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# Red Gum

## NATHALIA & DISTRICTS NEWSPAPER

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## Barmah Hotel - National Award Winners



Back in May the Barmah Hotel was the winner of the AHA Victorian state awards in the category "Heart of the Community". As winners they were invited to Sydney for the National awards... And they WON!

The owners of the Barmah Hotel say it was the most amazing night rubbing shoulders with the elite in the hospitality sector Australian wide. Free flowing drinks, the best hors d'oeuvres, Tim Campbell, Dylan Alcott, Qantas Choir and the spectacular scenery over looking the Opera House. AHA you sure know how to throw a party.

"We can't believe that little old Barmah is a National award winning Pub. And it's all thanks to our great community, the best staff and our customers from far and wide."

"Our award was sponsored by the legends at Keno and we couldn't be more humbled, proud and honoured to be the best.

We really do have the best community and it's now proven to be Australian Wide, so a massive shout out and thank you to AHA for this great honour. Congratulations to the Barmah Hotel.



*Mathew & Melanie with entertainer Tim Campbell*

*Left: Barmah Hotel Publicans Melanie Szakal & Mathew Gissing with their AHA National award for outstanding Community Service & Achievement.*



Once again another year of production has come to a close at the Red Gum Courier office and staff are looking forward to the Christmas break.

We would like to extend our thanks to all those who contribute to the success of our local newspaper, from the scribes and community groups who submit articles and advertising, the keen local photographers who often supply the photos, our local businesses whose advertising is a major contributor and to our distributors who ensure that you receive your copy each fortnight.

Thank you also to our readers on their positive feedback throughout the year!

- The Red Gum Courier will return on January 13th, 2023.

**~ From all staff at the Red Gum Courier  
we wish you a Safe, Happy and Healthy Christmas and New Year!**



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# Community Update



## Flood Waste Collection

Has your property been impacted by the recent floods and you have flood-affected waste to dispose of? Hard waste collection is coming to Nathalia on Monday 19 and Thursday 22 December 2022. You must register for a hard waste kerbside pickup. Please call (03) 5871 9222. If your property has been impacted and you do not live in Nathalia please contact us to register your pick up. For more information please visit our website.



## COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Test Program

Free RATs are available to priority and high-risk community members. Visit our website to see if you are eligible and for a list of distribution points.



## Council Office Christmas Closure – dates announced

The 2022-23 Christmas/New Year office closure will be for the period Friday 23 December 2022 and reopening Monday 9 January 2023. Our after hours phone service (03) 5871 9222 will be monitored for any urgent enquiries during this time.



## Community Strengthening Grants – Now Open

Do you need funding for an event or to improve facilities or services in your local community? Available Grants:  
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 Next round of **Major Grants** will open early 2023, Please contact council to register your expression of interest. Visit our website for more information.

## Outdoor pools now open – splash into summer

Outdoor pools across the shire are now open for the summer season. For your chance to win a Family Season Pool Pass, send us your favourite picture or video at any of the outdoor pools. There are five passes to be won – go to our website for all the details or to enter the competition.



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Saturday 24th December .....	8.00am - 6.00pm
<b>CHRISTMAS DAY:</b> Sunday 25th December .....	<b>CLOSED</b>
<b>BOXING DAY:</b> Monday 26th December .....	9.00am - 3.00pm
Tuesday 27th December (Public Holiday) .....	9.00am - 3.00pm
Wednesday 28th December .....	8.00am - 7.00pm
Thursday 29th - Friday 31st December .....	8.00am - 7.00pm
Saturday 31st December .....	8.00am - 6.00pm
Sunday January 1st .....	<b>CLOSED</b>
Monday 2nd January (Public Holiday) .....	9.00am - 3.00pm
Tuesday 3rd January .....	Normal Hours

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# Congratulations to the Class of 2022



It is with great excitement that we announce Chloe Bell as the Dux of St Mary's College of the Angels for 2022. Chloe has achieved the remarkable ATAR of 99.65 which has placed her amongst the highest across the state. This year Chloe has studied English, Legal Studies, Psychology, Sociology and Australian Politics and in 2021 she completed Literature as a fast-track subject resulting in excellent achievements across all subjects. Chloe is to be commended for her results in Legal Studies with a study score of 50. Throughout her time at the College and as a College leader this year, Chloe has set a high standard for her peers to follow and has been a role model amongst the year level. She has constantly displayed the Franciscan Values of kindness and compassion. Chloe has shown resilience and an inner drive to succeed, she has demonstrated great tenacity, determination and humility in her studies. We wish Chloe and all of our graduating class of 2022 the best of luck in their endeavours for 2023.

Pictured left: Chloe Bell

Class of 2022	
Study Scores over 40	13
Median Study Score	29
ATAR 80+	14
Median ATAR Score	68.3
Students receiving an ATAR	56

Outstanding achievements	
Chloe Bell	99.65
Abby Flett	96.9
Harrison Dietrich	89.45
Damen McIntyre	88.7
Anneliese Phillips	88.55
Sarah Brooks	86.3
Chloe Pullar	85.55
Ella Osler	84.55
Grace Kennedy	82.6
Lachlan O'Hara	82.5
Charlee Mason	82
Laura McLeod	81.1
Nikita Pawlowicz	80



Results day finally arrived for our senior students and we cannot be prouder of their achievements.

Our VCE and VCAL students should be commended on the incredible efforts they have put in to have success as they transition into the next chapter of their lives.

We are honoured to announce that Zali Cornell is the Dux of Nathalia Secondary College for 2022, receiving an outstanding ATAR of 87.75 which opens every opportunity for her preferred future studies. Zali has been one of our College Leaders this year and has worked very hard to receive such fantastic results. She studied English, Further Maths, Psychology, Health and Human Development and Sociology and will be going on to study Nursing in 2023.

We wish all of our senior students of 2022 all the best in their future endeavours and hope they return to the College to share with us their success stories.



Pictured right (L-R): Bronwyn Leslie (Senior School Coordinator), Zali Cornell, Daniel Robinson (Acting Principal)



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Nathalia Hair & Beauty would like to thank all their wonderful clients and friends for their support during the year, and wish everyone a very **Merry Christmas and Happy and Hairy New Year!**  
Leanne & Kevin

## Christmas Eve

December 24<sup>th</sup>  
7.30pm

### Carol Service

**Looking for something special to do this Christmas Eve?**

Come along and join in the old favourite Christmas Carols.  
Bring the kids!  
Candles provided – no charge.



Nathalia  
Uniting Church,  
Bromley Street



# CATERPILLAR CORNER



Toddlers Room

A few weeks ago the toddlers room were fortunate enough to have Maddy, one of our educators bring in her baby chicks from home. We have been learning lots about chickens and their life cycle from an egg to a fully grown chicken through reading books, visual displays and watching videos. The children were so excited to see, touch and hold what they had been learning about. We were very gentle and careful with the baby chicks as they chirped and walked around the mat. Maddy showed us how to hold them and pat them gently so that we didn't scare them.



The children described them as "fluffy" and "cute" and chirped at them. We had so much fun!



## MEALS ON WHEELS December 16th - January 13th

### December

Friday 16th	<b>VOLUNTEER REQUIRED</b>
Monday 19th	Fay Brown & Dawn Bowen
Tuesday 20th	<b>VOLUNTEER REQUIRED</b>
Wednesday 21st	<b>VOLUNTEER REQUIRED</b>
Thursday 22nd	Carmen Gilson
Friday 23rd	Graeme Smith
Monday 26th	Mick & Alison Keogh
Tuesday 27th	Darryl Hill & Mary Wilson
Wednesday 28th	<b>VOLUNTEER REQUIRED</b>
Thursday 29th	Marlene Moor
Friday 30th	<b>VOLUNTEER REQUIRED</b>

### January

Monday 2nd	<b>VOLUNTEER REQUIRED</b>
Tuesday 3rd	Marlene Moor
Wednesday 4th	Leeanne Caldwell & Daurel Dimond
Thursday 5th	Carmen Gilson
Friday 6th	Patricia Hawks
Monday 9th	Maryse Quarrell & Moira Bourke
Tuesday 10th	Kevin & Nina Pell
Wednesday 11th	Mary Agius
Thursday 12th	Heather Frostick
Friday 13th	Mary Agius

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



## CHURCH TIMES

### ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PARISH

Ph: 5866 2694

Parish Priest - Fr Jophin Joy  
Nathalia Mass times:

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

**Thursdays:** 12:30pm

**Sundays:** 9:00am

Christmas Eve Mass 6:00pm (Nativity Procession)

**Strathmerton**

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

### NATHALIA UNITING CHURCH

Margaret Cobbledick Ph: 5866 2037

**December 18th:** 8:00am @ Nathalia Anglican Church

**December 24th:** Christmas Eve, Carols Service at 7:30pm

**December 25th:** No Service

**January 1st:** 9:30am Parish Service

**January 8th:** Parish Service

**Picola**

**January 8th:** 9:00am

### HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH - NATHALIA

Reverend Victor Adams, Ph 0403 918 927

**December 18th:** 8:00am Holy Communion, Uniting Church to visit.

**December 25th:** 8:00am Christmas Day Holy Communion

**January 1st:** 8:00am Holy Communion

**January 8th:** 8:00am Holy Communion

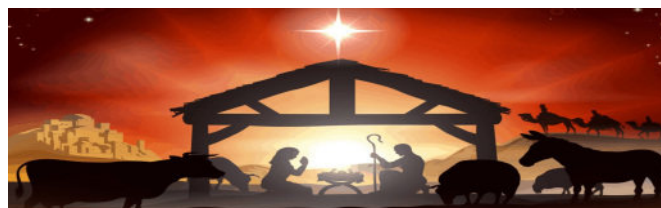
**St Paul's - Wakiti Creek**

**January 1st:** 1:30pm Holy Communion

### SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

Contact - Russell - 0422 291 297

**Every Saturday:** Services 10am & 11.30am.  
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# NCN Health Nathalia - Celebrating Children's Week

The theme for 2022 is "All Children have the right to a standard of living that supports their well being and healthy development".

Children from Nathalia & District Preschool and Nathalia Community Early Learning Centre came together to celebrate Children's Week Activities at the Harbison Centre (NCN Health) on 30/11/22.

The children participated in a variety of activities including badge making, outdoor games, story time and much more!

The weather was stunning and lots of fun was had by all.

Special thanks to Carol and Andrea and all staff members attending from each centre, Nicole, Jenny, Sheree, Sue and Lynne for helping make this day such a great success!

We look forward to bigger and better celebrations next year.



**Nathalia Pharmacy**

**Merry Christmas  
And a Happy New Year!**

Thank you to all our valued customers  
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**Christmas Trading Hours**

24 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	9.00am-12.00pm
25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday, Christmas Day	CLOSED
26 <sup>th</sup> Monday, Boxing Day	CLOSED
27 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday (Christmas Day Holiday)	CLOSED
28 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	9.00am-5.30pm
29 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	9.00am-5.30pm
30 <sup>th</sup> Friday	9.00am-5.30pm
31 <sup>st</sup> Saturday	9.00am-12.00pm
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday, New Year's Day	CLOSED
2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday (New Year's Day Holiday)	CLOSED
3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	9.00am-5.30pm

*From Chris & Staff*

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extends to all its valued  
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*Merry Christmas  
and a  
Happy New Year!*

The office will be closed  
at 5.00pm on  
**Thursday 22nd December, 2022**  
and will reopen for business on -  
**Monday 9th January, 2023**



# Rotary News

**T**hank you everyone... who bought tickets in the Community Car Raffle at the Christmas Market. We were able to borrow the 1<sup>st</sup> prize and had it in the plantation right where we were set up to sell tickets. I'm pleased to report the sales went very well and our community will benefit. Of course thanks also go to people who bought such tickets from outside IGA, over the past weeks; good luck everyone!



In my last report I said how there was a cancellation at the respite house and there were no bookings for quite some time. WRONG! A booking came in for a stay of three nights, starting on December 10<sup>th</sup>; this is being followed by other guests who will stay five nights over the Christmas period. And, there is a February booking of ten nights also! Hopefully 2023 will have a good number of guests using the Heart to Heart house.



District Governor David McPherson & Loula Oliver

Mother Nature and Covid have been responsible for fewer bookings than usual, over past few years.

At our AGM the top three office bearers, for the 2023/24 Rotary year, were decided: Loula Oliver will have a second term as president; Ross Smith will carry on as secretary; Anthony Oliver will take on the treasurer's role. Congratulations to them all.

On December 7<sup>th</sup> it was our club's turn to host the District Governor, David McPherson from Deniliquin Rotary club. District Secretary, Chris Sutton

and Assistant Governor, Lorraine Greenwood attended and brought a fellow Numurkah Rotarian, June Hewson, with them. We also had a local visitor and partners join us, swelling our numbers to sixteen. Despite there being no power for most of the evening, at Picola Hotel (there was an outage locally, Nathalia included), we were able to choose meals from a limited menu and the DG was able to give a PowerPoint presentation through his laptop, not on a big screen as was planned. The evening was most enjoyable and President Loula presented David with a donation to his chosen charity...Wheelchairs for Kids; she also gave him a couple of gifts of appreciation. Perhaps in a future article, there may be some words written about this charity that began in Perth in 1998.

It was good to have "Numurkah-ites" at our meeting, considering our club won the bowls tournament against Numurkah a couple of days earlier. The Les Lawrence memorial shield was brought home and our club will host the next tournament, at a time to be decided later in 2023.



Loula with the shield and Hazel Boschetti, widow of Les Lawrence after whom the shield is named.

Our final meeting for this year took place on 14<sup>th</sup> December and we had a most pleasant evening at Three Belles in Elizabeth Street. There may be a few words about this in the first RGC next year.

Another outing to report on will be our social lunch at The Distillery in Echuca, on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December. We may also visit The Great Aussie Beer Shed along the way...this will be confirmed by Sunday.

The NYE Carnival and Rotary spinning wheel will make up part of my first article also. We hope to be kept very busy at this fund raiser for our club and consequently the community. Please come along and try your luck; for as little as one dollar some great prizes can be won, and chosen, from the back of the truck.

Thank you Roland and staff for again printing our articles throughout the year and we wish you all a very happy festive season.

May all the readers of the Rotary News have a very Happy Christmas and a great 2023.

Please be safe and take care; I'll be in touch again through this column in 2023.

~ Eve Attwood

2022/23 Treasurer and Public Relations, Rotary Club of Nathalia.



## Broken Creek Drama

### STEPS

Doris loved the new watch thingy her adult children had given her. It didn't just tell the time it did all sorts of things, including counting how many steps you took each day. She set herself a target of five thousand steps. It should be easy with a walk in the morning and one after lunch. In addition, she could walk up the street to do the shopping instead of driving. A week later and she was doing well, hitting her target each day. Her happy disposition resulted in her husband Jim suggesting they go out for tea at the pub on Friday night. He drove them there and parked about sixty metres from the pub despite there being the odd parking spot nearer. 'Why didn't you park closer?' Doris snapped at him. 'Look how far we have to walk!'





## Sessions



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# Thank You Don

The Nathalia Cemetery Trust has many volunteers who assist with the ongoing care and upkeep of our public cemetery. In recent years we have been fortunate to have a tireless, passionate volunteer in Don Baker.

A few years ago Don decided to move to Nathalia purchasing a house close to the cemetery. Soon after arriving Don met NCT member, Joyce Tyndall. Joyce instilled her passion for the cemetery into Don and they spent many hours working at the cemetery, it became their passion.

Joyce suddenly passed away this year. Despite this tragedy Don continued to work tirelessly at the cemetery and visited Joyce each day. Don states the cemetery saved him.

Don would poison, mow, rake, weed and always on the lookout for ways to improve our cemetery. Don had been known to mow with the trust's mower and then re-mow using his own mower for a better finish! Despite his many talents and work the only thing he couldn't master, was the security



system and kept setting it off.

Don assisted our groundsman and filled in when he was away. All this as a volunteer, avoiding any attention although rather keen on Leeanne's Anzac biscuits!

Don has now decided to move closer to family in Moama, promising to visit Nathalia and our cemetery regularly. Don will be missed along with his bright smile.



On behalf of the community, the NCT wish to thank Don for all that he has done for the Nathalia Public Cemetery and best wishes for your future endeavours.



## New Sign at our Cemetery



Nathalia Cemetery Trust (NCT) is made up of community members who volunteer to maintain our cemetery and coordinate burials. It is legislated that we cannot fund raise so associated costs with running the cemetery are met through fees and grant application. Therefore any decisions for improvements are very seriously considered.

A new sign for the front corner had been discussed for some time. Trust members Joyce Tyndall and Leonie Holmes embarked upon the task of organising designs, quotes and grant application.

It is with much pride in the Nathalia community spirit we were advised of a successful grant application through the Bendigo Community Bank program for our sign. The community spirit then flowed on with Peter Mortimer donating the mulch to go under the sign as it was being set in place by our dedicated volunteer Don and sign designer Kevin Styles.

The NCT wish to sincerely thank all involved especially our Bendigo Community Bank for making this possible.

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# Christmas at Barmah Kindergarten



Christmas came early for the Children of the Barmah Kindergarten. Santa arrived by the Barmah CFA truck. A good time was had by all. The children had lots of goodies and gifts. A big thanks to the Barmah community for the recycle of bottles and cans. Thanks for all the help in making this event a success. The look on the children's face was magnificent.



## Museum Moments...

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

A recent visitor to our property at Narioka, south of Picola, created some interest. At about 9.30 am one morning recently I found a wombat ambling up our driveway. When it saw my dogs it made a dash for our old shed. The wombat was a beautiful chocolate brown colour and was in very good condition.

When we investigated the shed we found a large mound of soil from a burrow dug in the back corner of the shed and another place in the shed where he had started to dig then changed his mind. The wombat had obviously been living there for at least a few days.

I set up a trail camera to record any activity in and out of the shed, and captured an image of the wombat leaving the shed at about 4.30 am the next morning. I left the camera in position for the next few nights but saw no further activity. I think he may have moved on to a quieter place.

This is the second only sighting of a wombat at Narioka in the time we have lived there. We saw one in about 2009-10 when it took up residence under our shearing shed but again did not stay long.

A section of the farm which Keith owned on the Barmah Shepparton Road had an area of undulation which was never changed, even by cultivation. It was a series of hollows and mounds which had an unusual formation. Keith recalls a conversation he had with local identity, the late Maurice Dohnt who claimed they had once been wombat burrows. This could be understandable when you studied the mounds as the soil seemed to be disturbed in a directional manner consistent with a large digging animal that moved sub-soil to the surface in a single direction. The hollows were never functional burrows while Keith owned the land and he never saw a wombat in that area. Maurice believed the burrows were flooded out in the floods of possibly either 1870's or 1916.

We wonder if the wombat we saw recently was forced into our area by flood water on the Loch Garry floodplain. We were land-locked by flood water for a period of time so perhaps the wombat was forced to stick around longer than he wanted. Wombats do not usually seek out water but they do swim/paddle occasionally if they need to cross a small stream.



I would be interested to hear from anyone who has stories of wombats in this area as it is a rare sighting.

Were wombats once a more common thing to see throughout the Deep Creek or Kotupna area or maybe further across towards Shepparton?

The photograph pictured left is not 'my' wombat because it was too quick for me to get a camera when I found him in daylight, but pictured right is the back end of 'my' wombat taken with infra-red light as he wandered away during the night.



**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.



# Nathalia Primary School News



**N**athalia Primary School Junior School Council ran a Crazy Hair Day for all of the students and teachers. It was a fun day for all.

On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December grade 2/3 students from Nathalia Primary School had a fun day out at Rebound in Shepparton. It was a great opportunity to celebrate the end of a fantastic year. Students had a wonderful time jumping, bouncing, running and riding around the complex.



## Carp Taking Advantage of the Floods

**A** reader from Barmah has reported that the Murray River seems to be infested with 'billions' of small carp.

He recently saw a girl with a butterfly net take a scoopful of carp out of the river. In that one scoop 197 fish were counted.

These small carp have also been noticed in roadside drains where the flood waters have gone down in Kaarimba.

Our reader also said that he had put his shrimp net in for the first time in three months and when he pulled it out it was full of eels. This has never happened before.



**N**BBT has received their new red gum table to be used for display and promotional purposes at the Barmah Forest Heritage & Education Centre.



Di Huber & Lindsay Moore examine the new table.

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# Nathalia Women's Health and Support Group

The Nathalia Women's Health and Support Group (NWHSG) have had a busy year. After having very limited meetings in 2020/2021 because of Covid, we decided to work more on getting together and supporting each other. Dawn Morrison and Julie Gross- McAdam co-chaired our meetings, we held formal meetings every second month and on the alternate months held a cuppa, catch-up and chat. We supported local people and their businesses with these catch-ups. We held a successful raffle at the Easter Market, and proceeds from this, along with a donation from Nathalia Rotary Club we are able to continue with our fuel voucher programme.



We had a great finish to 2022 with our Christmas break-up. 11 members attended and enjoyed a hot lunch, followed by desserts and our Kris Kringle. This was held at the Harcourt Street Community House. We would like to thank the Community House for the use of this room for our meetings. It is a great room to hold meetings in, and also has a fully functioning kitchen for use.

The NWHSG is a support group to members and the wider community for health and wellbeing.

We are intending to hold a morning/high tea- with a twist in May 2023.

We will start 2023 with our AGM at the Mail Box café, Strathmerton on 14<sup>th</sup> February. All are welcome to attend. Information about the NWHSG can be obtained from the secretary or Nathalia Community House.

We would like to wish everyone a very safe and happy Christmas.

~ M. Bourke (Secretary)

Upcoming Events		What's On Locally
November 19- December 17	Call the Cat Audrey: An exhibition exploring the theme of saleable art @ The G.R.A.I.N. Store	
December 25	Christmas Day (Sunday)	
December 26	Boxing Day (Monday)	
December 27	Christmas Holiday (Tuesday)	
December 31	Nathalia New Years Eve Carnival	
January 1	New Year's Day	
January 2	New Year Holiday (Monday)	
January 26	Australia Day (Thursday)	
February 3	The Murks @ The G.R.A.I.N. Store	
March	Rotary Show & Shine	
April 8th	Easter Saturday Market & Bardi Gras	
Contact Nathalia Printers if you would like your event added to the What's on Locally calendar. admin@nathaliaprinters.com.au or 03 5866 3060		

# Coffee Girls and NADDCO members share a Kris Kringle morning tea at Brereton's Bakery

It's good to get together after another difficult COVID Year, to think about the spirit of Christmas and to enjoy the joy of sharing gifts. NADDCO decided to share the goodwill and hold a Christmas raffle at the Christmas Market on Saturday. Everyone contributed to the Christmas Basket and Marie O'Brien sold the tickets at Roland and Di Huber's stall on Saturday. We raised \$120.00 - that money will now go to Moira FoodShare to help provide Christmas hampers for those flood affected in our area.

Thanks to Mary Agius and Marie Birch for the wonderful Christmas display in Ross and Anne Smith's window. We're always grateful for the opportunity to use this window space in the centre of town.

~ Lyn Loger



L-R: Karen Bennett, Marie O'Brien, Mary Agius, Kerry Rice, Marie Birch, Mary Boxshall, Judy Darcy.

Photo: Lyn Loger

## Christmas Gift Ideas

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid. The remaining 13 letters spell an additional Christmas gift idea.

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# Howie Exhibition

The exhibition was put on by Nathalia Wildflower Group and held in the Community area of the G.R.A.I.N. Store Art Gallery in Blake Street, Nathalia.

About 30 people enjoyed a wonderful, story-filled afternoon on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December.

President of Nathalia Wildflower Group, Ann Christy, welcomed everyone, extending special welcomes to Neville and Jan Walsh. Neville, until his retirement this year, was the Senior Conservation Botanist for the National Herbarium in Melbourne, remaining still connected as an Honorary Associate.

Neville identified about 300 local flora plants for Howie, and, as he informed us, of the 10,000 catalogued plants for Victoria, Howie Marshall's name is listed against 530 of them. Howie is one of about 5 amateur local flora enthusiasts across Victoria to have made a significant contribution to the accumulation of knowledge about the flora of Victoria.

A special welcome was extended to Cr Wayne Limbrick and wife, Pam. Wayne spoke on behalf of the Moira Shire and, after outlining Howie's importance to this community, started the ball rolling with memories of his and Pam's personal connection with Howie.

It inspired such warmth of recollection and respect with Col Grinter's stories which followed. Col stood there, with Howie's blue hat on, stating how he always made sure he used the knife that Howie made for him to butter his toast each day – "I think of him every day."

And so the stories flowed, each different, each reflecting the unique character of Howie, each connecting us across all our varying areas of experience.

A delicious afternoon tea followed and the chatting, it seemed, would never stop; remembering Howie had instigated such a meeting of old and new friends. Plus, there had been another special welcome, for a round of applause had greeted Joan Harding at the beginning of the afternoon; all so pleased that she was able to join us.

~ Lyn Loger on behalf of Nathalia Wildflower Group



Jan and Neville Walsh stand next to the entrance portrait of Howie Marshall which led visitors into his commemorative exhibition.  
Photo of Howie: Judy Ormond



# Nathalia CERT Medal Presentation Night

On Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> of December the Nathalia Cert team had their long awaited medal presentation night after all the COVID restrictions surrounding AV in the last 3 years.

We gathered at one of the members residence and with a very generous donation from Nathalia IGA and Brereton's bakery we enjoyed a yummy BBQ dinner and sweet treats.

In attendance were members of the Numurkah Ambulance Branch, Craig, Paul, Chris, Alarnah and Jason, who support the team throughout the year with training and guidance. We cant thank these people enough for their dedication over the many years and would be totally lost without this support.

The members who received awards on the night were

- Kay Cobbleddick – 5 years
- Paul Slattery – 5 years
- Morgan Lee – 10 years
- Bill Oaks – 10 years
- Kylie Botterill – 15 years
- Wendy Lee – 15 years
- Rosina Gemmill – 15 years
- Judy Dealy – 15 years (retired)



A special mention and gift was given to Mary Barry for the many years on the committee and as treasurer and to Sami Davidson as she is leaving the team to prepare for the birth of her first child.

We would like to thank Zoe's Little Flower Farm for their generous donation for flowers for the night which were stunning as always.

It was truly a wonderful night celebrating these milestones and are looking forward to growing the team in the new year. We are desperate for new members to provide the best support for our town.

If you are interested in more information please don't hesitate to contact either Kay or Kylie 0418 345 397.



Mary Barry



Kay Cobbleddick 5 years with Craig Beamish



Paul Slattery 5 years with Kylie Botterill & Craig Beamish



L-R: Morgan lee, Sami Davidson, Bill Oaks, Kay Cobbleddick, Kylie Botterill, Craig Beamish, Wendy Lee, Paul Slattery, Andrea Sutton, Paul Johansson



Morgan 10 years with Kylie Botterill & Craig Beamish



Bill Oakes 10 years with Kylie Botterill & Craig Beamish



Above: Judy Dealy with Kylie Botterill & Craig Beamish



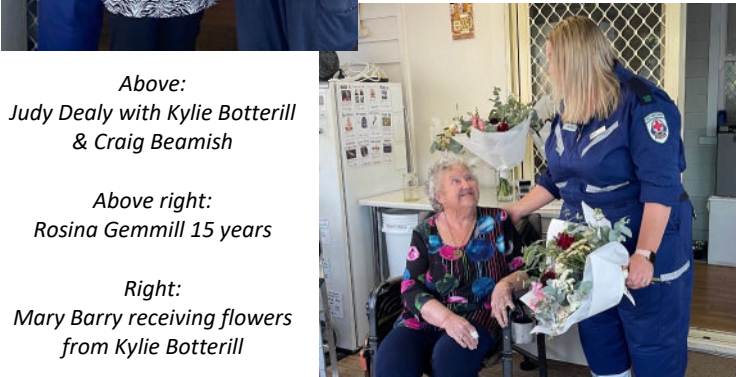
Above right: Rosina Gemmill 15 years



Wendy Lee 15 years with Craig Beamish



Kylie Botterill 15 years with Kay Cobbleddick & Craig Beamish



Right: Mary Barry receiving flowers from Kylie Botterill

**Blake Street BUTCHERY**

**Christmas/New Year Trading Hours**

Saturday 24th December ..... 7am-12pm  
 Sunday 25th December ..... **CLOSED**  
 Monday 26th December ..... **CLOSED**  
 Tuesday 27th December ..... **CLOSED**  
 Wednesday 28th December ..... 7am-5pm  
 Thursday 29th December ..... 7am-5pm  
 Friday 30th December ..... 7am-5pm  
 Saturday 31st December ..... 7am-12pm  
 Sunday 1st January ..... **CLOSED**  
 Monday 2nd January ..... **CLOSED**  
 Tuesday 3rd January ..... 7am-5pm

**The Butchers would like to wish everyone a Safe & Happy Christmas & New Year.**

Thank you for your support throughout 2022 and we look forward to seeing you all in 2023!

**Dove Motors**

60 Elizabeth Street, Nathalia  
 ☎ 5866 2511

**Christmas Trading Hours**

Saturday 24th December **CHRISTMAS EVE** 8.00am - 12.00pm  
 Sunday 25th December **CHRISTMAS DAY** ..... **CLOSED**  
 Monday 26th December **BOXING DAY** ..... **CLOSED**  
 Tuesday 27th December ..... 9.00am - 12.00pm  
 Wednesday 28th December ..... 7.30am - 5.30pm  
 Thursday 29th December ..... 7.30am - 5.30pm  
 Friday 30th December ..... 7.30am - 4.30pm  
 Saturday 31st December ..... 8.00am - 12.00pm  
 Sunday 1st January **NEW YEARS DAY** ..... **CLOSED**  
 Monday 2nd January ..... 9.00am - 12.00pm  
 Tuesday 3rd January ..... 7.30am - 5.30pm

**Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year to all our valued customers**

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**Christmas/New Year Trading Hours**

	<u>Nathalia</u>	<u>Numurkah</u>	<u>Yarrawonga</u>
Saturday 24th Dec	6.00am - 2.00pm	8.00am - 2.00pm	7.00am - 2.00pm
Sunday 25th Dec <b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>
Monday 26th Dec <b>BOXING DAY</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>
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Saturday 31st Dec	6.00am - 2.00pm	9.00am - 2.00pm	7.00am - 2.00pm
Sunday 1st Jan <b>NEW YEARS DAY</b>	<b>TBC</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>
Monday 2nd Jan (Public Holiday)	<b>TBC</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	7.00am - 2.00pm
Tuesday 4th Jan	6.00am - 4.00pm	7.30am - 3.00pm	7.00am - 3.00pm
Back to Normal Trading Hours			

\*All times subject to change, check our Facebook page for updates.

\*Coffee  
 \*Iced Coffees  
 & Chocolate  
 \*Freezochinos

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 extend to all its loyal customers  
 a Merry Christmas  
 & Happy New Year!

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 -Mince Tarts - Short Bread



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## Class of 2022

Back Row: Nicholas Nolan, Cameron Harding, Lachlan O'Hara, Patrick Bennett, Jake Wilmot, Hunter Verhoeven, William Smith, Hayden Davis, Braydie Wright. 7th Row: Michael Spencer, Dakota Borg, Mak Hindmarsh, Scott Guppy, Branden Crockford, Keegan North, Hugh Hyde, Connor Baxa, Jacob Champagne. 6th Row: William Slatterie, Damen McIntyre, Zac Dixon, Matteo Allen, Chase Hardwidge, Benjamin Macheda, Seth Maisey, Noah Sneddon, Wade Tuddenham, Clayton Beer, Harrison Dietrich, Logan Bond. 5th Row: Costa Gillespie, Lachlan Adams, Noah Iddles, Blake Spicer-Wilson, Kiera Henderson, Holly Boyd, Flynn Penberthy, Gracie McPherson, Lacey Comiskey, Dominic McConnell, Samuel Decicco, Ryan Mele, Jason Beckett. 4th Row: Nikita Pawlowicz, Grace Kennedy, Anneliese Phillips, Josephine McInnes, Eloise Kelly, Emily Bell, Lauren Doyle, Samantha Simpson, Lily Davies, Ella Osler, Sophie Wilson, Laura McLeod. 3rd Row: Dakota Pemberton, Bella Tuohey, Sophie Rutherford, Sarah Brooks, Isabella Nash, Bridie Chester, Nicola Oliver, Eliza Wood, Ashlee Russo, Brooke Fitzpatrick, Krizza Manicdao. 2nd Row: Danielle Dines, Kate Francis, Ebony James, Maya Opray, Amber Elliott, Holly Osborne, Teea Brattle, Ella Wilson, Natalie Hobbs, Heidi Milton, Kasey Brennan, Georgia Carkeek. Front Row: Mackenzie Stephens, Milla Opray, Abby Flett, Charlee Mason, Ella Brattle, Rachael Matthews, Alanah Whitford, Heidi Skinner, Chloe Pullar, Chloe Bell, Eva Browning. Absent: Antonio Baron, Sienna Bovalina, Isabella Hender, Mikala Littlejohn, Marlie Noonan.

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# SMOTA Celebrates the C



As we know, all good things must come to an end. It's strange to look back and wonder who we might have been without the careful moulding of our teachers, people who have filled us with knowledge, lent a helping hand, kept us organised and up to date in homeroom and fed our competitive spirits.

We have been given this amazing opportunity that is education, one that should never be taken in vain. St Mary's has been a place of immense opportunity for us. So as you journey over the next few years, seize each new opportunity wholeheartedly and give it your all. Be appreciative, keep creative and stay cool. Embrace the uncertainty that is life, and always aim to be the best version of yourselves that you can possibly be.

**College Leader, Clayton Beer**

The friendships, the shared memories, the laughs ... the highs and the lows, have shaped us into the people we are today. Graduation is a turning point in our lives, it marks the end ... and the beginning.

**College Leader, Chloe Bell**



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**NOVEMBER  
2022**



THIS year's Graduation, was the culmination of a couple of years with a twist. A twist that constantly evolved and changed yet still seemed to travel at warp speed. From an abridged version of the Year 12 retreat way back in February, through a couple of COVID interrupted periods of time throughout the year, a week or so on the sandbags and supporting our community from the ever present threat of flood water to our final exams it's been a little surreal for our graduating students.

Through the excitement, the tears, the nerves, the celebrations, the pandemic and the water our Year 12 graduates of 2022 have been a pleasure to accompany along the journey. Their sense of community, compassion, fun and an ability to look after each other has been evident throughout the years.

The graduating class of 2022 can be assured that whatever challenges they face in the future they have the skills to get through and succeed.

On behalf of the entire SMOTA community, Congratulations to our Class of 2022 on your Graduation. A milestone that is certainly worth noting.

**Principal, Matt Carver**

# Graduating Class of 2022



Each and every student in their own way in the past few months has begun preparing to transition into life after school. Some of us have opened the door, welcomed adulthood into their lives and made it a cup of tea because they feel they are ready. Some of us have the door open a crack, tentatively peering on the other side but just aren't quite sure how they feel about letting adulthood in.

And some of us have opened the door, took a quick glance and slammed the door back in its face because we're just not quite ready yet. Transitioning can be scary, but maybe if you can, open the door up, you never know what might be waiting on the other side.

**College Leader, Grace Kennedy**

Six years ago, the class of 2022 embarked our journey into the St Mary of the Angels community, before we were big fish in a small pond and quickly we found ourselves to be small fish in a very big pond.

Despite the fears, we've made great bonds and connections which have helped shape us into the people we are today and gave us memories that we will cherish forever.

**College Leader, Matteo Allen**





# LIMO'S MITRE 10

1-7 Blake St, Nathalia | Ph: (03) 5866 2401

The team at Limo's would like to wish all their loyal customers a  
**Merry Christmas &  
a Safe & Happy  
New Year.**

Best wishes to all for a prosperous 2023!

## CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR TRADING HOURS

Sat 24 <sup>th</sup> December .....	8:30am - 12:00 pm
<b>Christmas Day:</b> Sun 25 <sup>th</sup> December .....	<b>Closed</b>
<b>Boxing Day:</b> Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> December .....	<b>Closed</b>
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup> December (Public Holiday).....	<b>Closed</b>
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> December .....	9:00am - 5:30pm
Sat 31 <sup>st</sup> December .....	9:00am - 1:00pm
<b>New Year's Day:</b> Sun 1st January .....	<b>Closed</b>
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> January (Public Holiday) .....	<b>Closed</b>
Tue 3 <sup>rd</sup> January .....	9:00am - 5:30pm



During the month of January, we are adjusting our weekday opening time to 9:00am (instead of 8:00am). Weekend opening hours will remain unchanged. Thanks in advance for your understanding.

# Pizza



# Shack

**Merry Christmas & Happy New Year  
to all our customers,  
from the staff at  
Mick's Pizza Shack**



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25th-27th December  
1st-3rd January**

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# Nathalia Christmas Market



Alana's Custom Gifts



Alice & Tom Brady



Andrea Sutton - Nathalia CERT



Bernie James



Bev, Sandy & Di - Sandy's Thai



Bindi & Tamra - Moira Shire Visitor Services



Boomerang Bags - Numurkah



David and Cheryl McKenzie



Eve Attwood - Nathalia Rotary



Face Painting



Gael - Kidz Coverups



Gareth & Jamie - Old Creamery



Nathalia Golf Club



Nathalia Hospital Auxillary



Nathalia Lions



Norm Govett



Sean's organic garlic



Shane & Ellie Music



Sherelle & Lily - LJ Florals



Marcia Murrell, Maryse Quarrell



Vic Dohnt - Nathalia Mens Shed



Face Painting

# U3A Christmas Party



On Wednesday 7th December, members of the U3A group met at the Barmah Hotel to celebrate their Christmas party. The meal provided by our hosts was beautifully presented and everyone enjoyed the evening.

The U3A Line Dancers entertained us with music and dancing and a good time was had by all. Philippa talked about the interesting films being presented in 2023 and many people are looking forward to viewing them next year.

The birthday boys, Ian and Stan were serenaded with birthday song and best wishes. Beautiful bouquets were presented to Sue and Stan Lowe who are leaving U3A and Nathalia, also a bouquet was presented to our hosts on their brilliant success. A great night was enjoyed by all who attended.



## Aunty Kella Robinson's Book Launch

*"Walking in the Footsteps of My Family"*

Thursday December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Goulburn Valley Libraries organised a wonderfully successful book launch at the Mooroopna Library on Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>.

Michelle Nicolson, co-library co-ordinator from Mooroopna Library, welcomed over 50 people. Yorta Yorta Elder, Uncle Lance James, provided the Welcome to Country and congratulated Aunty Kella on her book.

Aunty Kella and Lyn Loger then held a conversation about the book's development. Aunty Kella, a well-loved oral storyteller, kept the crowd smiling by recounting some of the stories recorded in the book.

A delicious afternoon tea was provided by the Friends of the Mooroopna Library and the Shepparton Region Reconciliation Book Group members, plus friends who contributed plates.

More than 50 books were sold during the afternoon. Aunty Kella is already thinking of organising a reprint in the New Year.

Aunty Kella has been Nathalia's Bardi Gras Storyteller over a number of years and her book has been printed by Nathalia Printers.

**\*If you wish to reserve a copy of the book to read, please contact your local library.**



## 2022 was a really good year at The G.R.A.I.N. Store



**A**nd we are looking forward to sharing 2023 with you Great News...the Murks postponed concert is rescheduled for Friday 3 February, 2023

**NYE Market and community celebrations.** Come join us during your New Years' Eve wanderings ...add to one of our three community panels...remember what joys we experienced in 2022...and collect our 2023 programme for scheduling into your calendar.

It has been an exhilarating year...with many highlights, and many challenges. It will also be good to stop a while and take stock. 2022 was to be a year when we concentrated on getting back to basics...arts in our community...and the importance of relationships. And the importance of that focus has been heavily underscored during continuing Covid and more recently, the floods.

### Some thank yous and appreciations

Thank you to all of you who took part in our Portrait of Nathalia. Thank you to all who came to our Openings. Thank you to the artists whose work featured in our exhibitions; and thank you particularly to Mark Street and John Donegan and Linden Lancaster who led a series of workshops that strengthened our capacities to tell our local, human stories and inspired our wish to better observe and record the wonders of nature.

Thank you to the artists who gathered every Monday to make art together. Thank you to Moira Shire and you ratepayers, for the \$30,000 a year which provides some practical support for the continuity of our work. Thank you to outstanding G.R.A.I.N. Board members Jane Hando, David Hanna, Maddie Keil, Vanessa Byrnes and Brendan Ginnivan and 18

thank you so much Stan Lowe for your ten years contribution to The G.R.A.I.N. Store story. We have been so fortunate to have you.

Thank you to Ruby Wyatt-Carter and Bronwyn Ryan and our community gallery attendants for being the wonderful and complex face of The G.R.A.I.N. store.

Thank you too to Lucy Brereton for your passionate support of the arts, and finally our love and best wishes to Bill and Veronica Kelly...whose pulsating art hearts we still feel from just down the street.

Well...I don't know about you but I am really tired...and pleased we are having a break.

~ Philippa Schapper

G.R.A.I.N. Inc Board Chairperson



# Moira Shire Council Flood Recovery Support

Media Release 8th December

The Moira Shire Council is here to support the whole community throughout the flood recovery. The role of Council is to connect residents with the services they need and assist them in understanding and accessing all the resources available to them.

There is a range of support and resources that residents can access via the Flood Recovery Hub in Nathalia. However, the flood recovery van will also be hitting the road this week, visiting a number of small towns impacted the recent flood events.

- Picola - Monday 19 Dec
- Kotupna - Tuesday 20 Dec
- Strathmerton - Wednesday 21 Dec

Keep an eye on the Moira Shire Council Facebook for exact times, locations and service

providers.

Council's Secondary Impact Assessment Team are now in the community visiting flood affected properties to gather information on health and property related flood impacts. You can register your property for a free structural review and environmental health assessment on Councils website.

Council are also undertaking hard waste collection for any properties that have been impacted by the recent floods.

Waste contractors will be collecting flood-affected waste from kerbsides in Nathalia 19th and 22nd December. All items need to be placed on the kerbside. Please place items out for collection the night before to ensure wastes are collected.

There will be other collections for more

locations scheduled soon but residents with flood waste can call Council on 5871 9222 to register for a collection.

Chief Executive Officer Clare Keenan said that Council is here to help any residents who have been impacted by the flood event.

"Our teams are very active in the community conducting impact assessments and managing the clean-up, however we understand our residents are facing a diverse range of challenges, so please come in and see us at the recovery hub or the mobile van with any difficulties, big or small."

"If we can't help, we will find someone who can" Ms Keenan said.



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### CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



The G.R.A.I.N. Inc Board and staff would like to wish you all a

*Creative and Peaceful and Considerate Festive Season and thank you for all your support through 2022.*

The gallery is closed from 18 Dec 2022 - 2 Feb 2023  
**Making Space on Mondays resumes 9 January 2023**  
 Phone: 0400 037 432



The House Office 44 Blake Street will be closed from Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec- 3pm and will re-open on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> Jan - 9.30am  
 Wishing the Community, a Happy Christmas & Safe New Year. From the Committee and Staff of the Nathalia Community House.



### MEETINGS

**Nathalia Women's Health and Support Group.**

*General meeting followed by AGM*

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2023, At: 11.30 am  
 Mail Box Café Strathmerton  
**All Welcome.**  
 Enquiries to Moira Bourke (Secretary) ☎ 0417 502 167

### POSITIONS VACANT



**Moira Shire Council has the following opportunities available for suitably qualified applicants to join the Moira team. Apply now to develop your career with an innovative leader committed to delivering excellent services.**

- **Manager Finance**  
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Permanent Full Time
- **Assistant Town Planner**  
Permanent Full Time
- **GIS Officer**  
Permanent Full Time
- **Team Leader Administration - Operations**  
Permanent Full Time
- **Team Leader Roads**  
Permanent Full Time

To view more information, and other positions that we are currently recruiting for please visit 'Careers with us' on our website:  
[recruitment.moira.vic.gov.au](http://recruitment.moira.vic.gov.au)



**B.S & J.A Gemmill Lawn Mowing Services**

*Wish to thank all our valued customers for their support throughout 2022.*

**Merry Christmas and wishing you all the best for 2023!**



### COMMUNITY EVENTS



**Kyabram Plaza Theatre Our Community Theatre**

New release Movies screenings twice weekly on Tuesday and Saturday evenings at 7.30pm.  
 Kiosk Available.  
 Movie tickets only \$12

The Kyabram Plaza Theatre is run 100% by volunteers.

Keep up to date with the Kyabram Plaza Theatre on Facebook and Instagram. 

### FOR SALE



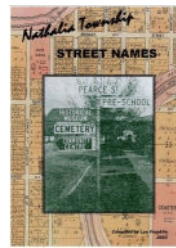
**Christmas Trees \$40 ea - only 10 left.**

**FREE Fruit Fly Traps with Instructions.**

Contact Vic ☎ 0417 556 773

**Nathalia Township STREET NAMES**

This book details the family history of Nathalia's 65 street names.



Compiled by **Lynette E. Franklin**

**\$25.00**



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## PUBLIC NOTICES



### Nathalia Community Car

The Community Car will not be available for bookings from Monday 26/12/22 to Friday 6/01/23

Bookings available from Monday 9/01/23

We apologise for any inconvenience.

## BIRTHS

### MUIR - QUAYLE

Timon and Hanna are happy to announce the arrival of

### Max William Muir

3.9kg - Born Darwin Hospital  
28/11/2022



First grandchild for Sue and Tammy.

## DEATHS

### LIMBRICK (Sandow) - Joyce Evelyn

20-1-1933 ~ 4-12-2022

In her 90th Year

Passed away peacefully after a short illness.

Loving Wife of George (dec).

Adored Mother of Ros; Wayne & Pam; Peter; Michael & Annette. Loved Nan of Tamara, David (dec), Dean & Kristy, Jodie & Anthony, Rebecca & Sean, Jason & Stephanie, Nicole and Luke. Special Big Nan to Zara, Jayce, Sienna, Miley, Xavier, Alex, Nathan, Emily, Isabel and Gracie.

You were the glue that kept our family together, your strength and courage through tough times, was nothing short of inspirational. You had an amazing ability to adapt and manage under any conditions. Reunited with Dad after just 53 weeks apart.

RIP Mum,

*Forever In Our Hearts and Minds*

Loved and loving Mum of Ros and Nan to Tamara and David (dec)

Your memory is

Our greatest treasure,

To have and to hold

In our hearts forever.

Rest Peacefully now, together again with Dad and David

Amazing Mum of Wayne & Pam,

Loved Nan and Big Nan of Dean & Kristy, Jodie & Anthony Ciavarella, Zara, Jayce, Sienna & Miley.

You overcame so many trials, astounded us with your resilience, you just kept bouncing back and we hoped and prayed that this time would be the same. But you were tired, and we needed to say goodbye. You leave us with so many happy memories that will stay with us forever.

Say hello to George for us. Love always and forever

Dear Mum and Nan/Big Nan,

The years we have shared will be treasured forever.

You were always there for us, and the time spent with you are our memories to cherish.

In our hearts you will stay. We love you and will miss you every day.

Love always, Peter; Rebecca, Sean, Xavier, Alex, Nathan & Emily;

Jason, Steph, Isabel and Gracie.

Loving Mum of Mick and Annette, loved Nan of Nicole and Luke.

You leave us with so many happy memories that we will cherish.

*Rest in Peace Mum*

Joyce's Graveside Funeral Service took place at the Nathalia Lawn Cemetery on Tuesday December 13, 2022.

Peter Cox & Sons | Numurkah & District  
5862 3047

## DEATHS

### GEMMILL, Dorothy 'Dot'

12.07.1927 - 13.12.2022

Loved wife of George (dec).

Beloved mother and grandmother of Graeme, Noel, Barry, Christine, Rhonda and their families.

*Always loved, always loving*

## FUNERALS

**GEMMILL** - A funeral Service for Mrs Dorothy 'Dot' Gemmill will be held at the Nathalia Recreation Reserve, Park Street Nathalia, on Monday December 19th, 2022. At 1.00 pm followed by interment at the Nathalia Lawn Cemetery. (please wear bright colours)

**CLIVE COVENTRY FUNERALS**  
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clivecoventry.com.au



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### LIMBRICK, (Sandow) Joyce

Much loved sister and sister-in-law of Beryl and Len (both dec).

Loved Aunt of Marg and Ernie, Neil and Bev and their families.

Special memories of Aunty Joy.

*Forever in our Hearts.*

### LIMBRICK, (Sandow) Joyce

Loved sister-in-law of Syd and Iris (both dec).

Fond Auntie of Lynette, Maxine, Wendy, Rosemary and families.

*"Rest In Peace"*



## Temporary Road Closures – New Year's Eve Carnival, Nathalia

The following roads will be closed on Saturday 31 December 2022 from 4:00pm – 12:00am midnight) for the New Year's Eve Carnival in Nathalia:

- Blake Street/Murray Valley Highway between Pearce Street and Bromley Street;
- Bromley Street between Blake Street and Church Street;
- Church Street between Bromley Street and Park Street; and
- Park Street between Church Street and Bindon Street

Emergency services and local residents will have access to their properties throughout the duration of the event.

Council has approved this temporary road closure under Schedule 11, 10(1)(b) of the Local Government Act 1989. Please seek alternative routes during these times.

For more information contact Council on 5871 9222.

### RED GUM COURIER

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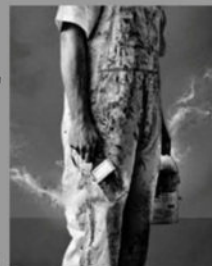
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# Nathalia Lawn Tennis Club Report



Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

**Division 4:** Nathalia GMLTA Div 4 team played Numurkah Penguins at Numurkah. Final score showed a solid win for Numurkah, 13 sets 100 games, Nathalia 0 sets 31 games.

Highlight of the afternoon for Nathalia was the two families represented by mother and son. Despite our loss we still occupy 3<sup>rd</sup> place on the Div 4 ladder which comprises 6 teams.

**Division 3:** The Division 3 Silk Foxes took on Cobram on their home turf and came away with a comprehensive 12 sets 99 games to 2 sets 41 games victory. David Scadden brought his vintage form to claim 3 sets whilst forgoing 6 games in the process. However, he was outshone by co-captain Jodie Daniel, who won her 3 sets and conceded only 1 game for the entire match. A near perfect score card!

Monique Bryant freed herself from the floodwaters to grace the court for the first time this season and combined with Caitlin Bourke and Corina McLeod for two resounding victories in the Ladies' doubles. Aaron Booth also fronted for his first bash of the season and threw himself around the court in an entertaining singles match. Ryan Bell had a successful day

along with Caitlin Bourke, Corina McLeod and Rose Nihill who dominated the women's matches with thumping victories in each set.

The Foxes remain unbeaten at this stage of the season but face a testing fortnight against last years' finalists Tongala and Tatura before the Christmas break.

Saturday 10th December

**Division 1:** Velvet Tigers 6 sets 73 games def by Echuca/Kyabram 6 sets 81 games.

In fine conditions, the Velvet Tigers travelled to Echuca to challenge the combined Kyabram/Echuca outfit.

Sam McHarg and Jarrod Bingham played some scintillating tennis to win their doubles 8 - 3, while Alex Bakogianis and Ned Nihill survived a late scare to triumph 8 - 6. In the Women's doubles, the pairing of Janaya Nurse and Rose Nihill were defeated 8 - 3 against a very solid opposition.

In the singles, Jarrod and Sam were both winners 8 - 7 and 8 - 6 respectively. Ned and Alex were handed losses (8 - 3 and 8 - 5), as were Janaya and Rose (both 8-4).

Down comfortably heading into the final 3 sets, the VTs rallied. Jarrod and Rose complemented

each other nicely for an 8 - 6 victory, while the pairing of Janaya and Alex continued their strong form together to win 8 - 5. In the men's reverse doubles, Sam and Ned played a high quality set to just go down 8 - 6.

Taking into account the drubbing the Velvets were handed last time against this mob, to go down by just 8 games and all players winning at least one set, it was an encouraging performance. With the retirement (pregnancy) of the accomplished number one lady Eliza Long, the women will now rely on Laura Booth and Janaya Nurse, and we also look forward to the availability of men Joe Nihill and Mick Luca. Positive signs for the crew in purple, pink, gold and white!

**Division 4:** Kialla Vs Nathalia on hard courts, Kialla defeated Nathalia 96 games to 55. Adjusting play to hard courts game score didn't reflect close sets. Di Wilson and Phillippa Slinger coming up on top winning their ladies set and Wilo winning his singles closely followed by Daniel who went down in his singles on a tie break.



## Hot Shots Break Up

The regular Saturday morning Hot Shots comes to an end this Saturday. To celebrate another fantastic season of Hot Shots players and parents are invited to a BBQ after play this Saturday.

To cater for the range of ages attending there are different configurations of a tennis court. Portable nets of a lower height can be set up across the courts with the kids lining up patiently for their turn to return the ball. The program is not possible without the wonderful interaction and participation of the parents.

# Nathalia Blue Jazz Basketball Round 11

**Round 11: Celtics Boys Green - 19 defeated Nathalia Blue Jazz (Shaw) - 15**

In our final game of the season we came up against the Celtics and what an exciting, nail-biting game it turned out to be.

Right from the start the boys put all their skills on display, playing hard down in defence, applying heaps of pressure and working fantastically as a team. Every member of the team played an integral role and the boys were off to a great start.

It was truly amazing to see how far this team has come in such a short time. Considering that for a majority of the team this was their seventh ever game of basketball, the boys skills were nothing short of inspirational.

Hayden Feltham played a strong game, moving around the court, getting numerous rebounds and helping get the team into scoring position. Tyrell James scored 2 baskets for the team and

worked hard in defence. He played a great game and drove the ball with confidence into our offence.

Harrison Halden had another memorable game. He hit the scoreboard and put everything he had into the game for his team. Blair Watson utilised his speed to gain position of the ball from the opposition and then made some very clever passes to his teammates.

Duane Shaw had another exciting game as he pushed hard in both offence and defence. He scored a goal and was always in on the action. Jaxon Walsh played with skill and talent, that was great to watch. He drove the ball in and drew three separate fouls for his efforts. His shooting was great and he finished the game with 7 points.

Unfortunately, Tyson James couldn't play and was missed by the team in our last game for the year.

In the end the Celtics were able to narrowly defeat us (this time), but being able to see the boys development is an absolute privilege.

There is no group of boys I'd rather coach and I feel honoured to have been able to play a part in their basketball journey.

Well done boys, you should all be incredibly proud of yourselves and of each other. Can't wait to see you all on the court again!





# In the Swing at Nathalia Golf Club



**W**EDNESDAY November 30 - 8 turned up for a hit with no results.

**FRIDAY December 2** - fun day. 7 turned up and Played Ambrose with no result. The mosquitoes are slowly diminishing from the course and making it more bearable to play.

**Sunday December 4** - No results.

Hopefully in the new year we can have competition back, and the course is back to normal.

4 Nathalia ladies travelled to Numurkah on Monday the 5th of December to compete in the GMGA ladies 4BBB fun day.

Alison Keogh and Sue Lowe won the day with a whopping 47 stableford points.

Alison also got NTP on the 18th hole with a birdie to finish.

Nancy Dunn and Lynette Lindsay with 43 stableford points, finished equal 3rd. Great job ladies!

The Golf Club would like to thank IGA Community Rewards for their generous donation to the club. Thank you to all the community for your support, it was very much appreciated.

All at Nathalia Golf Club would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year.

Good hitting everyone, and we will catch up in 2023.

*Pictured left: Alison Keogh and Sue Lowe winners of the GMGA LADIES 4 BBB at Numurkah.*



# 2023 Girls Youth Coaches Announced

**W**e are extremely excited to announce our co-coaches for the Nathalia Football Netball Club Youth Girls U18's 2023 season, Abby Favaro and Cody Power!



Both have been playing football for many years with juniors and seniors, and have a good understanding and wealth of knowledge of the game. Both have also achieved high accolades throughout their football careers which makes them a great asset for our club, and we look forward to this new chapter in our club's proud history. Go Purps!



*Co-coaches Abby Favaro & Cody Power.*



# Nathalia Bowling Club News

**M**IDWEEK PENNANT Division 2 was played at home on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December against Berrigan with Nathalia winning 66 – 52 shots. Bev Hutchins, Keith Holland, Heather Palmer and Ashley Hutchins drew with 23 shots all. Tessa Ward, Ian Bolton, Fay Hutchins and Philippa Schapper won 19 - 14 shots and Fiona Rourke, Berris Baldwin, Marilyn Frost and Rosemary Glover also won 24 -15, now placing Nathalia 4<sup>th</sup> on the ladder.

**SATURDAY PENNANT** Division 3 was played at Tocumwal, but unfortunately it was not a good result for Nathalia. We lost on two rinks and got up on the third, resulting in 2 points to Nathalia and 14 to Tocumwal. Steve Campbell, Bev Hutchins, Ashley Hutchins and Tim Cullen went down 19 - 7 shots. Craig Lucas, Ian Bolton, John Staggard and Max Hudson won on their rink 17-15 shots and Peter Hutchins, Jack Hutchins, Paul White and Alan cooper lost 18 -14 shots, Nathalia placed 4<sup>th</sup> on the ladder.



*Winners for the Plum Pudding Day: L-R Alan Cooper, Tim Cullen, Philippa Schapper and Bev Hutchins.*



*Plum Pudding Day Runners Up: L-R John Staggard, Rosemary Glover, Fay Hutchins and Keith Holland.*

The end of Season Social **PLUM PUDDING DAY** was held at the Club on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December with 16 bowlers playing in excellent weather conditions. The winners were Bev Hutchins, Alan Cooper, Tim Cullen and Philippa Schapper who won a Christmas Cake each which was made and donated by Tessa Ward and her daughter Kerry who decorated the cake. Thank you to you both. All this was followed by a luncheon contributed by players.

**ROTARY BOWLS** – Three members of the Nathalia Bowling Club supported the Nathalia Rotary Club in the **ANNUAL** games of Bowls against the Numurkah Rotary Club played at Numurkah. On this occasion Nathalia Rotary were successful in winning back the Les Lawrence Memorial Shield. Rotary President, Ms. Loula Oliver thanked all who participated. Next year's match will be held at Nathalia.

As this is the last edition for 2022, we wish all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year for 2023.

# Nathalia Association Cricket Club News



Well, the first half of the season has flown by in what can only be described as hectic. With the start of the season delayed with rain and flooding we were finally able to commence at the beginning of November. This season we have 3 junior teams and 4 senior teams, each are having varying degrees of success.

**U/12s** - have had a 50/50 win-loss start to their season, they are all beginning to improve each week and just enjoy being out there. Notable performances are Lucas Barton with a 4/5 off 2 overs and Blayde made 26 runs in his second game this year. We also have our very own Aaron Finch coming through in Miller Butler, keep an eye out for him as he progresses through the years.

**U/14s** - have had a draw and a loss. The first game saw the emergence of Abbey Sheehan, Sarah Stone and Tayah Lundberg who heard our cries for help as we were short on numbers. We have seen a big difference in the girls from game 1 to 2, especially Tayah who has 3 wickets in her 2 games. Gus Frostick has been leading from the front with 3/10 in the first game and dragged us to an okay total in game two.

**U/16** - started off their season slowly having suffered 2 large defeats; we will put this down to being tired from all the sandbagging and flood work they did. However, they managed to get a win to go into Christmas with a cheer. New comer Harry Ryan started his season with a great 3/10 and in the win took 4/5, Josh Dohnt

crafted a stylish 35 to set up the defendable total. The boys are starting to get some belief in their skills and will comeback the better for it after the break

**C Grade** - Have had a mixed bag of a season, 2 wins a loss and a forfeit. The grade is being made up of young and old players with veterans like Greg Vallender suiting up and playing with son Josh. It has also been a place for some of our younger ones from U/14 & 16s who just love to play cricket. Sets of brothers are teaming up and trying to outdo each other like the Sheehans and Frosticks. If you are similar to these above and would like a game, feel free to get in contact with the club.

**B Grade Women's** - What looked like a season that wouldn't get started has seen us join forces with Waaia CC ladies in order to put a team together. The ladies are starting to find their feet and get a bit of confidence, after three losses they finally hit the winners list last weekend. Cara Briggs, Abby Favaro and Cody Power have all posted scores of over 20 in innings this season. Sheridan Lawless, Evie Hawks and Abby have grabbed 2 wicket hauls at different stages and bowled consistently well in most games. With only three games remaining after the Christmas break the ladies are doing a great job.

**B Grade** - Sitting 2 wins 3 losses it has been a bit of a mixed bag for the boys. Some of the players have shown flashes of brilliance Ben Horrocks, Thomas Binks and Nate Summerville with the

bat, Archie Congues and Harry McDonald with the ball. It's amazing what the boys can do when they try. Half way through the season they have got themselves in a good position and if they continue on like this who knows where they will end up.

**A Grade** - 3 win 1 loss and sitting in a good position for our first 2 day game back in three years. Liam Evans and Scotty Morris have been threatening to make big scores each week, until finding new ways to get themselves out. But if the start of the two-dayer is anything to go by I could be eating my words very soon. The Congues brothers (Henry, Ewan and Clancy) and uncle Dale James are continually terrorizing batting attacks regularly claiming a big chunk of wickets most weeks. With the experienced pair of Brodie Ross and Dylan Cunningham always contributing with either bat or ball. 3 young blokes in Brady Walpole, Harry McDonald and Zander Quinn have all made their A Grade debuts this year and done well in their games. Good luck to all our juniors that have made country week for next year Harry Ryan, Nate Summerville, Ben McDonald, Dylan Dohnt, Hugh Stone, Zander Quinn and Gus Frostick. Seniors training will begin back on the 5<sup>th</sup> of Jan with a game for A & C Grade on the 7<sup>th</sup>.

Juniors training will begin back on the 10<sup>th</sup> for U/16 and 12<sup>th</sup> for U/14.

U/12s and Woolworths Blast to be confirmed. Wishing everyone a safe and happy holidays!

## NLAC News



Congratulations to Rhys Hansen (pictured left) on winning gold in the under 15 pole vault at the Australian All Schools Track and Field Championships in Adelaide representing the Nathalia Secondary College in a VIC uniform!



Well done to our athletes who competed in the Albury Open Day event on Sunday the 11th of December. (pictured above) Tristan Kendall got 2nd in discus, 3rd in long jump and pb 2nd in 200 metre and pb. Evie Kendall got 3rd in long jump pb and 2nd in 50 metre pb.



## Picola Lawn Bowls Report



Midweek Pennant - Picola Team versus Barooga saw another win on Tuesday 13th. Congratulations to Karen Peacock's rink of Mary Agius, Karen Manley and Trevor Cobbledick winning 37-8. Julie Berger's rink of Geoff Davie, Claire Andrew and Maureen Coates lost 17-20 and Sue Jamison's rink of Bill Agius, Margaret Cobbledick and John Gillard 24-30, and our final overall score was 78 to 58.

On the 10th of December Division 3: Picola played Numurkah winning all rinks by 43 shots overall. Bruce Agnew's rink won by 18. Keith Berger's rink won by 14 and Sue Jamison's rink won by 11 shots.

The Clubs Christmas break up is on this Saturday 17th December at 6 pm, BBQ tea and ladies please bring a salad.

Karen Peacock and Sue Jamison both played in the State Singles last Sunday. Karen had a win over Robyn Gilmour from Numurkah 25-15. Sue was beaten by Lydia Patching also from Numurkah 19-25. Best of luck to Karen for her next game.

Also entries are being taken for our Turkey Trot to be held on Wednesday 21st December. BBQ tea at 6pm.

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Best wishes for a safe and happy Christmas.

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