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In this Edition



Stuart Barnes (left) has been honoured with Lions the prestigious International "Melvin Jones Award".
Read about all the Lions Awards on page 3.



The U3A Photography Group's recent topic was 'reflections'.
This beautiful photo is by Judy Ormond.
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Attendees at the final service for St Paul's Anglican Church at Wakiti Creek.
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Joan & Vic Dohnt have donated another sculpture to NCN Health Nathalia. Find out more on page 5.

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Hosted by Disaster Legal Help Victoria and featuring Mr. John Berrill, a principal at Berrill & Watson Lawyers. With over three decades of experience, John specialises in insurance, superannuation, and consumer law, representing workers, consumers, and individuals with disabilities. Visit our website for registration details and further flood recovery information.

Council Meeting - August

The next scheduled meeting of Council will be at 4.30pm on **Wednesday 23 August 2023** at the Cobram Civic Centre. This meeting will be open to the public as well as being live streamed on our Facebook page. Questions from the public must be submitted using the Questions of Council form on our website by 4.30pm the Monday prior to the meeting. Submitted questions will be responded to during Question Time of Council.

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Nathalia Lions Club Awards

Nathalia & District Lions club recently held their change over meeting in the idyllic location of Pat's Hut. It was a casual affair with everyone enjoying casseroles and desserts provided by the members. District Governor John Houghton travelled from Wangaratta to join the meeting, and surprised members by presenting 5 awards to members. The first members to receive awards were Lions Jess Tyack and Marie Birch who received a "Silver Award" in recognition of their dedicated support of the Nathalia & District Lions Club and Childhood Cancer Research. Lions Elvie Barnes and Brian Setters were then presented with the "Lions 201V6 Chris August Memorial Award" in recognition of outstanding contribution and support to the Lions Club of Nathalia & District.

The final award was then awarded to Lion Stuart Barnes who received the prestigious International "Melvin Jones Award"

The Melvin Jones award is named after the founder of Lions and is the highest form of recognition awarded by Lions Clubs International.

Stuart joined Nathalia Lions in November 1987 and along with



Stuart Barnes accepting his Lions International Melvin Jones Award from District Governor John Houghton.



Nathalia Lions Club members with the awards presented to them by District Governor John Houghton.

L-R. Lions Brian Setters, Jess Tyack, Marie Birch, District Governor John Houghton, Stuart Barnes, Elvie Barnes.

his wife Elvie have been involved with many Lions projects over the past 35 years, including President 3 times, Secretary 3 times and is currently the Club's Treasurer for the fourth time.

Stuart also served 2 years as Zone Chairman. For over 25 years, Stuart was a member of the Lions New Year's Eve Carnival Committee poultry auction office staff for over 15 years and helped organise the Lions Poker runs, Roarers Rally & Postie Bike rides to Alice Springs and Perth.

During the 35 years Stuart has been a member you could say there isn't one project he hasn't had some input into.

Well done Stuart on your years of dedicated service to Lions and the Nathalia & District Communities.

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I wonder why this is. I am far more likely to heed the wisdoms of those close to me once they have died, than I ever did when the wisdoms were offered to me when they were alive.

My mother, Kay to you, Glad to me would always ask: who should I thank for this? The Shire? And I would spend my time being irritated and correcting her as to the funding source, or the ideas source, or just plain me for getting her there.

She had a great sense of the organizational and the structural, as well as the personal. Whilst very appreciative of the delicious food, the warmth and care of the people who cleaned her clothes and brought them to her room, the people who made sure her TV was tuned to Classic FM, the people who she spent her days with, she was very interested in who she should thank for this all being possible. She was also very interested in whether she/we could afford it.

And I see now that she is asking a really important question. That it is not simply a polite, who should I thank before I leave kind of question. It is a question about all the forces that have come together to make such a moment in time possible. It is also a question about whether all of those forces are sufficiently recognized and acknowledged for the simplest of reasons, we would like them to continue doing what they did to contribute to this particularly fine moment.

These thoughts were prompted by Liam Kelly's sharing of a family ritual: the resonance of the affirmations of "you did good" and "we did good". There is the deliberate emphasis of the ungrammatical that prevents an idea from being skipped over. There is the deliberate play on the meaning of good to be not only a performance standard but also an intention to add to the lives of others.



Liam generously spoke to us at last Saturday night's screening of Can Art Stop a Bullet? William Kelly's The Big Picture. For those fortunate to be there, there was no doubt that "we did good".

And it is my mother's question: who do I thank that can lead to identifying the complexity of individuals, tasks, finances, good will that it took to do that good.

Meanwhile, just the Friday night before, in a smaller setting (The G.R.A.I.N. Store), and in smaller numbers (50s rather than 150s) "good" was being done by musicians Carter & Carter, teachers, SMOTA music students, family and community audience as soloists and complete group preformed songs they admired and songs they had created. So I thank Carter & Carter, Kim Carter, Vanessa Byrnes, the performers, school colleagues, families and community members for all the other priorities they let drop for that evening so we could collectively appreciate the music created.

Exhibition Opening Amplify Sunday 13 August 2-3.30pm

Meanwhile, visual artists in the area have for months been facing the challenge of the Exhibition theme: Amplify. You might have seen Ruby's poster with the spotlight image.

If you are puzzled by what they could do for this...well they were pretty daunted too. The Opening of their Exhibition provides an opportunity for you to come meet some of the artists; listen to their thoughts on why and how they have created the pieces they have. Everyone is welcome. There is no entry fee. And we would so very much like to thank you for coming.



Nathalia Choir performed songs of peace.



MEALS ON WHEELS August 11th - 25th

August	
Friday 11th	Mary Agius
Monday 14th	St Mary's of the Angels
Tuesday 15th	Dawn Bowen & Patricia Hawks
Wednesday 16th	Nathalia Primary School
Thursday 17th	Marlene Moor
Friday 18th	David & Cheryl McKenzie
Monday 21st	St Mary of the Angles
Tuesday 22nd	Darryl Hill & Mary Wilson
Wednesday 23rd	Nathalia Primary School
Thursday 24th	Carmen Gilson
Friday 25th	Graeme Smith

If you can cover one of the volunteer required runs please contact Laura, Volunteer Programs Co-ordinator - MHA Care Phone 03 5742 1111

CHURCH TIMES

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Vic and Joan Dohnt have done it again!

This week Vic and Joan Dohnt generously added to the sculptures located at the front of NCN Health Nathalia.

The Koala sculpture, like the Emu and Kangaroo before it was designed and created by Shepparton artist Mark Niglia. The sculptures are created from recycled steel reinforcements left over from concreting jobs.



Talking with Vic after he presented the sculpture he said that he loves giving back to the local community, and expressed how lucky we are to have such a wonderful health service in the local area.

The addition of the Koala sculpture into the garden was not done alone, Vic would like to personally thank Noel Gemmill and Kevin Styles for their help in preparing the site and erecting the Koala.



*Koala Sculpture for NCN Health Nathalia.
L-R: Ali Beatson – Director of Clinical Service, Joan Dohnt, Vic Dohnt, Jacque Phillips – CEO NCN Health*

In October 2022 Vic and Joan, along with community volunteers generously donated the Emu and Kangaroo to NCN Health and in doing so have created a visual feature as you enter the Health Service.

The addition of the Koala only adds to the display, highlights the regions natural beauty and deepens community ties.

What's on Locally



Aug 14	BINGO - Nathalia Senior Citizens Clubrooms. Eyes down at 1pm.
Aug 18	Open House Craft Day - Nathalia Senior Citizens Clubrooms 10am.
Sept 2	Bushwackers Song & Dance, The G.R.A.I.N. Store, Nathalia
Sept 16	Poultry Auction
Oct 7	Nathalia Agricultural Show
Oct 13	Geoff Achison Blues Rock @ The G.R. A. I. N. Store, Nathalia
Nov 2	Run4KB Sportsmen's Night
Nov 18	Poultry Auction
Dec 9	Nathalia Christmas Market

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NCN Health Celebrates Aged Care Employees

On Monday August 7, NCN Health celebrated Aged Care Employee Day with morning and afternoon teas across each campus. Aged Care Employee Day is a great opportunity to recognise all the staff at NCN Health who support the care of our residents. This includes non-clinical and clinical staff such as administration, kitchen, laundry and maintenance staff, nurses and diversional therapists. Many thanks to all our aged care staff for your hard work and dedication.



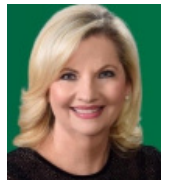
'Move Well, Eat Well, Think Well'

Students in Grade 1/2 at St Francis Primary School have been investigating the importance of making healthy decisions and describing how to help keep themselves and others healthy, safe and physically active. This term, in their inquiry unit, **'Move Well, Eat Well, Think Well'** they have investigated the human body and described how our body is growing and changing. As well as developing knowledge and understanding of the stages of the human life cycle, students have combined this learning with SAKG cooking sessions to deepen their understanding of how the food they eat impacts on their bodies ability to participate in sports.



Time is running out on the \$250 Power Saving Bonus

The fourth round of the Power Saving Bonus is set to finish at the end of the month. The Nationals Member for Shepparton District, Kim O'Keeffe, is encouraging anyone who has not yet applied for the current round to do so before the August 31 deadline. "My office is often contacted by people in the community who are struggling with to stay on top of bills with the cost-of-living skyrocketing and living expenses going through the roof," said Ms O'Keeffe. "I would urge everyone who hasn't already applied for this round of funding to do so before the August 31 cut off. "If you require assistance with your application, the team at my office can help you out." The current round, open since late March, offers a \$250 payment to all eligible Victorian households, including those households who received prior round payments. If you would like assistance applying for the Power Saving Bonus, feel free to visit Ms O'Keeffe's office at 5 Vaughan Street, Shepparton, or call 5831 6944. A full copy of a recent power bill is required to apply.



Kim O'Keeffe MP

Nathalia Show Update LEGO Masters Coming to Nathalia!



Fleur from LEGO Masters is coming to the 2023 Nathalia Show. She will be judging the LEGO classes. Fleur is pictured with some of her creations.

We are thrilled to announce that we are having Fleur from season 3 of LEGO Masters coming to the Nathalia Show on Saturday 7th October!!

Fleur will publicly judge the LEGO classes on Saturday morning (time tbc closer to date-watch FB page) and then be around for meet and greet, and to answer any questions about her time on LEGO Masters and life with LEGO.

We are SO EXCITED about this! We've seen some great trial runs (remember the theme is 100 years of Disney).

We have also expanded the schools section to include any other (junior) clubs like scouts and guides. Time to get building!

It's been an exciting few weeks- the final show schedule is available NOW at Nathalia Printers or online at www.nathaliashow.com.



Fleur from LEGO Masters season 3.

Thank you to the Nathalia Printers team for their assistance and prompt service getting the schedule done for us.



See you at the Show!

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Museum Moments...

Brought to you by Judy Ormond & Lyn Franklin on behalf of the Nathalia & District Historical Society.

There are many reports throughout the local newspapers emphasising the importance of the bell tower. This area became a special meeting place for the people of Nathalia. The *Nathalia Herald*, 25 July 1915 printed that: *Australia Day in Nathalia is to be celebrated by a Motor Gymkhana and carnival in the recreation reserve. The procession will assemble at the bell tower and proceed direct to the reserve. The committee would like to see as many vehicles as possible, no matter what they are: buggies, motors, jinkers or spring carts – to be decorated, as it all adds to the brightness and gaiety of the scene. [Abridged].*

An article written by unknown journalist, entitled **RECRUITING TRAIN**, was published in the *Nathalia Herald*, 30 May 1916. The paper alerted the people of Nathalia that: *The Recruiting Train visits Nathalia, Wednesday, 31st May 1916. The train is timed to arrive at Nathalia at 4.35 p.m. and depart at 5.35 p.m. The addresses are to be delivered at the bell tower and that all should meet the train. The firemen, cadets, school children and friendly societies have been asked to March, and anyone with a motor car is requested to bring it to the station to assist in bringing the party to the bell tower. The firemen are requested to be at the railway station at 4.15 sharp, in uniform. A bellman is to be employed to rouse people out and will commence his duties at 3 p.m. As this is a time of a great national crisis, all should be present to hear the plain facts placed before them.*

The *Nathalia Herald*, 17 April 1917, printed the sad news that Private W. Cleary of Nathalia was killed in action on 15 March. The Union Jack was run up to half-mast at the **bell tower**. The young man was a fireman of the local brigade. A week later, the *Nathalia Herald*, 24 April 1917, advertised that: *"The second anniversary of ANZAC Day takes place on Wednesday 25th April, and locally the Union Jack will be flying at the bell tower."* A week later, the following advertisement appeared in the

Nathalia Herald, 31 July 1917. The paper confirmed that: *"A memorial service to the district fallen soldiers will be held at the Bell Tower on Wednesday, August 15th, at 3 p.m."*

The Sportmen's Thousand Band arrived in Nathalia on 13 August 1917, and were met by a large crowd. They played strains of music from the train to the bell tower, from where they were taken to the different homes of citizens. A concert was held in the Public Hall where the band and other artists performed. The price of admission was one shilling per adult and children six pence. The Nathalia Herald, also stated that: "The band took part in the memorial service, held at the Bell Tower."

To be continued.....



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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Rotary Report

On July 26th... we held a meeting at the bakery, as reported in my last article. Now for a few lines about this mostly social event, with guest speaker.

There were about twenty of us at the venue: most of our club's members and two partners, some members from Numurkah Rotary Club, Nathalia Probus was also represented and SMOTA principal, Matt Carver was our guest speaker. A number of people attended to show their support for Ross Smith; before the evening began we held a minute's silence in honour of the late Anne Smith.

We were allowed to take our own drinks, and some people did; others bought non-alcoholic drinks when paying for their meals. Dinner was chicken parma with chips and salad; the serves were rather large and a few people took left overs home.

After the meal, President Loula introduced Matt Carver and asked him to speak to us, which he did... and mostly about St Mary of the Angels. This is a Catholic co-educational Secondary College which has about 680 students; they come from Nathalia, Numurkah, Wunghnu, Tallygaroopna, Cobram, Yarroweyah, Strathmerton, Katamatite, Katunga, Barooga, Tocumwal, Finley and townships in between. The College operates its own private bus system, has eleven coaches in its fleet and fifteen drivers. There was more about the curriculum, the "partnership" between SMOTA and NSC and the senior students taking classes at each other's schools, etc. Matt also talked about a 2024 pilgrimage, for adults, to some holy sites...including Assisi.



Matt Carver SMOTA Principal & Rotary President Loula Oliver



Rotary meeting at Brereton's Bakery

Questions and answers followed then our guest speaker was thanked and given a small gift in appreciation, by the president.

We were to have a meeting on the 9th but that has been cancelled due to a few of our members attending Shepparton South Rotary club's late changeover.

Our next get together will again be at the bakery but it won't be a "normal" meeting: instead we will host the debate between teams from SMOTA and NSC. Should be an excellent evening and we all look forward to these events.

There will be a board meeting two weeks later, and our first meeting in September will have a guest speaker again; this time a kindergarten representative will tell us how our donation was spent.

It has been very quiet at the respite house recently...the current cost of living would be a big factor in people spending less on holidays of course...but, all the same, we hope that an article written by yours truly for the Circulator (Heart & Lung Transplant Trust (Vic) Inc.'s magazine), will attract some bookings... time will tell.

This is it this time; the next Rotary News is sure to give results of the August 16th debate...with photos...and other news also.

Oh, and on a personal note, hubby John took a road trip last week to a couple of car museums in Gippsland. As he was in the area he phoned the Gunns and was invited to visit. Past Rotarian/ Men's Shed member (and instigator) Ken, and Coral Gunn asked to be remembered to their friends at Nathalia.

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Broken Creek Drama

A LEGEND

It had been a terrible season for the football club's seconds and in particular, for Ben, their hefty full forward, the team's *Pluggie Lockett*. There had been many losses and blowouts all year, but last weekend's game had been the worst. In the dying minutes, Ben had missed a set shot for goal from only 15 metres out. They would have won the match; everyone was devastated.

However, tonight all of that was forgotten. A large crowd of his teammates were gathered around him cheering him on, for he was about to finish a record sixth pie at the club's annual pie night.

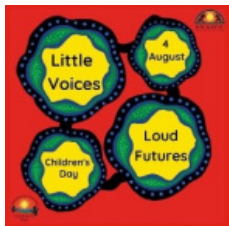


National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Children's Day

“Little Voices – Loud future.”



Children and Educators from Barmah Kindergarten & Occasional Care and Nathalia & District Preschool gathered last week to celebrate National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Children's Day.



Children enjoyed a variety of activities as they immersed themselves in the sights, sounds, colours and textures of their environment. This day is a time for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families and communities to celebrate the strength and culture of our children.

Inside they painted cardboard boomerangs using colours that represented the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Island flags, threaded beads to make necklaces and bracelets and created with red, yellow and black playdough. This then prompts conversations about why the three colors are represented on the indigenous flag.

Outside they enjoyed climbing trees, using wattle, gum leaves, water & dirt in the mud kitchen and tried their hands at lighting the campfire with the flint lighters.

At lunchtime everyone gathered around the campfire and joined in as Robyn led us in a Welcome to Country.

Sausages in bread and cupcakes decorated to represent the Aboriginal flag were enjoyed by all.



Hana, Maliki and Audrey creating a bracelet with the beads.



Margot & Mila painting



Robyn Trickey cooking sausages with McKenzie, Maliki, Sam H & Asher enjoying their sausage in bread.



Right: Nixon and Phoenix using the flints to start the fire.



Henry enjoying his cupcake.



Robyn & Phoenix leading the Acknowledgment to Country.



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Caterpillar Corner

National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Children's Day

Each Wednesday when the kinder children attend Bush Kinder we say our acknowledgement, we felt it was important that we include Yorta Yorta language, as the repeating each Wednesday would help with learning.

We thank the first people on Woka (country).
The Yorta Yorta Yenbena (people).
For the care of the; Sky – Yurratha,
Trees – Ganga, Rivers – Wala, Animals – Yedabilla & People.



Left: Our yellow play dough included insects, particularly ants which we've been observing at bush kinder and these beautiful wooden people with authentic Aboriginal designs in a range of diverse colours.

Above: One of our Educators wove this grass tiara, so we've been experimenting with wire, foil and tissue paper. Some of our art includes; snakes, snails and boomerangs. Pictured below.



Left: This book compares life 'Now and Then' and is written in both English and an Indigenous language.



Nathalia Primary School News



It has been a busy Term 3 so far at Nathalia PS. We have had some great news that we were successful in gaining a significant grant to establish Out of Hours Care (OSHC) at the school starting in 2024. This will create an opportunity for all primary school aged children in Nathalia to access care onsite.

We have 2 new teaching staff that we welcomed at the start of the term. Ms Helen Williams will be working in our 4/5 classroom for the remainder of the year as we farewell Ms Aviva Lindsay as she starts her exciting journey as a new mum. We also welcome Ms Rebecca Astley who will be our new PE teacher.

This week we celebrated 100 days of school for our new Foundation students. They will be having a dress up day next Tuesday to celebrate. Some very excited students. Watch out for photos next edition.

We have been so happy to continue our links with Nathalia SC. Year 9 students from the college having been running sport sessions each Wednesday with our grade 5/6 students. It has been very engaging for everyone involved and to continue our links our grade 4-6 students have

been invited down to assist the TAFE/VCAL hairdressing students as models to get their hair done.

Nathalia PS has been working hard to increase the amount of opportunities and experiences for our students, we have implemented daily clubs that run during break times. Our clubs at the moment include cooking, board games, gardening, knitting, library sessions, colouring, out door games such as bocce. These clubs have been extremely popular with our students and we have been approached by a few parents that would also like to run clubs such as Lego. We welcome parents to be involved, if you have an idea or are willing to participate please speak to Mr Troy Woolley for details.



Loch Garry levee breach repairs complete

Goulburn-Murray Water (GMW) has completed repairs of the levee breaches at Loch Garry, with staff still on site to complete some ongoing clean-up works.

GMW is responsible for the upkeep of nine kilometres of levee at the loch. During the October 2022 floods, sections of the levee were damaged, including four major breaches.

Northern Constructions Group was awarded the contract to repair the levee. The repairs included importing of clay via truck, and the construction of an access track to enable machinery to reach the breaches.

GMW Infrastructure Delivery Services general manager Warren Jose said he was pleased with the outcome of the project.

“The levee breaches have been repaired to a high standard despite some challenging conditions, including works being interrupted as we received double the average rainfall in June,” he said.

“We are grateful for the dedication of all the workers on site. We also appreciate the local landholders who have supported the works by allowing machinery onto their properties while the repairs have been taking place.”

The reinstatement works at the site will continue into early August. The section of Loch Garry Road near the regulator will remain closed during this period.

“Please continue to take extra care when using the surrounding roads, as there will be increased heavy traffic in the region,” Mr Jose said.

“We thank people for their patience during the completion of these works.”



Completed Levee

Further information on the repairs can be found on the GMW website: www.g-mwater.com.au/news-updates/notices/repairs-to-levee-at-loch-garry.html

NFNC Ladies Day

What an amazing day on Saturday 29th July! Thank you to the 120 women that come along and made such a fun day/night. We love seeing you all have fun.

We would like to give a huge shout out to all of our amazing businesses that donated to our raffle.

We had 50 prizes. Your generosity blows our minds. So thank you.

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Thank you to Drew & Anna Barnes for all the tables and chairs. They looked amazing. We'd also like to thank our 3 Bartenders- Leon, Anthony and Eddie, you kept the drinks flowing for the ladies. Thank you to the guys that help do the heavy lifting for setup & pack up.

NFNC Trip to the MCG



On Sunday 30th July the Nathalia FNC Thirds and Fourth's boys went to the Melbourne vs Richmond game at the MCG.

This trip would not have been possible without the input from On Trend Cabinetry & the Nathalia Senior players who sponsored the trip. We thank you guys for making this happen for the kids. The kids all had a blast and will have long lasting memories especially getting drowned on the way back to the bus after the game!



Nathalia Secondary College News



PRINCIPALS' DAY

Friday 4th August was Principal's Day in Victoria. We would like to acknowledge the positive influence that Mr Robinson and Mr Carroll have had on our school community, their leadership and guidance ensures that both our students and staff feel valued and supported.

Those that enter our gates always feel welcomed with a sense of belonging.

Thank you for all that you do!



TIGHT LINES—FISHING

'Tight lines' is a new subject this semester, running at Year 9/10 and is based around the recreational pastime of fishing.

Students partake in literacy, numeracy, practical projects and a weekly double period of actual fishing.

The group managed to land 7 carp from the Broken Creek last week. Cody landed 3 of those and the biggest at 33cm.



YEAR 9/10 SPORTS LEADERS

The Year 9/10 Sports Leaders class has started running a 4-week cricket program for students from Nathalia Primary School (5/6 class).

Students demonstrated high levels of encouragement and leadership in our first coaching session.

We look forward to working with students from Nathalia Primary School over the next few weeks.





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De-consecration of St Paul's Wakiti Creek

A Service of Thanksgiving and De-consecration of St Paul's Anglican Church, Wakiti Creek in the Anglican Parish of Numurkah-Nathalia, was held on Saturday 29th July 2023.

Led by the Right Reverend Clarence Bester, Bishop of Wangaratta, assisted by Archdeacon Neil Hicks, and Rev Gunner Rippon, with the lesson read by Marj Smith and Intercessions by Rob Elliott.

The church was packed, with standing room only for the final service.

Refreshments were served in the grounds following the service.

St Paul's was dedicated in 1895 by the Bishop of Melbourne, Field Flowers Goe. It has served the district of Wakiti Creek as a place of worship, and has been the site of many baptisms, marriages and funerals over the years.

Many who attended would have had mixed emotions as they reflected on the role St Paul's had played in their lives and in the lives of their forebears.

The building will be relocated to Wakiti Creek Resort, and be available as a chapel, whilst eventually the land will be offered for sale.

~ Lou Hamon

Pictured right: L-R: Archdeacon Neil Hicks, Bishop Clarence Bester and Rev. Gunner Rippon.



1895 - 2003

A cool, foggy morning greeted us on Saturday 29th July, as about 43 people travelled long distances to the Wakiti Creek area to attend a very special church service, the final Thanksgiving Service and De-consecration of St. Paul's.

Following the service, a lovely country style morning tea and a cuppa was enjoyed by all who attended.

After 130 years of religious service to the Wakiti community, the doors of St Paul's Anglican Church have finally closed.

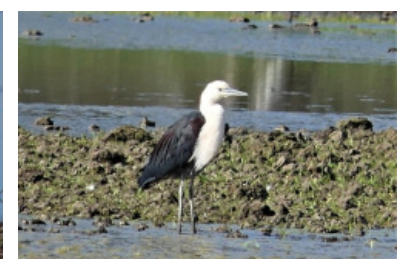
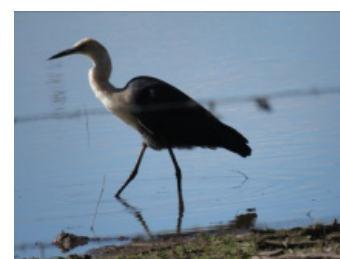
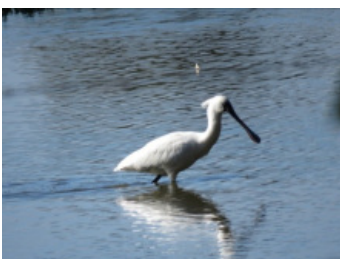
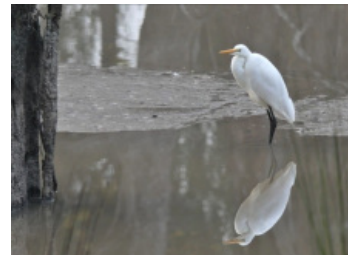
~ Judy Ormond



U3A Photography Group - Reflections



With so much water across the district, many beautiful reflection photographs were captured. On Saturday, 5th August, six members of the U3A Photography Group, focused their cameras of birdlife and forest reflections. Later the group relaxed by a quiet pool of water and enjoyed morning tea in the glorious sunshine.



Volunteer Grants Now Open

Federal Member for Nicholls, Sam Birrell MP, is encouraging local not-for-profit-community organisations to express interest in the Federal Government's Volunteer Grants Program.



Sam Birrell MP

The Volunteer Grants Program aims to support the efforts of local volunteers as well as encourage, support and increase participation in volunteering.

Mr Birrell said volunteers are the backbone of local organisations.

"Volunteers bring communities together and drive physical and social wellbeing of residents."

"Clubs and groups across Nicholls rely on the selfless work of volunteers and these grants aim to give volunteers a much needed hand up."

"Community groups, projects, services and events could not go ahead without the efforts of volunteers," he said.

Eligible not-for-profit community organisations can apply for grants of between \$1,000 and \$5,000.

Mr Birrell said organisations can request an

Expressions Of Interest form by emailing:

sam.birrell.mp@aph.gov.au

"While the grants are small, the impact will be much bigger, and comes at a good time for organisations that are rebuilding their volunteer base following the pandemic and floods," Mr Birrell said.

Funding can be used in a variety of ways including purchasing eligible small equipment used by volunteers, fuel costs for volunteers, assisting with the cost of training courses for volunteers, costs to undertake background screening checks for volunteers, support volunteers' safety, and conducting activities to promote and increase participation in volunteering.

EOI's open Tuesday August 1, 2023 and close Monday September 4, 2023.

EOI's will be assessed by a community panel and selected EOI's will be invited to submit an application form, before grants are assessed by the Department of Social Services.

To find out more about eligibility visit <https://www.communitygrants.gov.au/>

CWA Recipe



Thanks to the Nathalia Nightwatch CWA branch who are going to provide us with some budget friendly recipes for your use. Recipes will be from their mince and lamb cookbooks. This first recipe is a favourite for cooking with mince, the meat pie.

MEAT PIES

From *Mince Matters*

Make your own Shortcrust pastry or use frozen shortcrust pastry.

Bake in the oven or use a pie maker to make your meat pie/s.

SHORTCRUST PASTRY

- 1 cup (150 g) Plain flour
- 1 cup (150g) S.R. flour
- 1/4 teaspoon lemon juice
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup butter
- 1/3 to 1/2 cup water



Method: Sift flours and salt. Add butter, rub into flour using fingertips, until mixture resembles breadcrumbs. Gradually add lemon juice and sufficient water to mix to a firm dough. Turn dough onto floured board and knead until smooth. Roll out half of the pastry and place on the bottom of a 20-22cm pie plate/dish, or two 15cm pie dishes. Brush the shortcrust pastry edges of the pie with water to moisten, add meat filling and place top half of the pastry on the top. Press the pastry edges together to secure. Trim any excess pastry with a sharp knife then crimp the edges. (You can use the trimmings to make decorations for the top of the pie, or to make jam tarts.) Make two slots in pastry to allow steam to escape and glaze with egg yolk or milk. Bake in hot oven 180-190°C for 25 to 30 minutes until golden brown.

Serve with chips and/or vegetables.

MEAT FILLING

- 1 kg lean mince steak
- 1 onion diced
- salt and pepper to taste
- 1 tablespoon Plain flour
- 1 cup beef stock

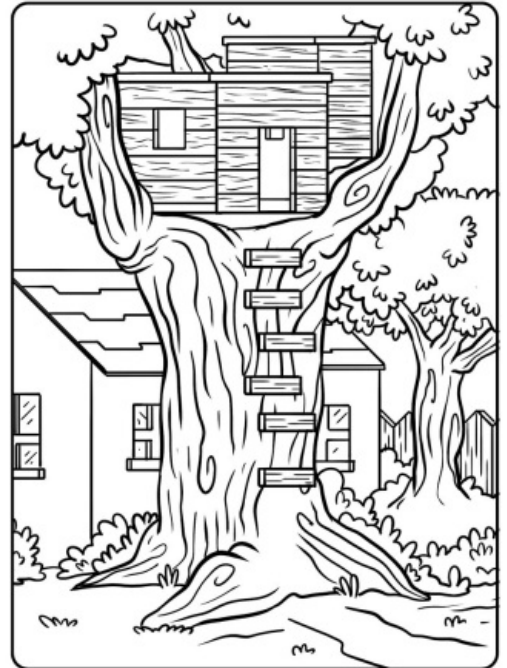
Place meat, onion, flour and seasonings in a saucepan and stir well. Add beef stock, stir until boiling and simmer for 15 minutes. Cool slightly then use to make pie/s.

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3. People have stepped on me, but not many. I never stay full for long. I have a dark side. What am I?
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APPLICATIONS TO BE EMAILED TO:
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APPLICATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY, 25TH AUGUST 2023

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CONDOLENCES



SMITH, Anne

Nathalia Senior Citizens Club offer their sincere condolences to Ross and family at the sudden passing of Anne.



MEETINGS



Annual Meeting

Monday 28th August | 6:30pm

Venue: Nathalia Lawn Tennis Club house

Everybody connected to the club and anybody who would like to connect are welcome to attend.
 Club contact: Secretary Rodney James mobile ☎ 0419 133 441

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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Nathalia v Tocumwal Round 17



C Reserve: Nathalia 48 def Tocumwal 37

Great game by the girls! They worked hard all game to make sure they came away with the win. Sarah was on fire in goals and did a great job helping work the ball around in the attack end. Emily created a few turnovers and was always there when needed in attack. Jayda came up from Under 15's to help us out and dominated in centre. Well done ladies! **Awards:** Limo's Mitre 10 BOC: Sarah Delwig, Three Bells Coffee & Cake: Emily Woods, Brereton's Bakery Voucher: Jayda Liddell.

C Grade: Nathalia 65 def Tocumwal 26

A well deserved win for the girls. After coming off a rocky game the week before, we were determined to come out firing from the first whistle and everyone delivered. Elliott played an absolute ripper, getting plenty of intercepts and helping to bring the ball out of defence. Schram shot at 95% accuracy, holding her space well all while being double teamed most of the time. It was like Caito never missed a beat returning to the court after a few weeks off, getting bulk of the rebounds and shutting the attack end down. The girls should be very proud. **Awards:** TJ's IGA: Elliott Binks, Mick's Pizza Shack: Christie Schram, Nathalia Hair & Beauty: Caitlin Boschetti.

B Grade: Nathalia 61 def Tocumwal 27

We came out guns blazing in our first quarter shooting 19 goals! The girls stayed consistent up until three quarter time. Our 4th quarter wasn't our best but we stuck at it as our aim was to reach 60 goals. Lots of great passages of play down the court, the girls are really starting to gel well together even when they are playing different positions to normal. Great win by the girls! **Awards:** Les Rudd Haulage: Millie Maskell, NFNC Meal Voucher: Millie Casey, Casual Step: Amber Steicke.

A Grade: Nathalia 49 def Tocumwal 27

The sun was shining and the girls played some great netball to get a win on the board. Our defensive pressure all over the court allowed us to turn the ball over and our composure and patience in the attack end kept us in control of the game till the end. This was a very even team effort with all girls playing their role. Well done girls!! **Awards:** TJ's IGA: Stacey Ross, North Victorian Bait Co: Liv McDonald, Bell's Water Cartage: Jessi Hicks.

Under 14's: Nathalia 0.3.3 def by Tocumwal 3.14.32

In what can only be described as a wasted opportunity, the boys were outclassed in a tough and very foggy match. The backline boys held as tough as they could, with the Russell boys (Lachie and Caleb), Jas Pav and Duane Shaw repelling numerous attacks hoping their midfield team mates would turn up and help. From the pressure of those boys and the occasional help from Captain Gus Frostick they managed to force Toc to kick inaccurately rather than converting every forward thrust (14 behinds kicked). Mason, Hamish and Hugh tried their hardest to get first use of the ball, but unfortunately Toc's players made us work harder than what we thought we would have to. Jase Limbrick presented hard all day and at every



Congratulations to Jessi Hicks who played her 150th senior game for Nathalia on the 29th July.

opportunity, showing how much he has improved throughout the year. First year Under 14's Hayden Feltham, Dylan Sutton and Lucas Barton all battled hard as they could with not much luck. Hopefully after this week the boys realise that you have to be prepared every week and wins aren't just going to happen. **Awards:** Past Players: Jayce Limbrick, Nathalia Printers: Xavier Murray, Rex James Stockfeed: Duane Shaw, Frostick Contracting: Lachie Russell, Bendigo Bank: Lucas Barton.

Under 17's: Nathalia 5.2.32 def by Tocumwal 4.12.36

Goals: B. Walpole, T. Caulfield 2, R. Barton. In true Victorian conditions the fog still hadn't lifted in the thirds game and therefore the conditions were wet. It was a real struggle for the kids to gain possession of the wet ball, combined with good pressure from the Tocumwal boys forced us to turn the ball over. In a tight match it was the team that wanted the ball the most and the one that was most disciplined that won the game. We had some players that tried extremely hard with Brady Walpole a standout with a lion hearted display of gutsy footy all day. Tom and Josh Dohnt also gave their all to be consistent performers. Other younger player in Declan Begley, Tristan Kendall, Dylan Dohnt and Levi Lewer all showed a lot to keep improving their game. **Awards:** Marc Quarrell Civil Construction: Brady Walpole, Mick's Pizza Shack: Josh Dohnt, AV Hughes Excavations: Tom Dohnt, On Trend Cabinetry: Declan Begley, TJ's IGA: Dylan Dohnt, Coach's: Tristan Kendall.

Reserves: Nathalia 11.11.77 def Tocumwal 1.0.6

Goals: J. Gemmill 3, T. Binks 2, B. Woods, M. Carroll, W. Sheehan, M. Cobbedick, J. Vallender, J. Barker.

The Reserves got off to a flying start in their match against Tocumwal and were never headed all day. The Purps boys ran hard and played a team game with winners on every line. Will Sheehan ran himself into form with strong play out of the middle. He was well supported by Josh Gemmill and Darcy Conroy around stoppages, with Byron Woods and coach Hicks providing run and carry all day. Tom Binks was a

revelation up forward with several goal assists and topping off his effort with a couple off his own boot. A team barbecue after the match was a fine reward for an excellent performance. **Awards:** Limbrick Accounting: Thomas Binks, Mick Hogan Excavations: Josh Gemmill, NFNC Meal Voucher: Matt Carroll, Bell's Water Cartage: Byron Woods, Brereton's Bakery: Jake Brown.

Seniors: Nathalia 28.10.178 def Tocumwal 2.6.18

Goals: L. Evans 12, B. Bell 6, C. Sheehan 4, P. McCallum 2, G. Bramwell, B. Ross, M. Barnes, J. Vallender.

On Saturday afternoon we took on Tocumwal for the first time this year. We were a little unsure of what to expect so our intention was to have our minds on the job and pay ultimate respect to our opposition. We were able to get off to a good start kicking 7 goals to one point in the first quarter. Our backline started really well turning the football over high up the ground which enabled us to rebound quickly through the corridor and kick deep to our forwards. This trend continued into the second quarter as we kicked 6 goals to 1 point. Mal Barnes continued his great form getting his hands on the football at all stoppages and then releasing the runners. Bailey Bell was fantastic all day providing plenty of run and carry through the middle of the ground along with kicking 6 goals for the day. The second half played similar to first with the promising part for us being the performances from the guys that were returning from injuries. Charlie Sheehan was great in his return kicking 4 goals and Liam Evans continued his form kicking 12 goals. **Awards:** NFNC Meal Voucher BOG: Brodie Ross, Ryan Meat Co: Liam Evans, Bourke Group: Malcolm Barnes, Liddell Group-Delcorp: Clancy Congues, Brereton's Bakery: Bailey Bell, Past Players: Charlie Sheehan.



Congratulations to Brodie Ross who played his 250th senior game for Nathalia on the 29th July. Pictured with teammates Mal Barnes and Alex Hicks.

Picola United v Tungamah Round 18



Although most of the results didn't go our way it was a good day for the last round of the home and away season at Tungamah. Congratulations and good luck to both the 15 & Under and C Reserve netball teams on making the finals, the whole club are behind you. Congratulations to the following players on their milestone games. Emma Greaves 100 games and Abbey Sheahan 50 games.

Go Blues! ~ President Clinton

Under 14's: Picola 1.2-8 vs Tungamah 14.12-96

Goals: R. Bray

Up against a well drilled Tungamah side the kids gave their all. The pressure, determination and skill shown by our young team proved we will be a force over the next few years, so stick together kids. Thanks to all who have pulled on the jumper this year, be it one game or the whole season. Would love to see you all next year, you will always get a run at Picola. Special thanks to Lisa Ann (trainer/team manager) who dealt with continual last-minute changes, the senior players with the umpiring role and a big thanks to all parents, grandparents, uncles and aunties for bringing the kids to the footy. Go Blues! **Awards:** Power Livestock trophy B.O.G/Picola Hay Supplies: Mitchell Daniel, Intersport Echuca: Raudian Bray, Jay & Bec Caldwell: Daniel Kirk, Barmah Roadhouse voucher: Max Holyman, Billy Baxter, Lachie Moor, Riley Daniel and Quinn Andrews, Yambuna Fire Brigade: Ryan Daniel, Have a go football: Chris Gunn Worklocker Bag: Will McNair.

Under 17's: Picola 3.3-21 vs Tungamah 19.14-128

Goals: L. Daniel, M. Daniel, R. Caldwell

Playing to keep the season alive with a very undermanned side was going to be a massive task for the lads. coming into the game needing the help from Mitch, Ryan, Lachie and Jack from the Under 14's meant we were going in inexperienced. It started very slowly for the Blue boys, not hitting the scoreboard in the first quarter. The second quarter saw us hitting the scoreboard with the Under 14 lads proving themselves and Ryan kicking a lovely goal which inspired the older lads with the skipper Logan Daniel also kicking it through the big sticks. Harri King was on fire in defence using his size to crash through the packs and win the footy but the small forward line found it hard to capitalise. In the third quarter we found a way to slow down Tungamah's scoring and again one of the Under 14's boys hit the scoreboard with the Daniel brothers teaming up for Mitch to kick himself a goal. Jack Hutchins battled away in the ruck playing a solid game along with Stephen Atkinson playing one of his best games for the season.

Unfortunately that's all she wrote this year. Looking forward to see this young group play some good footy next year and play some finals footy. **Awards:** Dove Motors Mug/Lubke Engineering: Harry King, Intersport Echuca: Tas Baker, B & E Daniel voucher: Stevie Atkinson, Peter Limbrick: Jaiden Hobbs, Barmah Roadhouse voucher: Blake Tomlins, Barmah Social Club canteen voucher: Logan Daniel.

Reserves: Picola 2.3-15 vs Tungamah 9.16-70

Goals: C. Stevens, A. Morgan

Well the year comes to an end with a loss to 3rd placed Tungamah. A win would of placed us within the top 8 but wasn't meant to be. The boys fought their guts out in what was a really solid performance. When we played the game on our terms we showed we could mix it with a premiership contender. So many positives to come out of the game and the last month to be honest. Our best being our skipper Darcy Maloney, supported by solid games from Mitch Hore, Austin Morgan and Clay Stevens. Some steps in the right direction this season as we look to reload and go again next year. A massive Thank you to all the players that represented the Reserves this year and even more so to a couple of our older guys and Under 17 players that filled in when required. **Awards:** Fertgrain Mug/Yum Yum Bricklaying: Darcy Maloney, Brereton's Bakery voucher: Mitch Daniel, Worklocker Echuca: Austin Morgan, Limbrick Accounting: Clay Stevens, Barmah Roadhouse: Scott Baxter.

Seniors: Picola 10.8-68 vs Tungamah 20.18-138

Goals: T. Beard 3, D. Cunningham 3, C. Haub 2, B. Jorgensen, R. Woodland.

In the end, it all came down to the last game of the season to determine whether we would be playing in the finals or not. Unfortunately for the seniors we lost some close games throughout the year which were the deciding factors on our early season finish.

Going into the game we had to make the most of all our opportunities which we did. Our pressure throughout the day was at a really high level but unfortunately Tungamah were too quick and clean on the outside. The battle of the Coleman was a close one with Taylor Beard kicking 3 majors including one which he outright stole from his closest rival, Cody Haub. In a move that brought smiles to the faces of all

Picola supporters. Rhys woodduck Woodland made his way to the backline and made an impact. Bari manhandling his opponents and winning ruck taps and Darby with an 85m running torpedo meant that the Walsh families were treated to some highlights. Rochy down back was again rock solid and continues his super consistent season. All in all it was disappointing to end the season without playing finals, however, both coaches are very pleased and very proud of the way the boys have played and developed throughout the year. A big thank you to the scores of volunteers who help us throughout each and every week to get the teams on the park. Finally, thanks to all of the club sponsors, members and supporters for their continued support of the club and senior side. Onwards and upwards to a big season 2024. **Awards:** DMH Mug & Barmah Hotel voucher: Ben Turpin, Brereton's Bakery Voucher: Daniel Maher, Limos Mitre 10: Tanner Smith, Blake St Butchery: Jason Beckett, Barmah Roadhouse voucher: Cody Haub.

C Reserve: Picola 34 vs Tungamah 25

Wonderful game to watch! Shooters all worked really well together and defenders had to work extra hard; they did a great job. **Awards:** Birch Earthmoving: Bridie Tremellen, Three Belles Cafe: Jessica Daniel.

C Grade: Picola 28 vs Tungamah 37

What an amazing last game, we have improved so much this year! Our pressure throughout the whole game was fabulous. I can't thank you all enough for the support this year, I can't wait to see what next year brings. **Awards:** Brereton's Bakery: Maddy Sommerville, 3 Black Sheep: Anna Brooks and Georgia Barnett.

B Grade: Picola 36 vs Tungamah 57

Pumper for our last game, our deflects were outstanding. Reesie's aerial prowess earned her best on. Other awards were given to Laura for her consistent attacking and the old girl Guthrie for her defensive pressure. Well done girls on finishing the season, tough ask to play with only seven all season. **Awards:** Scrumdiddlymicious Catering: Maree Holyman, Casual Step: Laura Byrnes-Smith, Worklocker Echuca: Leanne Guthrie.

A Grade: Picola 27 vs Tungamah 52

A great last game played by the girls. In attack we had great control of the ball as we moved it down into our goalers. Our defenders provided four strong quarters applying good pressure and were good back-ups to our attackers. Well done girls for a good season. **Awards:** Three Black Sheep/Colour & Co: Holly McLean, Milking it Cafe: Annabel O'Dea.

Congratulations to Emma Greaves who played her 100th senior game for Picola United last Saturday.



Picola United's Under 11's football action v Tungamah round 18. ~ Photos courtesy Michelle Legge



Waaia v Blighty Round 18

Seniors: Waaia 30.32-212 def Blighty 1.0-6
Goals: C. Burrows 9, B. Coates 5, B. Armstrong 3, T. Davies 3, T. Belford 2, D. Moncur 2, J. Trower 2, H. Walker 2, A. Brooks, S. Greenway.

In the final home and away game of the season Blighty visited the home of the mighty Bombers. It was a fast start with nice delivery to the forwards. The Bomber boys got the jump and carried that momentum on throughout the day with plenty of run and carry and lots of pressure around the ground leading to lots of scoring shots. If not for some inaccurate goal kicking the result would have been much different, although a big win to finish the home and away was just what the doctor ordered. Jesse Trower dominated all day again in his 150th senior game. Charlie Burrows got back to his goal kicking best with 9 goals and plenty of big marks around the ground. Tim Belford ran hard all day and found plenty of the footy on the outside. Brayden Coates continued his hot run of form with 5 goals and Ash Thompson and Ben Armstrong were instrumental in the midfield with another good game from the duo. A big finals series awaits and looking forward to starting that off with Katunga at Blighty. **Best:** Jesse Trower, Charlie Burrows, Tim Belford, Brayden Coates, Austin Tricarico, Ben Armstrong.

Reserves: Waaia 30.13-193 def Blighty 0.1-1
Goals: M. Meyland 24, N. Tyndall 2, B. Brooks, R. Bradbury, J. Cleeland, D. Furnell. Waaia's finest played the Red Eyes at home this week on a spectacular day for the last home and away game of the season. The lads hit the ground running and got the goals on the board early. Mason sheep Sprunt tapped the ball nicely all day out of the ruck to the mid field to get the ball tracking through the corridor to the forwards. Our best players went to Sam dog eggs Trower. Sammy the snake Boyd, Greg Kamahl Meyland. Mason sheep Sprunt. There is no doubt the highlight for the day was local cow cockie Mark bobby Meyland bagging a massive 24 goals and 6 points for the day to end his home and away season on 99 goals. Well done to Bobby it's a great achievement and something that our club will never forget. This put Bobby at the top of the list for the best on ground and the mug award. A massive thanks to everyone involved in the home and away season it takes a big effort from a lot of volunteers to make our great club what it is so from all of the twos crew we thank each and every one of you. We are pumped and look forward to playing finals at Blighty. **Awards:** GV Steel Supplies & Waaia Hotel: Mark Meyland, Graincorp / Telegraph Hotel: Sam Trower, Numurkah Truck Repairs: Sam Boyd, Trelleborg Wheel System: Greg Meyland, Sprunt Livestock: Mason Sprunt.



Waaia's Holly Boyd working hard in defence.

Under 17's: No Game

Under 14's: Waaia 5.5-35 def by 7.4-46 Blighty
Goals: J. Brown 3, J. O'Dwyer, O. Buckland. Saturday saw our Under 14's take on a big body, Blighty side, and what a great junior football game was witnessed with both sides. Going at it hammer and tong for the last home and away game for 2023 Waaia showed the true tough, at the ball style of play that we pride ourselves on and just going down in a tight one. As the coach, I would like to thank the players for a huge year of development and commitment to their football, and I am proud to have been a part of our awesome group, and a final thanks to all families, friends and supporters who make this great club tick - you legends. Go Bombers!

Awards: Murray Valley Rural & Plumbing: Oscar Buckland, Ultimate Auto Repairs: Jai Brown, GV

House & Building Inspections: Tait Buckland, Numurkah Milk Supply: Angus Coutts, AgWarehouse / Waaia Canteen: Teddy Smith.

C Reserve: Waaia 55 def Blighty 8

What a way to end the home and away season with a win. We all played a solid 4 quarters even with all the changes made. In a surprise move, Makenzie Sprunt put on the GS bib and shot a few sneaky goals.

The goalers moved well and shot accurately, the mid court made space and lead well and the defence worked hard rebounding goals missed and providing back up for the attackers.

Overall, a well deserved drink was had at ladies day afterwards.

Now to focus on the business end of the season as we dig deep and play 110% in finals.

Good luck to all Waaia netball and football teams in finals. **Awards:** Bell's Water Cartage Cash Award: Melissa Kennedy, Casual Step Voucher: Chrissie Karl, Ladies Day mug: Brooke Parker.

C Grade: Waaia 66 def Blighty 12

The Bombers regained themselves after the week before performance. With a strong and consistent 4 quarters we were able to gain momentum each quarter, pushing our margin out further. A nice strong finish to our season before we head into finals. **Awards:** Sportfirst Cash Award: Teaghan Morrow, Waaia Hotel: Amanda Elliott, Ladies Day mug: Nicole Karl.

B Grade: Waaia 56 def Blighty 20

What a cracker of a day. Last round, team photos and ladies day had everyone's spirits high. The Bombers played a solid four quarters and extended their lead at each break. We have had a solid season and built great team structure. Now to do the work to give ourselves every opportunity to be on the court grand final day. **Awards:** Carey Fabrication BOG Cash Award: Jemma Bell, Telegraph Award: Amy Carey.

A Grade: Waaia 48 def Blighty 19

A strong finish for the Bombers on the completion of the home and away season. The

girls played a consistent and strong 4 quarters of netball. BOC Ange Thorne dominated over the whole court, proving too strong for anyone who crossed her. While Rosie Arnel played with drive and confidence controlling the attack end to get the win. Heading into the week off we will put in the extra work to hit the ground running as we meet the Katandra Cats in the Qualifying final.

Awards: GJ Gardener BOC - Ange Thorne, Mug: Rosie Arnel.



Congratulations to Waaia's Senior Captain Jesse Trower played his 150th senior game for the Bombers last Saturday.

~ photos courtesy Janet Brooks



Waaia Reserves player Mark Meyland kicked 24 goals against Blighty to finish off the Home & Away Season on 99 goals.



Junior Netball Reports

PICOLA JUNIOR NETBALL

Minis: Great finish to the season for our Mini's. The sun came out strong and put on a great last round for us. The girls played a great game against Tungamah, showcasing everything they have learnt this year. Great game to finish of the 2023 season girls. **Awards:** Coaches award: Shelby McKenner, Intersport: Eva Watson and Imogene McLean.

13 & Under: Picola 9 vs Tungamah: 27

A tough game to finish on, but the girls fought to the end. Well done on the season girls, we came very close to finals, hopefully we are all back next year to take it one further. **Awards:** Baxter Family Medallion: Sienna Jorgensen, Barmah Social Club: Kirra Elliot, PUFNC canteen voucher: Addy McLean.

15 & Under: Picola 22 vs Tungamah 33

Another great, high defensive pressure game against a top team. Moving the ball into our shooters was smooth like butter to watch. Our defenders stuck tight and made it really tough for their shooters to get close to the ring in the fourth. So proud of you girls! **Awards:** Brereton's Bakery: Charlie Ryan, Power livestock: Abbey Sheahan, Intersport Echuca: Zarah Clark.

17 & Under: Picola 13 vs Tungamah 28

A fantastic last game by the girls! Very proud of how they have progressed this season. Unfortunately we couldn't get the win, but the girls had plenty of fun! **Awards:** Barnett Family Award: Ally Francis, Brereton's Bakery: Kate Durrant, Intersport Echuca: Jordan Florence, Coaches Award: Amber Watson.



13 & Under Nathalia v Tocumwal action.

15 & Under: Nathalia 34 def Tocumwal 10

A great win in very foggy conditions. Great movement in the ring and strong passing to leads. Defence held their own with strong intercepts. Well done. **Awards:** Broken Creek Physio & Pilates: Molly McLennan, Post Office: Matilda Waser, Al's Café: Tayah Lundberg.

17 & Under: Nathalia 36 def by Tocumwal 55

The girls started off strong and at half time we were only 4 goals down. There is definitely an improvement in our game performance, and the girls are working well as a team. **Awards:** Barmah Hotel: Layla Haberfield, Sportfirst Numurkah: Ruby McIver, Bendigo Bank: Ella Dealy.

WAAIA JUNIOR NETBALL

Under 11's: What a year our team have had! I've said it throughout the whole season and I'll say it again, I'm so proud of each one of you girls for giving it your all and enjoying every moment on and off the court.

It was a smashing game to end the season. You listened to me talking from the side lines and took on advice you got given during quarter time. Every player got an award this week for their dedication and persistence throughout the whole season. Have a good off season girls, bring on the next season! Good luck to all teams that are in finals - Go Bombers!

13 & Under: Waaia 9 def by Blighty 14

Wow, what a game to finish the season, the girls came out of the blocks firing on all four

and took a 2 goal lead into the second quarter and confidence was high. We took a hit in the second quarter, but the girls continued to fight it out all across the court.

Hadassah Hibma was a girl on fire and her tenacious work in the ring has continued to pay off in spades, shooting 8 of our 9 goals for the game, with great passing and team work from Pippa Stammers in the ring and the girls in the centre, Kiara Atkins, Stef Daniel,

Macie Gilmour and Rylee Bullock, all feeding well into the ring and giving us ample opportunities.

The last half saw us hold our own, the defensive pressure that we continue to talk about was amazing across the court and you could see the belief they have in one another across the court at every intercept, held ball and opportunity made. The defensive team again in Ivy O'Dwyer, Jamieson Shelton, Lauren Parker, Myla Stuart and Asha Bullock was great to watch.

Ivy O'Dwyer is certainly in a purple patch at the moment and was again unstoppable, fighting for the ball and taking some fantastic intercepts and rebounds. Whilst we were unable to claw back our second quarter slip, spirits are high going in to the finals for next week against Strathmerton.

It has been rewarding to watch the girls grow and improve throughout the year and I hope that we can make it through another week as reward for all of their hard work.

Awards: Pretty Paddocks: Ivy O'Dwyer, Canteen: Hadassah Hibma & Stef Daniel.

15 & Under: Waaia 30 def Blighty 14

Another fantastic team game where every player is backing each other and pushing their boundaries to beat their opponent. Sarah Hibma kept driving and offering all game, coming out with the ball in a crowd, snatching up any loose ball. Tayla Ramadge was a force to be reckoned with in both attack and defence, claiming space her opponent wanted and making them work hard for each ball. Can't wait to see the positivity continue into finals!

Awards: Sportsfirst: Sara Hibma, Canteen: Tayla Ramadge.

17 & Under: Waaia 37 def Blighty 32

What a nail biter to finish off the home and away season! Quarter by quarter the girls chipped away at the score board, ultimately coming away with the win to confirm their spot in the top 8. After regrouping after the 1st quarter break, the girls came out with composure and discipline ensuring to come out on top. Sasha and Darcy worked effortlessly in defence, proving the team with countless turnovers and fierce pressure. Great finish to the season girls! Bring on finals!

Awards: Spark Cash Award: Sasha Daniel, Canteen award: Darcy Cuthbert.



Congratulations to Picola United's Abbey Sheahan on playing her 50th club game last Saturday against Tungamah.

NATHALIA JUNIOR NETBALL

11 & Under: Great game by the girls. There was nice passing and leads all the way down the court. Well done girls. **Awards:** Past Players: Amelia Patone, Bendigo Bank: Miley Ciavarella, TJ's IGA: Aroha Kautai, Nathalia Early Learning Centre: Blair Johns.

13 & Under: Nathalia 52 def Tocumwal 22

The girls had a great win. This win was the result of a fantastic team effort with everyone playing their roles within the team. **Awards:** Bendigo Bank: Grace Morgan, Shepparton Marketplace Subway: Chantelle Dealy, TJ's IGA: Isobel Waser.



Saturday the 5th of August, marked the end of the season for Waaia's Under 11 netballers - celebrated with Minis Day.

Kautai sisters heading North for National Touch Football Championships

Three local students have been selected to participate in the School Sports Australia National Touch Football Championship in Darwin this August. The talented sisters, Zahlia (14yo) and Tennille (13yo) who attend St Mary of the Angels Secondary College and Aroha Kautai (11yo) who attends Cobram Anglican Grammar School, will represent Victoria and their respective schools at the tournament. Trials took place during May in Melbourne and the teams were selected shortly afterwards. The sisters have been very dedicated, training every Sunday in Melbourne since June. The Kautai sisters will travel to Darwin for the championship which runs from 13 Aug to 18 Aug. NSW and QLD are always hard to beat at these tournaments taking out the top two places so the girls are hoping to bring home a Bronze. Zahlia is aiming to be selected in the Australian U15 Girls side normally dominated by NSW and QLD players, a tough challenge for the Victorian player. All three girls are hoping to score tries during their time in Darwin.



Tennille Kautai.



Kaokao Kautai from NTLs with medal for second place.

Kaokao Kautai, father of the girls, is coaching the School Sports Victorian U12 boys side who will be heading to the same tournament in Darwin. This is Kaokao's second consecutive year coaching the U12 boys. Kaokao is no stranger to touch football having played internationally for the Cook Islands in his younger days. More recently Kaokao has represented Victoria at the National Touch League Mixed Masters team overall placing second at the competition in March earlier this year. In recent years Kaokao has also coached the Men's 40s, 30s and Mixed Masters Team at the National Touch League in Coffs Harbour leading them to the finals. With NSW and QLD such strong competitors Kaokao is hoping to bring home the bronze for his U12s boys in Darwin.

Zahlia and Tennille have also been selected to represent Victoria in the Melbourne Storm teams heading to Queensland in September for the Doordash National Youth Championships. Zahlia Kautai is playing in the U16 girls category and has

been nominated to lead alongside the captains within the leadership group. Zahlia is the youngest team member and excited to take on a leadership role within the team. Tennille Kautai is playing in the U14 girls category while Kaokao is the assistant coach to the u14 girls team. It will be the first time that the Kautai sisters have attended the National Youth Championship tournament.



Aroha Kautai.



Zahlia Kautai.

In the Swing at Nathalia Golf Club

Wednesday the 26th of July, five ladies and five men played stableford. The ladies winners (sponsored by TTI) Lynette Lindsay and Sonia Verlinden. 37 points. John Drenen won the men's comp.



Friday the 28th of July, no results

Sunday the 30th of July, five players played stableford. Winner Kevin Scolyer with 42 stableford points - well done Kevin. No NTP.

Wednesday the 2nd of August, ladies winner (sponsored by REMAX) Dawn Morrison 81 net. Five men turned up for a hit with no result posted.

Friday Fun Day the 4th of August, winners Heather, Sonia and Stan.

Sunday the 6th of August, a perfect day after the frost cleared three of the seven men all had 29 stableford points. Ryan Bell won on a count back from Tony Brown and Kevin Scolyer - well done Ryan. Kevin also got NTP. Great hitting all till next time!

Nathalia Knights Round 13 Results

Under 10's: Knights 6.12.48 def Euroa 1.4.10

Goals: Miller Butler 3, Nixon Croxford 1, Archie Vallender 1, Will Feltham 1.

Quarter 1 saw the team head out with big confidence which was evident with 2 early goals. The team work once again was fantastic. Sharing the ball with good handball skills & hitting our kicking targets. The backline did a magnificent job keeping Euroa from scoring until late in the first quarter. The effort & team work continued through the whole game, it was great to see the team getting around each other with encouragement. A fantastic win with many smiles & lots of fun! Well done Knights! Best on: was a hard selection this week as everyone played their best as a team to get the win: Ryan Feltham, Angus Stirling, Spencer Eadie, Levi Brererton, Kobe Maskell, Max Butler, Mia Maskell & Bodhi Bourke.



Under 12's: Knights 5.4.34 def by Euroa 6.11.47

Goals: Zac Ebejer 1, Jimmy Ryan 1, Paulie Sherer-Richards 1 and a special mention to our little helper who kicked 2!. Linton's Review: Up against another big side our guys cracked in like they have all year, but at halftime the score was looking a bit grim. However, an ordinary incident by an opposition player provided the spark the team needed. Intense pressure all over the ground, hard running and quick ball movement has been our signature all year, and it all clicked into top gear in the third quarter. Everyone was working hard for each other and it was exciting footy to watch. It was great to see everyone's confidence blossom and the crowd was loving it. Well done everyone!

Best: Jaxon Bell, Mason Wilson, Paulie Sherer-Richards, Zac Ebejer, Jimmy Ryan, Will Waser.

Waaia are Premiers

Thursday 3rd August: the Numurkah Indoor Bias Bowls Grand Final was played at the Numurkah Town bowling Club between Waaia and Seniors Green.

Waaia won the game overall, so congratulations to the Waaia team, who won on one mat and lost on the other mat.

Les Clarke(s), Ian Swain and Cheryl Walsh lost to Mark Nordbye (s), Chris Owen and Maynard Carlisle 23 shots to 25 shots.

Sue Cleeland(s), Dawn Carey and Trevor Steuart defeated Trevor Bullock(s), Karren Nordbye and Colleen North 23 shots to 14 shots. Well done to all involved in the Grand Final, it is an achievement to even get to play in a final, let alone a Grand Final.

Pictured Waaia Indoor Bias Bowls winning team:

Back (L-R): Ian Swain, Les Clarke and Trevor Steuart.

Front: Dawn Carey, Sue Cleeland and Cheryl Walsh.



Nathalia Final Indoor Bowls Report for 2023

Thursday 27th July, Nathalia played Strathmerton in a Quarter Final at Numurkah Seniors Hub, in Indoor Bias Bowls pennant, losing on one mat, winning on the other mat. Nathalia and Strathmerton drew.

Bev Hutchins(s), Berris Baldwin and John Gillard lost to Tom Haynes(s), Shirley Clarke and Margaret Young 27 shots to 29 shots

Fay Hutchins(s), Ian Bolton and Julie Olsen defeated Rodney Clarke(s), Les Chandler and Maureen Coates 26 shots to 24 shots.

We had to toss a coin and play another end on each mat.

Fay's team lost by one shot, Bev's team lost by 2 shots, so Nathalia lost over all by 3 shots.

Thank you to our Nathalia members for getting into the finals and giving it our best shot. Lawn bowls will now be our next venture.

Monday 31st July: Numurkah Seniors Green defeated Strathmerton in the Numurkah Indoor Bias Bowls Association Semi Final, which was held at the Waaia club rooms.

Greens will now play Waaia at the Numurkah Town Club rooms on Thursday night in the Grand Final. Good luck to both teams.

Many thanks to the RGC team who have printed our Indoor bowls results in every edition of the RGC during our Indoor Bowls season, it has been very much appreciated.

Nathalia Blue Jazz Basketball Season takes to the Court



Round 1: Nathalia Blue Jazz U14s (Shaw) - 18 defeated by Marist NDC U14s (Few) - 55.

Our first game of the season was always going to be a challenge, with two of our players unable to take the court, we had no interchange. We also have a few new players in the team this season and we were set to face off against a very skilled and well developed Marist team who came at us hard right from the start of the game. It didn't take our boys long to get things going though and it was soon obvious that we were not going to lie down. We pressured the play, worked hard as a team and soon found the net.

The whole team played a wonderful game and supported each other through to the end.

Blayde Wiki-King played an outstanding game, intercepting the ball, using his dribbling skills, making some clever passes and hitting the scoreboard on multiple occasions.

Tyson James was a stand out, putting in his all, he worked hard and left everything he had on the court. Scoring a game high for our team with 8 points.

Blair Watson started in the centre and he didn't stop running all night, he put in a mountain of work and used the ball well, also hitting the scoreboard for our team.

Duane Shaw was like a rock in our defensive end and with his high level of pressure, managed to prevent the opposition scoring numerous times.

BJ Liu worked hard in the game, running with his teammates and providing support.

I was incredibly proud of the boys and their efforts on the court. Although we didn't get the win, they should all hold their heads high. Bring on next week!



Picola District Football Netball League - Upcoming Finals

Elimination Final 1 - Saturday, 12th Aug @ Berrigan
13 & Under: Strathmerton v Waaia

15 & Under: Waaia v Blighty

Elimination Final 2 - Sunday, 13th Aug @ Tungamah

15 & Under: Jerilderie v Picola United

17 & Under: Strathmerton v Waaia

C Reserve: Rennie v Picola United

Under 17's Football: Waaia v Katamatite

Qualifying Final 1 - Saturday, 19th Aug @ Blighty

B Grade: Waaia v Rennie

Reserves: Waaia v Katandra

Seniors: Waaia v Katunga

Qualifying Final 2 - Sunday, 20th Aug @ Jerilderie

C Grade: Deni Rovers v Waaia

A Grade: Katandra v Waaia



Murray Football Netball League - Upcoming Games

Round 19 - Saturday, 12th August

Nathalia v Finley (@ Nathalia)

Round 20 - Saturday, 19th August

Deniliquin Rams v Nathalia (@ Deniliquin)

Standing up for Local Business and Local Jobs

Last week, I took a local apple into the floor of Parliament House and called out the Labor Government's destructive policies which are making it harder for people to do business in Australia.

These policies will drive up costs for producers and leave them no choice but to pass costs onto consumers at the checkout.

These policies risk local businesses and local jobs.

Read my speech below or watch my speech on my Facebook Page.

"I want to talk about this apple I am holding. It is an apple that was grown in my electorate.

It's healthy, it's clean, it's Australian grown and we should be proud of it. Apple growers are telling me that it's getting harder to produce this product because of the policies of the Labor government.

Industrial Relations laws, including the changes to the PALM Scheme, are making it incredibly difficult to run an orchard and grow healthy, clean Australian fruit. And the government's plan to rip a further 450 gigalitres out of the productive water pool that grows clean Australian food threatens the viability of orchards and dairy farms in the food bowl of Australia.

I've written to the Minister for the Environment and Water asking for a briefing and an explanation, and I haven't had a personal response. She hasn't met with the shadow minister since August. She won't meet with the constituents whose lives this effect—that is, the fruit growers, the dairy farmers and everyone else in the basin communities. Do we want our kids eating clean, healthy, Australian apples or do we want them imported from China? Get this policy right, Labor!



Volunteer Grants EOI Now Open

Expressions of interest are now open for the Volunteer Grants Program. Grants of between \$1000 and \$5000 are available to support the efforts of local volunteers at not-for-profit community organisations. The selfless work of volunteers brings communities together.

Community groups, projects, services and events could not go ahead without the efforts of volunteers. While the grants are small, the funds will have a big impact and can be used to support volunteers in a range of ways.

Organisations can request an Expression Of Interest form by emailing sam.birrell.mp@aph.gov.au

EOI's close September 4, 2023 and selected EOI's by a community panel will be invited to submit an application before grants are assessed by the Department of Social Services.



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

My Office is always happy to assist with all State Government matters, so please contact my Office if you may need assistance.

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