Bathurst on January 24 and 25," he said.

"Bathurst last hosted the

regionals in 2005 and it is estimated that around 300 swimmers will come here.

"Along with their families it will probably one of the biggest events the new aquatic centre has ever hosted."

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ON THE RISE: Bathurst long-track rider Joseph Bugg is looking to bigger and better things in 2009 after a strong season. Photo: ZENIO LAPKA 112808zbugg

The rising star on long-track scene

MOTOR SPORT

By **SAM DEBENHAM**

YOUNG Bathurst rider Joseph Bugg is the latest in a growing list of local riders to make their mark on two wheels after finishing a strong 2008 season with some impressive results in November.

The 14-year-old Bathurst long-track specialist is eyeing some big things in the coming 12 months after claiming a club championship and placing at two highly-rated events.

His year was already a good one before he raced in the 13-16 years 250cc division at the Canberra Cup in mid-November, but his second at that particular meet put the icing on the cake.

"It could have been better too, he led that race for all but the last lap before he was passed on the last corner," Bugg's dad Robert Pattinson said.

"He also finished second in his division of the Long Track titles at Blayney recently and was behind only the national

title holder."

Bugg currently rides with the Cowra club, and took out their club championship at Woodstock earlier his year in what has been his biggest win to date.

Having established himself as an emerging talent in a growing sport, the next challenge is to find the means to compete on a bigger scale.

"We're certainly hoping to achieve a lot more in the future," Pattinson said.

"We're getting to the stage now where we're looking to send Joseph's resume out to a few people and businesses to try and drum up some support and enable him to go to more championships and compete at a higher level."

"We want to compete against the best in Australia."

The 2008 Australian titles were held in Queensland, which in itself presents an expensive option if competitors choose to travel and compete, and with some additional support as his profile increases, Bugg is hoping to avoid such a problem in the future.

Year 12
GRADUATION PHOTOS

KELSO HIGH
 SCHOOL



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CELEBRATING: Elise Carpenter with Tyler Cook.
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HAVING FUN: Georgia Bennett with Lachlan Crompton. 1131908chm5



WELL DONE: Adam King, Jessica Moase, Melanie Hurditch and Craig Hildebrandt. 1131908chm3a

Students farewell their school years in style

OTH campuses of Denison College marked the graduation of their Year 12 students last week. The Bathurst High Graduation took place on Wednesday evening at the Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre.

More than 100 graduands and their partners celebrated the milestone with family and friends.

Principal Geoff Hastings was delighted when the stormy weather cleared for long enough to allow official photos to be taken at the courthouse. He said one of the highlights of the evening was the presentation of a message from student year advisor Sue Shea who was unable to

attend the evening. Mr Hastings said the students looked great.

"I was really proud of the way they conducted themselves. They were a credit to Bathurst High School."

A total of 270 guests turned out for Kelso High's graduation celebration on Tuesday night.

Sixty two students graduated this year, marking the occasion with a fun night out at Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre.

Year 12 Advisor Hans Stroewe said the highlight of the evening was the stunning decorations organised by the school's art teacher Brett Hartman.



BIG NIGHT: Malgen Brazler with Alan Johnston. 1131908chm7



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GRADUATION: Shannon Waine with Nick Riegs. 1131908chm5



HARD WORKERS: Beth Harrison with Tom Sloane. 1131908chm4



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Lachlan Hildebrandt
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WELL DONE: Adam King, Jessica Moase, Melanie Hurditch and Craig Hildebrandt.
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Regan McIntosh
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GRADUATION: Regan McIntosh, Emily Harding and Chris De Young.
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Zara Ellis
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GRADUATION: Shannon Walne and Nick Riggs.
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Nick Riggs
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Zara Ellis
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ON TRACK: Nick North placed 14th overall in Kurnell on Sunday as he builds towards the Canberra Half Ironman. Photo: CHRIS SEABROOK

North on track for Half Ironman

TRIATHLON

By MARK RAYNER

NICK North's preparation, for the Canberra City Half Ironman, is coming along well after the 18-year-old Bathurst talent finished third in the under-23 section and 14th overall in the Pro Tour event at Kurnell on Sunday.

With North doing endurance training ahead of the December 14 Canberra Half Ironman, his build up to the shorter Kurnell race wasn't ideal.

However, he was able to put in strong performances on the swimming and riding leg before dropping off the pace in the run.

"It was a perfect day, the water was calm, it was a wetsuit swim which isn't much help to me as a swimmer. The wetsuit doesn't give a swimmer much of advantage but it gives a non-swimmer a big advantage," North said.

Still, North managed to finish the 750 metre swim in the leading pack. That pack then stuck together on the

bike leg in which North did plenty of work at the front.

"Because of the Half Ironman coming up I made sure I was doing most of the work, along with Jack Hickey, who is a very good triathlete from Gunnedah," he said.

North said he didn't have the speed to keep up with the others when it came to the run, but said he was stoked to have secured 14th position.

The Bathurst triathlete said he pulled up well and that Kurnell had been an ideal preparation for Canberra.

"The bike ride was pretty fast being a draught-legal event and while it will still be fast, I'm not going to ride like that at Canberra," he said.

With his preparation under coaches Richard Hobson and Adrian Lewis, North is confident that he can get a good result in Canberra.

This week he will run more than 100 kilometres as well as stepping up his cycling and swimming training. North may also compete at Calliala Beach this Sunday.

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Under 21s
washed-out
yet again

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Bathurst cricket talents to play at national titles

NSW REWARD

CRICKET

By BRENDAN ARROW

BATHURST cricket talents Rebecca Cady and Lisa Griffith have been rewarded for their hard work by being selected to represent NSW at the National Underage Championships.

Cady is the only Western player selected in the under 15s side while Griffith will team up with Parkes all-rounder Keegan Tucker in the NSW under 17s squad.

Cady, who turned 13 this year, featured for NSW PSSA in the Australian Primary School women's titles in both 2007 and 2008.

Along with Griffith, this year Cady was also selected in the NSW Combined High Schools girls' cricket championships in Hornsby.

Cady said she was looking forward to making her debut in the under 15s side and despite her experience in the under 13s, recognised this would be a new level.

"I played in that [PSSA] side for two years but every side is different and you have to make a mental note of what you want to achieve," she said.

The 13-year-old worked her way through the representative divisions including Western Zone, captaining the Southern side and finishing with the top batting aggregate as they beat Northern, and then playing for Country against City.

For Griffith it is the third time the right arm bowler and batsman has been selected for the state team having represented NSW in under 15s in 2006 and under 17s in 2007.

However, remarkably in the National Underage Championships she is still yet to play in a grand final even though NSW thumped Victoria last year by eight wickets and 12 months earlier were awarded the title on points due to the decider being washed-out.

Griffith said as a senior player of the team she was looking forward to helping NSW defend their title.

"Hopefully I and the team make the most of our opportunities and not go into the games not taking any team for granted," she said.

"I think if we get the basics right everything should be fine."

Form is definitely on NSW's side, having achieved a clean sweep at the women's National Underage Championships for the last four years.

"We have always been very proud of the achievements of our underage women's teams and the girls are certainly looking forward to defending their national under 15s and under 17s crowns," Cricket NSW Women's High Performance Coach, Lisa Shalekar said.

"The quality of female talent coming through in NSW is a tribute to our coaches both in Sydney and regional NSW."

The under 15s started preparations of their title defence by going into a week long training camp and will play a match against Canberra at Bradman Oval before travelling to Brisbane for the Underage Championships from December 7-13.

Meanwhile the under 17s play their tournament in Canberra from January 8-15.



READY TO DEBUT: While fellow Bathurst cricketer Lisa Griffith will play at her third nationals in January, Rebecca Cady's selection in the NSW under 15s marks her first state duties. Photo: PHILL MURRAY

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THE WINNERS: The Bathurst under 17 girls hockey side which won the division one state indoor title on Sunday, from left, back, Rebecca Lee, Claire McGarity, Molly Bright, Amelia Burke, Josh Poulton (coach), Amanda Harvey. Front, Debbie Bright (manager), Emily Brady, Christine Brady, Kirralea Naylor, Mardl Watts.

State title for under 17s

Division one newcomers trump their rivals

INDOOR HOCKEY

FOR three years in a row a Bathurst side claimed the division two under 17s girls indoor state title, but on Sunday the latest players to represent the city in this age group added a division one success to the record.

It was back in season 2005/06 that Bathurst gained their first division two honours, defeating Highlands 6-4 in the decider. It was a rivalry that continued over the next two years.

In 2006/07 Bathurst beat the same region 2-0 in the grand final while last year it became a division two title hat-trick as Highlands once more found themselves on the wrong side of the scoreline, this time to the tune of 3-0.

When it came to this year's titles, staged at Niagra Park in Gosford, Bathurst opted to step up to division one with a squad that oozed talent. It was the same group of players who had won the top under 15s title in 2006/07 when upsetting Macarthur 5-1.

The side made a shaky start to their campaign on Saturday morning, but still managed to snatch a 3-2 victory over South Coast with a successful strike in the closing stages of the contest.

However, from this point the Bathurst side played with confidence under the

The path to success

- Defeated South Coast 3-2
- Defeated Highlands 10-0
- Drew with Sydney 3-3
- Defeated Macarthur 2-0
- Defeated Campbelltown 10-0
- Defeated Sydney 3-2

guidance of Illawarra based coach Josh Poulton.

They trounced great rivals Highlands 10-0 then, against a Sydney side who were favourites to win the tournament after being the 2007/08 runners-up, Bathurst pulled off an impressive 3-all draw.

Poulton's charges trailed for most of the contest but again found the back of the net in the closing stages.

In Bathurst's first contest on Sunday morning they were tested against Macarthur, but their class shone through as they posted a 2-0 win.

Then it was time to face Campbelltown - the defending division one champions - but with the Sydneysiders having lost several members of this successful outfit Bathurst crushed them 10-0.

These results saw Bathurst finish on top of the ladder on goal difference over

Sydney, setting up what was expected to be an absorbing final between the two.

Sydney were the first to score but Bathurst responded as they found the mark from a short corner play. The two sides remained evenly matched throughout and with the game locked at 2-all after regulation time, an extra-time period was required.

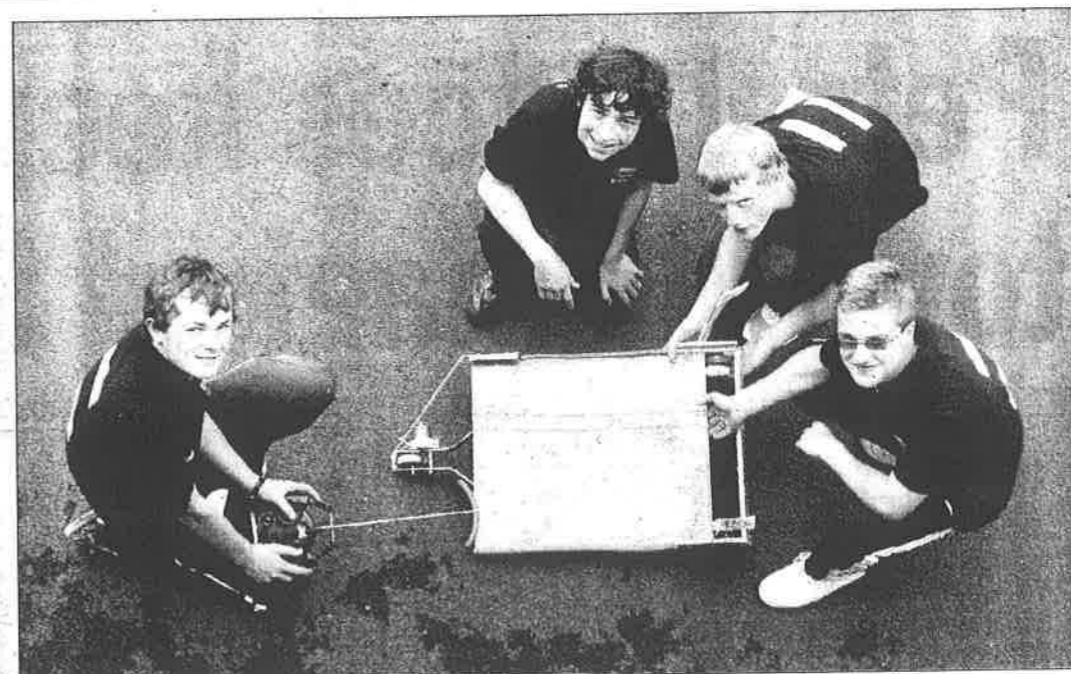
It was Bathurst City Premier League talent Rebecca Lee who found the match winner after a good team build up, Sydney finishing as runners-up for the second consecutive year.

As well as claiming the division one state title, Bathurst had skipper Mardl Watts, Molly Bright and Claire McGarity named in the NSW under 18s team which will contest the national titles in Melbourne in January next year.

Lee was named as a shadow player while Amelia Burke, who scored 10 goals for the weekend, was unlucky to miss out as was custodian Amanda Harvey.

While not the most experienced of referees, Jocelyn McGarity did an impressive job as Bathurst's female official for the tournament as she controlled both division two boys games and division one girls to earn her C grade badge. Bathurst's male referee was Bryce Hitchcock.

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NATURAL HIGH: Denison College Kelso High campus students Adam Stokes, William Horspool, Bryant Oliver and Jarrod Grabham took at the light vehicle award at the Mount Panorama Solar Car Challenge yesterday. Photo: ZENIO LAPKA

Rain can't wash away solar spirit

By BRENDAN ARROW

RAIN, rain go away was the call of the day at yesterday's Mount Panorama Solar Car Challenge.

And, luckily for the organisers, the clouds parted just long enough to get the small machines moving.

Denison College's Bathurst and Kelso campuses, Canobolas Rural Technology High School as well as Portland and Mudgee high schools all competed in the day-long activities.

Event co-ordinator Carolyn Murphy said the teamwork of all the students on the day was really impressive.

"We had a huge downpour at the start of the day which made it really hard for teams to get going at a fast pace," she said.

"The top five shoot-out was particularly sluggish but, from an organiser's point of view, everything went well and we were delighted to get the races all going and finished."

Mudgee High took out the major award for the team who completed the most laps in 60 minutes.

The best overall team effort and fastest vehicle awards went to Canobolas, the lightest vehicle award went to Kelso and the award for the most innovative design was taken out by Bathurst High.

Bathurst High team captain Bradley Campbell said he enjoyed the experience of building a solar powered car, even if their car was disqualified from some sections.

"Apparently the battery limit was two volts, ours was about 16.4 volts," he said.

The Year 10 student said it took about four months to build the car, with plenty of time taken to test the vehicle and make adjustments.

"It can get a little bit frustrating having to fix and change little bits of the design," Bradley said. "But it is great fun because you learn the theory and then actually get to physically make something."



TO TEST THE BEST

Athletes to test the best

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Rachel Murray and Haylee Lepaio will play for the NSW under 18s women's basketball team while Keelan Crawford and Matt Manktelow will line up for the NSW men's basketball side for students with an intellectual disability.

All four students are from Bathurst High School and their teacher and NSW Under 18s Women's coach Katrina Ferris said she was pleased by their selection.

"It's a great achievement especially considering the school doesn't even have a building that they can play basketball in," she said.

Ferris and Neal are two of the five teachers who will be involved with the NSW side in an official capacity.

Jo Cafe, Nadine Dwyer and Graeme Hanger will also play management roles in the team and Neal said it would be good for the Bathurst students to have familiar faces around.

Neal said without the support of many local businesses, the teams wouldn't have been so well equipped at the competition.

"Most of the athlete's respective schools and local businesses have helped support the cost of being selected in the NSW team, team levys, purchasing the uniforms and transportation and accommodation costs," he said.

More than 3000 students are expected to take part in the Pacific School Games with all states and 30 countries represented. More than 500 teachers will also be involved with the event.

The last Pacific School Games were held in Melbourne in 2005 as a test event before the Commonwealth Games while the next Pacific Games will be held in Adelaide in 2012.

All of the events are held at international standard venues including the Australian Institute of Sport Track and Field Facility for athletics, the AIS Basketball and Netball Centre and Belconnen Basketball Stadium for the basketball and National Hockey Centre for the hockey.

BATHURST REPRESENTATIVES:

Keelan Crawford, Matt Manktelow (NSW boys basketball for students with an intellectual disability), Rachel Murray, Haylee Lepaio (NSW 18 and under girls basketball), Maddison Lippiatt (NSW 12 and under girls hockey), Rebecca Lee (NSW 16 and under girls hockey), Paul Rice, Kyle Edwards, Kurt Lewis (NSW athletics - athletes with a disability), Paul Maguire (NSW athletics), Andrew Brown (umpire - NSW 12 and under girls hockey), Katrina Ferris (coach - NSW 18 and under girls basketball) Jo Cafe (manager - NSW boys wheelchair basketball), Nadine Dwyer (athlete support - NSW athletics - athletes with a disability), Graeme Hanger (Sectional manager - NSW senior boys/girls athletics), Terry Neal (athletes with a disability liaison officer - NSW athletics).



PACIFIC SCHOOL GAMES REPRESENTATIVES INCLUDE: Back Row: Jo Cafe (Kelso Public School), Rachel Murray (Bathurst High), Haylee Lepaio (Bathurst High), Andrew Brown (Kelso High), Maddie Lippiatt (South Bathurst Public School), Terry Neal (Carenne School), Graeme Hanger (Kelso High School) and front row: Kurt Lewis (Oberon High School), Kyle Edwards (Carenne School), Paul Rice (Carenne School), Paul Maguire (St Stanislaus' College). Photo: ZENIO LAPKA

Well represented at Pacific School Games

PACIFIC SCHOOL GAMES

By MARK RAYNER

BATHURST students will take part in the pinnacle of school age sports when the Pacific School Games get underway in Canberra on Sunday.

Eleven students from a wide spread of Bathurst schools will represent NSW when they take on the best from the other Australian States as well as nations from

the Pacific Rim and other invited countries in the six day competition.

Bathurst has benefited from the inclusion of basketball and hockey in the Pacific School Games for the first time with four players selected in basketball sides and two girls plus an umpire in the hockey teams. Athletics is another strong sport with four representatives.

Paul Rice and Kyle Edwards from Carenne Public School and Kurt Lewis from Oberon High School will compete in the NSW Athletics - Athletes With a Disability team and Rice and Edwards are

the first Pacific School Games representatives for Carenne.

Carenne Public School principal Terry Neal said that it was a great outcome for the school.

"Paul and Kyle are both very excited about competing. Kyle will perform well in the track events while Paul will compete in the field athletics," Neal said.

Paul Maguire from St Stanislaus' College will represent the NSW athletics team in the 100 and 200 metre events.

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Time Out



Bathurst's now an indoor force

INDOOR HOCKEY

By MARK RAYNER

If anyone needs proof that Bathurst is becoming a force in indoor hockey they need look no further than the nine people who will represent NSW at the Australian Indoor Championships over the next two months.

Included in the squads will be two debutantes – Kate Brown, who will play for the under 14s NSW Blue team and Sam Macpherson, who will make his debut in the NSW under 18s team.

Macpherson will join Dylan Smith at the national titles in Melbourne from January 12-17 after the boys played in the Bathurst under 17s side that finished third in the division two hockey titles in Niagara Park in Gosford.

Bathurst City's Mardi Watts and Souths players Molly Bright and Claire McGarity will all line up for the NSW under 18s side at the same tournament after claiming their first division one under 17s title.

The Bathurst side had previously won three straight division two titles.

Zoe Watts and Ailie McGarity will play for the NSW under 14s from January 4-8 in the same tournament as Brown.

Meanwhile Tamsin Lee will line up with the NSW under 21s when they travel to Bunbury in Western Australia on December 7-13 and she said she was looking forward to the experience.

"I played last year as well and I think I was pretty nervous but this year I know what to expect," she said.

"It's going to be very tough. On my part I'm just hoping to play the best hockey I can, but

team wise hoping to win the tournament."

Lee has been a big supporter of indoor hockey in Bathurst and she said she is pleased to see the number of players who have taken it up.

"It's excellent indoor hockey is a great game and it's great to see how many girls and boys are in at different levels," she said.

"It's pretty much the same game with a few differences but if you're a good outdoor player you're going to be a good indoor player as well."

While Lee is somewhat a veteran at indoor hockey, Brown is in just her second year of the game.

"I'm really excited to to play indoor again because this is my second year of it, it's a huge difference from outdoor. I'm away from the other girls so I meet new people," Brown said.



NSW REPRESENTATIVES: Sam Macpherson, Ailie McGarity, Kate Brown, Claire McGarity, Dylan Smith, Molly Bright, Mardi Watts, Tamsin Lee and Zoe Watts will all represent NSW in indoor hockey. Photo: ZENIO LAPKA.

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New opportunities for disabled

A WHOLE new world of opportunities is opening up for people with disabilities.

The Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care's Community Participation Program is a pilot project which enables people with a disability and their carers to design their own program of activities.

The project started in June 2007 and has played a decisive role in supporting people with a disability increase their independence.

One local man, Alex Stroeve, will be taking up the project next year, allowing Alex and his family to manage how his support will be delivered and decide what he will be doing when he finishes school.

Alex's father, Hans Stroeve, said his family would be able to choose what Alex does, when and with whom, instead of the traditional 9am to 3pm support model.

"It's so much more flexible and individualised for Alex. He could go to the pub for dinner with friends on a Saturday night and listen to a band, with a support worker to help make that possible. It will really allow him to spend more time among young people," Mr Stroeve said.

He said Alex already had a wide circle of people who knew him from his years at Kelso public and high schools.

Using the new model, Alex and his family will be able to advertise for and interview the support team and offer flexible working hours negotiated around Alex's activities and their availability.

"I'll admit the option isn't for everyone. There's a lot of work in it for the family and that's a bit daunting. But it's also exciting to think of all the possibilities it can open up for Alex that wouldn't have been possible before this initiative," Mr Stroeve said.

After a period of evaluation, the new project is expected to become another of the standard options for school leavers with high support needs.

Alex's family intends to put a great deal of effort into ensuring the success of the option and its continuing availability for young people in Bathurst.



NEW HORIZONS: Alex with his father, Hans Stroeve. Photo: CHRIS SEABROOK.

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Staines strikes it rich at championships

MULTI-MEDALLIST

BY BRIAN WOOD

BATHURST swimmer Rachel Staines is on top of the world.

She's just returned from the National Age Multi-Disability Championships with a haul of four medals including a silver and three bronze.

The Kelso High School student is reaping the rewards of nine sessions per week training schedule, or about the equivalent of 30 kilometres in the pool.

It's this type of dedication which enabled the 14-year-old to shine at the championships which were held at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra late last month.

Swimmers from around Australia as well as members of the Beijing Paralympic team competed at the titles.

Rachel's outstanding performances at the nationals has resulted in her qualifying to compete at the NSW State open meet which will be held at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre in two weeks.

In an incredible show of form, Staines produced some mind boggling personal best times at the Canberra meet.

She peeled an incredible 18 seconds off her entry time to take silver in the girls 13-15 years 200 metre individual medley multi-disability race as well as a 12.69 second improvement on her way to bronze in the girls 13-14 years 100 metre breaststroke multi-disability event.

Another personal best time (.32 second) in the girls 13-14 years 100 metre freestyle multi-disability

earned Staines a bronze medal while she was also placed third in the girls 13-14 years 50 metre butterfly multi-disability.

Staines was unlucky not to grab another bronze in the girls 13-14 years 50 metre breaststroke multi-disability with a fourth place despite a 5.97 second personal best time.

Leading into the nationals, she was doing nine training sessions in the pool, three mornings and four afternoons under Bathurst City Swim-Club coach Rhonda Hausfeld and weekends with her dad, Allan.

With each session between three and four kilometres, Hausfeld said Staines' dedication cannot be faulted.

"She's worked so hard. She deserves her success," Hausfeld said. "To take 18 seconds and 12 seconds off her personal best times is incredible."

Staines said she couldn't have had such a good meet without the guidance of Hausfeld.

"There's not much she doesn't know about swimming," she said. "She puts so much into her coaching at the squad sessions, not only for myself but all the swimmers from the Bathurst club."

"Dad's also been great. He's always there for me and takes over the coaching duties of a weekend."

Staines said she would like to thank John O'Shea from O'Shea's Barbers for a \$200 donation towards her expenses as well as the sponsors of the \$300 junior sports award which she won in January and the Blayney Swim Club for its support with nomination expenses.



MEDAL HAUL: (right) Bathurst swimmer Rachel Staines has returned from the National Age Multi-Disability Championships at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra with four medals. 020309bwrachel

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GOOD DAY: Alicia Auld had a good day for Kelso High School, finishing with bowling figures of 2-11 off four before opening the batting and scoring two. Photo: CHRIS SEARROOK

Kelso High was way too good

CRICKET

By MARK RAYNER

KELSO High School girls are through to the final eight of the Marie Cornish Trophy after a dominant six wicket win against Albion Park High School at Morse Park 1 on Wednesday.

The Kelso team restricted their opponents to just 40 before going out and reaching the target in the 17th over for the loss of just three wickets.

Kelso coach Graeme Hanger said he was pleased with the win but was concerned with the accuracy of their bowling attack, which conceded 21 sundries in the 39 run innings.

"It was a good result. We need to bowl more accurately, we gave away far too many wides and I think in their innings they only had a few and they were all towards the end," he said.

Kelso won the toss and sent the visitors into bat, immediately setting about keeping the total low.

Kirstyn Schumacher struck first with the ball, claiming the wicket of Elise Whitaker (0) in the third over and she bowled Jessica Sachs (3) in the seventh over.

It didn't get any better for the Albion Park side when Lisa Griffith came in and bowled Rebecca Dun (1) in the ninth over and left the side at 3-14.

Sisters Trudy and Megan Burke combined for a small revival, posting 13 runs before Griffith struck again, with Maddie McKenzie taking a catch at deep mid off to send Trudy Burke (8) back to the sheds.

Alicia Auld came out in the following over and got a double wicket maiden to have the visitors in real trouble at 6-27 before Amy Hotham claimed the second of the Burke sisters.

Schumacher came back out and claimed the final three wickets to have Albion Park all out for 39 in the 20th over. Hanger praised the efforts of

Bathurst to host deciders

CRICKET

BATHURST will host two of the three Mitchell Junior Cricket grand finals after the final calculations were done after the conclusion of the regular season last weekend.

Both the under 12s and the under 14s teams from Bathurst qualified first in their respective premierships, though both had to be determined by quotients based on runs and wickets taken and conceded.

The under 12s piped Blue Mountains for top spot, and will now await the winner of the match between Blue Mountains and Orange this weekend.

Likewise, the under 14s had to be separated on quotient from Orange, though they were comfortably ahead according to the set criteria and will now host the decider against either Orange or Lithgow on Sunday week.

The story was less positive for the under 16s who finished at the wrong end of the table after the regular season.

Orange will host the grand final, with Muldgee to play at home to the Blue Mountains this weekend for a spot in the decider.

Schumacher and Griffith, who kept their bowling tight.

"Kirstyn Schumacher finished with figures of 5-3 off 5.1 overs and Lisa Griffith 2-2 off four. Not many runs off the bat but quite a few wides," he said.

Hanger said another positive for the side had been the fielding and catching, with no opportunities missed and the impressive catch that McKenzie took.

In reply Bathurst reached the total in 16 overs with Griffith and Ashley Adams combining to score the majority of the runs.

Auld and Esther Hotham opened the batting and the pair started cautiously, determined not to throw away their wickets. Auld (2) was caught off the bowling of Trudy Burke in the fifth over, and two overs later Burke also claimed the scalp of Schumacher (0).

In the 11th over Hotham was run out but that allowed Adams and Griffith to team up and reach the target before Adams was also run out.

"The partnership between Ashley Adams and Lisa Griffith of 30 got us home. Ashley was run out, there was a run in it but she didn't run fast enough, but otherwise they batted very

sensibly," Hanger said.

"The two opening girls, Alicia Auld in year eight and Esther Hotham in year nine batted very well. Esther batted for half an hour which is a good effort. She just blocked and blocked and it was good time in the middle, that's the best thing about it."

Kelso High will now have to wait to find out who their opponent will be in the next round, but Hanger is looking for the team to achieve their best ever result by advancing to the quarter finals.

"Our next game is between the winner of Sydney South-West and Sydney West in two or three weeks time. That means that we are now in the final eight in the state and if we can get into the next game we will be playing the finals in Bathurst, which would be the farthest we have ever gone," Hanger said.

"Every game is tough. Our team probably isn't as strong as it was last year but we got through this one. We went down to Kiama last year and got rolled easily and they went on to win it. This year they were knocked out early because they lost all of their good players."

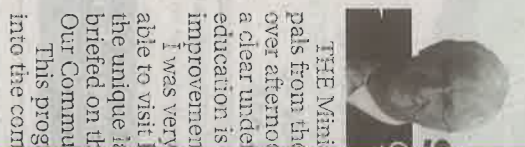
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State Politics
Gerard Martin

THE Minister met with school principals from the Bathurst School District over afternoon tea and came away with a clear understanding of what public education is doing in Bathurst and what improvements are still needed.

I was very pleased the Minister was able to visit Kelso Public School to view the unique layout of the school and be briefed on the very successful Schools In Our Community Program.

This program integrates the school into the community, increasing enrol-

ments, targeting those students and families with problems and introducing them to programs across government departments that lead to better student outcomes, stronger families and, ultimately, a better community.

There are initiatives that allow parents, particularly mothers, to be introduced to TAFE courses, parenting programs and other activities that provide services such as mentoring and advice.



THE Minister, in her role as Minister for Women, also visited the Central West Women's Health Service where she was briefed on the innovative programs the Local Domestic Violence Group has been involved in.

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BATHURST HIGH SCHOOL CAPTAINS 2009: Left, Chloe Carpenter (vice captain), Hannah Cuttifford (vice captain), Elise Carpenter (captain), Kathleen Compton (Principal, Denison College), Geoff Hastings (Principal, BHS), Charlie Pilcha (captain), Jack Fry (vice captain) and Tom Basche (vice captain). Photo:CHRIS SEABROOK.



KELSO HIGH SCHOOL: Leaders (left to right): Henry Devyer-Simmons, Kirralee Naylor, Savai Edmonds and James Christie.

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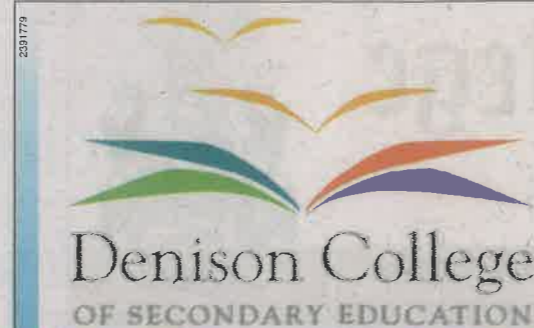
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RED Bend Catholic College has been forced to cancel the school's annual junior rugby league carnival due to the continued drought. A lack of rain and little water available for irrigating has left the ovals in a state which the school deems unfit to play on.

Challenge squad

David Peachey and Andrew Walker, Rose actually took over the captaincy of the side for the final day of competition and O'Connor said the decision was forced by the potential for injury. "It is a shame to have to take such drastic action in cancelling our annual rugby league carnival," he said.

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HIGH ACHIEVERS: Director School Education Peter Harvey, Sarah Bradbury Yr 11 BHS, Kathleen Compton Principal Denison College, Olivia Lichtenberger Yr 12 KHS, Michael Furner Yr 11 KHS, Cheryl McKellar Yr 12 BHS and Carole McDiarmid Western Regional Director at the inaugural reception for high achievers held at Charles Sturt University. Photo: CHRIS SEABROOK 021109cdenison

High achievers' work recognised

MORE than 90 Denison College students were recognised as high achievers at a special reception last week.

The students, accompanied by family members, teachers and members of the community, packed the James Hardie Centre at Charles Sturt University for the inaugural Denison College Reception for High Achievers.

Kathleen Compton, Principal of Denison College of Secondary Education, said students gaining the highest bands in state-wide examinations for the School Certificate and the Higher School Certificate, as well as school-based achievement in the Preliminary Course, were presented with their certificates

and plaques by Professor John Hicks, Dean of the Faculty of Business at Charles Sturt University and Carole McDiarmid, Director for the New South Wales Department of Education in the Western Region.

"Carole McDiarmid and Peter Harvey, School Education Director for the Bathurst Group of Schools, congratulated the students on their outstanding achievements and detailed the significant progress of Denison College since its inception in 2007," Ms Compton said.

"College enrolments have grown to over 1660 students with a strong reputation for high standards, innovative programs shared across both

campuses of the college and with partner primary schools as well as for significant online learning initiatives that are being implemented across schools," she added.

Highlights of the reception included the performance of the highly acclaimed Swin Factor Band from the Bathurst High Campus and the outstanding street theatre of the Kelso High Cirkus Surre troupe who entertained guests on their arrival at the reception and while hospitality were served.

Mrs Compton thanked Professor Hicks and Charles Sturt University for their ongoing support of Denison College and for hosting this prestigious event.

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Bathurst lose 21s decider

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Memorial victory is a special one

TRIATHLON

By MARK RAYNER

BATHURST triathlete Nick North said he was proud to become the second person to get his name on the Dave Carroll and Dave Scott Memorial Trophy after winning the event yesterday.

North came under pressure from inaugural winner Richard Hobson and young gun Nathan Bankovic during the race, but pushed on and claimed the win comfortably.

After his victory North said it was a proud moment to take out the race held in memory of two of the founders of the Bathurst Triathlon Club.

"Yeah I was [pleased to get the win]. I've been training hard this week for it and trying to get prepared. It's a big race and there's a lot of emotions flying around of course. It's such a big deal to a lot of the guys in the club, they were two massive mentors and I just feel privileged to take it out. It was a good race from the get-go," he said.

"It means a lot. Having my name on the trophy along with Hobbo [Hobson] and with Dave Scott and Dave Carroll, it just means a lot."

Bathurst Triathlon Club president Howard Yen said he was delighted with the number of competitors and spectators who came out to the race.

"It's fantastic, isn't it? It's so good. All these guys who knew the two Daves, either incidentally or otherwise. It's a good reflection of their standing in the community," he said.

He said that the Dave Carroll and Dave Scott Memorial had become one of the biggest events that the club holds every year in its short history.

"Between this and the inter-club series that we have out at the dam, these are our two premier events," Yen said.

"It's prestigious to have your name on that trophy and it's good, last year with Richard Hobson winning and this year Nick North getting it, it keeps the names going and people don't think it's a monopoly."

North has dominated the Bathurst races he has competed in this season, but he had to fight hard to claim the final event.

He worked hard on the 300 meter swim leg to set up the win, holding onto his advantage through the 16 kilometre cycle and 5km run.

"My strongest leg is the swim and with Hobbo being a rider and strong runner, I knew I had to take it out from the start. I built up a bit of a lead on the swim and just tried to hold that on the bike and I felt really good once I got going. In the run I just went for it and really sprinted so I'm pleased with it," the 19-year-old said.

PROUD: Nick North became the second person to get his name on the Dave Carroll and Dave Scott Memorial Trophy when he won yesterday's triathlon. Photo: ZENIO LAPKA 030109znorth

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Trophy they all want to win

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Christie determined to follow Grant's footsteps

RISING STAR

SOCCER

By SAM DEBENHAM

WITH the success that Rhyann Grant has had in his inaugural season with Sydney FC in the Youth League and A-League competitions, another young Bathurst star has proven that Grant's success may not be a one-off.

Bathurst '75 conference league striker James Christie will start his own long road to the top level this Sunday after receiving a potentially career-changing letter a month ago.

The 17-year-old will join the Central Coast Mariners' squad this Sunday, the first week of what is likely to be a long off-season as they prepare for next summer's A-League and Youth League competitions.

He is expected to train with the squad weekly throughout the off-season and, if all goes according to plan, he will be lining up with the Youth League outfit in 2009-10.

"It is unreal," he said ahead of his trip to The Entrance for his first meeting with the team on Sunday.

"You get selected based on what they see of you playing for NSW teams, Country teams and Western as well. A letter came about four weeks ago in the mail to say that I had been selected.

"It was totally unexpected, and definitely a big shock."

Christie has been playing in Mark Rooke's conference league side for two seasons as a striker and has impressed just about everyone who has watched him play.

Scoring goals is his business, and he wants to keep it that way as he bids to cut it at the top playing in the most glamorous but also one of the toughest spots on the field.

He knows he still has some work to do to finalise his ascension to the next level, but he is also well aware that a virtually identical path has been taken to the top before.

"I actually used to play with Rhyann [Grant] and I definitely feel as though I can do what he has done," Christie said in regard to his former '75 team-mate, who became a fixture in Sydney FC's top side by the end of their just-finished season.

"I go to The Entrance this Sunday for the first meeting and then every Sunday from there on in. We train from 9am to 11am each week - it is just training only, and if they like the way you play and train then they look at taking you on with the team next season."

Importantly for Christie's development and for his team-mates at '75, he will still have the opportunity to play virtually every game with his home side, who play the majority of their away matches in Sydney on a Saturday.

"It shouldn't be so hard to keep playing for Bathurst, it will be challenging for me in one way to go back to that level but at the same time I think it can improve my local football, and certainly help me with things like my confidence," he said.

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ON YOUR WAY: Bathurst '75 striker James Christie (right) will start what he hopes will lead to a professional career this Sunday when he attends his first training session with the Central Coast Mariners at The Entrance. Photo: PHILL MURRAY

Maccas get their revenge when it mattered most

TOUCH FOOTBALL

MACCAS may have been beaten in the preliminary finals by Vic Hotel, but they got the one that counts as they ground out a 1-0 win over their A grade women's rivals in the Bathurst Touch Football Association grand final at Learmonth Park on Sunday.

Maccas scored their try early in the match and while creating more attacking chances, they could not push their buffer beyond one try as Vic Hotel kept trying until the end.

Still, Vic Hotel didn't seriously threaten to square the ledger as Maccas returned a solid defensive performance.

Sheer numbers down one side in attack got Maccas their try with Amy Hotham finding an overlap on the right wing.

Vic Hotel had their best chance to score when Jess Hotham went from dummy half and beat the defence, but coming from this position rules prescribed she could not score herself and she had no-one in support.

Her sister and rival Esther Hotham almost scored a second Maccas try from the following set, but she was

ruled to have been touched before she grounded the ball.

Maccas had also played in the 2008 decider and got beaten, but captain Karah Armstrong said that with only a couple of players remaining from that side it wasn't a big motivator.

Instead she said that being beaten by Vic Hotel in the finals was what spurred her side on.

"They beat us in the prelims by three, so it was good to get up today," she said.

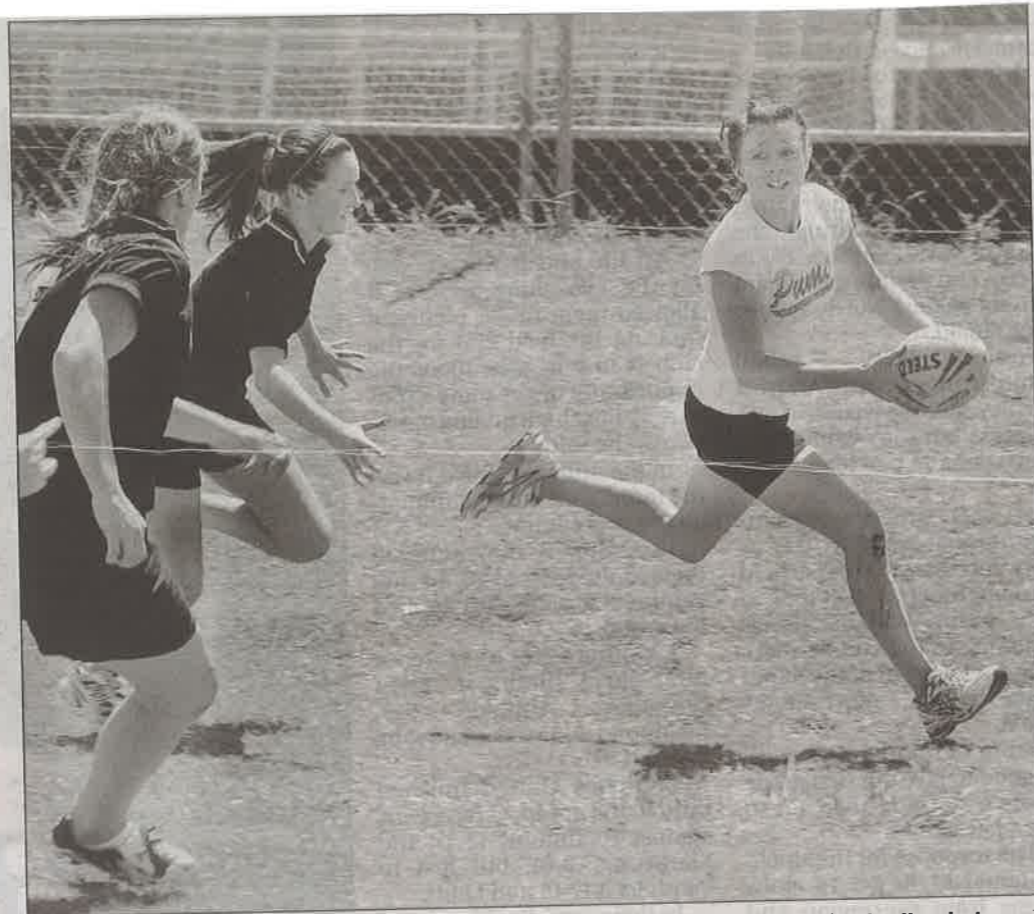
"It was tight, we thought it would be a close game but we thought if we could hold Jess [Hotham] out we would go well because she is their danger player. We held her out fairly well and that is probably why we got up."

Armstrong said Esther and Amy Hotham had a big game for Maccas and played an important part in holding out their sisters' side.

"We all defended fairly well, Rebecca Lang was good in attack and Esther Hotham had a good game," she said.

"Amy Hotham got our try and that was good against her sister's team."

MACCAS 1 (Amy Hotham) defeated VIC HOTEL 0.



NO SUPPORT: A try went begging for Vic Hotel when Jess Hotham got over the line but went from dummy half and couldn't score herself. In close pursuit is her sister, Amy Hotham, who played for Maccas. Photo: CHRIS SEABROOK.

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DISGUSTED: Cheryl Cole has had enough of the rubbish strewn along Freemantle Road with the most recent items dumped just one day after Clean Up Australia Day. Photo: ZENIO LAPKA

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Tossers fail to heed call

By MIRIAM SIERS

CLEAN Up Australia Day was held over the weekend but one local woman thinks Bathurst still has a long way to go.

Cheryl Cole was driving to work from her Mount Rankin property on Monday morning and was disgusted to see the untidy state of the Freemantle Road.

"I thought: Oh no, not again," Ms Cole said.

Just one day after Bathurst's big clean up and there was rubbish strewn all along both sides of the popular country road. "It's the whole road along here for 600 metres. This is not even close to being acceptable," Ms Cole said.

The rubbish included plastic wrappers, cardboard boxes and

even an old baby mattress. "I'm just hoping there are less tossers than there are cleaners," she said.

Ms Cole was planning to phone Bathurst Regional Council to clean up the mess.

"This problem is ongoing. I'm sure everyone who drives past thinks the same," she said. "You can't expect council to clean up this mess all the time."

"People are having picnics on the side of the road then leaving their rubbish behind. We're talking so much about keeping fire hazards down at the moment and look at this."

Ms Cole said she makes a personal effort to keep the road near her property clear of rubbish but people need to start making more of an effort.

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READY TO GO: Starting their Youth League title defence tomorrow will be from left, Goldminers' Olivia Patterson, Emma Patterson Haylee Lepaio, Sarah Murray and Erin Cafe. Photo: CHRIS SEABROOK 030409cbasketball

Goldminers' title defence starts at home

BASKETBALL

By MARK RAYNER

THE Bathurst Goldminers women will be out to make a good start to their Youth League title defence when they take on the Central Coast Crusaders tomorrow.

The Goldminers will start their season at home at the Bathurst Indoor Sports Stadium and will field a similar side to last year.

"Basically we have the same squad as last year, we've lost Clare Thompson, who's at the Police Academy in Goulburn but the rest of the team is back," Miners coach Paul Masters said.

"We lost Clare but we picked up Emma Patterson who played for us at the beginning of last year but then pulled out because of work commitments.

"She has come back and given us a bit more shooting depth from outside the circle, so it's [the team] probably as

Double-header trial for men

BASKETBALL

THE Goldminers women may start their season this weekend but the Youth League men will play two more trial games before their season gets underway in a fortnight.

Tomorrow they will play a trial against the Canberra under 18 state side before taking on the Wagga Wagga State

strong as last year."

The team will be full strength for tomorrow's match but they will lose Haylee Lepaio after this weekend until April as she attends NSW training.

There is plenty of rivalry between Bathurst and Central Coast. When they came up against each other in the final round game in 2008 it was to decide the minor premiership.

Bathurst came out on top 91-80 and then went on to win the grand final while the



League men's side on Sunday. The match against Canberra gets underway at 2.30pm tomorrow and the contest with Wagga starts at midday Sunday in Bathurst.

Crusaders lost their semi-final against Bankstown and the Bathurst coach believes they will be keen for revenge.

"We haven't had the greatest preparation because of holidays and uni, but we play Central Coast this weekend and they finished third last year," Masters said.

"They are a younger team than they were last year but there are a few kids who were being developed last year who will be coming through.

"Central Coast have been

talking it up on their webpage, they have an ex-NBL coach this year and they are out to get us, but we want those tough games."

Masters said the side would still be doing some fine tuning, but he expected that they would be back to their best quickly.

"Some of the girls haven't touched the ball much since last year because they finished uni and all went away, so it's about getting a few of those combinations back together," he said.

"We've been working a fair bit on fitness this year, we've developed a fitness program for them so that shouldn't be an issue hopefully."

Teams have been known to struggle for motivation after winning a title, but Masters said he didn't think that would be a problem with the Goldminers.

The Goldminers kick off their season against the Central Coast Crusaders at 1pm tomorrow.

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Students try their hand at a trade

By MIRIAM SIERS

THE federal government announced a \$155 million package to support apprentices last week and yesterday Kelso High students got the chance to find out what a career in the trades might be like.

The largest Central West Try a Trade event was held at Bunnings Warehouse, where students were able to try out different trades, ranging from hairdressing to tiling.

The Central West Group Apprentices (CWGA) roadshow aims to raise the status of traditional trades and connect young people to their future careers.

CWGA CEO Ben Bardon said Try a Trade aims to open students' minds to the great career opportunities being created by the skills shortage.

There are 17 displays which allow students to talk with local tradespeople, apprentices and TAFE teachers who volunteer their time to be involved. Students can spend 15 to 20 minutes in each area in groups of two or three and can create small projects they can take home.

Skillset regional industry career adviser John Chivers said letting Year 10 students know about the different trades available was critical.



HAVING A GO: Automotive mechanic/teacher at Bathurst TAFE Bob Moore with Kelso High Year 10 students Josh Taylor and Thomas Nightingale looking at a vehicle electronic simulator board, with Thomas holding a control unit for an engine management system. Photo: CHRIS SEABROOK 031009ctrade1

"It's absolutely critical with lots going off to work. They have to explore their different career options, it's all part of the process," Mr Chivers said.

Try a Trade co-ordinator Andrew Burke said having the

day at Bunnings gave it more authenticity.

Anybody interested in volunteering their services at the next Try a Trade day should contact Mr Burke on 0428 228 212.

Students or job seekers wishing to be considered for local apprenticeships or traineeships are encouraged to register with Central West Group Apprentices via their website www.cwga.com.au.

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COUNTRY KIDS: Bathurst's NSW Country representatives, from left, Amelia Burke, Taylah Thomas, Aimee Ashcroft, Maddy Lippiatt, Molly Bright and front Clare Watt. Photo: CHRIS SEABROOK

Players pivotal in Country clashes

HOCKEY

By MARK RAYNER

BATHURST girls have played an important role in Country victories in the annual City versus Country clashes at the Cooke Hockey Complex on the weekend.

Amelia Burke, Molly Bright, Rebecca Lee and Cowra's Claire Watt, who attends Bathurst's MacKillop College, all played for the winning under 18s Country side.

Maddison Lippiatt and Taylah Thomas were also heavily involved in the under 13s big 8-0 defeat of City.

Aimee Ashcroft played well in the under 15s narrow loss.

Watts and Claire McGarity were originally going to line up with the under 18s

'They are a class act those Bathurst girls, they are very well coached.'

another penalty corner to level the scores at 2-all.

Both teams created opportunities during the middle stages off the half but it was Lee who finished off magnificent lead-up work from the home team in the 56th minute to take a match winning lead.

City tried hard to again draw level but the Country defence was too strong and

It didn't look like it was going to be a high scoring affair in the early stages with the Country side taking 14 minutes to score their opening goal.

They had to wait until just before half-time for their second and Lippiatt added a third in the final minute to give Country a 3-0 lead at the break.

Country went on to score another five goals in the second half, with only the last goal coming from a short corner.

Country were unlucky to lose the under 15s after scores were locked for most of the game. They put plenty of pressure on in the early stages but the City defence was up to the task and neither side could find the back of the net in the first half.

City came out in the second half and broke the deadlock with a strike in the

Redbacks prevail in nail-biter

CRICKET

BATHURST City A have snuck into the Bathurst District Cricket Association Twenty20 cup final after a nail-biting win with just a ball to spare against City Colts at Morse Park I on Monday afternoon.

Joining captain Matt Willis with an over to play, young batsman Ben Trevor-Jones hit the winning runs from City Colts captain Dan Casey with a nudge over backward point for a single to see his side to their target of 109.

After being asked to bat first by Willis, City Colts got off to a brisk start thanks to openers Brendan Lindsay and Paul Clancy, though the latter was gifted several chances by the Redbacks fieldmen.

Lindsay was the first to fall, caught off Ben Orme for 15, and he was followed quickly by Matt Kelly (two) also to Orme, and Clancy, who was removed by Darren Sargent for 16.

At 3-36 Colts were in trouble and despite Casey's efforts to consolidate, the score soon turned into 5-58 as Shane Broes took two wickets with his spinners.

Casey began to find his range and was joined by Simon Little in an enterprising stand that looked to have things back on track before Colts' skipper tried to hit out once too often and was caught off Willis for 38.

Little followed for 20 in the same manner and Colts collapsed to lose their last five batsmen for just 10 - dismissed for 108 in 17.5 overs.

Willis finished with 4-21 from 2.5 overs, Broes 2-20 from four and Orme 2-15 from his four.

Needing to simply play solid cricket in their reply, Redbacks were not afforded such a luxury as Clancy and Casey struck early.

Ben Tobin (four), Jeremy Cleary (four) and Orme (nought) were all removed early and their side was in strife at 3-14 after five.

Willis and Dan Higgins put on 67 for the fourth wicket at a reasonable clip, and by the time Higgins was caught off Chris Duke, the equation meant that Redbacks needed 30 from 28 balls.

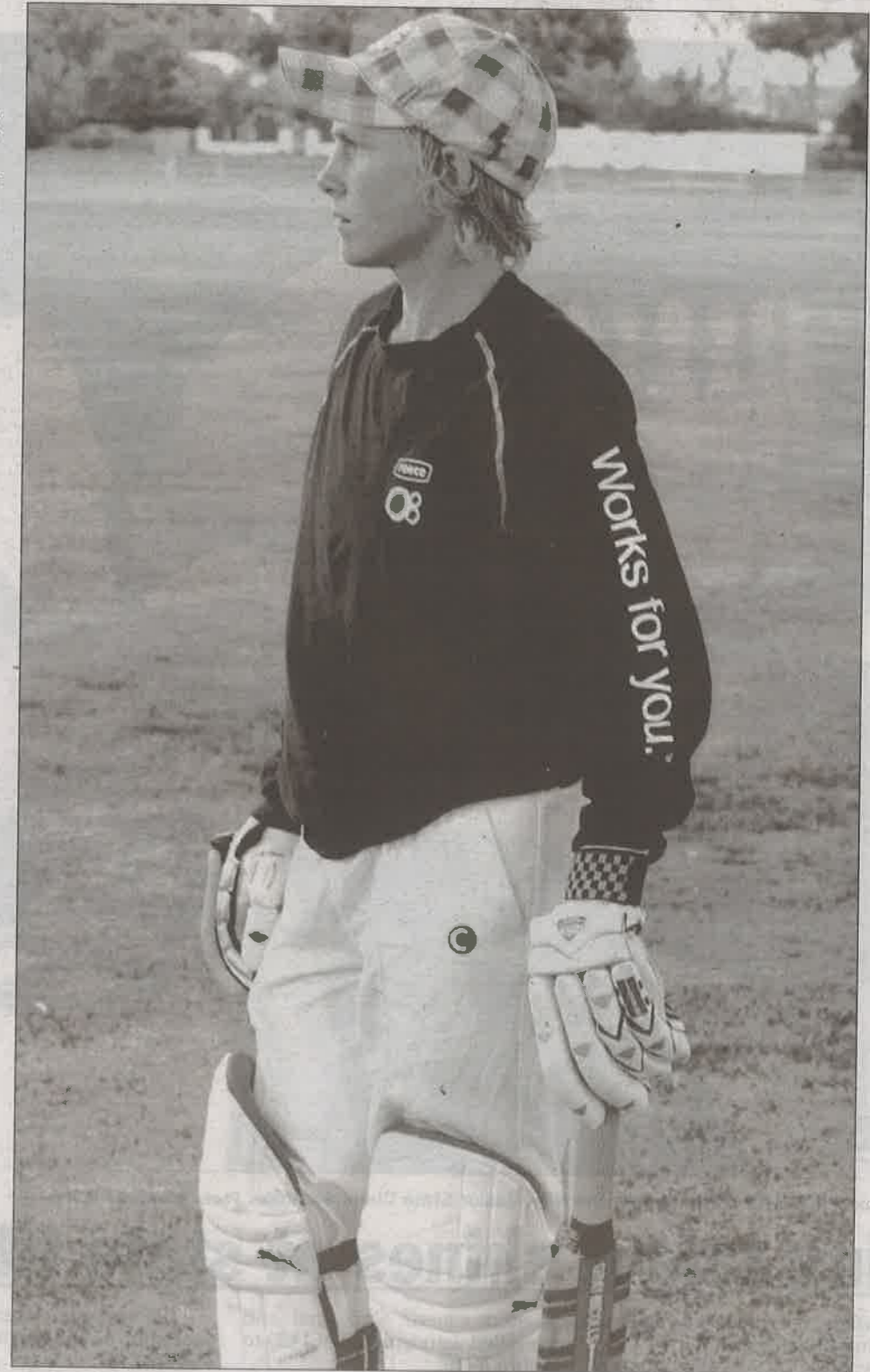
Willis and Broes saw out 20 balls before Broes fell during a tight Nick Shurmer over, leaving Trevor-Jones and Willis eight to get from the final over.

Suffering from cramps, Willis snuck three twos in from the first three balls, followed by a single to go past his half-century, reaching 52 not out in a match-winning knock.

Trevor-Jones completed the job with the only run of his innings in near darkness, while wides were a significant contributor - there were 13 of them throughout the innings which finished at 5-114.

Clancy was the stand-out with the ball for Colts with 1-7 from four, which would have been 1-4 but for three wides.

"We started counting down from about 60, we knew we would be able to milk runs



WATCHING ON: He scored the winning run but Bathurst City's Ben Trevor-Jones had a nervous wait before arriving at the crease. Photo: SAM DEBENHAM

a bit after those first six overs and we knew they were probably a little bit light on bowlers, but that backfired to some extent," Willis said.

"Sarg [Sargent] and Orme started out for us with the ball and did a good job, when Case got out myself and Broesy just looked to bowl pretty straight and the slow

spinners that don't spin dominated."

Despite getting so close, Casey was left to lament two key elements of the Colts performance.

"I said to the boys after the game that if they learn two things from that match, it is that you have to bat your overs out and wides can kill you," he said.

At the Tottenham picnic on Saturday there are many attractions including flash-tions in the field, children's entertainment and a free luncheon for everyone on the race course.

the best gallopers in Australia. The other CDRA awards were: ■ Bartley 2006/2007 and 2007/2008 train-ers' premiership; ■ Greg Ryan 2006/2007 and 2007/2008 train-ers' premiership;

morley formerly from Louth and now sitting at Dubbo. "Due to injury problems this will proba-ly be the final trophy won by King Rex," out part-owner Peter Carolan said

ten accepting the award at a recent

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TEAM EFFORT: The Bathurst St John Ambulance Cadet team divisional officer Joshua Clark (Back, left), Brittany Woodward, Heidi Starr (team leader), superintendent John Clary, Makayla Benham (front, left), Katrina Benham and cadet leader Nick Geyer. Photo: ZENIO LAPKA

Cadets prove their worth

By **BRENDAN ARROW**

BATHURST'S St John Ambulance cadets again proved they are the best in the west after taking out the recent region championships. Brittany Woodward, Heidi Starr, Makayla Benham and Katrina Benham were thrown into a scenario of treating three patients with various injuries. They were judged on their first aid skills and communication during the scenario, as well as their ability to create a small health campaign. The Bathurst trio beat teams from Broken Hill, Molong and the Midwest to take the title. Team leader Heidi said the girls performed

very well but did not think they had won. "It was a big surprise and an impressive effort from the girls," she said. "We have only been practising for two or three weeks so we weren't expecting anything." The club's cadet leader Nick Geyer also won the individual event, becoming the fourth Bathurst cadet in as many years to win the title. "This was the first time I had done the event by myself, so it was nice to get the win," he said. "Joshua Clark, our divisional officer, won it two years in a row before me and I hope I get to compete in the category again next year." Both Mr Clark and the Bathurst team will now contest the state titles in Sydney in October.

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YELLOW CARD: Andrew Brown will be 'sent off' to South Africa with the NSW Bushrangers to further his hockey umpiring career in July. Photo: CLARE LEWIS

Umpire score

HOCKEY

By **SAM DEBENHAM**

UP and coming local umpire Andrew Brown has capped the most successful 12 months of his brief career after it was announced recently that he would be heading to South Africa in July to ply his trade at a prestigious tournament.

Brown will travel with the NSW Bushrangers as their nominated umpire during their tour of South Africa, easily the highlight in a career that is already starting to bulge with honours.

Last year, the quietly spoken 16-year-old made his debut in men's premier league hockey here in Bathurst, and was also given the honour of officiating the bronze medal match at the Pacific Schools Games in the boys under 16s division.

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