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Nathalia Easter Market

A lthough it was wet under foot, the weather gods were kind on Easter Saturday 8 April for the annual Nathalia Easter Market.

A good crowd enjoyed a variety of stalls and activities with the music of Shane & Ellie in the rotunda.

Pictured right is the Nathalia Women's Health and Support Group with their raffle at the Easter Market. L-R: Gail Pemberton, John Brown, Fay Brown, Julie Gross-McAdam and Moira Bourke.





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The Nathalia CFA supported the Easter Market with demonstrations. Here Nathalia CFA members are pictured with the Easter Bunny. L-R: Wayne Geisler, Peter Stortenbeker, Lyn Hawkey, Wade Hicks, Peter Allan, Darren Morgan & Dylan Morgan.

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Nathalia and District Community Choir presents:

Special guests **Broken Creek Band**

Somewhere eyond the Se A collection of shanties and songs inspired by the sea

6 May 7:30pm and 7 May 2:00pm NATHALIA SENIOR CITIZENS CENTRE

> Tickets \$20 adult \$15 concession

Light Refreshments provided More info : Linden Lancaster 0400080364

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Community Update



Barmah Family Day

Following the recent flood event, YACVic in conjunction with the Moira Shire Council wish to invite Barmah and surrounding flood-affected communities to attend the Barmah Family Day:

 Sunday 23 April 2023 11am - 4pm Jack Edwards Park, Barmah

FREE kids activities and events for the whole family to enjoy!

Call Council on (03) 5871 9222 for more information

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Road Closures -ANZAC Day

On Tuesday 25 April 2023 there will be temporary road closures at various locations across the shire due to the ANZAC Day marches and events.

Please visit our website for the full list to plan ahead.

Council Meeting - April

The next scheduled meeting of Council will be at 4.30pm on Wednesday 26 April 2023 at the Cobram Civic Centre, This meeting will be open to the public as well as being livestreamed on our Facebook page. Questions from the public must be submitted

using the Questions of Council form on our website by 4.30pm the Monday prior to the meeting. Submitted questions will be responded to during Question Time of Council.



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Winter is the perfect time to explore our amazing region, with plenty of cosy accommodation options to choose from, including resorts and eco-friendly cabins.



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Landmate Program

Moira Shire Council has connected with Landmate Program to Support Flood-Affected Properties and Farms.

In the aftermath of the floods, Moira Shire Council is collaborating with the Landmate Program to provide valuable assistance to eligible properties and farms at a low cost. The Landmate Program offers skilled labor for tasks such as fence clearing, fence standing, and fence repairs to aid in the recovery process

If you are a property owner or farmer in the flood-affected areas and require support please contact our dedicated Flood Recovery Team at (03) 5871 9222.

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Principal Announcement

The School Council Principal Selection Panel has completed its process to select a Principal for Nathalia Secondary College. The panel recently presented its recommendations to School Council, following an extensive selection process.

It is with great pleasure, and delight, that I would like to inform the school community that Mr. Daniel Robinson has been appointed to the role of Principal at Nathalia Secondary College.

Daniel is no stranger to the Nathalia community. He is a former student of Nathalia Secondary College. After training as a teacher, he began his teaching career at NSC. He progressed to the school Leadership Team and was then selected as Assistant Principal. Daniel then completed a Principal Internship at Kyabram P-12 College to further develop his craft and leadership capacity before returning to NSC. Daniel has also been Acting Principal of the College.

Daniel and his family live locally. He has been involved in local community and sporting groups for many years. He understands the importance of community that Nathalia and district prides itself on, and the role that Nathalia Secondary College plays as part of the local school community.

I know Daniel is excited to have the title of Principal and continue to take NSC forward into the future. With his infectious enthusiasm and ability to lead the students and staff with genuine care and stability, that he has shown throughout his teaching career, we look forward to this exciting new era.

I'm sure the Nathalia community will join with me in congratulating Daniel on his appointment.

~ Phil McKenna School Council President Nathalia Secondary College





Nathalia Secondary College Principal Daniel Robinson with the School Council President Phil McKenna.

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 Delivery fee for over \$50 spend, \$4 for over \$100 spend, \$2 for over \$150 spend, Free for over \$200 spend Orders placed by 12pm for delivery 4-6pm
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 <u>Barmah/Picola/Picola West</u>: Thursdays \$6 Delivery fee, Minimum spend \$40, Orders placed by 10am for delivery 12-6pm

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ANZAC Day

I saw a young boy march today, with medals on his chest. He marched alongside Diggers, who were marching six abreast: He knew that it was Anzac Day. He walked along with pride, And did his best to keep in step, with the Diggers by his side.

When the march was over, the boy looked rather tired. A Digger asked, "Whose medals son?" to which the boy replied, "They belonged to Grandpa, but he did not come back. He died up in New guinea, on a lonely jungle track."

The kid looked really sad, and then a tear came to his eye. The Digger said, "Don't cry my son, and I will tell you why. Your Grandpa marched with us today, all the bloomin' way. We Diggers know that he was there, like every Anzac Day.

The boy looked rather puzzled, he didn't understand. The Digger went on talking, and started to wave his hand. "For this great land we live in, there's a price we had to pay. And for this thing called 'freedom', the Diggers paid their way."

"We all love fun and merriment, in this country where we live. The price was that some soldier, his precious life did give For you to go to school, my lad, and worship God at will, Someone had to pay the price, so the Diggers paid the bill."

"There's some folk around today who think it's all for free. If the Diggers hadn't paid the price, I wonder where they'd be? They wave their protest banners like kids with little toys, While countries less than friendly, rub their hands with joy."

"They say it's not correct these days, to stand up to the foe, But the old time religions knew where they had to go. They took the Bible with them, and the padres led the way. That's the reason now, my son, the church is here to stay."

"They said the Romans couldn't fail, but oh how great they fall. It can happen to all peoples lad, however great or small. Your Grandpa died for us, my son, for all things good and true. I wonder if you understand the things I've said to you?'

The kid looked at the Digger and thought a little while, Then with a changed impression said with a lovely smile, "I know Grandpa marched with us today, this our Anzac Day. I know he did - I know he did, all the bloomin' way."

MEALS ON WHEELS April 21 - May 5th

April					
Friday 21st	David & Cheryl McKenzie				
Monday 24th	St Mary of the Angels				
Tuesday 25th	Darryl Hill & Mary Wilson				
Wednesday 26th	Nathalia Primary School				
Thursday 27th	Carmen Gilson				
Friday 28th	Graeme Smith				
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Monday 1st	St Mary of the Angels				
Tuesday 2nd	Marlene Moor				
Wednesday 3rd	Laurel Dimond & Leeanne Caldwell				
Thursday 4th	Carmen Gilson				
Friday 5th	Patricia Hawks				

If you can cover one of the volunteer required runs please contact Laura on 5742 1111

ANZAC Day Services



ATHALIA DAWN SERVICE will commence at 6.00am at the Cenotaph in Blake St. The service will be followed by Free Community Breakfast that is kindly provided by



Nathalia Lions Club. **ARMAH** Street Parade D commence at 9.30am followed by a Service. There will be a free morning tea afterwards.

Free busses to Barmah depart from Nathalia at 8.30am.

Somewhere Beyond the Sea

J oin *Nathalia and District Community Choir* as they celebrate songs inspired by the sea, from shanties to Bobby Darin.

Special guest appearances will include Marie Martin (accompanist, recitation), Austin Lancaster (from Shantily Clad) and Broken Creek Band. At this event you will have the chance to be transported to far off shores and hear the heart-breaking tales of love and loss that accompanied a life lived on or by the sea. The second half of the concert will feature audience participation as you learn and sing-along to popular sea shanties.

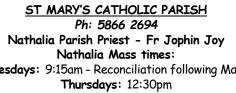
There will be two performances with complimentary light refreshments:

- Saturday 6th May 7:30 9:30pm (door open at 7)
- Sunday 7th May 2 4pm (doors open at 1:30pm)



If you have any trouble accessing the tickets from Humanitix, ask any choir member or friendly family members for help.

业//CHURCH TIMES





Tuesdays: 9:15am - Reconciliation following Mass Sundays: 9:00am Strathmerton

Mass will be held 1st, 3rd & 5th Saturday of the month at 6pm

NATHALIA UNITING CHURCH Margaret Cobbledick Ph: 5866 2037 April 23rd: 9.30am Service April 30th: 9.30am Service Picola 2nd & 4th Sundays: 9.00am

HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH - NATHALIA Locum Priest Fr G Rippon April 23rd: 8.00am Holy Communion April 30th: Holy Trinity to attend 9.30am service at St Georges, Numurkah. Bishop Clarence Bester to Officiate. St Paul's Wakiti Creek Services cancelled at present

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

Nathalia Women's Health and Support Group







he Nathalia Women's Health and Support Group held a very successful raffle at the Easter Market, taking more than \$560.00.

The winners were Janet Orr winning a hamper, (pictured above left with Gail Pemberton) Joan Theyers winning a pot of mixed herbs (pictured above middle) and Joy Lee winning a pot of succulents (pictured above right).



The prizes were donated by members of the Health Group. In May, we are having a cuppa and catch-up, and then a formal meeting in June. If anyone would like more information or to join the Women's Health and Support Group, please see the Community House for information.

Many thanks to everyone who supported us.

Upcoming Events April 9 - May 20	What's On Locally Exhibition: The Art of Music @ The G.R.A.I.N. Store	BUTC				
April 22 & 23 April 25	Indoor Bowls Tournament at Nathalia Community Centre Anzac Day Services, Nathalia, Barmah, Waaia	Italian Beef Casalinga	Kabana			
April 28 - 30 May 6 & 7	Barmah Muster Nathalia & District Community Choir Concert	Sausages	Steak & Onion			
May 12 May 14	Nathalia Uniting Church Annual Ball in U.C. Hall Mother's Day	* Special	Private Stock			
May 20	Fred Smith & Band Sparrows of Kabul presented by The G.R.A.I.N. Store @ The Uniting Church Hall	Chicken thigh Schnitzel	Cut & Packed to your			
June 12	King's Birthday Public Holiday	\$15.99/kg	Requirements			
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hank you to everyone...

▲ who supported the Rotary club at its spinning wheel in the plantation on Easter Saturday. Profits are for our community and other Rotary projects and I am pleased to report that the morning was very successful. We also thank the following businesses for the parts they

continue to play each time we have a spinning wheel... giving prizes "on spec" (we return what aren't chosen by winners and pay for the ones that have been), even some donations: Limo's pure Hardware, Casual Step. Nathalia Post Office and Newsagency, Nathalia Pharmacy, Nathalia Hair and Beauty and Three Belles. In total there were 34 spins so there were 34 very happy winners. Rotarian Anthony's ute held Ross and the spinning wheel and prizes were set up on tables in front. Mother Nature was kind too.



Ross Smith & Loula Oliver at the Easter Market

Our club's 60^{th} anniversary was celebrated in style (on the day), on Saturday night, April 15^{th} .

The venue was the Nathalia Recreation Reserve and we set the room up



Mick Dowlan

early in the day, in readiness for the evening. Apart from our own club members and partners, a few past members also accepted invitations, as did some Lions members and other guests. DG David McPherson, AG Lorraine Greenwood and District Secretary Chris Sutton also attended but only David had official duties. Roving Roast catered for 45 of us, the footy club "ran" the bar and we were entertained

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by Mick Dowlan...a number of us even got up on the dance floor! One official duty was to induct Mary Ann Hewson and Grant Thompson into our club, "swelling" our membership from eight to ten members.



They were warmly welcomed by us all. (Pictured above) The other pleasurable, official duty the DG had was to present Ray Butler with a framed congratulatory certificate for his 60 years of membership. What is a celebration without a cake? Of course there was a cake (thank you Kylie Botterill) and Happy Birthday was even sung!



Ray Butler with his certificate for 60 years membership & cutting the cake

After a few presentations of wine and flowers, a fines session and "heads and tails", President Loula thanked the caterers, bar staff, entertainer, and all the guests who attended and the evening ended.

We now go into a quiet period with nothing much happening till the club's Changeover on June 28^{th} .

Regular meetings are continuing of course and we met at the Bridge Hotel again on Wednesday.

In the near future we will have a meeting at the Heart to Heart House and our new members will see what we are so passionate about; dinner at Barmah Hotel will follow that night.



Dear Lord. We thank you for this food we are about to eat. Please don't let us get caught. Amen

Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal

 $\ensuremath{\mathbb{G}}$ ood Friday Appeal Collection in Nathalia was once again a lot of fun, very busy and rewarding.

What an amazing effort by our wonderful giving local communities with raising a confirmed total of \$16067.80 towards the Appeal. Such a fantastic united effort. Uncle Bobs Club would like to thank and acknowledge the help we received from Nathalia CFA and Nathalia Football Netball Club on the day and the week of. A big thank you to Bendigo Bank for letting us borrow your coin counter and weighing machine.



A big thank you to local Businesses and local organisations including Waaia, Barmah and Picola that hold our tins collecting for Good Friday and throughout the year.



Barmah CFA dropped off tins after collecting in the district on the day also. Nathalia Bowls Club dropped off \$2071.00 after raffles and a silent auction. These are just a few to mention, it takes everyone to make this happen.

Thank you to Oscar and Sue Magnusson for their generous 10% of all collections donation.

UBC also held a children's colouring competition to help decorate our shop window in Blake Street with some excited winners.

UBC also held a stall at the Saturday Easter Market with raffles and showbags for sale with all sales going to next year's Good Friday appeal.

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Barwo Homestead Priorities

Since our last update in the Red Gum Courier, a Working Group has been formed to investigate options for Barwo Homestead. The Working Group consists of community representatives and members of Barwo's Committee of Management. The Working Group reports back to the Committee of Management.

Both the Working Group and the Committee of Management agree on two priorities –retaining aged care beds in Nathalia, and using Barwo Homestead to provide services to older people in the local community.

Potential uses for Barwo's existing building include converting it to independent living, upgrading it to deliver residential aged care, or becoming a Supported Residential Service. In all cases the residents would be older people.

Providing residential aged care will only be feasible if we can recruit enough registered nurses (at least seven) to meet the Aged Care Standards and Care Minutes. Across Australia aged care facilities are closing or downsizing because they cannot find enough nurses. We can apply for an exemption from having registered nurses on site 24/7, but we would still need at least five registered nurses to deliver the required care minutes. The building would also need upgrading to be suitable. We hope to meet with the board of NCN Health soon to discuss how aged care beds and services can be maintained in Nathalia.

Independent living would mean converting the existing building to self contained units and/or building units around it. Residents would do their own cooking and cleaning, or access Home Care services if eligible. Minimal staffing is needed for this option.

A Supported Residential Service operates like a boarding house. Residents pay rent and have meals and cleaning provided. Staff provide assistance to residents but the Service is not mandated to employ nurses. Residents can access Home Care services for additional supports if they





are eligible. Members of the Committee of Management have met with the Victorian Department of Families Fairness and Housing about this option.

There is a great deal of work to be done to thoroughly investigate these options. We are considering what is feasible, what the costs would be to alter the building, what staffing would be required and whether we will be able to recruit them. We must also consider the financial viability and what the likely level of demand is for each type of accommodation.

In the meantime, Barwo Homestead will be maintained now that all residents have relocated to other facilities. The furnishings and equipment have been kept ready for future use. Barwo has funds that could be used to adapt the building and we can apply for grants.

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EARNING CENTRE

Caterpillar Corner



The toddlers have been making the most of this autumn weather. We have been out and about exploring our community as well as enjoying nature's colourful autumn leaves that have been falling from the trees.

On the 13th of April the Toddlers celebrated AUSLAN day by having one of our parents come in and teach us all some sign language. We learnt things such as colours, animals, forms of transport and how to sign Happy Birthday. The children and educators enjoyed this very much and we will continue to do AUSLAN and embed it into our program.







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Wildflower Group Explore Reserve Near Galt's Bridge





Ten members of the Nathalia Wildflower Group braved the cold weather and enjoyed exploring the Reserve near Galt's Bridge in the Mundoona area on 15th April. We were surrounded by ancient trees, birds and many plant species that kept us all busy as we mainly studied plants close to the water's edge. Cameron was the first to see a water rat and there were fish swimming around in the creek. We all enjoyed this lovely

location and after a cuppa and chat, we headed for home before the rain arrived.















G.R.A.I.N. STORE

What's On at The G.R.A.I.N. Store?

rt-making and Exhibitions:

Current Exhibition: *The Art of Music*...Fifteen local artists and fifteen different approaches to this theme which also produced some interesting patterns.

Call to Exhibit: *Sky*...expressions of interest in contributing to our next Exhibition now open...any medium.

Every Monday: 10-3 *Making Space* workshop area open to artists to bring in their art work to work in a companiable setting.

First and Third Tuesdays 9-1...**Studio** \$50 each session...extension and assistance available from artist tutors either Creagh Manning or Tim Hocking depending on which day you come. Absolute beginners to experienced artists guaranteed support or challenge...whatever you have decided you need.

Four places currently available.

Contact Philippa to discuss further 0400 037 432.

Workshop:

Printing Workshop with experienced printmaker and educator Robyn Thompson (Dookie).

Saturday May 13...\$80 a stand alone full day workshop 10-4 that may also lead to helping you develop work related to the Sky theme.

Performances Coming Up:

6 May 7.30pm and Sunday 7 May 2pm @ Senior Citz.

Nathalia Community and District Choir and Broken Creek Band guarantee gorgeous sounds to the theme: **Beyond the Sea.**

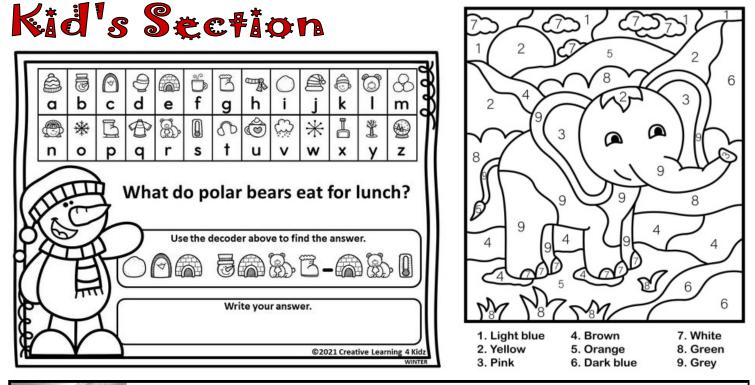


Fred Smith playing at PRT House

Saturday 20 May 7pm. Tickets Trybooking/CGSTM or from The G.R.A.I.N. Store Thursday-Sat 11-4.

Fred Smith and Band (drummer and double-bass) song and story-telling cycle: *The Sparrows of Kabul* @ The Uniting Church Hall.

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Museum Moments...

Brought to you by Jeanette Holland on behalf of the Nathalia & District Historical Society.

EARLY DAYS OF THE NATHALIA BOWLING CLUB as reported in the local newspapers almost 120 years ago.

Numurkah Leader, 26 August 1904

"The Nathalia Bowling Club was formed at a meeting held in the public hall on the 19th inst., when Mr Govett, manager of the Bank of Victoria, was appointed president; Messrs R.J. Fairman and H. M. Muntz, vice presidents; Messrs Jas Richardson, C.W. Coburn, J. Long, A.E. Heighway and Dr. Keyes, members of committee; Mr F. Fretwell, treasurer; Mr A. Israel, secretary.

The club has already been promised donations totalling upwards of \pounds 70, and as soon as a suitable site has been selected the committee will lose no time in laying down the green under the supervision of an expert.

Messrs H.M. Muntz and R.J. Fairman have each offered sites free of charge. The lawn tennis ground is spoken of as a suitable place, while many favour the plantation in Blake Street."

Numurkah Leader, 25 November 1904

"At a committee meeting of the bowling club, held at the offices of Messrs Muntz Bros. and Heighway on the 15th inst. It was decided to hold a general meeting at the Fire Brigade Station on Monday evening, Nov 28th at 8pm, for the purpose of electing trustees for the bowling green, the sight to be in Weir street, facing the creek, and the generous gift of Mrs. J.A. Richardson."

Nathalia Herald, 26 December 1916

"NATHALIA BOWLING CLUB— Opening of Electric Light

A distinct advantage was made by the local Bowling Club when they decided to install the electric

light on their green. Most country towns of any size are moving in this direction, as the cool of the evening is generally recognized to be the best time for play. The local club has installed six big lamps on their green, giving 2400 c.p. of light. They were "officially" turned on last Wednesday night by the President Cr. J.H. Tuckett, who, in a neat speech, welcomed the ladies and others present, and referred to the many advantages gained by the light.

The chief advantages to be gained, we should say, is the light gives an opportunity to those in business all day to enjoy a game after tea. Again, "hubby" will always have a genuine excuse for going out.

The club, we understand, extends a hearty invitation to anyone desirous of seeing the game and it is to be congratulated on the move it has taken."

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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Victorian Parliament Flood Inquiry to tour region

The Liberal Member for Northern Victoria Wendy Lovell said the Victorian Parliament's Flood Inquiry Committee will tour the region in September and October to hold public meetings in Rochester, Echuca, Shepparton, and Seymour.



The Inquiry is being conducted by the Legislative Council Environment and Planning Committee of which Ms Lovell is a member. Wendy Lovell MP

The Committee will investigate Victoria's preparedness for, and response to Victoria's major flooding event of October 2022 and will investigate the flood event as a whole and the areas affected, as well as consider factors such as what caused or contributed to the floods.

Ms Lovell said it was crucial for the Committee to hear from those directly affected by the floods and urged the public to lodge a written submission and/or attend the public hearings.

The current schedule for the public hearings is as follows:

- 23 August 2023, Rochester
- 24 August 2023, Echuca
- 13 September 2023, Shepparton
- 14 September 2023, Seymour
- 11-12 October 2023, Melbourne

More information about the public hearings, including venues and a list of witnesses will be available on the Inquiry's page of the Parliament's website as they become available. https://new.parliament.vic.gov.au/floodinquiry

Ms Lovell said a written submission could be as short as a couple of paragraphs or a more comprehensive document and can be lodged at: https://new.parliament.vic.gov.au/get-involved/inquiries/floodinquiry/ submissions/

Nathalia by Air

 ${I\!\!R}$ yan Smith sent in these drone shots of the town he has taken in the last couple of weeks. The night shot features some burn offs in the back ground.

Don't forget you can see these in colour at www.redgumcourier.com.au







These two photos below show Glenn Smith and his recent honey harvest.



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U3A Film @ Night

U3A Film @ Night Wed 3 May 7pm Senior Citz

Lunana: A Yak in the Classroom Bhutanese, 2019, Director Pawo Choyning Dorji,



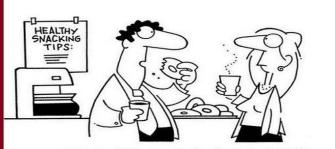
A young teacher named Ugyen in modern Bhutan, shirks his duties while planning to go to Australia to become a singer. As a reprimand, his superiors send him to the most remote school in the world, a glacial Himalayan village called Lunana, to complete his service. He finds himself exiled from his Westernized comforts after an arduous 8 day trek just to get there. There he finds no electricity, no textbooks, not even a blackboard.

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How can you not want to see this film? You know the young teacher will



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"The healthiest part of a donut is the hole. Unfortunately, you have to eat through the rest of the donut to get there!"



Broken Creek Drama

GRIEF (for Sean)

Her daughter's baby photo always made Nicole weep. Such a cutie! Blonde hair and blue eyes – wherever had Mia come from? Nicole restrained herself from pouring over the assorted photo albums -that was sure to make her dissolve into tears.

The house was quiet and eerie now. There was no life or light inside anymore. It seemed no longer a home, just a dwelling, full of echoing memories. Nicole recalled the giggles and unruly *Rap Music* coming from Mia's bedroom whenever her friends were over. They loved singing along and dancing confidently while posing for selfies. Nicole never thought she would be missing the lewd lyrics and raucous music coming from behind Mia's door. But she did. Now she kept Mia's bedroom door shut and pretended her daughter was still in there wearing her earbuds and enjoying *Snapchat* with her friends.

Time was passing slowly. Her heartache hadn't dulled. Her chest was tight, ticking slowly and piercingly, just like the antique clock next to Mia's photo on the mantlepiece. Nicole regretted not spending more time cuddling and nurturing her daughter while she'd had her.

How long would she feel this grief? Why had nobody warned her about it? But she knew Mia would be fine. An independent, feisty teenager who had flown the nest to pursue tertiary study in Melbourne. Roll on Easter, when Mia would come home to visit in the uni holidays.

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BEREAVEMENT **THANK YOU**

SHEPHERD, Norma

The family of the late Norma Shepherd thank everyone for their kind expressions of sympathy on her sudden death.

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Red Gum Courier, Friday April 21st, 2023 Nathalia's Senior Netball Off to a Good Start Football

Seniors: Nathalia 13.6.84 def Finley

10.6.66

Goals: G. Boyd 3, K.Lundberg 3, B. Ross 3, C. Congues 2, A. Congues, M. Croxford 1

We travelled to Finley for a night game to take on an in form side that had a just came of a tight win again Deni. Coming off our own win the week before, it was a tight battle early with both sides scoring a couple of goals each with our boys 3.1. - 2.2 up. Michael Croxford starting the game in super touch. With the drizzle rain setting in and the conditions suiting Paul McCallum to a tee, the scoreboard was much the same with Finley getting the upper hand to go into the long break 3 points up. The game would come down to who adapted to the conditions better and it was our boys who set up the game in the third quarter kicking 6 goals to 1 with Kai Lundberg kicking 2 terrific goals In the last Finley went up a notch to test the boys character and it was pleasing to see us hold on for the win. Jared Laffy again stopping kicks going forward with Michael Croxford and Clancy Congues. Awards: Ryan Meat Co BOG: Mick Croxford, Bourke Group: Clancy Congues, Liddell Group-Delcorp: Paul McCallum, Bridge Hotel: Jared Laffy, Brereton's Bakery: Matt Guttler, Past Players: Kai Lundberg

Reserves: Nathalia 3.3.21 to Finley 4.5.27 **Goals:** N. Frostick, J. Gemmill, J. Vallender

The Finley ground was in perfect condition for the twilight match against Nathalia. The Nathalia boys came ready to play and hit the ground running with an early left foot snap goal to Josh Gemmill in the first guarter. A feature of Nathalia's play was the link up handpassing along the flanks and precise kicking into the fifty to provide opportunities to score for the forwards. The return of Tank Hughes provided a huge target up forward and chances for the crumbers to work front and centre around the goals. Much of the good work originated from defence with Cooper Bloodworth, Aiden Lindsay and Charlie Dietrich inspirational in their attack on the ball. In a best on ground performance, Tristan Myers was given the "run with" role on the opposition's best player and he took him to the cleaners, gaining many possessions himself while denying his opponent any space to work in. The game was brought to an abrupt end in the third quarter with the injury to Josh Gemmill. An accidental head clash with his opponent saw Josh knocked out and needing medical attention. Full credit to the trainers from both clubs for the care they provided to Josh at the time and to the Finley paramedics who attended. Pleasingly, later reports indicated that Josh was in hospital and alert, but has no memory of the accident. With Nathalia looking the fitter side and attacking the ball hard at the end of play, the first win of the season is just around the corner. (game ended in the third quarter). Awards: Limbrick Accounting BOG: Tristan Myers, Mick Hogan Excavations: Josh Gemmill, Bridge Hotel: Ned Frostick, Bell's Water Cartage: Charlie Dietrich. U17s: Nathalia 4.7.31 def by Finley 3.15.33 Goals: T. Caulfield 2, L. Lewer



Senior action under lights.

Travelling to Finley for a night match where we played in the mid afternoon was a new experience for the kids. Conditions were breezy and with rain forecast we were repaired for that. Fortunately for the entirety of the game the rain held off although ball handling was seeming difficult and didn't allow the purple boys to be a clean away from the contest as we would have liked. The game was always close with both teams having their share of the ball and momentum. The cats had some dominate player who marked well and in the end were probably the difference. Our boys did a lot right and had plenty of opportunities to score through some strong stoppage work from Josh Vallender who worked really hard. Billy Liddell and Tyler Caufield found a lot of the footy and used it well. Baz McDonald worked hard along with Tom Dohnt and Brady Walpole who played roles needed for the team. All in all this was a good effort and we will continue to grow. Awards: Quarrell Civil Construction: Brady Walpole, Mick's Pizza Shack: Billy Liddell, AV Hughes Excavations: Baz McDonald, On Trend Cabinetry: Josh Vallender, TJ's IGA: Tom Dohnt

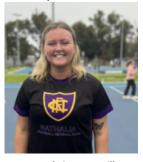
U14s: Nathalia 3.3.21 def by Finley 4.4.38 **Goals:** C. Russell, H. Feltham, L. Barker

Our younger Purps had a great hit out against Finley with both teams very even across the ground. They have been working hard on the track and it showed in our performance hitting the scoreboard early and keeping the lead for a majority of the game. Our first year boys played very well with Caleb Russell, Lucas Barton and Blayde Wiki King playing there best games so far. Our pressure and team work was fantastic. Finley got across the line in the last quarter for a narrow win but our boys never gave up.

Awards: Past Players: Zander Quinn, Nathalia Printers: Lucas Barton, Rex James Stockfeed: Jas Pawlowicz' Frostick Contracting: Hamish Whyte, Bendigo Bank: Blayde Wiki-King

Netball

A Grade: Nathalia 51 def Finley 27 А really well structured game for the girl this week. They come out in the first quarter firing and kept the intensity throughout. The defensive pressure all over the court was fantastic to watch, which forced many turn overs.



Hannah Summerville made her A Grade Debut on Saturday.

A big congratulations to our club junior Hannah Summerville for making her A grade debut and contributing to multiple goals of the final score. A great day out. **Awards:** Nathalia TJ's IGA: Liv Tilyard, Northern Victorian Bait Co: Mia Bell, Bell's Water Cartage: Stacey Ross **C Grade:** Nathalia 30 def by Finley 32

A well fought out game to the very end from everyone this week. An improvement from our first game last week, still trying to work out the bells and whistles, proved just how well we can all work together. We finally found our groove towards the end coming back from 9 goals down at half time but Finley held their own taking the 4 points. **Awards:** TJ's IGA: Abby Favaro, Mick's Pizza Shack: Lily Smith, Casual Step: Annie Dietrich.

C Reserve: Nathalia 33 def by Finley 40

With a couple of girls out due to injury and a new player into the side, the girls played a hard fought out game against last years premiers. There were many great passages of play from both ends with our girls in defence winning back plenty of ball, while the attack end moved the ball around brilliantly and shot some beautiful goals! Let's regroup this week and work hard to come away with the win Sunday.

Awards: Limo's Home Hardware BOC: Gabby Cardamone, Three Belles Coffee & Cake: Emily Woods, Brereton's Bakery: Gemma Hawks

17&U: Nathalia 11 def by Finley 67

The girls were running short on players this week, therefore we had to shuffle around positions for the game. The defense was strong all game, with mid court and attacking end making good leads.

Awards: Barmah Hotel: Layla Haberfield,

Sportfirst Numurkah: Ruby Sprunt, Bendigo Bank - Eliza Kopsidas

15&U: Nathalia 7 def by Finley 42

Broken Creek Physio & Pilates BOC: Esther Amery

Nathalia Post Office: Tayah Lundberg

Al's Café: Jayda Liddell

Great to see the improvement this week and a game played with determination and purpose. **13&U:** Nathalia 23 def Finley 22

Well done to the team on a win against an evenly matched Finley side. This win was the result of a terrific team effort and we are looking forward to next weekend's game against Numurkah. **Awards:** Bendigo Bank BOC: Tennille Kautai, Shepparton Marketplace Subway: Grace Morgan, TJ's IGA: Chantelle Dealy

11&U: A great show of sportsmanship today. Four purps girls were more than happy to fill in and help out by playing a quarter each for Finley who were short on players. It was great to see confidence grow and the improvement across the court with some girls giving new positions a go. Excellence was on display with passages of attack, tight defence and back up for each other. Well done and thank you to Elke Bourke for stepping up from Net Set Go to help out. **Awards:** Past Players- Isla Butler, Bendigo Bank - Sinead Hatton, TJ's IGA - Aroha Kautai Nathalia Early Learning Centre - Miley Ciavarella

Honouring a Club Legend

he toss of the coin for the Finley v Nathalia Senior game last Saturday 15th April, was performed by family members of Finley's Life member Keith Brain who passed away last December. Keith has grandson's playing for both Finley and Nathalia. In attendance was one of Keith's 5 children – Tania McKenna and 4 of his 13 grandchildren Nathan & Jason McKenna (Nathalia) and, Lachlan & Liam Osborne (Finley).

Keith Brain was a life member and hall of fame member of the Finley Football Netball Club. He played 246 senior games and won consecutive best & fairest in 1969 - 1970. He was a premiership player in 1971. Keith coached the 3rds 1978 - 1979 and umpired the reserves for many years.



A True Blue Send

arlier this year, Picola United Football Netball Club was saddened by the sudden passing of club member and player Braedyn Gordon. Before the Reserves game in round 2 on the 8th of April, both Picola United & Mathoura's players, supporters and families all lined up for a guard honour while



the Picola United Reserves players ran through Braedo's shirt. Black armbands were also worn in honour of Braedyn by all PUFNC players.



Braedo came to the club in season 2021 as a trainer and said he would play a few games here and there. He ended up playing the whole season and took out the 2021 reserves best team man. He was that sort of bloke who would always be putting others first, very caring and kind natured.



Pictured: Gordon Family with Braedyn's shirt.

Rnd 2 Nathalia Youth Girls & Womens

ound 2 of Women's and Youth Girls is not for away! R football was played at Nathalia on Sunday 16 April, where they welcomed back the Youth Girls to Nathalia, unfurled the Women's 2022 premiership flag and celebrated 100 games with Abby Favaro & Alex Mulcahy.

Youth Girls: Nathalia 1.0.6 - Moama 16.19.115 Goals: Tahlia Bell

We were up against a very strong team again! It took us a little bit to get our feet but we got going and we were able to put up a fight. The score definitely didn't reflect how the girls played in the second half. Tahlia Bell was able to reward our efforts with a goal late in the 4th quarter. Already massive improvements! A win

Awards: Barmah Hotel: Rahni Garner, CWA: Kaiya Cornell, Sports first Numurkah: Ruby Mciver, Broken Creek Podiatry: Ariella Vallender, TJ's IGA: Hayley Furmston

Women's: Nathalia 2.2.14 def by Echuca3.9.26 Goals: C.Price and K.Cooper

We prepared ourselves for a tough game, going up against a quality side. Despite the end score our girls held their own through plenty of tough close contests. Our girls worked hard consistently throughout the game, we are still working on playing as a team; however that will come together as we go through the season. Throughout the game we held up to Echuca's

pressure, unfortunately we couldn't convert our efforts on the scoreboard. In the end Echuca's defence pressure was too good, not the end score we were all going for but there is always something to learn from every game and there is plenty to take away and work on at training to be better prepared for next week.

Awards: Rex James Stockfeed & mug: Aimee Sidebottom. Gagliardi & Scott: Kendell Judd, CWA: Caitlyn Price, Stuart Bell: Maree Stephson, Barmah Hotel: Courtney Ladgrove



Alex Mulcahy & Abby Favaro celebrated 100 games.



A banners was raised to welcome the youth girls to the club.



NFNC women's captain Alyx Jorgensen and coach Simon Quarrel unfurl premiership flag.

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U nder 11's: The girls definitely improved from the last time they all played together. Taking on advice they were given at the end of each quarter and really adapting, focusing on re-leading and defending the ball when needed. Having quite a few shorter girls on the team, challenges everyone to adapt and change the play. Awesome game this week girls! Awards: Rhyley & Joss

Under 13's: Waaia defeated by Blighty 7 – 16 After a great training session with the girls last week they went into the game with things to focus on and continuing to get to know one another on the court. Ivy & Loz held strong in defense keeping Blighty to 3 goals in both the 1st and 2nds guarters, whilst our mid court girls concentrated on taking the ball down the court and working to the space. With Das, Stef and Macie combining well in the first half to feed our goalers in Pip Stammers and Kiara Atkins the girls were only two goals down at half time. Loz Parker had a great debut game strong in defense for the first half and then stepping up in goals for the second and snagging herself a couple of great goals in the process. Stef, Kiara & Myla continued to fight hard for the last half through the middle and Ivy & Das did a great job in the last half holding Blighty to 16 for the day. Stef Daniel continued to fight for the ball all day making her presence known and Das Hibma continue to defend and fight for the ball with great tenacity and determination. Pretty Paddocks Award – Das Hibma & Sportsfirst Award – Stef Daniel

Under 15's: Waaia defeated Blighty 25-13

We had a good win against Blighty. Great defensive pressure down the court, which lead to Taylor and Lucy getting many tips and intercepts. Many positive things that were taken away from the game, and plenty to work on. Cash Award - Lucy Daniel & Canteen Award - Taylor Ramadge

Under 17's: Waaia defeated Blighty 30-24

The girls were able to come away with their first win! After a rocky start, the girls were able to regroup and play a brilliant 3 quarters of netball. Sasha stepped up as a leader, putting defensive pressure all over the court with a never die attitude! Ciara also created great defensive pressure, getting her hand to every rebound, giving her team mates every opportunity to convert her turn overs! Great fight girls, you should be so proud of yourselves! Spark Physio cash award - Sasha Daniel & Canteen award - Ciara Ramadge **C Reserve:** Waaia defeated Blighty 49-12

Unlike last week, we came out firing in the 1st quarter and maintained that momentum all through the game. Our defence stood tall and rebounded shots missed, intercepted lots of passes and backed up our attacking end when needed. Our goalers capalitised on all turnovers created by the defence and mid court and shot really well. We changed the mid court up a bit each quarter and the girls adapted really well.

Thanks to Sasha for filling in for us too. Overall a great team effort. Bells Water Cartage cash award - Teagan Hommes & Telegraph Hotel 22

award - Brooke Parker

C Grade: Waaia defeated Blighty 63-17

In our first few weeks together, we are still getting to know one another and figuring out our plays. Today was a huge improvement of a team game with great communication and team spirit. With a new combination of goalers in the ring with minimal training together, paid off as they worked each other out and were on fire with their goals. With quick feet and hands in the defensive end, we managed to get many turn overs and cherish them bringing it down the court to convert. BOC Sportsfirst award -Claire Baxter & Telegraph Hotel award - Zoe Cooper

B Grade: Waaia defeated Blighty 68-8

A solid 4 quarters of netball saw us finish with a great win. The girls put into action everything we have worked on since round 1, this resulted in fantastic defensive pressure throughout the court. We created many turnovers and held balls enabling us to build on our lead throughout the four quarters. Our transition from defence into attack and vise versa continues to improve. Keep working together as a team and building confidence in each other. This will in turn create a stronger presence on the court which will lead to a more unison performance. Teams win games. BOC Cash award - Zoe Ludington & Waaia Hotel award - Lauren Jackson

A Grade: Waaia defeated Blighty 48 - 15

The Bombers played a consistent 4 quarters of netball this week chipping away each quarter testing out new combinations and plays. The defensive pressure throughout the whole court was impressive, with some really great passages of play and a lot to take out of this weeks game. BOC birthday girl Holly Boyd denied the goalers gaining 12 intercepts while Ange Thorne work tirelessly with great drive making her player have to work hard to get the ball.

Awards: WFNC Cash award - Holly Boyd & Casual step award - Ange Thorne

Seniors: Waaia 35.30-240 def Blighty 1.2-8 Goals: M. Brown 6, C. Burrows 5, T. Davies 5, D.

Moncur 4, A. Brooks 3, J. Trower 3, B. Armstrong 2, S. Richardson 2, A. Holland, S. Greenway, A. Tricarico, B. Coates, A. Thompson A road trip to blighty this week in what were less than ideal conditions. It was a good start into the breeze and if not for some inaccurate kicking at goal a bigger margin could have been the case at the first break. The ball movement was slick all day as everyone worked for each other in a good display of team footy. The scoreboard looked after itself as the conditions got slightly easier aside from the odd shower as the match wore on. An even spread of goals always a good sign of the team aspect. The midfield had a day out with first use every time and the delivery was outstanding making a nice day for the forwards with repeat entry's. At the final siren a big win with everyone playing their role, a true team performance and a really good confidence boost moving forward.

<u>Awards</u>: Rex James Stockfeed: Todd Davies, Bendigo Bank / Waaia Hotel: Jesse Trower, Gagliardi Scott Real Estate & Telegraph Hotel: Brayden



Coates, M O'Dwyer Most Determined: Matt Brown, D Botterill Construction: Harvey Walker, Tyndall Excavations: AJ Brooks

Reserves: Waaia 26.12-170 def Blighty 1.0-6 Goals: M. Meyland 6, G. Meyland 5, R. Bradbury 4, A. Bryant 2, M. Shelton 2, N. Tyndall 2, S. Hixon, B. Harris, J. Cleeland, T. Daniell, D. Coutts With a few changes in the side this week we headed up to redeve territory. After a shaky start in the 1st quarter they boys found their feet and started to make the most of the centre clearance's and getting it down to our forward targets. Mostly positive football from our lads after the 1st guarter with Brendan Harris and Sam Trower working well out of the Centre. The Meyland brothers up forward bagged 11 goals between them. Young up and comer Aiden Bryant getting two and Dan Coutts also bagging his 1st club goal. Awards: GV Steel Supplies & Waaia Hotel: Greg Meyland, Graincorp / Telegraph Hotel: Brendan Harris, Numurkah Truck Repairs: Sam Trower, Trelleborg Wheel System: Mark Meyland, Sprunt Livestock: Nick Tvndall

Under 17's: No Game

Under 14's: Waaia 1.5-11 def by Blighty 5.13-43 <u>Goals</u>: P. Powers

Round Three, and the Waaia U14 team took the road-trip into New South Wales, destination Blighty. A well-matched ruck contest was enjoyed through the game, with Blake Fairless and Tait and Oscar Buckland gelling well on-ball, and Joel O'Dwyer finding his feet in the guts too. The first quarter was a ripper – a real armwrestle with Porter Meyland and Preston Power everywhere, laying solid tackles and challenging their counterparts for the pill, the siren registering a seven point to two advantage to the home team.

Blighty increased the pressure, going in hard on ground balls, taking domination in their right forward pocket and grabbing a major from audaciously clever play directly in front of the big sticks – great work from Abel Chandler in full back and Lachie Cartledge in that pocket limited Blighty to a twenty-three point advantage at the main break.

With the exhortations of Coach Dan Coutts ringing in their ears, WORK WORK WORK was the focus for the third quarter, and the boys responded valiantly, laying super tackles across the oval, a high point being Porter Meyland, wearing a number eight guernsey dragging the Blighty number sixteen, Jack Culton down – a brilliant Quarter that can be ticked up as a win for the Bombers who limited the home team to a point, while grabbing seven of their own, courtesy of a Preston Powers boot.

The fourth quarter saw Blighty put their foot down, to take the chocolates with a final score of 43 to 11- but plenty learned on the day!

<u>Awards</u>: Murray Valley Rural & Plumbing: Oscar Buckland, Ultimate Auto Repairs: Tait Buckland GV House & Building Inspections: Porter Meyland, Numurkah Milk Supply: Blake Fairless, AgWarehouse / Waaia Canteen: Able Chandler

Picola Utd v Tungamah Round 3



For our first home game of the year we welcomed Tungamah, a formidable opponent who always brings strong competition. The rain held off, which kept the standard of play high. Well done to all teams. Our Blues Buckaroos was another success with 250 tickets sold. Congratulations to Cin and Taylor on organising the event. Go Blues!

 \sim President Clinton Congratulations to Darby Walsh who played his 50th senior game as well as Logan Daniel for playing his 50th club game last Saturday and to Clancy Baker who plays his 50th club game this week.

Under 11's: Great numbers again and great to see opposition with 20+ players who were all happy to pull on a Picola jumper and have a great time. <u>Awards</u>: Iron Estate: Abby McNair, R&T Fynch magic moment: Riley Daniel Iron Estate canteen/lollyshop: Tippy Holyman **Under 14's**:

Picola 0.0-0 def by Tungamah 19.15-139

A bit undermanned we came up against a strong Tungamah side, who got the jump on us early. Mitch went into the ruck and battled hard all day to earn himself best on ground. Jack once again strong in defence and Ryan worked tirelessly around the ground. Will came up from under 11s and took numerous marks in defence. Well done to the kids for keeping their heads up and trying their best until the final siren. <u>Awards</u>: Powerlivestock trophy B.O.G/ Picola Hay Supplies: Mitch Daniel, Intersport Echuca: Ryan Caldwell, Jay & Bec Caldwell: Billy Baxter, Barmah Roadhouse voucher: Jack Auger, Barmah social club canteen voucher: Ollie Dargan, B.D: Blair Watson

Under 17's:

Picola 3.2.20 def by Tungamah 13.9-87

<u>Goals</u>: L. Daniel, B. Tomlins, B. Orton The boys had a slow start to the game and slowly worked their way into it. The back six held themselves well all day with the ball coming in hot at times. We didn't get the result but all the boys can hold their heads high and concentrate on Waaia. <u>Awards</u>: Dove Motors



Seniors: Tanner Smith contending in the ruck against Tungamah Round 3.



13 & Under: Taneesha Atkinson ~ photos courtesy Michelle Legge

mug/Lubke Engineering: Matthew Jorgensen, Intersport Echuca: Marcus Burns, B & E Daniel voucher: Oscar Binks, Peter Limbrick: Clancy Baker, Barmah Roadhouse voucher: Josh Burns, Barmah social club canteen voucher: Jaiden Hobbs

Reserves:

Picola: 1.3-9 def by Tungamah: 15.9-99 Goals: A. Morgan

The Reserves come up against a strong outfit in Tungamah. We were outworked in the first half as they kicked away. At half time the instruction was clear, defend first and harder. Credit to the boys they definitely improved in that area and fought the second half out. Only conceding 1 goal in the final quarter was a great effort. Austin Morgan battled hard all day receiving our BOG award. Stevens, T Evans, Simmons and Elliott all showing good signs. Plenty to work on as we look to next week as another opportunity to improve. Awards: Fertgrain mug/Yum Yum Bricklaying: Austin Morgan, Breretons Bakery voucher: Clay Stevens, Worklocker Echuca: Taj Elliot, Limbrick Accounting: Ryan Simmons, Barmah Roadhouse: Tom Evans

Seniors:

Picola 6.6-42 def by Tungamah 17.17-119 Goals: T.Beard 4, C.Langley, D.Maher

Tungamah brought their A game against us early and hit the score board hard early. The boys in the midfield worked their guts out all day with Mahsy working incredibly hard both ways. The defenders battled together and in the second half found a way to work together and attack from the back line. Dylan Wright (the new HotWheels??) showed plenty in his first senior game at the club and Matty Jorg certainly took no backwards steps. Overall a solid display where we proved to ourselves that our best is certainly up to anything. Looking forward to another challenge this week Vs Waaia.

<u>Awards</u>: DMH Mug & Barmah Hotel voucher: Daniel Maher, Breretons Bakery Voucher: Marcus Walsh, Limos Miter 10: Tanner Smith, Blake St Butchery: Connor Langley, Barmah Roadhouse voucher: Dylan Wright **Minis:** Hard game against Tungamah today but the girls kept

their spirits up and fought till the end. Pippa and Eva smashed it in both attack and defence this week and Amelia kept our centres running smoothly. Great game girls. <u>Award</u>: Amelia King, Barmah social club: Eva Watson & Intersport Echuca: Pippa Bourke

13 & Under: Picola 5 def by Tungamah 30 The girls had some nice patches of play and created more space this week. Our defenders worked tirelessly all day but it was tough competition today. <u>Awards</u>: Baxter family medallion: Sienna Jorgensen, Barmah social club: Addison McLean & PUFNC canteen voucher: Taneesha Atkinson

15 & Under: Picola 4 def by Tungamah 37

The girls pushed hard against a strong defensive team. Unfortunately unable to keep up for the win this week. Heads up girls, it was a good team effort. Brereton's Bakery: Molly Sheehan, Power livestock: Zara Clarke & Intersport Echuca: Willow Davidson

17 & Under: Picola 15 def by Tungamah 38

A tough day for our 17's coming up against a strong Tungamah side. Georgia Barnett was fantastic in defence and never gave up. Ally Francis was consistent and shot well. Jordan Florence did everything we asked of her and never gave up! Plenty to work on at training, great effort girls. <u>Awards</u>: Barnett family award: Georgia Barnett, Brereton's bakery: Ally Francis & Intersport Echuca: Jordan Florence

C Reserve: Picola: 29 def Tungamah: 20

Girls played a tough side but fought strong the whole game, getting lots of turnovers to get that lead. We are becoming a stronger team each week! <u>Awards</u>: Birch Earthmoving: Jessica Daniel & Three Belles Cafe: Kelly Beckingham **C Grade**: Picola 26 def by Tungamah 52

Awesome work today girls, our pressure over the ball was amazing. A couple of things to work on, but we are definitely coming together more as a team. <u>Awards</u>: Breretons Bakery: Hollie Dietrich & 3 Black Sheep: Courtney Cunningham

B Grade: Picola 19 def by Tungamah 49

We slowly eased into the game today, gathering some momentum in the second half and started to hit the scoreboard. All girls worked through the position changes and we are so very grateful to the 6 players who joined our team to help out today. Girls keep your heads up, we are working hard and will see results soon. <u>Awards</u>: Scrumdiddlyumcious Catering: Natalie Hobbs & Casual step: Maddy Sommerville

A Grade: Picola 20 def by Tungamah 53

As we were short this week our girls took to the court with a positive attitude. Our defensive end worked tirelessly for the 4 quarters. We saw Jacinda create turnovers with great pressure. Olivia held her own in defence and moved well in attack creating space. Thank you B grade girls who helped us out today. Looking forward to getting our full side back over the coming weeks. Three Black Sheep/Colour & Co: Jacinda Beard & Milking It Cafe: Olivia Clark

A Packed Field For Nathalia's **Easter Tournament**

umper entries drove a successful Community Bank Nathalia Easter Tennis Tournament in spite of the rain and unseasonal, cold weather.

The Nathalia Community Bank increased its support for the tournament as major sponsor for this year's annual four-day event, allowing for subsidised junior events, a professional band and a raft of other offcourt entertainment, which provided for a vibrant atmosphere at the club.

Entries increased from the previous few tournaments, with 270 players taking part in 28 events from Good Friday to Easter Monday, up from 207 the previous Easter. The tournament all but reached capacity for Saturday's graded doubles events and the Easter Sunday mixed doubles was almost as jam packed with over 550 matches of tennis played in the tournament.

Rain meant a late start and an early finish to Friday's tennis, and play didn't commence until lunchtime on Saturday after overnight rain, but all events managed to be completed.

Despite some honourable efforts from local players, the most prestigious Open events were dominated by esteemed out of town talent.

Rose Nihill made the women's open doubles final with long time tournament attendee Clare Raymont, but suffered a heavy loss in the final to Anna Tyshing and Bindy Flavelle 6 -0, 6-0. Tyshing also won the women's singles final with a comprehensive 6-1 first set win followed by a tense 7-5 second set.



Alison Keogh & Loretta Richardson, Winners Women's C Doubles



Corina McLeod & Susan Vaughan, Winners Women's B Doubles 24

The best showing from locals in the men's open events was a semi-final appearance from Nathalia Lawn's Alex Bakogianis alongside NLTC club coach and Numurkah player Mark Mills, who lost to eventual winners and two-time defending champions David Bidmeade and Michael Richards 6-2, 6-2.

The winning pair had faced little Open women's Singles Winner

resistance in their two previous Doubles Open victories, and Bidmeade had faced even less in his two previous Open Singles victories, but the pair faced some stiff competition. group А of players from **Overport Park TC** travelled up for the tournament,



Anna Tyshing

Open Women's Doubles Winners Bindy Flavelle and Anna Tyshing

including Tyshing and Flavelle, and provided tough tests for the Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club.

Andy Scott and Luke Treveil stole the second set 6-3 from Bidmeade and Richards with one break of serve after losing a tight tiebreak in the opener that saw no breaks, before the Kooyong pair steadied with an early break in the third to serve out the match 6-3 on Sunday afternoon.

Bidmeade faced similar challenge in the singles final, an event he had dominating losing but a

handful of games through the entire draw in his two previous triumphs.

Andy Scott was competitive in the first set but yet another straight sets victory looked inevitable when Bidmeade took the set 6 -3. Scott struck back with a tense 7-5 second set victory and stole an



Ruth Bakogianis Social C mixed doubles winner with Patrick Scoble



David Bidmeade Open men's Singles Winner



Open Men's Doubles Winners David Bidmeade and Michael Richards



Andrew Scott and Bindy Flavelle A Mixed Doubles

early 2-0 third set lead, only for Bidmeade to ramp up the aggression and storm away to win the last six consecutive games.

There were eight local pairings to take home trophies across the grades, headlined by club president Corina McLeod who paired with life member and former club secretary Sue Vaughan who returned to Nathalia for the event and to win the Women's B Doubles.

Alison Keogh and Loretta Richardson won the Women's C Doubles and Anthony Wilson and Phillipa Slinger won the C Mixed Doubles.

Amy Kopsidas and Pam Smith won the Social C Women's doubles, Ruth Bakogianis won Social C mixed doubles with Patrick Scoble, father and son pairing Luke and Zander Quinn won the Social C Men's doubles before Luke paired with his wife Monique to win the mixed doubles in the same grade.

Blayde Wiki-King and Hamish McLeod were the only local juniors to take home trophy by winning the Under 14 Mixed Gender Doubles.



Zander & Luke Quinn, Winners Men's Social C Doubles



Amy Kopsidas & Pam Smith, Winners Women's Social C Doubles





C mixed doubles winners Phillipa Slinger & Anthony Wilson

Social C Mixed doubles winners Luke Quinn & Monique Quinn

Winners of U/14 mixed doubles

Jayce Limbrick and Mitch Daniel



Winner of U/16 Singles Ben Barrs and Runner Up Hamish McLeod

Easter Tournament A Community Effort

On the back of club volunteer effort and community sponsorship, the busy festive weekend ran well at the tennis club over the Easter weekend.

Major tournament sponsor Bendigo Community Bank Nathalia enabled many of the attractions over the weekend. The sponsorship afforded reduced entry fees for all junior events and free hotshots sessions of Friday and Monday, Melbourne band "Munroe" to play under lights by the clubhouse on Saturday night amongst haybales and heaters, and for the employment of a canteen director which kept hoards of players fed and reduced the ever increasing workload on club volunteers.

The Saturday night band was well accompanied by a cocktail caravan run by Aimee Wilson and Bella Sheehan, with the caravan lent to the club by Andrew Carr.

Aside from Bendigo Bank, the tournament had name day sponsors for three of the four days of tennis. Milkin' It sponsored the busiest of the four days, Saturday's doubles day, Limo's Hardware sponsored the mixed doubles day on Sunday and Fertgrain sponsored graded singles on Monday.



The annual influx of visitors to town predominantly camp within Nathalia, and thus support local businesses by staying and shopping in town.

With 270 entrants in the tournament, accommodation was booked out around town, with Riverbank Caravan Park and Nathalia Motel and Holiday Park both at capacity, a number of houses rented around town for the weekend and over 100 people camping at the recreation reserve.

Hot meals were sold at the tennis club on Friday and Saturday night by local proprietors. Sandy's



Sandy's Thai cooking.



Aimee Wilson and Bella Sheehan running the cocktail van.



Cindy and the Mailbox Cafe team.



Thai cooked on Saturday night, and the Mail Box Café cooked meals on Sunday night. Both sold well over 100 meals.

The tournament was run on the back of club volunteer efforts, as well as some outsourcing to local businesses and employment of local people. With entrant almost back at capacity, the task for the NLTC Committee and club volunteers is continuing to increase.

"To all of our volunteers and members, we thank you for everything you did to help, both in the lead up to the event, and throughout the tournament."

Club president Corina McLeod said of the volunteer efforts.

"It just wouldn't happen without you and we appreciate all that you have contributed to our little club. Well done.

"As the workload on volunteers continues to grow, the club welcomes input from other community organisations. Many hands make light work, and with other community groups coming onboard to help with specific aspects of the tournament and share in some of these proceeds, we hope to make the tournament better than ever and grow its benefit to the wider community."



"Munroe" band under lights by the clubhouse for the Saturday night entertainment.

Red Gum Courier, Friday April 21st, 2023 Nathalia Bowling Club News

HE ANNUAL GOOD FRIDAY ROYAL L CHILDRENS HOSPITAL APPEAL BOWLS DAY held on Good Friday was a resounding success. The weather was not as pleasant as could be, but it did not deter the five rinks of bowlers from enjoying the day. \$2,071.00 was raised from Entries, Raffles and a Blind Auction. This amount was double on last year, which went to the Uncle Bob's Club and was included in the Nathalia total. The local traders, Limo's Mitre 10, Nathalia Pharmacy, T J'S IGA, Brereton's Bakery, Leanne and Daisy Hawkey, Lyn and Alan Cooper, Wunghnu Café, Picola Hotel, Barmah Hotel and Dove Motors were more than generous with donations. The winners on the day were Gordon Lewis, John Gillard, Trevor Price and Philippa Schapper. The Runners Up was a team led by Bill Agius with his son-in-law and two Granddaughters, a true family affair. A great effort was put in by the Members of the Club to make this day a tremendous success, making it a date to put in your diary for next year.

The **TRIVIA NIGHT** held on Saturday Night the 15th and run by Rose Campbell and Robyne Cullen for the Club was a resounding success. Alan Cooper compared the night and kept all entertained with his "wit' and Steve Campbell at the Bar was kept busy. Ninety participants attended and the winners were "Risky Quizness" with the impressive score of 72/100 questions. The runners up were "Late Comers". Fifteen raffles were also drawn and won. A big thank you to all who helped on the night. I am sure there will be another run in the future. **NUMURKAH AND DISTRICT BIAS BOWLS**



Katrina Mott - Raffle Winner

ASSCOIATION of which, Nathalia is part of, is holding an **OPEN TOURNAMENT** at the **NATHALIA COMMUNITY CENTRE** this weekend Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd April from 9.30am to 4pm each day. Teams from Corowa, Warrnambool, Heytesbury, Moama RSL and Rochester and teams from the Numurkah District will be competing. All will enjoy a BBQ on at the Nathalia Bowls Club after competition on the Saturday.

Our Nathalia members, **Bev Hutchins and Fiona Rourke** were selected to play in the **Rowland** – **Sutcliffe Challenge** at Shepparton Park on Saturday 15th April. This Challenge is played between the Murray Bowls Region and the Goulburn Valley Region. Bev skipped a team with Kerry Ralph and Yvonne Clark both from Numurkah Golf and with our Fiona Rourke. Unfortunately, Murray Bowls Region was defeated, overall on the day.



Pictured Right: Nathalia Bowls Club Trivia Night Winners **Risky Business**





Pictured Left: Good Friday Bowls Winners -Philippa Schapper, Trevor Price, John Gillard and Skip Gordon Lewis.

Right: Runners Up - Bill Agius with his son-inlaw and qranddauqhters

In the Swing at Nathalia Golf Club

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Monday the 3rd of April - The ladies held their summer breakup at the Bridge Hotel. It's great to see the Bridge Hotel back in business.

Results for the summer season - Many thanks to the Sponsors Advance Survey Design. Winner Nancy Dunn, second Sonia Verlinden, third Heather Frostick.

Wednesday the 5th of April - Barrie Lindsay won the men's stableford 9 hole event with 20 points. Sonia Verlinden won the ladies par event with 36 points .+o par.

There were no events held over the Easter weekend.

Friday the 14th April - charity day riding for the disabled, with a great turn-up. Nancy Dunn won the second division with 34 stableford points. Well done Nancy.

SUNDAY the 16th of April - was the first of the club championships. After the rain all night the course was a little damp under foot, but luckily the rain stopped at start of play. Winner for the first round was Gary Manley from a count back from Mark Sposito. Gary also had NTP on the twelfth par 4. Tony Brown had NTP on the eighteenth.

Upcoming: Don't forget the second round of the club championships on Sunday the 23rd of April.

A big thank you to all the green fee players. There was a great number of players over Easter. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Thank you and Good hitting everyone!





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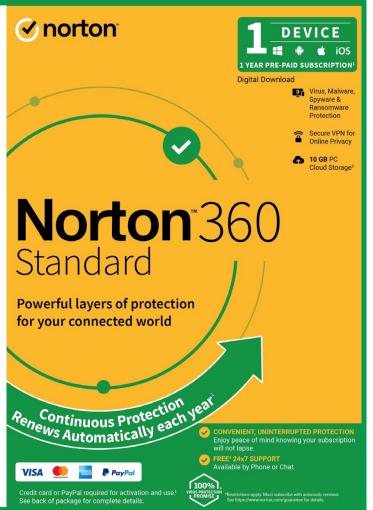
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INFORMATION EVENINGS:

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