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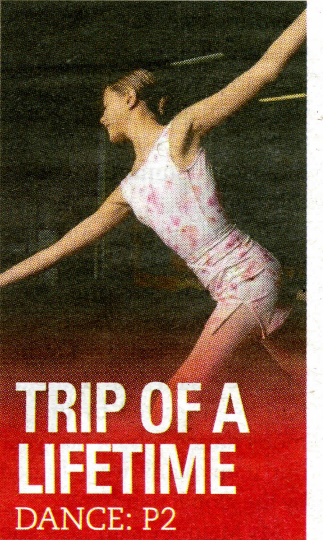
## MUDLARK MAYHEM

Nothing other than perhaps a pair of gumboots could have made the going any easier when the Saints took on Wangaratta Magpies in the saturated bog of Myrtleford's RC McNamara Reserve on Saturday. The mud was literally flying in what was a fierce contest in the sun after days of rain.

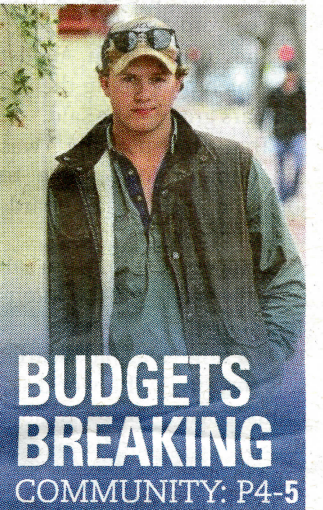
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**HARD SLOG:** Mud-caked Myrtleford Saint Mitch Dalbosco makes his way off the ground. Picture: JAMES WILTSHIRE



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## 'Tenacious' Stone dies

BY TED HOWES

BORDER legend Pam Stone, the first woman to be elected as councillor to the Wodonga council then later as mayor, has died aged 93.

Mrs Stone, renowned for her compassion and care for those less fortunate than herself, died at the Mercy Hospital in Albury on Saturday.

Her son Shane, a former chief minister of the Northern Territory, tearfully quoted a nursing sister caring for her as saying: "You die as you have lived". Mr Stone said his mum was "tenacious and determined and never going quietly into the night".

Mrs Stone, born in Swan Hill, was elected deputy mayor of Wodonga in 1981

then mayor in 1985. She achieved much in her life in the region, such as her instrumental role in bringing tertiary education to the Border.

Her dedication was a constant theme of the accolades she received and is written on a plaque in Wodonga's Pam Stone Park: "Pam gave compassionate and effective

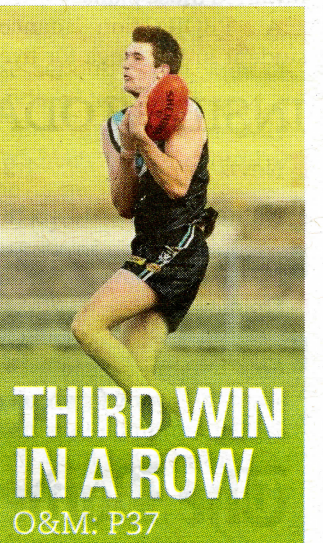
support to underprivileged people of Wodonga." She was married to Les Stone, who became Wodonga's first mayor in 1973 when the council was declared the Rural City of Wodonga.

But her life of achievement was also befallen with tragedy: her husband had a battle with cancer until his death in 1974, and her son Terry was

murdered in Timor in 2001. Wodonga mayor Kev Poulton said Mrs Stone was a trail-blazer not just for Wodonga but for the region.

"She's fondly remembered as a community sentinel who was always chasing for the betterment of everyone in the broader community."

Mrs Stone is survived by Shane and Susan.



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