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Easter Market & Bardi Gras

A fantastic 2022 Easter Market and Bardi Gras was held on Easter Saturday morning. With great weather, 44 stalls, favourites such as the Easter Bunny,

Rotary Spinning wheel, face painting, music and the Bardi Gras' River Red Gum Forest made for an entertaining morning. A big thank you to all those that helped make it a successful event. *More photos on pages 14 & 15.*



The Easter Bunnies, Lyn & Craig Hawkey, delighted children by handing out Easter Eggs.



The Rotary spinning wheel was once again very popular with young and old alike, trying to win one of the many prizes.



Dwayne and Faith Shaw with Faith's cards for sale.



Kayla and Brooke Anderson selling baby mats at the Easter Market.

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Community Update




Community News

Community Newsletter – subscribe now

Did you know we are publishing a regular Community newsletter which details projects, initiatives, events and decisions of Council?
Why not jump onto our website and subscribe now!

Council meeting - April

The next scheduled meeting of Council will commence at **5pm on Wednesday 27 April** at the Cobram Civic Centre. On advice from the Victorian Government, this meeting will be closed to the public, however it will be livestreamed via Council's Facebook page.
If you do not use social media, you can view this meeting through Council's website.
Questions from the public must be emailed to info@moira.vic.gov.au by 5pm the day prior to the meeting and be clearly marked as questions for the April meeting.
Submitted questions will be read at the designated section of the meeting and answered by the appropriate officer or councillor.



Recruitment opportunities – apply now

There are multiple recruitment opportunities across Council.
We are looking for passionate people who want to contribute to the betterment of our communities.
For more information, view 'Careers with us' on the Homepage of our website.



Beat the bite – protect yourself



Despite the slowly cooling temperatures in Autumn, mosquitoes are still breeding and biting across Moira Shire, including the ones harbouring diseases such as Ross River Fever and Japanese encephalitis. Your only protection against mosquitoes and the diseases they can carry is to avoid mozzie bites.
Mozzies can bite through tight clothes so cover up with long, loose-fitting clothing.
Use mosquito repellents containing picardin or DEET and limit outdoor activity if lots of mosquitoes are around.
Go to the Victorian Government's Better Health website www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au for more information.

Move Moira – last chance for activities

There are only a handful of days left to participate in the Move Moira – Get Active in April campaign.
As part of a collaboration with NCN Health and Yarrowonga Health we have been promoting various events and activities throughout April that will encourage people to be social and active.
Sport and recreation is an integral part of the Moira community plus it is essential to our health and wellbeing, our sense of belonging, and our connections to one another.
Go to the Events page on our website for all the information and to choose your activities.



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Nathalia Women's Health & Support Group Easter Raffle Winners

Due mainly to targeted fund-raising activities over the past thirty years that support all-inclusive health promotion, and cancer awareness across our local community Nathalia Women's Health and Support Group's (NWHSG) reputation has grown in strength and popularity. Until recently COVID 19 stopped most of our participatory functions, but we are pleased to announce the winners of our 2022 Easter Market Raffle.

First Prize, a monster hamper donated by NWHSG members was won by Collette Lees.

Second Prize, a gourmet hamper donated by Mrs. Mary Barry was won by Jan Turnbull.

Third Prize, a \$50 Casual Step Gift Voucher donated by a NWHSG member was won by Sue Lowe.

Fourth Prize, a plant, generously donated by Nathalia Nursery was won by Mel Eaton.



New Year's Eve Carnival Raffle

- Winners of the New Year's Eve Carnival raffle were:
- 1st prize: 6x4 trailer filled with goods - Ricky Barnes
 - 2nd prize: A Smart TV donated by Ross Smith - John Hickey (Marie Birch)
 - 3rd prize: An original Artwork by Glenda Cornell - Lyn Power
 - 4th prize: A Gift Basket full of Goods & Vouchers - Joe Pridmore



Nathalia & District Corporation Easter Egg Raffle Winner

Allison 'Holidaying in Nathalia' was the winner of the NADDCO Easter Egg raffle.



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Barmah/Picola/Picola West: Thursdays

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Moira Shire Messages

Local Government Monitor welcomed

Statement from CEO Clare Keenan and Mayor Libro Mustica - 8 April 2022

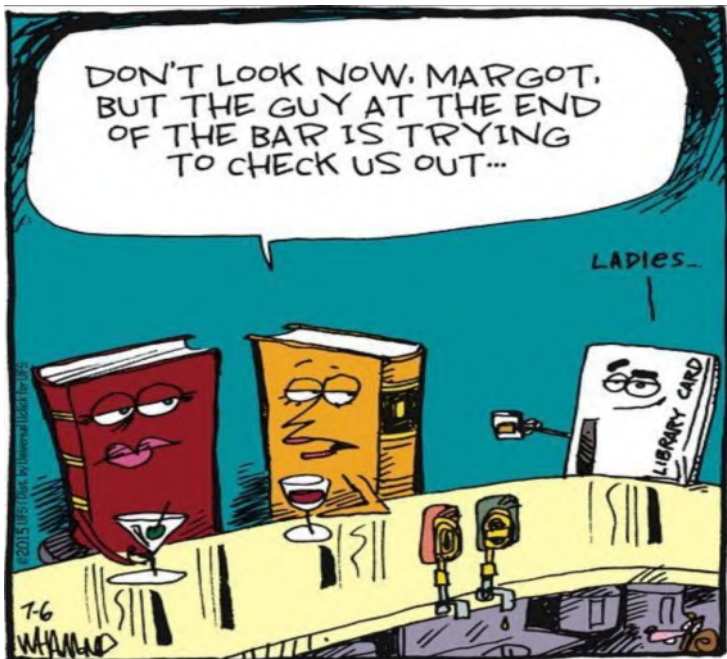
We welcome the news from the Minister for Local Government that a Monitor will be appointed to Moira Shire Council.

CEO Clare Keenan wrote to the Minister last week and raised concerns about the safety of her staff and Councillors because of the behaviour of one Councillor, particularly after correspondence from the Mayor to the Councillor did not rectify the potential breaches of Code of Conduct.

The CEO raised concerns with the Minister that she was unable to fulfil her statutory responsibility to provide safety in the workplace.

She sought urgent assistance from the Minister to advise and exercise powers, particularly in the area of Councillor Code of Conduct.

CEO Clare Keenan and Mayor Libro Mustica thank the Minister for taking their concerns seriously and acting so promptly.



MEALS ON WHEELS

22nd April to 6th May

April	
Friday 22nd	Graeme Smith
Monday 25th	Mick & Alison Keogh
Tuesday 26th	Darryl Hill & Mary Wilson
Wednesday 27th	Matthew Chalker
Thursday 28th	John & Eve Attwood
Friday 29th	VOLUNTEER REQUIRED
May	
Monday 2nd	Margaret Cobble Dick
Tuesday 3rd	John & Eve Attwood
Wednesday 4th	VOLUNTEER REQUIRED
Thursday 5th	Margaret Richards
Friday 6th	Patricia Hawks

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

Upcoming Events

What's On Locally

April 25	ANZAC Day Services, Nathalia, Barmah, Waaia
April 29 - May 1	Barmah Muster
October 1	Nathalia Agricultural Show
October 2	Daylight Savings Starts
November 11	RSL Remembrance Day Services
December 31	Nathalia New Years Eve Carnival

Contact Nathalia Printers if you would like your event added to the What's On Locally calendar.
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Police Report

Nathalia police have had a mobile phone handed in on 11/11. The phone was located in Nathalia.

A gold coloured chain and pendant with the name Latryce was located on 5/4 and handed into the station.

If you have any information on the ownership of these items, please contact Nathalia Police.

Einstein Quote!

Most of the fundamental ideas of science are essentially simple, and may, as a rule, be expressed in a language comprehensible to everyone.

~ Albert Einstein



CHURCH TIMES



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NATHALIA UNITING CHURCH
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April 24th: Picola 9.00am

April 24th: Nathalia 9.30am Parish Service

May 1st: Nathalia 9.30am Parish Service

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April 24th: 8.00am Holy Communion

May 1st: 8.00am Holy Communion

St Paul's - Wakiti Creek

May 1st: 1.30pm Holy Communion

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
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Every Saturday: Services 10am & 11.30am or Zoom.



Farewell Sue, Welcome Katherine

Nathalia Community House farewelled long-time Manager Sue Maloney on Monday 11th April at an afternoon tea attended by committee members, work colleagues and friends.

Past Chairperson Julie Tyndall spoke of Sue's commitment and contribution to the community over the past thirteen years. Julie said " Sue was instrumental in establishing the Men's Shed, a long-term youth engagement program with local schools and setting up the Nathalia Community House as a NDIS service provider. She also Chaired the NCN Health Community Advisory Committee and established the Salvation Army Emergency Relief Service".



Sue Logie Chairperson, Sue Maloney and Katherine Gundry new Manager of the Community House.



Cutting the cake Sue Logie Chairperson, Julie Tyndall Committee member and Sue Maloney Manager.

Chairperson Sue Logie welcomed the new manager Katherine Gundry who has been working with Sue to handover the many projects run by the house. Katherine is a local and comes to the position with a background in education and community services.

We all wish Sue the very best and hope she enjoys the move to a warmer climate.

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Unfortunately...

The Sausage Sizzle did not go ahead after all, on April 9th. The early morning was threatening rain, so the decision was made to not take the chance. Friday morning was similar, and it rained, and that's what the decision was made on. Of course Saturday stayed dry! If we'd have cooked, we'd have been rained on! We will try again next month sometime.

Next month there will definitely be a BBQ cooked by us, but this will be done at the Nathalia Recreation Reserve complex. The date is Wednesday May 4th and times set down are between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. "On behalf of Rotary, RAWCS has entered a partnership with the Commonwealth Government to assist in the delivery of the Drought Community Outreach Program, an initiative of National Drought and Northern Queensland Flood Response and Recovery Agency. The DCOF will be holding 70+ information events in selected towns throughout the drought declared areas for farming families directly impacted by the drought. The aim is to increase coordination of drought support and enhance community awareness of the Australian Government's drought assistance measures." There are 5 towns listed in Victoria/NSW and Nathalia is 4th on the list. In a future article I hope to write how well the event went, for everyone concerned.

What a mix up there was at the respite house on April 8th! We went over to check on the place, in readiness for guests who were arriving that afternoon. We expected no one to be at the property but a couple was

sitting on the front verandah, relaxing with a morning cuppa! They got a shock to see us, and we certainly weren't expecting them there! They told us that they were not due to leave till Saturday, but our booking sheet told us they were vacating on Friday! So, we phoned the booking clerk at the Alfred Hospital. She told us that these people were mistaken and that she had told them they had to be gone on Friday morning! The agent and guest then had a chat together, the upshot being that they no longer could relax but had to hurry up and pack and even give the house a vacuum, etc. Although such a thing is unlikely to happen again, we have put our foot (feet) down; there will be a minimum of 24 hours between bookings, preferably 48. The people who were arriving on the 8th were leaving on Good Friday. The next booking began on Easter Sunday so that was more like it.

Here now are the remaining winners, in various categories, from the Show and Shine:

Car of the Show: VN Commodore Police Car owned by John Casey

Best 2000-2020: 2016 HSV Club Sport owned by Jon van Popering

Best 1990-2000: Holden owned by Simon

Best 1980-1989: 1985 Rover owned by Neil Healey

Best 1970-1979: 1974 Holden owned by Stephen Pinnuck

Best 1960-1969: 1964 Ford Mustang owned by Terry Steele

Best 1950-1959: 1957 Chevrolet owned by Peter Brown

Best 1900-1949: 1941 Chevrolet Coupe Ute owned by Brian Morgan

A tentative date for 2023 Show and Shine is Sunday, March 19th...TBC.

The Easter Bush Bash and our part in it with the Rotary spinning wheel will be written about next time, as will the report on the guest speaker's visit to us, on April 20th.




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Friends of Nathalia Hospital District Auxiliary would like to Thank everybody that supported our Stall at the Easter Market.

Raffle winners: 1st-prize- Joy Hutchins, 2nd prize, Aine McGrath.

A great day with funds raised go towards Residents of Banawah Nursing home and Planned Activity Group.



Auxiliary President, Norma Shepherd with her grandchildren visiting the stall.



Easter with PAG

Easter Bunny and Bunny Tails visited PAG clients, celebrating with hot cross buns and making chocolates, with lots of laughs.

Pictured left: Julie Ebbels with Easter Bunny

Below left: Easter Bunny and Bunny Tails

Below: Bunny with Keith Bell & Keith Angus.



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Caterpillar Corner



The discoverers room have been engaging in lots of group times while singing songs and learning about our body parts, as well as being able to learn about our emotions as we all use a range of different emotions at different times. For April month we have celebrated Easter with getting creative and painting Easter print outs, and making Easter bunny hats to go with our fun centre Easter hunt that took place Thursday before Easter, the children loved this while exploring their environments using great investigation skills and approaching new situations with confidence. We have welcomed new faces to the room within the month, they have taken it all in their stride building strong connections with educators helping them feel safe, secure and supported within the centre. With the wet weather coming in the children have been using their senses to explore the different textures of mud, wet sand, slippery grass as play should be fun while children play they make discoveries and learning which is important to provide opportunities for the children to experiment, discover, explore, create and investigate.



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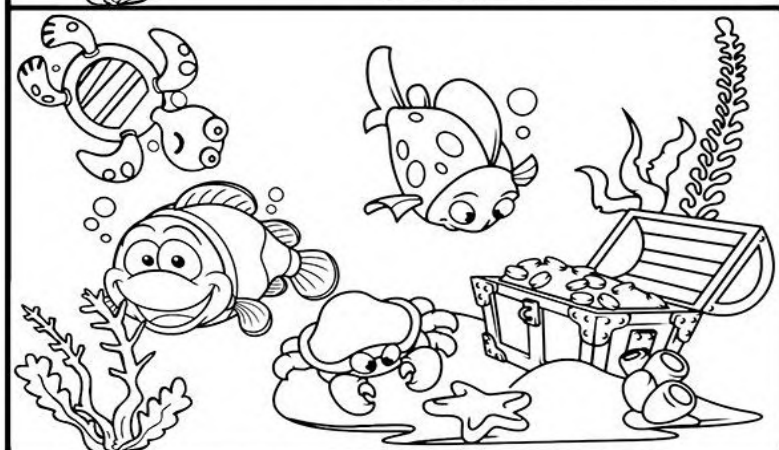
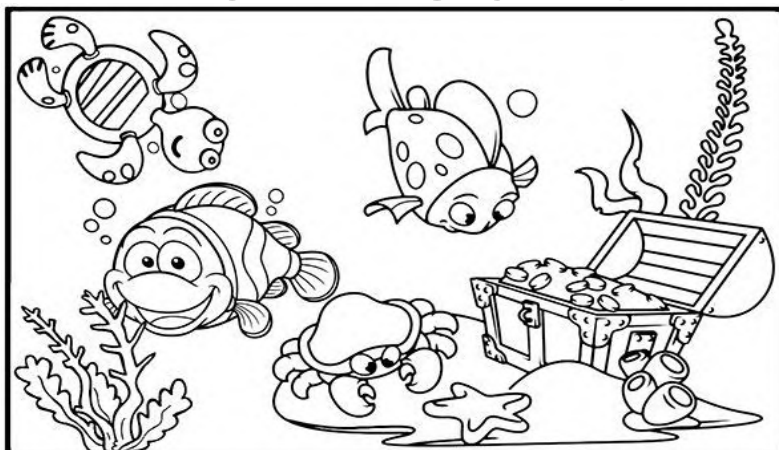
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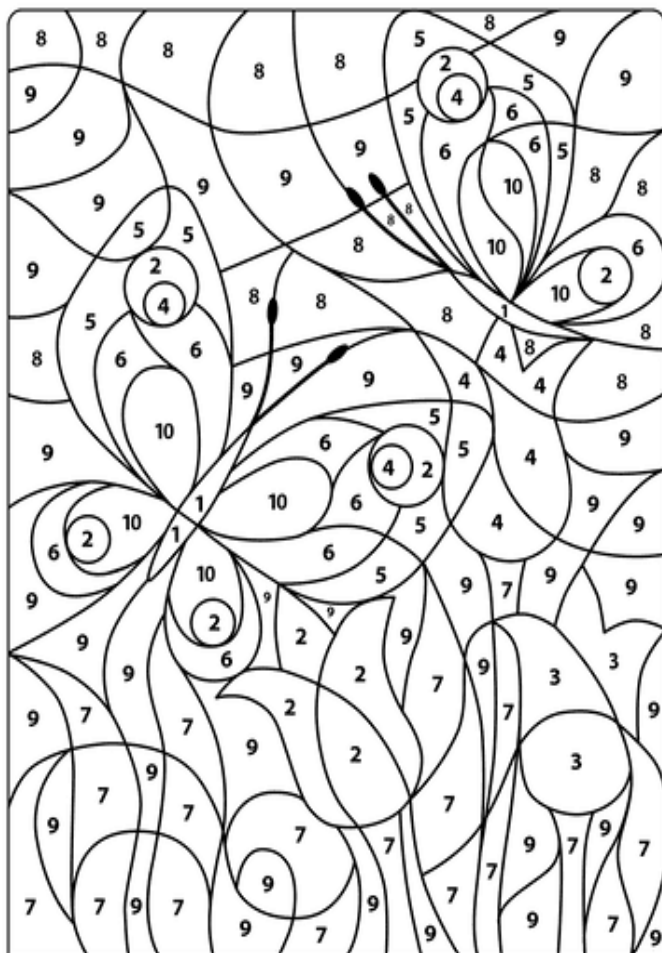
The banner above the entrance to the Fishing Platform at Uncle Bob's Park has been refurbished. The Angling Club of Nathalia would like to thank all of its members who contributed to the project.

The banner also pays tribute to Fred Elliott, who was a Woodcutter, an avid fisherman and delighted the children of Nathalia in his role as Santa Claus for many years.

Kids Section



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1=Brown 2=Orange 3=Red 4=Yellow 5=Light Pink 6=Pink 7=Green 8=Blue 9=Light Blue 10=Purple

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Coming Up is Purple and Gold...Opening Friday May 13...celebrating many diverse associations with the title. Guest appearances abound.

In August: An Exhibition of Our Nathalia and District Community 2022...

Yes that is what the GRAIN stall was about. John Donegan leading a team of local photographers on a mission to have so many portraits ...by yourself, with your friends, with fellow workers....Let Ruby or one of our volunteers at The G.R.A.I.N. Store know you would like to be part of this.

John Donegan's Workshop: Portraits of other famous people Wednesday 11 May 6-8pm.

Performance

Broken Creek and the Pop Up Choir were wonderful.

Next is the Ten G.R.A.I.N. Film Makers Graduation come Red Carpet One



Friday 6 May. This is a slightly private occasion for friends and family...all under strict instructions to START the evening with a standing ovation!!! Your turn is Red Carpet Two: an Over The Top (OTT) event Friday 3 June..slinky clothes; fine food; guest showbags...of...and yes The Films.

Pictured above & right: John Donegan taking portraits at the Easter Market.



Broken Creek Pop Up Choir



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Broken Creek Drama

ASH AND BARTY

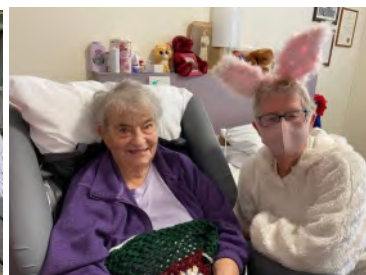
Just when I had almost given up in despair from watching professional tennis players' bad behaviour, along came Ashleigh Barty. Such a wealth of humility and grace for one so young and also proud to be Australian. And of course, she's super talented too. The World Number One. And they say that the good guys never win. Well then, they're never heard of Ash Barty.

We've even named our two puppies after her – one is Ash and the other is Barty. The ultimate compliment, dog lovers would agree. Unfortunately, they're not as well behaved as she is, both on and off the court.





Easter at Banawah



Museum Moments...

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



An article taken from the Nathalia Herald, 27/04/1954

“Barmah’s Gift Nearly Went to Lions....

Barmah’s Gift, which won the Torrumbarry Handicap at Echuca on Easter Saturday is probably the cheapest good horse ever sold in the district. It was purchased for £3 and then sold to a Nathalia trainer (Mr Lloyd Pell) for £5.

In the noted Barmah muster those horses which can be mustered from the Barmah Common are often offered for auction by Mr H. Adams, local breeder.

Some are well bred, some are brumbies, and at a muster a couple of years ago one went on to the block, bred from a first Grattan mare by Heroic Voyage, a district sire.

A Melbourne horse dealer seeking suitable nourishment for the lions at the Melbourne Zoo, bought the horse for £3, but another local fancier, Mr G. A. Bates, scenting that the blood lines deserved something better than a lion’s lunch, bought the steed back at the original price of £3. He offered it to Nathalia trainer, Mr Lloyd Pell for £5, and the latter, in accepting, aptly named the horse Barmah’s Gift.

Since then Barmah’s Gift has lost his brumby ways, and recently won at Mooroopna. His win at Echuca on Saturday was no fluke, for he paced a 2.15 mile and beat a big field, which included several very good performers.

The winner was backed from 8/1 to 4/1 and to give the tale a happy ending, all those concerned shared in the win, including Messrs Bates and Adams. The win completed a double for Mr Pell, a Nathalia carrier and shearer, who prepares a small team as a sideline.

Mr Adams recommends buyers to the Barmah muster in a few weeks time, stating that there are plenty of other good trotters on the Common—if they can be caught for the muster. He also bred and sold Barmah King, holder of a Melbourne Showgrounds record, and twice winner this year of first class races against the best of the blue bloods.”

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

Kevin Whelan's Life on the Railways



Kevin Whelan started on the Railways in February 1948 at 18 years. He started as an engine cleaner at North Melbourne loco depot. He then progressed to a fireman, on goods and passenger trains. Then he was selected as a commissioner's fireman, which meant driving as fireman for them, around the state to do their inspection of all facilities and deputations, of towns people and farmers.

Kevin was also a fireman on the Royal Tour in 1954, when the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh came to Australia. They travelled for 6 days around Victoria. When the tour finished Kevin and driver were presented to the Queen and Duke. The driver at that time was Frank Myers (whose father came from Nathalia, many years ago.)

Kevin had progressed to driver in 1953, but was invited back as fireman with Fran Myers, for the Royal Tour. They had worked together for several years from 1954 on. Kevin drove trains to many country places.

Later in 1988 as driver on a Royal Train, Kevin drove for the Queen and

Duke to Geelong to open the Wool Museum. On return to Melbourne Kevin and his loco assistant were presented to the Queen and Duke.

The railways were originally run by three commissioners. The organisation was changed to be run by a board, in about the seventies. Some time later Kevin was employed as the driver for the board members.

The train of knowledge was a school camp on wheels for children in grades 5 & 6. 90 children and 6 teachers, Monday to Friday. The children came from different schools, would meet in Melbourne, then go by train to different areas like Ballarat, Bendigo, Ararat etc. during the day, then back to the train to sleep and eat.

Kevin was the train driver for many of these trips. There was a dining car on the train where children had breakfast and evening meal. Some children were allowed to go through the loco. This was enjoyed by the children and teachers and I'm sure by the drivers.

So time ago Kevin participated in T.V. adverts. One being he had to drive a train through an imitation brick wall to smash for an advert - to pick up parcels on time! There is a similar mural at Broken Hill Station, we saw about a year ago.

He also did an advert for Carlton United Brewery. The drovers were loading cattle on the train, then they went to a make shift station, to have a beer. Kevin was the driver for that advertisement.

Kevin retired in December 1989, but still travels to Melbourne and other places to meet with his old mates, has done this for many years.



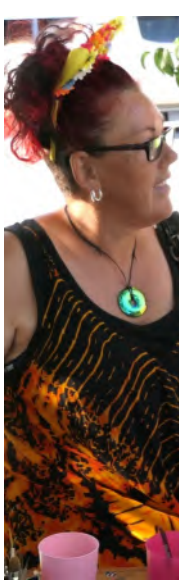
Recently he travelled on an old steam train from Castlemaine to Maldon. This was driven by his assistant of many years before. This was organised by Ray Bardon who has just published a book for his Railway friends and has donated all his memorabilia to Malden Station. Many railway friends were on the train that day.

Kevin was photographed in the drivers seat on the loco that day (with his driver's hat on) (pictured above). He gave the hat to Steve Devision who was his assistant of many years before. A happy day was had by all.

Kevin is now 92 years of age and still going strong.



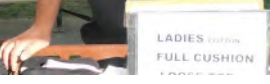
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Harmony Village, Shepparton.

Dearly loved Wife of Brian (dec.).
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*Sweet is the sleep that
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to suffer again.
In God's garden you
rest above,
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Bev's Funeral Service took place
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20, 2022, followed by interment at
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GAFFY (Johnson), Joan Veronica

06. 09. 1920 – 16. 04. 2022
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Love you Mum

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Waaia Community Planning Group

Where: Waaia Picnic Ground
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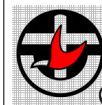


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Cobram from 8.00am to 12.00pm

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Nathalia from 5.30am to 8.30am

- Murray Valley Hwy/Blake St (VicRoads) from Pearce St to Bromley St
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Numurkah from 9.00am to 11.30pm

- Saxton St from Meiklejohn to McCaskill St
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Yarrawonga – 10.00am to 1.30pm

- Belmore St (VicRoads) from Witt to Orr St
- Piper St from Tom to Hume St
- Hovell St at Piper St intersection

Council has approved these temporary road closures under Schedule 11, 10(1)(b) of the *Local Government Act 1989*. Please seek alternative routes during these times.

For more information contact Moira Shire Council on 5871 9222.

THANK YOU

The Uniting Church ladies wish to sincerely thank everyone who helped them with food and assistance on the day recently.

In appreciation of all your assistance we have made a donation to the Royal Children's Hospital in

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The Nathalia Barmah Business and Tourism Board would like to thank everyone who assisted in helping make this year's **Nathalia Easter Market** such a great success.

A special thanks goes out to Stacey Anderson for stepping forward and taking on the event manager role at such short notice.

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Runners Up are Claire Andrews, Marilyn Frost, Geoff Ward and Marg Coghlin. Our congratulations to you all and thank you to all who helped make this day a great success.



Liz Oliver selling raffle tickets

Our Presentation Night is being held on Friday 22nd April, 2022 at the Club and last but not least our Annual General Meeting will be on Wednesday 4th May, 2022 at the Club at 7pm.

We have had a good season on and off the Greens and look forward to Season 2022/2023.



Winners – Brian Hutchins, Mary Agius and Bree Andrews.



Runners Up – L – R Marilyn Frost, Claire Andrews, Geoff Ward and Marg Coghlin

Purps Womens Footy Report

Nathalia 8.8 v Shepparton United 3.3: Another Friday night game under the lights, round 2 was at Deakin Reserve and in the wet conditions. Not the start we wanted missing our Captain and Coach for the night, but the show must go on. Shepparton United came out hard and fast in the first quarter scoring the first goal of the game and making our defence end work. A quick change, with Abby Favaro going back down forward to provide another strong lead, and Nathalia didn't take long to respond and get their first score on the board. From there the girls found some momentum and were able to keep possession of the ball down in their forward line for majority of the second quarter to give us a lead going into half time. Coming back on for the second half we knew Shepp United had speed and were not going to let us take control of the game easily and we had to take the game on. Tayla Dempster provided a lot of leg speed through the middle and first time player Cam Shandley was unstoppable across the backline. Cara Briggs showed off her skills on the wing, even hitting the score board. Jess Eadie was consistent down in the forward line, in every contest and being rewarded with a goal late in the game. It was a great contest from both teams with Nathalia coming away with the points on this occasion. Round 3 game has been moved to Sunday at 3.30 pm. Goals: A. Favaro 3, T. Sutton. J. Bux, J. Eadie, C. Price, C. Briggs. Awards: Rex James Stockfeed; Caitlyn Price, Gagliardi Scott Real Estate; Tayla Dempster, Numurkah Nugenes; Cam Standley, Casual Step; Janarli Bux, Nathalia Fert & Grain; Cara Briggs



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Nathalia's A Grade Keeping the Pressure On

NETBALL

A Grade: Nathalia 43 def Tongala 35

A great team game today girls it was great to see everyone out there enjoying it. Solid effort in defence providing lots of opportunity to our attack end. It was great to see all combinations work hard and come away with another solid win. Great job to Tam Skinner and Liv McDonald in our goal circle also.

Awards: BOC K Roc Seed Cleaning: Lisa Kellow, North Victorian Bait Co: Liv McDonald, Casual Step: Caitlin McLachlan

B Grade: Nathalia 31 It Tongala 38

Big thank you to all the girls on the weekend for filling in. Bella Sheehan was good at GK, not bad for a centre. Alysia Oakes goaled like we know she can and Liv McDonald just wanted a pizza! Well done girls a win is coming soon.

Awards: BOC Mick's Pizza: Alysia Oakes, Brereton's Bakery: Bella Sheehan, Nathalia Hair & Beauty: Liv McDonald

C Grade: Nathalia 40 def Tongala 34

Another win in the board for the girls. Great passages of play throughout the game improving each week. Great game, well done girls!

Awards: BOC Limo's Mitre 10: Lily Smith, Intimo: Caitlin Boschetti, Three Belles Coffee & Cake: Sarah Kautai

C Reserve: Nathalia 47 def Tongala 41

Great game for the C res girls this week. Awesome passages down the court and a great show of team work. Well done girls!

Awards: BOC Barmah Hotel: Georgia Hansford, Brereton's Bakery: Sarah Delwig, Milking it Cafe: Kellie Guthrie

17&U: Nathalia 17 It Tongala 86

Tough day out on the court today. With only 4 players and the rest fill ins. The girls tried hard all game and never put their heads down and kept fighting. Well done girls for never quitting.

Awards: BOC Stuart Bell: Emily Bell, Sportfirst Numurkah: Kaiya Cornell, Nathalia Bendigo Bank: Hannah Summerville

13&U: Nathalia 3 It Tongala 33

Good start to the game and much improved. Lots of good movement down the court. Continue to work on our passes

Awards: BOC Nathalia Bendigo Bank: Esther, Shepparton Marketplace Subway: Chantelle, TJ's IGA: Isabelle

11&U: Great game from the Purps this week. Lots strong leads, in front, good use of space and several intercepts. All girls played well and improving each week.

Awards: Past Players: Kiara Begley, Nathalia Bendigo Bank: Cassie Alert, TJ's IGA: Aroha Kautai

FOOTBALL

Seniors: Nathalia 8.3.51 It Tongala 24.17.161

Goals: J. Farrell 2, B. Armstrong, G. Bramwell, C. Congues, L. Evans, N. McKenna, B. Ross.

On a beautiful autumn day in front of a large Easter crowd, the Purples took on a powerful Tongala outfit on their home turf. Although the result looks very one sided, there were many positives the young Nathalia group took from the outing.

The team responded from a low scoring effort against Moama the week prior to kick 8 goals



A Grade's Tamara Skinner grabs the ball in the goal ring

for the match, including four in the last quarter. The coaching staff set small goals for the day, working towards developing a style of play that will see continual improvement from the group. At the conclusion of the match coach Barnes although disappointed about the heavy loss, stressed the importance of team play, creative handball and fast ball movement. All things the young group are gradually working into the game.

Our young and inexperienced players are learning each week and we witnessed some positive signs from the likes of Jake Brown, who uses his clean ball handling and good decision making to positive effect, Nathan McKenna who brought forward pressure to the contest, Charlie Sheehan who is working on his midfield craft and Gus Bramwell in the ruck.

Clancy Congues played a terrific game as a hard working midfielder. He won plenty of possession and worked tirelessly to contest, tackle and link up all over the ground. Brodie Ross was once again a colossus in the ruck, where he dominated hit outs and collected numerous possessions. Alex Hicks was once again crucial, this time a key defender as were his fellow defenders, Tom Byrnes and Harrison Hawks until injured. Liam Evan was creative and made the most of forward entries where he won most of his 50/50 contests.

Next Sunday we travel to Numurkah for the big class against our traditional rivals. We look forward to continued improvement and an opportunity to get a win on the board.

Awards: Ryan Meat Co: Clancy Congues, Bourke Group: Alex Hicks, Liddell Group-Delcorp: Ben Armstrong, Brereton's Bakery: Brodie Ross, Past Players: Tom Byrnes

Reserves: Nathalia 2.1.13 ItTongala 25.15.165

Goals: P. Barton, A. Quinn

The effort from the under manned Nathalia reserves side was a good all day. Paul Barton playing his first come back game was very solid all day and he was rewarded with a goal for his efforts and combined with Ash Quinn who also kicked a major for the day. But the hard work all day from young Ewan Congues playing on the wing still couldn't help the undermanned Purps from beating the strong Tongala side on their home ground. With players returning for Nathalia's next clash against arch rivals Numurkah, the Purps look forward to their next challenge. GO PURPS.

Awards: Limbrick Accounting: Wade Hicks, Mick Hogan Excavations: Ewan Congues, Mick's Pizza: Cooper Bloodworth Bell's Water Cartridge: Ash Quinn, Brereton's Bakery: Byron Woods

U17s: Nathalia 13.5.83 def Tongala 3.8.26

Goals: E. Congues 3, H. McDonald 3, J. Amery 2, J. Hutchins 2, E. Cornell, K. Lundberg.

The Under17s game started in perfect conditions for football and got warm as the game wore on testing the players resolve. The playing surface at Tonny was in great condition like a bowling green and the game flowed freely with both sides able to get their hands on the ball and have their chances on the scoreboard. Nathalia's efficiency being the difference in front of goals in the first half. Tongala's midfielders were really on top in the early stages of the game which placed the purples backline under some real pressure with Ned Bramwell resolute in defence cutting off many Tongala entries and getting the ball in Nathalia hands to create attacking passages. The Purple mids eventually gained the ascendancy through the likes of Kai Lundberg, Ewan Congues and Ruckman Harry McDonald who's follow up play was a real feature. The Purples ability to share the ball combined with some impressive unselfish play resulted in quality passages of football with Josh Dohnt leading the way in a particularly with a team orientated focus game to be one of Nathalia's most influential players on the day. In a really even team performance many players contributed to the result with some playing in foreign positions or on far larger kids and giving their all to always make a contest, which continually allowed the purples to bring the ball to grounds and link up again. Some notable 4 quarter contributors who found plenty of the footy included Brady Walpole who won the contest consistently, Jerry Amery who ran to support and created, Connor Peachy who worked hard all day and it was great to see Jack Hutchins back out there kicking 2 goals. With a few boys earning senior opportunity the team is light on numbers but thanks to the fourths boys who have doubled up. **Awards:** Quarrell Civil Construction: Ned Bramwell, AV Hughes Excavations: Josh Dohnt, Sportfirst Numurkah: Jerry Amery, Three Belles Collective: Connor Peachy, TJ's IGA: Baz McDonald

U14s: Nathalia 7.6.48 It Tongala 8.3.51

Goals: H. Whyte 3, G. Frostick 2, D. Begley, N. Summerville.

The boys were prepping themselves for another tough game against a top side plus having a few key players unavailable. However it was great to see the boys start the game with a positive and aggressive mindset. Our midfield won the ball out of the centre and our backline was aggressive and repelled many opposition attacks. Our forward line was undersized but we're clever when the ball hit the ground. We had a handy lead at quarter time then they came back to even things up at half time.

After that it was tight for the rest of the game and we were leading with a minute to go. Unfortunately they got the final goal however after 2 tough weeks it was great to see them having fun and playing well. Great work boys

Awards: Past Players: Hamish Whyte, Rex James Stockfeed: Jayce Limbrick, Nathalia Printers: Declan Begley, Frostick Contracting: Gus Frostick, Bendigo Bank & IGA: Riley Barton

Round 2 Waaia v Mathoura



In Round 2 the bombers wore black armbands to show respect for a past player, Gary 'Toby' Power, who passed away recently. Gary played all

his football, including over 200 senior games, at Waaia. RIP Toby.

NETBALL

Under 11's: It was another great game. Everyone found their positions and pushed a great 6 quarters. Our defence was amazing, getting plenty of turnovers and applying great pressure. The midcourters were presenting great options with their leading all through the court. Great passages of play into the goal ring gave our shooters many opportunities at goal, with much success. Awards: *WFNC Cash:* Addi *WFNC Canteen:* Macie

Under 13's won 20-8

Our win against Mathoura was a great indication that the Under 13's are taking on what we as coaches are telling them and making sure to take the court with high levels of enthusiasm. Their hunger for the ball made it clear that they wanted to win. Our awards went to Bella Nave, who played an awesome game in defence, somewhere she is not used to but was committed to every ball. Rylee Bullock has shown much improvement in her ability to move the ball down the court in the centre position. Well done girls! Awards: *WFNC Canteen:* Rylee Bullock *Sportfirst Numurkah:* Bella Nave

Under 15's won 36-14

Great team work all over the court, getting 3 and 4 touches to get the turnover, showing persistence and cool heads.

Awards: *WFNC Cash:* Shaylee *Drink Bottle:* Skyla

Under 17's won 59-21

Amazing game again with the girls continuing to apply defensive pressure all the way down the court. Soph and Hayley got lots of taps and hands to the ball which created opportunity in attack. A very well controlled game by every single player. Thanks to Lilly for stepping up when required and Ruby for sitting on the bench. Awards: *WFNC Canteen:* Hayley Coonan *Telegraph Hotel:* Sophie Halden

C Reserve won 44-14

The defence end was amazing, working like a well oiled machine. Working down the court using our channels and with precision feeding into the ring rewarding our efforts!

Awards: *WFNC Cash:* Melissa Kennedy *Vive Hair:* Tearnii Williams

C Grade won 77-7

Another strong game for the girls. You were able to change your game to adapt to the opposition in a real team effort. The defensive pressure in the ring and down the court paid off with each turnover. Samantha's support to the goalers in the mid court was a stellar effort with feeding the ball into the ring and her voice of direction. Taylah and

Nicole were reunited together in the goals, with swift movement and passes the duo hit their targets each quarter. We are gelling well as a team which will enable us to continue to build and I cannot wait to see the teams growth and the momentum move forward through the season. Awards: *WFNC Cash:* Taylah Belford *Casual Step:* Samantha Crook

B Grade won 68-16

Another great game by our B Graders! We have gelled together so well and we had so many great passages of play throughout the whole game. Fantastic defensive pressure causing many turnovers in every third of the court. Super effort everyone! Awards: *WFNC Cash:* Ange Thorne *Telegraph Hotel:* Summa Trimby

A Grade won 63-27

Taking control of the game from the first whistle, the Bombers took a strong win against a developing Mathoura side. Abbey Bell had a stunner, evidently leading her team to victory shooting 46 of the 63 goals. Co-captain Chloe Thorne worked persistently in the ring, playing out of position and yet dominating the shooting role. Debutante Ella Bryant took to the court in the fourth quarter with dynamite movement, shooting with confidence and grit whilst young Eloise Walker fed beautifully into the ring. An exciting partnership that will be one to watch in their senior years. The Waaia girls showed versatility with continued momentum for the entire four quarters which allowed them to stretch their lead against the Cutters, resulting in the final score being 63-27. Awards: *WFNC Cash:* Abbey Bell *Waaia Hotel:* Chloe Thorne

FOOTBALL

Seniors: Waaia 39.28 - 262 def Mathoura 1.1 - 7

Goals: C. Burrows 9, J. Clarke 6, J. Trower 5, W. Foster 3, S. Richardson 3, L. Wright 3, C. Brown 2, B. Coates, D. Cornick, T. Davies, M. Meyland, A. Tricarico, H. Walker, R. Sprunt, A. Brooks.

Our first home game of the year saw the bomber Seniors up against the Timbercutters. After an earlier start time due to no reserves match the bombers started off kicking into the breeze managing 6.8 for the quarter. In the second term saw the bombers run riot kicking 13.3 for the quarter to go in 125 points up at the long break. The last half saw the bombers add another 20 goals to run out big 255 point winners. Charlie Burrows was the main man up forward with 9 goals whilst Jayden Clarke and Jesse Trower kicked 6 & 5 respectively. Ash Holland, Will Foster and Lachy Wright played great games in

the win.

Awards: Gagliardi Scott Real Estate: Jesse Trower

Bendigo Bank / Waaia Hotel: Will Foster
GJ Gardner & Telegraph Hotel: Brayden Coates
M O'Dwyer Most Determined: Sam Richardson
GV Steel Supplies: Todd Davies
Sportfirst Numurkah: Harvey Walker

Reserves: No game played. Mathoura Forfeit

U17's: Waaia 23.20 - 157 def Mathoura 1.5 - 11
Goals: A. Brooks 5, J. Buckland 4, A. Bryant 2, O. Ruscoe 2, T. Walker 2, O. Buckland, Z. Cason, I. Chandler, L. Decker, A. Hibma, J. Hobbs, W. Trower, L. Williams.

Great day for the bombers Under 17's side resulting in their first win of the season. The boys came up against a struggling Mathoura side but still knew that they had to stick to their game plan in order to take the points. The Bombers played a very exciting and fast flowing brand of footy resulting in countless goals in a very unselfish display which was demonstrated through its 13 different goal kickers. The Bombers came away 147 point winners in a dominant display. Captain AJ Brooks led from the front in a best on ground display kicking 5 goals whilst Jake Buckland played well up forward finishing with 4. Zac Cason and Aiden Bryant were also strong contributors through the middle of the ground.

Awards: Rex James Stockfeed: AJ Brooks

Sprunts Livestock: Zac Cason
Jott Farms: Jake Buckland
Murray Valley Rural & Plumbing: Aiden Bryant
Carey Fabrications: Aiden Hibma
Michel's Landscaping / Waaia Canteen: Sam Brooks

U14's: Waaia 21.12 - 138 def Mathoura 1.1 - 7
Goals: O. Buckland 6, O. Carey 3, K. Gilmour 3, O. Ruscoe 3, T Walker 3, J. Brown, T. James, P. Meyland.

The Under 14's were looking to bounce back on their home ground after a loss in round 1. Coming up against an undermanned Mathoura side Waaia got off to a great start and kicked away to a handy lead by quarter time, it was much the same for the next 3 quarters with the Waaia boys coming out on top comfortable winners 21.12.138 to 1.1.7. It was pleasing to see the younger players getting involved in the game and kicking a few goals between them as well, special mention to little Oscar Carey kicking 3 goals. Better players for the day where Kaleb Gilmour, Oscar Buckland, Ollie Ruscoe, Oscar Carey & Blake Fairless. Overall a great win by the team and was also pleasing to see



Waaia Under 17's action
Lachlan Williams. ~ photos by Janet Brooks



Abbey Bell in A Grade action
against Mathoura.

the Waaia players that took turns to help out and play for Mathoura during the game without complaint due to their lack of numbers.

Awards: Numurkah Truck Repairs: Kaleb Gilmour
Northern Victorian Livestock: Oscar Buckland
Mamore Lamb: Ollie Ruscoe
Bells Water Cartage: Oscar Carey
Tyndall Excavation / Waaia Canteen: Blake Fairless



Round 2 Picola Utd v Deni Rovers

In round 2 action we welcomed Deni Rovers for our first home game. There were some great contests in the day with our A grade running out strong winners and our Seniors bringing home a win in a nail bitter. Deni proved too strong in the other matches, showcasing their strong junior sides who are always formidable opponents. A big thank you for all our volunteers who stepped up and covered jobs that needed to be done. We can't thank you enough and hope to see the continued support throughout the season. Go Blues! President Clinton.

FOOTBALL

Under 14's: Picola: 0.1-1 vs Deni 31.12- Boys played against a very strong Deni side, they tried hard all game and never gave up. **Awards:** Power Livestock Trophy B.O.G/Picola Hay Supplies: Joshua Burns, Barmah Roadhouse Voucher: Ryan Caldwell, Barmah Social Club Canteen Voucher: Sam Bux, Intersport Echuca Voucher: Harry Dargan
Under 17's: Picola: 3.5-23 vs Deni 5.9-39 Goals: T. Webber 2, B. Orton Tough day against Deni, unfortunately going down by a couple of goals. The backline battled hard against a fast-moving offence with Kayden shutting down the centre half forward. Let's bounce back strong after a week off. **Awards:** Dove motors Mug/Lubke Engineering \$10: Kayden Atkinson, Barmah Roadhouse Voucher: Logan Daniel, Barmah Social Club Canteen Voucher: Stevie Atkinson, Intersport Echuca Voucher: Tanner Webber
Reserves: Picola: 1.0-6 vs Deni 20.16-136 Goals: J. Heggart

Our first home game for the 2022 season, up against the Rovers with fewer numbers than we would like due to various circumstances, but the boys were still keen to get out there. Welcoming in newcomers Darcy Hicks, Jackson King and Rhys Varcoe into the side for their first games was great to see! From the start we were further struck down by injuries and bad luck, leaving only sixteen left to battle it out against the rovers twenty one all day. After a slow start and some time to adjust to the lesser numbers we were able to stem the flow and control the footy for the large part of the second and third quarters all things considered. Timmy Densley was terrific upon return but had to leave at half time. Darcy Maloney was back to his intercepting best, using his superior footy IQ to take the ball from the opposition on many occasions. Dylan Cunningham was everywhere and showed excellent skill and commitment in a best on ground performance. Rhys Varcoe utilised his fitness and skills to punch holes through

the oppositions extra numbers and co-captain Jarrod Norman was consistent throughout the day. The ruck brigade of Clay Stevens, Darcy Hicks, Jackson King and Jake Heggart were gallant all day with the latter scoring our goal in the last term thanks in part to some Rory Fynch soccer magic. A good solid effort by the boys who never gave up or took a backwards step despite the trying circumstances. Special thanks to Jake Underwood, Corey Legge and Bailey Plattfuss for coming up and playing after a full game in the thirds, if not for these lads we may not have had a match! Stick together boys and fresh legs and more numbers after Easter should see us ready to go in weeks to come. **Awards:** Fertgrain Mug: Dylan Cunningham, Work locker: Darcy Maloney, Peter Limbrick Accounting: Clay Stevens, Brereton's Bakery Voucher: Jarrod Norman
Seniors: Picola: 9.11-65 vs Deni 8.9-56 Goals: T. Beard 4, C. Haub 2, B. Jorgensen, J. Gattuso, M. Hore
 What a way to get our first win on the board. A great gutsy performance challenged the boys to weather the storm and respond when things weren't working for us. A strong start saw us on top of things in the midfield and applying pressure on Deni's defence. We went into half time knowing that Deni would respond and come out firing in the third quarter. They started winning some momentum but sticking to our structures as well as some great individual performances by Corey Barrington, Marcus Walsh, the Hore brothers and Blake Jorgensen allowed us to get the game back on our terms and maintain possession for the majority of the final quarter. A great response

to a round 1 loss and evidence of what we are capable of this year. **Awards:** DMH Plumbing Mug/Barmah Hotel Voucher: Blake Jorgensen, Nathalia Butcher Voucher: Jordan Gattuso, Brereton's Bakery Voucher: Mitchell Heggart, Mitre 10 Nathalia: Matt Hore

NETBALL

Minis: A good game against another strong side. We worked on some things at training that we then applied to our game. Our 2 award winners Josh and Pippa worked tirelessly in defence all game. But everyone played a great game. Barmah Social Club Canteen Voucher: Pippa Bourke
 Intersport Echuca: Josh Randall
13 & Under: Picola: 3 vs Deni: 40 Really tough game, lots to work on at training. Baxter Family Medallion: Tahlia Blight Barmah Social Club Canteen Voucher: Sienna Jorgensen
15 & Under: Picola: 4 vs Deni: 36 Great game girls. We worked a lot better as a team. Our attackers worked their butts off all day. A few more weeks and we will be right up in the competition. Special mention to Molly and Kym who played the whole game in their defensive positions. You girls worked really well down there. Power Livestock: Indiana McCabe Jackson Intersport Echuca: Amy Caldwell
17 & Under: Picola: 5 vs Deni: 67 Great job girls for never giving up against a well put together team. Birch Earth Moving: Mikaela Daniel Intersport Echuca: Maddison Sumerville
C Reserve: Picola: 21 vs Deni: 44

Great game by all girls. A huge improvement on last week. Nathalia Hair and Beauty: Anna Brooks PUFNC Club Dinner: Natalie Hobbs
C Grade: Picola: 35 vs Berrigan: 51 Tough game girls. Thanks to all the girls for filling in. Brereton's Bakery Voucher: Jess Legge PUFNC Club Dinner: Leanne Guthrie
B Grade: Picola: 22 vs Deni: 48 Scrumdiddlyumcious Catering: Grace Byrnes Casual Step: Katie Francis
 The girls had some really good passages of play, with great drives down the court. Our defenders provided constant pressure throughout the game. Overall a great job by the girls for our second game of the season.
A Grade: Picola: 56 vs Deni: 21 What a terrific team effort to start the season! Our defence created lots of turn overs with our goalers reaping the benefits. Nathalia Post Office: Emma Greaves Brereton's Bakery: Larney Allen



Picola United Lachlan Caldwell (left) on his first game picked in the 21.



Picola United Ally Francis in Under 17's.



Darcy Hicks (right) playing his 1st Reserves match with his brother, Kodi Hicks (left) – PUFNC Reserves coach. ~ Photos courtesy Michelle Legge & Cheryl Thom



PUFNC President, Clinton Barnes with the club trainer, Sue Maloney. It was Sue's last day in Rnd 2 as club trainer.

An Ace Easter at NLTC



Perfect weather and good entry numbers made for a successful Community Bank Nathalia Easter Tournament. The courts looked a picture and played beautifully, thanks to our grounds crew who worked tirelessly leading up to the tournament.

Friday's open Men's and Ladies events sponsored by Nathalia Post Office and Newsagency, provided entertainment for spectators with great tennis being played on all courts. 2021 Open singles and doubles champion, David Bidmead from Kooyong TC, once again took out both these titles in convincing fashion. He partnered Michael Richards, also from Kooyong TC to defend their doubles title. Jayde Halliday, in her first appearance at the tournament, won the Open Singles and paired with Katrina Sculac to win the Open Doubles.

A new initiative for the tournament were the Hotshots sessions. Ned Nihill took the Friday group for some fun games and activities, leading to great excitement from participants and parents alike. With many families involved in the tournament a Hotshots session was also scheduled for the Monday. This event was led by long time supporter of the Easter

Tournament and tennis coach Christopher Spencer, who quoted, "I haven't missed one of these tournaments since I was born. I was really disappointed when the 2020 tournament was cancelled with COVID as this broke my 32 year streak. I am only too pleased to give something back by donating my time to run this Hotshots session".

Saturday's Doubles Day saw the courts packed and the canteen busy with many locals and visitors enjoying the weather, the tennis and the company. Community Bank Nathalia sponsored this event by supplying the trophies. After a hot day in the sun, the beer and cider garden proved very popular. Spectators enjoyed a BBQ dinner and witnessed the final of the Women's Open singles and the Men's Open Doubles. Ned Nihill and Sam McKenzie McHarg played some excellent tennis but went down in an entertaining match in the open doubles event.

Limo's Mitre 10 Mixed Doubles Day traditionally brings out the tennis die-hards, along with the social tennis player who may only pick up a racquet once a year. 2022 also witnessed the introduction of a new event, the NLTC Handicap. Players with reasonable tennis skills are paired with social or junior players and are required to use a junior racquet or play with their opposite hand. This event was played alongside the Men's Open Singles final, demonstrating the diversity within the tournament. "Our tournament is about bringing people together, enjoying the tennis experience, the company of others and the atmosphere as well", said Tournament Director Joe Nihill. Monday's patchy showers slowed play early for the Nathalia Pharmacy senior singles and junior doubles events. However, all events were completed hastily as the rain settled in for the afternoon. Club president Helen Ginnivan summed up the weekend when presenting the trophies, "An event like this sees so many of our club members working behind the scenes tirelessly. Each person or group plays their role whether it be preparing the courts, in hospitality, tournament promotion, trophies – the list goes on. It is too difficult to name individuals, however I would like to acknowledge the initiative and work of Joe Nihill in setting up the new online entry system. The tournament continues to welcome many visitors to our area over the Easter weekend, creating a fun and holiday atmosphere in our town. The NLTC thank the many sponsors and volunteers who help make the event a successful one for the club and town.



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12&U doubles Jayce Limbrick and Zander Quinn won the court over Billy and Harry Baxter

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Enjoying the atmosphere.



Friday's Hotshots group led by Ned Nihill



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