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Bendigo Bank Fools Day Tournament

Successful Fools Day Tournament was held at the Nathalia Bowling Club on Saturday 23rd March, 2024 in the most pleasant weather conditions.

This made for a great setting with teams from far and wide participating - Glenroy, Moulamein, Berrigan, Numurkah, Picola, Wunghnu, Swanpool, Tocumwal, Benalla, Finley and Nathalia. There were sixty players in all.

The Winners on the day were Sue Jamison's team from Picola.

Runners Up were a team lead by Tony Turner from Finley.





Alan Cooper, who coordinated the day, thanked the Bendigo Bank for their generous sponsorship, and all who helped on the day, including:

- the ladies in the kitchen Lyn Cooper for cooking the roast, Karen Stortenbeker, Marilyn Frost, Fay Hutchins, Bev Hutchins, Julie Olsen, Tessa Ward and Claire Andrews.
- Liz Oliver for doing the raffle.
- Ian Bolton, Kevin Scolyer, Flea Hutchins, Geoff Ward and Trevor Cobbledick for marking the Greens, cleaning the ditches and mowing the surrounds, with special thanks to Trevor Cobbledick for helping Alan prepare the Greens.

Alan also thanked everyone for coming and supporting the tournament and hoped to see all again next year.

Pictured left is the winning team from Picola. (L-R) John Gillard, Trevor Price and Sue Jamison. ~ Photos courtesy Lyn Cooper More Bowls report on page 23

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Community Update



Kerbside Collection Changes -Be part of the conversation

We're preparing to introduce the State required Purple Glass Bin, but we can't do it without you. We've put together 3 options that improve our waste management, reduce landfill items and save costs for our community. Visit our website to learn more and to share your thoughts. Community members will also have the opportunity to share their thoughts in person at our upcoming community session, upcoming April date:

Wednesday 17 April: Online session, from 5.30pm - 6.30pm

Visit our website to see a full list of community sessions. Community consultation closes **Tuesday 30 April 2024.**



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The Quick Response Grants aim to provide community organisations an opportunity to apply for funding for small projects or events:

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Move Moira - Get Active in April

We're celebrating Move Moira Get Active in April! Let's make this April your most active month yet and find something to move to for 30 minutes a day.

Moira Shire Council has teamed up with NCN Health and Yarrawonga Health to bring you a bunch of activities to help you get moving.

We've lined up some exciting events throughout the shire, starting with our community fun days:

- Nathalia Community Fun Day: Thursday 11 April, Nathalia Recreation Reserve from 10am
- Cobram Community Fun Day: Friday 12 April, Federation Park from 10am

There's a month full of fun and affordable events to get you moving, for all ages and abilities!

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



Red Gum Courier, Friday April 5th, 2024

Supporting the Big Blue Tree

W e would love your support to help raise awareness for mental health by painting the big gumtree blue in Nathalia

We have attained approval from the Moira Shire to paint a deceased gumtree at 106 Elizabeth Street Nathalia, transforming it into a beyond blue tree to realise awareness for mental health in our community.

Our aim in painting this tree is to draw attention to mental health challenges faced by both men and women in our area, acting as a visible reminder that no one is alone. We believe the project will communicate the message that there is always someone willing to lend an ear especially in the face of financial difficulties and daily pressures of life.

To achieve this objective, we are seeking sponsorship and contributions to cover the cost of painting, lifting equipment, signage and solar lighting. We are fully committed to overseeing all aspects of the project independently.

Your support in this endeavour would be greatly appreciated. You can donate or to support by contacting Greg Sessions or Alannah Low. All donations can be made at the Nathalia Bendigo Bank.

Should you have any questions or require additional details please feel free to contact us by email: gregsessions12@gmail.com or call 0487 383 739.

Together we can make a positive impact on mental health awareness in our community.

This tree will become a part of the other 1138 blue trees worldwide promoting this mental health awareness.

We are hoping to start this project on the 13th and 14th of April, weather permitting. Any donations that we are given and is not used in the cost of painting the tree will be donated to the Beyond Blue Foundation.



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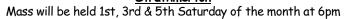
WHAT'S ON

Sun Country Apr 6 GV Library Numurkah Books Sale 10am-12pm Apr 6, 9, Eden Farm Tour 8am & 5pm edenfarmwellness.com.au 13,16,20 Apr 6, 13, 20 Tocumwal Railway Heritage Museum 10am-3pm 40 Years of Kevin Bloody Wilson Live Comedy Show Apr 6 Bundalong Tavern, 6.30pm-10pm, 5726 8586 Elvis Tribute Show with Mark Jackson, Elvis to the Extreme, Apr 6 Club Mulwala, 8.30pm, 5744 2311 Daylight Savings Ends - Turn clocks back 1 hour. Apr 7 Move Moira Get Active in April Apr 8 & 11 Come and Try Croquet, Cobram Croquet Club @ Lawn Tennis 9am-12pm Courts, moira.vic.gov.au/Community/Move-Moira Nathalia Bowls Club Veducci Fashion Parade, 11am Apr 9 Move Moira Get Active in April Apr 9 Nathalia Lawn Tennis Club Veterans Tournament 9^jam moira.vic.gov.au/Community/Move-Moira Move Moira Get Active in April Apr 10 Come and Try Croquet, Cobram Croquet Club @ Lawn Tennis 5pm-6.30pm Courts. Move Moira Get Active in April Apr 11 Nathalia Community Fun Day @ Rec Reserve 10am moira.vic.gov.au/Community/Move-Moira Apr 11 Move Moira Get Active in April 11.30am-Murray Avenue Community Lunch - Free BBQ lunch in 1.30pm Community Gardens, Numurkah Apr 11 Mixed media Workshop with Kim Carter - Kids aged 8-12, 1pm-2.30pm The G.R.A.I.N. Store 0400 0.7 432 Apr 12 Move Moira Get Active in April 10am Cobram Community Fun Day, Federation Park Line Dancing, Numurkah Senior Citizens 38 McCaskill St, Apr 12 1.30pm-2.30pm, 5862 1019 Cars & Coffee event with BBQ by Nathalia Lions, Plantation, Apr 14 facebook.com/people/Cars-and-Coffee-9am Nathalia/61557245399334 Nathalia & District Historical Society Museum Open Apr 14 1pm-4pm 45 Pearce St, Nathalia Move Moira Get Active in April Apr 16 Come & Try Croquet, Numurkah Croquet Club 0417505936 8.30am Apr 17 NSW Youth Week Workshop Trick Out Your Tumbler, 12-2.30pm Mulwala Library 0357 443 439 Apr 18-21 Country Music Festival—4 days of classic country, 10.30am-10.30pm Club Mulwala 0357 442 331 Apr 19 & 20 Indoor Bowls Tournament at Community Centre. Numurkah Lions Market, Broken Creek Foreshore 8am-12pm Apr 20 Apr 20 Nathalia Bowling Club Trivia Night, 7pm, 0419 546 597 Apr 21 Yarrawonga Rotary Market, 8am-12pm, Showgrounds Timeless Trades Showcase - Heritage Skills Revival at Nathalia & District Historical Society Apr 21 Actives and displays for Blacksmithing, Genealogy, Food Tasting 11am-4pm from yesteryear, Cemetery Icons, Rope Making and Spinning, Treasure Hunt and games for children Anzac Day: Nathalia - Dawn Service, Apr 25 Barmah - Morning March Apr 26-28 Barmah Muster Nathalia Bowls Club Annual General Meeting at Club 7pm Apr 30 May 2 Nathalia Indoor Bowls Pennant commences May 3 & 4 **NFNC Debutant Balls** G.R.A.I.N. Store - The Things We Do For Love Installations, Jun 7 & 8 Promenade & Celebration



W CHURCH TIMES

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NATHALIA UNITING CHURCH Margaret Cobbledick Ph: 0429 662 039 April 7th: 9:30am Service April 14th: 9.30am Service <u>Picola</u> April: 9:00am

HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH - NATHALIA Fr Gunnar Rippon Priest, 5862 1046 April 7th: 8:30am Holy Communion April 14th: 8:30am Holy Communion

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

Daylight Savings Ends





April						
Friday 5th Patricia Hawks						
Monday 8th	Mick & Alison Keogh					
Tuesday 9th	Dawn Bowen & Patricia Hawks					
Wednesday 10th	Mary Agius					
Thursday 11th	Heather Frostick					
Friday 12th	Mary Agius					
Monday 15th	St Mary of the Angels					
Tuesday 16th	Nina Pell					
Wednesday 17th	Nathalia Primary School					
Thursday 18th	Russell Shaw					
Friday 19th	Pauline Thomas					
If you can cover one of the volunteer required runs please contact Laura,						

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

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Nathalia Nightwatch CWA - International Women's Day



The theme for International Women's Day 2024 was "Inspire Inclusion". The Nathalia Nightwatch branch of the Country Women's Association (CWA) put out an open invitation to the community, hosting an event at "Three Belles" on Saturday 16/3/24 - guests were invited to come along and enjoy pizza, coffee, and gelato. A lovely night was had with easy listening music provided by Tayla Saunders from Shepparton. Thanks to all who attended, and to the Moira Shire for their support and grant, and Michelle and staff for a fabulous venue and delicious food and drinks.













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Blowing the Whistle for **Club Upgrades**

ederal Member for Nicholls, Sam Birrell MP, is encouraging sporting clubs to apply for the Federal Government's Play Our Way grant program as he continues to train with clubs and sees firsthand the need for facility upgrades.

Mr Birrell has kicked off the 2024 football and netball season, training with 4 clubs as he continues to tackle his goal to train with every football and netball club in Nicholls in a bid to meet with locals and shine the spotlight on the need for governments to support facility upgrades.

Mr Birrell said training with grassroots clubs is an opportunity to hear directly from locals about what matters to them and keep up to date about what's happening in their communities.



"Sports clubs are at the heart of many of our small towns and it is important for me to hear what matters to locals," Mr Birrell said.

"It's a fantastic way to meet people many of whom are heavily involved in their community and know what's needed in their town.

"Mr Birrell said he's looking forward to getting around to as many clubs as he can during the 2024 season and wishes players the best of luck as many clubs begin their fight to finals this weekend. For more information about the Play Our Way Program please contact Sam Birrell's office or email

sam.birrell.mp@aph.gov.au

We have two exhibitions coming up: Stories in the front Gallery... and The Things We Do For Love in the Community Gallery. Both these are open to as many artists, photographers, diorama makers and creatives as we can discover. Talk to Ruby on a Friday, or local artists as they make their artwork on Mondays

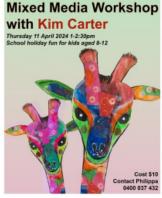
Workshops and Studio

Exhibitions

We are loving the opportunities provided by artists Tim Hocking, Creagh Manning and Linden Lancaster...it is never too late to learn...and everyone of us can see



progressive improvements...in our technique and in ideas. Call in on a Monday or Tuesday to see for yourself...



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LIFT THE LID WALK

The Rotary Club of Numurkah is hosting Lift The Lid 5km walk for mental health

research and awareness

Sunday May 19, 9.30am

Numurkah Showground

Family friendly event BBQ lunch health information and guest speaker. Dogs on leads welcome!

Register via the QR Code or call

0419 874 019 for more information



Rotary

Club of Numurkah



Nathalia Cobram Health Numurkah

The G.R.A.I.N. Store: there is always something unexpected going on

erformance

Our May performance will be the fabulous Broken Creek Band's second album launch.

Broken Creek Yeah Nah Album Launch

Friday 3 May | Doors at 6pm | Show at 7pm



or to ask more questions on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays...

Red Gum Courier, Friday April 5th, 2024 Caterpíllar Corner

The Explorers Room has been doing a lot of sensory play lately - we have been exploring different textures to enhance our sensory development.

The use of shaving cream mixed with sand and glitter as well as a multi-colored rice experience created a world of excitement and discovery for all children.

The children loved mixing, squishing and smearing the shaving cream everywhere and they loved scooping and pouring the rice into different objects.









These sensory experiences allowed them to engage their senses to explore the different textures, colors and even scents. It was a great way to stimulate their imagination and promote sensory development.

We will certainly be doing more sensory experiences over the coming months!





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Museum Moments...

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

Of interest to the Jackson family recently was the discovery of a bundle of old documents which told the story of the building of the family home at Yalca almost 100 years ago. The house—pictured right, was built for Mr George Jackson Jnr. in 1931. A summary of specifications as follows.....

"All concrete to be composed of 5 parts metal 3 parts sand 1 part Portland cement. All concrete to be mixed on a wooden platform and thrown into trenches and finished level and true to receive brickwork. All external walls the concrete to be reinforced with 3 rows of ½ inch mild steel rods and internal wall 2 rows ½ mild steel rods.

All the Verandah floors to be concrete comprised as above concrete but to be laid in blocks not larger than 18 sq. feet with $\frac{1}{2}$ inch expansion joints between each block & the surface smoothed off in cement composed of 1 part fine sand 1 part cement.



Mortar to be composed of 3 parts sand one part Lime (snowflake or Lilydale).

All external walls to be cavity walls making same 2" cavity tied with gal wall ties every 5 courses in height and every 30 inches apart. No four courses of brickwork to go more than 13½ inches in height and external walls neatly struck.

Build in one fire stove in Kitchen and brick hobs in the fire places. Four fire places to be built in Clinker bricks. Lay hearth in cement to Kitchen fire place & in tiles to other 4 hearths. Fix mantle shelves 10x2 to 5 fireplaces. Window sills in clinker bricks on edge with cement mortar.

Frame up walls of sleepout with 3x2 Hardwood with 6x3 continuous sill 3 feet below verandah beam and panned out above sill with 3x2 dressed studs to take fly wire. Cover fly wire on studs with 3/8 cover strips. Cover walls of sleepout up to sill with 7" Baltic weatherboards with 21/2x11/4 angle stop. Plaster all walls in 2 coats work floating to be composed of Mortar 3 parts sand one part Lime run through fine sieve and set in putty & plater Paris. Run dado in Kitchen & Bathroom 4 ft 6 high.

Paint 3 coats of best white lead & Linseed oil paint on all verandah posts & beams, eaves of verandah, outside of all doors and windows & outside of sleepout and inside of Kitchen & Bathrooms to be painted white. All spouting & downpipes to have 2 coats of paint as specified above. 2 coats of linseed oil and 1 coat of gloss oil under side of Verandah ceiling and all interior woodwork not specified to be painted white. Give all Fibre plaster 1 coat of Mill white.

Fix cast iron sink in Kitchen with $1\frac{1}{4}$ water pipe waste to outside of verandah. Fix Kauri draining board for sink. Flash sink & draining board with $3\frac{1}{2}$ lb lead."

Nine tenders were received to build this house, mainly from Shepparton builders, and their quotes ranged from £1050 to £1428 with the average being \pounds 1242. This is **equivalent to \$2314** at current exchange rate. Imagine building a large brick house for that amount today!!

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.

SMOTA foundation students reunite



pproximately 30 foundation St Mary of the Angels students and their spouses/partners had a great day when they got together for their annual reunion at Nagambie Brewery on 23 March.

The formal part of the day was short and sharp, with speeches by co-organiser (and main organiser) Bunty Gundry.

Mary Daniel and John Bourke completed the formal part of the afternoon when they spoke of their lives post their SMOTA education.

Mary has had an interesting life, living in at least four countries and having a series of occupations since leaving school.

She now lives permanently in Ohio, USA, with her husband, Mike.

John also set out his experience since leaving SMOTA although never actually travelling far from the education system, being a teacher after SMOTA time.

John spent much of his teaching career overseas in Turkey and England.

John and his wife, Sheila, are currently living in Melbourne The foundation students get together each year, with their next reunion on 15 March 2025.

Some of SMOTA's foundation students at their annual reunion, this time at Nagambie Brewery. The women's names are those they had at school. Back row from left: Leigh James, Mick Heard, Andrew Clarke, John Bourke, Mick Bell.

3rd row from left: Mary Shiels, Therese Murray, Loretta Gundry, Michael Bell, Clare O'Shannessy, Mary-Anne Bence.

2nd row from back: Belinda Gallagher, Christine Ross, Mick Bourke.

1st row from left: Marie Bourke, Bunty Gundry, Lynne Bourke-Finn, Maree Bourke, Vic Bottaro, Tony Murnane. Front: Maria Bottaro. Absent: Lorraine Gallagher, who arrived later.

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Move Moira Get Active in April: A month of Community Health and Wellness

Moira Get Active in April is back and better than ever! In partnership with Moira Shire Council, NCN Health and Yarrawonga Health, Moira Shire community can enjoy a month-long celebration of active living throughout April.

Move Moira Get Active in April encourages community members of all ages and abilities to prioritise their health by incorporating just 30 minutes of movement into their daily routines.

John Tanner AM, Chair of the Panel of Administrators for Moira Shire Council, said together we can create a healthier, more vibrant community, "we want to empower our residents to find joy in movement and embrace a healthier lifestyle. Whether it's trying a new sport, supporting local clubs, or simply taking a walk in the park, every little bit counts. Residents can find a full calendar of events for Active April on Council's website, including the four free community event day," Mr Tanner said.

NCN Health Manager Health Promotion and Community Development Jenny Burrows said she hoped all ages and abilities would take advantage of what is on offer during Active April. "Participating in Active April fosters a culture of wellness and physical activity within the community, making us all happier and healthier. Active April offers benefits for people of all ages, including physical health, mental wellbeing, and social connection. We hope that by participating this month you will be reminded of the many active opportunities in our region that are great fun and good for you."

Yarrawonga Health Interim CEO Robin Haberecht explains how the Move Moira event in Yarrawonga will support children throughout

Moira, "We know our Respond survey in 2023 showed that only 23.4% of children in the Moira Shire completed 60 minutes of physical activity 5 days a week. This was 34% less than in 2019. As a community – we need to do everything we can to ensure that the next generation get the best start in life. And living a



healthy lifestyle is a key pillar of that. I'm excited to see hundreds of kids from all over the region getting active on the 4th at Sacred Heart Primary. Our Health Promotion team is busy ensuring the day will be fun-packed and full of opportunities to learn how to improve their health and regular exercise."

The community are invited to attend four fun-filled, free community events across the region to celebrate the Active April initiative. Connect with local groups and clubs and enjoy the benefits of being active.

Join us on: Thursday 11 April, Nathalia Recreation Reserve, Park Street from 10.00am – 12.00pm

Friday 12 April, Cobram Federation Park, Punt Road 10.00am – 12.00pm

Discover diverse activities and support local organisations while embracing the joy of movement with a calendar packed full of fun and affordable events, there is no shortage of ways to get moving.

Visit www.moira.vic.gov.au/Move-Moira for more information and to view the full calendar of events. Join the Move Moira Get Active in April movement and make this April your most active yet!

Broken Creek Releases New Single

Broken Creek's new single 'Dislodge' is an upbeat country-folk love letter to long stretches of dusty highway and winding mountainous back roads; inspired by Erin Heycox's (Vocals/Violin) first solo road trip it celebrates that fear tinged thrill of venturing out in the world solo.

"It's like a 70s road trip film and indie coming-ofage drama rolled into one" says Lachlan Heycox (Banjo/Guitar),

"Roadtrips often mark moments of change" adds Erin, "so 'Dislodge' is an anthem for those busting to shake up something in their lives".

The sound is a tribute to the great Americana and Australiana recordings of Alison Krauss, Sara Storer, Norman Blake and Willie Nelson with flat picking guitar, hot fiddle licks, rolling banjo and double bass from Nick Henderson (The Good Behaviours). "Dislodge is perfect for our opening track of our new album Yeah Nah" says Erin Heycox, "We started recording the album after jumping into our camper trailer for a three month tour across Australia.

The single was recorded in Erin and Lachlan's home studio on the Lancaster farm in Picola. At the end of 2023 they successfully crowdfunded the money needed to complete the recordings and have the album mixed by Mischa Hernan and mastered by Myles Mumford.

Dislodge is the third single from Broken Creek's' second studio album Yeah Nah, following their 2023 single 'The Gathering Wool' and wistful single 'Broken Tapes'

Listen to and watch Broken Creek's new single here: www.brokencreekband.com/dislodge or look it up on your favourite streaming service or YouTube.





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oira Shire Council's Administrator Suzanna Sheed AM has been appointed Chair of the Goulburn Valley (GV) Libraries Board. As a passionate advocate for libraries and our communities, Administrator Sheed AM brings a wealth of experience into the role.

"People visit libraries for a whole range of reasons - to seek information, to connect with others, and to collaborate. Our libraries are more than just buildings, they are gathering spaces for our communities," said Ms Sheed.

"I am honoured to have been appointed as Chair of the GV Libraries Board and look forward to working alongside other members in the great work that they are doing to strengthen our communities through access to information, resources, programming, and collaborative spaces.'

GV Libraries CEO, Felicity Macchion, said that she is "excited to have Administrator Suzanna Sheed AM as our new Chair. Suzanna's dedication to our community and the vision for the future of libraries align perfectly with our goals at GV Libraries. I look forward to working closely with Suzanna and the entire Board to continue our important work serving the Goulburn Valley community."

"I would also like to thank the outgoing Chair, Louise Mitchell from Greater Shepparton City Council, who took on the role over 12 months ago," said Ms Macchion.



GV Libraries operates library services in the Greater Shepparton, Moira and Strathbogie local government areas, serving a population of 107,954 people. Representatives from all three local government areas make up the independent Board, which is responsible for policy development, strategic and corporate planning, and service evaluation of the organisation, ensuring that our libraries remain dynamic spaces for learning, cultural enrichment and community connection.

Greater Shepparton City Council Councillor Greg James is Deputy Chair of the Board.





Mammals

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What's been Happening at Nathalia & District Preschool?

A t the heart of Indigenous culture is storytelling, a way in which history has been recorded. Today the practice of storytelling sustains and nurtures relationships and is a sharing of culture.

Aunty Julie share Indigenous stories with the 3yr preschool children. Inviting them to become a part of the story with props and immersing the children into the story.

We look forward to working with Aunty Julie to support the children's learning and awareness of Indigenous culture and storytelling.





How did the birds get their colour?



A New Car

'Is the spare wheel full size or some silly little temporary thing?' Martina was firing the questions at the salesman.

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'Are the front seats heated?'

'Are there options when it comes to the size of the engine?'

'What's the capacity of is the fuel tank?'

'How many litres does it use per hundred clicks?'

He was answering her queries as best he could. This woman seemed to know a lot about cars.

SO MANY

POTHOLES

Meanwhile husband Barry was standing back watching the negotiations.

When the decision had been made, the paperwork

completed the salesman attempted to hand the keys to Martina.

'Good grief! I don't drive! In fact, I've never had a licence. Here, give them to Barry.'



The 4yr preschoolers accepted an invitation from OneSchool Global to visit their fete on the last day of term 1. To the children's delight there was icecream, lollies, chalk drawing, playdough, playground and even a game of soccer. What an opportunity to engage with the children from OneSchool and to practice their social skills of waiting in line (for their ice-cream), make appropriate choices, waiting their turn, acknowledging others around us, and playing sport with older children.



The children waiting their turn to choose the flavour of their ice-cream.

YOU'LL WRECK

ALIGNMENT



The children exploring the playground.

Peggy and her dad wait for the elusive bounce of the fishing rod.



The children and educators from Barmah Kindergarten and Nathalia Preschool headed off to Arcadia Native Fish Visitor Centre to try their luck at catching native fish. Every keen angler has the wish of catching a Murray Cod, Yellow Belly, or a Silver Perch. Although not their day to catch anything, the educators are observing how their skills are increasing with their



Rods at the ready, waiting patiently to walk to the dam.



practice of casting and how their patience is extending as they wait for the elusive tug of the fishing line. The ability to make safe and positive choices and caring for others in the group. The preschools will join together at the beginning of term 2 for their next big adventure. To where, well you will have to wait for the next edition of the Red Gum Courier!



'Reading" the information boards this is the children's emerging literacy awareness



All the keen anglers with their lines in the water.





Last Wednesday night it was the Rotary Club's turn to host the Rotary Club of Numurkah for the annual Les Lawrence Memorial Shield. It was a very successful night as the Rotary Club reclaimed the shield for the third year in a row. Thanks to the Nathalia Bowling Club for hosting the event as well as lending some players for the night. Also, thanks to Claire Andrews for orgainsing and cooking the meat for the meat and gravy rolls.

The Easter Bush Bash Spinning Wheel was on again at the Market. It was a very successful event for the club with 40 spins for the morning plus two free spins. Ross was again on the wheel with two special guests in attendance, Ross's two grandchildren Sienna and James. Ross gave them the opportunity to spin the wheel which was very exciting for all.



We would like to thank again Causal Step, Limo's Mitre 10, Nathalia Post Office and Ross Smith for the fantastic prizes on the spinning wheel. A huge thank you to the following, without these people and groups the Rotary Club would not be able to conduct the spinning wheel - Claire Andrews, Judy Dealy, Col Bernhardt, Jeff Richards and John Scott. Thanks again for your help.

lotary Report

Last week at one of our meetings the club decided to generously donate \$300 towards the Royal Children's Hospital Appeal. The club feels this to be a fantastic cause to donate towards and are looking to donate again next year.

Over the weekend we had some guests go out to the Heart to Heart House. The club is in the process of looking for a house to be able to be used more often than at the moment. Once we have more information we will let the community know.

Now after two spinning wheels and a Show and Shine it is time for the Rotary Club to have a bit of a rest. We

are looking forward to having a wood raffle early in the winter months. The wood is kindly donated by one of our Rotarians.

We would like to thank the whole community over the last three months in supporting our events and hope you can support the club in the future.







Probus News

The Probus Club AGM was held on March 19^{th} with 30 members present. President Anne Bell welcomed Ross Smith to take the chair for the elections or appointments.

President for another year - Anne Bell

- Vice Presidents David McKenzie and Rae Kemp Secretary - Margaret Liddell
- Assistant Secretary Pam Anderson-Keir
- Treasurer Joan Theyers

Assistant Treasurer - Marcia Murrell

Committee members—Lyn Franklin, Mary Ryan, Estelle Chalker, Dianne Gemmill, Laurel Dimond, Mary Wilson, Cheryl McKenzie, Maryse Quarrell and Trish Hawks.

The President was invested with the Collar of Office and Marg Liddell received the Secretary badge.



President Anne Bell & Lyn Franklin



Ross Smith







Pam Anderson-Keir & Anne Bell

Ross Smith & Anne Bell

Ross Smith & Margaret Liddell

Ross Smith was presented with a Probus pen and notebook and thanked by Anne Bell and the Probus members.

Lyn Franklin received a lovely bunch of flowers from the members and congratulated her on receiving The Order of Australia which will be presented to her at Parliament house on the 17th April.

Outgoing Secretary Pam was also presented flowers for her 17 years in the position. Thank you Pam for all your hard work.

The competition winner this month was Lyn Franklin Guest speaker next month will be Judy Ormond on her latest historical book "WEIRS" Numurkah –Nathalia-Barmah.



Nathalia Easter Market

The Nathalia Easter Market was a blast with amazing weather, awesome entertainment, lots of stalls, and plenty of shoppers. It was a day filled with fun and excitement, and the community really came together to make it a special event.

Thanks to all our local organisations and commercial operators for your continued support. Your contributions and dedication are what make events like the Nathalia Easter Market possible. Thank you to all who volunteered their time to make this event happen once again. It's great to see the community come together to support each other and create something wonderful for everyone to enjoy.















Nathalia Primary School News

WW hat an eventful term one we have had in 2024 and we finished it off in such a fun, but messy, way!

FOOD FIGHT/COLOUR RUN

On Thursday 28th March we held our Food Fight with funds raised going directly to FoodBank. The Food Fight is similar to a colour run, but with water, slime, jelly, fruit sponges, chalk, shaving foam pies and many other items that imitate food - no actual food is used during the fight. The children had so much fun (sorry about the mess parents). The highlight was the jelly filled water guns that the teachers and parents were armed with.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

A huge thank you to Diana Baxter for her time as School Council President over the last 8 years we appreciate your time and dedication to Nathalia PS.

OPEN DAY - TUESDAY 7TH MAY

On Tuesday 7th May 2024 we will host our Annual Open Day to provide the community and future families to come and have a look at what educational opportunities our school has to offer their children. We will be hosting a number of school tours during the day. Along with opening our classrooms to visitors from 11.30am and a free sausage sizzle for the community to enjoy at 12.30pm.



EASTER ACTIVITIES

Over the last week of school there was much going on in and around the classrooms, particularly regarding Easter. There was the annual Easter Raffle run by the Parents Club, an Easter Hat Parade around the school by the Prep classrooms, an Easter Egg Hunt and there was also Easter baking during the student cooking club. Another little activity was thrown in during the week to guess the number of Eggs in a jar - Pedro was the lucky winner of the eggs guessing correctly with 63 eggs!







Paul Lines is the son of Robyn Hanley, daughter of original soldier settlers, Marge and Harry Hansford. who were allocated a block on the road now known as Leafs Rd, Nathalia. In his early Paul attended vears school in Nathalia. Paul is a sign writer by trade. Paul's extended family in Nathalia are very proud of his many achievements.

Nathalia Easter Market





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THE NATIONALS MEMBER FOR SHEPPARTON & DISTRICT

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Tennis, food, fun & festivites at the Nathalia Easter Tennis Tournament

Plenty of fun and excitement was had at the Community Bank Nathalia 2024 Easter Tournament. See article pages 24-25. Pictured left: A large crowd gathered on Saturday Night. Right: Women's B Doubles winners (L-R) Helen Ginnivan and Susan Vaughan.





Harry and Billy Baxter 12/U mixed doubles.



Women's Social C Doubles winners Bella Sheehan and Aimee Wilson and friend Molly Coburn.



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Nathalia Community House Upgrades

Nathalia Community House

The House front entrance upgrades are complete with a new path and plantings along the boundary walls. The Community Garden located behind the Blake St Office is progressing with assistance from St Mary of the Angels Secondary Students who are designing and creating artwork for the area. We look forward to seeing the student's creations. We also welcome children from the Nathalia Community Early



Learning Centre School holiday program who are planting a vegetable garden. All produce will go back to our Foodshare Program and Share Cart.

Nathalia Community House would like to thank everyone who helped us deliver our vision for our gardens.

Funding : FRRR – Strengthening Rural Communities, Dept of Families Fairness & Housing – flood recovery & resilience and Bendigo Bank Nathalia.

Local Trade & Services : Bunson's Concrete, Itchy Scratchy Earthworks, Limos Mitre 10, and R J Fencing. Donations: Superb Parrot Project, Nathalia Fert & Grain, Nathalia Garden Lovers group, Veronica Kelly and the Nathalia Men's Shed.

A big thank you to our staff and volunteers for all their time and expertise in establishing our gardens. We truly appreciate your help and support.

Nathalia Community Car

Nathalia Community House would like to recognise the retirement of Nathalia Community Car volunteer driver Barry Lindsay. Barry has volunteered for the Nathalia Community Car program since 2017 and we would like to thank him for his dedication to the service.

The Nathalia Community Car service provides transportation to the Nathalia and District Community for medical appointments and planned shopping where no other transport is available. This service is supported by NCN Health and the Nathalia Community House. If you would like to use this service or sign up as a volunteer driver, please contact the House on 5866 2449.





Nathalia & District Men's Shed News



Vic Dohnt and Steve Campbell from the Nathalia & District Men's Shed handing over a cheque for Royal Children's Hospital Appeal, to Jodie Curtis from the Uncle Bob's Club



The Nathalia & District Men's Shed were proud to present \$500 to the Royal Children's Hospital Appeal and would like to thank our generous supporters who bought tickets in our wood raffle, through the Uncle Bobs Club.

The winner of the wood raffle was Angie Bazik. The Men's Shed would like to remind everyone that the Shed does fixing and odd jobs from wood to metal and would like to invite anyone interested in joining for a cuppa, chat and look around, we are opened from around 9.30am to 3.30pm, Monday to Friday.



Angie Bazik getting the wood delivered by Shedder Vic Dohnt.

U3A Film @ Day

Past Lives Canada/Sth Korea 2023 U3A Film@ Day Screening

Thursday 18 April 11-1 Barmah Forest Heritage and Education Centre

heart-meltingly romantic and sad movie from Korean-Canadian dramatist and film-maker Celine Song left me wrung out and surprisingly euphoric. This is Song's feature debut. It's delicate, sophisticated and yet also somehow simple, direct with beautiful acting by Greta Lee and Teo Yoo.

This is a story of lost love and childhood crush, the painful and dangerous access to the past given by digital media; the roads not taken, the lives not led, the futile luxury of regret. And it's a movie that speaks to the migrant experience and the way this creates lifelong alternative realities in the mind: the self that could have stayed behind in the old country, versus the one that went abroad for a new future.





Malcolm – (Morrison)

Thank you Demi and Rob for our adorable third Great Grandchild

Harrison Lewis

born March 30th 9lb 6ozs. Cheryl and David McKenzie. Third Grandson for Kellie Begley and Mick McMahon.



SCAN ME

CONDOLENCES

PLATTFUSS, Marilyn

Great neighbour for ten years and good friend for a lot more than that. Thoughts go to Platty and all the families.

~ Sam Anderson

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Barmah from 9.00am to 11.30am

- Schier St from Picola-Barmah Rd to Moira Lakes Rd
- Barmah-Shepparton Rd from Moira Lakes Rd to Tinker St
- Moira Lakes Rd from Lawford St to Schier St •
- Rice St at Schier St intersection
- Tinker St at Schier St intersection

Cobram from 8.00am to 12.00pm

- Punt Rd from Murray Valley Highway to William St
- High St from Hay Av to Bank St
- Williams St from Hay Av to Punt Rd

Nathalia from 5.30am to 8.30am

- Murray Valley Hwy/Blake St (VicRoads) from Pearce St to North St •
- Muntz Av at Blake St intersection
- Scott Av at Blake St intersection •
- Weir St at Blake St intersection •
- Bromley St at Blake St intersection

Numurkah from 9.00am to 11.30am

- Saxton St from McDonald St to Grey St
- Meiklejohn St at Saxton St intersection
- McCaskill St at Saxton St intersection
- Melville St from Quinn to Saxton St
- Tocumwal Rd from Saxton to O'Connor St
- Quinn St from McCaskill to Melville St

Yarrawonga - 10.00am to 1.30pm

- Belmore St (VicRoads) from Witt to Orr St ٠
- Piper St from Ton St 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.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

OPEN CAFÉ

Nathalia Uniting Church holds an Open Café every Thursday morning at 10am in the Nathalia Uniting Church Hall, Bromley Street.



Come and join us for a friendly chat, cuppa and some great morning tea-all at no cost.

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Picola Utd Trek to Mathoura for Round 1



If the players needed to be well hydrated, with the Easter Bunny turning the weather on for our first clash of the season in Mathoura. All teams were super pumped to get the

season underway and see what our new combinations were like on both the court and oval. Although the football scores were pretty one sided, there was some great play by both teams through the day. Over on the netball courts there was some great contests with some close games that could have gone either way. Now for a week off before we vs our old rivals Waaia.

Go Blues! ~ President Clinton

U14's: Picola 19.9-123 def Mathoura 2.2-14

Goals: C. Wilson 5, C. Gunn, L. Maher 3, R. Caldwell 2, B. Baxter, H. Baxter, S. Bux, B. Griffiths, J. Ainslie, C. Wilsons.

Awards: Power Livestock Trophy B.O.G/Picola Hay Supplies: Cooper Wilson, Intersport Echuca: Raudan Bray, J&B Caldwell: Beau Griffiths, Barmah Roadhouse: Landyn Maher, Barmah Social Club Canteen Voucher: Ryan Caldwell, B.D Award: Chris Gunn, Coaches Award: Jacob Ainslie.

U17's Picola 21.10-136 def Mathoura 6.6-42

Goals: M. Jorgensen 9, B. Joyce 5, J. Burns 2, J. Carpinteri, J. Purdon, A. Commadeur, B.Griffiths, R. Caldwell. Great to see the returning thirds boys along with some new faces hit the park last Saturday and it soon became clear that the boys had been doing the work in the preseason. Starting the game with the opening clearance which soon lead to the opening goal. The game toed and frowed for much of the day with the backline continually thwarting Mathoura's forward thrusts, with our backs spoiling well, tackling hard and running the ball out of defence. The forwards again created great pressure, tackling hard and the fourths boys setting up goals for all those around them. Our midfield were dominant throughout the day winning most clearances and driving the ball forward with purpose allowing us to win by a good margin at the final siren. Great work throughout the day to all the boys and a great welcome to the team to the new players and their families. Awards: Dove Motors Mug/Phil Daniel H&G Real Estate: Matthew Jorgensen, Intersport Echuca: Jacob Purdon, Lubke



Picola's Corey Legge (Reserves)

Engineering: Ashton Commadeur, B&E Daniel \$10: Josh Burns, Limbrick Accounting \$10: Brodie Joyce, Barmah Roadhouse Voucher: Jai Carpinteri.

Reserves: Picola 20.3-123 def Mathoura 1.2-8

Goals: T. Beard 6, D. Cunningham 6, R. Fynch, B. Gahan, K. Kautai, C. McKenzie, C. Stevens, J. Verhey-Taylor, A. Morgan, B. Morgan. A great start to the season for our reserves team coming away with a big win. Our midfield was strong all day with the likes of Austin Morgan, Bailey Morgan and Tom Evans getting a lot of the footy and using it wisely to our open forwards. Dylan and Swifty both bagging 6 goals with a lot of other guys kicking one. Our backs played tight all game and gave us plenty of run out of defence. All in all a very solid performance. Awards: Fertgrain Mug & Yum Yum Bricklaying: Austin Morgan, Brereton's Bakery Voucher: Tom Evans, Limbrick Accounting: Baily Morgan, Worklocker Echuca: Jack Hutchins, Barmah Roadhouse Voucher: Billy Gahan.

Seniors: Picola 9.11-65 def Mathoura 6.1-37 Goals: C. Haub, L. Collins 4, J. Beckett

Well done to the boys on a great win to start off the season in very hot conditions. It was a fierce contest in the midfield all day with Turps and Mahsy crashing in all day. Our back six stood up strong with Blake Azzopardi cutting everything off that came his way. Up forward Lachie Collins and Cody Haub worked tirelessly both kicking 4. Logan and Tom Daniel were both superb adding speed on the wings and across half forward. With plenty of new faces in the side it was good to see all the new recruits on show and perform as well as they did. Perfect way to start the year with a solid win over the arch rivals. Awards: DMH Plumbing Mug & Barmah Hotel Meal: Blake Azzapardi, Breretons Blake Street Butchery: Logan Daniel, Limos Mitre 10: Luke Woolan, Brereton's Bakery: Clinton Barnes, Barmah Roadhouse: Tom Daniel

Minis: The girls played an amazing game to kick off the season! Movement was incredible with intercepts everywhere and a seamless flow down the court to our shooters. Darcie played amazing moving round all positions of the court. Soph showed amazing leadership as she helped out her teammates in court and took an insane amount of intercepts! Millie played an amazing game after overcoming a couple of nerves, and showed all feedback given on the court. Well done girls! **Awards:** Bourke Family Medallion & Hair Accessory: Darcie Edgar, Intersport Echuca: Sophia McPherson, Barmah Social Club Canteen Voucher: Millie Bourke.

13 & Under: Picola: 18 def by Mathoura: 23

A great start to the season, the girls worked hard the entire game - in the lead by 1 goal entering the 4th quarter. Unfortunately, we didn't take the win, but there was fantastic work from all - defensive intercepts, followed by great passage down the court and converting to a goal. Well done girls! **Awards:** Baxter Family Medallion: Stefanie Daniel, Intersport Echuca: Ruby Andrews, Barmah Social Club Canteen Voucher: Eva Watson.

15 & Under: Picola 27 drew Mathoura 27

A great start to the season! Beautiful movement of the ball through the mid court into the



Picola's GA - Emme Love & GS - Benita Plattfuss in Under 15's action against Mathoura on Saturday. ~ Photos Courtesy Michelle Legge

goalers who finished the job nicely. Down by 8 going into the second half, the girls stepped up the defensive pressure, intercepting & rebounding and came back to draw the game. Well done girls! **Awards:** Brereton's Bakery: Lucy Daniel, Intersport Echuca: Charli Ryan, 3 Black Sheep: Tennille Kautai.

17 & Under: Picola 41 def Mathoura 11

Girls had a very convincing win for the start of the season. They all applied great defensive pressure across the board and should be proud of their efforts on such a hot day. Go Blues!

Brereton's Bakery: Abbey Sheehan, Intersport Echuca: Zahlia Kautai, Power Livestock: Amber Watson.

C Reserve: Picola 29 def Mathoura 10

Every single girl on the court gave 100% in the heat today and played so strong to the end, taking away the first win of the season and keeping their head up and fighting strong. So many positive things to take into the season and an exciting one ahead. Awesome efforts throughout! **Awards:** True Blues & Birch Earthmoving: Ten Dove, Three Belles Cafe: Amy Caldwell.

C Grade: Picola 22 def by Mathoura 48

So proud of how everyone went today, the score does not reflect how everyone played, all of you worked so hard and gave 100% in this heat. Not one person put their head down through the whole game. Casey and Chelsee fed beautifully into each other in the ring. **Awards:** True Blues & Brereton's Bakery: Casey Love, Colour & Co: Chelsee Flemming.

B Grade: Picola 25 def by Mathoura 54

What a hot one to start the season. The scoreboard didn't reflect the effort and the strong defensive pressure you all showed around the court. A good first hit out super proud no one gave up all game. **Awards:** True Blues & Scrumdiddlyumcious Catering: Jamaya Hoornweg, Casual Step: Marni Atkins.

A Grade: Picola 31 def Mathoura 30

You all showed your versatility and defensive strength, and pressure was fabulous all over the court. Good attacking drives and feeding into the ring. In a tight first tussle we came away with the win exciting season ahead. **Awards:** True Blues & Nathalia Post Office: Jedah Huf, Milking It Cafe: Alyx Jorgensen.

Red Gum Courier, Friday April 5th, 2024 Purps & Tonny Round 1 Good Friday Clash

U nder 11's: What a great start to the year! The girls played well as a team collectively using the space to their advantage. Awards: Past Players - Pia Coghlan, TJ's IGA - Caitlin Murray, Nathalia Early Learning Centre - Amelia Patone, Bendigo Bank - Ella Schram.

Under 13's: Nathalia 22 vs Tongala 22

It was a great game for our return to netball, drawing with Tonny at 22 all. The ball moved down the court well and we provided extra pressure when it was required. Keep working hard at training. **Awards:** Bendigo Bank - Jordy Rudd, Subway - Sienna Vallender, TJ's IGA - Isla Butler.

Under 15's: Nathalia 19 vs Tongala 41

Great start to the season, you should all be proud of your efforts. Some great leads onto the ball and hands over pressure down the court. Awesome goaling from Chantelle and Jayda's driving down the court was applauded as well as Lexie's defensive pressure. Keep up the hard work girls! **Awards:** Broken Creek Physio - Chantelle Dealy, Nathalia Post Office -Jayda Liddell, Al's Café - Lexie Smith.

Under 17's: Nathalia 48 vs Tongala 32

Great way to start the season off with a win. The girls played a great team game, with everyone working extremely hard all over the court all game. The hard work at trainings has really payed off! Well done girls. **Awards:** On Trend Cabinetry - Ruby McIver, Sportsfirst Numurkah - Layla Haberfield, Bendigo Bank -Ella Dealy.

C Reserve: Nathalia 28 vs Tongala 58

Tough hit out for the first game of the season against a very strong Tonny side in hot

conditions. Everyone worked hard all over the court all game with some fantastic passages of play. Lysh and Jak worked tirelessly in defence and won back some ball while our newcomer to playing at Nathalia Jas smashed it in centre with some great feeds into the ring and an intercept or two! Bring on Round Two vs Deni! **Awards:** Dellcorp BOC - Alysha Cornell, Three Belles Coffee & Cake - Jaslyn Best, Brereton's Bakery -Jakara Lancaster.

C Grade: Nathalia 21 vs Tongala 80

Not a great start to the season coming up against a very strong Tonny team. We knew we were going to have to give it our all and the girls put in the hard yards in the heat but we couldn't quite convert on our opportunities. Plenty of things to take away from this game as we continue into the season. **Awards:** TJ's IGA -Ash Hicks, CAF Build - Evie Hawks, Casual Step -Zoe Best.

B Grade: Nathalia 30 vs Tongala 57

Some very impressive passages of play, very thankful for the rolling sub rule. Continue to work hard at trainings and it will pay off in the long run. **Awards:** Les Rudd Haulage - Cody Power, Barmah Pub - Alysia Oakes, Nathalia Hair & Beauty - Jessica Beaton.

A Grade: Nathalia 29 vs Tongala 44

What an exciting time for our newly put together team and to play up against the reigning premiers. Tonny bringing some great netball and our defence proving they are up for the challenge with Tegan and Ash combining



Billy Liddell making his debut for Nathalia seniors in last Friday's match against Tongala.

nicely for the first time playing as a combo. Liv running the centre and putting on a great display of things we have been working on at training. With the weather being nice and warm, we were lucky to have great rotation with all players pushing through the heat. We look forward to another tough training session and game against Deni. **Awards:** TJ's IGA -Tegan Sutton, North Victorian Bait Co - Ash Cann, Bell's Water Cartage - Liv Tilyard.

Seniors: Nathalia 10.20.130 vs Tongala 6.11.47

A. Hicks, L. Evans 7, K. Lundberg, J. Laffy 2, B. Ross, K. Wise 1. On a perfect Good Friday we took a Tongala at Tongala to kick off our season. The boys were very keen leading into the match knowing we had done the work in the off season. Tongala are always difficult to play let alone in round one with a side that had been very active in the off season, but out boys were up for the challenge. We got off to a great start kicking 3 goals from our first three entries into the forward line, with Liam Evans picking up where he left off last season. We were leading at quarter time by 4 goals due a really consistent effort across the ground. Our back six were very disciplined all day and providing a lot of run off half back with Ryan Butler and Tom Nihill leading the way. Alex Hicks worked his way into the game getting very busy in the second and third quarters kicking 7 goals and coming off at ¾ time as an injury precaution. Our midfield had a great spread with Bailey Bell and Nathan Oakes dominating through the centre of the ground, this coupled with some youth straight out our thirds side last year in Harry McDonald, Kai Lundberg and Ewan Congues is going to be a very exciting year for our club. With our two key forwards kicking 7 goals each we were able to have a convincing win and will now look forward to Deni

next week. Awards: Ryan Meat Co - Nathan Oakes, Bourke Group - Alex Hicks, Graham Thompson Motors - Liam Evans, Mick's Pizza Shack - Bailey Bell, Brereton's Bakery - Ryan Butler, Barmah Hotel - Harry McDonald.

Reserves: Nathalia 14.9.93 vs Tongala 8.10.58

C. Sheehan 5, C.Brown, K. Kopsidas 3, A. Congues, O. Sheehan, Ja. Vallender 1. The Reserve team was brimming with youth which was great to see, so many of these kids having played thirds in the last few years together. Being a warm day this was a good thing to be

able to see the game out. What was evident was the purples ability to link by handball and break open the game from the contest and get the ball forward. Chris Brown found a mountain of the footy to play 4 sensational guarters of footy around the ball and also kicked 3 goals to be a clear best on ground. He had many willing allies with Charlie Sheehan in the thick of it and was extremely lively finding plenty of the ball and was damaging forward kicking 5 goals. The guys looked like they were really enjoying their footy which was clear to see as the energy around the ground was transmittable. Some players really got their start to the year off to great starts with the likes of Kaleb Kopsidas played one of his best game working hard and also hit the scoreboard kicking 3 goals. Boys out of the thirds in Brady Walpole and Tom Dohnt were extremely solid down back with some real gutsy and attacking pieces of play showing they have bright futures. Another notable player who played a key role in a disciplined display was Charlie Dietrich. This was a great start to the year for this young group that is brimming with talent. Awards: Murray Valley Sand & Civil -Chris Brown, Mick Hogan Excavations - Charlie Sheehan, Limbrick Accounting - Kaleb Kopsidas, Brereton's Bakery - Brady Walpole, Bell's Water Cartage - Tom Dohnt.

Thirds: Nathalia 2.13.25 vs Tongala 6.9.45

N. Summerville, R. Freeman 1.

The thirds lined up against a strong Tongala side on a ripping day for football, as is always the case in the first game of the season. The ball was heavily

contested, with our boys having plenty of the ball in the first half unfortunately however being unable to convert. Brandon Hatton tackled hard and Declan

Begley provided run all day. However Tongala were first to the ball for the majority of the day and had more desire at the contest. Baz McDonald and Josh Dohnt were standouts all day with the attack on the ball and effort all around the ground. Have plenty to work on this week at training and will look to next week to play our brand of football. **Awards:** Quarrell Civil Construction - Baz McDonald, Bendigo Bank - Josh Dohnt, Mick's Pizza Shack - River Freeman, AV Hughes Excavation - Harry Rudd, On Trend Cabinetry - Thomas Hudson.

Fourths: Nathalia 3.8.26 vs Tongala 6.5.41

H. Whyte 2, C. Russell 1. On a perfect morning for footy the fourths kicked off their season against Tonny. The boys have had a great preseason and it showed in the first quarter with the way we attacked the ball and used it to have a slight lead after the first quarter. Our second guarter was our worst for the day and Tonny kicked away and had the lead going into half time. The rest of the game was a bit of an arm wrestle with both teams playing some good footy the boys kicked 8 points witch hurt us on the scoreboard but otherwise the boys all played a great game. Awards: Past Players - Jack Hudson, Nathalia Printers - Sol Zak, Rex James Stockfeed - Curtis Morgan, Frostick Contracting - Mason Hatton, IGA & Bendigo Bank - Dylan Morgan.

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Nathalia Bowling Club News



GOOD FRIDAY BOWLS DAY was held at the Club to raise money for the **ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL APPEAL**. This has been an annual fund raiser by the Club for many years. This year, being the most successful, raising \$2,858.00. This amount is included in the overall Nathalia total. There were 68 players

> including a contingent from the Nathalia Tennis Club Tournament. A Silent

Auction, raffle and trading table was held. Afternoon tea was supplied by members and players. A big thank you to all the donations from local businesses and the Members, who work hard to make this day a success.

The **FINAL BAREFOOT BOWLS NIGHT** was held on 15th March, with 34 bowlers playing. It has been a great season and will be on again later in the year. Thanks once again to Alan Cooper for organizing the nights and thanks to Steve Campbell for running the bar and all his many bartenders.

The Club is holding a Fashion Parade on Tuesday 9th April and a Trivia Night on Saturday 20th April. All welcome. Come along and have some fun and the Annual General Meeting is at the Club on 30th April at 7pm.



Good Friday Bowlers in action.



Winners Ian Bolton, Tessa Ward and Margaret Cobbledick. ~ Photos Courtesy Judy Ormond



Silent Auction Bidders.

Fantastic afternoon tea spread for Good Friday Bowls.



Picola Bowling Club News

T he Presidents Handicap Final was played between Wally and Trevor with Trevor taking out the win. Well done Trevor and well played Wally.

Congratulations to Sue, John and Trevor for winning the Fools Day Tournament at Nathalia. Well done to Bruce, Jeff P, Max and Roy for their win at Tooleybuc.

Enjoy your time off and see you all next season. **GO PICOLA!**



In the Swing at Nathalia Golf Club

S unday the 31st March - had a good turn up. The winner was John Drenen with 41 stableford points, closely followed by Jack Hutchins with another great score of 40 stableford points. Jack also had NTP second shot on the 3rd/12th hole. Well done John and Jack.

The Eagle's nest has not been won and now has 18 balls up for grabs.

Just a reminder that next Sunday the 7th of April is the first round of the club championship's.

Round 2 - Sunday the 14th April

Round 3 - Sunday the 5th May

Round 4 - Sunday the 19th May

Best 3 rounds count. 9.00 for 9.30 Tee Off.



Community Bank Another Successful Community Bank Bendigo Bank Nathalia Easter Tennis Tournament!







(L-R) Men's Open winners Andy Scott and Luke Treveil.



Women's Open Doubles winner Hannah O'Brien (absent Ashlea Andrews)

(L-R) Women's Open winner Anna Tyshing and runner up Gabrielle Beaumont.

The 2024 Community Bank Nathalia Easter Tennis Tournament was a resounding success over the weekend, as the Tennis Club and surrounds burst into a hive of activity. Sunny skies and hot conditions greeted the 273 players who took to the courts. Entry numbers had increased yet again from last year. The tournament saw some entertaining tennis in all grades. This included high-quality hitting as well as some enjoyable social sets, all played on the beautifully prepared lawn surfaces. Off the court, live music, delicious food, cold drinks, choccy eggs, and general good times were all heartily indulged in.

Day 1 was a busy day of tennis; the Men's Open singles alone had 27 entries. Number 1 seed Andy Scott, returning for his second year from Overpark TC, was looking to go one better than his three set showdown loss in the final last year. Upon reaching the semi-finals, the remaining matches were scheduled for Saturday, with Velvet Tiger Michael Richards to square off against no.2 seed Grant Thompson, with rumored new VT signing Cody George playing Scott. In the Women's Open singles, Anna Tyshing powered her way through the pool stage of 4 entrants to set up a Sunday final against second placed Gabrielle Beaumont, Tyshing aiming to defend her crown from '23. Mens open doubles saw 12 pairings whittled down to 4, semis and finals scheduled for the

Sunday. Womens Open doubles had 3 pairings play some electric tennis against each other to see a final scheduled for Saturday. Junior tennis was played through out the day, resulting in a trophy to local player Lucy Daniel (14/U Mixed Gender Singles). Anyone who attended the canteen was dazzled by both the quality and range of items available. The delicious array was coordinated by Canteen Manager Sharon O'Brien (and Mum of local VT player Hannah). Sharon commented that she was pleased to be able to contribute and was grateful for the many volunteers who gave so much of their time throughout the tournament.

A sea of doubles pairings took the courts while numerous spectators on the surrounds sought cooling shade. Zooper Doopers and sports drinks were sold out and the troops were sent to fetch more from IGA. A darts competition took place throughout the afternoon, and the board stayed up long into the evening to the delight of many. While the crowd enjoyed



Pictured: Volunteers helping with the set up for the weekend. Above: Rod James at work.

the spectacle of the Open finals, and Sponsors of the tournament enjoyed refreshments in the 'Sponsors Marquee' locals Aimee, Bella and Molky propaged





Judith & Hannah

and Molly prepared and served delicious cocktails. Results of the Brereton's Bakery Open finals were trophies to Scott after defeating Thompson in the Men's Singles, and to Hannah O'Brien & Ash Andrews for defeating Tyshing & Beaumont (Women's Doubles). Fertgrain Doubles Day local winners included Oliver & Charlie Sheehan (Mens Social C), Sue Vaughan & Helen Ginnivan (Womens B), and 'Cocktail Concoctors' Aimee Wilson, Bella Sheehan & Molly Coburn in a 3 for 2 (Womens Social C). While the crowd enjoyed a choice of food from Sandy's Pop up Thai,

Mick's Pizza or club BBQ, Munroe hit the mark in the evening with some cool tunes. Big thanks to the Melbourne based folk-rock outfit for coming up for their second year - make sure to check them out wherever you get your music, and keep an ear out for new releases. Tennis tales were recounted and acquaintances rekindled while the crowd enjoyed the balmy weather long into the night.

As the Sunday sun was rising over the creek, Bron from Broken Creek Physiotherapy and Pilates led 14 keen participants in a recovery and stretch pilates session.







Ava Bourke 14/U mixed doubles.

(L-R) Lucy and Stefanie Daniel 14/U mixed doubles.

The cacophony of the dew removal mower, a family easter egg hunt, corellas squawking and country music playing from the clubhouse, all added a unique pilates experience. Soon after play got under way in the Limo's Mitre 10 Mixed Doubles day. Traditionally this day sees the courts full and once again locals and visitors alike got involved. The 'handicap cup' was well attended. In this event one player must use a hotshots racquet allowing for much fun and hilarity.

Congratulations to Judith Slattery & partner Brett Carter for winning their card of Social C.

The final of the Womens Open Singles saw Tyshing emerge victorious again, while Scott & partner Luke Treveil won the Open Mens Doubles after receiving a walkover.

Sunday night roast was a huge hit - big thanks to Mailbox Cafe Strathmerton for a great spread. DJ Double Fault returned for a song shuffle, with former club president Helen Ginnivan winning a cash prize with her chosen song.

By Monday the heat had taken its toll on many players and party goers. There were some late scratchings but still a lot of quality tennis was played in the round robin format, sponsored by Milking It Cafe. A record 12 entrants took to the courts in the A men's round robin event. Long time attendee Cody George took out the final play off defeating James Tsorlinis. Hannah O'Brien capped off an impressive weekend by winning the Women's A. With so many players and their families attending, accommodation was booked out around town, with Riverbank Caravan Park and Nathalia Motel & Holiday Park both at capacity. The Recreation Reserve was bursting at the seams with over 120 campers on site, many of whom commented that they missed seeing the Purples in action and look forward to 2025 and the next home game against Tonny.

The weekend was a mammoth Endeavour and was successful in all aspects of tennis, food, fun & festivities."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.

Many participants made mention and were thankful for the enormous contribution of tournament director Joe Nihill and his lieutenant Alex Bakogianis. The two undertook the difficult task of collating entries while navigating technical issues, and turned it into a smoothly scheduled tournament. Players were treated yet again to fantastic tennis courts, a testament to the hard work of the courts maintenance crew.

The club acknowledges all entrants. Those that return year after year to

our little town have been integral to the success of the tournament. In 2025 the club will celebrate 100 years since the tournament began. The club aims to this entire make an community event and welcomes input from other community organisations. Watch this space for more the details in coming months.



Above: Rose and Chenelle.

Goulburn Murray Season Women & Girls 2024 Fixtures

Women

Round 1 05-Apr-24 Nathalia Nagambie v 07-Apr-24 Tatura Barooga v Echuca v Mansfield Rumbalara v Round 2 14-Apr-24 Nagambie Shepp United Barooga v Rumbalara Echuca v Mansfield Nathalia v Round 3 21-Apr-24 Nathalia Tatura v Mansfield v Rumbalara Barooga v Nagambie Echuca v Round 4 28-Apr-24 Echuca Tatura v Mansfield v Barooga Nathalia Rumbalara v Shepp United v Nagambie 05-May-24 Round 5 Nagambie v Tatura Barooga v Rumbalara Echuca v Mansfield Nathalia v Round 6 12-May-24 Barooga Shepp United v Echuca Rumbalara Mansfield Nathalia Nagambie v Round 7 26-May-24 Barooga Nagambie Mansfield Tatura Shepp United v Rumbalara Nathalia Echuca Round 8 02-Jun-24

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Echuca Tatura Shepp United Tatura Tatura Shepp United Echuca Tatura Echuca Shepp United Tatura Grand Final

Nathalia Barooga v Mansfield v Nagambie Rumbalara v Shepp United v Round 9 09-Jun-24 Nathalia Shepp United v Rumbalara v Fchuca Barooga v Mansfield Nagambie v 16-June-24 Round 10 v Nathalia Shepp United v Mansfield Rumbalara Barooga v Nagambie v Round 11 23-Jun-24 Echuca v Barooga v Mansfield Rumbalara Nathalia v Shepp United Nagambie v Round 12 30-Jun-24 Shepp United v Nathalia Rumbalara Tatura v v Barooga Mansfield Nagambie v Round 13 14-Jul-24 Barooga Nathalia v Mansfield Echuca v Nagambie Rumbalara v Shepp United v Tatura 21-Jul-24 Round 14 Nagambie v Barooga Mansfield Rumbalara Shepp United v Nathalia v Echuca FINALS **Preliminary Final** 28-Jul-24

04-Aug-24

Shepp United

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Moama

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Shepp United	v	Barooga
Echuca United	v	Moama
Shepp Swans	v	Nathalia
Round 11		23-Jun-24
Barooga	v	Shepp Swans
Moama	v	Nathalia
Echuca United	v	Shepp United
Round 12		30-Jun-24
Shepp United	v	Nathalia
Echuca United	v	Barooga
Shepp Swans	v	Moama
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* Please note this fixture is subject to change

NACC 2024 Presentation Day



s the Nathalia Association Cricket Club season winds down, the Last of the functions was held on Sunday the 24th of March at the Barmah Pub. It was amazing to see so many people come out and support our club Presentation Day. It was a great day to catch up with everyone. Thanks to Matt and Mel for some delicious food and drinks.

Best Club Person - This year the award went to Jason McKenna. Jason has coached the Under 17's, been our Frog Box man, ran the Podcast with Xav and a number of other jobs this season. He is always willing to help out and do anything for the club. A very deserving winner, well Done Jason!!!

Under 15's Award Winners

Batting Average: Murphy Stephens - 232 runs @ 46.60. Bowling Average: Joint Winners Gus Frostick & Crue Lucas 10 wickets @ 11.00.

Champion Players: Gus Frostick - 49.9 points. Coaches Award: Sienna Jorgensen. Best Finals Player: Crue Lucas. Under 17's Award Winners Batting Average: Zander Quinn - 107 runs @ 35.67. Bowling Average: Will Trower - 15 wickets @ 5.8. Champion Player: Will Trower - 40.9 points. Coaches Award: Jai Stephens

Best Finals Player: Zander Quinn

5 Wickets: Will Trower - 5/4 v Katunga and 5/19 v Katamatite.

C Grade Award Winners

Batting Average: Matt Lundberg - 97 runs @ 48.5. Bowling Average: Greg Vallender - 5 wickets @ 16.6. Champion Player: Matt Lundberg - 18.7 points.

B Grade Award Winners

Batting Average: David Brereton - 285 runs @ 25.91. Bowling Average: Xavier Daniel - 21 wickets @ 13.05. Champion Player: Mark Wilson - 42 points. Best Finals Player: Harry McDonald

5 Wickets: Xavier Daniel - 5/24 v Barooga.

Women's Award Winners

Batting Average: Cara Briggs - 147 runs @ 29.4. Bowling Average: Cody Power - 14 wickets @ 9.43. Most Valuable Player: Evie Hawks - 29.8 points. Coaches Award: Charlotte Thorp

A Grade Award Winners

Batting Average: Liam Evans - 587 runs @ 39.13. Bowling Average: Liam Evans - 50 wickets @ 8.56. Most Valuable Player: Liam Evans - 182.7 points. Best in Finals: Liam Evans Leigh Storer Medal: Liam Evans 27 votes. 100 Runs: Liam Evans - 107 v Berrigan 5 Wickets: Liam Evans - 5/26 v Katamatite, 5/42 v Cobram and 5/62 v Katamatite. Dylan Cunningham - 5/12 v Finley. Henry Congues -5/26 v Cobram



Jason McKenna Best Club Person





Pictured left: Under 12's (L-R) Tanner Quinn Asher Johns, Blake Olsen, Spencer Eadie, Henry Hawks and Zac Ebejer.



Henry Congues (A)



Zander Quinn (17's)



Jai Stephens (17's)



Will Trower (17's)



Sienna Jorgensen (15's)

Xavier Daniel (B)



Crue Lucas (15's)





Gus Frostick (15's)

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NATHALIA PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN DAY TUESDAY 7th MAY

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

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

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