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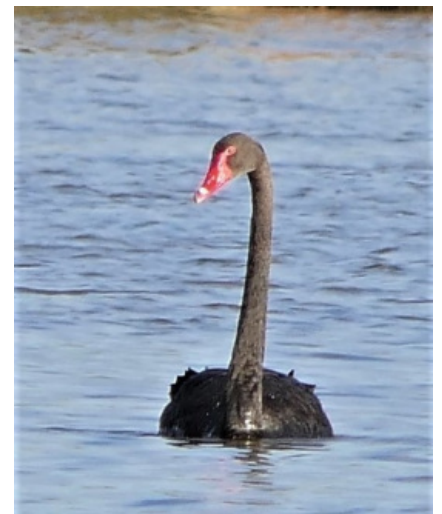


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U3A Photography Group visited Reedy Swamp in Shepparton. See more photos on page 14. Photo: Heather Henderson

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## Walking in the Footsteps of My Family

Kella Robinson *nee* Kelly/Pearce  
 with Lyn Loger

A beautifully written book by Kella Robinson, co-edited by Lyn Loger.

A Wemba Wemba woman, Kella was born in Hillston, central NSW

Kella completed a BA, Education, Grad. Dip. Natural and Cultural Heritage Interpretation, Deakin University 1994, followed by a MA in 2014, with her thesis centred on her kinship mother's story: *Alice - Walking in Her Footsteps*. This book extends that work to include members of her wider family.

This story starts with Kella's grandfather, Alf Kelly b. circa. 1871, Wongaibon country, the place of his mothers Ngiyampaa people.

Books available from Kella Robinson and Nathalia Printers.



The Robinson Family circa 2005  
 My husband, John, stands with me in the middle of the photo, with son, Greg, and daughter, Megan, at each end. Absent: Our son, Steven, dec.



# Community Update

## Barmah Family Day

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

**Sunday 23 April 2023**  
 11am - 4pm  
 Jack Edwards Park, Barmah  
 FREE kids activities and events for the whole family to enjoy!  
 Call Council on (03) 5871 9222 for more information.



## Animal registrations are due

Reminder pet owners must renew their animal registrations by Monday 10 April 2023. Visit our website for more information or to make a payment online.

## Happy Easter

May your Easter basket be filled with chocolates, joy, happiness and peace this Easter. Hoping you have a fun, sunny and memorable day surrounded by friends, family and neighbours.

John Tanner AM, Independent Administrator  
 Joshua Lewis, Acting Chief Executive Officer  
 Moira Shire Council

## Flood Recovery Support

If you have been affected by the recent floods, please know that you can access recovery support by contacting Council at (03) 5871 9222 and requesting to speak with our Flood Recovery Team.

We are available to assist with Secondary Impact Assessments, mental health support, and provide eligible residents with white goods and other necessary items. Additionally, the free disposal of flood-affected waste has been extended until 2 May 2023 at approved landfills, but proof of residence must be presented. We are committed to helping our community recover and rebuild in the aftermath of the floods.

## Move Moira - Get Active in April

For the month of April, Moira Shire Council has teamed up with NCN Health and Yarrawonga Health to bring you a bunch of activities to help you get moving each day! Visit our website to see what else is happening around the shire.

**Move Moira - Nathalia Run Day!**  
 Wednesday 19 April 10am-12pm  
 Nathalia Recreation Reserve  
 FREE Community event by NCN Health. Enjoy fun activities by Skilzone, valley sport Nathalia FNC. Even pedal your way to a delicious smoothie or play with giant games!  
 Enquiries call Angela Mitchell 5866 5944

**Nathalia Parkrun**  
 Every Saturday 8am  
 Nathalia Showgrounds (behind the tennis courts)  
 A free, fun, and friendly weekly 5k community event. Walk, jog, run, volunteer or spectate - it's up to you!  
 Registration info: Participants register online at: [www.parkrun.com.au/register/](http://www.parkrun.com.au/register/) [www.moira-moira-shire.org.au](http://www.moira-moira-shire.org.au)  
 Volunteers register email: [nathalia@yarrawongahealth.org.au](mailto:nathalia@yarrawongahealth.org.au) and to find out more, visit the volunteer page.

**Nathalia Golf Clubs Friday Fun Day**  
 Fridays 8:30am, Nathalia Golf Club, 444 Payne Rd Nathalia  
 A social game of 9 holes of golf that anybody can come along & enjoy including first timers & beginners. Less than \$5.  
 Call Heather for more information on 0420 947 696

**Asheik - Come n Try Nathalia**  
 Wednesday 19 April 10am-12pm  
 Nathalia Recreation Reserve  
 Booking essential, contact Bailey Baileybell@moira.council.vic.gov.au

**North East State Park Series**  
 Thursday 20 April 11am-4pm  
 Numurkah State Park  
 FREE State BMX & Scooter competition for all ages.  
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 Enquiries 5871 9222

**All Around Skateboarding**  
 Wednesday 19 April 4:30pm-6:30pm  
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# Kaarimba/Mundoona Flood Recovery Party

**K**aarimba/Mundoona Flood Recovery Party was held at the Kaarimba Public Hall on Friday 31/3/23.

60 people attended the event, which was an opportunity for those affected by the October 22 floods to debrief and discuss their continuing flood recovery.

Volunteers who helped during the crisis were also invited along, so they could be personally thanked for their assistance.



A free BBQ dinner was enjoyed, followed by a couple of local speakers.

Hall president Col Grinter gave an overview of how the flood unfolded in the area, and as a flood victim himself, expressed his admiration and gratitude to the many people who assisted during and after the floods.

Don Sofra, a co-ordinator at the Kaarimba Hall Sand Bagging depot, spoke of the hundreds of

volunteers, the thousands of sandbags they filled, the sustenance provided by local groups including CWA and Rotary, and the involvement of the army.

Afterwards, a badminton tournament was held. Many games were played under the patient and watchful eyes of umpires Jim Brown and Graeme Sprunt, with Barry Hinchcliffe and Gail Grinter being declared winners on the night.

They will have their names added to the Sue Sprunt memorial trophy.

The evening was kindly supported by Farm Community Connect, NCN Health, and was enjoyed by all who attended.



Russel Baker & 3 of his sons playing badminton



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**Monday 10th: 9-3pm**

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# Independent Administrator John Tanner AM Statement to Council 22/03/23



## Welcome

Welcome to this evening's Shire Council meeting and thank you for attending it as my first in my role as Independent Administrator of the Council.

### My role

Since taking up my appointment last week, many people have been asking about my role. My role is that of the Independent Administrator.

As such, I not only carry out the role of Mayor, but also the Councillors. This means that I act as the Council.

I have the authority under the Local Government Act to undertake this role and to make the appropriate decisions on the information and proposals that are put before me by the Council Administration.

This also extends to the community. I am also open to meeting with community members and stakeholder groups on matters of importance to them and the Shire and its future.

### Not the CEO

I must stress, I'm not the CEO of the Council – that is not my role.

However, I want to assure you that I'm working closely with the current Acting CEO Joshua Lewis to ensure good governance practices are in place to enable council services to be delivered effectively for the community and that the health and wellbeing of the staff are a priority.

In my tenure here over the three months period, I also want to lay the foundations for ensuring that the interests of local residents and business have a solid basis on which to flourish.

It will be from these foundations that the permanent Panel of Administrators can work towards ensuring good governance practices are restored so that elections can be held at the Shire in 2028.

### Commission of Inquiry has ended.

Another thing that many people have been

concerned about is the Independent Commission of Inquiry.

Firstly, I want the community to know that the Independent Commission into the Council's operations is finished – the Inquiry and the Commission have ended.

It was from this that the Commission's report was presented to the Minister for Local Government and this led to legislation being introduced to Parliament in the second week of March to dissolve the Council and appoint me as Independent Administrator for this three month period.

### Key areas of role

Now, let me turn to some key areas of my role. Naturally, I have a number of important tasks ahead of me.

Apart from my focus on the Council and its operations, I'm also addressing the key recommendations of the Commission.

Both of these bring me to the community perspective.

What I want to look into are the aspirations that drive the community to have pride in the shire and to be part of it.

An essential part of this is the Council's engagement and relationships with the community.

I acknowledge there have been difficulties in the past from both the community's and the staff's perspectives.

I want to assure you that I have every confidence that the Council's staff will play their part in this and I hope that community share this also.

Therefore, I'm looking for the community to be involved in the wide range of activities more than ever.

This is why I'm embarking on meeting with people to hear from them.

As a country person who values country life, a chat and an undertaking are as important as a handshake.

We are 'in this together' and this is my commitment throughout my time here.

### Key recommendations – opportunity to reset and build.

This also falls into line with one of the key Recommendations of the Commission of Inquiry.

The Commission and the Minister for Local Government want to see the development of community leaders and, in turn, building community capacity.

My experience as the Administrator of the Brimbank Council shows that this can be achieved.

You may see the Commission's inquiry and report as a loss of democratic representation, but this has happened for a number of reasons. Rest assured; you are also not alone in being under administration.

There are two others currently – Casey and Whittlesea. Both are under administration until October next year (2024). And there have been others in the past including South Gippsland and Brimbank.

However, I'm determined that we use this period as the 'opportunity to reset and build' not only a strong and resilient Council and a Community for the future, but also One of which we all can be proud.

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## MEALS ON WHEELS

7th - 21st April

April	
Friday 7th	Dawn Bowen
Monday 10th	Maryse Quarrell & Moira Bourke
Tuesday 11th	Kevin & Nina Pell
Wednesday 12th	Matthew Chalker
Thursday 13th	Heather Frostick
Friday 14th	<b>VOLUNTEER REQUIRED</b>
Monday 17th	Mick & Alison Keogh
Tuesday 18th	Dawn Bowen & Patricia Hawks
Wednesday 19th	<b>VOLUNTEER REQUIRED</b>
Thursday 20th	Marlene Moor
Friday 21st	David & Cheryl McKenzie

**More volunteers needed** to fill the roster for 2023, please contact Laura on 5742 1111 for more information on how you can support your community.

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



## CHURCH TIMES

### ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PARISH

Ph: 5866 2694

Nathalia Parish Priest - Fr Jophin Joy

Nathalia Mass times:

**Tuesdays:** 9:15am - Reconciliation following Mass

**Thursdays:** 12:30pm

**Sundays:** 9:00am

**Strathmerton**

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

### NATHALIA UNITING CHURCH

Margaret Cobbledick Ph: 5866 2037

April 7th: 9.30am Good Friday combined service

April 9th: 8.00am at Anglican Church

April 16th: 9.30am Leigh Giffard

**Picola**

2nd & 4th Sundays: 9.00am

### HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH - NATHALIA

Locum Priest: Rev. Helen Malcolm

April 9th: 8.00am Holy Communion, Uniting Church to visit

April 16th: 8.00am Holy Communion

**St Paul's - Wakiti Creek**

Services Cancelled at the present.

### SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

Contact - Erik 0411 731 916

Every Saturday: Services 10am & 11.30am or Zoom.

124 Graham St., Shepparton.



# The G.R.A.I.N. Store Update



## Film-makers bask in glory for the third time...

March last year we had our first encounter with Mark Street and film-making in a Sustaining Creative Workers Project funded through Regional Arts Victoria and Creative Victoria. By May our first cuts were ready to be shared with friends and family...in the supportive atmosphere of The G.R.A.I.N. Store. (Though my sister was more frank than I was ready for!!).

June last year was our over the top gala release, at the Nathalia Recreation Reserve, where the pomp and ceremony and food was Academy Award - worthy and where the audience was so preoccupied with their own glamorous appearances there was little pressure on the films themselves.

Now we were ready for the big time. We offered our films as part of the currently running Shepparton Festival. In a great venue provided by Billabong Nursery, Shepparton and some excellent Billabong Nursery catering, we experienced the joy of a third viewing, with Nathalia stalwarts providing much thoughtful ballast and support. We were not displeased with our films as we came back to them with fresh eyes. We are convinced the stories we told would not have been told if it were not for us.

And now

To quote Tammy Muir's poem... I have had another idea.

We are resolved to continue with our film-making. And with a recent dose of Mark Street filming interviews for a shorter G.R.A.I.N. Store film, we know we have so much more still to learn. And from Estelle's very flattering photo, we have so much more time in which to be learning.

And for a final quote from one of our film-makers...I won't be bored when off to my nursing home, I will be too busy making films!!

### Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2-3.30pm Opening: Exhibition The Art of Music

After the excitement of the Easter market you are invited to join us at the Opening of our Second Exhibition for the year. A feature of this year's Openings is an opportunity to not only see the art work but to hear some of the artists



Film-makers (L-R): Susan Narelle Ryan, Linden Lancaster, Cameron Lancaster, Madeleine Jane, Kerrie-Ann Rappell, Philippa Schapper, Sue Logie  
Photo Estelle Chalker

talk about their work. Hopefully that will inspire you to take up the opportunity when you hear of our next Call to Exhibit: Sky Sparrows of Kabul 20 May...tickets selling now..The G.R.A.I.N. Store Presents @ The Uniting Church

If you are not an experienced on-line purchaser, you are welcome to call in to The G.R.A.I.N. Store and we can make a booking on your behalf.

Upcoming Events		What's On Locally
April 7	Nathalia Bowls Tournament for RCH Good Friday Appeal.	
April 7 - 10	Nathalia Lawn Tennis Club Easter Tennis Tournament	
April 8	Easter Saturday Market & Bardi Gras	
April 8	Exhibition Opening: The Art of Music @ The G.R.A.I.N. Store	
April 9 - May 20	Exhibition: The Art of Music @ The G.R.A.I.N. Store	
April 20	Young Artist Workshops @ The G.R.A.I.N. Store	
April 22 & 23	Indoor Bowls Tournament at Nathalia Community Centre	
April 25	Anzac Day Services, Nathalia, Barmah, Waaia Dawn Service 6:00am Nathalia	
April 28 - 30	Barmah Muster	
May 6 & 7	Nathalia & District Community Choir Concert	
May 12	Nathalia Uniting Church Annual Ball in U.C. Hall	
May 20	Fred Smith & Band Sparrows of Kabul presented at The G.R.A.I.N. Store	
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# Museum Moments...

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

If you read last weeks story about the Back to Nathalia Invitation that was sent to the Historical Society you may have noticed some interesting activities planned for the event. One such activity which caught our eye was the River trip on the Steamer Avoca. It made us wonder why this was part of the celebrations for Nathalia.



Godson 54A/29

ps AVOCA

Thanks to our researcher Lyn Franklin, we can shed some light on the association between this paddle steamer and Nathalia. The Griffith family information was taken from a book 'Son of a Carpenter', co-written by Joy Bell (Mirtschin).

PS Avoca was built in 1877 at Milang, SA. After a series of other owners, it was purchased in 1922 by J.G. Arnold (who formed River Murray Navigation Co.) for transporting supplies to the locks building on the Murray. He took her from Pt Adelaide with only minor repairs carried out and made the perilous return to the river.

The two masts which had been erected for open gulf work were removed at Murray Bridge to permit the steamer to reach Mannum where she underwent an extensive refit.

From 1928 to 1948, Daniel Ernest Treacy was the owner. He was born in Echuca in 1883 and died in NSW in 1975. Treacy married Adelaide Griffiths in 1909 and had the following children were born in Nathalia; Kathleen 1911, Mona 1913, and Maurice in 1915. In 1909 their son John was born in Echuca, and in 1920 Terrence was born in Mildura.

So you can see that in 1938 the PS. Avoca was owned by Daniel Treacy and he had family connection to Nathalia. His wife was the twelfth child of Narioka pioneer John Griffith for whom Griffith Lane is named. Daniel and Adelaide Treacy lived at Barmah for quite a few years after their marriage. Some time after 1915 their lives became centered around the river boat trade. Dan became part owner of the "Murrumbidgee" and later owned steamers at Mildura, including the "Avoca".

With a slump in the river trade Dan turned the Avoca into a showboat and with the help of his family ran this for eighteen years at Mildura. A five-piece band played on the night trips with their son Jack as compere and Jack's wife as pianist.

Dan & Adelaide spent their later years at Corowa, and after the death of her husband, Adelaide moved back to Nathalia. They are both buried in Nathalia Cemetery.



J. Wood

ps AVOCA in 1982

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

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# Caterpillar Corner

NCELC Fundraiser.  
Nathalia Community  
Early Learning Centre took



part in the Billy G's  
Gourmet Cookie and Biscuit dough fundraiser.  
Danielle, an Educator at NCELC, organised this fundraiser, setting, what we all believed a huge goal, of selling 200 tubs of dough.

Soon enough families, Educators and the local Community supported this fundraiser, by simply getting behind it, sharing posts around, hanging brochures and spreading the word themselves. This lead us to sell over 550 tubs of cookie dough, having a goal of 200, we certainly out did ourselves.

This supports NCELC to gather further learning resources for each room. Resources that are going to guide and support children's learning and development, enhancing their ability to achieve goals.

As a local community childcare service, we understand how important it is to work together to achieve goals. Therefore we are beyond thankful for the local community for supporting this fundraiser, without your support we wouldn't have accomplished this astounding outcome. If you would like to follow our journey on the new resources purchased, please like the Nathalia Community Early Learning Facebook page where you will be able to keep updated.

# Setting the stage



FROM a small Greek island to the stage of SMOTA's Performing Arts Program, this year's Production of the popular stage show, Mamma Mia brings the music of ABBA to life and is sure to have the audience dancing in their seats. Mamma Mia tells the story of Sophie (Emily Pullar from Tocumwal) who dreams of a perfect wedding — one which includes her father giving her away. The problem? Sophie doesn't know who he is! Her mother Donna (Adeline Hutchinson from Barooga), the former lead singer of the 1970s pop group Donna and the Dynamos, refuses to talk about the past, so Sophie decides to take matters into her own hands. Sneaking a peek in her mother's old diaries, she discovers three possible fathers: Sam (Kian Brereton from Nathalia), Bill (James Robinett from Tocumwal), and Harry (Addison Oswald from Naring). She secretly invites all three to the wedding, convinced that she'll know her father when she sees him. But when all three turn up, it may not be as clear as she thought!



**THE STARS ALIGN...** Pictured, Mamma Mia stars Adeline Hutchinson and Emily Pullar.

Production Director, Rae Wood said, "Rehearsals are going really well. We are on schedule for blocking each scene and will have the entire show blocked before the holidays. Musical numbers are being developed with our Musical Director, Vanessa Byrnes at the helm, ably assisted by the multi talented Kim Carter to assist with teaching our cast how to maximise vocal potential. "It has been wonderful having "students in charge" of areas this year. Kian Brereton as Assistant Director, Porsha Stuart for Choreography, Dipak Singh in Design and Grace Hall in Music. They have been integral in the creation and development of the show so far.

"I am so proud of our cast. They have been working so hard and so well together. It is a privilege to work with such magnificent young people."

Mamma Mia will be performed across three big days, Thursday 25th May at 7pm, Friday 26th May at 7pm and Saturday 27th May at 2pm and 7pm.  
For ticket information visit: <https://www.trybooking.com/CGMJM>

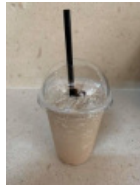
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Easter Monday 7am-2pm



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# NCN HEALTH NATHALIA

## Have you heard about Care Finder?



Care Finder supports vulnerable older people who would not be able to arrange services without intensive support and do not have a family member or friends who can help. Care finder services are provided at no cost as they are fully funded through Primary Health Networks.



NCN Health Care Finder Project Officer, Karen Edwards

NCN Health's Karen Edwards is the Care Finder Project Officer, here she explains what her role is all about and how best to get in contact.

### Tell us a bit about what you do?

I provide intensive support to vulnerable older people across the

Moira Shire, who are not able to navigate the Aged Care System or arrange services for themselves to continue to live at home safely and independently. These older people may not have family members, friends or support people available to assist them to find services, programs or support, they require.

### Who can access Care Finder?

Care Finders specifically assist older people who may have difficulties working through the complex aged care system. These older people may have

communication difficulties due to hearing, vision or language barriers and may not be confident in engaging with aged care or government services. Older people may also need someone to advocate on their behalf and liaise with organisations to receive services.

### How can people contact you?

You can contact me by email at [Karen.Edwards@ncnhealth.org.au](mailto:Karen.Edwards@ncnhealth.org.au) or call one of the NCN Health Campuses; Nathalia 03 5866 9444 Cobram 03 5871 0900 Numurkah 03 5862 0560

## Check your smoke alarms

When was the last time you checked your smoke alarms? While technology has changed over the years, the key message in relation to smoke alarms remains the same - only working smoke alarms save lives.

North East Region CFA Manager of Community Safety Darren Viney said "Properly maintaining your smoke alarms can save your life, it's no good having a smoke alarm installed if it isn't working. When people change their clocks for daylight savings we are asking them to also check their smoke alarms".

Regardless of the type of smoke alarms you have:

- \* Test monthly - use a broom stick to press the button on your smoke alarms, hold until the alarm beeps three times
- \* Dust regularly
- \* All smoke alarms (hard-wired and standalone) need to be replaced every 10 years
- \* Smoke alarms must meet Australian Standard AS3786

If you have smoke alarms with replaceable batteries, you need to change the batteries annually. The end of daylight savings is a good prompt to do this.

Recent research indicates the importance of installing smoke alarms in all living and sleeping areas throughout the home. "Current research shows the number and location of working smoke alarms in the home increase your family's chances of escaping from a fire. Over the last 10 years most fatal fires started at night, either in lounge rooms or bedrooms. People lose their sense of smell when they are asleep, so the smell of smoke won't wake them up. Therefore, CFA recommend smoke alarms be placed in every living area and bedroom. Having working smoke alarms is your first line of defence in the event of a fire", Mr Viney said.

CFA recommends installing smoke alarms powered by a 10 year long-life lithium battery on the ceiling at least 30 centimetres from the wall. Recommendations include having interconnected smoke alarms - so that when one sounds, the others will do the same.

There are also a number of simple measures people can take around the

home in order to prevent fires from happening in the first place, these include:

- \* Turning off electrical appliances at the power point when not in use
- \* Never overcharging devices
- \* Never leaving devices on bedding to charge
- \* Ensuring home heating, including flues and chimneys, are regularly cleaned and serviced by a certified technician.
- \* Never leaving cooking unattended

CFA also asks that people regularly update and practice their home fire escape plan with all family members.

For more information about the things you can do to prevent and prepare for fires in the home visit: <https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/fires-in-the-home>



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Did you know that you can be active with the Nathalia U3A Walking Group? The group meets outside Brereton's Bakery at 9am on Mondays (not well attended at the moment ☹) and also at 9am on Wednesdays. The Walking Group is open to anyone who would like to join in. See you there on Monday and Wednesdays.





# Nathalia Preschool News



**S**upporting play based experiences with real life experiences.

The children's play at Nathalia Preschool has developed into hospital and vets ("you know, a hospital for animals"). Supporting their play with appropriate resources that included x-rays of animals, basic medical supplies (bandages, stethoscope etc) the children cared for their many native preschool soft animals. The educators support their play and developing knowledge by providing appropriate words and actions.



To further support their learning, the children ventured out the preschool gate to visit Kate at the Nathalia Vets. Wide eyed and with enthusiasm for a new experience they toured the vet practice, learned about what Kate looks for when an animal arrives for a check up and they met the resident cat and some dogs who were currently in hospital.

Back at preschool the children incorporated their new knowledge into their play.



Kate teaching the children about what a vet does and the equipment they use.

## Easter Market and Bardi Gras



The children are now ready with their produce they have made from the vegetables from their garden for the Easter Market on Saturday. You can purchase pickles, tomato sauce, relish, and jam along with playdough and blackboard they have made from the Nathalia Preschool Stall.

The children have also been working very hard to create the backdrop for the community collage. We invite the community to decorate an animal shape and then stick it onto the one of the large backdrops the children have made.

Activities include painting gum leaves, making seed bombs, games and drawing.



## Where the Journey is Realised

St Mary of the Angels Secondary College continues to progress with a new Middle School Construction on track for completion in October this year.

The 'Daborra' Middle School Building Project will incorporate new connected Year 8 and Year 9 learning centres with a multitude of classrooms, break out areas, quiet study nooks and amphitheatres as well as an all new library, music and drama precinct including outdoor performance areas and an IT department hub. St Mary of the Angels Secondary College Principal, Matt Carver said, "The Daborra build is by far our largest project to date and will ensure that we are on track to realising our long term plan for permanent state of the art year level buildings.

"The name Daborra, comes from the Yorta Yorta word for Pathway or Journey and is not only a direct link with our Year 9 Aboriginal Immersion Program, but is indicative of the formative years which Year 8 and Year 9 typically are in developing our young people.

"Despite the access issues due to the impact of flooding late last year, the building project so far has run quite smoothly with the schedule currently on track and on budget for completion in October which is very pleasing."



**INTRODUCING DABORRA...** Pictured, St Mary of the Angels Secondary College Principal, Matt Carver in front of the new middle school building project.



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# Maloney descendants reunite at Barmah

Some of the many descendants of James and Elizabeth Maloney met at Barmah on Sunday, 19 March for their five-yearly reunion. The oldest descendant was 94-year-old Dick Maloney. Unfortunately, the only remaining Maloney still living in Barmah, Nancy, wife of Darcy Maloney, was not at the reunion. James and Elizabeth came to Barmah in 1870 and promptly made an impact, with James building the first Barmah Hotel and general store plus taking over the ownership of the punt. The pub stayed in family hands until 1946 when James' grandson, Cliff Maloney snr sold the premises to Eric Keogh. The current hotel is the third, built by Carsten Carstensen in 1965. The second hotel was built in 1882 by James' son, William Thomas, after the original was destroyed by fire in 1878. The punt stayed in the family's hands until 1929 when it was sold to New South Wales government, which had a new punt built. It is the one currently on site at Barmah. The next Maloney reunion will be in 2028.



Descendants enjoying their five-yearly reunion with the hotel in the backdrop.



## Ride to School / Epilepsy Awareness Day

This year's National Ride to School Day was held on Friday 24th March. St Francis staff, students, parents (and pups) met at the Nathalia Memorial Gardens to ride, walk or scoot to school.

National Ride2School Day is Australia's biggest celebration of active travel and one of the best days on the school calendar.

It is a day full of fun and colour where students, teachers and parents discover the joy of riding and kick-start healthy habits for the future.

We also celebrated Epilepsy Awareness (Purple Day) last Friday, with students invited to wear a splash of purple and donate to help raise funds in support for more than 250,000 Australians currently living with epilepsy.

The 2023 Purple Day campaign is "Dare to be different", with students learning more about the condition throughout the day.

To conclude the Ride to School and Epilepsy Awareness Day, St Francis hosted a breakfast with purple pancakes, which was a hit with the children!





# Probus News

The Probus AGM took place on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March, preceded by the normal monthly meeting and a lengthy morning tea. Outgoing President David McKenzie presented a comprehensive report to members in which he highlighted the activities of the year and thanked the committee for their support and work effort. Rotarian Ross Smith took the chair for the election of office bearers for the coming year. Firstly Ross congratulated Probus members on a successful year and outlined Rotary's goals and achievements. The outcome of the election/appointments was: President –Anne Bell, Secretary - Pam Anderson-Keir, Assistant Secretary – Margaret Liddell, Treasurer – Joan



Ross Smith congratulating new president Anne Bell

Theyers. Committee members: Mary Wilson, Cheryl McKenzie, Maryse Quarrell, Trish Hawks, Lyn Franklin, Mary Ryan, Estelle Chalker, David McKenzie, Dianne Gemmill, Marcia Murrell. Incoming President Anne Bell was invested with the Collar of Office; former President David McKenzie received his Past President's badge and congratulations on his efforts in leading the club.



Outgoing president David McKenzie & incoming president Anne Bell



A presentation was made to Ross Smith before the meeting closed. Prior to members enjoying a delicious 2 course lunch, Grace Scolyer and Ross Smith entertained with a few numbers on the piano. Maryse Quarrell was the lucky winner of the competition this month. The theme for the Show & Tell at the April meeting will be ANZAC.

One week later on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March, members and some guests journeyed by coach to Bernie Ryan's beautiful residence 'Bonshaw' near Stanhope. Everyone enjoyed a stroll around the extensive garden before sitting down to lunch in the mansion's dining rooms - we occupied 3 rooms and were served by Bernie, assisted by John.

Probus members meet on the first Wednesday of each month for a coffee & chat- the next one is at Brereton's Bakery on 5<sup>th</sup> April. We wish everyone a peaceful, happy and safe Easter.



Pictured: Probus enjoyed a trip to Bernie Ryan's beautiful residence 'Bonshaw'



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## Broken Creek Drama

### A TANTRUM

Sharyn was both annoyed and embarrassed. Terrance was throwing a tantrum again. He was upset that she had taken the Tim Tams, he had selected, out of the shopping trolley. Everybody seemed to be giving Sharyn less than understanding looks as they manipulated their trolleys around him. He stood still, arms crossed, red in the face, refusing to budge. She knew that she was just supposed to ignore him and not reward such silly behaviour, but she was about to lose her temper. Sharyn moved close to him and tried to keep her voice calm. 'Stop this please, Terry! Sometimes I wonder why I married you.'



# What do you value most about lower Broken and Nine Mile creeks?

Nathalia, Numurkah and Wunghnu residents are invited to have their say on management of the lower Broken and Nine Mile creeks at a community workshop being held by Goulburn Broken CMA.

GB CMA River Health and Environmental Water Project Coordinator Pam Beattie said the workshop would focus on what is valued most about the creek by the community, desired improvements and identifying top priorities for works. The feedback will contribute to GB CMA's Environmental Water Management Plan.

"Goulburn Broken CMA will be updating the Environmental Water Management Plan for lower Broken Creek and Nine Mile Creek over the coming year," Ms Beattie said.

"This plan is a 10 -year document and provides an opportunity to think about what we can do better in terms of flow management and other waterway improvement activities.

"While the plan has a primary focus on improving environmental values, it is also important to make sure the objectives within the plan reflect what the local community thinks is most valuable about the creek and what needs further attention.

"We look forward to hearing what the community has to say and building it into our upcoming work on the lower Broken and Nine Mile creeks."

Lower Broken Creek, including Nine Mile Creek, forms part of the larger Broken Creek system that originates at Casey's Weir on the Broken River north of Benalla. Lower Broken and Nine Mile Creek is the section covering some 200km from Katamatite to Barmah, and taking in the townships of Numurkah, Wunghnu and Nathalia.

Originally an intermittent creek cared for by Yorta Yorta people, the creek has been altered and operated as a regulated, almost permanent waterway for the past 100 years, enabling the growth of local towns and irrigation developments.

This period of transformation involved sections of the creek being straightened, dredged and controlled through multiple weir structures. All of these changes have impacted the health of the creek by altering flow patterns, the physical shape of the creek and the type of habitat available.

Ms Beattie said despite these changes, lower Broken Creek remained a highly valuable asset within the Murray-Darling Basin supporting cultural values, rural communities and threatened native species such as Murray cod and golden perch.

"The creek forms part of the fabric of the Numurkah and Nathalia townships, providing a source of water and food, a place for recreation, and at times, an escape from the drought-stricken landscape," she said.

"In recognition of this value, there has been considerable investment to improve the health of lower Broken Creek over recent decades. The installation of fishways on weir structures, reinstating deep pools and woody snags, native fish stocking, re-introducing threatened catfish, protecting the riparian zone through creating reserves and delivering



*Have your say on the lower Broken and Nine Mile creeks at a Goulburn Broken CMA community workshop.*

water for the environment, have all worked towards improving aspects of the creek.

"These efforts have seen some improvements in water quality, the availability of instream habitat and consequently the native fish community, with researchers finding in recent years the creek is supporting natural breeding by Murray cod. Delivering small volumes of freshwater at the end of last years' flood peaks helped provide critical water quality refuge areas for native fish and is an example of the benefit management efforts can provide even under extreme conditions."

Ms Beattie said GB CMA, with help from Traditional Owners, research scientists, partner organisations and the local community was aiming to build on past efforts to further improve the health of the creek.

The community workshop will be held on Tuesday 9 May, 5.30pm-6.30pm, at the Dancocks Room, Nathalia Sports and Community Centre, 42 Robertson Street. Supper will be provided. RSVP by 30 April to [reception@gbcma.vic.gov.au](mailto:reception@gbcma.vic.gov.au) noting any special dietary requirements. For those who would like to provide input but are unable to attend the workshop, please email Pam Beattie [pamb@gbcma.vic.gov.au](mailto:pamb@gbcma.vic.gov.au) or request a time to chat over the phone during business hours.



*A golden perch salvaged from one of lower Broken Creek's water quality refuges during the Spring 2022 floods.*



Eleven year old Vincent Sergi was recently fishing with his grandfather Pat Sergi when he caught his first cod. It was 58cm.

# St Mary's Foundation Students Reunion

Thirty-two foundation students and some spouses attended their annual reunion on Saturday, 25 March at Barmah Hotel. The foundation students either started at St Mary's when it opened in 1961 or subsequently joined one of the foundation classes. Organisers Bunty Gundry and Mick Bourke were pleased with the numbers, saying they were higher than recent years. Next year's reunion into your calendar: Saturday, 23 March. Venue to be determined although it will probably be in Melbourne's CBD.



Pictured L:-R: Mick Bourke; John Murnane; John Dinsdale; Clare Liew (O'Shannessy); Peter McCann; Di Darrow (Price); Pat Murnane; James 'Vic' Bottaro; Marie Bourke; Helen Convery (Gray); Bernadette Shiels; Gerard Murnane; Trish Sheldon (Turner); Patrick Moor; Tony Murnane; Bunty Gundry; Carmen McCann (Hicks); Sue Frew (Kane); hidden (Chris Moor's wife Sue); Cate Taylor (Gray); Loretta Lilford (Gundry); Joe Shiels; Phil McCann; Chris Daniel; Chris's wife Agnes; Maureen Murnane (wife of John); Chris Moor. Absent: Steve Frew (husband of Sue (photographer)); Ro d James; Leigh James, Christine Ross (Sewell) (Rod, Leigh and Christine arrived after group photo taken)

## Rotary Club of Nathalia Rotary Report

### Sorry to say but I lied...

And there was no Show and Shine debrief on the 22<sup>nd</sup>! This column is submitted on the Monday and our meetings are two days later so I write some things "in the future". Anyway, we just had a regular meeting at which it was decided to hold off with the social movie night we were having a week later, and make that a debrief instead. As it turned out, the evening was cancelled as Judge Bill could not attend. So, April 5<sup>th</sup> was chosen instead and I hope to write a few words about what transpired next time.

In my last Rotary News I said I may name the winners in the different categories in my next article but I don't need to. Hubby John took a USB stick with photos he had taken at the event to Jeanette and she matched up the winners and printed the appropriate photos, with tags. A few of his other photos made up the remainder of the centre pages. Thank you Jeanette...and John.

In a previous article I wrote a little about our current District Governor's "partner project" which is "Wheelchairs for Kids". I mentioned that the chairs are manufactured in The Wheelchairs for Kids factory in Wangara, Perth. Up to 800 wheelchairs a month are manufactured by passionate and hardworking volunteers who give their time and skills free of charge and therefore minimise manufacturing and administrative costs.

*Volunteers work across three groups: 1/ Manufacturing – with 250 working in the factory (50 per day);*

*2/ Work from home – with 550 volunteers cutting and sewing covers for the wheelchair seat, back and restraint cushions, making individual knee rugs and knitting and sewing the soft toys; and 3/ Back office – assisting with financial administration, procurement, warehousing, website maintenance and promotions.*

*The volunteers also organise fundraisers so that 100 per cent of the funding goes towards making wheelchairs. The wheelchairs are packed and dispatched to a network of 65 agencies around the world, who then deliver and assemble the chairs. Just watching the delight on the faces of these disadvantaged disabled kids, getting into their chairs is so uplifting.*

It was rather disappointing to learn that the guests who had booked for 2 nights at the Heart to Heart house did not show up! The booking clerk from the Alfred hospital rang them to ask how they were enjoying the country and they said they were at home! When asked after their health, they said they were well, just changed their minds! Most disappointing, especially as a couple of volunteers made a special trip to ready the house! Currently there no immediate bookings.

Easter is upon us and on Saturday we are due to be in the plantation with prizes, our spinning wheel, and volunteers selling tickets for this fund raiser. Please come along and support us; prizes are great and winners get to choose what they'd like from a great variety of items displayed. There will be a bit of a write up about this, photos too, next time.

As always, our club will make a donation to the RCH Good Friday Appeal at the CFA where Uncle Bob's Club volunteers will be counting up the monies from tins that are brought in by "tin rattlers" on Good Friday. Hopefully this appeal will be very well supported by the town again this year.





## Sessions



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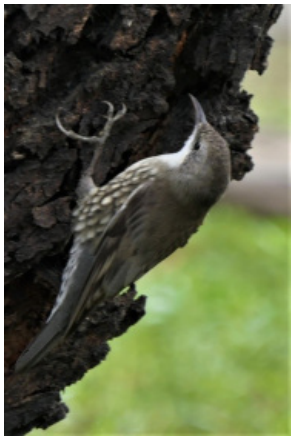
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# Through the Lens of the U3A Photograpy Group

Last Saturday April 1st, the photography group visited Reedy Swamp in Shepparton.





# Year 7 camp was a blast!!!

Mr Jones and Miss Morris took this wonderful group of students on the week long adventure at Rubicon. We engaged in all forms of water sports, and lived it up on the beach volleyball court. Rubicon is set in the beautiful Rubicon valley and we saw the best of it. We began with a relaxing swim in the Rubicon river and this set the tone for the rest of the week.

My personal highlight was when Lachie was splashing Miss Morris from his canoe and he proceeded to slip on the water in the bottom of the canoe, when he fell back he nearly capsized the canoe with him and Mr Jones; giving Ashley and Miss Morris the chance to escape.

Most students would agree that the rafting was the highlight of the week, we rafted through rain, storms, sunshine, rapids and others wanting to push, pull, and knock us out of our rafts in moments of cheeky humour.

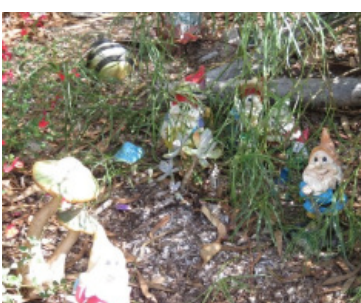
Our low point was the 2 very loud fire alarms that caused a bit of anxiety, the first being set off by the boys steamy shower and several boys running for the evacuation point in a towel.

It was so fantastic to see this group of students support, encourage and bond with one another, making this camp a very memorable moment in their lives. I believe they will all remember their week at Rubicon as I still do 23 years later. And, a final round of thanks to the amazing Rubicon staff who engaged and encouraged us – and pushed Mr Jones into the river."



# U3A Up The Garden Path

U3A visited two gardens last Friday 31st March. The first one was Sue's garden at Dryfield Friesian Stud at Waaia. The second garden was at Rebecca Handford's garden in Numurkah.



# Kid's Section



## HAPPY EASTER

### Crossword

BASKET  
BONNET  
BUNNY  
CANDY  
CHICK  
CHOCOLATE  
DAFFODIL  
DECORATE  
DYE  
EGG  
HUNT  
JELLYBEAN  
PARADE

**ACROSS**

4. You might do this to eggs for Easter.
7. A hen makes this.
8. Used to color eggs.
9. The hen's baby.
10. Colorful candy you might find in an Easter basket.
11. Peter Cottontail is one.

**DOWN**

1. Eggs might be made from this.
2. Look for eggs.
3. Easter Day event.
4. Yellow or white spring flower that grows from a bulb.
5. What the Easter Bunny brings.
6. A pretty hat worn on Easter.
9. Don't eat too much of this or you might get a belly ache.

## Why Do I See and Smell Smoke?



With fire restrictions easing in some parts of the State, and calm autumn conditions, hundreds of private resident burn-offs, agricultural burns and planned burns are expected to take place over the coming weeks.

While current conditions are ideal for burning, weather patterns may cause smoke to linger over parts of the state overnight and through to early morning.

FFMVic Chief Fire Officer Chris Hardman said our climate is changing and that means finding the right days for safe and effective planned burning is also changing. Planned burns are a critical part of a statewide bushfire risk management program.

“FFMVic’s number one priority is to protect life, property and the environment from the risk of bushfires, and that is what we will continue to do,” he said.

“Reducing fine fuels such as grass, leaves, bark, shrubs and fallen branches means fires are less intense and slower to spread, making it more likely that firefighters can keep bushfires small and contained before they pose a risk to communities. “We must go ahead with the planned burning program while conditions are suitable, and it is safe to do so to avoid an increased fire risk in the future.

“Smoke could be a result of private resident burn -offs, planned burns and agricultural burns. We work closely with the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) and Bureau of Meteorology to keep the smoke impact from planned burns as low as practically possible and inform the community while delivering the program.

“Victorians can also sign up for planned burn notifications to prepare for any impact on their health or activities.”

CFA Chief Officer Jason Heffernan urged Victorians to conduct private burn -offs safely.

“While the Fire Danger Period has ended in some areas, it is still important that residents check the local conditions are safe and appropriate for burning off – both on the day and the days following,” he said.

“When conducting private resident burn -offs, remain alert and always have resources on hand to extinguish the fire.

“We ask the community to register their burn -off as this ensures if

someone reports smoke, the incident can be monitored and acknowledged early.

“If possible, landowners should also notify their neighbours and others nearby who may be sensitive to smoke so they can take necessary precautions.”

Victoria’s Chief Environmental Scientist Professor Mark Patrick Taylor said EPA understands that smoke from planned burns and private burn-offs can cause health concerns and is monitoring air quality across the state.

“You can check air quality for your area through our air monitoring system, EPA AirWatch,” said Professor Taylor.

“Your nose is also an excellent smoke detector. If you can smell smoke, take the necessary precautions to protect your health.”

For the latest information about when and where planned burns are happening near you, visit <https://plannedburns.ffm.vic.gov.au> Detailed information about current air quality throughout Victoria can be found on [EPA’s website](https://www.epa.vic.gov.au/for-community/environmental-information/air-quality/smoke/smoke-your-health).

If you see or smell smoke outside, you should reduce your exposure to smoke by staying indoors and closing your windows and doors – but only if it’s safe to do so. Tips for looking after your health when there is smoke can be found on EPA’s ‘Smoke and your health’ webpage - [www.epa.vic.gov.au/for-community/environmental-information/air-quality/smoke/smoke-your-health](https://www.epa.vic.gov.au/for-community/environmental-information/air-quality/smoke/smoke-your-health).

### Keep your burn off safe and legal:

- Check fire restrictions in your area and always register your burn at [www.firepermits.vic.gov.au](https://www.firepermits.vic.gov.au) or by calling 1800 668 511
- Check and monitor weather conditions – particularly wind
- To avoid unnecessary calls to emergency services, notify your neighbours beforehand
- Leave a three-metre fire break, free from flammable materials around the burn
- Have sufficient equipment and water to stop the fire spreading
- Never leave a burn-off unattended – stay for its entire duration
- If your burn-off gets out of control, call ‘000’ immediately.





# CLASSIFIEDS

## BIRTHS

### McCALLUM

Paul and Natalie McCallum proudly announce the safe arrival of

### Liam Harry McCallum

Born: 26.03.2023

Little brother to Austin and grandson of Sue and Chris McCallum and Billy and Di Harris.



## DEATHS

### MANNION (Brooks), Maureen Therese

Dear Mum, Grandma and Great Grandma,

It is with great sadness we say goodbye, but you will always be in our hearts and minds. You taught us to be kind, considerate, polite, loyal and not be afraid to try new things. You were always interested in us and encouraged our pursuits. We will miss you terribly, but we are sure there is a huge welcome party for you in Heaven.

- Margaret & Ken; Kate, Danny, Mitchell & Kayla; Stuart; Emily & Dan; David & Ellie.

### MANNION (Brooks), Maureen Therese

*We had a Wonderful Mother and Grandmother  
Her Smile was made of Sunshine.  
And her Heart was Solid Gold.*

*Loved and Remembered Always*  
- Carmel and Kevin O'Keeffe;  
Jodie, Sean, Isla and Jack Jensen;  
Brooke O'Keeffe;  
James and Jessica O'Keeffe.

### MANNION (Brooks), Maureen Therese

Loving Mother, Grandma and Old Grandma to Frank and Kim Mannion, Tim and Catherine, Samantha, Brad, Alexis, Kai and Thea, Ashleigh, Hayden, Casey and Malcolm

*The gates of Heaven have opened wide,  
For a special lady to step inside,  
Deep in our hearts you will stay,  
Loved and remembered in every way.*

### MANNION (Brooks), Maureen Therese

We were so lucky to have you close as our family grew, always there with gentle encouragement and unflinching support. You have been a role model, confidante and friend through the challenges and the joys. Our world was a better, kinder place while you were here.

*We will love and miss you always.*

- Theresa & Ashley Williams; Rhonda, Gary, Tommy, Darcy & Neve Lockhart; Christine, Josh, Holly, Sid & Gus Bowman; Helen & Michael, Georgia, Bee & Raine; Kathryn, Alex, Zoe & Frankie Maunder; Tracey, Simon, Ellie & Jill Oakes; Andrew, Zena, Lexi & Allan Williams.

### MANNION (Brooks), Maureen Therese

Our beautiful Mum, Grandma & Great-Grandma has passed away. And life without you will not be the same.

Your 63 descendants will keep your memory close and carry the lantern of the life you exemplified. Thank you for your selfless love and care, and for being the glue that has kept our family together. You will be in our hearts forever. Take your rest, God bless.

- Anne & Tony (dec.) Petrie Corryn, Mark, Ayden, Lewis, Milla (dec.), Georgie & Ari Smyth; Monica, Michael, Anabelle & Sebastian Ostendorf; Mark & Kylie (+Baby) Petrie; Stephen Petrie; James, Kelly, Nathan, Evie, Hollie & Claire Petrie; Kieran, Renae, Benjamin & Harrison Petrie.

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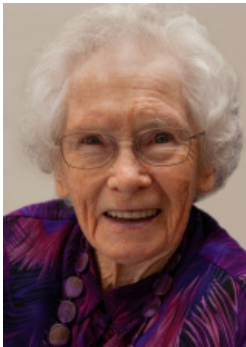
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### MANNION (Brooks), Maureen Therese

23.08.1932 ~ 24.03.2023



Late of Nathalia, (formerly of Yalca North), passed away peacefully at Karinya, Numurkah.

Loved and loving wife of Tim (dec). Dearly loved Mum and Grandma to her children and their partners; Margaret and Ken McNamara, Theresa and Ashley Williams, Anne and Tony (dec.) Petrie, Carmel and Kevin O'Keeffe, Francis and Kim Mannion; and her 22 grandchildren and 36 great grandchildren.

Many thanks to Doctors and staff at NCN Health for their wonderful care of Mum.

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## CONDOLENCES

### MANNION, Maureen

Nathalia & District Historical Society is saddened to learn of the death of Maureen Mannion, a much respected and valued member of the society for many decades.

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- Murphy Street from Hunt Street to Bank Street – *this will remain closed from 6am Friday 21 April to Sunday 23 April.*

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 further information including a map showing the road closures, please visit our website or contact us on 5871 9222.**



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Elizabeth Oliver, Secretary.

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# Nathalia Bowling Club News

**A GREAT SUCCESS – The “FOOLS DAY TOURNAMENT”** - held at the Bowling Club on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2023 and with the weather being very pleasant, the 26 Teams of Triples entered, making seventy eight Bowlers in all competing, from all over Victoria and playing four games of ten ends. Attracting, not only bowlers from the Murray and Goulburn Valley Region but also a team from Glenroy, Melbourne and with \$1,500.00 prize money on offer, which was sponsored by the Nathalia Bendigo Bank, the competition was very competitive. The winners were a Numurkah Town Team with Ross Higgins, Paul Rees and Robbie Byrnes. receiving \$600.00. Runners Up was also a team from Numurkah Town with Alan Rogers, Ann Milkens and Bill Werner. Third prize was won by Keith Smith’s team from Tatura. The catering on the day was done by the Bowling Club Lady Members and the Wunghnu Café. The Greens were in excellent condition, all prepared by the Club Members.

President Bev Hutchins welcomed and thanked all for supporting Nathalia in this inaugural event and look forward to holding it again next year.

**More success** for the Club with two of our Bowlers, **Bev Hutchins and Fiona Rourke** who



Runners Up - Alan Rogers, Ann Milkens and Bill Werner

have been selected to play in the **Rowland Sutcliffe Trophy Bowls Day** which is played between the Goulburn Valley and Murray Bowls Region. It will be played at Shepparton Park at Kialla on Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>.

The **Trivia Night** on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April has had plenty of interest with many tables already booked. So get in now so you don't miss out. Ring the Club or look for the posters around town for details.

The Club also is holding a Bowling Day on Good Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April, with **all proceeds** going to the **ROYAL CHILDRENS HOSPITAL APPEAL**. Names to be in by 1pm on the day for 1.30pm start.



Winners Numurkah Town - Ross Higgins, Paul Rees and Robbie Byrnes with Steve Campbell. ~ Photos courtesy of Lyn Cooper



## Purps Women's & Youth Girls Football

### Womens:

Nathalia 15.16-106 def Tatura 0.4-4

**Goal Kicking:** Ki Cooper (5) Abby Favaro (4) Alyx Jorgensen (2) Caitlyn Price, Bec Kellett, Ella Dobell (1)

We dusted off our boots for our first game since our premiership, with 9 new girls on our side we had our work cut out to figure out our game plan. Tatura held their own with plenty of contest but the Purples just kept the pressure with our forward line smashing it securing the W. After a year off Marni Hicks came back firing, on top of every contest and pushing the ball forward. We welcomed Kendal Judd into the team quite happily; her game in the ruck really pushed the win over

the line winning almost every tap. Another newbie to the team Maree was all over the ball going at it hard the entire game, she never once dropped the pressure. In every contest and bringing the ball into the forward line, Aimee Sidebottom was the one to beat today no one could stop her. The one who gave it her all today Sarah Kautai had a crack and was constantly in the game, as a newbie to the game she played amazingly. Overall the girls came together and played an amazing game of football, a massive shout out to our forward line consistently scoring.

**Awards:** Rex James Stockfeed & mug: Marni Hicks Gagliardi & Scott: Kendell Judd CWA: Maree Stephson Stuart Bell: Aimee Sidebottom Barmah Hotel: Sarah Kautai

### Youth Girls:

Nathalia 1.1-7 def by Shepp Swans 14.13-97

**Goal Kicking:** Tayah Lundberg (1)

What a great day to play footy! We knew the reigning premiers would come out hard. Despite the score, the girls played a very strong 4 quarters and made us all very proud. Claudia Plattfuss and Sienna Jorgensen were stand outs on the day, winning the footy and taking the game on. Charlize Borg and Alana Sutton ran out a solid 4 quarters in the midfield and in the backline providing great kicks down the ground. Tayah Lundberg snuck in our first goal for the season in the last quarter. A great effort!

**Awards:** Barmah hotel - Sienna Jorgensen CWA - Claudia Plattfuss Sportfirst Numurkah - Charlize Borg Broken Creek Podiatry - Tayah Lundberg



Pictured: Nathalia Women's & Youth Girls started their season at Tatura on Sunday, 2nd April.

# In the Swing at Nathalia Golf Club



**Thursday, 16th of March** - four Ladies travelled to Valley View. Nancy, Heather, Lynette and Sonia. They had a great result, finishing in 5th spot with 94 points. The winners were Valley View on 102 points. Well done girls.

**Wednesday, 22nd of March** - the ladies played a 9 hole Ambrose winter season opener, two teams of three players. They finished with a draw.

**Friday fun day, 24th of March** - eleven players played Ambrose with some great results. But Mulligan's were in play so scores are not exact, the winning team ended up with 33 points. "what is a Mulligan?, answer = you can play a 2nd ball to replace a bad one."

**Sunday, 26th of March** - nine players turned up and Played stableford with Barrie Lindsay winning with 35 points and Mark Sposito had NTP on the 18th hole.

**Monday, 27th of March** - Heather Frostick and Nina Pell had a win at Numurkah 4BBB with 51 points. Great job ladies.

**Wednesday, 29th of March** - The GONG was played at Nathalia. The GONG has been played every year since 1967 apart from 3 years due to floods and covid.

Fourteen players from Numurkah and 6 players from Nathalia played this year's event.

The winner for DIVISION 1 was Bev Hutchins Numurkah 41 points and Runner-up went to Alison Keogh Nathalia 31 points.

DIVISION 2 winner was Robyn Bate Numurkah 33 points and Runner-up was Sonia Verlinden Nathalia 30 points.

NTP 2nd shot on 9th hole was Robyn Hodgkin Numurkah. NTP 18th Nola Dalton Numurkah.

GONG Winners NATHALIA 29.6 - NUMURKAH 24.64. Well done ladies.

**Sunday, 2nd of April** - THE CAPTAINS REVENGE FUN DAY was held. A great turn-up of twenty players on a perfect day for golf.

STROKE COMPETITION with no handicap's involved. The players had a number of different challenges to negotiate, some very difficult to handle but all had a great day out and had lots of fun. All twenty players winning chocolates for different challenges The main winners were Tony Brown and Kevin Scolyer. With the winning score of 100.

*Other prizes were:*

least number of strokes

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Most number of putts

There was also Longest putt on all of the 9 holes, and lots of other prizes.

Well done to all winners and thank you to all who turned up, we all had a great day out and enjoyed a BBQ and a drink after golf.

Wishing every one a safe and a happy Easter. Have a great Holiday and we will catch up after Easter. Great hitting all!



*Nancy Dunn with Peter Smith watching and Garry Manley walking off in shock. Putting with a ping pong ball.*

## NACC 2022-23 Presentation

Nathalia Association Cricket Club held their end of season awards presentation day on Sunday, 2nd April. Well done everyone on a great season, and congratulations to the following award winners...

**A Grade:** Batting Average, Bowling Average, MVP, Leigh Storer Medal and Best Player in Finals - Liam Evans

**B Grade:** Batting Average and MVP - Jason McKenna

Bowling Average - Archie Congues

**B Grade Womens:** MVP - Abby Favaro  
Coaches Award - Jessica Daniel

**C Grade:** Batting Average and MVP - Ned Frostick, Bowling Average - Gus Frostick

**U/16:** Batting Average, Bowling Average and MVP - Harry Ryan

Coaches Award - Aiden Botterill

**U/14:** Batting Average and MVP - Gus Frostick

Bowling Average - Charlie McDonald

Coaches Award - Brody Cooper-Tinkler

**Best Club Person** - Neale Hawks



Liam Evans - A Grade



Neale Hawks



Jason McKenna - B Grade



Archie Congues - B Grade



Jessica Daniel  
B Grade Womens



Ned Frostick - C Grade



Gus Frostick - C Grade & U/14



Harry Ryan - U/16



Aiden Botterill - U/16



Charlie McDonald - U/14

# Picola Utd v Yarroweyah Round 1

Round 1 for season 2023 saw us take on Yarroweyah. Well done to the Hoppers for all their hard work in getting competitive teams back on the track in season 2023.

Many thanks to all our coaches and team managers for getting all the players registered and ready to play. Always a big task early in the season.

This weekend we take on Mathoura away on Easter Saturday which is sure to be a big weekend.

Good luck to all teams this week!

~ President Clinton

**Under 11's:** Great to field a full side and see all the kids play for each other. Hard picking standouts as everyone had great moments through the game. Awards: Iron Estate: Will R R&T Fynch magic moment: Will McNair, Iron Estate canteen/lollyshop: Harry Baxter

**Under 14's:**

Picola 0.0-0 def by Yarroweyah 13.14-92

After a steady start the kids came alive in the second half, showing great determination and will against bigger opponents. In what was a solid team performance Mitch Daniel stood tall in defence earning himself best on ground. Thank you to the Under 11s who stepped up to ensure we had enough numbers.

Awards: Powerlivestock trophy B.O.G/Picola Hay Supplies: Mitch Daniel, Intersport Echuca: Ryan Caldwell, Jay & Bec Caldwell: Raudian Bray, Barmah Roadhouse voucher: Jayden Newman, Barmah Social Club canteen voucher: Lachie Moor, B.D: Billy Baxter

**Under 17's:**

Picola 27.9-171 def Yarroweyah 0.1-1

Goal kickers: T.Webber 11, M.Jorgensen, B.Orton 3, Z.Boslem, T.Baker 2, M.Burns, J.Burns, T.Moor, H.Dargan, J.Carpinteri 1

The Under 17's had a very good start to the season with a thumping 173 point win against Yarroweyah on Saturday. Matt Jorgensen was dominant in the midfield getting the ball to the best spots for the forwards allowing Tanner Webber to finish the day with 11 goals. A great great selfless team effort saw 10 separate goal kickers for Picola. Jack Hutchins in his first game for the blues proved his value in the ruck giving the mids the best opportunity to win the ball. Brandon Orton played a great role playing in almost every position on the ground and adding to the score board 3 times. It was a great win



3rds Football Jack Hutchins jumps up for the ball while Clancy Baker looks on.  
~ Photo courtesy Michelle Legge

with plenty of good signs for the season to come. Awards: Dove Motors mug/Lubke Engineering: Mathew Jorgensen, Intersport Echuca: Tanner Webber, B & E Daniel voucher: Jack Hutchins, Peter Limbrick: Logan Daniel, Barmah Roadhouse voucher: Brandon Orton, Barmah Social Club canteen voucher: Oscar Binks  
**Reserves:** Picola 14.8-92 def Yarroweyah 1.0-6  
Goal Kickers: D. Cunningham 10, D. Hatton 3, M. Hore

The Reserves started the season off with a solid win. Yarroweyah to their credit put the pressure on during the first half but the boys were able to take control of the game in the second quarter. An inexperienced backline held strong on multiple occasions and we were able to transition the ball well in periods with our forwards finishing off the plays. Dylan Cunningham bagging 10 goals and new player Dan "Dukes" Hatton 3 majors. Brad Power running the game out in the midfield was dangerous with with ball in hand and deserving winner of the BOG mug. Other notable performances go to Clay Stevens, Sean Wilson, Jacob Verhey-Taylor and Dan Halliday. A solid performance from all and very encouraging to see many new players get amongst it in the first hit out in the blue and white. Awards: Fertgrain mug/Yum Yum bricklaying: Brad Power, Brereton's Bakery voucher: Dylan Cunningham, Worklocker Echuca: Clay Stevens, Limbrick Accounting: Jacob Verhey-Taylor, Barmah Roadhouse: Sean Wilson

**Seniors:**

Picola 26.10-166 def Yarroweyah 5.1-31

Goal kickers: C.Haub 9, T.Beard 7, B.Jorgensen 4, L.Daniel 2, M.Dickason, D.Walsh, M.Walsh, M.Hore

A warm and sunny day was out on display for the first match of the home and away season for 2023. After months of preseason and many km's ran over the summer the boys came out with enthusiasm and energy from the get go. Tanner Smith and Matt Hore worked hard all day in the ruck and set up our midfielders nicely. In the first quarter our entry inside 50 was wasteful despite still hitting the scoreboard well. We tied this up and started sharing in the goals that followed. Cody Haub did not stop running all day long and finished up ever so close to 10 goals right on the siren. A fantastic performance by our co-captain. Ben Reid in defence was also instrumental in our success with his determination all day. Overall a strong performance by the men showing plenty of good signs and giving us some things to work. Awards: DMH Mug & Barmah Hotel voucher: Cody Haub, Brereton's Bakery Voucher: Ben Reid, Limos Mitre 10: Ben Turpin, Blake St Butchery: Al Corry, Barmah Roadhouse voucher: Blake Jorgensen

**Minis:** Awesome start to the season for our minis! Super impressed for the first game with the girls working great together. Awesome work to Imogene in shooting and Shelby working hard in defence. Great start to the season. Awards: Barmah Social Club: Imogene McLean, Intersport Echuca: Shelby McKenner

**13 & Under:** Picola 18 def Yarroweyah 3



Alyx Jorgensen in B Grade action  
~ Photo courtesy Cheryl Thorn

What a game to start round 1. The girls moved the ball effortlessly down the court. Our defensive pressure was outstanding creating many turnovers for the team, well done.

Awards: Baxter family medallion: Taneesha Atkinson, Barmah Social Club: Kloe McQueen

**15 & Under:** Picola 36 def Yarroweyah 12

It was a good first game for the Picola girls, they gelled together great and got the win. Moving the ball well and doing good defensively. A very positive start to the season, onwards and upwards from here. Let's go Picola! Awards: Intersport Echuca: Abbey Sheahan, Power livestock: Willow Davidson

**17 & Under:** Picola: 31 def Yarroweyah: 29

A great start to the season winning by 2 goals! Everyone tried their best from the start to the final whistle! Looking like it will be a fantastic season as we improve more and more every game! Awards: Barnett family award: Milla Teasdale, Intersport Echuca: Jordan Florance

**C Reserve:** Picola 48 def Yarroweyah 22

The girls came onto the court nervous but shook it off very quickly. Awesome effort and strength the full game to come away with a win. Grouse girls! Awards: Birch Earthmoving: Megan Hansen, Three Belles Cafe: Natasha Morgan

**C Grade:** Picola 43 def by Yarroweyah: 45

Awesome game girls. Everyone played amazingly. For our first game everyone settled quickly and worked together really well. Maddy played an amazing game in GA and was always everywhere, pocket rocket! Courtney was amazing in WA and was an awesome voice on the court. Can't wait for the next few weeks and for us to start gelling more like a team! Awards: Brereton's Bakery: Maddy Somerville Milking it Cafe: Courtney Cunningham

**B Grade:** Picola 25 def by Yarroweyah 35

Well done on a competitive 3 quarters. Defensive pressure was impressive. Team work and support was a key for your first outing as a new team. Thanks to our fill-ins. Awards: Scrumdiddleyumious catering: Holly Chalker, Casual Step: Alyx Jorgensen

**A Grade:** Picola 36 def by Yarroweyah 42

A great first game to the season, even though we didn't get the win the girls had some wonderful plays across the court. The girls gelled well with new combinations and players. Looking forward to seeing what the girls can do this season. Awards: Three Black Sheep/Colour & Co: Annabel O'Dea, Brereton's Bakery: Jacinda Beard



# Waaia Senior Footy Takes the Win



## Seniors:

Waaia 21.15-141 def Deni Rovers 12.11-83  
**Goal Kickers:** M. Brown 9, C. Burrows 5, D. Moncur 4, B. Coates, H. Walker, J. Trower  
 A solid start to the 2023 campaign for the Waaia boys at home against an eager young Deni Rovers side. In blustery conditions it was a hot contest early and Deni took the ascendancy in the first with the wind. A much better second quarter with some good ball use saw the half time score line turn around to give a big lead at the break. The third was back and forth as Deni charged back into the game with the wind leaving the game in the balance in the third, but ultimately the wind proved too strong and our Waaia boys managed to storm away and take a nice win to start the season. Plenty of positive things to take from the game with a solid contribution right across the board. Mark Bergamin was massive, stepping up in the ruck and was well supported at his feet by Ash Thompson and Austin Tricarico. Matt Brown booted 9 up forward with Dylan Moncur also popping up for 4. Jesse Trower ran hard and led from the front all day. A really nice way to start against what will be a good Deni side.

**Awards:** Rex James Stockfeed: Mark Bergamin, Bendigo Bank / Waaia Hotel: Matt Brown, Gagliardi Scott Real Estate & Telegraph Hotel: Jesse Trower, M O'Dwyer Most Determined: Harvey Walker, D Botterill Construction: Brayden Coates, Tyndall Excavations: Sam Boyd

## Reserves:

Waaia 13.9-87 def Deni Rovers 5.6-36  
**Goal Kickers:** M. Meyland 5, G. Meyland 2, J. Clarke, R. Bradbury, B. Harris, J. Cleeland, M. Sprunt, N. Cornick  
 Great way to kick of the season with a convincing win against a solid Deni. The boys took a quarter to find their feet but finished out the next three quarters strong. Plenty of work to be done, but the group looks forward to the year ahead.

**Awards:** GV Steel Supplies & Waaia Hotel: Brendan Harris, Graincorp / Telegraph Hotel: Mark Meyland, Numurkah Truck Repairs: Robbie Bradbury, Trelleborg Wheel System: Mason Sprunt, Sprunt Livestock: Greg Meyland  
**Under 17's:**

Waaia 1.0-6 def by Deni Rovers 22.20-152

**Goal Kickers:** A. Brooks

The boys came up against a very strong Deni side in their first game of the 2023 season. Deni

started the game very well and you could tell that their bigger bodies and high skill level would be difficult to match! The second quarter was a strong one for the bombers as they were able to match the physicality of the opposition and get a score on the board. Ultimately the Deniliquin side was too strong on the day, however there were plenty of positives for the Bombers. They'll look to take those positives into the next game going forward.

**Awards:** Jorgensen Refrigeration: AJ Brooks, Numurkah Nu Genes: Tom Daniel, JOT Farms: Kaleb Gilmour, Hoopers Garden Maintenance: Aiden Bryant, Stevenson Engineering: Aiden Hibma, Meat on Melville / Waaia Canteen: Hughie Stammers

**Under 14's:**

Waaia 2.1-13 def by Deni Rovers 14.8-92

**Goal Kickers:** O. Nichol, J. Brown

Our boys came up against a very strong and well drilled Deni side.

After finding our feet through the first half, the kids finished strong and showed all of the Bomber family just how promising they will be in the games ahead. Well done to an exciting group of young Bombers.

**Awards:** Murray Valley Rural & Plumbing: Oscar Buckland, Ultimate Auto Repairs: Jai Brown, GV House & Building Inspections: Spencer Caldwell, Numurkah Milk Supply: Blake Fairless, AgWarehouse / Waaia Canteen: Oscar Nichols



Ruby Arnel



Mitchell Cleeland

## MBCM Northern Country Women's League



### Women's Fixture

<b>Round 1</b> Echuca v Tatuta Nagambie - Bye <b>Easter Bye</b>	<b>2-April 2.30pm</b> Shepp Utd v Nathalia	<b>Round 7</b> Shepp Utd v Echuca Nathalia - Bye	<b>28-May 2.30pm</b> Nagambie v Tatura
<b>Round 2</b> Nathalia v Nagambie Shepp Utd - Bye	<b>9-April 16-April 2.30pm</b> Echuca v Tatura	<b>Round 8</b> Shepp Utd v Nathalia Tatura - Bye	<b>4-June 2.30pm</b> Echuca v Nagambie
<b>Round 3</b> Shepp Utd v Echuca Tatura - Bye	<b>21-April 7.30pm</b> Nathalia v Nagambie	<b>King's Birthday Bye 11-June</b>	
<b>Round 4</b> Nagambie v Tatura Nathalia - Bye	<b>30-April 2.30pm</b> Shepp Utd v Echuca	<b>Round 9</b> Echuca v Tatura Nagambie - Bye	<b>18-June 2.30pm</b> Nathalia v Shepp Utd
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<b>Interleague</b>	<b>21-May</b>	<b>Round 12</b> Nathalia v Nagambie Tatura - Bye	<b>9-July 2.30pm</b> Echuca v Shepp Utd
		<b>Preliminary Finals</b>	<b>16-July 23-July</b>
		<b>Grand Final</b>	



### Youth Girls Fixture

<b>Round 1</b> Moama v Shepp Swans Echuca Utd - Bye	<b>2-April 12.45pm</b> Shepp Utd v Nathalia	<b>Round 7</b> Shepp Utd v Moama Nathalia - Bye	<b>28-May 12.45pm</b> Echuca Utd v Shepp Swans
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# Nathalia's Senior Netball Off to a Good Start

## Netball

**A Grade:** Nathalia 38 def Cobram 18

A great start to the season securing our first win. Some really good passages of play that gives us the confidence of how much potential we have as a team. The more time we spend on the court together the better we will become. Looking forward to seeing our growth as each week arrives. **Awards:** Nathalia TJ's IGA BOC - Liv Tilyard, Northern Victorian Bait Co- Stacey Ross, Bells Water Cartage- Abbey Bell.

**B Grade:** Nathalia 61 def Cobram 18

Our B grade girls started off the season with a nice 43 goal win! After our first quarter nerves, we gained our composure and attained more control over the game. It was pleasing to see the girls gel together, with a relatively new team for 2023. We were able to practice our structures we have been working on in the lead up to round 1. It was a solid all-round team effort, the awards could've gone to a number of players. **Awards:** Les Rudd Haulage BOC- Millie Maskell, Bridge Hotel- Mikayla Oliver, Nathalia Hair & Beauty- Rhianna Webster.

**C Reserve:** Nathalia 40 def Cobram 25

What a way to start the season, with our first win. For a new team that hasn't played together, the girls looked like they've played together for years. They backed each other, supported each other and played an amazing game as a strong team. Very excited for the season with this very versatile team. **Awards:** Limo's Mitre 10 BOC - Hayley Wigmore, Three Belles- Evie Hawks, Brereton's Bakery - Emily Woods.

**U17s:** Nathalia 22 def by Cobram 36

It was great to be back on court for the first round of the season. The U17s had some great passages of play where goals were scored quickly. All girls worked hard throughout the game, unfortunately our defenders had to work over time with Cobram being too strong. The game was a first good step with growth opportunities recognized. **Awards:** Barmah Hotel BOC-Jasmine Johns, Sportfirst Numurkah-Layla Haberfield, Bendigo Bank- Ruby McIver

**U15s:** Nathalia 5 def by Cobram 30

The girls had a slow start against a tall opposition, however they improved as the game went on. There were lots of good drives out of defence, with some accurate shooting. Great game for the first round. **Awards:** Broken Creek Physio & Pilates BOC: Zahlia Kautai, Nathalia Post Office: Charlotte Whyte, Al's Café: Georgia Cavallaro.

**U13s:** Nathalia 9 def by Cobram 30

A slow start to the game today by the new U13's team. After a few rough passes the ball started to flow nicely down the court. Our momentum continued into the second half with more scoring shots and defensive intercepts. **Awards:** Bendigo Bank BOC: Ava Bourke, Shepparton Marketplace Subway: Tennille Kautai, TJ's IGA: Kiera Liddell.

**U11's:** We started off strong with the mid court girls taking many intercepts. The girls put in place the skills they have been learning at training and played well for the whole game. **Awards:** Past Players: Amelia Patone, Bendigo

Bank: Jordy Rudd, TJ's IGA: Georgia Smith, Nathalia Early Learning Centre: Isla Butler



*B Grade's Millie Maskell in defence.*

## Football

**Seniors:** Nathalia 10.6.66 def by Cobram 13.11.89

Goals: L. Evans 7, G. Boyd 3

Heading into round one, we were excited to see what the next generation of Nathalia players could bring, with seven kids under the age of 18 taking to the field. We were relatively confident heading into the contest but knew it would be a tough match. Cobram played very similar to the way we anticipated -- moving quickly by foot and by hand; and running hard, forward out of stoppages, which in the end proved too damaging for our game. This gave their forwards many more opportunities to kick goals. We had some great passages of play, with a noticeable performance from Gus Bramwell in his first year up from the 17s. Gus rucked most of the day and was very competitive. Ned Bramwell also performed very well, playing a lock-down role after halftime. Although we were a little starved of opportunities up forward, Liam Evans was exceptional, booting seven goals to keep us in the game. Liam has had a stellar pre-season and we anticipate a big year from him. The returning Ryan Butler was also fantastic across half back, picking up where he left off. Granted, we didn't get the result we wanted but we will take a lot from the match. We are confident our deficiencies from Saturday will be resolved over the next few weeks. **Awards:** Ryan Meat Co BOG - Liam Evans, Bourke Group- Gus Bramwell, Liddell Group Delcorp- Ned Bramwell, Bridge Hotel- Tom Nihill, Brereton's Bakery- Jared Laffy, Past Players- Ryan Butler

**Reserves:** Nathalia 1.3.9 def by Cobram 12.8.80

Goals: J.Vallender 1

First game for the year and a brilliant day ahead of us for football, Captain Jase won the toss and we were kicking with the wind. After the coaches from both sides agreed to remove a pocket from each end of the ground due to player availability the ends were wide open, Cobram used this open ground well with its very experienced forward line. Our back men did their best to limit

Cobram's attack in Aiden Lindsey, Byron Woods and Charlie Dietrich who repelled many inside 50s. Josh Gemmill was his usual tackling and pressure acting best in the centre alongside Sean Zammit's great work patrolling the ground in the ruck. Heath Wharton was a constant option up forward but we did struggle as a team with that last kick off the ground. Special mention to our 6 teenagers that played and played well, every game is an experience that will grow you as a player.

We look forward to the test against Tongala seconds side this week on our home soil.

**Awards:** Limbrick Accounting BOG- Josh Gemmill, Bridge Hotel- Heath Wharton, Bell's Water Cartage- Bryon Woods, Brereton's Bakery- Sean Zammit.

**3rds:** Nathalia 5.2.32 def by Cobram 8.9.57

Goals: J. Dohnt 2, R. Freeman 1

On a windy day that favoured the north end we faced a slick Cobram side. From the outset it was free flowing game that required a good level of discipline to win the ball back. The second term was a telling one where the Tigers kicked multiple goals with strong passages of play. The purple boys fought hard all day with some really positive passages of play where players linked well and shared the footy. Ned Frostick was extremely solid in the air taking many marks. Harry McDonald worked really hard to be a key linking player. Josh Dohnt and Baz McDonald were tireless in the midfield. It was great to see the likes of Levi Lewer and Billy Liddell play solid roles up forward. This was a good first effort with many positives to be taken from the game. **Awards:** Mark Quarrell Engineering- Ned Frostick, Mick's Pizza Shack - Josh Dohnt, AV Hughes Excavations- Harry McDonald, Barmah Hotel- Levi Lewer, TJ's IGA - Billy Liddell

**4ths:** Nathalia 0.0.0 def by Cobram 29.19.193

Our first hit out was up against a well drilled Cobram outfit, from the start our little fellas were up against it. Cobram moved the footy very quickly making our boys defend and chase hard all day. We have a very young and small side with a few boys playing their first game of football. Mason Hatton was fantastic in the ruck giving our onballers a chance to try and get the ball moving our way, Gus Frostick and Zander Quinn were hard at it trying to stem the flow down back and Dylan Morgan in his first game showed a lot of promise with his pressure and never give up attitude. The boys worked hard around the contest and didn't give up witch was great see. **Awards:** Past Players- Gus Frostick, Nathalia Printers - Cam Liddell, Rex James Stockfeed- Mason Hatton, Frostick Contracting- Caleb Russel Bendigo Bank- Dylan Morgan.



*Left: 4ths players being led on to the ground by Captain Gus Frostick (R) & VC Lachie Russell (L)*

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### Regional Funding needed yesterday

Travelling across the region I'm constantly hearing from locals about the need to fund grass roots community projects. But to do this, we need the Albanese Government to open regional funding schemes. Regional grants previously developed and delivered to our region by the Nationals were scrapped in Labor's October Budget. This grant helped fund dozens of local projects across our region. In October, the Government promised new regional funding schemes, but 6 months on there's nothing for organisations or councils to apply for to fund these economic and social driving projects. I'm demanding grants for regional communities open, and I won't stop until I see money on the table for our communities.

### Blowing the Whistle for our Community Sports Clubs

The need for regional funding extended last week when I spoke in Parliament about the need to provide infrastructure support for local community sporting organisations. Sporting clubs bring communities together and drive physical and social participation, no matter if you're a player, volunteer or spectator. I've set a task to train with as many local football and netball clubs as I can in my first term as MP. This not only allows me to keep up my fitness but is a chance for me to hear directly from constituents about what's important. However, during training I've seen the state of several sporting facilities and many need urgent attention. How can we encourage participation without providing support to clubs to upgrade their facilities? Take a look at the speech on my social media.



### Change of Date - Sam on the Street

Due to unfortunate circumstances, I had to postpone my Sam on the Street listening tours which were originally planned for Wednesday April 5th in Nathalia, Barmah and Picola. I'm sorry for the inconvenience and apologise to all who had planned to attend. I have rescheduled my visit to Friday April 14. I look forward to meeting with you and listening to what matters to you and your town.

- Nathalia** – 9.30am to 10.15am  
Grassed area, Blake Street
- Barmah** – 10.45am to 11.35am  
Park opposite the Pub
- Picola** – 12 noon to 12.45pm  
Main Street/Silo Art



### Anzac Day is just around the corner

This is a day for us all to come together and commemorate our heroes. You will soon receive an information brochure designed in partnership with The Australian War Memorial from me in your letterbox. This includes information, details of local services as well as a trusty biscuit recipe.



*Wishing you and your loved ones a happy and safe Easter!*



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