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Local Australia Day Awards

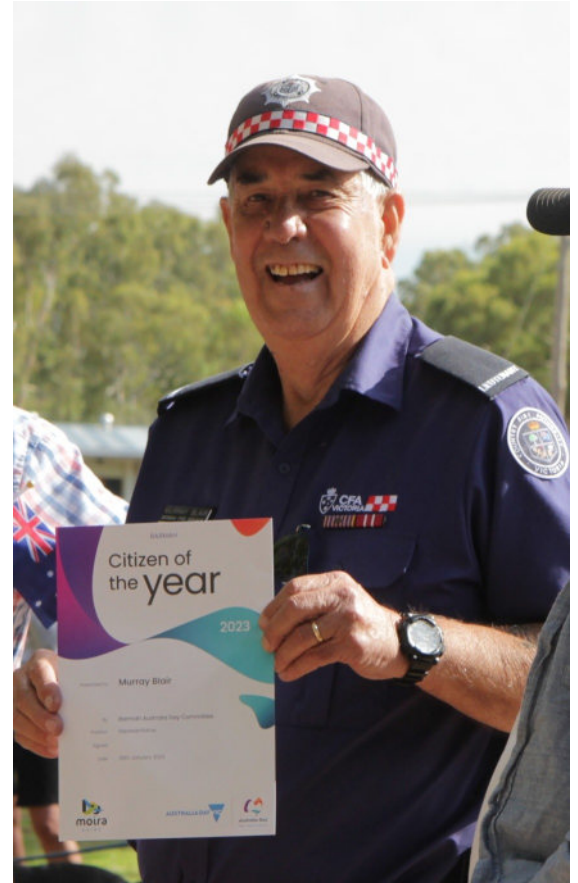
*Left: Nathalia's Citizen of the
Year: Mary Wilson.*

*Right: Barmah's Citizen of the
Year: Murray Blair*

*Below left: Community Event of
the Year Winner: Nathalia &
District Preschool Early
Childhood Road Safety Program*

*Below right: Community
Organisation of the Year:
Nathalia Bowling Club*

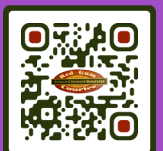
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MOIRA ACHIEVER AWARDS

Nominate Now for the Moira Community Achiever Awards

Nominations are currently open
for the shining stars in our community.

Nominate an individual, community group, event or project
which shows outstanding achievement and dedication to the
community.

Our achievers will shine bright at an inclusive awards celebration
hosted by Council for nominees and their guests in April.

There are five award categories open for nominations.

Nominations close 20 March 2023

For further information please go to Council's website:
www.moira.vic.gov.au

Telecommunications remains a constant issue for constituents across our region.

Your postcode should not limit the quality and
competitiveness of your mobile services and
coverage needs to keep pace with advancing
technologies and growing populations. While the
Coalition Government funded more than 1200
new or upgraded mobile phone towers, there is
more to do. That's why I'm calling on the
Albanese Government to ensure telco towers can
be shared and be used by all telco customers,
no matter what provider they are with or where
they are located. I will also continue to push for
telco investment in regional services.



Health Funding

I've returned to Canberra this week and I am ready for another big year
working hard for Nicholls. Once again I called on the Labor Government to
fund the G-V Rural Clinical Health School.

The School would:

- Offer undergraduate and postgraduate opportunities for more
people to take up a career in health
- Provide the people of Nicholls with the health care services
they need and deserve by increasing the number of nurses and
allied health staff working locally
- A partnership between La Trobe University and Goulburn
Valley Health would provide the next generation with more
training and employment opportunities in health for decades to come.

Sam BIRRELL MP

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THE NATIONALS for Regional Australia



Community Update



Community Strengthening Grants Application Assistance Sessions

Are you looking for help in completing
your Community Strengthening Grant
application? Our one-on-one Application
Assistance sessions are here to assist
you through the process. Council will be
offering these sessions by appointment
in the four major towns of Numurkah,
Nathalia, Yarrawonga and Cobram. Please
visit our website or call (03) 5871 9222 to
learn more and book your appointment.

Community Strengthening Grants NOW OPEN



2023/24 Budget Consultation

Help shape our budget for 2023/24
and beyond.
We want to hear your ideas for the
future of the Moira Shire. You can
simply rank your budget priorities or
make a fully scoped budget proposal.
Community consultation closes
TONIGHT. Visit our website for
more information.

Community Engagement Policy Review

Council's Community Engagement Draft Policy is
now open for community
feedback. We want to
hear your thoughts on
the draft policy and how
you like to engage with
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consultation closes **15
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Council Meeting- February

The next scheduled meeting of Council will be at 4.30pm on
Wednesday 22 February at the Cobram Civic Centre. This meeting
will be open to the public as well as being livestreamed on our
Facebook page. Questions from the
public must be submitted using the
Questions of Council form on our
website by 4.30pm the Monday prior to
the meeting. Submitted questions will
be read at the designated section of the
meeting and answered by the CEO.



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New Year Welcome



It's a full house at St Mary of the Angels Secondary College who are thrilled to welcome a number of fresh new faces as well as returning familiar faces to the College Community in 2023.

The College welcomes back Alumni Nicole Brown and Kloe O'Keefe as well as some other very familiar favourites, Ruth Hartnett-Carr and Paul Congues as well as Fiona Nichols and Paul Bugoss who return after their break.

St Mary of the Angels Secondary College Graduate, Sarah Brooks commences as the 2023 Education Support Trainee.

New staff members Margot Craig, Courtney Cunningham, Chris Falvey, Lachlan Heycox, Bec Mulholland, Brooke Prust, James Rogerson, Olivia Sorbello, Andrew Ciavarella and Katie Keys also joined the team working across English, Art, Wood Technology, Humanities and Legal Studies, Information Technology, Applied Learning, Foods, Science, Fabrics, and Maths subject areas.

St Mary of the Angels Secondary College Principal, Matt Carver said, "We offer our warmest welcome to our new and returning staff as we commence the 2023 year hope filled and invigorated. It's wonderful to have our students back on site from the Christmas break as we embrace the busyness of our vibrant daily College activity once again."



New and newly returning staff members at St Mary of the Angels Secondary College
 Back row (L-R): Andrew Ciavarella, James Rogerson, Ethan Wilson, Andy Portia, Louise Hall, Lachlan Heycox, Olivia Sorbello, Tamara Grey Noble and Sarah Brooks.
 Front Row: Neil Heywood, Chris Falvey, Tom Scawen, Courtney Cunningham, Margot Craig, Brooke Prust and Beck Mulholland.
 (Absent; Ruth Hartnett-Carr, Paul Bugoss and Katie Keys).

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 Wednesdays
 \$6 Delivery fee, Minimum spend \$40, Orders placed by 8am for delivery 10am-1pm
Barmah/Picola/Picola West:
 Thursdays
 \$6 Delivery fee, Minimum spend \$40, Orders placed by 10am for delivery 12-6pm

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 Place order by 2pm - Collect between 4pm-6pm
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Caterpillar Corner

From the beginning of the year, we have been overwhelmed with so many new families starting care. It has been a journey, up and down of emotions, although so rewarding to observe the progress we have made with children and families, by reflecting our service beliefs and ensuring we form positive connections with all, which is evidently demonstrated.

We developed a sense of belonging by forming strong connections with the ones



around us, developing a family wall, responding to all cues and needs, comforting and reassurance when needed, and most of all making all feel confident and involved within the service and community.

As a service we promote indoor / outdoor play which promotes children to have choice, decision making and engage in the natural environment. The last few weeks we have engaged in lots of water play, chalk drawing, ball pits, playdough making and eating outdoors. This reflects our own service philosophy as we aim to promote children's choice and encourage decision making when possible.

Over the last month children have grown in all areas of development, especially confidence. We are excited to observe further learning and development as we continue to settle in.

Welcome back to 2023



MEALS ON WHEELS 10th - 24th February

February	
Friday 10th	Mary Agius
Monday 13th	St Mary of the Angels
Tuesday 14th	Kevin & Nina Pell
Wednesday 15th	Nathalia Primary School
Thursday 16th	Marlene Moor
Friday 17th	David & Cheryl McKenzie
Monday 20th	St Mary of the Angels
Tuesday 21st	Dawn Bowen & Patricia Hawks
Wednesday 22nd	Nathalia Primary School
Thursday 23rd	Carmen Gilson
Friday 24th	Graeme Smith

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

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PARISH
Ph: 5866 2694

Nathalia Parish Priest - Fr Jophin Joy
Nathalia Mass times:

Tuesdays: 9:15am - Reconciliation following Mass

Thursdays: 12:30pm

Sundays: 9:00am

Strathmerton

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

NATHALIA UNITING CHURCH

Margaret Cobbledick Ph: 5866 2037

February 12th: 9.30am

February 20th: 8.00am at Anglican Church

Picola

February 12th: 9.00am

HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH - NATHALIA

Locum Priest Fr. B. Slattey.

February 12th: 8.00am Holy Communion

February 19th: 8.00am Holy Trinity, Uniting Church to visit

St Paul's - Wakiti Creek

Services Cancelled for this month

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

Contact - Erik 0411 731 916

Every Saturday: Services 10am & 11.30am or Zoom.
124 Graham St., Shepparton.





Rotary Report

For a change a Rotary myth will start this article:
All Rotarians do is cook barbecues. Yes, we cook the world's best sausages but soon you'll realise that's not the only thing we do. Rotary clubs adopt many initiatives for raising funds to support their projects. Barbecues are a part of life in Australia, and it's true that they are one of the more visible methods by which Rotary clubs raise their funds, but behind the scenes there are many less obvious ways that hard working Rotarians raise their funds and contribute to the community.
 By the way, our club intends to have a few sausage sizzles during 2023; more on this when plans have been made.

Our last meeting, on February 1st, was again at the Picola Hotel and there were a total of twelve of us at the table. This number consisted of six of our members, a guest from Nathalia, three Rotarians from Numurkah and two from Shepparton South Rotary. There was plenty of Fellowship over meals, a little bit of local "business", some skiting from Numurkah club (and why not, with three Australia Day nominations and results, as well as a hugely successful fundraiser for a bus, that resulted in two buses due to funds well exceeding their wildest dreams!) as well as reminding us of their yearly art show that will take place during the March long weekend. Bill and Declan King from Shep. South joined us to talk about our Show and Shine; Bill will be the "boss" where judging cars, etc. are concerned and he has judges lined up in readiness. These people have many years' expertise, some even working in the automotive trade in some capacity. As for Bill, he has been exhibiting his cars for well over 20 years, at various car shows, and has won many trophies too. We are grateful for this help as I'm sure are the "roped in judges" from our past shows...they can relax; exhibitors will be glad of the professional judging of their vehicles no doubt. Other Show and Shine related matters were also discussed before the meeting finished.



Rotary Meeting at the Picola Hotel

We are due to have a guest speaker at our February 15th meeting and we look forward to hearing him speak. A paragraph will be included in the next Rotary News, with photo.

In my next article, I should have some information about Wheelchairs for Kids that I mentioned after our December meeting with our District Governor.

As well, there will be something written about our meeting at Waaia Hotel on 6th, which was a social evening with some Lions club members.

 <h2>What's On Locally</h2>	
February 9 - March 25	Call to Create: Water, exhibition @ the G.R.A.I.N. Store. Opening Event Feb 12
February 25 & 26	PUFNC Angling Classic
March 3	World Day of Prayer 10am @ Uniting Church
March 13	Labour Day
March 19	Rotary Show & Shine
April 1	Murray FNL & P&DFNL Round 1
April 2	Daylight Savings Ends
April 8	Easter Saturday Market & Bardi Gras
April 28 - 30	Barmah Muster
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Barwo Staffing Crisis

Barwo Homestead has been strongly supported by the Nathalia and District community for more than 30 years.

Recently Barwo sought more residents to move into the Homestead and this helped boost numbers.

Barwo is in a sound financial position and can continue to provide a valued service to the community.

Now Barwo is seeking more staff.

Nationally there is a staffing crisis with businesses and organisations struggling to recruit for all types of jobs.

Health care and community services are particularly affected.

With a stable and committed workforce, Barwo Homestead had not been affected by this, until now.

Due to unforeseen external circumstances two staff members have resigned which will leave Barwo short staffed from the beginning of March.

Recruitment of new staff is essential to maintain the high quality of care that Barwo provides.

Barwo urgently seeks people with care qualifications to assist to fill the void on a short term and long term permanent basis. Even a few hours a week would be beneficial.

Can you help? Please contact Lynda at Barwo on 5866 2574.

The Committee of Management of Barwo Homestead wishes to keep the community informed and has called a public meeting, to be held on Wednesday 22 February at 7pm at Nathalia Recreation Reserve. All are welcome.



Barwo residents enjoying a game of Bingo



Barwo residents were bopping and tapping to the beat and singing along to the songs from a live performance by Rachel & Marcel last November.

Moira Foodshare Opens For 2023

Moira Foodshare is excited to inform residents of the region that all services have now resumed for 2023.



“Our demand continues to significantly increase as times become tougher for residents facing floods, inflation and interest rate rise pressures. In 2022 we were able to rescue, purchase and then distribute over 200,000 kgs of food for our community” said James Rouel, Moira Foodshare Coordinator. Residents can access support in each of the towns we distribute to by following the information in the table below.

Location	Address	Hours (or contact info)
Nathalia PreSchool *School Terms only	25 Harcourt St, Nathalia	Wednesday 3.00pm - 4.00pm
Barmah	Contact Ky-lee Adams for support	0400 714 256

MHA Care CEO Michel Hogan said “Moira Foodshare is a program we are proud to operate. It has a tangible impact on the communities where we operate. The program has seen significant growth over the past three years with expansion into southern New South Wales”.

Moira Foodshare remains a community program that relies on donations of time and money to remain viable. We ask that any individual, business, or organisation that could support such an important community program to please contact James, our program coordinator.

Nathalia CFA News



Dear Nathalia Community,
We, the management team of the Nathalia Fire brigade (Nathalia CFA) address this open letter to our wider community to ask for your help.

The brigade has been struggling for people who volunteer their time as firefighters, and turn out to emergencies in our community, over recent times. We are now at a dire level, with limited numbers of operational firefighters able to respond to 000 calls. Several of our members have family, work and other obligations, and therefore we are often struggling to put enough people on a fire truck to respond when needed, especially during the day.

We need the help of our community to continue to provide this life saving service to our wider area.

If you have ever thought about becoming a volunteer with the Country Fire Authority- please come down to the station on a Wednesday night at 7pm, send us an email, give us a call, stalk us on Facebook- whichever way you prefer to communicate!- please get in touch. We need YOU! We need Mums that are available during the day while the kids are at school, we need retired folk who are looking for something meaningful to do with their newfound spare time, young people who are new to town and looking for a great way to meet people and become part of our awesome community-we are looking for YOU! Training is provided and we can tailor it around what your availabilities are.

If you are a business owner in our township and know that you have staff who volunteer for a CFA brigade you can also help, by allowing your staff to respond to the siren should an emergency occur during business hours.

When you pick up the phone and call 000 you want help to come immediately. But that can only happen with a volunteer organisation if we have members who are able to respond.

Please, we urge you- get in touch today and find out more
Contact! Wayne Geisler Captain nathaliafb.captain@gmail.com 0418 176 143
Kristen Retallick, Secretary nathaliafb.secretary@gmail.com 0410 952 647
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Great Times at The G.R.A.I.N. Store



The Murks were great...as was our audience last Friday night. As we were setting up, it poured...so back inside for the band. Our noble bar and caterers operated 'en plein air' and audience learnt to move seamlessly between the two locations. The musicianship of Tim, Brodie, Ruby, Squish and Kim is outstanding. Pencil in 7 July to hear them perform original and solo works.

Next...our first multicultural Piano, Poetry, Pizza and Pizzazz...Friday 3 March. Come into the G.R.A.I.N. Store and book your spot....we are always keen to have new people try out their performance idea in the warm, supportive atmosphere of our G.R.A.I.N. Store audience...and this year, the more different languages we hear the better: Yorta Yorta, Gaelic, Ukrainian, French, Anglo, Icelandic...the rich mix of cultures celebrated through Harmony Week. Thank you to Moira Shire for a grant supporting this event.

Exhibitions 2023 starts with our first Opening this Sunday 12 February 2-3.30pm...A fascinating collection of art responses to the word Water. All



The Murks performing at The G.R.A.I.N. Store.



welcome. Come meet the artists and experience the rare opportunity of hearing some of them talk about their work.

Studio is coming. Open to all but ten places only each session. The first and third Tuesday mornings 9am to 1pm of each month from March to October...working on your own work with the assistance of outstanding arts educators...either Creagh Manning or Tim Hocking will be working with you. Each session costs \$50. You do not need to attend every session but you do need to book by the preceding week. Contact Philippa 0400 037 436 for more information.

Community Gallery...first Exhibition is Anne Timm's "Nature is My Inspiration"...with Anne gallery sitting this and the following Saturday...a fitting companion to the main Water Exhibition.

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Museum Moments...

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

Do you know who invented Milo??

An Australian industrial chemist named Thomas Mayne, who was working at Nestle, came up with the formula for a drink flavouring in 1934. He combined malt extract (made from malted barley) with full cream milk powder, cocoa, sugar, mineral salts, iron and vitamins in an attempt to develop a completely balanced food drink. It was intended to help children to obtain enough nutrients in their diet.

"The first batch was the sweetest thing I've ever tasted," he said. Mayne worked for four years, often up to 80 hours per week to develop the formula. The name 'MILO' comes for a character in Greek mythology 'Milon' who was a champion athlete famous for his strength.

Nestle launched the new product at the Sydney Royal Easter Show in 1934. Nestle had taken ownership of a milk processing plant in Smithtown, NSW in 1921 and started producing milo from there soon after the launch.

Milo has since become a household name with the Smithtown factory producing more than 13,000 tonnes of Milo a year by 2021, for distribution in Australia and New Zealand. Milo is distributed across more than 30 countries around the world with some slight variations to the formula depending on availability of ingredients. Since 2021, Nestle has also produced a dairy-free plant-based version. It also comes as a cereal and a snack bar today.



Thomas Mayne was born in December 1901 in Fosterville Victoria. He is said to have enjoyed a drink of hot milo every night until his death in 1995 in Sydney at the age of 93.

The one thing that really bugged Tom Mayne about Milo was its tendency to float to the top of the milk. Even though the product he invented would in time become a household name, the man behind it spent years trying to overcome this problem.

Mr Mayne's children were no different from generations of Australians: "My brother and I just liked it floating on the top of the milk and eating it with a spoon," his daughter said.

One of my favourite ways to 'eat' Milo is to sprinkle it on ice-cream.

Pictured—Thomas Mayne



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.

PAG Activities

MHA Care Nathalia and Cobram water therapy session celebrated Australia day with a number of Aussie Activities. A Thong Toss, Backyard Cricket and beach volleyball kept our Clients very active with lots of laughter. A great time was had by all.

Pictured right: Thong Toss



Back yard cricket.



Beach Volley Ball.

NCN HEALTH NATHALIA



NCN Health Annual Staff Service and Recognition Awards

NCN Health held the 2022 Annual General Meeting in Cobram on Monday February 6. A highlight of the event is the presentation of staff and volunteer service and recognition awards. Well done to all the award winners.



Pictured left is Nathalia Director Clinical Services Ali Beatson and Enrolled Nurse Mellissa Bell. Ali and Melissa were joint winners of the Nathalia Campus Modelling the Values Award and Melissa was also recognised for 20 Years of Service and was runner up for the Excellence in Customer Service Award.

Staff Service Awards:

10 Years

- Dionisia Bailey, Nathalia campus.
- Kerrie Clarke, Cobram campus.
- Jacqueline Hughes, NCN Health (all campuses).
- Rebecca l'Anson, Numurkah campus.
- Jane Johnson, Nathalia campus.
- Trent Mark, Nathalia campus.
- Kelly McLean, Cobram campus.
- Lisa-ann Moor, Nathalia campus.
- Lee Ann Naish, Nathalia campus.
- Kylea Price, Cobram campus.
- Kim Ryan, Cobram campus.

15 Years

- Lauren Ash, Numurkah campus.
- Nadene Donnelly-Lucas, Numurkah campus.
- Leanne Harris, Cobram campus.
- Tess Lane, Cobram campus.
- Janice Lau, Numurkah campus.
- Melissa Neal, Cobram campus.
- Karen Newham, Cobram campus.
- Sharon Rice, Numurkah campus.

20 Years

- Melissa Bell, Nathalia campus.

25 Years

- Jacqueline Bell, Cobram campus.
- Tania Clark, Cobram campus.

30 Years

- Valerie Low, Nathalia campus.
- Gwynneth Hyde, Cobram campus.

40 Years

- Jeanette Florance, Cobram campus.
- Rosie Sorrenti, Cobram campus.

45 Years

- Rhonda Beckingham, Numurkah campus.

Volunteer Service Awards

10 Years

- Rob Elliott, Numurkah campus.
- Norma Shepherd (posthumously) Nathalia campus.
- Peter Dealy, Numurkah campus.

15 Years

- Gweneth Varley, Numurkah campus.



20 Years

- Eileen Hayliar, Numurkah campus.
- Rosemary Kennett, Numurkah campus.

40 Years

- Rita Barwick, Numurkah campus.

Reward and Recognition Awards

Modelling the Values

- Ali Beatson and Melissa Bell, Nathalia campus.
- Lisa Cassidy, Cobram campus.
- Nadene Donnelly-Lucas and Emma Person, Numurkah campus.

Quality Improvement

- Cobram Medical Clinic Front Office Administrative Team.

Occupational Health & Safety

- Jacquie Bell, Kylea Price and Gabrielle Ransley, Cobram campus.

Excellence in Customer Service

- Deb Barnes, Nathalia campus and Heather Clifford, Cobram campus.

Consumer Centred Care

- Beverley Brooking, Volunteer, Numurkah campus.

Pictured left is NCN Health Volunteer Coordinator Jacquie Hughes receiving her 10 Year Service Award from NCN Health CEO Jacquie Phillips.

PAG visit Sunflower Festival



Happy birthday Julie Ebbels, who last week celebrated with PAG visiting Eden Farms wellness Sunflower festival.

PAG clients enjoyed visiting Eden Farm Wellness Sunflower festival near Numurkah last week. Katherina Baker (pictured above) gave the group a talk about the farm, pet therapy with chickens, and baby rabbits. They travelled home with a bus load of sunflowers.

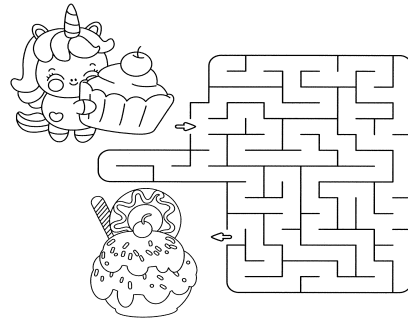
Kid's Section

Riddle 1: When Grant was 8, his brother was half his age. Now, Grant is 14. How old is his brother?

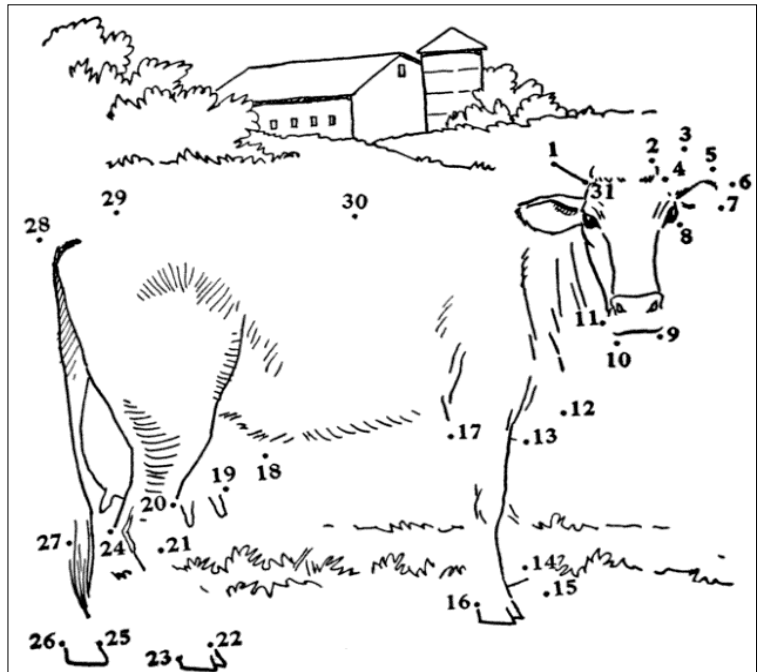
Riddle 2: Two fathers and 2 sons spent the day fishing, but only caught 3 fish. This was enough for each of them to have one fish. How is this possible?

Riddle 3: Liam was 11 the day before yesterday, and next year he'll turn 14. How is this possible?

This unicorn's favourite food is cupcakes, can you help them through the maze to find more?



Find 5 differences between pictures



Answer 1: His brother is 10. Half of 8 is 4, so Grant's brother is 4 years younger. This means when Grant is 14, his brother is still 4 years younger, so he's 10.
 Answer 2: There were only 3 people fishing. There was one father, his son, and his son's son. This means there were 2 fathers and 2 sons, since one of them is a father and a son.
 Answer 3: Today is January 1st, and Liam's birthday is December 31st. Liam was 11 the day before yesterday (December 30th), then turned 12 the next day. This year on December 31st he'll turn 13, so next year he'll turn 14.

Starting School with Happy Smiles



The prep children from St Francis were all happy smiles when the Red Gum Courier visited on Tuesday.

Back Row:
Zara, Oliver, Kobe, Tilly, Vinnie
Fron Row:
Betty, Linc, Catherine, Ruby, Morgan
Absent:
Edward & Max



Nathalia Primary School has nineteen new Prep students this year.

The students are spread across three grade Prep/1 classes.

The Prep students have settled in well to their new surroundings.

Not in Order: Evania, Lexi, Elora, Lilly, Sonny, Thomas, Declan, Tayte, Estelle, Zayne, Ted, Codie, Macey, Kaylee, Brielle, Elsie & Leighana.
Absent: Dustin & Ivy



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Nathalia Show Update

AGM next month - More helpers needed!

The first meeting for 2023 (and the first since the last Show!) was held last week. Reports from stewards were all very positive with lots of high quality entries and overall feedback on the day has been excellent. Thank you to everyone who helped, entered and of course attended on the day. Things are looking positive for a 2023 Show going ahead, but we REALLY do need more helpers, both on the committee for the lead up to the show and on the day. If you can lend any assistance at all, please get in touch or attend the AGM. The Show is on Saturday 7th October this year. The AGM is being held on Thursday 2nd March at the Guide Hall on Weir street, 6:30pm, meeting to commence at 7pm. Bring a plate of something to share for dinner. See classifieds for full advert or follow our Facebook page 'Nathalia Agricultural Society'. Please come along if you are interested! If you have any ideas for the day, especially ideas for older children and teenagers, please get in touch!



Classic Toys

Find and circle all of the toys that are hidden in the grid. The remaining letters spell a quote by G. K. Chesterton.

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That annoying moment when you are texting someone and Auto Correct decides to Join the conversation.

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Barmah Australia Day Awards

Citizen of the Year: Murray Blair

Murray has served as a volunteer with CFA for over 36 years. Born and bred in Swan Hill he spent 8 years in the army before re-settling in Swan Hill running his own Learn to Drive School. He also served in the Swan Hill Urban Brigade and has attended over 3,000 fire calls.

Murray has had extensive experience during fire and flood emergencies in his service to the CFA.

Murray and his wife moved to Barmah in 2013 and purchased a home of their own in 2020. Murray has served as the Captain of Barmah CFA Brigade and is currently the First Lieutenant.

At the start of Barmah's flood crisis Murray was the co-ordinator for all the agencies involved thus providing clarity and continuity in a highly charged and dynamic situation. He organised deliveries of sand bags. Organised food provisions for agency staff. Dealt directly with the Incident Control Centre in Shepparton and organised what assistance and material were needed for Barmah.

He organised ADF personnel to come and sandbag the telephone towers and exchange as communications were vital at this time.

He also directed Parks Victoria and Fisheries & Wildlife crews where sandbags and pumps were required.

Murray's dedication and experience resulted in rapid response times to changing situations and was the contact between the community and the Emergency Services personnel. He was able to get pump equipment to pump out water from various properties and arrange for 24-hour crews to re-fuel the pumps. He only ceased his attendance for a well-earned rest on Saturday 26 November. He was also available to any community member to provide reassurance, information and or assistance.

Ky-lee Adams was runner up for Citizen of the Year. She was nominated for all her hard work during the floods.



Councillor Wayne Limbrick, Murray Blair & Dwayne Mansfield.



In Late January Barmah CFA received an ultra light 400L tanker to support their main tanker in fire emergencies.

It is part of the Volunteer Emergency Service equipment scheme.

The vehicle is worth approximately \$150 000—\$160 000. The Barmah Brigade raised \$22 500 and the rest was funded by State Government and CFA. It took 5 years of applications before it was approved.

The ultra light vehicle's primary response is for small fires from camp fires and lightning strikes, particularly in the National Parks.



Pictured right (L-R): Bruce Rigoni (captain) and Murray Blair (first lieutenant)





L-R Wendy Lovell MP, James Stirling, Mary Wilson & Councillor Wayne Limbrick.

These excerpts were taken from the Australia Day nomination forms.

Citizen of the Year: Mary Wilson

Mary Wilson has been a local volunteer in Nathalia since 1972, serving many and varied organisations for the public good. She has been generous with her time, even when raising her own large family, whilst living on a dairy farm. As the saying goes, "If you want a job done ask a busy person." Mary is always cheerful and energetic in her efforts with no task being too big or small. Still to this day she will drive to meet St Vinnies clients providing much needed practical help and moral support. Mary is a valuable volunteer, having served our community for 41 years in the following roles and is not slowing down.

- Infant Welfare Centre – Secretary – 1972 (2 years)
- Nathalia Preschool – Committee – 1975 (3 years)
- Nathalia Ladies Tennis Club – Secretary – (3 years)
- Picola Netball Club – Secretary – 1977 – (3 years)
- St Francis Primary School Mother's Club – President – 1978 (3 years)
- Picola League Netball - President – 1980 (2 years)

- St Vincent d Paul Nathalia – President – 2004 (18 years, current)
- St Mary's Parish Council – Member – 2015 (7 years, current)
- Meals on Wheels volunteer – current

Mary also coordinates food etc for Funerals.

In her early days of her volunteer work Mary made sure that mothers of Nathalia had a well-run infant welfare centre by taking care of secretarial duties. A vital service to young babies and their mums. This led to her involvement in the preschool committee.

Numerous sporting organisations, which are vital to the social fabric and mental wellbeing of small-town communities, were better off because of Mary's donation of self and time. She is also involved in the parish, supporting the parish through difficult times.

Mary has been President of the Nathalia St Vincent de Paul conference for the last 18 years and this has been the standout of her volunteer efforts.

She mans the phone 24/7 to be available for anyone who may need emergency assistance in our area. This ranges from basic food delivery, providing fuel or Vinnies cards or arranging emergency accommodation for vulnerable people if the need arises. She is very active in the day-to-day visits to clients, often providing encouragement and a cheerful kind word. To our knowledge, Mary has never missed a meeting, a brilliant effort.

Mary doesn't see her volunteer history as anything to write home about. It is important that we as a community acknowledge the work of Mary and others for exactly what it is, incredible generosity and kindness.



Citizen of the Year nomination: James Stirling

James Stirling has a mechanic business in Nathalia. He is successful in this business, offering a valuable service to the town and district. During the recent flooding disaster, James was quick to act when needed. He assisted and organised families around Kaarimba and Nathalia. He was able to source sandbags and with his good local knowledge of residents and their needs he provided them with valuable assistance putting their needs above his own. He's a man of his word, when he said he'd do something it certainly happened.

James has demonstrated he's only too willing to jump right into his

Australia D

community service duties, helping those in trouble during the flooding disaster. He put others first without fail. He strove to ensure that sandbags were filled and delivered where needed. He was able to jumble running his business and volunteer, taking charge when needed at Kaarimba on ground level.

James's leadership skills benefited the community as he united volunteers and families on the ground level to form a strike team safety network. This and the countless phone calls he made and received on behalf of the flooded families and properties brought about immediate action. He got things done straight away and kept it going encouraging others to join the effort too. James liaised with officials when needed, always keeping them briefed as to the situation being faced by the families of the Loch Gary flood plain through Kaarimba. He was an amazing asset to the local communities.

James is a natural leader. He sees a need and he jumps to put the plan into action.

Community Organisation of the Year: Nathalia Bowling Club

Nathalia Bowling Club Inc is a Lawn Bowls Club in Nathalia providing sport and social commitment to the whole community of Nathalia to



Members of the Nathalia Bowling Club.

participate in. The club represents Nathalia in Pennant and Tournaments. The bowling greens are available to schools for students to enjoy Physical Education, for Barefoot Bowls, individual groups, and local clubs for meetings – Nathalia Rotary Australia meet in the club rooms. The Darts club meets fortnightly for Dart nights and the club provides a gathering venue for social interaction in a safe environment for all the local community, of which, all is run by dedicated club volunteers.

The Bowling club was established in 1905 and is independently owned by the Members, who raise funds to finance the club and has provided ongoing sporting and social amenity to the Nathalia community and to the surrounding areas with Pennant and Tournaments being played on a regular basis since the club opened 117 years ago. It is an integral part of the fabric of Nathalia.

The Club has opened the bar to the public on Friday nights, as there were no hotels open at the time providing this service for several months and it has been well patronized.

Barefoot Bowls has had excellent attendance numbers each week, with families, friends and individuals enjoying an evening of fun and exercise while playing bowls, finishing with a BBQ tea.

School Groups: During the last term of 2022, we have had 120 to 180 students, twice a week, from St Mary of the Angels, for Physical Education. Club volunteers have provided mentoring and coaching to the students on learning how to play lawn bowls. The students are from all over the Shire. The club also host Planned Activity Group which consists of senior citizens.

Come Try Sessions: Wednesday evenings from 5pm to 6pm is open to all and is run by club members.

Members also catered for the Campaspe Regional Secondary School Athletics Sports Day, held during October 2022 in Shepparton.

The Bowling Club, since its inception has provided a safe place in a picturesque setting to generations of Nathalians. Today, it is not only a sports venue, but a meeting place – each day a group of men gather to chat and enjoy morning coffee. This has taken place for many years.

Many Premierships have been won over the lifetime of the club bringing recognition of Nathalia in the Moira Shire. We are a proud Club wearing the purple and gold representing Nathalia.

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Community Event of the Year Winner: Nathalia & District Preschool Early Childhood Road Safety Program

Nathalia & District Preschool is a stand alone, not for profit community-based preschool who are a part of the Goulburn Region Preschool Association (GRPSA) cluster management. Nathalia Preschool employ a bachelor trained teacher and 4 co-educators and offer government funded 3 - and 4-year-old preschool programs over 5 days a week.

Nathalia Preschool are noted for their active community involvement and working with community groups.

In 2022 Nathalia Preschool were successful with their application to Victoria's Early Childhood Road Safety Program, Starting Out Safely, with their inquiry question; How can we build on and promote the children's cycling and scooter skills with the children in our town Nathalia?

Through research on children's knowledge and their bicycle/scooter riding skills and in-depth bicycle/scooter program was developed for the children to enhance their road safety knowledge and practical skills. Being active out in community, the children counted traffic that moves through town, practiced being a safe pedestrian, learnt about road and community signs, then embarked on riding their bikes/scooters in community. This included following all road rules, bike/scooter rules and being a safe bicycle/scooter rider along side community members. This was also an opportunity to educate our community in relation to children being safe and knowledgeable bicycle/scooter riders.



L-R: Kylie Dohnt, Andrea Sutton, Wendy Lovell MP, Kim O'Keefe MP.

that children are able and capable safe cyclists/scooters. That children can work collaboratively, follow rules, and demonstrate their skills. Feedback from families and community informs us that our program is well planned, children are focussed and learning new skills out in community – real life skills. At the completion of the program, we delivered our presentation in Melbourne to Early Learning Association Australia, Transport Accident Commission, Victoria Police, Early Childhood Professionals and to eight early childhood centres from Victoria. This put our community on a platform.

Nathalia & District Preschool welcomed Ambulance Victoria and Victorian Police into the inquiry program to support the children's learning on being a safe bicycle/scooter rider in community and how they can help themselves and each other in times of need. The program presented the children an opportunity to travel to the Elmore Field Days with their bikes to demonstrate to ELAA (who have a site to promote road safety) and the general public how their skills have developed to being able to ride around the Elmore Field Days site in a safe and responsible manner. This created a lot of interest from people far and wide and promoted the children's learning opportunities and our town Nathalia.



Nathalia Choir



L-R: Kylie Dohnt, Kerry-Anne Rappell, Adrea Main, Margaret Cobbletick, Wendy Lovell MP, Carolyn Drenen, Stacey Anderson, Kim O'Keefe MP.

Community Event of the Year Nomination: Nathalia Night Watch (CWA) – October 2022 Floods

The Country Women's Association Nathalia Night Watch branch (NNWCWA) is an organisation group formed September 2013.

The former Nathalia CWA day branch recognised that their dwindling numbers meant they were unable to continue providing service to the community. It was decided to start an evening branch instead, to attract interested women who were not able to attend the daytime meetings – hence the name Nathalia Night Watch. The new branch was formed and had continued to operate successfully since. The members provide good friendship and support to each other and other women, families, and children in the local community.

During the October 2022 floods the NNWCWA ladies organised a flood recovery group to supply meals/cakes/slices etc to the volunteers filling/ laying sandbags for threatened homes and levee banks.

NNWCWA wanted to use the Nathalia Community Centre, the Moira Shire also wanted it as a flood relief centre for victims. The CWA ladies were asked to co-ordinate the supply of meals for the relief centre which they did happily. This saw them feeding displaced flood victims alongside emergency and shire staff. 200-300 meals were fed out most days. Ten people put in 8 hours per day for 2 weeks.



Nearest the wicket:

Above left: Over 10 Dylan Anderson, Above right: Under 10 Curtis Morgan.

2022 Citizen of the Year:

Cameron Lancaster.



Kids have fun.



Angling Club and volunteers preparing the BBQ tea.

Australia Day - Picola Style

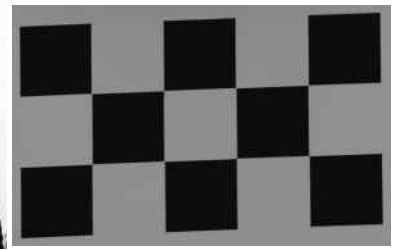
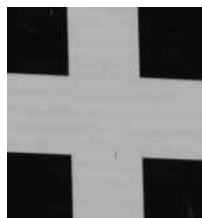
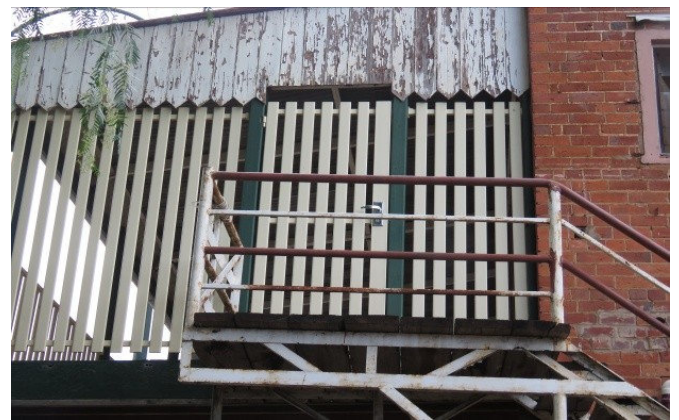
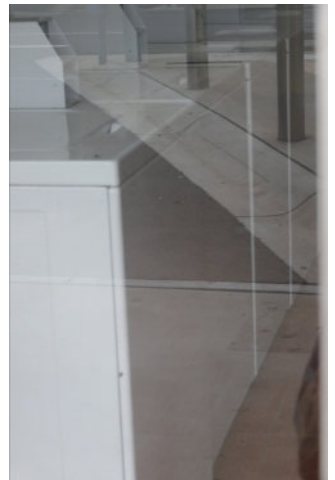
On a perfect Australia Day morning, over 40 people, celebrated the day with Kerry and Neil at the old Picola Bakery, which has been transformed into a comfortable home. Friendships renewed, and everyone enjoyed a scrumptious breakfast, cooked to perfection by Neil.

Bronny enlightened and entertained us with her Australia Day outfits and decorations, making the day fun and memorable. A great morning was enjoyed by all who attended.



U3A Photography Group

On Saturday morning, 4th February, six members of the Nathalia U3A photography Group, kept on the straight and narrow theme as they captured "Leading Lines" around town. Lines are in our every day life, i.e. roads, structures, buildings and signs etc. indicating and telling us where and which way to go etc. The challenge will be for the viewer to recognise where the photos were taken around town. Afterwards we relaxed with cameras and coffees at Brereton's Bakery.



Loch Garry Update

The Loch Garry Flood Protection District Committee

Met for the second time since the new committee was established on the 11th Jan 23rd.

The first meeting held on the 15th Jan formalised the roles within the committee, Jim Grinter was elected chairman and Roland Huber secretary, Ian and Stuart Grinter will setup a facebook group to assist the Red Gum Courier in providing updates as necessary. The terms of the GMwater Reference group was discussed and a list of members willing to nominate endorsed.

The second meeting held on the 5th Feb. revolved around concerns regarding the cost to repair the damaged levee banks, current operating rules and the need to change the rules to reflect the shorter time it takes for the bubble to reach Loch Garry in a major flood event. The 2022 flood was a true indicator of the speed at which the bubble had reached the Loch Garry structure as water was already pouring over the structure after 24 hours of the gauge in Shepparton reaching 10.36m



Col & Jim Grinter inspecting the damage at Loch Garry

Loch Garry Reference Committee established

GMW has established a committee to review the service requirements of the Loch Garry Flood Protection District infrastructure and its operating rules.

The Loch Garry Reference Committee consists of 13 members representing various stakeholder groups.

The following applicants have been selected for the committee:

- Independent Chair (non-voting)
Cath Botta
- GMW Loch Garry customers ('ratepayers')
Colin Gilby
James Grinter
John Pettigrew
Mackenzie Craig
Linton Ryan



Aerial view of flood waters passing through Loch Garry

* Community representatives with an interest in Loch Garry operations

Dennis Patterson
Mathew Price
Natalie Akers
Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority
Guy Tierney

* Moira Shire Council
Cr Wayne Limbrick

* Goulburn-Murray Water
Greg Shannon

* City of Greater Shepparton
Peter Harriott

The committee will have its first meeting on Monday 13 February.

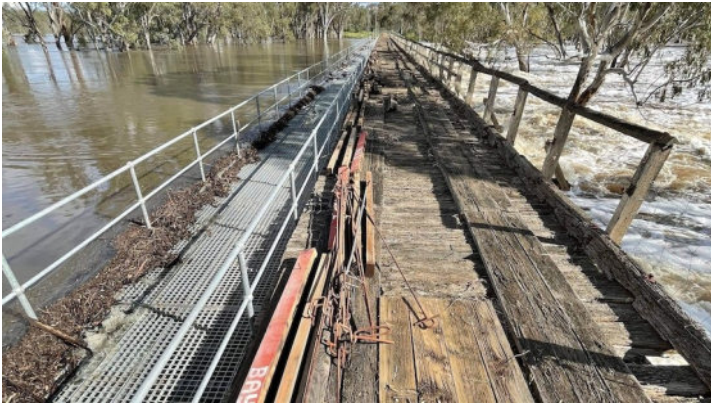
Why the service is being reviewed

It is standard protocol for GMW to review operating procedures after major flood events such as the one experienced in October 2022.

GMW will subsequently be working with Loch Garry Flood Protection customers and relevant agencies to undertake a review of the Loch Garry infrastructure and operating rules.



10ft hole caused by force of the flood water.



Water up to the top of the Loch Garry structure

How will the review work?

The Loch Garry Reference Committee will guide the review of the Loch Garry infrastructure and operating rules. The committee is comprised of various stakeholders, customers, and interested community members who will meet regularly to help determine future operations at the loch. There will also be opportunities for people outside the committee to influence the review and have their say on the committee's proposals.



340metres of levee bank destroyed at Loch Garry.

Loch Garry operations during the October 2022 floods

The current operating rules require GMW to commence operation of the Loch Garry structure when the Goulburn River reaches 10.36m at Shepparton. The operating rules require progressive removal of the bars (25 bars removed for every 31mm increase in river height) at Loch Garry 24 hours after the river height exceeds 10.36m on the Goulburn River's Shepparton gauge. All bars are to be removed from the structure 24 hours after the river height reaches 10.96m.

The Goulburn River reached 10.36m at the Shepparton Gauge at 12pm on Saturday, 15 October and GMW staff began removing bars from Loch Garry at 12pm on Sunday, 16 October.

Given the magnitude of this flood event staff were able to remove approximately half of the bars at the Loch before the rising water level meant it was physically impossible and unsafe for them to continue.



View of the Loch Garry structure before the floods.

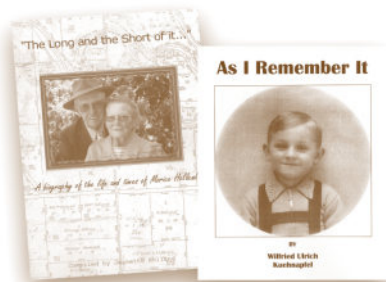
Background

Situated at Bunbartha, the Loch Garry flood regulator is a 48 bay structure made up of 8" and 8.5" drop bars. It is operated to achieve the intent of the agreement (1925) between landholders and the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission (now GMW), to allow the same proportion out of the lake as flowed into the lake prior to the inception of the levees once the Goulburn River rose to 34ft on the new gauge at Shepparton.

Did you know that Loch Garry has a total discharge capacity of 40 Gigalitres per day through its structure, so at full capacity it would only take 12.5 days to discharge the entire volume of water in Sydney Harbour? A Sydney Harbour is a unit of volume used in Australia for water, especially in dams and harbours. One Sydney Harbour (or Sydney Harbour), also called a Sydney Harbour, is the amount of water in the Sydney Harbour (Port Jackson): **approximately 500 gigalitres (410,000 acre-ft)** - en.wikipedia.org

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Broken Creek Drama

A TURNING POINT

Gary leant on his shovel and watched his two boys enthusiastically filling sandbags. Fourteen-year-old Leon was shovelling the sand into the bag held open by his younger brother, Tim. He could never get them to work at home, much less cooperatively. The flood waters were rising. Their house was safe, but other people needed sandbags to protect their homes.

A woman turned up with sandwiches and tools were laid aside. Gary sidled over to his sons.

'Hey Tim, is that a tomato and cheese sandwich you're eating? I thought you didn't like tomato?' Tim looked up and said between bites. 'Nah, not anymore. Tastes good.'



Kyabram & District Dementia Support Group & Friends Annual Fishing Day

The Kyabram & District Dementia Support Group & Friends held their annual planned activity day at Uncle Bob's Park on Wednesday. They are supported by members of the Kyabram Anglers Club who supplied fishing equipment and a 'gourmet' BBQ cooked by Peter Dawson. They are also supported by Kyabram District Health Service and Kyabram Community Learning Centre.

Mick Simpson from the Dementia support group welcomed everyone to the fishing day and thanked everyone who helped out to make the day a success.

When the RGC attended 4 carp had been caught.



Helpers & clients enjoying the day at Uncle Bob's Park



Olivia (KDHS) & Andrew (keen fisherman) on the Uncle Bob's Park platform.



What a great set up for fishing for the group on the All Abilities Fishing Platform! Andrew going to check his line.

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Nathalia Lawn Tennis Club Report



On the 4th of February, GMLTA Div 4, Nathalia played Numurkah at Nathalia. Numurkah again proved too strong winning 94 games, 11 sets to Nathalia 50 games, 2 sets. No donuts for Nathalia, a number of sets where Nathalia was well in contention with one set going to a tie break. Anthony Wilson and Loretta Richardson playing at No. 1 mixed doubles combined well for an 8 games to 6 win. As did Daniel Sullivan and Di Wilson with an 8 game to 4 win. Ladder shows us at 5th with 3 rounds to go.

Picola Lawn Bowls News

We are proud to congratulate Karen Peacock who is our Ladies Champion, and to Trevor Cobbleidick who has won the Men's Championship. We wish them both well as they each play in the Central Murray Championship - starting on Sunday at Cobram. All our Pennant teams are going well and are looking forward to the Finals.



L-R: Karen Peacock and Julie Berger 'Ladies Club Pair Champions.'

Midweek game played against Cobram and were successful, Sue Jamison (S) Bill Agius, Margaret Cobbleidick and John Gillard won 25-17.

Karen Peacock (S) Mary Agius, Karen Manley and Trevor Cobbleidick lost 14 to 18 and Julie Berger (S) G Davie, Helen McRae and Maureen Coates won 21 to 14, so a good win with 11 shots up.

Division 3 played Berrigan with a win of 4 shots up and **Division 5** are to be congratulated for their games lead by Geoffrey Coates and Gary Manley.

~Brolga



L-R: Karen Peacock Ladies Singles Club Champion and Trevor Cobbleidick Men's Singles Club Champion.

Picola & District Football Netball League



2023 FIXTURE

Round 1	1-April-23	Round 10	3-June-23
Tocumwal v Katandra	Picola United v Berrigan	Katunga v Yarroweyah	Picola United v Waaia
Tungamah v Waaia	Katunga v Deni Rovers	Jerilderie v Berrigan	Tocumwal v Rennie
Strathmerton v Rennie	Jerilderie v Blighty	Katamatite v Deni Rovers	Tungamah v Mathoura
Mathoura v Yarroweyah	Katamatite v BYE	Blighty v Katandra	Strathmerton v BYE
Round 2	6-April-23	Round 11	10-June-23
Rennie v Tocumwal	Tungamah v Yarroweyah	Waaia v Picola United	Katandra v Jerilderie
Picola United v Mathoura (@Mathoura)	7-April-23	Rennie v Tocumwal	Yarroweyah v Katamatite
Round 3	8-April-23	Mathoura v Berrigan	Strathmerton v Blighty
Berrigan v Picola United	15-April-23	Tungamah v Deni Rovers	Deni Rovers v BYE
Deni Rovers v Katunga	Round 12	Blighty v Rennie	17-June-23
Blighty v Jerilderie	Mathoura v Deni Rovers	Tungamah v Berrigan	Strathmerton v Katamatite
Jerilderie v Katamatite	Yarroweyah v Waaia	Yarroweyah v Waaia	Jerilderie v Tocumwal
Tocumwal v Deni Rovers	BYE v Rennie	Katandra v Blighty	Katunga v Picola United
Round 4	22-April-23	Rennie v Berrigan	BYE v BYE
Deni Rovers v Tungamah	Blighty v Mathoura	Tungamah v Rennie	24-June-23
Berrigan v Tocumwal	Katamatite v Rennie	Strathmerton v Jerilderie	Katunga v Katandra
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Round 5	29-April-23	Deni Rovers v Waaia	Tungamah v BYE
Strathmerton v Blighty	Tungamah v Berrigan	Waaia v Katunga	BYE v BYE
Blighty v Mathoura	Tocumwal v Katamatite	Katunga v Katandra	24-June-23
Yarroweyah v Rennie	Katamatite v Picola United	BYE v Berrigan	Katunga v Katandra
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Waaia v Deni Rovers	BYE v Berrigan	Blighty v Deni Rovers	Tocumwal v Strathmerton
Round 6	6-May-23	Deni Rovers v Waaia	Tungamah v BYE
Katandra v Tocumwal	Yarroweyah v Katunga	Waaia v Katunga	01-Jul-23
Tocumwal v Waaia	Katunga v Berrigan	Deni Rovers v Katunga	8-July-23
Tungamah v Rennie	Jerilderie v Strathmerton	BYE v Berrigan	Blighty v Rennie
Katamatite v Mathoura	Blighty v BYE	Tungamah v Berrigan	Jerilderie v Waaia
Picola United v Tungamah	13-May-23	Katunga v Katandra	BYE v Berrigan
Tungamah v Deni Rovers	Tocumwal v Yarroweyah	Picola United v Mathoura	Tocumwal v Yarroweyah
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Blighty v Mathoura	Katandra v Berrigan	Round 15	15-July-23
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Round 7	20-May-23	Yarroweyah v Waaia	Tocumwal v Yarroweyah
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Nathalia Bowling Club News

MIDWEEK AND SATURDAY PENNANT

conducted over the last weeks has had very pleasing results. **MIDWEEK** played Barooga 2 on Tuesday the 31st January at home and won 64-48 shots attaining 14 points. Bev Hutchins's rink won 24-12 shots. Fiona Rourke's rink went down 11 - 21 shots and Tessa Ward's rink won 29 -15 shots keeping Nathalia in 3rd place. On **Tuesday February 7th** Nathalia traveled to Numurkah Golf and had a convincing win 67-47 shots taking 14 points for the game. Tessa Ward's rink had a great win 30 -10 shots. Bev Hutchins won 19-15 shots and Fiona Rourke's rink was unlucky to go down by 4 shots. Nathalia maintaining 3rd position on the ladder, which will keep them in the finals. Last home and away game on Tuesday 14th February is against Tocumwal Golf 2 at home.



SATURDAY PENNANT played Picola1 at Picola on Saturday 28th January. Picola won overall taking the 16 points. Jack Hutchins rink lost 16-19 shots. Steve Campbell's rink lost 11 -31 shots and Peter Hutchins rink went down 16-28 shots placing Nathalia 3rd on the ladder. **Saturday 4th February** Nathalia hosted Numurkah Town at home with a much more pleasing result 73-56 shots putting Nathalia back in 2nd position. Peter Hutchins drew with 20 shots all. Steve Campbell won 28-16 shots. Jack Hutchins rink won 25-20 shots. Saturday February 11th to be played at Cobram.

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BAREFOOT BOWLS commenced last Friday night with a good attendance, although the weather was not as friendly as we would have liked. Alan and Lyn Cooper provided a Sausage and Rice Casserole for all to enjoy. Steve Campbell was in charge of the Bar with his helpers Tessa Ward, Fay Hutchins and Marilyn Frost. Sue Jameson was the lucky winner of the Meat Tray Voucher. Anyone interested in a game of Barefoot Bowls just turn up at the Club on Friday evenings at about 5.30pm.



Above: Barefoot Bowls is back on with a good attendance last Friday night at Nathalia Bowling Club. ~ Courtesy Lyn Cooper



Above: Cheryl Thorn from PAG Group.



Above: Pennant Midweek against Barooga



Our **BOWLING CLUB** was very excited to receive the **AUSTRALIA DAY COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR AWARD FOR 2023**. The night was held at the Nathalia Community Reserve on the 26th January. A pat on the back to our Members for the dedicated work done. The Club was made more available to the public opening the Bar of a Friday night, as at the time there wasn't any hotels open and also the Club now has the Nathalia Darts Club playing here. School groups and PAG enjoy the facilities and the Rotary Club utilizes the Club for their meetings and their handover dinner/meeting. Many of our members turned up on the night to receive the Award. Congratulations to all the other winners and to Loula Oliver, Leanne Pell and their committee for doing such a great job year in and year out running the event.

Left: Nathalia Bowling Club Members accepting Australia Day Award - pictured with Kim O'Keeffe MP for Shepparton District.



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In the Swing at Nathalia Golf Club

Wednesday January 25 - ten players turned up to play stableford. Winner on the day went to Nancy Dunn with 20 stableford points. Sonia Verlinden got NTP.



Friday January 27 - competition was intense with 2 birdies on the last hole, between Barry Thomas's team and Sonia Verlinden team. Barry landed on the green and he putted for a birdie. Sonia also landed on the green with Stan putting the birdie in. Barry's team won in the end by 1 single stroke. Well done all!

Sunday January 29 - Mark Sposito won With a massive 44 stableford points. Well done Mark, and NTP went to Stan Verlinden.

Wednesday February 1 - men's winners Barrie Lindsay and Mark Sposito, both with 17 stableford points. Ladies winner went to Lynette Lindsay 14 points. 2nd shot NTP went to Wendy Fulton.

Friday February 3 - two teams of three and one team of four players battled it out with the team of four players winning by 1 stroke. Welcome to Kevin Scolyer hope you enjoyed your day.

Sunday February 5 - stableford winner Stan Verlinden on 35 points, no NTP. And a great big happy birthday to Nancy Dunn. *Good hitting all!*



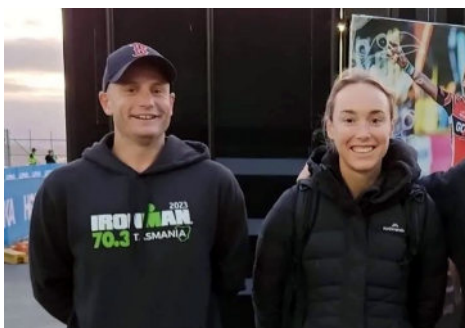
Pictured: Barry Thomas putting a birdie.

Holloioake & McCallum Complete Ironman 70.3 in Tasmania

Well done to local Regan Holloioake and ex Nathaliaite Paul McCallum in completing the Ironman 70.3 race in the heart of Hobart Tasmania. The race took place on Saturday the 4th February, a tough and technical course consisting of a 1.9km swim, 90km bike ride, 21.1km run.

Regan landed her best race to date, which is saying something, as she has had some superb races already in the past 2 years. The results of the race earned Regan a PB Half Ironman, PB Half Ironman Run, first female age grouper and has now qualified for the 70.3 World Champions in Lahti, Finland to be held in August.

An incredible race, congratulations to these two athletes on their efforts.



Paul McCullum and Regan Holloioake.



Paul competing in the 70.3 Ironman.



Regan celebrating those finish line feels, with a time of 04:35:33.