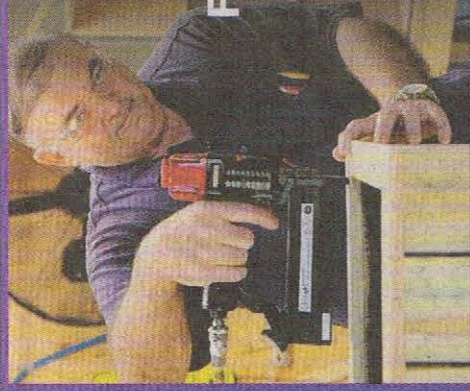


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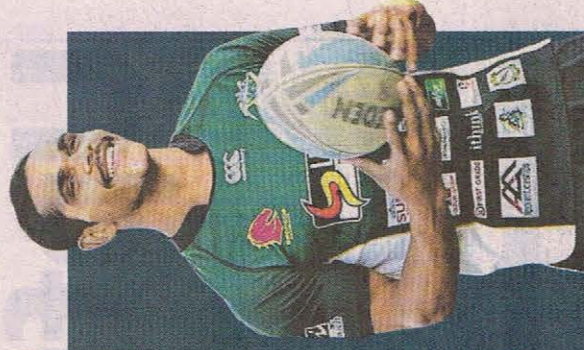
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Young gun on target

HE may be half the age of his competitors, but Forest Lake's Joshua Pratt, 13, is aiming for national glory. He trains with the Queensland under-25 target rifle shooting squad and can hold his own despite the age disparity. **PAGE 4**

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SHOOTER AIMS TO NATIONALS

Douglas Estwick

YOUNG gun Joshua Pratt is setting his sights on national glory after proving he can send a round down range better than shooters more than twice his age.

The Forest Lake 13-year-old won the C-Grade Grand Aggregate class at the Queensland Rifle Association Queens Prize earlier this month. He impressed many across the five-day competition and is now training with the Queensland under-25 squad.

Joshua and his proud father Craig joined the Ipswich Rifle Association only 18 months ago.

Mr Pratt said his son's progression had been remarkable and the family was looking at pathways toward representing Australia at the Olympics.

"The manager of under-25 team has asked us to consider the world championships in 2019, and being only 13 years old, there's three more Commonwealth



Shooter Josh Pratt of Forest Lake with his father Craig Pratt.

Games before he's 25," Mr Pratt said.

"It (target rifle shooting) really is a challenge against yourself mentally. Shooting up to 1000 yards, the bullet can drift 3m to 4m in the wind.

where your bullets have entered the targets and you can print them out later to have a look at them," Joshua said.

Joshua, a Westside Christian College student, also achieved perfect scores in both the 500 and 800-yard

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range rounds. Mr Pratt said the under-25 team had taken Joshua under their wing and he would travel with them to nationals.

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OXLEY

Bunnings set for expansion

BUNNINGS is set to spend \$6 million to expand its warehouse store at Oxley.

The expansion will result in a larger store with a larger outdoor nursery, bagged goods canopy and fully covered timber trade sales area.

On site parking will be increased by approximately 80 spaces. The store will continue trading throughout the expansion, which is expected to create about 50 jobs during construction.

GOODNA

Ede honoured in park naming

THE memory of Goodna man Lindsay Ede, who tragically died after an alleged one-punch attack in 2015, will live on with a reserve named in his honour.

The Lindsay Ede Memorial Reserve at 27-29 Albert St, Goodna, was officially opened on Saturday.

Mr Ede's alleged attacker, on charges of punching him as he walked to his brother's house in Goodna, is still awaiting trial as the first person charged under state 'one-punch can kill' laws.