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## NATHALIA & DISTRICTS NEWSPAPER

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December, 2021

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# Barmah - Best Small Town Entrance



Barmah has won the Best Small Town Entrance in the Decorate Moira competition. Congratulations to all involved and Merry Christmas.

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 14th, 2022.

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



Joan Harding was recently presented with a *Lifetime Achievement Award* by the Nathalia Wildflower Group President, Ann Christy. See page 3 for more information.

Next issue of the Red Gum Courier: Friday 14th JAN  
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# Community Update



## Decorate Moira – winners announced

Congratulations to all entries in our Decorate Moira competition, you all did an outstanding job. The winners of the top four categories all receive a \$1000 Why Leave Town gift card with the Runner Up Best Shop Front Window winner receiving a \$500 Why Leave Town Gift Card. The People's Choice Award winner was voted for by the community via Facebook and is for the glory only, no monetary prize is attached.

The winners are –

- **Best Shop/Business Window** – Rush Food, Numurkah
- **Best Sustainably Decorated Front Entrance (Urban)** – Louise Hall, Quinn Street, Numurkah.
- **Best Sustainably Decorated Front Entrance (Rural)** – Emma Boyden, Katunga.
- **Best Sustainably Decorated Small Town Entrance** – Barmah.
- **People's Choice Award** – Once Upon a Time, Yarrowonga.

You can keep sending your decorated house, entrance, shop to us via email or Facebook Messenger and we will add them to our special Christmas map!



25 degrees Celsius or higher; obviously cold or inclement weather the Duty Manager may need to close the pool. Go to our website for more details.

## Outdoor pools now open – splash into summer

Outdoor pools across the shire are now open for the summer season with our aquatic facilities managed by the YMCA. They include swimming pools at Yarrowonga, Cobram Strathmerton, Numurkah and Nathalia as well as the Yarrowonga water slide, splash park and kiosk. Council allocates more than \$800,000 annually for the provision of swimming pools and aquatic facilities.

Our outdoor pools will open when the weather forecast is 25 degrees Celsius or higher; obviously cold or inclement weather the Duty Manager may need to close the pool. Go to our website for more details.

## Community Budget Proposal – submit your ideas

We are providing the opportunity for residents and community organisations to present project ideas to be included in the 2022/23 Budget that will make Moira Shire an even better place to live, work and play.

The first step in the project proposal process is to submit your fully scoped idea via our website.

We will consider such projects as minor and major infrastructure works, sustainability projects, community programs, and events.

Submissions must be received by **5pm Friday 25 February 2022**.

Submitters will be given the opportunity to speak in support of their Community Budget Proposal in early March 2022.

Go to our website for all the details and to submit your project ideas.



## Office Christmas closure – dates announced

The 2021-22 Christmas/New Year office closure will be for the period

**Friday 24 December 2021 to Friday 7 January 2022**, reopening

**Monday 10 January 2022.**

Our after hours phone service 5871 9222 will be monitored for any urgent enquiries during this time.



## Council Meeting - December

The last scheduled meeting of Council for 2021 will commence

**TONIGHT Wednesday 15 December at 6pm** at the Cobram Civic Centre.

This meeting will be open to the public, subject to COVID-19 health requirements, as well as livestreamed on our Facebook page.

If you do not use social media you can access this livestream through our website.



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<b>BOXING DAY: Sunday 26th December .....</b>	<b>9.00am - 3.00pm</b>
Monday 27th December (Public Holiday) .....	9.00am - 6.00pm
Tuesday 28th December (Public Holiday) .....	9.00am - 6.00pm
Wednesday 29th - Friday 31st December .....	Normal Hours
<b>NEW YEARS DAY: Saturday 1st January .....</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>
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Monday 3rd January (Public Holiday) .....	9.00am - 3.00pm
Tuesday 4th January .....	Normal Hours

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# A Special Christmas celebration for Nathalia Wildflower Group

Seventeen of our members met, on a glorious summer's day, beside the Broken Creek on Weir Street on Saturday morning, 11<sup>th</sup> December, to enjoy our Christmas break up.

It was a doubly special occasion, because a *Lifetime Achievement Award* was presented to Joan Harding by President, Ann Christy.

Joan richly deserves this award, having been, for many decades, a guiding light to members of the Wildflower Group. (Joan had also been awarded a Life Time Membership of the Numurkah Field Naturalists Club, a number of years ago.)

Joan is a founding member of our group, officially formed in 1999. That year, the first of 3 publications on the *Flora of the Nathalia District & Barmah Forest* was published. Joan provided, along with her knowledge, 82



Joan Harding being awarded her Lifetime Achievement Award.

fine line sketches to enhance the reader's understanding of each photo and write up.

Year by year, Joan created hundreds of delicate watercolour paintings of the local flora, eagerly bought or commissioned by admirers of her work. Joan, now in her 90's, has exhibited widely: Shepparton Art Gallery, Numurkah Annual Art Show and the GRAIN Store, being but a few examples. You will always find a Joan Harding art work when you enjoy a coffee at Brereton's Bakery.

*Botanica Nathalia*, an exquisite collection of Joan's local flora watercolours, was published in book form in 2016, when nephew, Phillip O'Malley, photographed a wide selection of her art. Neville Walsh, Senior Conservation Botanist for the National Herbarium in the Royal Botanic Gardens in Melbourne and a valued friend, wrote the introduction to the book and attended the launch at the Barmah Forest Heritage and Education Centre.

Joan is a deeply valued member of Nathalia Wildflower Group; it was good that the group could officially acknowledge that with the presentation of this award.

~ Lyn Loger



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**Merry Christmas and Happy and Hairy New Year!**

Leanne & Kevin



# Rotary News

Here it is already...

My last article for 2021, and how quickly the year has passed! Since I last wrote, a couple of changes happened: One was no Zoom meeting, on December 8<sup>th</sup>, with the District Governor after all. It went into the "too hard basket", for a couple of reasons, and we may have better luck in the early part of 2022. The other change was that we did not have our planned final meeting for 2021, on 15th December. We were asked to cook BBQ for Little Athletics on that evening so a few of our members practised Service Above Self and cooked in the kitchen of the multipurpose complex; the other members had the night off. All being well, we'll all meet up for our final meeting, in 2021, on 22<sup>nd</sup> December instead. Our fortnightly meetings for 2022 will start on January 5<sup>th</sup>. The original idea, for our Christmas Party, was to go to Tongala to see the wall murals around the town then have lunch at the town's hotel. When enquiries were made regarding Sunday lunches, we were told that there are no meals on Sundays. Two other ideas were then bandied about, and the majority of our members chose that we go to the Barmah Hotel, with their full menu. We may also have a look at the painted silo at Picola beforehand (Picola Hotel has **roast only** lunch on Sundays so that's why we aren't eating there that day). We expect to have an enjoyable time together on 19<sup>th</sup> and there will be a few lines written about this in a future Rotary News article.

Three of us did go to the respite house at Barmah on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, as planned, and we carried out a few necessary jobs. Christmas bon bons, serviettes and candy canes were also left, on the table, for the guests who are due on Christmas Eve. We hope they will enjoy this surprise, as well as their few days of rest at Heart to Heart. It will be a quiet New Year's Eve this year, unfortunately. No spinning wheel in the plantation either, so no way to raise dollars for our community and projects. Early in 2022 we expect to be out and about selling raffle tickets, "earning money" in this way for Rotary projects and such. Then, a bit later in the year, March 20th in fact, our long waited for Show and Shine should take place. Of course there will be plenty of words written, in this column, about the lead up to it, the day itself, and beyond. The Rotary News articles will continue to be written and submitted on a regular basis throughout 2022. We thank Roland and his staff for printing what is submitted and wish everyone at Nathalia Printers all the best for the festive season.



Also, we wish all the readers a Happy Christmas and a wonderful 2022. Till we "meet again", be safe and take care please.  
~ Eve Attwood  
2021/22 RC Nathalia President  
Public Relations



## MEALS ON WHEELS December 17th - January 13th

December	
Friday 17th	David & Cheryl McKenzie
Monday 20th	One School Nathalia
Tuesday 21st	Mary Agius
Wednesday 22nd	VOLUNTEER REQUIRED
Thursday 23rd	John & Eve Attwood
Friday 24th	Sue Lowe
Monday 27th	Mick & Alison Keogh
Tuesday 28th	Darryl Hill & Mary Wilson
Wednesday 29th	VOLUNTEER REQUIRED
Thursday 30th	VOLUNTEER REQUIRED
Friday 31st	VOLUNTEER REQUIRED
January 2022	
Monday 3rd	Margaret Cobbledick
Tuesday 4th	John & Eve Attwood
Wednesday 5th	Sherelle Smith
Thursday 6th	Margaret Richards
Friday 7th	Patricia Hawks
Monday 10th	St Mary Of The Angels
Tuesday 11th	Kevin & Nina Pell
Wednesday 12th	Sue Logie
Thursday 13th	Heather Frostick

**Jessie, Volunteer Programs Co-ordinator - MHA Care  
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### CHURCH TIMES

**ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PARISH**  
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Nathalia MASS TIME 9am SUNDAYS

**NATHALIA UNITING CHURCH**  
Margaret Cobbledick Ph: 5866 2037  
December 19th: 8:00am Combined service with Anglican Church at Holy Trinity Anglican Church  
December 24th: Christmas Eve, Carols Service at 7:30pm  
December 26th: No Service  
January 2nd: Epiphany Sunday  
January 9th: Streaming Service

**HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH - NATHALIA**  
Reverend Victor Adams, Ph 0403 918 927  
December 19th: 8:00am combined service, Uniting Church to visit.  
December 25th: 8:00am Christmas Day Holy Communion  
December 26th: 8:00am Holy Communion  
January 2nd: 8:00am Holy Communion  
January 9th: 8:00am Holy Communion  
**St Paul's - Wakiti Creek**  
No services this month

**SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH**  
Contact - Russell - 0422 291 297  
Every Saturday: Services 10am & 11.30am.  
124 Graham St., Shepparton

# Nathalia Primary School 2022 Leaders




The Nathalia Primary School students have elected their leadership team for 2022. Congratulations to the students who volunteered for these positions and to those who were elected by their peers.

Pictured left: **School Captains:** Mason Hatton, Shakiah James, Charlie Creati, Molly Caldow

Pictured below: **Junior School Council President:** Lachlan Moor, **Technology Captain:** Rylen Lynch, **Environment Captain:** Olivia Barker

Pictured below right: **Sports Captains:** Harrison Halden, Brody Cooper-Tinkler, Rayan Warrun



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## Season Greetings from Nathalia & District Men's Shed

Season Greetings to all our members and their families. The shed will close on Friday 17th December and reopen on Monday 10th January 2022. We had a wonderful Xmas luncheon on Wednesday 1st December which was sponsored by The River Bank Caravan Park with nearly two-thirds of our membership and their partners attending.




We gratefully thank the Nathalia Community for their support over this unusual year and sincerely hope that everyone has a wonderful and safe Christmas and New Year. We all look forward to a better new normal in 2022. There will be access over the break if required by appointment! And the vegies need watering. Contact the Secretary Steve Manley on 0407 343 794 as required.

**Did you hear that  
Santa knows karate?**



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**He has a Black Belt.**

**YOU'RE GREAT**



**Thumbs Up:** to the Nathalia Secondary students who helped serve lunch at the Senior Citizens Christmas break-up. Great attitude, so much fun. Thank you

# Cod Opening



It has been a great opening to the Cod season with a number of good size Murray Cod being caught in both the Murray River and Broken Creek.

Above left: Kenny Grant 103cm

Above right: Kaleb Kopsidas 83cm (pictured) & 66cm

Left: Grub Smith 72cm & 80cm (Pictured)

Right: Marty Jones 70cm

Below left: Robbie Lee 95cm

Below right: Roland Huber 105cm

Other Cod caught:

David McKenzie 58cm

Jeff Richards 56cm & 60cm

John Ryan 85cm

-All Cod below 55cm not included-



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# 2022 Student Leaders

St Mary of the Angels Secondary College completed their Student Leadership selection process for 2022 during the week, with the 2022 Leadership Team completed across all portfolios.

St Mary of the Angels Secondary College Deputy Principal Student Wellbeing and Development, John Wilkinson said, "We offer a huge Congratulations to all applicants, the interview panel feedback was that the selections were very difficult. That is a credit to all of the wonderful young people that we have willing to serve, support and lead our student body and College.

"The College is pleased to announce all of the Student Leaders for 2022."



### COLLEGE LEADERS

Clayton Beer, Grace Kennedy, Chloe Bell & Matteo Allen



### ARTS LEADERS

Josephine McInnes, Kian Brereton, Molly Jackson & Felicity Symonds



### SOCIAL JUSTICE LEADERS

Kate Buha, Zara Limbrick & Eliza Wood



### ST CLARE HOUSE CAPTAINS

Connor Baxa, Sammy Simpson, Ruby Kennedy & Will Slatterie



### ST ELIZABETH HOUSE CAPTAINS

Mackenzie Stephens, Lachie O'Hara, Laura McLeod & Ash Russo



### ST FRANCIS HOUSE CAPTAINS

Ella Brattle, Pat Bennett, Billy Smith & Georgia Carkeek



### SRC LEADERS

Nikita Pawlowicz, Kynan Bethell & Charlee Mason

# Museum Moments...

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



We complete our series for 2021 with a photo which dates back to 1968. It shows the nuns digging trenches for the new classroom at St. Mary's School in Nathalia.

Pictured L to R....  
 Sister Celia Walsh 1961-1974,  
 Sister Victoria Batchelor 1963-1968,  
 Sister Laurentia,  
 Sister Pacificus,  
 Sister Mary of the Cross Banyard 1961-1974,  
 Sister Anne Kiely 1968 - 1985,

The Members of Nathalia & District Historical Society wish all readers a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, and we look forward to seeing lots of visitors to the Museum in 2022.

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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**Christmas Tree**

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 The remaining 53 letters spell a secret message.

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# A Book of Bush Learning



Published in time for Christmas!

Congratulations to Roland and staff for such an outstanding printing outcome! The book is so beautiful, filled with superb colour photos and information about our local environment. The book is focussed on the *Nathalia Botanical Walk*, from the main Nathalia Bridge to the pedestrian Squeezy Bridge, but it is applicable to the wider Broken Creek environment.

The book is a gift from the community to the community. Every local artist and photographer I contacted, and there are so many featured in this book, donated their creative work. Thank you to all of them; we have such an abundance of creatives in Nathalia & District. That, in itself, is a celebration.

This book is the third component in the study of the *Nathalia Botanical Walk* area. If you follow the **Quick Response Code** provided in this article, it will take you to the **NADDCO** page on the **Nathalia Barmah Business & Tourism website**. [www.nbbt.org.au](http://www.nbbt.org.au)

There you will be able to access and freely download the 3 components of this project:

1. **The Nathalia Botanical Walk pamphlet. (2019)**
2. **Judy Ormond's stunning visual presentation of the local flora** referred to on the pamphlet, accompanied by a wide selection of birds and insect life and even some of the weeds to be seen (2019)
3. This **Book of Bush Learning** – a month by month information resource on what you might see as you walk along the levee banks by the creek.

If you would like a hard copy of the book, contact the staff at Nathalia Printers. The 80 page A4 book is selling at cost for \$20.00; the aim has always been to promote an awareness and love of our environment and to celebrate this very special place - Nathalia.



SCAN ME

So many organisations and specialists have supported this project; their guidance significantly helped to ensure its successful outcome. As you access each component, you will view the long list of acknowledgements. A special mention, however, to Nathalia Bendigo Bank which provided the original grant to enable the initial cleaning up of the walk area by the creek and also to Moira Shire's David Roberts and work crew, who created pathways and log seating for our Bush Learning area off Muntz Avenue. For this book: NADDCO, Nathalia Wildflower Group, Nathalia Printers, Nathalia Barmah Business & Tourism, Moira Shire, the G.R.A.I.N. Store, along with an endorsement from the Yorta Yorta Nation – all were essential contributors. **THANK YOU**  
~ Lyn Loger

## NATHALIA BOTANICAL WALK A Book of Bush Learning



## Art as a Part of Daily Life: The G.R.A.I.N. Store



**M**aking Space on Mondays will not be taking much of a break. Art is too important for that. The holidays might be a time for you to join us...entering via Petticoat Lane. Where? Petticoat Lane, Nathalia...what a great name. There are not so many of us to be daunting. Last Monday we worked on cherries...eating and drawing them. Both add to the appreciation and congratulations to Jeanette for growing such delicious ones. We bring our own ideas to work on; but we also have plenty of materials for you to experiment with. Want to know more? Contact Philippa 0400 037 432 Gala Concert was wonderful. The Back Paddock looked beautiful thanks to Carmen and Judith and Olive and SMOTA students with Andrew and Vanessa.



Gala Concert in the Back Paddock.



Thank you to the musicians and the glorious sounds they made. Thank you to all our participants and supporters in 2021 and to all who helped us celebrate the amazing achievement of being a ten years old independent, not for profit, arts organization.

**And now for 2022**  
Tickets on sale for Neil Murray Concert Friday 4 February 2022.  
Film Making Workshop Saturday 5 February 2022.



# St Francis Primary School Celebrates



How wonderful it was to have students and families enjoy our Home Grown Art Exhibition and 'Bushwahzee' bush dance on Tuesday 30 November at the Nathalia Community Centre. Students have been working on entries in between lockdowns and with a few dates being postpones, it was lovely to welcome people in to celebrate together again!



## U3A Film @ Night

**The Straight Story** US 2008 dir David Lynch **U3A Film @ Night @ Senior Citz Building**

Wednesday 5 January 2022 7-9.30pm

A road trip with a difference. As audience are you able to take it slow and enjoy the ride?

If so this film may well appeal. As will the chance to discuss it with others of a certain age and demographic.

"Alvin's eyesight is poor, he has little money and he can't stand the thought of being driven anywhere" Sound familiar?

"When he discovers his estranged brother has suffered a stroke he decides to make the journey by the only means of transport available to him...by lawn mower.

Hundreds of miles, six weeks and several breakdowns later Alvin Straight finally pulls up at his destination."

Great acting by Sissy Spacek as his daughter.

More information: Philippa 0400 037 432.



## Broken Creek Drama

**Friday in Lockdown**

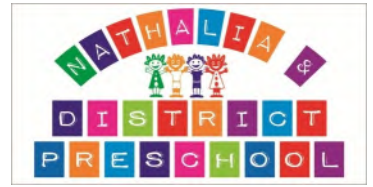
Getting ready for work, Rachel checked her appearance in the mirror. The matching opal earrings and pendant went well with the crisp white blouse she was wearing; very professional. It was Friday and she had no idea what she would do with her lockdown weekend.

Her first meeting was scheduled in ten minutes and so she set herself up for the zoom get-together. The seven others gradually appeared on her computer screen and soon their business was underway. As the boss

droned on, she studied her work mates. She thought Simon was really taking advantage of this working from home. He would never turn up at the office in a tee-shirt. Then again, perhaps she was being hypocritical. She pondered this as she crossed her flannelette pyjama clad legs under her desk.



# Let's Celebrate our year of growing and learning together at Nathalia Preschool



The end of another term, the end of another learning year has again arrived and presents a time of reflection on our learning and engagement. Our collaborations we have created both within our preschool community and with our local community and importantly with our children and their family.

Celebrating their year together, the children in the 3 year old preschool program decided on a Frozen day. Snow, ice, music, dance and a celebration lunch together. Our stage area was transformed into a Frozen scene with the 4 year old pre-schoolers working to create the backdrops and a trail run of the snow cone machine. Our stage transformed into a place where our families could share in the wonder of snow and ice with their children.



The wonder of snow!



An invitation for mum to share the discovery of snow and ice at preschool.



Evie D playing with the 'princess' ducks

The 4 year old preschool group headed off on a bus to Numurkah Aquatic Centre to participate in their Water Awareness Program. For many children, it is the first time on a bus and a first time to travel without a parent. It is a time of excitement and engagement and extending their own learning.

We are grateful to our preschool parent committee who fund our water awareness program as they believe in the high importance of children learning about being safe and making appropriate choices around water and with their peers. Our program is enhanced with family, our student volunteers, our visiting Physiotherapist who all engage with and support the children to be active learners and to gain a sense of achievement for their efforts.



We extend our gratitude and thankfulness to everyone who has supported our preschool program during 2021. Each donation of resources (material, cardboard, boxes, plants etc) support the children's learning and our collaboration with our wonderful community. We wish you all a safe and wonderful festive season and look forward to sharing the children's preschool adventures with you all in 2022.

Andrea, Elvie & Kylie – Nathalia Preschool Staff 2021.



# U3A Photographers visit Kotupna

Kotupna residents are very proud of their community and we could feel that pride when we were shown around the area.

We walked and photographed around the old school, school room and grounds, the fire station, new fire truck, children's playground and tennis courts which are something to be proud of.

Our host Mark spoke of the Kotupna Centenary 1878-1978 and we viewed all the memorabilia and photographs that adorn the walls of the schoolroom and fire station.

Presently crops are being harvested throughout the district and Kotupna is thriving.



## Caterpillar Corner



We are all super excited here, as we have a new baby chicken joining NCELC. The children have become engaged in the process of observing the fertilised eggs, feeding/watering the chickens, collecting eggs and cleaning their home. It is important for children to learn and observe ways to care/nurture, for all items included in our world, in which we live. These skills become essential life skills that we are able to assist children with.



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27 <sup>th</sup> Monday (Christmas Day Holiday)	CLOSED
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29 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	9.00am-5.30pm
30 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	9.00am-5.30pm
31 <sup>st</sup> Friday	9.00am-5.30pm
1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday, New Year's Day	CLOSED
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*From Chris & Staff*

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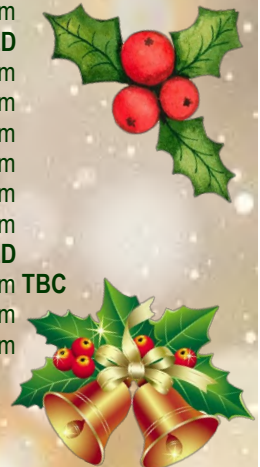


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Saturday 25th Dec <b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Sunday 26th Dec <b>BOXING DAY</b>	CLOSED	CLOSED	7.00am - 2.00pm
Monday 27th Dec	6.00am - 2.00pm	CLOSED	7.00am - 2.00pm
Tuesday 28th Dec	6.00am - 2.00pm	CLOSED	7.00am - 2.00pm
Wednesday 29th Dec	6.00am - 4.00pm	9.00am - 2.00pm TBC	7.00am - 3.00pm
Thursday 30th Dec	6.00am - 4.00pm	9.00am - 2.00pm TBC	7.00am - 3.00pm
Friday 31st Dec	6.00am - 4.00pm	9.00am - 2.00pm TBC	7.00am - 3.00pm
Saturday 1st Jan <b>NEW YEARS DAY</b>	7.00am - 2.00pm TBC	CLOSED	CLOSED
Sunday 2nd Jan	7.00am - 2.00pm	CLOSED	7.00am - 2.00pm TBC
Monday 3rd Jan	7.00am - 2.00pm	CLOSED	7.00am - 2.00pm
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Wednesday 29th December		7.30am - 5.30pm
Thursday 30th December		7.30am - 5.30pm
Friday 31st December		7.30am - 4.30pm
Saturday 1st January	NEW YEARS DAY	CLOSED
Sunday 2nd January		8.00am - 12.00pm
Monday 3rd January		9.00am - 12.00pm

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



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Monday 27th December	..... <b>CLOSED</b>
Tuesday 28th December	..... <b>CLOSED</b>
Wednesday 29th December	.....7am - 5pm
Thursday 30th December	.....7am - 6pm
Friday 31st December	.....7am - 6pm
Saturday 1st January	..... <b>CLOSED</b>
Saturday 2nd January	..... <b>CLOSED</b>
Monday 3rd January	..... <b>CLOSED</b>
Tuesday 4th January	.....7am-5pm

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

Thank you for your  
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# Season's Greetings

**During what has been a challenging two years, I am proud of how our community has worked together to support one another, especially during our tough lockdown in August and September.**

I hope you take this opportunity to spend time and celebrate with your loved ones. To everyone across the Shepparton District, I wish you and your family a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.



**Suzanna Sheed MP**

INDEPENDENT MEMBER FOR SHEPPARTON DISTRICT

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# NATHALIA PRINTERS

extends to all its valued customers & readers a

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

The office will be closed at 5.00pm on **Thursday 23rd December, 2021**

and will reopen for business on **Monday 10th January, 2022**



# Year 9+10 English At Nathalia Secondary College



# Drama Dress Ups & Games

Students have been writing responses to the issue of 'hooning' on Victorian Roads and the consequences of dangerous driving. They had to read some articles on the issue and conduct some independent research to develop their own opinions on the issue.

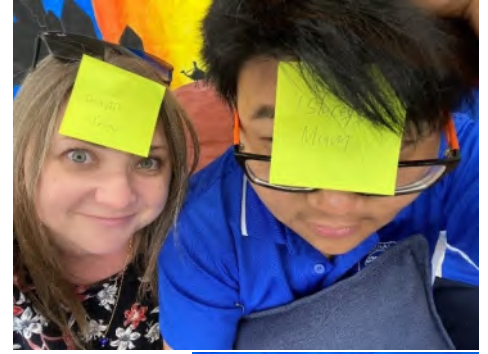
Here are a some of their responses:

Dear Editor,  
In my deep personal opinion, I think it's best and safer for everyone if the government made allocated safe-hours and places for hooning and for drivers to practice their skills safely, whilst also having fun on their own away from civilians. If, in circumstances, these laws are disobeyed and were not taken seriously, I suggest instead of taking away the vehicles they take away one's license instead. Punish the drivers not the car owner. In conclusion, it is very important for safety to be the key and for that to be achieved, taking away the driver's car will not do anything but take away one resource that is easily replaced.  
Sincerely, Nikki

*is fully developed. Psychologists have found proof that most hoon drivers have underdeveloped frontal cortexes and are between the ages of 18-25. Therefore, with counselling and training, they will be less likely to reoffend than when they just have their cars taken off them or receive a small council fine. Regards. Chey*

Dear Editor,  
I believe that the crushing of impounded cars for hooning is too harsh. Many old cars that look like unassuming or cheap cars can actually be incredibly expensive and crushing them is senseless. Even really fancy cars vehicles, for example, Lamborghinis, Porches, and other upper class cars are impounded and/or crushed. I feel as though having these cars destroyed is a complete waste of such nice vehicles.  
On that note, I feel as though the government should host car meets instead so people car safely show off these cars and what they are capable of, without the looming threat of losing their car forever. With at least 216 lives lost due to road related accidents, that number could be cut down if drivers had a safe place to hoon, practise or show off their skills.  
From Callum.

It might just look like a bunch of fun but actually the students are doing a lot of creative learning too! They are learning to invent imaginative characters and to use costume, gestures and voice to portray their characters. They are learning to work cooperatively and independently for a common goal... whilst also having a laugh!



# Thanking Our Volunteers



Volunteers Christmas lunch was held at The Court House, for Nathalia NCN Health volunteers. Twenty volunteers attended and enjoyed a beautiful lunch and catch up. Thank you to Jacquie Hughes (Volunteers Coordinator) for organising the luncheon. The residents, clients, staff with Cheryl, Therese and Wendy would like to thank all the volunteers for their support over the year -- (in

and out of COVID), you are an asset to our facility. Maureen McGowan has been part of the team for nearly 20 years, - Planned Activity Group, Banawah Nursing Home, Consumer Advisor committee and Friends of Nathalia Hospital Auxiliary. A special mention also to Kevin Pell for his service.



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# Nathalia Women's Cricket Report

Sunday the 5th December, saw the Nathalia Women's team come up against Echuca at home, unfortunately they didn't have a win, but to true form the morning was enjoyed by everyone - scores Echuca 3-93 defeating Nathalia 3-62. The CWA "Having a crack" award was won by Kylie Botterill. Kylie's dedication to the team has been phenomenal. Due to Injury she can not play. Last weekend in round 5, Nathalia played Kyabram at home again with Nicky Pyszkowski winning the CWA "Having a crack award". The away team had a win Kyabram 2-65 defeating Nathalia 4-63. No more games for the year now with the Christmas and New Year break; will be returning on the 16th January 2022.



*Pictured: Nathalia's Kylie Botterill, winner for the CWA "Having a crack award" in Round 4*



# Numurkah & District Hardcourt Tennis Association



*Above: Yalca's Colin Jackson wins the volley.*

*Right: Yalca's Pam Smith in action.*

*~ Photos by Cheryl Thorn*

On Saturday the 4th December, Yalca North traveled to Katunga. In windy conditions it was the home team for the win - scores Katunga 6/65 defeating Yalca North 3/53.

Last weekend Yalca North had the bye. Picola played at home with the visiting team Katunga having a win - scores Katunga 8/71 defeating Picola 1/35. Unfortunately Strathmerton had to forfeit against Katamatite.



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# Junior Development and Nathalia Lawn Tennis Club

It's been terrific to see over 60 children at Hot Shots each Saturday morning, having fun on the courts whilst learning and developing their tennis skills.

Hot Shots concluded last Saturday with a shorter tennis session followed by a BBQ and presentation. Each of the players, along with many parents and grandparents enjoyed the social atmosphere and the opportunity to congratulate the developing juniors. Weekly Hotshots sessions were coordinated and organised by Liz Ryan and Caitlin Bourke

Liz and Caitlin took the opportunity to thank each of the group leaders (pictured), parents, caregivers and community members for their ongoing help during Hot Shots sessions. "We had a lot of people assisting this year which helped us greatly in running the sessions," said Liz at the conclusion of the presentations.

Green group competition will continue on Saturday mornings during February, where players will learn singles and double play. Orange group players are also invited to join in. Younger siblings from blue and red groups are welcome to have a hit on the hard courts, however these sessions will not be run by group leaders.

Our Junior B3 team of Hamish McLeod, Harry Morgan, Pat Ryan and Levi Lewer have been enjoying some great tennis so far this season and seem to be well matched in this grade, with some very close results in their three matches to date. On two occasions the boys team only lost by one game. Against Shepp Green - 3 sets 33 games to



Junior C1 Team: L-R Lucy Daniel, Bridie Wilson, Bella Cavallaro and Katelyn Halden.



Junior B3 Team: L-R Hamish McLeod, Harry Morgan, Pat Ryan and Levi Lewer.



Green group with leader Rose Nihill

5 sets 34 games, and on another occasion against Katan-dra - 4 sets 30 games to 4 sets 31 games. We are seeing their skills strengthen each week, and their determination is

strong as they strive for a team win. The boys are practicing their score keeping as they play their sets and are continuing to demonstrate good sportsmanship towards their opponents. Keep up the great work and enjoy your tennis boys!

Our Junior C1 team, Lucy Daniel, Bridie Wilson, Bella Cavallaro and Katelyn Halden, have made a really positive start to the season. It has been fantastic to welcome Lucy and Bella to the club this year, and they are both improving every week. The girls were finding their feet in Round 1 and were soundly beaten by Tallygaroopna. In Round 2, Nathalia had the bye and then bounced back from the break in Round 3, defeating Moorroopna 5 sets 37 games to 3 sets 26 games. Round 4 saw a lucky win for Nathalia due to a forfeit, however, in Round 5 Murchison defeated Nathalia 4 sets 41 games to Nathalia 4 sets 32 games. The sportsmanship, smiles, competitiveness and positive attitudes that the girls bring to tennis each week, makes the early mornings worthwhile for everyone!

NLTC would like to thank our junior development major sponsor Ryan's Meat Company. This sponsorship has enabled green hotshots players to participate in small group professional coaching sessions each Monday at a reduced price. Club coach Mark Mills will also be running a tennis clinic in January (date tbc) for our junior teams players and green hotshots players. Club members will be able to participate for just \$10 while players from around the district may attend this whole day event for \$30. The club continues to thrive through our juniors and we also thank our junior team managers Corina McLeod and Di Wilson. If any children are interested in continuing with tennis coaching in Term 1 2022, Mark can be contacted directly on 0429 307 373.



One of the Red Groups with leader Caitlin Bourke



One of the Red Groups with one of its leaders Zoe McNair.



Orange Group with leader Paula Rudd.



Blue Group with leader Linton Ryan.



# Nathalia Lawn Tennis Club Report

On Saturday GM 3 East traveled to Dhuringle and played in hot conditions on the synthetic surface. The day started with the doubles and at the end of this round the women Monique, Meredith, Judith and Helen had convincing wins and in the two sets won 8-0. The men Aaron, Toby, Daniel and Rod did not fare as well and suffered some big losses. Aaron and Daniel then played singles

and Dhuringle mens again proved too strong. It was even going into the mixed and there was very competitive tennis. Aaron and Helen went down 8- 5 while Daniel and Monique won in a tie breaker, Judith and Toby had a solid 8- 2 win while Rod and Meredith won 8- 5. At the end of the tennis we enjoyed a cuppa and afternoon before heading back to Nathalia. HG

## Nathalia Golf Club News

The Golf Club celebrated their Annual Christmas Dinner & Presentation Night on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December and it was wonderful to be able to dress up, socialize and share this special event with our trophy winners. Also an opportunity to welcome our new Committee for the 2021/22 year and so thanks to all of the members who came along to enjoy the night. Many thanks to Doreen Button who again decorated our clubhouse to ensure we felt in the Merry Christmas spirit and to the Roving Roast for catering. This year whilst having many disruptions still allowed us to run most of our Championship and trophy events. Congratulations to our Men's Champion for 2021 Tony Brown who carded a score of 250 for his 3 rounds. Well done Tony and am sure your name will continue to appear on the honor board. Winner of the Men's Championship Best Nett Score was Tony Cavallaro who played very consistently over the rounds. Our Ladies Champion for 2021 was Alison Keogh who continues to play and to inspire and motivate our ladies with her passion and enthusiasm for golf. Winner of the Ladies Championship Best Nett Score was Nina Pell. R/Up in the Ladies Championship was Sue Lowe, Sue also won the Yearly Medal event and the Mary Broom Trophy. This year the President's Trophy for the Best Club Person went to the multiskilled and extremely hard working Paul Fulton. Well done to all our winners and to all who play in our weekly competitions.



Above: Winners on the Rebel Vets Day - Peter Poon, Denis Dunn & Alby Scean.

A group of our Nathalia Ladies travelled to Kyabram Parkland on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December for the Annual SWAGGERS Christmas Event & AGM and this was preceded by an 18 hole Stableford competition. The weather was ideal and our ladies really like playing the PAR 3 course and usually play well and with no exception the scores were all over 30 pts with Wendy Fulton R/Up in A Grade with 42 pts on a c/b from the winner also on 42pts. Sue Lowe scored well coming in with 38 pts and then Nancy Dunn won the B Grade event with 37 pts. Congratulations to you all.

On Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December our Nathalia Men hosted a visit from the Rebel Vets. 23 players from Merrigum, Kialla, Nagambie, Mooroopna, Rich River, Ky Parkland, Numurkah & Nathalia took to the course at 9.30am and were back in the clubhouse by 1.30pm for lunch, drinks, presentations, laughs and renewing of friendships. Well done to Denis Dunn who has recently returned to golf, coming in with 34pts to take the win on a c/back from Peter Poon also on 34 pts. Alby Scean took 3<sup>rd</sup> place with 32 pts. Denis did admit to his new generous handicap helping him across the line. Mike Deacon got NTP on the 2/11<sup>th</sup> green and Stan Verlinden got NTP on the 9/18<sup>th</sup> green. A highlight was having 3 life members playing on the course. Harold Rayner, Ray Falla and Denis Dunn, making it a special Day. Thanks to Bernie O'Hare for organizing and all who played and those who helped make it both a fun and successful day.



Trophy Winners for 2021: L-R Nina Pell, Tony Brown, Alison Keogh, Sue Lowe, Paul Fulton & Tony Cavallaro (absent).



New Committee for 2021-22: L-R David Treyvaud, Denis Dunn, Doreen Button, Dawn Morrison, Barrie Lindsay & Ray Freeman (absent).

Looking for a game of golf on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December and the opportunity to win a Xmas Ham ? This is now an Annual Event and everyone is welcome to come along and try their luck. You have to be in it to win it !! Teeing off from 9am, it will be an 18 hole stableford event and only \$8 for Members, \$5 for Junior Members & \$15 for Non-Members. Maybe a lady will win the ham this year. Please remember that all players need to be double vaccinated and will need to show proof when requested to do so.

What is happening with Chicken Runs ? These will commence on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2022 from 5pm, more news in the next Red Gum Courier.

**RESULTS: WEDNESDAY COMPETITION 1/12/21:** Quite a few men out playing with the Ladies playing their 9 hole competition on the front nine (yellow markers) and the winner with 18 pts was Alison Keogh with Sue Lowe winning NTP for 2<sup>nd</sup> shot on the 9<sup>th</sup> green.

**SUNDAY COMPETITION 5/12/21:** Only 5 men turned up and so more a social game with some playing 18 and others just 9 holes.

**WEDNESDAY COMPETITION 8/12/21:** 16 players on the course this morning with some playing 9 holes and others choosing to play 18 holes. Playing the back nine (red markers) the winner of the Ladies 9 hole competition and winning the Post Officer Voucher was Nina Pell with 18 pts. Nance Dunn got NTP on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

**COMING UP: FRIDAY 17/12/21:** 9 Hole Social Golf now 8.30am for 8.45am tee off and everyone welcome.

**SUNDAY 19/12/21:** 18 Hole Stableford an opportunity to win a XMAS HAM 9am tee off and everyone welcome to play.

**WEDNESDAY 22/12/21:** Ladies 9 Hole Summer Competition teeing off by 9am with lunch afterwards (venue yet to be decided).

**FRIDAY 24/12/21:** 9 Hole Social Golf 8.30 for 8.45am tee off.

**SUNDAY 26/12/21:** NO COMPETITION

Above: Harold Rayner & Denis Dunn - A reunion of these two long term members - both are Life Members of our Club.





# PICOLA UNITED FNC "TRUE BLUES COTERIE" 2021 AMBROSE GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Tournament conducted on Sunday 28th November at the Nathalia Golf Club was a very successful day for the Blues' organising committee along with all the golfers who took part in the popular event - a 3 person Ambrose. The course was in great condition and the weather was perfect. The players were all attempting to be winners of the RAY FALLA PERPETUAL TROPHY played over 18 holes.

☆ The ultimate winners of the major trophy were the very consistent Strathmerton GC team comprised of Lee Talbot (Captain), Tony Wigmore and Chris Boyden who scored a fine GROSS score of 67 (before handicap). This was the second occasion that a Strathy team had won the Ray Falla Trophy. The additional prizes for the winners of Caps, Towels & Golf balls were supplied by DRUMMOND GOLF (Shepparton) who are thanked for their generous sponsorship of the tournament.



Pictured right: **STRATHY GC - RAY FALLA TROPHY WINNERS:**  
L-R Tony Wigmore, Chris Boyden & Lee Talbot with  
PUFNC President Clinton Barnes.

### Other results of the tournament are as follows:

- ☆ Best Overall Men's Team (Nett Score (after H'cap) of 69/12/2/3/56/1/3) was the local team of Gary Manley, Peter Smith and Ashley Weeks (Numurkah). The prizes were sponsored by Brereton's Bakery.
- ☆ Best Overall Mixed Team (Nett Score (after H'cap) of 79/17/5/6/61/1/6) was the team of



Pictured above:  
Best Overall Mixed Team

L-R: Sonia Verlinden, Tony Brown & Ray Freeman.

- ☆ Best Picola United FNC Team (Gross Score 72) was the team of Scott & Nicole McKenzie and Ross North. Prizes were "Mystery Trophies".
- ☆ Best "No-Handicaps" Team score was a very creditable 72 Nett and led by local golfers Leonie Holmes, Toby Hansford & R. Bell. Prizes were sponsored by Mick's (Nathalia) Pizza Shack.
- ☆ Nearest the Pin (Ladies) was won by Sonia Verlinden. Trophies donated by Lynette Lindsay.
- ☆ Nearest the Pin (Men) was won by Tony Brown. Trophy donated by PUFNC.
- ☆ Longest Drive (Ladies) was won by Leonie Holmes. Trophy donated by PUFNC.
- ☆ Longest Drive (Men) was won by Troy Trick-Thanks are also extended to the PUFNC Club members who were very supportive during the time of the tournament: Penny Power & "Poss" Baxter (BBQ), Clinton Barnes & Sean Solar (Course Refreshments & Spinning Wheel) and NGC members Sue Lowe & Bruce Walker (Admin.), Lynette Lindsay (Kitchen) and Nina Pell for the use of her golf buggy to distribute refreshments around the course.



Pictured above:  
Best Men's Team (NETT SCORE)

L-R: Peter Smith, Ashley Weeks & Gary Manley.



Pictured above: Nathalia Golf Club committee member Barrie Lindsay inviting newly appointed vice president Doreen Button up to say a few words on behalf of the club.



Pictured above: L-R Sean Solar & Clinton Barnes on the "refreshment golf buggy".

It was also good to see numbers of Blues footballers demonstrating their golfing skills. We congratulate the Nathalia Golf Club on the presentation of the course and clubhouse facilities - they are both very worthy of residents of the Nathalia and district regularly making use of them throughout the summer season ahead. You would also be very welcome to become a Club Member.

~ Barrie Lindsay, report of the annual PUFNC "True Blues" Golf Tournament.

# Brad Holland Wins Coach of the Year Award

Earlier this year, previous member of Nathalia Bowling Club, Brad Holland was awarded Bowls Victoria's Club Coach of the Year. He has now gone on to be named as the recipient of the 2021 AP/IA Coach of the Year award at Bowls Australia's annual Awards Night.

Holland has worked wonders at South Bendigo Bowls Club, which claimed Division One pennant honours for the first time in 26 years under his tutelage.

In addition, South Bendigo reached the finals in all other Bendigo Divisions.

Education is a large part of Holland's philosophy, holding private coaching sessions at the club and turning beginner bowlers into pennant level players, as well as instigating a formalised pennant training program at the club.

With such strong competition around the nation, he is humbled at the accolade and notes the camaraderie throughout the club as a key factor for its success.

"It's an absolute honour to receive this award as there are many great coaches across the country being up for this award so to be recognised in this way is a huge honour," Holland said.

"I'd like to give a big thank you to the South Bendigo Bowls Club for giving me this opportunity to perform my role, it's a



Pictured: Brad Holland.



journey we embarked on six years ago to which the club has supported me greatly.

"We set out to make ourselves better players a better club to be more competitive in our local pennant competition and we've managed to win a few pennant championships along the way, as well as playing finals regularly.

"Finally to my family, to my partner Sarah, who's always been a great support to me, my parents and also my great mates who have played a massive role in my life and this achievement, so thank you all."

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## Picola Lawn Bowls Report



Lawn Bowls are played each week in all weather and on different greens, mostly enjoyed, but sometimes conditions can make players quite frustrated.

Our division 1 midweek side playing on the 3rd December at Finley, went down to the Finley side 6/72 to Picola 0/40. On Friday 10th December we were the home team playing Tocumwal Golf, scores were Picola 0/38 to Tocumwal 6/96.

Division 2 Saturday side played Numurkah Golf 2/66 defeating Picola 4/63. On Saturday 11th December, Picola played at home against Jerilderie, scores were Picola 2/55 to Jerilderie 4/67.

Division 4 continue to enjoy their games but struggled at Tocumwal Golf in blustery winds. Tocumwal Golf 4/64 defeated Picola 0/32.

Picola hosted a Trade Day on the 9th December with 20 teams enjoying the games. Bruce Agnew, the Picola Hotel owner was the sponsor for the day. The new green was played on and performed well. ~ Brolga

## Purps shirts in Darwin



A pop of purple out on the training field up in the Northern Territory.

Pictured L-R: Reni Hicks, Tim Hocking and Cassie Henderson



## Nathalia Bowls Club News

After a late start to the Season Round 7 will be completed today with Midweek playing Numurkah Golf 2 away and Saturday, home to Cobram 2. This will be followed by a break until 14<sup>th</sup> January 2022.



Results for Round 5 Midweek were Nathalia 1 was defeated by Tocumwal Golf 3 – 60 shots to Nathalia1 64 Shots. Nathalia winning on 2 Rinks and claiming 14 points. Round 6 was competed on December 10<sup>th</sup> at home against Numurkah2 who were up overall on the day winning by 15 shots and winning on all 3 rinks.

Saturday Pennant results Round 5 Nathalia traveled to Tocumwal and played against Tocumwal Golf 3. Nathalia1 were successful in winning by 4 shots and gaining 14 points.

Round 6 played on December 11<sup>th</sup> saw Nathalia1 take on Finley 2 at Finley and went down 15 shots. Nathalia won on 1 rink and Finley on 2 rinks. Finley2 took 14 points. On a disappointing note, we found recently that the Clubs equipment had been scattered all over the Greens and the Grounds by young people who should know better.

A successful Working Bee was held on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December, with once again many members attending to tend the Greens. Our members are a dedicated lot and deserve a pat on the back for the continued work put in by all. Next Working Bee will be on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 8.30am.

The Club will celebrate Christmas with a Break up Party at the Picola Hotel on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> December. If you haven't got your name down, the list is on the Notice Board in the Club.

We have been successful in obtaining a Community Volunteers Grant and now being able to purchase a Computer for the Club. This along with the NBN will make the reporting of results an easier task.

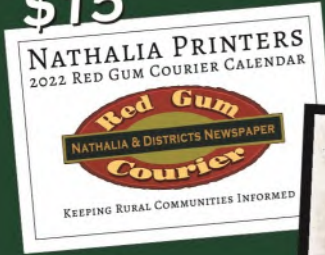
See the New Year in with BARE-FOOT BOWLS to be held at the Club, as yet details are to be finalized but watch out for details to come. See the 2022 with a fun game of bowls. As this is the last edition of the Red Gum Courier for 2021, we wish all Members and Readers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



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