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Pictured above are representatives from the twelve successful groups who shared in the funding of \$50,000 from the 2023 Nathalia Community Grants Program. See more on page 6.



Bendigo Bank farewelled two retiring board directors, Kaye Bernhardt (left) and Sherelle Smith (right).



The Liddell family at the unveiling of 'Jim's Log' at the Nathalia Community Early Learning Centre. Find out more about Jim's Log on page 7.

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As the year comes to an end, I reflect on the past 12 months. I am so very proud of the caring and giving communities in which we live.

There are so many ways that we can share the joy of Christmas by donating to the variety of charities that will ensure Christmas is a time of joy for all. You can also drop gift donations to my office.

This Christmas season, stop and make time for special memories with your loved ones and be safe during this holiday time.

Merry Christmas from my family to yours

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Community Update

16 Days of Activism

The 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence brings together communities from around the world to call for the

prevention and elimination of violence against women and girls. This 16 Days of Activism and beyond, let's change the story and create a future where we are all safe, equal and respected. Respect starts with a conversation, so let's start talking. The campaign runs from 25 November to 10 December, to learn more visit respectvictoria.vic.gov.au

Community Flood Recovery & Resilience Grants

We're inviting community groups, not-for-profit organisations and creative entities who have a project to assist flood recovery to apply for grant funding of up to \$5,000. Council is looking to support projects that:

- Provide information, support and services for flood recovery needs
- Help rehabilitate affected environment
- Revitalise affected economies
- Support for Aboriginal communities
- Restore community infrastructure

Successful funded projects are to contribute to community recovery and foster resilience.

Interested parties are encouraged to contact the Flood Recovery team for detailed discussions before applying.

Help Shape our 2024/25 Budget

Moira Shire Council invites you to play a crucial role in crafting the Annual Budget for 2024/25 and beyond.

Your input is vital in reflecting the priorities of our community. Share your thoughts, rank services, and vote on projects at moiramatters.com.au/Budget-Planning.

Need assistance navigating the online platform, call our Customer Service Centre for assistance (03) 5871 9222.

ACT NOW, consultations are open until Friday 19 January 2024.

Join us in building a brighter, thriving future for Moira Shire!

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New Tenders Open

Two new tenders have opened this week, closing at 4pm on Wednesday 13 December 2023.

- C017/23 Internal Audit Program 2024-2028 C041/23 Kerb and Channel Renewal - Ely
- Street, Yarrawonga Visit our website for more information and to view

specification documents.

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Georgy nod for talented local

n Saturday, 25th of November, St Mary of the Angels Secondary College Year 12 Graduate and Nathalia local, Kian Brereton was honoured when he received a Georgy Award for Best Performance in a Junior Production for his role as Sam in the 2023 SMOTA Production, Mamma Mia.

Now in its 50th year, the Georgy Awards recognise excellence in theatrical talent across the Northern Victorian region.

St Mary of the Angels Secondary College Production Director Rae Wood said, "Kian has been involved in Production here at SMOTA since his junior years, he has been a wonderful asset to the team, mentor to his peers and ambassador for the Arts in general. We're very proud of him and thrilled that his efforts are being recognised. "The Award is a credit to Kian's work ethic and natural ability."





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Kian Brereton with his Georgy Award for Best (male) Performance in a Junior Production.

Pictured left: Kian Brereton with fellow Georgy nominee, Adeline Hutchinson during the 2023 SMOTA Production, Mamma Mia.



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Help shape a bright future for Moira Shire, community input welcomed for 2024/25 Budget and beyond

M oira Shire Council is excited to embark on a collaborative journey with the community to shape the Annual Budget for 2024/25 and future budget years to come. With a commitment to aligning the budget with the Council Plan and adapting to evolving community needs, Council is eager to involve community in its strategic planning process.

Recognising the significance of community feedback, Moira Shire Council aims to ensure the upcoming budget reflects the priorities of its residents by seeking input early in the budgeting process.

Residents are encouraged to share their priorities through user-friendly tools that includes ranking priority services and voting on projects they'd love to see supported in the region. The input received will play a crucial role in shaping the future directions of the region.

Moira Shire Council Interim Chief Executive Officer Michael Tudball said Council believes in the power of having a collective vision and collaborating with community.

"The community's priorities matter, and we are excited to work together to build a vibrant and resilient community," Mr Tudball said.

Council aims to craft a financially responsible budget while maintaining a focus on delivering vital services and priority projects for the community. While Council develops the 2024/25 budget, we are also open to

considering project proposals that may shape the future of our community, said Moira Shire Council's Manager Finance, Beau Mittner.

"Our project life cycle spans several years, allowing us to plan for the long-term future. We encourage community members to share their project ideas even if they are not feasible at this point in time. This will allow Council the opportunity to forward plan and work with the Community and Federal or State Government to see these ideas come to fruition in future years."

In addition to the annual budget, Council is actively revitalising its 10year Long Term Financial Plan. This comprehensive plan aims to ensure Council is providing its essential services and delivering priority capital projects in a financially sustainable manner by implementing appropriate financial strategies.

We invite the community to share their priorities, with submissions closing on Friday 19 January 2024. Head online to submit your ideas www.moiramatters.com.au/Budget-Planning

Moira Shire Council looks forward to a positive and impactful collaboration with our residents, ensuring a bright and prosperous future for the community.

Bunbartha Pony Club



Bunbartha Pony Club hosted their second competition day within a month on Sunday November 19 at the Kaarimba Racecourse.

This time it was a Northern Zone of Pony Club Victoria's Dressage and Showjumping qualifier, the third and final qualifier of the year.

Riders gaining the most points overall from the 3 competitions qualify to represent the Northern Zone at the state championships next year.

Riders came from as far afield as Mildura to participate, camping overnight on Saturday night. A good day was had by all, including three Bunbartha club members who all rode well.



A rider from Lockington pony club jumping.

Champions including Zoey Kotoulias from Bunbartha club, 3rd from right.

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| Thursday 7th | Carmen Gilson | | | | | | |
| Friday 8th | Mary Agius | | | | | | |
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| Tuesday 12th | Nina Pell | | | | | | |
| Wednesday 13th | Mary Agius | | | | | | |
| Thursday 14th | Heather Frostick | | | | | | |
| Friday 15th | David & Cheryl McKenzie | | | | | | |
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Volunteer Programs Co-ordinator - MHA Care Phone 03 5742 1111



Margaret Cobbledick Ph: 0429 662 039 December 3rd: 9.30am Empty Christmas Tree Service, with Leigh Giffard December 10th: 9.30am Streaming Service <u>Picola</u>: December 3rd: 9.00am

HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH - NATHALIA Fr Gunnar Rippon Priest, 5862 1046 December 3rd: 8.30am Holy Communion December 10th: 8.30am Holy Communion

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Nathalia Nightwatch CWA







igcolumn n 26/11/23 the Nathalia Nightwatch CWA branch hosted a special Christmas activity - Gingerbread Houses.

We were fortunate to have use of the spacious kitchen at St Mary of the Angels, and the excited participants got into the festive spirit! Well done to all, the houses looked

fantastic. Our members have also been busy making our much anticipated Christmas puddings, and they will be available for collection at the upcoming Nathalia Christmas market (if you have pre-ordered). ~ Kerry- Anne Rappell, president









| Dec 1 | Simon Marks @ the G.R.A.I.N. Store |
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| Dec 1 | Barefoot Bowls, Nathalia Bowling Club, 6pm |
| Dec 8 | Barefoot Bowls, Nathalia Bowling Club, 6pm |
| Dec 9 | Nathalia Christmas Market, 9am |
| Dec 15 | Barefoot Bowls, Nathalia Bowling Club, 6pm |
| Dec 25 | Christmas Day (Public Holiday) |
| Dec 26 | Boxing Day (Public Holiday) |
| Dec 31 | Nathalia New Year's Eve Carnival |
| Jan 1 | New Year's Day (Public Holiday) |
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t the 24th Annual General Meeting of Northern Victoria Finances Limited held on Monday 20th November, 2023 at the Nathalia Community Early Learning Centre, we farewelled two retiring board directors, Kaye Bernhardt and Sherelle Smith, and welcomed new directors Craig Kellow, Jessica Robinson, Leah McGrath and Rachael Crowther.

Kaye Bernhardt - Equally NVFL's longest serving director, joining the board in 2002. Kaye's is a regular volunteer at bank functions, serving as Board Chair from 2006 to 2014 and on the childcare committee from 2012 until now. Kaye has seen many highlights as a director, including opening our new Numurkah Community Bank in 2009 and Nathalia Community Early Learning Centre's wonderful facility in 2012.

Sherelle Smith joined the board in 2014, giving 9 years as a director. Sherelle was always among the first to volunteer with any tasks that needed doing and has been involved in setting up many community events. Sherelle reluctantly took on the company treasurers role and has done a fine job over the last two years with regular reports to the board on our finances.

The company has been extremely fortunate to have people of the highest character volunteering on the board and we wish our retiring and new directors all the best.

Nathalia Community Grants Program

12 successful grant recipients were rewarded from the record \$50,000 2023 Nathalia Community Grants Program.

Northern Victoria Finances Limited is very proud to be able to return profits to the local community. Since opening 24 years ago, it has returned more than \$5.4 million in community contributions.

The 12 successful community groups were presented with a total of \$100,000 overall (\$50,000 for Nathalia and \$50,000 for Numurkah).

Nathalia grants included - Nathalia Agricultural Society Inc (Nathalia Show Signage); Nathalia Bowling Club (stove installation); UCA Nathalia Uniting Church Parish (revitalising entrances to church and hall); Nathalia Angling Club (refurbish floor of main hall clubhouse); Nathalia Lawn Tennis Club (window upgrade); Nathalia/Picola RSL Sub Branch (Nathalia war memorial restoration); Nathalia Cemetery Trust (finalise lawn South C); Nathalia &



Bendigo Bank

District Historical Society (protecting our history through honour board preservation); Nathalia New Years Eve Carnival; Nathalia & District Men's Shed (BBQ area); Nathalia Needlework Group (Quilts for comfort); Nathalia Association Cricket Club (New fridge and Ice machine).

On a final note, the community is again encouraged to give Bendigo Bank the opportunity to talk to you about your banking, insurance and investments. The more support we have, the more we can return to our community.



Narelle Oakes (Bendigo Bank) & Judy Dealy (Nathalia Needlework Group) with one of the Quilts for Comfort, made possible by the Nathalia Community Grants Program.



Nathalia New Years Eve Carnival.



Nathalia Agricultural Society Inc used for Nathalia Show Signage.





Nathalia & District Men's Shed used for BBQ area.



Nathalia/Picola RSL Sub Branch

used for Nathalia war memorial

Nathalia Association Cricket Club used for new fridge and ice machine.

Nathalia Angling Club used for refurbish floor of main hall Clubhouse.



UCA Nathalia Uniting Church Parish used for revitalising entrances to church and hall.

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Jim's Log

ast Monday 20th November, 2023 at the Northern Victoria Finances Limited's AGM, we officially acknowledged Jim and Margaret Liddell's donation of a tree stump (log), and Jim's contributions to our Bank and our community.

The log was moved in from Jim & Marg's property to further enhance the Nathalia Community Early Learning Centre's playground. Jim's Log, as it is affectionately known, has been enjoyed by children every day since it arrived and will continue to give kids pleasure for many years to come.

Jim Liddell was the founding chairman of the board that operates our local Community Bank and a great leader. Jim served 17 years as a Director and for many years after, as an Associate Director.

Jim's drive and passion for Nathalia and our Bank never waned. He never put a limit on where we could get to, or what we could achieve. He enjoyed lengthy robust debates and had a great sense of humor. Past



Marg Liddell cutting the cake

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and present board members and of course our Manager Peter remember fondly many lengthy boardroom debates.

Jim's visions and dreams have helped shape our community as we know it today. Jim had courage. He was never afraid to ask the big questions. What can make our town economically strong? How can we retain capital in Nathalia?



Lennox and Luna with Jim's Log displaying the plaque

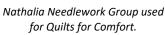
What does this community need that only we can do? Jim was the driving force behind the development of strategic plans for Nathalia and Numurkah. These are such important documents and are our road maps for what we are collectively trying to achieve.

Aside from the Bank, Jim was dedicated to other community groups like Legacy and the Nathalia Football Netball Club and of course we all know what a fantastic business man he was operating our local supermarket for many years. People sought Jim's help and advice, which he would give freely. He always tried his best to give people sound counsel and assistance, without any expectation of receiving anything in return. He was a community man and a family man. And he had an infectious smile under that beard.

Jim never sought the kudos, the glory or the legacy. Once something was achieved, he was back at the drawing board looking to plan what was next. All in all, Jim was one great bloke and its Nathalia's extreme good fortune that Jim and his family decided to call this place home. We thank Jim's family, his wife Margaret, Dave and Denise, Andrew and Elouise, Cath and Ben, and 8 grandchildren for being in attendance as we opened "Jim's Log".



Nathalia Bowling Club used for stove installation.



Nathalia Lawn Tennis Club used for window upgrade.

Nathalia Cemetery Trust used to finalise lawn South C



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NCN | Nathalia Cobram Health | Numurkah NCN HEALTH NATHALIA NCN Health CEO Mrs Jacque Phillips Resigns

NCN Health CEO **Jacque Phillips has** tendered her resignation to the Board of Directors, effective from 12th January 2024. Her resignation comes after 15 years with the organisation, firstly as the CEO of Numurkah District Health Service, then **Cobram District** Health and Nathalia **District Hospital as** Acting CEO until she was appointed as the inaugural CEO of the amalgamated NCN Health.

NCN Health Director of **Operations Justin Sullivan** will be Acting CEO while the Board of Directors move through the recruitment process to fill the permanent CEO position. Board Director Chair Tricia Quibell thanked Mrs. Phillips for her dedication and contribution to the health service and acknowledged she would be greatly missed across NCN Health.

"On behalf of the NCN Health Board it is my sad responsibility to inform you that our CEO. Jacque has resigned. This has been a difficult decision for Jacque to make, but after 15 years, she has decided to pursue a new career opportunity.

Rotary Report

"Jacque has immersed herself in the role of CEO, taking great pride in the development of all teams across all campuses and leading the organisation through success and challenges, including floods, fire and more recently the COVID-19 pandemic.

"She has overseen the rebuild of the Numurkah Hospital and Community Health post the floods of 2012 to open in 2015, the transition of Nathalia District Hospital from GV Health management to being part of NCN Health, the redevelopment of the Cobram Urgent Care Centre opening in February 2024 and securing \$55 million in funding for the

new Numurkah Pioneers Memorial Lodge at the last State Government budget.

"Jacque is always engaged, advocating and working to provide the best quality health care for our communities.

"NCN Health will continue to grow from strength to strength, thanks in no small part to the leadership, dedication and legacy of Jacque. Importantly, we have a strong and committed leadership team ready to steer us into 2024 and beyond."

Mrs. Phillips continues to work in the region having accepted a role at Murray Primary Health Network (PHN) as the Chief Operations Officer (COO).





A Night Under the Stars...

was held at St Francis on the evening/night of Friday 17th November. Some weeks prior, President Loula was asked if some Rotary members would be able to please serve drinks at this event. When raised at a meeting, a few of us volunteered and, on the night, there were four of us practising Rotary's motto of Service Above Self. Considering the time of year we were all expecting warmer weather but we all needed to put our jackets on as the night progressed...as did the partygoers too. At least we started off in our short-sleeved Rotary shirts, unlike in early November 2019 when we wore jackets from the minute we started serving drinks around 6 till we finished cleaning up around midnight!

On Tuesday November 17th some Nathalia District Welfare volunteers met at the Barmah Hotel for lunch. Yours truly recently became a volunteer with the group so joined the ladies for this social event. Each year a very generous donation, from Nathalia District Welfare, is received by Heart to Heart. An invitation was given to the ladies that they take a tour of the respite house before lunch and a few did. Each was most



Serving drinks at 'A Night Under the Stars"

impressed when I ("wearing" my Rotary hat) showed them through (and answered any questions), and now they have a better idea of where their donation goes.

We were supposed to have а guest speaker at our 22^{nd} November meeting but it didn't

happen after all. So, Loula arranged it and we ended up going to the Butler residence and caught up with Ray and Marj. Ray will be having a "big" birthday next month but Loula surprised him with an early birthday card and a home baked sponge on which she put candles and sparklers. Prior to this surprise we had dinner of pizzas from Mick's Pizza. The very pleasant evening was mostly Fellowship; very little Rotary business took place.

Our meeting on December 6th may have a guest speaker and there will be words written about this meeting in the next Rotary News.

Another booking has come in for the respite house; guests are due between January 25th and 1st of February. These guests have stayed before, a number of times over the years. Most guests are returning ones but we have had some "newbies" in the past couple of years. We continue to hope that more heart or lung or heart/lung patients and their carers will spend time at Heart to Heart as it is such a beautiful, peaceful area of Victoria that it would be most beneficial to their wellbeing.

This is it for this penultimate article for 2023; a longer article will be submitted next time, with our club's news and also with reminders regarding NYE and the Rotary Community Raffle; in the meantime please



support us by buying tickets outside TJ's on the 8th and at the Christmas Market on the 9th. Thank you.



Cake for Ray Butler's 90th birthday.

Caterpíllar Corner

Our fabulous and brave Danielle took a very big deep breath last Monday, the 20th November, before having her lovely, long, luscious locks chopped off for an amazing cause, the World's Greatest Shave, Mission: Possible.



Over the last few months, Danielle has been raising money for the Leukaemia Foundation, who support those impacted by Blood Cancer. Danielle contributed by cutting off a lot of her very long hair.

The children all watched on as Jo from Colour & Co and some of the NCELC staff, all took turns in chopping off Danielle's locks. After the haircut was done, Danielle explained to the children why she'd had the big haircut and how her hair was going to be used to make wigs for children who are suffering from Leukaemia.

Every day, 53 Australians are told the heartbreaking news that they've been diagnosed with a blood cancer, joining more than 135,000 people living with the devastating impact of Australia's second most diagnosed



cancer. They are pretty sad statistics and we are so, so proud of Danielle for being part of this incredible cause to make a difference.

2023 marks 25 years of the World's Greatest Shave, making it one of Australia's longest running and most loved fundraising events and how amazing that our very own Danielle has played a part. You're a legend Danielle!



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Museum Moments...

Brought to you by Karen Davis on behalf of the Nathalia & District Historical Society.

It was a beautiful Sunday afternoon on the 8th of October 2023 at the Historical Society Museum, where I had a chance to pretend I was in the past. Since I became an active member of the Historical Society things have gotten fun. Think of me as an amateur experimental archaeologist or to put it plainly someone who likes working out how people lived in the past. You've probably met people like me, someone who goes to Lost Trade expos, garage sales and gets way too excited about seeing things like twin tub washing machines. But I digress, it was not washing machines I played with that day (although the Historical Society does have an amazing collection). It was the blacksmith area that had its grip on me.

A beautiful if slightly rusted array of tongs, hammers and other tools of the blacksmith's art, in a shed that looked like it could have been built back

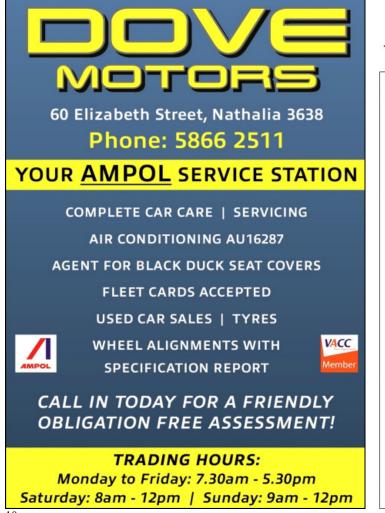


in the day. The giant bellows connected to the forge and an anvil, a real anvil. This might not seem like a big deal to you but bear in mind that at home, my blacksmith shed is a beaten down cow shed. My forge a converted barbecue with a hairdryer and my anvil is an old truck axle altered for the purpose. My tools consisting of one hammer one pair of tongs I made myself and a few scrap bits of metal I used for different things. So, you can imagine how epic this opportunity to work in a real blacksmiths forge must have been.

Everything has been donated over time from people in the area. The forge and bellows coming from the Morden family in 2009. They had once had a farm on the creek between Nathalia and Picola and they, like a lot of families who settled in this area, had their own forge. This was to maintain their tools and farm equipment. When money was tight and access to spares was limited people learned how to fix things. That tinkering mentality can still be seen in some farmers today and on many farms, if you've ever done wiring or plumbing on an old farmhouse you'll know what I mean.

To be continued ...

We would like to hear from you as well..... If at any time you wish to tell a story, or provide some information or feedback, we would love to hear from you. You can call at the museum in Pearce Street any time that you see the gate open—usually each Tuesday and Wednesday, or on Open Day which is the second Sunday of the month (1.30pm to 4pm). To contact Jeanette phone—0420 247 480.



Phonetic Alphabet

Find and circle the Phonetic Alphabet words that are hidden in the grid. The remaining letters spell an additional word from the Phonetic Alphabet.

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Nathalia Secondary College News

SPORTS LEADERS

Last week, our Sports Leader class held its end-of-term celebration by going to Future Fitness for a gym technique session and then to Milking It café for lunch. Thanks to both local businesses for hosting us last week.

We have been working with students from Nathalia Primary School over the last 15 weeks, doing sports such as cricket, soccer and mini-games. Students recently completed a self-assessment task and identified improvements in many skills, such as communication, leadership and the importance of being prepared.









GRADE 6 ORIENTATION

Grade 6 students were introduced to basic woodworking skills in their orientation session on Monday by making a model of a woolly sheep. Students had the opportunity to use a Scroll saw, a Cordless

Drill and a Pein Hammer, whilst understanding the importance of wearing safety glasses in the classroom workshop.



Concerns Raised Regarding Ongoing Weight Restrictions on McCoy's Bridge

Residents and businesses of Moira Shire are facing persistent challenges due to the ongoing weight restrictions on McCoy's Bridge along the Murray Valley Highway. This bridge, a crucial component of the national highway system, has been under restricted use since its closure during the October 2020 flooding event.

The bridge was exposed to fast-moving floodwaters during the 2022 flood event, raising potential structural and foundational issues.

The current weight limit, recently increased from 20 tonnes to 40 tonnes, still falls short of accommodating B double trucks. This ongoing limitation is significantly impacting local industries and transportation while posing inconvenience and safety concerns for road users.

While acknowledging the Department of Transport and Regional Roads Victoria's efforts in inspecting and monitoring the bridge's condition, concerns have arisen regarding the delay in its full reopening.

John Tanner AM, Chair Administrator Moira Shire Council reiterated that Council and community appreciate the ongoing efforts to assess the bridge, however he noted that the prolonged weight restrictions are causing considerable disruptions to our community.

"We are seeking more information and transparency about the restoration timeline and plan to bring the bridge back to its full operational capacity," said John Tanner AM, representing the residents and businesses of Moira Shire.

To address these concerns, Moira Shire Council has written to The Hon. Melissa Horne, Minister for Local Government and Roads and Road Safety on behalf of the community requesting an up-to-date briefing on the current status of the bridge, the necessary steps for reinstating it to full capacity, and a timeline for completion.

The Moira Shire Council will continue to advocate for attention and consideration given to McCoy's Bridge and look forward to working collaboratively to resolve the challenges posed by the ongoing weight restrictions.

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NCN Health Staff Service Awards

 $\ensuremath{\mathbb{N}}$ CN Health held the 2023 AGM on November 22^{nd} at Numurkah Visitors Information Centre.

Part of the AGM was to recognize staff and volunteers who have been with the organisation for 10+ years. All of the staff at NCN Health are local community members, who are well known and well respected, not only for their work at NCN Health but also their work across the community.

Staff Service Awards:

10 Years - Maree Doyle, Elizabeth Adams, Catherine Church, Glenda Stanbrook, Joanne Clough, Elizabeth Buckland, Robyn Stokes, Annette Baldwin, Jodie Collins, Kelly Campbell, Rachael Hitchcock, Justin Sullivan, Susan Rutherford

15 Years - Denise Cusack, Jacinda Lawrence, Robyn Sprunt, Cathryn Andrew, Margaret Templeton, Jacque Phillips, Judith Nave, Jennifer Burrows, Bronti O'Connor, Jennier Metzner, Cassandra Neal, Elaine Henderson

20 Years - Cheryl Woods, Leanne Greenway, Tania Hill, Tony Brown, Jo-Anne McDowall

25 Years - Rosalie Fitzgerald, Kerry Roberts, Dawn Stanley

30 Years - Barbara Henderson

35 Years - Marie Coonerty

Volunteer Service Awards:

10 Years - Pat Tallent, Beverley Brooking, Marie Martin, Kaye Steel, Norma Bell, Patrick Kempton

20 Years - Carol Wigg

25 Years - Mary Powell

30 Years - Elaine Blizzard

40 Years - Val Coldwell





Twenty Years - Includes Nathalia's Tony Brown



President David McKenzie chaired the November meeting as our President was unwell. David welcomed members to the meeting in the Nathalia Anglers' Clubrooms but Probus will be back at the Dancocks Room in December.

The competition winner this month was Tony Smith.

As a combination of an activity and Show & Tell for the day, members were asked to bring a baby photo of themselves. Everyone had fun trying to identify which member belonged to the baby photo.

Di Gemmill correctly identified 12 of the 19 displayed with Estelle Chalker a close second. Thank you to the members who provided their photos.

In December, Probus members have the opportunity to enjoy a traditional Xmas Lunch with local entertainment in the Dancocks Room at the Nathalia Community Centre.



There is no January meeting. Non members may join in any Probus functions, trips, etc. Come and try, it is all for fun and fellowship.













THE WISHBONE

'Here, Joanna, you and Taylah can have the wishbone,' said Mrs Finny, Jo's mum, returning to the dining table, holding up the small bone. Taylah was puzzled. She was staying over with her best friend Jo and was not used to sitting down at the table with a large family to eat dinner. The roast chicken had been delicious.

'What do we do with the wishbone?' she asked shyly.

'Well, it's a tradition that goes back thousands of years,' explained Mrs Finny. 'You each make a wish and then grab hold of one side of the bone and pull. Whoever ends up with the bigger piece will have their wish come true.'

Taylah silently wished that she was not an only child. Jo and she pulled at the bone until it reluctantly broke in two. Jo held up the bigger piece. 'Never mind Taylah, I don't believe it works,' said Mr Finny. 'I once wished I would win Tattslotto, and I am still waiting for my wish to come true.'





launch the December festive season ..

Gates open at 6...with barbeque and bar operating so we are all settled for some great entertainment.

Starting with Kim Ritchie, great voice with her own excellent following. Kim pays tribute to a wide range of musicians from Patsy Cline to Gospel to Country to old rock and has connections with Nathalia locals.

Simon Marks and Band come on at 7.15... featuring a young female drummer, excellent musicianship and creative song writing. Simon is from Barmah, with other band members from afar as Deniliquin.

The vibe is gentle...hopefully the evening will be balmy...sit back and relax with friends with great listening guaranteed. You are welcome to bring your own chairs for heavy duty seated comfort.

If you haven't attended one of our performances....there is plenty of time for talking but please not during the acts...these are live musicians hard at work here. After all G.R.A.I.N. stands for growing Rural Art in Nathalia.

antastic evening lined up for you to Studio and Workshops at The G.R.A.I.N. Store...ideal presents

> If you have a loved one you wish to encourage in their art...we have \$50 Studio and \$80 Workshop vouchers which will see them booked in to either a Tuesday Studio Session (March, April, May, August, September, October) or a Saturday Workshop session (typically first Saturday of the month)

> Studio Sessions are for artists at any stage of their artistic lives including beginners...where you determine what help you want ... and the Studio Educator Artist helps you develop. Studio Educator Artists in 2024 will be Tim Hocking, Creagh Manning (Painting Studio) and Linden Lancaster

> Workshops are offered by a range of artists over the year and aim to achieve an endpoint with a product made.

Exhibitions 2024

We have set our schedule of Exhibition themes for 2024 and will be opening these up to all local artists of any age via a Call to Contribute process. Contact us at grainstorearts@gmail.com of the list, or call in to the Gallery Monday, Thursday, Friday or Saturday 11-4.



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In 2023 we had fifty-six contributing artists with age range of eight to ninety-five. Our current exhibition, Under the Microscope, has sixteen different exhibitors and is a great example of the many different ways artists see the world, and the theme. In keeping with the idea, many of these pieces are small and ideal purchases for the new art collector.

Child Initiated, Child Led Risky Play at Nathalia Preschool DIS PRESCHOOL

 ${\mathbb R}$ isky play refers to play that involves thrilling, exciting, physically challenging activities like climbing, jumping, balancing, or rough and tumble play. For the children this week it was height and elevation, speed and momentum that drew them together on the slide structure to see how high they could climb, how they could balance on the edge of the slide and how they could jump off the slide to land on the large gymnastic wedge.

A key factor of this play is making safety decisions for themselves and for their peers within their group. Developing their resilience, execute functioning skills, self confidence, and risk assessment abilities. Each time the children engage in risky play they are engaging in their own science experiments; pushing themselves out of their comfort zone without knowing what their exact outcome will be. This form of play allows the children to learn their own limits and discover what they feel comfortable



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with. This awareness helps reduce the risk of injury as the children learn to identify the point when they need to stop and reassess the situation.



"Just wait Audrey. I'll move it closer

for you." Nixon completed his own

risk assessment and moved the

wedge closer to the slide for Audrey

to land safely on.

"Hey Andea, look at me no hands" Sam proudly shares his achievement of sitting on the highest bar (with no hands) Nixon has set the large wedge up, takes the leap from the slide.

The end of the preschool year is moving closer. Every year the children celebrate their learning journey together with family at a celebration concert. This year the children have been sewing their own costumes.

Again, risky engagement involves both the educators and the children reassessing the safety and skills of each individual child.

Using the sewing machine, the children decided on their type of stitch, how firmly to press the foot pedal and to concentrate

as they moved the material through the foot of the sewing machine. The role of the educator is to not let their own fears get in the way of the children's ability to engage in risky play. But to have created strong connections with each of the children that supports the ability to have a go to promote their resilience, strength building and decision making process.





St Mary of the Angels Secondary College Come and explore your opportunities

As you stand on the cusp of a new beginning, it's impossible not to cast your minds back upon the incredible journey you've walked throughout your time at SMOTA. Each step you took, every challenge you faced, and every memory you have made has led you all to this moment of bittersweet farewell.

Reflecting upon your high school years, from the nervous first day to the triumphant last, you've grown not only in knowledge but as individuals. You've weathered the rocky waters of lockdowns and home learning, of SACs and the exams and celebrated your own and each other's victories, all the while building a treasure trove of moments that will forever remain etched in your hearts. It's these memories – the laughter in the open spaces, the camaraderie when a SAC fortnight begins, the study sessions turned into cherished hangouts – that have transformed your time here into an unforgettable chapter of your lives.

Now, a new chapter beckons an adventure filled with excitement and uncertainty. As you step beyond the familiar walls of St Mary's and into the unknown of the world, let you carry forward the lessons you've learned and the friendships you've forged. Although you will be eager to get on your way, please do not forget to celebrate the fun and enjoyment we've shared during your Senior years.

It has been my absolute pleasure to, along with all of your teachers, help and guide you through the final two years of your high school journey. I have enjoyed the laughs, the constant feedback and advice, and even the daily reminder to "Go to Homeroom please".

I wish you all the very best Class of 2023 and remember... be bold, be brave, be fun, be smart, be safe, but most of all be you!!!

> Mr Xavier Dowling Senior School Coordinator

Firstly, thank you for the privilege of contributing, in a small way, to your journey. I still have fond memories of my own Year 12 experience. The bond that is shared by an entire Year 12 class is something that you will have with you forever. The close relationships and camaraderie through the stress, celebrations and tears is lifelong and an unforgettable experience.

Year 12 is the culmination of 13 years of formal education. From here you will all go out and be the adult that you always wanted to be. Live your childhood dreams, fulfil your aspirations and be an active member of your community and society in general.

Congratulations and well done! Please don't be a stranger to the College; come back and visit and let us share in the next phase of your life.

> With Peace and Goodwill, Matt Carver Principal





Back Row: William Browning, Kynan Bethell, Sean Watters, Connor Langshaw, Ned Bramwell, Gus Bramwell, Lachlan Black, Anthony Hargreaves. 6th Row: Kiara Deverill, Oliver Sheehan, Joshua McKay, Max Frostick, Kian Brereton, Eamon Storer, Samuel Fooks, Jackson Harris, Caleb Jezewski. 5th Row: Regan Mangles, Tahlia Woodland, Jordan Hopkins, Caleb Wilson, Molly Hindson, Charlie Sheehan, Keeley O'Dwyer, Darcy Conroy, Hayley Wigmore, Kobie Rahilly, Tessa McMahon. 4th Row: Nakia Broad, Hannah Summerville, Emily Woods, Ethan Baxa, Shannyn-Rechelle Pengilly, Bethany Hibma, Emily McPherson, Chloe Simpson, Benjamin Nave, New Suphun, Tayah Hollister, Hayley Coonan. 3rd Row: Kate Buha, Ellah Maskell, Jake Madgwick, Zac Bosse, Darcy Young, Bella Sefton, Grace Eddy, Osgar Quinane, Percival Dines, Olivia McArthur, Julia Brown. 2nd Row: Tiana Bovalina, Mackenzie Loughridge, Porsha Stuart, Aida Hickey, Asha Campbell, Mikayla Kelly, Lauren O'Keeffe, Caitlin Verlin, Ella Bryant, Alexandra Laker, Meg Guppy, Jaella Coghill-Lynam. Front Row: Tayla O'Keeffe, Elliott Binks, Jenna Mason, Zara Limbrick, Isabella Brunskill, Abby Commadeur, Shaylee Patrick, Sophie Kelly, Abby O'Connell, Zoe Vanbreda, Elly Tweed.



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Nathalia Primary School News

ast week the Prep/1 students were learning how to write a letter in ALiteracy. They learnt what information is needed on a letter and an envelope. They first wrote a letter to a friend in their classroom then they wrote a letter to Santa. On Monday the students got to post their letter to the North



Pole, either at the mailbox near school, or go for a walk up the street to the local post office in Nathalia. Thank you to Cindy, and team at he Post Office for their time sharing with the children what happens when they post their letters. The students are all very excited and hoping they get a reply from Santa.





JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

Our JSC have been selling Zooper Doopers during the afternoon break, with funds collected going towards our positive rewards program where we aim to provide students who do great work and behave, opportunities to do activities and fun experiences. We look forward to celebrating the achievements of these students.

NATHALIA CHRISTMAS MARKET - CHERRY STALL & CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS

Plans are currently underway for our stall at the Nathalia Christmas Market. We will once again be selling Cherries and tickets for our Christmas Raffle at the Market on Saturday 9th December from 9am. Our Christmas Raffle 1st Prize is \$1,000 local vouchers of the winners choice - and will be drawn on Monday 18th December. The stall will also have an assortment of in-season fruits available to purchase on the day. We look forward to seeing the community out and about at what is sure to be a lovely morning at the Plantation in Nathalia.

U3A Film @ Night

Wed 13 December 7pm **"ull Time**, won Best Director at Venice International Film Festival 2021 for French Director Eric Gravel.

My heart is pounding as I write this as it is a gripping and tense film about a single woman pushed to her limits when the delicate balance between her home and work life is upended. We loved Laure Calamy in Antoinette in the Cevennnes and are going to be so impressed by her acting range in this film.



I had originally chosen **Custody** for the December slot. It, too is a great film, but perhaps just a little too rugged for this moment. When discussing it with regular U3A Film @ Night attendees, they did agree that it was important for us all to be reminded that the Festive season is not festive for everyone; so we didn't necessarily need something light and sweet. Full Time is experienced at the frantic pace Julie lives her life, with an underlying pounding anxiety. There are some sweet moments, but she and we, don't have much time to enjoy them.

The group gave Dev Patel and David Copperfield 4.3 Stars. You are welcome to borrow the DVD from Philippa 0400 037 432.

Nathalia Wildflower Group Members of the Nathalia Wildflower Group came together on 18th November on a glorious morning,



Nathalia Wildflower Group members.



beside the Broken Creek in Nathalia.

During our final meeting for 2023, Lyn and Marlene celebrated significant birthdays and we were all pleased that Joan Harding was able to join us. The food and weather were beautiful plus the resident ducks entertained us.

When leaving, Mel discovered the Kidney Weed Dichondra repens, (a native plant) which was found growing near our picnic table.



The birthday girls, Marlene Moor & Lyn Loger



Above: Ann Christy Below: Anne Timm & Ann Christy with the ducks watching on.





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Stuart, Ange and big brother Luke announce the birth of

Matilda Basia

on November 3 at Bendigo Health.

Lovely new granddaughter for Col and Gail Grinter and Richard and Dana Janczuk.

LINDSAY (Daniel)

Nathan, Bethany & Brydie are very excited to announce the safe arrival of

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DEATHS

HUTCHINS – Douglas Arthur "Doug"

25. 09. 1943 - 22. 11. 2023

Late of Nathalia. Passed away peacefully after a long battle at G.V. Health, Shepparton.

Loved partner of Marilyn. Dearly loved by his children and their partners Peter and Katrina; Helen; David and Catherine; Robyn and Paul. Adored grandfather of Jack and Taylah; Jake and Toby; Charlie, Harry and Mary.

A Brave Heart Finally At Rest

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Thank you... for those precious, but too few years. A beautiful life has come to an end. *All my love forever, Marilyn.*

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Dad/Pa, In life we loved you dearly, in death we love you still. In our hearts you hold a place that no-one can ever fill. At peace and sadly missed. *Your Son Peter, and partner Katrina, Daughter Helen. Grandkids Jack and Taylah.*

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Dearly loved step father of David (Frost), father in-law of Catherine and much loved Poppy to Jake and Toby. It's not what we write, It's not what we say, It's how we remember you, In our own special way.

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Thank you for the years we shared, The love you gave and the way you cared. Dearly missed step father of Robyn (Frost), father in law to Paul and loving Poppy to Charlie, Harry and Mary.

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God saw that you were weary. He did what He thought best. He gently took you in His Arms. And whispered "Come to Rest" *Your brothers, Lindsay and Brian Hutchins.*

DEATHS

SCHIER (Vale), Barbara Vivenne

22.08.1938 - 19.11.2023 Passed away peacefully at Maculata Place, Shepparton on November 19th, 2023

Aged 85

Adored wife of Bruce Schier (dec). Loving mother to Helen (Rankin), David, and Julie. Cherished mother-in-law of Colin Rankin and Nora Schier. Dearly loved Nanna of Kate, Tessa, and Renée, Gavin Kitto, and Aaron Moor. Treasured Grandma of Fraser Moor, Matilda, and Angus Kitto. Loved youngest child of Searle and Marion Vale (both dec).

Cherished Sibling of William, Ruth, Thelma, Gwen, Enid, Henry, Stan, Arthur, and Grace.

Sister-in-law of Georgina, Wally, Pat, Eddie, Ken, Jean Mary, Elsie Jean, Estelle, Warwick, and Jack.

Also, sister-in-law of Moria and Lance Colman, and Keith and Jean Schier.

Rest in Peace. We carry your love in our hearts.

God saw that you were weary. And took away your pain. He gently closed your loving eyes, Memories with us remain. Back in Dad's loving arms. Forever in our hearts.

Rest in Peace, Mum. Thank you for everything. Love you forever and always. Helen and Colin Rankin xoxo

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To my loving Mum, Though the miles and the waves have separated us along the way. Our thoughts and prayers were with you day by day. Now you're gone we'll miss your love and compassion. But will feel it in our hearts always.

> In loving memory. David and Nora Schier Dale and Elias McKinnon

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Mum, Thank you for always loving me and trying to guide me. Even though you are no longer here with me I will still feel your love every day. Together again with Dad. There's one more star shining brightly in the sky each night.

I LOVE YOU.

Rest in Peace Mumsie Julie Schier xoxo

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Dearest Nanna and Grandma, Now at peace forever in heaven and together again with Pa. God gave us all the most loving and cherished Nanna we could ask for. We will miss chatting with you about life and creating beautiful things together. We know you will be watching over us all as the years stretch on through generations to come.

Love always, Kate, Tessa, Renée, Gavin, Aaron, Fraser, Matilda & Angus xoxo

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HUTCHINS, Doug

Much loved brother and brother in law of Len and Beryl (both dec.). Loved uncle of Marg and Ernie, Neil and Bev and their families.

Fond Memories



SCHIER (nee Vale), **Barbara Vivenne** 22.08.1938 - 19.11.2023

Passed away peacefully at Maculata Place Shepparton.

Loved wife to Bruce (dec).

Dearly loved mother of Helen & Colin Rankin, David & Nora, and Julie.

Adoring grandmother to Kate & Gavin Kitto, Tessa, Renee & Aaron Moor.

Delighted great grandmother of Fraser, Matilda and Angus.

Barbara was the youngest child of Searle and Marion Vale (both dec) of Picola West.

Much loved sister and sister-in-law to Bill and Georgina Vale, Thelma and Pat Adams, Gwen and Eddy Green. Enid and Ken Halden. Henry and Jean Vale, Stan and Jean Vale (all dec), Arthur and Estelle Vale, Grace and Warwick Broom (dec) and Jack Harding (dec).

Very special Aunty Barbara to her many nieces and nephews. Extra special Aunty Barbara to Kathryn & Dale Eyre and family.

Resting Peacefully

SCHIER (Vale), Barbara Vivenne

22.08.1938 - 19.11.2023

Dearly loved sister-in-law of Lance (dec) and Moira (dec) Colman. Fond Auntie of Narelle, Kevin, Janine, Corey and families.

> Always Remembered and Forever in our Hearts.

SCHIER (Vale), Barbara Vivenne

Valued and missed sister-in-law of Keith & Jean Schier (both dec). Cherished Aunty of Neil Schier & Fiona, Faye (Dec) & Barney Mahncke, Stefany, Jomar, Aidan, Danielle and extended family. Treasured memories shared through the generations on the creek at

Barmah East.

Always in our hearts and memories. God has you now in His loving care.

FUNERALS

HUTCHINS - A Service to celebrate the life of the late Mr. Douglas Arthur "Doug" Hutchins will be held at the Uniting Church, corner of Chapel and Bromley Streets, Nathalia, on MONDAY 4th December, 2023, commencing at 11am, after which the cortege will leave for the Nathalia Lawn Cemetery.

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BEREAVEMENT **THANK YOU**

BRADY (Whiting), Alice

Thank you to all those who attended the service for Alice. Special thanks for all the flowers, cards and thoughts at this difficult time.



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Nathalia Uniting Church holds an Open Café every Thursday morning at 10am in the Nathalia Uniting Church Hall, Bromley Street.

Come and join us for a friendly chat, cuppa and some great morning tea-all at no cost.

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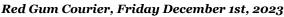
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Nathalia Lawn Tennis Club Senior Results

M Div 4, Sat 18 November: GM 4 lost against Cobram crickets, 63 games to 44. Some close sets with Matt Slattery being man of the match, winning all 3 of his sets. The first with Pat Ryan winning on a tie break, second with Wayne Geisler 8-4 and mixed doubles with Lucy Daniel, 8-4. Kim and Judith couldn't get past the strong opposition but finished the day with a good spread for arvo tea which made it all worth while.

Sat 25 November: The GM4 Nathalia side hosted Tongala at the Nathalia Lawn Tennis Courts. While there had been plenty of rain overnight the storms had disappeared by early morning and play got underway in sunny but windy conditions. The visitors were down a player so Rod James stepped up and filled in for Tongala while Lucy Daniel stepped up from the Nathalia juniors to ensure both teams had 6 players.

With a scoreboard not representing the standard of play from both teams Tongala finished the day winning 9 sets, 72 games to Nathalia 0 sets, 37 games.

GM Div 3, Sat 25 November: Div 3 put up a strong opposition at the home match against Kialla Park Old Students, losing by only a seven game margin. Most valuable player was Loretta Richardson, winning 3/3 sets. Monique Bryant displayed her usual strategic brilliance, and Phillippa Slinger ceded only one game all afternoon. Judith Slattery played with determination after a frustrating tie-break loss in the first set.

Among the men, John Sheehan and Greg Frostick enjoyed an entertaining match with plenty of bonhomie, enlivening the courts. David Scadden, back to tennis after injury, pulled his weight, and Jim Brereton completed the team with some star turns.

A resplendent afternoon tea was presented, Div 3's culinary talents on fine form with sweet and savoury delights, showing the competition for this season's Bernie Ryan plate is alive and well. After tea, the mixed doubles fared well, as the

wind proved to be an unwelcome guest. Greg and Loretta won their match easily, while John and Phillippa dug deep to snatch the match at tie break after a long contest. Sadly the overall win wasn't ours, but a great afternoon's tennis was had by all.

Div 1 Velvet Tigers, Sat 18 November: The Velvet Tigers surged to the top of ladder following a dominant victory over Shepparton Lawn the Valley. The Velvet Tigers started strongly, with doubles wins for Eliza Bingham and Hannah O'Brien 8-4 and Ned Nihill and Alex Bakogianis 8-7, whilst Jarrod Bingham and Joe Nihill went down 8-6. The singles matches all but confirmed a win for the Velvet Tigers, with solid wins for Eliza 8-1, Jarrod 8-2 and Hannah 8-5. The highlight was a stirring comeback by Ned Nihill who recovered from a 7-2 deficit to win 8-7 in a tiebreaker, whilst Joe and Alex lost 8-7 and 8-4 respectively. The final doubles sets were a procession as Jarrod and Eliza won 8-4, Ned and Hannah won 8-1 and Joe and Alex won 8-4. The final score, Velvet Tigers 9-89 defeated

Shepparton Lawn the Valley 3-59.

Div 1 Velvet Tigers, Sat 25 November: Velvet Tigers 6 sets 79 games def Shepparton Lawn Average Joes 6 sets 75 games.



The VTs headed into the clash at Shepparton Lawn missing several key players, but displayed resolve and maturity to produce a characterdefining victory.

Sam McHarg and Joe Nihill got things underway with a strong 8-2 win in the no.1 men's doubles, while Alex Bakogianis and Ned Nihill lost in a tie -break (8-7) at no. 2 doubles, and the women's pairing of Katie Ferguson and Rose Nihill went down 8-4.

McHarg was defeated 8-5 in the no.1 men's singles slot, but the remaining 3 men's singles sets all went the Velvet Tigers' way; 8-6 for Joe Nihill, 8-4 for Ned, and 8-5 for Bakogianis. All 3 were telling wins against opponents that have proved tricky for the men in previous encounters.

Ferguson lost the no.1 women's 8-1 against a formidable opponent before Rose Nihill powered to an instrumental 8-4 victory at no.2. The two mixed sets resulted in tie-break losses for the VTs - McHarg and Ferguson at no.1, and Rose Nihill & Bakogianis at no.2.

In the reverse men's doubles, Joe and Ned Nihill combined for an 8-6 victory.

A wonderful victory for the team in Purple, Pink, Yellow, and White.

Nathalia Junior Tennis Results

B² Purple: B2 Purple took on Nathalia Gold in a highly anticipated clash. There was a lot of great tennis between the two teams. Nathalia Purple prevailing on the day 7-45 to 1-24.

B2 Gold: With the previous weekend being a bye for B2 Gold, the all girl team of Taylah

Hutchins, Isla Putman, Eliza Raleigh, and Molly and Ella McLennan, came up against some pretty well drilled opposition in Nathalia Purple. The score line of Purple 45 soundly defeating Gold 24, didn't reflect the competitiveness of all of the tennis, with some sweet hitting and good endeavour in sultry conditions. Well done to all, and better luck next week team, at home against Shepp Lawn Blue.

C2 Purple & Gold: After farewelling Blayde last week who has relocated to New Zealand, the two Nathalia C2 teams came up against each other on the weekend. Both teams played strong competitive tennis with C2 Gold the eventual winners 6-46 to Nathalia Purple 2-30. Both teams are to be congratulated on their great spirit on the court.



Nathalia B2 team - Purple and Gold Back L-R: Duane Shaw, Ava Bourke, Keira Liddell, Holly Ryan, Stefanie Daniel, Finn James. Front L-R: Harry Baxter, Jimmy Ryan, Harry Halden, Billy Baxter.



Nathalia B2 team - Purple and Gold Back L-R: Taylah Hutchins, Lucy Daniel, Katelyn Halden, Hamish McLeod, Mitch Daniel, Jayce Limbrick. Front L-R: Isla Putman, Ella McLennan, Molly McLennan, Eliza Raleigh.

Nathalia Association Cricket Club News



Grade Round 6 vs Barooga: Top of the table clash and it proved to be a thriller for a while. Batting first we unfortunately let the

Barooga bowlers on top to have us 5/50 early in the innings. Next in was Sam Boyd, after facing the Hattrick ball and being dropped he set about hitting 49 saving runs and helping build the total to 164 with support from Henry Congues (15).

Set about defending the total the boys repaid the favour and had Barooga in all sorts at 4/40 the boys kept their foot on the pedal and bowled Barooga all out for 110. Scotty Morris was the pick of the bowlers with 3/19 off his overs

A Grade Round 7 vs Berrigan: Another clash between a finals challenger and even though both were playing on a road the scores don't reflect that, but they do show two good bowling attacks.

We had Berrigan in trouble 2/6 and managed to have them 6/70 and all out for 91. Harry McDonald 3/14 was the pick of the bowlers with support from Liam Evans 3/17.

Our innings didn't start off too well with ourselves at 4/30. A good partnership between Jason McKenna 24 and Luke Quinn 29 managed to steady the ship and help see us reach the target 6/93.

A Grade Women's Round 6 vs Shepparton Utd: Playing one of last years A Grade finalists the ladies lost the toss and bowled first, doing a magnificent job in keeping United to all out for 100. 3 wickets each to Cody Power and Molly McLennan helped keep the total to a reachable score.

The run chase started off well with Cara "Beast Mode" Briggs retiring with 49 runs including 5 boundaries. Cara received good support from Zoe Dew with 16 runs. With the score insight only needing 20 runs with 3 batters in hand things were looking good. Unfortunately United had a secret weapon who came on towards the end and cleaned up our last three batters for minimal runs. Falling 7 runs short of the total, all out for 93.

A Grade: Women's Round 7 vs Mooroopna

With a depleted side the girls took on new comers Mooroopna. Nathalia won the toss and chose to ball.

Mooroopna posted the highest score we have had put up against us in 2/209 with only Evie Hawks and Sheridan Fairless claiming a wicket. Despite the big total the girls didn't give up and

enjoyed the challenge.

Our turn to bat, saw a determined bunch of ladies not throw their wickets away and batted out their 25 overs. Evie 22 and Jessica Daniel 17 were two who retired not out. Whilst she continued on her great form Cara Briggs top scored again, this time with 33 but unfortunately was 9 balls off retiring for the second time in two weeks.

B Grade Round 5 vs Katamatite

Winning the toss and batting first the boys set a target of 4/155 with some vintage batting from captain David Brereton 25 and Luke Quinn 82. Kai Lundberg also looked really good with the bat hitting 19 before running out of overs. Our bowlers in Dale James and James Vallender got us off to a good start with some tight bowling. This allowed our younger bowling brigade in Nate Summerville 3/16 and Billy Liddell 3/23 to get comfortable and



Two recent achievements of note - U/15's secured their first win for the season in round 3, thanks largely to the batting of Archie Erikson (left) who was filling in from Katamatite and Gus Frostick (right).

Both boys made their first 50's for the season also Archie's for the club.

pick apart the Katamatite lineup and restricting them to 10/110.

B Grade Round 5 - Washed Out

C Grade - not much to report as they have had a forfeit and washout, so are sitting nicely and refreshed for the next game.

U/17 Round 4 vs Finley: Finley won the toss and chose to bat and what looked like a good deck, but with Will and Nate steaming in it didn't really help.

Will claimed 4/14 and Nate 3/7 off their overs and doing a lot of the damage Baz McDonald got 2 wickets also having Finley all out for 47.

The boys started the run chase in good fashion with Billy Liddell and Hughie Stammers knocking half the runs off before departing. The day finished with the boys at 2/33 and an early call off by coach Jason may come back to bite him if the 40mm of rain doesn't allow play this week.

A Grade T20 - Kookaburra Cup: With a youngish team we ventured to White Hills in Bendigo to take on Bamawn Lockington United. They won the toss and chose to bat first and after a few big overs you could see why, going at nearly 7 an over for the first 4 we thought oh boy big day but along came Henry Congues who claimed the wicket of the Zimbabwen International and steadied the ship for us. 1 wicket wasn't enough for Henry as he claimed another 2 (robbed of a 5fa due to drops from Luke and Brad) brother Ewan chipped in with 2 wickets to help him out and restrict BLU to 122.

Batting Started off okay with Liam and Scotty getting us to a quick 30 before both departing. This left pretty much Brad Pell 61 who played a wonderful innings and Dylan Cunningham 10 the only other batters to reach double figures. Cruising along with the game wrapped up Luke Quinn started the collapse which saw us end the game in a draw and push to a super over.

Super overs aren't our thing and needless to say we didn't come out victorious. We made 1/4 and BLU passed it in 3 balls.

U/15 Round 4 vs Cobram: Losing the toss and being sent out to bowl wasn't ideal after a fair chunk of rain. But the kids gave it their all.

Cobram's first wicket falling at 11 runs, things were looking positive, but due to some smart batting they were able to build a good partnership before Hamish claimed his first of two caught and bowled to remove their best batter and have the score at 2/45.

This brought about a flurry of wickets with Kade and Tanner claiming a wicket each to have Cobram in an uneasy position of 4/50. But Cobram showed why they're the best side in the age group and rebuilt again only managing to get another 4 wickets for the remainder of the innings and Cobram put on another 94 to take their total to 8/144.

For the bowling Hamish finished with 2/24, Zander 2/27 and Crue, Kade, Tanner and Dyl finished with 1 wicket each.

U/12 Round 5 vs Barooga: On a night teasing with rain Asher won the toss and chose to bat, hoping that if it did rain at least we got a bat in. Against another quality team the kids managed to put up a total of 56 with Tanner (17) and Miller (16) top scoring. Tanner, Lucas, Asher, Miller and Hunter all retired but only Hunter remaining retired as the other got themselves out when they went back in.

The rain hasn't arrived so we set off on defending the total. We started off well no wickets but minimal runs. Unfortunately their more experienced batters were able to hit some boundaries and we were only able to take 1 wicket (Tanner) to try and stem the flow of runs. Our score was passed and Barooga had managed 1/110.

It's good to see that even tho we haven't got the elusive win, the kids are really enjoying playing and forgot about the loss pretty quickly. It's certainly helped but the thought of Macca's on the way home.

Nathalia Bowling Club News

S ATURDAY PENNANT Round 7 (half way through the season) on **18th November**, Nathalia 1 played Barooga Sports 3 at home with the pleasing result for the Club, with a win 79-45 shots. Peter Hutchins team won 26-13 shots. Bev Hutchins team won 24-16 shots and Steve Campbell's team won 29-16 shots. On **Saturday 25th November Round 8** were, once again, at home against Tocumwal Golf 3 winning overall 77-38 shots. Peter Hutchins won 31-7 – Good effort team, Bev Hutchins also had a good win 26-12 shots and Steve Campbell's team managed to stay ahead by 1 shot 20-19.

SATURDAY DIVISION 5 Round 7 on Saturday 18th November travelled to Barooga Sporties to play Barooga 4, Nathalia 2 were defeated by 3 shots 35-18 shots. Good effort team. Ian Bolton's team won 20-17 shots. Berris Baldwin's team went down 15-21 shots. On November 25th Division 5 Round 8 played Strathmerton 2 away and had a disappointing day going down to Strathmerton 52-19 shots. Ian Bolton's team 13-22 shots and Claire Andrews lost 16-30 shots. MIDWEEK PENNANT Round 7 on 21st November Nathalia 1 played at home against Numurkah and put up a good battle but lost 41-62 shots. Bev Hutchins Team lost 13-19 shots. Tessa Ward was disappointed with her result of 10-30 shots. Just not your day Tessa and Berris Baldwin picked up a win 18-13 shots. Round 8 on 28th November was away to Picola, with an exciting win to Nathalia who managed on the last two ends to get up and win, with 2 rinks up and 1 a draw. The final result being Nathalia1 64 to Picola1 57 shots. Bev Hutchins' team 22-18 shots. Berris Baldwin's team 24-21 shots and Fiona Rourkes' team 18 all. Great effort.

On Monday 20th November Bev Hutchins and Liz Oliver represented the Bowling Club by attending the **Bendigo Bank Annual General Meeting** held at the Nathalia Community Early Childhood Centre at which the presentation took place for the recipients of the **Grants** from the Bendigo Bank. Our Bowling Club received \$4,890.00 to install a Stove and Range Hood for the kitchen. We are immensely grateful for this grant and thank the Bendigo Bank.

BAREFOOT BOWLS was unfortunately called off

last Friday the 24th November due to the rain which made the



Greens unsuitable to play on, but it is on again this week Friday 2nd December. Be there by 6pm. \$10.00 to play including a meal.

A **WORKING BEE** was held on Sunday 26th November with a dedicated group of Kevin Scolyer, Steve Campbell, Alan Cooper, Philippa Schapper, Ian Bolton, Keith Holland and Bill Seymour attending. The front Green was groomed and the back Green was mowed, ditches cleaned, surrounds mowed and the Greens marked for the **Over 60's** held on Monday 27th November which attracted 14 teams taking part. The winning team was from Wunghnu and the Runners up from Cobram. Many thanks to Kevin Scolyer for organizing the day, our Greenkeeper, Alan Cooper and our Barman, Steve Campbell. A great day of bowling and friendship was enjoyed by all.

On a sad note Doug Hutchins, a longtime member of the Club passed away on Wednesday 22nd November. Our heartfelt sorrow goes out to Marilyn and family. The Club will miss Doug.

Nathalia Angling Club

For our Monthly fishing trip the NAC with 40 enthusiastic anglers made tracks to the "Serenity" of Bonnie Doon Peppin Point Lake Eildon. We were blessed by the weather gods turning down the wind for a glorious sunbathed weekend.

Kevin Richards was crowned king angler for the weekend. Landing 1 cod 101cm, 2 cod at 58, 1 cod 48, I yella 52, 1 redfin 42, 4 small redfin and 4 trout. All fish were in pristine condition and all caught on the same lure except 1 trout. Kev was ably assisted by chief netter Mark Graham. Kev took home the \$200 voucher.

John Scott took out the \$100 prize for the biggest redfin measuring 43cm.

A couple of rare sightings were seen over the weekend. The first was Scotty and young Noah Butler along with Reggie Hudson and Col Bernhardt coming across an Echidna swimming across the lake. It was safely transported to the bank.

The second was by Rex James and John Scott watching a large wedge tail eagle flying into a tree grasping a cockatoo and dismembering it and disposing of the remains in the lake.

One not so rare was Black Duck running out of fuel after ignoring Tania's pleas to stop at numerous fuel stations. They were towed back to camp by Gav.

Another moment was Coog Chamberlain loosing the biggest

yella he has ever seen blaming his two mates Greg and Adrian for tangling all the lines. That yella got bigger as the night went on! We have already booked Peppin Point for next year. Thanks to Col and Coog for organising a great trip. The "Prez"







Kevin Richards with 101cm cod.











Picola Bowling Club News



MIDWEEK PENNANT

2 1 Nov 2023, Round 7 We played home to Tocumwal Golf, losing by 7 shots. Julie, Geoff D, Maureen and Trevor's rink losing 20-26. Karen P, Keith, Boxy and Karen M's rink losing 16-24. Sue, Bill, John and Gary's rink won 21-18.

28 Nov 2023, Round 8 We played home to Nathalia, losing by 7 shots. Karen P, Keith, Mary and Tony losing 21-24. Sue, Bill John and Helen losing 18-22. Julie, Geoff D, Maureen and Trevor drew 18-18. **5 Dec 2023, Round 9** Picola are away to Finley.

12 Dec 2023, Round 10 Picola are home to Barooga Sports. WEEKEND PENNANT

18 Nov 2023, Round 7 Division 2 played home to Numurkah. We had a close game losing by 8 shots. Keith, Jeff P, Karen P and Geoff D losing 19-20. Bruce, Tony, Max and Roy losing 21-25. Archie, Boxy, Sue and John losing 20-23. **Division 5** played home to Cobram losing by 10 shots. Trevor, Geoffrey C, Aaron and Karen M losing 13-28. Julie, Gary, Wally and Maureen won 22-17.

25 Nov 2023, Round 8 Division 2 played home to Cobram. We had another close match losing by 6 shots. Bruce, Tony, Max and Roy's rink winning 29-17. Keith, Jeff P, John and Geoff D's rink losing 11-26. Archie, Sue, Boxy and Karen Ps rink losing 14-17. Division 5 played away to Barooga and came away with a win by 2 shots. Bill, Helen, Aaron and Maureen won 17-16. Julie, Mary, Wally and Geoffrey C won 20-19.

ROUND 9, 2 DEC 2023 Div 2 are away to Barooga Sports and Div 5 are home to Numurkah.

ROUND 10, 9 DEC 2023 Div 2 are away to Finley and Div 5 are away to Nathalia.

Christmas Breakup will be at Picola Bowling Club on 16 Dec 2023 for a BBQ lunch.All members and their families are welcome to attend. Please contact Bruce with numbers if you are attending for catering purposes.

Reminder Our Turkey Trot is on Wednesday 13th December, BBQ tea at 6pm for 6.30 start, will need helpers and salads please, taking entries as of now, 2 bowl Triples, 4 games x 6 ends.

Picola Bowling Club wish to convey our condolences to Marilyn, Peter, Jack and the extended Hutchins family on the passing of Doug. **GO PICOLA!**

In the Swing at Nathalia Golf Club



It was great to see the students from Nathalia secondary college back having a hit at the Golf Club. Going by all accounts the 25 students all had a great day and are keen to keep coming back. The Golf Club welcomes you all. It's great to see the young ones keen

to have a hit. Thanks to Helen Ginnivan, Ryan Bell and Brad Tinnings. *Thank you to our Sponsors Brereton's Bakery* -**WED**, **15th Nov** - six ladies played a nine hole stableford event. The winner was Lynette Lindsay with 18 pts. NTP went to Wendy Fulton - 2nd shot 9th hole.

FRI, 17th Nov - the ladies held their SWAGGERS event at Kyabram Parkland with over 70 other players from across the Region. Nathalia ladies Sonia Verlinden won 3rd Division with 43 pts and Nina Pell came in second with 40 pts, great scores ladies.

SUN, 19th Nov - the men played stableford. Stan Verlinden with 38 pts was the winner. John Drenen was R/Up with 37 pts and he also NTP.

WED, 22nd Nov - eight ladies played a nine hole stableford event, winner was Lynette Lindsay with 19 stableford pts. R/Up went to Nina Pell with 17 pts. Janet Pycroft was NTP. Trick shot of the day went to Heather Frostick bouncing of the trees and finishing in Janet's golf bag. FRI, 24th Nov - eleven players turned up for fun day. Great day had by all.

SUN, 26th Nov - The men played stableford, Gary Manley with 31 stableford pts was the winner. NTP went to Mark Sposito. *Good hitting all!*



Nathalia Golf Club Ladies (L-R) Sonia Verlinden, Nina Pell and Jenny Gould from Cobram-Barooga.

Nathalia Blue Jazz Basketball

Round 14: Nathalia Blue Jazz (Shaw) - 40 defeated Demons (Harding) - 18

As the end of the season fast approaches, every game is vitally important in our attempt to make finals and this game had the added pressure of being the last game for one of our players, Blayde Wiki



-King, who is moving away and will no longer be able to play in the team. After some words of encouragement,

the boys hit the court and you could see that they wanted to send their friend, and teammate, off in style. From the start, every single player was in and around the action as we controlled the court at both ends and played a great team game.

Just to show how important this game was to the boys, many of the players on the team achieved their highest stats in a single game this season. Whether it was scoring, assists, steals or rebounds they all played to their full potential and demonstrated how much they have developed, as both individual players and as a team.

Again, watching the boys play I was so proud of each and every one of them for the way the play the game, their sportsmanship and their commitment to each other and the team. Blayde's last game was fantastic to watch and the whole team earned the win for him on the night.

Blayde will be missed dearly by his teammates, the parents and by myself. He has brought so much to this group, both on and off the court, and we all have treasured having him as part of the team. We wish Blayde all the best in the future and he will always be a key member of this team.

To all the boys, well done on the win, you earned it on the night and you should all be incredibly pleased with your performance.

Back: (L-R) Assistant Coach Kyle James, Blair Watson, Ben Osler, Blayde Wiki-King, Coach Ben Shaw. Front: BJ Liu, Duane Shaw, Luke Nave, Tyson James. REAL ESTATE

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