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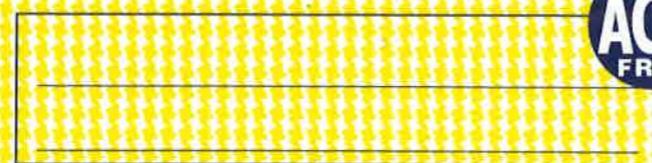
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SNAPSHOT: Gemma Beecham and the Bathurst Bushrangers raised around \$1100 for the McGrath Foundation at a recent fundraiser.

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THE BOYS: Crimson Royale's Ben Howle, Tom Rodham, Luke Furbank, Jake Parker and Jackson Howle. Photo: BRADLEY JURD

Success for Crimson Royale

RELAY FOR LIFE

AFTER going up against some of the best youth musical talent at the Bathurst and District Relay For Life, Crimson Royale won the first battle of the band competition.

The band is made up of singer and guitarist Luke Furbank, bassist and back-up vocalist Tom Rodham, guitarist Ben Howle, drummer Jackson Howle and keyboardist Jake Parker.

Vic Maley, Phil Cole and Craig Honeysett were the judges on Saturday evening at All Saints' College and judged the band on their

excellent preparation and Jackson Howle's drumming, which kept the rhythm together.

Crimson Royale performed covers of *Don't Stop* by the Red Hot Chili Peppers, *Wheels* by the Foo Fighters, *Lay It Down* by the Rubens, *Jumpin' Jack Flash* by the Rolling Stones and *Sweet Home Alabama* by Lynyrd Skynyrd.

They finished their performances with their own original song - *Drive Me Crazy* - which is about searching for something.

Crimson Royale said they

are pretty pleased with their success and psyched.

"It's pretty awesome, especially to get our name out there," Mr Furbank said.

"All together, we've been together for a year and a half.

"We'll just see how far we can go."

Crimson Royale will now get their chance to record *Drive Me Crazy* at the Dotted Eight Cafe & Studio in Orange.

The song will then be played on B-Rock FM.

Visited www.facebook.com/crimsonroyale for more information on the band.

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TAG, YOU'RE IT: The champion St Pat's league tag side celebrates its Western Challenge victory on Saturday. Photos: NICK McGRATH 031117patswomen

Pat's go back-to-back in Western Challenge

LEAGUE TAG
BY NICK MCGRATH

ST PAT'S has claimed back-to-back Western Challenge league tag titles after knocking off Orange Hawks 10-0 in Saturday's final at Canowindra.

Australian Rugby Sevens development squad gun Darcie Morrison and Nicole Schneider scored the final's only four-pointers, the former's a 40-metre streak to the line late in the second half to ensure victory over the improved two blues.

The final capped a mammoth day of league tag action at Tom Clyburn Oval, with

20 teams venturing to the pre-season carnival, now one of the biggest in bush footy.

Qualifying for the decider after topping pool A undefeated then dispatching Group 11 premiers Parkes Spacecats 6-0 in the semi-final, victorious coach Mick Armstrong praised his side's fitness in trying conditions.

"It's always a tough day over here in the heat but it's a great way to start the year," Armstrong said, St Pat's looking to bounce back after dropping last year's Group 10 grand final to Blayney.

"We've come over every year we've played so it's a great event, well done to

Canowindra on hosting, we love coming over.

"Hopefully we can go one better [in 2017], it's a good start for us and hopefully we can build on it."

Hawks stand-in coach Jordan Dwyer was equally thrilled with the two blues' efforts.

"St Pat's have been together now for a while and we've got a new squad, it just takes a bit of time to gel," Dwyer said.

"A bit of fatigue probably set it as well after five games ... the girls were gassed there at the end, but [St Pat's] is a great side."

Hawks progressed to the

final after a thrilling semi-final win over Blayney.

The Bears edged to a 1-0 lead in the second term thanks to a field goal from Liv Bird, but relinquished the lead late when Atahlia Sutherland scored in the corner to make it 4-1 to Hawks.

But the undoubted star of the day was St Pat's Morrison, her speed across the field the talking point among teams from Trundle, Condobolin, Eugowra, Forbes, Lithgow, Portland, Orange, Bathurst and Dubbo.

"Darcie [will play] a fair bit, hopefully. A lot depends on her other commitments, but she'll play when she can,"

Armstrong said.

"She's the quickest in the group and great on her feet ... she's a great asset."

"But I thought Sarah Waterson played well today at fullback, she's just as good as Darcie and she'll fill in there too."

Both Hawks (pool C) and Blayney (pool D) topped their respective groups undefeated, while Parkes progressed out of pool B thanks to the narrowest of margins.

Both the Spacecats (plus 46) and Orange CYMS (plus 30) were tied on seven points, but the Group 11 guns qualified thanks to a superior for-and-against.



ON THE MONEY: Bathurst's Eileen Cosgrove celebrates her goal with Lily Grimmond during their side's under 13s match against Bankstown at Proctor Park. Photo: PHIL BLATCH

Four different clubs take out Proctor Park Challenge

SOCCER

THE best players from Bathurst and the Central West put themselves to the test against some of the state's strongest clubs over the weekend for the annual Proctor Park challenge.

Around 50 teams from Football NSW National Premier Leagues, State League as well as associations within metro and regional NSW

competed at the challenge.

Western NSW Mariners FC's under 13s and 15s sides made the semi-finals but were both knocked out of the competition in 1-0 defeats to Albury-Wodonga and Gladesville Ravens respectively.

The under 12 girls played their competition in a nine-against-nine format on small sided fields. After the pool

matches two undefeated teams emerged - Sydney Olympic and North West Sydney Koalas. Koalas won the final 1-0.

In under 13s Albury-Wodonga proved to be the real competition surprise packets as they edged out a strong Marconi Stallions squad 4-2 on penalties, after the game was tied up 1-1 at full-time.

All three Stallions teams

progressed through to their grand finals. They took out the 15s grand final 3-1 on penalties over the Ravens.

The under 17s girls played their decider under lights due to the previous semi-finals (and grand finals) going into extra-time and penalties.

The match was won by the Bankstown City Lions 1-0 over Marconi

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CARROLL-SCOTT MEMORIAL

Bathurst Wallabies Triathlon Club



DRIBBLE: Bathurst's Tayah Jones in action for the city's under 13s side during their match against Bankstown in the Proctor Park Challenge. Photo: PHIL BLATCH

*Western Advocate Wednesday
15th March*



TOWARDS THE FRONT: Andrew MacKenzie exits the pool in second place overall during the Carroll-Scott Memorial Race on Sunday. Photo: ALEXANDER GRANT

*Western Advocate
Thursday 16th March*

MARKET DAY FUN TIMES

DARK clouds might have threatened, but the crowds still flocked to the Autumn Market Day at Holy Trinity, Kelso on Saturday. The event had a wide range of goodies on offer including home baked treats, plants and books.



SNACK TIME: Nick Fogo and Jared Bignell enjoyed some tasty treats at the church's market day. 031817pbtrinity2

*Western Advocate
Saturday 18th March*

Kelso going for cricketing glory

CRICKET

KELSO High Campus will be playing for a spot in the final of the Alan Davidson Shield on Tuesday, when they host Figtree High School at George Park 1.

The school has already reached their furthest position ever in the tournament (semi-finals) and Kelso cricket coach David Amaral said the boys are ready.

"We'll keep the tradition up of no training," he said.

"Our focus is our team spirit, which we'll keep going.

"It would be lovely to get the win, but we'll take it one game at a time. The boys

are stoked and they had a great time in Albury, which helped bring the boys closer together."

Kelso played Albury High School in the quarter-final in early March and cruised to a six wicket win.

The game was played at Albury's Alexandra Oval, where Brendan Pallier took 5-14 with the ball.

Connor Slattery will miss Tuesday's game because of an injury, while Henry Allen is 50-50 to play.

Besides Slattery's absence and the doubt surrounding Allen's fitness, Kelso are expected to field their best

team available.

Mark Day will continue to lead the Kelso team from his usual position as captain.

In preparation for the Alan Davidson Shield, Kelso played Lithgow High School on Monday.

Played at Brooke Moore Oval, Kelso cruised to a comfortable seven wicket win in the second round of the Combined High Schools Western cricket tournament.

Kelso, who had a bye in the first, are the current defending champions of the tournament, with the 2017 winners to qualify for 2018's Alan Davidson Shield.

Western Advocate Tuesday 28th March

Baby Ben turns heads climbing up a volcano

ATHLETICS

BY NICK MCGRATH

EVERYONE expected Ben St Lawrence to take out Sunday's Great Volcanic Mountain Challenge and he did just that - the Olympian coasting to victory in a sub-50 minute time.

But no one was expecting what was to follow.

St Lawrence clocked 49 minutes and 16 seconds to head the field by just under three minutes before another Ben, Witney from Bathurst, reached the summit of Mount Canobolas in fourth.

Witney is just 12 years of age.

His time of 53.24 four minutes slower than an athlete fresh from an Olympic Games at Rio.

The young athlete's run to the top left everyone waiting for the event's finishers in shock, particularly given he looked fresh enough to run the 11 kilometre, three-peak run with a total of 520 metres worth of climbing all over again.

Robin Whiteley (52.15) and Andrew MacKenzie (53.19) finished second and third, respectively, and both looked completely gassed.

"It's a tough race," Witney said after finishing with a pace of 4.51mins per kilometre.

"The very end is the hardest but I thought I would do okay. It's really hard to pass people because it's such a small track."

St Lawrence spoke to the young Bathurst runner after the climb, walking away from the conversation in little doubt young Witney is a running star of the future.

But it didn't mean the Rio Olympian and CSU graduate



ON THE UP: Young Bathurst runner Ben Witney turned heads at the top of Mount Canobolas after finishing fourth overall in Sunday's Great Volcanic Challenge. **Photo: PHIL BLATCH**

was about to give anyone, let alone a 12-year-old, a free run to the finishing line.

"There's always pressure," St Lawrence smiled, a runner in the final of the men's 10,000m at Rio last year.

"You can't come into this as an underdog when you're an Olympian, so I was glad that I didn't give anyone an

easy win.

"My goal was to come and not push too hard, but on a course like that even not pushing hard is tough.

"There's a couple of climbs towards the end that are really tough and I was barely going quicker than a walk but awesome race, awesome atmosphere, awesome place,

really happy to come out here and race it."

Witney was not the only Bathurst runner to do well in Sunday's event.

Wes Gibson placed eighth overall with his time of 56.15, an effort which also ranked him second behind St Lawrence in the 35-39 years division.

Nick Zawadski was 11th outright and third in the 20-34 years group with his 58.50 effort.

Meanwhile, Canberra's Elizabeth Humphries did enough to take out the fastest woman up Mount Canobolas crown, clocking 59 minutes and three seconds to win gold.



HARD WORK: Kelso High Campus' Brody Field in action, versus Figtree High School on Tuesday. Photo:CHRIS SEABROOK 032817crkthks3

Amaral proud of boys' achievement in defeat

CRICKET

BY BRADLEY JURD

KELSO High Campus' fairytale run in the Alan Davidson Shield came in an end on Tuesday, after it lost to Figtree High School by 10 wickets.

Kelso was all bowled out for 112, with Figtree cruising to the 0-113 total in next to no time.

It was a case of the team from the South Coast taking its chances, according to Kelso cricket coach David Amaral.

"We got beaten by a better team and they did the small things right," he said.

"They turned ones into twos and twos into three.

"Even though we got spanked, I'm proud of the boys.

"The boys are upbeat and positive. We've made the top four of the comprehensive schools and top eight, if you include the sports high schools.

Jay Webber (13 runs) and Deua Berry (a duck) both opened for Kelso batting order, before they were both bowled out by impressive Figtree bowlers Matt Calder (5-23 off eight) and Tane Horsley (3-22 off 6.3).

Henry Allen (69 runs) and Brody Field (13 runs) were

the only other batsmen to score over double digits.

Allen's figures were impressive, considering he was rated at 50-50 to play.

Captain Mark Day finished with a duck, after he was given out by leg before wicket from a Calder ball

Jack Macleod and Blake Armstrong also finished with ducks.

Cole Mutton (2 runs), Michael Latu (4 runs), Brendan Pallier (2 runs) and Ben Sennett (1 run) also featured with the bat.

Not a single Kelso bowler managed to take a wicket or claim a maiden.

Jye Phillips top scored with

the bat, for Figtree, scoring 55 runs (not out).

Figtree's win sets up a grand final with Epping Boys High School, which is expected to be played in Bathurst on April 4.

Kelso's defeat ends an amazing run of victories over Bathurst High Campus, Blayney High School, Mudgee High School, Dubbo College (Combined High Schools Western Zone final) and Albury High School (Alan Davidson Shield quarter-final).

The last time Kelso reached the semi-finals in the Alan Davidson Shield was in 1990, when the then

Kelso High School defeated a Oak Flats' High School that featured former Australian all-rounder Shane Lee in their squad.

Kelso's win over Oak Flats' saw the team defeat the defending shield champions from 1989 and set up a date with Orana High School in Campbelltown.

Orana won the game, with three runs required in the final over of play.

Tim Payne, who captained Kelso in 1990, wrote to the current captain and vice-captain Mark Day and Connor Slattery, to offer his congratulations to the team's achievements.



Kelso High School cricket team in 1990, the last time the school reached the Alan Davidson Shield semi-finals.

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ACTION: Western NSW Mariners FC's new signing, Jasmine Courtney, on the ball, against APIA Leichhardt Tigers at Proctor Park on Sunday.

Mariners claim draw in season's first game

SOCCER

BY BRADLEY JURD

WESTERN NSW Mariners FC got its NSW State League Women's season off to a reasonable start, with a 2-all draw against APIA Leichhardt Tigers FC at Proctor Park on Sunday.

The Mariners only had four players participating on the day who competed in the 2016 season, which finished in a 3-2 loss in the preliminary final against Southern Districts Raiders FC.

Last season's assistant coach, Jason Payne, said the Mariners started the game well.

"We had them on the back foot early. Some good early runs set up Jasmine [Courtney] to slot one past the keeper," he said.

"We had some opportunities in the first-half to get a few more but we took the 1-nil lead to half-time.

"In the second half, we were just a bit slow out of the box and some of our passes made us panic."

The Tigers took the lead 2-1, before Mariners' Abbey Barcham equalised to save a point for the home team.

New signing Lauren Stein was sent off after receiving two yellow cards.

The first was received for a

foul on an oncoming player into the box, which Payne agreed was fair call.

The second yellow was more contentious.

"In her words, she was questioning one of the decisions for the foul," Payne said.

"She said the referee wasn't giving enough feedback. Stein was asking a question and was given a second yellow."

Payne said he was happy with the result, considering his thoughts on what the season might look like.

"My first impression was this would be a rebuilding season," he said.

"We've got about six to

seven juniors coming up, so we have a fairly young base but the players are upbeat.

"It's early days and there's a long way to go. It would be nice to make the top four but I guess it is not out of our reach, as there is only seven teams.

"I've heard both St George FC and Parramatta FC have rebuilt their squads."

Payne said he thought the pre-season was disappointing, with low numbers for the club's combined training sessions for first and reserve grade.

"To start the season without the best pre-season and with the injuries we've had,

it's not too shabby."

New signing Courtney, who has previously played for the Newcastle Jets W-League team and Northbridge FC, was brought into the club, alongside Stein, who has previously played reserves for National Premier Leagues NSW Women's team Sydney University SFC.

Mariners next game is against Southern Districts Raiders FC, with the game to be played at Proctor Park on April 9 at 3pm.

WESTERN NSW MARINERS 2 (Jasmine Courtney, Abbey Barcham) drew with APIA LEICHHARDT TIGERS 2 (Christy Ferreyra, Aside Latham)



GREAT EVENT: Anna Arrow, Deb and Mick Hoban and Patrick Arrow from Fish River Valley Brewing at last year's Winter Festival. 070216cwfest6

It is good for business

WINTER FESTIVAL
BY RACHEL FERRETT

BATHURST'S businesses will play a key role in making this year's Winter Festival bigger than ever.

The city will be transformed into a winter wonderland from July 1 to 16.

This year Bathurst Regional Council is encouraging businesses and groups to hold winter themed events as part of the celebrations.

The initiative is in addition

to the window display competition, which will also make a return.

Mayor Graeme Hanger OAM said the event has been embraced by the community, seeing the festival become a highly anticipated annual event.

"The event not only attracts residents, but also brings many visitors to our region, which significantly boosts the local economy, so it seems fitting that we are inviting more local businesses

to get involved," he said.

"The Winter Festival has been popular since its inception and the event's reputation and attendance has grown each year.

"It is a wonderful opportunity for everyone to come together and make the most of the cooler weather and participate in a variety of family friendly activities."

Businesses that participate will have their event advertised as part of the Winter Festival program

of events, giving them the opportunity to capitalise on council's extensive promotion campaign.

Events will be listed on the official Winter Festival website and promoted on the event's Facebook page.

Any business that wants to participate will need to provide a 100 word event description, two high quality photos and pay a \$50 application fee to council.

An entry form is available at [www.bathurstwinterfes-](http://www.bathurstwinterfestival.com.au)

www.bathurstwinterfestival.com.au under the program of events tab.

At this stage, council is remaining tight-lipped on what other attractions will feature during the two-week festival this year.

Last year, patrons were treated to ice skating across the entire festival, a giant ferris wheel, ice hockey matches, illuminations and artisan and food markets.

There was also entertainment from local musicians and Cirkus Surreal.



VOTE: Was Mark Day the best dressed man at the 2017 Soldier's Saddle Anzac Day race meet? Make sure to vote at the Western Advocate website.



VOTE: Make sure you vote for Isabella Fawcett, if you think she was the best dressed woman at Tyers Park's Soldier's Saddle race meet.

Chance to vote for best dressed at races

SOLDIER'S SADDLE

THANKS to Gorgeousness and Bent Threads, both located on William Street, the Western Advocate has two \$75 vouchers to give away to the best dressed man and

woman at the 2017 Soldier's Saddle Anzac Day race meet.

We've left it up to our readers to help choose.

Simply visit the Western Advocate website and visit our story and cast your vote

by clicking on the number in the poll that corresponds with the number of the photo.

Voting is open until Friday, April 28, at which point the winners for male and female

will be announced.

Winners will be announced on the Western Advocate's Facebook page and it's up to the winner to come and collect their prize from our office.

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All smiles for netball legend

IMAGES - SUPPLIED BY BATHURST NETBALL ASSOCIATION

AUSTRALIAN NETBALL LEGEND, Liz Ellis, came to Bathurst last week to share her skills with a host of local junior netballers.

Growing up in Western Sydney, Liz told Bathurst City Life sessions such as these didn't exist when she was a junior.

"So I love the opportunity to give back to junior players," she beamed.

"I am thrilled that so many girls have tuned up during the school holidays to take part."



Scouts Serve up Snag

Earlier this month local Scouts held a BBQ at Bunnings. The funds raised during the BBQ go to help pay for the general running of the group like leader training, insurance and costs in the maintaining the scout hall.

On the day, the group sold around 300 snags and raised nearly \$1000 including one to Bathurst Mayor Graeme Hanger who is a great supporter of community events and organisations like scouts.



Bathurst City Life 20-26th April



Above: Students in Year 8 Agriculture are helping with preparations for the Royal Bathurst Show. This year Kelso High Campus will be exhibiting steers, Suffolk Sheep and Wyandotte Chickens. Students will be representing at the show from 28-30 April.



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Students look surreal at Mayfield

STUDENTS FROM DENISON College Kelso Campus took centre stage at Mayfield Garden last week for the venue's Autumn media launch.

Cirkus Surreal is a cutting edge program at the local school which teaches students the circus arts and they were on show across the 160 hectare Oberon Garden.

Well done to all students and staff involved - the kids looked amazing.

Images - KHS Facebook page.



Bathurst City Life 11-17 May

Successful day for Kelso students

IT'S WAS A long day on Sunday for students of Kelso High School who attended the Hawkesbury Show with their show cattle team.

The students were busy from 6am with the hard work paying off with some wonderful results for

students. These include:

- First in lightweight steer class
- First in middleweight steer class and Reserve Champion steers on the hoof.
- Kendra Willott - "Reserve Champion in

the School Parader"

- Meghan Brennan second in 14 years parader heat.
- Joshua Smith 3rd in 15 years parader heat.

Congratulations to all the students.
Images from KHS facebook page.



Bathurst City Life 20-26 April

Cheshire gets Pat's the nod

RUGBY LEAGUE

ST PAT'S prop Riley Cheshire demonstrated exactly why he earned a NSW Country under 18s jumper this year when he scored the match-winning try against Bathurst Panthers on Friday night.

He surged through the arms of numerous Panthers defenders on their line and grounded the ball to make it 32-28 with four minutes remaining in the Group 10 derby. That's how it stayed.

It was his second try of the match at Carrington Park and iced not only an impressive come from behind win, but the Saints' first victory.

Panthers had begun the under 18s contest the better of the two sides with two tries inside the opening six minutes, but Cheshire helped swing things back in the Saints favour.

From the Saints' first attacking set of the match he burst through Panthers defence to score.

Lock Luke Bain, who also got through a mountain of work, levelled things up at the 13th minute mark before a Cheshire off-load saw Michael Latu over.

When Latu, who was a constant danger at five-eighth, scored his second

under the sticks to give Adam Booth an easy conversion, the Saints led 22-10.

But in the shadows of half-time a smart grubber from Panthers hooker Braydon Wicks set up Andrew Bennett and marked another switch in momentum.

Wicks levelled things up two minutes into the second half when he dived over from dummy half then converted his own try.

Nick Tilburg was the next to cross as Panthers took a 28-22 lead, but late tries to Latu and Cheshire saw Pat's steal the win.

- ANYA WHITELAW



STAR PERFORMERS: Micheal Latu congratulates his St Pat's team-mate Riley Cheshire (head gear) on scoring the match-winning try. Photo: ANYA WHITELAW

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HUNTING: Jasmin Courtney and her Mariners are chasing their first win.

Mariners can pick up a win at Melita

SOCCER

THE Western NSW Mariners FC will be intent on notching up its first win of the Women's State League season this Sunday when taking on the struggling Parramatta FC.

After facing last season's grand finalists SD Raiders (1-0 loss) and APIA Leichhardt (2-all draw) in the two opening rounds, the Mariners sit fifth in the seven-team competition.

But Parramatta shapes as an easier opponent given its record thus far. After a season opening 9-0 defeat, it went down 11-2 a fortnight ago to Mount Druitt.

Last season Parramatta earned just one point from 21 rounds and in the three meetings with the Mariners, conceded 15 goals.

It seems those struggles will continue in 2017.

Parramatta will hold the home ground advantage on Sunday, but playing away from Proctor Park should not trouble the Mariners, who could climb as high as third with a win.

The match kicks off at the later time 4.15pm on Sunday at Melita Stadium.

- ANYA WHITELAW

Western Advocate Saturday

MULTI-TALENTED: Michael Latu (pictured playing under 18s rugby league for St Pat's) is one of five Bathurst Bulldogs players in action for the Central West Blue Bulls colts in this weekend's Country Championships. Photo: ANYA WHITELAW

Bathurst colts players eyeing off a title

RUGBY UNION

AFTER months of preparation the Central West Blue Bulls colts will come together this weekend to take on the Central Coast in the opening round of the Country Championships at Port Macquarie.

"From that first training session they've come on in leaps and bounds," coach Dean Matthews said of his under 19s team.

"They've been playing some club footy too and picked up some fitness, which has been good, so hopefully it can all come together on Saturday."

While the forward pack

shapes as a strong one the backline will be the young side's key area.

Flyhalf Isaiah Ackroyd is back from injury and he will look to create space for the likes of Bulldogs winger Dylan Gredka.

Matthews also spoke highly of fellow Bathurst young

gun Felix Quinn, who has been tasked with captaining the side.

Michael Latu, Fletcher Begley and Marshall Fox are the other Bathurst Bulldogs players taking on Central Coast this Saturday, with kick-off at 2.30pm.

- NICK GUTHRIE

Western Advocate Friday 28th April





ON TOP: The Shane Conroy coached St Pat's side opened its 2017 campaign with a 2-1 victory over Lithgow Panthers in Parkes. **Photo: PHIL BLATCH**

Young Saints impress coach

HOCKEY

IT MAY have lost some experienced players for season 2017, but the young talents St Pat's added to its men's Premier League Hockey squad have already proved they will be capable replacements.

On Saturday afternoon in Parkes playing against defending premiers Lithgow Panthers, the younger members of the Saints squad helped their side to a 2-1 victory.

Debutant Charlie Schofield scored the opening goal with a nice deflection while 16-year-old Tyler Willott shone in the midfield against

his older, more experienced Panthers rivals.

Lachlan Howard also got his first taste of Premier League Hockey with some time in the halves, Pat's coach Shane Conroy pleased with what he saw.

"The young guys all did really well, Tyler, he's as fit as a fiddle, he ran all day and he got our players' player," he said.

"He was just too fit for them in the end, he was intercepting a lot of passes in front of them and really frustrated them."

Schofield's goal came after just five minutes and when

Jaden Ekert found the mark soon after, the Saints enjoyed a 2-0 lead.

Panthers hit back 20 out from the break from a penalty corner play after Conroy was yellow carded for a diving tackle.

That made it 2-1 and that was how it stayed.

"We dominated the second half and probably should've finished it off, we had plenty of opportunities," Conroy said.

"They had a few guys with cards and we didn't capitalise as well as we should've, but it will come."

— ANYA WHITE LAW

Western Advocate Monday 1st May



STEP UP: New South Wales junior representative Lachlan Howard will get his chance in Premier League Hockey this season for St Pat's. **Photo: CHRIS SEABROOK**

Saints draw a tough opener

HOCKEY

MEETING the defending champions in a season opener is never an easy task, but St Pat's men's Premier League Hockey side is ready for that challenge this Saturday.

The Saints meet Lithgow Panthers in Parkes as part of a competition gala round and will do so with a similar looking squad to last season.

Josh Toole and Brodie Cook are the main departures, having retired, but the Saints have plenty of emerging talents to fill the gaps.

"We've got a few changes this year, but nothing out of the ordinary. We're lucky

that we've got a good, strong club and people to take over," manager Peter Davis said.

"I'd say we've retained about 70 per cent of our players, we've lost a few to work duties and we've got a lot of juniors coming through who are ready to hit the ground running, especially young Lachie Howard.

"He's just come back from state with the under 15s, so he's ready to go. We've also got Tyler Willott and he's been going great."

While Pat's deferred its round one match against Bathurst City, Panthers beat Orange Wanderers 7-0 on the

opening day of competition.

Just how strong a squad Panthers will bring to Parkes remains to be seen, but Davis says the Saints are concentrating on themselves.

"We've just got to make sure we keep turning them around, anyone is beatable on the day," he said.

"You never know who is going to turn up for Panthers when we play them in Parkes.

"[But] I don't really care what anyone else is doing, we are just going to focus on ourselves."

Saturday's match gets underway at 2pm in Parkes.

— ANYA WHITE LAW

Western Advocate Saturday 29th April

SPORT

Western wallops Eagles by eight

SOCCER

BY ALEXANDER GRANT

WESTERN NSW Mariners FC scored a vital win in its State League Women's match against Parramatta FC on Sunday to keep in touch with the competition's top sides.

Mariners did it easily at Melita Stadium in an 8-0 hiding of the Eagles.

A six-goal second-half blitz rewarded Western for its domination in possession.

It was a frustrating start to the match for the Mariners, which was not able to capitalise on its huge share of possession.

However, Mariners coach Jason Payne said his side found its groove after the break.

"We had more of the ball in the first half ... and we were camped in their half throughout it," he said.

"We were creating a lot of opportunities to put the ball in the net but we just weren't able to make that final shot.

"The message at half-time was to keep that pressure up. As the game went on it wasn't just one or two players scoring the goals, there were plenty of players creating the opportunities.

"The positive thing for us was how we were able to turn it around."

Jasmin Courtenay found two of the Mariners goals to bring her season tally up to five in the space of just



Jasmin Courtenay

four matches.

Mariners have now scored 23 goals in their past four matches against the struggling Parramatta outfit.

The result better the 7-0 victory the Mariners had in last year's biggest win over Parramatta.

Mariners had the opportunity to leap into third on the ladder but other results denied them that spot.

Mt Druitt Town Rangers' 5-2 win over St George has kept the Mariners in fourth place on the ladder.

Rangers now have nine points to the Mariners' seven.

This round saw a top-of-the-table battle between SD Raiders and APIA Leichhardt Tigers, which ended in a 1-all draw.

WESTERN NSW MARINERS FC 8 (Jasmin Courtenay 2, Jessica Carman, Kristy Collingridge, Teegan Courtney, Larissa Kilby, Sarah Morris, Lauren Stein) defeated PARRAMATTA FC 0

Magic hits and memories

REVIEW

BY KATE HANLON

XANADU, the Carillon Theatrical Society's presentation for 2017, is just outstanding.

You will be singing most, if not all, the songs endlessly over many weeks to come.

It is both a complicated and a very simple story and in the vein of "Mamma Mia!" this one is happy, sad and very very funny. It will have you tapping your toes, singing along with gusto and probably getting up and dancing in the aisles.

Without knowing how, you will recognise song after song after song as they are performed by some remarkable talents.

The storyline is supported by an exceptionally funny script and we get to enjoy this as a result of the performers' superb comic timing. Everyone has something truly funny to say and sometimes it is not possible to have recovered laughing before the next hysterical statement begins. You will enjoy this show.

The main characters are Clio/Kira played beautifully by Eliza Tucker - another



GREAT FUN The cast of the Carillon Theatrical Society's new production of Xanadu during a dress rehearsal at the Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre. Photo: PHIL BLATCH 041917pbxanadu2

stand out performance - and Sonny played by gorgeous Dave Webb along with Wane Howard who yet again, turns in another superlative performance with his fabulous, fabulous tapping. It is a

showstopper! Circling around creating mischief in any way possible are two of Kira's sister muses, Melpomene and Calliope, played by Gabbi Bolt and Sammy Taylor and they prac-

tically steal the show. This is really funny stuff here and the girls relish their roles. Again, as Bathurst has come to expect from any CTS production, the chorus and dancers deliver a sterling

performance which can only strengthen the production. And just when you think that this must be all that there is - out come the dancers, the cleaners, the construction workers, the rockers, the si-

It's a very clever, funny and enjoyable production. You really will enjoy this show. Xanadu opened at BMCC on Friday night and runs until May 13. Phone 6333 6161 for bookings.



A LINE OF CHAMPIONS: Members of the West side hold their certificates after taking out the under 15s State Championship crown.

West wins state title without any stumbles

VOLLEYBALL

BY ALEXANDER GRANT

THE combined might of Bathurst and Kelso High has helped to deliver West the girls under 15s State Volleyball Championships crown. West went through their entire pool stage undefeated at Valentine Sports Park to earn an express pass through to the final.

There were no stumbles at the last hurdle for West as - just like earlier in the tournament - they easily accounted for the Metro 3 squad.

West coach Jerry Sheader said the title was a well-deserved one for the girls.

"The West team was selected in early February and they have been training together every Saturday in the lead up to this tournament," he said.

"The final itself was actually a non-event. Our girls' skills were really good throughout.

"I think the result shows the strength of combining the two Denison College campuses together. We were provided with a great mix of tall and strong girls.

"They're an excellent bunch of kids to teach. They wanted to train all the time."

Matches were played as best-of-five sets with a one

hour limit.

West didn't take long to put the rest of the competition on notice with their thumping of South (25-13, 25-6, 25-14) in their opening match.

The West girls went on to almost carve through Metro 2 (25-21, 25-12, 21-18) within the time limit.

A scare came the West girls' way against Metro 1 went they lost their opening set 20-25 but they bounced back to win the next set 25-14.

When the clock expired West were 18-13 ahead and claimed the final set.

Metro 3 put up a challenge

in the final set but West still emerged winners in three sets (25-12, 25-12, 25-22).

The result ensured a direct path through to the final, where West faced Metro 3 once again.

There was no change to the outcome as West enjoyed a dominant tournament.

"We had some really close games against the strong metro sides. Metro 1 took a set off us and that was the side we were hoping to come up against in the final, but they were knocked out in the semi-final," Sheader said.

Success at the Glenwood tournament continued a great run of results for West-

ern region volleyball sides.

Western took out the recent CHS boys title at Coffs Harbour, dropping just a single set on their way to the title.

"That's the third win in a row for our boys team and the fifth win in the last seven years," Sheader said.

"We lost a whole lot of boys from last year's team. We thought this might have been a bit of a rebuilding year but we ended up getting another title."

Sydney East was the opponent in the final and, unlike the pool stages, Western claimed the match in straight sets.

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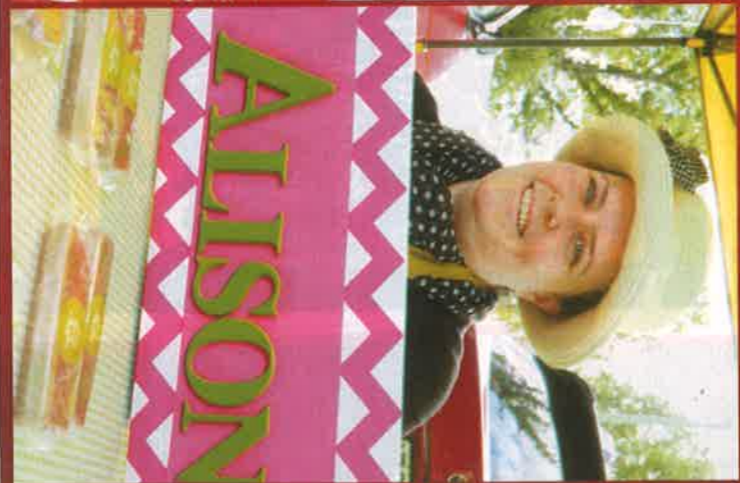
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Market a perfect Saturday

IMAGES - DAVE RANKINE

THE BATHURST FARMER'S Market had a temporary change of venue on Saturday as the showground began its transformation for this weekend's show.

Berry Park welcomed a large selection of stall holders, while shoppers enjoyed near-perfect autumn weather in the riverside park.



ANZAC spirit alive in Bathurst



City finally gets a win against the Panthers

HOCKEY

BY ANYA WHITELAW

AFTER eight consecutive games without being able to get the better of women's Premier League Hockey rivals Lithgow Panthers, Saturday finally saw Bathurst City snare full points.

For the first time since the 2014 finals series, City managed to post a win over Panthers as the Lisa Quinn coached outfit prevailed 4-1 at Bob Roach Field.

It was close at half-time as City led 1-0 and Panthers had pressured, but the second stanza saw the Bathurst outfit settle into the contest and the goals it needed came.

"I just think the girls were a little bit nervous in the first half and were a little bit jittery and our passes were a little bit off," Quinn said.

"But in the second half we relaxed and got our rhythm and once we did that, and the nerves went away, we had control of the ball, the passing was spot on and we made the best of our opportunities.

"I don't think we got as many opportunities as we did against Confederates [2-0 win], but we made more of them.

"It was very exciting, very nice and a relief to be honest."

Meeting for the first time since the 2016 grand final, defending premiers Panthers began strongly. City goalkeeper Maddy Tattersall made a sharp glove save before her side defended back-to-back penalty corners with three minutes gone.

Instead it was City who opened scoring in the first half via Emma Oxley, before Bec Bosianek doubled the lead in the second half.

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It was very exciting, very nice and a relief to be honest.

Lisa Quinn

Bosianek had her second as City capitalised on a penalty corner play and while Amanda Saladine managed to pull one back for the defending premiers with some 10 minutes remaining, the Bathurst side was in control.

City iced the win with a fourth goal on full-time, Brooke McFadden converting from a penalty corner play.

It condemned Lithgow Panthers to something which has been a rarity in recent times - back-to-back defeats - while City is undefeated after two games.

Having suffered so much over the past two years at the hands of Panthers, Quinn was delighted to see her side pick up the win.

"It was hard work, we had to slog it out and we didn't back off at any time. It didn't feel like a three-goal victory, there was a lot of running and a lot of back and forth," she said.

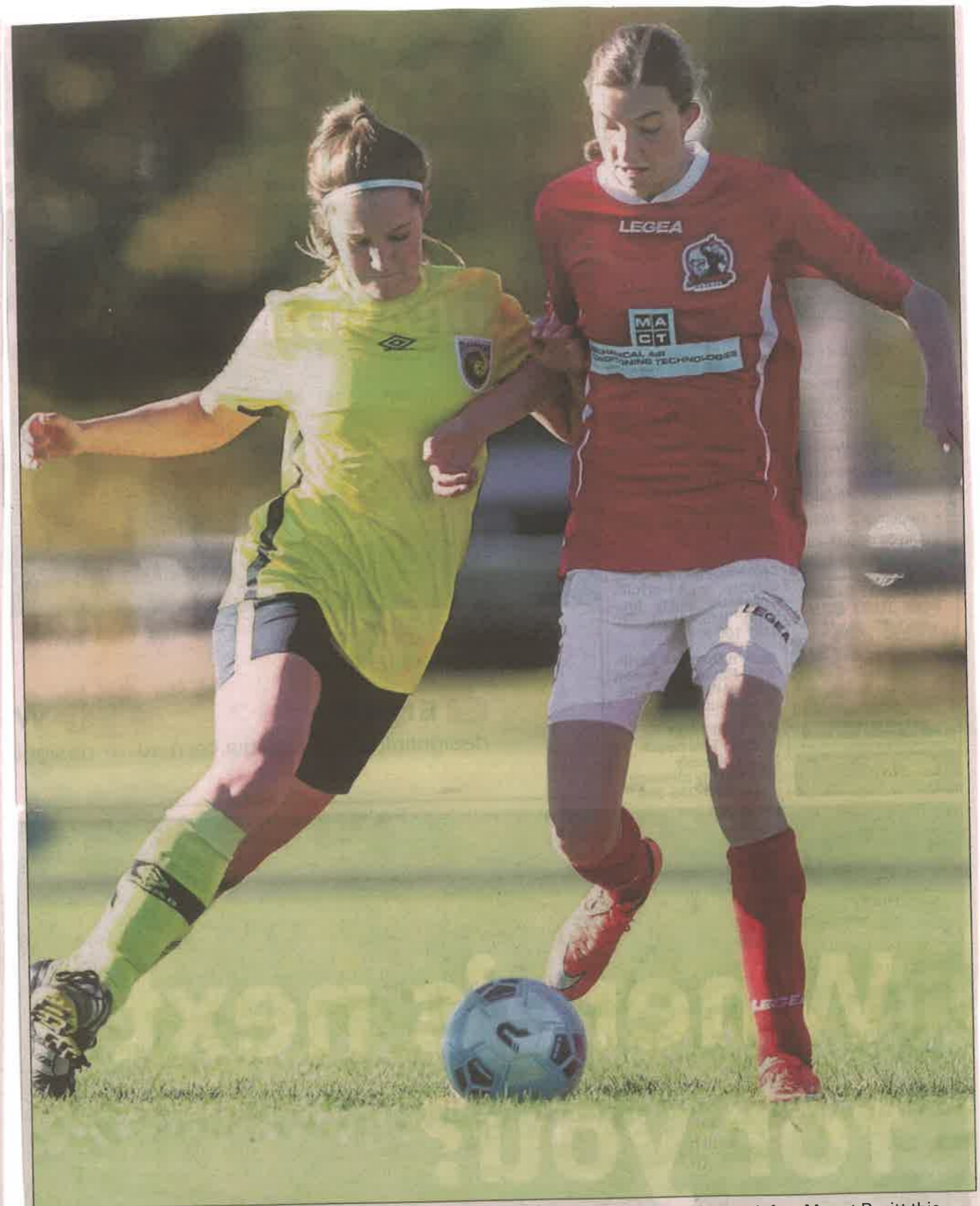
"I thought we were good enough, but I was waiting to see if we actually were. It was just a massive relief to know we were good enough.

"There really was again no stand out player and some people didn't play their best game and we still won, that's what is really exciting for me."

BATHURST CITY 4 (Bec Bosianek 2, Emma Oxley, Brooke McFadden) defeated LITHGOW PANTHERS 1 (Amanda Saladine)



BATTLE: Lithgow Panthers' Amanda Saladine and Bathurst City's Emma Oxley - both goal scorers on Saturday - fight for the ball. Photo: PHIL BLATCH 051317pbcity3



HUNTING FOR POINTS: Annabel Meadley (left) and her fellow Mariners will be looking to defeat Mount Druitt this Sunday at Proctor Park. Photo: PHIL BLATCH 050717pbmariners6

Western aims to cement third position

SOCCER

WESTERN NSW Mariners FC coach Jason Payne is keen for his side to cement its spot in the State League Women's top three this Sunday at Proctor Park.

But in order to do that, the Mariners must better an im-

Rangers outfit that sits one point behind on the competition ladder.

"They seem to be rolling along okay this year. Going into [last Sunday's] round they were sitting in third spot, so with our win and they played SD Raiders and

into third spot," Payne said.

"They are behind us now in fourth, but third and fourth, it will be a tough game."

Just as the Rangers have been improving, so too has the Mariners squad.

After picking up one point from the opening two rounds when facing the 2016 grand

finalists, the Mariners defeated Parramatta 8-0 then came from behind last Sunday to win 3-2 over St George.

"It was nice to keep that momentum rolling on after that first win," Payne said.

Sunday's game at Proctor Park kicks-off at 3pm.

- ANYA WHITELAW

Josie Geerkens sketching friend Laura Sennett



Taking time out with a new guitar



A good crowd at the fair



Fair supports local women

IMAGES – DAVE RANKINE

PERFECT AUTUMN WEATHER greeted the Bathurst Presbyterian Church for its annual Autumn Fair on Saturday morning.

Taking pride of place in the heart of the Bathurst CBD ensured strong local support for the fair, and large crowds enjoyed the event throughout the day.

All money raised from the fair was donated to the Bathurst Women's Refuge and the Refuge's Bernadette Woolsey was on hand to explain the work of the facility to fair-goers.

Jill Butler, Ros Abbey and Bernice Schwartz



Lola and Robert Raithby



Kathryn Taylor, Kim Siede and Anisha Gill



Bathurst City Life 11-17 May



Teen authors here for school writing workshops

Two of Australia's most successful teenage authors, Melina Marchetta and Will Kostakis, are visiting town this week to conduct creative writing workshops with high school students across Bathurst.

JENNY BARRY

This exciting program is the first in a series of annual creative writing programs planned for secondary students under the banner of the Bathurst Writers' and Readers' Festival.

Porters Café, a sponsor of the school's program, in partnership with BMEC and BooksPlus, have worked closely with teaching staff from local high schools to develop the program, aimed at bringing some of Australia's best Young Adult authors to Bathurst.

The workshops will focus on inspiring student creativity and writing skills, whilst giving them opportunities to meet and work with published authors.

It is also a fantastic chance for students to enjoy working together with students from other schools, thereby enhancing their learning and life experience.

The first workshop day is being held tomorrow 12 May at BMEC, with senior English students from Denison College Bathurst High and Kelso High campuses, Mackillop College, St. Stanislaus College, All Saints College, Scots School, Oberon High and Blayney High schools all taking part.

Students and staff are very excited about this new program with every local school sending students to participate.

The visiting authors, Melina Marchetta and Will Kostakis, are

two of the most popular, award winning authors writing for teenagers in Australia.

The Bathurst Writers' and Readers' Festival is very excited about this inaugural program, which they hope will be extended to junior students in coming years.

Porters Café, sponsors of the Writing Workshops for Primary Aged Students held at last year's Bathurst Writers' Festival, have offered sponsorship in support of the secondary schools program this year.

If any other local businesses or individuals would like to offer additional support for the program they can contact Jenny Barry at BooksPlus on 6331 5994 or by emailing admin@booksplus.com.au

Bathurst City Life 11-17th May

Western comes from behind

SOCCKER

A JASMIN Courtenay hat-trick helped the Western NSW Mariners FC come from behind to beat St George FC 3-2 at Jack Brabham Park on Sunday.

Trailing 2-0 after 23 minutes in the Women's State League match, the Mariners were being hurt by poor passing efficiency.

But 10 minutes out from the break Courtenay got Mariners on the board before an improved second half saw the hosts earn the competition points.

"We started a little bit slow, our first half was terrible. Our

passing, instead of finding a yellow, we found a red shirt more times than I would've liked," Mariners coach Jason Payne said.

"I told the girls at half-time that was something we needed to fix up for the second half, and the second half was a much better performance and it showed on the scoreboard."

Payne felt the slow start could have been due to the line-up changes he was forced to make.

Two players were absent, another regular in Payne's starting line-up injured her hamstring playing in the ear-

lier reserve grade fixture and was ruled out, while the Mariners' left back was suffering from the flu.

"Maybe the changes to the regular line-up played a bit of a factor, new girls into those positions that hadn't played first grade before could've been a reason behind the shaky start," Payne said.

"But like I said, it was our passing game which let us down in that first half.

"It was a frustrating half, things weren't working, but to their credit they managed to pull things together in the second half."

- ANYA WHITELAW



ON THE BALL: Mariner Teegan Courtney works the ball down field against St George at Jack Brabham Oval. Photo: PHIL BLATCH



TUSSLE: Western NSW Mariners FC's Sarah Morris contests for possession with a Mount Druitt Rangers FC opponent on Sunday. Photo: CHRIS SEABROOK 051417cgmari1

Western Advocate Wednesday 10th May



OTTERS: A group of Oriental small-clawed otters. Their species is seriously threatened by rapid habitat destruction, hunting and pollution. Photo: GETTY IMAGES

Raising awareness for the endangered

WORLD OTTER DAY

WHILE they may not be native to Australia, otters have caught the attention of Kelso High Campus student Budjarn Lambeth.

Mr Lambeth, who is a year 12 student, is helping raise money and awareness to help protect 12 out of 13 species that are threatened by the face of extinction.

World Otter Day is held on May 31 each year and Mr Lambeth begun putting up posters around school on May 1.

He plans to a run a stall, selling otter print arts.

"I'm also looking to organise an interview with a Scottish otter expert," he said.

"All proceeds made at the stall will go to the International Otter Survival Fund."

Mr Lambeth passion for otters came after a visit to Dubbo's Western Plains Zoo where he observed their playfulness.

A stall will be held at Kelso High Campus throughout the last week of May.

For more information on World Otter Day, visit www.otter.org/Public/Events_OurCurrentEvent.aspx

- BRADLEY JURD



AWARENESS: Budjarn Lambeth has been promoting World Otter Day, which raises awareness for otters, at Kelso High Campus for the past few weeks. World Otter Day is on May 31. Photo: CHRIS SEABROOK 050117cotters

Mariners' nine goal bonanza

SOCCKER

WESTERN NSW Mariners FC turned up the heat on Mount Druitt Town Rangers FC in the second half of their women's State League clash to claim a mammoth win.

Mariners found seven goals in the second half to take a comfortable 9-1 win over the Rangers at Proctor Park.

The margin stunned Mariners coach Jason Payne, who was impressed with his team's ability to keep the pressure on the visitors.

"I was not expecting that. I was expecting a game similar to our one against St

George, going off the results that Mount Druitt had in the earlier rounds," he said.

"When we were up 2-0 at half-time I said to the girls not to take the foot off the pedal. We were limiting the space they had in the first half so I told them to try and grab a couple more goals. To get seven, it was a big shock.

"When we were in attack during the second half we just seemed to find plenty of space and Rangers fell away."

Jasmin Courtenay continued her strong run of goal scoring form with a five-goal haul.

Kristy Collingridge picked

up a brace for the Mariners while the remaining goals went to Chloe Lanham and Teegan Courtney.

"Jasmin certainly brings a lot to this side, having W-League experience with the Newcastle Jets," Payne said.

The win was a crucial one for the Mariners. Western still sit third on the table but now have a four-point buffer over the Rangers.

WESTERN NSW MARINERS FC 9 (Jasmin Courtenay 5, Kristy Collingridge 2, Chloe Lanham, Teegan Courtney) defeated MOUNT DRUITT RANGERS FC 1 (Stefanie Trovato)

- ALEXANDER GRANT

Western Advocate



GOOD SIGNS: Kristy Collingridge and her Western NSW Mariners FC are coming off an eight-goal thumping of Mount Druitt Town Rangers FC (pictured). **Photo: CHRIS SEABROOK**

Mariners have found rhythm

SOCCER

WESTERN NSW Mariners FC put their third place women's State League position on the line this Sunday when they face University of NSW Lions at Glen Willow Stadium.

The match pits together two of the finalists from last year's State League season, and the pair were always hard to split in 2016.

In their three meetings last year two draws unfolded and the Mariners picked up a 2-1 win in the remaining clash.

This year's results so far suggest another close contest could take place in Mudgee.

However, it's a new season

and a chance for the Mariners to assert their dominance over the Lions.

"We've got to go into the this match treating them the same way we did against Mount Druitt and St George, respecting what they've got on the day," Mariners coach Jason Payne said.

"Uni were reasonably strong last year so that's on my mind. We'll give them the respect they deserve."

Mariners are after a similar brand of football which took them to a 9-1 success over the Mount Druitt Town Rangers FC last round.

Payne said lots of link

up play began to click in that victory.

"Poorsha McPhillamy has been playing really well as the holding midfielder. She's only 15, going on 16, and getting stronger," he said.

"Her linking up with Tegan Courtney is becoming a great combination.

"As long as the girls stick to their game plan of playing short and sharp then we'll do well."

This will be the last match against an unknown opponent for the Mariners before they return in the following round to the start of the draw.

— ALEXANDER GRANT

Western Advocate Saturday 20th May



REPRESENTATIVES: Tyler Colley, Ash Cosgrove and Blake Martin have been selected in the under 15s Greater Western Rugby league team. **Photo: CONTRIBUTED**

Pat's trio ready for next level

RUGBY LEAGUE

BATHURST trio Tyler Colley, Ash Cosgrove and Blake Martin will test themselves against the state's top talent this week as part of the Greater Western Rugby League outfit.

The St Pat's juniors will enjoy three matches over as many days in Toronto, southwest of Newcastle, taking on other representative sides Southern NSW, Sydney Red and a President's side.

It was a tough selection path for the three players who had made through three trial matches at Blayney, Peak Hill and Coonabarabran.

Pat's under 15s coach Chris O'Neill isn't surprised to see the trio take the next step.

"They've been playing really well for us this year and they're all leaders in our team," he said.

"Blake is our captain, at lock. He leads from the front, has a high work rate and been rewarded for that work.

"Ash was at lock but this year we put him at fullback. He's strong as exceptionally fast, so putting him at fullback has given him that extra room to play.

"Tyler in his earlier days was playing around the wing

or at fullback. He's got a smart football brain so he's now playing at five-eighth ... and doing a great job at steering the ship."

O'Neill said his players have plenty to play for.

"They're all passionate players and that's what makes the difference," he said.

"I have a few contacts from my days at St Mary's and Penrith ... and I've organised a player manager to come up to this event to watch them play. I wouldn't have done that if they weren't passionate about it."

— ALEXANDER GRANT

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TOUGH CONTEST: Larissa Kilby and her Mariners went down 4-3 to Uni.

Mariners shows heart in 4-3 loss

SOCCER

THE Western NSW Mariners FC twice came from behind to get on level terms with University of NSW on Sunday, but in the end it was the students who scored the match winner in their State League Women's match.

Playing at Mudgee's Glen Willow Stadium, UNSW's Tahlia Nolan found the mark five minutes from time to hand her side a 4-3 victory.

The visitors scored twice inside the first 10 minutes, but the Mariners lifted and settled into the contest.

By half-time the Mariners had drawn level as firstly Kallie Sargent capitalised on a defensive lapse then a 35-yard effort from Tegan Courtney looped over the UNSW goalkeeper.

Five minutes after play resumed in the second half UNSW once more took the lead, Christine Lucantonio adding her earlier strike to make it 3-2.

Once more Mariners fought back on level terms, Jasmin Courtenay converting from the spot after a UNSW player handled in the box. However, Nolan's late effort gave the visitors a 4-3 win.

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PEOPLE & PLACES



LOTS OF FUN: (front) Lorraine Heness, her son Jake Irwin, 6, and Colin and Kerri Small, (back) Krystle Gritter and Bruce Small enjoyed the show. 052017csync2

READY FOR BATTLE

THE best lip sync acts in the city were on show on Saturday at a battle held in Panthers Bathurst. Hosted by Vic's mobile disco, people were entertained by the performers, photo booth and there were a range of prizes up for grabs.



LIP SYNC FANS: Sisters Laura and Emily Risch enjoyed their night out at Panthers Bathurst. 052017csync1



FUN TIMES: Gail Palmer and her daughter Lisa Gayner-Palmer, 8, had a great night out together. Photos: CHRIS SEABROOK 052017csync4



FAMILY FUN: Amanda Ateli with her children Makelle, 8, and Isabella, 5, enjoying their time together. 052017csync3



SING A SONG: Entertainer Kerry Hodge made sure the crowds were having fun on the night. 052017csync5



WELCOME: Amanda Rich and David Clapham travelled from Lithgow for the show. 052017csync6



RAMPANT: Central West's successful under 17s, the side claimed a massive victory over traditional rivals Northern Riverina. Photo: CONTRIBUTED

A Central West double

AUSTRALIAN RULES

BY MATT FINDLAY

CENTRAL West AFL had a dominant day at last weekend's annual representative carnival in Ungarie, claiming two wins from three starts against Northern Riverina. Central West's under 14s and under 17s both claimed victories over their traditional rivals while the region's under 12s performed strongly, but were defeated by a rampant Northern Riverina outfit.

In the eldest age group Central West skipper Nic Broes, probably more known for his exploits on the cricket field, was simply outstanding. So much so Central West coach and Orange Tigers player Andrew Nelson - who was absolutely stoked with his side's victory - labelled the Bathurst Giants' talent the "best kick of a footy I've seen for a kid his age". Broes was superb in leading Central West to a 13-10-88 to 8-4-52 victory and was duly named best on ground for his effort.

Rob Mason was superb too, booting four majors. A newcomer to the sport, Ben Matthews also kicked three for the Central West side while his Bathurst Giants club-mates Mitch Taylor and Aiden Macauley nailed two each and Bailey Brien and Jacob Molkenntin both kicked a goal as well. Central West's under 14 victory was even more dominant, the Casey White coached side went within one kick of keeping Northern Riverina scoreless through the entire game.

Another Bathurst Giant, Rocco Yates, was best on ground as Central West ultimately ran out 8-9-57 to 1-0-6 winners. As the scoreline suggests, the side's defensive effort was something to behold while it was also strong in front of goal, making the most of the opportunities created through the midfield. Charlie Kemp was the best there, he was Central West's only multiple goal-kicker with two while Blake Dee, Tyrone Trindall, Jake Nugent, Zac Yandle, Rocco Yates and Connor Munroe all booted one each. Central West tried hard in the under 12s but went down 5-3-33 to 1-1-7 to Northern Riverina. Hamish Blair was the lone goal-kicker for Central West.

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Students to lose help

EDUCATION

BY NADINE MORTON

THE NSW Teachers Federation has slammed the Australian Government for what it claims is a \$4.8 million funding cut to Bathurst's public schools during the next two years.

A protest at Mount Panorama on Friday, attended by an alliance of teachers, parents and school principals, was organised to "send a clear message to [Malcolm] Turnbull about education funding" under Gonski 2.0.

Earlier this month, the Australian Government announced \$1,909,200 in funding for Bathurst's 26 independent, catholic and public schools next year, but NSW Teachers Federation (NSWTF) deputy president Gary Zadkovich said funding has actually been cut.

He said the \$1.9 million actually represents a significant cut compared to what schools were expecting under the original Gonski agreement signed by the Gillard Government in 2013.

Under the original Gonski, Denison College's Bathurst



CUTS AREN'T FAIR: Bathurst's school principals and parents at a Gonski 2.0 protest at Mount Panorama on Friday. They say cuts to education funding are not fair. Photo: NADINE MORTON 052617amgonski5

and Kelso campuses would have received \$2,285,445 for 2018 and 2019, but Gonski 2.0 has dropped that by \$1,693,363 to just \$592,077.

Kelso Public School would have received \$798,126 for the two-year period, but this has been decreased by \$710,062 to just \$88,064.

Mr Zadkovich said \$23m in funding has been taken

from the Calare electorate "because the Turnbull government is tearing up the Gonski plan".

NSWTF country organiser Kelly Anderson said Bathurst's schools had already started planning what they would do with the funding, and it will be the students who lose out.

"Schools have already

budgeted for resources and programs," she said. "Schools will have to make determinations about which kids can get access to the resources and that's just not fair."

While it may have been a Labor federal government that signed the original Gonski agreement, Mr Zadkovich said the Abbott and now Turnbull governments were

obligated to continue it.

"It's not an agreement signed by political parties, it's signed by the Commonwealth of Australia," he said.

"Surely that's sending the wrong message to the community and our students [to cut funding]."

"We'll never get funding certainty, we'll live in a three year funding cycle."



FIRED UP: Jasmin Courtenay and the Western NSW Mariners FC women's State League side are out to snap a two-game losing run this Sunday at Proctor Park. Photo: CHRIS SEABROOK

Western women hungry for a victory

SOCCER

WESTERN NSW Mariners FC are looking to stay in touch with the touch with the women's State League top two when they take on SD Raiders at Proctor Park this Sunday.

performance in their 2-0 loss to APIA Leichhardt Tigers, according to coach Jason Payne.

"Last week our defence was a lot better. I'm hoping we bring the same level of intensity to this game," he said.

saved them on a lot of occasions. Our defensive work made it very difficult for them to have any chances."

Payne said little can be read into the previous 1-0 defeat to the Raiders.

"It was a little unfortu-

them in the match that was interrupted by the storm that swept through Bathurst. We then came back out after it was over and couldn't get ourselves back into the game," he said.

The match at Proctor Park

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SPORT

A scrappy victory

SOCCER

BY BRADLEY JURD

WESTERN NSW Mariners FC got back to winning in the NSW State League, as the team defeated SD Raiders FC at Proctor Park on Sunday.

After taking a 1-nil lead into the half-time break, both Mariners and Raiders piled the goals on in the second-half and the Mariners claimed a 4-2 win.

Mariners coach Jason Payne said he was happy with the win.

"It was a scrappy game. We struggled to control the ball in the first-half," he said.

"We struggled to get the ball out from the back and we forced unnecessary pressure on ourselves.

"We played a bit better in the second-half but I'm just happy to get the win."

Raiders played a pressing game in the first-half, looking to force the host to make errors at the back.

Yet the pressure went unrewarded, as the Mariners took a 1-nil lead after a lack-luster first-half.

In the second-half, the Mariners came out determined to improve from their first-half performance.

While the first-half may have been forgotten, the second-half did not fail to disappoint and the Raiders come within a goal of scoring a late equaliser, in a high scoring second-half.

However, it was Mariners' top goal-scorer Jasmin Courtenay who scored the fourth

and final goal of the day for the hosts.

Courtenay has now scored 13 goals this season, the most in the competition.

She is three goals ahead of APIA Leichhardt Tigers' Christina Ferreyra.

The win for the Mariners pushes the Central West-based club within one point of Raiders, who sit in second spot.

Payne said he would like to work on improving the defensive line.

"We've got a few defensive things to work on and we need to tighten things up," he said.

"But we're missing two key players in the backline - one injured and one away - so I'm happy with how the defence has gone in their absence."

Working on defensive structures will be an important priority for the Mariners through the week, at training.

Mariners have a bye this weekend.

They will return to action on June 18 against Parramatta FC, who are coming off a 9-0 defeated, at home, against Mt Druitt Town Rangers FC.

Parramatta FC will host St George FC on June 11 at Melita Stadium.

Mariners versus Parramatta FC is expected to kick-off at 3pm, at Jack Brabham Park in Orange

WESTERN NSW MARINERS FC 4 (Jasim Courtenay, Teegan Courtney, Larissa Kilby, Jessica Salomoni goals) defeated SD RAIDERS FC 2 (Nicole Monti, Niqui Caridad goals)



WINNERS: Western NSW Mariners FC reserve grade footballer Emily Risch in action against SD Raiders FC, in the team's 1-nil win against the visitors.



SCORER: April Rich, of Western NSW Mariners FC, scored a goal in reserve grade, in their win against SD Raiders FC. **Photos:** CHRIS SEABROOK



SUCCESS: Bathurst City's Lisa Quinn celebrates after scoring her team's second goal on Saturday. **Photo:** PHIL BLATCH

City takes two blues down in close contest

HOCKEY

BY ALEXANDER GRANT

BATHURST City fought from behind to claim a 3-1 win over local rivals Souths in women's Premier League Hockey action on Saturday.

City maintained their unbeaten start to the season but were made to work hard for it against a two blues outfit playing several levels above the hockey they produced a week earlier.

Shannon Fisher gave Souths the lead before City struck back with two goals before half time.

Rebecca Bosianek flicked the ball into the goal with a

well-timed shot off her hip before City coach Lisa Quinn made a successful deflection into the top left corner of the net.

Little could separate the sides across the second half but eventually Kaitlyn Judge found a crucial goal for City with 15 minutes left to play.

Judge got the breakthrough following a scramble in front of the Souths goal, helping land her side a fifth win from as many matches.

City captain Andrea Seymour said there was a lot of pressure to soak up from Souths.

"Souths came out stronger in the first half but then we

started to get a bit of flow towards the end of the half," she said.

"We came out in the second half hoping to keep calm and play our game, and I think we did that.

"Even though Souths got on the board first we knew we could get the goals in. We were always talking to each other and making sure we played our game.

"I think all the girls up front were great today. Brooke [McPadden] really controlled the centre for us and Lisa showed that she's definitely a powerhouse and definitely someone to always watch out for"

Souths came into the match off a frustrating 11-2 defeat to Lithgow Panthers.

The improvement from the two blues compared to that match was evident throughout Saturday's derby.

His side didn't get the result they were after but Souths coach Damien Carter admired the commitment his team showed to putting last week behind them.

"The girls are rapt with the effort they showed to push Bathurst City, and the two goals City got in the first half were freaky goals," he said.

"In the second half City must have had nine short corners. Our defensive

line today was perfect. We shut them down. Yes, they got a few quick chances but then we got some fast break chances with Sarah Watterson.

"From where we went last week against Lithgow Panthers, to push these girls to the end is fantastic. There was a short corner after the siren and we still made the effort not to have any more goals scored against us."

City now enjoys a two-win buffer over four teams level in the battle for second spot.

BATHURST CITY 3 (Lisa Quinn, Rebecca Bosianek, Kaitlyn Judge) defeated SOUTHS 1 (Shannon Fisher)

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Bathurst club get boost for Tigers clash

Lawson back for Panthers



RUGBY LEAGUE
BY ALEXANDER GRANT

FOR the first time this Group 10 premier league season Blake Lawson will step on field for the Bathurst Panthers as he returns from an ankle injury.

He couldn't have timed it any better.

Panthers will travel this Sunday to take on Oberon Tigers in what will be the match of the round between second and third on the ladder.

Dynamic Panthers centre Lawson will be a welcome addition to the Panthers who will take on a Tigers team well rested from last round's bye.

"He was one of the form centres last year," Panthers manager Danny Dwyer said of Lawson.

"Kyle Byrnes did an amazing job filling in for him at centre but now he gets to move back to his more natural position in the second row.

"Blake's a tough competitor. He's great in the air and you know there's always going to be a line break or two in him. He'll probably be a little underdone for this game but it will be great to have him out there again."

Panthers and Tigers meet with wildly different results under their belts.

A four-try blitz from Kade Barrow lifted Panthers to a 56-26 victory over Mudgee Dragons while Tigers became another victim of a rampant, unbeaten Orange CYMS side 50-12.

Regardless of the previous results Dwyer said the Bathurst men can expect a fired up Tigers team when they play for a home crowd.

"The records show that Oberon are a great threat at home and I wouldn't be surprised if they had a few players back after the week off," he said.

"They've had two weeks to regroup and we had a very tough game against last year

over there. Based on their form prior to the CYMS game it's going to be a hard match.

"I think the 26 point scored against us last week is disappointing. We've had rock solid defence for most of the season. We got opened up in the middle a couple of times and that's something that hasn't happened to us much this year.

"We got a couple of early tries to go to 10-nil but in those first 15 minutes we failed a few completions."

Panthers look to turn around last year's result at the Oberon Sports Ground where the Tigers came away 16-14 winners.

Match start is 2.15pm.
BATHURST PANTHERS: 1 Jeremy Gordon, 2 Bradyn Cassidy, 3 Blake Lawson, 4 Jye Barrow, 5 Kade Barrow, 6 Claude Gordon, 7 Doug Hewitt, 8 Brent Seager, 9 Nick Loader, 10 Todd Barrow, 11 Kyle Byrnes, 12 Jack Siejka, 13 Jake Betts, 14 Jed Betts, 15 Leigh Monaghan, 16 Wade Judd, 17 Joey Bugg

PREPARED TO PLAY: Blake Lawson is back for the Bathurst Panthers as they prepare to take on the Oberon Tigers in Group 10 premier league. Photo: CHRIS SEABROOK

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Country awaits



STEP UP: Jason Corliss, Michael Latu and Felix Quinn have earned a spot in the NSW Country Under 18s side. **Photo: ALEXANDER GRANT**

RUGBY UNION

BY ALEXANDER GRANT

HAVING just one player selected for NSW Country Colts is a great moment for a club.

When it's three players? That's something truly special.

Bathurst Bulldogs trio Felix Quinn, Jason Corliss and Michael Latu impressed at the recent Country Champi-

onships for the Central West under 18s and have earned the opportunity to play at the next level.

As an added bonus for the Bathurst crew they will be playing in their home city when taking on the NSW Combined High Schools team this Sunday.

In a tough Country Championships tournament for Central West - where they claimed one win from just

four matches - the Bulldogs players still made a strong impression.

Bulldogs were strongly represented at the Nelson's Bay tournament with four players, including Campbell Morris.

Quinn, who made last year's under 17s Country side, was stoked to make the cut alongside two other club mates.

"It was really good news.

We had four players from Bathurst so to get three out of four into Country was really good," he said.

"I know most of the boys in the team but there's a few new faces so I think the camps will be really useful in helping us bond together.

"I've played in the NSW CHS side back in under 15s so I know the team will be a whole lot better in the opens and it will be a very

tough game."

It's a first-time Country appearance for both second rower Corliss and full-back Latu.

Bulldogs flanker Quinn was surprised to make the cut for Country after having a disrupted championship campaign.

"I was very happy with how I played but in the second game I got up an injury. I busted my ankle and missed

the third game. I only played half of the fourth game so to get picked was pretty good," he said.

Country also have upcoming matches against ACT Juniors and Greater Public Schools (GPS) representative side.

The Bathurst players will be joined in the NSW Country squad by Central West teammates Kyle Gibson and Billy Carberry.

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NEW ADDITION: Member for Calare Andrew Gee (standing, seventh from right) with members of the Australian Air Force Cadet 328 Squadron. 051617cadet1

Royal addition for air cadets

COMMUNITY

BATHURST'S Air Force Cadets received a new addition recently with a photo of Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip presented to the group's members.

A portrait of the Queen hangs in all Defence Force buildings, however the one in the cadets' auditorium was decades old.

Australian Air Force Cadets 328 Squadron's Trent Gedling said federal member for Calare Andrew Gee recently paid a visit to hand over the framed photograph.

"We had one, but it was 20 years old and this is an up-



We had one photo of the Queen, but it was 20 years old and this is an updated one.

Australian Air Force Cadets 328 Squadron's Trent Gedling

dated one," he said.

"All defence facilities have a photo of the Queen."

Mr Gedling said the por-

trait was presented to Cadet Executive Officer Cadet Sergeant Ethan Willott during the visit.

"We quite enjoyed having someone of high importance there," Mr Gedling said of Mr Gee's visit.

Following the photograph presentation, cadets undertook a fire safety training session with firefighters from the Raglan Rural Fire Brigade.

The 328 Squadron is made up of 38 cadets aged from 13 to 18 years old. Members undertake a wide range of training, visit www.aafc.org.au for more information.

- NADINE MORTON

Western Advocate Tuesday

League restructure imminent

SOCCKER

THE Western NSW Mariners FC women's side could take on a completely different shape next year should the club fail to gain promotion to the National Premier Leagues 2 competition. Women's State League, NSW's third tier which the Mariners currently play in, will no longer have any sen-

ior grade following an announcement from Football NSW last week.

Football NSW will restructure the third tier to feature between eight to 10 club and association teams in only under 14s, 15s and 17s. Football NSW Western Branch coaching and development manager Andrew Fearnley said the review -

which had been underway since the end of the previous season - has shown that change needed to happen.

"I'm not convinced that the current format of the State League is viable," he said.

"The review found that there wasn't sufficient quality and numbers across all clubs in State League."

CHANGE: Western NSW Mariners FC will not have a women's senior team in 2018 should the club be unable to gain promotion. Photo: PHIL BLATCH



OUR NEW ARRIVALS

The Bathurst region has a number of new little faces. Proud parents across the city and surrounds have welcomed some new hubs into their homes - and their hearts. It's always an exciting time.



THRILLED: Hannah and Jack English are celebrating the birth of their first son, Cooper Harry English, born on May 24. 052617jcbab



KEY PLAYERS: St Pat's players Ella Davis, Ruby Clarke, Natalie Davis and Paityn Simpson were strong for Western. Photo: LISA DAVIS

Pat's quartet shine for Western at CHS titles

HOCKEY

BY ALEXANDER GRANT

BATHURST quartet Ella Davis, Ruby Clarke, Natalie Davis and Paityn Simpson came close to earning a grand final spot alongside their Western team mates in the recent Combined High Schools (CHS) State Championships.

The Bathurst group, who all play their local hockey for St Pat's, helped Western secure second spot in their pool at the Tamworth tournament.

That result meant Western booked a meeting with the highly-fancied, undefeated

Hunter outfit in the semi-finals.

Western were unlucky not to cause an upset as they went down 5-3 to Hunter, who went on to win the championship.

The Western girls enjoyed a strong set of pool results in their run to the semi-finals.

Sydney North provided a strong test for the Bathurst group and nothing could split the two teams in a 1-all draw.

In the second match of the opening day Western claimed their first win, a 2-0 result against Riverina.

On the following day

Western were pushed all the way in a 3-2 victory over North West but went down 8-3 to an undefeated North Coast outfit.

However, Western had done enough to win the battle for a top two finish in their pool.

Lisa Davis said the Western girls did a great job to once again crack the competition's top four.

"They went into the tournament ranked third, and have come away fourth, so they've maintained that ranking and that's fantastic from Western's point of view," she said.

"We had a really strong team this year which featured plenty of Premier League Hockey-standard girls. The good thing is that we only lose one player next year, which is great for building the team up assuming most girls are selected again."

Davis said the entertaining semi-final could have gone either way.

"Hunter were consistent and very clinic in their hockey. I thought that our girls certainly surprised them in the semi-final. It was only 1-0 at half-time in the hockey though and we probably got them thinking 'where did

this team come from?'

"It's four solid days of hockey - three days plus one training day - and it's very intensive. I thought we brought a really fit side this year."

Bathurst featured strongly among the Western strikers ranks through Ella Davis, Clarke and Simpson.

All were successful in putting points on the board throughout the tournament.

Natalie Davis was part of a fearsome midfield combination alongside NSW state representatives Eva Reith-Snare and Heidi Townsend.

Hunter won the grand final 4-2 over South Coast.

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Mother's Day United: Players bond for mate



UNITED: Tori Worboys, Tanielle Michael and Tamara Dickson join with their Western Mariners teammates. **Photo:** CHRIS SEABROOK 060417marinrs1

FRIENDSHIP

BY DAVID FITZSIMONS

MOTHER'S Day without your mum or Father's Day without your dad can be pretty tough.

The publicity and the hype in the days leading up and then watching other people celebrate on the day with their family can be hard to take when your mum or dad aren't there.

Faced with that reality about to hit one of its players on Mother's Day this year one sporting team stood up to let a teammate know she was not alone.

The Western Mariners women's team represent some of the best soccer

players in the Central West with players from Orange, Bathurst, Cowra and other towns.

One player Tamara Dickson had watched her best friend and team mate Tanielle Michael of Cowra deal with the loss of both her mother, Debbie Michael, and her stepmother Toni Day, to cancer within a few months.

So she organised a special event on Mother's Day.

Wearing purple ribbons in their hair and clutching 30 balloons the senior squad and some under 17 and under 15 players held a minute's silence just before kick-off then released the balloons over the ground.

Dickson said it was an



SUPPORT: The balloons.

emotional day.

"Purple was her mum's favourite colour," she said.

"The whole point around it was she didn't have anyone there to watch her game.

"It's more of a thing for the

ones who don't have mums on Mother's Day."

She said that while the event was intended as a one-off a lot of players and fans had responded later saying how it had touched them.

"I did it purely for Tanielle but it has meant more than it was actually for.

"People have said, 'this has touched my heart'.

"It has brought the team closer. It has brought a lot of camaraderie. It's made us strong," she said.

"It has put a different perspective about certain days of the year. I wouldn't mind doing something more.

"It was probably just a one-off but it will all depend on [what can be done]."

Another player Tori Worboys said it brought the team together.

"We all stood together with purple ribbons in our hair, and 30 balloons that watched over us. Because one of our mothers couldn't be there to cheer us on," she said.

"You felt the moment throughout the field and sidelines, the girls stood together as one and proved that we are more than just turning up to play a game, we are a team.

"Thank you to each and every one of the members of our senior squad, players, managers and coaches. As well as our cheer squads," she said.

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Gladys comes to Bathurst

Last Wednesday night, Bathurst welcomed Premier Gladys Berejiklian to town with a reception at the Bathurst RSL Club.

DAVE RANKINE

The club's auditorium was filled to capacity for the event with over 250 guests cramming themselves into the room for the chance to meet the Premier and have a word with her about a range of local issues.

The Premier was in town for the reception, and a fund-raising dinner later in the evening at Abercrombie House.

She left on Thursday morning for a grueling 10-hour drive to Broken Hill to attend the National party state conference.

During the hour-long reception, the Premier constantly insisted people refer to her as Gladys, was extremely personable, took time to listen to the many community groups and schools

represented and also spoke honestly and comfortably about her role as Premier, her close working relationship with Minister Toole and the love she has for the Central West.

In truth, her speech was disarming, frank and well received by those in attendance and she certainly came across as warm, welcoming and open – a demeanor which this writer did not expect from the state's leader.

Many of the party faithful in the room were also pleased with the visit. One highlight was the welcome by student Mayor, Sarah Driver, who showed great maturity on stage and in the presence of the Premier and was a great representative of our community in her Youth Council role.



Celebrating diversity

IMAGES - KELSO HS FACEBOOK PAGE

KELSO HIGH CAMPUS promotes inclusion, tolerance and respect.

The school's student representative council used plenty of colour in support of IDAHOBIT Day, the International Day Against Homophobia Transphobia and Biphobia last Wednesday.



New Queen for cadets

IMAGES - SUPPLIED BY ANDREW GEE

FEDERAL MEMBER FOR Calare, Andrew Gee, dropped by the Australian Air Force Cadets City of Bathurst (328) Squadron last week to present a new portrait of The Queen and Prince Phillip (who is the cadets' patron).

The Squadron meets each Tuesday night where they learn about aviation through flying, gliding, aerospace studies, communications and navigation, air traffic control, aeromodelling, aircraft engineering, orienteering and map reading.



Crazy kids support cancer

IMAGES- BNA FACEBOOK PAGE

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE Bathurst Netball Association (BNA) who raised over \$700 today for The Kids Cancer Project at its annual Crazy Hair and Sock Day.

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Denison forged in the fire

Kelso blaze started education revolution

EDUCATION

THE devastating fire that destroyed Kelso High School in 2005 also sparked a revolution in public education in Bathurst.

The fire led to a broader discussion about the delivery of public education in the city, particularly the role of Kelso and Bathurst high schools.

From those discussions came the idea of a single college in the city comprising Kelso and Bathurst campuses – and the creation of Denison College of Secondary Education.

It's now 10 years since Denison College was formed to offer Bathurst high school students unrivalled opportunities across two campuses.

To mark the occasion the college is hosting a 10-year anniversary celebration on Friday, August 4 at Kelso High Campus from 5.30pm to 8pm.

Denison College principal Craig Petersen is encouraging all members of the community to come along.

"We are putting on a fantastic night of entertainment to highlight our current programs and student success," Mr Petersen said.

"It will be an occasion to reflect on the past and acknowledge the foundations that have been laid for our current success.

"Ten years ago, from the ashes of Kelso High School, Denison College of Secondary Education arose with both Kelso and Bathurst High Schools uniting as campuses of a single, larger College. This innovative integration of both schools provided unequalled educational opportunities for senior students in Bathurst."

The 10-year anniversary celebration, coinciding with Education Week, is a one-off event showcasing talented students from across both campuses from acrobatics to musical and vocal performance.

Even the college's livestock and produce will feature on the night as part of the menu for guests to enjoy.

"It's a night not to be missed," Mr Petersen said.

"We want the community to come and witness firsthand what they helped build 10 years ago and to be able to show-off the amazing talent of our students who are supported by some of the most dedicated teachers you will



PARTY TIME: Denison College principal Craig Petersen (right) shows off flyers for the 10-year celebration dinner with Bathurst campus principal Ken Barwick and Kelso campus principal Mick Sloan.

ever come across."

Denison College's state-of-the-art facilities and unrivalled, innovative educational opportunities have seen an increase in enrolments

over the past 10 years as a result of broader curriculum choices offered to students.

"The first 10 years have seen significant change in our educational systems, I'm

excited to see what the next 10 years will bring us and you can be assured that we will be leading the way forward."

Tickets for the celebration are available from both Ba-

thurst and Kelso High Campuses for \$30 for adults and \$15 for school children. The community is encouraged to get in early as tickets are strictly limited.



ENTERTAINMENT: Martyn Cook and Rebecca Daniel playing at the Mad Season Cafe during the market. 060317pbmini8

CO-OP'S MARKET DAY

TRADITIONAL Algerian couscous and fried breads, sourdough, flowers, vegetables, honey, jams and chutneys – there was a lot on offer at the recent Bathurst Wholefood Co-operative market day. The markets are held once-a-month.



MARKET FANS: Malika Bahmed and Elvaz Limani were among those at the monthly market morning. 060317pbmini1



BEST MATES: Jim Glen and Janny Berry brought along Mack for a walk during the community event. 060317pbmini3



SWEET DELIGHTS: Robin Marshall was selling an extensive range of jams, chutneys, curds and sauces. 060317pbmini5



FRESH PRODUCE: Cathy Hale and Stephanie Lareau with their supply of produce for sale. 060317pbmini2

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THE BEST: St Pat's junior Lachlan Howard and his Western side were victorious at the recent NSW CHS Hockey Championships in Murwillumbah. **Photo: CONTRIBUTED**

Western hockey a cut above the rest

HOCKEY

LACHLAN Howard has played a pivotal role in recently helping Western to a boys' NSW Combined High Schools (CHS) Hockey Championship title.

The St Pat's junior and his Western teammates made an undefeated run through the

Murwillumbah competition, taking six straight wins on their way to the crown.

Western won the final over Hunter in a game which went to golden goal extra time.

Hunter had rallied back to take a 2-1 lead but Western were able to level the scores before the final whistle.

In the second period of extra time - with both teams down to playing seven-on-seven - Western found a breakthrough to be crowned state champions.

Western's closest match prior to the final was way back in their opening match against South Coast, a

2-1 victory.

After that the Western boys proved too hot to handle.

Following on from their tournament opener Western record wins over Riverina (4-1), Sydney North (3-1), North West (3-0) and Sydney South West (2-0).

- ALEXANDER GRANT

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PLENTY TO SMILE ABOUT: The St Pat's under 16s girls league tag side celebrate after their undefeated run at the Orange gala day on Sunday.

Success for Pat's in league tag gala day

LEAGUE TAG

THE St Pat's under 16s league tag side made it a case of 'third time lucky' when they took out their gala day at Orange on Sunday.

In their third carnival as a team Pat's went through the day undefeated with wins over Orange, Oberon, Cowra and Bathurst Panthers.

"I'm stoked for them because it's their first year of playing league tag. The majority of the team play in other sports, like netball," co-coach John O'Shea said.

"They've been to two carnivals before this one and had only won two of their five matches over those.

"I'm really proud of the girls because they've gelled together so well and always try their hardest."

O'Shea and Anthony Gibbs co-coach the team on gala day, while Karah Armstrong prepares the squad on weekdays.

"She's put a lot of work in getting this team together and we're really grateful for her efforts," O'Shea said.

Juniors set for carnival on coast

AUSTRALIAN RULES BY ALEXANDER GRANT

BATHURST juniors are well represented across the Central West AFL representative sides named to take on the upcoming Shoalhaven Carnival.

One Central West team to keep an eye on will be the under 14.5s, filled to the brim with a crop of talented Bathurst Giants and Bushrangers players.

The team contains a grand total of 13 Bathurst players. That's two-thirds of the squad.

Bathurst connections to the side continue through Connor Lynch, Bailey Ronan, Jack Carr, Tyrone Trindall, Jake Nugent and Reece Belmonte.

The bulk of the side will have had over a month together under Casey's control, as part of the GWS Giants under 13s to 15s development squad, by the time the carnival rolls around.

Casey is hopeful the extra time together as a group will give his side an edge at the Shoalhaven competition.

"I've got them together as a group over a 13 to 14-week period. The kids will all know each other by the time the carnival is on," he said.

"We've got together a great core group of kids in this squad and they're all going to be familiar with each others' game.

"Our 14s have shown really good signs in their time training together. Hopefully with the addition of a couple more 14 year old players to the 14.5 team we'll be even stronger.

"The strong group of Bushrangers and Giants in the side is a great sign foody in Bathurst as the years progress."

Representing the Bathurst Giants in the side will be Jayden and Zac Yandle, Lachlan Macauley, Rocco Yates, Liam Cooke, Joey Langfield and Daniel Belfanti.

Bushrangers are represented in the 14.5s through Connor Lynch, Bailey Ronan, Jack Carr, Tyrone Trindall, Jake Nugent and Reece Belmonte.

The remainder of the team is comprised of Orange Tigers, Cowra Blues and Northern Riverina League representatives.

White's 14.5s team will take on teams from Shoalhaven, Illawarra and South Coast from June 30.

Nine Bushrangers players have been named in the youth girls' side for the Shoalhaven Carnival, including new NSW/ACT representative Mariah Gilchrist.

Seven Bathurst representatives will line up for the under 12s while a sizeable collection of 10 Giants players and two Bushrangers juniors will take to the field in the under 17s.

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ACHIEVER: Tracey Elwell, her daughter Susannah Winkelman, principal Michael Sloan and Jill Rose-Smithers of Zonta. Photo: CHRIS SEABROOK

Susannah second in competition

ZONTA AWARD

A KESLO High School student with aspirations to be a lawyer has been announced as the runner-up in an interstate writing competition.

Susannah Winkelman placed second throughout NSW and the ACT, winning \$250 for her efforts.

The competition, run by Zonta International, aimed to encourage women to follow their educational dreams.

Jill Rose-Smithers, director of Zonta, Goulburn, said the organisation contacted schools in the region and asked them to select students

who met the criteria.

The students then had to submit a story about their involvement in the community and influential people in their lives, and also what it means to be a young Indigenous woman.

Susannah said she found it easy to write the essay.

"I just wrote what was true and meaningful," she said.

She said she will put her prize of \$250 in the bank as savings for when she goes to university next year, where she hopes to study law.

She said it had been her dream to be a lawyer ever since she was 10 years old.

Kelso High School principal Michael Sloan described Susannah as an outstanding role model and great leader, and a worthy winner in the competition.

"She's part of our Year 12 leadership team, and it's an honour to know her and work with her," he said.



NEW BEGINNINGS: Zoi Petford and Kaitlan Weal graduated from the IPROWD program on Friday. Photo: BELINDA SOOLE 060917iprowd1

IPROWD making a difference

EDUCATION

BATHURST women Zoi Petford and Kaitlan Weal are among a group of 19 young Aboriginal people who are now a step closer to their dream of becoming a NSW Police officer.

The pair was among the latest Indigenous Police Recruitment Our Way Delivery (IPROWD) graduating class that finished their course on Friday.

NSW Police Assistant Commissioner Geoff McKechnie attended the graduation ceremony in Dubbo and had nothing but

praise for a program that is seeking to increase the number of Indigenous police officers.

"It's a great day for them [the 19 graduates]. They've worked hard for the last 15 weeks and it's great to be here and see them graduate from the IPROWD program," he said.

"We're really proud of it and pleased with the way its going. Not only does it provide employment with the NSW police but many have gone on to other employment or further study. It's a wonderful program and

we're happy to be part of it." Since starting in 2008, 833 students have completed the IPROWD program with 95 now employed by the NSW Police Force. Twenty IPROWD graduates are currently at the academy in Goulburn.

Assistant Commissioner McKechnie said the program had made a big difference.

"To see young Aboriginal people wanting to join the NSW police in the numbers they do now is such a step forward for us, from even 10 years ago," he said.

— MARK RAYNER

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SOUTHERN CHALLENGE: St Pat's juniors Tyler Colley, Ash Cosgrove and Blake Martin will line up for the Group 10 under 15s this weekend at the Southern Zone Country Championships.

Bathurst juniors to line up for Group 10

IRISH RUGBY LEAGUE

Two of Bathurst's most talented juniors will pull on a Group 10 jumper this weekend as the under 15s and under 14s Southern Zone Country Championships are contested in Wollongong.

The under 15s outfit is led by captain Tyler Colley, with Tyler Colley, Charlie Ayoub, Blake Martin, Ashley Cosgrove, Jayden Fisher and Josh Hanrahan all making the squad, as did Bathurst Panthers' Mitch Bonham.

In the under 14s outfit, Panthers duo Shannon MacKay and Thomas Large will be in action.

"Hopefully we can per-

ident Martin Power said.

"The under 15s have been hit by injury a bit, but we're confident they'll still do well."

The successful southern sides in both age groups will go on to compete in the Country Championship finals against northern's best

Western Advocate Friday 16th June

Chilly morning for a run

IMAGES - BATHURST PARKRUN FACEBOOK PAGE.

EXTREMELY COLD CONDITIONS greeted the dedicated members of Bathurst parkrun on Saturday morning as Kelso High School (KHS) took command of the free weekly run series.

Impressively, the sub-zero temperatures did not stop 38 participants from doing a personal best during the run, while Bathurst Mayor, and former KHS teacher, Graeme Hanger, conducted an outside broadcast for 2BS during the morning.

Well done to everyone who braved the cold.

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MOVING ON: Kelso High School's futsal side has progressed to next month's State Championships. It's the second year running the team has qualified. **Photo: FACEBOOK**

Kelso High onto next stage

FUTSAL

FOR the second year running Kelso High School has qualified for the Futsal State Championships.

Kelso booked its spot in next month's tournament after finishing runner-up at the recent Regional Championships at Orange.

In 2016, its first year of futsal competition, Kelso took out the Regional Championships title.

The school has continued with its winning ways, coming up just shy of repeating that success.

Coach Andrew Le said strong leadership out in the

middle made the difference for his team.

"We had two boys back from last year's team, Hamish Lamberton and Cole Mutton, and they've done a lot of training outside school hours and balanced that in their heavy schedules," he said.

"We had five new players come into the team, and they hadn't played before. It's a great achievement for them to progress to the State Championships.

"Hamish and Cole taught the boys a lot of techniques and helped them improve."

Lamberton was on fire at

the Orange competition as he finished with 28 goals to his name.

Le is excited to see how his team will fare in just over a month's time.

"The boys will be playing in Penrith on the 28th of July and they'll be competing against the runner-up and winner from that region as well," he said.

"I have to acknowledge the work of Hamish and Cole's parents who have been so helpful. Their work is what allows the boys to have the motivation and the commitment they do."

— ALEXANDER GRANT

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ALL TOGETHER NOW: Mark Halor conducts the combined concert bands of Bathurst and Kelso campuses of Denison college. **Photo: CHRIS SEABROOK 9061417concertbs**

Campuses combine for creative pursuits

A MILESTONE moment for the college's 10-year anniversary celebration on August 4 at Kelso High Campus. "It's been a really good ongoing benefits.

Combined ensembles formed from students from the Kelso and Bathurst campuses of the college have been so successful that they are likely to be retained after the party is over.

The dance, vocal and concert band ensembles have been formed to perform at



STRONG VOICES: The combined vocal ensemble practises ahead of the Denison College 10-year anniversary celebration in early August. 061417vocal

Fields of dreams for team

Agriculture students reap the rewards

EDUCATION

BY NADINE MORTON

JUST seven months ago students at Denison College Kelso High campus headed off into a new paddock, and it is already paying dividends.

The school's agriculture teacher Jarrod Kelly was keen to get students involved in an agricultural team to attend a range of country shows, and he admits the plan has been an outstanding success.

Kelso High's ag team have already attended four country shows - Bathurst, Blayney, Canberra and Hawkesbury - where their cattle and sheep were awarded a haul of ribbons.

"I started the ag team in 2016 so the kids can have experience with the industries in Bathurst that are relevant to our city," Mr Kelly said.

"We've already had a part-time job offer to work at a farm for one of the students."

And, while show ribbons might be great, Mr Kelly said the best thing about the team was the change it had made to the students who are involved.

"The educational outcomes for the kids, and also the social improvements in

the kids, have been the most exciting things," he said.

Mr Kelly said some students were very shy before joining the team, but they have since built such confidence that they will lead cattle in front of crowds of 400 people at shows.

"It's been a massive success," he said.

Year 10 student Kendra Willott, 15, is among the students in the ag team and she said it has changed her outlook in life.

"I got involved last year and I enjoy it. It's my passion," she said.

"I love parading and grooming and showing cattle in the ring."

The school's ag program has been so successful that it has now expanded to include sheep.

Mr Kelly said the agriculture program would not be possible without the generous support of many local businesses and livestock owners.

He said the majority of the ag team's cattle have been donated by local farmers, while feed has been provided at cost and transport given for free.

"It's brilliant, I've never



WHAT A TEAM: Kelso High School agriculture teacher Jarrod Kelly (far right) with Emily Watterson, 16, Kendra Willott, 15, (in middle) and other ag team members. **Photo: CHRIS SEABROOK 052417csteers**

AG TEAM'S SUCCESS

- █ Emily Watterson and Kendra Willott placed in the Young Rural Achievers literature competition
- █ Hereford cross steer - 2nd in led steer competition
- █ Highly commended in the hereford lightweight class
- █ Angus cross steer placed 6th in heavyweight class
- █ Ribbons were also won

- █ in the junior parading competition
- █ Pen of three wethers placed second in its class
- █ One ewe earned a fourth place



TIME TO JAM: Liz Talbot, 17, and Tameka Kennedy, 17 will perform with YJAM at the Bathurst Winter Festival. **Photo: CHRIS SEABROOK 062817cyjam1**

Entertaining the festival's crowds

ENTERTAINMENT

THE best in local music will warm up the crowds at the launch of the Bathurst Winter Festival.

Kicking off on Saturday, the 16-day festival will be held in and around Kings Parade.

The festival will feature

two huge street parties, with the first, Ignite the Night, on this Saturday from 5-9pm.

The community is invited to soak up the festival atmosphere at the party while being entertained by a range of performers.

Among them are Liz Talbot, 17, and Tameka Kenne-

dy, 17, who will perform as part of Bathurst Youth Council's YJAM entertainment.

The YJAM stage will be at the George Street end of Kings Parade, with music to start at 5pm.

Liz and Tameka performed at last year's festival and are excited about Saturday night.

Bathurst High student Tameka is a self-taught guitar player and singer and she will sing a range of originals and covers during her performance from 7-7.30pm.

"I like to help promote youth music and get my name out there," she said.

Kelso High student Liz is a

self-taught pianist and singer and she will perform from 7.40pm to 8.10pm.

"I like performing and getting up on stage, it's like my meditation," she said.

Liz and Tameka are two out of a group of six YJAM performers this Saturday.

- NADINE MORTON

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Success for Kelso High students

YEARS 7 TO 10 Commendation Assemblies were held last week at Denison College's Kelso campus. A special thank you was offered to the school's partner primary school principals who helped present to year 7 students. Thank you also to the parents who attended to support their children and our school. Congratulations to all students on a fantastic first semester!!



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ROAD TO SUCCESS: Denison College Kelso Year 12 student Rebecca Thornbury has been learning to drive with the help of Birrang and the NRMA. Photo: RACHEL FERRETT

Learning to drive made easy

ROAD SAFETY

STUDENTS at Denison College Kelso campus have been given a helping hand to become safe and proficient drivers.

Birrang, a driving school, has received support from the NRMA to bring its learner driver program to the school.

In June, \$16,500 was raised by NRMA staff and matched dollar-for-dollar by the NRMA, to then be invested into the program so it could be delivered free of charge to students.

This funding enables Birrang to run a five-week

program at the school, where students study for their learner test and, once successful, have lessons on the road with instructors.

The idea to run a program like this came from Bathurst Young Mob's Shona Kennedy, who wanted to help indigenous students get access to driving lessons.

It has since been opened to all students who are old enough to learn to drive.

Students who have joined the program are very grateful for what it offers.

"I think it is a good opportunity for all students," Year

12 student Rebecca Thornbury said. "It gives me the confidence in the car and it gives me more hours."

Year 11 student Jake Callaghan said he also feels more confident and has learnt how to park, reverse and perform head checks.

Birrang projects officer Jamie Gibbs said the program has been very successful, with 50 sessions conducted that equate to around 150 logbook hours for students.

Four students have so far obtained their learner licence.

- RACHEL FERRETT

Western Advocate Friday 30th June

Crimson Royale to debut single

CRIMSON ROYALE (pictured here in the B-Rock studio this week) have just finished recording their first single which will debut on B-Rock on Friday morning just after 8am. The five-piece band have been jamming and gigging for some time, including last year's V8 street party with a broad range of covers in their repertoire. Crimson Royale's debut single Drive Me Crazy, which they professionally recorded at Dotted Eight Studio in Orange as part of their prize for winning the Relay For Life Battle Of The Bands, was composed late 2016. The bands future goals are to release on air as part of its regular playlist.



Crimson Royale is: Tom Rodham - Bass guitar, backup vocals, Ben Howle - Lead guitarist, Jackson Howle - Drummer, Luke Furbank - Lead vocals, rhythm guitar, Jake Parker - Keyboardist

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ALOHA, HAWAII: Paddlers from the Dragons Downunder squad during a training camp at Bathurst's Chifley Dam. Photo: CONTRIBUTED

Dragon boaters on a world stage

DRAGON BOATING

A GROUP of Bathurst paddlers will be making a splash in Hawaii next week as part of an international dragon boating carnival.

They will join paddlers from Orange, Forbes, Sydney and northern NSW in an Australian team, Dragons

Downunder, to compete in the Hawaii Dragon Boat Festival at Ala Moana Beach from July 29.

Coach Deb Clarke from the Bathurst Pan Dragons recently held a training day at Chifley Dam to help the paddlers bond and train together as a team.

"Dragon boats fit 20 paddlers, a drummer at the front and a sweep standing at the back to steer the boat," Ms Clarke said.

"Hawaii racing features the addition of a flag catcher who lays near the front of the boat and grabs a flag at the finish line. Failure to catch

the flag constitutes a 'no finish' for the heat."

The Central West paddlers are looking forward to some summer weather in Hawaii compared to the frosty weather experienced lately across the region.

And their tour won't only be about competition.

The Dragons Downunder squad will also sample more of the outdoors in Hawaii, participating in snorkelling tours, canoe paddling, hiking, ziplines, Pearl Harbour and a traditional luau meal.

For more information about dragon boating in Bathurst, visit www.bathurstpandragons.org

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Winter Wonderland

AS THIS YEAR'S Bathurst Winter festival continues, it was wonderful to see the students from Kelso High School's Cirque de Surreal feature prominently at Saturday night's Brew & Bite.

From these gorgeous street performers to acrobats and all manner of circus artists, the team at Kelso High provided wonderful colour to Saturday night.

For more images and reports on the event - turn to pages 3 and 12 of this week's edition of Bathurst City Life.

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BALL BEAUTIES: Bronte Emanuel and Lauren Dean were out for a great night. 070817pbpats3



FUN TIMES: Leah Weekes and Jo Barwick were among the St Pat's supporters. 070817pbpats7



BLUE AND WHITE: Eliza Nankervis and Sarah Thorncraft were among the crowds at the Bathurst RSL Club. 070817pbpats8

ST PAT'S ANNUAL BALL

BATHURST St Pat's Football Club hosted its annual Blue and White Ball recently. Held at the Bathurst RSL Club, the St Pat's players, families supporters and sponsors dressed in their finest attire for the formal dinner dance.



ST PAT'S BALL: Harriett Masner and Sarah Watterson were among a strong crowd. 070817pbpats1



FUN AT THE BALL: Nicole Schneider, Riane Barton and Darcie Morrison were out for a great night. Photos: PHIL BLATCH 070817pbpats4



NIGHT OUT: Karah Armstrong and Meredith Jones at the St Pat's Blue and White Ball. 070817pbpats2



CATCH UPS: Chelsea Chapman and Katie White enjoying a catch up at the event. 070817pbpats6



GREAT TIMES: Susan Boole, Margaret Menzies and Tabatha Woods enjoying their night out. 070817pbpats5



WASN'T TO BE: Teegan Courtney created several chances for Western NSW Mariners FC to get back in the hunt against APIA Leichhardt Tigers on Sunday. Competition leaders Tigers held on for a 1-0 win at Proctor Park, picking up their second victory of the NSW State League season over Mariners. **Photo: CHRIS SEABROOK**

Chances go begging for the Mariners

SOCCER

BY ALEXANDER GRANT

WESTERN NSW Mariners FC had plenty of opportunities to walk away from Proctor Park with a win over women's State League leaders APIA Leichhardt Tigers FC on Sunday but succumbed to a 1-0 loss.

A goal from the Tigers' Lucy Gilfedder in the 10th minute was all that separated the two teams.

The result puts the Mariners in fifth place and makes next week's match against SD Raiders an even more crucial contest than it originally was.

"It could have gone either way. They got a lucky break on us in the first half to get their goal. From then on I didn't think they were that much better than us," Mariners coach Jason Payne said. "At times sloppy passing, trying to play out but finding their players, didn't help us. We didn't have a full strength side to play them either."

Following Gilfedder's goal the Tigers enjoyed the better share of field position for the remainder of the first half. APIA made several dangerous breaks down their right wing but the Mariners defence was always up for the challenge.

Mariners began to find some space in the second half and it didn't take long for the home side to make some threatening moves.

In the opening minutes

TOP FOUR BATTLE

Current NSW State League ladder

- APIA Leichhardt Tigers FC - 30 points
- University of NSW - 25 points
- St George FC - 22 points
- SD Raiders FC - 20 points
- Western NSW Mariners FC - 19 points



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Jason Payne

ding stages of the game to find herself in a one-on-one situation but her shot went straight to the goalkeeper.

Mariners have only been able to find a single point from their three matches this season (a 2-all draw and a pair of 2-0 defeats).

Payne said his side expected a determined Tigers outfit to make the trip to Bathurst.

"I don't think our girls were that much outclassed. Credit were it's due for APIA though. They've gone through pretty much their entire season with win after win after win," he said.

"They've come here today off the back of a loss to St George, and that was their first loss, so they would have been hurting from that."

Mariners have four matches remaining to try and book their spot in the top four.

APIA LEICHHARDT TIGERS 1
(Lucy Gilfedder 10') defeated
WESTERN NSW MARINERS FC 0

Defeated Souths are remaining positive

HOCKEY

TAKING on women's Premier League Hockey heavyweights Bathurst City is never an easy task, let alone doing so with a host of regular starting players absent.

But on Saturday as a well below full strength Souths did just at Bob Roach Field, they managed to maintain their effort and a positive approach for the entire 70 minutes.

City did dominate possession and attacking chances and were deserved 5-0 winners, but the Souths players were by no means disheart-

ened at full-time.

From the six penalty corner plays Souths faced they only conceded once and even then, the passage of play included a blocked shot by goalkeeper Kate Brown and a strong tackle from Meg Booth.

The two blues managed to have a chance from the set play themselves in the first half - the shot being blocked at the top of the circle - while Sophie Macauley pressured in the final 10 minutes of the game after Georgie Betts made the initial break.

"We played pretty well



GOOD EFFORT: Souths' Emily Hurst works to keep the ball away from Bathurst City rival Kirsten Howard in Saturday's women's Premier League Hockey match at Bob Roach Field. **Photo: PHIL BLATCH**

with the players we had," Souths captain Ali Stanford said.

"Coming off at half-time and we were only down 2-0, then to get back out there



We go out there and do it for each other and when you do that, it's amazing what you can pull off.

Ali Stanford

and go down 5-0, I think that just showed we were starting to get a bit tired there at the

end, because they are quite a fit team.

"Other than, we come away with a positive feel.

"I think it might be because the pressure is off now, but also because we are all out there for each other from now on. We go out there and do it for each other and when you do that, it's amazing what you can pull off.

"I was impressed with the team today, especially the four people we had fill in Bec [O'Connor] and Kirsten [Fitzpatrick], Kate [Stanford] and Jaz [Hennessy]."

- ANYA WHITELAW

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Royale occasion for band

MUSIC
BY MATT WATSON

THE members of Bathurst band Crimson Royale are enjoying the spoils of their victory in a band competition earlier this year.

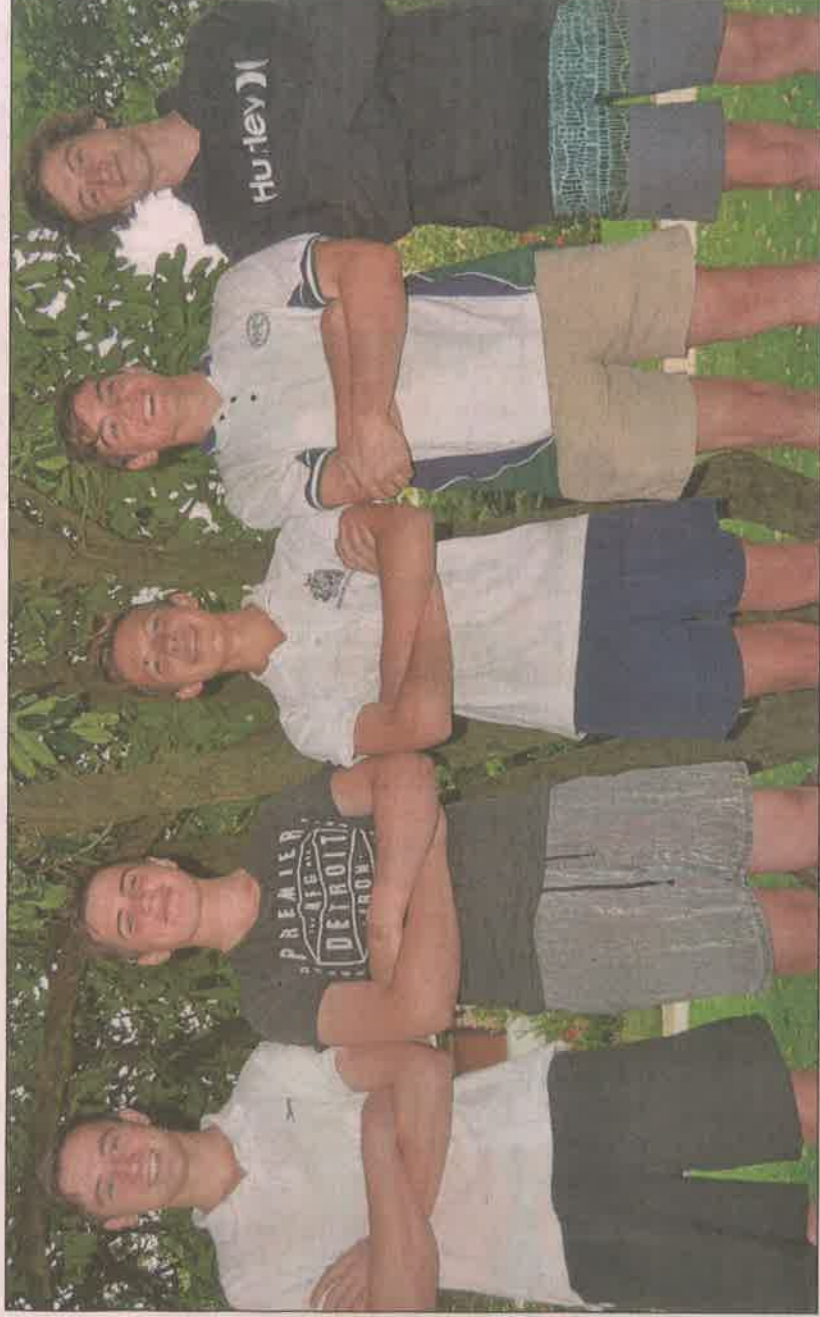
The five teenage talents have emerged from the recording studio with their first single, which is now available on various digital platforms.

"When it came out this morning [last Friday], I messaged the boys and just thought it was awesome," lead vocalist and rhythm guitarist Luke Furbank said last week.

"We've taken the most of our opportunities and now we're trying to get it [the single] out to as many people as we can."

Crimson Royale - made up of Furbank, 15; lead guitarist Ben Howle, 17; drummer Jackson Howle, 17; keyboard player Jake Parker, 17; and bass guitarist and back-up vocalist Tom Rodham, 15 - won the battle of the bands competition at the Bathurst and District Relay for Life earlier this year.

The band performed cov-



IN THE SUMMERTIME: Crimson Royale's Ben Howle, Tom Rodham, Luke Furbank, Jake Parker and Jackson Howle after their battle of the bands success earlier this year. **Photo: BRADLEY JURD**

ers of songs by the Red Hot Chili Peppers, Foo Fighters, the Rubens, Rolling Stones and Lynyrd Skynyrd, as well as playing the members' original song, *Drive Me Crazy*.

The judges made particular mention of the band's preparation and Jackson Howle's drumming in naming Crimson Royale as the battle's winner.

As the winner, the band

members had the chance to record *Drive Me Crazy* at Dot-Eight Cafe and Studio at Orange with Craig Honeysett in the last school holidays.

It was the first time the band had recorded a song

The lyrics, Furbank said, flowed smoothly from the first line.

Those who would like to buy the single can visit the Crimson Royale Facebook page.

was recorded, starting with the drums and then moving on to lead guitar, bass guitar, rhythm guitar, keys and vocals.

And were the band members nervous?

"We got the nerves out in pre-production. You don't feel as nervous when you come back in. There's not as much pressure," Furbank said.

The single was mixed and mastered and was released on July 7. The song has been added to the playlist on Bathurst station B-Rock FM.

Furbank said *Drive Me Crazy* - which he described as alternative rock or "chilled rock" - was composed by Ben Howle and the lyrics were written by himself and Parker.

"Ben was just mucking about on a guitar at school and came up with that [the music] two years ago," he said.

Western Times Thursday 13th July

Central West fan group for Doctor Who

COMMUNITY

BRITISH science-fiction television program *Doctor Who* has attracted a worldwide cult following - and that following even incorporates the Central West.

Through the Doctor Who Club Australia Central West group, local *Doctor Who* fanatics have the chance to get together with fellow fans.

The group, which is more than five years old, meets at the Kelso Hotel on the last Friday of every even month.

Heather Snitch and Kieron Dorian facilitate the group, which was originally founded by Ms Snitch and her old neighbour.

"We started off at the library and watched *Doctor Who*," she said.

"It's a lot of fun. My kids love it. I don't get bogged down [by who is playing the Doctor], I just enjoy it because it's a fun show and I love space."

"I like to be surprised and I don't try to predict what is going to happen."

Ms Snitch said Christopher Eccleston, who starred as the ninth Doctor in 2005, was her favourite Doctor.

The group averages around 10 people and every once in a while it will get a good turnout of 20 people, according to Ms Snitch.

She now calls Blayney home, but still travels to Bathurst to meet up with her fellow Whovians.

Fans also travel from Lithgow.

On Friday night, the group played trivia, enjoyed colouring-in and competed in a special drawing competition that was labelled "Where's Nardole?"

Join the Facebook group - Doctor Who Club Australia Central West Local Group - to keep up to date with all that is happening.

- BRADLEY JURD



DOCTOR WHO: Heather Snitch, Heidi Dorian, Tina Robinson and Michael Gould at the Kelso Hotel on Friday night for the Doctor Who Club Australia Central West meeting. The group meets on the last Friday of every even month.



EXTERMINATE: Young Doctor Who fans Kai Dorian, DJ Lanser, Sadie Barley and Galatea Dorian. **Photos: BRADLEY JURD**



WHOVIANs: Bailey and Simon Fraser and their home-made TARDIS at the Doctor Who Club Australia Central West's meeting.

Western Times Thursday 6th July

Souths and Bathurst City set for derby

Bragging rights

HOCKEY

BY ALEXANDER GRANT

WHEN Souths and Bathurst City meet in a women's Premier League Hockey derby it doesn't matter where either side sits on the ladder, you know it's going to be a special game.

Bathurst City may be fighting for the minor premiership and Souths are out of the finals picture but that only counts for so much when derby bragging rights are up for grabs.

Souths had the edge in the first meeting between the clubs this season before City hit back in the second half to take a 3-1 win.

Souths captain Ali Stanford said her side always enjoy the build up to a Bathurst derby.

"It's always a good game to play in. The intensity always goes up that extra bit for a derby," she said.

"City are a very good team and know how to link up well. We have to keep them out of the circle. Bec Bosianek is very dangerous there, and one player we have to keep an eye on."

Last round's 7-0 loss to Lithgow Panthers was a tough performance from a two blues squad down on personnel.

It's a tough task coming up against the competition's top two teams in back-to-back matches but Stanford said her team can take a lot away from the Panthers game.



CHARGE: Bec Bosianek and Sarah Watterson in pursuit of the ball during the last City-Souths meeting. Photo: PHIL BLATCH

"We started the match with only 11 players, with a few who were late. One of those was our goalie so we really needed to defend well," she said.

"It was a really good effort playing with a kicking back, and we've spoken a lot about our defence from that game. Our communication was really good and everyone stepped up to the plate.

"We've got a few players returning for this game be-

cause we'll have a lot of our regular squad out. Kate Stanford and Jas Hennessey will be in for us this week."

Souths are aiming to avoid a fourth straight Premier League defeat.

City go into Saturday's game at Cooke Hockey Complex with a red hot Panthers side just two points adrift.

Coach Lisa Quinn expects a fired up two blues side.

"Souths always bring their best when they play against

us. They're an unpredictable team," she said.

"Souths play to their structure quite well and are always tough to play.

"There's always that strong rivalry between City and Souths as well.

"I don't feel like going off what happened in their last game that you can read a lot into that score.

"Brooke McFadden and Jess Hotham are both out but we've got the strength to fill

in the gaps they're leaving."

City's aim this week will be getting off the mark strongly.

Quinn's side found just one goal before half-time in their latest game against wooden spooners Lithgow Zig Zag.

The Bathurst women found their stride after the break to find the back of the Lithgow net four more times.

"Once we find that second goal we seem to lift our spirits and that gives us the

momentum," Quinn said.

"Our fitness and speed generally breaks through after some time. We're like little steam train engines that just keep on going, no matter what. Fitness is a strength of ours and we play to it."

This will be the penultimate home match for both teams.

Souths and City meet for the second time this Saturday at 2.30pm at Cooke Hockey Complex.

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