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**WINNER:** Bailey Honeyman took out the B grade singles crown at the Eglinton Tennis Club's long weekend mini-tournament.

# Ace tennis as Eglinton runs mini tournament

**MR DROP SHOT**

BY JOHN BULLOCK

Eglinton players.

As former Vice-President Helen Dwyer would say, tennis was the winner with the Eglinton players putting on a show even fit for the queen, with champagne tennis flowing from all over the court from the players.

The tournament had an Open and B grade division in the doubles, and an Open and B grade division in the singles.

The Open singles was won by Bryan Reiri in a round robin format playing brilliant tennis from all over the court.

Reiri who is one of Eglinton's most respected players

showed that he is one of the inform players at the club.

The B grade singles Bailey Honeyman took the title over Sarah Tree.

Honeyman is no slouch when it comes down to playing pressure tennis with his crafty shots annoying his opponent and steering him to glory.

The Open Doubles saw the Father and son duo of Elio and Jacob Bicanic take home the bacon in the round robin format.

The Bicanics had strong opposition in the very talented husband and wife duo of Iron Lady Allyson and

Rocket Rod Schumacher, father and son combination Kevin and Matt Tree as well as Percy Raveneau and Bryan Reiri.

But Young gun Bicanic took it right up to the tall poppy players, with his father Elio guiding him all the way with his many years of experience.

The B grade Doubles was a strong event with the Stacey Markwick - Barry Lindsay duo winning the round robin format event.

Markwick and Lindsay looked sharp, committed and totally focused on carving up their depleted oppo-

nents.

The pairs performance in claiming the B grade crown was captivating and are now hot favourites in the up and coming club championships.

Well folks a great tournament run by head coach Rod Schumacher and the Eglinton Tennis Academy committee.

A huge thank you to the sponsor of the tournament series Bathurst Health and Fitness Supplies Australia 14/2 Vale Road, for without their contribution the series would not exist. Great job BHAFA.

Good Hitting.



**Welcome wet parkrun**  
 IT WAS A surprisingly warm morning for the 97th Bathurst parkrun. Given the inclement weather, it was also great to see 162 people running, jogging and walking the 5km course. Thank you as always to all our generous volunteers - the music was fun and the photos are fantastic! Everyone enjoyed the welcome rain.



PROMISING SIGN: Both Joel Goulding and Liam Westman made the final of their division at the pre-state event. Photo: ANYA WHITELAW

# Bathurst's BMX riders learn at pre-state run

BMX

BY ANYA WHITELAW

IT IS almost four months until Bathurst BMX riders will vie for the title of BMX New South Wales state champion, but on Sunday five members of the club got a taste of what to expect.

Joel Goulding, Caleb Hampton, Hayley Wolfenden plus siblings Chelsie and Liam Westman rode in a pre-state event at Castle Hill.

In a positive sign, the Westmans, Goulding and Wolfenden made their respective finals while Hampton managed a third placing

in the second of three qualifying motos.

Importantly, all of them now have an idea of what to work on and the specific nuances of the Castle Hill track which will help come the state titles on September 28-30.

"It's like a rehearsal run for BMX New South Wales ... it gives the club, gives BMX New South Wales, gives everyone the chance to have a chance to have a trial run and then be able to fix things for the big day," Wolfenden said.

"I think one or two of our riders had sussed the track

out before, but I wouldn't say we know it like the back of our hands. So it was just as much a trial run for us riders as it was for the event.

"Everyone could suss out where their weaknesses on that track are.

"It obviously attracted a lot more of your higher riders than normal open meets would, which had an impact on some of the results, but overall I think we were reasonably strong considering that."

Goulding was impressive in qualifying for the men's 17-24 final with a third and two seconds in his motos,

while Liam Westman qualified thanks to a pair of thirds and a sixth.

Wolfenden said they "just got unlucky in their final" with Goulding placing seventh and Westman eighth.

Chelsie Westman placed fourth in the 14 girls decider after two fifths and a fourth in her motos, while Wolfenden took out her second moto before going on to place third in the 17-24 women's final.

"I've got no excuse really, I dropped my training off in the lead up to it. I know I didn't have the fitness going into it," Wolfenden said.

"I think my first placing

in the moto was the biggest surprise. The girl that won my final has also made the step up to pro, she's a 16 girl and she's not slow. Then the girl that came second in the final I've always been fairly equal with.

"Chelsie seemed reasonably happy in the end. She pointed out that she made a few mistakes in her motos that she wasn't impressed with, but she worked on that for the final.

"Hopefully we all take what we've learned from this weekend and put it into our programs and come out even better at states."



## Youth boxing on for a cause

RECENTLY THE BATHURST LINK Youth Group joyfully constructed 200 shoeboxes from flat packs for Operation Christmas Child.

There certainly was no anxiety usually associated with flat packs. In no time at all, these fine young people built a great wall of empty shoes boxes ready to be collected and filled by Bathurst residents.

Operation Christmas Child 2018 will be launched on Saturday, 14 July with a free Christmas in July afternoon tea.

Everyone is invited to come and learn about the little shoebox gifts which change the lives of children in developing countries around the world.

Enjoy delicious festive treats, view photographs and hear heart rending stories from people who have personally handed out filled shoeboxes. Learn how the life of a child, a family and a village can be changed with a simple gift of love.

The launch will take place at the Hope Bathurst Church dining room, corner of Gilmour and Hereford Streets, 2pm to 4pm on 14 July. All welcome!

Contact Faye Taylor 0418 167 958 or Lyn Fitch 0400 090 313 for more information, or on Facebook @ OperationChristmasChildBathurst

-Faye Taylor



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DERBY: Kelso High School (pictured) plays Bathurst High School this Monday in Orange. Photo: KELSO HIGH DENISON COLLEGE FACEBOOK

# National stage is just two more wins away

## SOCCKER

BY ALEXANDER GRANT

THERE'S a distinct Denison College flavour to this Monday's Bill Turner Cup and Trophy Western NSW Area finals being held in Orange.

Bathurst and Kelso High Schools have progressed to the semi-finals stage of the boys and girls competition, played by students 15-years-and-under.

At least one of the campuses are guaranteed to make the final since Bathurst and Kelso face off in an exciting boys semi-final.

Bathurst High's girls side

will also be in action as they play James Sheahan for a place in the decider.

Monday's winners of the Bill Turner Cup (boys) and Trophy (girls) matches will earn the right to represent Western NSW in September's National Finals Series.

Bathurst High School's boys team is coached by Paul Waine.

Waine, fresh off coaching Western in their NSW CHS Boys Football campaign, is looking forward to the derby game.

"We've played two rounds so far. We played Mudgee in the first round. That result

turned out convincing for us at the end but it was very close at half-time," he said.

"In the second round we played James Sheahan, which was a tougher game, but we got through that with a close victory.

"It was pleasing to get the win there knowing that same team beat us in that round last year.

"Some of our players have told me a bit about the players on the Kelso team and who we should be looking out for on the day.

"We'll have the likes of Sam Parker, who is also in our senior open team, and

is one to look out for on the field. There's Cameron Jackson, another young player performing well, and there's also three goalkeepers all in great form."

Kelso High School coach Rick Bolus said his team are excited to meet their Denison College rivals in the semi-finals.

"We had a really tough first game against Orange and perhaps got a bit lucky with a 2-1 win but in our next game we were far too good for Parkes and won 3-1," he said.

"This game against Bathurst High will be a lot tougher ... but it's exciting for

us because we haven't made it this far for a long time.

"Zac Piggott, as captain, has been a standout player for us. Our whole team has been playing some great football."

The Bill Turner Cup and Trophy are one of Australia's largest schools sport competitions, bringing together more than 850 teams from Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria and the Australian Capital Territory.

All semi-finals get underway at Jack Brabham Oval from 10am.

The boys and girls finals will follow from 12pm.

## FACES AROUND TOWN

OUR photographers have been at various events in recent weeks – from boxing at Panthers Bathurst to racing at Tyers Park and a headspace gathering.



WINNER: Tyson Keogh with his aunt Natasha Dawson and his mum Lashae Keogh after he won his bout at a recent boxing event in Bathurst.

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# Big wins on opening night

**SOCCER**  
BY BRADLEY JURD

FOOTBALL action returned to Proctor Park's main fields for the first time since 2017, after the completion of Bathurst Regional Council's \$2.6 million redevelopment of three playing fields.

Four games were held at Proctor Park - two on field one and two each - on Friday night, with a strong crowd showing up to cheer on their respected teams.

Panorama Red hosted Lithgow Workies on field one at 6pm, before Panorama Black played Abercrombie Blue, in men's premier league action.

Elsewhere on field two, Collegians and Macquarie United went head-to-head at 6pm before Panorama played Abercrombie at 8pm in women's premier league action.

Macquarie United's Aimee Parker had the honour of scoring the first goal on the new fields, as her team - coached by Bathurst District Football president Andrew Speed - went on to claim a 6-1 win.



**NEW FIELDS:** Collegians and Macquarie women's Premier League teams with BDF officials, Bathurst mayor Graeme Hanger and local juniors.

Afterwards, there was no stopping a rampant Panorama women's team on the way to 9-0 win over struggling Abercrombie.

"The way they've been set up is really, really good. The nets are probably my favourite part of them, how

However, the big talking point on the night was playing on the brand new fields.

"The fields were immaculate," Gallegos said. "The way they've been set up is really, really good."

"The nets are probably my favourite part of them, how

they've set them up." She said Panorama's structure was key to the big win over Abercrombie.

"The girls are just gelling really, really well together," she said.

"Our passing was immaculate and everything was just

really, really good."

Gallegos praised the work of everyone who was involved with the new fields.

"High fives all round to everyone who helped. It's an incredible effort. They're probably one of the best fields I've every played," she

However, Panorama's Black side lost 2-1 to Abercrombie Blue.

said.

Panorama also found success in the men's with their Red side claiming a solid 5-1 win over visitors Lithgow Workies.

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## Mel's Go Grey in May

THE 5TH MEL'S Go Grey in May Fundraising Dinner was a huge success recently at Bathurst RSL Club. Melissa Johnson, who was originally diagnosed with brain cancer in 2002, has devoted her time to raising funds for brain cancer research, raising awareness and advocating for brain cancer patients who are unable to do so for themselves.

All the funds raised by Melissa's efforts are split between Brainstorm and Brain Tumour Alliance Australia (BTAA). The Dinner is meant for everyone who donated and attended 'Mel's Go Grey in May'.

The evening was a wonderful testament to community spirit with supporters such as Bathurst RSL, Dean Mobbs Gallery, Greg Hyde, 2BS B-Rock, Gorgeousness, Vanessa Pringle Floral Designs and many others.

Mount Panorama Punish presented their first charitable donation from the 2017 Punish to Mel on the night.

Vanessa White bravely shared with us the impact brain cancer has had on her family since son Liam's diagnosis at age 17.

The evening was a resounding success with over \$10,000 raised. Mel has now raised about \$40,000 over the past five years.

Mel is already planning next year's Dinner to be held again at Bathurst RSL Club on Saturday, 25 May.

Photo credits: Gerry Tye



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## LOCAL AND STATE GOVERNMENT

### ASSEMBLY GATHERS TO SET COUNCILS' FUTURE DIRECTION

THE National General Assembly of Local Government was held in Canberra this week. It is the peak annual event for local government, attracting in excess of 800 mayors and councillors from around Australia each year.

The event provided an opportunity for us to engage directly with the Federal Government to develop national policy and to influence the future direction of our councils and our communities.

The theme of this year's National General Assembly was "Australia's Future: Make it Local", which spoke directly to the importance of local communities and local governments in determining our own futures and, in turn, the future of Australia.

CenWest Innovate at Charles Sturt University recently partnered with Young Change Agents to offer around 40 female high school students the opportunity to participate in a two-and-a-half-day social entrepreneurship course.

The course focused on how the students can utilise science, technology, engineering and mathematics skills to solve problems.

Students worked in teams of five to identify issues in the community and were provided with tools to think creatively and turn the problems into opportunities.

Well done to everyone involved.

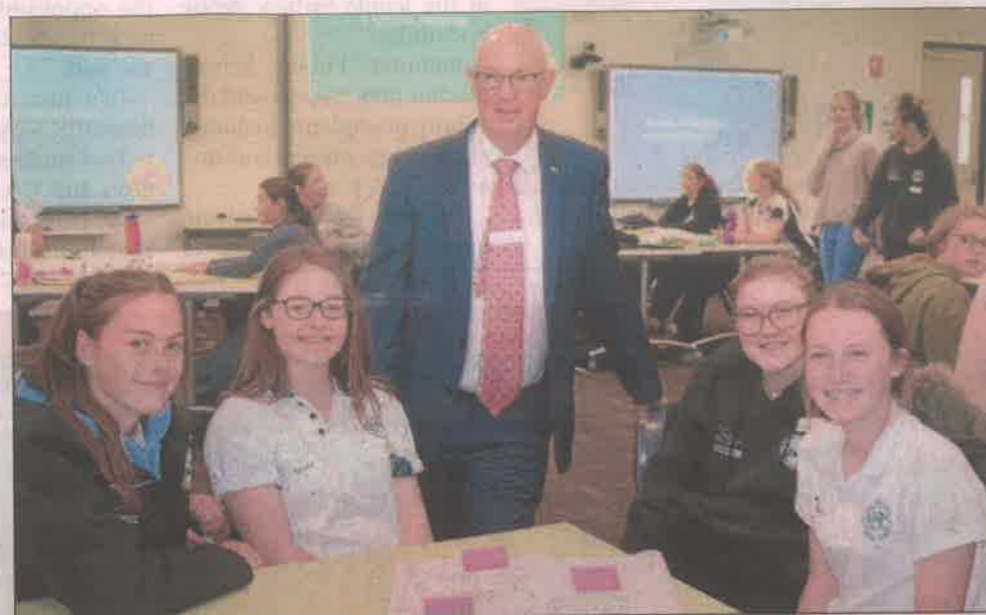
Mayor Graeme Hanger

### WANT TO LEARN NEW SKILLS? WE'RE READY TO HELP OUT

THERE is an unprecedented level of support for apprentices in this year's state budget, with the NSW Government offering 100,000 free apprenticeships to ensure there is a strong pipeline of skilled workers across the state.

This new \$285 million skills and training package means that, as of next month, free apprenticeships will be offered to newly enrolled apprentices in any course.

As a government, we have already created



**WORKING TOGETHER:** Mayor Graeme Hanger with students from Kelso High who participated in a recent social entrepreneurship course.

the positions for apprentices by ensuring 20 per cent of trade roles on all future government projects will be filled by apprentices, and now we are covering the cost of their training.

This sort of free training offer has never been made before, so I encourage people thinking about learning new skills, or starting a new career, to make the most of it.

The 100,000 free apprenticeships will be on offer over the next four years and include all 121 courses currently funded under the Smart and Skilled program. Visit [www.smartandskilled.nsw.gov.au](http://www.smartandskilled.nsw.gov.au).

#### Hidden treasures

DO you know a rural woman who makes your community a better place to live? Nominations are now open for the 2018 NSW Hidden Treasures Honour Roll, which recognises the outstanding efforts of women volunteers.

We're encouraging people to nominate friends, family members and colleagues who donate their time to improving our rural communities and neighbourhoods.

With a growing list of over 850 inductees, the honour roll has been a way to publicly thank rural women volunteers since 2010. The honour roll captures the inspirational stories and recognises the important and diverse roles women volunteers play within NSW rural communities.

All rural women nominated will be included in the 2018 Hidden Treasures Honour Roll, which will be launched at the annual NSW Rural Women's Gathering being hosted by women from Merimbula on October 19-21.

There are almost 1.7 million volunteers who give more than 241 million hours of voluntary work to the NSW community.

It's extremely important that we celebrate the valuable work of volunteers. From the provision of everyday services to their assistance in times of emergency, volunteers are the heart and soul of our rural communities.

Visit [www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/aboutus/rural-support/rural-womens-network/hidden-treasures](http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/aboutus/rural-support/rural-womens-network/hidden-treasures). Nominations close July 30.

Member for Bathurst Paul Toole



**WASHED-OUT:** Bill Turner Cup has been rescheduled to June 25.

## Bathurst to play Kelso on Monday

### SOCCER

THE Bill Turner Trophy's Western finals have been rescheduled for Monday, June 25 at Jack Brabham Park, after being postponed earlier this week thanks to last weekend's inclement weather water-logging the same venue.

It's set to be a local derby when Bathurst faces Kelso High in the first semi-final before Cowra plays St John's College Dubbo in the other, the winners progressing to the decider.

James Sheahan Catholic High School is the only Orange side to have qualified for the 15 and under girls' semi-finals, and they'll face Bathurst High at 10am, with the winner to face the victor of Cowra and Mudgee in the decider later that day.

The victors of those two deciders will be crowned Western champions, and will also progress to the top 32 in the country.

This year has been one of the biggest Bull Turner tournaments, regarded as one of the largest school competitions in the world, with 450 in the boys' tournament and

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# PCYC goes beyond its cup expectations

GYMNASTICS  
BY ALEXANDER GRANT



**SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS:** Front, coaches Lauren Clements and Melanie Proust with their PCYC Gymnastics team from the Country Capital Cup held in Tamworth. Photo: CHRIS SEABROOK 061918cgyrnsts1

BATHURST PCYC Gymnastics is celebrating a collection of victories, podium results and big improvements from its recent Country Capital Cup campaign at Tamworth.

Over four days the Bathurst girls achieved an impressive share of overall and apparatus placings.

Team co-coach Melanie Proust said the team, consisting of level four and five competitors, can hold their heads very high.

"With every comp we're improving, and that's something we like to see. We've been competitive over the last 18 months every time we go somewhere," she said.

"What we're looking for is that improvement every time, and that's what the girls are doing.

"Isabelle Lund and Shae Fitzpatrick came second and third in their division. In that division we placed from second through to fifth, so that was really exciting.

"In level five Paige Lowe got first on floor and Isabelle got first on beam. Shae can sometimes be a nervous worker but she was probably our standout performer and came away third overall."

The great results didn't end there for the Bathurst squad.

The level four group - split into two teams, who each finished sixth in their divisions - consisted of Haylee Besant, Maisie Bostjancic, Olivia Clemens, Amity Covington-Gorst, Fitzpatrick, Machayla Hayes, Ziggy Montague-Weston, Lily Mulligan, Lund, Keely Toole and Charlotte Turner.

Clemens (floor), Mulligan

Lund (beam) were apparatus winners. Clemens was fourth overall, Mulligan fifth overall and Turner sixth overall.

Bostjancic, Hayes and Toole returned home with top five apparatus finishes to their name.

Fitzpatrick had two third place finishes in bars and

ner-up on bars.

The level five competitors came home fifth overall, with the team made up of Chelsea Bestwick, Olivia Griffin, Paige Lowe, Elle Wardle and Elly Rudd.

Along with her success on floor Lowe also finished third in bars and was sixth overall.

top five for floor.

Proust said there's little time for the team to sit back and relax after its great run at Tamworth. There's several new tournaments on the horizon.

"Being in the country we have to travel a lot. In a month's time we'll have

Newcastle, which is a qualifier for the State Championships," she said.

"We'll have a similar sized group going away to Country."

The Country Championships at Newcastle will be held over five days starting from July 12

# Kelso's squad is a force on court

## Team aims high at Schools Cup event

VOLLEYBALL  
BY ALEXANDER GRANT

JUST when you thought Kelso High School's under 16s volleyball team couldn't maintain its super run of form it has gone ahead and outdone itself.

The team, with the assistance of just two players over the under 16s limit, challenged itself in the open division of Friday's SVNSW Schools Cup Series round in Sydney and still succeeded.

The result at Sydney Olympic Park comes just over a month after five of Bathurst and Kelso High School's under 16s players were named in the Combined High Schools representative team.

Kelso High School volleyball team coach Jerry Sheader has put in a lot of time to get the under 16s to such a high level but even he was shocked by their efforts.

"It was a surprise overall

a very good coach named Noel Drew who is probably a living legend in the circle of volleyball," Sheader said.

"He's a lovely man who I've learned a lot off and he actually coached me when I was young. To go up against him was great."

Friday's event was the fourth of six rounds throughout this year, but it was the first Kelso have been able to attend.

Kelso also took five other teams to the event and found varying levels of success.

Open boys came home in fourth and the Under 16s B side were sixth in their age group.

The 16s boys were fourth and two year 8 teams tested themselves against some strong opposition.

"There were three kids on those teams who hadn't played before. We don't get to play much in Sydney so it was a really big thing for



"It was a game of two total-  
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# Bushrangers again a cut above the Giants

AUSTRALIAN RULES  
BY ALEXANDER GRANT

“Our first three quarters were some of the best footy we’ve played all season.”

**Kelsey Richards**

it’s a derby we try to treat it like any other game,” Richards said.

“We were really focused during our warm-up and sticking to our structure across the ground. We wanted to be very deliberate with our actions and we managed to do that.”

Giants coach Liz Kennedy was proud of the team’s fightback.

“We won the second half 13 to 12 after our girls worked out what was happening in the middle. A lot of it comes down to experience as well. It still takes some time for us to figure out what we need to work on,” she said.

“We moved Laycee Covington-Gorst onto Haylee Lepaio and that took her out of the game for a while.

“Our youngest player Molly Mann, who’s 15, went onto Mez [Jones] and kept her under control. She ended up being named our player’s player.

“I’m stoked with how the team is going. Our plan was just to get a team on the paddock each week but they’ve done so well.”

**BATHURST BUSHRANGERS 6-6-42 (Keeghan Tucker 2, Meredith Jones 2, Taylor Webb, Carla Arcuri) defeated BATHURST GIANTS 3-2-20 (Tamara Thompson 2, Carissa Lane)**

A FIRST-HALF blitz from the Bathurst Bushrangers ensured they would hold onto bragging rights in the AFL Central West women’s derby over Bathurst Giants.

In a low scoring but physical encounter the Bushies held onto their early advantage to record a 6-6-42 to 3-2-20 win, making it two wins over the Giants this season.

Giants kept their opponents scoreless in the final quarter but the Bushrangers had done enough to win and keep pace with competition leaders Dubbo Demons.

Bushrangers captain Kelsey Richards said some of the team’s best football of the year was required to see off a Giants team not short on enthusiasm.

“We came out really well drilled in that first quarter and that’s something that we focused on during the week, making sure that we started the game strongly,” she said.

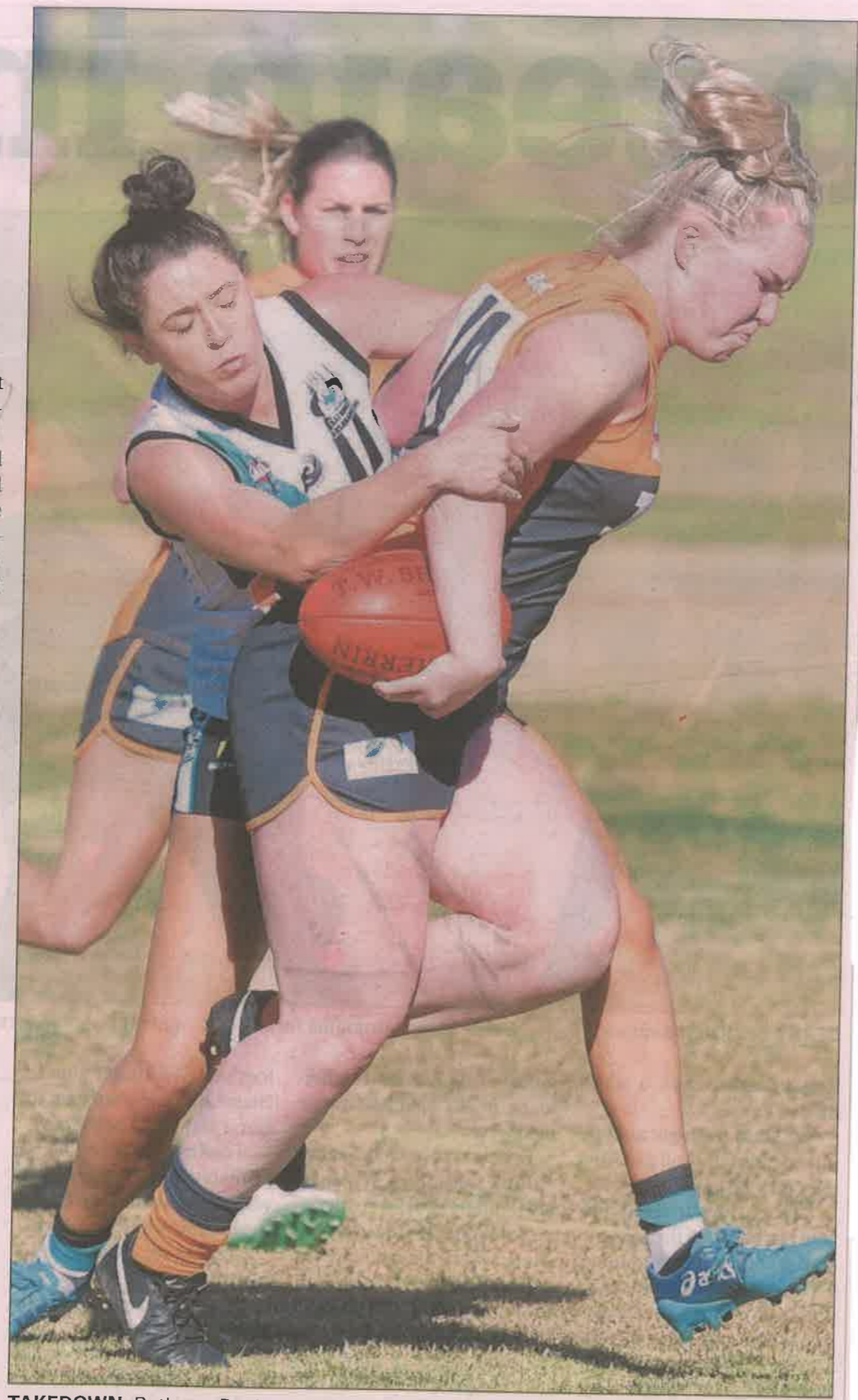
“Our first three quarters were some of the best footy we’ve played all season.

“Giants were very physical and put a lot of pressure on the footy. It was similar to our game against Orange the week before where we had to fight hard for every possession.”

The win adds to the Bushrangers’ 33-point victory over the Giants earlier this season.

Keeghan Tucker and Meredith Jones each bagged two goals for the Bushrangers while Tamara Thompson also found a brace.

“We respect Giants as a new club and they’ve been getting some great results this season, and even though



**TAKEDOWN:** Bathurst Bushrangers’ Meredith Jones tackles Bathurst Giants opponent Olivia Flood on Saturday, leading to a goal for Jones. **Photo: ALEXANDER GRANT**





**SILVER:** Bathurst finished runners-up in the Under 15s Boys State Hockey Championships division two competition. Photo: JENNY KINGHAM

# Bathurst 15s finalists in championships run

## HOCKEY

BY ALEXANDER GRANT

BATHURST came within a whisker of Under 15s Boys Field State Championships success over the weekend when they finished runners-up in division two.

The boys in green made it through to the final without a loss to their name but came undone one match short of the title in a 2-0 defeat to host association Parkes.

Bathurst made a slow start to their campaign on Friday with a 1-all draw against Port Macquarie Hastings 1 but lifted for their match later in the day when they took down

Illawarra South Coast 2 to the tune of 5-1.

Saturday was a clean sheet day for the team who took down both Canberra 1 (2-0) and North West Sydney 2 (8-0) in strong wins.

Bathurst finished top of the table and booked a meeting against Sydney East in the semi-final.

Another 2-0 triumph sent Bathurst to a meeting against Parkes but this time it was the visitors who were kept off the score sheet.

Parkes scored a goal in either half - the first from a short corner and their second from a penalty stroke.

"We were unlucky with

the penalty stroke call but we had our chances and just couldn't put them into the goal," Bathurst coach Niel Howard said.

"In our other games during the tournament we were putting those chances into the goal. In the final we probably missed three really good chances, and we had five penalty corners but couldn't put one away."

That slick precision from Bathurst came at both ends of the field.

In fact the majority of Bathurst's chances through the tournament were created as a product of their defensive work.

"We started to stick to our game plan after that first game and we just went up from there," he said.

"Our defence started from our strikers. We set up a press and a lot of teams had trouble getting through it, so they'd end up giving the ball back.

"We were scoring some great goals and in one game we managed to win 8-0."

Howard was happy to see several of his players earn a representative call up thanks to their efforts for Bathurst.

"We had three boys into the state under 15s squad, Fletcher Norris, Tyler Baillie and Dayne Houlison who's

joined us from Lithgow this year. He's playing his senior hockey in Bathurst with St Pat's," he said.

"Lachie [Howard] also got into the accelerated athlete program. They only named 19 from what I saw, and that gets added onto the 45 they named from Under 18s [State Championships].

"A few other boys had a really good tournament for us, like Mitch Thompson and Trent Simpson. They played out of their skins."

The selection is a big result for Howard who has only just arrived back on the competitive hockey scene after a hip flexor injury.

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# Western lose to sister squad at Glen Willow

## SOCCER

BY BRADLEY JURD

WITH goal keeper Jess Daymond having to leave early for work and limited substitutes through injuries, Western NSW Mariners were always going to have a tough time against a strong Central Coast Mariners at Glen Willow on Saturday.

The visitors stormed to a 5-nil win in Mudgee, in the NSW National Premier League 2 game, handing Western their 10th loss of the season.

Western's Jasmin Courtenay said she was pleased with her teammates, who never gave up despite being soundly beaten.

"We kept going right to the end. We had a couple of good attacks on the goal and defence was pretty strong and reliable," she said.

"We had a few injuries, through the game and limited subs on the sideline, so it was a bit of a worry at the start of the game but we held on and finished the game.

"Sarah Morrison and Sarah Coleman defended really well in the back line and it's really good to have Teegan [Courtney] back, with her leadership.

"Poorsha [McPhillamy] was consistent as always and Jess Daymond, you can never fault her in goals. She had to leave early for work, so Poorsha had to go into goals."

Central Coast, who once fielded a team in the W-League from 2008 to 2009, took a 2-nil into half-time before scoring an extra three in the second half.

Central Coast striker Candice Phelan bagged four goals for the visitors, in what was her team's 13th win of



**DEFEATED:** Ginger Oliver and her Western NSW Mariners teammates lost to Central Coast Mariners 5-0 at Glen Willow on Saturday, in women's NSW NPL 2.

the season.

"They're always going to be strong and they were quite strong last time," Courtenay last time.

"We took a lot of positives from this game because last time it was 8-1 and this time it was only 5-0. So we're improving.

"They've got really strong

strikers and fast wingers. We knew that coming into the game but they got around us a few too many times."

Western will now host SD Raiders at Jack Brabham Park, in Orange, on Sunday, a team they managed to beat 1-nil earlier in the season.

"We got over them last time, so hopefully we can do

that again," Courtenay said.

"It's not going to be easy and they beat Central Coast the week before us, so it should be anyone's game but I think we can get them, if we play the way we did last time. We should be right."

SD Raiders are in a strong position in third, 13 points ahead of Western.

Western remain in the ninth position on the NPL 2 ladder, above the University of NSW, St George and Southern Branch, who are 10th, 11th and 12th respectively.

**CENTRAL COAST MARINERS 5 (Candice Phelan 4, Jade McAtamney goals) defeated WESTERN NSW MARINERS 0**



Part of Crimson Royale

## BAND READY TO UNVEIL NEW SONGS

### MUSIC

BATHURST band Crimson Royale will launch their debut album *A Year In A Minute* at the Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre this Friday night. The family-friendly concert will feature various high school musicians who will play alongside the band as they perform the songs on the album. Doors will open at 7pm and the concert will start at 7.30pm.

Tickets are \$5 for kids and \$10 for adults and are available from Kelso High Campus, Bathurst High Campus, BMEC and online.

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# Outlaws onslaught: losing run stopped

AUSTRALIAN RULES

BY ALEXANDER GRANT

TWELVE different goalscorers contributed to Bathurst Bushrangers Outlaws' big win over Parkes Panthers at George Park 2 on Saturday.

Bushrangers made a nervy start against the Panthers, and found themselves down at quarter time, but in a second quarter demolition job Outlaws blew the visitors off the field.

Outlaws were 19-11-125 to 4-12-36 winners.

The seven goal term turned the match on its head and helped the Outlaws snap a three-game losing run.

Outlaws captain Tim Hunter said the team was motivated to perform since they were starting down the barrel of an unprecedented fourth straight loss.

"We were impressed with how the boys regrouped," he said.

"We kicked a couple of goals towards the end of that first quarter to get ourselves back into it, then in the second quarter we spoke about the importance of playing the rest of the game out.

"Parkes are a solid team and we knew it wasn't going to be easy from the start. We did have a couple of early chances but we couldn't take them and they took it down to the other end of the park.

"We didn't panic too much, and coming off a couple of losses it would have been easy for the boys to do that, but they kept calm heads across the ground."

Two behinds was all that separated the two teams at the first break, with Parkes holding the slight advantage.

Bushrangers' midfield fired up for the next quarter and their defence suffocated the Panthers' attempted penetration into the 50.

The result? A 56-point quarter of football and a total swing of momentum.

The change of ends after half-time did nothing to change that. Outlaws outscored Parkes four goals to none to put the game to bed.

Outlaws had only narrowly beaten Panthers by eight points during their previous match in Parkes but on Bathurst turf the Bushrangers were a different beast.

"It was important for us to quick a couple of early goals in that second quarter just to calm the nerves a little bit," Hunter said.



**DASH:** Bathurst Bushrangers Outlaws' Adam Ryan finds space in the meeting with Parkes Panthers on Saturday at George Park 2. Photo: PHIL BLATCH

"We started to play the way that we wanted to play.

"Adam Ryan played his first game for the year and he was a massive inclusion in the midfield. He worked tirelessly all game.

"Our back line also stood up. Alex Davies and Simon Ross put on a lot pressure back there. That inaccurate kicking from Parkes was brought on by the pressure created by the back line."

Outlaws hadn't won a match since their win in May over the Dubbo Demons - a team who had the chance to draw level with the Bushrangers side on the table if things went their way.

The Outlaws win and the Dubbo loss on

Saturday has pushed that margin out to eight points.

"With three in a row we badly wanted to buck that trend, especially with a couple of big games coming up for us after the break," Hunter said.

Following the general bye Outlaws will play their Rebels club mates in the second Bushrangers derby.

**BATHURST BUSHRANGERS OUTLAWS** (Matt Archer 3, Peter Grundy 3, Tim Hunter 2, Pat Meagher 2, Ben Horn 2, Adrian Hickey, Adam Ryan, Scott Jablonskis, Jarrod Kelly, Sam Flude, Mitch Bestwick, John Noyen) 19-11-125 defeated **PARKES PANTHERS** 4-12-36 (Brayden Harmer-Clark, Peter Webb, Isaac Bunge, Zac Bayliss)



**REHEARSING:** Circus Surreal performer Krystal Klower practicing her aerial routine ahead of the festival. Photo: PHIL BLATCH 070418pbkelso2

## Circus warming up for cool event

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Circus Surreal coordinator Stephanie Brown said there will be performances in Murrumbidgee Park throughout Saturday night, as well as street performers walking throughout the precinct in costume.

"July 7 is really our big

taken a long time to design and make.

Ms Brown said the costumes are a crucial part of the performances, because they have to both look good and keep the students warm.

"They love being out and around the crowd, so there is not much time to go inside

and be warm," she said.

Circus Surreal has been part of the Bathurst Winter Festival program since the event was introduced.

Ms Brown said the troupe always leaves space free in the schedule so students can have the chance to perform locally at an event that is sig-

nificant to their community. "I think when it is cold it is lovely to be out in the crisp air and there are so many attractions," she said.

"Into the Wild is the theme, so we have a little bit of Christmas in July with a twist"

- RACHEL CHAMBERLAIN

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# Professional approach

## PERFORMANCES

BY RACHEL CHAMBERLAIN

PERFORMING circus skills in the wet comes with great risk, but the students from Cirkus Surreal handled the event with nothing but professionalism.

The talented troupe had four scheduled performances in Machattie Park at the Ignite the Night on Saturday, along with roving performers delighting festival-goers throughout the precinct.

With the cold and wet conditions, Cirkus Surreal had to seriously consider whether or not they could carry out the planned program on stage and using the aerial rig.

Coordinator Stephanie Brown said safety was the priority and they were continually mopping equipment down with towels and doing risk assessments throughout the night.

The students knew their limits, so some changes were made, but ultimately everything on the program made it into the performances.

"These young people are so professional in what they



**CAST OF CHARACTERS:** Cirkus Surreal performers Tanycia Jerga-Zohar, Tia Muggleton and Luci Steffan all dressed up in the costumes at Ignite the Night on Saturday. **Photo: PHIL BLATCH 070718pbfest10**

do and they do their own risk assessments, which they are taught to do," Ms Brown said. She added that live outdoor performance will always come with challenges and it was a valuable experience for the students to learn how to confront them in a professional setting.

More than 20 students were providing entertainment at Ignite the Night, including those who had never performed at the festival before. Ms Brown said they all did extremely well and made her very proud.

She said a lot of parents were there watching and commented to her that they didn't realise the level of skill their children had.

"It was wonderful to have so much family support," she said. Cirkus Surreal will be back for the Bathurst Winter Festival's Brew and Bite night next Saturday.

They won't be using the aerial rig, but students will be in their costumes as roving characters and performing street theatre.

"It's always enjoyable having roving performers adding a bit of flavour to the Brew and Bite," Ms Brown said. In addition to Cirkus Surreal, Ignite the Night also had two performances in Machattie Park from the Pure Imagination Performing Arts dancers and professional ice skaters providing entertainment throughout the event.

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**HAPPY TO EXPLORE:** Olivia Maksynczuk and Kathleen Murphy in the mirror maze, a new attraction for the Bathurst Winter Festival. **Photo: PHIL BLATCH 070718pbfest13**

## Festival fun in any weather

THERE is no doubt that weather had a substantial impact on the crowd numbers at the first major event of the Bathurst Winter Festival, Ignite the Night. However, deputy mayor Bobby Bourke said he felt that if the weather was slightly better, it would have been a record crowd. Those who did attend were still able to have a lot of fun with all of the attractions spread throughout the festival precinct. | **Full festival coverage pages 4 and 5**

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## Igniting the night

THE BATHURST WINTER festival kicked off on Saturday with Ignite the Night. Bathurst City Life photographers Sam Bolt and Dave Rankine were on hand to capture the action and entertainment. Visit the "People" section of the Bathurst City Life website for even more photos from the night.



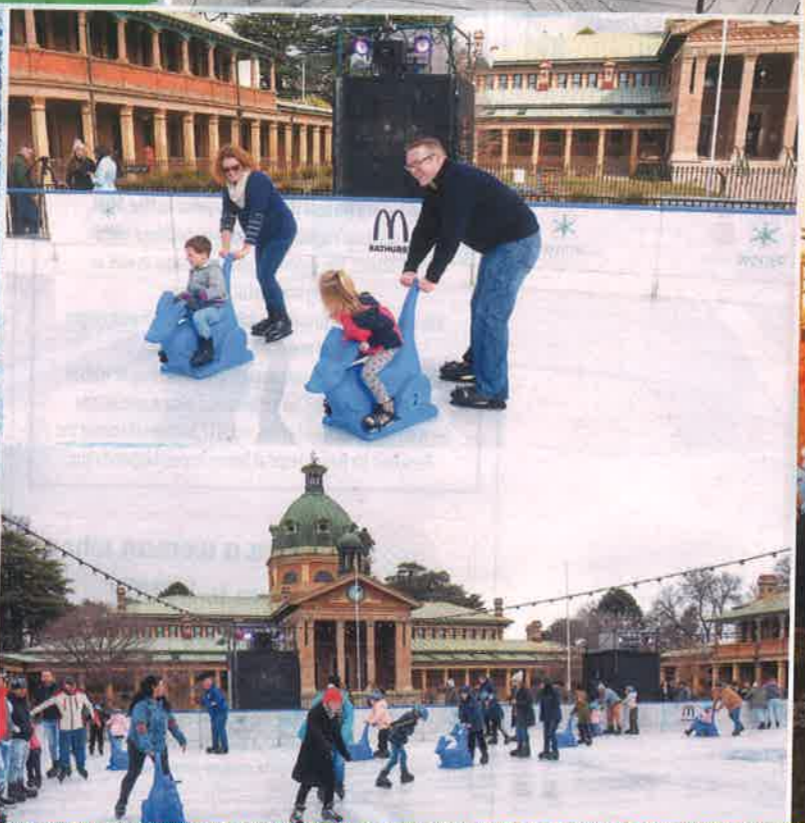
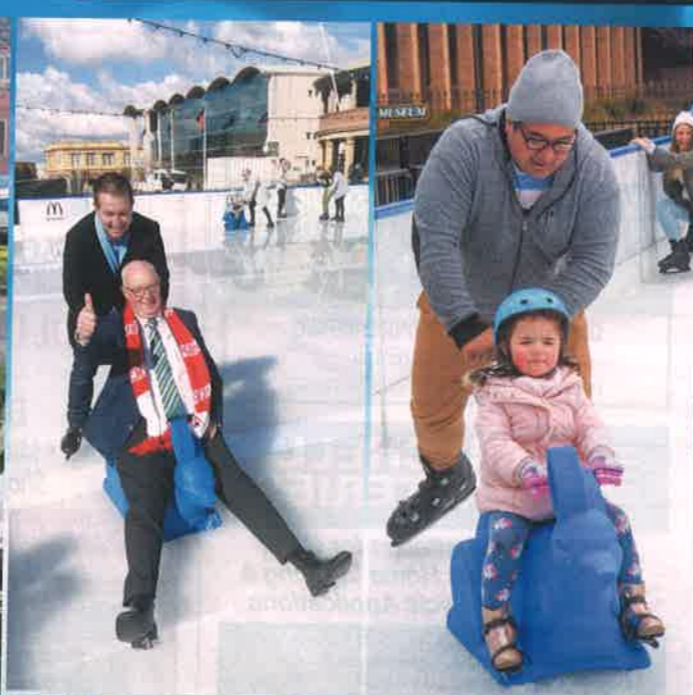
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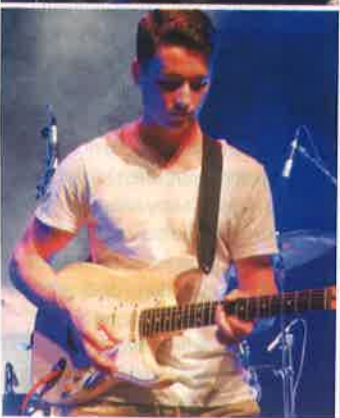
INTERESTING LOOK: Cirkus Surreal performers Charlotte Cosgrove and Tia Muggleton in costume ahead of the Bathurst Winter Festival. Photo: PHIL BLATCH 070418pbkelso1

## Christmas off to early start

THERE will be a sense of Christmas in July when Cirkus Surreal visits the Bathurst Winter Festival on Saturday. The local circus performance troupe from Denison College Kelso campus has once again been invited to be roving performers at the festival. People will be treated to a wide variety of performances throughout the evening, with many of the performers lit up like Christmas trees. | To page 3



# FUTURE LOOKS ROYALE FOR LOCAL BAND



**Local band Crimson Royale left a fantastic impression on a sell-out crowd at the Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre (BMEC) last Friday night, as they performed two sets celebrating the launch of their debut album *A Year In A Minute*.**

Crimson Royale are a local five-piece group featuring Luke Furbank (vocals, rhythm guitar), Ben Howle (lead guitar), Tom Rodham (bass), Jake Parker (keys) and Jackson Howle (drums), and have been performing regularly in the Bathurst region for the last two years, with their music comparable to bands such as The Rubens, Arctic Monkeys and The Strokes.

Their performance last Friday night highlighted the band's growing confidence as musicians, with each member playing their part with plenty of enthusiasm and creating plenty of positive energy to work up their crowd.

Crimson Royale's setlist featured plenty of material from *A Year In A Minute* (including the singles 'Drive Me Crazy' and 'The Cure'), as well as a selection of covers reflecting the many artists who have shaped the band's sound, and through a combination of Furbank's showmanship, Ben Howle's creative lead riffs, and the tight rhythm section of Rodham, Parker and Jackson Howle, every song managed to leave its mark with the crowd.

The band were supported by fellow upcoming local musician Tameka Kennedy, who produced a confident curtain raiser showing her true mettle as a performer,

and is definitely another local musician worth keeping an eye on.

Aside from the music of Crimson Royale, of note is their impressive marketing campaign to promote the album launch, which ensured the band had plenty of support for the occasion, and with a few generous sponsorship deals from local businesses, it allowed the band to intelligently go about promoting their event.

Music can be quite a thankless job at times, as often you put a great deal of time, effort and money into your product only to get little back from it (which becomes harder when you get older), so if anything can be said about Crimson Royale, they have made a very smart move to build such a foundation so early into their musical careers, and as long as they continue to build on their obvious talent and maintain humility, they have a bright future ahead.

*Words and images - Sam Bolt*



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## St Pat's shines at annual Blue and White winter ball

Players, coaches and supporters dress to the nines for a gathering to remember with music, food, entertainment and lip sync battles.

THE annual St Patrick's Rugby League Football Club's Blue and White Ball was a glamorous affair on Saturday evening.

Held at Bathurst RSL Club, players, coaches, members and supporters were asked to dress formal for a gathering to remember.

Those at the ball dined, danced and were entertained during the evening.

Among the entertainment on offer was the St Pat's Blue and White Ball Lip Sync Battle, with all grades taking part.

"The reserve grade guys won it with their Backstreet Boys classic *I Want It That Way*," St Pat's president David Chapman said.

"It was the best choreography and they also very much looked like a boy band in the white and they hammed it up for the crowds."







## Youth boxing on for a cause

RECENTLY THE BATHURST LINK Youth Group joyfully constructed 200 shoeboxes from flat packs for Operation Christmas Child. There certainly was no anxiety usually associated with flat packs. In no time at all, these fine young people built a great wall of empty shoes boxes ready to be collected and filled by Bathurst residents. Operation Christmas Child 2018 will be launched on Saturday, 14 July with a free Christmas in July afternoon tea. Everyone is invited to come and learn about the little shoebox gifts which change the lives of children in developing countries around the world.

Enjoy delicious festive treats, view photographs and hear heart rending stories from people who have personally handed out filled shoeboxes. Learn how the life of a child, a family and a village can be changed with a simple gift of love. The launch will take place at the Hope Bathurst Church dining room, corner of Gilmour and Hereford Streets, 2pm to 4pm on 14 July. All welcome! Contact Faye Taylor 0418 167 958 or Lyn Fitch 0400 090 313 for more information, or on Facebook @ OperationChristmasChildBathurst

- Faye Taylor



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# Big lessons in life and art

**BATHURST ARTS COUNCIL**  
BY FELICITY WALKER

IN 2016, Bathurst Regional Art Gallery partnered with Australian Catholic University on an innovative pilot program for youth audiences entitled Generation Art. In 2018 BRAG is running the program for the second time, inviting nine local Year 10 students to participate in a 13-week enrichment program at the gallery. Working with local artists, gallery staff and arts workers, the program is designed to immerse students in gallery operations and give the youth audience of Bathurst access to and knowledge of BRAG's permanent collection.

Students then respond through the creation of digital stories based on the permanent collection and/or their experiences throughout the 13 weeks at the gallery. This year, we had students representing Mackillop College, St Stanislaus' College, Denison College (Bathurst and Kelso campuses) and All Saints' College. Having



**YOUNG ARTISTS:** Nine local Year 10 students have been given the opportunity to participate in a 13-week enrichment program at the Bathurst Regional Art Gallery. Photo: HENRY DENYER-SIMMONS

never met, the students have embraced the opportunity to meet new, like-minded people in an arts-focused environment. Although the gallery and the permanent collection

are the focal points of the program, the students have also had the opportunity to visit TAFE with a guided tour by local artist and artist mentor of the Generation Art program, Nicole Welch.

Nicole showed the students the blue screen room and some of the digital media software that TAFE students use. She also discussed the various pathways that TAFE offers to emerging artists and

designers which the students found very beneficial. The group also had the pleasure of visiting renowned local artist and author Graham Lupp in his studio. While there, Graham

discussed his art-making practice, his career progression from student of architecture, to artist and author, plus his many inspirations and diverse experiences along the way. The group's time was spent at BRAG looking at works from the permanent collection being introduced to artist mentors Nicole Welch, Bridget Thomas, and Henry Denyer-Simmons; speaking with staff; and watching installation of exhibitions and discussing logistics of how, why, and who is exhibited. Generation Art participants are currently producing their digital stories. A free public screening of the participants' digital projects will be held at the gallery on Friday 7 September, 5.30pm-7pm.

If you wish to attend, please RSVP to jo.dicksen@bathurst.nsw.gov.au or by calling 6333 6555. Bathurst Regional Art Gallery is open Tuesday to Saturday 10am-5pm and Sunday 11am-2pm. Felicity Walker is a curatorial assistant at Bathurst Regional Art Gallery

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**WE WERE THERE:** Judy Tully and Betty Dwyer at the Bathurst Legacy Widows Club Christmas in July function. 071618legacy2



**SMILES:** Norma Johnstone, Betty Drew and Inez Funnell at the Christmas in July function. 071618legacy3



**ALL DRESSED UP:** Meredith Jones with Caleb Wardman at the Blue and White Ball. 072118cpball13

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# University medal recipient

Former Kelso High student's top award

## EDUCATION

NADINE MORTON

FORMER Kelso High student and Bathurst Young Citizen of the Year, Amelia Meurant-Tompkinson, has been awarded the University of NSW (UNSW) University Medal.

She completed her Bachelor of International Studies, majoring in international relations, at UNSW and says she has long had an interest in politics.

"The degree looks into relations between countries and the factors that lead to military conflict or peaceful cooperation," Ms Meurant-Tompkinson said.

"I've been lucky to be exposed to a breadth of both hard and soft security issues.

"In placements at Human Rights Watch and Amnesty International, I've worked in Australia's international engagements on human rights. I am interested in water security and spatial policy, which is the role of water in

The University Medal is the most distinguished award to be given to an undergraduate, with only one award per course.

### Amelia Meurant-Tompkinson

settlement and resettlement, and governance within these settled spaces.

"This came out of a placement at UNESCO's Water, Megacities and Global Change Conference held in Paris in 2015, which I undertook during my exchange management that impacted on the city's development.

"The construction of the levy bank on one side of the



**TOP STUDENT:** Amelia Meurant-Tompkinson recently received the University Medal from University of NSW chancellor Robert Barnett and Kelso, NSW University Medal award to be given to an undergraduate, with only one award per course," Ms Meurant-Tompkinson said. She was awarded the most distinguished UNSW University Medal for International Relations undergraduate, following her research into conflict between Turkey and its Kurdish population last year.



**OUTSTANDING:** Aspire Gymnastics 2795's team was thrilled with its overall performance at Country Championships. Photo: CONTRIBUTED

# Big performances lead to state qualifications

## GYMNASTICS

BY ALEXANDER GRANT

TWO members qualifying for State Championships, a standout level four team, a dominant mini tramp squad and a host of State Challenge qualifiers.

It's fair to say Aspire Gymnastics 2795 was at the top of its game during the recent Country Championships at Newcastle.

Emma Jones (level five) and Aimee Nicholls (level six) are counting down to a State Championships appearance on August 25 thanks to their great all-

round performances.

Jones scored 6.2 on the beam to finish sixth overall and Nicholls was fourth overall on vault with a score of 9.1.

Aspire's level four team of Roxy George, Shayla Winwood-Smith, Sophie Dunbar, Alicia Nobles and Eve Twohill collectively finished with nine results of 9.0 or higher.

Winwood-Smith, Dunbar and Twohill all received gold banding and the quintet were fourth out of 42 in the teams standings.

Aspire coach Sophie Godleman said the event was one

to remember for her team.

"The highlights were our level four team having a fourth placing, two kids qualifying in different levels for state and in tumbling we did well for our first experience doing it," she said.

"We took 23 gymnasts away, which is probably the most we've taken to a massive, five-day event."

Godleman was especially excited about her tumbling team's achievement.

Ranging from tumbling levels one to four, the team not only locked out the podium but had a big presence inside the top 10.

"In level one Layla Liston was first, Sam Woolfe came second, Chontelle Burgess was third, Mia Rodenhuis was fourth, Ally Evans was sixth and Ella Lansom was seventh. We took out all the placings except fifth," Godleman said.

"Seeing that many of our gymnasts up on the podium at that same time made me think 'Oh my goodness.' It was very exciting.

"In level two Ebony Pender was equal first with a member from another club and for level four Aimee Nicholls was fourth. Across the board we had a lot of placings over

different levels."

Heidi Twohill, Abby Hall, Ebony Pender and Michaela Doungamnee all qualified for the State Challenge, which is coming up quickly on August 4.

Doungamnee was the Bathurst team's sole level seven representative and was back in the team after over a year away from competition.

She was first on bars, second on vault and finished fifth overall.

"It's a very good effort, her floor and beam were also excellent. There was just point one or two of a mark between placings," Godleman said.

# PEOPLE & PLACES

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**NIGHT OUT:** Daryl Macauley and Lachlan Weal at the inaugural Giants dinner.



**WE WERE THERE:** Steve and Donna Mitchell were among the guests at the Bathurst Giants dinner.



**THAT'S MY BALL:** Sam Sloan and his mother Kathy Sloan at the Bathurst Giants dinner last week.



**HAVING A BALL:** Bathurst Giants players and supporters frocked up for the club's first formal dinner. Photos: SUPPLIED

## GIANTS' DINNER

BATHURST Giants held their inaugural Giants' Dinner last Saturday at Bathurst Panthers. The night saw players, parents and supporters from the club's seven teams come together for one of the club's main 2018 fundraisers.



**ALL SMILES:** Hailee Provest and Madalyn Booth enjoyed a night out at the dinner.



**GOOD FUN:** Andrew and Tania Collins had a great night at the Bathurst Giants dinner.



**THREE'S COMPANY:** Ashley Boylan, Kevin Walker and James Kennedy catch-up at the inaugural Giants dinner.



**STAND TALL:** Mick Sloan, Pete Halvorson and Marty Ryan at the Bathurst Giants dinner.

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# Panthers eye off top three

**RUGBY LEAGUE**  
BY ALEXANDER GRANT

DESPITE a large collection of errors Bathurst Panthers returned home winners from their Group 10 premier league excursion to face Lithgow Workies on Sunday.

It wasn't until the final 10 minutes of the match that the finals-bound Panthers looked like they'd put a safe distance between themselves and Workies, finding a 36-18 win.

Victory keeps Panthers' hopes of a top three finish alive with one round to play.

"It's always a danger game, coming down here. The Lithgow boys didn't have much to play for so they can swing a team in any direction and we had to be ready for it all," Panthers captain-coach Doug Hewitt said.

"We were good in bits. We looked a lot more smoother and structured this week but there were things like silly mistakes and dropped balls on the kick-offs. That's what can hurt you in bigger games.

"It's not too bad when you've only got to fix up little things like that."



**ENERGY:** Blake Lawson was one of the standout performers for the Bathurst Panthers in their 36-18 win over hosts Lithgow Workies on Sunday. **Photo: ALEXANDER GRANT**

Early pressure from the Panthers led to Jack Siejka and Iye Barrow tries and the visitors were threatening to run away with the contest.

Penalties and errors gifted Workies time out of their

own half and after some strong sets the hosts got their opening points through a Cody Godden try in the 21st minute.

A bit of individual Hewitt brilliance from close range gave him his second try not

long after. Workies brought it back to 22-8 in the shadows of half-time when Ben Glasson dived over in the left corner amidst Panthers' passionate shouts for a shepherd.

Lithgow halfback Husam El Refaai had a stroke of luck when his grubber was dropped by the Panthers defence and he was able to recover the ball and score.

Panthers looked rattled following that 43rd minute try and despite dominating field position they continued to squander chances.

In the 55th minute Panthers' volume of possession was too much for Workies.

Another Lawson line break set up Trent Hotham for a try, giving Panthers some breathing space.

Corey Willmott's try for Workies brought the score back to 26-18 and it made for a nervous final 15 minutes.

However, through Blake Lawson and Willie Wright tries, Panthers got themselves out of trouble and ended the winning hopes of an enthusiastic Workies.

**BATHURST PANTHERS 36 (Doug Hewitt 2, Jack Siejka, Iye Barrow, Trent Hotham, Blake Hewitt, Willie Wright tries; Wright 3, Josh Rivett conversions) defeated LITHGOW WORKIES 18 (Cody Godden, Ben Glasson, Husam El Refaai, Corey Willmott tries; El Refaai conversion)**



**SNAPSHOT:** Students from Cirkus Surreal supported the Rise Black Tie Ball for Glenray on Saturday. **Photo: CHRIS SEABROOK 080418cgbal114**

# Kids' talent incredible

**PARADE**

**TALENT:** You either have it or you don't.

Over the years, Parade has made many attempts to get into the arts through drawing, painting and general craft activities.

Unfortunately, she has never quite been able to master any artistic skill despite trying since she was a child.

That's why it always amazes her when she comes across works of art by kids

and teenagers.

How can someone so young have such skill and talent for something that can, at times, be very technical?

That thought went through her mind quite a bit when she visited the Evans Arts Council Competition and Sale over the weekend.

While the things adult artists had created were impressive, Parade found herself drawn to the junior section. There were impressive landscapes, abstract pieces

and sculptures all created by young kids.

Parade is sure that a few of the names she read there will become well known in Bathurst in the years to come.

## UNDER LIGHTS AT THE MOUNT?

THE first Supercars night race on Australian soil in more than 20 years was held in Sydney on Saturday.

It was certainly something spectacular to watch and in post-race interviews, many

drivers said they would love the chance to do night racing more often.

One driver said that the local governments should be looking into ways to make it happen.

After hearing that, Parade couldn't help but think of the possibility of a short night race at Mount Panorama.

Of course, it would require a lot of extra lighting, a lot of testing and there is the impact on the residents to think about as well, but it would

certainly be a thrilling race to see.

Race fans would surely like to see it unfold, it would be something very different for the drivers, and there would definitely be an economic benefit to Bathurst from an event like that.

When you think that the Bathurst 12 Hour starts in the dark, it doesn't seem completely unrealistic in Parade's mind to have a Supercars night race at Mount Panorama one day.

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GRACEFUL: Circus Surreal's Tia Muggleton performing on the lyra at the Rise Black Tie Ball on Saturday. Photo: CHRIS SEABROOK 080418cgball15

## Ball raises thousands for Glenray

### FUNDRAISING

GLENRAY Industries will soon receive a generous donation after the success of the Rise Black Tie Ball on Saturday night.

The organisation, which provides employment to a number of people with disabilities, lost its commercial

laundry and administration facilities in a devastating fire in May.

Prior to the blaze, Ivory Rose Botanicals owner Mad-

die Vietch was organising a ball to benefit people with disabilities. She later decided to direct the funds to Glenray to help it 'rise' again.

Ms Vietch has always had a passion for supporting people with disabilities, that passion driven by members of her family living with disabilities.

The ball, held at Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre (BMEC), featured dinner and a range of talent-

ed entertainers.

Cirkus Surreal had street performers outside of the venue and were also inside the venue on their aerial rigs.

Also part of the entertainment were bands Cheviot Drive, Penopuss and the Four Blokes, as well as Prom-

The food on the night was provided by Margot Burke Catering.

"It was a really good night. We had about 125 people come along," Ms Vietch said.

At this stage, the estimated amount raised for Glenray is \$5000.

- RACHEL CHAMBERLAIN



THANKS: The Bathurst Panthers and Bathurst Bandits have formed a close connection this year. Photo: CHRIS SEABROOK 072418cbandits

## Saying cheers to the Bandits girls

### COMMUNITY

MEMBERS of the Bathurst Bandits cheerleading team can now wear their close connection to the Bathurst Panthers on their sleeve after they were presented with some special shirts recently.

Bathurst Panthers Rugby League Football Club presi-

dent Dennis Comerford said Bandits coach Shanyrn Pirie contacted the Panthers club earlier in the year to see if there were any opportunities for the girls to perform locally rather than having to wait for competitions out of town.

"They weren't getting an opportunity to go through their routines in front of a local audience and their parents," he said.

The Bandits have also performed various times during the break in the premier league match when the Panthers have hosted a Group 10 fixture this year.

To show its appreciation, the Panthers club organised shirts with the Bathurst Ban-

dit's logo on the front and the Panthers logo on the back and handed them over to the Bandits recently.

Mr Comerford said the Bandits cheerleaders are welcome to perform at the Panthers' home games for "as long as they want to continue".

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**A GREAT CONCLUSION:** Teegan Courteney's Western NSW Mariners FC women's NPL 2 side have finished their season in winning fashion, claiming a 3-1 score against Marconi Stallions at Mudgee. **Photo: PHIL BLATCH**

# Ending year in a positive way at home

## SOCCER

BY ALEXANDER GRANT

WESTERN NSW Mariners FC may have missed out on Women's NSW National Premier Leagues 2 finals but the team finished off their season in style with a 3-1 win over the Marconi Stallions on Sunday.

Mariners seized control early in the game at Glen Willow Stadium and rarely looked headed, carrying a 2-0 lead into the break after a dominant half of football.

Jasmin Courteney scored a brace for the Mariners while Brydie Comiskey also contributed to Western's half-time lead.

By the time Marconi had found a goal the damage had already been done and the Mariners were able to get late revenge for a 3-2 loss against the Stallions earlier in the season.

Courteney said a change up in formation has helped the Mariners get into rhythm.

"We changed our on-field structure and we figured out that that really works for us better. We left it a bit late but with a 3-1 win you can't complain about that," she said.

"Their back line lacked a bit of communication with their keeper and we capitalised on that three times.

"Brydie and I played as the two strikers and we pressed all the time. We're normally a 4-3-3 team but changed to 4-4-2 and that allowed us

## THE STANDINGS

Where Mariners women's teams finished

- 1st grade: 9th (8-0-14)
- Reserves: 12th (0-1-21)
- Under 17s: 11th (3-5-14)
- Under 15s: 1st (17-5-0)
- Under 14s: 11th (3-4-15)

to have more in attack rather than the isolated striker which we've had in previous games.

"To have the likes of Teegan [Courteney], Chloe [Lanham], Larissa [Kilby] and Poorsha [McPhillamy] behind you getting the drop off and release it just works perfectly."

Mariners had suffered a three game losing run coming into the game and they were desperate to stop it.

"It was so good to finish on a positive. It made all the hard work worth it," she said.

"It reinforced to us that we deserve to be in that competition."

Mariners finished the season in ninth place with eight wins, no draws and 14 defeats.

The club came home 10th in the club championship, which combines first and reserve grade's results.

Meanwhile, the Mariners under 15s team has completed an undefeated regular season.

The young Mariners girls couldn't have asked for a

It was so good to finish on a positive. It made all the hard work worth it. It reinforced to us that we deserve to be in that competition.

**Jasmin Courteney**

tougher last round matchup against the Stallions in a top of the table contest.

In the end nothing separated the clubs in a nil-all draw - the second time this year the teams haven't been able to be split.

Mariners 15s finished with 17 wins and five draws heading into the finals.

They will enjoy a two week break before their finals campaign begins.

Courteney, who coaches the 15s, said it's been "impossible to fault" the team throughout the year.

"They've been incredible," she said.

"Luckily we get a break before we play which is good because we've got a few injuries. That will help us recover."

**WESTERN NSW MARINERS FC**

3 (Jasmin Courteney 2, Brydie Comiskey) defeated **MARCONI STALLIONS 1**

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## HIGH TEA AT PARKVIEW

Our photographer Chris Seabrook was out at the Parkview Hotel on Sunday, August 5, for a delicious high tea, with attendees being treated to a delicious feed from its seasonal menu.



**FUN TIMES:** Amanda Jones with Evie Allan enjoying the high tea. 080518chitea7



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## Cadets graduate to help community

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE combined Denison College students from both KHC and BHC who graduated from the SES Cadet Program last week. The students were presented with their graduation certificates by the Mayor Graeme Hanger and representatives from the SES. This training qualifies them to join the SES upon turning 16 years of age. A fantastic achievement by all these students. - Supplied by Denison College

*Bathurst City Life August 16-22*

# Flying flag for club during finals series



**PERFECT SO FAR:** The Western NSW Mariners FC under 15s who are yet to taste defeat in 2018. The team will face Marconi Stallions FC in this Sunday's major semi-final in Sydney. **Photo: CONTRIBUTED**

## SOCCER

BY ALEXANDER GRANT

THE Western NSW Mariners FC girls under 15s side are flying the flag for the club in the upcoming Football NSW finals series.

The 15s are the sole finalists for the Mariners but there's big expectations for the team after finishing the regular season as undefeated minor premiers.

Western have proved a defensive powerhouse this season.

They've let in just seven goals on their way to first place while putting home 56 goals.

That goal count is second only to runner-up side Marconi Stallions, who the Mariners travel to face on Sunday morning.

It will be the second time in as many weeks that the clubs have faced off.

They played out an enthralling nil-all draw in their last regular season round where both clubs had their chances to find the winning goal.

Mariners coach, and regular senior first grade captain, Jasmin Courtenay joked that her side might need to get in some penalty practice in, but she's hopeful her side can put the game away before that's needed.

## MARINERS' SEASON

**A look at the path towards the finals**

- Record: 17 wins, five draws, zero losses
- Last five games: Marconi Stallions D 0-0, Inter Lions W 2-0, Nepean FC D 2-2, Sydney Olympic W 2-0, Southern Branch W 4-0

"We've had that target on our backs the whole season but they've always managed to pull through," she said.

"It should be a great game because we've had some draws with them. Hopefully we can come out with a win."

Mariners have become a feared defensive unit but they also boast the league's top scorer, Grenfell's Anna Hunt, who found the back of the net 22 times this season.

The team also boasts nine NSW Country representatives: Steph Behan, Lily Smith, Anna Hunt, Molly Compton, Ella-Rose Hawes (15s), Menzi White, Joely Anderson, Aimee Longhurst and Charlotte Roberts (14s).

Courtenay is excited to see what the Mariners bring to the table in their rematch

with the Stallions.

"We came out with a different approach last game in that we came out with a different formation and that confused them, then went back to our old one for the second half and that seemed to get us through the game," she said.

"We'll see what works best and what the girls are feeling on the day. It's their finals and I'm happy to let them play with what they feel comfortable with.

"We had quite a quality team and I thought at the start of the year that we could get to finals but to be undefeated is just a whole new dimension."

The match takes place at Sydney United Sports Centre from 10am.

**WESTERN NSW MARINERS FC UNDER 15S:** (See picture) **Back Row:** Jasmin Courtenay (Coach - Bathurst), Maya Lynes-Ross (Lithgow), Steph Behan (Forbes), Tyler Puzicha (Bathurst), Lily Smith (Mudgee), Maisy Osborne (Parkes), Anna Hunt (Grenfell), Jade Lanham (Cowra), Cherylene Anderson (Manager - Bathurst). **Front Row:** Menzi White (Bathurst), Lucy Sebelic (Mudgee), Molly Compton (Lithgow), Joely Anderson (Bathurst), Caitlin Metcalfe (Dubbo), Imogen Brenner (Grenfell), Ella-Rose Hawes (Mudgee).



**IN CONFERENCE:** Deputy principals from across NSW at Mount Panorama for the start of the conference on Thursday morning. 082318rcrteach

# State's deputies convene at mount

## EDUCATION

BATHURST has welcomed 400 teachers to the city for a two-day conference that aims to improve the quality of education.

Each year, the NSW Deputy Principals Association (DPA) hosts a conference to bring educators together

from across the state to learn and network with each other. Western NSW DPA vice president Matt Heffernan said it was the first time that this region had the opportunity to host the conference. Organisers travelled a combined 30,000 kilometres to make it happen and have

ing the teachers in Bathurst for the two days is expected to generate around \$500,000 for the city. The conference started on Thursday at the Mount Panorama pit complex. Teachers were welcomed by young Wiradyuri dancers, the singing of the national

anthem and with an address from councillor Monica Morse, who discussed the history of the location.

Mr Heffernan said the conference would include several keynote speakers and breakout sessions during the day to support professional learning.

"The aim is to give the deputies something concrete they can go back to the schools with to improve learning for the students," he said.

In the evenings, teachers can attend social events to network with each other.

- RACHEL CHAMBERLAIN

*Western Advocate Friday 24th August*

*Western Advocate Saturday 18th August*



Sudden death for Panthers and Tigers

# Must muscle up

RUGBY LEAGUE  
BY ALEXANDER GRANT

BE PREPARED for a colossal rumble through the middle of the park.

That's what spectators can expect for this Saturday night's Group 10 premier league elimination semi-final between hosts Bathurst Panthers and Oberon Tigers if their previous clash is anything to go by.

Panthers and Tigers put on bruising show when they came together just three weeks ago.

The men in black were 20-18 winners at Carrington Park, turning around a 24-16 loss to the Tigers at Oberon earlier in the year.

Panthers are on the hunt for revenge after losing to the Tigers in last season's preliminary final.

Panthers captain-coach Doug Hewitt, returning from a shoulder injury, is expecting more big hits as both teams put their seasons on the line.

"It was so physical, from the kick off to those last couple of minutes," he said.

"Being finals footy it wouldn't surprise me if they were able to step it up another level from that.

"Last game was played mainly through the middle and I wouldn't be surprised if it was played through there again. That's where most of the physical nature came from, but our boys are ready for it.



MUST WIN: Blake Lawson and the Bathurst Panthers put everything on the line this Saturday against Oberon Tigers. Photo: ALEXANDER GRANT

"We executed pretty well in that last game against them, especially controlling them in defence."

Panthers' previous two matches against Lithgow Workies and Blayney Bears weren't spectacular showings despite Bathurst being on the winning side for both affairs.

The Bathurst men were often careless in attack but still proved difficult to break down in defence.

Bathurst knows they must bring themselves up a couple of notches in quality to keep their finals campaign alive.

St Pat's-bound Luke Branighan will be hungry to keep his time at the Tigers alive that little bit longer and Oberon will come into the game fresh off a final round bye.

One thing that will help lift the Panthers is knowing that they have three other teams also enjoying finals action

over the weekend, with two of them playing beforehand at the same venue.

Both the under 18s league tag (elimination semi-final) and the first division side will play Bathurst rivals Pat's (qualifying semi-final).

Hewitt is hoping to keep the club's strong season moving ahead at full steam.

"We've taken out the club championships again and that's always a big boost," Hewitt said.

"Having more supporters in the crowd is great. We always enjoy getting around each other. That's been a big talking point this week, knowing the importance getting around your mates."

Hewitt will be the sole change for the Panthers starting lineup, pushing last round's starting halfback Willie Wright to the bench.

Carrington Park is being officially renamed as Farmers Stadium for the day - in

support of those on the land doing it tough - and the two clubs will hope to put on a great show to match a great cause.

Donations will be taken at the ground to support drought relief.

Winner of the Panthers-Tigers clash will face the loser of the qualifying semi-final between Orange Hawks and CYMS.

Premier league kick off is 6.15pm.

## YOUTH GIRLS

IF YOU wanted an example of how from little things, big things grow, then you need look no further than the Bathurst Giants' youth girls team.

Twelve months ago, Steve Mann commented at the club's annual junior presentation day that he would be interested in trying to form a youth girls team.

This Sunday, almost a year to the day since Mann had that idea, he will coach that team in the inaugural Central West AFL youth girls grand final against the Or-

ange Tigers.

The Giants team has a collection of experience and newcomers within its ranks.

Five of the girls have previously played in under 12s and under 14s finals with the club, while the others have come from a wide range of sporting backgrounds.

It is a combination that has worked well, with the Giants having lost just one game so far this season. On top of that, a number of the squad have stepped up to help out the club's women's side.

"The girls have been quick to pick up the basics and



TITLE HOPEFULS: The Bathurst Giants youth girls side, coached by Steve Mann, who will take on Orange in Sunday's Central West AFL grand final. Photo: CHRIS SEABROOK

have enjoyed the challenge of learning new skills," Mann said.

"They have trained two nights a week since March and have shown great im-

# Giants chasing an inaugural premiership

provement each week.

"The girls have been training hard and are very excited about competing in their first footy grand final. They have worked hard all season and deserve to be there on Sunday."

As well as earning a shot at the premiership, a number of the Giants have been successful in the representative area as well.

Five Giants made the Western Region Academy of Sport's Australian rules squad, nine represented AFL Central West against North-ern Riverina across two divi-

sions, and eight lined up for the league at the Shoalhaven Junior Representative Carnival in July.

"The club has worked hard in transitioning the girls to senior football, with seven girls making their senior debut across the season, which continues the strong junior traditions on which the Giants were built," Kevin Walker, Giants' club president, said.

"The future of the club looks really bright."

The Giants play the Orange Tigers from 2pm at George Park 1.

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FUNDRAISING: Jody Lawson, Debbie Lynch-Benham, Larissa Benham and Sandra McMahon at Bathurst City Centre on Friday. Photo: BRADLEY JURD

## Raising needed funds for cancer

### DAFFODIL DAY

A HINT of yellow featured on flowers, teddy bears, key rings and footballs were on sale at the Bathurst City Centre on Friday, to help raise needed funds for cancer research.

The day marked Daffodil Day, a day that focuses on

raises money not for just one specific cancer research but covers all strands of the disease.

That's the main reason why volunteer Debbie Lynch-Benham has dedicated so much time to supporting Daffodil Day over the past two decades.

"It's great because it doesn't focus on one strand of the disease but cancer in general," she said.

"I've been supporting Daffodil Day for 23 years."

She originally began volunteering for Daffodil Day because of a family member who had cancer.

She said any amount of donation goes a long way to supporting cancer patients.

"Every little bit helps, whether it goes to research, patient transportation and palliative care," she said.

"We want to raise as much people as possible. If everyone gave 50 cents, you'd

be laughing.

"Money does make a huge difference. I've seen where it goes and they affect it has."

To find out more about Daffodil Day or take a donation to cancer research, visit the website at [www.daffodil-day.com.au](http://www.daffodil-day.com.au).

— BRADLEY JURD

*Western Advocate Saturday 25th August*



ASSISTANCE: Paramedics helping the teenager on Sunday. Photo: SEVEN NEWS

## Teen boy is critical after gun accident

### POLICE

A TEENAGE boy remains in hospital in a critical, but stable condition after suffering a gunshot wound on a Sofala property.

Just after 9.30am Sunday, two boys aged 16 and 15 years old, were hunting on a property on Ilford Sofala Road when the 15-year-old was shot in the back.

Police believe the shot was the result of an accidental discharge of a firearm.

The teenager was taken by ambulance to Bathurst Airport, where he was then airlifted to The Children's Hospital at Westmead for treatment.

Detectives from Orana Mid-Western Police District attended the property and commenced an investigation into the incident.

A 57-year-old man was spoken to at Bathurst Police Station and later released.

Police have seized the man's firearms and firearms licence as their investigations continue.

Anyone with information about the incident should contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or use the on-line reporting system.

*Western Advocate Tuesday 28th August (Kyle Webb)*



BATHURST City is gunning for a fifth consecutive women's Premier League Hockey grand final appearance in 2018 but if they're to achieve that incredible feat it'll be the hard way.

City faces Orange CYMS in the minor semi-final at Bathurst on Saturday, the green and golds expected to field a near full-strength line-up for the sudden death clash.

City hasn't suffered a first-week finals exit since 2013 - that year the Bathurst girls went down 3-2 against Souths - but with former Hockeyroo Jade Georgiou and current Canberra Strikers skipper Meredith Bone heading CYMS tilt at the title, in the club's first season back in the big time, the defending premiers' run at a second consecutive crown will be incredibly tough.

For Bone, Saturday's semi-final will mark her first game for her junior club in a few weeks. In fact, this time last weekend she was sipping cocktails in Singapore with her sister, Hockeyroos star Eddie Bone.

"We caught up with her in Singapore and I've been travelling for a few weeks," Mere-



# Turnaround Kings in sight of the goal

CENTRAL WEST AFL JUNIOR GRAND FINALS | SPORT

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**BOOST:** Darren Sturgiss from council, mayor Graeme Hanger, Denison College principal Craig Petersen, Bathurst MP Paul Toole and Kelso High Campus principal Mick Sloan.

# STOP START

New funds mean work can begin on school's shelter, walkway

**INFRASTRUCTURE**  
BY MATT WATSON

DENISON College Kelso High Campus principal Mick Sloan hopes the school will have a mammoth new bus shelter and covered walkway by the end of January after receiving a funding boost

on Monday. The NSW Government has announced it will provide \$120,000 for the shelter - which will be the length of a football field - and \$20,000 for the walkway to improve safety out the front of the school. "We are planning for both

projects to be completed over the Christmas holidays in time for next year," Mr Sloan said. Kelso High is the main interchange for more than 1000 students every day from across the Bathurst area and Mr Sloan said the projects would benefit them all.

"This is really not about Kelso High. This is a community interchange," he said. Bathurst Regional Council applied for the bus shelter funding under the NSW Government's 2017-19 Country Passenger Transport Infrastructure Grants Scheme. The custom-built shelter,

100 metres long and three metres deep, will be erected on Boyd Street. The covered walkway, meanwhile, will be 82 metres long and 2.4 metres wide and will be built from the bus shelter to the school's administration block. Mr Sloan said fundraising

for the walkway had been going on for almost a decade. He said former long-serving Kelso High teacher Hans Stroeve had raised about \$50,000 for the project over a number of years of running trivia nights, including last weekend.

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**SNAPSHOT:** Bathurst Giants' Emme Wardle is surrounded by Orange Tigers opponents in their Central West Women's AFL grand final on Sunday.



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# Jones stars as Pat's earn decider berth



**ST PAT'S PROGRESS:** The blue and whites qualified for a six Group 10 league tag grand final appearance with a 20-4 win over rivals Hawks, a game Meredith Jones was brilliant throughout. Photos: NICK McGRATH

## LEAGUE TAG BY NICK McGRATH

A STELLAR outing from Bathurst St Pat's star Meredith Jones has lifted the blue and whites to a fifth consecutive Group 10 league tag grand final appearance thanks to a 20-4 victory over Orange Hawks in Sunday's major semi-final.

Jones scored one try and put Amy Copping over for another, all in the first half, to help set up a match-winning 16-0 lead at the break.

Hawks hit back early in the second half when Anna Matthews pounced on a clever little Ella-J Harris grubber kick 10 minutes after oranges but it was too little to late.

A sensational effort in the corner from Sarah Watterson helped St Pat's sew up the first place in the 2018 grand final, the club's six appearance in a league tag decider in the seven years Group 10 has run the women's competition.

St Pat's has premierships in 2012, 2015 and 2017 to sit alongside grand final appearances in 2014 and 2016.

It's domination Jones and the St Pat's girls are seriously proud of and the represent-

ative gun says the incredible year-to-year consistency the blue and whites produce comes down to two people.

"Mick and Kara," Jones said, referencing coach Mick Armstrong and his wife Kara, who is also involved at the club.

"We've got a great team culture and it's really inclusive of everyone, we've got a tight-knit team.

"Mick knows what he's doing, he does this for a job and every year he comes with something fresh to attack."

Jones' speed was instrumental in St Pat's scoring three first half-tries in nine minutes.

The Bathurst girls' first came after Amy Merritt swivled through the normally precise tagging of the Hawks defenders before Copping went over soon after and then Jones raced in for a great try 10 seconds before the half-time siren.

"I just kind of think about doing my job; make as many metres as I can," she said.

"I just float and hit as many gaps as I can and try and play of Bronte (Emanuel) and Mish (Somers).

"But I've got to give it to Ezzy (Erin Naden). She's new to our team and she's phenomenal every week.

"And Amy Merritt had some really great runs today. It was a good day."

Hawks coach Marty Lyden thought his side was pretty good throughout the opening 15 minutes of the match but some sloppy tagging late in the period meant the minor premiership winning St Pat's side was able to skip away.

"I thought our first 20 minutes was probably the best defensively we've been," he said.

"They didn't get in their own half for the first five or six sets. We've just got to be better at maintaining that."

"We're always a chance and it's a good bunch of girls here that believe in themselves."

Hawks will now play Panthers in Sunday's preliminary final at Wade Park, the winner progressing to Cowra for the grand final on September 9.

"If we play against them like we did today then I think we'll be right," Lyden said, Hawks knocking off a 12-4 win over Panthers in their last meeting.

**BATHURST ST PAT'S 20 (Meredith Jones, Amy Copping, Sarah Watterson, Amy Merritt tries; Mish Somers 2 goals) def ORANGE HAWKS 4 (Anna Matthews try)**

# Third term sets up Giants' premiership



**GOOD CONTEST:** The Bathurst Giants downed the Bushrangers in Sunday's under 17s grand final. Photo: CHRIS SEABROOK

## AUSTRALIAN RULES BY ANYA WHITELAW

IT MIGHT be a cliché that the third term is the premiership quarter, but on Sunday it was most certainly true for the under 17 Bathurst Giants.

It was the Giants' performance in that quarter that set up a Central West AFL premiership success with a 12-6-78 to 6-2-38 victory over the Bathurst Bushrangers.

Until the third quarter the grand final battle had been tight at George Park 1, with just eight points in it at half-time.

But the Giants came out after the long break to boot four majors to the Bushrangers' one, blowing out their advantage to 27 points heading into the final term.

"Like all good grand finals, it was a good battle, it was very even up until half-time," Giants coach Jason Molkentin said.

"We were able to kick away a little bit in the third quarter and that allowed us to break the game open.

"It was pretty much a momentum shift, the thing we had in our favour was that we had a lot more players. We had six-seven players on the interchange bench, so we

were able to rotate people pretty well to help with general fatigue."

Heading into Sunday's grand final, the head-to-head between the Bathurst rivals stood at two wins apiece.

However, given the Bushrangers' victories had come in the most recent meetings, Molkentin felt they deserved favouritism.

"We might have been in the grand final first, but I felt that we were somewhat the underdog. The last two times we played that team they had beaten us pretty convincingly," he said.

"Even though they were under-manned in the numbers of players they could field, they have developed a pretty good style of play. So I certainly was concerned at the prospect of playing them given they'd beaten us the last two times."

The Bushrangers showed why Molkentin had concerns as they took the lead in the opening term with a pair of majors.

The Giants wrestled back the lead in the second quarter for a slim 5-2-32 to 4-0-24 advantage at half-time, but when returning to the field they kicked away.

The experienced core of Molkentin's team lifted to the challenge and the advantage of a

strong bench showed. Fresh legs allowed the Giants to have greater run and on the back of that, the goals came.

Aiden Macauley, who has also shone inside 50 for the senior Giants, booted six majors in a man of the match performance.

"There's always passion between the two clubs, so it was certainly a hard fought game and we managed to get away with it," Molkentin said.

"We've got some players in our team that are playing senior football as well, they are consistently playing at that higher level throughout the season, so that certainly serves them well in the bigger games.

"He [Macauley] continued his goal-kicking form from the seniors, he kicked six goals which is a good effort in a grand final, particularly when it is a bit wet and the ball is a bit slippery.

"So it was a good effort on a tough day of footy - he played in the forward line and bit in the midfield as well."

**BATHURST GIANTS 12-6-78 (Aiden Macauley 6, Jacob Molkentin 2, Mitch Taylor 2, Charlie Hutchings, Jack Goodsell) defeated BATHURST BUSHRANGERS 6-2-38 (Connor Lynch 2, Anthony Ranken 2, Macson Alexander, Andrew Knox)**

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# #KEEPINGFAMILIESCLOSE

Every day of the year Ronald McDonald House Orange provides a home away from home for families from across the state who have seriously ill children. This year, Cirkus Surreal will be the headline act at the Carnivale ball on September 8 which will raise vital funds for this iconic charity.

Ronald McDonald House Orange ADVERTISING FEATURE

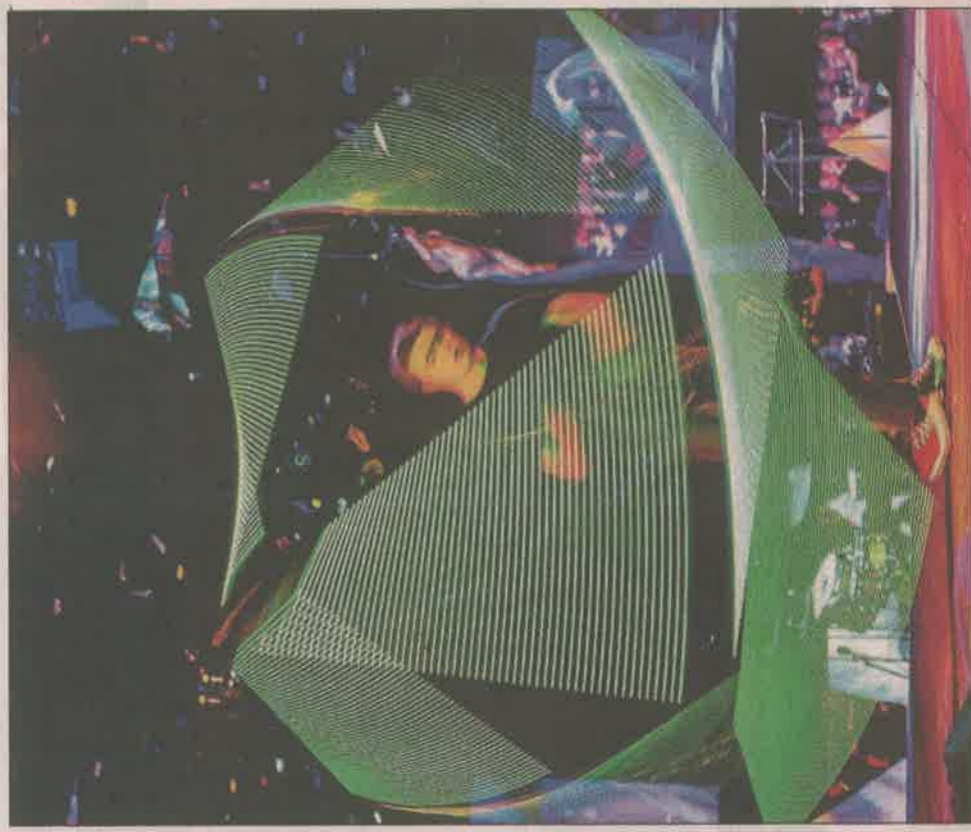
## Carnivale Under the Big Top: Cirkus Surreal



**READY:** Excited Cirkus Surreal performers have worked extremely hard developing the arrangement for the annual ball.



**UNIQUE:** Cirkus Surreal director Stephanie Brown said the audience will be dazzled by the troupe's spectacular performance.



**ROLL UP, ROLL UP:** Cirkus Surreal will headline the Ronald McDonald House Orange annual ball on September 8, 2018, and "make everyone in that room feel great". Photos: Sunnified

SIXTEEN years ago Kelso High School introduced a unique program designed to provide a framework for developing lifelong learning skills for living healthy, productive lives. Former deputy principal Stephanie Brown was instrumental in establishing this circus program.

"The school's circus program is accessible for students from years seven to 12. And from this group comes Cirkus Surreal which is the performing troupe," said Ms Brown, who has retired from teaching but is director of Cirkus Surreal. "This is an elite troupe of students who have to audition, train and perform together."

Once students successfully audition for a place in Cirkus Surreal's ranks they are awarded a contract and begin to train as a performer.

"The contract is simply about mentoring. Making sure they are good role models by doing the right thing at school: do their school work, wear the school uniform, be good to other people, be respectful," Ms Brown said.

It's all about building respect for yourself and others. Getting a contract is a special moment for all the kids. They work really hard for it."

### Stephanie Brown

The Cirkus Surreal troupe has appeared in many impressive events, including overseas, but when they were asked to headline the Ronald McDonald House Orange annual ball, Ms Brown said they were "really chuffed".

"For us, supporting such important fundraisers like this aligns with what we believe in, giving to your community and being good citizens," she said.

■ Carnivale: Under the Big Top, the annual ball will be on Saturday, September 8. Call 6363 1960 for tickets.

— MICHELLE ALLEN

Western Advocate 30th August Thursday



# MAJOR BOOST FOR KELSO HIGH BUS USERS

A major announcement last Monday at Denison College - Kelso High Campus (KHC) saw Member for Bathurst Paul Toole commit NSW Government funding towards a new bus shelter for the school.

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**COMING THROUGH:** The under 16s St Pat's side won their Group 10 Junior Rugby League grand final against Orange CYMS on Saturday.

The project, worth almost \$120,000, will see a 100-metre long by three-metre wide shelter installed along the school's bus bay, which serves as the main interchange for up to 1000 students a day.

"This new project will ensure kids who have to wait for buses will have adequate access to shelter in the event of inclement weather, as well as more seating arrangements," Mr Toole said.

Along with the bus shelter announcement, Mr Toole announced an extra \$20,000 would be committed towards an 82-metre long by 2.4-metre wide walkway connecting the bus bay to the school's administration building.

The covered project has long been

championed by former long-serving Kelso High teacher Hans Stroeve, who has helped raise money for the project from various trivia nights he has hosted, as well as the school's P and C.

"All the schools in Bathurst have supported the project, as it is a major community transport hub," KHC Principal Michael Sloan said.

"Once completed, both the new bus shelter and covered walkway will provide safe, calm and comfortable access for students, staff, parents and visitors alike."

Bathurst Regional Council applied for the funding under the NSW Government's 2017-19 Country Passenger Transport Infrastructure Grants Scheme.

- Sam Bolt

*Western Advocate Tuesday*

*24th September*

# High on spirit after tough road to finale



**WHAT A PERFORMANCE:** The Bathurst Panthers under 14s have had to endure one of the hardest-fought finals campaigns of any Group 10 junior team in order to reach the decider against Cowra Magpies this Saturday. **Photo: BATHURST PANTHERS**

## RUGBY LEAGUE

BY ALEXANDER GRANT

WANT to see a team who has worked themselves to the bone to earn a grand final place? Take a look at the Bathurst Panthers under 14s.

Panthers travel to play minor premiers Cowra Magpies in this Saturday's Group 10 junior deciders and spectators should prepare themselves for a game worthy of being called a grand final.

The path the Bathurst team has had to traverse in order to get to grand final day has been brutal, packed with close results and tightly contested conclusions.

Panthers coach Mick Carter has been seriously impressed by his team's ability to learn and adapt over their past three games.

"They fell just short last year but they've been going along really well since the early rounds," he said.

"Defence has been awesome for us this year. Along with some familiar faces there's a few new boys in the team and they have all played really well."

Panthers lost just two games of the regular season on their way to a second place finish

on the ladder.

Panthers' journey to the grand final has been flooded with close contests and nervous finishes.

The Bathurst entered the finals series by making in statement in the last game of the regular season, smashing Bloomfield 24-6.

The team were well aware that finals would be a much tougher affair and they came up against a rejuvenated Bloomfield team.

Bloomfield were able to learn from their mistakes and pushed the Panthers boys to their limit by Bathurst held firm to win the qualifying semi-final 18-14.

Panthers had the chance to book a grand final spot a fortnight ago against Cowra but left their run too late in an 18-16 loss.

Bathurst then had to try and overcome Bloomfield for the third time in four weeks and, in another classic contest, scraped home 12-10 winners.

Panthers have never been short on fighting spirit over their finals campaign and Carter wants to see more of it for the upcoming decider.

"Cowra had us down 18-0 at one point and there was really great commitment

shown from our boys not to throw the towel in," he said.

"They really rallied and played out the game."

Panthers and Magpies are the only teams to be representing their clubs in Saturday's finals.

That will undoubtedly add to the teams' desire to succeed, but Cowra have the additional motivator of playing at home.

Carter would love to spoil the home town party.

"They've always got a strong supporter base and it will be interesting taking them on in Cowra," he said.

"At the moment we've got around 44 people of so coming across on the bus, with others travelling by car, so we're going to have some great support of our own.

"Cowra's got a couple of good halves and they're strong across the paddock but we're evenly matched in size through the forwards."

Panthers' forward pack could be the driving force behind a Bathurst win, led by the likes of co-captain Nathan Barlow, Tom Lemmich, Logan Dufty and Tallis Tobin.

Match starts from 1.05pm.

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**ONE TO GO:** These under 16 Saints will line up in Saturday's grand final against Orange CYMS. Photo: CONTRIBUTED

# Pat's 16s want to end a big year with a title

**RUGBY LEAGUE**  
BY ANYA WHITELAW

THEY began their year on a winning note and that is exactly how the under 16 St Pat's side wants to end it.

This Saturday at Cowra's Sid Kallas Oval, the under 16 Saints will line up in their respective Group 10 Junior Rugby League grand final against Orange CYMS.

If they can overcome their Orange rivals, it would ice an already impressive year for the Saints.

"At the start of the year we won the pre-season knock-out against a few of the Group 10 and Group 11 sides

that went in it, we had four guys out with rep duties and we still won it," coach Chris O'Neill said of his Saints.

"We had two Sydney trials and won both of those and during the actual season we only lost the one game to Bloomfield and that was just before the semis.

"But that was a bit of a wake up call to make the boys hungry again."

It was Bloomfield who St Pat's defeated 34-12 in the major semi-final to earn a shot at the premiership title.

CYMS did it tougher, going down 24-0 to Bloomfield in the opening week of finals before beating Cowra 30-6

in the minor semi-final then Bloomfield 14-10 in the preliminary final.

"We did really well in the major semi, the boys came out fired up and played really well, it was probably the best they've played all season to be honest," O'Neill said.

"Last year we won the major semi and got straight into the grand final, and we won that grand final, so fingers crossed we can have another victory.

"It's going to be another big, tough game. We have to focus on it and hopefully we'll be right.

"CYMS had a big turnaround in form to get on top

of Bloomfield."

O'Neill has worked hard on not only having a strong starting 13, but a bench that can maintain the standard when called upon.

He hopes that will give them the edge against a CYMS side they have developed a good rivalry with.

"In the last comp game we only beat them by a point, but that's all we need to beat them by," he said.

"They always seem to lift when they are playing against us, there's a bit of rivalry there, there's a few rep players in both teams who know each other and push each other."

From the side that won last year's grand final, only two new faces have joined the Saints this season. That means the blue and whites have a host of experience to draw on come Saturday afternoon.

"They lost the under 14s grand final, I took over coaching them as under 15s and they won that grand final, and before they were 14s, they won quite a few together. They won most of their junior comps and most of the squad have been together the whole time," O'Neill said.

The under 16s grand final will kick off at 3.30pm.

## Kelso High's helping out farmers

**EDUCATION**

KELSO High students supported farmers doing it tough with the school's student representative council holding a casual clothes day and barbecue raising \$1400.

Students were encouraged to wear their favourite flannelette shirt, for a gold coin donation, and student organisers were delighted when just about every student, and teacher at the school got in on the fun.

Louise Farmer, from Kelso High School said it was amazing to see everyone involved.

"Everyone was wearing flannelette even the staff."

Mrs Farmer said the \$1400 raised on the day will be donated to Buy a Bale, assisting drought stricken farmers across the state to feed their stock.

Mrs Farmer said one of the reasons the day was so successful was because everyone was involved.



**HELPING HAND FOR FRAMERS:** Students from Kelso High School's SRC, Josie and Madeline Geerkens, with Alivia Bourke, Akira Berrisford and Isaac Connor with Councillor Jacqui Rudge at the school's fundraiser.

"We have a lot of kids off the land here at school, so everyone wanted to be part of it" she said.

Isaac Connor, 17, who is

worth supporting.

He said the SRC were de-

lighted with the outcome.

"Heaps of kids supported

the day, we made over \$500

from the muffy day alone," he said.

Isaac said it was great

to be able to help out

the community.

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# Saints book a place in league challenge



**UNDER 16S:** St Pat's finished up their junior careers with a gripping 24-18 victory over CYMS in the under 16s. Photo: NICK McGRATH

## RUGBY LEAGUE BY NICK McGRATH

ST PAT'S booked the first Group 10 spot in this year's inaugural NAB Challenge after downing Orange CYMS 24-18 in a gripping under 16s grand final on Saturday.

The Saints led from start to finish after a piece of Tyler Colley class mixed with a touch of luck when his huge bomb ricocheted off the crossbar, back into his hands before he then sent a huge cut out pass to his unmarked wingman, Noah Cooney, who went over for the game's first four-pointer.

CYMS fought gallantly from that point, and pushed St Pat's for the duration of the 60 minutes, but ultimately the Bathurst club's class shone through, while a brace from powerhouse fullback Ash Cosgrove helped, too.

An under 16s premiership is the ideal way to end your junior footy career but St Pat's will look to put the cherry on top of their time in Saturday footy when they take on Group 11's under 16s premiers in the NAB Challenge on September 23.

It's the first year the premiers of both junior competitions will go head-to-head in

the season finale, and St Pat's will represent Group 10 along with the champion sides in the league tag, under 18s and premier league competitions crowned this coming Sunday.

St Pat's coach Chris O'Neill was excited about the prospect of his group of young-guns tackling the best Group 11 has to offer.

"I kept it quiet though ... one game at a time," he laughed.

"We hadn't won this one yet, so why talk about the other? But I think it's great.

"You want to test yourself against the best in the area and other groups. We've had trials against Sydney teams and done pretty well. If something like this comes up it's a good challenge."

The two sides went try-for-try throughout the first 30 minutes but the Bathurst club edged ahead 18-12 on half-time after Cosgrove scored his first.

St Pat's then extended their lead to 24-12 in the second stanza when Cosgrove effectively bullied his way over from close range to bag his double.

It looked to be a winning margin, but CYMS, led by a mammoth effort from back-rower Liam Kennedy, didn't let up.

The green and golds surged back into the decider on the back of a couple of massive charges from the CYMS pack, the effort rewarded with points when Andy Milne crossed in the corner.

Williams showed incredible calmness in the clutch to nail the conversion from the sideline and ensure the margin CYMS had to peg back in the final minutes of the clash was just six points.

But O'Neill's boys hung tough at the death, repelling a few incisive CYMS raids to prevail at Sid Kallas Oval.

CYMS coach Joe Duffy cut a dejected figure after the loss but couldn't have asked for more from his impressive group of young talents.

O'Neill said he always knew the grand final would be a tough one against a CYMS side that has continually pushed the blue and whites in 2018.

"They never give up against us, those guys. We got 12 in front and they got one back but we were good enough at the end," he added.

**ST PAT'S 24** (Ash Cosgrove 2, Josh Hanrahan, Noah Cooney tries; Tyler Colley 4 goals) defeated **ORANGE CYMS 18** (Liam Kennedy, Cooper Monk, Andy Milne tries; Addison Williams 3 goals)

# Saints perfection is one more win away

## LEAGUE TAG

ST PAT'S can write their place in Central West sporting history this Sunday when their league tag team strives for the perfect season.

Seventeen wins from 17 games certainly has a nice ring to it but in order to create history this weekend at Cowra's Sid Kallas Oval Pat's can't afford to dwell on the past.

That's because their upcoming opponents, Orange Hawks, were in the same position last year.

Pat's put an end to Hawks' unbeaten premiership hopes in last season's grand final and now the Orange women have a chance to inflict what would be a delicious slice of revenge.

Despite a patchy build up to the deciding game Saints coach Mick Armstrong is confident his side are well prepared for what Hawks will throw at them.

"We were lucky enough to get them in the grand final but hopefully that doesn't happen to us this year. We've prepared quite well and we'll be prepared for them to come out firing," he said.

"I feel like it will be just as close as last year. We've got to take our opportunities with the ball and be prepared in defence.

"It's been stop-start for us which makes preparation harder than normal, but if you're having those bye that means you're winning games and going straight through to a grand final."

With the quality of their tagging it should come as little surprise to see these clubs reach the grand final.

Pat's and Hawks have been defensive powerhouses throughout the regular season, giving away just an average of six and nine per game respectively.



**FAMILIAR SITUATION:** St Pat's are one win away from completing an undefeated Group 10 league tag season. The defending champion Saints will play Orange Hawks in a rematch of last year's grand final.

If you remove the outlier of the Saints' huge 48-14 win over the Hawks earlier this season then that number creeps below six for both clubs - a remarkably low figure.

Pressuring the kicker could become the most important defensive play both teams can produce for the Cowra clash.

"Both teams have great kicking games and that goes a long way towards being successful in league tag," Armstrong said.

"Bec Ford's got a great kicking game and she was probably the difference in last week's game against Panthers, finding the ground a lot and that puts pressure on the back three.

"Ella Harris is very dangerous out of dummy half and Emily McDonald is another player who can kick so they've got options all across the field."

Even with a 16-from-16 record there's always room for improvement.

"Our starts to our games have been a bit poor recently," Armstrong said.

"We need to match their enthusiasm in those first 10 minutes. Hawks are a very enthusiastic team who usu-

ally start well while we're one of those sides who tend to take their time to work themselves into the game."

Pat's overcame such a start in their major semi-final win over Hawks a fortnight ago.

After a scoreless opening 10 minutes for both clubs Pat's spent the remainder of the opening half blowing Hawks off the park to create a 16-0 scoreline at the break.

Hawks never recovered as Pat's picked up a 20-4 win.

Orange's defence was an full display in a 12-10 extra-time success at home over Bathurst Panthers in the preliminary final.

Pat's are chasing their fourth league tag title to go along with wins in 2012, 2015 and 2017.

The match kicks-off from 10am, following on from the under 18s league tag clash between Orange Hawks and Mudgee Dragons.

**ST PAT'S:** 1 Erin Naden, 2 Meredith Jones, 3 Candy Boggs, 4 Elise Woods, 5 Meaghan Kempson, 6 Bronte Emanuel, 7 Mish Somers, 8 Maddi Boyce, 9 Riane Barton, 10 Emily Rhynehart, 11 Sarah Watterson, 12 Amy Copping, 13 Amy Merritt, 14 Amber Ohlsen, 15 Emma Dillon, 16 Emily Wright, 17 Emma Siejka

— ALEXANDER GRANT



# Perfect Pat's: Saints go unbeaten in 2018



**THEY'VE DONE IT AGAIN:** St Pat's have defended their Group 10 ladies league tag title after beating Orange Hawks 16-6 in Sunday's grand final. The victory capped off an unbeaten season for the Saints. **Photo: MATT FINDLAY**

## LEAGUE TAG

BY MATT FINDLAY

THEIR performance in Sunday's grand final may not have been their typical, polished effort, but Bathurst St Pat's still did more than enough to secure their second consecutive Group 10 league tag premiership on Sunday, capping their undefeated year with a 16-6 victory over Orange Hawks.

Both the Saints and two blues had plenty of errors in them but the former side showed their experience to capitalise on their chances and couple their minor premiership with the major trophy.

The Bathurst side led 10-6 at half-time at Cowra's Sid Kallas Oval and controlled proceedings in the second period to add one more converted try in the 34th minute then close out the comfortable victory.

"We're stoked, I think the girls really deserve it. They'd be undefeated all year and obviously that means nothing if you don't win on the big day, but they did what they needed to do," St Pat's coach Mick Armstrong said.

"It wasn't their best performance but obviously they won't mind that, they've

done the job. It was convincing in a way but still quite nerve-racking, I'm really happy for them."

Armstrong said he'd gone into the game somewhat wary of the young two blues after having a number of weeks off thanks to his side's standing as the competition's best, which made the lead-up "difficult".

"All the byes we had before this game did make preparing a little bit difficult," he said. "But they did really well with that, they knew what they had to do."

St Pat's were gifted an early chance with a penalty inside Hawks' half but they coughed up possession early in the set, fortunately for the Saints it mattered little as capitalised on a two blues' error five minutes later.

The error came after a towering bomb from halfback, skipper and eventual player-of-the-final Mish Somers, which became a trend throughout the game.

Three tackles after the spill, St Pat's rake Riane Barton darted out of dummy half to open the scoring. Somers added the extras, giving the Saints a 6-nil lead.

Hawks cancelled that out almost immediately when Jacky Lyden dived over next to the sticks after her side was given a piggy

back from a penalty, Bec Ford's kick squaring the ledger.

But in the 20th minute the minor premiers took the lead again, through Meredith Jones. Again, it came after the two blues spilled a Somers bomb on their own line.

St Pat's skipper missed the kick, but her side held their 10-6 lead until midway through the second half.

They'd controlled the tempo beautifully through the opening stages of the second half and they were dominating the possession stakes too and it paid off.

Once again Somers went high, once again it was spilled at the back and Amy Copping barged her way over in the 34th minute, Somers' goal pushing the score to 16-6.

Though Hawks tried they couldn't break St Pat's.

"They're just a really good side, with a really good coach. They were really strong all season and I think they deserved their win, so congratulations to them," Hawks coach Marty Lyden said.

**BATHURST ST PAT'S 16** (Riane Barton, Meredith Jones, Amy Copping tries; Mish Somers 2 goals) defeated **ORANGE HAWKS 6** (Jacky Lyden try; Bec Ford goal)

# A late Cowra try denies the gallant under 14s Panthers

## RUGBY LEAGUE

A COWRA Magpies try in the final five minutes denied the Bathurst Panthers under 14s side victory in their Group 10 Junior Rugby League grand final at Sid Kallas Oval on Saturday.

The Magpies under 14s saluted in front of their home fans at Cowra, man of the match Isaac Petty producing a herculean effort in the front row to help lift the swoopers 12-6 over rivals Bathurst Panthers.

Virtually nothing has separated the two sides all season, Cowra winning both encounters by six and two points.

And it looked like the two sides would play out their closest clash of the season in the 2018 decider, too, when converted tries to Kane Wiggins and Harry Thauxe locked Panthers and Cowra at 6-all for the bulk of the game.

The score remained that way until the Magpies won a scrum 10 metres out from Panthers' line and Jacob Haeata was strong enough to barge his way over from close range to score as time crept inside the final five minutes of the grand final.

Tom Negus' second goal of the match made it a six-point buffer, one the Magpies managed to hold on to late despite Panthers throwing everything at the black and whites.

While disappointed his side was unable to hoist the trophy, Panthers coach Mick Carter couldn't fault the effort of his outfit.

"Cowra had a great game and deserved to win," he said.

"Bad luck boys, heads up, we'll come back next year and thanks to all the Panthers supporters for coming over and supporting us."

This Magpies team lost the 2017 under 13s decider, making Saturday's victory the group's first premiership triumph.

"It's amazing," Cowra coach Ken McNarama said.

"The Panthers' defensive line was incredible at getting off their line. We didn't have any room to move. We had to hang in there and get as far down the field as possible.

"But in the second half, we got down there end once and we were able to score, that was the difference."

Petty's battle with Panthers enforcer Tal-lis Tobin was a highlight of the nail-biting grand final.

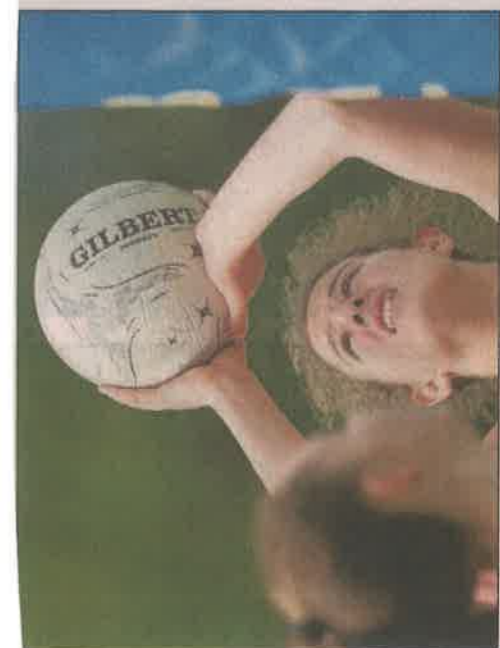
**COWRA MAGPIES 12** (Harry Thauxe, Jacob Haeata tries; Tom Negus 2 goals) defeated **BATHURST PANTHERS 6** (Kane Wiggins try; Jesse Limon goal)



**LOOKING AHEAD:** Gabby Bugg firing off a pass earlier this season against All Saints. **Photo: PHIL BLATCH**



**BLOCKING:** Lucy Hobson on the defensive end during last week's minor semi-final at the Bathurst Indoor Sports Stadium. **Photo: CHRIS SEABROOK**



**AIM:** Pearl Grimmert lines up a shot for Panthers earlier this season. **Photo: PHIL BLATCH**

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# Lawson and his mates want to win together

**PREMIER LEAGUE**  
BY ANYA WHITELAW

PLAYING hard for your mates - Blake Lawson believes that has been the key in Bathurst Panthers reaching Sunday's Group 10 premier league grand final and could just be what gets them over the line against Cowra.

Like many in this year's squad, Lawson is a Panthers junior who has gone on to be a mainstay in the club's premier league side.

The hard running, strong-tackling centre has had his share of finals disappointment - Panthers have fallen desperately short of the decider the past two years.

But having already survived sudden death matches in this year's finals tilt against Oberon, defending premiers CYMS and Hawks, Lawson feels Panthers can get the job done on Sunday.

"I believe we are ready for this, I don't believe we've played our grand final already. I think we are really just starting to hit our straps," he said.

"People doubted us at the start of the year, but we just kept playing for each other and kept changing people's opinions.

"We want to go out there on Sunday and prove everyone wrong again.

"Everyone is really keen, we've only got one player with us who has played in a [premier league] grand final before in Trent Hotham."

While Hotham might be the sole player with previous premier league grand final experience, there are plenty of Panthers who know about playing in deciders.

The likes of Lawson, captain Doug Hewitt, Jack Siejka,



**HUNGRY PANTHER:** Blake Lawson is hoping to win his first Group 10 premier league grand final with Panthers this Sunday. They will take on Cowra at Sid Kallas Oval.

Andrew Mendes, Nick Loader and Jedd Betts all found success as Panthers juniors. The bonds they formed all those years ago are even stronger now.

"A lot of us all played juniors together, we were only a couple of years apart, so we are a pretty close team. That is something we've

really prided ourselves on, especially at the start of the pre-season when we lost a handful of blokes," Lawson said.

"We actually lost about five blokes to Cowra, so it feels a bit like a movie script to be honest. At the start of the year if you had talked about us in a grand final peo-

ple would've said 'No way'.

"But we've stuck together and we've been close, it's the closest team I've ever been part of. That's why we are where we are at the moment.

"I'm year below Dougie, but I played a couple with them. I won 14s and 16s in my own age group, Bettsy played with me in 16s and I

lost a grand final in 18s with Bettsy and Nick Loader, a whole lot of the boys.

"The last grand final I played in was that one in 18s, we didn't get the win in that one when we probably should've."

Sunday's grand final at Sid Kallas Oval will kick-off at 3pm.

# State honours for city's educators

## Recognised for commitment to education

### EDUCATION

TWO Bathurst educators have been recognised for their outstanding commitment to education and awarded one of the state's highest teaching accolades.

Executive Director of Schools, Catholic Education Diocese of Bathurst, Jenny Allen and Principal of Denison College of Secondary Education, Craig Petersen were presented with the prestigious Australian College of Educators (NSW branch) Excellence in Education Award at a dinner celebrating the state's leading educational institutions.

Ms Allen is responsible for 9,000 students and 930 teachers and introduced a program which has transformed the culture throughout 33 schools.

Among Ms Allen's many strengths are her passion, commitment and enthusi-



**AWARD:** Executive Director of Schools, Catholic Education Diocese of Bathurst, Jenny Allen has received an Excellence in Education Award.

asm for high quality student learning outcomes. In her early years she excelled as a teacher, and she has reflected this drive for seeking the best for young people, in all aspects of her leadership roles beyond the classroom.

Ms Allen also remains an outstanding role model and advocate for women in leadership.

ing opportunities for them, irrespective of their circumstances and financial background," Mr Petersen said.

Australian College of Educators CEO, Helen Jentz, said it's educators like Jenny and Craig who make students want to learn.

"Jenny and Craig are trailblazers. Their passion for education is infectious and it's not just the students who benefit, rather their colleagues and the entire school community," Ms Jentz said.

"Educators like Jenny and Craig are shaping and influencing the lives of thousands of students and creating opportunities they never dreamed existed.

"It's wonderful the Australian College of Educators can recognise their outstanding contribution to the teaching profession, not just in Bathurst, but throughout New South Wales."



**AWARD RECIPIENT:** Craig Petersen pictured at Kelso High, has received a prestigious Australian College of Educators (NSW branch) Excellence in Education Award.

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# Hopeful of witnessing club's best win so far

**PREMIER LEAGUE**

BY ALEXANDER GRANT

BATHURST taking out this Sunday's Group 10 premier league grand final wouldn't just be the third premiership under the Panthers' name, it would be the greatest of all the club's titles so far.

That's how former two-time Panthers premiership winner Dave Elvy sees things in the lead up to the club's battle against the Cowra Magpies.

It's big praise coming from the man who led the Panthers to four straight grand final appearances between 2004 and 2007, winning back-to-back crowns in the latter of those seasons.

Elvy said the Panthers of 2018 are a side who have continuously found ways to win against the odds.

"If they happen to win the grand final this year then I think it would be the biggest achievement ever for the club just because of what they've been through during the semis," he said.

"Being involved in a lot of good wins it's a big thing for me to say but I think it's the truth.

"I know when I was there we won a couple in a row but ... with so many walking wounded this year they've had to really rely on some senior players and blokes digging in for each other.

"Missing out in the last five minutes of the last couple of preliminary finals means winning this would also be a big relief. Now that they're there they may as well try to win it," he laughed.

Elvy knows all about finals heartbreak and has empa-



**THIS IS OUR MOMENT:** Bathurst Panthers' premier league side are looking for their first title in 11 years when they play Cowra Magpies this Sunday. Panthers fought through Oberon Tigers, Orange CYMS and Orange Hawks to reach the last day of the season.

thised with the Panthers' cause over the past couple of seasons.

The all-conquering minor premier Panthers side of 2004 came up short against the Mudgee Dragons and were then outclassed by Lithgow Workies in the grand final a year later.

An extra-time grand final triumph in 2006 ended the Panthers' grand final woes and Elvy led the team to a dominant victory over the same opponent, Lithgow, the next season.

Following their premier-ship double Panthers' success on the field was more patchy.

The club picked up two wooden spoons (2010 and

**CHASING PREMIERSHIP GLORY**

**Panthers grand finals since club creation in 2000**

- 2000: Lost 34-12 vs Mudgee Dragons
- 2004: Lost 17-10 vs Mudgee Dragons
- 2005: Lost 19-4 vs Lithgow Workies
- 2006: Won 10-4 vs Lithgow Workies (in extra-time)
- 2007: Won 24-4 vs Lithgow Workies

2012) during a tough rebuilding period.

Under the guidance of Todd Barrow the Panthers began their climb back towards being a leading side in the competition in 2016.

Despite being a force throughout the next two years they came up a game shy of the grand final, losing 22-20 to eventual champions Mudgee Dragons then going

down 24-12 to the Oberon Tigers last season.

Now they've broken through that preliminary final hurdle.

"They went through a rebuild there at one stage and have gone close over the last couple of years but lost in the dying minutes," Elvy said.

"It's been a massive battle for them to get there this year with all the injuries

they've had. "They've got a reasonably good balance in the team but also the competition was just so even this year.

"Sometimes you get two or three really strong teams - and we've been amongst that the last couple of years - but this time there's been little between them all.

"They've dug deep in recent weeks with Dougie injured and Brent Seager. They're the walking wounded at the moment and that was a huge effort for them to get up against a huge team like Hawks."

Panthers didn't have the pre-season wraps on them when compared to the past few years.

As for Elvy? He had faith in the first grade side from the opening week.

"Looking at other squads I still believed that they were a top three side," he said.

"This year it's all come to plan, but they're going over to play Cowra in Cowra and they haven't won in over 20 years so there's a lot on the line for both teams."

Kick-off is 3pm.

- BATHURST PANTHERS:** 1 Josh Rivett, 2 Andrew Mendes, 3 Blake Lawson, 4 Jye Barrow, 5 Kade Barrow, 6 Willie Wright, 7 Doug Hewitt, 8 Brent Seager, 9 Nick Loader, 10 Dane Thorogood, 11 Blake Seager, 12 Jack Siejka, 13 Blake Hewitt, 14 Jed Betts, 15 Kara Rotarangi, 16 Luke Bain, 17 Trent Hotham



**Flannies bring in \$1400**  
KELSO HIGH SCHOOL'S Flannery Day for our farmers was a huge success.

Councillor Jacqui Rudge from Bathurst Regional Council was on board to cook the barbecue! The school raised just over \$1,400 - fantastic! Great effort and loved seeing everyone in their flannel shirts around the school. Images - KHS

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**BIG PRESENCE:** The NSW CHS Under 15s volleyball side boasted five representatives from Bathurst. Photo: CONTRIBUTED

# Top five result after a battle with top talent

## VOLLEYBALL

BY ALEXANDER GRANT

BATHURST junior girls volleyball continues to reach new heights after five players competed as part of the under 15s NSW Combined High Schools side at the Schools Sports Australia Championships.

Kelso High School's Lily Grimmond, Maddie Vallis, Harriet Fitzsimmons plus Bathurst High School's Zara Sheader and Tegan Bush comprised half of the NSW squad who finished fifth at the Bendigo tournament.

Fitzsimmons impressed during the event and was

named in the Australian merit team of 12 - the only NSW player to achieve the honour.

Bathurst involvement continued into the coaching ranks with Jerry Sheader (Kelso High, coach) and Rennay Smith (Bathurst Public, manager).

A loss back at the start of the tournament would come back to bite for the Bathurst, Kelso and NSW girls.

It denied them a chance to play off for a bronze medal but Sheader said his side dealt well with a gruelling schedule of matches.

"We ended up playing 12 matches in all, two games a

day and they were best of five sets," he said.

"We beat ACT in the fifth and sixth place playoff game three sets to two. We had a particularly strong game against Victoria, who ended up finishing second, where we lost 3-2 in a very close match.

"We were unlucky not to be in the third place play off. We lost to WA then beat them quite easily later on in the rounds but because of that first loss WA slid just ahead of us into that game."

NSW won three of their 10 pool matches but ended on a high but taking out the fifth place playoff against ACT 25-

23, 23-25, 25-19, 21-25, 15-6.

NSW took out both of their pool matches against ACT and one with WA.

Overall champions Queensland and runners-up Victoria unsurprisingly featured strongly in the All Australian Team with four players each.

Fitzsimmons flew the flag solo for NSW.

Sheader said Fitzsimmons and her side all displayed excellent energy on the defensive end to earn their result.

"We had some strong defence and we were able to get the ball back a lot. That meant we had a lot of long rallies.

"Unfortunately the consistency of some of the other states, especially Queensland, really showed. Those top two teams were very strong and it was difficult to compete against their lack of errors.

"Harriet Fitzsimmons making the honorary Australian team was great. That went to the 12 most influential players at the tournament. All the girls did really well.

"It was a brand new stadium in Bendigo so it was wonderful to be the first people playing in the \$32 million complex. The town all turned out for it."

# It's the young talent time

THE ARTS COLUMN  
BY SARAH LITTLE

THREE digital films, produced by nine local year 10 students, were launched last week at Bathurst Regional Art Gallery to their families, teachers, principals, local artists and arts mentors and members of the public.

The Generation Art film launch and screening showcased the work of the students from MacKillop College, St Stanislaus' College, Denison College - Bathurst High Campus, Denison College - Kelso High Campus and All Saints' College, produced during their 14-week immersion in the visual art world of Bathurst.

Mayor Graeme Hanger presented the students with certificates and art gift bags (kindly donated by Pigments and Palettes), as well as student memberships to the BRAG Society, in recognition of their achievements.

But what is Generation Art exactly? In 2016, BRAG partnered with the Australian Catholic University (ACU) to produce an innovative pilot program for youth audiences



**GENERATION NEXT:** Generation Art 2018 students and artist mentors at Bathurst Regional Art Gallery. The students were immersed in the city's arts scene. Photo: HENRY DENYER-SIMMONS

- an audience group which is persistently one of the most challenging to engage in the gallery space.

Once a week, students met with local artists and art professionals over a school

term and worked towards making digital stories in response to what they learnt during the program.

The pilot program in 2016 was purpose-built to enable young people to interact

with local artists and art mentors to find out what it's like to be an artist today.

BRAG was committed to running the innovative program again on the back of its success in 2016.

The three digital stories created by the students cap-

tured their experiences of the program, and synthesised what they learnt about curating an exhibition, working in an artist's studio, videography and art-making.

Their films differed greatly in style, ranging from a mini documentary about local artist Nicole Welch, to an exhibition review of the Jam-Factory's exhibition *STEEL: art design architecture*.

BRAG would like to thank local artists and arts mentors Nicole Welch, Bridget Thomas, Henry Denyer-Simmons, Donna Mitchell, Graham Lupp and Rachel Ellis for their tireless efforts to make the program a success and encourage the students to pursue their passion for the visual arts.

Man On The Moon Media captured the students' journeys in a mini documentary while they worked and learnt in the gallery space, forged new friendships and created their own bodies of work.

The mini documentary, as well as the students' films, can be viewed in the gallery, on BRAG's website [www.bathurstart.com.au](http://www.bathurstart.com.au) or BRAG's YouTube channel.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND BATHURST

## Kelso High Trivia Night

ANOTHER HUGE SUCCESSFUL trivia night was held on Saturday, 25 August. A sold out crowd enjoyed a night of testing trivia, fun facts and laughter-causing challenges.

Thanks to the support of more than 85 sponsors the school was able to raise over \$8000. This means after five years of fundraising the school can now complete the construction of a covered walkway from the Administration block down to the bus bay.

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**Giants women win**  
 BATHURST GIANTS HAD a massive weekend on Saturday, progressing through to the next level of finals after beating the Orange Tigerettes 3-13-31 to 1-1-7 in the Central West AFL women's minor semi-final.

The key to the win was the amazing enthusiasm of the Giants women, combined with a fantastic defensive effort. Well done on the win, ladies.  
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## MINUTE WITH A MUM

Meet Stacey. She is a beautiful, strong, intelligent and energetic local mum of four gorgeous boys. I met Stacey a couple of years ago at our children's school and I am so happy our paths crossed.

Stacey is a high school teacher who is studying at university while being an awesome wife, mother and friend. Love *Mumma Cxx*

**\* Name:** Stacey Jones

**\* Your family includes:** Husband Matt, four beautiful boys Quinn, Fraser, Emmett, Murphy and two beautiful Golden Retrievers.

**\* For you what is the most rewarding part about being a mum?** I love the beautiful family we have created together and the strong sense of belonging we all share as a unit.

**\* What's your go to quick family dinner?** Can't go past a quick and easy salad with whatever I have in the refrigerator and pantry or a stir fry.

**\* Do you have any good school lunchbox tips to share?** Invest in a good quality multi-compartment lunchbox and keep lunches for the whole family simple. I don't like to pack too much processed food for the boys, so lots of cut up fresh vegies each day.

**\* What is your favourite activity to do with your family**

**in Bathurst?** Getting out and about so we can all move and get some fresh air. Parkrun is a family favourite to kick start our weekend or a visit to the aquatic centre.

**\* Where's your favourite place in Bathurst for a caffeine hit?** Can't go past Mad Season Café. Coffee and food is fabulous and I am always made to feel so welcome.

**\* Favourite place in Bathurst to eat and drink and let your hair down with friends?** In good company I am happy to go just about anywhere for a night off mummy duties!

**\* Can you complete the following sentences:**  
- *I've come to realise* I can achieve just about anything I set my mind to with discipline, self-belief and a strong, positive support network.  
- *Being a mum means* more to me than I ever imagined.

**\* Ask your hubby to describe you in three words:** Caring, considerate, intelligent.

**\* Ask your children to describe you:**  
Quinn (10) - Funny, disciplined  
Fraser (8) - Beautiful, honest, positive  
Emmett (8) - Generous, caring  
Murphy (3) - Cuddly, warm

**\* You ran your 4th half marathon last weekend. Can you tell us a little about how you started on your running journey? What advice would you give to mums who would love to start running but feel they can't?** My advice is just get started! If I can you can! People around me were running so I thought I would give it a go. The beginning stages of running training (initially for a five kilometre distance) were definitely the most difficult. Once I got five kilometre runs to feel 'comfortable' building up from there was nowhere near as hard.

**\* Do you have any advice for other mums who are trying to manage their work/life balance?** Scrap any guilt you may have about prioritising yourself

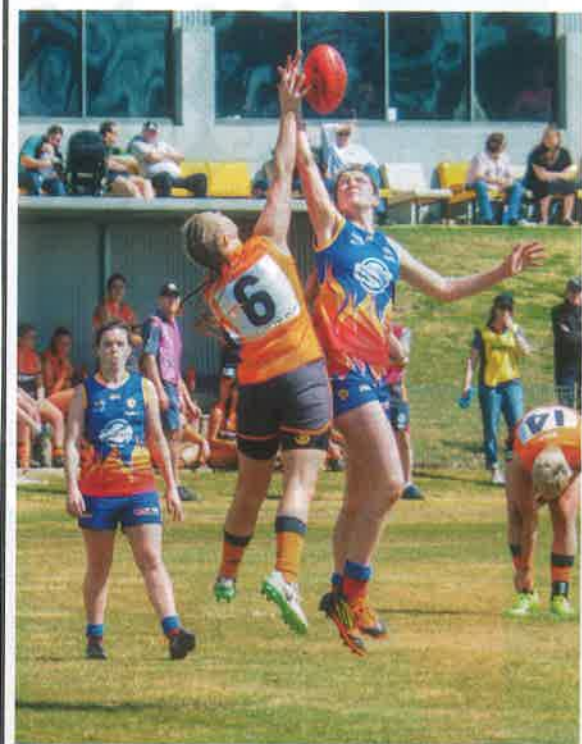


and your physical and mental health. It took me a few years of the motherhood juggle before I realised I could not pour from an empty cup and how it is in no way selfish to allocate time for yourself to exercise or have down time away from family. I also had to coerce myself into becoming a 'morning person'.

Rising early before my family most days makes the juggle more manageable. As a teacher I also had to learn to create firm boundaries between work and family. I plan my week ahead and schedule in activities to maximise the use of my time.

Image - Gabriella Watson Photography





## Giants fall agonisingly short of maiden Women's AFL flag

THE BATHURST GIANTS' maiden Central West Women's AFL season very nearly achieved the perfect finish. Sadly, they were pipped at the post by a strong Dubbo Demons outfit which emerged seven-point victors to claim their first premiership.

After holding a narrow lead for much of the game, the Giants were brought undone by a pair of somewhat controversial goals seeing the Demons home 3.5-23 to 2.4-16.

For their maiden season, the Giants exceeded expectations by making the grand final, but up against the more experienced Demons, it was always going to be a tough conquest for the Giants.

With a maiden premiership still eluding both the men's and women's Giants teams, could 2019 be the year the drought breaks for the young Bathurst club?

Find out next year... -Sam Bolt



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