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Nathalia FNC 2022 Debutante Balls

N FNC 2022 Debutante Balls were held at the Community Centre on Friday 25 and Saturday 26 November. For full report and more photos see pages 13-16.

Friday night Deb Set

Back Row L-R: Mayor Peter Lawless, Mason Cobbledick, Tahlia Woodland, Kobie Rahilly, Abby Commadeur, Ben Nave, Abby O'Connell

4th Row: Joshua McKay, Bella Sefton, Caleb Wilson, & Kiara Deverill, Osgar Quinane, Jordan Hopkins

3rd Row: Dwight Dabu, Kayley-Jayde Fordham, Toby Shilling, Julia Brown, Zac Bosse, Grace McKeown, Kerry Bourke, Francis Bourke

2nd Row: Page Boy Bohdi Bourke, Kairi Maynard, Callum McKeown, Chance Best, Bailey Plattfuss, Joshua Stephens, Charlie Dietrich, William Hoyle, Alexandra Laker, Flower Girl Tavia Kautai

Front Row: Sunday Landers, Karley Miller, Shannyn Penigilly, Jenna Mason.



Saturday night Deb Set

Back Row L-R: Trainer Laura Harvey-Hawkins, Cr Wayne Limbrick, Hayley Wigmore, Oliver Sheehan, Zara Limbrick, Gus Bramwell, Shaylee Patrick, Tyler Stephens, Trainer Maddison Pawlowicz

4th Row: Mia Bell, Charlie Sheehan, Aida Hickey, Ryan Wyatt, Nakia Broad, Kynan Bethall, Emily Woods, Max Frostick, Francis Bourke

3rd Row: Pam Limbrick, Cadence Armstrong, Zac Bosse, Porsha Stuart, Nathan Page, Hannah Sumerville, Darcy Conroy, Caitlin Verlin, Joshua Lindberg, Kerry Bourke

2nd Row: Page Boy Ryder Walsh, Tiana Bovalina, Caleb Jezewski, Patrick Miller, Regan Collins, Ned Bramwell, Oliver Masters, Jackson Harris, Kian Brereton, Elliot Binks, Flower Girl Hannah James

Front Row: Elly Tweed, Ella Bryant, Zoe Vanbreda, Mikayla Kelly, Grace Eddy.



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Upcoming Events

What's On Locally

November 19-December 17	Call the Cat Audrey: An exhibition exploring the theme of saleable art @ The G.R.A.I.N. Store
December 1—11	Howie Marshall O.A.M. Commemorative Exhibition 100 Years 1922 -2022 @ The G.R.A.I.N Store
December 2	The Murks - Perform @ The G.R.A.I.N. Store
December 10	Nathalia Christmas Market
December 25	Christmas Day (Sunday)
December 26	Boxing Day (Monday)
December 27	Christmas Holiday (Tuesday)
December 31	Nathalia New Years Eve Carnival
January 1	New Year's Day
January 2	New Year Holiday (Monday)
January 26	Australia Day (Thursday)
March	Rotary Show & Shine
April 8th	Easter Saturday Market & Bardi Gras

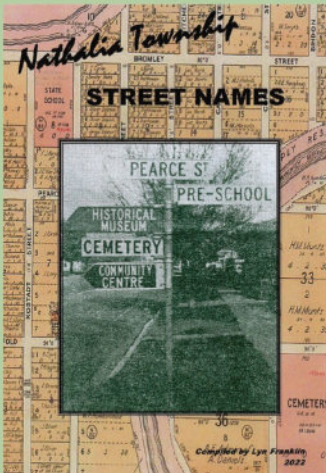
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NEW PUBLICATIONS By Local Historians

Christmas Gift Ideas!

Nathalia Township STREET NAMES

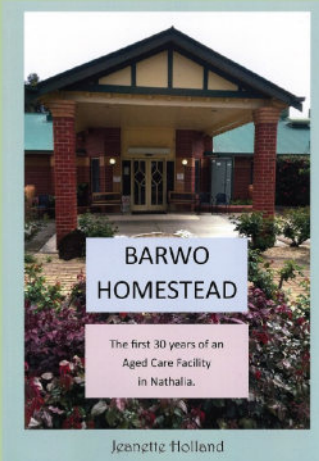


This book details the family history of Nathalia's 65 street names.

Compiled by Lyn Franklin

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BARWO HOMESTEAD



The first 30 years of an aged care facility in Nathalia

Compiled by Jeanette Holland

\$35.00

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Lions Club Make A Wish Presentation & Melvin Jones Award



Naomi Loughhead receiving Cheque from Lion Elvie Barnes.

The Lions Club of Nathalia and District held a social meeting at Waaia Hotel recently to present a cheque to the Make a Wish Foundation.

For over 20 years the Nathalia & District Lions Club have donated money to the foundation by conducting a collection at the Grand final of the Picola & District football league each year. The collection this year exceeded all expectations (almost double previous years) and the club proudly presented Make a wish Foundation representative Naomi Loughhead with a cheque for \$1,500.00. This money will be used to bring hope and joy to critically ill children and their families and allow the children to receive life changing wishes.

Also, at the meeting Lion Roger Muntz presented with a Melvin Jones Award by Past District Governor's Omen Ndlovu and Steve Kazenwadel. The Melvin Jones award is named after the founder of Lions and is the highest form of recognition awarded by Lions Clubs International. Roger, is a charter member of the club, joining when the Club was formed in 1976. Roger along with his wife Mary have been involved with many

Lions projects over the last 46 years, including, Lions Secretary, New Year's Eve Carnival raffle co-Ordinator, Poultry Auction catering. Roger has always made himself available to serve the community as he pledged to do when he joined all those years ago.



Lion Roger Muntz with his award.

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Rotary Report

Unfortunately, the final H2H booking for the year...

has been cancelled, for a couple of reasons: the floods have created a mosquito problem in the area (viruses through these pests too), and the guests decided to postpone their rest and recuperation because of that, and for the fact that the patient's health is not the best at the moment. This is the third cancellation/postponement thanks to Mother Nature and there are no other bookings for a number of months...at this stage, anyway. Hopefully next year will have no problems and guests will be able to get the recuperation they need.

Our Hat Day meeting on November 16th went quite well, partners attended, and we even had a first time guest join us, sans hat. The very basic reports were given; rest of the evening was spent in Fellowship. The president asked our guest to judge the best hat so he "eenie meened" around the table, and Mark Oliver won some sweet treats which he shared with all in attendance. Money was raised for Australian Rotary Health.

Now for another myth:

Membership is by invitation only. Anyone can visit and join a Rotary club. There are no secret handshakes or "member only" rituals in Rotary. We accept members from all walks of life, and have no cultural or religious barriers or expectations. Meetings are open and everyone is welcome. If after attending a few meetings, you have shown interest in joining a club, and you are a person of good standing in the community, you will more than likely be asked to join.



On November 17th President Loula and member Ray went to the Secondary College to present the freshly engraved (with NSC as winners) perpetual debate trophy (Pictured above). Ray spoke about the history of the Ian Murphy Memorial Debate that ran for a good number of years and which District has recently not continued with, unfortunately. Loula then spoke and told why the Ray Butler Rotary debate was so named. Ray is a charter member of our Rotary club, was instrumental in getting the Ian Murphy Memorial Debates started, so it is most fitting that this new debate be named in his honour. Loula then presented the shield to Bronwyn Leslie.

There is no date yet for the next debate in 2023. The IGA Community Benefits presentations took place on November 23rd and President Loula was in attendance to collect Rotary's cheque. Thank you again, Ben and Catherine and also for continuing as naming rights sponsors of our Show and Shine and Swap Meet in March 2023.



We have finished selling Community Car Raffle tickets outside IGA but plan to sell such tickets at our stall at the Christmas Market on December 10th. All being well, we will have the major prize on display also. This will be the last chance to be in the running to win the Hyundai i30 Active so please come along and buy some tickets...and perhaps have a chat about Rotary also.



Pictured Right: Ray Butler with the Perpetual Debate trophy



MEALS ON WHEELS 2nd December to 16th December

December	
Friday 2nd	Patricia Hawks
Monday 5th	Margaret Cobbledick
Tuesday 6th	VOLUNTEER REQUIRED
Wednesday 7th	Laurel Dimond & Leanne Caldwell
Thursday 8th	Heather Frostick
Friday 9th	Sue Lowe
Monday 12th	St Mary's of the Angels
Tuesday 13th	Kevin & Nina Pell
Wednesday 14th	Sue Logie
Thursday 15th	Fay Hutchins
Friday 16th	David & Cheryl McKenzie

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

**Laura, Volunteer Programs Co-ordinator - MHA Care
Phone 03 5742 1111**



CHURCH TIMES

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Nathalia MASS TIME 9am SUNDAYS

NATHALIA UNITING CHURCH
Margaret Cobbledick Ph: 5866 2037

December 4th: 9.30am Empty Christmas Tree/Children Service
Please contribute toys & food for Welfare Christmas gifts

December 11th: 9.30am Service

Picola

December 11th: 9.00am

HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH - NATHALIA
Reverend Helen Malcolm

December 4th: 8.00am Holy Communion

December 11th: 8.00am Holy Communion

St Paul's - Wakiti Creek

December 4th: 1.30pm Service Cancelled

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

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Every Saturday: Services 10am & 11.30am or Zoom.
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The Melbourne Cup & Live Entertainment



Melbourne Cup displays



Table centre pieces made by Allan.

Barwo's Melbourne Cup festivities were enjoyed by our residents. They all received front row seats to watch the 'Race that stops the Nation' which was followed by a lovely afternoon tea. Each table in the dining room had an extra special centre piece, a horse and jockey, all beautifully made by Allan. This kept Allan quite busy leading up to the first Tuesday of November and he did a remarkable job with these. We also received an afternoon live performance from Rachel & Marcel who captivated their audience as our residents were bopping and tapping to the beat and singing along to the songs.



Enjoying a performance by Rachel & Marcel.



Ready to watch the Melbourne Cup.

Musical Instruments 1

Find and circle all of the musical instruments that are hidden in the grid. The remaining letters spell a secret message.

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| CABASAS | FLUTE | OBOE | VEENA |
| CELLO | FRENCH HORN | LOUD | VIBRAPHONE |
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Donation Thank You

A very belated thank you to the Nathalia Women's Health Group and Rotary Club of Nathalia for their donation of \$150 to the health service early last year.

The money was gratefully received and went into works happening in the gardens, which are looking fabulous.

Beat the Bite!

Japanese encephalitis virus (JEV) is spread to humans through mosquito bites.

It may cause a rare and potentially life-threatening infection of the brain.

Moira Shire Council is offering Japanese Encephalitis vaccination to eligible residents at centres across the shire. Vaccine is available to residents aged 2 months and above who:

- are living in temporary or flood damaged accommodation that may increase exposure to mosquitoes or;
- are engaged in the prolonged outdoor recovery efforts (clean up) of stagnant waters following floods or;
- spend significant time outdoors (four hours per day) for unavoidable work, recreational educational, or other essential activities.

Please call (03) 5871 9222 to schedule your appointment at one of the following sessions. Bookings are essential.

- Saturday 3 December – Numurkah
- Monday 5 December – Nathalia
- Tuesday 13 December – Cobram

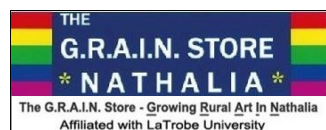


Most mosquitoes are just a nuisance, but some spread disease, however, there are simple ways you can beat the bite and protect yourself and your family:

- Wear loose-fitting clothing when outdoors.
- Use mosquito repellent that contains picaridin or DEET
- Ensure your house is mozzie proof
- Remove stagnant water from around your home, so mozzies can't breed. For example, turn over wheelbarrows, throw out old flower pots, keep gutters clean and swimming pools well maintained.

What's on at The G.R.A.I.N Store

G.R.A.I.N. Store final First Friday Performance for 2022... start December with joy... appreciate our own.



Come join us and indie band The Murks... great name; great musicianship; great original songs and a great evening.



Outdoors in the wonderful Nathalia twilight.

Yes you will need to be mosquito prepared.

Olive has done a wonderful job with the "paddock"... Maddie's bar is illuminated a treat..

6.30 arrival for 7pm start, with food ready when you arrive. Tickets \$20 and concession.

And as soon as Christmas is over come New Years Eve... be prepared to contribute to three unique Nathalia art pieces... and start thinking of a song to share in our Record Platter spotlights through out New Years Eve.



Moira Shire Hard Rubbish Collection for Barmah

Moira Shire Council are undertaking hard waste collection for residents of Barmah for any properties that have been impacted by the recent floods.

From Monday 12th to Friday 16th December, our waste contractors will be collecting flood-affected waste from kerbsides in Barmah.

Houses will not be entered to collect debris. All items need to be placed on the kerbside. Please place items out for collection the night before to ensure wastes are collected.

Please register your pick up by calling 5871 9222 or email info@moira.vic.gov.au.

What we accept

- Carpets
- Whitegoods such as fridges, microwaves, washing machines, dryers and dishwashers
- Damaged fixtures such as cabinetry
- Furniture and other household goods
- Cooking equipment and business-related materials and goods including stoves, ovens
- Contained slurries and rubbish material (bagged, boxed, or contained)
- Food wastes and organic waste (contained)

What we can't accept

- Animal carcasses
- Cars, boats, caravans, and large rainwater tanks (>2000lt)
- Known hazardous materials and carcinogens
- Construction and demolition waste
- STRICTLY NO ASBESTOS.

There will also be no waste levy or gate fees at landfills accepting flood-affected waste from Moira Shire Council. This will apply until 31 December 2022. Flood-affected waste means any material deposited on a property by the floods, or damaged by the floods.

Caterpillar Corner

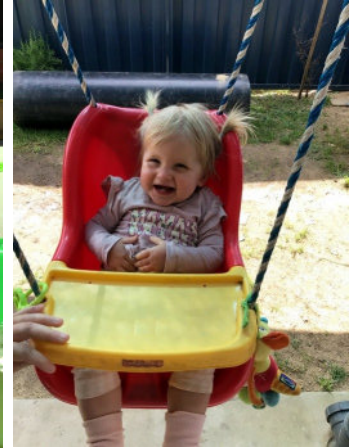


The discoverers room is showing so many milestones being reached from crawling to walking to talking as they explore their environment and use different resources with their senses and movements while giving more opportunity for open ended experiences to arise.

We have started beginning our Christmas craft and they are loving getting their creative artistic side out, getting paint from head to toe while having an absolute ball. This is linking to outcome 4.4.8 explore ideas and theories using imagination, creativity and play.

When it was warming up and the sun was shining, we were having spontaneous play with water experiences, giving more opportunities for children to experiment, discover, explore, create and investigate in a safe environment. While we incorporate natural resources such as picking mint and having conversations about how to pick the mint, teaching them to be aware of the impact of human activity in environments and the interdependence of living things.

We have loved watching the children grow from the start of the year to now getting closer to the end and seeing how much they have changed and the milestones they have reached along the way. We are so lucky to be able to be a part of each and every child's life and to guide them through their childcare journey.



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A visit to Kyabram Fauna Park



On Monday the 28th of November the Prep/One students from Nathalia Primary School went on an excursion to the Kyabram Fauna Park.

We started off with an interesting talk about the 'Lifecycles of Australian Animals' with Katelyn, where we met a green tree frog and a blue tongue lizard named Lizzy. The students were able to hold Lizzy the Lizard and see different bird and insect eggs up close in the education centre.

We spent the rest of the afternoon walking around looking at all the animals with the Kangaroos, Wombats, Dingoes and especially the Meerkats being the favourites.

We finished off the day with a play on the playground and drove back home on the bus for a well-earned rest! It was a great day for all involved.





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St Francis – New buildings opened



When the Sisters of the Missionaries of the Divine Motherhood (FMDM) established Catholic education in Nathalia back in 1961, they could never have dreamt of the wonderful facilities that would develop on each site.

Last week, St Francis Primary School officially opened their new Learning Centre, the 1.366-million-dollar redevelopment includes four general learning areas, meeting rooms, undercover learning, and a generous gathering space.

The impressive redevelopment was designed by the team from No. 42 architects, who have created a contemporary learning space which has transformed original classrooms into functional and dynamic learning hubs. Smaller breakout rooms with large round windows provide a focal point for the room, with tiered seating in one area proving very popular with students.

A spacious gathering area, which is large enough to accommodate the entire school, links the four classrooms together with a large kitchen facility at the end. The kitchen area will be used for catering, functions and for the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program.

Principal, Matt Knight quoted St Francis at the official opening. "He who works with his hands is a labourer. He who works with his hands and his head is a craftsman. He who works with his hands and his head, and his heart is an artist."



thrive and flourish in such a wonderful school environment," she said.

Principal of St Francis Nathalia, Matt Knight thanked the Missionaries of the Divine Motherhood Sisters, who were involved with the school for 33 years before addressing the students of St Francis.

"The gift of the FMDM Sisters to this area was their strong charism and faithfulness to the community. These sisters built and nurtured a



There is no doubt that St Francis would praise the many artists who contributed to the redevelopment, landscaping and construction of the Learning Centre which was officially blessed by Bishop Shane Mackinlay and opened by Fr Michael Grace and Fr Jophin Joy, the former and current Parish Priests of St Mary's, Nathalia.

Ms Sam Dowling, Chief People Officer at Catholic Education Sandhurst acknowledged the funding that the Government and the community of St Francis provided for the new facility.

"I sincerely hope you all you make the most of this opportunity and the wonderful learning opportunity it brings. You are all supported by these committed teachers and your parents, families who really want you



stimulating learning environment, and this new learning centre continues to promote these original Franciscan ideals. It honours our past and provides our current and future students opportunities to reach their full potential."

"For our students, the main reason for the refurbishment is to allow you to learn in a warm, welcoming and engaging environment. We refurbished outdated classrooms and created contemporary learning environments that are flexible and adaptable. This project showcases the care and compassion our staff, your parents and school community have by providing you with opportunities to live, lead and learn in a wonderful setting," he said.



Would you like to be a part of the Nathalia town Christmas decorations?

If you are feeling inspired, then all you need is a bike wheel and some Christmas decorations that can be out in the weather. **This year we request that all decorations be in the colours red, green & gold.**

When finished, drop your wheel off to Nathalia Preschool in Harcourt Street.

You could add solar lights for a night display, bows, baubles, artificial flowers, anything that reflects what Christmas is to you. But please remember the colours red, green & gold.

We are also looking for star pickets. If you could loan us some please drop them at preschool too.

Pictures are for inspiration.



U3A Film @ Night

U3A Film @ Night...last one for 2022
Summer of Soul US 2021

Winner of Oscar 2022 for Best Documentary

You may have heard of Woodstock 1969. Well this was the "other" festival...same year. No record.

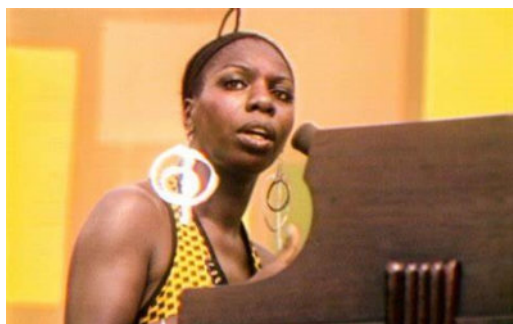
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Tickets: \$20 food and entry; \$15 entry only; \$10 concession

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Broken Creek Drama

A SPECIAL DAY

Katherine lay back on the pillow hoping Ted would bring her breakfast in bed. He normally treated her in this way on their wedding anniversary. Surely, he hadn't forgotten. Her memory drifted back to that day so many years ago when they exchanged their vows in the town's old wooden church. Shame it burnt to the ground a few years back. When she heard her beloved mowing the lawn, she rose out of bed and tucked into a bowl of cereal.

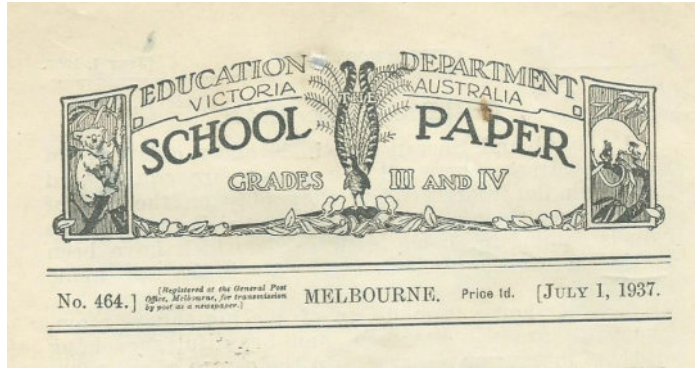
That evening, as they were about to sit down for tea Katherine couldn't wait any longer. 'Ted, you know today is a special day?' 'Strewth, Kath, I almost forgot,' replied Ted. 'It's bin night. I'll put them out straight away. It will only take a minute.'



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

Museum Moments...

I recently came across this article in an old school reader from 85 years ago, published in 1937. The content of the story will possibly be familiar to our more senior readers but it carries an interesting message for the younger ones.



Above.....The illustration which appeared in the School Paper.

THE WIND AND THE SUN.

One day a man was tramping along a road. It was a bright, fresh day, and he walked quickly. He did not know that the wind and the sun were looking down on him from the sky.

“Do you see that man down there with his overcoat on?” said the wind to the sun. “Would you like to see me take it off his back?”

“Could you do it?” said the sun. “I think I could too.”

“Oh, you are not fierce and strong enough,” said the wind. “Watch me.”

The sun therefore went behind a cloud, while the wind set to work. With all his force he blew on the man. The overcoat flapped and twisted around the man’s legs. The wind tried to get inside it and blow it right off the man’s shoulders.

“Ooh! What a wind!” said the man with a shiver. The harder it blew, the closer he wrapped his coat around him. He did up all the buttons and held the collar tight round his throat.

The wind nearly burst his cheeks with blowing, but he could not blow the coat off the man’s back. At last he gave it up.

Then the sun came out from behind the cloud. Very quietly he began to pour his rays down on to the man’s back. The man grew warmer and warmer.

“Oh!” said he, “how warm it has turned!”

He undid the buttons of his overcoat and let it hang loose. Still the sun shone, and the man again became too warm. At last he had to take his coat right off and carry it over his arm.

The sun had taken the coat right off his back! With his warm, gentle sunbeams, the sun had done what the wind could not do with all his bluster and strength.

We can do more by gentle kindness than by rough force.

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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Recognition of Service



Neroli Eddy (pictured left) and Kristy Limbrick (pictured right) were presented with a certificate of service by Chairman David Liddell at the Northern Victoria Finances Limited’s AGM held on Monday 21st November 2022 in recognition of their 8 years on the board to Community Bank – Nathalia and Numurkah Branches and the Nathalia Community Early Learning Centre.

Their contributions to the growth of both branches and the NCELC have been integral to securing the financial future of our community.

Both Neroli Eddy and Kristy Limbrick retired at the AGM having served on the board for 8 years.

Sensory play and self regulation development at Nathalia Preschool



Preparing the cornflour and water.



Slowing down to feel the mix as they pushed their hands through it.

Sensory self-regulation is the brain's ability to calm down or become more alert depending on the environment, task at hand, and social situation. The children at Nathalia Preschool have been developing their self-regulation skills with the support of our visiting Occupational Therapist and Speech Therapist throughout the year. The Zones of Regulation is an approach used to support the development of self-regulation in children. All the diverse ways children feel and the states of alertness they experience are categorized into four coloured zones. Green – ready to learn, Blue – feeling slow, unwell, Yellow – silly, frustrated, and Red – angry. On arrival the children place their photo in a colour zone and share why they have put their photo in that zone. This allows the children to vocalize their feeling and emotions to the educators and to each other. Throughout their session they can change zones as they meet challenges, relax, and engage.



Sharing the resources and their workspace .

With the sensory experience water provides, multiple sensory systems are targeted. It is an imaginative type of play that can foster critical thinking skills, improvements within fine and gross motor skills, regulation of emotions, and encouragement of social and language development.

The children share their learning space, working beside each other, sharing the resources. To extend on their learning, cornflour was added to the play. Using their hands to mix it together the children could run their hands through it and engage different with the mix as to the water.



Making a discovery - 'Look the water does not come out when my thumb is in the bottle.'



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Nathalia Show wrap up meeting postponed

Due to the uncertainty of the floods and now the busy times on farm, we have decided to leave our wrap up meeting/celebration until early in the new year, date TBC but likely early-mid January.

We are so grateful that we were able to have our Show before the devastating rain hit, nearly every other local show has been cancelled since.





Nathalia Football Netball Club 2022 Debutante Balls

On the 25th and 26th of November, 33 debutante sets returned to our home, the Nathalia community centre, to celebrate the most spectacular 18th NFNC Debutante ball. Leveraging the theme of once upon a time, stories from our childhood came to life through the amazing lighting and decorations coordinated by Laura Bruce and intricate dances, set to the music of Disney classics, performed to perfection by our debutante sets. The scene for each night was set by the Paige Boys and Flower Girls. With Bodhi Bourke and Tavia Kautai on Friday, enthralled by the Nathalia Ball Fairytale and then dancing their way to dignitaries, and Ryder Walsh and Hannah James on Saturday, playfully engaging the crowd with their joy, as they were late, late for a very important date.



Kerry & Francis Bourke with Denise & David Liddell



Friday night's MC's, Wade Hicks & Nikita Pawlowicz



Tavia Kautai & Bohdi Bourke

combined old school romance and charm with songs from Disney classics including Beauty and the Beast, Enchanted and Tinkerbell. Special family members were then taught a lesson or two in rhythm as they joined their loved ones for a family dance, and the deb's entertained the crowd with a fun dance.

A special mention should be made here for our fairy godmothers (AKA dance trainers) Laura Harvey-Hawkins and Maddison Pawlowicz, not a step was out of place and this is due to your hard work. The formalities of the night then ended and the dance floor was filled with all, celebrating the greatest night in Nathalia's social calendar.



Saturday night's MC's Brodie Ross & Nikita Pawlowicz

Alysha Cornell, Rosina Gemmill, Maree Ross for being all round legends and Jeanette Hill, as always your photography captures the moments perfectly. There were many others who added to the night, but too many to be named, however we are grateful to you all and this night would not have occurred without you.



Hannah James & Ryder Walsh



Debutante Trainers, Maddison Pawlowicz & Laura Harvey-Hawkins



Nicole Reynolds & Regina Pawlowicz, part of the Deb Committee.

Undoubtable though, the stars of each night were the debutantes and their partners. Each and every one looked sensational and held themselves with grace and beauty as they glided down the steps and were presented to our special guests Francis Bourke and his wife Kerry and the Nathalia Football Netball Club President, David Liddell and his wife Denise and our very talented Deb trainees, Laura Harvey-Hawkins and Maddison Pawlowicz. We were also privileged to have representatives of the Moira Shire attending the Debutante Ball with Peter Lawless in attendance on Friday Night and Wayne Limbrick and his wife Pam in attendance on Saturday night.

Whilst we would love to say that these nights just happen, in addition to the people mentioned in the above, it is a cast of many that makes these nights come to life. The Nathalia Football Netball Club would like to thank our Deb committee members Nicole Reynolds, Nikita Pawlowicz, Simon Quarrell and Regina Pawlowicz, our design coordinator Laura Bruce, our MC's Wade Hicks, Nikita Pawlowicz and Brodie Ross. Paula Rudd, catering coordinator and her amazing team, Craig Kellow and Hayley Summerville and their teams of volunteers.



Some of the many volunteers.

Friday Night's Debutante Ball



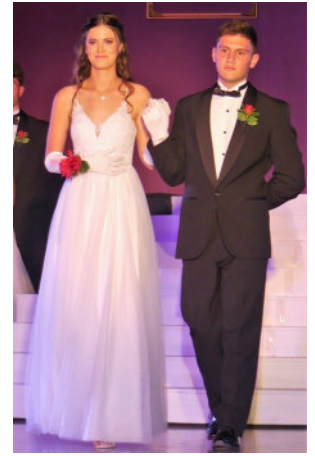
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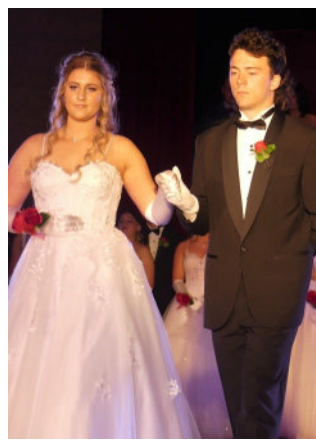
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Flower girl: Tavia Kautai
Page Boy: Bodhi Bourke

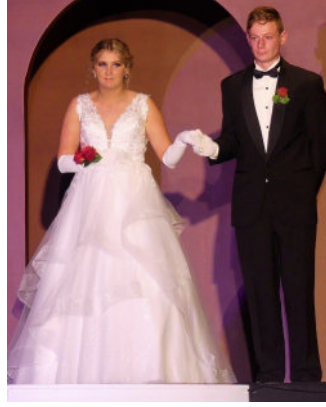
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Hannah Summerville
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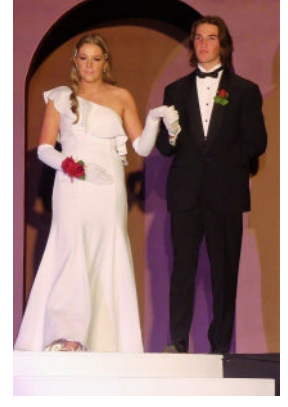
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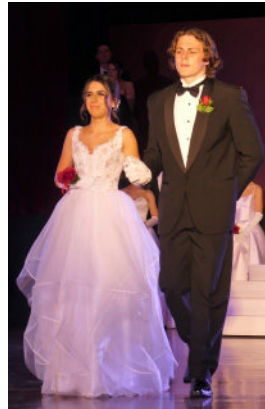
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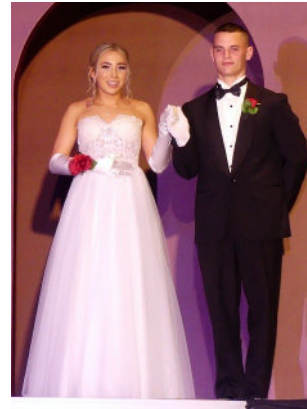
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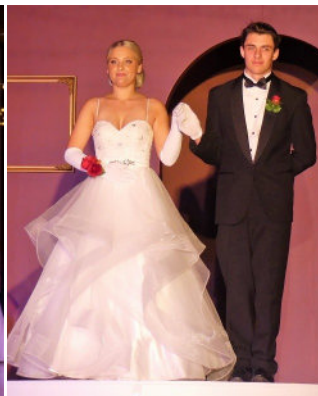
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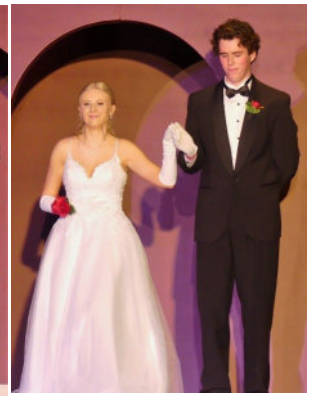
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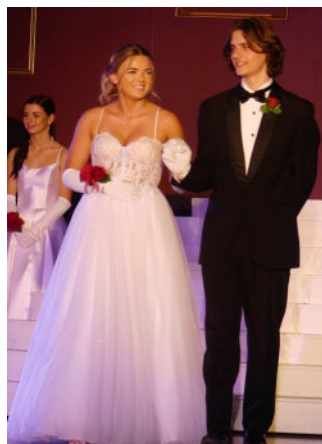
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& Charlie Sheehan



Flower Girl: Hannah James
Page Boy: Ryder Walsh

Nathalia Football Netball Club 2022 Debutante Balls



L-R: Darcy Conroy, Max Frostick, Gus Bramwell, Ned Bramwell, Charlie Sheehan, Oliver Sheehan



L-R: Hayley Wigmore, Hannah Summerville, Mia Bell, Elliot Binks, Emily Woods



Author Talk – Aunty Kella Robinson



- **When:** 8 Dec 2022 at 2:00pm – 3:00pm
- **Where:** Mooroopna Library 9-11 Morrell Street
- **Cost:** FREE
- **Contact:** 1300 374 765

At the Mooroopna Library.

Aunty Kella Robinson is a Wemba Wemba woman who completed her Master’s thesis in 2014, when she attended Deakin University. The thesis was about the life of her kinship mother, Alice Kelly. Aunty Kella wrote, “Mum’s story shows how Aboriginal families were able to triumph, despite the oppression of colonial rule.”

Over the past two years, Aunty Kella has worked in collaboration with writer and co-editor, Lyn Loger, to turn that work into a book that includes her wider family. The book revolves about her family’s journeying on and beyond her grandfather’s Wongaibon country - the Ngiyampaa Dry Country people from Central West New South Wales. It documents the harsh impact of colonialism, while “...celebrating the capacity of Aboriginal people to survive.”

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Copies of the book will be available for purchase at the event for 30. Cash only.

Aunty Kella’s connection to Nathalia: Aunty Kella Robinson was the Nathalia Bardi Gras Storyteller for a number of years. Aunty Kella chose Nathalia Printers to publish her book.



Probus News

President David McKenzie welcomed members to the November Probus meeting which was held in the Nathalia Angling Club rooms.

Unfortunately the planned trip to Bernie Ryan’s Home, Bonshaw, had to be postponed until the New Year.

Our regular joke and story teller, Bob Bramwell, kept everyone happy with his stories and jokes. Just a couple of examples: ‘What did one eye

say to the other eye? There is something between us and it smells’. A Nonsense Story – featuring words that sound the same but have different meanings:

A prisoner was confined in a cell with no door or windows, just a table.

He rubbed his hands together until they were sore.

He used the saw to cut the table in half.

Two halves make a whole.

He crawled out through the hole.

He then shouted until he was hoarse and jumped on the horse and road away.

The happy winner this month’s competition was Anne Bell.

The activity for the day was Trivia. Four groups competed for the prizes which were awarded after 3 games.

Members and friends will meet at Brereton’s Bakery at 10.30 am for coffee and a chat.

On 13th December members and friends will travel by coach to the Picola Hotel for a traditional Xmas lunch.

Howie Marshall O.A.M. Commemorative Exhibition 100 Years 1922 -2022

Feel welcome to drop in at the G.R.A.I.N. Store Art Gallery, the Community Art Gallery section at the back, so see an exhibition about Howie Marshall’s life. The exhibition starts today, Thursday December 1st and finishes on December, 11th.

Howie excelled as a dedicated amateur botanist; he left us a priceless legacy of knowledge about our local flora. Nathalia Wildflower Group now carries that legacy forward and honours his work with this exhibition.

Howie was a great environmentalist. His unique life is recorded in his autobiography, *The Way It Was*; the book details how he built his own home on his property at Waaia and also made nearly everything he needed. You can view it at the exhibition and buy a copy at the Barmah Forest Heritage and Education Centre in the main street. The book, always popular, has been reprinted many times.

Howie, full name, Arthur Howie Marshall, died in 2016, at 94 years of age, having lived much of his life in almost complete self subsistence; he had no power connected to his house for heating and cooling. The old combustion stove provided heating and on the hottest of days, even into his nineties, he sat by his potting shed outside in the shade, quietly dozing, reading his newspapers and listening to his battery operated radio. It was a crystal set when he was younger and, yes, he made that too.

The G.R.A.I.N. Store is open from Thursday to Saturdays from 11 – 4pm. However, on Sunday the 11th December, Nathalia Wildflower Group is providing an afternoon tea at 2pm. You are invited to come along and join us for a cuppa, listen to/share some stories about Howie and catch up with old friends or meet new ones. We look forward to seeing you.

Howie was a great craftsman, on form and function he built his strong foundation – however, it’s the creative arts that now blossom in the Nathalia Wildflower Group members; their love of the environment is featured in this exhibition through art, photography and poetry.

~ Lyn Loger on behalf of Nathalia Wildflower Group



Now and Then

It is with great sadness that I hear of the continuing flood problems and the devastation it is causing. Although we have had landslides and flooding in Tasmania they do not last so long.

For many years my husband George and I were residents of Nathalia, where we both very involved in community, living firstly on the farm at Lower Moira where children Kristin and Roger were born, before moving into Nathalia where we were involved in the building industry before establishing Woodbine Gardens Nursery. We retired to Maldon in 2003 where George passed away in 2006.

In 2015 I married Richard Mack and moved to Castlemaine. While in Castlemaine I continued in my love of plants by designing gardens for several clients.

After some overseas travel and visiting Tasmania we decided (after two years of hesitation) to make the move to Deloraine in Tasmania with views of the magnificent Great Western Tiers. With wonderful deep red soil, and good rainfall it is a gardener's paradise! There we created a beautiful garden on a double block but as years advanced it became more than we wanted to maintain.

So as a suitable property was not available in Deloraine at the time, we now live in Longford which is fifteen minutes out of the city of Launceston where we have a really lovely established, but smaller garden and house. Our garden has a fascinating succession of plants, with hellebores in winter followed by daffodils, tulips, aquilegias, irises, lilliums, roses, lavenders and various perennials. Also in the garden is a large old weeping cherry, a magnolia, silver birches, camellias and various shrubs.



Rosalie Young at Tessellated Pavements Tasmania

We are involved in two local garden clubs and have both run classes in U3A, Richard in a wide range of History subjects and mine in Garden Design.

Launceston has the benefits of all the services we need with a wonderful range of restaurants and shops plus a large hospital and specialist care. Launceston is considerably warmer than Hobart and an added benefit is that it usually takes no longer than ten minutes to drive from one side to the other. Historic buildings in both Launceston and Hobart have in most cases been faithfully preserved.

Tasmania is a truly amazing place to live with a huge range of climatic conditions but always with beautiful mountains to see. Nearly a third of the state is wilderness forest where the only way in is to walk. There is always the ongoing battle to preserve this very special environment as so little is left elsewhere in the world. The west coast receives more rain and has the cleanest air in the world with the nearest landmass being South America. The central plains area is known for it's fine wool production. In the areas to the north mainly between Deloraine and Devonport a huge range of vegetables, fruit and crops are grown. These include potatoes, carrots, onions and crops of pyrethrum, opium poppies, hemp, chickory and



Richard & Rosalie on the West Coast Railway

achinacea, apples, cherries and soft fruits, along with ever increasing amounts of berries (strawberries, blueberries, raspberries etc) There are large dairy farms plus beef, sheep and wheat.

Tasmania is known for it's high quality cool climate wines and has a large number of gin and whisky distilleries and boutique beer companies. Tourism is in high focus and there are many really beautiful places to stay. There are sandy beaches, wilderness, rocky mountains, limestone caves and the more sedate restaurant and shopping city visits, but everywhere, beautiful landscapes.

Richard and I have a lot in common and are very happy here, the only downside being that water in between us and family and friends! I will always remember with great fondness, my life in Nathalia and really enjoy reading the Red Gum Courier online seeing so many familiar faces.

~ Rosalie Young



Family at Brickendon



Rosalie in the Botanical Gardens, Hobart.

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Nathalia Secondary College News

Congratulations to Brayen Lee, Tash Morgan, Mason Cobbledick and Ainsleigh Banner for being appointed as the 2023 School Leaders of Nathalia Secondary College. All four students presented themselves excellently in their interviews, clearly articulating why they are passionate about our college and are

hopeful to make a positive impact on the school next year. During our Year 12 final assembly, we presented several students with awards to acknowledge their efforts throughout the year. We congratulate each award winner, you should be proud of your achievements this year.

2023 College Captains



Ainsleigh, Mason, Tash & Brayen



Bridget Cobbledick Memorial




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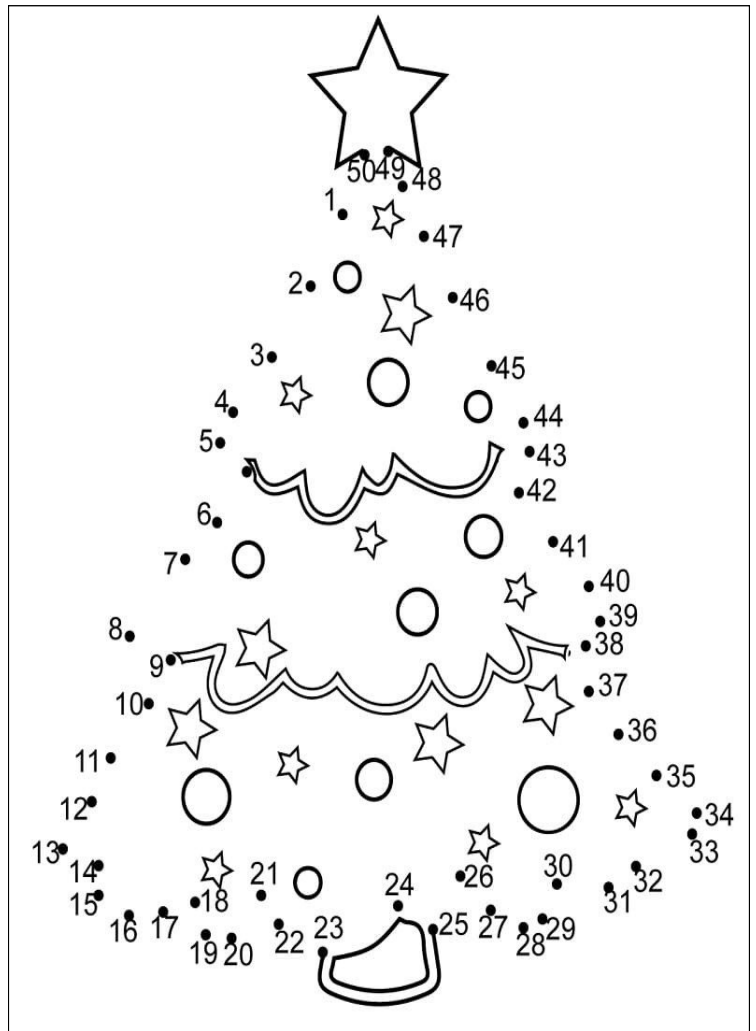
Christmas Word Search

Can you find the words hidden in the puzzle?



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The temporary speed reduction has been approved under Schedule 11 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

For more information please contact Council on 5871 9222.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Ukulele Group AT OPEN CAFÉ

Nathalia Uniting Church will be having the 'Yarrowonga Ukulele Group' performing for us at our next cuppa on the 8th of December!

All welcome!

CHRISTMAS BREAK UP: Thursday the 15th Dec will be our last cuppa for the year, restarting 2nd Feb 2023.



Christmas Eve Carol Service

December 24th at 7.30pm

Looking for something special to do Christmas Eve?

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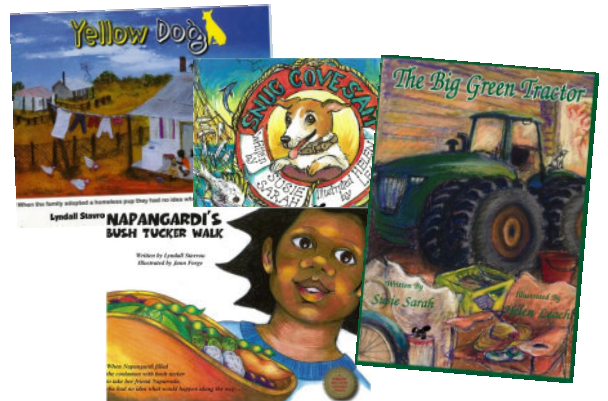
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Gap Year

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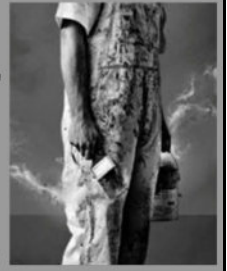
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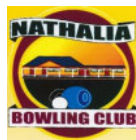

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Nathalia Bowling Club News



Due to the Victorian Lawn Bowls Open being played from 18th November, 2022 to 25th November, 2022 Pennant was not played during this time. The Open was played in the Greater Shepparton Region at Bowling Clubs in region, including the Moira Shire. The Open attracts Interstate and International players. **SATURDAY PENNANT** resumed on 26th November with Nathalia playing Cobram at home. Nathalia had a good win on all rinks taking the 16 points and moving into 4th place on the Ladder. **MIDWEEK PENNANT** resumed on Tuesday 29th November, 2022 with Nathalia 1 playing Tocumwal Golf 3 at Tocumwal winning 54 shots to 52, gaining 14 points for the day and now placed 6th on the ladder.

BAREFOOT BOWLS kicked off again on the Friday 18th November. Twenty Barefooters enjoyed playing two games of eight ends. The

winners on the night were Sue Jameson, Wendy Terry and Margaret Coghlan. On Friday 25th, fourteen Barefooters enjoyed the mild conditions in the evening. The winners were Paul and Angela. A BBQ was provided and enjoyed by all. Next Barefoot night is Friday 4th November.

Bev Hutchins and Fiona Rourke played in the Murray Region Section of the Victorian State Pairs on Sunday 27th November at Barooga and unfortunately, went down by 1 shot – 12/13 to Ann Dealy and Pam Smith from Numurkah. Great effort by our girls.

The Bowling Club is very pleased to announce that we have received a grant from the **Community Bank Nathalia and Community Enterprise Foundation** of \$4,502.00 to install CCTV System. We thank the Bank for the support that they give to our community.

Women's & Youth Girls Football Preseason Begins

Nathalia Football Netball Club Women's and Youth Girl Footballers are gearing up for season 2023, with preseason kicking off this Friday, the 2nd of December.



We are very excited to be once again supporting a Youth Girls U18's team, the club has not had a youth team for a few years now and we are pleased that there has been interest for this to get up and running again. If you are at all interested in joining either the women's or youth girls team, you are welcome to come down and join in at training - commencing this Friday at 6.00 pm on the Small oval at Nathalia Recreation Reserve, we would love to see some new faces.

Nathalia Lawn Tennis Club Report



Saturday 19th Nov - Go Hot Shots and Junior

teams: Again they played while the afternoon competition was washed out.

Saturday 26th November

GMLTA Division 3:

Nathalia vs Kyabram at Nathalia.

Final score, a comfortable win for Nathalia, 11 sets 91 games Kyabram 3 sets 58 games.

Congratulations to our three set winners, Kim McPherson and Nick Bakogianis. The men used five players which diluted the three set winners.

GMLTA Division 4: Nathalia vs Kyabram at Nathalia.

Final score, Nathalia by the narrowest margin possible, 7 sets, 69 games to Kyabram 6 sets, 68 games. The team with the most games wins, if the games are level then the most sets determine the winner.

Congratulations to our three set winners, Leonie Holmes and Daniel Sullivan.

Many thanks to the 'fill ins' on both teams that made the best day for tennis this season such a success.

GMLTA Division 1: An understaffed Velvet Tigers side handed in a limp performance against its Goulburn Murray Lawn Tennis Association division one nemesis Numurkah at Nathalia on Saturday, with the VTs failing to secure even a single set.

It was a rematch of 2021-22 grand final, in which the Nathalia/Shepparton Velvet Tigers performed honorably, but suffered a



Nathalia Hot Shots in action.

comprehensive loss. Saturday's showing from the Velvet Tigers could not be described as honorable, they lost 0-46 to 12-96 to the Numurkah Warriors, even with the benefit of the lightning fast and beautifully prepared home courts.

The Velvet Tigers were without their number one man Jarrod Bingham, number one woman Eliza Bingham, rising star Jinaya Nurse and reliable veteran Mick Luca, but the absences could hardly explain the savaging at the hands of the Warriors, certainly not in its entirety.

Numurkah Warriors captain and club coach for Numurkah and Nathalia among other clubs, Mark Mills, filled in for the Velvet Tigers and was the Velvet Tigers best player on the day. He scrounged six games in the number two singles against Nick Fenaughty and five in the reverse

doubles alongside Joe Nihill, although the loss was a failure from Mills and Nihill to convert the VTs best opportunity of winning a set.

Laura Booth performed admirably in her first showing at the number one position in the top grade and displayed form that would have most number two players in the competition, but her opponent, Maggie Snowden, proved too strong in all three sets.

Poor Darcy Mintern, a Shepparton Lawn junior finding his feet in senior tennis had a tough day filling in for the Velvs,

but showed sportsmanship and spirit all day and glimpses of his burgeoning talent, and after a slow start Sam McKenzie-McHarg played well against an outstanding opponent in his singles and mixed doubles sets against Wangaratta import Aaron Breust.

Ned Nihill played his first match for the season and shook off some rust with better things to follow in the coming weeks, but beyond that, it was a dark, dark day for the Purple Velvet.

Despite two harrowing maulings from three matches in the weather interrupted start to season, the Velvet Tigers somehow find themselves fourth in the standings.

The VTs will be hoping for a much-needed respite this weekend in a home clash against the Shepparton Lawn Average Joes.

Nathalia Blue Jazz Basketball Round 10

**Round 10: Nathalia Blue Jazz (Shaw) - 14
defeated by Tigers U14s (Hicks) - 27**

Coming off of a win in round 9, the boys were very excited to get out on the court and give it everything and faced with a very tall and skilled opposition, Tigers (Hicks), they were certainly going to have to.

Right from the jump, both teams pressed hard and defended well, therefore neither side found scoring easy in the first half. Our boys played another fantastic team game, running together, sharing the ball and trying to find the openings.

At the start of the second half we were just behind on the scoreboard, until the boys turned on the heat. They used their defensive pressure to force the opposition to turn over the ball, then once in possession they used their speed and ball movement to get into scoring positions and we took a narrow lead.

Unfortunately, the Tigers then pushed back hard and hit the scoreboard fast and often. Our boys tried everything and put up numerous shots, but they just couldn't find the basket.

Blair Watson ran hard all game, covering every inch of the court and was involved in moving the ball from our defensive end into our offence.

Tyson James was again great to watch, pressing

hard on the Tigers players, using the ball well and scoring a basket.

Harrison Halden played a strong game for our team again, he scored four buckets and tried hard all the way until the final buzzer.

Duane Shaw had plenty of the ball and helped set up a lot of plays. He put up a number of shots and played a strong team game.

After missing last week's game Hayden Feltham stepped onto the court and played an outstanding game. Getting heaps of offensive and defensive rebounds, making clever passes and shooting a goal.

Jaxon Walsh put in a big effort for his team. Using his dribbling skills to weave around the Tigers team and get us down the court.

Tyrell James was again a huge contributor to the team. He has become our key defender

and always makes it hard for the opposition to score. He also charged down to our end and scored for the team.

The boys efforts in the game, were again incredible, their team work, determination, and fundamental skills improve every week. The spectators and myself love watching these boys play the game and we are all proud of the way they never give up.

Next week is our last game for the season and I can't wait to see the boys in action one more time.



In the Swing at Nathalia Golf Club

Wednesday November 16: No golf at Nathalia, but six players went back to Cobram-Barooga golf club for a hit and Played the West course.

Good day had by all, even the kangaroos were having a great time, plus a 7 foot red belly black snake put in an appearance. Thanks Cobram-Barooga Golf Club for a great day.

SUNDAY November 20: Four players turned up for a hit.

TUESDAY November 22: The Ladies went to Kyabram Parklands to play, the woman's 4 ball best ball stableford. Winners were Sonia Verlinden and Nancy Dunn from Nathalia won with a total score of 50 points.

WEDNESDAY November 23: Playing for the first time back at Nathalia since the floods, twelve players turned up for a hit. A great day was had by all.

FRIDAY November 25: A fun day back in full swing eleven players turned up and Played a 9 hole Ambrose.

SUNDAY November 27: Six players turned up to play an altered version of the course. John Drenen won the day with 37 stableford points, Tony Brown was second with 33 points. No NTP on the new temporary water hazard.

Scores will not be recorded with GA as course is not of a legal length. Everybody is welcome to come and have a hit, but the 9th and 18th hole are still unplayable due to the floods, all the rest of course is playable.

Thank you to Denis Dunn, Mark Sposito, John West and Brent Wickes for doing a great job cleaning up the fairways, if you would like to help... there always something to do!

Good hitting everyone.

Picola Lawn Bowls Report

First I would like to thank our greens keeper Mark Box for the extra work he has to undertake because of the birds destroying our greens.



Happenings since our last report - **Pennant Division 3** had a 4 shots win over Berrigan: Bruce Agnew's rink won by 6 shots 21-15, Keith Berger's rink lost by 1, 17-18 and Sue Jamison's rink also losing by 1 shot 19-20.

Division 5 traveled to Barooga and lost by 16 shots. Trevor Cobbedick's rink - losing 15-23 and Gary Manley's rink lost 19-27.

Midweek Pennant played at home against Tocumwal Golf 2 and won by 1 shot, 61-60.

Karen Peacock's rink 15-22, Sue Jamison's rink a win 24-21 and Julie's Berger's rink winning 22-17. Well played.

Congratulations to the men's trade day which was sponsored by Picola Hotel and a very successful day.

Currently the members are playing off in the club championships, with some well contested games.

To members, if you have not played yet - please get in touch with who ever you are listed to play ASAP.

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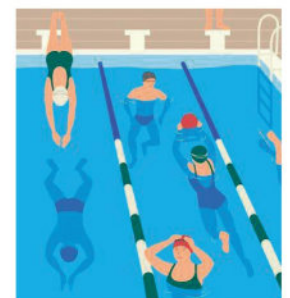


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