



SHEPPARTON News



Heaps of homes

Real estate lift-out, inside today

Having a ball

Fitness fun +10

+5 HEALTH

Doctor dilemma

A new report compiled by GV GPs has found the number of rural doctors able to carry out surgery and other vital procedures is falling and is set to have an impact on smaller hospitals.

**Splash:** Hamish Crawford with the flow from the groundwater pump, which helps keep groundwater levels in check.

Picture: Ray Sizer

Tapping the benefits

In a drought-stricken landscape it might seem odd to be encouraging groundwater pumping to reduce high water tables. But farmers have long memories and it was only 20 years ago there was widespread concern about the creeping groundwater level and the threat of salinity to orchards and farms. This groundwater pump at Ross and Yvonne Crawford's Harston farm was the 300th to attract a government incentive, so the Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority arranged a celebration to mark progress since the mid-1990s. The spear-point system delivers about 2 ML/day and offers two benefits — a supplementary water supply and protection from higher ground water.

+3 COURT

Drug case committal continues

+4 NEWS

Cautious indigenous optimism

**+15 COUNCIL**

New guide details city bike routes

+5 WATER

Pipeline to and fro still running