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Official Opening of Netball Courts



Cutting the Ribbon at Official Opening of the Nathalia Netball Courts:

(L-R): Olivia Tilyard (A Grade Coach), Alysha Cornell (C Reserve Coach), Briony Quarrell (Quarrell Civil Construction), Megan Shaw (Bendigo Bank), Samuel James (Rex James Stockfeed) & Jessi Hicks.

The Bendigo Bank's Megan Shaw officially opened the Nathalia Football Netball Club's new netball courts by cutting the purple and gold ribbons on Saturday 12th of August before the A Grade netball game against Finley. The Bank's sponsorship deal saw the club receive \$50,000 which was contributed to the project.

The ribbons were held by NFNC sponsors Briony Quarrell from Quarrell Civil Construction and Samuel James from Rex James Stockfeed whose businesses were massive contributors throughout the construction phase of the project.

Other sponsors include Moira Shire who funded a major portion of the

required funding to see the project get off the ground, Limo's Mitre 10, Ricky Barnes, Stuart and Stace Bell, CIF Cobram Plumbing, Col and Di Bell and Sun Country Turf who all played key roles in getting the job done.

The Nathalia Football Netball club thanked everyone in attendance on the day for their commitment to the club to see this project to fruition which included 2 new netball courts, shedding, new bollards, turf, sprinkler system and an additional warm up court.

There were many hours of work and effort put in behind the scenes to make the project so successful and give the town a long lasting asset for many years to come.

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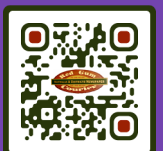
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Community Update

Festive Funding - Apply Now

Community organisations are encouraged to apply for the Moira Festive Fund grant, offering up to \$1,000 for small towns and \$2,000 for main towns to decorate or host festive events. An additional \$1,000 is also available to celebrate a culturally significant day. Only one application will be awarded per town. Applications close on **Thursday 31 August 2023**. Eligible expenses include decorations, hire of equipment, signage, entertainment and goods and services to hold an event. Visit our website for more information and to apply.

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Draft Community Amenity Law

Council is seeking feedback on our Local Laws. Local Laws are in place for Council's to be able to respond to issues and maintain safety, peace and order in the community.

Areas of Local Law include:

- The use of bikes, scooters and other items on footpaths
- Maintaining nature strips
- Keeping of livestock and pet
- Permits, infringements, and delegations.
- and more.

Send us your feedback online via the Moira Shire website or speak to our friendly Customer Experience team. Submissions close **Friday 1 September 2023**.

Have Your Say on our Local Laws



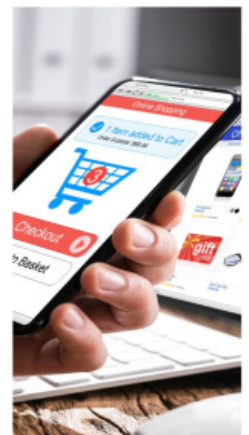
Council Meeting - August

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 for 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.

Startup Shakeup & Click Region Programs

Moira Shire Council presents a free e-commerce workshop presented by Click Region's programs extraordinaire, Mel Antony.

Tuesday 29 August 2023
6pm - 8pm
The Barmah Forest Heritage and Education Centre, 73 Blake Street Nathalia
Visit our website for more information and to register.



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St Francis Swimming

This year the students participated in our swimming program at Aquamoves in Shepparton. St Francis students spent the week in the water, deepening their knowledge of water safety, swimming stroke techniques and how to perform water rescues safely.



Learning to swim from an early age equips students with essential water safety skills. Drowning is a significant cause of accidental deaths, and swimming lessons can significantly reduce the risk by teaching students how to float, tread water, and swim to safety.

Even if students do not intend to be avid swimmers, knowing how to swim can help prevent accidents in situations involving water bodies such as lakes, rivers, or even pools during recreational activities.

The students continued to develop their swimming skills and boosted their confidence and self-esteem. As they overcome challenges and progress in their swimming abilities, they develop a sense of accomplishment and self-assurance. They also had a great time and lots of fun at the pool.



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Sat – Sun:
8am-6pm

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\$6 Delivery fee, Minimum spend \$40,
Orders placed by 8am for delivery 10am-1pm

Barmah/Picola/Picola West: Thursdays
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Click and Collect:
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Monday to Friday Minimum spend \$40
Place order by 8am - Collect between 10am-1pm
Place order by 11am - Collect between 1pm-4pm
Place order by 2pm - Collect between 4pm-6pm
*subject to change

Friday 29 Sept
AFL Final Public Holiday
Open 9am-3pm

Nathalia's annual Christmas Market is happening on the 9th of December!



We are thrilled to announce that expressions of interest emails for stallholders have been sent out, and the response has been incredible! We have already received a number of applications, and it looks like this year's market is going to be our best one yet. So mark your calendars and save the date!



Nathalia Christmas Market is happening again this year.

If you have been considering having a stall at our local market, now is the time to act. We only have around 40 sites available, and they are filling up fast. Our sites are 4m x 4m in size and cost \$30, but they are free for community groups. It's a fantastic opportunity to showcase your products and connect with the local community.

To book a stall, all you need to do is contact the Nathalia Christmas Market Facebook page. Simply send them a message with your email address, and they will provide you with an application form. It's that easy! At the market, we strive to focus on local content, but we also welcome outside vendors. We believe in supporting our local community and providing a diverse range of products for our visitors. So whether you are a local business or an outside vendor, we would love to have you join us. The market is not just a place to sell your products; it's an experience. It's a vibrant and lively event that brings people together.

By participating in the market, you are not only showcasing your products but also contributing to the growth and success of our local community. Your presence helps create a thriving marketplace where local businesses can thrive and flourish.

So don't miss out on this incredible opportunity. Book your stall today and

be a part of our amazing local market. We can't wait to see you there!

We have some incredible news to share with you! The highly sought after Jessica Lorraine will be gracing us with her presence at the upcoming Christmas market! We are beyond grateful for this opportunity to have such a talented performer join us.

But that's not all! Jessica will also be accompanied by her very talented young brother, Toby. Together, they will create a magical atmosphere at the market with their talent. We can't wait to hear these two amazing artists fill the air with their beautiful music!

The Christmas market is the perfect place to experience the joy and excitement of the holiday season!

Stay Updated with the Nathalia Christmas Market Facebook Page

There will be more updates coming your way, so make sure you're following the Nathalia Christmas Market Facebook page.

By staying connected, you'll be the first to know about any new announcements and exciting activities happening at the market.



Jessica Lorraine will be at the Christmas Market.



MEALS ON WHEELS

25th August - 8th September

August

Friday 25th	Graeme Smith
Monday 28th	St Mary of the Angels
Tuesday 29th	Pauline Thomas
Wednesday 30th	Russell Shaw - NATIONAL MEALS ON WHEELS DAY
Thursday 31st	Heather Frostick

September

Friday 1st	Patricia Hawks
Monday 4th	St Mary of the Angels
Tuesday 5th	Marlene Moor
Wednesday 6th	Laurel Dimond & Leeanne Caldwell
Thursday 7th	Carmen Gilson
Friday 8th	Mary Agius

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

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: 0429 662 039

August 27th: 9.30am Service

September 3rd: 9.30am Parish Service

Picola 2nd & 4th Sundays: 9.00am

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August 27th: 8.30am Holy Communion

September 3rd: 8.30am Holy Communion

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Caterpillar Corner



Discoverers (nursery)

With the weather beginning to show more sun and warmth we have been embracing the warmth as much as we can through having more outdoor time with having nearly every lunch meal outside.

The children are getting more involved with setting experiences up and also preparing for meal times. This is showing the children are using memory to continue our room routine, whilst it's improving their self-help skills and building confidence.

The children are loving the sensory experiences throughout the months and constantly always



heading for the sandpit using their senses to create their ideas or asking for assistance to work together to make sandcastle and repeat. We have been hearing lots more language being used within the room as the children develop further verbal language through conversations, role modeling, songs and books and repeating words with educators.

We welcomed a few new faces within the room and the children are settling in well and forming relationships with educators. We are seeing children that needed more one on one care feeling more confident with the environment exploring the experiences and resources and adventuring away from educators, it's so great to see and makes us feel full of joy and happiest to see them grow within the room.



What's on Locally

UPCOMING
EVENTS

Aug 28	BINGO - Nathalia Senior Citizens Clubrooms. Eyes down at 1pm.
Sept 2	Murray League 2nd Semi Final (1v2) @ Nathalia Recreation Reserve
Sept 2	Bushwackers Song & Dance, The G.R.A.I.N. Store, Nathalia
Sept 8	Craft Day - 10am, Senior Citiz clubrooms
Sept 10	Nathalia CWA & Women's Health Group - afternoon tea celebrating Women's Health Week.
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 12	Kid's Fishing Competition
Nov 18	Poultry Auction
Dec 9	Nathalia Christmas Market

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Probus News

President Anne welcomed members and visitors to the meeting in the Dancocks Room at the Nathalia Sports and Community Centre on Tuesday 15th August.

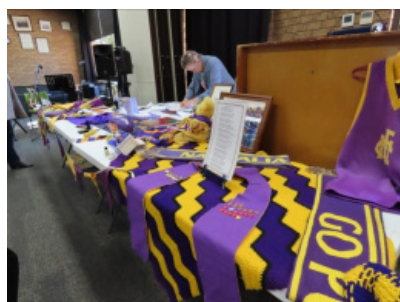
Those celebrating a birthday were acknowledged with chocolates and Cheryl McKenzie was announced as the competition winner, then it was time for the Show & Tell segment. This month's theme was Purple & Gold and members excelled themselves – the tables were covered in a flood of items. There were handmade rugs, a number of footy jumpers, photos, yellow daffodils and purple hyacinths, ornaments, bunting, flags, Teddy Bears decked out in the colours, a little nugget of gold and much more. Lyn Franklin read a poem by our local poet and yarn spinner, Tammy Muir, about the trials and joys of local football. Lyn also told of how the colour purple was originally extracted from a shell fish. Members were entertained by Grace and Rachel who provided a bright medley of music and song to end the meeting.

A number of members and guests had a very enjoyable trip to Shepparton Art Museum, followed by lunch at the RSL Club, on



Anne, Dianne, Rae & Kaye waiting for coffee and cake at SAM café.

Wednesday 26th July. Probus was given a guided tour of all areas of the facility including the top floor function area with the balcony overlooking the lake. Before leaving we all had coffee (and cake) in the SAM café. The next trip will be to Girgarre on Wednesday 13th September when participants will have coffee at the Kyabram Fauna Park café (watched by the Meerkats in their enclosure next to the café) before travelling to



Grace and Rachel



Woman and Child, from the "Dance Me to the End of Love" exhibition at Shepparton Art Museum.

Girgarre for lunch at the Gargarro Café and Botanic Gardens for lunch and a stroll in the gardens. Gargarro is the indigenous name for Girgarre. There will be plants for sale at the attached community garden. The coach fare is \$15 per person. The coach will leave from the P.O. at 9.30am and return by 3.00pm. Beverages and lunch is at own cost. The manager of the Community House will come to the September meeting to provide information about all the services available to the residents and after the October meeting, members have the opportunity to visit the Broken Creek Flower Farm. Often we are asked 'What is Probus?' In Australia the first Probus club was formed by Rotary nearly 50 years ago. The local Probus club began in February 2001 when the local Rotary club called a meeting of interested people.

The name Probus is derived from PRO in professional and BUS in business. Initially it was for those who had retired from their professional or business careers but now membership is open to any retired or semi-retired people. The club is about fun and friendship by social activity; it does not fund-raise and is non-political and non-sectarian. Probus meets monthly and after a short meeting, members have morning tea before taking part in activities, listen to guest speakers, go on outings or other functions suggested by members. Come and try, visitors welcome.



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The Four Horsemen of the 21st Century Apocalypse, 2009 ~ artist Penny Byrne

The Bushwackers Live in Nathalia

Legends of Australian music are performing at The G.R.A.I.N. Store Nathalia on Saturday 2nd September. Triple Golden Guitar Winners and 2021 Australasian Country Music Roll Of Renown Inductees, The Bushwackers, are currently in their 52nd year of performing across Australia. They bring their energetic live show of Australian music featuring the lagerphone of



Bushwackers current band lineup

frontman Dobe Newton and guitar of Roger Corbett, with the addition of fiddle, bass and drums. The music is all-Australian with all the stories, humour and sense of history that has helped to forge our national identity, including the song 'I Am Australian' co-written by Dobe with Bruce Woodley (of the Seekers). The Bushwackers have been a household name for many years, popularising Australian bushdance music. The band has keeps busy with a steady flow of performances all over the countryside, from the Tamworth Country Music Festival and Australian Celtic Festival in NSW to the Sandford Bush Music Festival in VIC, up to Wintermoon Festival (near Mackay QLD) and Music In The Mulga (South West QLD). "Strangely not all that much has changed over the years" laughs Dobe Newton, who has been a member since 1973. "We still bring that energy and enthusiasm to every gig." Roger Corbett, who joined the band in 1980, adds "The Bushwackers have so many songs that our fans have grown up with over the last 50 years and 26 albums that they've shared with their families and friends. It makes for a very special relationship. We have generations of fans who come along and bring their families to continue the tradition."

Local audiences have the opportunity to join in the Australian style bushdance, or they can sit and enjoy the music.

The Bushwackers will be joined on the night by Australian duo Broken Creek.

Venue: Nathalia Uniting Church Hall

Date: 2 September 2023

Time: Doors open 6.30 doors for a 7pm start, 10pm finish

Bookings: <https://events.humanitix.com/the-bushwackers-nathalia/>

Ticket Prices:

General Admission: \$30, Concession: \$20,

Youth (12-17): \$15, Under 12: Free



Bushwackers Dobe and Roger

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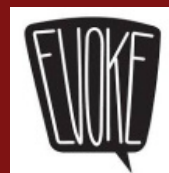
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THE WAR TANK ARRIVES.



The *Nathalia Herald*, 1 October 1918, published the following: *The much discussed "War Tank" made its appearance in Nathalia on Saturday morning at 11.30 a.m. The shrill notes of a bugle were heard towards Elizabeth Street, and soon the townspeople flocked to the bell tower, where the tank manoeuvred into position. Major Hearder, made an impassioned appeal to the public to buy £10 war bonds. The total amount subscribed by Nathalia and district on Saturday was £12,500 plus £1100 cash. [Abridged]*

On 7 November 1918, the *Shepparton Advertiser*, published that: *Nathalia put on a public demonstration of joy and thankfulness at the good news received of Turkey's unconditional surrender, and the release of all British prisoners, was held at the bell tower, Nathalia on Saturday. At 3 p.m., the fire bell was rung vigorously for about five minutes, after which the school and church bells in the town took up the joyous peal and continued for some time. END OF THE WORLD'S WAR – REJOICING AT NATHALIA*

On 19 November 1918, the *Nathalia Herald*, described the events in Nathalia and how people responded to the news that the war had ended. *The residents of Nathalia and district in common with the citizens of the Empire, celebrated the great victory of the Allies with unbounded peals by the ringing of the fire bell. The church and school bells, and the mill whistle took up the joyous chorus and immediately the streets were thronged with an excited crowd making its way towards the bell tower. Amidst the tooting of motor horns, ringing of hand bells, banging of*

kerosene tins and other musical instruments, the pent-up feelings of the populace were given full rein. Following each speaker, songs of a patriotic character were given with great vim and lung power. It was a happy, joyous and thankful crowd that returned to their beds after midnight, the keynote of joy being tempered with sorrow for those bereft of loved ones.

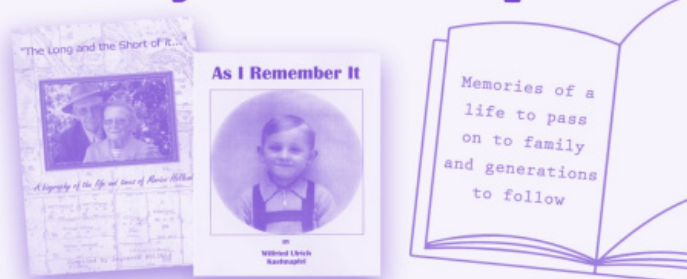
On 17 December 1918, the *Nathalia Herald*, announced that: *The first ANZAC to arrive in Nathalia was Corporal Ken Peterson, formerly of Yambuna and Nathalia. Mr. Peterson was met at the station, then motored to the bell tower. Townspeople, school children accompanied by their head teacher, Mr. Crosskell, Reverend Abbott [Chairman of the Soldiers' Welfare Committee], extended a hearty welcome back to his native land again. [Abridged]*

By 20 December 1938, another location was being sought for a new bell tower. The *Nathalia Herald*, printed the following article, which stated: *From correspondence received from the Country Fire Brigades' Board, stating that the Board is prepared to sell a part of the site of the Nathalia fire station (for the purpose of erecting a tower there-on), for £5, providing the Trust erects the necessary fencing and pays the cost of the transfer. (The portion referred to has a 33 ft. frontage, by a depth varying from 10 ft. to 42 ft. 6 inches). The engineer said that before purchasing the land the suitability of the ground should be determined by the consulting engineer. Commissioner McDonnell said there was a feeling in the town that the brigade site was not as suitable as a more central one contention being that a lower pressure would be available at the fire station site. The motion was carried, and it was agreed that the offer of Mrs. Gray to provide a piece of ground to "square off" the area, be accepted.*



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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Broken Creek Drama

FIRST DAY IN PARADISE

Strange and unrecognisable bird calls roused Adam from his slumbers. He slipped out of bed without waking Evonne, dressed in shorts, and headed towards the nearby beach. Everything seemed so green and lush. Palm trees grew beside the sandy shore. How different this was from down south. Adam felt as if he was in a foreign land, not Port Douglas. The wide beach stretched for miles. Scores of people were going for their morning walk or run whilst a few took their early morning swim in the warm waters of the Coral Sea. Cameras and mobile phones were trained on the eastern horizon, their owners, hoping to photograph another spectacular sunrise.

Later in the day the beach was closed due to a crocodile sighting. Evonne and Adam had to settle for lounging by the pool. Adam's poolside internet connection was a bit spasmodic, but it allowed him to research about the rain forest on his smart phone. Razor sharp vines, stinging plants that cause you pain for months, deadly poisonous fruits, not to mention the aggressive giant bird, the cassowary. Perhaps it's not paradise after all.

Nathalia eCommerce Workshop

The Moira Shire is hosting an exciting eCommerce workshop at the Barmah Forest Heritage and Education Centre on Tuesday, 29 August, from 6-8pm. Presented by Click Region's program extraordinaire, Melissa Antony! Mel has worked for both small and big business, family-owned enterprises, big corporations and owned her own business. She understands budgets, exports, forecasting but also knows the elation and happy dance you do when you get an order through your own business and what that means when someone buys into your dream. She has worked on both international & national levels and thinks local is best! She can give you a no-nonsense approach to marketing, social media, e-commerce and business planning. Mel has a passion about upskilling the area in digital confidence and creating ways for you to work smarter not harder.

This workshop is designed to provide valuable tips and tricks to help your business become more digitally resilient. Whether you're a startup or an established business, this event is a can't-miss opportunity to take your business to the next level.

Why Should You Attend?

In today's digital age, it's crucial for businesses to adapt and thrive online. The Click Region eCommerce workshop will equip you with the knowledge and tools to navigate the digital landscape successfully. By attending this workshop, you'll gain valuable insights from industry experts and learn practical strategies to enhance your online presence.

About Click Regions

Technology in business & everyday life is constantly evolving. This makes up-to-date knowledge & skills very important. Negotiating online can be a daunting task.

Small businesses in regional areas often feel time poor, overwhelmed with irrelevant information, and look for sources they can trust. That's how Click Region was born.

Click Region is about helping inspire and educate small businesses to feel confident in the digital space. It is an education platform that helps you



In July we had a very successful workshop held in Numurkah, Mel shared her wealth of knowledge about the different admin programs to help businesses automate admin roles.

navigate and learn online tools and programs. The best bit, its information has been tailored in short sharp clips so you can spend more time where you choose. No more hours spent digging through videos and text to find the steps you need.

With Click Region you learn the information that is fundamental to running your business whilst implementing the tools straight away. Go to clickregion.org.au to learn more and to take advantage of their free resources!

Registration Details

Registration for the workshop is essential. You can find the Registration link at nbbt.org.au or on the Moira Shire Website.

Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to enhance your business's digital presence. Join us at the Barmah Forest Heritage and Education Centre on Tuesday, 29 August, from 6-8pm for the Moira Shire eCommerce workshop. Light refreshments provided.

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Rotary Report

The debate on August 16th...

took place at Brereton's Bakery an hour earlier than our usual meeting time.

This was to allow those, who were interested, to be home in plenty of time to watch the World Cup semi-final between the Matildas and the Lionesses.

Most of our club's members attended, as did a few guests, and of course the debating teams from SMOTA and NSC, their coaches and three adjudicators.

Chairperson, Anthony, told us that the debate would take place first. Then dinner, and lastly the winning team would be announced. He also told us the topic: *Is It Now Time For Australia To Be a Republic* and that SMOTA had the affirmative, thus would start the debate.

The debating teams from both the Secondary Colleges put forth their arguments very well, after which they could relax over their meals.

After some deliberations SMOTA was declared the winner; both teams were congratulated on their excellent presentations and each team member was given a souvenir Rotary drinking glass. The adjudicators were thanked again and presented with flowers.



A few words regarding polio, taken from a May 2023 publication: *Global leaders and stakeholders have been unanimously declaring their solidarity to achieving a lasting world free of all forms of polioviruses. Convening this week at the [World Health Assembly](#) in Geneva, Switzerland, Ministers of Health from around the globe evaluated the unique epidemiological opportunity which currently exists, in particular in eradicating all remaining chains of endemic wild poliovirus in a handful of districts of just two countries – Pakistan and Afghanistan. As a record number of Member States and civil society partners took to the floor, key to success, all experts agreed, must be on adapting operations and reaching remaining un- or under-immunized children in just seven subnational most consequential geographies, with collectively account for 90% of all new polio cases, including in a gender-equitable and integrated manner. To ensure lasting success, delegates urged country-specific solutions for polio transition. In response to both a wild poliovirus outbreak in south-eastern Africa and multi-country circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus outbreaks, extraordinary special sessions were led by WHO and its Regional Office for Africa between affected Member States and partners, to discuss concrete steps to stopping all outbreaks affecting the Region by end of year.*

Our board meeting, on the 30th, will be later than usual; it was decided that we'd have our meals at home and will meet at 7 at the RSL hall, for a change. There will be a few items on the agenda, some of which will be reported on in this column...along with anything else of possible interest.

U3a Film @ Night

U3A Film @ Night Wed 6 September, Quo Vadis Aida?

Made in Bosnia and inspired by true events, Quo Vadis Aida? (2020) is described by David Stratton as "astonishingly fine; deeply moving and compelling, with one of the great female performances in recent cinema". And no, it is not Barbie...Barbie for us will be next year.

The film tells the story of a United Nations translator attempting to save the lives of her family whilst pandemonium and escalating conflict rage around them.

Definitely a film better coped with in company.

Contact Philippa 0400 037 432 if you wish to join us for this one



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GMW wraps up Winter Works program



With the new irrigation season under way, Goulburn-Murray Water has brought its 2023 Winter Works program to a close. The program occurs over the three-month irrigation off-season, allowing GMW to dewater channels and undertake various maintenance and capital works projects. GMW Infrastructure Delivery Services general manager Warren Jose said the 2023 Winter Works program had been highly productive. “It’s been a fantastic effort from everyone involved,” he said. “During the program, we have had about 60 GMW staff and 40 contractors out in the field on any given day. “Despite the often challenging weather, they have understood the importance of the works and completed a significant amount in just three short months.” These works included:

- replacing 39 regulators
- treating 260km of channel for aquatic weeds
- desilting 26km of channels
- major refurbishment of 31km of channel
- replacing or repairing 11 structures (ie. bridges and culverts)
- remodelling 10 channels.



Channel refurbishment

The works were completed ahead of the start of the 2023/24 irrigation season on Tuesday 15 August allowing time for the Water Planning team to refill channels before customers begin placing orders. “We know there are a lot of customers who have to plan around the irrigation off-season to ensure they still have access to water when channels are drained,” Mr Jose said. “We are grateful for their flexibility and understanding during this time, as it has helped us improve the delivery system in ways that will benefit customers for years to come.”

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Exhibition: Amplify:
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Bushwackers Live at The Uniting Church Hall Sat 2 September

This will be amazing. You get to dance and listen...and after The Voice screening on Monday I am sure we will all have to be prepared in the singing as well. Our wonderful musicians Lachie and Erin of Broken Creek Band are the opening act. Hugh Drum is doing the sound so it will all be amazing.

Tickets through Humanitix (Bushwackers are handling this)...but come in and we will help you at The G.R.A.I.N. Store.

And we would love to see families ...children under 12 are free. Zoe McNair is making sure we will have the bush in Bushwackers...if you would like to learn some of Zoe’s creative ideas with wildflowers and bush and help at the same time..please let Philippa or Ruby know.

Call to Contribute: Land

This is the third in our series of Water, Sky and Land. So important to us all and we view it in so many different ways. We are hoping this is the most complex exploration yet of that which we have so much in common. Whether you are beginner or experienced, young or old...we would love you to Express Interest in taking part.

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Nathalia CWA Nightwatch

Easy Lamb Moussaka is the CWA's recipe for this edition. Last month our branch held a "paint and pizza" night with Marilyn McPherson leading us in the painting. A lovely night, with delicious homemade pizzas and a completed artwork to take home. Below is a photo of our efforts.



Coming up, we are hosting the Central Murray Group Conference at the Uniting Church Hall on 20/08/23 - and also celebrating 10 years since the Nathalia Nightwatch branch inception (August 2013). We'll also be co-hosting an event with the Nathalia Women's Health Group for Women's Health week. It will be an afternoon tea, guest speaker, crafts, and friendship on Sunday 10/09/23 from 2-4 pm at the Nathalia Guide Hall (supported by the Jean Hailes Foundation). RSVP to nathalianwcwa@outlook.com or Nathalia Night Watch CWA Facebook.



Week Three

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EASY LAMB MOUSSAKA

From the CWA's *Delicious Lamb Dishes* cookbook.

We all need quick and easy weeknight go-to dinners. This one is very economical and super quick and easy to whizz up. Although not a Moussaka in the traditional sense, it is still a very tasty and simplified version.

Ingredients

2 tbsp olive oil	2 tbsp ground cinnamon
1 onion finely chopped	200gm jar grilled eggplant
2 cloves garlic finely chopped	200gm feta cheese crumbled
500gm minced lamb	3 tbsp chopped fresh mint
400gm can chopped tomatoes	2 tbsp tomato paste

Method

Heat oil in a large shallow pan and fry onions until soft. Add the mince and garlic and fry until browned. Add the tomatoes, paste, and cinnamon. Season with pepper and simmer 20 minutes, adding eggplant after 10 minutes. Sprinkle feta and mint over the top.

Hint

Don't brown garlic with the onion as the longer cooking may burn it.
Don't add salt with the cooking as there is salt in the tinned tomatoes and feta.
Taste at the end before adding any salt.



On Sunday 20th August 2023 the Nathalia Nightwatch branch hosted the Central Murray Spring Group Conference. The venue was the Uniting Church Hall, Nathalia. Approximately 30 members from the Group attended, plus guests, and Group President Kate Ismail, Group Secretary Helen Christie and Group Treasurer Jane Waser. Faye Glover, Moira Group Secretary, conducted the judging of member competition items including jelly cakes, birthday cards, and bouquets; junior items were chocolate crackles and birthday cards. The award for "unseen reading" was won by Andrea Fahey and the Chapman Cup by the Nathalia branch. Invited speakers from "Life without Barriers", a not for profit organization involved with fostering children and residential care, spoke about their vital work with children and families. A selection of delicious casseroles and desserts were served for lunch, along with homemade cakes and biscuits in between. The meeting was concluded with the cutting of a beautifully decorated cake to celebrate the Nathalia Nightwatch branch 10th anniversary. It was a most successful conference and enjoyed by all.



Nathalia Angling Club News



Jordan James



Ryan Coghlan



Jeremy & Harry Guerra

Sunday Aug 20th marked another fishing adventure for our club holding a kids "Catch a carp" day. This time the Broken Creek was our destination. The weather was on our side with about 25 kids signing up for the challenge catching 58 carp. Four \$50 vouchers were up for grabs.

First voucher was for most carp caught. Young Harry Guerra setting a good pace with 8 carp with help from Ollie and Elana Botterill. They were pipped at the post by Hunter Norman right at the final weigh in, catching 9.

Next voucher went to Holly Coghlan. Holly managed to reel in a 32cm yellow belly. Well done Holly. You showed your old man how to fish.

The next prize was for the biggest carp. It was a tie for most of the day with Mason Wilson and Lennox Rae each with a 54 cm. Then Jordan James pulls a 55cm out of the bag to claim the win. The last voucher was for the smallest carp caught by a girl.

Well done Georgie Ebejer who reeled in a 24cm. She was just as interested in playing with the worms as she was putting them on the hooks.

The Nathalia Angling Club would like to thank all the parents for coming along and getting the kids involved.

A big Thanks to all our hardworking club members for another successful day. ~ Kym



Hunter Norman



Peter & Holly Coghlan



Georgie Ebejer



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Nathalia Wildflower Group

Gumboots, hats and warm clothing were worn by members of the Nathalia Wildflower Group to our outing along Baxter's Road on 19th August.

Whilst wandering through the ancient Murray pines we discovered wattles in bloom which were a delight, despite the cold weather.

We were overjoyed to locate several small plants flowering, as we enjoyed morning tea and a warm cuppa beside the Broken Creek.



Praying mantis cocoon on Murray pine



NSC Athletics Carnival

The sun came out on Monday 14th August for Nathalia Secondary College to come together for our Athletics Day. As our Year 12s set the mood with some silly costumes and fantastic beats, it was fabulous to see everyone turn out and have a go.

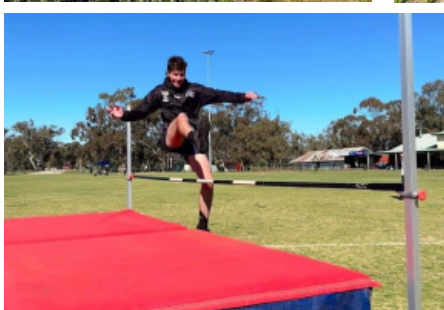
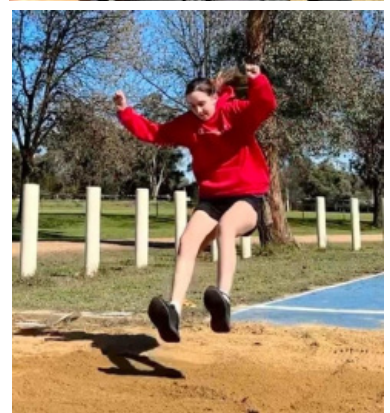


There were numerous records broken on this day, with special mention to Rhys H for breaking multiple in both the High Jump and Long Jump!

There was less success in the 200m when poor Josh Dohnt stopped early and missed where the finish line was!

In other areas, there was some ruthless competition when the teachers took on students for tug o war, resulting in a few minor scrapes (Mr Jones is very sorry, Jack!)

A massive congratulations to Murray House for taking the win on the day, and all our Age Group Champions. Thanks especially to Mr Tinning for organising the day's events. Well done all!



Appointments to Board of Directors 2023

NCN Health congratulates Tricia Quibell (Board Chair) and Alicia Cunningham (Board Director and Chair Clinical Governance) who have both been reappointed to the NCN Health Board of Directors.

We also warmly welcome Peter Guy and Brant Doyle on their appointment to the NCN Health Board effective 1 July 2023.

NCN Health CEO Jacque Phillips acknowledged the existing and incoming Board Directors for their contribution to local health.

“At NCN Health, the Board of Directors plays an integral role in guiding the organisation’s mission to provide exceptional healthcare services. These community-driven leaders volunteer their time to collaborate closely with the Chief Executive Officer and Executive team in executing our strategic objectives. Additionally, they remain accountable to the Minister for Health, ensuring the performance and quality of our healthcare services align with government standards.

“We are excited to work with the Board of Directors in 2023 and beyond to deliver high quality health care to our communities.”



Pictured are (back from left) NCN Health CEO Jacque Phillips, Board Directors Mewan Dissanayake, Kate Hodge, Kevin Boote, Peter Guy, Brant Doyle. Front from left, Priyanka Saha, Tricia Quibell (Board Chair), Alicia Cunningham and Kade Beasley (Deputy Chair).

National Science Week 2023 – Innovation: powering future industries



The celebration of science is an opportunity to acknowledge the contributions of Australian Scientists to the world of knowledge. It aims to encourage a wider interest in science and to encourage young people to be fascinated by the world.

The children at Nathalia Preschool engaged in an experience of wonder and intrigue. They were presented with a variety of liquids, solids, powders, and textures to which they could choose how to use.

The role of the educator was to present resources in an environment where mess was not a considered barrier. To stand back, observe and not direct the children in any way.

Dressed in protective gowns and goggles, the children began their investigations with the resources. The educators observed children squeezing to watch the paint as it squirted, splattered, dripped, and oozed out of the bottles. During these times they were internally testing their ideas, processing thinking and being a scientist. Answering their own questions; what if I squeeze a little or a lot? What happens if I hold it higher or lower? During the experience the children were hypothesising, exploring, discovering, and making sense of the world around them.

Learning is not in the nicely painted picture at the easel or the end result. Learning happens when children are free to enjoy the process. Learning is in the doing. To play!



Peggy beginning her science experiment



Brandon discovered what happens when you cover your goggles with paint!



Taylor discovered everything stuck to her hands.



Lexi discovering the textures of the paint as it mixes.

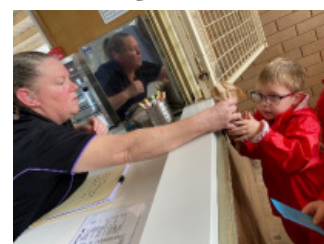


Creating connections within our community, the 4yr preschoolers visited the Nathalia Secondary College on a rainy, windy day.

Some children do not have the opportunity to engage with older children. To engage with them socially or even at preschool. We therefore provided an opportunity for the children to enter into the learning environment of the older students.

But first, to go to the canteen and give their order to Helen and then receive their order. Gathering together in the ‘foods room’, the children ate their lunch order. Then the big question “Where is the playground?” There was only one way to discover where (and if) the playground could be.

Together we walked around learning about the school and where could the playground be?



Asher receiving his lunch order from canteen co-ordinator Helen.



Mia handing her lunch order to Helen at the canteen.

Although they didn’t discover a playground, the children met two students who read them a book in the school library. Thankyou to the students, Amy and Emma and especially to Helen to work with us for the children to experience having a lunch order and see what a secondary school looks like.



Natasha & Wyatt reading to the children.



Haddie & Ceder enjoying their lunch.

New podcast episode on managing high storage levels

With many of the region's lakes, dams, and reservoirs close to full capacity, Goulburn-Murray Water (GMW) has released a new podcast episode to help keep the community informed about how storages are managed.



Northern Victoria resource manager Dr Mark Bailey features in the latest *Talking Water with GMW* podcast and said the way storages were managed varied greatly.

"How GMW manages its storages depends on many things," he said. "The key factors are the size of the storage, where the storage is located in the broader river catchment, and the actual infrastructure at the dam itself."

Most GMW's storages have fixed crest spillways, meaning once they reach full supply level, they simply begin to spill.

Lake Eildon, Cairn Curran and Lake Buffalo all have gated spillways, meaning there is a greater ability to control outflows from these storages.

However, Dr Bailey noted that fixed crest spillways, such as the one at Lake Eppalock, have a role to play during times of flood.

"Even at storages with fixed crest spillways, being full does not stop a storage from providing flood mitigation," he said.

"The spillways cause the water to back up and rise, and slow the rate that water moves downstream."

Recent years have seen considerable rainfall fill storages across the state. June 2023 was also a wetter than usual month, with inflows to Lake Eildon being recorded at three times the monthly average.

However, the Bureau of Meteorology's long-range forecast predicts a drier than average August to October, including a likely El Niño development.



Cairn Curran

"We know that drought and flood are both an inevitable part of our climate. Our storages cannot prevent either event, but they do lessen the impact of both," Dr Bailey said.

"We therefore need to manage against both situations, which is a significant balancing act."

You can listen to Dr Bailey discussing how water storages are managed via the GMW website: www.g-mwater.com.au/podcast

The GMW website also contains further information on how storages are managed: www.g-mwater.com.au/managing-storages

Songs From the Year 2000

Find and circle all of the songs from the year 2000 that are hidden in the grid. The remaining 29 letters spell an additional song title from 2000.

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| BENT | I NEED YOU | MOST GIRLS | THERE YOU GO |
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| BYE BYE BYE | I WISH | OTHERSIDE | WONDERFUL |

Grant opportunity for local football and netball clubs

The Nationals Member for Shepparton District, Kim O'Keeffe, is encouraging local football and netball clubs to apply for the 2023-24 Country Football and Netball Program grants.

Grants of up to \$250,000 are available to make more sport infrastructure developments a reality, including court and oval lighting upgrades, change room developments and new pavilions for local clubs and communities.

"I have been strongly lobbying for vital upgrades to our sporting facilities, particularly as many clubs are operating out of run down facilities and several are still recovering after being badly impacted by flooding last year.

"Our local sporting groups deserve the opportunity to play sport and have access to the very best local facilities, and I would really encourage all netball and football teams to make use of this grant round and turn their upgrades into a reality," said Ms O'Keeffe.

Applications close on October 9 2023. For more information and to apply, please visit <https://sport.vic.gov.au/grants-and-funding/our-grants/country-football-and-netball-program>



Pictured: The Nationals Member for Shepparton District Kim O'Keeffe pictured with Tallygaroopna FNC life member and former club president, Ron Jones.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Hi All, Ted Haberle is nominating for the president of Nathalia Senior Citizens at the AGM.

On the 5th Sept, at 10am.

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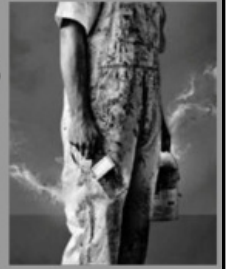
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In the Swing at Nathalia Golf Club

Wednesday the 9th of August: Sponsored by REMAX - the Ladies played par on a perfect day for golf. Winner Helen Ginnivan -5.

Sunday the 13th of August: Winner Ryan Bell with 37 Stableford points. Well done Ryan. NTP Tony Brown.

Wednesday the 16th of August: Sponsored by TTI - the ladies played stableford. Winner Lynette Lindsay on a count back from Sonia Verlinden both with 29 stableford points. No NTP.

Sunday the 20th August: the men played stableford on a great day weather warming up. Winner John Drenen 34 stableford points. No NTP.



Pictured: Sue Lowe putting watched by Lynette Lindsay, Helen Ginnivan and Nina Pell.

Nathalia Blue Jazz Basketball Report

Round 2: Nathalia Blue Jazz U14s (Shaw) - 19 defeated by Demons U14s (Clarke) - 20

Game 2 for our boys was an amazing effort and a great game to watch. Both teams played hard and the lead changed a number of times throughout the game. The excitement level was through the roof!

The boys played a great team game, with every single player contributing and giving their all for their teammates.

Blair Watson was impressive on the court, he defended well, pressured the opposition and scored 5 points for the team.

BJ Lui, in just his second ever game, showed so much improvement. He went in hard and won the ball a number of times. He used his dribbling and passing skills to help our team get into scoring position.

Luke Nave played his first game for the team and did a fantastic job. He ran hard all game, gained possession of the ball and remained calm under pressure.

Duane Shaw was again our stand out defender, making the opposition have to work extra hard to hit the scoreboard. He also pressed hard in offence and managed to score a basket for the team.

Tyson James keeps pushing, even when he has almost nothing left in the tank. He played another great game and is developing into an outstanding baller.

Blayde Wiki-King ran all game and covered so much of the court. He stole the ball countless times and was selfless with his passing and teamwork. His hard effort culminated in him having the ball in his possession in the dying seconds of the game, he put up an incredible shot from way out that, if it had of dropped, would have been one of the all time great buzzer beaters.

I can't say enough about how incredibly well the boys did in their second game. So many skills we have been practicing, are already starting to come together on the

court.

Well done to each and every player, I am proud of every one of you! We came so close tonight, keep up the hard work and our first win is just around the corner.

Also, a huge thank you to the Demons (Clarke) for being a great team and great sportsmen.

Round 3: Nathalia Blue Jazz U14s (Shaw) - 16 defeated by Celtics U14s (White) - 32

Last night we played against the Celtics White team in game 3 of the season. Right from the start we could see this was going to be a tough game for our boys.

Sometimes in sport things just don't go the way you planned and last night that was the case, with the boys struggling to find their feet in the first half.

However, at half time we focused on what wasn't working and where improvement was required and the team hit the court again. The second half looked like a different game, the boys began to play for each other with clever passing, using their voices and support for each other around the contest.

While we didn't get the win in the end, the boys pushed all the way until the final buzzer and I could not be more proud of every one of them for their effort, hard work and resilience.

I believe the true test of a great team is how they play when things aren't working and times are hard. These boys showed last night that they will keep pushing, keep running, keep giving their all until the final minute and that really shows the type of team and the type players they are. I couldn't ask to coach a finer group of young men.

Well done boys!



Picola District Football Netball League - Upcoming Finals

Semi Final 1 - Saturday, 26th Aug @ Waaia

15 & Under: Katunga v Waaia @ 9.20am

C Reserve: Mathoura v Waaia @ 11.50am

Semi Final 2 - Sunday, 27th Aug @ Katamatite

Under 17's football: Katandra v Waaia @ 10.25am

A Grade: Waaia v Katunga @ 1.30 pm

C Grade: Waaia v Katandra @ 1.30 pm

Preliminary Final - Saturday, 2nd Sept @ Deniliquin

B Grade: Waaia v Winner Semi Final 2 @ 11.50am

Reserves: Waaia v Winner Semi Final 2 @ 12.15pm

Seniors: Waaia v Winner Semi Final 2 @ 2.05pm



Murray Football Netball League - Upcoming Finals

1st Elimination Final - Saturday, 26th August @ Numurkah

Under 17's football: Moama v Nathalia @ 10.45am

2nd Elimination Final - Sunday, 27th August @ Echuca United

C Grade: Deniliquin v Nathalia @ 10.45am

Seniors: Nathalia v Moama @ 2.00pm





Nathalia Bowling Club News



Pictured: Bev Hutchins in action representing Victoria for the Indoor Bias Bowls National Championships -2023.

Bev Hutchins, our President was selected to play in the Ladies 4's Victorian Indoor Bias Bowls team for the Nationals which were held last week on Caloundra, on the Sunshine Coast, Qld. Bev's team won Bronze in this section. The Lawn Bowls Club congratulates Bev on her selection and win. The overall winner for the Nationals is Tasmania, with Victoria as runners up.

Lawn Bowls has been in recess over winter and we have recruited eight new Members, whom we welcome and wish them well with our Club.

The Club has entered two teams Division 3 and Division 5 for **Saturday Pennant** for

the 2023/2024 Pennant Season which commences the first week in October. Division 3 plays Tocumwal away and Division 3 play Numurkah 5 away. **Midweek Pennant** is now in Division 1 and the first game is against Picola at home. We look forward to a very competitive year.

MAINTENANCE has continued over winter with upgrades to Security, a new path at the front of the Club, making it disability friendly, electrical upgrades, a light has been installed at the front of the Club to service the path to the front gate and a new injector pump has been installed to help with Greens Maintenance. General mowing and gardening has also been done. Thanks to all Members who worked so hard to achieve all of this.

Pictured right: The 2023 Victorian National Representative team



(L-R) Skip Barb Draffen, 3rd Bev Hutchins, 2nd Cindy Brodie, Lead Yvonne Clarke. ~ photo courtesy Tia Jayde Photography.



53rd Indoor Bias Bowls National Championship- 2023

That's a wrap for the Nathalia Knights

Under 10's: Tough last game for our under 10's against Tatura which was filled with quite a few under 12's as our opponents! Not much to say about today other than well done to our Knights for not giving up & everyone doing their best. It made us parents proud when you all got around each other when you wanted to throw the towel in. Great job everyone. Best on: Archie Vallender, Max Butler, Nixon Croxford, Miller Butler, Levi Brererton, Ryder Vearing.

Under 12's: Well Knights, that's a wrap! What an amazing way to finish off the season! A fantastic fight against the Tatura Bulldogs and as you have all done all season, you held your heads high and fought until the final siren. We are all so very proud of you!! Goals: Zac Ebajer 2, Jack Wilson 1, Paulie Sherer-Richards 2, Archie Vallender 1.



Knights action for the last round of the season, Saturday the 12th of August.

Linton's Review: A great way to finish off the year. We started a bit slow but our confidence grew throughout the match. Once again we moved the ball quickly, attacked the ball and tackled with gusto.

Another close game which came down to the last minute but as always we played in the right spirit and walked off with our heads held high.

Well done to everyone for a great year and we hope to see you again next year.

Best on: Jimmy Ryan, Paulie Sheter-Richards, Zac Ebajer, Miller Butler, Ryder Walsh, Grace Leslie, Jax Bell, Mason Wilson.

Nathalia Junior Football Round 20

Under 14's: Nathalia 0.0.0 def by Deniliquin 23.17.155

Our last game of the year was a tough one up against a well drilled Deni side who moved the footy with link up hand balls and long kicks down to their talls forcing our backline to work hard all day. Our young Purps fought strong and never gave up working hard at every contest; something they have done all year witch was great too see. Zander Quinn was a standout giving his all down back his intercept marking and long kicking helped us clear the ball. Mason Hatton has had to ruck all year on his own and again was rarely beaten. The boys absolutely love their footy and never throw the towel in; they all have been keen to learn and we are in a good place being so young moving forward they are determined and play the game in great spirit. It's been a hard year but everyone of you have made us proud, well done boys. **Awards:** Past Players: Zander Quinn, Nathalia Printers: Kurtis Begley, Rex James Stockfeed: Dylan Morgan, Frostick Contracting: Dylan Sutton, Bendigo Bank: Mason Hatton.

Under 17's: Nathalia 13.9.87 def Deniliquin 3.3.21

Goals: E. Congues 5, H. McDonald, N. Frostick 2, B. Walpole, J. Dohnt, D. Dohnt, P. Ryan.

The trip to Deni for the last game was a windy one a typical westerly breeze forcing a lot of play on the far side of the ground. The Purples boys had come to play with Ewan Congues leading the front for the first bounce with his ferocious attack on the ball setting the example for his team mates. In and around the congestion the Purples boys were able to win a lot of the ball to clear the ball decisively and give our forwards a good look at it. Baz and Harry McDonald along with Ned Frostick found a lot of the footy and used it well. There were many players who lifted their output with Tyler Caulfield, Tristan Kendall and Levi Lewer all meeting the ball hard and winning the ball for the team. Brady Walpole was again dominant down back to be

Lachie Russell who plays for Nathalia's U14s, umpired (boundary) his first senior game on Saturday 12th August, Nathalia v Finley.



another valuable contributor. We now look forward to week 1 of the finals. **Awards:** Marc Quarrell Civil Construction: Ewan Congues, Mick's Pizza Shack: Levi Lewer, AV Hughes Excavations: Tyler Caulfield, On Trend Cabinetry: Tristan Kendall, TJ's IGA: Harry McDonald.

Waaia Elimination Finals 1 & 2

Saturday 12th August - played at Berrigan

13 & Under: Waaia 12 def by Strathmerton 15

What an amazing game played by the girls in a clear demonstration of how far we have come in a season. The girls played hard for a full four quarters in slightly wet conditions. They fought for the ball and backed one another up all day and the score board is a clear reflection of how well they did. Ivy O'Dwyer, Jamieson Shelton, Lauren Parker & Stef Daniel did an amazing job in defence placing pressure on the opposition and making them work hard for every ball all day. Pippa Stammers and Hadassah Hibma again combined well in goals and the mid court girls Kiara Atkins, Macie Gilmour & Asha Bullock all did us proud chasing down each ball and feeding well into the ring. The girls' tenacity and want for the ball had Strathy scrambling in the last with the girls certainly coming out on top in the last quarter, but just shy of the victory for the day. Whilst not all players hit the court, it was great to see the team spirit they all brought in supporting one another on the day and throughout the season. It has been a pleasure to see them all improve from the start of the year to the finish. I wish all the girls luck in their netball going forward and will see them all for the season's wrap up in a few weeks time.

15 & Under: Waaia 36 def Blighty 18

We felt the finals pressure and took a while to settle in. It was so great to see everyone adjusting to the weather and a wet ball, and making shorter sharper leads to maintain possession. Every single player kept their Blighty opponent under pressure and patiently stayed disciplined until they earned the turnover. It is exciting to see this group getting around each other and lifting their performance at the right end of the season!!!! Let's go again in the semi final!

C Reserve: Waaia 42 defeated Strathmerton 34

We were playing with more determination for

the girls that couldn't be there on the day and we knew that there was no 2nd chance. With not the best weather, we had to adapt to the court conditions so our game was slow and steady. The nerves showed in the first 5 minutes of the 1st quarter but once they settled, we got out to a handy lead at the first break. The 2nd quarter we extended our lead slightly. The 3rd quarter Strathy came out firing and were slowly pegging back our big lead. We settled in the 4th quarter and held our own and came away with the win. A couple of changes each quarter were made but the girls adapted well. Our defence end once again played extremely well and all chased up loose balls and intercepted passes that were at times, crucial parts of the game. Well done girls.

Sunday 13th August - played at Tungamah

17 & Under: Waaia 33 def by Strathmerton 37

What a game to finish the 2023 season. The girls should be so proud of themselves as they never gave up the fight or let the score board get in the way of a great game. Going into the last quarter 16 down, the Waaia bombers ended up going down by only 4, proving that enjoying the game, having fun and backing their team mate, anything can happen! Each and every one of the Under 17's team has developed not just in their game but also personally to which was proved on the day. It has been an absolute pleasure coaching this fabulous bunch of girls and I hope to see every single one of them back in the red and black in 2024. Thank you girls for a fun and crazy year!

Under 17's: Waaia 5.4.34 def

Katamatite 3.6.26

Goals: L. Williams 2, A. Bryant, T. Daniell, O. Buckland.

The Waaia boys took on Katamatite in an elimination final and what was the first final a lot of the boys had played in. The boys had trained well all week and were very eager to get

the game going and experience finals footy! The boys were encouraged to play tough contested footy and take the game on and that came in to full effect right from the first bounce. The boys showed no signs of nerves and withheld a lot of early inside 50's from Katamatite to rebound with 2 first quarter goals to take an early lead. The second quarter was dominated by Katamatite, however the strong pressure from the Waaia defence forced the Tigers into many errors, a goal against the flow from Aiden Bryant gave the Bombers a 9 point lead at the half time break. The boys were encouraged to continue taking the game on and got the game back on their terms in the 3rd quarter, taking much of the ascendancy but were unable to capitalise on a lot of their inside 50 entries. Taking a lead into the last quarter, the Bombers kicked the first goal of the last and held on in the end for an 8 point win. The contested work and tackle pressure was a highlight of the day as none of the boys took a backwards step and played tough finals footy! The boys look forward to their next final. **Best Players:** Aiden Bryant, Jacob Purdon, Adam Brooks, Kaleb Gilmour, Thomas Daniel, Jake Buckland.



Waaia's Jacob Purden going for the tackle (Under 17's).

~ Photo courtesy Janet Brooks

Picola United Elimination Final 2

13th August - played at Tungamah

15 & Under:

**Picola United 32 def by
Jerilderie 41**

Finals time and the Picola United 15's were raring to go. The girls made for a solid start in the first quarter, but Jerilderie fought back hard taking the lead. The last quarter saw the girls bring the margin back; never giving up and pushing themselves all the way through. Jerilderie took the win by 9 in the end. Congratulations to these young girls in what was a successful season, well done on your efforts.

C Reserve:

Picola United 27 def by Rennie 30

The girls took on Rennie in the elimination final, was an amazing effort throughout the game fighting to the very end, made a strong fight in the third quarter and unfortunately Rennie got the lead in the fourth going down by 3. Making it this far was something to be proud of and give the girls a taste and hunger to go further in the new season.



Congratulations to the following Picola and District Football Netball League senior and junior players on being invited to the League Vote count and Presentation. Well done on what has already been a successful season for you and we wish you the best of luck.



Waaia FNC

Ash Holland - Seniors
Jesse Trower - Seniors
Lachlan Henderson - Reserves
Greg Meyland - Reserves
Mark Meyland - Reserves
Eloise Walkers - A Grade
Holly Boyd - A Grade
Nicole Brown - B Grade
Sharri Longmore - C Grade
Amanda Elliot - C Grade
Andrea Walker - C Reserve
Jessamy Doyle - C Reserve
Sasha Daniel - 17 & Under
Tom Daniel - Under 17's
Oscar Buckland - Under 14's

Picola United FNC

Megan Hansen - C Reserve
Logan Daniel - Under 17's
Taneesha Atkinson - 13 & Under
Sienna Jorgensen - 13 & Under
Ruby Whitelegg - 13 & Under

Waaia Qualifying Finals 1 & 2

Saturday 19th August - played at Blighty

B Grade: Waaia 42 def Rennie 37

It's finals time and we didn't disappoint. Both teams wanted the win and worked their butt off to make it happen.

Not our best game by any means but we got there in the end and come out with the win.

Now to continue refining those skills and connections at training to give ourselves every opportunity in the prelim.

Seniors: Waaia 11.16-82 def Katunga 12.5-77

Goals: C. Brown 3, C. Burrows 2, A. Holland 2, B. Coates 2, A. Bergamin, B. Armstrong.

The first final was always going to be tough and the first quarter didn't disappoint. Katunga got the jump and had the bomber boys on the back foot all day, with their attack on the footy and hard work around the ground leading to a Katunga dominated first half. Change was required and in the third quarter it was delivered, with the Bomber boys finding their way back into the game largely thanks to midfielders starting to win the clearance battle.

Ash Holland was dominant all day in the ruck and was instrumental in allowing the Bombers to hold on from that third quarter to walk away with a scrappy yet pivotal win. Inaccuracies at goal and poor skill level cost the Bomber boys all day but to sneak home in a thriller is sure to provide plenty of confidence moving forward. Harvey Walker and Shaun Greenway ran and competed hard all day along with Ash Thompson. Charlie Burrows competed hard up forward all day and Sam Richardson continued his great run of form. Plenty of positives yet plenty to work on moving forward, nonetheless a great win and looking forward to a massive prelim final at Deni. **Best Players:** Ashley Holland, Harvey Walker, Shaun Greenway, Ashley Thompson, Charlie Burrows, Samuel Richardson.

Reserves: Waaia 11.8-74 def Katandra 1.7-13

Goals: M. Meyland 5, D. Coutts 2, G. Meyland, R. Bradbury, J. Cleeland, B. Harris

Great start to the finals campaign for the boys as they come out firing against a young a fit

Katandra side. It was a hot and heavy first quarter being a low scoring affair. Throughout the next three quarters the lads took control of the game and kicked away. Sam Trower was brilliant all day finding himself with leather poisoning come the end of the game. Sam Boyd and Lachie Karl also had a big impact on the game. Mark Meyland was forever reliable kicking 5. The boys are looking forward to the week off to be ready for the preliminary final at Deni. **Best Players:** Sam Trower, Samuel Boyd, Greg Meyland, Lachlan Karl, Brendan Harris.



Sunday 20th August - played at Jerilderie

C Grade: Waaia 38 def by Denilquin 40

We had nothing to lose but everything to prove as the Bombers came out to redeem themselves after our last performance against Deni. The pressure we applied throughout made Deni rethink their passes and play.

With being 6 down within the 4th to come back to being 1 up was an amazing performance by all. Unfortunately we couldn't sneak away with the win but it was a strong team game and you should all be proud.

A Grade: Waaia 37 def by Katandra 43

This is finals! The Bombers faced a challenging yet invigorating tussle against the Katandra Kats. Going down by six, the Bombers left nothing in the tank. Both teams went out firing with defensive pressure covering every inch of the court, with the Kats converting at crunch time. The unstoppable duo, Holly Boyd and Milly Foster worked tirelessly in the backline whilst Eloise "Chocco" Walker ran the guts with consistency and ease. Helen Williams acted as the anchor in attack, picking off rebound after rebound. The Bombers re-evaluate ensuring error control is minimised as they face Katunga at Katamatite on Sunday.



Waaia's Lachie Karl in last Saturday's Qualifying Final victory over Katandra (Reserves).
~ Photos courtesy Janet Brooks



Pictured left: Waaia's Ali Boyd in last Saturday's B Grade final against Rennie.

Nathalia v Deniliquin Rams Round 20

FOOTBALL

Seniors: Nathalia 17.7.109 def Deniliquin 5.3.33

Goals: A. Hicks 4, L. Evans 3, P. McCallum, B. Ross, C. Sheehan 2, K. Lundberg, J. Laffy, L. Gemmill, C. Congues. We took on Deni in an important game to build momentum leading into the finals. At nearly full strength we were looking to focus on our brand of football and control the middle of the ground. Our small forwards got us off to a great start kicking the first two goals of the game from a couple of young guns in Kai Lunberg and Charlie Sheehan. Our backline was fantastic again restricting Deni to just two goals at half time to lead by 6 goals. Alex Hicks played across half forward all day and was fantastic presenting up at the football and kicking 4 goals. Our midfield was lead by Bailey Bell and Clancy Congues who were also fantastic all day providing plenty of run through the middle of the ground as well as hitting the scoreboard. Deni responded well in the third quarter kicking a couple of early goals and winning more football out of the middle of the ground, but our back responded well and we were able to continue the form of the first half rebounding well out of our backline and transitioning fluently through the middle of the ground into our forward line. Going into the last quarter we put it on our guys to maintain the pressure and to the boys credit we kicked 6 goals to zero in the last quarter. Tom Nihill and Brodie Ross also continued their good form contributing well throughout the match. Overall it was a great even contribution from our team leading into our first final against Moama. **Awards:** Ryan Meat Co BOG: Alex Hicks, Bourke Group: Clancy Congues, Liddell Group-Delcorp: Kai Lundberg, NFNC Meal Voucher: Tom Nihill, Brereton's Bakery: Bailey Bell, Past Players: Brodie Ross.

Reserves: Nathalia 5.3.33 def Deniliquin 4.6.30
Goals: J. Gemmill 2, B. Woods, D. Limbrick, T. Myers. The Reserves went into the match against the highly fancied Deniliquin, aiming for their fifth win in a row to finish off the season. All players were up and about, with steely-eyed determination evident from the get-go. "Discipline" was the mantra drilled in by the coach pre-match and this eventually proved to be the difference between the two teams on the day. The back line led by Aiden Lindsay and Daniel Sullivan, stood up to repeat entries and consistently drove the ball from defence into attack. Will Sheehan, Josh Gemmill and Tristan Myers ran hard all day, regularly providing the forwards with scoring opportunities. The whole team was inspired by the courage and determination of coach Hicks who, despite a dislocated shoulder, attacked the ball with ferocious tenacity in a best on ground performance. The tension in the final quarter was palpable with the lead changing several times. This tight tussle came down to the last minute, with Myers earning a

set shot at goal to put the purples in front again. Tristan confidently kicked straight and Purples held on for a stirring victory. **Awards:** Limbrick Accounting: Wade Hicks, Mick Hogan Excavations: Josh Gemmill, NFNC Meal Voucher: Will Sheehan, Bell's Water Cartage: Dan Sullivan, Brereton's Bakery: Matt Carroll.

NETBALL

11 & Under: In the dreadful cold weather the girls had a slow start, but after the first quarter they had picked up their feet and were making fantastic passages of play. Good job girls. **Awards:** Past Players: Caitlin Murray, Bendigo Bank: Cassie Amery, TJ's IGA: Georgia Smith, Nathalia Early Learning Centre: Blair Johns.

13 & Under: Nathalia 26 def Deniliquin 22
What a way to finish off the season! The girls were 3 goals down at half time and managed to win by 4! The whole team gave 110% and their hard work paid off. The team has improved so much from the beginning of the season. Well done to the girls for the win and the season. **Awards:** Bendigo Bank: Ava Bourke, Shepparton Marketplace Subway: Sienna Vallender, TJ's IGA: Grace Morgan.

15 & Under: Nathalia 9 def by Deniliquin 63
The girls last game of the year and we played a very tough opposition. Good mid court work in attack and defensive play. Thank you to the girls for their dedication and effort! Thank you to Denise and Anna for their time and sharing their knowledge; and last but not least thank you to the parents for their contribution during the year. **Awards:** Broken Creek Physio & Pilates: Jayda Liddell, Post Office: Tayah Lundberg, Al's Café: Esther Amery.

17 & Under: Nathalia 29 def by Deniliquin 61
For our last game of the season the girls played with bare 7, they gave it their all with some great passages of play and strong defence. Girls should be very proud of their efforts. **Awards:** Barmah Pub NFNC Merch: Jayda Hawks, Sportfirst Numurkah: Eliza Kopsidas, Bendigo Bank: Bridie Wilson.

C Reserve: Nathalia 26 def by Deniliquin 29
The girls started a bit slow but eventually found their feet and had some great passages of play. At half time knowing this was their last game of

the season, the girls opted to have a bit of fun for the remainder of the game when given the option and had a big switch around to be playing out of position. Although we couldn't quite get there in the end to take the win it was still a great game. Thank you to the junior players that have filled in many times this year and dominated on the court! Well done to the ladies on a great season! Bring on season 2024! **Awards:** Limo's Mitre 10: Nicola Oliver, Three Belles Coffee & Cake: Evie Hawks, Brereton's Bakery: Zali Cornell.

C Grade: Nathalia 37 def by Deniliquin 50
The weather gods were not playing the game for our last home and away game. In freezing conditions the girls hit the court in some foreign positions. The girls embraced this and played some good netball. Schram's leadership skills in the attacking end was everything we wanted from her and this set up some really good passages of play. Alysha provided the same down the defence end which allowed our girls to feed off her direction. Abby held the pace well in the mid court which was backed up well by Elliot and Annie. Kaiya paired well defensively with her Mum in the ring however the Deni shooters were very accurate. Caitlin was given 1 minute notice that she was being flipped from defence to shooter and stood up for the team to provide a best on court performance. Ruby McIvers fresh legs were exactly what we needed at the half time break and she stood up to the challenge of senior netball. Unfortunately we couldn't take the win but are super ready to regroup and head into this finals series with the right attitude and fitness. **Awards:** Nathalia IGA: Caitlin Boschetti, Micks Pizza: Abby Favaro, Nathalia Hair & Beauty: Christie Schram.

B Grade: Nathalia 42 def by Deniliquin 50
We knew Deni were going to be tough to beat, as last time we drew. We were up after the 1st quarter, leading by 2! Going goal for goal in the 2nd quarter, scores were level at half time! Our 3rd quarter wasn't our best, but we fought hard in the final quarter, just running out of time to really make a comeback. The girls put up a great fight, applied pressure all over the court through the whole game. Everyone showed a lot of grit and determination to win the ball. Huge thanks to Reni Hicks for playing for us, very much appreciated. Well done girls on a great 2023 season! **Awards:** Les Rudd Haulage: Laura Harvey-Hawkins, NFNC Meal Voucher: Millie Maskell, Casual Step: Amber Steicke.

A Grade: Nathalia 28 def by Deniliquin 71
A cold windy day up against a great team. The score didn't reflect the game - I think we played some great netball, working hard, everyone giving 100%, couldn't ask for anything more!! Well done girls!! **Awards:** TJ's IGA: Lisa Kellow, North Victorian Bait Co: Abbey Bell, Bell's Water Cartage: Jessi Hicks.



Nathalia's Wade Hicks attempts to clear the ball with teammate Tristan Myers looking on, in last Saturday's Reserves victory against Deniliquin. ~ photo courtesy Nicole Reynolds

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