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The Bridge Hotel is Open!



Ian and Maree Brereton behind the bar at the Bridge Hotel.

Maree Brereton who has worked in the hotel industry for 20 years is very excited to finally get the Bridge Hotel up and running again.

Maree and her father Ian have been working hard renovating and painting the premises. The kitchen is still in the process of being renovated for meals in the near future.

The Bridge Hotel is open seven days, Monday, Tuesday 4pm to late and Wednesday to Sunday 12pm to late, with happy hour 5.00pm to 7.00pm on Fridays.

Call in to try the on tap beers Carlton Dry, Draught and Great Northern. For something different try the local Murray River Pale Ale from Morris & Co Brewing Numurkah.

Maree enjoys making an assortment of cocktails and her espresso martinis have so far been very popular.

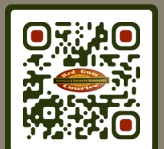
Maree would like to thank the local community for their wonderful support so far.

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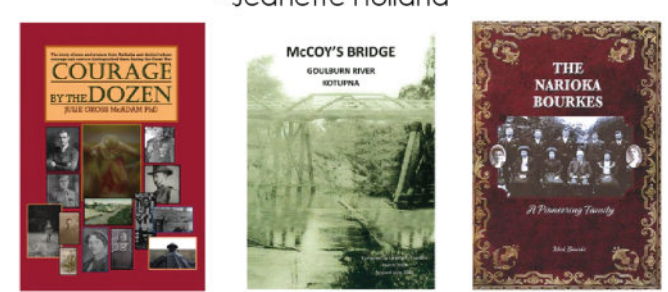
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Community Update



Japanese encephalitis – vaccine rollout


Council will be starting an immunisation program to help in the fight against Japanese encephalitis virus. The state government has expanded the eligibility criteria to give specific priority groups the vaccine for free, including those who may be exposed to the virus at work. Those eligible include people aged between 50 and 65 who work in a role that is largely outdoors, specifically those who spend more than four hours outdoors each day. Japanese encephalitis virus can cause a rare, potentially serious infection of the brain and is spread to humans by mosquito bites.

We are urging people who fit the criteria to fill out a simple Expressions of Interest form on our website to indicate whether they wished to be vaccinated.


In addition to the vaccine, there are simple steps we can all take to protect ourselves from mosquito bites –

- Wear long loose-fitting clothing outdoors;
- Use mosquito repellents with active ingredients such as picaridin or DEET;
- Limit outdoor activity at dusk and dawn.

Go to our website for more information and to fill out the Expressions of Interest form or give our Customer Experience team a call.



Jabba the Bus – Moira dates



If you are eligible for the Japanese encephalitis virus immunisation and would like to be vaccinated as soon as possible, GV Health's Jabba the Bus will be travelling through the shire next week.

- Tuesday 30 August, 11.30am-4.30pm – Nathalia Maternal and Child Health Centre

Numurkah Caravan Park – lease EOI opens

We are calling for Expressions of Interest for the lease and operation of the Numurkah Caravan Park. The caravan park is a well presented park located on a picturesque bend of the Broken Creek. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to live and work in an idyllic setting with loyal return visitors. Expressions of Interest must meet the requirements detailed in the information pack and must be received by Council by **4pm Friday 16 September 2022**. The pack is available on our website and a hard copy is available by request from our Customer Experience teams in Cobram and Yarrowonga.



Community Strengthening Grants Policy – have your say

We are calling for feedback on changes proposed to the Community Strengthening Grants Policy. These grants help community organisations to develop and deliver services, manage facilities, coordinate events and promote tourism, health, and environmental sustainability. In the past, only Quick Response grants of up to \$1,000 were available all year round; we are now adding another funding opportunity for grants up to \$5,000. Our Major Grants stream, up to \$10,000, will be open for up to two rounds per financial year. For all the details, to view the draft Community Strengthening Grants Policy and to have your say, go to Council's website. Feedback closes at **5pm Friday 9 September**.



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Nathalia Grinners Sing Along With Elvis



MHA Care Nathalia Grinners were delighted to welcome Elvis impersonator Rhonda Walsh to our recent grinners group activity day. Clients danced and sang along to the great music. Lucky spots, a door prize, best dressed man and lady were all eagerly contested activities. A yummy lunch consisting of a variety of finger foods followed by banana Sundays were enjoyed by all. Our thanks once again to Rhonda for entertaining our group.



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 Collect between 1pm-4pm
 Place order by 2pm -
 Collect between 4pm-6pm
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Moira Shire Messages

Calling for feedback on community transport

Moira Shire Council has commenced a month-long consultation period as part of the Community Transport Review.

Acting CEO Brant Doyle said this review was intended to understand the current community transport offers.

"We want to understand how people without access to their own vehicle are managing their transport needs and what difficulties, if any, they are experiencing accessing activities that are part of community living," Mr Doyle said.

"The results of the consultation will go towards informing a council position for future advocacy for improved services across the Moira area. "I encourage everyone to get involved in this important piece of consultation.

"Go to our website or look on our socials, scan the QR code and complete the survey, it is that simple."

The survey should take under ten minutes to complete; it closes on Friday 2 September 2022.



Vaccine roll out for JEV

Moira Shire has been named a critical region in the fight against Japanese encephalitis virus with people living and working in the area urged to get vaccinated to protect themselves against the infection spread by mosquitoes before the warmer months.

Acting CEO Brant Doyle said the eligibility criteria had been expanded to give specific priority groups the vaccine for free, including those who may be exposed to the virus at work.

"Those eligible include people aged between 50 and 65 who work in a role that is largely outdoors, specifically those who spend more than four hours outdoors each day," Mr Doyle said.

"Japanese encephalitis virus can cause a rare, potentially serious infection of the brain and is spread to humans by mosquito bites.

"Most people will have no symptoms, but one per cent of people may experience a fever and headache, which can develop into a serious disease.

"Victoria recorded its first-ever case of Japanese encephalitis virus earlier this year."

Mr Doyle said Council was urging people who fit the criteria to fill out a simple Expressions of Interest form to indicate whether they wished to be vaccinated.

"This information will be critical in helping us determine the amount of vaccine we need as well as the amount and location of immunisation

sessions we will need to organise," he said.

"You can find the Expression of Interest form on our website or phone our friendly Customer Experience team to request a hard copy."

In addition to the vaccine, there are simple steps those at risk can take to protect themselves from mosquito bites, including wearing long, loose-fitting clothing outdoors, using mosquito repellents with active ingredients such as picaridin or DEET on all exposed skin and limiting outdoor activity if lots of mosquitoes are present.

For more information and advice regarding Japanese encephalitis go to Council's website www.moira.vic.gov.au or visit betterhealth.vic.gov.au/japanese-encephalitis.

Community Strengthening Grants change – have your say

Moira Shire Council is calling for feedback on changes proposed to the Community Strengthening Grants Policy.

Acting Direct Sustainable Communities Rosanne Kava said Community Strengthening Grants enhance the capacity of community organisations to develop and deliver services, manage facilities, coordinate events and promote tourism, health, and environmental sustainability.

"Most importantly, there are a couple of changes to the grant categories," Ms Kava said.

"The Quick Response Grants, which are open all year round, will now have two funding opportunities available.

"In the past, only grants of up to \$1,000 were available; we are now adding another funding opportunity for grants up to \$5,000. "

So now whether your community organisation just needs a small amount to assist with an event or project or something more substantial, there will now be two funding streams to choose from."

Ms Kava said the Major Grants stream will be open for up to two rounds per financial year.

"The Major Grants stream is for grants up to \$10,000 and will aim to provide community organisations an opportunity to apply for funding for larger non-capital projects and events," she said.

"Applications for all Community Strengthening Grants will go through a pre-eligibility assessment and will either be returned to the applicant for further information if applicable, or will not progress if they do not meet eligibility requirements.

"Council's Community Strengthening Grant program supports projects that address social inequity, promote social inclusion, embrace diversity, and establish environments that are supportive of all people regardless of gender, identity, age, disability, culture, religion and sexual orientation."

For all the details, to view the draft Community Strengthening Grants Policy and to have your say go to Council's website.

Feedback closes at 5pm Friday 9 September.



MEALS ON WHEELS

26th August to 9th September

August

Friday 26th	Graeme Smith
Monday 29th	Marlene Moor
Tuesday 30th	Sue Lowe
Wednesday 31st	Lynette Caldwell

September

Thursday 1st	Carmel Gilson
Friday 2nd	Patricia Hawks
Monday 5th	Margaret Cobbledick
Tuesday 6th	VOLUNTEER REQUIRED
Wednesday 7th	Laurel Dimond & Lianne Caldwell
Thursday 8th	Heather Frostick
Friday 9th	Sue Lowe

**Laura, Volunteer Co-ordinator - MHA Care
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Nathalia Primary School Camp



The 4/5/6 camp was at PGL Campaspe Downs near Kyneton. Although it was very rainy on the first day we had fun going through the obstacle trail. There was a lot of mud! We also played laser tag in the rain.


Canoeing was fun. We played zombie tag in the double canoes on the lake.

We were blindfolded for the sensory trail – a course lined with ropes and with obstacles like tyres to climb over and tunnels to crawl through. We learnt a new game called robot, which involved one person who couldn't see and another who couldn't talk, trying to give instructions to a robot.

The flying fox was awesome. It went over the lake and was quite long. Harnessed up beside three friends and ready to jump off the platform to go down the zip line was exhilarating.

~ Charlie Creati & Harrison Halden



 What's On Locally	
August 28	Opening G.R.A.I.N. Store Exhibition: Portrait of Nathalia District
August 31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nathalia Gives Thanks Nathalia Lawn Tennis Club - AGM
September 1	Zoe McNair welcomes the first day of Spring @ The G.R.A.I.N. Store
September 4	Father's Day
October 1	Nathalia Agricultural Show
October 2	Daylight Savings Starts
November 11	RSL Remembrance Day Services
December 31	Nathalia New Years Eve Carnival
March	Rotary Show & Shine
April 8th	Easter Saturday Market & Bardi Gras
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Rotary News

This month...

has proved to be quite busy for us...to date. On the 8th of August most of our members (unfortunately there were three sickies unable to go) went across to Waaia Hotel where we met up with some RC Numurkah members. The Assistant Governor happens to belong to that club, and she gave out some information to everyone regarding a Rotary matter that needs to be voted on next month. There was delicious food to be eaten and plenty of Fellowship between the members from these clubs. A fines session had everyone paying more than usual and whatever was raised was donated to the hotel for its charity...to have a silo at Waaia painted.

As a social event, a couple of our members (again illness stopped more attendees) went to Westside at Mooroopna to a play, on 10th. This was a modern version of the classic, "Jane Eyre". It was quite enjoyable and there are plans to attend a few more productions, run through Riverlinks, at either Westside or Eastbank before year's end.

On Sunday, August 14th, there was the yearly car show run by RC Cobram. Rotarians from Numurkah and Nathalia were asked to help at the gates and three of our members braved the cold to be on site at 7 a.m. Whilst there they also advertised our Show and Shine that will take place in March 2023.

On August 17th we met up at the Senior Citizens' rooms where we had our first guest speaker for this Rotary year. Fay Scadden, from the boarding kennels, made a power-point presentation and it was enjoyed by one and all. A few questions followed and Fay answered these, after which President Loula thanked her for entertaining us and presented her with gifts of appreciation.

For a nice change, only drinks were BYO; three members cooked and donated a dish each, and there was bread and apple pies from another member's workplace. Partners attended the meeting, as did a Friend of



Loula Oliver & Fay Scadden

Rotary and another guest. Main course was eaten before the presentation; dessert after it. There were only a couple of Rotary matters mentioned...rest could wait till next meeting on 24th (usually we meet fortnightly, but it was decided to bring forward 31st's board meeting to discuss some urgent matters).

Another social event was offered for Sunday 21st but only three members were interested. A trip to Echuca's 1895 Royal Hotel for lunch, followed by "The People's Poet, Henry Lawson in Verse and Song", at the Uniting Church Hall at 2 p.m. A very pleasant afternoon indeed.

We received a mid-September booking at the respite house. The guests are coming from an outer Melbourne suburb. In early October we have guests coming from Millicent, S.A. and later that month the guests will be from Gippsland. People certainly travel fair distances for their rest, recuperation, and relaxation at the Heart to Heart House, and we are proud to be owners and caretakers of this property.

September will have us hosting a debate between SMOTA and NSC and we will also start having BBQ's up the street that month. Also in September we expect to have RC Mooroopna's car raffle tickets for sale (as we did earlier this year), and of course we will have our usual meetings and a social outing to Westside again too...not to mention readying the respite house for guests. Quite a busy month again and there will, of course, be some reports written for this column, re debate, BBQ, etc.



Myth
 Rotary is a secret society with an official creed.

Truth
 No, Rotary has no secret handshake, no secret meetings and no secret rituals. It is an open society of men and women who simply believe in helping others.

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Nathalia Show Update

The countdown is on to October 1st!



There are already several tradespace stalls booked in, but we are calling for any more to make contact ASAP and book your spot on 0447529878.

The Nathalia Angling Club will again be catering for the day. There will also be mini train rides, showbags, icecreams, face painting, community groups and more.

The schedule is available online on www.nathaliashow.com, printed copies will be available shortly from Nathalia Printers. Please check it out to see any things you might like to enter-great school holidays activities!

For the tractor enthusiasts, there will be a special feature run by the Harry Ferguson Tractor Club in celebration of 75 years of the grey Ferguson tractor. There will be a static displays of tractors, competitions and demonstrations of various implements (in the next door church paddock, not the footy oval!!)

There will be working bees on Sunday 11th and 25th of September to prepare the grounds. All welcome to come along.



U3A Film @ Night

Official Secrets UK 2019) U3A Film @ Night)

Great acting. A story overtaken by war. Another great film by the Director of *Eye in the Sky* (with Helen Mirren) (screened by U3A Film @ Night last year).

Another important story of a courage that happened in our life times. What was that war in Iraq all about? Captions for the hearing vulnerable.

Intermission to catch up on some of the detail.



Warning.. I do love a journalist/news/ behind the scenes type of story...and this acting and directing is quality work.

The accompanying photo is Keira Knightly (actor) and the young woman she is portraying...ditto

actor and the real journalist

Contact Philippa 0400 037 432 for more information

YOU'RE GREAT



Thumbs Up:

A big thank you to the Uniting Church Open Café for the lovely social atmosphere; a very enjoyable morning.

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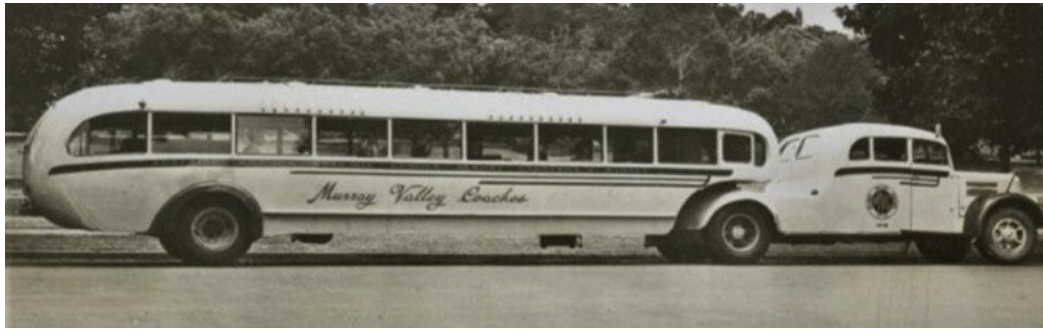


Locally Roasted Evoke Coffee



Museum Moments...

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



Here is another picture of the MV coach that was featured several editions ago which travelled through Nathalia regularly.

I would like to thank those who contacted me to give some details of the accident which involved this coach and a train at Strathmerton in 1954.

The following articles appeared in the newspapers at the time.

Riverine Herald 18 June 1954 "TWO DIE IN MVC BUS SMASH Strathmerton Level Crossing Fatality.

A bus hostess and a young child were killed, and seven other people injured when a Murray Valley bus was almost cut in half yesterday by a diesel rail motor at a level crossing near Strathmerton. The coach had left Echuca yesterday morning on its way to Albury, and the fatality occurred at about midday.

Those killed in the smash were Miss Val Bourke, about 23 years of Wodonga, and Gwenneth Phillips, a toddler believed to be aged 3 years, of Corowa. The bus, a semi-trailer, left Echuca at 10:15am yesterday carrying approximately ten passengers. The rail motor on its way to Cobram struck the bus midships of the trailer and cut it in half. The train was derailed and it is believed that it sustained little damage. However the bus was wrecked. The driver of the train received cuts and scratches to the face, but the driver of the bus, J. Higginson, escaped injury.

It is reported that there were 13 persons on the bus at the time of the accident but the train was empty of passengers. The sound of the accident brought out scores of people who helped clear the wreckage.

The Argus 5 August 1954

THE driver of the Murray Valley coach involved in the Strathmerton level crossing smash, told police that he failed to stop at the crossing because he was over anxious to make up lost time, the Coroner's Court was told today.

An inquest was being held on the deaths of Valerie May Bourke, 25, of Wodonga, and Pamela Gwen Phillips, 4, of Coffs Harbor, N.S.W., who were killed in the smash. Detective Stanley Edgar Sturtz of Shepparton, said that the driver of the coach, Walter Geoffrey Higginson, of Albury, came to the police station and made a statement.

In the statement, Higginson said that he had lost 10 minutes travelling time on a rough stretch of road between Nathalia and Strathmerton, Detective Sturtz said.

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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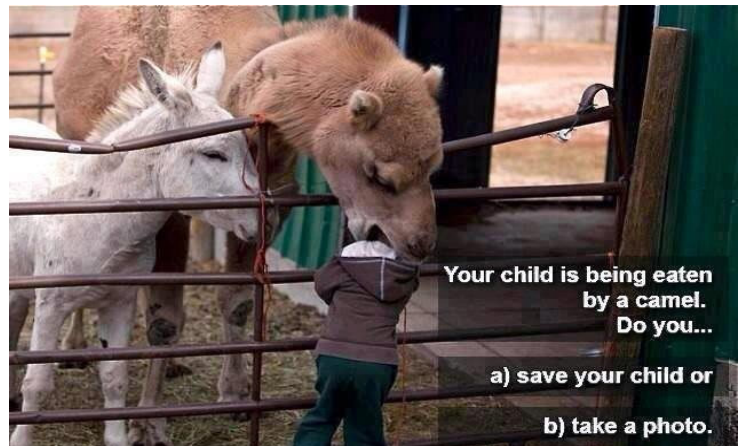


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Children's Book Council of Australia Book Week – Dreaming with eyes open...

Each year since 1945 the CBCA has brought children and books together across Australia during book week. It is a week to explore Australian children's authors and illustrators. This year we created a sensory room where we welcomed Geke from Nathalia GV Library to read to the children.



A sensory room is dark with softly lit areas for the children to sit, relax and engage with sensory experiences. Large and small pillows, blankets, scents of the garden, finger and hand puppets along with fiddle resources. A sensory room is a powerful tool to regulate and calm the children.

After story time, at the request of the children we began face painting. Something that the educators have decided takes a lot of skill to master, although the children were very happy with their painted faces.



Geke from the library reading to the children in the sensory room.

Elora having the finishing touches on her cat face.

Brielle and Kaylee with their very colourful cat faces.

Did you see us out and about on our bikes and scooters?

Once a week the children will be out in our community on their bikes and scooters. This is part of our Road Safety Project; How do we build on and promote the children's cycling and scooter skills with the children in our town Nathalia? The children will be following road rules for bikes and scooters and supervised by an educator.



Practicing being safe bike riders in our community.



The children walking their bikes across the pedestrian crossing

Please say hello and give the children a wave as they move throughout our community. The children have been learning about road signs and their meaning, the road rules, being a safe pedestrian in our community, practicing their cycling and scooting skills all before they have begun to be active on their bikes and scooters within our community. Each child has their own preschool helmet which has been fitted correctly for them to ensure they are following the road rules. Currently the children work in 3 groups, children who are skilled bike riders, children who are on training wheels or balance bikes and children on scooters.

If you have seen the children, please send them an email letting them know to nathalia@grpsa.com.au

We are pleased to announce our 2023 programs for 3 & 4 year old funded preschool.

3yr old preschool will be Wednesday & Friday and each alternating Monday.

4yr old preschool will be Tuesday & Thursday and each alternating Monday.

Both groups will begin at 8.30am and finish at 2.30pm.

We will be offering after kinder care from 2.30-4.30pm each day (there will be a fee for after kinder care).

Both 3 & 4 year old preschool is free for 2023.

Portrait of Nathalia District
Exhibition runs: 28 Aug - 6 Nov, 2022
Exhibition opening: Sun 28 Aug, 2 - 4pm

THE G.R.A.I.N. STORE *NATHALIA*

Nathalia Gives Thanks at Night
Wed 31 August 6-7:30pm

A quiet gathering to celebrate community members who have passed in the last two years.

Portraits of loved ones, if provided by the families, will be projected onto the water tower in the plantation.

Hot drinks provided by GWA
Music curated by Linden Lancaster

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Sessions at St Francis

It's been wonderful to be enjoying the fun of working in the SAKG garden again with Mrs Conroy. In our session last week, we talked and wrote about safety in the garden, we planted new seedlings, we practised aerating soil by digging in the sandpit and we did some garden art. We smiled, enjoyed the outdoors and were so happy to have Mrs Conroy back guiding us and helping to understand the importance of working outdoors in a garden! The vegetables have grown well and we look forward to using them for our cooking sessions in the next few weeks.



Now is the Time to Start Writing "Your" Story...



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Broken Creek Drama

Brotherly love

The aged married couple were both quiet in their car coming home. His only brother had died suddenly, and they had just been to the 'viewing.' Michael has requested some time alone with his brother's body.

The funeral was to be held the next day in the large Catholic Church in Shepparton.

As they prepared for bed, Maria was aghast at what she saw when Michael took off his boots.

'Wherever did you find those holey socks?' she shrieked.

Maria prided herself on being an excellent housewife and she liked to keep everything spick and span.

Michael looked up, sheepishly. 'Well, I couldn't have my brother go to his grave in tatty socks,' he explained, 'so I exchanged mine with his.'

Three big events with The GRAIN Store this coming week... and something gentle

Friday, 26th August, 6-9 pm - Star power Country duo 'Carter and Carter' host SMOTA song writing students performing their original pieces...be part of the excited, interested and encouraging audience



Sunday 28th 2-4 pm Official Opening of Portrait of Nathalia District 2022...all welcome...a chance to celebrate twenty photographers and more than a thousand of our community members...a chance to immerse ourselves in the complexity that is our District.

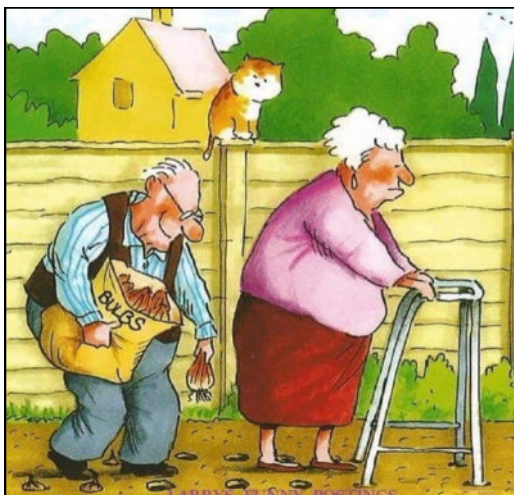
This is the culmination of a six month project led by Dual Walkley Award-winning photographer and Waaia local, John Donegan. Funds for this came through the Sustaining Creative Workers Initiative – supported by the Victorian Government through Creative Victoria and Regional Arts Victoria...and a response to the impact on the arts of Covid 19.

Wednesday 31st 6.30-7.30pm...A Nathalia Illumination on the top of the water tower...join other community members in a quiet remembrance and acknowledgement of some of the people who have passed since Covid 19 started impacting on our lives...including many whose funerals we were unable to attend...bring chairs; gather at the plantation; look south towards the water tower. Music curated by Linden Lancaster. Hot drinks provided by CWA. Possibly bring an umbrella.

Thursday 1 September First Day of Spring - Fifteen workshop members join Zoe McNair in a co-creation of a welcome to Spring. Two or three spaces still available. Make sure you wander past to share in the beauty.



Sustaining Creative Workers Initiative is supported by the Victorian Government through Creative Victoria and Regional Arts Victoria.





Police Report



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A burglary occurred at a Muntz Ave residency on June 30th. Two motorbikes were stolen and heard around the streets of Nathalia during the night of June 30th. This bike was found in the channel in Dillions Lane the next morning, 1st July, but the other bike is still missing. It is a DHZ Outlaw 140CC dirt bike. If you have seen this bike or have any information please contact the Nathalia Police. Ph: 5866 3005

Poets! Start Your Engines!



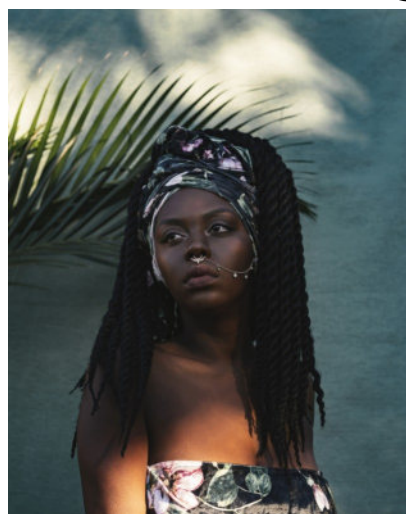
Poetry Slam is a live literary performance program where the audience chooses the champion. From July to October, Australian Poetry Slam heats and workshops connect storytellers across the nation, leading to the National Final as part of Story Week 2022.

Shepparton Library is thrilled to host a Victorian heat of Poetry Slam on Sunday 11th September from 7pm. Whether you are a budding poet or more experienced, Poetry Slam is a great way to get your poetry heard. 20 people will have the opportunity to compete in the Shepparton heat, with the winner competing in the Victorian finals, and maybe a place in the National Final.

Entrants are asked to register from 6.30pm, and with places in the competition limited to 20 poets, you will need to get in fast. Potential competitors will find the rules on the Australian Poetry Slam website. <https://www.australianpoetryslam.com>.

One of the best parts of Poetry Slam is that audience participation is actively encouraged, so come along and let your enthusiasm show! Judges are selected from the audience, so you may have a hand in selecting the next Slam Champion.

As well as the Poetry Slam heat, Shepparton Library will host a workshop from 12noon to 2pm for 20 people. This exciting workshop will help you



Current Australian Poetry Slam Champion Huda the Goddess

find inspiration all around you and hone in on your stories. If you would like to register for the workshop, contact Shepparton Library on 1300 374 765 or email on: shepparton@gvlibraries.com.au.

You might choose to attend the writing workshop, the Slam heat, or both!

Joining us at the Shepparton Library as Slam host and workshop facilitator is the current Australian Poetry Slam Champion Huda the Goddess. Huda is a spoken word poet, educator, mental health advocate, dancer and workshop facilitator. She describes poetry as one of her senses that allows her to turn her experiences into art and is currently working on her first poetry collection. As a proud African-Muslim woman it is important to her that young women from her community are represented and their stories are shared. Poetry is her connection to communities, land and her people. Having the chance to make people feel something will always be her goal as an artist.

Poetry Slam is for not just those that like poetry: it's for anyone who likes live entertainment. Prepare yourself though, whether you're cheering for your favourite poet or you are selected as one of the 5 judges, audience participation is a must. Be prepared for an entertaining evening of witty words and provocative prose

Poets planning to compete in the Shepparton Heat can only register in person on the night. Registration starts at 6.30pm and places are limited to 20 poets.

Proposal to close three transfer stations

Moir Shire Council recently conducted a triple bottom line assessment which included the social, environmental and financial assessments at all of its transfer station sites.

The results of this assessment recommended the closure of Strathmerton, Tungamah and Yabba transfer stations.

Acting Director Sustainable Communities Rosanne Kava said there were a range of reasons for this recommendation.

“Primarily, the significant investment in development and upgrading of these three transfer stations to meet best practice standards as well as additional operational budget now required to maintain these services to meet the requirements of the new Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Act,” Ms Kava said.

“The Strathmerton, Tungamah and Yabba stations also have low waste volumes and households will remain within a 10-20 minute drive of another transfer station.

“The Strathmerton and Tungamah communities have township kerbside waste and recycling collection already in place.

“We will be working closely with the Yabba community to implement options for kerbside waste and recycling collection following the closure to that transfer station.”

Council will be holding three drop in sessions for interested community members to come and speak with officers regarding this proposal.

- Strathmerton – Mailbox Café – Tuesday 30 August – 10am-12pm
- Tungamah – Community Service Centre – Middleton Street – Wednesday 31 August – 9am-11am
- Yabba – Yabba North Fire Station – 1/3 Railway Parade – Wednesday 31 August – 12pm-2pm.

“If the proposal to close the three transfer stations is accepted, they will likely close permanently in early 2023 with work to begin directly after in rehabilitating these sites,” Ms Kava said.

“I encourage anyone who is interested to come to one of the drop in sessions or go to our website for all the details and to have your say on this proposal.”

Movies: Science Fiction 2

Find and circle all of the Science Fiction movies that are hidden in the grid. The remaining letters spell the title of an additional Science Fiction movie.

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Nathalia Flood Training Exercise



On Wednesday 24th, Moirá Shire Council staff undertook a training exercise in using and installing the flood barriers and to ensure they are in good working order. The flood barriers have been in storage since last being used in the 2012 flood.

Only two members of the team were there in 2012 and everyone else was new to the task. It is nice to know that the exercise didn't take long and the barriers are in good working order and went up easily.



Be prepared, not scared of swooping birds

North-east Victorians are being reminded that with spring just around the corner, native birds such as magpies and masked lapwings may begin swooping during their breeding season - but there are steps we can take to remain safe at this time.



Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) Senior Wildlife Projects Officer, Therese Davis, said some native birds swoop to defend their eggs and young for the six to eight weeks until they leave the nest.

"Swooping can catch us by surprise, but it is normal behaviour for some territorial birds," Ms Davis said.

"Swooping is basically a scare tactic to warn people and animals not to come near their nesting young. Birds may swoop people or animals, so be mindful of your dogs too.

"However, not all birds swoop to protect their eggs and young during the breeding season, so don't be concerned simply because there are magpies or other common swooping birds in the area.

"During this time of year less than 10 per cent of birds actually swoop and even fewer make contact.

"If you are worried about being swooped, you can do a few things to protect yourself."

Tips to avoid being swooped:

- Know your local swooping hotspots
- Avoid the area if possible
- Move quickly, but do not run
- Cover your head with a hat, helmet or umbrella, but don't wave it around
- Do not harass or feed birds



To plan your route around known swooping hotspots or to report a swooping incident on Victoria's interactive swooping bird map, please visit <https://www.wildlife.vic.gov.au/managing-wildlife/swooping-birds>

All Victorian native wildlife is protected by law, and it is illegal to harass or harm native birds and other wildlife without authorisation.

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Nathalia Wildflower Group

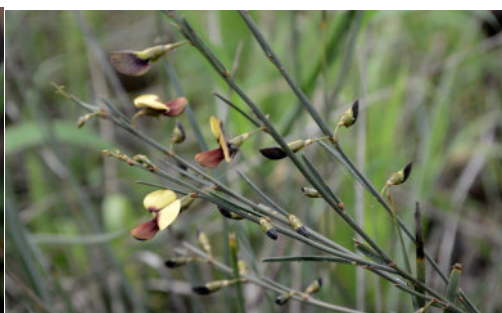
Ten wildflower members recently went round the bend on the Katamatite-Nathalia Road to a quiet reserve beside the Broken Creek.

After much searching, we discovered many and varied plants, wattles and wildflowers beginning to flower.

As spring approaches we look forward to more plants bursting into bloom, like the Templetonia, Bulbrine Lily, Tiny Star etc.

A few members continued on to a reserve beside the Murray Valley Highway where we discovered the Rock Fern and other different plants in bloom.

To see these photos in colour visit : www.redgumcourier.com.au



CATERPILLAR CORNER

The Flying Bookworm



On Monday the 8th August the theatre company, The Flying Bookworm visited. Three performances included;

- Mulga Bill's Bicycle
- Caps for sale
- Three Billy Goats Gruff

Caps for Sale

In this story, four children were selected to be involved as cheeky monkeys who steal caps from the seller whilst asleep.



After our wonderful performances, we asked the children how they could enact 'Three Billy Goats Gruff' at kinder and what they could use. Using items we had, we set up a play space.

OUTCOME 5.1

Children express ideas and make meaning using a range of media.



Rehoming Brumbies

I had the opportunity the other week to do some photography with friends at the Barmah Brumby Preservation Group's sanctuary.

The Brumbies there are in beautiful condition and looking great. While we all know that the Brumbies are being removed from the

Barmah Forest, Julie and her dedicated group of passionate helpers are doing an amazing job of saving as many of the brumbies as they can.

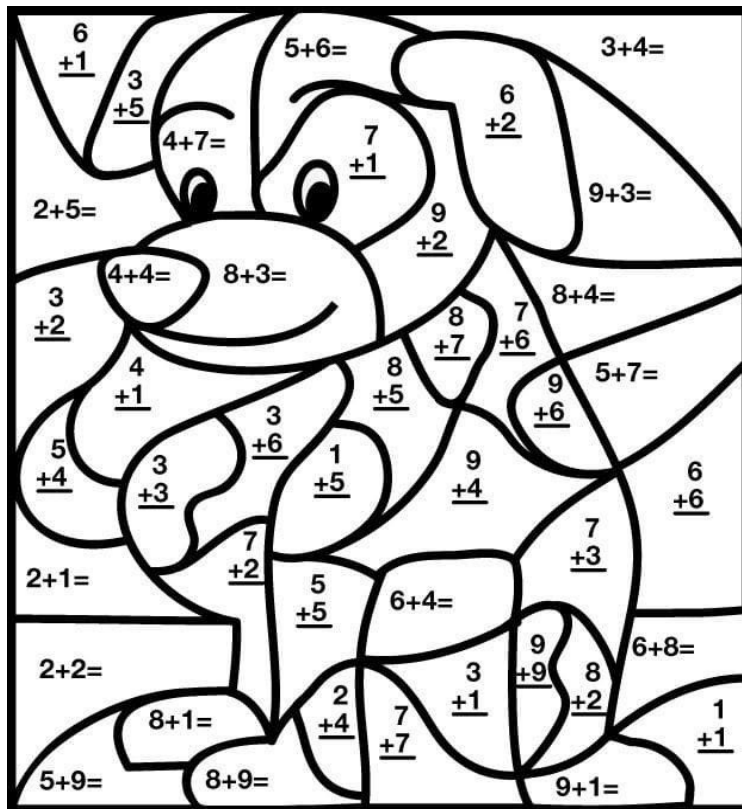
The Brumbies at the sanctuary are protected, fed and managed by the group with the end result being able to rehome them as healthy well-adjusted horses who can go on to live their best lives!

For further information regarding the work the Barmah Brumby Preservation Group are doing come along to the open day on Saturday 17th September 2022 at Thorpes Lane, Yeilima. Gates open from 10am until 4.30pm.

~ Di Huber

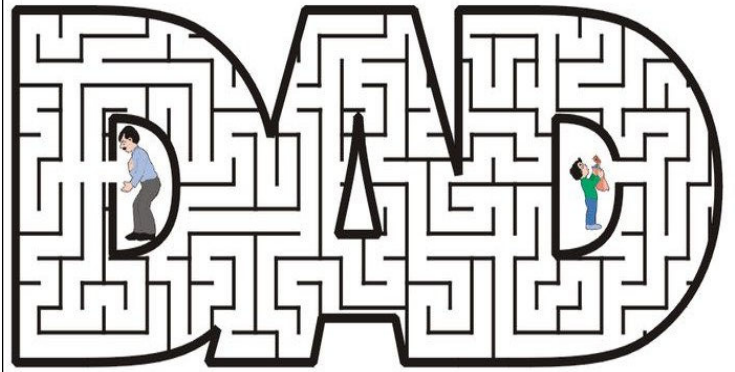


Kid's Section



- Brown 9, 10, 11, 13, 17
- Green 2, 4, 14
- Black 6, 8, 15, 18
- Sky Blue 3, 5, 7, 12

Help the father find his way through the DAD shaped maze to find his gift giving son.



Knock, Knock.
Who's there?
Nobel.
Nobel who?
Nobel... that's why I
knocked!

Knock, Knock.
Who's there?
Water.
Water who?
Water you asking so
many questions for?

Knock, Knock.
Who's there?
Tank.
Tank who?
You're welcome.

Fairy Tale Anagrams

Unscramble the words to make popular Fairy Tale story titles

type able genius: **SLEEPING BEAUTY**

merit mild athlete: **THE LITTLE MERMAID**

lightest reptile: **THREE LITTLE PIGS**

creep on fright: **THE FROG PRINCE**

clean idler: **CINDERELLA**

wit when so: **SNOW WHITE**

Jet taken and backlash: **JACK AND THE BEANSTALK**

o chip icon: **PINOCCIO**

haunted baby estate: **BEAUTY AND THE BEAST**

Answers to last edition's puzzle



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BIRTHS

Helen and Bob Barton are excited to announce the safe arrival of

Bobby Colin

born on 31st July 2022.

Congratulations Rachael and Daniel.



MEETINGS



Members & prospective members are encouraged to attend the

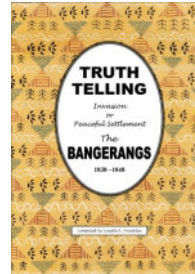
Nathalia Lawn Tennis Club

AGM

Wednesday August 31st 2022

7:00pm for a 7:15 start
NLTC Clubhouse.

New Books & Publications By Local Authors



TRUTH TELLING

Invasion or Peaceful Settlement
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DEATHS

SMITH, Fiona Maree

25.11.1973 - 08.08.2022

Dearly loved niece of Grub & Wendy, loved cousin of Matt, Lydia, Adam, Shelley and families.

*Close to our hearts
you will stay,
loved and remembered
Everyday.*

BEREAVEMENT THANK YOU

MAGNUSSON - LOCKY

The Magnusson Family would like to thank the Doctors and Nursing staff of Banawah for their love and care of Locky for the last 10 years. We are indeed fortunate to have this wonderful facility in Nathalia.

To the Nathalia Football Netball Club. What a great family you are.

Locky could name any one associated with the mighty purps over the last 70 years and he loved you all.

Thank you to the footy club members who helped out on the day. Also Margaret Cobbledeick for her compassion in conducting the service. To Kate, Michelle, Peter and Jenny Cox for their professional arrangements.

To all the volunteers who helped keep Locky in his own home for as long as was possible a very big thank you.

And to all those who sent cards, phone calls, messages of sympathy please accept our heartfelt thanks.

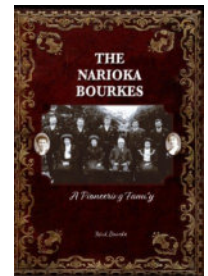
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STRANG, Diane

It is with deep regret that we announce the passing of Diane, 90 years, formerly of Barmah.

Passed away peacefully after short illness on the 20th of August, 2022 at Echuca hospital.

Much loved wife of Kevin, loving mother of 6 children, Douglas and Mandy, Duncan and Kathy, Robert and Sue, Annie and Rob, Tony and Jenny.

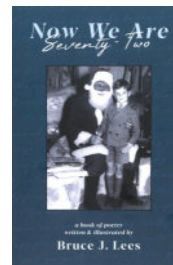
Loved mother, mother-in-law, grandma and great grandma.

*A kind and gentle soul.
Will be greatly missed.*

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A book of poetry
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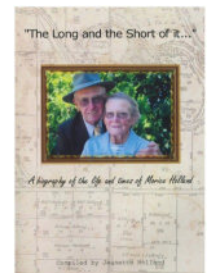


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*A biography of the life and
times of Morice Holland*

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FUNERALS

STRANG - A Funeral service for Diane Strang late of Echuca formerly of Barmah, will be held Friday, 2 September 2022, at 1.30pm at Dungula Event Centre, Dungula Way, Moama.

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Key Selection Criteria and Role Description:
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Applications to be emailed to:
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St Mary of the Angels community promotes the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all children.



Barwo Homestead Nathalia

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Further details from:

Mrs. L. Walker
☎: 5866 2574

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The successful applicant must have:

- Registered Nurse Division 1 and current AHPRA Certificate of Registration plus a minimum 3 years' experience in aged care
- Infection control qualifications and/or willingness to undertake IPC course
- Understanding of the aged care legislative framework and requirements.
- Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of ACFI/An-Acc requirements
- Sound understanding of the Aged Care Quality Standards
- Excellent communication skills, ability to liaise with a diverse range of people
- Current influenza and Covid-19 vaccinations
- Current Police check
- Unrestricted Drivers licence

Further details from:

Mrs. L. Walker

☎: 5866 2574

APPLICATIONS CLOSE: 4.9.2022

Written applications to:

Mrs. L. Walker

8 Federation St., Nathalia. 3638



Barwo Homestead Nathalia

Chief Executive Officer/ Director of Nursing Permanent Full time

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The successful applicant must have:

- Registered Nurse Division 1 and current AHPRA Certificate of Registration plus a minimum 3 years' experience in aged care
- Previous Managerial experience or a willingness to learn. Extensive support will be provided.
- Sound knowledge of the Aged Care Quality Standards and accreditation process
- Knowledge and understanding AN-ACC funding instrument
- Understanding of the aged care legislative framework and requirements
- Exceptional leadership skills and continuous improvement focus
- Strong financial acumen, fiscal management and reporting
- Experience in recruitment and rostering
- A person centred focus overseeing the clinical care
- Excellent leadership and management skills
- Excellent communication skills, ability to liaise with a diverse range of people
- Current influenza and Covid-19 vaccination
- Current Police check
- Unrestricted Drivers licence

Applications close: 30 . 9. 2022

Further details from:

Mrs Lynda Walker ☎: 03 5866 2574

Written applications to:

Mrs A Trickey - President

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8 Federation St, Nathalia. 3638



Secondary Mathematics Teacher NATHALIA SECONDARY COLLEGE

Start Date: 3rd October 2022

Applications are invited from suitably qualified teachers for this ongoing full-time role, commencing Term 4 2022. This is a Teacher Financial Incentive (TFI) role and attracts an incentive payment. Annual retention payments are available at the conclusion of the second, third and fourth year of employment.

Applications must be able to demonstrate and address the following Key Selection Criteria:

- Demonstrated knowledge of the relevant curriculum, including the ability to incorporate the teaching of literacy and numeracy skills. Demonstrated experience in responding to student learning needs.
- Demonstrated experience in planning for and implementing high impact teaching strategies, guided by how students learn, and evaluating the impact of learning and teaching programs on student learning growth.
- Demonstrated experience in monitoring and assessing student learning. Demonstrated experience in using data to inform teaching practice and providing feedback on student learning growth and achievement to students and parents.
- Demonstrated interpersonal and communication skills. Demonstrated experience in establishing and maintaining collaborative relationships with students, parents, colleagues and the broader school community to support student learning, agency, wellbeing and engagement.
- Demonstrated behaviours and attitudes consistent with Department values. Demonstrated experience in reflecting upon practice and engaging in professional learning to continually improve the quality of teaching.

More information about this role is available on the Department of Education and Training's Recruitment Online website.

To apply, please address the above criteria and include a cover letter and current Curriculum Vitae via email to:

Helen Ginnivan, Principal –
nathalia.sc@education.vic.gov.au

Applications close 6th Sept 2022



Vocational Education and training (VET) Building and Construction Teacher

NATHALIA SECONDARY COLLEGE

Start Date: 3rd October 2022

Applications are invited from suitably qualified teachers for this part-time role (one day per week), commencing Term 4 2022.

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Selected for School Sport Victoria Team VIC



Pictured: Kaokao Kautai, with his daughters Zahlia Kautai (13, back), Aroha Kautai (9, front left) and Tennille Kautai (11, front right). ~ Photo by Aydin Payne

Three local sisters showing great talent in touch football have been selected to represent Victoria at the School Sport Australia Touch Football championship.

St Mary of the Angels Secondary College Nathalia student Zahlia Kautai (13) has been selected in the School Sport Victoria Team Vic 15 Years & Under Touch Football Team competing in the School Sport Australia Championship to be held in Wagga Wagga, NSW from 30 October to 4 November. Cobram Anglican Grammar School students Tennille Kautai (12) and Aroha Kautai (10) have been selected in the School Sport Victoria Team Vic 12 Years & Under Touch Football Team also competing at the event. It has been a great performance by Zahlia, Tennille and Aroha Kautai who participated in a structured trial process to be selected to represent Team Vic.

Zahlia is no stranger to the Touch Football championships first debuted in the Team Vic 12Years & Under Team in 2018 as a 9 year old and again in 2019 at 10 years of age, scoring her first try at the national level. Unfortunately Zahlia's final year in 12Years & Under was impacted by Covid 19 pandemic and in 2020 and 2021 the Australian Touch Football Championships were cancelled. Cancellation of the Championship in 2020 and 2021 means that this year is the first opportunity to compete at a National Level for Tennille and Aroha who will debut together in Wagga Wagga.

The three sisters began their touch football career at Moama/Echuca Touch Football Association in 2018 playing mixed touch football against adults in a family team with parents Kaokao and Sarah Kautai. They have each played with Melbourne based touch football club Harlequins in Victorian Junior State Cup and Junior Victorian Touch Football League. This year Zahlia aged 13years old, has also been selected in the Harlequins open women's touch football

team and will be competing in Melbourne competition Victorian Touch (VT) League running from September through to November. VT League is the highest level competition in the state.

The three sisters father Kaokao Kautai has been selected as a volunteer coach of the Team Vic 12 Years & Under Boys team at the School Sport Australia Championship in Wagga Wagga this year. Growing up in New Zealand, Kaokao Kautai was a talented touch football and rugby player, playing at national and international levels in both sports. This is not Kaokao's first national coaching role having coached the Vic Stormers Men's 40years Touch Football team to fourth place at the National Touch League competition held in Coffs Harbour earlier this year. Many past School Sport Victoria team members have gone on to compete at national and international competitions including Olympic Games, World Championships and Commonwealth Games.

So, here is hoping that Zahlia, Tennille and Aroha and their Victorian teammates can achieve their personal goals and that sister trio may be representing Australia in the years to come.

Playing at a state and national level involves significant travel, time and financial commitments for the family. Zahlia, Tennille and Aroha Kautai are seeking sponsorship to support their journey to Wagga Wagga for the School Sports Australian Touch Football Championship. The sisters are required to travel weekly to Melbourne for training. It is anticipated that the cost of the three girls competing in the Championships will be approximately \$5000 including uniforms, fees and levies and accommodation for the championship. If you are interested in sponsoring the girls please visit <https://asf.org.au/projects/kautai-sisters-touch-football> to make a donation.



Piccola District Football Netball League - FINALS

1st Semi Final - Saturday, 27th Aug @ Yarroweyah
B Grade: Waaia v Strathmerton

2nd Semi Final - Sunday, 28th Aug @ Picola

17&Under: Waaia v Tocumwal

13 & Under: Tungamah v Waaia

C Reserve: Katunga v Waaia

Reserves: Waaia v Berrigan

A Grade: Waaia v Picola United

C Grade - Waaia v Picola United

1st Preliminary Final - 3rd Sept @ Rennie

2nd Preliminary Final - 4th Sept @ Tocumwal

Seniors: Waaia v Winner 1st Semi



Murray Football Netball League - FINALS

1st Elimination Final - Saturday, 27th Aug @ Tongala

Fourths: Nathalia v Cobram

A Grade: Nathalia v Mulwala

2nd Elimination Final - Sunday, 28th Aug @ Congupna

C Grade: Nathalia v Deniliquin

B Grade: Nathalia v Mulwala

2nd Semi Final - Saturday, 3rd Sept @ Finley

Thirds: Echuca Utd v Nathalia

1st Semi Final - Sunday, 4th Sept @ Mulwala

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WEDNESDAY, August 10 - Ladies Par

Round: Winner was Sonia Verlinden

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FRIDAY, August 12 - Fun Day:

Twelve players played Yankee foursome, great day had by all. Winners were John Drenen and Heather Frostick with a score of 44. Great to see new player Brent Wickes join in on the fun day, well done Brent. Everyone is welcome to come along on Friday's to join in the Fun Day. No experience necessary - it's just a fun day \$5.00 to play. Arrive between 12.30pm and 1.00 pm for 1.00 pm tee off. We can supply clubs if necessary.

SUNDAY August 14 - Men's Stableford:

John Drenen had the winning score on 31 points, with Tony Brown runner up on 30 points.

WEDNESDAY, August 17 - Stableford Round:

Winner was Lynette Lindsay on 31 points. Runner up Sue Lowe on 30 points. A big happy birthday to Nina Pell hope you had a great day, from all your golfing buddies!

SUNDAY, August 21 - Stableford: A great day for golf! Winner this time was Tony Brown with 34 points and runner up John Drenen on 31 points. John also had NTP on the 9th hole with a great shot 7 inches from pin... well done!

Coming up this SUNDAY the 28th of August: Men's 4th club championship stroke round, 9.00 am assembly for 9.30am TEE OFF.



Waaia Finals Results

Elimination Finals 13th and 14th August

Under 13's: 30 def Katunga 29
 Sunday's final against Katunga was the best game the under 13's have played all year! They kept us on our toes the whole game with no more than three goals in it the whole time. We had a stronger training than usual which I think really helped us get through the game as the girls were trying different things that we had worked on in order to clear out and relead and make sure there was more than one lead to the ball. We are so proud and excited for the next final! Go Bombers!!!

Under 15's: 30 def by Tungamah 32
 Our first finals proved to be a tough one with a new look Tungamah team challenging us the whole game. Our girls played hard and the score was even sending us into another 6 minutes at each end. The intensity was amazing and every single player lifted, but it wasn't our day and we finished overtime two goals down. All 12 girls over the season have supported each other whether on the court or cheering from the bench, a fantastic bunch of young humans who will be back to win finals in the future!

C Reserve: 28 def Katamatite 27
 Fighting those finals nerves with nothing to lose and lots to prove, we hit the ground running. It was a tight game all day we were able to get ahead by a few goals then Katty would catch up a couple and in the end resulting in a 1 goal victory! Well done girls a well deserved win. Time to rest our bodies and prepare ourselves for the next game.

Qualifying Finals 21st and 22nd August

Seniors:
 Waaia 13.15-93 def Strathmerton 4.5-29
Goals: C. Burrows 4, G. Meyland 2, H. Walker, J. Trower, D. Cornick, J. Clarke, S. Richardson, W. Foster, R. Osborne

The Waaia Seniors travelled to Blighty to take on Strathmerton in qualifying final action. Conditions were perfect for footy with the sun out and no wind awaiting the bombers. In the first quarter the bombers had plenty of possession though failed to finish off their work ending the quarter with 5 behinds to Strathy's 1.1. In the second quarter the bombers started to run riot and the dogs started to pant, battling to keep up with the Waaia boys ball movement as the bombers had the pups by 17 at the main break. In the second half it was clear the bombers were on a mission as they landed 6 unanswered goals to extend the lead to 48 at 3 qtr. time. In the last stanza the bombers were off the leash though inaccurate kicking once again let them down adding 3.5 to run out 64-point winners. **Best:** Jayden Clarke, Mitchell Cleeland, Ash Holland, Ash Thompson, Harvey Walker, Anthony Bergamin.

Reserves:
 Waaia 4.4-28 def by Strathmerton 13.9-87
Goals: J. Clarke, B. Harris, B. Brooks, N. Tyndall
 The Reserves took the trip to Blighty on Sunday to face off against Strathmerton in the

qualifying round. In the first quarter, Strathmerton showed the boys they had a tough game ahead, taking the lead by 8-points at quarter time. Going into the 2nd term Strathmerton held the lead by 29 points. Mason Sprunt went head on in the ruck working hard to win the tap outs while Sam Trower, Brendan Harris and Ryan Sprunt were key players in the centre and continuously worked hard to get the ball to Waaia's forwards. By 3 quarter time the scores sat at 11.2 to 3.4 Strathy's way. Young Gun Tommy Daniel played a stellar game and Damien Hommes put his body on the line up the defence end. Final siren saw the Bombers go down to Strathmerton by 59-points. Waaia faces off against Berrigan this weekend. **Best:** Sam Trower, Brendan Harris, Mason Sprunt, Damien Hommes, Ryan Sprunt.

Under 17's 28 defeated by Rennie 40
 A great first quarter with high intensity throughout. The girls fought hard for everything and kept up with Rennie. After quarter time we backed off and Rennie put their foot down. Although there were patches of great play we weren't able to lift our heads and get ourselves back into the game to give ourselves the week off. Plenty of positives to take away from the game and now we look forward to taking on Tocumwal.

C Grade 25 defeated by Tungamah 38
 We came up against a very different and determined side in Tungamah. Bad luck girls. It didn't play out the way we'd hoped but lets lift our heads and come together as a team for the coming weeks.

B Grade 16 defeated by Deniliquin 31
 Our first finals appearance for the year meant the nerves took a bit to settle! We fought hard and contested for every ball causing many turnovers across the court. The pressure was intense and we weren't able to convert. Although the score doesn't reflect it, we have a lot of positives to take away from the game! We will work hard at training to improve our accuracy and teamwork ready to take on Strathy this weekend in the Semi finals! We've got this B graders! Believe in yourselves!

A Grade 45 defeated by Tungamah 46
 A nail biting finals match saw the Bears slip away with a one goal victory over the Bombers. Taking the lead from the first whistle, the Bombers showcased a fast paced first quarter in which the Bears were found to be chasing. After a mid court injury in the second, the Waaia girls had to re strategise to continue the momentum of the game. Eloise Walker stepped up to the plate and attacked the ball with class and confidence, cementing her spot in the senior side. Abbey Bell proved to be unstoppable in the ring, shooting at 84% accuracy whilst Ruby Arnel intercepted each opposing ball, covering ground left, right and centre. The defensive ring held their own and created vital turnovers throughout the entirety of the game. A fire has grown in the Bombers belly and they head back to the drawing board to refine those 1 percenters in readiness to verse Picola.



Above: Waaia's Sasha Daniel in Under 17's action against Rennie in the 2nd Qualifying Final played at Blighty.



Above: Waaia's Lachie Wright (Seniors) in last Sunday's 2nd Qualifying Final win against Strathmerton.

~ Photos Courtesy Janet Brooks



Above: Waaia's Mason Sprunt in Sunday's Reserves Qualifying Final against Strathmerton.

Picola United Elimination Finals Results

Congratulations to our A & C grade netball teams on winning their elimination finals. All the best in your upcoming games at Picola this weekend. Let's all get behind the girls as they push for a preliminary finals birth. Go Blues!
~ President Clinton

1st Elimination Final Results - 13th August
Under 17's: Picola 7.5-47 v Katunga 7.12-54
Goals: L. Daniel 2, J. Beckett, M. Burns, D. Jenkins, Z. McKenzie, T. Webber 1

The thirds boys were excited for the opportunity to play in a final over in Jerilderie. The weather was looking like it could be a wet day. We didn't get the start that we wanted with Katunga going into the 2nd quarter with a 16 point lead. In the second quarter the rain started to come down and it kicked the Picola boys into gear getting within 2 points coming into half time. Zac McKenzie came out firing in the 3rd quarter and was marking everything and getting himself a goal. Logan Daniel played like the ball was dry out classing most other players on the field. It was neck and neck in the last quarter - both teams only kicking 2 goals each with Katunga just sneaking away with a couple extra points. It was a great effort from the boys fighting till the very end.
Awards: Dove motors Mug/Lubke Engineering \$10: Logan Daniel, Barmah Roadhouse Voucher: Maksym Eddy, Zac McKenzie, Matthew Jorgensen and Blake Tomlins, Thursday Night meal voucher: Kayden Atkinson and Lachie Caldwell.

Seniors: Picola 7.10-52 v Katandra 16.15-111
Goals: D. Cunningham, C. Haub 2, M. Hore, B. Jorgensen J. Thompson 1

After a disappointing final game of the home and away season and with nothing to lose during the finals the boys attitude and frame of mind was really strong from the outset. Our pressure on the ball was first class and we were able to go forward and kick the first goal of the match through the Woolly Bully. El Presidente was fantastic all day and with Jai Morrison continuing his brilliant season our backline was responding well. Ben Turpin was a bull in the centre circle and Bari was

clean and always found the right option in the midfield. Tress competed all day in the ruck. Joel Thompson AKA Benjamin Button was very lively up forward and finished off the game exceptionally well. It was a pretty tight contest for the whole four quarters. Barring a third quarter lapse, where Katandra had 12 scoring shots to our one, Picola displayed fantastic intent and staff through to our game plan and structures right through to the end.

Now that the football season is done and dusted, I would just like to thank all of the volunteers and helpers who support the club, coaches and players to be able to participate on Saturdays. A lot of work goes on behind the scenes from countless people however their efforts do not go unnoticed. Special mentions to Macca and Brad for their work on the bench, Paul as our team manager and especially Thommo for your commitment, professionalism, and enjoyment that you bring to the group. It's greatly appreciated mate. Good luck to all the netballers who are still flying the flag for Picola! Go all the way, girls!
Awards: DMH Plumbing Mug & Barmah Hotel Voucher: Ben Turpin, Brereton's Bakery Voucher: Cody Haub, Blake St Butcher Voucher: Darby Walsh, Mitre 10 Nathalia: Clinton Barnes

2nd Elimination Final Results - 14th August
C Grade: Picola: 46 def Katamatite:40
Great game girls, we came back in the last quarter. Super proud of all your efforts and all the girls on the bench cheering! Well done to A grade, now for a home final.

A Grade: Picola: 43 vs Jerilderie: 35
Picola Award: Emily Atkinson
The girls played four strong and consistent quarters. Our defensive end worked hard picking off rebounds and intercepts then delivering the ball well to our attackers. The attackers did good, angled leads and presented themselves well as they then worked the ball in beautifully to our goalers.
Overall, it was a fantastic team win and we are looking forward to playing our next final!

~ Photos courtesy Michelle Legge



Picola Utd Under 17's Lachlan Caldwell in the 1st Elimination Final v Katunga.



Picola Utd's Blake Jorgensen (Seniors) in the 1st Elimination Final v Katandra



C Grade - Amanda Diaco passes the ball to her teammate Pennie Langley in the 2nd Elimination Final v Katamatite



A Grade - Grace Byrnes shooting for a goal while her teammate Emily Atkinson watches - 2nd Elimination Final v Jerilderie.

Nathalia Finish Runners Up

Thursday 11th August: the Numurkah Indoor Bias Bowls Association Preliminary Final was played between Nathalia and Strathmerton, at the Numurkah Seniors Hub. Nathalia won on both mats.

Fay Hutchins(s), Ian Bolton and John Gillard defeated Tom Haynes(s) Les Chandler and Margaret Young 23 shots to 22 shots.

Bev Hutchins(s), Berris Baldwin and Brian Hutchins defeated Rodney Clarke(s), Heather McCoy and Aaron Wallace 30 shots to 17 shots.

The Grand Final will be played between Waaia and Nathalia at the Numurkah Seniors Hub on Thursday 18th August. Good luck to both teams.

Thursday 18th August: Congratulations to Waaia Indoor Bias Bowls team for winning the Numurkah Indoor Bias Bowls Grand Final. This was played at the Numurkah Seniors Hub.

Les Clarke(s), Trevor Stewart and Darlene Stewart defeated Bev Hutchins(s), Berris Baldwin and Brian Hutchins 27 shots to 14 shots. Sue Cleeland(s), Dawn Carey and Bill Agius defeated Fay Hutchins(s), Ian Bolton and John Gillard 22 shots to 16 shots.

Well done to all, and well done to Nathalia for making the Grand Final.

Windup Dinner will be held at Waaia Community Club rooms on Wednesday 14th September.



Nathalia v Rumbalara Round 18

Under 11s: Congratulations girls on a fantastic year. You have all improved so much from the beginning of the season. You all played extremely well as a team with excellent leads, strong passing and some great shooting. See you all next season.
Awards: BOC Past Players: Charlie Creati, Nathalia Bendigo Bank: Sienna Vallender, TJ's IGA: Jordy Rudd.

Under 13s: Nathalia 2 vs Rumbalara 27
 A slow start to the day but the girls picked up their defence and passes from the 2nd quarter. A good final game for the year. BOC Nathalia Bendigo Bank: Georgia Cavallaro, Shepparton Marketplace Subway: Chantelle Dealy, TJ's IGA: Charlotte Whyte

Under 17s: Nathalia 26 vs Rumbalara 51
 A great last game for the season! Lots of new positions and a new hidden gem as a centre player! Thanks for the fantastic season girls!
 BOC Barmah Pub: Hannah Summerville, Sportfirst Numurkah: Hayley Wigmore, Nathalia Bendigo Bank: Erin Brooks.

C Reserve: Nathalia 23 vs Rumbalara 48
 Great effort girls! While the score may not reflect it you all did so well. We really stuck with them in the first half. Thanks to all you girls that filled in. Well done on a good season. BOC Limo's Mitre 10: Georgia Hansford, Three Belles Coffee & Cake: Laura Booth, Brereton's Bakery: Alkira Britton

C Grade: Nathalia 69 vs Rumbalara 20
 What a way to end the season. The girls played an amazing game, all working well together. You should all be proud of yourself for an amazing season. BOC Nathalia IGA: Hayley Summerville, Mick's Pizza: Sarah Kautai, Casual Step: Sam Bentley

B Grade: Nathalia 43 vs Rumbalara 21
 Great work today ladies, way to head into finals coming away with the win. From not having a team to finishing 4th and heading into finals is an achievement in itself. Massive shout out to all who stepped on the court throughout the season to make a team! Take it week by week from here. BOC Gagliardi & Scott: Reni Hicks, Stuart Bell: Sophie Wilson, Nathalia Hair & Beauty: Michaela Duncan

A Grade: Nathalia 21 vs Rumbalara 33
 Bad luck girls. Close tussle for most of the game. Regroup and bring on finals.
 BOC K Roc Seed Cleaning: Caitlin McLachlan,

North Victorian Bait Co: Stacey Ross, Milking It Café: Tegan Sutton

Fourths: Nathalia 7.6.48 def Rumbalara 6.7.43
Goals: G.Frostick, N.Summerville 3, D.Begley 1

With finals on the line the boys took on 5th placed Rumba on their home deck. The purps got off to a fast start in what was a great game of footy. Purps lead all day until the final 2 minutes in which Rumba took the lead, however some swift work by Hamish White and Nate Summerville saw the purps regain the lead with seconds to spare and go storming into the finals as a Smokey. Tristan Kendall was great all day while Ryley Barton had a great last half. **Awards:** Past Players: Aiden Botterill, Rex James Stockfeed: Ryley Barton, Nathalia Printers: Gus Frostick, Frostick Contracting: Tristan Kendall, Nathalia Bendigo Bank & TJ's IGA: Nate Summerville

Thirds: Nathalia 6.6.42 vs def Rumbalara 4.9.33
Goals: J. Dohnt, K. Lundberg 2, C. Dietrich, N. Frostick 1

In a game that would shape the finishing position of both sides the tempo went up a few notches. The wind at times was a little tricky but still certainly allowed for a good linking game of footy by both sides. The Purple boys threatened a lot early but some inaccuracy did not allow for a lot of separation on the scoreboard. There were some pivotal moments when players put their bodies on the line which was great to see. The Sheehan boys were in the thick of the action and found a lot of the ball. The game was tight and Rumba were in front well into the last, however the Nathalia boys responded to finish the game strongly and get a well-deserved win. Tom Dohnt was a standout down back with his attack on the ball and was well supported by Ned Bramwell. Up forward Josh Vallender was lively while Ned Frostick competed well in multiple positions. The midfield was where the game is won and Kai Lunberg stood up late in the game to be an important player.

The week off now will allow for some recuperation and preparation. **Awards:** Quarrell Civil Construction: Oliver Sheehan, AV Hughes Excavations: Charlie Sheehan, Sportfirst Numurkah: Tom Dohnt, Three Belles Collective: Kai Lundberg, TJ's IGA: Josh Vallender

Reserves: Nathalia 17.9.111 vs Rumbalara 8.6.54
Goals: J. Barker 6, J. McKenna 4, B. Woods 2, M. Carroll, A. Lindsay, S. Quarrell, L. Quinn, D.



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Sullivan 1

It was a great way to end the Home & Away season with a good win over Rumbalara on their home ground. Outstanding efforts from Bryon Woods, Aiden Lindsay and Luke Quinn kicking the Goal of the Day was a joy to watch. The solid efforts from key mid fielders Wade Hicks & Matt Carroll would see them continue their great form all year. It was a great team effort to take the win. Thanks for all the efforts from every player that pulled on the Purple and Gold in season 2022. We look forward to a bigger 2023 next year. GO PURPS! **Awards:** Limbrick Accounting: Luke Quinn, Mick Hogan Excavations: Byron Woods, Mick's Pizza: Aiden Lindsay, Bell's Water Cartage: Wade Hicks, Three Belles Collective: Jason McKenna, Brereton's Bakery: Jade Skinner

Seniors: Nathalia 22.23.155 vs Rumbalara 4.5.29
Goals: L. Evans 7, G. Boyd 4, A. Jones, B. Ross 2, T. Byrnes, J. Farrell, H. Hawks, J. Laffy, N. McKenna, A. Quinn, W. Sheehan 1

The last game of the round took us to Rumbalara for our final match of the year and an early exit for the first time in many seasons. The Purples took control of the game early and in a match played in great spirit, ran away with a comfortable victory. We registered 11 different goal scorers and players were given opportunities to test their skills in a variety of positions throughout the match. Big man Brodie Ross rounded off a brilliant season with another best on ground performance in the ruck, Chris Brown, Bailey Bell and Jackson Farrell were prolific through the midfield and Jared Laffy finished off a great year with another good game from half back. Liam Evans played an old fashioned utility role to perfection and even found himself in defence for periods of time. **Awards:** BOC Past Players: Brodie Ross, Ryan Meat Co: Chris Brown, Bourke Group: Ash Quinn, Liddell Group-Delcorp: Liam Evans, Brereton's Bakery: Bailey Bell.

The season has been a very productive and successful one, with many players showing considerable development and improvement. Many thirds players were given opportunities to develop their game in a senior setting and the future looks bright as we move on from a very enjoyable year.

The senior team now look forward to supporting our junior football teams and our A, B, and C grade netball teams in the finals.



Nathalia's Declan Begley gets this kick away despite pressure from Rumbalara players.



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