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Bathurst juniors display tag skill

Future is bright for Pat's and Panthers

LEAGUE TAG
BY ANYA WHITELAW

SINCE Group 10 introduced league tag to its competition ranks earlier this decade, both Bathurst Panthers and St Pat's have enjoyed more success than any other clubs. And that looks set to continue.

The two clubs are currently involved in fostering junior league tag teams and if the talent on display at Carrington Park on Saturday is any indication, more premier-ships are likely to come for the Bathurst clubs.

The St Pat's and Bathurst Panthers under 16s league tag sides got the chance to square off after a forfeit in a regular under 12s fixture.

The Saints won the match 30-4, but both teams enjoyed the chance to showcase their skills on the same ground NRL teams have played on.

"It was really good to be able to play there, especially because we usually play at the Sportsground," St Pat's trainer Karah Armstrong said.

"This year what Group 10 has started off, as a way to get the juniors into it, is a program that involved six gala days. They'll see how

successful that was and go from there.

"We've got under 16s and under 14s, but they also have under 12s and most of the clubs have teams in all three grades. It's one of the fastest growing sports and I think it is just going to get even bigger to be honest.

"Rosie Forsyth, she played great, she's pretty quick and she's agile. She scored a couple for us, Abby scored a try and Georgia Gibbs scored one."

It was Jayme Sargent who crossed for Panthers late in the 20-minutes each way fixture, but all her team-mates enjoyed the high-fives they got when running out onto the ground.

"They usually play once a month at gala days which we travel to, so the girls were pretty excited. It was the first time that they got to play at Carrington Park too, so they were excited about that," Panthers coach Emma Duke said.

"They got to run out onto the ground and all the Panthers kids lined up and they got to high-five them as they ran out.

"Pat's turned up a bit more prepared that we did unfortunately."



SUPER SATURDAY: The under 16 St Pat's league tag side got the better of Bathurst Panthers on Saturday. Photo: PHIL BLATCH



NEW EXPERIENCE: The Panthers league tag girls got to play at Carrington Park for the first time on Saturday. Photo: PHIL BLATCH



SHOW READY: Denison College's Lily Cole (Bathurst High) and Abigail Barnes (Kelso High) will star as featured dancers in this year's Schools Spectacular. Photo: SUPPLIED 072417spec

Spectacular start at Denison College

EDUCATION

STUDENTS from Denison College's Bathurst and Kelso high campuses will be among those to perform in this year's Schools Spectacular.

The annual event showcases the singing and dancing talents of public school

students in a glittering event in Sydney.

Abigail Barnes, 18, and Tyson Rice, 16, from the Kelso campus along with Lilly Cole, 15, from the Bathurst campus were selected as dancers for the event.

Year 9 student Lily successfully auditioned for

the ballet, Year 12 student Abigail will be part of the tap sequences and Year 11 student Tyson earned a place in the B'Boys hip hop dance ensemble.

Now in its 34th year, the popular live-and-televized extravaganza will star more than 5700 students includ-

ing a choir of 2700 voices, 2400 dancers; a 100-piece symphony orchestra; world-class stage band, 44 solo singers and 145-featured dancers from public schools across NSW.

Schools Spectacular is on November 24 and 25.

-NADINE MORTON

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Pat's power to home semi

HOCKEY
BY ANYA WHITELAW

ST PAT'S booked itself a home semi-final on Saturday afternoon on the back of a convincing 10-1 victory over women's Premier League Hockey rivals Souths.

Heading into the clash at the Cooke Hockey Complex sitting in third on the ladder, four points clear of Confederates, the Saints knew victory would be enough to ensure themselves a top-three finish.

Against a Souths outfit which had to draw a host of players from the club's local first grade side, the Saints always looked in control.

Seven goals came in the first half, while the blues and whites earned seven penalty corners for the match against a rival which battled hard, but was outclassed.

"We have set plans for each half and we executed them so well, which was good to see. I knew it would be one of those games where we held the ball more often than not and to create goals, you've got to hold the ball," Pat's coach Jaden Ekert said.



CONTROL: Souths' Georgie Betts works under pressure from St Pat's rival Erin Cobcroft during Saturday's women's Premier League Hockey derby. Photo: ANYA WHITELAW

"We had to control the ball and concentrate on our game because we knew what they'd have. We did all the basics right and it was good. It secures us a home semi and puts more goals into our

for and against." Pat's opened scoring in the 12th minute as Kristy Ekert was given too much space at the top of the circle, that goal one of four she finished with. Souths had a chance not

long after with back-to-back penalty corners. The Saints not only shut them down, but launched a quick counter-attack from the second. It resulted in Ruby Clarke's maiden Premier League

Hockey goal. Pat's lead grew as the game unfolded, the 10th goal coming with three minutes left, but Souths continued to work hard. That endeavour was re-

warded with 68 seconds left when a diving Daisy Morrissey connected with an Amelia Burke cross to score.

Though well beaten, Souths captain Ali Stanford maintained the positive approach that the two blues have adopted over the back end of the season.

Stanford was involved in forcing plenty of turnovers, goalkeeper Kate Brown made a string of good saves - including more than one double-block - while Morrissey's late strike came after nice build up down the left side.

"We are still playing with essentially a first grade side but we're happy. For the girls to have pride in themselves to keep playing to the end, that goal proves we can and will do it," Stanford said.

"It was such a good team goal and I am just really proud of the girls. It's not easy playing against a side like that which has had its structures for such a long time." ST PAT'S 10 (Kristy Ekert 4, Erin Cobcroft 2, Ella Menzies, Amy Glenn, Sam Tibbles, Ruby Clarke) defeated SOUTHS 1 (Daisy Morrissey)



HONOUR: Peter Sargent, Stephanie Brown of Cirkus Surreal, Wendy-lou Tisdell of Evans Arts Council, Ron Hollebone and Ian Miller.

Club's in the running for awards

AWARDS

THE Bathurst RSL Club is celebrating after being named as a finalist in three categories for awards to be announced later this year.

Bathurst RSL is a finalist in the arts and culture and education categories of the 2017 ClubsNSW Clubs and

Community Awards for its support for Evans Arts Council and Kelso High's Cirkus Surreal, respectively.

The club is also a finalist (with Ron Hollebone) in the Heart of the Community category, which recognises individuals and clubs working together to improve their

community.

Bathurst RSL Club president Ian Miller and general manager Peter Sargent said it was an honour to be recognised.

"We're particularly proud of the support we've been able to provide to the Cirkus Surreal program at Kelso

High School, and also of the support we've been able to offer to local artists through our collaboration with the Evans Arts Council, resulting in their annual exhibition in the club," Mr Sargent said.

"It is also great to see Ron Hollebone recognised for his many years of service to

clubs and the community. Ron exemplifies the type of person who has given so much of his time to being involved in the clubs movement, not to mention his charity work."

The awards ceremony will be held in October at Darling Harbour.

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What does it mean to be Aboriginal, in the modern age?

Well known TV personality and Aboriginal man, Stan Grant, spoke last week during NAIDOC week, about the plight of the Aboriginal community. It was a thoroughly interesting presentation and we have permission to share it with readers.

STAN GRANT

Balladhu Wiradyuri Gibir. Dyiramadalinya Badhu Wiradyuri.

How reassuring those words sound to me. They feel right. They connect me to a deep ancestry, a tradition and a sense of place that anchors me still.

I am a Wiradyuri man. I am proud to be Wiradyuri.

To say that punctures the Australian settlement. To speak my father's language, ruptures the Australian imagination that has seen us variously as doomed, archaic, displaced. It is an imagination stoked by the enduring myth of terra nullius – an empty land. The legal fiction has been struck down by the High Court, but it is so deeply lodged in the Australian consciousness that it can still render us invisible.

Terra nullius gave the British licence to write their own story here. In her book *Being Australian*, sociologist Catriona Elder speaks of the 'terra nullius narrative' – a white story written in an empty space. Elder says the 'terra nullius story meant non-Indigenous peoples could imagine they were telling a story where no other story existed'.

It is a story that did not include us. Our presence countered the European claim on this land, we were a reminder of a deeper sense of belonging here. As such, we were depicted as the 'noble savage' or a 'doomed race' bound for extinction; as Elder says, a people who 'could not survive the inevitable onslaught of a modern world'.

Speaking our languages forces Australia to see us.

Australia in many ways remains perplexed by our survival. Extinction, segregation, assimilation, have all been predicated on our disappearance – fading away on the margins or 'absorbed' into the Commonwealth. Elder says 'Indigeneity or blackness is excluded from the nation by Indigenous peoples being made white'. What remains is an enduring and frustrating question of authenticity. Who are the 'real Aborigines'?

Australia has turned itself inside out defining and redefining us. The Australian

Law Reform Commission lists 64 different definitions of what it is to be Indigenous.

Indigenous identity is the most politicised in Australia. The binary of authentic and/or inauthentic is a trap. Anthropologist Elizabeth Povinelli says Indigenous Australians are forced 'to identify with the impossible object of an authentic identity'.

Povinelli probes this dilemma in her book *The Cunning of Recognition*. She looks at the process of recognition – legally, socially, historically – and asks what is the nation recognising as it 'tries to develop its worth without subjecting itself to the throes of contestation and opposition'.

Povinelli wonders how Indigenous people fare in a liberal-multicultural society. She looks at how native title demands a legally provable authenticity – an unbroken and ongoing connection. Customary law, she writes, is vital to determine a successful native title claim but it has its limits 'real customary being must be free of any sense of a repugnant that would "shatter the skeletal structure" of state law'.

Put simply, prove you're Aboriginal but not too Aboriginal; those Indigenous customs must exist within Australian law, not upend it.

Liberalism sets its own limits. It operates on the one hand by rational thought and reasoning, yet it is constrained by what it considers morally acceptable (or unacceptable). Society rejects those things it deems abhorrent, yet as Povinelli points out it is challenged too by those differences 'too hauntingly similar to themselves to warrant social entitlements'. Her example is a land claim by Indigenous people who 'dress, act and sound like the suburban neighbours they are'.

In a multicultural society Indigenous people feel the strains of belonging and yet expressing difference. The state frames those customs and laws of Indigenous society that it finds worthy, and Aboriginal people must identify with that to – as Povinelli says – 'gain access to public sympathy and state resources'. Here is the 'cunning of recognition', an act of acknowledgment

that may be more about protecting and enhancing the honour of the society than in truly seeing the very people it is mean to be recognising.

So, where are we? Indigenous people have been framed by terra nullius, locked in the imagination of an Australia that has often throughout its history found the black presence uncomfortable or offensive, and now must prove their authenticity. Australian society sets the boundaries.

As an Indigenous person – Wiradyuri/Kamilaroi – I feel acutely the tension between belonging to Australia and expressing difference. I could say I am Australian, I am proud to be Australian. I certainly acknowledge my country, my nation. I am proud of the things Australia represents but still, I stop short.

There is an ambivalence to my relationship with Australia. I can enjoy its gifts but allegiance can feel like compromise. I have what black English scholar Paul Gilroy has called a 'convivial approach' to life in my country; my friendships and attachments are meaningful and enduring. But being Wiradyuri is unconditional.

I am far from fluent in my father's language and that is the legacy of our history; a history of culture destroyed or denied. My father, Stan Grant senior, as a young boy saw his grandfather Wilfred Johnson jailed for speaking it to him in the main street of town.

Today our politics is dominated by talk of 'Australian values', 'patriotism'; the price of citizenship is the ability to speak English. The resurgence of Indigenous languages is a counter to the triumphalism of the Australian settlement. It is a profound statement of sovereignty – this is, was and always will be Aboriginal land and these are the languages of the land.

Indigenous languages also present a tantalising opportunity for all the people of Australia to find a deeper sense of belonging. The empty space of terra nullius could be filled with the voices of people of all backgrounds speaking the first languages of this land.

As historian James Clifford writes in his book *Returns: Becoming Indigenous in the 21st Century*: 'Indigenous people have emerged from history's blind spot. No longer pathetic victims or noble messengers from lost worlds ... they struggle within dominant regimes that continue to belittle and misunderstand them, their very survival a form of resistance.'



NEWSALERT

Life

Supporting local sportspeople

CHARLES STURT UNIVERSITY (CSU) has announced the successful Community-University Partnership (CUP) sports grants 2017 (Summer Round) for the Bathurst region.

Head of Campus at CSU in Bathurst Associate Professor Chika Anyanwu said the CUP Rural and Regional Sports Development Program is a small grants program offering \$500 to \$1000 to assist young rural sportspeople or teams to attend regional, national or other one-off events.

"The grants also assist community sporting groups to host regional, national or other one-off events in the University's campus regions, and to provide equipment to assist young people who have difficulty meeting the cost of participation in sports programs," he said. "I congratulate all the successful grant winners and hope that our support goes a long way in helping them achieve their sporting ambitions."

The successful applicants for the Bathurst region are:

• Western Region Academy of Sport – Sara Matthews to represent NSW at the National (Under 16) Basketball

Championships in Perth from 8 to 15 July 2017. (\$625 grant)

• Western Region Academy of Sport – Darcie Morrison to represent NSW throughout all four rounds of the AON National University Rugby Sevens Series during the months of August and September 2017. (\$625 grant awarded)

• Blayney Rams Rugby Union Club – To purchase appropriate training equipment (\$1 000 grant)

• Bathurst Giants Australia Rules Football Club – To establish and support an Indigenous round within the local AFL. The grant funds will be used by the Giants to purchase a full set of AFL jumpers that will have Indigenous artwork within the design (\$750 grant)

• Denison College of Secondary Education, Bathurst High Campus – To support Ryan Peacock in the NSW Combined High Schools United Kingdom Cricket Tour. (\$1000 grant)

The CUP Sports (Winter) Round opens up on 4 September 2017, with applications closing on 2 October 2017.

To submit an application please visit <https://www.csu.edu.au/about/community-partnerships/grants>



Lily Cole of Denison College Bathurst High Campus and Denison College Kelso High Campus's Abigail Barnes will star as featured dancers in this year's Schools Spectacular.

Bathurst dancers' excel in Schools Spectacular

Dancers from both campuses of Bathurst's Denison College will be featured in this year's Schools Spectacular.

Denison College will be represented by Abigail Barnes and Tyson Rice (Bartle) from the Kelso High Campus and Lily Cole of the Bathurst High Campus.

Year 9 student, Lily Cole, 15, has successfully auditioned into the ballet, while 18-year-old Year 12 student Abigail will be part of the renowned tap sequences and Tyson has earned a place in the iconic B'Boys hip hop dance ensemble.

Guinness World Record holder Schools Spectacular is back and better than ever showcasing the best singing and dancing talent from public schools across NSW on Friday 24 and Saturday 25 November at QUDOS Bank Arena.

Last year marked an iconic chapter in Schools Spectacular history when

their annual arena production broke the Guinness World Record for the Largest Variety Concert in the world at its new home QUDOS Bank Arena, Sydney Olympic Park.

Now in its 34th year, the popular live-and-televised extravaganza will star over 5,700 students including a choir of 2,700 voices, 2,400 dancers, a 100-piece symphony orchestra, world-class stage band, 44 solo singers and 145 featured dancers from public schools across NSW.

Hosted by much loved musical director John Foreman, performances will feature the greatest musical hits of past and present including the Beatles, Frank Sinatra, Disney's *Moana*, Ariana Grande, Stevie Wonder, Annie Lennox, Bruno Mars and the hottest musical theatre

numbers direct from Broadway including *Dear Evan Hansen*.

In a Schools Spectacular first, a 150-strong drama ensemble will perform with custom-made larger than life dragon puppets.

Hundreds of Schools Spectacular participants over the years have gone on to become professional musicians, singers, dancers, designers, producers and musical directors.

This iconic event engages and showcases students of varying ages, cultures, skills and socio-economic backgrounds, from metropolitan, rural and remote regions of NSW.

For a taste of the quality and diversity of performances, visit the Schools Spectacular Facebook page, www.facebook.com/schoolsspectacular/

Off the Cuff bring soulful performance to the Church Bar



Featuring spot-on harmonies and an eclectic range of modern covers, Bathurst/Sydney duo Off the Cuff put on an engaging performance at the Church Bar over the weekend.

SAM BOLT

Featuring the talents of Gabbi Bolt and TJ Tanuvasa, the duo displayed their strong love for R&B/soul music in a set that displayed their exceptional talents as musicians and their ability to literally perform unfamiliar songs 'off the cuff.'

Having met in Sydney as students at the Academy of Music and Performing Arts, Bolt and Tanuvasa have been performing as Off the Cuff since 2015, and have performed at such venues as Martin Place in Sydney's CBD and the Sydney

Museum of Contemporary Art.

Their set featured some unique takes on classics from Michael Jackson and Whitney Houston and some fantastic modern selections from Beyoncé and Mark Ronson.

A prominent feature of the duo's performance was their impressive ear for harmonies, with both Bolt and Tanuvasa possessing a faultless knack for the talent, while their ability to pick up certain requests on the spot provided a deeper meaning to the name "Off the Cuff."

Their performance was greeted by a welcoming vibe at the Church Bar, serving as a fantastic setting

SAM'S PICKS:

- ✪ Man In The Mirror (Michael Jackson)
- ✪ Kiss (Prince)
- ✪ Hold Up (Beyoncé)
- ✪ Uptown Funk (Mark Ronson feat. Bruno Mars)
- ✪ I Wanna Dance With Somebody (Whitney Houston)



for lighter, more acoustic entertainment.

Off the Cuff backed up their performance at the Church Bar with a gig at the Kings Hotel the next night, in what was a busy weekend of performing for the duo, and by all accounts, the gig proved to be another success for the pair.

While Off the Cuff haven't currently scheduled any gigs for the near future, be sure to stay in touch with the duo on Facebook for further news, as you can never go wrong with a solid acoustic duo like these talented two!

Bathurst City Life 20-26 July

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YEAR 12 BIOLOGY students at Kelso High School attended a double workshop at the Museum of Human Diseases, UNSW last week. Wrapping up with some sightseeing in Circular Quay. Images - KHS Facebook page.



CHARLES STURT UNIVERSITY celebrated Foundation day with plenty of colour and activities across the campus. Well done for all who took part and painted the campus in a sea of CSU Red.

Bathurst City Life 27 July - 2 August

Schools mark 10 years

EDUCATION

BY RACHEL FERRETT

DENISON College has reached a significant milestone in its history - 10 years of providing a quality education to Bathurst students. The college formed several years after Kelso High School was devastated by fire in 2005, a decision that made it possible to provide unique, educational opportunities to its students.

College principal Craig Petersen said the college has grown around 20 per cent over the years, seeing the total enrolments reach 1839 students, making it the largest provider of secondary education in Bathurst.

Mr Petersen said the college is able to offer an extensive range of programs to students at both campuses by sharing resources.

"It increases the impact that we're able to have on student outcomes," he said.

"We're not working in competition with each other; we are drawing on the expertise and resources across the two campuses."

Mr Petersen said the

college has a bright future ahead, with plans for further development already underway for Year 7 to 10 students.

"The work that we're doing collaboratively now is really about to take off at the next level," he said.

"We're looking at some innovative curriculum strategies, particularly around science, technology, engi-

neering and maths (STEM). We're looking at how we provide additional sporting opportunities in particular and a real focus on enrichment for our top kids."

The 10th anniversary of Denison College's founding is a great moment in time for the two campus principals, Ken Barwick of Bathurst and Mick Sloan of Kelso.

Mr Barwick attended Bathurst High School as a teenager and said it is great to see how the school has prospered.

"It is really exciting to see the collaboration between two local public high schools that I sort of grew up in and it has been really nice to see the extra opportunities for kids [and staff] that are now

available," he said. Mr Sloan said the collaborative approach to education was one of the best things about the college as it could provide a broader range of courses to meet the needs and interests of students.

The school will celebrate its 10th anniversary at a formal function at the Kelso campus on Friday.



MILESTONE: Denison College principal Craig Petersen, Kelso campus principal Mick Sloan and Bathurst campus principal Ken Barwick recreate a photo taken 10 years ago when the college was formed. Photo: CHRIS SEABROOK

\$35m in bank for Velocity project

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Velocity Park will not only be welcomed by the country's motorsport fans, Mr Gee said, but it will be a much-needed boost for the Bathurst economy.

"This project will create 220 jobs during construction and another 247 ongoing jobs. All this in addition to the inevitable tourism a development like this brings to the region," he said.

Bathurst Regional Council mayor Graeme Hanger said he was "serious about this [project] happening".

"What it does show is the the Federal Government and believe in Bathurst Regional Council," he said.

Council has already called on organisations with the capability to design the new 4.5 kilometre racing circuit, with three companies (two international and one Australian) currently being considered.

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Bathurst RSL Club makes final of community awards

The Bathurst RSL Club has been recognised for its meaningful contribution to Bathurst, being named as a finalist in three categories in the prestigious 2017 ClubsNSW Clubs and Community Awards.

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The Awards recognise the immense contribution clubs make to their local communities, and the state, across a range of categories including Arts and Culture, Education, Environment, Emergency Services, Health, Youth Leadership, Amateur Sport and Disability, Welfare and Social Inclusion.

The Awards also recognise outstanding individuals and clubs working together to improve their community through the Heart of the Community and Clubs in Collaboration awards.

The Bathurst RSL Club has recently been announced as a finalist in three categories:

- Arts and Culture - 'The Art of the Community' - Evans Arts Council

- Education - 'Step right up and dare to dream' - Cirkus Surreal
 - Heart of the Community - 'A heart for the fallen' - Ron Hollebhone
- "We are committed to the Bathurst community and working alongside and supporting meaningful projects like Cirkus Surreal and the Evans Arts Council.

"To be a finalist in three categories in the 2017 Clubs & Community Awards is a real honour," said Ian Miller, President of the Bathurst RSL Club.

RSL General Manager Peter Sargent said achieving the finalists list recognizes the great work the Club does in and around Bathurst."

"We're particularly proud of the support we've been able to provide to the Cirkus Surreal Program at Kelso High Campus, and also of the support we've been able to offer to local artists through our collaboration with the Evans Arts Council, resulting in their annual exhibition in the Club.

"It is also great to see Ron Hollebhone recognised for his many years of service to Clubs and the community. Ron exemplifies the type of person who has given so much of his time to being involved in the Clubs movement, not to mention his charity work.

Mr Miller added, "this is what Clubs are about, and we're doing our best to make sure we stay true our vision, which is to maintain our place

as the heart of the community."

Winners will be announced at the official Awards Ceremony on Sunday 15 October at the ICC Grand Ballroom in Darling Harbour.



ON TARGET: Both Cushla Rue (left) and Jess Salomoni found the back of the net on Sunday as the Western NSW Mariners crushed Parramatta 9-0.

Mariners remain alive

SOCCER

BY ANYA WHITELAW

THE Western NSW Mariners FC kept their bid to make the Football NSW Women's State League finals alive on Sunday with a dominant 9-0 win over Parramatta.

The win at Proctor Park saw the Mariners move within three points of the fourth-placed University of NSW side - the team which Western hopes to leapfrog to take part in the finals.

The Jason Payne coached outfit will meet Uni in the final round of the regular season, but before then Western must keep building on what it produced against Parramatta.

Having trounced the winless Parramatta in two prior

encounters - to the tune of 8-0 and 16-0 - Western was a hot favourite for Sunday's match.

A strong, blustery wind made for less than ideal playing conditions, but Payne's players were able to adapt their passing.

By half-time it was 4-0 and from there Western went on with the job.

"It was fair blowing when we were playing. In the first half we ran into the wind, but the through balls were holding up nicely for the girls to run on to," the coach said.

"We spoke about it at half-time, that in the second half those same weighted passes were running long, and the girls adjusted well."

Jasmin Courtenay, Annabel Meadley and Jessica

“It was nice to score a few goals, it helps our goal difference and it was good for the girls' confidence.”

Western NSW Mariners FC coach Jason Payne

Salomoni each finished with a double.

Cushla Rue, who also found the back of the net, impressed both Payne and her team-mates with her efforts. It was the under 15s talent's 10th game with the

top grade side.

Sunday's match also saw another of the Mariners' rising talents make her debut, Laura Risch backing after playing for her under 15s.

"Parramatta has it's issues and I don't know how much we will take out of a game like that, but it was nice to score a few goals, it helps our goal difference and it was good for the girls' confidence," Payne said.

"Hopefully we can build on that for next week, but we really need to get the wins to put the pressure on the teams above us."

WESTERN NSW MARINERS 9
(Jasmin Courtenay 2, Annabel Meadley 2, Jessica Salomoni 2, Teegan Courtney, Poorsha McPhillamy, Cushla Rue)
PARRAMATTA FC 0



ON TARGET: Poorsha McPhillamy scored on Sunday.

Bathurst battle for crown

AUSTRALIAN RULES

BY ALEXANDER GRANT

THE Bathurst Giants scored a breakthrough AFL Central West victory in the senior competition over rivals Bathurst Bushrangers and now the under 16s side is looking to keep the good times coming for the club in this Sunday's grand final.

The Giants and Bushrangers 16s will meet at George Park 1 in a showcase of the city's up-and-coming AFL talent.

Giants are aiming to complete an unbeaten season and the boys in Orange will go in as big favourites for the decider.

The under 16s competition has been down on numbers this year - running just a three team competition - but one thing that hasn't been down is the Giants' momentum.

Such has been their dominance that the Giants haven't allowed any side to score more than two goals against them in a match during the 2017 season.

Giants coach Shane Broes said his side will reap the benefits of the club's senior team having the bye this weekend.

"This will be the first time this year where we've been able to get all of our team together. The boys are really looking forward to playing together as a group," he said.

"We've had eight boys who have played senior footy this year, which is a really big ef-

fort for boys who are 16 years old, some of them 15.

"They've been getting some great experience playing there, so when they come back to play guys their own size in puts them in good stead. We're really lucky that they've had that senior footy to play because it helps their game.

"Normally if our players are in the senior team we don't make them back up for the Sunday game. With no senior games this weekend we're at full strength."

Giants' Aiden Macauley, Mitch Taylor and Nic Broes have played in all 12 senior matches for the club this year.

The Giants currently boast a 3-0 record this season against their cross-city rivals in the under 16s competition, and on two occasions they've kept a struggling Orange Tigers side scoreless.

The latest meeting between the two Bathurst clubs was the closest the Bushrangers have come to chasing down the Giants so far.

There's still plenty of work for the Bushrangers to do if they're to hunt down their opponents. The Giants won the latest meeting 8-6-54 to 1-7-13.

Bushrangers coach Tony Fisher will have a bolstered side on his hands for Sunday's decider, as his boys attempt to close that gap.

"The boys who have turned up for us each week have been pretty consistent, and



RIVALRY: Bathurst Bushrangers and Bathurst Giants face off for the Central West AFL under 16s title this Sunday at George Park 1. Giants will be out to complete an undefeated season.

we managed to beat Orange comfortably in all our games against them," he said.

"We've been getting 10 to 13 players in our games ... but for the grand final we'll have 19 players.

"We'll definitely be the underdogs. Giants have a quality side. They've got quite a few boys who have been involved in first grade footy, and they've been there consistently. We're hoping that we can give them a good contest."

Many players across both clubs aren't strangers to grand final day.

Several Giants and Bushrangers members were part of last year's under 14s decider, which the Giants by 52 points.

This Sunday's match gets underway from 1pm.

BATHURST GIANTS: Bailey Brien, Cooper Brien, Nic Broes, Ryan Cooke, Luke Furbank, Jack Goodsell, Charlie Hutchings, Nash Hutchings, Aiden Macauley, Oscar Mann, Robert

Mason, Benjamin Matthews, Reilly Mitchell, Jacob Molkentin, Charlie Moses, Brendan Pallier, Hugh Parsons, Mitchell Taylor, Jayden Yandle

BATHURST BUSHRANGERS: Charlie Flude ©, Steven Bonham, Scott Brown, Cody Carr, Andrew Knox, Jake Lynch, Connor Lynch, Jake-Taylor Nugent, Konrad Oakes-Barber, Lachlan Phillips, Timothy Powell, Anthony Ranken, Bailey Roman, Nicholas Rosser, Samreet Singh Sandhu, Nicholas Seve, Patrick Seve, Ben Statham, Tyrone Trindall



Under 16s in action



LEADER: Giants skipper Charlie Hutchings will be looking to lead his side to victory on Sunday in the under 14s grand final. **Photo: CHRIS SEABROOK**

Giants' 14s aiming to finish undefeated

AUSTRALIAN RULES

THE under 14 Bathurst Giants will be looking to cap off an undefeated Central West AFL season this Sunday when hosting Orange Tigers in the grand final at George Park 1.

From the 12 games they have played thus far, the Giants outfit has claimed maximum points in all but one.

However, that was a 68-all draw against the Tigers. It highlights that the result on Sunday is by no means a given.

"The fact Orange hasn't beaten us this year works well for us, but anything can happen on grand final day," Giants coach Darryl Macauley said.

"We've beaten them twice and had a draw with them, so I'm obviously reasonably confident, but in saying that,

the first time we played them they were right in it until half-time before we finished over the top of them.

"In the game we drew, we were five goals behind at one point. We didn't have our full side for that game and Nash Hutchings wasn't feeling the best ... it gave us a bit of shake up, but it was probably the shake up we needed.

"To be honest, Orange probably deserved to win that game. They were set for that game, yes we had a couple out, but they came out really strong and tough, especially in the centre."

Though that draw illustrated the threat the Tigers can pose, it also proved the Giants can fight their way back into a contest if needed.

Macauley's side has also has a good record of success in past seasons.

"They are a good set of kids and like any kids, prefer to win than lose. That draw, they've never really been threatened like that in a couple of years," he said.

"A nucleus of the side have been through the Giants program and enjoyed a lot of success. Across the board we are a really strong, competitive side.

"I'm sure of we play to our potential we can do it." Opening bounce is at 11.30am.

BATHURST GIANTS: Blake Collins, Calvin Windus, Charis Hutchings, Cooper Brien, Daniel Belfanti, Emma Woods, Evan Cafe, Hayden Traves, Jordan Ashcroft, Kameron Goodwin, Lachlan Macauley, Liam Cook, Nash Hutchings Rocco Yates, Zac Yandle, Harvey Thurston, Joseph Langfield.

- ANYA WHITEHEAD

New colours as men in black face Oberon

We stand as one

RUGBY LEAGUE

BY ANYA WHITELAW

BATHURST Panthers centre Blake Lawson is feeling sick ahead of this Saturday's Group 10 premier league match with Oberon, but it's not due to the pressure of chasing a minor premiership.

It will be because the passionate member of the men in black's line-up will find himself wearing a blue and white jersey - something which Bathurst rivals St Pat's are better known for.

Still, Lawson is prepared to wear those colours given it will help Bathurst Panthers to promote awareness of Friedreich's Ataxia, a disease of the nervous system which claimed the life of his older brother Shane in January.

"It makes me a bit sick actually about wearing the same colours as St Pat's," Lawson said.

"My brother was a passionate supporter of Bulldogs and league in general. He used to run around the countryside for me taking me to all my games as a junior, so I suppose I can wear the blue and white one time.

"He was diagnosed at the age of nine and at the time, he was the youngest person diagnosed with it. He wasn't expected to live past 21, but he made it to 42.

"He played footy until he was able to, then he was wheelchair bound for the rest of his life - it's a terminal



DIFFERENT LOOK: Blake Lawson and his fellow Bathurst Panthers will be in blue and white on Saturday. Photo: PHIL BLATCH 080917pbblake2

disease. It's great thing for the club to support us and create a bit of awareness, it's a bit overwhelming to be honest.

"He loved league and came to the footy all the time, so he'd be proud the club's wearing blue and white."

While Lawson was emotional when speaking about his brother in the build up to the match, come Saturday he will have his mind focused on the task of beating the Tigers.

That is certainly what Shane would have demanded from his younger brother given Panthers want to finish the regular home and away with a win.

"Footy's footy, I'll get over it. He would've told me to wake up to myself, well maybe a bit ruder than that," Lawson said.

"He wouldn't want the situation to take anything away from my game.

"It will keep us on a run,

we don't want to go into the semis with a loss. We want to keep things going."

Panthers head into the final round sitting on second place, but are on equal points with competition leaders CYMS. The Orange side's points difference is +18 better than the men and black's.

Though CYMS is expected to account for Blayney on Sunday afternoon, there is still a chance Panthers could claim the minor premiership.

However, for Lawson the goal is simply to beat Oberon for a second time this season and keep on winning from there. Panthers accounted for the Tigers 28-6 in June.

"It's going to be a tough game, it's going to really test where we are for the season one week out from the finals," he said.

"Hopefully we get the win. If we get the minor premiership so be it, but if we win

we will still get a home semi and hopefully we take it out from there.

"I think after going down the way we did last year, losing two close games in the semis - two points both times and in the last couple of minutes - it was devastating but at the same time it's really motivating us now."

Kick-off is at 2pm at Carrington Park, with the jumpers to be auctioned off later in the evening.

Bathurst trio earn Sydney podium

BMX

BY ANYA WHITELAW

WITH three podium placings and another two riders who qualified for finals, the Bathurst BMX Club made its presence felt at Sunday's Sydney Open.

The event, which also doubled as the sixth round of the state series, drew 468 riders from across New South Wales and the ACT.

But while competing against talented rivals, Bathurst rider Hayley Wolfenden took out the 17-24 years women's category and siblings Liam (16 boys) and Chelsie Westman (13 girls) placed third in their respective classes.

"Bathurst is one of the smallest clubs. It's been around a very long time, but it's name is starting come out more in the event side of things now the club has got the bigger track," Wolfenden said. "It makes everyone else's track seem not so intimidating, that's for sure."

Wolfenden herself is proud of how the new Bathurst track is helping riders develop, Sunday's result adding to a string of strong performances this year.

She was top-two in each of her three motos at the Sydney Open and the fastest qualifier for the final.

While not making the best start in that decider, she went on to win in a time of 42.423

seconds ahead of Australian under 16 representative Felicia Thomas (43.289).

"I was pretty happy considering I missed my gate," she said.

"It's just one of those things that happens, sometimes you don't get a good start. I was not very far behind, it was just a matter of muscling my arms back to the front and then go from there.

"It wasn't a dramatic miss the gate, but I'm one of the faster gaters, so when I missed the gate it was like 'Oh crap, what do I do?'"

Chelsie Westman placed third in all of her motos and in the decider again finished in position three behind Penrith's Nicola Fleming and Macarthur's Destiny Brien.

Liam Westman clocked 41.229 in his final, with only Brendan Quirk (37.878) and Cooper Morgan (38.730) faster.

While Bathurst's Joel Goulding was the fastest qualifier for the 17-24 men's final and had won two of his three motos, the decider did not play out as he had hoped.

Pushing hard for the lead in the first bend, Goulding cut underneath Terrigal's Jayden Smith. However, the angle was too tight and he crashed out of contention.

Jett Robertson placed sixth in the boys 11-12 cruiser division final, while Wyatt Robertson did well in his eight years boys motos.

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GREAT PARTY: Daniel Cheesman with Caitlin Murchison at Sarah's 18th birthday. 072917c18th8a



GREAT PARTY: Richard, Sarah and Noelene Cheesman enjoying Sarah's 18th. 072917c18th7



DRESSED TO THEME: Sam and Chloe Schofield with Ally Cheesman (2) at the party. 072917c18th5



HAPPY BIRTHDAY SARAH: Left, Jenny, Richard, Sarah, Daniel and Justin Cheesman. Photos:CHRIS SEABROOK 072917c18th1

SARAH CELEBRATES

Sarah Cheesman celebrated her 18th birthday with a Disney themed event with her family and friends at her home in Perthville. Her guests came dressed as anyone recognisable from their favourite Disney movie.



LOOKING THE PART: Caroline Harvey with Lauren Clarke, at the party. 072917c18th3



DISNEY THEME: Left, Viv Williams, Sarah Cheesman with Gen and John Williams, enjoying the night. 072917c18th2



CELEBRATING: Sarah Cheesman (middle) with Simon and Sally Hamer and their kids, Sam (10) Ollie (8) and Tom (6).072917c18th6



FABULOUS NIGHT: Lachlan Bradley with Susannah Winkelman enjoying the party. 072917c18th4

Encouraging signs ahead of the finals

RUGBY LEAGUE

THERE'S strong signs for the future at St Pat's as their under 15s took out the weekend Western Rams Carnival in Dubbo.

In three games of league against Group 11 clubs Dubbo St Johns, Wellington Cowboys and South Dubbo Raiders the Bathurst boys scored 64 points and only conceded 12 in a dominant performance.

Pat's were strong right across the park with minimal mistakes and solid defense

they set themselves up for a pleasant day of football for coaching staff and supporters to watch.

Most pleasing for the coaching staff was the resilient defence the team showed over the three matches, putting the side in good stead for the upcoming finals.

Pat's finished their Group 10 regular season in second spot and will go up against third placed Mudgee Dragons in this Saturday's qualifying final in Lithgow.



STRONG: The St Pat's under 15s celebrate their Western Rams Carnival success at Dubbo after racking up three dominant wins. Photo: CONTRIBUTED

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SMILES: Kelso High Campus principal Michael Sloan, Denison College principal Craig Petersen, Bathurst High Campus principal Ken Barwick and former Denison College principal Kathleen Compton.



MILESTONE: Lizz Baker, Bronwyn Johnston, Anthony Johnston and Liz Golsby.



CELEBRATION: Larissa Benham, Debbie Lynch-Benham, Katrina Benham, Makayla Benham and Col Clulow.



LEADERS: Bathurst High Campus captains Eve Currie and Nick Johnson and Kelso High Campus captains Lachlan Smith and Samantha Pett

MARKING A MILESTONE

A DECADE of Denison College of Secondary Education was celebrated earlier this month. Students, staff and supporters of Denison College gathered at Kelso High Campus to mark 10 years since the college was formed.



WE WERE THERE: Marianne Armstrong and Renetta Wolfe were part of the crowd.



GREAT NIGHT: Susannah Winkelman, Phil Warner and Carolyn Warner.



IN THE CROWD: Trevor Liu, Nicholas Williams, Ken Barwick, Kathleen Compton and Craig Petersen.



CHEERS: Luisa Simeonides, Louise Farmer and Wendy Murphy were part of the organising team for the event.



STUNNING RESULT

Bathurst Panthers suffer 20-16 Group 10 qualifying final loss to Oberon Tigers

RUGBY LEAGUE
BY ALEXANDER GRANT

A LOT can change in the space of a week. For example, a rugby league side can cop a 50-point hammering but just eight days later produce a spirited performance to upset a rampant title contender. Oberon Tigers were at the top of their defensive game on Sunday as they absorbed

a truckload on Bathurst Panthers pressure to come away with a stunning 20-16 Group 10 qualifying final victory at Carrington Park. In the last round of the regular season Panthers smashed the Tigers 54-4 in a game where the Oberon men lacked enthusiasm in defence. This time around the black and gold wall looked impenetrable.

Tigers recovered from a 10-4 deficit at the break to stun the Panthers, despite enjoying far less time in possession during the second half. The loss for the Panthers ends their lengthy unbeaten run, which goes right back to the second round of the season. Tigers captain-coach Luke Branighan said a returning group of key personnel has

transformed the Oberon side into a whole new machine. "Panthers and CYMS are top notch country footy teams but, without being rude, we haven't had a full side on the park all year. We've had key players out for eight to 10 weeks of the year," he said. "There's not much between the top three sides in the competition, as we showed today. Everyone

didn't give us a chance." Nothing showed the Tigers' resilience in defence more than a 15 minute window in the second half, with Oberon up 14-10. Panthers kept the Tigers pinned in their own half and launched a volley of attacks at the Oberon try line. The hosts weren't without energy or creativity in attack, it was just that their opponents always seemed to have

an answer. Tigers held on to record a memorable one-week turnaround. With the loss must now prepare to face elimination semi-final winners Mudgee Dragons in a sudden death contest. Tigers' success has booked them a major semi-final berth against minor premiers Orange CYMS. | Match report Page 18

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SNAPSHOT: Calare MP Andrew Gee helps scouts Sarah Hardie, Bailey Fraser and Lochie McGuire cut the 3rd Bathurst group's 85th birthday cake.



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State Championships time

GYMNASTICS

BY ALEXANDER GRANT

BATHURST PCYC Gymnastics will send seven competitors off to next month's State Championships following their fantastic performances at the recent Metropolitan West Regional Qualifier in Parramatta.

Level four gymnasts at the club Lucy Lynch, Hayley Andrews, Isobel Kerlin, Summer Beckmann, Machayla Hayes, Paige Albon and Olivia Clemens will be off to the Sydney Gymnastics and Aquatic Centre to take on the state's top competitors in their division.

Both gymnastics co-ordinator Mel Proust and coach Lauren Clemens are thrilled to see the progress the group has made over the course of 2017.

"We're really proud. Not only am I proud of the gymnasts but I'm also proud of Lauren, who has come from gymnastics and we're now training up to be a coach. Empowering her to be a great coach is what every mentor wants," she said.

"What was surprising



NEXT LEVEL AWAITS: Front - Lucy Lynch, Hayley Andrews and Isobel Kerlin. Back - Summer Beckmann, Machayla Hayes, Mel Proust (co-ordinator), Paige Albon, Lauren Clemens (coach) and Olivia Clemens. **Photo: CHRIS SEABROOK**

about this comp is that we weren't expecting great results. I would have been happy with mid-field scores but we ended up getting high eights and nines. We got some great scores and that

go to state, and some good scores, is amazing." Beckmann was the highest achiever for the team as she picked up two 9's and two high 8's at the Parramatta qualifier.

Proust hopes the seven-strong group take plenty away from the upcoming competition.

"We only started competing this year to get some competition experience. We

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I would have been happy with mid-field scores but we ended up getting high eights and nines ... and that was so exciting for the girls.

Mel Proust

weren't expecting to do more than one or two comps but they've managed to make it to state, and they'll over there and get some great experience," she said.

"I came from Sydney so when you're from there and competing in the big gyms you're used to that, but coming from Bathurst and seeing these gyms with all the new equipment can be daunting for the girls, so it's going to be great for them to experience that competition."

The level four State Championships will be held over September 9 and 10.

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FUNDRAISING: Daffodil Day volunteers Katrina, Makayla and Larissa Benham, with Dougal Bear (Debbie Lynch-Benham). **Photo: SUPPLIED**

GROUP 10 JUNIORS

All the action from Saturday's semi-finals at Blayney



STRONG: Bathurst Panthers won three out of the four matches they contested in Saturday's Group 10 junior rugby league finals. **Photo: JUDE KEOGH**



BATHURST BATTLE: Panthers were too strong for St Pat's in a 28-8 win in the under 13s. **Photo: JUDE KEOGH**

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Making a difference for cancer

DAFFODIL DAY

CANCER Council will host stalls at the Bathurst City Centre, Stockland Shopping Centre and Daffodil Cottage for Daffodil Day on Friday.

Ever year, thousands of Cancer Council volunteers hit the streets and shopping centres across the country on Daffodil Day to raise vital funds for cancer research,

education programs and support for the 1.1 million Australians who've been affected by the disease.

Stalls open at 9am and Dougal Bear will be helping out again at the Bathurst City Centre.

Members of the community are encouraged to get a photo and have a cuddle with Dougal Bear, as well as

showing support for Daffodil Day by hashtagging #DaffodilDay with all photos taken on the day.

By donating on Daffodil Day, the community can bring Cancer Council one step closer to a future free from the harmful disease.

A grand total of \$5.6 million was raised on Daffodil Day last year.

Western Advocate Friday 25th August



CREATIVE: Circus Surreal performers will unleash their skills at Mayfield Garden for a day of entertainment and fundraising. **Photo: SELINA ASH**

Garden offers circus delights

ENTERTAINMENT

A PERFORMANCE inspired by Alice in Wonderland is coming to Mayfield Garden next month.

Circus Surreal will take their amazing skills to the garden on September 10 to both entertain and raise money.

The money will be used to help fund the troupe's next international trip to Hawaii in 2018 and also purchase some new equipment to replace some outdated pieces.

Circus Surreal coordinator, Stephanie Brown, said

exciting opportunity to introduce people to both Mayfield Garden and the circus arts. The event will include a number of micro performances spread throughout the garden, including characters on stilts, floor routines and aerial stunts.

"People can wander through the water garden and discover all these characters and there is a full performance in the amphitheatre that I think people will really enjoy," Ms Brown said. "I put the show together so

Guests can journey through Mayfield and the exclusive Private Garden from 11am to 12pm.

They will then have half an hour to get to the amphitheatre to secure a spot and some lunch ahead of the Mad Hatters performance at 12.45pm.

From 2pm, the water garden will be able to be explored. Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased from Mayfield Garden's website.

All of the profits from the event will go directly to Circus Surreal.

Western Advocate Wednesday 23rd August



GAME ON: Cooper Earsman, G and C Mutual Bank local business manager David Irwin, team captain Myles Martin and Tallis Tobin.

Team receives jerseys

PARADES

THE Group 10 under 13s side that is set to tour New Zealand in September was presented with its jerseys on Wednesday afternoon, at the home of main sponsor G and C Mutual Bank.

Set to leave on New Zealand on September 22, the boys are locked in to play three games against the Te Atatu Roosters (23rd), Bay of Plenty (26th) and St Paul's College (29th).

G and C Mutual Bank

local business manager David Irwin said he was keen to come on board as the main sponsor.

"We've got a relationship with Trevor Fitzgerald [tour manager] and it was a good way to reward the boys for a long season," he said.

"We hope to be involved every year and letting the community know that we're around."

The under 13s side will have representatives from one of the three Bathurst

junior rugby league teams - Cooper Earsman (Eglington Eels), Myles Martin (St Pat's) and Tallis Tobin (Bathurst Panthers).

Tour manager Fitzgerald said the trip will be a good experience for the boys.

"It'll give them more experience, as they'll head into the Country Championships next year," he said.

"They'll have fun playing footy and experiencing New Zealand."

Martin, who is the team

captain, said it'll be a chance to gain plenty of experience.

"We'll be tackling people much bigger than us," he said.

"Our goal is to win all of our games. They'll be pressure but it's a privilege to captain the team."

WHERE HAS THE YEAR GONE?

Today is exactly four months until Christmas year. Where has the year gone? You can start to tell sum-

mer is coming - the days are getting longer and warmer and the flowers are starting to bloom in Kings Parade.

Soon the weather will be perfect enough to sun bake in and we won't have to worry about wearing layers upon layers of jumpers.

But personally Parade prefers the cold and was lucky enough to enjoy his first snow experience of the season, on the way down Kanangra Walls on Saturday.

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NEXT STEP: Karah Armstrong and her Saints beat Bathurst Panthers last Sunday to set up a grand final qualifier against Orange Hawks. **Photo: CHRIS SEABROOK**

Pat's must cut out errors to advance

LEAGUE TAG

CUT out the handling errors - that is the message St Pat's league tag coach Mick Armstrong is stressing to his players ahead of Sunday's Group 10 major semi-final.

Having gotten the better of Bathurst Panthers for the first time this year last Sunday in the qualifying final - winning 14-6 - the Saints earned themselves a place in the major semi-final.

However, in order to become the first side to advance to the grand final, the Saints must do something no

other team has managed in 2017.

They must beat Orange Hawks.

The Hawks finished the regular season as minor premiers with 15 wins and a draw. Two of those victories came against the Saints - a 10-6 result in round nine then a 18-14 effort in round 18.

"Both games have been really close and I think we were not far off getting the points. We just need to cut down on our mistakes and take our opportunities down the oth-

er end," Armstrong said.

"The last time we played them we made a lot of mistakes. The first 15 minutes were outstanding, we led 10-0, but after that we just kept giving the ball back to them.

"From three kick-offs we gave the ball back to them, those sort of things are coach killers and we need to make sure we don't do that same sort of thing this weekend."

Sunday's semi-final between St Pat's and Hawks will kick-off at 10.30am at Wade Park.

- ANYA WHITELAW

*Western Advocate Saturday
26th August*

Mariners aiming to outclass University

SOCCER

BY ANYA WHITELAW

WESTERN NSW Mariners head into the final round of the State League Women's competition this Sunday knowing that a draw will be enough to earn them a place in the semi-finals.

After three weeks of must win football, the Mariners have performed under pressure and got the results needed to move from fifth spot to fourth.

However, their footing in the top four is due to a superior for and against record, with currently fifth-placed University of New South Wales on equal competition points.

It is Uni who the Mariners will meet on Sunday, which means a draw will be enough for them to advance.

Still, coach Jason Payne does not want his side to focus on anything but a win on Sunday.

He wants his players to build on the form which has seen them dispatch Parramatta (9-0), St George (3-0) and Mount Druitt (3-0) this month to keep their hopes of finals football alive.

"We can't afford to take our foot off the pedal. For the last few rounds now it's been we must win to make sure we give ourselves the best chance of playing finals football, so nothing is going to change there," Payne said.

"If we lose then it's elimination for us. We've been playing finals football for a couple of weeks, so my message to the girls isn't going to change any, we have to keep our foot on the throttle and full speed ahead to the finals."

The Mariners have met Uni twice already this season, but both times were made to pay for errors.

Payne was on hand to watch in round seven when his side went down 4-3, and though he was busy with other coaching duties when they met again, he knows his side was not at its best in losing 2-0.

"I'm expecting it to be a tough game. The first game against them they had some fairly pacey wingers and they looked to get the ball in behind our defence out wide, cross the ball in and have players meet the ball," Payne said.

"On that day too, we made some fundamental errors I guess which cost us two goals early on.

"Then we were chasing, we got it back to



FINAL ROUND: Jasmin Courtenay will be a key figure for the Western NSW Mariners FC on Sunday when they take on University of NSW. **Photo: PHIL BLATCH**

FOR THE RECORD

WESTERN NSW MARINERS FC
9 wins, 1 draw, 63 goals for, 21 goals against.

UNIVERSITY OF NSW
8 wins, 4 draws, 59 goals for, 31 goals against.

■ Both teams are on 28 competition points

a 2-all scoreline, but then they went 3-2, we got that back and then they went 4-3 on us.

"We were pretty much chasing that game all game and that wears a team down after a while.

"The second game I believe was another fundamental error in there which gave them a goal. From what I understand we created plenty of opportunities, we just weren't able to hit the target."

Though many teams focus on playing long balls in attack, Mariners and Uni play a similar style of football and possess the ball well, so Payne knows his players must be switched on.

"They've been knocking it around fairly well in the games we played them," he said.

"I think it could go either way

this weekend."

The Mariners will take on Uni from 3pm on Sunday at David Phillips Complex.

Western Advocate Saturday 26th August

City is ecstatic after a title drought is ended



YOU BEAUTY: Bathurst City celebrates winning Saturday's women's Premier League Hockey grand final. Photo: PHIL BLATCH

HOCKEY

BY ANYA WHITELAW

"WE'RE ecstatic, it's amazing, it's sensational, it's the best feeling."

Those were the words of Bathurst City coach Lisa Quinn on Saturday as her side beat Lithgow Panthers 5-2 in the women's Premier League Hockey grand final in Lithgow.

The premiership was the first for Bathurst City since it downed St Pat's in extra-time seven years ago and given the club had fallen to Panthers on grand final day four times since then, the victory was especially sweet.

"I feel like, as a coach, we have been working towards

this for the last three years. I kept saying to the girls I felt this was our year because right from the first game, they were on fire," Quinn said.

"They played well in the first round game and from there they just kept getting better and making improvements. There weren't too many times throughout the season where we didn't have good games."

Looking for a fourth consecutive premiership, Panthers made a strong start to the contest.

City survived a fifth minute penalty corner and soon after goalkeeper Maddy Tattersall got glove to ball to stop a powerful Amanda Saladine strike.

But on 10 minutes Panthers was rewarded for its early pressure as Amelia Leard found the mark from a penalty corner.

However, that goal spurred City into action and after five minutes the Bathurst side had equalised.

Bec Bosianek broke clear through the middle, laid off to Kelsey Willott who then linked with Jess Hotham. She applied the finishing touch.

That made it 1-all, but when City again launched a quick counter attack two minutes later it took the lead.

This time Hotham worked into the circle, found Willott to the left, who then rounded Panthers' goalkeeper and centred the ball for Bosianek

to put away.

Bosianek made it 3-1 just before the break when she followed in a Quinn shot which had struck the post, gathered the rebound and slotted home.

While City had not surrendered a two-goal lead at any stage in the season, Panthers' attacking prowess meant the job was not over.

Brooke McFadden did make things easier when she added a fourth for City 30 seconds into the second stanza.

As expected Panthers continued to fight, Tattersall at one stage making a double block off Saladine, but the clock ticked down.

When Quinn found the

mark with six minutes left, City's players knew the title was theirs.

Leard did find a late consolation with 1.44 left, but when the siren sounded City's celebrations began.

"The strikers worked back to pick up balls from defence, the midfield came through to help us go forward, we were doing suicide tackles in defence so they couldn't get through us," Quinn said.

"The girls really, really played well today, it was one of the best games I have seen them play."

BATHURST CITY 5 (Bec Bosianek 2, Lisa Quinn, Jess Hotham, Brooke McFadden) defeated LITHGOW PANTHERS 2 (Amelia Leard)

Bosianek bags grand double

HOCKEY

WHEN Bathurst City conceded an early goal in Saturday's women's Premier League Hockey grand final to Lithgow Panthers, it could have been a massive blow. Instead it served to spur City on.

By half-time City had a 3-1 lead and from there the Bathurst outfit went on to win the 2017 premiership title.

Though it was a solid performance from all of City's squad that led to the victory, Bec Bosianek's contribution in the first half was a special one.

She made the initial break

which led to City's opening goal and scored two herself away the rebound.

It was one of a bagful of goals she scored for the season - one she played with a problem knee.

"I injured my knee at the start of the season and I just had to keep working and working on it because I am due for a reconstruction straight after this season," she said.

"My goal was to get to the grand final and I'm here and we won. It's a massive win and a huge achievement for us girls. We work hard, we play for each other."

- ANYA WHITELAW

When Quinn's shot struck

up after they scored, Lisa always hammers into us no lapses, no lapses, no lapses. We stepped up and we did it," Bosianek said.

"It was do or die, you've always got to be there for support. It's do not give up until the ball is over that line."

Bosianek's second goal was especially impressive as she sprinted to be in position to support her team-mates.



NICE WORK: Bec Bosianek is congratulated by Bathurst City team-mates Kelsey Willott and Jess Hotham after scoring. Photo: PHIL BLATCH

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Fourth time lucky



THE JUBILATION: Bathurst City defender Andrea Seymour embraces her team-mates after winning Saturday's grand final. Photo: PHIL BLATCH

HOCKEY

BY ANYA WHITE LAW

AFTER three years of being left bitterly disappointed on grand final day, in 2017 it was Bathurst City's turn to celebrate being crowned women's Premier League Hockey champions.

Bathurst City beat Lithgow Panthers - the three-time defending champions - 5-2 in Lithgow on Saturday to cap

off an impressive campaign.

City only lost once on its way to the minor premiership and though falling to Panthers in the major semi-final, on Saturday they played renewed desire and determination.

"Finally," Lisa Quinn, who coached City when it fell to Panthers in the 2016 and 2015 grand finals, said.

"We just had this attitude before we went in that we

weren't going to give an inch, we weren't going to stop for one second and even though they scored a goal, we came back fighting harder.

"We played the game we wanted to play, we wanted to knock the ball around, we wanted to support each other in attack and defence and the girls absolutely did that.

"They did everything that we have been working towards today and it paid off."

Panthers actually scored first in the decider via Amelia Leard, but the lead lasted just five minutes.

Jess Hotham, who had starred for the Bathurst Panthers league tag side earlier in the day, showed she is just as formidable with a hockey stick as she equalised.

Bec Bosianek made the initial break which led to that goal, but she then impacted the scoreboard herself. She

struck twice on the back of quick counter-attacks to give City a 3-1 half-time lead.

It took just 30 seconds after play resumed for City to further tighten its grip on the premiership trophy when Brooke McFadden found the mark.

Quinn, who was named most valuable player, scored as well before Leard grabbed a late consolation.

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City celebrates.

3RD BATHURST (ALL SAINTS CATHEDRAL) SCOUT GROUP 85 YEARS CELEBRATION

▲ Andrew pictured with David Veness and Lesanne Upton and cutting the 85th birthday cake with Sarah Hardie, Bailey Fraser and Lachie McGuire (right).

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Mariners season over after losing to UNSW

SOCCKER

BY ALEXANDER GRANT

THE finals dream for Western NSW Mariners FC's women's State League side has come to a close.

Mariners needed a win from their match against University of NSW Lions to ensure finals football but went down 2-0 in Sunday's last game of the regular season.

Victory would have guaranteed the Mariners a top four finish, and a taste of finals football, but goals for UNSW's Christine Lucantonio and Grace McCormick prevented that from happening.

Mariners' Kristy Collingridge said the Western women didn't find their best football on Sunday.

"It wasn't our strongest game at all. If we had played close to our strongest then we could have come away with a draw," she said.

"When we were passing it around and moving the ball up the sidelines it looked fabulous.

"We can't take another away from UNSW. They had the same lineup as before, and like last time they played really well. We knew what we would be coming up against.

"Our centre back, Sarah Colman, took a knock in the opening five minutes and she wasn't at her best for the rest of the game. There were a few other bumps and bruises as well, but that's how it is sometimes.

"I think the pressure, with our position on the ladder, just got to us."

UNSW scored one goal in each half to repeat the scoreline from last time the two clubs came together.



FINISHED: The women's State League season is over for Western NSW Mariners FC after losing to UNSW Lions on Sunday. Mariners required a win to ensure a finals position. **Photo: PHIL BLATCH**

The other match against the Lions this year was a 4-3 defeat.

Mariners were battling with St George for fourth spot over the concluding round of the regular season.

St George went down 4-0 to minor premiers APIA Leichhardt Tigers, meaning even a draw for Mariners

would have been enough for them to jump up into fourth position.

Unfortunately for the Mariners they couldn't reclaim their spot in the top four, which they had held for the majority of the season.

Mariners had brought the finish back into contention with three straight wins com-

ing into Sunday's game.

Now the club has to look ahead to 2018.

"I've spoken to a few of the about next year," Collingridge said.

"Everyone I've spoken to is keen to come back for next season."

Mariners finished the season with nine wins, one draw

and eight losses.

It was a tough day at the office for the Mariners as their reserves went down 5-1 and the under 17s lost 2-1. Both division finished their seasons in sixth.

UNSW LIONS 2 (Christine Lucantonio, Grace McCormick) defeated WESTERN NSW MARINERS FC 0

Panthers chasing a double

RUGBY LEAGUE
BY ALEXANDER GRANT

IT COULD be a big day for the boys in black this Saturday as the Bathurst Panthers chase two titles in this Saturday's Group 10 junior grand finals at Wade Park.

Panthers' under 16s and 12s have taken different paths to get to this weekend's last day of the season, but they both have the same winning ambition.

John Fearnley's under 16s team have been a regular feature on grand finals day during the years through the junior competition.

It's no surprise to see the consistently strong outfit make their way to the finale again, and they meet a familiar foe in last year's premiers Orange CYMS.

Fearnley will like his side's chances of turning around 2016's result after finishing this season as minor premiers.

"Last year the grand final finished as five tries each but they kicked more goals than us," he said.

"We've only lost the one game this year, and that was in the fifth round at Blayney. It was quite a big score actually, 34-10, but that became our turning point this season.

"There hasn't been much between us and CYMS this year. Orange have some good forwards who have played finals, and some speedy backs. It should be a good contest."

Appropriately it was Blayney-Cowra the Panthers

beat, 32-18, in the major semi-final to book their place in the decider.

Fearnley is expecting the Panthers' big boys to prove the difference this Saturday.

"CYMS have come through from fifth place but if they play to their best it will be a tough one," he said.

"We have four boys in the team who have played for Western Rams, and one for country, 'Zippy' [Nick] Barlow. Our forwards should lay the platform for us, guys like Nathan Ward, Brad Fearnley and Mackenzie Atkins.

"Noah Griffiths is at five-eighth, and we've missed him for a while on rep duty. Dylan Miles moved up from fullback to halfback and has been a great partner for Noah."

The under 16s certainly won't be short on momentum. They will carry a nine game winning streak into the grand final.

Meanwhile the Panthers under 12s had to do things the hard way to get their ticket to a grand final.

Shane Hastings' boys finished the regular season in fourth, meaning it's been sudden death football the whole way up to the Wade Park decider.

They meet Lithgow Storm in the grand final.

Storm will go in as favourites after racking up a 24 point win over the Panthers during their last regular season meeting but Hastings is looking forward to seeing what his boys bring to



LAST GAME: Bathurst Panthers under 16s have the chance to turn around last year's grand final result against Orange CYMS this Saturday. They will be joined by the Panthers under 12s at Wade Park. **Photo: JUDE KEOGH**

the table.

"I'm over the moon with how they've gone this year. The boys have worked so hard and have been keen to turn up to training every week," he said.

"Pete Morris is the coach for Lithgow and he's a great bloke. Him and I get on like a house on fire and we're both very passionate about our teams."

"I've got 18 boys and every one of them do their job. They're a great group

to coach.

"There's three rep players [Shannon Hastings, Ronan Hunt-Cameron and Blake Powyer] who do a strong job and the rest of the team follow their example."

"In the last three games Ronan has scored 12 or so tries, and the rest of the teams feeds off that performance."

Panthers sent a message to the Storm by knocking over minor premiers Bloomfield Tigers in the prelimi-

nary final.

Tigers had lost just the one match during the regular season.

Under 12s face the Storm from 11am while the 16s search for a win over CYMS at 3.30pm.

BATHURST PANTHERS UNDER

16s: 1 Mitchell Bonham, 2 Zen Clark, 3 Jordan Rice, 4 Kevin Large, 5 Brodie Howard, 6 Noah Griffiths, 7 Dylan Miles, 8 Bradley Fearnley, 9 Matthew Ellsmore, 10 Tyler Patterson, 11 Nick Barlow, 12 Mack Atkins, 13 Nathan Ward,

14 Lewis Dunshea, 15 Bevan Sampson, 16 Luke Hundy, 17 Ray Sargent, 18 Joey Nasr, 19 Blayze Piper-Hurst

BATHURST PANTHERS UNDER

12s: 1 Blake Powyer, 2 Andrew Chie, 3 Timmy Babbage, 4 Haydn Edwards, 5 Eli Bull, 6 Ronan Hunt-Cameron, 7 Brody Grabham, 8 Nash Chatfield, 9 Cruz Farrar, 10 Shannon Hastings, 11 Tyson Blerton, 12 Peter Nakad, 13 Lachlan Fitzsimmons, 14 Clancy Wyrzykowski, 15 Riley Patching, 16 Kobi Siakisoni, 17 Logan Ball, 18 Jacob Potts



KEEP THE MOMENTUM GOING: St Pat's under 15s will take on Orange CYMS for the Group 10 junior title at Wade Park this Saturday. **Photo: JUDE KEOGH**

Saints, CYMS meet again in the decider

RUGBY LEAGUE

ST PAT'S under 15s took down the previously undefeated Orange CYMS once already in the Group 10 finals series, but can they do it again?

Under the tutelage of new coach Chris O'Neill the Saints have improved with every game, culminating in their stunning comeback win over CYMS which earned a spot in this Saturday's grand final at Wade Park.

Down at half-time in the major semi-final the Pat's boys found their rhythm to storm home in a 36-24 win over the green and golds in Blayney.

It was a performance that has O'Neill feeling confident for the decider.

"This season they had beaten us twice. It was a great effort from our boys to come

back from 18-12 down at half-time last game. It was a good show of grit and determination," he said.

"The never-give-up attitude from the boys was amazing. The best part was when they were able to sing the Pat's victory song in front of the stands."

"Being a finals match there were people there from all the other Group 10 clubs, but even though most were from different clubs they all had smiles on their faces watching the boys sing."

Pat's won 11 of their 14 regular season matches to finish second on the table.

Along with their losses to CYMS (28-6, 24-16) the only other time the Saints were bested this year was in a two-point defeat to Mudgee. O'Neill said the strong camaraderie between his play-

ing group has gone a long way towards their memorable season of football.

"They're a great group of players. They all play for each other. There's a couple of players with rep honours in there who steer them well," he said.

Saints just missed out on having more teams involved on grand final day, with the 11s and 13s knocked out in the second week of finals.

Pat's under 15s play CYMS at 2.30pm.

ST PAT'S: 1 Ash Cosgrove, 2 Noah Cooney, 3 Josh Belfanti, 4 Zach Foskett, 5 Nick Kelly, 6 Tyler Colley, 7 Jayden Fisher, 8 Michael Clarke, 9 Jack O'Neill, 10 Blake Martin ©, 11 Cooper Akroyd, 12 Jordan Dagg, 13 Myles Martin, 14 Evan Booth, 15 Tom Rodham, 16 Max Martinez, 17 Ronnie Lovett

— ALEXANDER GRANT



FAMILY MATTERS: Rachel Gunning and her son Joshua Muggleton. 081917c85th14

SCOUTS' CELEBRATION

A NUMBER of awards were given out when the 3rd Bathurst (All Saints' Cathedral) Scout Group held its 85th birthday thanksgiving service recently. Anglican Bishop of Bathurst Ian Palmer presented the service.



IN THE CROWD: Danni Ulph and Chris Worthington, the assistant Venturer leader with the 3rd Bathurst Scout Group. 081917c85th12



HAPPY: Liz and Lochie McGuire were there. 081917c85th13



SMILES: Fergus Mashman, Joshua Muggleton and Simon Fraser, the scout leader for the 3rd Bathurst Scouts. Photos: CHRIS SEABROOK 081917c85th7



WE WERE THERE: John and Josef Hines, 13, were part of the celebrations. 081917c85th6



THREE OF US: Costa Simeonidis, Peter Brady and Lorraine Fry. 081917c85th5



CATCH UP: Tim and Sophie Anderson with Sally and Chris Dunstall after the special service. 081917c85th8



SILVER SERVICE: Venturer scout leader Gary Jonassen, who received the Silver Koala award, with Rory and Adam Hock. 081917c85th4



FORMER LEADERS: John and Ellen Sutton, Greg Ingersol and Barry and Nancy Pickup. 081917c85th11



FIRST CUT: Calare MP Andrew Gee helps scouts Sarah Hardie, Bailey Fraser and Lochie McGuire cut the 3rd Bathurst group's 85th birthday cake. 081917c85th9a



VICTORS: Bathurst Panthers claimed Saturday's Group 10 Junior Rugby League under 16s premiership in emphatic fashion with a 47-10 win.

Second half blitz sets up Panthers' title win

RUGBY LEAGUE
BY DAVE NEIL

A SECOND half onslaught on Saturday at Wade Park saw Bathurst Panthers crowned the under 16s Group 10 Junior Rugby League champions for 2017.

The boys in black poured on 30 unanswered points after half-time to down Orange CYMS 47-10 and cap a stellar season.

Panthers coach John Fearnley said the premiership was a fitting way for his boys to say farewell to the junior ranks, which isn't to say he thought Saturday's finale was as easy as a nine-

tries-to-two scoreboard may indicate.

"We didn't play a lot of football in the last month, so I was a little bit worried," Fearnley said, pointing out his side's minor premiership and major semi-final win had limited them to a single game in the past month.

"That first half there wasn't much between the two sides, but I think the long semi-final period has probably hurt CYMS a little bit.

"We were coming in fresh and that probably helped in the end."

There can be little doubt Panthers' fitness told a tale in the back end of what was, for a

long time anyway, a tight and fiercely-fought encounter.

Panthers led at the break on the back of tries to Noah Griffiths, Nic Barlow and Mackenzie Atkins - all three of whom scored again in the second half to finish the game with doubles - along with a pair of conversions to Dylan Miles and a field goal from Griffiths.

CYMS' first half and, as it transpired, only points came via tries to Mitchell Collins and Aidan Seale, with Lachlan Griffith slotting a solitary conversion.

At 17-10 it seemed an open contest, but Panthers put paid to that notion almost

immediately after the break.

Nathan Ward, Luke Hundy and Miles all crossed as a part of a six-try second half demolition from Bathurst Panthers.

CYMS were helpless against the flow of points, their dreams of a fifth-to-premiers fairy tale in tatters.

CYMS coach Craig Piper took time to console his more dejected players after full-time, and noted the immense courage they displayed to even make it to the grand final.

"There were times this year when we thought we might not even have a side take the field," Piper said.

"But we fought and fought and finished fifth. To make a grand final from there is a great effort.

"The club should be proud of these boys. I am."

Fearnley agreed with those sentiments, noting the long-term rivalry between the two sides as they progressed through juniors.

"Full credit to CYMS, they're a really good side," he said.

"We played them last year in the grand final and they beat us, so there's been a close competition between the two sides and there's not much difference between them."



WINNERS: St Pat's defeated Orange CYMS 28-22 in the Group 10 Junior Rugby League under 15s grand final at Wade Park. Photo: DAVE NEIL

Cosgrove stars for the Saints

RUGBY LEAGUE

A MAN-OF-THE-MATCH performance from Ash Cosgrove secured St Pat's the Group 10 Junior Rugby League under 15s premiership on Saturday.

The star fullback crossed for two tries at Wade Park - one of them the match-sealer - as his side ran out 28-22 winners over a brave Orange CYMS outfit.

St Pat's coach Chris O'Neill revealed Cosgrove had penned a contract with an NRL club earlier in the week and looked destined to make his mark in the game.

"He's been consistent all

year," O'Neill said.

"They targeted him because they know how good he is, but to his credit he still made breaks and scored a good try."

St Pat's started the better, and recorded the game's first points when Josh Bellanti latched on to a handy Tyler Colley cross-field kick to score.

CYMS hit back to lead 6-4 at half-time, but soon after the break the blue and whites crossed through Cosgrove to hit the front again.

Just two minutes later they scored again via a Jayden Fisher try, and having

skipped out to a 16-6 advantage the blue and whites looked to have one hand on the premiership trophy.

Though CYMS fought back to get within four of the lead, a brilliant, touchline-skirting effort from Colley which he converted made it 22-12.

Addi Williams scored and converted his own try to bring the margin back to four once again before Cosgrove put paid to the green and gold's hopes, beating several CYMS defenders on his way to an 80-metre try under the posts.

Liam Kennedy crossed for CYMS just before full-time.



GROW: Bathurst Campus principal Ken Barwick, the campus leadership team and Denison College of Secondary Education principal Craig Petersen.

Branching out to remember college anniversary



SPECIAL: The Kelso Campus leadership team and principal Mick Sloan with Denison College of Secondary Education principal Craig Petersen.

EDUCATION

TWO trees have been planted to mark an education anniversary in Bathurst.

One tree has been planted on each of the Bathurst and Kelso campuses of Denison College of Secondary Education as a lasting memento of the 10th anniversary of the college's creation.

The college was established by combining Bathurst and Kelso High schools after Kelso High was devastated by a fire in 2005.

At the anniversary celebration gala evening held on the Kelso campus in

August, campus principals Ken Barwick and Mick Sloan were each presented with a tree and a plaque from the college as part of the formal proceedings.

The gala evening celebration, coinciding with Education Week, also showcased talented students from across both campuses, from acrobatics to musical and vocal performance.

College principal Craig Petersen said the trees at the two campuses will "represent the growth of the college over 10 years" and provide a place for reflection.

Wednesday 6th September

Mutton among best in nation

Defender named in Australian shadows

SOCCER

BY ALEXANDER GRANT

Mutton was injected into the game. Blue were a class ahead in their 5-0 victory.

"I felt like I played pretty well. Maybe in the last game against South Australia I might have been a bit off, but the first two games I thought I made a good impression," Mutton said.

"In the first half against NSW Blue we probably gave them too much respect and they ran out to a 4-0 lead."

The good news keeps coming for Mutton who will line up for Sydney United in their Football NSW National Premier Leagues 1 under 18s final against Sydney FC.

Mutton said the team have peaked at the right time of the year.

"We've made it to the grand final. We had a 3-2 win over Rockdale in the major semi-final," Mutton said.

"It wasn't our best performance in that semi-final but the boys dug deep. They did a great job, and a lot of people probably thought we couldn't get ourselves into that game."

The semi-final win was an impressive result for Mutton and his side considering Rockdale hammered them 4-0 just a few weeks earlier in the qualifying final.

United will go in as underdogs for the match at Leichhardt Oval this Sunday as they look to try and turn around the result from their last two matches against Sydney FC.

BATHURST'S Cole Mutton was rewarded for his impressive performance for NSW White at the recent Australian Tri State Football Championship by being named in the national shadow squad.

Mutton had earned his place at the tri series thanks to his superb defensive work for Combined High Schools 1 at their successful All Schools campaign.

The Kelso High School talent showed he was more than up to the challenge of taking on the next level, helping NSW White earned win two of their three matches.

While he travelled to Glenwood with the ultimate goal of making the Australian Schoolboys team Mutton was thrilled to get the next best possible prize.

"I was stoked. To be selected in the shadow team is a great achievement," he said.

"All the games there were an extra tough standard and at a high level so it's great to be selected."

"Making shadows is still exciting and it's what I was hoping for at least out of that."

NSW White earned close 1-0 wins over Queensland and South Australia, matches in which Mutton played every minute.

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PEOPLE & PLACES



TAKING A LOOK: Bathurst residents Amy, Jake, and Tim Parker with Angus Ryan enjoyed the day together. 090317cmuesm4



FATHER'S DAY: Sarah, Kellie and Scott Lane were there to take a look. 090317cmuesm3



WELCOME: Brendan Bracken, Bella, Chris and Abby Bracken, and Rowan Bracken at the museum. 090317cmuesm2



SMILES: Corey Belan, Leandra, Cooper and Cody Fraser all at the Bathurst Community Centre for Kyra Behan's birthday celebrations. 082617c21st2



READY TO PERFORM: Cirkus Surreal performers are bringing their talents to Mayfield Garden on Sunday. Photo: CHRIS SEABROOK 082317cirkus2a

Surreal trip down the rabbit hole

ENTERTAINMENT

CIRKUS Surreal and Mayfield Garden are coming together for an important, but entertaining event on Sunday.

When patrons venture to the garden, they will be taking a trip down the rabbit hole to a land inspired by *AL-*

ice in Wonderland.

Cirkus Surreal performers will don costumes of characters from the story, as well as new characters created entirely for this visual experience at Mayfield.

Coordinator Stephanie Brown said the event will help raise money for the

troupe's next international trip to Hawaii in 2018.

"The only way we survive is by having our own funding, which we get from our performances," she said.

Sunday's event will give people access to parts Mayfield's private garden.

From 11am to 12pm, peo-

ple will be able to journey through the garden and meet interesting characters along the way.

A gourmet lunch will be on offer in the amphitheatre from 12pm to 12.30pm before the Mad Hatter performance at 12.45pm.

People can then explore

the water garden from 2pm to 4pm.

To purchase tickets to this event, visit www.mayfieldgarden.com.au.

Tickets are priced at \$30 for adults, \$25.50 for students or concession card holders and \$10 for children.

- RACHEL FERRETT



TREBLE ON OFFER: Karah Armstrong and St Pat's are aiming to win three Group 10 grand finals this Sunday at Wade Park. Photo: PHIL BLATCH

Three teams, three chances

ST Pat's entered this year's Group 10 finals series with three teams and all of them have made it to the last day of the season. The club's first division, under 18s and ladies league tag sides will all be in action this Sunday at Wade Park. No club has ever won three titles in the same year and Pat's have the chance to create history.

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PUSHING HARD: Bathurst BMX Club rider Hayley Wolfenden (#44) stepped up to the superclass women's division at the Maitland Open.

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Class podium for Westman

BMX

BATHURST'S Chelsie Westman showed she is in good touch ahead of the BMX New South Wales state titles when snaring a class podium at the Maitland Open last Sunday.

Westman was one of four Bathurst riders to take part in the event, with her brother Liam, Joel Goulding and Hayley Wolfenden all stepping up to superclass divisions as they too warmed up for state.

Chelsie Westman rode in the 13 years girls division and after placing second in each of her three motos, advanced to the final.

There she placed second to Macarthur's Destiny Brien.

The three other Bathurst riders found the going tougher as they pushed themselves against tough competition.

Goulding was fourth in his opening moto, crashed in his second before placing seventh, then was fifth in the third. He did not qualify for the final.

Liam Westman also missed the final, but still rode well in his motos to pick up a sixth and a pair of fifth placings.

"Joel, this time he actually bumped bars with another rider and came off second

best," Wolfenden said of the crash.

"Liam did well, that was his first time riding pro, so it was not a bad effort."

Wolfenden picked up a third and pair of seconds in her motos before going on to place sixth in the superclass women's final.

"There was only 10 entries, but I didn't really expect to keep up at all, so I was pretty happy. I qualified third pick for the final and then came out sixth," she said. "Pro girls, they're fast and they don't let you past either, you've got to learn to muscle up."

- ANA WHITELAW

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ALL THAT JAZZ: Performers from the Orana Dance Centre at Dubbo. 090317ceist8b



HAPPY: Laura Goodsell, Bree Davey, Emily Horton and Sarah Davey. 090317ceist2



SHALL WE DANCE: Bathurst Academy of Dance performers. 090317ceist10a

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Pat's fight back to win their third tag crown



NUMBER THREE: St Pat's celebrated their third Group 10 league tag title on Sunday with a 16-12 win over Orange Hawks. **Photo: PHIL BLATCH**

LEAGUE TAG

BY ALEXANDER GRANT

WHEN Orange Hawks scored just after half-time in Sunday's Group 10 ladies league tag grand final against St Pat's they had seized the momentum in an engrossing contest at Wade Park.

However, Pat's showed their finals experience to claw their way back from the six-point deficit and claim a memorable 16-12 win over the Hawks.

An intercept try to the Saints' Bronte Emanuel sparked the comeback, which was then finished off by a try to Jess Scadding.

With the win Pat's have become the first team to

win three Group 10 league tag titles.

Saints coach Mick Armstrong was proud of his team to get themselves back in front, but his side had to see out a nervous final four minutes.

"I didn't think we were home because I know Bec Ford's got the best kick-off in the competition and I knew we had to get that before we could finish the game off," he said.

"It was a funny year, an up and down one, but when it came to the semi-finals we dug in at training and gelled together well on the field.

"It feels great to be three-time champs, but credit to Hawks. They were outstand-

ing today and they were very unlucky to get beaten.

"We have a lot more experience when it comes to finals but Hawks played better than us in that first half. We panicked, we were pushing the pass and dropping balls that we hadn't done throughout the year."

It was an explosive start to the match when the Hawks' Jacky Lyden almost raced to the try line inside the first minute.

Hawks continued to keep the pressure on in the opening stages, pinning the Saints in their own half, until a strong run from Nicole Schneider eased the pressure on the blue and white.

Saints winger Scadding

made a dash down the right wing to get her side within reach of the Hawks' try line.

On the next play Elise Woods crossed for the opening points of the game, scoring in the eighth minute.

Inside the last five minutes of the half the two blues began to find their rhythm.

Ella Harris went close to scoring, as did Sophie Humphris near the left corner post.

Just when Pat's looked like they were going to take a 6-0 lead into half-time the Hawks broke through thanks to Kaitlyn Phillips.

Hawks upped the pressure when they scored just one minute into the new half.

Erin Naden had been

giving Saints headaches all game and some good footwork saw her convert that pressure on points.

Pat's kept their heads up despite the 12-6 deficit and soon found a way back in memorable fashion.

Emanuel pounced on a Hawks pass inside the Hawks' 20m and enjoyed a short sprint to the line.

Saints struck the decisive blow when Scadding got on the end of a favourable bounce from a Mish Somers kick.

ST PAT'S 16 (Elise Woods, Bronte Emanuel, Jess Scadding tries; Mish Somers 2 conversions) defeated ORANGE HAWKS 12 (Kaitlyn Phillips, Erin Naden tries; Bec Ford 2 conversions)



TEAM EFFORT: (back) Lily Fragar, Lucy Goodfellow, Isabelle Renshaw, (front) Cassandra Hurst, Shanshe Lane and Matilda Young. 091417nmkels010



STUDENT SUPPORT: Tatiana Bosma and Natasha Gedling on R U OK? Day. 091417nmkels06

R U OK? DAY AT KELSO

KELSO High School's Student Representative Council held an R U OK? day event on Thursday in an effort to reach out to classmates who may need a little help.



COLOUR: Student Representative Council member Alivia Bourke during the school's R U OK? Day event. Photos: NADINE MORTON 091417nmkels08



COUNCIL MEMBERS: Matt Bignell and Zac Belmonte say mental wellbeing is important. 091417nmkels04



STUDENTS: Jake Allison, Summer Weekes and Laura Sennett on R U OK? Day. 091417nmkels09



TOP TRIO: Tanya Bush-Patching, Madison Jolly and Emilee Curran were there in support. 091417nmkels03

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Cirkus to entertain in garden

ENTERTAINMENT
BY RACHEL FERRETT

AN INCREDIBLE display of creativity is on its way to Mayfield Garden for an unforgettable performance.

Cirkus Surreal, a troupe comprised of Denison College students, will hold its annual fundraiser among the picturesque landscape of the garden on Sunday.

Coordinator Stephanie Brown said the day will be a visual experience, rather than a simple performance, with circus acts scattered throughout the venue for the event, titled the Mad Hatter of Mayfield.

The circus will bring with it costumes inspired by *Alice in Wonderland*, floor routines and its aerial rig.

Ms Brown said Cirkus Surreal has had a partnership with Mayfield Garden, which has allowed performers to make appearances at events, but this is the first time the performance will be entirely

about the circus.

"We have a partnership with Mayfield Garden that has been going since the start of the year, so the Mad Hatter of Mayfield is about having a visual presence out there," she said.

"This way it is a really good opportunity for people to come out [to the garden] and to also support us."

Ms Brown developed the performance and said she did so in a way that it could be appreciated by people of all ages.

Although it was inspired by *Alice in Wonderland*, the event has a lot of originality.

"Whilst we have some characters from *Alice in Wonderland*, others have been developed specifically around Mayfield Garden," Ms Brown said.

People will see mermaids and fairies, in addition to characters like the White Rabbit.

The Mad Hatter of Mayfield is a fundraiser for Cirkus

Surreal to help cover some of the costs an international trip to Hawaii, and 100 per cent of the profits from the event will go to the troupe.

Ms Brown said fundraisers like this were vital to the circus' success.

"The only way we survive is by having our own funding, which we get from our performances," she said.

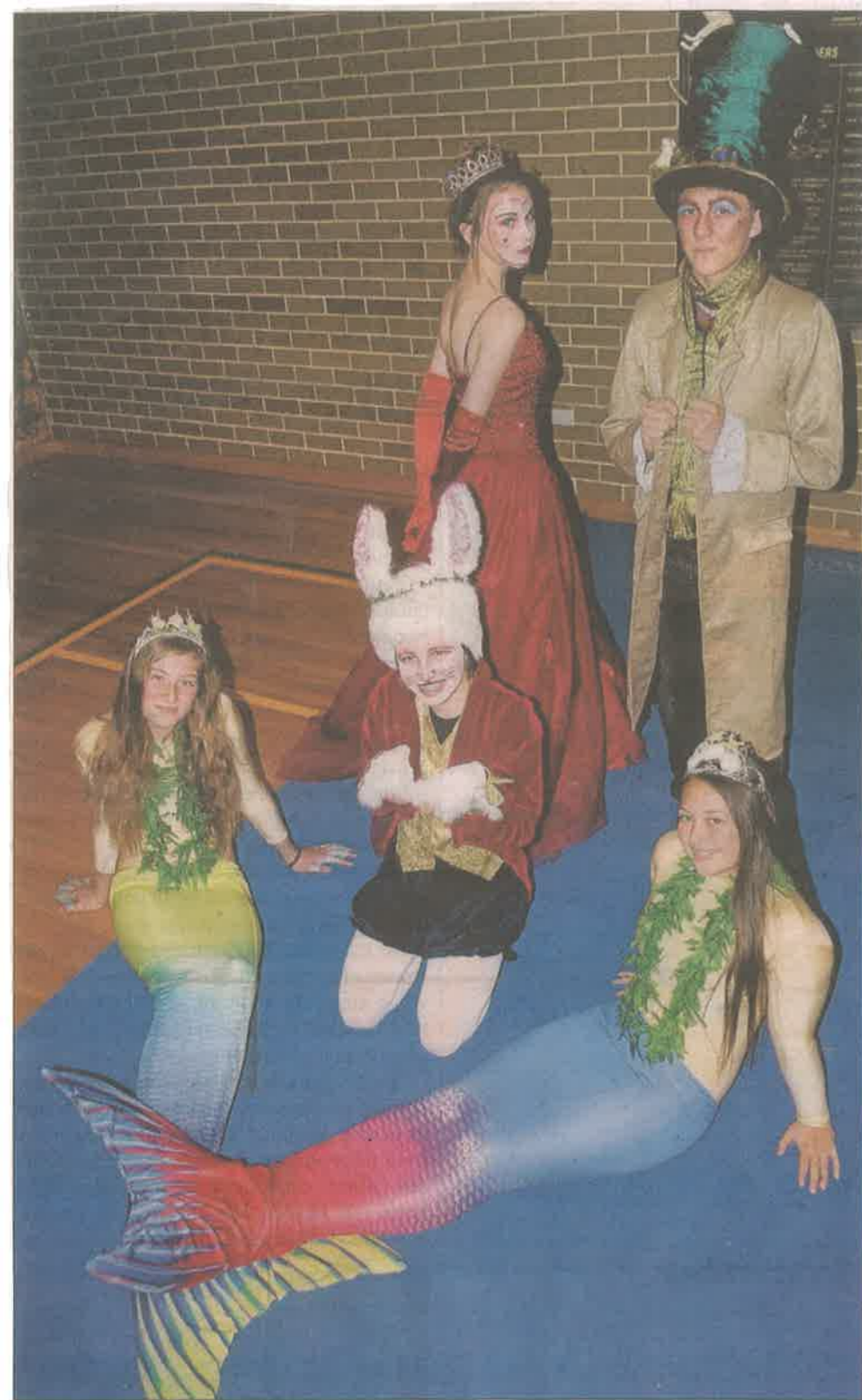
Sunday's event will give people exclusive access to parts of the private garden at Mayfield.

From 11am to 12pm, people will be able to journey through the garden and meet interesting characters along the way.

A gourmet lunch will be on offer in the amphitheatre from 12pm to 12.30pm before the Mad Hatter performance at 12.45pm.

People can then explore the water garden from 2pm to 4pm.

To purchase tickets to this event, visit www.mayfield-garden.com.au.



ON SHOW: Cirkus Surreal members Amy Parker, Rosie Forsyth, Michaela Doungmanee, Emma Constant and Curtis Parrington. Photo: CHRIS SEABROOK 082317cirkus1

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GROUP EFFORT: Kelso High School students Josie Geerkens, Alivia Bourke and Isaac Connor on R U OK? Day. Photo: NADINE MORTON 091417nmkelso1

Bringing a light to mental health

COMMUNITY

KELSO High School held its inaugural R U OK? Day event in an effort to reach out to students in need.

Held on Thursday at the school, and organised by the Student Representative Council (SRC), the day encouraged students to check

in with their classmates to see if they were OK.

Year 10 student and SRC president Isaac Connor said as a group they decided a focus on mental health was important.

"We agreed on what we thought would bring light to this important day," he said.

"We decided to do a poster so the whole school would know about today and be supportive of their friends and mental health and suicide prevention."

SRC members from all student years at the school joined forces to make a large banner for the day.

During lunch break SRC members handed out bright yellow balloons and encouraged students to get involved by: asking if others were OK, listening to the answer, encouraging action and checking in with them as a follow-up on another day.

Kelso High School stu-

dents are among a number of community members who featured in the *Western Advocate's* R U OK? Day awareness video.

To see the video visit www.westernadvocate.com.au and search for 'R U OK? Ask, but listen for the answer'.

- NADINE MORTON

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MUSICAL ENDING: Harmonikos owners Phil and Cath Snitch with the jazz group during rehearsal for Thursday's concert. Photo: CHRIS SEABROOK 091717cjazz

End of an era with final show

COMMUNITY

STUDENTS and teachers at Harmonikos will take a final public bow this week, with owners Phil and Cath Snitch to host their last concert.

For the past 12 years they have operated the Harmonikos music store, but last month they announced it would close.

"Thank you for the Music' is the couple's final concert and it will feature many of the store's students and teachers.

There will be four parts to the celebration - junior students will kick-off the night as guests enter, while senior

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We perform one of these concerts every year, so in some ways it's just the normal concert.

Phil Snitch

students will play as people eat dinner.

The main concert, which features the Harmonikos jazz band, will then take place,

followed by Flux which is a group of music teachers.

"The actual concert itself will be a way of looking back at what we've done over the 12 years," Mr Snitch said.

"We perform one of these concerts every year, so in some ways it's just the normal concert."

The concert is on this Thursday and tickets are \$60 which include dinner and the show. Purchase tickets from Harmonikos or online at www.123tix.com.au.

Harmonikos will close on Friday, September 29.

- NADINE MORTON

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BOTTOMS UP: Agnes Fallow and Kim Meyer enjoyed a catch up at Perthville Village Fair. 090917bbperth8



CREATIVE GOOD: Bev Lewis had a stall at the annual fair in Perthville. 090917bbperth3



CATCH UPS: Michael Warren, Jonathan and John Cutler checking out the goods on sale. 090917bbperth5



FAIR FUN: Emma Marlor, Carlo Drummond, Jaime Fardell and Lillian Renshaw enjoyed the day out. Photos: PHIL BLATCH 090917bbperth7

PERTHVILLE VILLAGE FAIR

PERTHVILLE Village Fair was held recently with big crowds coming along to enjoy a range of family-friendly activities. The annual event was held at the community hall and it featured a range of local produce, wine and art.



SUNNY DAYS: Bill and Leonie Lawson were among the crowds who flocked to the fair. 090917bbperth6



CREATIVE TYPES: Madeleine Calveley and Alana Johns were at the face painting stall. 090917bbperth2



GIRLS' FUN: Diana Matthiessen, Lindsey Glass and Magdalena Skumial were among the crowds. 090917bbperth1



WHAT'S COOKING?: Michelle Harper, Jenny Cheesman and Ethan Hamer gave up their time to help out at the fair. 090917bbperth9



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Mad Hatters come to Mayfield Garden

MAYFIELD, TOGETHER WITH the incredible and daring Cirkus Surreal, have created a whimsical 'Alice in Wonderland' inspired event - *The Mad Hatter of Mayfield!*

The performance on Sunday, 10 September between 11am and 2pm will allow exclusive access to parts of the private garden and a unique performance held in a secret location.

"Imagine being led through a stone cave walkway, not knowing where it leads? It's just like falling into the rabbit hole, you enter Mayfield's magical, enchanting amphitheatre," said Mayfield's Meg McKenna.

"*Mad Hatters* is expected to be a sell-out event, and with great reason. This talented troupe of young people have inspired and captivated audiences both nationally and internationally," she said.

Mayfield pride themselves on their garden

and paddock to plate menus, where 80 per cent of their ingredients are grown on site from the kitchen gardens.

Mayfield will have a pop-up food stall selling a Mad Hatter inspired menu at the amphitheatre, thus NO food is allowed into the Garden.

The Cafe at the Garden Centre will also be opened, so feast your eyes and grab something delicious.

"We encourage you to bring picnic rugs and chairs to sit around in the amphitheatre to watch the performance," Meg noted.

Ticket prices are Adult: \$30, Concession and Student: \$25.50, Child 7-17: \$10 and kids under 6 \$0 (all tickets allow access to the garden prior and after the event).

A sneak peak into what the day will entail

❖ 11am - 12pm: Journey through Mayfield and the exclusive Private garden

❖ 12pm - 12:30pm: Make your way to the amphitheatre, secure a space and grab some gourmet lunch from Mayfield's pop-up food stall

❖ 12:45pm - 2pm: Mad Hatters performance

❖ 2pm - 4pm: Explore Mayfield



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IN THEIR ELEMENT: The Cirkus Surreal performers were a hit when they showed their talents at Mayfield Garden. **Photo: MAYFIELD GARDEN**

Mad Hatter show a big hit

EVENTS

MORE than 380 people visited Mayfield Garden last Sunday to be entertained by Cirkus Surreal performing *The Mad Hatter Of Mayfield* in the magical, enchanting amphitheatre.

More than \$5500 was raised for Cirkus Surreal to continue funding interstate and international tours, for extraordinary costumes to be created by director Stephanie Brown and for new equipment and other expenses to be covered.

The talented crew wowed the audience with tissue

and hoop performances, bending their bodies in ways those watching didn't know bodies could go.

There was a trapeze, flamingo stilt-walkers and a cube-thrower.

Mayfield kept the guests satisfied with a pop-up food and beverage stall serving produce grown on site, and local wine and beer as well.

The aim of the Cirkus Surreal program is to develop resilience in the students of Kelso High Campus and to provide a framework for the development of life-long learning skills associated

with living a healthy and productive life.

The Cirkus Surreal team believe the performers inspired many kids who came to watch the *Alice In Wonderland*-inspired day.

Cirkus Surreal's next performance will be at the Darling Harbour International Convention Centre for the Clubs NSW awards evening next month.

Cirkus Surreal will also be at the National Cool Climate Wine and Food Festival at Mayfield in late October performing as roaming entertainment.

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NAIDOC WEEK FUN: Players in Friday's NAIDOC Week round robin touch footy competition, in between games, at the Kelso Community Centre.

NAIDOC Week celebrations

NAIDOC WEEK

CHIFLEY Police took out top honours in a touch footy competition held in Kelso on Friday to celebrate NAIDOC Week.

Around 200 people came to watch and participate in the event.

Chifley Local Area Com-

mand's education and development officer, Acting Sergeant Sue Rose, said the day was organised by the command's Aboriginal liaison officer, Percy Raveneau.

As part of the event, Chifley's command bus was there as well as police rescue.

Sergeant Rose said Mr

Raveneau had done a great job organising the event.

"He really did an amazing job an it needs to be acknowledged.

"It was a great day for everyone to come together, and for the police it was a great day for community engagement."

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WINNERS: Karah Armstrong during the league tag grand final.

Looking forward to a new season

RUGBY LEAGUE

ST PAT'S president Dave Chapman is already looking forward to the next Group 10 season after a title-winning year for the Saints.

Pat's will be buoyed by their third league tag title when they make the move to their new Hereford Street complex, and they almost had under 18s and first division trophies to take to the new ground as well.

"It would have been a big disappointment to come away from Wade Park without any silverware. We're very proud of the girls," Chapman said of the winning league tag side.

"I thought the 18s were going to cause a boil over there at one stage. CYMS just had a couple of players who are that step above the rest.

"I was talking to some CYMS supporters afterwards and they were really worried that we might have had them beaten at one stage.

"We hadn't really taken much note of Lithgow in first division. They were sort of the quiet achievers all year. They were a big, mobile and physical outfit."

- ALEXANDER GRANT

Western Advocate Friday 22nd September

Bathurst BMX riders to face NSW's best

State your claim

BMX

BY ANYA WHITELOW

THEY will be competing against the best in the state, but Hayley Wolfenden is confident she and her fellow Bathurst BMX Club riders can challenge for podiums at the New South Wales titles.

Wolfenden will join eight other riders from the club in heading to the Macarthur track at the end of the month to vie for a state plate.

Wolfenden will ride in the 17-24 years women's category and will be joined by brothers Wyatt (eight boys) and Jett Robertson (11 boys); father and son Bradley (10 boys) and Phil Martin (40-44 men's cruiser); Greg (masterclass), Liam (16 boys) and Chelsie Westman (13 girls); plus Joel Goulding (17-24 men's).

"I'm expecting Bathurst to do reasonably well, I'm expecting a few state plates to come home with our riders, it's just a matter of how many," Wolfenden said.

"You've got to go in with some sort of confidence - it's that saying that those who say they can and those who say they can't are both almost always right.

"You look at our open meet results and there are definitely promising riders in there that have come away with good results.

"Obviously for the state titles it is going to be a bit more of a step up than a normal open meet, but that gives you



HOPEFULS: Liam Westman, Joel Goulding, Wyatt Robinson, Greg Westman, Bradley Martin, Phil Martin, Jett Robertson and Hayley Wolfenden.

an indicator.

"The groups you ride against are very similar, not much changes in the riders, it just depends on how much effort you put in compared to open meets."

The Bathurst riders will face three motos then, depending on how they place

in those motos, it will be on to the finals.

For those riding in larger classes, it could involve quarter-finals as well as semi-finals and the decider. They will do all of that on the same day.

"You've really got to be on your game, especially if

you are in one of the bigger groups," Wolfenden said.

"It's a quick track and it's long, so if you don't have the fitness there it's going to cost you big time. Different parts of the track are suited to different ability levels, so it will definitely sort out the riders still."

While Goulding has previously broken his frame at the Macarthur track, that he, Liam Westman and Wolfenden recently tested themselves against stiff superclass competition should provide confidence.

"We all had a go and no-one looked out of the picture

in the superclass. You've just got to see what happens on the day, a couple of us will have more consistent superclass riders riding in our age class as well and that will bring up the game a little bit," Wolfenden said.

The titles run from September 30 to October 1.

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Backbones of community

COMMUNITY
BY NADINE MORTON

THREE young Bathurst sisters were among those to be recognised in the NSW Volunteer of the Year Awards.

The Central West award winners were announced at Bathurst RSL Club on Thursday, with more than 100 finalists in the running.

Bathurst sisters Larissa, 17, and twins Katrina and Makayla, 24, Benham (who now live in Parkes and Orange respectively) were jointly won the Young Volunteer of the Year award.

The trio have long been involved with St Johns Ambulance have been involved since they joined as cadets when they were young teenagers.

"I like to give back to the community and it makes me feel good knowing that I can help," Larissa said.

"It's good to volunteer with mum and my sisters."

Their mother, Debbie Lynch-Benham, was a finalist in the Adult Volunteer of the Year category for her many years with St Johns.

She said she was very



GREAT EFFORT: Adult Volunteer of the Year finalist Debbie Lynch-Benham with her daughters Katrina, Larissa and Makayla Benham who are Young Volunteer of the Year joint winners. **Photo: NADINE MORTON 092117mmaward7**

While Windradyne man Barry Fuller won the Senior Volunteer of the Year category for his many years with Bathurst Meals on Wheels.

"I've been volunteering [with various community groups] since 1978," he said.

"I started out with my local AFL club that needed some help. Now I do Meals on Wheels and Bushrangers AFL Club."

Mr Fuller said while his years of volunteer work had assisted many people in the

"I've made a lot of ac-



Barry Fuller.

quaintances."

Mr Fuller said he was very surprised to hear his name called out as the winner among so many volunteers in the category for those aged 65 or older.

"It was very good to be recognised, I'm very proud to be awarded," he said.

Winning Adult Volunteer of the Year was Cowra man Greg Nicholls, while Volunteer Team of the Year was awarded to the Orange CultureHub Committee.

Almost 110,000 nominations were received for this year's awards out of an estimated 2.4 millions volunteers across NSW.

Western Advocate Friday 22nd September



PERFORMERS: Kelso High Campus students Ben Sennett and Emily Geerkens in rehearsal for CAPA Night on Thursday. **Photos: SUPPLIED**

Students ready for night to remember

EDUCATION

A part of the music program at school has been amazing," Emily said.

"I have met a wonderful diverse group of people and enjoyed the fun that comes with listening to and playing music with other people. I do not think I would be the same person without it."

The evening starts at 6pm in the school gymnasium. Cost is \$5 with a gold coin donation for primary aged students and below. A sausage sizzle will be available. Tickets are available at the front office and on the evening at the door.

"I have always been surrounded by music and being



ARTS: Isaac Connor, Alivia Bourke, Kathleen Murphy, Josephine Geerkens prepare for the Kelso High Campus CAPA Night on Thursday. **Photos: SUPPLIED**

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FAMILY: Sisters Robyne and April Yeatman, with Archer and Scarlett from Bathurst.



SMILES: Pat and Brodie Gallagher travelled from Queensland to be in Bathurst for Race Week.



FRIENDS: Angela and Philip Drabsch, from Bathurst, with friends Felicity and Geoff Lindsey, who are from Melbourne and at their 16th Bathurst 1000.

TRANSPORTER PARADE

Race fans travelled from far and wide to Bathurst last week to witness their favourite Supercars drivers make their way into Bathurst for the transporter parade. Photos: CHRIS SEABROOK



DAY OUT: Mick Williamson with eight-year-old Jack and Doug Rowan, at Wednesday's transporter parade.



RACE TIME: Ethan, Ben and Lance McKenzie were at the transporter parade on Wednesday.

Western Magazine Tuesday 10th October

**GOOD LUCK YEAR 12
WITH THE HSC EXAMS**



Denison College Kelso Campus



Denison College of Secondary Education

Bathurst and Kelso High Campuses

We wish Year 12 all the very best for their HSC examinations and their future endeavours. We are very proud of our students' achievements and their participation in opportunities provided by Denison College.



Western Advocate Friday 13th October

Hosts claim seven-wicket plate win

Bathurst too hot

CRICKET

BY BRADLEY JURD

BATHURST was in red hot form on Sunday, as the team, featuring a mix of junior and senior players, cruised to a seven wicket win against Lithgow in the Western Zone Plate.

In what was a defensive effort from the visitors, Lithgow managed to score only 121 runs off 36 overs at The Scots School.

Bathurst caught Lithgow's total in just 22.3 overs, with seven wickets to spare.

Stand-in captain Sam Macpherson said he was very pleased with the team's effort.

"We had a couple of miss fields and drop catches but besides that, I was very pleased with the effort," he said.

"Lithgow batted first and we got one early wicket, which helped. Their run rate was not big and they tried to play-out the 50 overs. We took 6-50 at one stage.

"Connor [Slattery] and [Andrew] Brown played really well with the bat.

"I was pleased with the bowling. Everyone did their best and bowled really tight.

"The wicket was like a road. It was good to bat and bowl on."

Brown (17 runs) and Mark Day (five runs) opened the batting for Bathurst.

Joe Coughlan came in as number three for Bathurst and scored 13 runs.



WINNERS: Andrew Brown scored 17 runs as his Bathurst side defeated Lithgow in the Western Zone Plate. Photo: CHRIS SEABROOK

Slattery topped scored with 43 not out, alongside Ben Orme who scored 25.

Macpherson said the game provided valuable experience for up-and-coming juniors Day and Slattery.

"It's pretty valuable experience, with the juniors playing with the seniors," he said.

"They learned a lot and it's a chance to teach them what we know. The talent going around in this team shows the quality that is in Bathurst

first grade cricket."

Mitch Taylor was impressive with ball, taking 4-12 off six overs and Luke Powell bagged 3-25 off nine overs.

Both Orme (2-23 off eight overs) and Matt Fearnley (1-17 off six overs) were the only other players to take wickets for Bathurst.

Powell and Fearnley bowled three maidens each, while Orme, Taylor and Macpherson bowled one maiden each.

Lithgow's Tanvir Singh, who plays his club cricket for St Pat's Old Boys, was the only bowler to bag wickets for his side, taking 3-45 off 10 overs.

Opening batsman Ben Sheehan topped scored for Lithgow, scoring 35 runs before being bowled out by Bathurst bowler Taylor.

Matt Willis was the original captain for the game but after taking a "stinger" on Saturday, while playing for

Bathurst City against ORC, he wanted to coach from the sidelines.

Bathurst will now play Blue Mountains on October 29, at a yet-to-be-confirmed venue.

Teams from Gulgong, Wellington, Mudgee, Nyngan and Cobar have all featured in the Western Plate Zone already, while Bathurst and Orange will play teams featuring a mix of both seniors and juniors.

Once players are called up to the Bathurst first XI, players can no longer play in the plate competition.

Macpherson said he's not sure whether it will be the same team that plays Blue Mountains in two weeks time but is confident it will be a similar side to the one that played on Sunday.

The winner of the next match will progress to the semi finals stage of the Western Zone Plate.

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BMX

Bathurst BMX Club come and try day



CRAFT TIME: Attending the come and try day were Amelia, Stephanie, Peter and David Craft. Photo: PHIL BLATCH 101417pbmxb6

NEW FACES TRY BMX

The Bathurst BMX Club staged a come and try day on Saturday as a way to attract new riders to the sport. Plenty of families took the chance to gain experience and learn from the club's coaches.



NEW SKILL: The Bathurst BMX Club's come and try day introduced new riders to the sport. Photo: PHIL BLATCH 101417pbmxb15



TIME TO LEARN: Josh and Kristy Dolbel at the Bathurst BMX Club's track. Photo: PHIL BLATCH 101417pbmxb2



HAVING A GO: Juniors listen as they are given instruction at the Bathurst BMX Club's come and try day. Photo: PHIL BLATCH 101417pbmxb18



COMING ROUND THE CORNER: Milton Brackenry tries out the Bathurst BMX track on Saturday. Photo: PHIL BLATCH 101417pbmxb10



FAMILY FUN: Scott and Kaitlyn Cupitt plus Trinity, Mei and Rohan Brown were at the Bathurst BMX track on Saturday. Photo: PHIL BLATCH 101417pbmxb5



WORK THOSE LEGS: This junior works up an incline on Saturday. Photo: PHIL BLATCH 101417pbmxb12



USEFUL TIP: Coach Adam Carey offers encouragement on Saturday. Photo: PHIL BLATCH 101417pbmxb16



LEARNER: Felicity and Ben Murray were amongst those who attended the come and try day. Photo: PHIL BLATCH 101417pbmxb3



COMING UP: These young riders make the long walk from the bottom of the track back to the start ramp. Photo: PHIL BLATCH 101417pbmxb17

Bathurst defeats Kelso by 166 runs

DERBY DELIGHT

CRICKET

BY BRADLEY JURD

INSPIRED by the batting of Nic Broes and Jaidyn Hutchings, Bathurst High Campus claimed a massive 166-run win over its Denison College rivals - Kelso High Campus - on Monday.

Broes scored 63 runs and Hutchings belted a total of 80 runs, in what was the third round of the Combined High School Western Zone.

The two scored a total of 153 runs, over half of Bathurst's total score of 8-300 off 40 overs.

Bathurst coach Paul Abbott was pleased with the result.

"Kelso won the toss and they sent us into bat. We were pretty happy to bat and get a total," he said.

"We scored 300 and I was pleased considering the slow outfield at Brooke Moore Oval.

"It's a nice win because it gives the boys the confidence that they can put runs on the board.

"Our depth with the bat is great. Our depth with the bat was something we've missed in recent years.

"I thought Nic Broes was a stand-out and Jaidyn really impressed with his power hitting."

While Broes and Hutchings starred with the bat, Abbott also praised the effort of twins Nash and Charlie Hutchings.

"They were brought in af-



BIG WIN:Bathurst High Campus twins Nash and Charlie Hutchings starred for their school on Monday. Photo: CHRIS SEABROOK 101617cbhsvkhs2

ter a few players pulled out," he said.

"Nash finished with 20 not out, which I was impressed with. Charlie bowled really well, finishing with 0-12 off four overs."

Aidan McBurney (10 runs) and Samreet Sandhu (eight runs) opened for Bathurst, before Broes came in at three to get the runs rolling.

Kelso's Brendan Pallier took 3-38 off six overs.

When Kelso went out to

bat, the team knew they had a challenge on their hands.

Ultimately the team were bowled out for 134 runs off 32.3.

Mitch Taylor claimed four Kelso wickets in just five overs.

Bathurst's win is a reverse result from the last time the two teams played, after Kelso upset Bathurst in the first round of CHS Western Zone last year.

Kelso had finished as

quarter-finalists in the Alan Davidson Shield earlier this year, after defeating Albury High School in March.

However, after losing a host of year 12 players, including Bathurst District Cricket Association first graders Connor Slattery and Mark Day, it was always going to be a difficult task for Kelso to overcome.

"Kelso went very well in last year's competition," Abbott said.

"They lost a few players but that's how things go sometimes but it was enjoyable game, played in good spirits.

"There was some healthy rivalry. Both teams are familiar with each other, with many playing cricket in town."

Jack Macleod topped scored, with the bat, for Kelso, scoring 33.

Jay Webber was the only other Kelso batsman to score more than 20 runs, hitting 23

before he was run out.

Abbott said his team will have to improve the fielding, heading into their next game.

"Our fielding is always a focus for us. We need to keep it tight in the field," he said.

Bathurst is set to play the winner of Parkes High School and Mudgee High School in November.

The winner will qualify for the CHS Western Zone final which is also expected to play in November.

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SPECTACULAR: Charlotte Cosgrove and Claire Sheehan in their costumes for their Mayfield Garden performance on Saturday.

A garden variety performance

EVENTS

THE creative students of Kelso High's Cirkus Surreal program are preparing to enliven the world-class Mayfield Garden between Bathurst and Oberon this Saturday.

The occasion will be Mayfield's National Cool Climate Wine and Food Festival,

which is part of the annual National Cool Climate Wine Show.

As well as top wines and gourmet food, Mayfield is promising plenty of entertainment - and that will include Cirkus Surreal.

"We have developed costumes specifically for the

event," Cirkus Surreal director Stephanie Brown said. "We will be bringing their garden to life."

Cirkus Surreal will be at the garden from 11am to 4pm.

"Come along and have some photos taken with the kids," Ms Brown said.



WET, WET, WET: Matt Bighall, Michael Feening and Samuel Rogers at the Chifley/Lithgow Team Rural Fire Service Cadet Championship.

Some hot competition in the rain

COMMUNITY

TWENTY-SIX Rural Fire Service (RFS) cadets competed in the Chifley/Lithgow Team RFS Cadet Championship on Friday.

Three students from The Scots School, nine students from Carenne School and 14 Denison College of Second-

ary Education Kelso High Campus students took part in this year's program.

The cadet teams braved the rain to compete in the hose and hydrant, relay pumping, knapsack relay and bucket brigade events.

"This works better in the sun, but we are an emergen-

cy service that works in all kinds of weather," O'Connell RFS Brigade deputy captain Terry Neal said.

With the help of a couple of teachers, the event was run by volunteers who showed up each week for two hours to put the cadets through their paces.

The 10-week program introduced students to firefighting techniques with training devices that taught them all about teamwork.

"Many students are choosing to take part in this instead of sport," O'Connell RFS Brigade membership officer Liz Lewis said.

The cadets were congratulated by Member for Bathurst Paul Toole and NSW RFS Chifley/Lithgow Team manager Superintendent Greg Sim for their successful completion of the NSW Rural Fire Service Secondary School Cadet Program.

- CIARA BASTOW

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Big night for Bathurst

EDUCATION

IT WAS a big night for Bathurst at the Clubs and Community Awards Dinner last weekend in Sydney.

Not only did the Bathurst RSL win the education category award for its support for Kelso High's Cirkus Surreal program, the Cirkus Surreal performers themselves put on a show for the crowd of 1200 people.

And the crowd must have been impressed, according to Cirkus Surreal director Stephanie Brown.

"We have been offered two more events in Sydney," she said.

It's the sort of break the troupe has been dreaming about, according to Ms Brown, who said the young performers were praised for their professionalism by those who ran the evening.

"We feel like we have finally made it," she said.

The dinner was held last Sunday at the state-of-the-art International Conference and Convention Centre at Darling Harbour and was hosted by the clubs industry's peak body, ClubsNSW. Cirkus Surreal has been



RECOGNISED: Member for Bathurst Paul Toole, Bathurst RSL general manager Peter Sargent, club president Ian Miller and Kelso High principal Mick Sloan with the Bathurst RSL's award and (back) Cirkus Surreal performers.

embraced by the clubs industry through the support of Bathurst RSL as a sponsor. Bathurst RSL has provided financial assistance to the troupe for overseas tours, as well as committing to ongoing financial support over a three-year period to assist with purchasing and maintaining equipment.

Cirkus Surreal was first

engaged by Bathurst RSL to perform at a ClubsNSW regional meeting dinner hosted by the club in Bathurst last year.

Following the performance, ClubsNSW was so impressed that it pledged \$10,000 in financial assistance. The relationship has continued, resulting in the invitation to perform at the

industry's most prestigious annual awards dinner.

Bathurst RSL general manager Peter Sargent said the club is proud to be associated with the program.

"Who would've thought that we'd have a program like this in Bathurst creating opportunities for kids to physically and emotionally engage in learning, as well

as developing some amazing talent," he said.

Club president Ian Miller said the Cirkus Surreal program "develops resilience in kids, builds confidence, leadership, and teamwork skills".

The crowd at the awards dinner included Member for Bathurst and Minister for Racing, Lands and Forestry, Paul Toole.



RIGHT NOTE: Vanessa Russell, Gabby Davis, Jared Bignell and Helen Mulligan of the Raglan Community Music Group at St James Church, Raglan. 101617raglan2

New voices sought for musical group

MUSIC

A DIVERSE local musical collective is looking for new members and new voices as it prepares for some Christmas performances.

The Raglan Community Music Group is, according to member Vanessa Russell, an "easy-going, flexible,

loosely formed group of adults and children from all over Bathurst".

"Our musical abilities range from beginners to semi-professional," she said.

The group, which has about 15 members, is free to join, according to Ms Russell.

"We also have two expe-

rienced AMEB [Australian Music Examinations Board] syllabus teachers who can provide private tuition for a fee if required," she said.

The group practises three times a week in Raglan during the school term and asks that members try to attend two of these sessions.

The term four goal is to prepare Christmas week performances for open evenings at St James Church, Christie Street, Raglan; an event at Holy Trinity Church, Kelso; and approximately six aged care visits.

Contact Ms Russell on 0432 371 042.

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JUNIOR SPORT

Bathurst Wallabies Triathlon Club

SPORT

WALLABIES



HELPING HAND: Mark Windsor helps Will Renshaw (5) in the Joey's event, while (back) Bessie Ball (6) puts her best foot forward. Photo: CHRIS SEABROOK 102217ctr11

TRIATHLON TREAT

The Bathurst Wallabies Triathlon Club began the new season on Sunday. After the seniors had their turn, plenty of juniors took part in Joey's and Boomers races. They swam, ran and cycled.



REFUEL: Nine-year-old pair Chloe Ball and Emily Tallentire tuck into some watermelon after a Joey's race. Photo: CHRIS SEABROOK 102217ctr14



PEDAL POWER: Hayden Cupitt clocked a 7:23 cycle split. Photo: CHRIS SEABROOK 102217ctr17a



FIRST TIMER: Jack Hayes competed in his maiden triathlon on Sunday. Photo: CHRIS SEABROOK 102217ctr15



WINNER: Hayden Cupitt was the male boomers 1000 triathlon winner on Sunday. Photo: CHRIS SEABROOK 102217ctr17



SCHOOL OF FISH: Siblings Darcy (9), Sianna (7) and Archer (10) Fish all contested triathlons on Sunday. Photo: CHRIS SEABROOK 102217ctr19



NICE WORK: Tom Press was the first home in the Boomers 150 race on Sunday. Photo: CHRIS SEABROOK 102217ctr110



BY GEORGE: George Palmer (10) placed second in his junior triathlon. Photo: CHRIS SEABROOK 102217ctr18



GOOD WORK: Four-year-old Will Tallentire was happy to cross the finish line. Photo: CHRIS SEABROOK 102217ctr12



NICE WORK: Nine-year-old Sarah Lindsay gives Bathurst Wallabies Triathlon Club president James Kelly five. Photo: CHRIS SEABROOK 102217ctr13

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McHappy Day at McDonald's

McDonald's annual McHappy Day event brought plenty of colour to Bathurst on Saturday, with every Big Mac sold raising \$2 for Ronald McDonald House Charities Australia, an organisation dedicated to supporting seriously ill children and their families. The pirate theme informed plenty of joyous festivities to the McDonald's Bathurst store, such as a jumping castle, face painting and a live DJ. McHappy Day is the largest fund-raising opportunity for Ronald McDonald House and last year \$3.95 million was raised to support the facilities across the country, including one based in Orange.

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Scout Leader Simon Fraser, Bailey Fraser, Bairdey Higgins and Natalie Hock of the 3rd Bathurst Scouts.



Daniel Civello and Tyler Nichols (3rd Bathurst Scouts)



Eric Alumbro, Ruth Ford, Lydia Urza and Matt Nightingale (staff members)



Todd Bryant (Bathurst McDonald's owner) with staff members Belinda Puccia and Ali Lewis



Larissa, Bella and Ashton Clark



The Bathurst Bushrangers provided the jumping castle



Adison, Savana and Rebecca Robinson-Carroll



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Above: Entertainer Delta Goodrem was a standout during the prerace entertainment at Sunday's Bathurst 1000. Not since the great Julie Anthony has someone given such a stirring rendition of the national anthem.

Roving eye, Digby Browne spotted her with local luminaries Graeme Hanger and Paul Toole, alongside NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian at the race start.



Kelso High's Ag Team at Bunnings

THE GROUP STAGING the weekly sausage sizzle at Bunnings Warehouse over the weekend was none other than the Kelso High Campus (KHC) Agriculture Team.

Started in 2016 by agriculture teacher Jarrod Kelly, the KHC Agriculture Team have attended a range of country shows

throughout New South Wales, with their sheep and cattle demonstrations having won show ribbons at select events.

It is a fantastic initiative run out of Kelso High Campus, and it's encouraging to see kids getting involved in an extra-curricular activity that teaches them about working the land.

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