

# Daily Update

Thursday 14 February 2019

Shepparton and Mooroopna

## Love is in the air

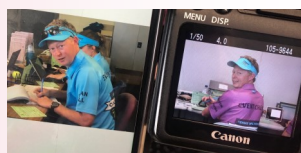
Happy Valentines Day everyone. Where else would you rather be than at Country Week with your nearest and dearest.

In the spirit of Valentines Day, please meet Gavin and Pat Bessent. Pat plays for West Gippy and this is her ninth Country Week. Husband Gavin has never played but is her support crew for Pat every other year.



Congratulations also to Lynda (white shirt) from the Geelong Bollards. Together with her husband Stuart who plays for the Besty's Boys made the trip back to Geelong last night to witness their daughters nursing graduation. They're back here today to celebrate Lynda's birthday. Happy Birthday Lynda!

On the topic of Birthdays, a big Happy Birthday to our own Adam Cramer. Make sure you wish him a very Happy Birthday today when you see him in the tournament box at Mooroopna. Has he even aged from last year.



## Whoops!

Robbo from Euroa Blue was very unpopular with his teammates yesterday. Apparently Robbo's calf makes a habit of letting him down on the Thursday of every Country Week. This year it's gone a day earlier on the Wednesday and his team mates aren't happy. Get well soon Robbo!



## Apologies

I mistakenly left Yvonne Child's photo off her profile on Monday when we named her a Country Week Legend. Yvonne, you're a Legend indeed, I hope you had a great night last night at the trots especially Race 3—Country Week Legend Yvonne Child Trotters Handicap!



## Uniforms

If you've seen the Sunbury Sippers around the courts, you might be struggling to keep up with their outfits. I'm told that they have bought so many uniforms for this



week that they're changing between matches. Here are some of their ensembles from the week.

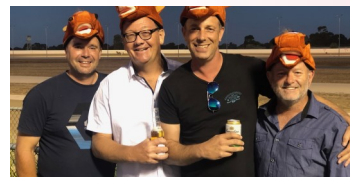


## It's finals time..

As we head in to the final rounds, the semifinals are just around the corner. All semifinals will be played at the Mooroopna Recreation Reserve today from 4pm.

The Grand Finals will also be played at Mooroopna tomorrow from 9am. Good luck to all of you who are vying for a spot in the finals.

## Last night..





# Stay in touch

Join the Tennis Victoria Country Week Facebook group to stay in touch.

## People of Country Week

Have you met our People of Country Week yet? We've been sharing their stories on Facebook this week. If you've missed it, here are some of our feature stories:



**Sylvia McClean** (left) first played Country Week last year at Swan Hill. The event made an impact on her as she's since moved to England to live, but she hasn't allowed distance to be a reason to miss out this year. Combining a visit to family and

friends, Sylvia has joined her team mates in her 'Liston Mixed Nuts' team. Welcome back Sylvia, we hope to see you next year too!

**Courtney Walsh** (left in the photo)

is playing in his 22nd Country Week in 2019 – and has played amongst many different teams over the years, still trying to find the winning combination! He has been described by his teammates as the “Best A-Grader to never win Country Week” ... Courtney has had many adventures over the years at Country Week, including one night being thrown across his shared accommodation room in Swan Hill as his fold up bed folded up on him while he slept! Last year he was caught in a bit of a pickle when a TV staff member let his wife Anna know her flowers had arrived for him on Valentines Day to the Tournament Box, which she knew nothing about.. turned out the flowers were from a missing team mate, which Courtney had to quickly explain to Anna once he had opened the card.



Sometimes the support you get off-court is the cherry on top of the tournament – just ask the Peninsula Princesses.. Their queen **Dani McMahon** (in the white top) doesn't play at Country Week but has

attended as their hype-girl at the tournament for nearly twenty years! Dani is in charge of accommodation, drinks, nibbles, entertainment and cheering the team on. One of the most entertaining nights they have had was at Swan Hill Country Week when the Bendigo-to-Swan Hill train driver, who also moonlighted as a talented guitarist/singer, spent a night serenading the team poolside, playing request after request! He promised to toot his train horn for them at 7am the next day as he left town.. and right on 7am there it was \*toot toot\*.. Here's to all of the amazing support people behind each team who help them get on court every year!

## New (used) balls please..!

If you want to take home a souvenir from Country Week we will be selling used Dunlop balls from both the Shepparton and Mooroopna Tournament Boxes. Each Box is \$40 cash payable upon collection (max 3 boxes per person).

## Tennis Nets

If you want to buy some nets to take home to your club they are available to purchase. Please contact Ian Grose at Shepparton Lawn TC 0418 531 399.

## Weather report

Some great pics came through of those that survived the storm of Day 3 of Country Week.



## Family Matters



It was a very special occasion on Tuesday when 2018 Country Week Legend Pat Flynn was joined on court by his grandson Joe Allan. Joe's dad was playing two courts across at the same time and his mum, and Pat's daughter Mandy was cheering them all on.

