

## Mallee Sports Assembly Inc. A0016748B NEWSLETTER October 2012

The Annual General Meeting of the Mallee Sports Assembly was held on Tuesday 16th October at the lovely facilities at Surnaysia Hockey Centre. Project Officers Delia Baber and Rhonda Allan of the MSA offices at Swan Hill and Wycheproof travelled to Mildura for the AGM meeting up with the other staff team members located in Mildura.

Rod Simms, Mallee Sports Assembly President, extended a warm welcome to Brian Weightman (Northern Mallee Sports Hall of Fame), Shirley Boulton (Life Member Mallee Sports Assembly), Cr Sue Nichols and Cr Glen Milne. Rod presented his President's report followed by the Executive Officer of MSA Carmel Mackay's report.

Rod stepped down from the Chair and Cr Sue Nichols took over the Chair for the preparation of the election of Committee of Management.. Cr Nichols commented on the geographical area covered by MSA, Sports Star and number of staff employed. Cr Nichols congratulated the Executive Officer, Board and Staff on the development of Mallee Sports Assembly. The new committee of management was elected for the 2012/13 year and consisted of Shirley Boulton, Rod Simms, Leanne Morgan, Phil Gee, Joy Clarke, Terry Kite, Greg Cooke and Justin Morison.

Rod welcomed the Guest Speaker Andrew Farlie from Cricket Victoria who spoke about his role within Cricket Victoria and the similarities between Cricket Victoria and Mallee Sports Assembly. Andrew's supports 47 clubs as well as schools and communities in this region with grants, club development, education and training. He also supplies data to Cricket Australia. Andrew gives talented players an opportunity to reach the highest level possible. Cricket Victoria engages participants in non-traditional cricket like beach, laneway, street indoor as well as all ability, new arrival and indigenous.

Andrew was involved in the successful Murray River Challenge held at Swan Hill. This carnival was for Indigenous Cricketers and each team had two police officers as players. The participants, police and cricket community interacted through food, music and cricket. Andrew posed the question of "How do we make programs like this sustainable"?

In Andrew's role he crosses paths with programs with MSA through the – Indigenous, beyondblue initiative, club development, high performance programs, Sailability and "Come and Try" days. The negatives for Cricket Victoria at the present time are the lack of participation from 14-18 yr olds, participation is dropping to 3.5% and a decline in volunteer numbers. The positives are female participation has increased by 27%, popularity of the 20/20 Bash, broader "harmony in cricket" message, closer ties with school sport, and the opportunities to work with like minded groups.

President Rod commented on the similarities between Cricket Victoria and MSA with communication, initiatives and technology. Carmel Mackay, Executive Officer, thanked Andrew as the Guest Speaker.



International Day of People with Disability – Mildura, Swan Hill, Buloke and Gannawarra



2012 International Day for People with Disability is celebrated on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December, 2012

Celebrate the achievements, contributions and experiences of people with a disability, promoting awareness of disability issues and bringing together the general community in a day of recognition.

Mildura, Swan Hill, Buloke and Gannawarra

**Mildura**

In 2012 Mallee Sport Assembly is coordinating the Wheel Talk program from Disability Sport and Recreation to visit Mildura. Wheel Talk will be visiting a number of local primary, secondary schools and community groups, from the 26-30<sup>th</sup> November.

This program is an experiential learning program which increases young people's understanding of what it is like to have a disability. This unique program has been coordinated over the past decade and reaches 25,000 students in primary and secondary schools, tertiary institutions and community groups throughout Victoria annually. Wheel Talk addresses the importance of leading a healthy active lifestyle through participation in sport and recreation and a range of issues including:

diversity	bullying	workplace and road safety
goal setting	spinal injury awareness	disability sport & recreation awareness

Our Inspirational Disability Sport and Recreation Ambassadors share their personal stories with participants and discuss how their disability has impacted their life. For more information contact the MSA office in Mildura



**Buloke and Gannawarra**

**International Day for People with a Disability will be celebrated in the Buloke Shire with Lawn Bowls Lawn at Charlton**

When-Wednesday Nov 28<sup>th</sup> 2012

Where-Charlton Bowling Club, Calder Hwy, Charlton

What-Lawn bowling session to be followed by lunch and presentations

Time-10.30am onwards

Cost-\$2.00 (includes lunch)



**Gannawarra Shire – International Day Celebrations to be confirmed at a later date**

For more information in regard to Buloke and Gannawarra International Day contact the MSA Wycheproof office.

**Swan Hill - Sailability**

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December

10:00am – 5:30pm, Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December 9:30am – 3:00pm

**Lake Boga Flying Boat Museum, Willakool Drive, Lake Boga**

Please wear suitable clothing, bring a towel & sun block. **Cost: \$5.00 per person with BBQ lunch included**

Participants need to register by 16<sup>th</sup> November 2012, contact Mallee Sports Assembly, Ph: 50332008

Mob: 0429 332008, email [delia@malleesportsassembly.org.au](mailto:delia@malleesportsassembly.org.au) 296 Campbell St, Swan Hill 3585



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## Give Your Club the Edge – Healthy Sporting Environments

In partnership with VicHealth, the Mallee Sports Assembly and eight other Regional Sports Assemblies, together with local sports clubs across the state will see the implementation of the **Healthy Sporting Environments Program**.

Clubs that participate in the **Healthy Sporting Environments program** will strive to become healthier by addressing six preventable illness factors.

The **Healthy Sporting Environments program** will support grassroots sports clubs to become healthier, welcoming and more inclusive– leading to greater participation in sport and improved health and wellbeing within communities. This is achieved through a process of club engagement based on the provision of adequate resources and working modules.

Over the next two years clubs will be provided support to reduce harmful alcohol use; offer more nutritious options at the canteen; work to reduce spectators and players exposure to UV; reduce smoking in and around club grounds; manage and reduce injuries; and increase the number of women, culturally & linguistically diverse people and Indigenous people in local sport. ‘Creating a **healthy sporting environment is a win-win for sports clubs** who can benefit from funding and sponsorship opportunities and attracting more players, spectators and volunteers.’ VicHealth CEO Jerri Rechter said: “The idea is to use the unique position sporting clubs have in the community to develop them as leaders in health promotion” “With so much momentum to promote zero-tolerance of racism and sexism in Victorian sport recently, this program will cement our state’s place as a nationwide leader in promoting all aspects of good health through sport,” Ms Rechter said.

“Sports clubs are more than just places that promote physical activity – they’re also places where the community gathers and are ideal for promoting health and wellbeing beyond the match itself.

“This isn’t about banning pies and beer from local sport. The Victorian community has told us that they want healthier options at sports clubs – **Healthy Sporting Environments** is a great opportunity for local clubs to heed that call.”

For clubs requiring further information and/or to register their clubs interest to be involved in the **Healthy Sporting Environments Program** please contact Mallee Sports Assembly at Mildura, Swan Hill, or Wycheproof.





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### Club Help - Supporting local clubs and our volunteers

Club Help was developed by Leisure Networks in partnership with Regional Sports Network Victoria (which is representative of the Mallee Sports Assembly and seven other Assemblies from across the state). It was supported with funding from the Department of Planning and Community Development. The Minister for Sport & Recreation The Hon Hugh Delahunty officially launched Club Help in Geelong on the 25<sup>th</sup> September 2012.

[Club Help](#) is a "one-stop" shop for local clubs across our region. It provides:-

- Ideas to attract more members or volunteers;
- Samples of club documents e.g. a Member Handbook to work from; and
- Ideas to improve club governance and operations that can be difficult at times.

This easy to navigate web site provides our local club volunteers with

- Templates (e.g. business and strategic plans, handbooks)
- Samples (e.g. policies, procedures, role descriptions, Codes of Behaviour)
- Ready to Use Resources (e.g. Welcome Signs, posters, recording sheets)
- Links (e.g. to online training, grants, relevant information sources)

Why not take a look and view all of the Helpful Resources? Clubs can complete a self-assessment in an area of interest to receive an emailed plan with ideas to try and resources to help get clubs going? For more information: Mallee Sports Assembly 03 5021 3464 [info@malleesportsassembly.org.au](mailto:info@malleesportsassembly.org.au)



### Upcoming Activities – Buloke/Gannawarra

#### Level 1 Sports Trainers Course (Full & re-accreditation available)

**When**-Sundays 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> March 2013

**Where**-Wycheproof P-12 College, McKenzie Crs, Wycheproof

**Time**-9am-5pm

**Cost**-To be confirmed

**For information and to register contact MSA Wycheproof Office.**



### Upcoming Activities – Swan Hill

#### Club Connections

#### Term Four activities for Murray Human Services

Murray Human Services decided that for the last term of 2012 they would like to try various activities. So we have planned some weekly activities beginning with Lawn Bowls with our new members Swan Hill Bowls Club. Murray Human Services will continue participating in bowls over the next few weeks then go on to Cricket followed by Croquet and for their last session Minor Games with Woorinen South Walking Club.



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## Upcoming Activities – Swan Hill continued



*(For people with a disability)*

These awards will recognize the contributions and achievements of people with a disability in the sport and recreation sector within the Swan Hill Rural City Council. This could be in their capacity as an athlete, volunteer, committee member, administrator or coach.

### SELECTION CRITERIA

- The person nominated must be a resident of the Swan Hill Rural City Council.
- Performance and/or contributions to sport and recreation will be considered at the local, regional, state or national level.
- Disabilities are considered to be those unrelated to ageing, which might include intellectual, physical, sensory, acquired brain injury, neurological impairment, mental illness, or dual disability.
- Sport is defined as those activities recognized as sporting activities by the relevant State Government Sport and Recreation Department.
- There will be two award categories available –

☐ Junior Category (under 18 years of age as at 31 December 2012)    ☐ Senior Category (18 years and over)

#### ■ The awards are to be selected on a quarterly basis:

November 2012 – January 2013 (Nominations close Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2013)

February – April 2013 (Nominations close Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2013)

May – July 2013 (Nominations close Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2013)

August-October 2013 (Nominations close Friday 9 November 2013)

- Quarterly Award winners to be selected by the Project Officer of the Mallee Sports Assembly and Rural Access Coordinator (Swan Hill Rural City Council)
- Quarterly Award winners will receive a Certificate of Achievement; sports voucher supported by Clarks and will be acknowledged through the local media/community newsletters (including photographs) for their achievements.
- The All Abilities Sports Star Awards of the Year will be chosen from the quarterly junior and senior category winners.
- The All Abilities Sports Star of the Year Awards will be announced and presented as part of the 2013 International Day of People with a Disability event



### Barry Steggall - All Abilities Playground

Ken Symons – Commercial Services Manager from Swan Hill Rural City Council showed Progressive Unity Swan Hill (PUSH) around the new All Abilities Playground. The playground has many features including Sway Fun, space net and arched bridge, a wall maze with interactive and musical elements, accessible paddle steamer, with ramp, interactive elements, low seating net and steering wheels. The park has had a few delays but will have an official opening in the near future.



## Upcoming Activities – Buloke/Gannawarra

### 4 Week Golf Program For People Of All Abilities

When-Commencing Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> Oct 2012

Where-Kerang Golf Club, Koondrook Rd, Kerang

Time-10.30am

Cost-\$2.00 p.p. (includes cuppa & Biscuit)



### 4 Week Lawn Bowls Program

When-Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> Nov 2012

Where-Charlton Bowling Club, Calder Hwy, Charlton

Cost-\$2.00 p.p. (includes light refreshments)

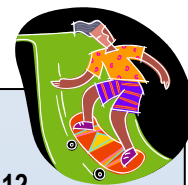
**\*\*Please wear flat soled shoes\*\***



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## Upcoming Activities – Buloke/Gannawarra continued



### Come N Try Tennis For People Of All Abilities-Donald

When-Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> Oct 2012

Where- Donald Lawn Tennis Club-Woods St Donald

What-One hour tennis with support from Donald High School students

Time-10.30am

Cost- \$2.00p.p. (includes cuppa and biscuit) \*\*Please wear appropriate footwear\*\*



### Freedomfest (For Youth) Kerang

When-Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> Oct 2012

Where-Atkinson Park, Kerang

Time-10am start both days

What-Radar gun testing of speed of tennis serve, fun activities, BMX Demos, Skate clinics, music and dance workshops, Live music and much, much more

Cost-FREE ENTRY

## 2012 Rural Access Sports Star Award For People Of All Abilities For Both Buloke and Gannawarra Shires

These awards will recognize the contributions and achievements of people with a disability in the sport and recreation sector within the Buloke and Gannawarra Shires. This could be in their capacity of an athlete, volunteer, committee member, administrator or coach.

The awards will be selected on a quarterly basis:

September - November 2012 (Nominations close Friday 7 December 2012)

The All Abilities Sports Star Awards of the Year will be chosen from the quarterly junior and senior category winners. The All Abilities Sports Star of the Year Awards will be announced and presented at the Buloke Shire "International Day for People with a Disability" celebrations - date and venue to be advised.

Contact Rhonda at MSA Wycheproof for nomination forms and more information.

For more information and to register for the above programs contact the MSA Wycheproof office

## Completed Activities – Mildura

### VicSport FAN Workshop

On the 10<sup>th</sup> October, Mallee Sports Assembly held the first Female Administrator Network Workshop in Mildura. Nineteen people attended from 12 different clubs, including one club from Robinvale. Max Binnington from Vicsport facilitated the session, communicating about the three R's of volunteer management – Recruiting, Retaining and Rewarding. Remember, the number one reason why volunteers volunteer is **that they were asked**. One of the comments made on the evening is that we want our clubs to be friendly – welcoming – social. This comment was referred back to on a number of occasions throughout the evening.

Clubs need to be creative in how they ask for volunteers within their club and offer them direct guidelines on what and where something is required. Retaining your volunteers is a process and a task that should not be forgotten. Clubs need to ensure that training and reimbursement is made to volunteers. Finally rewarding those who have done a great job, does not have to be expensive and can be formal or informally.



## Completed Activities – Swan Hill

### 2012 Indigenous Swimming Program – Swan Hill

To launch the 2012 Indigenous Swimming Program a BBQ & Come & Try Day was held at Swan Hill Leisure Centre on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1:00pm – 2:30pm. The swimming program has kicked off with 30 participants of various ages learning to swim which will continue throughout term 4.

This is a joint initiative of ISRP, Swimming Victoria, Swan Hill Leisure Centre, Two Bays Swimming Club and Mallee Sports Assembly.





## Completed Activities – Swan Hill continued

### Come and Try Sports Day & tug of War – Swan Hill 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2012

The Come & Fry Day/s held in conjunction with the Swan Hill Agricultural Show was a great success with many participants especially on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October. It was a beautiful day with lots of great people out looking for some fun at the show. On Saturday the heaven's opened and it rained heavily most of the day so numbers were down, overall it was a great event and it is planned to run again next year. Let's hope we can have some better weather. The planning group developed a passport with all the clubs featured, when participants tried a sport they had their passport stamped, once they completed all activities they received a show bag with drink bottle, cap and local information. Thanks to all clubs and volunteers for participating in this event.

#### Tug of War

The team that won the tug of war was 'The Big Rig's' - fundraising for Swan Hill Extended Care Unit. The Trojans won second price also fund raising for the ECU and The Axles won third for ECU. The Miss Fits also competed- they were all for ECU bus fundraiser.

\$1000 was presented to the Swan Hill Hospital's Extended Care Unit for their



#### Murray Human Services Performance

Murray Human Services – Movement to Music Group provided a performance at Swan Hill Neighbourhood House recently with Dance Instructor – Wendy Stevens



#### Swan Hill Croquet Club & Incontro Italian Ladies Come & Try Afternoon

The Swan Hill Croquet Club supported the Incontro (which means gather together) Italian Ladies Social Group in a Come & Try Croquet on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2012. The ladies enjoyed learning the skills of croquet and afternoon tea with club members.



## Completed Activities – Buloke/Gannawara

### Great Day for Lawn Bowling for All Abilities at Stawell

Over 100 people were in attendance on the day where people of all abilities mixed in and enjoyed a day of lawn bowling. Everyone came along sporting their favourite football team colours. Before play Mallee Sports Assembly welcomed everyone to the day. Peter Nixon from Bowls Australia and Luke Werner of Wimmera Regional Sports Assembly brought along skills equipment. This equipment assists the new-comers and participants with limited ability with their game. Following play, all enjoyed a BBQ lunch cooked by the male club members before returning to the greens for the afternoon session. The club provided approximately 20 volunteers for the day which was very much appreciated. Peter Nixon of Bowls Australia and Trish Wilde –All Abilities Co-ordinator, Wimmera Division kept their “eyes open” for any potential participants that would benefit from further coaching. The selected participants will be notified by Bowls Australia. The club had the greens and surrounds in perfect condition and also erected a “Tube” to assist any person having difficulty in bowling a ball. The club also provided the required equipment for all the participants.

At the conclusion of play everyone returned to the club house where MSA Project Officer thanked the Stawell Bowling Club and presented a “Certificate of Appreciation” on behalf of everyone. Wimmera Regional Sports Assembly-Horsham, Sports Central-Ballarat and Bowls Australia were also key partners in the organization and running of the day.

People travelled from all directions which included residents from the Buloke Shire and there were clients and staff from the following: McGregor Community Services-Ararat, Dept Human Services-Swan Hill, Murdoch House-St Arnaud, Woodbine-Warracknabeal, Cooyinda-Nhill, Services Endeavour/Life Skills program-Stawell, Stawell Intertwine Services, Mulleraterang Centre-Hamilton, Asteria Services Inc-Maryborough Wimmera Uniting Care-Horsham, Joanne Page-Birchip,

Look out for the next event for 2013.



## Mallee Sports Assembly – 2013 Sport & Recreation Calendar of Events

Once again Mallee Sports Assembly will be producing the MSA 2012 Sport & Recreation Calendar of Events. This calendar is for members of Mallee Sports Assembly to list their planned events for 2013. The calendar is distributed across 4 Local Governments areas of Mildura, Swan Hill, Gannawarra and Buloke.

A separate pro-forma will be sent out with this newsletter. Please return the completed form by the 5<sup>th</sup> November to allow enough time for printing and distributing to members before the end of the year



### Grants

The Elite Indigenous Travel and Accommodation Assistance Program (EITAAP);  
The Local Sporting Champions program  
Country Football and Netball Program  
Facility Loan Scheme – Tennis Australia  
National Court Rebate Scheme – Tennis Australia  
Emergency: sporting and recreational equipment  
Aim for the Stars Grants  
Active Club Grant

For further information and help to apply for these grants contact Mallee Sports Assembly



Good Sports



The Mallee Sports Assembly is the community partner for the Good Sports Program which supports local sporting clubs through an accreditation process. All sporting clubs offer **friendly and safe club facilities**, which comply with Liquor Licensing legal requirements.

The club's main focus is sport, not drinking. The Mallee Sports Assembly currently assists over 50 registered sporting clubs in our local area who are part of the program. Good Sports Accreditation Program has 4 levels – Level 0 -Alcohol free sporting club, Level 1, 2 & 3 sporting clubs with a liquor license. **Mallee Sports Assembly delivers the Good Sports Program to Victorian, New South Wales and South Australian clubs.**

### Responsible Serving of Alcohol, Liquor Licensing and Food Handling Courses

***Do you need to have your volunteers trained in Responsible Serving of Alcohol and Food Handling? Do you need to change your Liquor License? These courses are for you!!***

For more information or to register your club's interest in the above courses contact Mallee Sports Assembly on 50213464.



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July 2012 Winner – Mr Darren Williams – Tae Kwon Do



Darren Williams was nominated by the Ataru International Tae Kwon Do. Darren competed in the Australian ITF National Championships. At these championships Darren competed against 130 others in his field. He won gold in the sparring and also Special Technique. He was also awarded a trophy as the Overall Senior Male Competitor.

Darren was chosen to attend a two 10 hour session working alongside the Grand Master of his discipline which will enhance his own coaching skills for his local students. Darren was also a member of the Australian team which competed at the World Titles in Canada in August. 2012.



August 2012 Winner – Mr Tim Walker - Golf



Tim Walker was nominated by the Red Cliffs Golf Club. Tim Walker has been chosen as the 2012 Sunraysia's 97.9 Sun FM Northern Mallee Sports Star of the Year for the month of August. Tim was nominated by the Red Cliffs Golf Club.

Tim competed and won the Riverside Open in April 2012. Eighteen year old Tim was selected for a Golfing Scholarship with Central Alabama Community College in the USA. Prior to Tim leaving Australia he set a new course record of 67 at Red Cliffs. On the 31<sup>st</sup> August Tim qualified for a 5 man team to play Inter-College tournament, where he placed 6<sup>th</sup> overall and 2<sup>nd</sup> for the team. His team won by 14 strokes. Tim has played in another 3 events and improved in each event with a 4<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. We believe that Tim is the first player from this district to be offered a golf scholarship in America

Darren and Tim both receive a voucher proudly sponsored by Sportspower and are both eligible for the 2012 Sunraysia 97.9 Sun FM Sports Star of the Year Award .....Congratulations Darren and Tim.....  
Darren and Tim photos kindly supplied by Sunraysia Daily.

Nominations for October are now being received for the 2012 Sunraysia's 97.9 Sun FM Sports Star of the Year Awards, forms are available from our office at 255 11th Street, Mildura, Sports Power and Sunraysia's 97.9Sun FM offices, or at our website: [www.malleesportsassembly.org.au](http://www.malleesportsassembly.org.au). October nominations close on November 9th, 2012. For further information please ph 5021 3464

#### Proud Supporters of the Northern Mallee Sports Star of the Year Awards 2012

Sunraysia 97.9 Sun FM, Telstra Countrywide, McDonalds, Leda Farm Equipment and Bearings, Merbein & District Community Bank Branch Bendigo Bank, City Colonial Motor Inn, Sunraysia Daily, Rural Access, Dept of Justice Mildura Rural City Council, WIN TV, Sportspower, Viatek, Leading Edge Computers Mildura.

#### Annual Awards

Nominations are now being accepted for the Annual Awards and the Hall of Fame. These nominations can be submitted all year round. Why not nominate the quite achievers or team who make your sport great for our community. This is a great opportunity to recognise our: Master Athletes (over 40 years old); Senior Team; Junior Team; Clubs; Sports Administrators; Juniors (under 16 years); Coaches; Indigenous, Disability and Volunteer.. All completed forms to be lodged at MSA office.



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**Objective:** To acknowledge volunteers who make a positive difference in the lives of others through support and encouragement, often with self-sacrifice and without personal gain.

## Michael Nott – Riverside Golf Club

Riverside Golf Club has nominated Michael Nott as a volunteer groundsman. Michael has been the volunteer groundsman for at least three days a week for the past twelve years.

Since retirement, Michael has enjoyed playing golf at Riverside Golf Club with his friends. His way of supporting the club that he loves is to try to facilitate and maintain improvements to the course to make playing golf more enjoyable for others. We believe Riverside Golf Club is extremely fortunate to have such a dedicated voluntary worker such as Michael Nott.

As the volunteer groundsman Michael has attended to the following:

Drives the tractor and the grass cutter – a never-ending job! Mows the off-fairway “rough” areas – a continuous job! Trims and lops trees and branches, then mulches these which are then spread onto the paths throughout the course. Michael clears away the fallen branches under trees. He has laid pavers around the practice -putting green and constructed a fence around the on-course holiday unit. As well he has painted the kitchen, clubhouse and toilets and installed the new gate at the entrance to the Golf Course. He has rebuilt the 9<sup>th</sup> tee which entailed erecting a wooden framework to build up the area and then planting grass seeds, which he continues to maintain. Supervised other works and workers (eg Working For The Dole workers.), Supplied and fitted doors for the Buggy Shed. Puts ground markings in place on the Course for club tournament events. Has fixed up a shed so that the grounds men who work on the course have somewhere to eat ‘smoko’ and have their lunch. The existing shed had to be first cleared of rubbish and then Michael installed a sink and a window, made benches and also lined the walls with plaster. During the floods he has dug trenches for pipes to be laid so that the water could be pumped away.

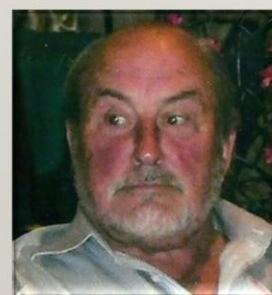
## Rob Jager- Tyntynder Football Netball Club

Robbie Jager is what we, around the Tyntynder Football Netball Club (TFNC), call “volunteer gold”. Hard working, reliable and uncomplaining, Rob goes about the business of contributing large amounts of his own time to our club without any thought of personal gain or personal reward. “Yep, volunteer gold”. Rob likes to “keep busy” and donating his time and skills to the TFNC is his way of giving back to the community. Rob admits to getting a personal sense of “belonging” from volunteering and is a familiar face around the club - like “part of the furniture” in fact.

Whether it be painting the scoreboard, painting the seating around the ground, cleaning the clubrooms or manning the scoreboard at each home game - Rob does it all willingly, never having to be asked and going quietly about the business of maintaining and enhancing the Tyntynder Football Netball Club. Our Club “lucked out” the day Rob Jager decided to give back to his local community - he chose our club and is a familiar face on week days cleaning , painting or beautifying the grounds. On home games he mans the scoreboard during the 17's, Reserves and senior games. Our club members talk about Robbie Jager being around the club “for years” and when pinned down Robbie himself isn't quite sure. “About five years” he says? Rob doesn't look like giving up his volunteering role any time soon and we appreciate every single minute he spends at our club.

A humble man of few words, our “Robbie” Jager is a hard worker, quiet achiever. Rob seeks no reward for the work he does around the club preferring to go about his business “quietly” and uncomplainingly. The Tyntynder Football Netball Club scoreboard got a coat of paint this year, the goal pads are brought in after each home game and quietly packed away – no fuss, no ceremony. The clubrooms “glow” after he finishes sprucing them up each week and we suspect that the “undercoat” of paint on the seating around the ground is Robbie's contribution to our club's hosting of the 2012 preliminary final.

Rob doesn't need to be asked to man the scoreboard at TFNC home games – it's just what he does, coming over to the main canteen at half time for the cuppa and sandwiches that he “always tries to pay for”. We know his value around the club and providing him with afternoon tea is the very least we can do.



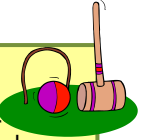
Michael Nott



Ron Jager

## News from Donald Croquet Club

In June 2012 Donald Croquet club celebrated 100 years of croquet in Donald. The celebrations took the form of a dinner catered for by the local golf club ladies. The highlight of the event was the presentation of Life Memberships to Bev Gilmour and Coral Hicks two very dedicated club members. The first croquet greens were adjoined to the Park Bowling Greens. Interest was so keen amongst the ladies to play croquet that a waiting list to join was compiled also children were not welcome at the greens. The club later moved to the VRI club where they played on the bowling green. Later years due to rising costs of maintenance etc the Tennis Club was approached and agreed to sharing their lawns and clubhouse with the croquet club members. We now have normal sized greens to play on and more courts to play on for our Tournament days.



## Mildura BMX Upcoming Events

### November

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> – **State Series Rd 5 – Happy Valley**

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> – **State Series Rd 6 – Cross Keys**

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> - Round 6 – **Series 1**

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> – Round 7 – **Series 1**

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> – **Victorian Titles - Knox**

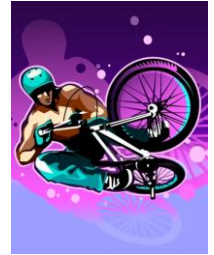
### December

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> - **STATE SERIES Rd 7 - GAWLER**

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> – Round 8 – **Series 1 Final Round**

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> or Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> – **Christmas Party & Presentation Day or Night**

**To be advised at a later date**



## Eagles Baseball Club.

**MaRk this DATE in YOUR calender**

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November**

Doms Burger Bar charity Tuesday

This is an easy way to **get your office involved** for lunch or even pick up take away on the way home for dinner.

Any question please contact Kelly Lang 0406 597 944. Hope to see you all there



## Merbein South Cricket Club and Mildura East Cricket Club turning Blue

Merbein South Cricket Club along with Mildura East Cricket Club will conduct a beyondblue Awareness Day on 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2012. All players will be involved and will receive material supplied by beyondblue.

## Woorinen South Walking Club

The club meets weekly at Woorinen South Community Hall on Mondays at 10:00am.

For further information please contact Verna Currie 50330768

### Older Adults Carpet Bowls and Minor Games

Carpet Bowls and Minor Games are held on a regular basis for more information please contact: Verna Currie

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### Carpet Bowls

Carpet Bowls is held every second and third Thursday at the Swan Hill RSL Club at 1:30pm \$1.00 per session.

It is a fun afternoon out and is not a serious competition

### Minor Games

We hold regular Darts/Hookey/Quoits games days. A fun day out with lunch included.

Free joining fee **Come along and have some fun!**



## Get your heart racing this spring carnival at a Country Race Meet

**Elders Mt Wycheproof Cup Day – Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2012@ Mt Wycheproof Racecourse**

**Mildura Melbourne Cup Day – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2012 @ Mildura Racecourse**

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