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# Starting School in Nathalia



Nathalia Primary School



St Francis  
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School

There are many happy faces amongst the students who started school for the first time in Nathalia last week. Pictured above are the new students from Nathalia Primary School and left from St Francis Primary School.

The Nathalia Primary School community is very happy to welcome twenty-five new prep students starting school this year. It's wonderful to see so many new and eager faces beginning their primary education at Nathalia Primary School.

St Francis Primary School foundation students have all settled in well to their school.  
Back Row: Oliver, Camden, Sonny, Jetter, Maddie, Evie  
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# Community Update



## Councillor vacancy filled - Cr John Beitzel elected

A countback to fill the extraordinary vacancy at Council due to the resignation of Marie Martin has been undertaken by the Victorian Electoral Commission.

John Beitzel was the successful candidate and has completed a declaration stating he is still qualified to be a councillor.

Cr Beitzel gave his Oath of Office last week at the Cobram Council offices in the presence of CEO Clare Keenan.

This will be Cr Beitzel's second term as Councillor – he served on Council from 2016-2020.



## Community satisfaction – have your say

The annual Community Satisfaction Survey is underway and is being conducted by independent market research agency, National Field Services. Similar surveys will also be occurring across most Victorian councils in coming months.

Conducted by phone, this survey has been designed to assess the performance of Moira Shire Council across a range of measures so we can identify ways to improve and provide effective service delivery.

Phone calls may come on the weekend or after hours in order to capture the views of our diverse community; please be assured your details and individual responses are confidential.

We appreciate your anticipated participation – if you have any questions give our friendly Customer Experience team a call on 5871 9222



## Council Meeting – February

The first scheduled meeting for 2022 will be held on **Wednesday 23 February** beginning at 6pm at the Cobram Civic Centre.

Due to ongoing COVID concerns this meeting will not be open to the public but it will be livestreamed on Council's Facebook page.

If you do not use social media you can view this meeting via our website.

Questions from the public must be emailed to [info@moiravic.gov.au](mailto:info@moiravic.gov.au) by 5pm the day prior to the meeting and be clearly marked as questions for the February meeting.

Submitted questions will be read at the designated section of the meeting and answered by the appropriate councillor or officer.



## Community Newsletter – January edition out now

Our January Community Newsletter is out now.

It is filled with updates and announcements on projects, initiatives and decisions of Council.

Why not jump onto our website and subscribe now?

## Community Budget Proposal – submit your ideas

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

The first step in the project proposal

process is to submit your fully scoped idea for infrastructure works, projects, programs or events via our website.

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

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



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# CATERPILLAR CORNER



**H**appy New Year from NCELC, our year has had a fantastic beginning, starting off with a great vacation care program, the highlight being the incursion from Dutch Thunder Wildlife Shelter where the children were able to touch animals and check out the trailer full of things to feel and look at. Children also enjoyed the pool on a number of occasions along with making ice cream, cooking, making stickers and having a PE teacher come and play special games with them. The children also got to sit and relax and play with the centre resources if they desired.....a happy time had by all.



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# Moira Messages

## Calling for feedback on Yarrawonga Showgrounds draft Masterplan

After extensive consultation with user groups and the community, Council has developed a draft Master Plan for the Yarrawonga Showground/Victoria Park precinct and we want to know what you think. Mayor Libro Mustica said the draft Master Plan would guide the precinct's development, planning, budgeting and funding for the next ten years with independent consultants engaged for this project.

"This plan looks at the whole site and has established what is valued about the present facilities and features and sets priorities for future upgrades," Cr Mustica said.

"In the development of this draft Master Plan we used a combination of information gained from survey responses, emails directly to the consultants, and a number of workshops with current user groups and stakeholders."

Cr Mustica said the responses to the initial community survey, as well as the thoughts and ideas garnered through the stakeholder and user group workshops were key to the development of the draft Master Plan.

"Now we want to know if we heard you and incorporated your ideas and thoughts accurately into the draft Master Plan," he said.

Go to our website for all the details, to view the draft Master Plan and to complete the survey; feedback closes Friday 4 March.

## Community satisfaction survey commences

The annual Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey has now commenced with Moira Shire residents invited to share their views on Council's performance.

The survey is commissioned by the State Government on behalf of Victorian councils including Moira Shire.

Mayor Libro Mustica urged community members to participate in the telephone survey program that will capture the views of 500 Moira Shire residents and ratepayers.

"Over the next few weeks your household may receive a call from an independent market research agency, National Field Services, which has been commissioned to undertake the survey," Cr Mustica said.

"It is important to note these phone calls may come on the weekend or after hours in order to capture the views of our diverse community.

"Also, if you would like to participate but you were called at a time when you were unavailable, you can request to be phoned back at a time that suits you.

"The survey provides a snapshot of views on our performance across a range of measures. "It helps us identify ways to improve our service delivery and plan for the future.

"We appreciate your anticipated participation to assist us with your valuable feedback."

The survey is delivered by an independent research agency to ensure individual responses remain confidential and only the overall results are shared with Council.

"The survey results will be published on our website and reported through the Know Your Council website," Cr Mustica said.



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## MEALS ON WHEELS

### 11th to 25th February

February 2022

Friday 11th	Sue Lowe
Monday 14th	St Mary Of The Angels
Tuesday 15th	Mary Agius
Wednesday 16th	Nathalia Primary School
Thursday 17th	Fay Hutchins
Friday 18th	David & Cheryl McKenzie
Monday 21st	Dawn Bowen & Fay Brown
Tuesday 22nd	Darryl Hill & Mary Wilson
Wednesday 23rd	Matthew Chalker
Thursday 24th	John & Eve Attwood
Friday 25th	Graeme Smith

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



## CHURCH TIMES

**ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PARISH**  
*Ph: 5866 2694*  
**Nathalia MASS TIME 9am SUNDAYS**

**NATHALIA UNITING CHURCH**  
*Margaret Cobbledick Ph: 5866 2037*  
**February 13th: 9.00am - Picola**  
**February 13th: 9.30am - Nathalia**  
**February 20th: 9.30am - Nathalia, Anglican Church to visit.**

**HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH - NATHALIA**  
*Reverend Victor Adams, Ph 0403 918 927*  
**February 13th: 8.00am Holy Communion**  
**February 20th: 9.30am, Holy Trinity to visit Uniting Church**  
**St Paul's Wakiti Creek:**  
**February 20th: 10.30am Morning Prayer**

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# Charity Drive

On the 26th - 29th January Laurie and Debbie Hicks (dairy farmers from Kaarimba) headed down to South Gippsland and joined in the Bi-annual Prostate Cancer Australia Day Charity Drive which was organised by the Eastern Vic. pleasure Harness Club and Southern Cross Harness club.

"The drive was conducted on the Southern Rail trail. Each day we travelled approximately 25 Kilometres on the trail through the beautiful South Gippsland countryside."

"We have a 16hh Clydesdale Cross named Bonnie who pulled our historic four wheel buggy and we were a little apprehensive on how she would cope as she is quite young and inexperienced.

Leading up to the drive we trained her on the roads around Kaarimba to build up her fitness, introduced her to pushbikes and umbrellas and went on a local drive with other harness enthusiasts to prepare her for the new experiences she would encounter.

"We were very pleased with the way she handled all that we threw at her including a rather long tunnel, many long skinny bridges, push bikes coming up behind and directly towards us on the narrow rail trail and some driving down the very busy South Gippsland Highway.

"The organising clubs were fantastic organising our lunch stops and delivering our pre-ordered food and finding camping spots for us each night where we would arrive and be shuttled back to the previous camp by the local men's shed group to collect our vehicles and move to the new spot. We had a couple of nights at the local pubs and a pizza night with a raffle.

"We travelled along with two other single Clydesdales and two other pairs of Clydesdales, there were approximately 20 vehicles in total, it was quite a site. There were also two riders on horseback. The clubs had advertised locally we were coming through so there were many people along the trail taking photos and stopping to chat at our lunch breaks and along the way. Many of these people made donations to the cause.

"The highlight of our trip were the lots of new friends we made and we look forward to many more drives with our now more experienced harness horse."

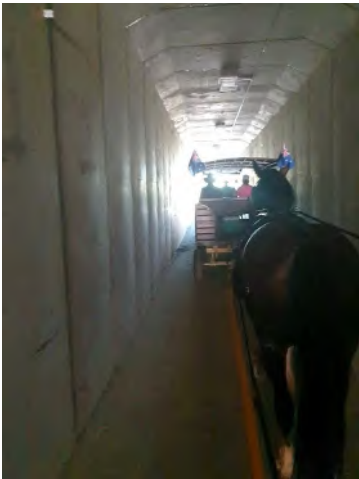
~ Debbie Hicks



Laurie Hicks with Bonnie



Lunch time on the trail, Debbie Hicks



Driving through old railway tunnels and over bridges.



Some of the participants with their horses and buggies, including a pair of mules. (right)

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# NCN HEALTH NATHALIA



## Congratulations

Congratulations to the Nathalia Meals on Wheels volunteers who received the 2022 Nathalia Australia Day "Community Organisation of the Year" award.

Volunteers from Nathalia and the surrounding district have been delivering Meals on Wheels in Nathalia for the best part of 60 years.

There are currently approx. 30 MHA Care volunteers involved in the Meals on Wheels program (including local schools St Francis, St Mary of the Angels and Nathalia Primary School) who deliver Meals 5 days a week.

Meals on Meals Volunteer



MHA Care Meals on Wheels Volunteers; Mary Wilson, Graeme Smith, Margaret Cobbleidick, Fay Hutchins, Sue Lowe and Fay Brown.

Margaret Cobbleidick paid tribute to all the members who have contributed to 6 decades of community service. She also acknowledged Nathalia District Hospital and NCN Health kitchen staff for their years of dedicated meal preparation.

It is wonderful to see the efforts of these generous community minded volunteers publicly recognised- A fantastic effort and great news story for the region. Thank you and well done!

The Meals on Wheels Volunteers were gifted a native tree and certificate, which they have donated to the NCN Health Nathalia. The native tree will be planted in the new garden at the front of the health service.

NCN Health welcomes volunteers in a variety of roles. Please contact Jacquie Hughes, Coordinator of Volunteers across all 3 campuses if you would like further information about our volunteer programs.

[ncnvolunteers@ncnhealth.org.au](mailto:ncnvolunteers@ncnhealth.org.au)



# Rotary News

The RSL hall...

was the venue of our last meeting, due to U3A having their monthly movie at the Senior Citizens' rooms. Seven members were in attendance and a number of items were discussed and some decisions made.

One was to hold a Saturday morning BBQ up the street later this month. A few of our Rotarians will do the cooking and serving up and we hope to have plenty of support from the people in town, and visitors from out of town also. You will find us near the laundromat and if the morning successfully raises funds for Rotary and the community, we will be sure to repeat the exercise on a regular basis.

Please come and meet us on the 25<sup>th</sup> and purchase a breakfast or brunch or early lunch. Thank you.

In the latest Rotary Health Newsletter this rather interesting article caught my eye; part of it follows:

*Results from a study funded by Australian Rotary Health suggests that patients with Parkinson's disease have a unique blood signature compared to those without the disease. Such a discovery could further be investigated to better understand and develop treatments for Parkinson's disease.*

*Parkinson's disease is an incurable, degenerative neurological condition that progressively affects a person's ability to control their body movements. Approximately 4 per 1,000 people in Australia have Parkinson's with its chances of diagnosis increasing to 1 in 100 over the age of 60.*

The article continued on, but I chose to just include part of it here. More articles were in the newsletter, about different branches of medicine and research that ARH is involved in. Perhaps, another time, I may include more in my column.

There was talk about the upcoming Show and Shine at our last meeting too. All visitors and entrants will need to check in via QR code or manually and adults must be fully vaccinated, as per Covid safety requirements. Closer to the time, more can be written here about the rules...perhaps there may be changes made by the government. It will be good to finally be able to host this event, after the past couple of years of very disappointing "no go".

*January 27 was a red-letter day for Pakistan...announced polio free for 12 months. The welcome good news continues in the wake of ongoing successful vaccination campaigns in both Pakistan and neighbouring Afghanistan. This article is from February's Rotary Down Under magazine and continues: the Global Polio Eradication Initiative has reached 2.4 million children. These children have been in previously inaccessible areas of Afghanistan for the past two years. Every so often there will be more snippets in the Rotary News about the fight to eradicate polio.*

There was no booking till about the middle of the year, at the respite house. A phone call and follow up e-mail, with booking sheet, was received on the evening of the 3<sup>rd</sup> so a couple of us went to the house the next morning to ready it for the guests who were able to stay just 2 nights. The gentleman (the patient) phoned us on the Sunday afternoon to thank us and to say how much better he felt after the short visit. This phone call was an unexpected surprise...most people leave favourable comments in the visitors' book. These comments make us even more proud to practise Rotary's Service Above Self and we are honoured to run the Heart to Heart respite house and provide this wonderful service for pre and post heart and/or lung transplant patients and their carers, so that they may have a place to rest, recuperate and recover.

# 'As You Like It' at Byramine Homestead

Drum roll please..... Essential Theatre is back with their 20th anniversary season of Shakespeare in the Vines. What better way to celebrate this enormous milestone than with a brand new production, proudly presented by Moira Arts & Culture Inc.

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Disguised as a boy, she sets forth into exile with her best friend, Celia, to find her father, the former Duke, and her new love, Orlando, in the wild and wondrous Forest of Arden. Along the way, they meet a motley

crew of characters and use the freedom of disguise to test the strength of "love at first sight".

**The Company:** Led by experienced theatre makers Amanda LaBonte & Sophie Lampel, Essential Theatre re-interpret classic texts for modern audiences delivering vibrant and engaging productions. They strip back any preconceived ideas as to how Shakespeare "should" be presented and create productions accessible and enjoyable for all. Experience has taught them how to juggle inclement and unpredictable weather, noisy cockatoos, stray dogs and most importantly how to celebrate the brilliant words of William Shakespeare.

*"A fabulous performance. Watching the sun set and sipping wine - it was the perfect summer's evening, thank you"*

This outdoor theatre event is guaranteed to delight. We welcome you to sit back, top up your glass and enjoy our 20th anniversary Shakespeare in the Vines production, the seventh Essential Theatre's production brought to Moira Shire by Moira Arts & Culture Inc! Directed by Sharon Davis &



Designed by Zoe Rouse.

This is a COVIDSafe event, online booking only, QR code check in, double vaccination required.

Venue: Byramine Homestead.

Date: Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

Gates open 5.00pm, performance 6.30pm. BYO picnic hamper, strictly no BYO alcohol, beer, cider, wine available for sale.

Adults \$55, MAC Inc. Members 50, School Students \$20, Tables of 8 \$400.

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# Museum Moments...

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

Do you like to 'Surf the Internet'? If so, you may find some interesting stories from days gone by in the old newspapers. The website [trove.nla.gov.au](http://trove.nla.gov.au) will give you access to read old newspapers from this area or anywhere around Australia. But a word of warning—you need to allow lots of time and beware of the squirrels!! These are those distracting things you find when you are looking for something else. You can enter a subject into the search box and it will find lots of interesting pages relating to your search, but then your eye is distracted to read the next column and off you go, chasing that squirrel.

Here are a few 'squirrels' I found interesting while doing some recent research.....

From The Adelaide Advertiser, 13 March 1908.....

*"FIGHTING PARSONS - The latest thing in athletic entertainments is the fighting parson (says 'Javelin' in this week's Melbourne Leader). The belt at present seems to be the Rev. George Gladstone, who last Sunday "did" the Rev. J. W. Oates badly in one short round. A quiet little spot known as Narioka was chosen for the "mill", where police interference, it appears, was not likely to take place. The performance, it appears, was to have been repeated at Nathalia, but the police got wind of the proposed breach of the peace and prevented the unseemly desecration of the Sabbath taking place. These things take place in a country whose legislators make it a criminal offence to buy or sell a pound of tomatoes on the Sabbath! Meanwhile people look on and exclaim - "See how these Christians love one another," and the parsons ingenuously ask why people no longer go to church to hear them preach "peace on earth and goodwill to all mankind!"*

From The Numurkah Leader, 7 August 1914 .....

*"NATHALIA - Two boys, each riding a bike, collided at the corner of the Bridge Hotel. The one carrying a basket of meat was very wroth. His wares were virtually thrown to the dogs. He arose and we are afraid he did not use language adaptable to the Sunday school, and his bicycle had to be laid up for repairs. The other lad was like Brer Rabbit - he lay low and said nothing, and got away as soon as he could."*

From Numurkah Leader. 22 June 1906 .....

*"Some of the streets in Nathalia are in a very bad state, especially the one leading from the Court House Hotel to the sale yards and also to Weir Street. The former resembles the mud in a dam dried by the heat of summer, and it is so hard that a heavy cart can just crush through it, while Weir street, which drains into the creek, has hollows and cavities running through it in some of which a fair sized poddy could be buried. Other streets are in a more of less better state of repair, and it is no wonder that the footpaths are being used so much by traffic passing over them."*

From Numurkah Leader 31 march 1905 .....

*"Our firemen have returned from the Demonstration at Warrnambool, beaten but not disgraced. Warrnambool showed them one point they are not likely to forget. See they were looking forward to 3d (3 penny) beers but the people of the coast are wise according to their generation and rose the price to 6d the day before. I have read of a farmer who had a gap in his fence through which the kangaroos used to jump at night, causing considerable damage to his crop. Leading his old horse up to the gap he shot him down, saying: "They won't come in here anymore,, not at least till the air sweetens." Our boys say it will be some time before the odour passes away from Warrnambool."*

**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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# At The G.R.A.I.N. Store



**O**ur first of the year First Friday of the month Performance  
With a huge cast ... Kim Ritchie, Neil Murray, Damien Neil; a great venue The (G.R.A.I.N. Store) Back Paddock; a balmy night; Jane and Paul's great catering and a cool bar

It was a big start to the year. Every first Friday will not be as large scale as this first one. But pencil in those dates in your Calendar; as you never know what will be on offer.

Thank you to the hundred of you locals and travellers who supported our live performers of Australian original music. Moira Shire CEO and family were there too: supporting the music and the filming which will promote Moira Shire. A special thanks to birthday celebrant Rose for mosquito flares and observant eye and to the so many people it takes to make such an event happen.

I will definitely miss some names, but I want you to get the idea...and more, it would be great if you actively thanked any of the people you know amongst the names I have mentioned.

Thank you to the so many people who helped it happen from Vanessa Byrnes who works with our performances (and performers); Jane Hando and Paul Congues and team for great catering; Madeleine Jane and team for building the bar even before serving from it; SMOTA VCAL students; Olive and Alan Sage; and Moira Shire for Kristen Retallick's support on the day; Judith Slattery for the grounds and plants ambience and Nathalia Tennis Club for the Umbrellas; to those who helped pack up afterwards and John Murrell and Ian Bolton who helped us recover and set up for the Film making Course the following day.

### **Making Space on Mondays 10-3...entry via Petticoat Lane**

Each Monday someone else comes in to see what is going on...and we are to have a couple more regulars in our mix. Come in and see yourself.

Want to know more? Contact Philippa 0400 037 432

### **Script-writing @ the G.R.A.I.N. Store with Mark Street**

The first Saturday of each month is a workshop Saturday. For the Saturdays of February, March and April 10 workshop participants are working through the making of their own 1 and a half to 5 minute films; starting with Script-writing.

These workshops are partly funded through the Sustaining Creative Workers Initiative which is supported by the Victorian Government through Creative Victoria and Regional Arts Victoria.

Interested in the results?...the 6 May Friday Performance Night has been set aside for the Red Carpet screening.



Mark Street will be @ the G.R.A.I.N. Store



Live music in the Back Paddock on February 4th was enjoyed by a hundred patrons.



Aerial photo of setting up the Back Paddock for the Neil Murray event.

## A Senior's Version of FACEBOOK

**F**or those of my generation who do not, and cannot, comprehend why Facebook exists: I am trying to make friends outside of Facebook while applying the same principles.

Therefore, every day I walk down the street and tell passers-by what I have eaten, how I feel at the moment, what I have done the night before, what I will do later and with whom. I give them pictures of my family, my dog and of me gardening, taking things apart in the garage, watering the lawn, standing in front of landmarks, driving around town, having lunch, and doing what anybody and everybody does everyday.

I also listen to their conversations, give them "thumbs up" and tell them I "like" them.

And it works like Facebook. I already have 4 people following me: 2 police officers, a private investigator and a psychiatrist.



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# Uncle Bobs Club

**U**BC – Uncle Bobs Club exists to benefit the lives of children with medical needs in Victoria. We fund equipment for hospitals, other institutions, and individual children. We also support the high quality of Victorian healthcare work and education.

### Now for a very brief history of Uncle Bob's Club, Nathalia branch:

The Goulburn Valley Branch (based in Shepparton) recruited a number of members who were residents of Nathalia. Mr Vern Joyce, who joined the club in 1958, was one of them. These residents, under Mr Joyce's leadership, formed the Nathalia Branch in February of 1966.

Over the years, Nathalia has recorded wonderful fundraising figures, raising funds in a number of ways. The majority of monies go to the RCH's Good Friday Appeal; Local Giving started in the past couple of years and funds are also directed there...especially the Santa photos takings.

Easter is our busiest time. Good Friday falls on April 15<sup>th</sup> this year and we hope to raise thousands of dollars again for the Good Friday Appeal (\$14,000 plus last year). As always, our volunteers will be kept very busy with "tin rattling" around town and at a couple of spots in the street, to catch passing traffic. And, as always, we could do with more helpers and would be most grateful to anyone who came along to the CFA in the morning and asked to be of assistance. Don't be shy...we are a friendly, but small, bunch. Of course we all have to adhere to the Covid safety rules and show our vaccination status; we also need Working With Children checks.

As I said, we don't have many members so are always looking to increase our numbers. Anyone is welcome at our monthly meetings so feel free to join us in the very near future and learn more about our club.

Our "top three" are Stacey Thorpe, President; Kylie Dohnt, Secretary; Eve Attwood, Treasurer.

We used to meet at UBC park on a Sunday morning but a couple of years ago Ross Smith very kindly gave us access to his small shop next to his main business. We now meet on the first Thursday evening, at 6.30, of most months in the year, and are well protected from the elements. Thank you, again, Ross & Anne. Currently the window has UBC posters in it, but this will change to an Easter display in the next few weeks; late in the year we will decorate for Christmas and hope to have Santa photo sittings again, also.

# Planting Trees For The Queen

**F**ederal Member for Nicholls, Damian Drum, is inviting eligible groups and organisations in Nicholls to contact his office to discuss potential projects that can be nominated for a Federal Government grant to plant trees in honour of the legacy of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II and her 70 years of service to Australia and the Commonwealth.

During her reign, The Queen has visited Australia on 16 occasions, and on many of these visits she has planted trees at community events and ceremonies – this has left a long-lasting reminder of the special occasion for the people in those communities.

*The Planting Trees for The Queen's Jubilee Program* is one of a range of national and community events planned by the Federal Government to celebrate The Queen's Jubilee year.

Mr Drum welcomed the opportunity for local community groups, including schools, to play a part in the celebrations.

Grants from \$2500 to \$20,000 are available to a broad range of organisations, with each federal electorate eligible to receive up to \$100,000 for up to 10 projects.

Projects that are suitable must include formal commemorative events in 2022 to mark the Jubilee, plantings of regionally appropriate tree species, and installation of commemorative signage or plaques.

Mr Drum can be contacted via email at [Damian.Drum.MP@aph.gov.au](mailto:Damian.Drum.MP@aph.gov.au)

For more information, including eligibility criteria, please visit [business.gov.au/ptqj](http://business.gov.au/ptqj)



**We cannot force someone to hear a message they are not ready to receive, but we must never underestimate the power of planting a seed.**

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# Broken Creek Drama

### SLOW DOWN MATE

'Slow down Buddy it's a sixty zone.'  
'Use your indicators next time Bozo.'  
'Hey come on Grandpa, the light's turned green.'

Mathew didn't yell at other drivers, he just kept up a constant commentary.

'Mate, your trailer lights aren't working properly.'  
'Good luck parking in that spot, Sweetie.'

'Where did you get your licence Pal? In a Weeties'packet?'

He just didn't stop. The torrent of comments was relentless. His wife, Janet, asked politely, 'Is it okay if I turn the radio on?'

'If you must,' replied Mathew, 'but I quite enjoy the peace and quiet when I am driving.'





# 2022, A Time for New Beginnings and New Educators

Nathalia Preschool welcome Stacey Bell and Fen Roque to our team of passionate educators. Stacey works with the 3 year old pre-schoolers and Fen works with in our after kinder care program. Our three year old preschool program is now funded by the Victorian Government and provides the opportunity for 3 year old children to attend preschool for 10 hours a week. Exciting times as we then had the opportunity for new educators to join us and introduce an after kinder care program. Our families have been requesting after care for many years and we are delighted to be able to offer this program with Kylie Dohnt as the Co-ordinator and Fen Roque as the co-educator.



The children are settling into their preschool community with confidence and curiosity as they explore the environment and learn about their peers and educators. With Covid-19 again presenting challenges, we have requested families to drop off at the gate. Educators greet the children and farewell parents from the entrance. It is of high importance to maintain a safe and clean environment for the children and educators. We can achieve this by following our Covid-19 service risk assessment along with communications from the Dept and GRPSA. We extend our gratitude to everyone for working collaboratively with us. The educators wear face masks during sessions, although if not practical or it does

not meet the children's communication needs these are removed. We invite you to again share your empty boxes, plant cuttings, material, egg cartons or anything we can use in our program. This supports the children's creative and artistic skills as they are open ended resources (there is no one way to use them). We request you leave them at the gate or ring the door bell for an educator to come out. We look forward to sharing the children's learning journey with you throughout the year.



Educators at Nathalia Preschool.  
L to R Elvie Barnes (Cert III), Stacey Bell (Diploma), Andrea Sutton (Teacher), Fen Roque (Diploma), Kylie Dohnt (Studying Diploma and After Kinder Care Co-Ordinator).



Left: Zayne & Elora fuelling the lawn mowers before mowing the lawns.  
Right: Declan, Vinnie, Ted & Kylie participating in our music and movement session with the colored ribbons.



Moirra FoodShare is delivered on a Wednesday and provides the younger pre-schoolers with the opportunity to pack the fruit and vegetables. A perfect opportunity for hands on learning about our local community and how they can help. Moirra FoodShare is available on a Wednesday afternoon from 3.00pm. Again, to meet our service risk assessment our volunteers serve from the gate.



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# Scholarships on Offer in the Goulburn Valley

Young people and veterans who live in the Goulburn Valley are being encouraged to apply for scholarships worth up to \$13,000 to cover the costs of an eligible vocational education and training qualification and internship.



Damian Drum  
MP

Round four of the Federal Government's Commonwealth Scholarships Program for Young Australians is now open, with up to \$5000 on offer per year for up to two years, along with an additional \$3000 for eligible applicants who also complete a 20-day paid internship.

Federal Member for Nicholls, Damian Drum, said the Goulburn Valley was one of 10 regions nationally selected for the program.

"This support will provide a helping hand to get your career on track and help young people across our communities get valuable qualifications that will help set them up for the future," Mr Drum said.

"The scholarships are designed to target occupations identified as [growth industries and in-demand occupations](#) and I'm happy the Goulburn Valley has been selected as the only Victorian region."

Young people aged 15-24 years old or those who have transitioned from the Australian Defence Force in the past two years are eligible, however, they must not be in full-time work or study and intend on taking an eligible VET qualification, from Certificate III through to an Advanced Diploma.

Minister for Employment, Workforce, Skills, Small and Family Business, Stuart Robert, said supporting young people and those transitioning from military service will strengthen Australia's workforce.

"This program will help Aussies get into jobs and is part of the Federal Government's record \$7.1 billion investment in skills and training across the nation," Mr Robert said.

"We're already seeing hundreds of thousands of Australians upskilling or reskilling thanks to programs like this, as well as the JobTrainer Fund and our investment in free TAFE and apprenticeships, which are all helping drive our economic recovery through getting locals into jobs."

For more information go to [dese.gov.au/commonwealth-scholarships-program-young-australians](https://dese.gov.au/commonwealth-scholarships-program-young-australians) or call 132 879. Applications close March 11.

## MORE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR REGIONAL STUDENTS

More than 1000 eligible students from regional and remote Australia will have access to a scholarship worth up to \$18,000 to support their tertiary education in 2022.

Federal Member for Nicholls, Damian Drum, said applications for round six of the Rural and Regional Enterprise Scholarships program were now open.

"These scholarships are a fantastic opportunity for students from regional and remote communities, including those across Nicholls, to access financial support to support further study such as a university qualification," Mr Drum said.

"I encourage all students in Nicholls to check their eligibility and if eligible, to apply for an RRES scholarship."

Mr Drum said the RRES program was in addition to the Federal Government's Commonwealth Scholarships Program for Young Australians, mentioned above, which provides scholarships worth up to \$13,000 to cover the costs of an eligible vocational education and training qualification, and internship.

The Goulburn Valley is one of 10 regions selected nationally for that program.

Minister for Regionalisation, Regional Communications and Regional Education, Bridget McKenzie, said the RRES scholarships support students to undertake courses from Certificate IV to PhD level.

"Since 2018, these scholarships have helped support more than 4000 regional and remote students pursue a tertiary education," Senator McKenzie said.

"I have heard from scholarship recipients that the application process is easy and the money has helped them undertake a tertiary education they might otherwise have not been able to afford.

"The Federal Government is committed to reducing the disparity between rural and regional students and their city counterparts, and these scholarships help deliver on that promise."

The Federal Government has invested \$62.6 million in the RRES program since 2017.

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# Nathalia Secondary College



Our senior students had an altered start to their year as we had to make the decision to postpone the year 11 and 12 camps. The senior students have engaged in health and wellbeing activities, goal setting and how to stay motivated. On Thursday they headed to Shepparton for some socialising activities at Star Bowl and Aqua Moves, and when asked how it went lots of really positive comments indicating appreciation and that they had fun. The senior students have embraced the alternative program this week, showing great resilience and role modelling for the younger students.

A great start to the year, keep up the fantastic work.



**Quote!**  
 It's Australian to do such things because, however uncivilised they may seem, it's human to do them  
 ~Hugh Mackay.

**Einstein Quote!**  
 Occurrences in this domain are beyond the reach of exact prediction because of the variety of factors in operation, not because of any lack of order in nature.  
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# U3A Photography

Four enthusiastic U3A photographers were able to enjoy a photo expedition out to Bourke's Bridge on Saturday, 5th February. We were greeted with a glorious sunrise and were not disappointed with the colouring that early morning light presented.

Birds were everywhere feeding their young; also a family of kangaroos were seen grazing on a farmer's property. As we walked around the swamp area, many good photo opportunities were snapped up.

After moving to the Luckes Weir area, we were startled by a wild old billy goat who charged past us, then proceeded to head north along Murrays Road.

The gorgeous morning was enjoyed by us all.





# Mistletoes in our Midst

The summer season is the time to look for mistletoes on our local flora; in our area, they are mainly found on eucalypts, Buloke trees and sometimes on acacias (wattles).

Mistletoe is classified as hemi-parasitic. It can produce its own energy through photosynthesis, but must obtain mineral nutrients and water from its host.

Judy alerted us to two mistletoes out by the Barmah Lakes: the Box Mistletoe and one she thought was the Creeping Mistletoe, but it turned out, she thought, to probably be the Fleshy Mistletoe *Amyema miraculosa* subsp. *boormanii*. The Nathalia Wildflower group were able to photograph the two mistletoes easily, because they were growing on the one tree – a River Redgum.



Above & Below: Box Mistletoe flowers  
Photos Judy Ormond



Creeping Mistletoe  
Photo: Judy Ormond



Buloke Mistletoe  
*Amyema linophylla* subsp. *orientalis*



Fleshy Mistletoe *Amyema miraculosa* subsp. *boormanii* (Growing out of the Buloke Mistletoe plant – very unusual)  
Photos: Lyn Loger

Mistletoes have a limited life span (about 20-30 years) - that is much shorter than that of an eucalypt host (over 150 years). Ref: Stephen Platt [https://www.swift.net.au/resources/26\\_mistletoe%20and%20wildlife.pdf](https://www.swift.net.au/resources/26_mistletoe%20and%20wildlife.pdf)

Below right is a Red-spotted Jezebel butterfly, a mistletoe butterfly, *Delias aganippe*. Some years back, Lyn successfully fed a number of caterpillars, from Howie Marshall's Quandong tree, with Box Mistletoe leaves. Over 20 of the beautiful butterflies were the result.

This Creeping Mistletoe (left) Judy photographed in Hutchins Lane by the Wakiti Creek. The mistletoe was not flowering, at the time.

Linden Lancaster alerted us recently to the flowering of the Buloke Mistletoe *Amyema linophylla* subsp. *orientalis* in a stand of Bulokes on the 3 Chain Road in Picola North. One Buloke even had the Fleshy Mistletoe *Amyema miraculosa* subsp. *boormanii* growing from it. The flowers are stunningly beautiful. Buloke Mistletoe is classified as vulnerable.

Renowned amateur botanist, Howie Marshall, had always told us that we had four mistletoe species in our area.

However, Judy states that she has photographed, in Shepparton, a mistletoe with grey leaves, distinctly different from our four species. The VicFlora website informs us that there is a Grey Mistletoe *Amyema quandang* and its flora distribution includes the Victorian Riverina. We shall now be on the lookout for it, possibly on a Silver Wattle, *Acacia dealbata*, which has been listed as one of its possible host plants. This mistletoe flowers mainly from May – October; interestingly, it grows predominantly on acacias. Early Australian explorer, Thomas Mitchell, in the early 1800's, described a quandong tree (itself a hemi-parasitic plant) with this mistletoe on it.

**The Mistletoebird** The Mistletoebird *Dicaeum hirundinaceum* is the only representative in the flower pecker family in Australia. The male has a bright red chest with blue-black upper body feathers. It's a small, fruit-eating bird, native to Australia. It's dependent on mistletoe seeds for its survival.

**How is it connected with the dispersal of mistletoes?** It eats, then defecates (after only 4-12 minutes) the sticky seeds onto a branch; the sticky seeds dry, become cemented into place and then the mistletoe plant grows from this foundational base: this is a slow process.

The conservation status of these birds in Victoria is secure.

**Why not check out the colour photos used in this Red Gum Courier article on the Nathalia Barmah Business & Tourism website?** [www.nbbt.org.au](http://www.nbbt.org.au)  
~ Lyn Loger



Red-spotted Jezebel butterfly



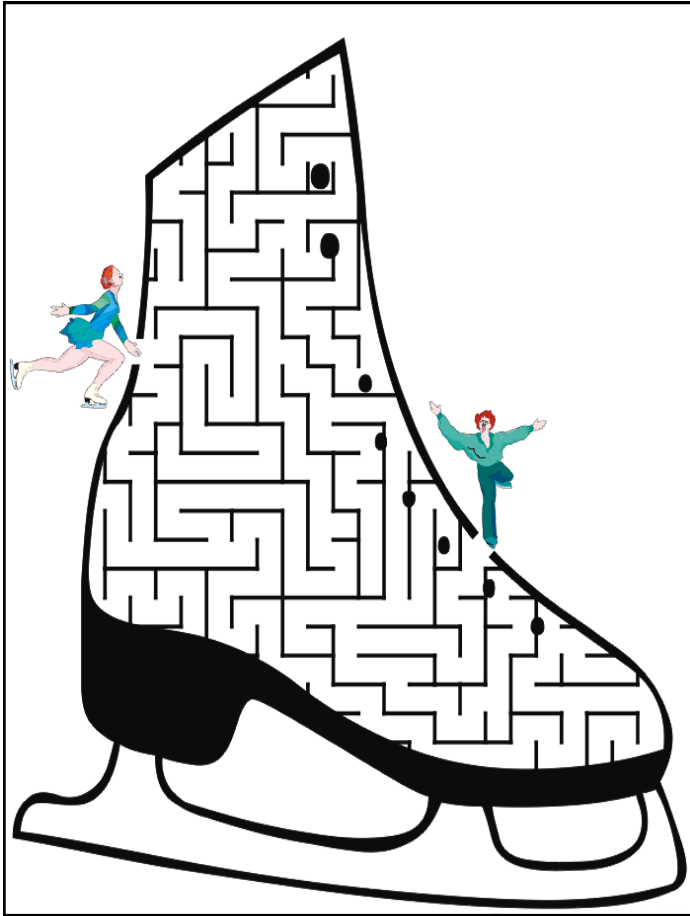
Creeping Mistletoe  
Photo Judy Ormond



The Mistletoebird



# Kids Page



Five girls participated in a race. Maria finished before Sarah, but behind Ella. Marianne finished before Julia, but behind Sarah. In what order did the girls finish the race?

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

### Spot the difference

Find 5 differences.

### Cat In The Hat Math

- $6 + 3 = \underline{\quad}$
- $9 - \underline{\quad} = 5$
- $5 + \underline{\quad} = 8$
- $6 + 1 = \underline{\quad}$
- $7 - \underline{\quad} = 4$
- $4 + 3 = \underline{\quad}$
- $\underline{\quad} + 2 = 7$
- $10 - \underline{\quad} = 3$
- $6 + \underline{\quad} = 8$
- $4 + \underline{\quad} = 7$



### RIDDLES

1. Moche walks across a bridge. He sees a boat full of people, yet there isn't a single person on board. How is this possible?
2. Billy's mother had five children. The first was named Lala, the second was named Lele, the third was name Lili, the fourth was named Lolo. What was the fifth child named?

*1. All the people on the boat are married.  
2. Billy*

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You have grown into a  
beautiful young lady.  
Good luck for your future  
Lots of love Mum, Dad, Anthony  
and Nicola xxoo

## CONDOLENCES



### COOPER, Lindsay

(1956 - 2022)

Nathalia Secondary College send  
condolences to the Cooper family  
on the passing of Lindsay.  
Lindsay was Assistant Principal at  
the College in the 90's.



### MOORE, Nancy

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## DEATHS

### MOORE (Sutton), Nancy May 'Nance'

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In her 98th Year

Late of Nathalia, formerly of Waaia and Beverford.  
Passed away peacefully at Shepparton Private.  
Dearly loved wife of Leslie (dec.). Our loving Mum, Nan/  
Nanna, Grandma and Great Nan, dearly loved by her  
children and their partners Bruce; Percy (dec.); Geoff  
and Helen; Malcolm and Charmaine; Marlene and Sono  
(Moor); Leonie (Butler); her 14 grandchildren and 28  
great grandchildren.

How lucky we were and very proud too.  
To have a Mum, Nan/Nanna, Grandma and Great Nan  
as wonderful as you.  
The tears in our eyes we can wipe away.  
But our love for you will always stay.  
Today, tomorrow, our whole life through.  
We will always love and remember you.

*Reunited with Dad, Percy and Craig*

She had a smile for everyone.  
She had a heart of Gold.  
She left the greatest memories.  
We will always hold.  
The face we loved is missing.  
The voice we loved is still.  
The hands that did so much, for us.  
Are now resting at God's will.  
Life is not measured by the years lived.  
But by the love you gave and the things you did.  
Every day, our whole lives through.  
We will always love and remember you.  
Love Bruce; Bill, Karen, Adele, Liam and Ewan; Micae-  
la, Connie and Ashley & Ruby;  
Sarah, James and William xxx

'A wonderful lady, Loving Mother, Nana and Great Nan,  
A life well lived,  
In our hearts you'll remain,  
Loved and remembered,  
- Percy (dec); Jacinta, Jason, Will, Max and Jorge;  
Amanda and Jason.

You had a smile for everyone.  
You had a heart of gold.  
You left us wonderful memories.  
For us to have and to hold.  
- Geoff and Helen; Shane and Julie; Trudi and Mick;  
and her grandchildren Sebastian, Jamiesen and Jemi-  
ma; Aaron, Riley, Aiden and Tarlia,  
and their partners.

Thank you for the years of  
laughter and good times we shared.  
No matter whatever we may do.  
Today, tomorrow, our whole lives through.  
We will always love and remember you.  
- A wonderful mother of Malcolm, mother-in-law of  
Charmaine, Nanna of Nicole and Rod;  
and Melissa, Great Nan of Noah.

There's a gift in life you cannot buy.  
It's very rare but true,  
A special gift of memories.  
Like the ones we have of you.  
- Your loving daughter Marlene and Sono, wonderful  
Nan of Craig (dec.); Stacey and Craig Anderson and  
Great Nan to Dylan, Kayla, Brooke and Riley.

Her pleasures were simple her needs were few.  
If I was happy, then she was too.  
The most wonderful Mum that ever lived.  
Whatever she had she was willing to give.  
She never complained, she wasn't that kind.  
Her equal in this world would be hard to find.  
There's a place in my heart that is yours alone.  
A place in my life no-one else can own.  
Her love was great, her heart was kind.  
A better Mum no-one can find.  
Love you Mum, "Bold and the Beautiful won't be the  
same", Leonie xx

A happy smile,  
A heart of gold.  
One of the best the world could hold.  
A special Nan and Great Nan so kind and true.  
What wonderful memories  
We have of you.  
- Love you forever Nan/Great Nan Krystal, Grant,  
Tahlee and Maci xxx

Your memory is our greatest treasure.  
To have and to hold in our hearts forever.  
- Mitch, Kylie, Maya, Mahli and Elsie xxxx

A special smile.  
A special face.  
A special someone.  
We can't replace.  
- Love always Ryan, Jen, Max, Ted and Georgie xoxo

Nance's Graveside Funeral Service took place at the  
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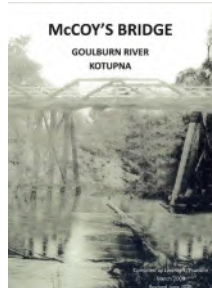
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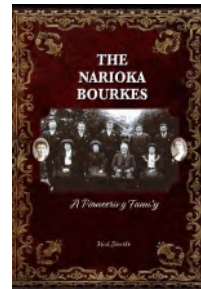
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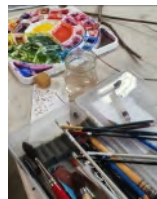


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# Picola United Football Netball Club AGM Report



A big thank you to all who have taken on rolls for this years committee. There are some positions still yet to be filled.

A lot of work goes in to keep our club running and we need our members support.

Positions to fill: Secretary, Football Operations, Canteen Manager, Sponsorship/Awards Coordinator.

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General Committee: Scott Baxter, Emma Greaves, Emma Bourke, Kim McPherson, Penny Power, Brett Hicks, Alex Glanville, Helen Okey, Nicole McKenzie, Ian Lubke, Jon Varcoe and Aaron Lubke.

## Nathalia Women's Cricket End of Season Report

For our second last game of the season on the 23rd January, we played Bamawm-Lockington United at home. We played a good game, but had a loss going down by 4 wickets. The "having a crack award" went to Abby Favaro and scores were Bamawm-Lockington United 6-57 defeating Nathalia 6-55.



We played a final match against Kyabram Fire Brigade at Nathalia on the 30th January. We didn't come home with the win but once again we had

a very enjoyable time playing the game we love. Hazel Habfield won the "Having a crack" award - scores Kyabram Fire Brigade 3-41 defeated Nathalia 3-42.

After the game we had our presentation for the girls team. Cody Power won most wickets for the season. Cody is a great cricketer, and a all round great person to have in our team. To watch her bowl is a real pleasure. Jenna Wood won the most ducks for the season (she was more then happy to have her photo of this shared). Jenna was new to the team this season and fitted in splendidly, it's always great to see her smiling face each week.



Didy Wenzke winner for most runs for the season and club Champion.



Cody Power winner for most wickets for the season.



Jenna Wood winner for most ducks for the season.

Didy Wenzke won most runs for the season and club Champion. Didy captained our women's side this year, and she was very surprised at these awards, she says "Being the captain of the team this year has been a real treat. With a lot of new players coming in and most playing cricket for the very first time, it was a pleasure to see them loving the game and learning each week! The only reason I took on the captaincy was to keep the women's team going as we had a few players leave. I thought it would be a real shame to see the team fold. So along with Nicky we got the word out and we have had a great response, which meant we could fill a team each week. To the girls that played each week a massive thank you to you for keeping our awesome Nathalia woman's cricket team alive!"

## Numurkah & District Hardcourt Tennis Association

A very close game on the court at Katamatite last Saturday - Yalca North 5 sets 58 games defeated Katamatite 4 sets 58 games.

Another close game at Picola against Strathmerton, with the visiting team going home with the win - scores Strathmerton 5 sets 58 games defeated Picola 4 sets 55 games.

Pictured far right - Yalca North's Alister Smith and Amy Cooper celebrating a win against Katamatite with a tennis racket handshake at the end. Game set and match with Yalca North defeating Katamatite with equal games and 1 set in front.

~ Photo by Cheryl Thorn





# Nathalia Bowls Club News



**B**AREFOOT BOWLS continues to attract good numbers each Wednesday night with much fun being had. This week was the last unless the Barefooters want to continue.

Enquires can be made through Kevin Scolyer.

**PENNANT** is into the final three weeks of home and away games, with both Midweek and Saturday at present are both sitting out of the Four. Midweek play at home today against Tocumwal Golf 3 and Saturday at Numurkah Golf 2 at Numurkah Golf.

**MENS TRADE DAY** was played at the Club on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January at Nathalia. 18 teams entered and it was sponsored by the Picola Hotel. The winning team was from Barooga led by Peter Russell. Runners Up was a team from Kyabram led by Phil Denham. The 3 Game winning team was Gordon Bennett from Barooga. Highest Winning Margin 2<sup>nd</sup> Game was Trevor Cobbedick's team, Picola. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Game highest Margin was a draw between teams from Kyabram, Joe Greco and Graeme Searle, Tocumwal. A Jackpot is drawn after each Trade Day, this did not go off and the unfortunate team was Max Lewis's.

**LADIES TRADE DAY** which was sponsored by Councilor Wayne Limbrick, was held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2022 at Nathalia, and once again we had a great number of entries with 14 teams participating. The winning team was a composite team of Sue Jameson, Picola, Marilyn Frost, Nathalia and Judy McCrae, Picola.



**Nathalia Bowls Club Members** would like to congratulate two absolute stalwarts of the Club Geoff (40 years) and Tessa (30 years) Ward on achieving 60 years of Marriage. Both have held many positions with the Club over their time here.

*Winning team of the 2022 Ladies Trade Day Pictured right: (L-R)*

*Sue Jameson (Picola) Marilyn Frost (Nathalia) and Judy McCrae (Picola).*



*Above: Geoff and Tessa Ward.*

# Nathalia Lawn Tennis Club Report



**G**M3 East had a decisive win against Kyabram on Saturday 29th January, 81 games to 57. Under steamy conditions our stalwart team members, John Sheehan and Caitlin Bourke returned with vengeance after injury absence. They had a decisive win in their mixed doubles (8-1), Caitlin winning her other sets with Helen Ginnivan (8-0) and Judith Slattery (8-4). Di Wilson fought back winning a tie break, 8-7 on her first doubles set with Judith S and another clear win in the second set with Helen G (8-4). Matthew Slattery and Aaron Booth had some tough competition in both sets, Aaron narrowly missing out on a close singles set (5-6). Daniel Sullivan was definitely man of the match winning both doubles (8-1) with John S, mixed (8-6) with Helen G and a clear win on his singles (6-1). The Slattery mother and son team finished the day with a satisfying 8-3 win in their mixed doubles set.

**GM1** - 29th January: The Velvet Tigers hosted Shepparton Lawn Pheonix Suns at Nathalia, with the home team coming away with a strong win 8 sets 85 games to 4 sets 64 games. The VTs started strongly with Eliza Long and Joe Nihill winning 8-5 in the men's no. 1 doubles, while Jodie Daniel and Rose Nihill had an 8-4 win in the ladies' doubles. The Pheonix Suns won the men's no. 2 doubles 8-5 over Alex Bakogianis and debu-

tant Ned Nihill to keep things tight heading into the singles, but the home team pulled away again, largely thanks to Joe's 8-0 victory at no. 2. Other singles highlights include Eliza's gritty 8-7 to the positive and Rose securing a convincing 8-2. Rose's request to play with Eliza in the mixed was granted and the duo didn't disappoint, coming away with an 8-3 victory. Alex and Jodie won a spirited 8-5 mixed, while in the reverse doubles Joe and Ned ground out an 8-6 triumph. Eliza, Rose, and Joe all finished as 3 set winners.

**Div 3 GM West** - 5th February: It was a dismal result on Saturday for the Division 3 West team who were once again thwarted by their nemesis, Tongala. Played at Tongala the home team were victorious 9 sets 88 games to 4 sets 63 games. Nick Bakogianis kept his unbeaten singles run winning in a tough set 6/4. Accompanied by Peter Limbrick in the doubles he scored another win 8/4. The ladies doubles were somewhat competitive, winning two sets Corina McLeod and Loretta Richardson 8/4, and Jodie Daniel and Loretta also scoring a win 8/6. The mixed doubles was the icing on the cake for Tongala as each Nathalia pair limped off the court going down 6/3 with only Limbrick and Daniels doing better with six games. Seems like the only highlight for a visit to Tongala is a fine afternoon tea!





# In the Swing at Nathalia Golf Club

Well we are into February and the Ladies only have 3 weeks of their Summer 9 Hole Competition left to play with the **Nathalia Ladies 2022 Open Day** planned for Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March and the first GMGA tournament for the year will be on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March at Kyabram Parkland with the Ky Lucky Lotto 4BBB which is always a popular event with our ladies. The Ladies season seems to be starting earlier every year as many Clubs aim to hold their events during the Autumn months when the weather is ideal and before our nomads head north.

Our Ladies were pleased to host a lunch meeting for **SWAGGERS** (GM Senior Women Golfers Association) on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February with 11 delegates attending from across the GMGA Regional Clubs present to meet and make decisions with regard to golfing dates in 2022. After the meeting the ladies enjoyed a very yummy lunch and thanks to all involved with the catering. As Nathalia is considered central within the region it provides the ideal venue to hold this annual meeting.

The Golf Club will be hosting a **Bunnings BBQ** at Shepparton on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March and is looking for volunteers to be on a roster from 9am to 4pm. This is a great fundraiser for our small club and if you can help for 2 or 3 hours it would be greatly appreciated, ph Nancy Dunn on 0403 199 103.

We are always looking for **VOLUNTEERS** to help around the golf course with raking, picking up sticks, weeding or mowing and also watering. Many of our members are aging and no longer able to do the work. We would love to hear from anyone interested in helping us and supporting us, do not need to be a member, ideal for people who are physically fit and like the outdoors, even a few hours makes a difference.

Our **LOCAL BUSINESS CHALLENGE GOLF DAY** is on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March and Barrie Lindsay and Denis Dunn will be out and about town over the next week or so enthusiastically promoting the day and handing out flyers and entry forms. If for some reason your business is overlooked (maybe you are a tradie) and you want to enter a team, please contact Barrie ph 0472 559 222 and he will get the paperwork to you. If you are a golfer and want to play on the day but not yet in a team also let Barrie know as we will have teams wanting players. Again the event is a 4 person 18 Hole Ambrose and not all need to be golfers but does help if 1 or 2 can play golf. Remember there is a limit on entries so get your entries in ASAP so you will not be disappointed. This day is always a great day for our Club raising much needed funds and also for our business community with lots of fun and laughs for owners and employees. Again we have some great sponsorship so lots of prizes to be won !!!!



*Pictured above:  
Ray Freeman putting watched by  
Barrie Lindsay and Ian Bolton.*



*Pictured left:  
Peter Poon volunteers his time to mow  
around the greens on the Toro mower.*

## RESULTS:

**WEDNESDAY COMPETITION 26/01/22:** IRISH 3 BALL on the back 9 and there were 13 players divided into 4 teams and the winning team with 42 pts was Doreen Button, Sonia Verlinden and Wendy Fulton. Good teamwork and good golfing ladies.

**FRIDAY 9 HOLE CHICKEN RUN from 5pm 28/01/22:** Playing the front 9 and 13 contestants this week but unfortunately not all finished due to a down-pour for the last 2 players coming down the 8<sup>th</sup> fairway. The winner of the **IGA Cooked Chook** was Ray Freeman with 20pts and Barrie Lindsay got NTP. Again many returned to enjoy drinks and the free sausage sizzle afterwards in the clubhouse.

**SUNDAY 18 HOLE COMPETITION 30/01/22:** Teeing off by 9am and it was a STROKE round with Peter Poon taking the honours with 91/20/71 on a c/back from Tony Brown on 83/12/71. NTP went to John Drenen.

**WEDNESDAY COMPETITION 2/02/22:** 9 HOLE STABLEFORD and 12 players playing the back 9. The winner of the men's was Ray Freeman with 17 pts. Ray has been having lots of wins of late and his handicap has now dropped 4 shots so his winning streak might be coming to an end. Winner of the ladies was Wendy Fulton with 16 pts on a c/back from Sonia Verlinden also on 16 pts. Wendy also got NTP.

**FRIDAY 9 HOLE CHICKEN RUN from 5pm 4/02/22:** 9 players on the back 9 vying to win the **IGA Cooked Chook** and it was not to be for 8 players as the unbeatable Ray Freeman again took the win and the chook with 19 pts.

**SUNDAY 18 HOLE COMPETITION 6/02/22:** Most arrived by 8.30am to take on a round of PAR, not everyone's favourite game as brutal in keeping everyone honest. With 9 players it was John Drenen who played to his handicap to win with a square on a c/back from Ray Freeman also on square and it was no surprise that Tony Brown again got NTP.

**COMING UP: FRIDAY 11/02/22:** 9 HOLE CHICKEN RUN from 5pm or earlier if you prefer. Will be the front 9 – yellow for ladies and blue for men. \$6 for members & \$15 for non members and all welcome.

**SUNDAY 13/02/22:** 18 HOLE COMPETITION – 8.30am for 9am tee off and everyone welcome.

**WEDNESDAY 16/02/22:** 9 HOLE COMPETITION playing MULLIGANS on the back 9. Want to know more ? Come out and join us and have some fun. 8.15am for 8.30am tee off and everyone welcome.

**FRIDAY 18/02/22:** 9 HOLE CHICKEN RUN from 5pm or earlier and playing the back 9 – red for ladies and white for men.

**WEDNESDAY 23/02/22:** 9 HOLE STABLEFORD – All welcome. 8.15am for 8.30am tee off with option to continue and play 18 holes.

**TUESDAY 01/03/22:** Golf Club Monthly Meeting 7.30pm at the Clubhouse and all members welcome to attend.



*Pictured above: Sonia Verlinden putting on the 18th  
watched by Nance Dunn.*



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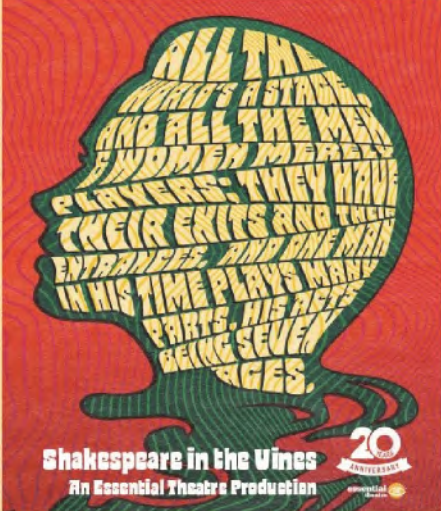
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