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Nathalia Pony Club



Darcy Knowles-Mulholland riding Misty from Nathalia Pony Club.



Trixie Knowles-Mulholland on Moo from Nathalia Pony Club.

Nathalia Pony Club hosted the Northern Zone Qualifiers for Games, Flat and Musical Ride on Sunday the 7th of April. Right from the beginning the excitement was high as 33 riders were put into 5 teams to compete against each other over 8 games. It was a wonderful spectacle of riders' skill in mounted games, horsemanship and also sportsmanship with riders ranging in age from 5 years to 23 years. There was a constant roar of clapping and encouragement throughout.

The day was finished off with a beautiful pair ride by two Nathalia Pony Club riders. Clubs involved in the wonderful day were Bunbartha Pony Club, Rochester Pony Club, Bamawm Extension Pony Club, Deniliquin Pony Club, Barham Koondrook Pony Club and Nathalia Pony Club. Members of the Nathalia Pony Club would like to thank all involved in a successful day. *More photos on page 7.*



Lauren Charlton-Parker riding Brolga from Nathalia Pony Club.



Jimmy Spiers from Nathalia Pony Club.



Belle Southall from Bunbartha Pony Club.

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Regional Arts Victoria is in the neighbourhood of Moira Shire Council with our RAV in Residence program! Offering 1-on-1 private chats and a networking event this May! Numbers are strictly limited and bookings are essential for all events.

Private Sessions

Reserve a time to chat with us about any creative topic you have on your mind.

Thursday 2 May: 9.30am - 2.30pm
 Friday 3 May: 9.30am - 2.30pm
 Location: Cobram Civic Centre, Punt Road, Cobram VIC 3644

Networking Event

Join us to get to know your creative community. Yummy food provided

Thursday 2 May: 5:00pm - 7:00pm
 Location: Cactus Country, 4986 Murray Valley Highway, Strathmerton VIC 3641

Enquiries for RAV in Residence, please contact Membership Engagement Coordinator, Nell Ustundag on 1300 882 531 or membership@rav.net.au

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moira SHIRE **Community Update**

Kerbside Collection Changes - Be part of the conversation

We're preparing to introduce a Purple Glass Bin as part of the State required four-stream waste and recycling services, but we can't do it without you.

We've put together 3 options that improve our waste management, reduce landfill items and save costs for our community.

To share your thoughts visit the moira matters website.

Community consultation closes **Tuesday 30 April 2024.**

Scan to have your say



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Store your Emergency Kit in an easy accessible location and don't forget to replenish or update throughout the year. Support and resources are available as part of The First 72 Hours www.moira.vic.gov.au/The-First-72-Hours

RAV in Residence

Regional Arts Victoria is bringing the RAV in Residence program to Moira Shire! Offering local creatives an opportunity to book a 1-on-1 private chat with Regional Arts Victoria Staff plus a networking event this May!

- **Private Sessions:** Thursday 2 May and Friday 3 May at the Cobram Civic Centre, 9.30am - 2.30pm
 - **Networking Event:** Thursday 2 May at Cactus Country, 5pm - 7pm
- Numbers are strictly limited and bookings are essential. Visit our website for more information and to book your spot.

Book here



Move Moira - Get Active in April

Moira Shire Council has teamed up with NCN Health and Yarrowonga Health to bring you a bunch of activities to help you get moving. Check out the events taking place in Nathalia:

- 🚶 **Saturday 20 and 27 April: Nathalia Park Run, Park Street, Nathalia from 8am**
- 🚶 **Sunday 21 April: Active in Nature, Nathalia's Botanical Walk, various times**
- 🚶 **Wednesday 24 April: Play2Learn Playgroup, Punt Road, Nathalia from 10am**

Visit www.moira.vic.gov.au/Move-moira for more information and the full calendar of activities.



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Work Experience for NSC Students



Chelsea

In the second last week of Term 1 our Year 10 students went out on their first round of work experience.

It was great to see so many students take the initiative to make contact with work places and organise their work experience. Making contact develops valuable employment skills and we appreciate when students tackle those challenges.

The careers team loved the workplace visits, getting to see our students learning about industries and jobs they are interested in. We saw our students really shine and enjoy the hands-on learning experience that work placement provides, we also love it when students learn that all jobs have tasks you may not enjoy but that is a part of life.

We received so much positive feedback from the employers and they spoke of how well our students represented themselves and Nathalia Secondary College.

We will be conferencing with all students to find out which aspects they enjoyed, and which they did not enjoy as this will assist us to guide students when choosing their second placement. Congratulations to our Year 10 students and we hope you look forward to round two in December.



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CLOSED ANZAC DAY

WHAT'S ON



Every Tuesday 9am	Super Seniors: Nathalia Sports & Community Centre
Apr 18-21 10.30am-10.30pm	Country Music Festival 4 days of classic country, Club Mulwala 0357 442 331
Apr 19 9am-10am	Move Moira Get Active in April Strength Training, Numurkah Senior Citizens 03 5862 1019
April 19, 26 1.30pm-2.30pm	Line Dancing Numurkah Senior Citizens, 03 5862 1019
Apr 19 & 20	Indoor Bowls Tournament at Community Centre.
Apr 20 8am-9.30am	Move Moira Get Active in April Nathalia Park Run, Nathalia Showgrounds, 0427 641 226
Apr 20 8am-12pm	Numurkah Lions Market, Broken Creek Foreshore
Apr 20 10am	Community Garden Produce Swap Day & Morning Tea, Murray Ave Community House, Numurkah 03 5862 2249
Apr 20 7pm	Nathalia Bowling Club Trivia Night, 0419 546 597
Apr 20, 26 6pm-10.30pm	Jims Burgers Pop Up Restaurant Cactus Country Strathmerton, 0427 745 271
Apr 21 8am-12pm	Yarrowonga Rotary Market, Showgrounds
Apr 21 11am-4pm	Timeless Trades Showcase - Heritage Skills Revival at Nathalia & District Historical Society Actives and displays for Blacksmithing, Genealogy, Food Tasting from yesteryear, Cemetery Icons, Rope Making and Spinning, Treasure Hunt and games for children
April 21 3pm-5pm	Music in the Regions - Acacia Quarter & International Guests Tocumwal War Memorial Hall, events.humanitix.com/acacia- quartet-and-international-guests-tocumwal
Apr 22, 24, 26 9am-10am	Move Moira Get Active in April Strength Training, Numurkah Senior Citizens 03 5862 1019
Apr 22 9am-12pm Apr 24 5pm-6.30pm	Move Moira Get Active in April Come and Try Croquet, Cobram Croquet Club @ Cobram Lawn tennis courts 0411 487 551
Apr 23 9am-10am	Move Moira Get Active in April - Chair Yoga Numurkah Community Learning Centre 5862 2249
Apr 25	Anzac Day: Nathalia - Dawn Service, 6.00am Barmah - Morning March 9.30am Waaia - Service 9.00am
Apr 25 5pm	Six & Social—The Perfect Intro to Golf, Yarrowonga Mulwala Golf Club Resort 5744 1911
Apr 26 - 28 8.30am-5pm	Yarrowonga Powerboat Spectacular & Fair - EC Griffith Cup Boat Races, Red Bull Air Show, Food Vendors & Markets, Yarrowonga Foreshore 5744 1989
Apr 26-28 8am-Midnight	Barmah Muster, Barmah Racecourse Reserve, 45 Moors Rd Barmah, tickets at gate
Apr 27 8am-9.30am	Move Moira Get Active in April Nathalia Park Run, Nathalia Showgrounds, 0427 641 226
Apr 27 8am-12pm	Tocumwal Foreshore Market
Apr 27, 8am-1pm	Cobram lions Log Cabin Market, Federation Park
Apr 30	Nathalia Bowls Club Annual General Meeting at Club 7pm
May 2	Nathalia Indoor Bowls Pennant commences
May 3 6pm	Broken Creek "Yeah Nah" Album Launch @ G.R.A.I.N. St
May 3 & 4	NFNC Debutant Balls
Jun 7 & 8	G.R.A.I.N. Store - The Things We Do For Love Installations, Promenade & Celebration
Jul 27	G.R.A.I.N. Store presents: Garage Girls @ SMOTA

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ANZAC Day

ANAZC Day Services:

Nathalia/Picola: 6.00 am Dawn Service. Followed by Gunfire Breakfast. Blake Street Memorial, Nathalia

Barmah: 9.30 am March. Followed by Commemorative Service. Assemble for March at Barmah Hotel. Service at Tinkler Park Memorial.

Waaia: 8:00 am Commemorative Service. Followed by Gunfire Breakfast. Waaia Picnic Ground, Bearii Road, Waaia.



CHURCH TIMES

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PARISH
Ph: 5866 2694
Nathalia Parish Priest - Fr Jophin Joy

Nathalia Mass times:
Tuesdays: 9:15am - Reconciliation following Mass
Thursdays: 12:30pm
Sundays: 9:00am
World Day of Prayer: **Friday 1st March: 10am Strathmerton**
Mass will be held 1st, 3rd & 5th Saturday of the month at 6pm

NATHALIA UNITING CHURCH
Margaret Cobbledick Ph: 0429 662 039
April 21st: 8.30am service at Anglican Church
April 28th: 9.30am service
Picola: 9.00am

HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH - NATHALIA
Fr Gunnar Rippon Priest 5862 1046
April 21st: 8.30am Holy Communion, Uniting Church to visit
April 28th: 8.30am Holy Communion

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
Contact - Erik 0411 731 916
Every Saturday: Services 10am & 11.30am or Zoom.
124 Graham St., Shepparton.

MEALS ON WHEELS

April 19 - May 3

April	
Friday 19th	Pauline Thomas
Monday 22nd	St Mary of the Angels
Tuesday 23rd	Darryl Hill & Mary Wilson
Wednesday 24th	Nathalia Primary School
Thursday 25th	Carmen Gilson
Friday 26th	Graeme Smith
Monday 29th	St Mary of the Angels
Tuesday 30th	Pauline Thomas
May	
Wednesday 1st	Laurel Dimond & Leeanne Caldwell
Thursday 2nd	Carmen Gilson
Friday 3rd	Patricia Hawks

If you can cover one of the volunteer required runs please contact Laura,

Volunteer Programs Co-ordinator - MHA Care
Phone 03 5742 1111

Museum Moments...

Come along and be part of Nathalia & District Historical Society

Heritage Festival

Sunday 21st April

From 11 am to 4pm

At the Nathalia Museum, 45 Pearce Street.

Activities and Displays will include

- Blacksmith 11am & 2.30pm
- Genealogy, getting started 11.30am
- Cemetery icons & their meaning 12.30
- Rope Making 1pm
- Spinning 1.30pm
- Children's games of yesteryear 2pm

On-going displays throughout the day

- Laundry and Lubke Kitchen
- Foods of yesteryear
- Squatting Runs in Moira area, c. 1840
- Explore our collection

Entry Fee - gold coin, children free.



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We would like to hear from you as well..... If at any time you wish to tell a story, or provide some information or feedback, we would love to hear from you. You can call at the museum in Pearce Street any time that you see the gate open—usually each Tuesday and Wednesday, or on Open Day which is the second Sunday of the month (1.30pm to 4pm). To contact Jeanette phone—0420 247 480.

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St Francis Primary Nathalia - Grade 3/4 Camp to Billabong Ranch

In the last week of Term 1, the St Francis Grade 3 & 4 students ventured to Billabong Ranch Echuca on their camp. The camp was a great opportunity to develop a range of social skills.



Most activities at camp involved teamwork, which is great to strengthen established friendships and also to develop new friendships by connecting with children they may not regularly work with at school.

There were plenty of activities with horse riding, rock walls, obstacle courses and mini golf on the itinerary.

The best thing children will say about camps is the freedom to enjoy the outdoor areas, engage with friends and have fun. There may have been some tired children after camp, but there were definitely some wonderful memories made in the two days away!



ANZAC DAY

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Broken Creek Drama

A TESTING TIME

Colin frowned as he handed over the card that had been amongst his mail, notifying him that there was a parcel to be picked up. 'It's got me puzzled, I can't remember ordering anything,' he confessed. 'That just makes it exciting,' reassured the pleasant young lady behind the counter. 'A bit like receiving a Christmas present.' he quipped, as the young woman went out the back of the post office to retrieve the item.



She returned with a huge grin on her face. 'Don't get too excited,' she said as she handed over the package, a large fat envelope. It was clearly labelled, in a large font, National Bowel Cancer Screening Program.

More Nathalia Pony Club Photos



Joe Gretgrix riding Waffles from Nathalia Pony Club.

Brianne Lacey from Barham Koondrook Pony Club.

Mea Whitelegg riding Nokie from Nathalia Pony Club.

Mia Cornish riding Spots from Rochester Pony Club.

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Being the most active and energetic puppy, he'd enjoyed bullying the others out of their latest feed and had given himself a large belly ache.

Some strong medications were required to get him feeling better so an overnight stay was required. Dr Kate opted to take him home, for closer observations. She regretted that decision the next day, after having been kept up most of the night by the crying puppy who was now feeling better.

Mother dog came in the next day and quickly paced around the clinic until she found her baby. Being much brighter, the little pup was able to head home with his mum and owner.

A few days later Dr Kate had to go out and vaccinate and microchip the litter and was very pleased to find the little green collared boy back to his cheeky self.

There are still 6 puppies looking for new homes, so if you would be interested, please contact the clinic on 03 5852 4646 for more information.



MHA Care



An open letter to our community.

Moira FoodShare provides emergency and ongoing assistance through the distribution of free fresh and non-perishable food items to residents within the Moira and Berrigan Shires – the largest Foodshare land area in the state.

Food is sourced from local bakeries, supermarkets, restaurants and growers while using a mixture of free and paid goods from Foodbank Melbourne to enhance variety and nutritional value. With an increase in demand throughout the state, we can no longer rely on produce from Melbourne.

Last month over 3,500 residents requested support within the Moira and Berrigan Shire. This equates to over 10% of the local population.

In the 2023-24 Financial year to date, Moira FoodShare has supported over 30,000 residents and distributed over 140,000 kgs of food.

Expansion to meet this growing demand has enabled Moira FoodShare to partner with local community groups creating distribution points in Cobram, Yarrowonga, Nathalia, Numurkah, Tungamah, Barmah, Waiaa, Finley, Berrigan and Tocumwal. This could not be achieved without the support of over 60 dedicated volunteers.

Unfortunately, we can no longer keep up with the current demand within our existing supply chain and must pivot and find new ways to keep up. We ask that you consider us for any seconds, out of date or unsaleable products. Every donation is kept local and supports local.

If you could help in anyway or would like more information about our integral program in our community, please reach out to myself on 0419 809 171 or jrouel@mhacare.org.au.

Yours Sincerely, James Rouel Moira FoodShare Coordinator

Caterpillar Corner



Morning yard checks

Each morning as we complete the yard check we have some eager children who want to help!

On Thursday last week as we were doing the yard check we spotted some snails in the discovers yard!

This sparked conversation about snails and slugs and why we have them in the garden.



Cars and Coffee Nathalia

It was a very successful morning for Cars and Coffee Nathalia. We had 59 cars attend with a mixture of classic to modern muscle cars and a lot of interest from the locals. The Lion's Club were a hit with their egg and bacon rolls and Milking It Cafe and Brereton's Bakery were kept on their toes for a few hours. The event had cars arriving from just after 8:30 am and kept arriving until around 9:30 am. It was very busy until 11.00am when it started to thin out.

Due to the success the Zephyr & Zodiac Club Of Victoria will be holding a second Cars and Coffee Nathalia on Sunday 12th of May with Shannons attending and they will be giving the "Best In Show" Trophy to the Vehicle that the public voted the best of the morning.



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G.R.A.I.N. Store - Broken Creek Yeah Nah Album Launch



Broken Creek are releasing their second album 'Yeah Nah' at a special performance at the G.R.A.I.N Store on Friday May 3rd.

Locals can hear the Broken Creek Australian sound, a mix of country and folk music on banjo, guitar, fiddle and voice that tell stories from Australia's past and present.

Joining them on the night is Melbourne-based musician Tom Flenandy from the band 'Skiffle Party' who will be accompanying on double bass, plus surprise guest local musicians and storytellers who will be adding to the celebration. A classic Aussie BBQ will be served.

Broken Creek are Erin and Lachlan Heycox who, after their three month national 'Small Town Tour' across Australia in 2022, moved back to Lancaster family farm to set up a studio in their grandmother's hundred year old farmhouse to record their second album 'Yeah Nah'.

The new album takes the listener on a musical roadtrip across old and new Australia, featuring songs about small-town Australia, tunes inspired by the land and new interpretations of traditional bush ballads. Its front cover features a painting by Lachlan's brother Hannigan Heycox who stayed on the farm for two months to complete an oil painting based on the main street of Picola in a style reminiscent of Australian artists like Drysdale.

"We started out playing a lot of the American and Celtic fiddle and banjo repertoire. We still love that stuff but after a while performing that repertoire felt a bit like playing dress ups," said Lachlan (guitar/banjo/percussion).

"So we wanted to create an album that explores a distinctly Australian sound," says frontwoman Erin (vocals/fiddle) "We both grew up with parents in bush bands and love that music, but at the same time, Australian folk music has a reputation for being super blokey and I needed to make the sound my own.

So we've written new versions of traditional Australian folk ballads such as Moreton Bay and Banks of the Condamine that explore new perspectives and ideas you don't usually get to hear in a bush ballad. We've also written original songs about escaped convicts, shearers battling the floods and even dodgy get rich quick schemes schemes."

'Yeah Nah' is already making an impact in the national folk music scene. The first single from the album 'Broken Tapes' was played on Double J's 'Tower of Song' and their second single 'Dislodge' debuted #4 on the metro AMRAP charts this week.



Yeah Nah album cover.

Details:

'Yeah Nah' album launch on Friday 3rd May at The G.R.A.I.N Store Nathalia, Doors open at 6pm, music starts at 7pm

Tickets can be bought at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/yeahnahlaunch> or bought in person at the G.R.A.I.N Store

Early bird rate: \$20, Concession ticket: \$15, Family ticket (two adults + children): \$60, Ticket includes BBQ on the night.

Exhibitions and Workshops

Why might you care? Well, some of your ratepayers' money is supporting The G.R.A.I.N. Store to provide experiences for young artists and older artists.

It is extraordinarily special that we have Kim Carter, arts co-ordinator at St Marys of the Angels, keen to provide holiday arts workshops to local young artists. Pictured here is an art piece made by Taylah Hutchins who also acts as art assistant during Kim's workshops. The other picture shows Peyton asking Kim for advice as to how to blend some of her colours.



It is extraordinarily rare that very well established painters such as Creagh Manning are willing to support our local creatives in Studio sessions. These are rare, quality, experiences open and available to all. And if there is something we are all learning, it is take the opportunity while you can. So if you were thinking, someday I would like to try to get better at painting and drawing...please replace Someday... with Now...because we can make no watertight promises for tomorrow.

Saturday 20 April 12 noon

Opening of Shepparton Festival **Beyond Identity Exhibition** @ The G.R.A.I.N. Store

Another something very special. Three of our local creatives led workshops at Shepparton North Community Centre earlier in the Shepparton Festival; so please come and see some of the art works produced by participants who had been encouraged to explore matters of identity through learning various art processes.

The Exhibition itself will be on display for four weeks but it would be great if you were able to come to the Opening and make some of these visitors to our community welcome.

The Things We Do For Love

Another opportunity to be filmed in silhouette doing something you love...walking your dog, kicking a footie, playing tennis or if you are really up for it being interviewed and filmed in conversation with Greg Pritchard about various themes to do with love. Greg is passing through Nathalia April 25, 26 and 27...so contact Erin Heycox 0413703933 if you are interested in taking part.



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The film Whina, N.Z. 2022 is a straightforward biopic of a trailblazing Maori leader, Whina Cooper. Her extraordinary life saw her break gender boundaries, fight for the recognition of her own culture while staying true to her heart and her beliefs.

In the spirit of ...it is good to know more about our neighbours...including their very fine actors, Rena Owen and Miriama McDowell play Whina at different stages of her life.

PG with a Violence warning.

Contact Philippa 0400 037 432.



Update at Nathalia Preschool



Nathalia Preschool have updated their mural on the shed wall. For many years children and families have asked why we have a "sad frog" on our wall. This year there has been a lot of discussion from the children about what they think should be painted. Working with a mural artist Louan Walker (business name Pencil Head),

the children's idea was brought to life. This is the first Murray Cod that Lou has painted and she was delighted to have a challenge to 'bring it to life'. One full day to complete the dot markings! The children and families were quite impressed with the change of view in their preschool yard.



From frog to fish, the change is quite powerful. The muted tones of the wall are reflected within the children's garden.

*"Wow, this looks like a real Murray Cod"
"It's huge!"*

*"It's bigger than me!"
Callan, Edwin and Will discovering the new wall mural.*

Stocking Waranga Basin with Golden Perch

On the 10th of April a large contingency of members of the Nathalia, Kyabram, Undera and Rochester Angling Clubs got together at the Waranga Boat Club to assist Fisheries Victoria with the release of over 20,000 Golden Perch fingerlings.

After the successful implementation of 70 complex timber brush piles into the Waranga basin last year, by the Goulburn Valley Association of Angling Clubs, which incorporated 9 local fishing clubs, anglers brought their boats and buckets to help distribute the fingerlings over the brush piles. Over 10 million fingerlings of various species have now been released into Victorian waterways this year. The day went extremely well and was finished off with a BBQ.



Pictured above: Angling club members with some of the locals assisting with the release.

Pictured below (L-R): Brian Mottram and Anthony Forster from the Victoria Fisheries Authority.



Learn more about Loch Garry



Goulburn-Murray Water (GMW) is holding a drop-in session for people wanting to share their thoughts and learn more about the Loch Garry Flood regulator and the future of the Loch Garry Flood Protection service.

Loch Garry: Past, Present and Future is being held on Tuesday, 23 April as part of the Loch Garry Future Service Strategy, which is reviewing the asset and service future state of the Loch Garry flood regulator.

GMW Strategy and Service Planning general manager Steven Abbott said GMW was eager to listen and to share information about Loch Garry and its future with the community.

“The Loch Garry flood regulator is a unique piece of infrastructure, significant both historically and for the current role it plays in flood protection,” he said.

“We know there is a lot of community interest in Loch Garry and the future of the flood protection service – particularly with the floods the region has experienced in recent years – so the open day is a fantastic chance for people to come along, share their thoughts and find out more.”

The day will include information about:

- Loch Garry’s history and purpose
- How Loch Garry was designed, its operation and the procedures that are followed
- Loch Garry in the context of the environment around it
- Maps of recent flood events
- The condition of the asset and its future life expectancy

This information and conversations will help provide insight into the various factors being considered as part of GMW’s review of the regulator’s future.

“The regulator is now approaching its centenary,” Mr Abbott said.

“With an ageing asset and a changing climate, it is important we assess



Loch Garry regulator

how we can ensure the flood protection service can adapt and be sustainable for the future.”

Loch Garry: Past, Present and Future drop-in time will occur Tuesday 23 April between 1pm to 3pm at the Bunbartha Community Centre, Barmah-Shepparton Rd, Bunbartha.

People are free to arrive at anytime while the drop-in is on, no registration is required.

There will be further chances for people to engage on the Loch Garry Future Service Strategy. People can stay up to date with these opportunities on GMW’s YourSay page:

<https://yoursay.gmwater.com.au/loch-garry-FSS>



Nathalia Primary School News

It’s back to school time again and it’s hard to believe that term 2 is already here!

STUDENT LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

On Wednesday 17th April 2024 our School Captains were given the opportunity to take part in a Student Leadership Workshop hosted by the Parliament of Victoria as part of their Regional Sitting in Echuca on 18th April.

The School Captains participated in an interactive and hands on session which covered creating pitches for change, how to engage with the community, taking action and making decisions. They spent time debating what the best school camp

is and then enjoyed a visit from a local politician who ran a mock parliament session with the students. Ending the day creating Lego streetscapes and remote control cars.

INTERSCHOOL WINTER SPORTS

With the start of term 2 comes the Primary Interschool Winter Sports where Nathalia Primary students have the opportunity of playing games of AFL Football and Netball against students from Cobram, Katunga, Strathmerton and Numurkah.

The students are all very excited about these games and are super keen to get started playing. The

competition starts on Friday April 26th at 1.30pm as we compete against Numurkah Primary School at the Nathalia Recreation Reserve.

OPEN DAY - TUESDAY 7TH MAY

On Tuesday 7th May 2024 we will host our Annual Open Day to provide the community and future families to come and have a look at what educational opportunities our school has to offer their children. We will be hosting school tours between 9am and 11am (please phone 5866 2677 to book a tour). Our classrooms will be open to visitors from 11.30am and a free sausage sizzle for the community to enjoy at 12.30pm.



Student Leadership Workshop in Echuca.



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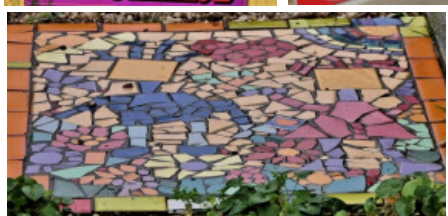
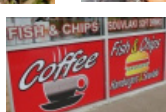
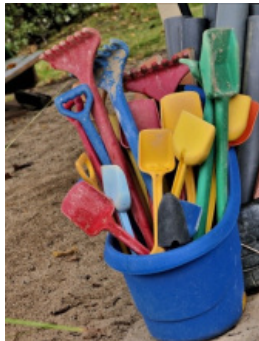
We invite you to join us for our annual Open Day where we open the school for prospective families to come and learn why Nathalia Primary School has been chosen by so many families for the education of their children.

- **School Tours** running between 9.00am and 11.00am by appointment
- All Classes open for visitors from 11.30am - families welcome to join the activities
- **FREE Sausage Sizzle** at 12.30pm

TO REGISTER FOR SCHOOL TOURS PLEASE CALL 5866 2677

U3A Photography - Nathalia in Colour

Members of the U3A Photography Group went in search of colour around Nathalia on Saturday, 6th of April. Despite inclement and dreary weather, we still managed to capture hints of colour through advertising, artwork, fruit and vegetables, autumn leaves and children's playground equipment.





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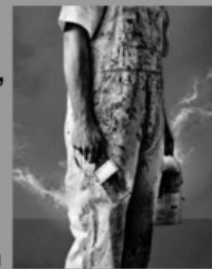
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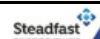
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Waaia v Picola United Round 3

A Grade: Waaia 49 vs Picola 14

It was a slow start, but still managed to get their first win on the board. Defence was the name of the game. Mollie Karl had a stand-out performance for her tireless efforts and repeat work loads. Milly Foster also provided plenty of options in the ring with good consistency. She created plenty of intercepts and pressure in the attacking end. Zoe Ludington provided pressure over the line making it hard to pass in and drive onto the ring. **Awards:** Gagliardi Scott Real Estate Mug - Mollie Karl, GJ Gardner - Milly Foster.

B Grade: Waaia 64 vs Picola 11

After incohesion the week prior, the girls turned up to play on Saturday, dominating the game. Improving on the linking through the court and hands over pressure was brilliant. **Awards:** Rex James Stockfeed Mug - Amy Carey, Carey Fabrication - Darcy Cuthbert, Waaia Hotel - Emma Mallick.

C Grade: Waaia 43 vs Picola 24

A slow start but managed to match Picola's energy in the second, the Bombers regained their sense of self and alleviated stress on the scoreboard resulting in a 19 goal victory. Teashia Dietrich took to the court in an unfamiliar position but took it in her stride, applying defensive pressure and gaining many possessions for her team to convert with Claire Dickenson and Teaghan Bicknell working it in the goal ring as they settle into a dynamic duo. **Awards:** Sportsfirst Numurkah BOC - Teashia Dietrich, Major Sponsors Mug - Claire Dickenson, Olde Creamery - Teaghan Bicknell.

C Reserve: Waaia 26 vs Picola 12

Captain Makenzie Sprunt took to the court for her 200th club game and played with true determination showing us why she is such a valuable team member. Kenz provided steady pressure in the ring, getting two hands on many intercepts and rebounds. Tiff returning after a season off and absolutely smashing it, with great pressure, drives and smart play in our mid court. Sarah also worked hard all game leaving nothing in the tank - displaying great leadership in the midcourt. These two kept our team uplifted with great talk and encouragement after a slow first half and in the second half we were able to get our heads back into the game. **Awards:** BOC Bells Water Cartage - Tiffany Bradbury, Waaia Hotel Mug - Makenzie Sprunt, Telegraph Hotel - Sarah James.

Under 17's: Waaia 45 vs Picola 15

Starting off strong the girls quickly took the lead, staying calm and steady throughout the game to hold on to the lead and ultimately come out on top with the win. With a couple of girls trying new positions the team adapted quickly. Defence played a huge part in our game, creating turnovers from great hands over pressure and getting lots of rebounds allowed opportunities for our goalers to score. Plenty to look forward to throughout the season! **Awards:** Numurkah Quality Meats: Sara Hibma, Colour & Co Boutique: Ciara Ramadge, Walker family drink bottle: Katie Halden.

Under 15's: Picola 42 vs Waaia 7

We really managed to put together some good plays and solid defence. Plenty of turnovers, but

we just weren't able to capitalise on them all. Myla turned up ready to play and it absolutely showed on the court with solid drives. Paige took on what we'd practised and absolutely smashed it in defence. Jami thrived in centre court and led with confidence and good talk. Super proud of the girls and their commitment, determination and dedication to training and the games. **Awards:** Spark Physio BOC - Myla Stuart, Bendigo Bank - Paige Hampson, Sportsfirst - Jami Shelton.

Under 13's: Waaia 11 vs Picola 27

The girls played hard all game whilst still getting to know one another. Hadassah and Josh combined well in goals. Macie and Addi both ran all day, taking turnovers and giving options down the court, however Picola kicked into another gear and leapt ahead. Emogene had her first game, playing well on the wing and combining with Felicity at the other end who continued to defend and do all that was asked of her. Whilst not the win we would have liked there were plenty of positives to take from the game. **Awards:** Pretty Paddocks - Macie Gilmour, Lawless Transport - Addi Stuart, Lawless Transport - Felicity Halden.

Under 11's: Such a fantastic game to start off the season for four of our girls. Having first game nerves quickly rubbed off when the whistle blew and the game started. Our focus at training was ball aggression, all the girls put this into play on the court, chasing down every loose ball and grabbing it with two hands. Great game girls. **Awards:** Mundoona Farms - Amelia James, Andrea Walker - Myah Shelton, BT Butler Excavations - Azeala Vearing.

Seniors: Waaia 16.10-106 vs Picola 8.8-56

Goals: C. Brown 4, D. Blake 2, H. Walker 2, C. Burrows 2, B. Coates, T. Belford, L. Wright, D. Cornick, J. Trower, K. Gall. The seniors were able to maintain winning form on Saturday in a scrappy encounter. The ball was hotly contested all day, with both sides not wanting to give an inch which meant for a low scoring first half but a slender lead to the Bombers at the main break. A similarly contested second half with Picola creating plenty of late chances for themselves before a late flurry of goals put the game to bed. Harvey Walker and Tim Belford were instrumental in creating plenty of forward thrusts. Dustin Blake showed his class in his second game for the club with Ash Thompson battling hard through the middle of the ground all day. Will Foster continued his hot start to the year and AJ Brooks was fantastic in defence all day. **Awards:** Rex James Stockfeed: Harvey Walker, Waaia Hotel: Will Foster, Gagliardi Scott Real Estate & Telegraph Hotel: AJ Brooks, Bendigo Bank: Bill Brown, D Botterill Construction: Jesse Trower, Tyndall Excavations: Brayden Coates.

Reserves: Waaia 11.13-79 vs Picola 0.5-5

Goals: B. Carey 3, G. Meyland 2, M. Sprunt, H. Stammers, C. Walpole, L. Henderson, A. Bryant, I. Chandler. The Reserves were able to bounce back on the weekend with a comfortable win over the old rival Picola. With an injection of several players back they all had an impact on the game. Robbie Bradbury was very classy off the half forward flank while Dirty Harris and

lord Doggo were dangerous in the midfield. In the backline the boys were solid as ever, Joel Clarke brought out the clamps as he played a big role in keeping Picola goalless. ~ Jerrycan & the fat man. **Awards:** GV Steel Supplies & Waaia Hotel: Robbie Bradbury Graincorp/Telegraph Hotel: Brendan Harris, Numurkah Truck Repairs: Sam Trower, Trelleborg Wheel System: Joel Clarke, Sprunt Livestock: Mason Sprunt.

Under 17's: Waaia 13.20-98 vs Picola 2.1-13

Goals: W. Trower 4, T. Walker 2, O. Buckland, H. Stammers, A. Watters, J. Brown, K. Dawson, L. Decker, T. Buckland. After a promising start to the season, the boys followed up with another great win against Picola on the weekend, starting very well with some sharp work through the middle and nifty skills up forward. Although the accuracy in front of goals wasn't the best, the Bombers were able to get some reward in the second half for their effort by slamming home the goals. Tom Mohr was BOG with his outstanding game up forward. Hughie Stammers continues to improve and was well supported by Aiden Bryant. Jake Buckland was very impressive in the ruck and battled all day to give first use. The backline held up for majority of the day and was well led by newcomer Kyren Dawson and Aiden Hibma who played great games. Another great win for the Bombers with momentum building. **Awards:** Jorgensen Refrigeration: Tom Mohr, Numurkah Nu Genes: Hughie Stammers, JOT Farms: Jake Buckland, Hoopers Garden Maintenance: Aiden Bryant, Stevenson Engineering: Kyren Dawson, Meat on Melville/Waaia Canteen: Aiden Hibma.

Under 14's: Waaia 2.1-13 vs Picola 4.9-33

Goals: A. Coutts, B. Fairless. Taking on the Picola Blues in what was to shape up to be an epic battle. While Picola were quick through the guts, transitioning the ball in to their attacking fifty, it was not easy breaking the line enforced by Thomas Graham, with speed Demons Daniel MacDonald and Matty Mohr rampaging across the fifty, with Teddy Smith, Koopar Laws, and Harrison Halden raring to go, guardian of the big sticks, limiting the Picola offensives to a handful of behinds. The second quarter showed glimpses of what loyal spectators can look forward to - while Tait Buckland and Blake Fairless traversed the guts of the game, and were outstanding role models for the younger boys, Angus Coutts was having the game of his life, a fast and furious tackling machine, creating awesome link ups, with Tyrell James showing powerful marking and Matty Mohr (again) showing determination with second and third efforts, and all of a sudden, Angus grabbed a major of his own, and the game was on. The second half was equally entertaining! Porter Meyland was up for spectacular grabs, and Blake Fairless, running down the spine of the oval, his magnificent mullet rippling in the breeze to kick his own major was a spectacle to behold. Although they didn't get the win, there was plenty of ripper memories to feast on! **Awards:** Murray Valley Rural and Plumbing: Tait Buckland, Ultimate Auto Repairs: Angus Coutts, GV House and Building Inspectors: Teddy Smith, Numurkah Milk Supply: Porter Meyland, AgWarehouse / Waaia Canteen: Blake Fairless.



Picola United v Waaia Round 3

The weather turned it on yet again ready for us to take on our old rivals Waaia. All grades were very competitive throughout the day with the score board not always reflecting the true contests on both the field and court. This week we welcome Strathmerton for our first home game of the season, where we will have our first function 'Blues Buckaroos.'

Congratulations to the following players on their milestones:

- Lachi Moor who will be playing his 50th club game this week against Strathy.
- Clinton Barnes who will run out for his 350th club game this Saturday against Strathy.

Under 14's: Picola 4.9-33 vs Waaia 2.1-13

Goals: B. Griffith 3, C. Wilson 1.

Awards: Power Livestock Trophy B.O.G/Picola Hay Supplies: Beau Griffiths, Intersport Echuca: Lachy Nagle, J&B Caldwell: Cooper Wilson, Barmah Roadhouse: Will McNair, Barmah Social Club Canteen Voucher: Ryan Caldwell, B.D Award: Lachy Moore, Coaches Award: Harry Swan.

Under 17's: Picola 2.1-13 vs Waaia 13.20-98

Goals: A. Commadeur, R. Caldwell.

The thirds came up against a very slick hard running Waaia outfit. Our boys work tirelessly all game and had many good passages of play, but we found it hard to finish off our good work. Matt Jorgensen was one to stand out with his run and clean skills, Harry King's ruck work and strength brought others into the game. Tas Baker, Lukas Boslem, Ollie Dargan and the Burns Boys were others to play well. **Awards:** Dove Motors Mug/Lubke Engineering: Matthew Jorgensen, Intersport Echuca: Harry King, B&E

Daniel \$10: Ashton Commadeur, Limbrick Accounting \$10: Josh Burns, Barmah Roadhouse Voucher: Marcus Burns, Barmah Social Club Canteen Voucher: Ollie Dargan, Coaches Award: Lukas Boslem.

Reserves: Picola 0.5-5 vs Waaia 11.14-80

A result that looks comprehensive didn't feel that way. By all means outplayed but we had so many opportunities going forward with no reward and some great ball movement throughout the game, a major improvement on the last time we faced Waaia. Our backman stood up under pressure well, a couple standouts being Rang and JVT. The most pleasing aspect was how the boys fought the game out, clearly having a majority of the footy in the last quarter and playing our brand was good to see. Big Jack gave us another solid contest as he did the game before. We look forward to another big challenge next week against Strathy. **Awards:** Fertgrain Mug & Yum Yum Bricklaying: Darcy Maloney, Brereton's Bakery Voucher: Jack Hutchins, Limbrick Accounting: Jacob Verhey Taylor, Worklocker Echuca: Tyson Richards, Barmah Roadhouse Voucher: Charlie McKenzie.

Seniors: Picola 8.8-56 vs Waaia 16.10-106

Goals: C. Haub, C. Langley, A. Morgan 2, L.Daniel, B. Azzopardi.

It was a hard fought contest with plenty of momentum changes throughout the day. The big man Tanner Smith fought hard all day in the ruck giving our mids first use. Ben Turpin crashed in all day with plenty of grunt work in the middle making life tough for the opposition. Up forward Connor Langley started the games really well creating a contest and ended up kicking a couple of goals. George "Piggy" Preston and Blake Azzopardi continued their good start to the year working well together across half forward. The boys are looking forward to another big challenge next week where we host Strathy at home. **Awards:** DMH Plumbing Mug & Barmah Hotel Meal: Tanner Smith, Blake Street Butchery: Ben Turpin, Limos Mitre 10: Brandon Byrne, Brereton's Bakery: George Preston, Barmah Roadhouse: Blake Azzopardi

Minis: The girls played a dominating game and utilised what was taught at training perfectly. Soph was amazing and shot brilliantly! Tippi made space and moved the ball to the shooters very smoothly. Amelia moved all over the court and adapted really well to each position. Well done girls! Bourke Family Medallion & Hair Accessory: Sophia McPherson, Intersport Echuca: Tippi Holyman, Barmah Social Club Canteen Voucher: Amelia King.

13 & Under: Picola 27 vs Waaia 11

Fantastic game played by the whole team, taking home our first win! The attacking end barely turned over a centre pass, successfully converting each one to a goal. The defensive end

made a massive improvement & placed a lot of pressure on Waaia's goalers. Well done team! **Awards:** Baxter Family Medallion: Ashia Guthrie, Intersport Echuca: Pippa Bourke, Barmah Social Club Canteen Voucher: Ruby Andrews.

15 & Under: Picola 42 vs Waaia 7

The girls came out strong & finished strong! Great teamwork displayed through out the game, moving the ball beautifully down the court, into our shooters who were on fire. We stepped up the defensive pressure forcing held balls & our defenders read the play well with many intercepts. Well done girls! **Awards:** Brereton's Bakery: Sienna Jorgensen, Intersport Echuca: Emme Love, 3 Black Sheep: Milla C.

17 & Under: Picola 15 vs Waaia 44

Challenging game today against Waaia as always. Proud of the girls for trying a range of different positions on court. Our girls displayed some excellent team work and a positive attitude despite the score. **Awards:** Brereton's Bakery: Molly Sheahan, Intersport Echuca: Sarah Connelly, Power Livestock: Chloe Pollock.

C Reserve: Picola 12 vs Waaia 26

The girls played a hard game, being the second game with a fresh team so many improvements and slowly coming together, all players kept their head up throughout the game and pushed to the end, the defence end put a lot of pressure on Waaia's shooters getting their hands on a lot of rebounds and moving the ball beautifully down the court. **Awards:** True Blues & Birch Earthmoving: Bridie Tremellen, Three Belles Cafe: Alyssa Lowe.

C Grade: Picola 24 vs Waaia 43

Everyone gave 100% in today's game. We moved the ball beautifully down the court. Waaia's defenders put a lot of pressure on our shooters, but we kept our heads high and kept working to get the ball into the ring. Maree kept up the pressure on the Waaia shooters and got her hands to many passes. **Awards:** True Blues & Brereton's Bakery: Maree Holyman, Colour & Co: Margot Barnes.

B Grade: Picola 11 def by Waaia 64

Our skills let us down today against a strong opposition. Defenders worked hard all day. Some good pressure through the court by Kelsea and Maddy. We need to find some more consistency in our leads. Back to work this week on the track if we do the work the results will come.

Awards: True Blues & Scrumdiddlyumcious Catering: Kelsea Gordon, True Blues Socks: Maddy Sommerville, Casual Step: Laura Woodland.

A Grade: Picola 14 def by Waaia 49

A great team game today girls. At no stage did the score reflect the competitiveness on court today. Our attack end gelled well and Kimmy led in defence. Some really positive passages of play and signs for the weeks to come. Congratulations to our two juniors who debuted today in Sarah and Charli exciting signs for the clubs future in our junior ranks. Well done blues! **Awards:** True Blues & Nathalia Post Office: Kim McPherson, Milking It Cafe: Megan Hansen.



Congratulations to Sarah Connelly (left) & Charli Ryan (right) on making their senior A Grade debut against Waaia on Saturday.

Bendigo Bank STAR OF THE ROUND

Round 1 Winner - Sophia McPherson
11 & under player Sophia McPherson embodies our club's culture and spirit. Round 1 highlighted Soph's tremendous sportsmanship skills, encouraging and supporting her team mates. Her leadership, selflessness and team player attributes makes her a very worthy winner. Congratulations Soph!





Waaia Celebrate Netball Milestones

Waaia Football Netball Club recently celebrated two special milestones; Makenzie Sprunt achieving 200 club games and Milly Foster 100 A Grade games.

Makenzie's dedication to both playing and her role as secretary has made her an indispensable asset, embodying the spirit of WFNC in every aspect. As the backbone of the team and the club, Makenzie's tireless efforts serve as a beacon of inspiration, reflecting



(L-R) Breanna Foster, Covi Leonard, Georgia Foster, Milly Foster, Nikki Storch, Luca Leonard, Will Foster, Jade McGuffie.

the true essence of WFNC values and leaving an indelible mark on our community. Congrats Kenny!



(L-R) Ryan Sprunt, Trevor Sprunt, Makenzie Sprunt, Sienna Sprunt, Mason Sprunt, Chelsea Luxford, Isla Sprunt. ~ Photos Courtesy Janet Brooks

Since Milly's arrival as a fresh-faced 18-year-old in 2016, Milly's commitment has been exemplary. From committee member to coach and merchandise manager, she's navigated challenges with unwavering determination, returning stronger after setbacks like knee reconstruction and major calf surgery, all while embracing motherhood. Milly's leadership shines through her selflessness, both on and off the court, setting her apart as a true inspiration. Here's to Milly's unwavering passion for the game, and congratulations on this remarkable milestone – may the next 100 games be filled with even more success and joy. Congrats Mill!



Blues Celebrating 50 Club Games



Mitch Daniel

Congratulations to the following Picola United players on their 50th Club game milestones:

- Laura Woodland - Rnd 1 v Mathoura
- Maddy Sommerville - Rnd 3 v Waaia
- Mitch Daniel - Rnd 3 v Waaia

~ Photos courtesy Michelle Legge



Maddy Sommerville



Laura Woodland



200 Senior Games for Christie

As Christie Schram took to the court for her 200th senior netball game on the 6th of April, Nathalia not only acknowledge her netball achievements but also honored her profound impact on the club's culture and spirit. Throughout her time at Purps, Christie has worn many hats within the club. From her role as Netball Operations Manager to her invaluable contribution as Umpire Coordinator, Christie has tirelessly dedicated herself to the betterment of the club. Her selflessness and willingness to lend a helping hand whenever needed have not gone unnoticed, and for that, the club is eternally grateful.



Christie Schram and daughter Ella.

But it's not just Christie's contributions behind the scenes that make her so invaluable; it's her presence on the court that truly sets her apart. As a player, Christie is a force to be reckoned with – her skill, determination, and resilience are unmatched. But beyond her individual prowess, Christie's leadership qualities shine through, inspiring her teammates to strive for greatness and embody the spirit of teamwork. Congratulations Christie on this remarkable achievement!

UPCOMING GAMES



- 20-Apr-24: Picola Utd vs Strathmerton (at Picola)
- Katamatite vs Waaia (at Katamatite)
- 27-Apr-24: Waaia vs Tungamah (at Waaia)
- Yarroweyah vs Picola Utd (at Yarroweyah)



Sunday 28-Apr-24: (at Numurkah)
Numurkah vs Nathalia



Friday Night 19-Apr-24 (at Nathalia)
Nathalia YG vs Shepp United - 6.30pm
Nathalia W vs Tatura - 8.00pm



Nathalia v Barooga Round 3

Seniors: Nathalia 23.7.145 vs Barooga 10.6.66

Goals: L. Evan's 7, A. Hicks 6, B. Bell 3, A. Jones 2, E. Congues, J. Vallender, B. Ross, K. Lundberg, H. McDonald 1. After last weeks poor showing against the Rams, the boys were keen to get out of the blocks early, After not kicking a goal in the first quarter last week we certainly turned the tides this week kicking 7 goals to Barooga's 3 with Liam making a terrific start to the game kicking 4 in the first. It was a disappointing 2nd term for our boys taking the foot off the pedal and allowing Barooga a sniff only being 2 goals down going into the main break. The coaches gave the boys a bit of a spray about there accountability and asked for a lift in the 2nd half. A move forward for Jonesy worked wonders giving us more options and the big fella really found his feet. With Alex Hicks & Liam kicking 6 & 7 goals respectively we put the game well and truly out of Barooga's reach kicking 15 goals to 4 in the last half. Tom Nihil was fantastic across the half back earning him best on ground honours. Baz Bell had a great game through the midfield and deep forward with Ewan Congues playing his best game for the year. **Awards:** Barmah Hotel & Mug - Tom Nihil, Ryan Meat Co - Andrew Jones, Bourke Group - Alex Hicks, Graham Thompson Motors - Bailey Bell, Mick's Pizza Shack - Liam Evans, Brereton's Bakery - Ewan Congues.

Reserves: Nathalia 8.5.53 vs Barooga 9.4.58

Goals: A. Congues 3, B. Liddell, T. Caulfield, M. Cobbledick, N. Bramwell, W. Sheehan 1.

On a great day for footy the Youthful reserves team faced an experienced Barooga.

The boys started the game well and looked to have the legs to run away with it. Archie Congues was lively hitting the scoreboard. Darcy Conroy was finding a lot of the ball and using it well through the midfield alone with the run and dash provided by Tyler Caulfield.

As the game wore on Barooga tall strong timber forward took some telling marks and could convert which was the difference. In another outstanding display Brady Walpole held strong and created, Sean Zammit was strong in the ruck and Archie Congues worked hard to also be solid contributors. **Awards:** Murray Valley Sand & Civil - Billy Liddell, Mick Hogan Excavations - Brady Walpole, CAF Build - Darcy Conroy, Limbrick Accounting - Tyler Caulfield, Brereton's Bakery - Archie Congues, Bell's Water Cartage - Sean Zammit.

Thirds: Nathalia 9.6.60 vs Barooga 8.3.51

Goals: N. Summerville 4, J. Dohnt, R. Freeman 2, L. Barker 1. Still searching for the first win of the year our Thirds boys rocked up eager and ready to go. In what was a perfect day for football, we got off to a slow start with Barooga kicking the first two goals. The dangerous player from Barooga was soon nullified after Dylan Dohnt was shifted on him and did an excellent job, not allowing him an inch of space throughout the rest of the day. Again the boys in the midfield were dominant with some tidy ruckwork from River Freeman. The boys started to implement some of the things we have been training on,



Ryley Barton hand balls in the thirds first win for the season.

switching the ball really well and playing some very fast attacking football. Lachie Barker got on the end of a good passage of play with his first goal of the year and Declan Begley ran hard on the wing all day. The boys just held onto the win in the end but was very pleasing to see the improvement over the last 3 weeks both individually and as a team. **Awards:** Mick's Pizza Shack - Dylan Dohnt, AV Hughes Excavation - Lachie Barker, On Trend Cabinetry - Jayce Limbrick, Bendigo Bank - Clinton Stone-Talty, Quarrell Civi Construction - Declan Begley.

Fourth's: Nathalia 5.4.34 vs Barooga 4.4.28

H. Whyte 4, L. Barton 1. Our young fellas got off to a slow start against Barooga on a slippery deck which made it hard to get the footy clear and moving the ball our way. Both teams were trying hard but Barooga hit the score board early and had the momentum in the first quarter. We moved Duane Shaw on to the wing to provide a bit of pressure and he played a great role. The boys come out in the second and went to work they kept Barooga scoreless while hitting the scoreboard to be five points down at half time. We did the same in the third and and it was great to see our young boys dig in to set up an exiting last quarter of footy. Noah Butler played his best game this year and so did Kurtis Begley setting up perfectly behind the footy. Hamish Whyte continued to be a headache for the opposition onballers kicking four with help from Lucas Barton and Cam Liddell. Once again it was a great team effort and the boys got up for a good win. **Awards:** Past Players - Noah Butler, Nathalia Printers - Kurtis Begley, Rex James Stockfeed - Charlie McDonald, Frostick Contracting - Lucas Barton, IGA & Bendigo Bank - Cam Liddell.

A Grade: Nathalia 47 vs Barooga 10

The A grade squad came to play against Barooga, with the girls not only working on their personal goals but also finding connections and growth as a team. The defensive end Ash, Tegan, and Lisa, provided the attack end with plenty of shooting opportunities, resulting in a big win for the girls. The versatility in the mid-court was also crucial, especially against Barooga's quick attack. Very proud of the girls for putting in such a great team effort. **Awards:** TJ's IGA - Liv Tilyard, North Victorian Bait Co - Stacey Ross, Bell's Water Cartage - Ash Cann.

B Grade: Nathalia 34 vs Barooga 45

The girls started the game with increased intensity, which resulted in many turnovers and strong passages on play. However, after half time this intensity dropped off which allowed the opposition to score more freely. The two under 17 girls who took the court, which added some fresh legs to the team to run out the game. Let's keep working hard at training and we will see the results. **Awards:** Les Rudd Haulage - Jessica Beaton, Barmah Pub - Cody Power, Nathalia Hair & Beauty - Alysia Oakes.

C Grade: Nathalia 52 vs Barooga 48

A very competitive game from the first whistle saw Barooga come out on top in the first quarter. Goal for goal for the next half of the game, some great netball was being played. We were able to steady the ship in the last quarter coming home with a very well deserved win. The girls worked hard all game and did exactly what they were asked to do and it payed off. **Awards:** TJ's IGA - Kaiya Cornell, CAF Build - Evie Hawks, Casual Step - Georgia Hansford.

C Reserve: Nathalia 44 vs Barooga 39

Great team effort to get another win on the board. Jas worked hard in centre helping move the ball seamlessly and working hard in defence when needed. Em showed us what great things she can do in WD managing to turn the ball over several times and apply pressure to the opposition all game. Jayda held strong in the ring and worked in well with the other goalers to help keep the opposition defenders guessing. Let's keep the momentum rolling into the next game and enjoy this weekend off. **Awards:** Dellcorp BOC - Jaslyn Best, Three Belles Coffee & Cake - Emily Woods, Brereton's Bakery - Jayda Hawks.

Under 17's: Nathalia 66 vs Barooga 32

Great win today! A whole team strong effort. A lot of turn overs from everyone on court, which in turn was converted into goals. Well done girls **Awards:** On Trend Cabinetry - Bridie Wilson, Sportsfirst Numurkah - Tayah Lundberg, Bendigo Bank - Molly McLennan.

Under 15's: Nathalia 48 vs Barooga 16

Awesome game today girls across the whole board, was great to reward all your hard work at training!! Great defensive pressure and attacking by all. **Awards:** Broken Creek Physio - Esther Amery, Nathalia Post Office - Jayda Liddell, Al's Cafe - Payton Johns.

Under 13's: Nathalia 25 vs Barooga 21

The girls had a terrific first half of the game with the ball moving down the court easily. Barooga made a run on in the second half which we were able to maintain our lead and narrowly win 25-21. Keep working hard at training so we can play four strong quarters. **Awards:** Bendigo Bank - Lily James, Subway - Cassie Amery, TJ's IGA - Sinead Hatton.

Under 11's: Great game girls! Everyone played well as a team and made some great decisions to maximise control of the ball. **Awards:** Past Players - Mia Maskell, TJ's IGA - Blair Johns, Nathalia Early Learning Centre - Caitlin Murray, Bendigo Bank - Isla Caldwell.

In the Swing at Nathalia Golf Club



Nathalia Annual Gong Day winners (L-R) Sue Lowe, Heather Frostick, Wendy Fulton, Margot McGrath (Ladies Captain Numurkah), Nancy Dunn, Nina Pell, Sonia Verlinden, Helen Ginnivan & Lynette Lindsay.



Wednesday the 3rd of April - The ladies played par. Heather Frostick was the winner with a score of -2.

Sunday the 7th of April - was the first round of the club championships, with a good turn up of players on a perfect day for golf. The winner was Ryan Bell 87/20/67 and runner

up was Tony Brown 78/6/72. NTP went to Gary Manley and NTP 2nd shot was Tony Brown.

Wednesday the 10th of April - eight ladies travelled to Numurkah for there annual Gong Day. These two clubs play off every year for the Gong. Nathalia's Heather Frostick 44, Nina Pell 43 and Nancy Dunn 42 blitzed the field.

A great overall result from Nathalia winning the Gong with an average of 36 stableford points. Well done to all the ladies.

Sunday the 14th of April - was the second round of the club championship's and we had a great turn-up on a perfect day for golf.

The winner again with another great score was Ryan Bell 87/20/67.

Runner up was Devon Moroney 103 /32/ 71 on a count back from Gary Manley. John Drenen got NTP and Ryan Bell got NTP 2nd.

The Eagles Nest has now grown to 20 balls, so well worth having a go.

Upcoming: Next round of club championships, Round 3 will be on Sunday the 5th of May.

Don't forget the Golf Course will be closed till 3.00 o'clock on Friday the 19th due to ladies swaggers tournament.



Ryan Bell taking a swing in good form.



Devon Moroney putting the pressure on Ryan.

Nathalia Knights Season Kicks Off



U10's: Knights 6 vs Southern Stars 20

What an absolutely brilliant 1st game! Well done to our debutants: Ted Butler, Tex Urquhart, Tyler Newman, Linc Bell, Immy Butler, Georgie Ebejer, George Pridmore & Layla Truman.

A big thumbs up to our older players for getting around our new players and cheering them on. Love to see it!! Every single player should be proud of themselves with their efforts. There were so many good things to take out of that game even if we didn't get the win. Everyone worked hard all game playing their role and working together. Well done to Henry kicking the first goal of the season.

Be proud Knights and we'll see you at training.

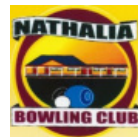
U12's: Nathalia Knights 1.2.8 vs Shepp Southern Stars 16.14.110

Goals: Paulie Sherer-Richards 1. **Behinds:** Miller Butler 1. Paulie Sherer-Richards 1.

Linton's Review: The weather in Japan was a cool 21 and the blossoms were in bloom. On a serious note we hope you had a fab trip and look forward to having you back Round 2! Thanks Mick for being a legend we appreciate your experience, passion, time and wisdom. And Stuey for training and game day runner/umpire!!

Great to see the team back together new and old and for the pocket rockets in Under 10's stepping up.. Well done everyone!

A Very Successful Season on and off the Green



There have been many achievements reached at Nathalia Bowling Club this year. Our Division 3 reaching the Grand Final was a real lift for the Club. We entered another team in Division 3. Barefoot Bowls was a roaring

success with up to 34 Bowlers enjoying the bowls and socializing on Friday nights. Barefoot Bowls will continue later in the year. Membership was increased by 14, which was encouraging for the Club to remain viable. The Bar was open on Friday nights and many locals and visitors enjoyed the pleasant ambience of the Club. The Bar will continue to be open on Friday nights.

The Ladies Fashion Show was enjoyed by all and raised much needed funds for the Club. Thank you to all that attended. We only have the Trivia Night to be held on Saturday 20th April, the Presentation Night to be held at the Club on Friday 26th April and the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 30th April at the Club at 7pm to finalise the 2023/2024 Season.

Thank you to all Members who contributed to the running of the Club this season. We could not survive without your help.



**Next RGC:
May 3
Deadline:
April 29**

Great Food and Ambience at the Veterans Tournament



Nathalia Lawn Tennis Club played host to a round of the North East Veterans Tennis on Sunday 7th April.

The North East Veterans Group provides opportunities to local clubs to host an event, held each Sunday between October and May. The tournaments are open to anyone who is aged 30 or over and enjoys playing tennis in a competitive but friendly and social environment.

Following our successful Easter tournament at Nathalia, the courts were in tip top condition for a fabulous day of play for the Veterans round robin tournament. We thank the grounds staff who have worked tirelessly to ensure the courts are maintained to the highest level, not only for the season, but continuing on beyond that for our tournaments.

The weather was superb, providing the perfect environment for some great play and competition.

30 entrants participated in the event, with 3 Men's and 3 Women's courts playing the round robin event, with each participant playing 4 sets to 8 for the day. The format provides for lots of tennis and variety as they play with each person in their court allocation, with players tallying scores to decide a final winner and runner up for each court.

We had a number of local players, travelling from Katunga, Cobram and Shepparton area, but were also thrilled that we had many travelling from afar. Two new Veterans players travelled from Bendigo for the day, experiencing their first round robin event, with one of those entrants taking out the win on their court.



Pictured above: Club president Corina McLeod addresses the group.



Left: Judith Slattery's scones.

Other players travelled from Wodonga, Euroa, Wangaratta and Nagambie.

We couldn't have held the event without the support of our club volunteers, who offered to make delicious food for morning and afternoon tea, organise court prizes and cook food for a lovely lunch.

As with many small community events, the country food and hospitality are often what is remembered and appreciated by participants. Many thanks to Jodie, Judith, Phillipa, Ruth, Rod and Corina for providing food for the day, and a huge thanks goes to Russell Shaw who kindly offered to cook up a feast on the BBQ for the event.

We look forward to hosting the event again in the future and would encourage anyone who is 30 or over to come along and enjoy a day of tennis and some pretty fabulous scones!



Nathalia Women's and Youth Girls Report



Women's Football: Nathalia 8.5.53 vs Mansfield 3.0.18

Goals: A. Favaro 3, T. Dempster 2, A. Jorgensen, E. Fry, C. Briggs 1.

The Sun was out for a stellar game against newbies to the comp, Mansfield. Their young side kept us on our toes with their speed, but with skill on our side we were able to head into the first quarter with some confidence. Once again Favaro was up and about with some scores on the board, and a very strong defensive end applied pressure keeping Mansfield scoreless in the first half. Half time pump up from best on and coach Al, saw us head in for a strong third quarter, with our defensive end and mids really kicking it up a notch. Sarah, Jess and Kath had a run for the opposition to make up the numbers also! Another cracker win on the board, bring on next week at home against the dogs. Awards: Rex James Stockfeed - Alyx Jorgensen, Gagliardi Scott Real Estate - Abby Favaro, CWA - Kaiya Cornell, Roseland NFNC Merch - Ellie Fry, Casual Step - Cody Power.



Nathalia Women's Alyx Jorgensen BOG against Mansfield in Round 2.

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Youth Girls Football: Nathalia 1.1.7 vs Shepp Swans 2.5.17

Goals: Olivia Thompson 1. A great effort by everyone. We didn't come away with a win but we were very close!! Everyone played their role very well and the transitions down into our forwards looked very good!! Still more to work on but there was so much improvement already from last weeks game. Awards: Barmah Pub BOG - Olivia Thompson, Broken Creek Podiatry - Rahni Garner, CWA - Ariella Vallender, Sportsfirst Numurkah - Bridie Wilson, TJ's IGA - Sarah Connelly.



Nathalia Youth Girl's Olivia Thompson kicks away BOG in Round 2 against Shepp Swans.

It is an honour and a privilege to represent the Nathalia and District in State Parliament

My office is always happy to assist you with all state government matters, so please contact my office if you need assistance.



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Remembering Our Heroes

Over \$21,000 has been awarded to community groups across our region to honour the service and sacrifices of Australia's service men and women in wars, conflicts and peace operations.

\$10,000 will support Numurkah and District Historical Society to restore the Strathmerton Methodist Church Honour Board.

\$4,290 will support Waaia Community Plan Committee to install a First World War plaque in Waaia.

\$7,040 will support Cobram Barooga RSL, Sub-Branch install a new war memorial to commemorate locals who served in the First and Second World Wars.

I want to commend these local groups for their time and efforts that have gone into these projects which remember our heroes and will help educate future generations about their sacrifices. I encourage other groups looking to develop similar projects to apply for the next round of this funding which is currently open for applications.



The funding comes as we prepare to come together and commemorate our heroes this ANZAC Day. If you are able, I encourage you to attend a local service.

Many households will soon receive an information brochure from me, designed in partnership with the Australia War Memorial. The brochure will be delivered in your letterbox and details local services, information, and a trusty ANZAC biscuit recipe.

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Blowing the Whistle on Sporting Club Facilities – Funding Opportunity

I'm continuing my goal to train with every football and netball club in Nicholls. As well as hearing from the ground what matters to locals, training also allows me to see firsthand the need for Governments to support club facility upgrades so everyone can play. There's a significant challenge faced by many clubs across our region, and many are in desperate need of upgrades. The Federal Government is currently providing \$200 million for the Play Our Way Program. The grant opportunity provides local solutions and improvements to address participation barriers faced by women and girls at grassroots sporting clubs. No opportunity should be missed by sporting clubs to help address the growing need for better standards that support the participation of women and girls. I encourage local sporting clubs to apply for this funding. For more information about the Play Our Way Program contact my office or send an email sam.birrell.mp@aph.gov.au



A Tax on Farmers and Families

Labor's new fresh food tax will hurt local producers and further drive up the cost of Australian-grown food. I spoke in Parliament about the levy that will charge Aussie farmers for the biosecurity costs of foreign importers e.g. their competitors. This tax is fundamentally flawed and hurts not only the farmers who drive jobs and economic growth in our region but does nothing to relieve the cost of living. Farmers will have no choice but to pass on the costs, and it's expected to see prices rise at the checkout. It is the foreign importers who pose the biosecurity risk that should pay.



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