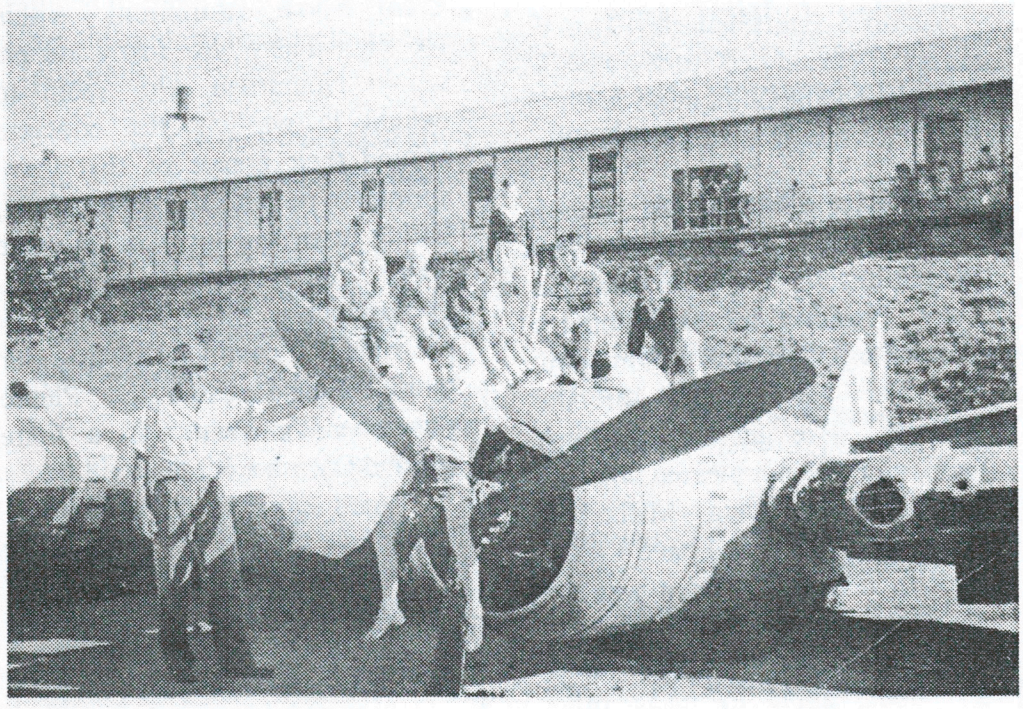
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Numurkah Boys *"Flying"* High at Portsea - 1957

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EDITORS COLUMN

Well here we are again nearing the end of another year, only a matter of weeks away from another Christmas.

As you will see from the "Show of Shows" article, I have been reasonably busy for the past month. Have also been to Melbourne for a meeting, had a trip up through Tocumwal, Finley and Jerilderie. Been across to Yarrawonga, as well as several trips to Shepparton. No wonder my wife reckons I am never home.

My editorial last month would seem to have stirred a few people up. Had a letter from the State President of the Country Women's Association. Somehow she had got a copy of the "Pelican", (we get around, don't we?), and was not pleased with my comments regarding Melbourne based organisations. I have written back to her, telling her it was not my intention to offend the CWA. I feel sure that what I wrote would, and does, apply to many other groups with Melbourne based headquarters.

Congratulations to the Numurkah A & P Society for another successful Show. The small amount of rain that fell on the day didn't dampen the enjoyment for patrons - in fact it would take several inches of rain to do that.

Talking of rain, or the lack of it, don't forget that Water Restrictions are now in effect in Numurkah. If everyone can stick to them, they may not get tougher, but if we continue to waste what water we do have we could get even worse restrictions within weeks. There are many people within Numurkah who seem to delight in washing the concrete around their homes or that leave sprinklers running for far too long, letting litres and litres of valuable water run down the gutters. Unfortunately these people will probably still continue to waste our most valuable resource. Please remember that water is a finite commodity, save it.

John Sigley
Editor

QUIZ TIME No. 51

Here are some more questions for you to attempt.
Who wrote the following books.....

1/ "Up The Country"
2/ "Return to Coolamai"
3/ "The Devil's Advocate"
4/ "The One Day of the Year"
5/ "The Veterans"

Country Womens' Association - Numurkah Branch

Our Annual Meeting was held in October and group President June took over the chair for the election of Office Bearers. Pat Werner is our new Branch President, Faye Sobek is Secretary, with Sharyn Caspar as Treasurer. I am sure your full support will be given to these Office Bearers and we thank them for accepting the positions.

Our thanks must also go to our outgoing President, Thelma, and to Joy who has done a wonderful job as Secretary for quite a few years. We wish them well as they now sit back and enjoy our meetings.

It has been a busy time this month, with the Numurkah Show and the Pioneer Lodge Fete.

We had great success with our group entries at the Show. First for our Flowers, and Second in the Group Craft (By only one point, I believe). Many, many awards to our members in various sections. Well done to all who participated.

Once again we manned the Cake Stall at the Pioneer Lodge Fete. Our thanks to all who helped to stock this popular stall, and to the Ladies who gave their time to sell the 'goodies'. No exact figures at the moment, but approximately $500 on the stall and over $200 on the Christmas Cake Raffle.

We are looking forward to our Melbourne Cup Day on the 4th. November. Should be lots of Fun & Fashion???

Christmas Lunch will be at the Clydesdale Hotel, Katunga. Date yet to be confirmed. Turkey, Beef, Plum Pudding or Fruit Salad. Make sure your name is on the list.

Next meeting is on Friday November 8th., 1.30pm., at Senior Citizens Rooms. Competition is Home-Made Christmas Decoration. Don't forget your flower.

Words of Wisdom

"Your never a loser until you quit trying"
Mike Ditka

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"PELICAN INFORMER"

Contributions are always welcome.

Articles of Community Interest, reports on Tours, Meetings, and AGM's, Poems, Coming Events, Community Group Profiles, Etc.

The "pelican" is published on the **First Thursday** of the month, copy to be in by previous **Friday.**

The "PORTSEA CHILDREN"S" Camp - 1957

Back in September the Numurkah Historical Society received a letter from the Macarthur Historical Society. The letter mentioned some photographs of Numurkah boys at a camp in Portsea. These photographs had been left to the Macarthur Society, and as they concerned Numurkah they wanted to know if we would like them.

A phone call the next day to their Secretary, saying we would love to receive these artefacts, and around a week or so later a small parcel arrived in the mail. Upon opening the parcel we found a hand-written letter to a Joe Freeman, a small glass Ashtray, depicting a scene of the pier at Portsea and several photographs.

Apparently Joe was the Leader at the Portsea Children's Camp in 1957, when a contingent of boys from Numurkah spent their holiday there. The ashtray was most likely bought at Portsea, and later sent to Joe with the letter, which is signed by all the boys plus three others who must have been the leaders from Numurkah.

The names of the boys are as follows...

Graeme Pell	**Lindsay Florence**	**Brian King**
Ron Matthews	**Bruce Moore**	**Ian Gilmour**
Ian Theyers	**Neville Simpson**	**Billy Norman**
Peter Smith	**Peter Hanna**	**Geoffery Phillips**
Richard Frawley	**Albert Storer**	**Kevin Storer**
Leo McKenna	**Warren Wilson**	**Jim Hassett**
and **Max Staggard**		

The three Leaders were -

Graham Jasper, Margaret Coles and Gwenda Coghill.

The photographs show boys enjoying themselves at the beach, but unfortunately there are no names attached to the photos. We have put a copy of one of the photographs on this months cover, and we would really love to put names to them, if at all possible.

We of course don't know if any of these people still live in the area, one we believe now lives in the Western District, and some may have shifted even further away.

If you know any of these boys or the Leaders, or if you know where they may be today, could you please contact either John Sigley on 5862 2230 or Glenice Holmes on 5862 1411



Gwen, Joe & Boys
Portsea 1957

INVERGORDON COMMUNITY BUSH DANCE & FAMILY FUN NIGHT

SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER 2002

This has been planned following the overwhelming success of last year's Bush Dance.

WHERE: On the oval at the Invergordon Community Rooms.

TIME:

From 7.00pm
- Food available for purchase
- Soft drinks, tea/coffeeavailable for purchase
- Miniature electric train rides
- Lucky dip
- Face painting
- Puppet Show
- Community Award announced

From 8.15pm
- "BUSHFIRES" Bush Band to play
- Monster Raffle to be drawn
- Lucerne hay bales to be auctioned

People are also welcome to bring their own food, drinks (alcohol permitted) chairs
Admission price includes Bush Dance, train rides, face painting & puppet show

Cost: $5 Adults $2 Students Pre- Schoolers free

FOR TICKETS PLEASE CONTACT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING

Wendy Scott 58655486	Pauline McDonald 58655347	Sheryl Gundrill 58655296
Doug Brown 58655207	Leanne Rovers 58655409	Dot Brown 58655242
Cheryl Clarke 58655450	Margaret Scott 58623115	Rosemary Kennett 58621707

St Andrews Presbyterian Church
Numurkah

VARIETY CONCERT & SUPPER

Friday 8th. November
8.00 pm.

Presbyterian Church Hall
Saxton Street
Numurkah

Adults - $8.00 Students - $4.00
Family - $20.00

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JIMEOIN AND HIS *'tea towel'* TOUR

You really should go and see **Jimeion** because he's very, very funny....and he's set to bring his successful **"tea towel" tour** through Victoria, plus a couple of sneaky ones just over the NSW border



His show boasts no politics.
Nothing topical.
No point to make.
It's about travelling around,
sharing a hearty laugh and
interfering with the locals.
Jimeoin's far-reaching
"tea towel" tour
now wends its way
through his home-state, Victoria.
That's a lot of laughs, a lot of roads,
a lot of meals and a lot of tea towels!

With his enthusiasm for live performance, a golf course and a fishing spot, Australia's favourite Irish comedian, **Jimeion**, is currently touring throughout Regional Victoria and Southern NSW.
This month he will be appearing at Barooga, Shepparton, Wangaratta and Albury, all within easy reach of Numurkah.

BOOK EARLY AS SHOWS WILL SELL OUT FAST!!!!

Saturday 9th. November BAROOGA SPORTS CLUB 5873 4448

Friday 22nd. November SHEPPARTON EASTBANK CENTRE 5832 9511

Saturday 23rd. November Wangaratta Town Hall 5721 3758
Sunday 24th. November Albury Performing Arts Centre 6041 4288

BAALA HOUSE CHRISTMAS SING-A-LONG

November 28th. 1.00pm.

Entertainment by.. *"Polyphony"*
Carol Singing - Stalls - Raffles
Devonshire Afternoon Tea

Admission $5 (includes $2 raffle tickets)

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Sunday 10th. November 2002
2.00pm.

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Contact **John Sigley** on **5862 2230** to discuss your advertisment.

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Friday	10am. - 12 noon
	1pm. - 5pm.
Saturday	10am. - 12 noon

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Michael "Mick" McGuire

22nd. February 1934 ~ 5th. October 2002

As many of you will be aware by now Michael "Mick" McGuire passed away suddenly on Saturday 5th. October 2002.

Mick was a co-founder of the ***"Pelican Informer"*** and supported us right through until his death. There is not a great deal more that I can say about Mick, that I have not already said. The only thing I feel at the present time is the loss of a truly great friend.

I have included a copy of the Eulogy I read at Mick's funeral. Bye Mick.



I have known Mick for only the past eight years or so. He arrived in town and opened a Printing shop just a few doors down from our Museum. I called in to get a few small jobs done - have to support a new business I thought - we hit it off straight away and have remained friends ever since.

Mick was another blow-in, like me, and he immediately become involved in the community affairs of Numurkah - he joined groups and had his say about what mattered to him and his new town. He was one of the reasons, or should that be the instigator, of us starting the "Pelican Informer" - which has now entered its fourth year . He became an active member of the Historical Society, he joined the Development Committee, became heavily involved with the running of the Community Bus scheme, driving those less fortunate to hospital and doctor appointments, as well as working tirelessly trying to obtain an Organ for the Town Hall.

Micks shop became a meeting place for many locals - those who wanted a chat or to let off some steam - we all met there at sometime or other. Everyone was welcomed with a cheery greeting, and of course a story or two about Micks varied and often exciting life. Always ready to listen, always interesting Mick became one of my closest friends, a man who could be depended on to support and assist me in all my plans and ideas. He printed several books for our Society, as well as doing many other smaller jobs for us, often working late into the night, just to meet my ridiculous deadlines. My trips down the street became less enjoyable, though somewhat quicker, (I would often spend an hour or more chatting with him) when he retired from business. *But even though he should have* started to take things a little easier, he continued to be involved.

He was a co-founder of the local Angling Club, just last Saturday he finished organising their Christmas raffle, he still drove the Community bus, still staying involved in community groups, was still being Mick. Even to the extent of spending a few days in hospital, then taking some patients to Melbourne the day after being discharged.

Mick used to call in home two or three times a week, joining us for coffee, at least for half a cup of coffee, he never seemed to drink the whole cupful. In fact I have been searching for a suitable coffee mug that would only hold half-a-cup.

I will miss the sound of his car door in our drive, the knock on the back door. "Anyone home" has now lost its intensity and its friendliness.

Helen and I, along with my entire family, pass our condolences onto Judy and Peter, to all the many people Mick befriended in Numurkah and elsewhere, and to the members of his family. I know I will miss him, as will the community of Numurkah.

THE "SHOW OF SHOWS"

Over the past month, the Numurkah & District Historical Society have attended five local shows, seven days in all, with the Travelling Display we have on loan from the Royal Agricultural Society Of Victoria.

Entitled "The Show of Shows", and depicting some of the Royal Melbourne Shows wonderful history, the display has now been seen by many hundreds of people throughout the Goulburn Valley.

With one day Shows in Nathalia, Kyabram and Numurkah and two day Shows at Shepparton and Cobram, we feel that we have promoted our Society to the fullest extent, as well as promoting Numurkah itself. Local publications were sold at all of these shows, circulating the history of Numurkah much more widely than ever before.

Much has been written in the media about the future of small Agricultural Shows, with much speculation as to whether they can survive in these days of the massive Field Days, Dairy Shows, etc. I certainly hope they do survive.

Many of these shows have run for well over one hundred years, Numurkah's Show was their 114th.

Shows have always fascinated me, with the many different displays, the sideshows, machinery, animals, produce, the wide range of items that have been entered in the Cookery, Art, Crafts, Photography. etc., attract people in droves.

Then of course there is the Showbags, once given away or at very reasonable prices. Now they cost any where up to $20/$30. And they just don't seem to have al that interesting stuff in them now.

With the five shows we attended this year we struck all types of weather. Warm, sunny, windy, both hot and cold, dusty, and even a bit of that rare item "rain".

We met and talked to hundreds of people, some extremely interesting, some not, some with a great interest in history, others that thought they knew it all, and would try and tell us what they thought was the correct history of Numurkah. But this happens everywhere you go, not just at the Show.

At one of the Shows, our site was right alongside another featuring a *'scale'* model of Noahs Ark. Over two metres in length, and fully fitted out with what the maker assumed would be the correct types of pens/stalls, etc. All very interesting except that the person in charge had a video, which had been made showing him wandering through the Ark and giving a commentary as he went. The video ran for 5 minutes, but it ran continuously from 9.30am. until 4.00pm. That's around 78 times I had to listen to the story of the Ark. About 75 times too many.

I met people I haven't seen for years, I didn't realise I knew so many people in places like Kyabram, Nathalia, Cobram and Shepparton. People I worked with years ago, people I have met through the many groups I have been involved with.

Many years ago I was Secretary of the Numurkah A&P Society, and I met up with several people from those days, people I thought had departed the area. An ex-President of the Numurkah Show in Murray Graham and his wife Nancy. An old boss of mine, Fred Gregory and his wife Kath. An ex-Steward of the Poultry Section at Numurkah, Cec Gibbons.

The many stall-holders we met, with a strong camaraderie among them all, covered all facets of life. There were Vacuum Cleaner salesmen, ladies selling Cosmetic, Religious groups, Government departments, such as the Ombudsman, an African lady selling hand-made artefacts, Artists drawing sketches of everyone and anyone, and of course Politicians or prospective politicians. You wouldn't know there were Elections in the air would you?

People that follow the shows throughout the State, on the road all the time, living in vans and/or motels, are a completely different breed of people. Always selling, even when just chatting. I am afraid that this type of life is not for me. At the moment I, and the other members of the Historical Society are all *"Showed"* out.

J.Sigley

Answers to Quiz Time No. 51

1	Brent of Bin Bin (Miles Franklin)
2	Eleanor Dark
3	Patrick White
4	Alan Seymour
5	Eric Lambert

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Friends of the Library

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invite you to Pre-Christmas drinks & nibbles at the Library from 6.00-7.00pm on Wednesday, November 27th, 2002

(after the November meeting held at 5.00pm)

Raffle drawn at 7.00 pm.

EVERYONE WELCOME

WAFFLING ON

by TGD

Reading an article in a glossy food magazine I was bemused by the phrase " pasta is still fashionable". This made me wonder just how many people (if any) would stop preparing and eating pasta had the article instead stated that eating pasta was now unfashionable.

Recently there has been much debate on TV and in the press concerning the alleged obesity of children. Lack of exercise and fast foods are generally cited as the reasons. This is a very simplistic and generalised assumption but there are some individual parents who will have an over the top reaction and will cause more harm than good by endeavouring to force children to eat "healthy food". Forcing children to eat food which they hate is the best way to create future problems.

Fruit and vegetables are obvious elements of a balanced diet as are the other food groups including bread grains dairy foods meat etc. I am amazed to find some well meaning individuals consider that the taking of vitamin supplements is imperative to good health. If they just took the care to eat a balanced diet, then added vitamins are totally unnecessary, in fact an excess of certain vitamins can have a most undesirable effect on well-being.

Adults are also constantly being bombarded with lists of food to eat to live longer, beat Cancer, avoid Osteoporosis, and look younger. In twenty years time with this lack of ageing and ultra-fitness we will look like a population of clones. Or will we?. I tend to think the general public has more brains than they credited with. Definitely more brains than television programmers. Just lately our TV has been turned off more than it has been on. But that is straying from the point.

As with all information being fed to the population, take your time to think and analyse do not take items which are being dished out by the mass media as being irrevocably true. You just have to be knowledgable about some particular event to know that the media makes many mistakes. It all comes back to the fact that each individual make their own choices. Happy eating.

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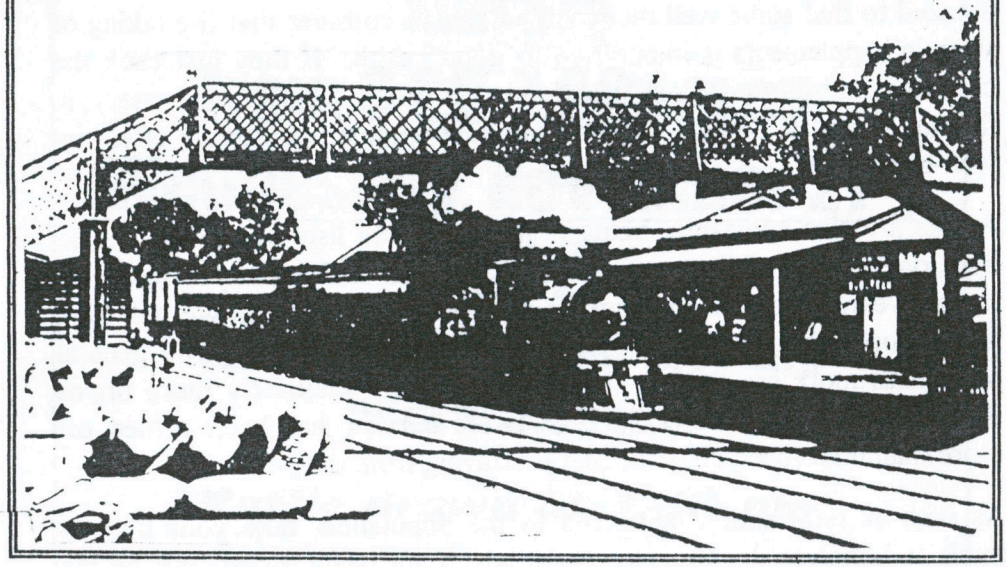
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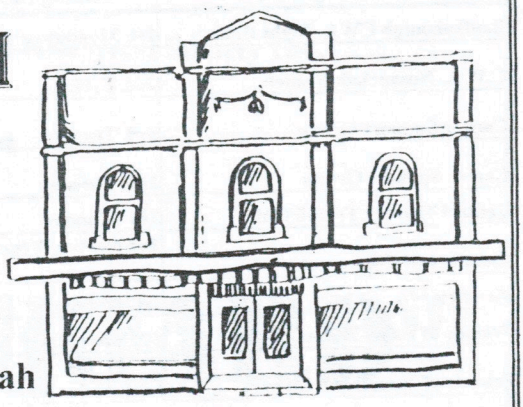
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MEETING DATES, TIMES AND VENUES FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS

Name of Organisation	Meeting Day	Venue	Time
Baulkamaugh CWA -Night Branch	1st. Monday	Baulkamaugh Hall	8.00pm.
C.W.A.-Numurkah Branch	2nd. Friday	Senior Citizens Rooms McCaskill Street	1.30pm.
Cancer Support Group	3rd. Tuesday	Community Health Centre - Num. Hosp.	Noon
Carers Support Group	2nd. Tuesday	Community Health Centre -Num. Hosp.	Noon
Central Murray Trefoil Guild	3rd. Monday	Guide Hall - Brennion Ave.	1.30pm.
Chamber of Commerce	For meeting Venue & Times Contact Heather Kelly on 5862-2153		
Fire Brigade	1st. Monday	Fire Station.- Saxton Street	8.00pm.
Friends of Baala House Auxilary	4th. Thursday	Baala House - Katamatite Road	1.30pm.
Friends of Numurkah Library	Last Wednesday	Library- Cnr. Knox & McCaskill Sts.	5.00pm.
Kaarimba Gardening Friends Inc.	4th. Wednesday	Contact-Toni Makin 58269483	8.00pm.
Lions	2nd. and 4th. Mondays	Telegraph Hotel - Melville Street	7.00pm.
Numurkah & Dist. Development Committee	2nd. Wednesday	Shire Offices-Cnr. Melville & Knox Sts.	7.30pm.
Numurkah & Dist. Machine Knitters Club	2nd. Tuesday	For meeting venue -Ph. 58621585	10.00am.
Numurkah & Dist. Tourism Assoc.Inc.	3rd. Tuesday	Tourist Information Office - Quinn Street	7.30pm.
Numurkah & District Garden Club	1st. Wednesday	Uniting Church Hall - Quinn Street	1.00pm.
Numurkah & District Historical Society Inc.	Last Tuesday of Month	Heritage Centre -Cnr. Melville & Knox Sts.	7.30pm.
Numurkah Agricultural & Pastoral Society Inc.	2nd. Wednesday	C.H.I.S. Centre - Meiklejohn Street.	8.00pm.
Numurkah Combined Probus Club	4th. Monday	Senior Citizens Rooms McCaskill Street	10.00am.
Numurkah Community Learning Centre	2nd. Tuesday	Murray Avenue Community House (13 Murray Street)	7.30pm.
Numurkah Family History Group	3rd. Wednesday	Heritage Centre-Cnr. Melville & Knox Sts.	1.30pm.
Numurkah Fishing Club	1st. Wednesday	Clubrooms McDonald Street	7.30pm.
Numurkah Pioneers Lodge Auxiliary	2nd. Monday	Pioneers Lodge	1.30pm.
Numurkah Red Cross Unit	1st.Friday (Bi-Monthly)	Numurkah Hospital-Meeting Room	1.30pm.
Numurkah RSL Sub-Branch	3rd. Monday	RSL Hall- Saxton Street	2.00pm.
Numurkah Senior Citizens	1st. Wednesday	Senior Citizens Clubrooms	1.30pm.
Numurkah Toy Library	1st. Tuesday	Toy Library-Cnr.Quinn & McCaskill Sts.	8.00pm.
Numurkah/Nathalia Palliative Care Volunteers	(No set Meeting Date - Contact 58620560)		
Rotary	Mondays	Numurkah Golf & Bowls Club Tunnock Road"	6.00pm.
Wunghnu Advancement Group (WAG)	1st. Tuesday	Wunghnu Bowling Club-Walter St.	7.30pm.
Wunghnu Branch of CWA. Inc.	2nd. Tuesday	Wunghnu Fire Station	1.30pm.

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