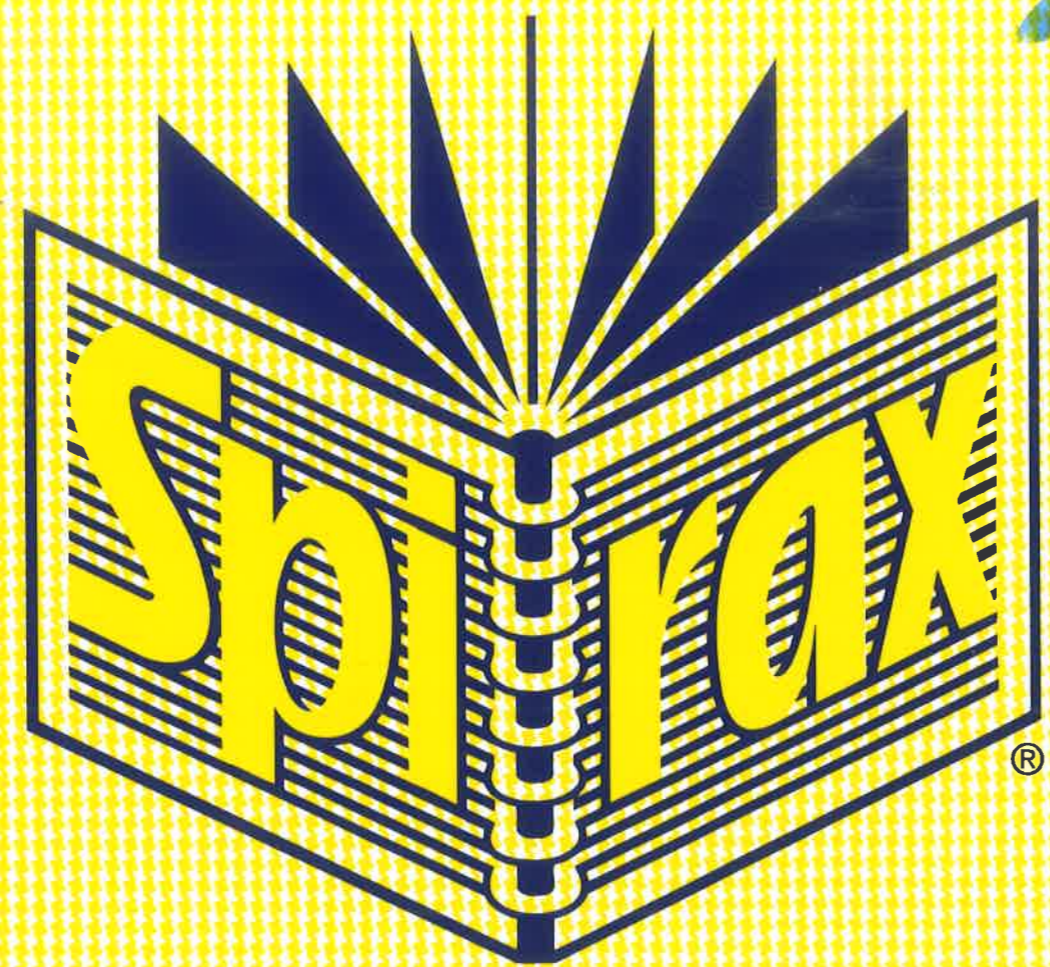


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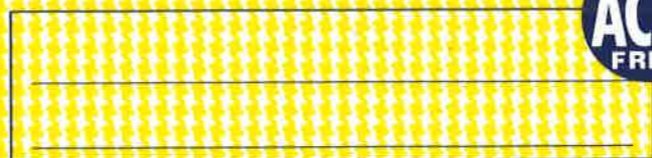
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DENISON COLLEGE OF SECONDARY EDUCATION KELSO HIGH CAMPUS



School Captains - Jacob Parker, Claire Sheehan, Madeleine Howle and Jay Webber

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Valentine's Day at Kelso High

SRC STUDENTS DELIVERED the goods on Wednesday for Valentine's Day at Kelso High. Well done to the students who took part.

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Mail with Meaning

DAVE RANKINE

BATHURST HAS WELCOMED fantastic new venture this month, with the commencement of JLS Mail Service.

Operated by mother and son duo, Vanessa and Josh Shearman, the service will collect your mail from the post office boxes at Bathurst Post Office and deliver it directly to your business.

What sets this business apart is the amazing social value it is adding to Josh's life.

Having finished Year 12 last year at Kelso High and suffering from non-communicative autism, Josh and his mum established the business earlier this month to begin the next stage in the young man's life.

"Josh loves travelling in cars and we were looking for something to keep him busy and offer him a challenge," Vanessa explained.

"So we started JLS Mail Service."

Bathurst City Life caught up with Josh (pictured) and Vanessa before a delivery run late last week from the Bathurst Post Office.

"Essentially, we collect the company's or individual's mail from their PO Box and deliver it for just \$8," Vanessa said.

"We can also collect people's mail when we make a delivery and take it back to the post office for them for just \$6."

Vanessa said the emerging business already had a handful of local businesses using the service.

"Also, we drop into the Oak Tree retirement complex once a week and collect everyone's mail to post it for them. Merridy and the residents are great supporters of ours," she beamed.

For more information about the service, contact Vanessa on 0427 411 108.

Go ahead local businesses; get on board this great local service!



Under 14s' glory

CRICKET

BY ALEXANDER GRANT

BATHURST Green under 14s are Mitchell Cricket Council champions following a four wicket win over a previously undefeated Orange outfit in Sunday's final.

Fletcher Norris (4-14) and Ethan Comerford (3-20) tore through the Orange order to have the home side all out for 111 before another great knock from in-form opener

Blake Kreuzberger (48) took Bathurst to the title.

Bathurst Green had lost their opening round match to Orange but went on to win their next six games, including the final.

Winning coach Clint Bryant said his side were forced to work hard with both bat and ball in the decider.

"When we were bowling Orange were at 0-60 or so at one point. It was looking like it might be a long day

but then we picked up three quick wickets and that cut the shackles loose," he said.

"When you're down in a game like that it can be a nerves thing, but the boys showed that they know how to handle it.

"Fletch and Ethan bowled great and Blake's just fearless. He doesn't shy away from his shots and he just goes after it.

"We had some nerves moments in the middle order

with a few cheap wickets but we got there."

Justin Stephenson's economic figures of 0-4 from five overs was a highlight for Bathurst in the field, along with Norris and Comerford's bowling efforts.

Sean Donato and Jacob Ryan picked up the other wickets for Bathurst.

Kreuzberger was coming into the match off three straight 50-plus scores - including a century against

Bathurst Yellow.

His great form didn't stop in the decider, hitting the Orange attack around the ground while Hamish Siegert (6) held down the other end.

However, Kreuzberger's dismissal triggered a middle order stumble from Bathurst and saw them fall to 6-95 at one point.

Norris and Donato (both 9 not out) made it through an uneasy period of the match to get Bathurst home in

33 overs.

Cooper Brien (16) was the next-best batsman for the visitors.

Bryant side his young side handled the pressure well.

"I think it's always good going into the grand final and you're not the undefeated team," he said.

"We have a lot of the Western Zone representatives in our sides. We just didn't turn up for that first game against Orange."

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Tasha's support networks

Family rocked by horrific accident

FUNDRAISER
BY WADINE MORTON

A BATHURST family has been left reeling after a holiday to Queensland almost ended in tragedy.

Tasha Hartnett and her partner Craig Adams were driving in convoy to a birthday party with their family, when just near Brisbane they had a horror car accident.

Tasha was in the lead car when it collided with a car travelling in the opposite direction.

The impact was so hard that the car crushed around her, leaving her with a shattered pelvis and an arm so badly injured that it had to be subsequently removed.

The crash also left Tasha's mother-in-law Maureen Adams and a number of children who were also in the car with minor injuries.

Tasha has remained in the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital since the accident, while the couple's young children are in the care of Mrs Adams.

Speaking to the *Western Advocate*, Mrs Adams praised the quick-thinking actions of her daughter-in-law during the accident and

If it wasn't for her quick thinking none of us would be here.

Maureen Adams

her positive spirit since.

"She just turned the wheel so the impact was more on the driver's side [of the car]," she said.

"She lost her arm and had a crushed pelvis which has been operated on.

"She's lost her right arm and I suppose with Marty [the couple's 11-month-old child] being so young, it'll be hard."

Mrs Adams said while Tasha cannot walk right now, the doctors said she would regain more movement and they expect her to walk again in the future.

"She's doing really well, they're actually surprised at how well she's doing," she said.

"Craig will help her, but she's just glad to be alive.

"We're just so glad we're



FAMILY SUPPORT: (back) Eben, Marshall, Craig Adams (front) Chelsea, Logan, Kyra, Tasha Hartnett, Marty and Roman. Photo: JULIA ADAMS 030618tasha

all still: here. If it wasn't for medical expenses and living costs for Craig to remain with Tasha in Brisbane while she is in hospital.

Meanwhile, a Go Fund Me page has been set up to assist the young family with

used a number of raffles at the Kelso Hotel for the next three consecutive Saturday nights from 6.30-7.30pm to raise additional funds to help the family.

Also, the Bathurst City Red Tops soccer club, of which Tasha's sister Chey-anne was a former player, has organ-

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Saints' Martin and Colley taking next step in career

RUGBY LEAGUE

ST PAT'S rugby league juniors and good friends Blake Martin and Tyler Colley have been given the chance to take the next step in their careers.

During last year's NSW State Schoolboys Cup Martin was picked up by the North Queensland Cowboys after a strong display.

Colley has worked with the Cronulla Sharks' Har-

old Matthews development team over summer, and following an impressive performance in a trial against the Newcastle Knights he has earned a contract.

The duo have played representative football together in Group 10, Western CHS, Greater Western CHS and are currently part of the Western Rams under 16s, who are engaged in a Country Cham-

pionships title defence.

Both boys say having top local coaches throughout their careers - such as Pete Colling, Dane Fisher, Chris O'Neill and more recently Kurt Hancock - plus hard work and sacrifice have all played a role in their development.

"Every coach brings something new we have learned a lot from all our coach's and

feel very fortunate to have had them" Colley said.

"It's been pretty amazing what Blake and myself have achieved together over our time playing and if we keep working hard and stay focused you never know in a few years we may both play NRL."

Both boys seek a Group 10 title defence with St Pat's this season.



RISING: St Pat's teammates Blake Martin and Tyler Colley are now both on contracts with NRL clubs. Martin has been linked with the North Queensland Cowboys since last year and Colley more recently with Cronulla Sharks.

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St Pat's to contest Western Challenge

Hat-trick bound?

LEAGUE TAG
BY BRADLEY JURD

AFTER winning the last two instalments, St Pat's will be going for a third consecutive title this Sunday at Canowindra's Western Challenge.

It will prove to be valuable pre-season experience for the St Pat's girls but that doesn't mean that don't want to win it.

However, with St Pat's only starting training two weeks ago coach Mick Armstrong said the trip to Canowindra will be a chance to build some momentum heading into the new Group 10 ladies league tag season.

"It'll be a good event to get back into it again and get some footy under their belts," he said.

"It's always our first game of the season and we get to play a number of teams from around the region."

St Pat's have been drawn in pool B alongside Woodbridge Cup sides Manildra Rhinos and Condobolin Rams, fellow Group 10 rivals Mudgee Dragons and Canberra Rugby League's Tuggeranong Bushrangers.

Armstrong said while he's somewhat familiar with the Woodbridge Cup sides, he knows nothing about the Canberra-based Bushrangers team.

"Yeah some of the teams will be [a bit of an unknown]," he said.

"That's the good thing about it, that you get to go



TAG, YOU'RE IT: St Pat's league tag girls will be going for three straight Western Challenge titles on Sunday. Photo: NICK McGRATH

up against teams and play-ers that you haven't gone up against before.

"We've played a few Woodbridge Cup teams before and they're always a good challenge."

"Certainly playing a team from Canberra will be interesting. I've got no idea about

them." While a third consecutive title is on the line at Canowindra, Armstrong is adamant the pressure isn't on his St Pat's side and said the event is about getting plenty of game time under the belt.

"We've always gone really

well there, kicking the season off well and giving us a good start [in Group 10]. If we win, that's good. If not, it's still a fun opportunity to give some of the new girls, coming into the team, a run with us and see how they go," he said.

"I'm unsure whether we'll be at full strength but we'll

have a fairly decent team. "It'll just be a good opportunity to get some tag under our belt. I'm looking forward to seeing how the girls go. It should be a lot of fun."

Twenty-two teams are set to compete, with seven Group 10 teams to com-

pete (Bathurst Panthers

and Oberon Tigers are not competing), two Group 11 teams, three New Era Cup teams, nine teams from the Woodbridge Cup and one from Canberra for a total of 22 teams.

The first game is at 10am, with the Western Challenge final at 4pm.

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It's open at Inside Outside

Inside Outside's Marty and Kylie Ryan wish to thank all who participated in their Open Day last Saturday.

Marty told Bathurst City Life, "The day was just perfect, from the weather, to our staff and representatives, to Dom Ingersole and Sarah Conner from Bathurst Broadcasters (2BS) who delivered a live broadcast, to those volunteering on the barbecue from the Carillon Theatrical Society (fundraising), to all who came to view our interiors, furniture, fires, caravans and trailers.

"Everyone seemed happy. It was a fun vibe, and the day was a wonderful success," Marty beamed.

"We really appreciate everyone who was involved and all who came to support our event," he added.

As a final comment, Marty said people took advantage of the great deals we offered on our furniture and homewares products, and interior heaters were very popular.

If you missed Inside Outside's Open Day, check them out at 15A Lambert Street. From my own viewpoint, everything at Inside Outside is simply stunning.

- Cath Grimmett

A taste of High School

DENISON COLLEGE TRANSITION Program for Year 7 2019 started last week at the Kelso campus.

Students had the opportunity to participate in Spanish, Science and woodwork classes. Everyone had a great time and enjoyed their day.
- Supplied by KHS



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FUN TIME: Emily Rich with Clare Lodge at the Bathurst Cup Legends Day in February. 021118cturf6

OUT AND ABOUT

IT has been a busy time for events around Bathurst. Tyers Park was a hive of activity in February for the Bathurst Cup Legends Day, while environmentally-minded residents rolled up their sleeves for Clean Up Australia Day.

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Women looking for revenge in opener

SOCCER

ALTHOUGH Western NSW Mariners FC moves into a brave new world after earning promotion to this year's women's Football NSW National Premier League 2, the outfit does have the benefit of opening its 2018 campaign against familiar faces.

The Mariners face University of NSW in Sunday's season opener, a side which was also granted promotion and, coincidentally, the same outfit that knocked Western NSW out of last year's State League race by handing it a 2-0 defeat in the final round.

"Quite a few sides from State League have come up so we're not (heading in blind), but who knows, UNSW might have a whole bunch of new players too and we're going to find out about every side the first time we play them," Western star Jasmin Courtenay, also a former Newcastle Jet, said.

"We'd like to get a win over them after they knocked us out last season."

Well aware of the challenges promotion to NPL2 will bring, Courtenay says her side's end goal won't change too much.

"Our mindset stays the same in terms of going as far as we can," Courtenay said.

"I definitely think we can give all the teams in this competition a really good run for their money, at the very least."

Her side comes into Sunday's first round on the back of mixed results in pre-season trials. But, Courtenay said, those practice games aren't all about results and there's positive signs.

Western NSW is expected to be without stars Meaghan Kempson and Poorsha McPhillamy though.

"We've had a win, a draw and a loss, but the pre-sea-



POSITIVE SIGNS: Western star Jasmin Courtenay works through pre-season training, which she said has been positive. Her side opens its NPL2 campaign on Saturday. Photo: MATT FINDLAY

MARINERS DRAW

First five rounds

- vs UNSW (away)
- vs Gladesville Ravens (home)
- vs St George (away)
- vs APIA Leichhardt Tigers (away)
- vs Central Coast Mariners (away)



We'd like to get a win over [University of NSW] after they knocked us out last season

Western NSW Mariners FC star Jasmin Courtenay

son's been really good. The trials have been really positive and what we've been working on at training we've been putting into practice in those games, which is good," she said.

"As far as I know those two are out, they leave pretty big holes in our midfield, but we've got some great players who will come in and hold their own there, so I think we've got enough depth to cover them."

"We're playing a similar structure to last season, but we've really been working on getting that third player running to try and get in behind teams' defence."

"Hopefully we can do that and it helps us get some shots away, and score a few goals."

There's also some quality and famous teams in NPL2 this season, including

Marconi Stallions, Sydney Olympic and Central Coast Mariners.

Besides UNSW, there's also some teams from Western's 2017 Football NSW State League campaign including defending champions Southern Districts Raiders, APIA Leichhardt Tigers and St George FC.

All up, there's 12 teams in NPL2 this season.

Kick-off in the top grade is scheduled for 3pm, after reserves (1.05pm), under 17s (11.30am), under 15s (9.55am) and under 14s (8.30am).

All the games are at Sydney's David Phillips Complex. The Mariners' first home game is in round two, at Lithgow.

- MATT FINDLAY

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▲ Andrew pictured with Andrew Fletcher, Samantha Friend and Lt Jenna Brown.

BATHURST'S WWI NURSES RECOGNISED

LAST WEEK I attended the Plaque Dedication to the Bathurst District Nurses of the Great War 1914-18.

We honoured the 24 women who were born in the Bathurst district and volunteered to serve with the Australian Army Nursing Service and the British Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.

I'd like to acknowledge the Bathurst District Historical Society who researched and worked tirelessly to arrange the plaque and organise the event.

The nurses served overseas during the war in a military support role, assisting medical staff and providing care, support and comfort to the wounded soldiers and civilians of many countries.

We are forever grateful for their service.

Lest We Forget.



▲ Andrew pictured with Denison College Kelso High Students Claire Sheehan, Jay Webber, Jackson Howle, Ethan Hamer, Kylie Taylor, and President of the Bathurst RSL Sub Branch David Mills.

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Bathurst's finest sportspeople recognised at Sports Awards

A SELECTION OF Bathurst's finest sportspeople were honoured at last Friday night's Bathurst District Sport and Recreation Council (BDSRC) Sports Awards, highlighting their outstanding achievements in their chosen sport throughout 2017.

The event saw 251 attendees converge on the Bathurst RSL Club for local sport's night of nights, supporting the many nominees who had achieved plenty of success in the past year.

Ten awards were handed out on the night, which recognised both individual and team achievements, as well as excellence in refereeing, coaching and administration.

The event also featured former Australian cricketer Doug Walters, who provided an engaging and jocular recount of his playing days, providing an interesting insight into a bygone era of Australian cricket. - Sam Bolt

Award recipients were as follows:

- ✦ Sportsperson of the Year: Lisa Griffith (Cricket)
- ✦ Junior Sportsperson of the Year: Sara Matthews (Basketball)
- ✦ Junior Team of the Year: Bathurst and District Junior Cricket Association U16s
- ✦ School Sport Team Award: Denison College Year 8 Girls Volleyball
- ✦ Jean Alexander Award for Administrative Excellence: John Maynard (Bathurst Rugby Union Club)
- ✦ Senior Team of the Year: Bathurst City Women's Premier League Hockey Team
- ✦ Organisational Excellence Award: Bathurst parkrun
- ✦ Coaching Excellence Award: Marian Renshaw (Bathurst Cycling Club)
- ✦ Refereeing/Umpiring Distinction Award: Libby Dallimore (Bathurst Netball Association)
- ✦ Jack Gunning Special Recognition Award: Kalinda Robinson (Cycling)

Below: Ian Miller (Bathurst RSL President) and Jim Geyer (Bathurst Panthers Director) with the Bathurst City Women's Premier League Hockey Team



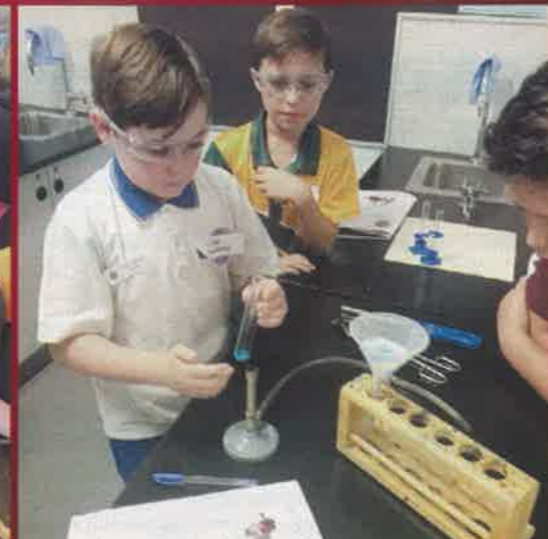
Ray Stapley (Edgell Jog Committee Treasurer) and Denison College Year 8 Girls Volleyball



High school test run

DENISON COLLEGE TRANSITION program ran again last week with 76 students participating.

All the students enjoyed the opportunity to road test high school life at both of the school's campuses in Bathurst and Kelso.



Mentors help to support youth

BY TAYLOR JURD

YOUNG people in regional NSW are receiving a helping hand with mentoring thanks to a youth support program.

Children aged between 12 to 16 years from the Riverina to the Far West and Western NSW are matched with local volunteer adult mentors and work collaboratively on a community project of their own choosing through the Youth Frontiers program.

This will be the second year that Lee Meyers from Bathurst will have mentored. In 2017 she mentored at Bathurst High and this year for 6 weeks she will be at Kelso.

What spurred Ms Meyers to mentor was wanting to help students who are going through a tough time. A friend mentioned the program and after initially being a little apprehensive, Ms Meyers decided to give it a go.

"I came from a dysfunctional family and it would have been good to have a mentor myself 40 years ago," she said.

Ms Meyers said during her first time mentoring in 2017, the student wouldn't face her.

"But at the end (of the program) she thanked me," Ms Meyers said.

"Every week I would say to her to just be true to herself and keep smiling... and when the program finished

she told me that after each session that's what she did."

Ms Meyers said she walked in as a mentor ready to embrace the program.

She said students today are dealing with many personal issues, including identity, race and more, so her advice to people thinking about mentoring was to not judge the students and to be fully committed to the program.

"These young adults are trying to find their way through life while dealing with issues both in and outside of school," she said.

"I'm not a teacher or a counsellor. But I once walked in their shoes. It's important for the students to know that they can trust you," she said.

Lauranna Smith also mentored for two years at Bathurst and her reason for doing it was to see whether she could help young people. Ms Smith said sometimes things can get too much and that it was beneficial having someone to talk to and be impartial.

"Mentors can look at it objectively and from the outside," she said.

Ms Smith said it was good for the students to know that someone was coming in each week to mentor them and was there solely to help.

"It gives them encouragement and support and lets them know someone cares," she said.

Pat's topple Hawks in tag decider

Saintly hat-trick

LEAGUE TAG

BY NICK MCGRATH

ST PAT'S skipper Mish Somers smiles and she looks anything but bogey monster material.

But Somers and her St Pat's team-mates continue to give Orange Hawks plenty of nightmares following a 6-2 victory in the final of the Western Challenge at Canowindra on Sunday.

The four-point margin in the decider of the annual pre-season league tag carnival is the third straight occasion St Pat's has managed to knock off a very slick Hawks side in a final.

St Pat's beat the two blues in last year's Western Challenge final before going on to knock off Hawks in last year's Group 10 league tag grand final as well.

Sunday's victory was also St Pat's third straight win at the Western Challenge, continuing the Bathurst club's run as the premier league tag outfit in the region.

Somers was thrilled following the victory, Elise Woods scoring the final's only try before the booming right boot of the St Pat's skipper added the conversion to seal the win at Tom Clyburn Oval.

"They keep turning up and we turn up and get them in the end," Somers said of the Hawks-St Pat's rivalry.

"I think we've probably got that little bit more experience, but we've got some



YOU BEAUTY: St Pat's posted a 6-2 victory over Orange Hawks in the final of the Western Challenge on Sunday. Photo: NICK MCGRATH

new girls coming through. It'll be an exciting year."

St Pat's emerged undefeated out of pool B, knocking off the Mudgee Dragons, Condobolin Rams, Orange Barbarians and Manildra Rhinos to progress through to the finals unscathed.

Hawks' progression came out of pool C, while Blayney was the star side to emerge from pool A.

Pool D was the carnival's closest, with Group

11 outfit Dubbo Westside edging Woodbridge Cup outfit Cargo.

Both sides were undefeated - in their clash they drew 0-all - and both sides emerged from their pool with a differential of plus-44, but the Dubbo club qualified for the semis after scoring 48 points during the day.

Westside fell to Hawks in their semi-final hit-out, though, the two blues crossing twice in an 8-0 result

while St Pat's qualified after a faultless 12-0 performance over the Bears.

After a tight opening to the decider, Hawks struck first right on the half-time siren via a Bec Ford penalty goal from just to the right of the uprights.

But that advantage was short-lived.

Mid-way through the second nine-minute half, Elise Woods caught the previously impregnable Hawks defen-

sive line napping to score out wide and edge St Pat's ahead for the first time.

Somers nailed the conversion attempt five metres in from touch to take the score to 6-2, where it ultimately stayed as Hawks' final attempts came up in vain.

Fullback Jakiya Whitfield was outstanding for St Pat's all tournament, while Hawks star Ella-J Harris took out the challenge's best and fairest award.

"We ramped it up in the end, our legs were tired there in the last five minutes but the girls got home, which is good," Somers added.

Hawks coach Marty Lyden said his side had plenty of positives.

"There was one try scored against us in six games of footy. Our defence was great, the best I've ever seen it, which is something we've been working on a lot," he said.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WAITING SCHOOL STUDENTS NEED BETTER PROTECTION

THE lack of shelter at the Kelso Bus Exchange makes Kelso High Campus the laughing stock of the many thousands of students from across all schools who use the exchange each and every day.

As a Year 11 student of Kelso High, I've seen how harsh the natural elements can be on the students who are waiting for their afternoon bus to arrive.

Our bus bay serves all schools across Bathurst, and you'd imagine we would have a shelter to accommodate such importance. Well, we don't. Sort of.

We do technically have a shelter. Two, in fact - two very small ones that look as if they belong in a display at Cockington Green.

Anyone who has driven past will understand.

They are both visually and physically small. At maximum capacity, maybe 15 reasonably thin kids could fit.

On Monday, March 5, 2018, Bathurst experienced a huge deluge of rain, unleashing havoc on my fellow peers.

For a lot of kids, some buses don't come around until 4.30pm, and waiting one hour in an intense downpour proved too much.

I was a lucky one; my bus arrived right on 4pm. Thirty minutes standing in the rain managed to completely destroy my Year 11 school notes and partially damage my laptop. And my bag was waterproof!

Some kids whose bags weren't waterproof went home with not just destroyed books and technology, but also completely destroyed bags.

It wasn't always like this, though.

In the 2016/2017 summer holidays, the original (much bigger) bus shelter was demolished to make way for an improved bus exchange. Complementing the upgrade were two new smaller shelters mentioned earlier.

It was the result of years of pushing and negotiation by our school to receive funding for these essential safety upgrades.



GIMME SHELTER: The old Kelso High Campus bus shelter before work began on an upgrade of the bus interchange in the 2016/17 summer holidays.

And as a student, I thoroughly commend our school, council and Roads and Maritime Services for adopting these changes, as the bus exchange is much safer for (especially) young school children.

But after experiencing the scorching summer's heat and Monday's downpour, students, parents and myself are furious and demand why greater action hasn't been taken by all parties to address the problem.

Our school pushed for the upgrades, surely they can push for a new, much larger shelter.

Zac Belmonte, current Year 11 student

FROM FACEBOOK: CLIMATE CHANGE HAS HIT ALREADY

CLIMATE changes all the time. We have had so many extremes of weather throughout time. They forget to look at historical facts. The millennium drought was climate change, but if we look at history we had a federation drought as well, and probably one at the turn of the century in the 1800s.

Heather Cozens

THE climate's been changing since the dawn of time.

Trevor Young

A MODERN DAY SWAGMAN PASSES THROUGH BATHURST

IT was a real pleasure to meet John yesterday. Every time I think about him I get tears in my eyes as I worry for him and his safety. But I just have to keep telling myself that this amazing man is doing what he loves and there are so many generous people helping him - from a simple meat pie to a drink. Safe travels, John.

Tracey Britton

I STOPPED and gave this man a sandwich and drink when I lived in Moree 11 years ago. He was walking between Moree and Inverell.

Meggie Fawkie

I remember seeing him over 10 years ago going to Henty.

Michael Kicovic

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FAMILY FUN: Eamon and Liz Robinson were among the people who attended. 030318pbbridge11

BEATS BY THE BRIDGE

THEY flocked to Perthville in their hundreds recently for the second annual Beats by the Bridge event. The huge event raised funds for the village's school and rural fire brigade, with more than \$5700 raised.



HAPPY DAYS: Brett McFarlane and Toireasa Gallagher at the Perthville event. 030318pbbridge6



CUTE SHOT: Elsie, Mel and Dustin McFarland had a shady spot for the day. 030318pbbridge5

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CEO is back in school

EDUCATION

BY NADINE MORTON

CHANGING syllabuses, professional development and expectations are the biggest issues facing teachers in Bathurst's schools.

Chief executive officer David de Carhalho of the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) - formerly known as the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards - was in the city for a visit on Thursday.

On his agenda was the chance to speak to students and staff at Denison College's Bathurst and Kelso campuses.

Mr de Carhalho said it was important for NESA to hear firsthand from staff and students about what issues were of greatest concern.

"Our mission is to help teachers and students to be better," he said.

Mr de Carhalho said recent changes to the way students in Year 11 and 12 are assessed are among some of the syllabus changes that teachers are becoming familiar with.

Denison College principal



VISIT: NSW Education Standards Authority's (NESA) Julie Pyne, Denison College principal Craig Petersen, Kelso High principal Michael Sloan, NESA CEO David David de Carhalho and (back) Kelso High school leaders.

Craig Petersen said extra work along with pressure from the community and society were among the issues that teachers raised during the visit.

"There's an increased workload and demands on time," he said.

"The people who place the most pressure on teachers are teachers themselves."

NESA western liaison officer Julie Pyne, who is based in Bathurst, was also at the visit and she praised staff at all Bathurst schools for the work they do in and out of classrooms.

"What I see is really dedicated and hard-working teachers," she said.

"It's a really demanding profession, but people love

that because they are dedicated to it."

Mr de Carhalho said the upcoming merger of All Saints' College and The Scots School can bring benefits to students and staff.

He said the new school should be able to offer a wider range of subjects for study due to the larger student population.

NESA has a wide-range of roles across the state for government, religious and independent schools. Among the roles it oversees are: syllabus design for students in kindergarten to Year 12, running the Higher School Certificate and NAPLAN testing, along with ensuring all of the state's 150,000 teachers are accredited.

No tolerance policy on the day of action

BULLYING

SCHOOLS around Bathurst took a collective stand on Friday for the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence.

MacKillop College was one of the schools participating, dedicating the day to bullying prevention.

Activities included writing positive messages to hang up around the school, having a giant picnic lunch together and a photo competition.

Students were also asked to wear blue in support of the 'Do it for Dolly' campaign, which was created following the suicide of 14-year-old Amy 'Dolly' Everett, allegedly due to bullying.

"The money for the casual clothes day we are donating to the Kids Helpline, a service of YourTown," pastoral care coordinator Nick Dawes said.

He said the school's junior councillors were instrumen-

tal in organising the day and had also come up with an inclusive initiative.

"Year 7 and 8 councillors are taking ice creams around to all of the kids [at the picnic] and we are encouraging a 'You can sit with us' campaign," Mr Dawes said.

"That is something we are doing today and it is something we are looking at doing all the time. It was an idea of the junior councillors."

Mr Dawes said bullying prevention is an integral part of education at MacKillop College and was not limited just to the National Day of Action.

"All schools, not just MacKillop, are working really tirelessly every day to deal with peer relationships, bullying and cyber bullying and it is really important that we have the support of not only parents, but the government as well," he said.

- RACHEL CHAMBERLAIN

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Rams extend winning run out to four games

RUGBY LEAGUE

BY NICK MCGRATH

WESTERN continues to mount an almost irresistible case for back-to-back under 16s country championship crowns after a fourth-straight Andrew Johns Cup win on the weekend.

The Rams effectively defended their way to a round four win over Monaro at Harden, conceding just the one try in 60 minutes.

While an attack coach Kurt Hancock says is at times clunky but boasts plenty of potential was still polished enough to race in six tries in the 30-6 rout of the Colts at Roberts Park.

Forbes backrower Jack Hartwig and Blayney flier Aiden Nunn both scored doubles while Mason Pollack and skipper Noah Griffiths crossed for four-pointers to help Western's winning streak continue and sew up the top spot the Johns Cup southern pool with one round remaining.

Western takes on the Greater Southern Region Wests Tigers at Camden to wrap up the pool stage of the tournament next week.

Rams under 16s manager Mark Booth, a lot like Hancock, can see the potential this group has.

But it's a continued push on development, rather than a reliance on talent, that will ensure Western pushes into the knockout stage of the championship focused on the task at hand.

"We're still trying to improve every game," Booth said.

"Our attack at times was a bit rushed (against Monaro). We weren't getting to our points and lost our way a



LEADING THE WAY: Noah Griffiths (right) scored a try for Western in the Rams' fourth-straight Andrew Johns Cup win in a row. Photo: NICK MCGRATH

little bit.

"But you can put that down to the enthusiasm of the guys."

Western has conceded, on average, nine points per game over the opening month of the tournament and it's defensively, Booth says, the Rams are thriving.

"He's a very defense orientated coach, Hank. If don't let them score any points it makes it easier for your attack, and that's what

STORY SO FAR

Under 16s' unbeaten run

- Round 1: Western Rams 24 def Penrith Panthers 4
- Round 2: Western Rams 52 def Riverina Bulls 0
- Round 3: Western Rams 30 def Illawarra South Coast 26
- Round 4: Western Rams 30 def Monaro Colts 6

we're working towards," Booth added.

"Jack Hartwig was good ... it's hard to single anyone out though. I thought our halves were good and we went in to the game without two front-rowers so, the guys up front, they did well too.

"You could say everyone did their job. And that's been the case for us during the whole competition."

It's the third game Rams held a team to one try or less.

Western is expected to welcome back forward Marlin Pollack and prop Tom Phillips ahead of next week's trip to Camden.

Phillips, a Red Bend product, was 19th man for Saturday's clash at Harden.

"He's champing at the bit to get back," Booth added.

WESTERN RAMS 30 (J Hartwig 2, A Nunn 2, M Pollack, N Griffiths tries; T Colley 3 goals) defeated MONARO COLTS 6 (T Wilton try; A Naidu goal)

Holy Trinity Fete a hit on Saturday

THE HOLY TRINITY Fete brought plenty of life to the community last Saturday, with a significant gathering of people enjoying the showcase of stalls on show at the church's Parish and Community Centre.

The stalls featured a wide range of merchandise such as books,

jewellery, unique craft and even a makeshift tool stop for any handymen looking for a bargain.

With a chocolate wheel and a raffle featuring some wonderful prizes also included in the fair's festivities, the event proved to be a fun day out for everyone involved.

- Sam Bolt



Karen Fogo and Carol Churches



Caroline Forest and Marilyn Pratley



Matthew and Jocinta Bignell



Carolyn Moules and Judith Banning

Courtenay has faith in winless Mariners

SOCCER
BY ANYA WHITELAW

THE Western NSW Mariners FC are still hunting for their first points of the National Premier Leagues 2 season, but striker Jasmin Courtenay is confident they will come soon.

Promoted to the NPL 2 competition this year, the Mariners know they must lift their standard in order to be competitive.

In week one the Mariners went down 1-0 to another promoted club in University of NSW, while on Sunday in Lithgow, the Western outfit went down 2-1 to Gladesville Ravens.

Gladesville is currently in its second season at NPL2 level.

Courtenay feels her Mariners were unlucky not to win in both those games and knows more match time will see her team-mates improve. She thinks they can be competitive in the new league.

"I think both games have been even, they could have been anyone's for the taking. On both occasions it has been the other team that has taken it, so we've got some things to work on," she said.

"We only had three trial games, so we are still trying to figure out how each new person is playing, figuring out our patterns. But we can see some progress with what we have been working on at training, so that's good.

"Hopefully this weekend we can pick things up and get some points on the board."

Hosting the Ravens at Majorie Jackson Field, Courtenay gave her side the lead in the first half when she converted from the spot.

The Mariners were awarded the penalty after Teegan Courtney was fouled in the box and Courtenay's shot sailed into the top right corner of the net.

By half-time the Ravens were back on level terms after Annalise Schiraldi netted, with her team-mate Kirrily Moore then making it 2-1 after the break.

But as has been typical of Mariners performances in recent seasons, they lifted and continued to push for an equaliser until the final whistle.

They managed to create chances, but were unable to provide the final touches which would have given them their first points of the season.

"We should've won," Courtenay said.

"We were still carrying a few injuries, but things just didn't come off for us. We had



STAYING POSITIVE: The Mariners are yet to earn a point in the NPL 2 competition, but Jasmin Courtenay is confident they can compete in that level.

plenty of shots, but same as last week, they just didn't go in.

"We nearly got a goal to make it 2-all right at the end. Credit to the girls, they put in a lot of effort, we just needed that extra bit that we didn't have left.

"I had a few late chances, Teegan had a few late ones as well - all of our strikers had chances, but they didn't quite make them in.

"Finishing touches we need to work on, but their two centre backs were really strong and it was hard to get around them. We just need to work on getting support up the front and more girls in the box when the ball is coming so we have more bodies there to shoot."

Both Courtney and Courtenay, as well as goalkeeper Jess Daymond, have previously played at NPL 1 level and as the season unfolds, their experience will no doubt help the younger members of the Mariners squad develop.

"I think any of the older girls have leadership responsibilities ... but I think a lot of them do look to me for an example, me and Teegan. We are the voices on the pitch and that's where you expect it to come from," Courtenay said. "I just would rather lead by example with what I do on the pitch."

GLADESVILLE RAVENS 2 (Annalise Schiraldi, Kirrily Moore) defeated WESTERN NSW MARINERS FC 1 (Jasmin Courtenay)

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ROYAL EASTER SHOW: Kelso High School students with their three steers, which will compete on Friday at the Royal Easter Show. Photo: SUPPLIED

Competing against the best

EDUCATION

KELSO High students will compete against the state's best in Royal Easter Show's steer Trade section on Friday.

Three Year 11 students Joshua Smith, Rayleigh Scricchi and Emily Watterson, along with their ag teacher Jarrod Kelly, have spent years

preparing to reach this level.

Mr Kelly said as far as anyone at the school can recall, it's the first time Kelso has competed with cattle in Sydney.

He said he and the students had spent a couple of years preparing to compete, and said a lot of work had

gone into reaching this point.

"You've got to get the right steers and the right cattle, this is the biggest show in the state with the biggest representation of schools."

Mr Kelly said the experience had been brilliant for the kids, and aims to be back next year.

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Nicholson wins thrilling billiards decider

BILLIARDS

DENZEL Nicholson, 14, has become the youngest winner of the Australian Under 21s Billiards Championship after a hard fought battle in Melbourne last week.

Nicholson triumphed in the final 319-305 over Matt Curwood after a back-and-forth battle which was only decided inside the closing minutes.

The title for Nicholson comes not long after reaching the quarter-finals of the Oceania Billiards and Snooker Championships' under 21s tournament.

Nicholson earned a spot in the semi-finals of the Australian Under 21s Billiards Championship courtesy of winning two of his three pool matches.

The Bathurst player won against Hilton Moeahu (195-161) and Kane Weekley (210-128) but went down to Josh Burns (297-114).

A second place pool finish meant Nicholson had to come up against unbeaten Marc Fridman in the semi-final.

Nicholson held his nerve over the 90 minutes to emerge a 297-289 winner.



TOP EFFORT: Denzel Nicholson, 14, has become the youngest winner of the Australian Under 21s Billiards Championship. **Photo: ALEXANDER GRANT**

I spent most of the final down by 50 [points].

Denzel Nicholson

his share of ups and downs during an exciting tournament.

"I was up by 20, then it would go to zero, then back out to 20 ... but got away at the end," he said.

"In the final I was up by about 50 in just five minutes

but in about another five minutes I was down by 20. I then spent most of the match down by 50.

"I didn't realise the game got that close until there was a few minutes to go when I was up by about 20."

Nicholson also progressed to the knockout stage of the Australian Under 21s Snooker Championship on the back of two wins and two losses.

Nicholson went down to 3-1 to Fridman in the quarter-finals. Curwood defeated Alex Pace 5-3 in the decider.

- ALEXANDER GRANT



TOUGH DAY: Sarah Morris and her Western teammates lost 8-1.

Western falls to a talented Mariners

SOCCER

THE Western NSW Mariners felt the force of one of the most potent attacking outfits in the Women's National Premier Leagues 2 competition on Sunday when suffering an 8-1 loss to Central Coast.

While Western's players are finding their feet in the NPL 2 competition this season after gaining promotion and are aiming to be competitive, the league's other Mariners outfit have their sights set on a premiership in 2018.

Under coach Dan Barrett - who formerly mentored Sydney FC in the W-League - Central Coast have scored 22 goals in four outings so far this season. They sit fourth on the ladder.

Though Western toiled and Teegan Courtney managed to score her fifth goal in as many games, they were outclassed at Tuggerah.

By half-time the visiting Western outfit trailed 5-0 and though renewing their efforts in the second half, Central Coast striker Candice Phelan guided her team to a convincing win as she struck four times.

- ANYA WHITELAW



OFF ON TOUR: These students from Cirkus Surreal will be heading to Hawaii next month for a unique experience. **Photo: CHRIS SEABROOK 032818cirkus**

Tour taking the Cirkus to Hawaii

COMMUNITY

STAFF and students from Denison College Kelso campus are about to embark on a great journey to Hawaii that will be full of performances and learning.

Cirkus Surreal, the school's student circus troupe, will be heading overseas for their

two-week tour, where they will participate in workshops and do two performances from their own repertoire.

While there, the students will spend one week living with a host family, coordinated by Rotary, so they can have more than your average holiday experience.

Coordinator Stephanie Brown said there will be a lot on the agenda outside of circus.

"Apart from performing, we are also doing some tours and our students will get to catch up with the Interact Club [part of Rotary] for environmental issues," she said.

There are 15 students in total going on the trip, most of them seniors in Year 12.

Ms Brown said it will be an amazing opportunity for them to improve their performance skills, learn more about life outside Australia and to also have a break before they start their exams.

Prior to the trip, Cirkus Surreal will put on a farewell performance for parents and the troupe's sponsors, the Rotary Club of Bathurst, Reliance Bank and Bathurst RSL Club.

The troupe will leave for Hawaii on April 7.

- RACHEL CHAMBERLAIN

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Bathurst trio earns state under 15s spot

A talented crew

HOCKEY

BY ALEXANDER GRANT

FLETCHER Norris and Lachlan Howard aren't strangers to state-level selection but with Ryan Neale's inclusion in this year's NSW under 15s hockey teams the Bathurst representation has reached a new level.

Norris and Howard recently earned a spot in the first string state team while Neale gets his first NSW call up as part of the Blues side.

The Bathurst group, all aged 14, will travel to the upcoming Australian Under 15s Field Hockey Championships at Illawarra, running from April 18 to 27.

Norris has managed the impressive achievement of making the top NSW team as a bottom-age player.

He represented the NSW Stars in last year's under 13s tournament.

Howard will make his second outdoor appearance for NSW's under 15s after being a part of last year's Blues team.

Neale's addition to the NSW squads this year demonstrates Bathurst's depth of talent in the age group.

"I'm excited but nervous as well," Neale said.

"It was until recently that I thought I could make it to state, but it was something that I always wanted to do.

"We had the state competition where you represent your district and then you get



EXCITED: Lachlan Howard, Ryan Neale and Fletcher Norris will represent NSW at the under 15s level. Photo: CHRIS SEABROOK

chosen for a training squad. That happened last year and ... now they've picked the teams."

Howard is excited to step up into the top 15s side.

"It feels very good to make these teams. I was in the Blues team last year. It gets you very pumped when

you make that top team and makes you want to win even more," he said.

"It's pretty much the same side as we had two years ago when we lost by a point. I'd say there's a good chance of us going well but we'll see how it goes."

Bottom-age players are

hard to come by in the top 15s team. Norris is one of just three.

He's preparing for a more physical battle in his jump up to the 15s age group.

"It's going to be a lot more about strength on the ball in this age group," he said.

"I've played with a couple

of these boys before in NSW PSSA in under 12s. I know how they play but they've obviously changed a lot since then."

Norris and Howard will start their campaign against the ACT on April 18 while later in the day Neale's Blues will begin their champi-

onships against Western Australia Black.

Both NSW teams are in the same pool. The Bathurst boys will get to face off against one another on April 20.

Other Central West players in the top NSW side are Sam Giumelli (Orange) and Koby Johnstone (Parkes).

Great results lead to club's top five finish

MARTIAL ARTS

THE list of achievements continues to grow for Precision Martial Arts after the Bathurst club picked up a top five finish at the recent NSW Open.

In the club's second ISKA tournament for the year they beat almost 40 other clubs from around the state to finish fifth overall.

The result bolsters the club ahead of their upcoming campaigns at the Battle of Canberra (April 8) and the Northern District Regionals (April 15) at Coff's Harbour.

Kiara Blattman (1st self

WORLD CUP

Students heading to Florida

- Kiara Blattman (15)
- Olivia Duffey (10)
- Naz O'Connor (13)
- Jacob McGovern (11)

defence, 2nd kata), Damien

Blattman (1st kata), Jacob McGovern (1st sword combat, 2nd point sparring) and Reubin Delaney (1st judo, 2nd self defence) all scored wins.

Top three results from Naz O'Connor (3rd point spar-



PRIZES: Front: Elias Burke, Adan Coello, Beau Blattman, Rocky Duffey, Sylvester Duffey. Back: Michaela Doungmanee, Naz O'Connor, Kiara Blattman, Taylor Hickey, Reubin Delaney, Jacob McGovern, Olivia Duffey.

ring), Beau Blattman (2nd 3rd kata, 3rd self defence), self defence, 3rd kata), Olivia Rocky Duffey (2nd sword Duffey (3rd sword combat, combat), Adan Coello (3rd

self defence, 3rd sword combat) and Taylor Hickey (2nd kata) all contributed towards the club's top five finish.

The club will soon send four students to the ISKA World Cup to be held in Florida in July of this year.

Kiara Blattman, 15, Olivia Duffey, 10, Naz O'Connor, 13, and Jacob McGovern, 11, earned their places at the tournament courtesy of their top three finishes in their age category in 2017.

The four students accumulated enough points over a tough year of competition to book their ticket to America.

The club will be hosting a fundraiser activity day at their dojo, on 15 Bradwardine Road, on May 27 to help get their students overseas.

The day will kick off at 10am and run until approximately 12pm, finishing off with a BBQ lunch and some demonstrations from high level students.

Throughout the day will do a range of different activities with participants including sword combat battles, martial arts based games and ninja warrior style obstacle circuits.

— ALEXANDER GRANT

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Success in Sydney for KHS

EDUCATION

KELSO High students have blitzed their first year competing at the Royal Easter Show, being placed fifth in the Trade Steers Hoof category and receiving a bronze medal in the Trade Carcase Competition.

Agricultural teacher at Kelso High, Jarrod Kelly, said it was a fantastic start to what he hopes will be an ongoing tradition for the school.

Mr Kelly said it was an amazing effort by everyone involved, and said a lot of hard work and preparation had gone into achieving such outstanding results.

“

There were 45 competitors in our class, usually the shows we go to have about 12 competitors.

Rayleigh Scricchi

This year the first time Kelso High has shown cattle at the Royal Easter Show which attracts the state's best competitors.

Mr Kelly said it was a great

experience for the students to be involved in.

Year 11 student, Rayleigh Scricchi agreed.

“It was very different to other shows we've been to, it was a completely different atmosphere,” she said.

“There were 45 competitors in our class, usually the shows we go to have about 12 competitors, so it was a really good learning experience.”

The students have spent years preparing their steers and in Sydney were putting in 12-hour days in Sydney.

“It was a great, I want to go back next year,” she said.

— JACINTA CARROLL



SHOW SUCCESS: Kelso High School students, Joshua Smith, Emily Watterson and Rayleigh Scricchi holding the ribbons from the Royal Easter Show, Sydney.

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MENTORS: Giants' coaches, from left, Steve Mann, Mick Sloan, Ashley Boylan, Mark Kennedy, Andrew Collins, Jason Molkentin and Liz Kennedy.

Bathurst club is ready for another Giant year

AUSTRALIAN RULES BY ANYA WHITELAW

ANOTHER year, another Giant step.

The Bathurst Giants may have to wait until the end of the month before the opening bounce of the 2018 Central West AFL premierships, but preparations for the season are well underway.

Since forming in 2014 the Giants have expanded from a junior club into the league's senior ranks and now they are set to field two new sides.

“This is the first year for our women's team, which is fantastic and a great sign of growth for the club, and

we've also got our inaugural year of youth girls,” vice-president Ashley Boylan explained.

“From a club that just started off as another junior opportunity in the town to where we are now, it's really exciting.

“We are making sure we are putting resources into all our teams. Having the women's and the youth girls teams now, it's not only a great opportunity for them, but it has a wider effect on the club as well, numbers are up at training.”

Since the introduction of the women's premiership to the CAWFL, it has been the

Bathurst Lady Bushrangers who have dominated.

The Giants' women's side, which will be coached by Liz Kennedy, is hoping to add to the city's reputation of fielding strong female footballers.

“I think that this is definitely a development year, that is the reality of starting a new team and we know that as a new club, but it's great to see things growing,” Boylan said.

“The success will be building that team and creating the foundation. I think that being competitive is going to be their aim.”

The youth girls side will be coached by Steve Mann, who

is also the assistant coach of the Western Region Academy of Sport's girls' squad.

Even before they have played a game in the new competition three Giants - Molly Mann, Saige Davies and Lucy Dunn - have been selected to participate in the WRAS program.

The rest of the Giants coaching staff, who will be officially announced this Saturday, consists of Boylan and Brad Broes (Auskick), Mick Sloan (under 12s), Andrew Collins (under 14s), Jason Molkentin (under 16s) and Mark Kennedy (men).

Boylan said the club is excited to see what Kennedy

and his seniors can produce this season.

“We know how enthusiastic and keen he is and how much of an excellent coach he is and another of his strengths is that he's such a good mentor,” he said.

“There is a lot of experience in the team but also a lot of youth, so to be able to balance that and mentor the younger players is fantastic.

“They'll look to build on the success of last season. They've got another season of senior football under their belt now and as a football club, we are really excited about the senior men's team this year.”

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DRIVING: Darren Smith, Caitlin Doolan, Clifford Lord, Shona Kennedy, Messina Mackay and Bec Bosianek and at front Jake Callaghan and Dominic Makhoul.

L-platers on road to success

DRIVER EDUCATION

BATHURST Young Mob, has been gifted a learner driver car, to help young Aboriginal teenagers obtain their licence.

Young Mob, who in partnership with students at Kelso High School had planned to fund raise to buy a car for the students to learn to drive in was given the car, which has dual controls, by Birrang Enterprises in Orange.

Birrang and Young Mob joined forces last year to assist the students getting their learners permit, and the donation of the car will

ultimately enable them to continue on and get their licence.

Shona Kennedy, from Bathurst Young Mob said she felt blessed to have such an amazing partnership with Birrang.

Darren Smith from Birrang said the enterprise was delighted to be able to support positive outcomes for youth in Bathurst.

He said having a licence was key to being able to access education, employment and economic independence.

"It's a pleasure and a priv-

ilege to support Bathurst Young Mob and the students," he said.

Students who have undertaken the learn to drive program through Kelso High, Young Mob and Birrang said it had been amazing.

Dominic Makhoul said it made him a much better driver.

"I feel more confident on the road."

Messina Mackay got her driver's licence through the program in July last year.

She is now able to get to work, and help her mum, who doesn't have a licence.

*Western Advocate Friday
6th April*

Hero teens' day of drama

Trio stayed calm as emergency unfolded

EMERGENCY
BY MATT WATSON

IT'S been about three months since 16-year-old Baidyn Asimus-Hands entered a burning building at Rockley to save its elderly occupant, but the memories are still vivid.

Not that he thinks of himself - or his sister Jaylyn, 14, and friend Clancy Fitzpatrick, 13, who contacted the fire brigade and stayed calm while the drama unfolded in front of them - as heroes.

Instead, he's matter-of-factly about the part he played. "I put my arm around her and walked her out of there slowly," he said simply when asked to explain how he got the occupant out.

The three teens did not tell their story at the time of the fire, on January 3, but have been encouraged to do so now by Baidyn and Jaylyn's mother, Blythe.

She hopes their experience will show other young people the importance of staying calm and contacting authorities in an emergency. "I am so proud of them," she said. "They did everything they needed to do."

The drama began on a

Wednesday afternoon during the school holidays as the three teens were walking along Rockley's Pepper Street.

When they saw smoke coming out of one of the street's houses, they snapped into action.

While Baidyn ran around the back of the home and looked in the windows to see if anyone was inside, Jaylyn called the fire brigade and Clancy established the street address for the home. Baidyn, meanwhile, had discovered that someone was in the house.

"I looked through the window and an old lady was just standing there," he said.

Deciding he couldn't wait until help arrived, he went in through the back door and found the elderly occupant standing amid the smoke, reluctant to leave.

She had a number of works from her artist son in the house and was worried the paintings would be destroyed, Baidyn said.

"She was standing there telling me 'get the paintings'," he said.

"I was just talking to her. I was, like, 'it's all right, your paintings will be okay'."



BRAVE: Jaylyn Asimus-Hands, Clancy Fitzpatrick and Baidyn Asimus-Hands kept their wits about them when they realised a house was on fire in Rockley, contacting authorities and helping the occupant get out.

"Massive bangs" from nearby, as gas bottles exploded, underscored the urgency for Baidyn.

"And it was that hot in that house," he said. "She [the oc-

cupant] was dripping sweat. "I did not give her much of an option not to come.

"I just put my arm around her and said 'we're going'."

Jaylyn asked for an am-

balance as well when she saw Baidyn emerge from the house with the elderly lady and some of the locals arrived to try to fight the fire while emergency services were on their way.

Jaylyn and Baidyn's mother said the teens deserved to be recognised.

"It was an amazing thing they did," she said.

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GAME ON: Western NSW Mariners FC are expected to have the bare minimum players available, when they travel away to play Central Coast Mariners at Tuggerah.

Tough away trip for women

SOCCER

WESTERN NSW Mariners FC women's side will be looking to get its season back on track, when they travel away to face the Central Coast Mariners in Tuggerah.

Having just won one game in the National Premier Leagues 2 NSW Women's, Western will go up against a Central Coast side that was already two from three games and is sitting in fourth position, a play-off position, on the ladder.

Western are in ninth but their position don't reflect the effort they've shown, with coach Josh Ward saying the

women have been unlucky to not scrap a few draws.

But he admits Sunday's game will be a tough away trip, considering both the first and reserve squad are at bare minimum numbers.

"It's going to be a long trip away but if we can pick up some points on the road that'll be good," he said.

"We'll have the bare minimum but one of the reserve grade girls will be starting for first grade, which'll be her first start in first grade.

"We'll have to call on a few 17s to play in reserve grade but they'll be fine."

Even with just the one

win from four starts, Ward said his side has played well this season.

"There's probably just been little mistakes and lack of concentration that's undone us if a couple of games," he said.

"But we've been in every game, being competitive. The first two games should've been draws at least. The game we won was a good result and last week we were in it up until 70 minutes."

Kick-off is at 3pm, at the Central Coast Mariners' impressive Centre of Excellence.

- BRADLEY JURD

Western Advocate Saturday 7th April

GROUP 10 RUGBY LEAGUE T TA

Season 2018 kicks off



SNEAKY: Bathurst Panthers' Blake Lawson delivers an offload in his side's draw against Orange Hawks. He finished with a hat-trick. Photo: PHIL BLATCH



THE WALL: The St Pat's defence proved far too big a hurdle for hosts Lithgow Workies to overcome on Saturday. Photo: CIARA BASTOW

NEW SEASON ARRIVES

Group 10 rugby league made its return over the weekend and provided plenty of exciting action across the Central West.

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Youth in Agriculture

Cover photo 2017 Miss Showgirl Sarah Boorer with some of the Bathurst Agriculture Young Achievers for 2018, left to right Lilly Fragar, Isabelle Renshaw, Lachlan Woods, Clare Mawhood, Daniel Luther, Bill 'Donnell and Jayden Falcke.

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Award recognises rural contributions

Leading us into bright future

FRESH from their inaugural trip to the Sydney Royal Easter Show agricultural competitions, students at Kelso High have now set their sights on the McIntosh McPhillamy & Co Young Rural Achiever Award.

The annual award recognises young people in the community who are playing a significant role in agriculture, and the winner is announced at the Royal Bathurst Show.

Denison College Kelso High Campus entered for the first time in 2017 with two students, however this year 11 have entered.

They are among 82 students from across the Central West who are being considered for the prestigious award. Schools participating include Dubbo School of Distance Education, James Sheahan Catholic High School, MacKillop College, Red Bend Catholic College,



FUTURE IS BRIGHT: Some of Denison College Kelso High Campus' Young Rural Achiever Award participants. The program recognises future young leaders making a significant contribution to their community and rural Australia.

The Scots School and Stanislaus' College. Young Rural Achiever Award - literature and agriculture - and Kelso's students have entered both.

"It's a great opportunity for kids who would not usually get involved in the industry and show," Kelso High agri-

culture teacher Jarrod Kelly said.

The literature section asks students to craft their own piece of writing based on an agricultural theme of their choice.

"They choose whether to do a fiction or non-fiction

story that's related to the industry or a current [agricultural] issue," he said. "It's very broad and it's [the subject] totally up to them."

In the agriculture section, students create a resume and a portfolio highlighting their achievements, community

interests and their involvements in agriculture.

"Some are farm kids, others live in town," Mr Kelly said of the wide range of students who have entered the Young Rural Achiever Award. Kelso's agriculture team commenced in 2016 and Mr Kelly said he wanted students to have the opportunity to gain experience with the industries in Bathurst that were relevant to the city.

Not only have the students entered Sydney Royal for the first time, they have also entered a swag of country shows and received a number of ribbons and successes.

Mr Kelly said it was very rewarding for him to witness the differences the school's agriculture program made to the students.

"There's academic improvements and also social improvements. The social improvements in some of the kids is amazing," he said.

On high horse for fun

EQUESTRIAN EVENTS

BY MADINE MORTON

A DAY before the official start of the 150th Royal Bathurst Show, the main arena was a hive of activity as 55 equestrian competitors were put to the test.

Bathurst Pony Club members were among those competing for top honors on Thursday in a range of activities including dressage, show jumping, sporting and ring events.

Club president Clare Jonker said the competition, which is part of the show's official line up of events, had attracted a range of riders from across the region.

"There's 55 competing this year in a one-day event leading up to the show," she said.

"A lot of these riders will compete during the show as well."

Bathurst Pony Club's members range in age from three to 24 years old, and among them was Makaylah Shirvill, 13.

"I'm doing the ring events and some sporting events," she said.

"The hardest thing is



SHOW FUN: Bathurst Pony Club members Hannah Jonker, 11, Makaylah Shirvill, 13, and Courtney Roberts, 13, with horses Sugar and Jamilla during Thursday's competition. Photo: [NADINE MORTON 041218nmshow2](https://www.westernadvocate.com.au/041218nmshow2)

trying to get your horse to go at a good speed and at a good rhythm."

Prior to their show jumping event, Courtney Roberts, 13, and Hannah Jonker, 11, were keen to walk the arena and check out the jumps.

"We were walking the ring to find out where all the jumps are," Hannah said. "You need to walk it oth-

erwise if you don't walk the course and then you go into the arena on your horse to jump it then you don't even know where to jump and you'll probably get eliminated."

Courtney said competitors will walk the jumps in the same direction and order in which they would ride it.

With years of riding experience under their belts, the girls agreed that nerves can play a big part in how they perform during competitions.

Makaylah had a busy afternoon of events on Thursday and was keen for more speed.

"Getting fast when you're going back to the finish line, you need to get as fast as you can so you get the quickest time. That's the hardest bit," she said.

Riders are allocated points to each rider during events.

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Rugby Union win first title in 33 years

The wait is over

FIRST GRADE

BY ALEXANDER GRANT

RUGBY Union's 33-year wait for a Bathurst District Cricket Association first grade title has come to an end.

Rugby held on for a draw against St Pat's Old Boys in the weekend's rain-interrupted grand final at the Sportsground, winning the title courtesy of being first team through to the decider.

The covers went on the pitch twice during Rugby's pursuit of the 190 target on Sunday afternoon and it left them unable to match the Saints' score.

Instead the men in blue and gold had to bat for the draw - and they came close to crumbling under pressure.

Once Ryan Peacock (52) and Jameel Qureshi's (20) 42-run stand was broken Pat's started to build momentum.

Saints paceman Ben Parsons (5-28) tore through the Rugby lower order during the final session, claiming four wickets in the space of 12 deliveries.

Rugby made it to the 6pm close of play at 9-138, battered but not beaten.

"We're ecstatic. It should never have got to nine down. We'll take the win, celebrate hard, and it's a really proud moment for our club," Rugby captain Sam Macpherson said.

"It's really special for blokes like Alby [Chris Albon]. He was playing first grade before I was



WAIT IS OVER: Rugby Union have won their first Bathurst District Cricket Association title in 33 years. **Photo: ALEXANDER GRANT**

born. He deserves it more than anyone.

"We didn't field too well on day one but in the morning of the second day we put it all together. With the bat, Imran [Qureshi] and Alby batting an hour before lunch set us up well and got the ball old."

Pat's captain Adam Ryan said his side will learn a lot from the grand final experience.

"I'm really proud of the

efforts from our boys today. We couldn't have tried any harder," he said.

"You can't script a better grand final. We're on the losing side of it but I feel like were a winner as a club. For a club that had little finals experience, to go that close I'm pretty happy.

"We've got five guys 17 and under and only three above 20. Looking to the future, I can't wait."

Pat's won the toss on Sat-

urday and chose to bat.

Ryan's strong run of batting form continued into the grand final.

He came into the match with the team in an uneasy position of 4-69 but his score of 56 guided the Saints into triple figures.

Bailey Brien (38) played a strong supporting role to put on 75 runs alongside his captain.

Parsons (21) and Tanvir Singh (18) ensured the lower

order wouldn't leave without doing damage.

Luke Powell (5-44) was the best bowler for Rugby.

Imran Qureshi (18) and Albon (10) made a steady start with the bat for Rugby.

Peacock kept the scoreboard ticking over with a wide array of strokes and kept the possibility of chasing the Saints total alive.

It took a superb Ryan direct hit run out to stop Peacock's damage.

When Macpherson (18) and Jameel Qureshi fell - leaving the score at 6-132 - the Saints had a win in their sights.

Scott Johnston (0), Jeremy Thackray (0) and Luke Powell (0) all feel victim to an onslaught of Parsons pace.

Ben Hurford (10 not out) was almost caught twice but survived to the finish alongside Aidan McBurney (0 not out), who had to see out the final two balls.

Positive signs for Bathurst ahead of state

BMX

COMPETITION will be stiff when Bathurst stages the third round of the BMX NSW State Series later this month, but there is still reason for the host club to expect good results.

Not only will the contingent of Bathurst BMX Club riders that compete hold the advantage of being familiar with the track, but a number of them are in good touch.

Last Sunday at the second round of the State Series at Macarthur, four Bathurst riders contested the final in their respective categories while another two qualified for the semi-final stage.

Chelsea Westman placed third in her 14 girls category, having qualified for the final by placing fourth, fifth then third in her motos.

In the final she was actually the second best performed NSW rider as well given runner-up Zoe Johnston is based in Victoria.

Her brother Liam Westman only narrowly missed a podium as he placed fourth in the 17-24 men's decider, while Caleb Hampton made the semis in that same category.

Jett Robertson reached the 12 years boys semi-finals, while both Phil Martin (45-49 men's) and Hayley Wolfenden (superclass women) placed seventh in their respective finals.

On top of that, the three youngest Bathurst riders who made the trip to Macarthur - Don Pappas, Wyatt Robertson and Brad Martin - gained valuable experience.

That those results came on a day when heat added to the degree of difficulty for the riders, Wolfenden said it was a positive sign for Bathurst.

"It was low 30s and that does make it harder. You're hot and there's a hot gear and there was a hot wind as well, so it was harder to cool off between all your races," she said.

"There were a lot of fast riders there ... so I'd say it was good prep for our Bathurst round. It was pretty good representation there."

Wolfenden herself was happy to reach the final given she stepped up to Superclass, competing against many of Australia's top ranked women.

"I didn't go in with high expectations. Ash [Miller, victor] is the next upcoming rider she smashed the junior elites and clocked a lap time faster than all the seniors when she rode at nationals," Wolfenden said.

"I think I'd be lying if I said it was not really intimidating because they're fast, but you can't do anything about it. I reckon I feel more pressure racing against them because you want to keep up, you don't want to be left behind."

The Bathurst riders will all be working hard to make sure they are on the pace when hosting round three of the State Series on April 29.

Wolfenden hopes support from a home crowd can lift them as well.

"We are hoping to do well, obviously the better your home riders go, the better the show," she said.

"It should bring in a lot of riders. It's a great thing for our club to host a state round, it's good recognition for our club.

"It's a free event too, so people can come up and watch. Hopefully we can get a good crowd there."

Racing at the state event will start at 10am.

- ANVA WHITELAW

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Students' show win

AGRICULTURE
BY NADINE MORTON

AGRICULTURE students at Kelso High saved the best for last with a Grand Champion Steer win at the Hawkesbury Show.

The annual show was held on the weekend and the Kelso students came up trumps against much more experienced competition.

It was the second time the Kelso students had taken part in the event and it wound up a very successful show season for the relatively new team.

Kelso agriculture teacher Jarrod Kelly said 10 students from Years 8 to 11 were keen to take part in the show, even though it was held during the school holidays.

"It was a good calf and he was prepared well and the kids did everything they needed to do," he said of the Grand Champion Steer ribbon.

"The planets aligned and he peaked on the right day.

"It's the most successful result we've received so far."

Not only did the steer receive the top award, but



BEST FOR LAST: Denison College Kelso High campus students Daniel Luther, Michaela Sullivan, Bailey Honeyman, Meg Brennan, Joshua Smith, Emily Watterson and Chloe Hawkins. Photo: SUPPLIED 042418kelso4

First National Bowyer and Livermore auctioneer James Walton said it received an exceptional price.

"The steer tip the scales at 485 kilograms and sold to strong competition, making \$6.55c/kg selling to Tender Gourmet Butchery Hornsby coming back at \$3176.75," he said. "It was an exceptional price, most of them [other

steers at the show] averaged \$3.10c/kg or \$3.20c/kg.

"They smashed it out of the park, they're [Kelso's agriculture students] doing extremely well."

The simmental steer was bred by Michael Crye of Oberon who also assisted the students in the lead up to the show.

"He's very keen on seeing

young ones come into the industry. If you don't have them you don't have an industry," Mr Kelly said.

The Hawkesbury Show wrapped up a very busy show season for the students who also competed at the Royal Bathurst Show and took cattle to the Sydney Royal Easter Show for the first time.

At the recent Royal Ba-

thurst Show Young Rural Achiever Awards a number of Kelso High students were recognised including Lilly Fragar who was awarded first place in the literature non-fiction section for students in Years 7-9.

While Lilly Fragar and Emily Watterson received highly commended nods for their agriculture entries.

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Young Leaders Experience Parliament

STATE MEMBER PAUL Toole last week took the opportunity to extend a welcome to school leaders from across the Bathurst electorate to Parliament House.

Mr Toole said the school leaders program is a wonderful opportunity for our young students to both learn and experience the procedures and processes of democracy in NSW and to engage in civics and citizenship education.

"Following spending time at Parliament the students then visited Government House, so overall it was a day which gave each of them a wider perspective on leadership, the workings of government and to meet the people who make Parliament work," Mr Toole told Bathurst City Life.

"These students are the leaders of tomorrow and this was an invaluable experience for them. It was great to see their enthusiasm and to meet

them on the day.

"As a part of their educational experiences I am sure each of them will remember this day. Every school should be extremely proud of their young ambassadors and the manner in which they represented not only themselves, but their school and their community.

"These students are the leaders of tomorrow and it was wonderful to share this time with them and to see their vitality, enthusiasm and embrace of this learning experience through their visit to Parliament House."

STATE POLITICS: Member for Bathurst Paul Toole pictured with local student leaders from Denison College including, from left: Jay Webber (Kelso High), Niamh McAdam (Bathurst High), Bathurst High Campus Principal Ken Barwick, Kylie Taylor (Kelso High) and Aidan McBurney (Bathurst High).



Bathurst City Life April 19-25

Youth Homelessness Matters Day at Kelso Community Hub

AS PART OF last week's Youth Week celebrations, the Kelso Community Hub together with Veritas House hosted Youth Homelessness Matters Day.

The event was combined with the Kelso Community Hub's regular Walk in Wednesday event, which sees young kids in the Kelso community come together to participate in a host of fun activities including sports and video games.

Youth homelessness has become a significant issue in Australia in recent times, with 28,000 people aged 12-25 homeless every night, a number which has risen 92 per cent since 2001.

From a local standpoint, Bathurst's Veritas House assists more than 150 young people each year, housing up to 6 people a night and offering five medium-term properties for young people to live in independently.

Last week's collaboration was supported by Bathurst Regional Council and the Bathurst Youth Council, and was a positive community event raising much needed awareness for disadvantaged youth.

- Sam Bolt



Bathurst City Life April 26- May 2

BMX IN BATHURST

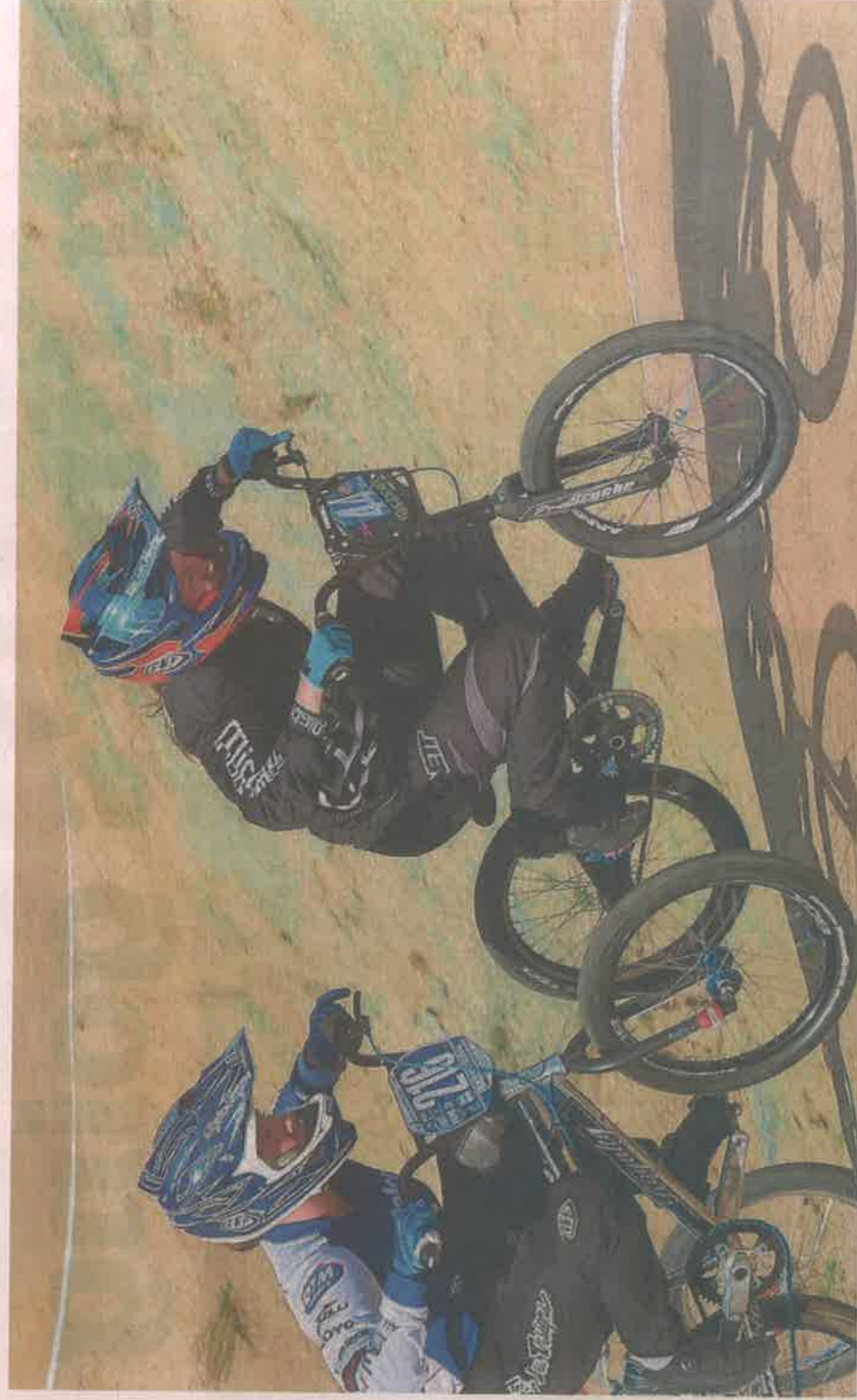
BMX NSW State Series round three



PODIUM: Racing on her home track, Bathurst's Chelsie Westman rode her way into third place in the final of the 14 girls class. Photo: ANYA WHITELAW

SUPER SUNDAY OF STATE

MORE than 150 riders converged on the Bathurst BMX track on Sunday for round three of the BMX NSW State Series. From the sprockets through to the over 50s, the action was hot.



CLEAN SWEEP: it was a brilliant day out for Bathurst rider Hayley Wolfenden (#44) as she won each of her motos and her 17-24 years female final on her home track. Photo: ANYA WHITELAW



COMING 'ROUND THE CORNER: Bathurst BMX Club rider Jett Robertson qualified for the final in his class on Sunday. Photo: CHRIS SEABROOK 042918cbmx17



SIDE-BY-SIDE: Bathurst club-mates Joel Goulding (#42) and Liam Westman (#302) in compete the final of the 17-24 years men's class. Photo: ANYA WHITELAW



CRUISING ALONG: Bathurst's Phil Martin (#737) in action during the men's 45-49 cruiser final on Sunday afternoon. Photo: ANYA WHITELAW



OFF AND RACING: This group of juniors pedal hard down the ramp at the Bathurst BMX Club on Sunday. Photo: CHRIS SEABROOK 042918cbmx14



HIGH ACHIEVER: This competitor flies over a jump during one of his motos at the Bathurst BMX track on Sunday. Photo: CHRIS SEABROOK 042918cbmx7



THE LONG WALK BACK: Riders head back up the hill after contesting one of their motos during the BMX NSW State Series round at Bathurst. Photo:CHRIS SEABROOK 042918cbmx4



TOO GOOD: Alex Cameron took out the men's superclass final in the third round of the BMX NSW State Series held at Bathurst on Sunday. Photo: ANYA WHITELAW



IN PURSUIT: Action from the third round of the BMX NSW State Series round staged in Bathurst on Sunday. Photo: CHRIS SEABROOK

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STARS ALIGN: Emily Spasic, Sharyn Semmens and Madeline Fawcett (front) and (back) Mikaela Graham and Shannon Brooks. Photo: CHRIS SEABROOK 042818cstars1

Stars getting ready to take to the stage

STARS OF BATHURST

THE COUNTDOWN has begun: Bathurst celebrities will take centre stage in May as part of the annual Stars of Bathurst Competition.

Cancer Council NSW's Stars of Bathurst event is returning to Bathurst for the fourth year running and has

already raised over \$8000 for the Cancer Council.

The event will be held on May 18 at Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre, and it's not too late to book a ticket to what is always an amazing night of fun.

Cancer Council NSW community relations co-ordinator Katherine Bodiczky

said the event is already generating enthusiasm in the community, and encouraged people to get in early and book their ticket through BMEC.

Stars competing in this year's event include Jena Shaw from B-Rock, Sharyn

Semmens from Bathurst Real Estate, Dave Hitchick from the PCYC, Dave Rankine of *Bathurst City Life*, Dr Ben Purcell of Bathurst Chiropractic, Leroy Tipu of LTK Carpentry, Dean Mobbs from the Dean Mobbs Gallery and Margaret Duffus of Bathurst Correctional Facility.



Bathurst City Life April 26 - May 2

Students success at show

STUDENTS FROM KELSO High Schools Show Team gave up their school holidays last weekend to attend the Hawkesbury Show on behalf of the school.

Hawkesbury represents the last show day for the season and the students received a first and third in the heavyweight hoof competition. Champion Lead Steer and Grand Champion of all hoof steers, beating over 30 other steers in the process.

Images - KHS Facebook page

Western lose to a quality Olympic team

SOCCER

WESTERN NSW Mariners FC made a strong account of themselves in their 4-0 loss to unbeaten NSW National Premier Leagues 2 Women's competition leaders Sydney Olympic on Sunday at Valentine Sports Park.

It was always going to be a tough encounter for the Mariners against a club who featured in last season's NPL2 grand final.

Mariners did well to limit the damage to just four goals against a rampant Olympic squad, who are currently battling with APIA Leich-

hardt Tigers for top spot on the table.

Only a few weak moments in defence and an unfortunate own goal led to the Mariners' demise.

Mariners' Jasmin Courtenay said the team could be incredibly proud of their efforts.

"In all honesty I think it was one of the best games I think we as a team have put together. The scoreline, I don't think, represented the game appropriately," she said.

"We were unlucky to have an own goal and a few easy

goals here and there but we were attacking for quite a bit of the game."

Mariners went into the match with an outside chance of making it three straight wins for the season. They came up short in the task but Western can take a lot of positives into their return home this weekend.

"A standout player for me was Brydie Comiskey who played striker for us because Teegan Courtney was unfortunately sick," Courtenay said.

"It's got us excited about what's going to happen in the next couple of weeks out of this game." Attention now turns to the upcoming fixture against

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Jasmin Courtenay

Nepean FC at Orange this Sunday.

The match shapes up as

a crucial game for the two clubs who sit level on the table with nine points.

Mariners currently have a 2-1 record from their home matches this season.

"It should be a good game. It'll be great to be back at Orange," Courtenay said.

"It's just like any game in this league. Any team who shows up on the day can take the points and hopefully that will be us this weekend."

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 4 (Lieve Bever, Kristy Rohrer, Danielle Calvi, own goal) defeated WESTERN NSW MARINERS FC 0

- ALEXANDER GRANT

LOCAL AND STATE GOVERNMENT

THE BIG LEAGUE HAS ARRIVED IN OUR CITY FOR A BIG GAME

THE Penrith Panthers are in town, bringing all the excitement of the NRL to our region.

On Tuesday the club members took time out from their training schedules to hold a super clinic at Bathurst Sports Ground. They met with young rugby league fans to share their skills and experience.

The athletes are role models for many children, representing their hopes and dreams. For young fans to meet their heroes in person would have been an experience they will never forget.

Tickets are selling quickly for Friday night's Panthers vs Cowboys game. Seats for the grandstand and corporate boxes have completely sold out. To avoid the queues and for ease of access, I encourage fans to purchase their tickets prior to the event at bathurstnrl.com.au or at Bathurst Panthers.

BMEC is currently hosting Getting Hitched - an exhibition celebrating 200 years of wedding dresses. Council is proud to sponsor this event, which showcases over 30 wedding dresses, veils and many other beautiful items.

This exhibition is a mecca for fashionistas interested in the history of women's fashion. From the simple to the stunning, I'm certain there will be something of interest for everyone.

I would like to congratulate the Bathurst District Historical Society and everyone who was involved in putting the event together. Getting Hitched is free and is open each day until Mother's Day, Sunday, May 13.

Mayor Graeme Hanger

WE'VE GOT FUNDS AND NOW WE'RE LOOKING FOR PROJECTS

IT'S that time of year again and I'm looking for small 'shovel-ready' infrastructure projects to benefit from a total share of \$330,000 for this year's Community Building Partnership Fund.

These might include a new kitchen for a



DRESS CODE: Mayor Graeme Hanger with Kelso High students Jordan Shirvill and Brianna Urquhart and teacher Sandra Howarth at the Getting Hitched exhibition.

clubhouse, new flooring, an access ramp, repairs for a toilet block, a shed for sporting equipment or a shade sail in a playground. A range of structures or refurbishments that support the community are eligible for funding and I urge local councils and not-for-profit groups to apply.

Local sports clubs, charities, men's sheds and Scouts or Girl Guides are just some of the groups that have benefited from this funding in the past. The NSW Government has made improving local infrastructure a key priority and our strong economic management allows us to make this investment.

If your organisation or club needs extra funding for the building, refurbishment or enhancement of facilities, then I'd strongly encourage you to apply.

Applications are open from Monday, May 7 and close at 5pm on Friday, June 15, 2018. Applicants must read the program guidelines to ensure their club or organisation and proposed project are eligible.

For more information, visit www.nsw.gov.au/cbp.

Infrastructure Grants Open

COMMUNITY organisations can now apply for the next round of funding for projects under the NSW Government's Infrastructure Grants program. Infrastructure Grants support new or upgraded community facilities across arts and culture, emergency preparedness, and sport and recreation.

The grants are funded through the Club Grants Category 3 program, which enables registered clubs to reinvest profits from gaming machine revenue to benefit local communities.

These projects bring people together to enjoy new or improved sports, recreation, arts and cultural facilities, or help improve community safety in times of emergency.

Funding ranges are \$50,000 to \$200,000 for arts and culture, \$10,000 to \$200,000 for emergency preparedness and \$100,000 to \$300,000 for sport and recreation.

Applications for the next round of grants are open until May 21. Visit <http://www.responsiblegambling.nsw.gov.au>.

Member for Bathurst Paul Toole



CENTRE STAGE: Cirkus Surreal members pictured during one of their performances in Hawaii, where they travelled in the school holidays. Photo: SUPPLIED

Hawaii gives kids the tour of a lifetime

COMMUNITY

BY RACHEL CHAMBERLAIN

FIFTEEN young members of Cirkus Surreal have come back from their international tour completely changed by the experience.

The circus troupe, from Denison College Kelso High, heads overseas every two years and this time visited Hawaii.

They were joined by three Kelso High teachers and three volunteers.

On their trip, they had the opportunity to stay with host families, perform and take part in unique educational experiences.

Cirkus Surreal coordinator Stephanie Brown said it was a successful trip that left a lasting impact on the kids.

"Every single one of them has come away from this tour so mature; they have just found themselves," she said.

The tour to Hawaii had a lot to do with the Rotary organisation.

Cirkus Surreal stayed with Rotary members and their families, and performed for them, along with performing for the Volcano Circus on the big island.

Ms Brown said Rotary rated their performance as an 11 out of 10.

"I think a lot of the Rotary clubs over there hadn't had much to do with Australian students before and they were blown away by their maturity and how respectful they were," she said.

While the ability to perform overseas for new people was an amazing experience on its own, the educational opportunities were some of the best elements of the trip.

The students visited a museum to learn about the impact of tsunamis, which was only enhanced by the

chance to hear the first-hand account of someone who had experienced a tsunami.

They also learnt about Pearl Harbour and participated in a training exercise that asked them to work as a group to provide relief aid to survivors of a disaster.

It may not have been planned on the itinerary, but students also saw a big storm and the way a different country manages it.

"They've all come back and, interestingly, said things we didn't expect that gave them food for thought," Ms Brown said.

"They've come back with some great experiences and I don't think you can get that just from school."

She added that the students were great representatives of their school and the wider Bathurst community and will be even better leaders for their experience.

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ANOTHER TEST: St Pat's talent Tyler Colley could soon find himself taking on the Harold Matthews Cup premiers.

Rams will face Harold Matthews' best team

RUGBY LEAGUE

BY NICK MCGRATH

CITY versus Country is back, in a way.

Western's all-conquering Andrew Johns Cup outfit is in line to take on the NSW Rugby League's Harold Matthews Cup premiers as the curtain raiser for the St George Illawarra Dragons and Canberra Raiders NRL clash at Mudgee later this month.

The grand final of the 2018 Harold Matthews Cup, the NSWRL's under 16s premier-ship, is between Manly and Parramatta this weekend.

Rams coach Kurt Hancock says the development -

which is yet to be confirmed - would be huge for his side.

His Rams have been eyeing off a clash with a Harold Matthews outfit for some time and viewed the Raiders' under 16s side as a feasible option given Canberra was playing in the NRL match at Mudgee on May 20 as well.

But to possibly be taking on the Harold Matthews Cup premiers, Hancock says that experience for his Rams outfit will be invaluable.

His under 16s outfit includes Bathurst Panther Noah Griffiths - who has been picked in the NSW Country team - as well as St Pat's trio

Tyler Colley, Blake Martin

and Jayden Fisher.

"This is really big for us," Hancock said, the match set to be confirmed on Monday.

"I think it's great for the kids. Win, lose or draw this is another part of the pathway we're trying to create in the region.

"It's good exposure and we get a gauge to see where our program is at, too.

"I'm over the moon about it. I hope CRL sees this as the start of something and the winner of both (NSWRL and CRL competitions) plays off like this in the future."

Hancock has little doubts his Rams side will be competitive with the premiers of

the NSWRL equivalent competition.

The Rams swept to this year's Johns Cup crown undefeated, capping the tournament with a 22-10 victory over Illawarra South Coast Dragons in the final at Mudgee.

The title-winning Western side has class across the board.

Hancock believes another chance to prove that, against the NSWRL's best, no less, is a golden opportunity for young players in this region. Hancock says others will follow.

"The scoreline doesn't matter, it's all about the ex-

posure," he said.

"Ideally we'll get more kids seeing there's a pathway to achieve their goals in Sydney. If that's clearer, then more kids will get involved in the game to chase their dreams.

"It's an important thing to still have the Laurie Daley Cup and Andrew Johns Cup but what better way to finish up both competitions than to get them all together and have a game.

"It's another time we get to challenge ourselves and our skills."

The May 20 clash is expected to be confirmed after the NSWRL under 16s grand final this weekend.

Heart-breaking exit for Rams

LEAGUE TAG
ONE more week.

That's all Jess Skinner says she would have needed with this year's Western league tag side to progress past the first round, but a heart-breaking 24-18 loss to Illawarra South Coast Dragons on Saturday has relegated the Rams to a winless campaign in 2018.

Western led 12-10 at the break thanks to tries to Cargo star Heidi Regan and Blayney flier Sophie Stammers but back-to-back four points raced the Dragons to an eight point lead mid-way through the second stanza. Regan sliced through the

Illawarra defence with nine minutes remaining to score her second, Bec Ford's third conversion of the match lifting the Rams girls to within striking distance of their opposition at 20-18.

But a late four-pointer secured the Dragons the win. "It was close and we had the momentum early but we gave away some silly penalties and missed some critical tags which let them finish the second half off," Skinner said.

"We're gutted. We definitely had the team to beat them." Skinner said her side was buoyed by its opening 25

minutes as Western went toe-to-toe with arguably the best league tag outfit in Country Rugby League. "We came off bouncing and in the zone but some crucial misses hurt," she said of her side's second half. "I feel like if we had another week together to fine tune our defence we'd be talking about a different result." Still, there was a lot to like from Western.

Skinner praised the likes of Hawks half Bec Ford and St Pat's gun Meredith Jones, who was made skipper for the day.

- NICK MCGRATH



GOING LEFT: Western dummy-half Ella-J Harris gets out from acting half in her side's tough loss to Illawarra at the country championship. Photo: CRL

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TIME TO GET HEALTHY Mel McFarland being assisted by Shellie Burgess (Marathon Health Coach). Photo:CHRIS SEABROOK 050218chealth1

It's time to focus on your health

HEALTH

WITH HEART Week being celebrated during May, Marathon Health are urging people in Bathurst to focus on their physical activity and health. Emily Roberts, Communications Officer with Marathon Health said May was

a great chance to continue the conversation about being active. She said Marathon Health in partnership with the Cancer Institute of NSW and Bathurst Parkrun have been coordinating Walk in the Park; a free, supportive, exercise program with the

aim to increase the number of people in our community living a healthy lifestyle. Melissa McFarland recently signed up to the program and now joins other community members, as part of Team Marathon Health, as they support each other to complete the weekly Parkrun

Bathurst course. Like many recruits to Team Marathon Health, Melissa had struggled to prioritise her own health and found other programs "unrealistic to continue as part of everyday life". Anyone over the age of 18 is eligible to sign up for the

free program and Melissa encouraged people to sign up. "It is inspiring that no matter what level you are starting at, you are only challenging yourself to better your health" she said. To register for Team Marathon Health or to find out more, call 1300 402 585.

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Hard start for Bathurst 18s

HOCKEY
BY ANYA WHITELAW

BETTER ball retention, tighter marking.

They were the two areas that Bathurst coach Niel Howard identified as needing improvement following his side's opening match at the Hockey NSW Under 18 Boys State Championships on Friday.

It was a match that Grafton won 2-0 at the Cooke Hockey Complex, but given they are an outfit that can lay claim to division two favouritism, it was a tough first-up test for the hosts.

Howard and his players now know the standard required if they are to make the semi-finals.

"We played well, but we just gave away too much ball, way too much ball," Howard said. "We also gave away too much room, we were not marking tight enough."

"They had the ability to turn and make five yards before one of us was able to contest the ball."

"We didn't take our opportunities either, we were



SKILL: Bathurst's Lachlan Howard turns nicely on the ball at the NSW Under 18s Boys State Field Hockey Championships. Photo: ANYA WHITELAW

in the circle four times in the second half and didn't get anything for it.

"But that was our first game, that was their second, so they'd already blown the cobwebs out. It was a good



PROBING: Andre Rossitt cuts back in field to try and find a way through Grafton's defence during Bathurst's under 18s opener on Friday. Photo: ANYA WHITELAW

division two grand final, Bathurst was the underdog for its opener.

Bathurst goalkeeper Corey Mark was called into action for the first time at the four minute mark when

final 34 seconds of the match through Jake Lambeth.

Bathurst's best chance of the opening half came via a quick-counter.

Lachlan Mellor tussled with Grafton goalkeeper Toby Power at the top of the circle before the ball found Andre Rossitt on the left.

He fired in a shot, but the Grafton defence scrambled to hold it out.

The hosts had their only penalty corner of the match 95 seconds out from the break as they again threatened Grafton.

However, Tyler Willott's reverse stick effort was blocked by Power.

In the second half Bathurst enjoyed more ball in attacking position as Willott and Lachlan Howard made some penetrating runs through the centre of the field.

But Grafton's defence shut Bathurst down with some strong tackling.

Likewise, Trent Simpson made a number of strong tackles in defence for Bathurst.

Bathurst's first match on Saturday is at 12.20pm versus Parkes.

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HE'S DONE IT AGAIN: Canberra's Josh Torley crosses the finish line in the Bathurst Half Marathon. Photos: ALEXANDER GRANT



VICTORY: Former Bathurst resident Leigha Wills has made a remarkable turnaround in her life, losing over 50kg and adding the Bathurst Half Marathon to her growing list of great results.

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First half lapses the difference in defeat

SOCCKER

BY ALEXANDER GRANT

WESTERN NSW Mariners FC's NPL 2 women's side watched the ball sail into the back of their net five times during a forgettable opening half against Nepean FC on Sunday.

The match was more evenly contested across the second half's play but at the full-time whistle Nepean had flown clear with a 6-2 win.

The teams went to Orange level on the ladder, with nine points, but Nepean's offence was on a higher level through a dominant first half.

Stefanie Trovato scored a hat-trick during the opening half Nepean barrage while the Mariners' Jasmin Courtenay found both her team's goals, with one in either half.

"It was just through the over-the-top bombs they were getting in," Courtenay said.

"Defensively we adapted pretty well. It was just a few times where they noticed our keeper was out and they were able to lob it over the top.

"I still thought we were dominating for most of the game. It's the same old story, unfortunately.

"They split our defence well. We readjusted that in the second half, brought them a bit closer, and that stopped them getting through there.

"We stayed positive because we knew we could get some goals back. We just left the gap too big."

The bright spot in the opening half for the hosts was a perfect free kick delivery from Sarah Coleman, which allowed Courtenay to land a successful header.

Courtenay found a second goal for the Mariners with a second half penalty goal.

Mariners were the stronger side across the second half but the guif they had left themselves at the half-time break proved too big a gap to cross.

"Our ability to attack and get balls into the box was great in this game. We just need to get more people in the box to support it and get more shots away," Courtenay said.

"Sarah's kick was great. I didn't have to do much at all. She did all the work. Her and Sarah Morris' deliveries are really good. You can count on them to get it into the box when it comes to free kicks and corners."

In a positive sign for the Mariners' depth and future prospects, Ella Rose-Howes made her debut for the club on Sunday at



NEPEAN IN CONTROL: Jasmin Courtenay's brace wasn't enough to save the Western NSW Mariners in their home match against Nepean FC on Sunday. Photo: PHIL BLATCH

MIXED RESULTS

Mariners record at home this season

- Round 2: Lost 1-2 v Gladesville Ravens (Lithgow)
- Round 6: Won 1-0 v SD Raiders (Mudgee)
- Round 7: Wom 1-0 v Southern Branch (Orange)
- Round 9: Lost 2-6 v Nepean FC (Orange)

the age of 14.

Courtenay's goal tally sits at five for the season following the loss to Nepean.

Mariners now have one more away trip before their lengthy home run of match-

es begin.

The Western women have a great opportunity to earn their fourth win of the season when they play an Inter Lions SC team struggling to make ground.

Inter are two points behind the Mariners and have lost their last three matches.

The match is a chance for the Mariners to put distance between themselves and the bottom three teams on the ladder.

Following that game Mariners have 11 of their 12 remaining matches for the season at home, including their first seven in a row.

NEPEAN FC 6 (Stefanie Trovato 3, Britney Pelle, Imogen Lane, Monique Ballard) defeated WESTERN NSW MARINERS FC 2 (Jasmin Courtenay 2)

New personal best on the way to gold



ACHIEVEMENT: Abbey-May Brown, 16, with her Australian Age Swimming Championships gold medal. Photo: CHRIS SEABROOK

SWIMMING

BY ALEXANDER GRANT

ABBEY-MAY Brown has become Bathurst's latest national champion courtesy of a stunning personal best performance at the Georgina Hope Foundation Australian Age Swimming Championships.

Brown, 16, knocked over a minute off her seed time on her way to winning the 200 metres freestyle S1-S5 multi-class in four minutes and 10.57 seconds.

The year 11 Kelso High School student could hardly believe what she was seeing when the time at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre came up on the screen.

"My qualifying time was a 5:13 for the race, but I've PB'd in this unofficially with a 4:21. I swam a 4:10 but during the race I felt like I'd been swimming really, really slow," she said.

"I looked up at the clock and I couldn't believe it. It was so good."

Brown got off to a flying start in her race at Homebush with an opening lap of 56.58.

She was just outside the minute mark, but consistent with her times, across the

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I want to try and swim more and more to try and get my times down. I've still got a long way to go.

Abbey-May Brown

remaining three laps.

The opening lap shows that the next big hurdle - the four minute barrier - is definitely within her reach in the near future.

Brown's time is the eighth fastest in the world recorded for the 200m in her classification.

Brown, who has cerebral palsy, is currently the only S5 swimmer in her age group across Australia.

A chance to take on the rest of the world is her ultimate goal.

The Bathurst City Amateur Swim Club member has made a rapid rise up the time sheets over her short swimming career.

In the space of less than three years she has advanced far enough to even put the

Paralympics on her radar.

With the effort that Brown is putting into her training it's a dream that is undoubtedly within her reach.

"I've only been swimming for two and a half years. I was told by someone that it normally takes four years to qualify for this meet that I just went to," she said.

"At big meets like this the Paralympians talk to young people about their goals and achievements. If they come and seek you out then it's a pretty big deal.

"They said 'You can definitely try and qualify for Tokyo! I can only swim freestyle and backstroke but they want me to try and swim all four strokes because that gives me more opportunities."

That discussion at the championships has inspired Brown to increase her workload in the pool.

"I normally try and swim five sessions a week ... but since I've heard that I've been trying to swim around eight sessions a week," she said.

"I want to try and swim more and more to try and get my times down. I've still got a long way to go."

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Home turf tussle



NSW Under 15s representatives Lachlan Howard, Ryan Neale and Fletcher Norris are part of the Bathurst Under 18s side. Photo: CHRIS SEABROOK

HOCKEY BY ALEXANDER GRANT

BATHURST'S best junior talents are hoping to impress on their home turf when they contest the Under 18s Boys State Field Hockey Championships starting this Friday.

The home side are out to conquer an uphill battle in division two. They will play against last year's grand finalists Grafton, Central West

rival Parkes, Sydney South and Illawarra South Coast 2.

Bathurst's Cooke Hockey Complex is playing host to three divisions over as many days. Over 400 players will take to the fields.

Bathurst coach Niel Howard said spectators can expect a high quality competition in division two.

"This has to be one of the stronger under 18s teams that we've fielded," he said.

"Our opening game against Grafton will be tough. They will probably be the team to beat. They made the final last year and they probably should have won it.

"With the inclusion on under 15s and 18s state players this year I'll expect them to be strong again. On Saturday we play Parkes and they will be a tough side as well.

"We'd really like to make the semi-finals."

Bathurst have state level talents of their own, plus the team have received additional support from out of town.

Recent NSW under 15s first team selections Lachlan Howard and Fletcher Norris line up for Bathurst, as does NSW under 15s Blue representative Ryan Neale.

"We've got a couple of boys who have come across from Dubbo, Oscar Eckford and Hayden Lew, since they

didn't form a team. They're both handy players, and Lachlan has played alongside them at Combined High Schools," Howard said.

"Corey Mark is goals and I rate him as the best goalkeeper in Bathurst right now.

"We've got a bit of youth on our team. Andrew Rossitt and Trent Simpson have already played in this team so they've got a feel for it."

Bathurst start their cam-

paign against Grafton at 2.30pm before facing Illawarra South Coast 2 at 5.45pm. Sunday's finals start from 8am.

BATHURST UNDER 18S: Corey Mark, Xavier Gauci, Rowan Hamer, Lachlan Howard, Hayden Lew, Chris McEwen, Lachlan Mellor, Ryan Neale, Ryan Nobes, Fletcher Norris, Luke Rosewar, Andre Rossitt, Trent Simpson, Tyler Willott, Oscar Eckford, Conor Dwarde



GIVE ME THAT: Tyler Willott fights for possession against a Parkes opponent during their match on Saturday.



SUPER STOPPER: Bathurst's goalkeeper Corey Mark was one of the best for his team across the tournament.



RECOVERY: Lachlan Howard came off the ground injured during the competition. He's hoping to be back for CHS action.



PARKES PREVAIL: Dylan Mitchell and the Parkes boys enjoyed a 1-0 win over hosts Bathurst on Saturday.

Bathurst miss out on finals

HOCKEY

BY ALEXANDER GRANT

BATHURST were in the hunt throughout all their matches at the Under 18s Boys State Hockey Championships but played out a winless campaign on their home turf.

The hosts finished with two draws and three losses from their division two campaign at Cooke Hockey Complex but despite the tough results they avoided relegation.

Bathurst went down 2-0 to eventual grand finalists Grafton on Friday before drawing 1-1 all with Illawarra South Coast 2 later in the day.

The hosts endured a tough Saturday's play which consisted of losses to Parkes (1-0) and eventual winners Sydney South (3-0).

As the results would suggest, Bathurst were in the winning frame throughout their matches but couldn't find the decisive blow.

It left them with a match against the other pool's fourth place finisher, Canberra, which ended in a 2-all draw.

"We were winning 1-0 against Illawarra South Coast with 30 seconds to go before they equalised," Bathurst coach Niel Howard said.

"That was a bit of a downer for the boys. Our game against Grafton ended up being the least amount of goals Grafton would score against anyone [excluding the grand final], and our match against them was only 1-0 with two minutes to go.

"Even though we didn't win the boys were playing really well. We were in the contest the whole time."

Howard was impressed with the way Bathurst fought against a quality Sydney South squad, who would go on to beat Grafton 2-1 in the final.

"It wasn't a flogging and they had to work hard for their goals. Corey Mark, who as I've said before I believe is one of the best goalkeepers in Bathurst, showed that on the weekend," he said.

"The other pool was definitely an easier one but you don't pick and choose that.

"We did everything except put the ball in the goal over the weekend. If we had done that then things would have been different.

"It's disappointing not to win a game but it's still a young side."



TOUGH MATCHES: Rowan Hamer and the Bathurst division two team finished seventh overall at the Boys Under 18s State Hockey Championships. The team had two draws and three losses over the competition. Photos: PHIL BLATCH



COMING THROUGH: Luke Rosewarn on the ball for Bathurst in their Saturday clash against Parkes at Cooke Hockey Complex.



DOUBLE THE FUN: William Searl and Parkes finished with two wins, including one against host side Bathurst.



FULL STEAM AHEAD: Fletcher Norris was one of several younger players in Bathurst's under 18s team.



ASSISTANCE: Dubbo local Hayden Lew was a welcome inclusion in the Bathurst team for their campaign.

Kelso campus goes online for NAPLAN



TEST TIME: Kelso High Year 9 students Lucy Goodfellow, 14, and Gabby Forshaw, 14, about to do their NAPLAN numeracy test. Photo: **NADINE MORTON 052216mmnplan**

EDUCATION

STUDENTS at Denison College Kelso High campus are among the first in the state to complete their NAPLAN test online.

The National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests are undergoing a three-year transition period to move them online rather than pen and paper.

Of the 3500 schools across NSW around 550 are sitting

all NAPLAN tests online for the first time this year, and in Bathurst the only other school doing NAPLAN online is Meadow Flat Public School.

Kelso High relieving principal Narelle Small said the online tests had gone off without a hitch.

"It's been running very smoothly," she said. "The time and effort put into the tests has meant it's running really well."

Kelso High has 240 students in Year 7 and 9, and the four NAPLAN test have been undertaken in batches of 58 students rotating through the two computer rooms.

"The implementation of the online test has been a well planned process and it has involved the commitment of students and staff," Ms Small said.

NAPLAN's move to online was not unexpected for the school's teaching staff and

students and she said it suits today's modern students.

"It's moving with the times and making NAPLAN more relevant as one of the diagnostic tools we use," she said.

NAPLAN is held every second year across Australia and it puts students in years three, five, seven and nine to the test in: reading, writing language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

—**NADINE MORTON**

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NEWSALERT

Life

Local WRAS athletes compete at Academy Games

THE WESTERN REGION Academy of Sport joined athletes and squad staff from other Academies in NSW at the 2018 Your Local Club Academy Games last weekend. The games were held in the Hunter Valley.

WRAS squads competed in AFL, basketball, golf, hockey and netball.

Bathurst was well-represented at the games. Athletes attending the games included the following:

AFL: Kaisee Bringolf, Amelia Chapman, Saige Davies, Lucy Dunn, Tula Forster, Molly Mann, Dakota Nugent and Tara Trindall.

Basketball: Kyle Allen, Chloe Boardman, Jaylen Boer, Isabella Bracken, Kaleah Mack and Jackson Tapu.

Golf: Ben Davis, Jake Davis, Cameron Jackson and Casey Thompson.

Hockey: Ruby Clarke, Ella Davis, Bridget Ellis, Isobel Fitzpatrick, Kirsten Fitzpatrick,

Shona Jarvis, Lachlan Martin, Sophie McCauley, Samantha Porter and Emma White.

Netball: Clancy Best, Teagan Germech, Pearl Grimmert, Zoe Lewis, Ella Muller and Sara Reynolds (pictured below).

Squad staff attending the games were Steve Mann (AFL), Kent Bestwick, Ian McAllister, Nicholas Klower, Lisa Davis (all hockey), Melissa Noonan (netball).



Bathurst City Life 3-9 May



Bathurst Giants hold Parkes scoreless in debut Women's AFL game

THE BATHURST GIANTS entered the Central West Women's AFL competition in resounding fashion last Saturday, keeping the Parkes Panthers scoreless in a dominant performance at George Park.

The emphatic performance was a great way to highlight the immense efforts of the Bathurst Giants Football Club to put together a formidable women's team to compete in the emerging Central West Women's AFL competition, now in its fourth year.

The Bathurst Giants already enjoy a strong rivalry with the Bathurst Bushrangers in men's competition, and with the Bushrangers also boasting a formidable women's team, this strong rivalry is set to extend into the women's competition.

—**Sam Bolt**

Bathurst City Life 3-9 May

Wicked - the story before Wizard of Oz

Upon arriving in the Land of Oz, it becomes evident to witch Elphaba, the Wizard behaves dishonestly, whereas with Galinda (pronounced Glinda) is not yet convinced.

The Wizard then decides Elphaba may cause problems for him and encourages the people of Oz to believe she is the Wicked Witch and to turn on her. Elphaba escapes and goes into hiding. Glinda feels full of remorse and when news reaches Oz of the death of the Wicked Witch of the West, she is guilt stricken. She is then determined to be like her friend and have the strength to stand up against evil. She is now changed for the good.

Coming as they have from musical backgrounds, both Alex Vidler (Elphaba) and Ellen Bolger-Rowe (Glinda), play their roles beautifully; acting, dancing and singing up a storm along with the lovely Phil Snitch (the Wizard) who carries all before him.

Lisa-Lynne Lynch (Madame Morrible) plays her role superbly and Ben McGrath (Fiyero), George Sargent (Boq) and (Nessarose) Hollie Coleman all show their individual, amazing talents.

The ladies and gentlemen of the ensemble, as is usual in a Carrillon Theatrical Society production, present themselves as learned, trained and ready to support their principals with great vim and gusto. They bring to their roles all the necessary pizzazz to underpin the entire production.

Wicked is enlivened by band conductor, Anna Thompson, and the talented and capable band members without whom the show would not be a success.

The scenery is quite spectacular with the props and costuming absolutely fabulous, and you will be transported to Oz the moment the curtains open.

Pop along to the lovely BMEC to catch this delightful and most enjoyable show - another great production from the CTS.

- Kate Hanlon



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The winners of the competition were announced at a special function at BMEC last Tuesday and were:

- "Earth, Fire, Water" by Sofia Public School - Preschool/Primary 2 Dimensional
- "Bee-manitis" by Nolan Stafford - Preschool/Primary 3 Dimensional
- "Wall Hanging" by Milestones Early Learning Centre - Preschool/Primary Functional
- "Unity and Diversity" by Will Hazard - High School 2 Dimensional
- "War on Water" by Hella Corshidy - High School 3 Dimensional
- "Picasso Patchwork Co-ord" by Lili Carter - High School Functional
- "Turning a Blind Eye" by Karin Smith - Community 2 Dimensional
- "LILIOSIS SCOLIOSIS" by Georgina and Lloyd Cleaver - Community 3 Dimensional
- "Irukandji Styrojelly" by Julie Lucato - Community Functional
- "Regeneration" by Tania Cowgill - Open 2 Dimensional
- "Life is Like a Box of Chocolates..." by Fiona Howle - Open 3 Dimensional
- "Chess Set" by Fiona Howle - Open Functional
- "Gwen and Ben Garden" by The Widdon Group - Curator's Award
- "Irukandji Styrojelly" by Julie Lucato - Theme Award

Innovative art certainly not going to waste

A diverse assortment of artists throughout the community have proved you can indeed turn waste materials into fine works of art, as is evident in this year's spectacular Waste 2 Art Competition and Exhibition at the Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre (BMEC).

Polystyrene is the theme of this year's Waste 2 Art Exhibition and with 85 entries in the event, there is no shortage of unique artistic creations conveying a large number of concepts and meanings. Although there are only a select few entries awarded prizes, the impressive quality of the exhibition is a testament to the many innovative artists present throughout the Bathurst region. The Waste 2 Art exhibition will feature at BMEC until Sunday 13 May.

- Sam Bolt



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CHASE: Gabrielle Bugg (Panthers) and Saphai Mitai-Ngatai (Mana) contesting for possession during Saturday's A grade fixture. **Photo:** PHIL BLATCH

Panthers are four from four

NETBALL

PANTHERS' success in Saturday's Bathurst Netball Association A grade match against Mana has set up a massive battle with fellow unbeaten side Collegians in the next round. Mana were never far away from the Panthers in their quest for a second win this season but the women in black held strong to record a 57-41 win. Panthers and Collegians will meet next Saturday in the fifth round to decide who will sit outright first on the ladder. Panthers coach Di

Coombes was proud of her team's application against an improving Mana squad in Saturday's clash. "It was a really great game. We held in there and handled the pressure well," she said. "Their defenders were very physical but our shooters stood up. They did a great job handling that. "There was a lot of consistency all over the court. We never put our heads down at any stage. It was pretty close at half-time but we stuck to our game." Collegians were unstoppable in their 63-18 win over CSU.

With the victory Collegians have kept their unbeaten run going through four rounds. In the remaining game Bulldogs Verdelho made it back-to-back wins with a 51-40 result against a determined All Saints' College side. Both Panthers and Collegians sit on 12 points, with the latter ahead on percentage. The battle for the remaining spots in the top four is heating up. Just four points separates Bulldogs (eight), CSU (six), Mana (five) and ASC (four). - ALEXANDER GRANT

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STRONG: Karah Armstrong and St Pat's are six from six this year. **Photo:** PHIL BLATCH

St Pat's squads yet to be defeated

RUGBY LEAGUE

ST PAT'S are leading the way in this year's Group 10 league tag and reserve grade competitions, and doing so without dropping a game. Both squads are six from six so far in their respective competitions. The Saints league tag ladies have piled on 240 points this season and have dispatched almost every team they've faced with ease. The only time they've been tested was in a 10-8 win over Bathurst rivals Panthers. Their latest result was a 42-0 thumping of the Mudgee Dragons on Sunday, making it the second time the Saints have held their opponents scoreless this year. The Pat's reserve grade team were raging favourites against the Dragons but were down 12-0 early in their clash. Saints fought back to claim a 28-18 win and maintain their spot at the top of the ladder. Along with the unbeaten Saints teams the Orange CYMS' under 18s boys also maintain an unbeaten record. - ALEXANDER GRANT

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GIRL POWER: Teenage talent Chelsea Westman (right) is one of the Bathurst BMX Club's female members. Photo: ANYA WHITELAW

BMX is a growth sport for Bathurst's females

BMX

BY ANYA WHITELAW

WHEN you think about the growth of female sport in Bathurst over the last five years, codes such as Australian rules, triathlon and rugby league come to mind, but there is another pursuit that makes the list.

It's BMX.

While the Bathurst BMX Club is by no means the biggest in the city in terms of membership, it is one which has built its female ranks.

When former hockey talent Hayley Wolfenden first put down her stick and

picked up a helmet, only Chelsea Westman and another junior who no longer rides made up the female contingent.

Now Bathurst has got more than double that.

"When I first started riding, I would've said that it was a sport definitely more dominated by blokes. Coming from hockey where there are quite a lot of females compared to males, to BMX when there was like two or three girls to 10 or 15 males - yeah, it was different," she said.

"Now in the Bathurst club there is a lot more rep-

resentation from the girls, their presence is getting stronger. We've got at least eight now, considering the total number we have at the club, that's big."

Wolfenden said the trend at Bathurst reflects one in the sport as a whole. While the numbers of male riders in the sport overall still outweigh female BMX competitors, the balance is shifting.

"It depends on the age group you look at ... but in juniors I'd say now that girls make up a quarter of the numbers now," she said.

"In other clubs, from what I've seen at open meets, I can

see the junior girls' numbers getting stronger and for the older women too, they are starting to come back again. The mums are starting to get on the bikes.

"With the mums area, they can see that they can jump on a bike as well and race, they can see that it's not just for the kids or dad.

"At our club we've got a family where the two sons and dad race and now the mum has started racing - the Robertsons. We've got another mum that keeps sussing out racing too, so I'd love to get her involved."

The profile of riders like

Saya Sakakibara - who has been a regular at big meets staged on the new Bathurst track - is something Wolfenden feels has helped promote BMX as a sport for women.

Both Westman and Wolfenden been good ambassadors too, picking up podiums at the recent round of the BMX NSW State Series staged in Bathurst.

Wolfenden is keen to see her club continue to expand - she encourages more males to join in as well. Those who are interested are encouraged to attend the next Come And Try day.

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STARS: Dancers Madeline Fawcett, Shannon Brooks, Mikaela Graham and Emily Spasic, with Star of Bathurst and LTK Carpentry's Leroy Tipu (front). Photo: CHRIS SEABROOK

Dancing with stars

COMMUNITY
BY BRADLEY JURD

BATHURST, it's time to get your dance moves and feet ready.

This Friday, Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre will host the fourth edition of the Stars of Bathurst, with a host of Bathurst celebrities to take to the stage.

The stars have been working incredibly hard on their

dance routines and have put in an amazing efforts with their fundraising.

From pole dancing to hip hop, there is set to be a variety of performances on the night and it is set to be an occasion that won't disappoint.

Not only will there be the eight local performances, there will be a special alumni dance for the 2017 stars - new initiative.

Cancer Council Western

NSW community relations coordinator Katherine Bodiczky said Friday night's event is one not to be missed.

"I'd like to wish the best of luck to all of our local stars and dance schools performing on Friday night," she said.

"We can't wait to see all your moves on the dance floor.

"Your support helps us fund vital cancer research, run life-saving education

programs and support the local families affected by cancer each year who need our help."

Like it was in 2017, the people's choice award will be chosen by the community via text.

If you know a star that will be performing on the night or you just want to show your support for a great dancer, make sure you get behind them by texting their name

to 0437 371 371.

All donations are tax deductible and helps bring the world closer to a cancer free future.

To keep up to date with all of the stars fundraising, go to www.everydayhero.com.au/events/starsofbathurst2018 and to follow the performances on the night, visit the Facebook page Dance for Cancer Bathurst.

The eight stars and their

respective businesses for this year's performance includes Jena Shaw from B-Rock, Sharyn Semmens from Bathurst Real Estate, Dave Hitchick from the PCYC, Dave Rankine of the Bathurst City Life, Dr Ben Purcell of Bathurst Chiropractic, Leroy Tipu of LTK Carpentry, Dean Mobbs from the Dean Mobbs Gallery and Margaret Duffus of Bathurst Correctional Facility.

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TRIP OF A LIFE TIME: Kelso High School deputy principal Stephanie Scott with Bridget Hoban, who is one of seven students selected Australia wide.

Off on an educational experience

EDUCATION

BRIDGET Hoban is off on the educational opportunity of a life time.

The Year 11 student from Kelso High School is one of seven students selected Australia wide to participate in the United World Colleges (UWC) global education pro-

gram, which will see her live in China, and complete her International Baccalaureate (IB) there.

UWC is a global education movement that makes education a force to unite people, nations and cultures for peace and a sustainable future.

Bridget said she is excited about what lies ahead.

She said the selection process was rigorous and began last year.

Despite not speaking Chinese, she said she can't wait to learn about the country and its culture.

She will attend an interna-

tional school in Chang Shu for the next two years, returning briefly to Australia for two months in July next year.

China is one of 17 UWC campuses spread across the world, Bridget's brother Tom participated in the program a few years ago, he was based in America.

Deputy principal at Kelso High School, Stephanie Scott, said Bridget would be an amazing ambassador for the school.

"She's one of our top achieving students, we are really going to miss her, but this is a fantastic opportunity," she said.

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VIDEO: Kelso High Campus student Kyle Tangye starred in the Desert Pea Media mental health awareness video changes. **Photo: DESERT PEA MEDIA**

Students star in mental health video

COMMUNITY

IN A move to help raise awareness and start mental health conversations, Kelso High Campus students featured in an Indigenous promotional video.

In a story of resilience, strength and positivity, the promotional video titled

Changes is a celebration of survival and a commentary on the multi-layered social issues that affect Indigenous young people in Bathurst and across the Central West.

Kelso student Kyle Tangye said the video is important because it promotes mental health.

"Mental health is a big problem for Aboriginal people and we have one of the highest rate of suicide in young people," he said. "Raising awareness is very important. We need to get the suicide rate down, which would be great."

The video can be viewed at the Desert Pea Media Facebook page.

- BRADLEY HUNN

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Young Panthers' redemption bid



HAPPY DAYS: Panthers (from left) Jake Betts, Doug Hewitt, Josh Rivett and Blake Lawson mob hooker Blake Hewitt during last week's win over CYMS. Photo: CHRIS SEABROOK

RUGBY LEAGUE

BY NICK MCGRATH

AN OBERON side battling the yips. A Panthers team in form. A returning Luke Branighan.

Anyone with a half-decent memory is surely battling a case of déjà vu ahead of Sunday's Group 10 clash between the Oberon Tigers and Bathurst Panthers.

A little under 12 months ago that exact recipe resulted in Oberon stunning Panthers in the opening week of the semi-finals.

With Branighan returning from injury, the veteran half helped turn around a 54-4 result in the final round by orchestrating a 20-16 victory in the 2017 qualifying semi-final.

The Tigers ultimately went on to eliminate Panthers in the third week of the finals, too.

And while Sunday's clash isn't finals football, there's still plenty on the line for both teams as Oberon looks to get a grip on a top five spot after a shaky start to the season and Panthers aims to build on a great, last-start 24-22 victory over premiers CYMS.

What will that battling Oberon-in-form Panthers-returning Branighan equation dish up at Oberon Sportsground on Sunday?



Luke Branighan

Redemption, if you ask Panthers coach Doug Hewitt.

"We want to make up for what happened last year," the determined halfback said.

"We know what we're going to get out at Oberon, once the crowd gets behind them they lift and we need to be ready for that.

"We were out-enthused and out-muscled in that game last year and we don't want that to happen again."

Hewitt's Panthers have defied a huge gulf in experience this season to sit second on the ladder after six rounds.

Hewitt says that has a lot to do with his side's enthusiasm - and not wanting to let each other down, particularly defensively.

Panthers boast the second best defence in the competition: "so far our it's been unreal," Hewitt added.

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TJ takes People's Choice accolades

COMMUNITY

TJ HENDERSON has taken out the People's Choice Award in the Bathurst Regional Council Waste 2 Art competition.

TJ's winning artwork was a newspaper frog that consisted of 72 newspapers made up of 520 pieces.

He has been awarded a painting by Bathurst artist Dean Mobbs for taking out the popular vote.

All Waste 2 Art entries went on display at the Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre from April 28 to May 13.

This year's other winners were:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Preschool/Primary 2 Dimensional: Earth, Fire, Water by Sofala Public School. ■ Preschool/Primary 3 Dimensional: Bee-mantis by Nolan Stafford. ■ Preschool/Primary Functional: Wall Hanging by Milestones Early Learning Centre. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ High School 2 Dimensional: Unity and Diversity by Will Hazzard. ■ High School 3 Dimensional: War on Water by Helia Corshidy. ■ High School Functional: Picasso Patchwork Co-ord by Lili Carter. ■ Community 2 Dimensional: Turning a Blind Eye by | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Karin Smith. ■ Community 3 Dimensional: LILIOSIS SCOLIOSIS by Georgina and Lloyd Cleaver. ■ Community Functional: Irukandji Styrojelly by Julie Lucato. ■ Open 2 Dimensional: Regeneration by Tania Cowgill. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Open 3 Dimensional: Life is Like a Box of Chocolates... by Fiona Howle. ■ Open Functional: Chess Set by Fiona Howle. ■ Curator's Award: Gwen and Ben Garden by The Widdon Group. ■ Theme Award: Irukandji Styrojelly by Julie Lucato. |
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WASTE NOT: TJ Henderson is awarded his prize by Bathurst artist Dean Mobbs and Bathurst mayor Graeme Hanger. TJ's newspaper frog is pictured in the foreground.

Debut album launch

MUSIC

BY BRADLEY JURD

BATHURST rockers Crimson Royale are set to release their debut album in July, after six months of recording.

After winning the 2017 Relay for Life's Battle of the Band competition, the band recorded its first single *Drive Me Crazy*.

Since then, Crimson Royale has released another single, *The Cure*, in March and will unveil their new album titled *A Year in the Minute* on July 6 at the Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre (BMEC).

The band features guitarist and vocalist Luke Furbank, guitarist Ben Howle, drummer Jackson Howle, keyboardist Jake Parker and bassist Tom Rodham.

Band members all attend Kelso High Campus, except for Furbank, who studies at Bathurst High Campus.

Parker the boys are over the moon to launch their new album.

"We're really stoked about the album, really excited," he said.

"The mood is really cra-



ALBUM LAUNCH: Crimson Royale band members Jake Parker, Jackson Howle, Ben Howle, Tom Rodham and Luke Furbank. Photo: CHRIS SEABROOK 052218crimroyle

zy. We picked up the tickets [for the BMEC show] on Tuesday."

Bathurst singer and guitarist Tameka Kennedy will perform at the gig - at 7.30pm - prior to Crimson Royale performance - at 8pm.

The band will play all 10 songs that are set to feature on their debut album.

Three of the songs were

recorded at the Dotted Eight Studio in Orange and the remaining seven were recorded at the band's home studio in Bathurst.

Crimson Royale draws in influence from modern rock bands including the Foo Fighters, the Rubens and the Strokes.

Furbank said local radio station B-Rock has been

excellent in promoting the band's songs.

"It was weird hearing our song on the radio for the first time," he said.

"The first song would be like Bruce Springsteen, then us and then the Foo Fighters. "It's so cool."

After taking six months to record their debut album, Crimson Royale is just fo-

cused on it's gig in July before thinking ahead about a follow follow up album.

Tickets for the album launch went on sale at BMEC on Wednesday morning and plans are in the works to have tickets available at both Bathurst and Kelso High Campus.

Contact BMEC on 6333 6161 to enquire about tickets.

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Squad is dominated by Denison College



HALF THE SQUAD: Five members of the Australian Volleyball Schools Cup-winning team from Kelso High School (pictured) have made the Combined High Schools under 16s girls state team. They make up half of the 10-strong NSW team. Photo: CONTRIBUTED

VOLLEYBALL

BY ALEXANDER GRANT

THERE'S going to be a distinct Kelso and Bathurst flavour to this year's Combined High Schools (CHS) girls under 16s volleyball squad.

That's because half of the 10-strong side will be made up of Kelso and Bathurst High School students.

Maddy Vallis, Lily Grimmond, Harriet Fitzsimmons (Kelso), Zara Sheader and Teagan Bush (Bathurst) all impressed at the recent trials to earn their spot in the squad - a testament to both their increasing training load and their commitment to coach Jerry Sheader's program.

The domination of the squad by Denison College students comes as little surprise after their team took out the division one title at last year's Australian Volleyball Schools Cup in Melbourne.

The good news continues for Kelso who also had Kurt Hernandez make the under 16s boys team.

Trials for the NSW team were held on May 4 at Sydney Olympic Park and the successful

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I'm over the moon. This is my dream. I've been putting a lot of work into this team.

Jerry Sheader

players were notified on the day that they had made the cut.

The Denison College group are now upping their workload in the run towards the CHS National Volleyball titles on August 20 to 26 in Bendigo.

"I'm over the moon. This is my dream. I've been putting a lot of work into this team. I combined the team when they reached year seven, since my daughter's at Bathurst High, and we've been training extremely hard two days a week at minimum," Sheader said.

"These girls are also training for the open state under 17s team at the moment so they go to Sydney every Saturday for that. These same five girls will also be part of a Denison College team playing in Sydney

every Sunday.

"For three weekends in a row we're travelling to Sydney for state training and then travelling to Sydney on Sunday for SVL [Sydney Volleyball League] so it's about to pick up.

"I've been telling the kids and parents for a while that things are going to get intense."

The girls team made a big impact at last year's AVSC Melbourne tournament, playing a big part in Kelso finishing second in the NSW schools rankings.

However, the CHS Nationals will be a big step up for the talented bunch.

Sheader is hopeful NSW can make a statement in Bendigo.

"There's some really strong areas that will be competing. Queensland, South Australia and Victoria are strong. Queensland in particular put a lot of money in volleyball and have huge programs," he said.

"In the past NSW haven't been up to the standard of those teams but things can change.

"They're a strong group of girls and maybe the team coming through will help out. It's definitely going to be interesting."

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George on podium, Corby to regionals

Wonder women

CROSSFIT

BY ALEXANDER GRANT

A JUNIOR podium finisher and a competitor ready to face the continent's best; It's certainly been an exciting time for two CrossFit 2795 members over the past couple of months.

Roxy George, 12, finished third against the rest of the world in her CrossFit Junior program while fellow Bathurst club member Ash Corby has been busy preparing for the CrossFit Pacific Regionals, which run from Friday through to Sunday.

The duo's hard work and commitment has been an inspiration for other club members, many of who have made the journey to Sydney Olympic Park as part of Corby's support team.

Corby qualified for Pacific Regionals after being one of the top 30 Australasian finishers in the CrossFit Open, which was held over five weeks in February and March.

Corby finished 19th out of an Australasian field containing more than 11,000 competitors.

The top five finishers from Pacific Regionals will earn the right to compete at August's CrossFit Games in the United States.

"She's hard working and humble. She sets that alarm for 4:30 every day. You never have to question her effort. She's consistent and she's going really good," CrossFit



OUTSTANDING: The achievements of Roxy George and Ash Corby have been an inspiration for CrossFit 2795 members. **Photos:** CONTRIBUTED

2795's Dan George said.

"Ash is a smaller athlete and there's some bigger girls out there who will be stronger, so she's consistently worked on her strength and her numbers have continually gone up.

"Her work ethic is unmatched.

I think she'll challenge across a few of those workouts and put in hopefully some top 10 performances.

"There will be some awe-

some competition with the reigning [CrossFit Games] top two Tia-Clair Toomey and Kara Webb there."

Meanwhile, George's daughter Roxy is already making big strides in the CrossFit arena.

Before juniors become eligible to compete in the CrossFit Open, at age 14, they're able to take part in their own set of workouts over the same five week period.

George excelled in the

prescribed workouts to finish third in her age group worldwide.

The talented junior will definitely be a competitor to watch in two years time when she becomes eligible for her first Open appearance.

Her father is one exceptionally proud man.

"To see how come out with that third spot was awesome," he said.

"We've had a couple of fun days over the past month,

one in Lithgow and one here as a fundraiser for Ash.

"Roxy got involved, and if you put her in a team with the adults she knows exactly what to do.

"It's cool to see her doing the exact same things as the 25-year-olds she was alongside.

"It really puts a smile on the face."

Seeing the club's juniors always eager to be involved is a satisfying feeling for George

and the senior members.

"It gets them involved over the five weeks. In our program we also get our top age kids involved with our adults classes once or twice a week," he said.

"They're all stronger for the experience and it gives a bit of purpose to the workouts they do day in and day out here."

Corby's final event at Regionals will take place at 2.40pm Sunday.

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Young Mariners in charge in a big win

SOCCER

BY MAX STAINKAMPH

A HOST of fresh faces drove the Western NSW Mariners to an electric 3-1 victory over Gladesville Ravens FC on Sunday in their National Premier League 2 (NPL2) competition match.

Missing several regulars, including Chloe Anlezark, Larissa Kilby and livewire forward Teegan Courtney, the young guard for the Mariners stepped up and delivered, controlling the whole game against fifth-placed Gladesville at Orange's Jack Brabham Park.

With two 14-year-olds in Ella Rose and Anna Hunt starting on the pitch – the former making her debut – as well as two young guns in Sarah Morris and Sarah Colman taking key positions down back, Western were going into the game with far less experience than most sides in NPL2.

However, they didn't show it, keeping cool heads on their way to the 3-1 win.

Coach Josh Ward said he was proud of the way his charges went about it on Sunday, saying the Mariners controlled the game from start to finish and didn't let Gladesville build any momentum.

Jasmin Courtenay kicked the scoreboard into action halfway through the first half with a precise left-foot kick, giving the hosts a 1-0 lead heading into half time, before the young brigade took the step up, with Morris and Hunt sending home a chip kick and corner header respectively after the half.

"We know no matter who's missing, whoever comes in can do the job," Ward said.

He said the side played smart football.

"We were in control, and we didn't panic and turn the ball over where it could have hurt us, we held onto it," he said.

"We probably could have won by more if we'd hit a few more shots or if things had gone our way, but I'm really proud of the girls.

"No-one gave us a chance against Gladesville so I'm really, really proud of them."

Hunt in particular got a shout-out from Ward, with the 14-year-old play out wide for the first time in her short career on the football pitch and handling herself admirably, running out the full 90 minutes.

Not only that, she hit the header into the back of the net in the second half from a corner kick to put her side 3-1 up and the result beyond doubt.

"It was a big effort from her," Ward said.



STANDING UP: Young defender Sarah Morris was one of the key playmakers for the Mariners in Orange on Sunday. **Photo: CARLA FREEDMAN.**

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Morris and Colman were also impressive in the defensive line, with Morris especially impressive, and also nailing the chip kick over the Gladesville goalkeeper in the second half.

Meaghan Kempson was another Ward said performed well for the side after missing the previous game with illness.

"Her organisation and intensity in the midfield for the whole match was really important," Ward said.

Now with two wins on the trot, Ward said he hoped the Mariners would be able to pick up some steam on the run home, with Western only leaving the region once in the next month.

"One hundred per cent it should give us an advantage, a lot of the Sydney teams don't like coming out here," he said.

WESTERN NSW MARINERS 3 defeated GLADESVILLE RAVENS 1

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BRIGHT FUTURE: Former Kelso High student Gabrielle Brady has drawn praise for her prize-winning documentary Island Of The Hungry Ghosts.

Film win for Kelso High graduate

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A FORMER Kelso High student has picked up a prestigious prize with her first feature-length film.

Gabrielle Brady's *Island Of The Hungry Ghosts* was named the best documentary feature at the Tribeca Film Festival in New York.

Ms Brady, a multi-lingual film-maker, received the Kelso High School Decade Award in 2016, which recognises a student who completed their education at the school 10 or more years before and has gone on to excel in their chosen field.

Island Of The Hungry

Ghosts, written by and directed by Ms Brady, follows a trauma counsellor on Christmas Island who works with the asylum-seekers in the Australian Government's detention centre, contrasting her experiences with the migration of the island's crabs.

The Tribeca Film Festival jury comment said Ms Brady's film announces her as a new talent.

"To a film that moved us deeply, impressed us immensely, and made us feel we were witnessing something less than the emergence, fully formed, of a major new cinematic talent, we are

thrilled to award the best documentary award to *Island Of The Hungry Ghosts*." Ms Brady did a double degree in theatre media and communications at CSU Bathurst after leaving Kelso High and has lived in Mongolia, Cuba, Indonesia and Germany in the years since.

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