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Courier

Friday 23rd
February, 2024

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The Middle Hotel is Open!



Enjoying a drink at the Middle Pub.

After a few years of renovations, Michael and Vicky Liu are thrilled to announce that The Middle Pub is finally open! The doors are open, the drinks are flowing, and the bar snacks are ready to be devoured. Although meals are not yet available, they

will be served at a later date. Come on in and experience all the exciting changes and renovations at The Middle Pub. Michael himself will even give you a tour! More on page 6.

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- ✔ Available for 6-8 weeks at a mutually agreed time. Could be outside of traditional work hours

Submit your EOI to ncnswell@ncnhealth.org.au by COB Monday March 4th 2024



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Community Update

Moira Achiever Awards - Now Open

Nominate a shining star in your community! Recognise outstanding achievements and dedication with nominations open now for individuals, groups, event or projects.

The five categories are:

- 🌟 Star Achiever of the Year
- 🌟 YoungStar Achiever of the Year
- 🌟 Shining Achiever of the Year
- 🌟 Community Star Achiever of the Year
- 🌟 ACEStar Achiever of the Year

Visit our website for more information.

Nominations close **Friday 8 March 2024**.

Scan to visit website



Have your say on our draft Privacy Policy



Council is seeking feedback on its draft Privacy Policy. The policy is designed to align with privacy laws and enhance transparency in handling personal data. The policy addresses data collection, usage, storage, and third-party sharing, meeting guidelines set by the Office of the Victorian Information Commissioner.

Leave feedback on the online engagement platform Moira Matters at www.moiramatters.com.au/draft-privacy-policy

Consultation closes **Friday March 8 2024**.

The First 72 Hours



Preparedness is paramount in navigating uncertain times. In a crisis, swift action is essential, and the First 72 Hours program is here to guide you with four easy steps, and step 2 is all about: **BACKING UP YOUR INFORMATION!** Ensure your IDs, passports, and essential documents are stored securely in a cloud, on a USB drive or as snapshots on your phone. Capture all medical details, prescriptions, and even consider the needs of your pets.

Take a snapshot of bank statements, note credit card details, and keep some extra cash on hand. Safeguard insurance policies for home, health, and vehicles in a go folder. Be proactive, visit our website to start your emergency plan. Remember, preparation is the key to effective emergency response.

Kerbside Collection Consultation Now Open

We're preparing to introduce the State required Purple Glass Bin, but we can't do it without you. We've put together 3 options that improve our waste management, reduce landfill items and save costs for our community.

Visit our website to learn more and to share your thoughts.

Community members will also have the opportunity to share their thoughts in person at our upcoming community sessions, February's dates are listed below:

- **Saturday 24 February:** Cobram Lions Market from 8am
- **Monday 26 February:** Online session from 5.30pm

Visit our website to see a full list of community sessions.

Community consultation closes **Tuesday 30 April 2024**.

Scan to have your say



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Leadership at St Francis

We celebrated our Opening School Mass with St Mary of the Angels and inducted our new 2024 school leaders during the ceremony. We had Grade 6 School and House Captains receive their badges, which are a symbol of the leadership role they are undertaking this year. Congratulations to all our leaders for 2024.



SAKG Garden OPERATION GARDEN TIDY UP
Our fabulous senior students worked alongside their friends last week, getting our garden ready for autumn planting. There was lots of weeding and digging, harvesting and seed saving, collecting strawberry runners and cutting back herbs. Awesome work kids



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

Trading Hours

Monday- Friday:
8am-7pm
Saturday & Sunday:
8am-6pm

What's on Locally



UPCOMING EVENTS

POSTPONED	Nathalia Twilight Tennis
Feb 24 & 25	PUNFC Angling Classic Fishing Competition Barmah Lakes 7am-7pm
Feb 24	Cobram Lions Log Cabin Market Federation Park 8am-1pm
Feb 24	Tom Curtain - Why We Live Out Here Tour Barmah Pony Club Ground, Barmah East Rd, events.humantix.com
Feb 24 & 25	Semi-Abstract Botanical Collages with Linden Lancaster The G.R.A.I.N Store 9am-2pm
Feb 24, 27, Mar 2, 9	Eden Farm Tour 8am & 5pm 1205 Walsh' Bridge Rd, Numurkah
Feb 25	Yarrowonga Farmers' & Craft Market Yarrowonga Foreshore 8am-1pm
Feb 25	Lift the Lid Walk for Mental Health Splash Park, Yarrowonga Foreshore 10am
Feb 29	Pickleball @ Picola Rec Reserve 4-6pm
Mar 1	World Day of Prayer St Mary's Catholic Church 10am
Mar 1	Songs Unbound 7-9pm G.R.A.I.N. Store 1st Friday of the month performance
Mar 1	Skillzone Skate Night Cobram Sports Stadium
Mar 2	Numurkah Library Book Sale, 10am-12pm
Mar 2	Jim's Burgers Pop Up Restaurant Cactus Country 6pm-10.30pm
Mar 7	Pickleball @ Picola Rec Reserve 4-6pm
Mar 11	Labour Day
Mar 16	Nathalia Poultry Auction
Mar 16	International Women's Day - Nathalia Nightwatch CWA Three Belles Collective 5.30pm
Mar 17	Nathalia Show & Shine
Mar 21	Piano, Poetry and Pizzazz...a multilingual event The G.R.A.I.N. Store
Mar 29-Apr 1	Easter
Mar 29-Apr 1	Nathalia Lawn Tennis Club Easter Tennis Tournament
Mar 30	Nathalia Easter Market
Apr 7	Daylight Savings Ends - Turn clocks back 1 hour.
May 3 & 4	NFNC Debutant Balls
Jun 7 & 8	G.R.A.I.N. Store - The Things We Do For Love Installations, Promenade & Celebration
Jul 27	G.R.A.I.N. Store presents: Garage Girls @ SMOTA

Contact Nathalia Printers to have your event featured on our 'What's on Locally' calendar.

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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

World Day of Prayer: **Friday 1st March:** 10am

Strathmerton

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

NATHALIA UNITING CHURCH

Margaret Cobble Dick Ph: 0429 662 039

February 25th: 9.30am service

March 3rd: 9.30am service

Picola: 9.00am

HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH - NATHALIA

Fr Gunnar Rippon Priest 5862 1046

February 25th: 8.30am Holy Communion

March 3rd: 8.30am Holy Communion

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

Contact - Erik 0411 731 916

Every Saturday: Services 10am & 11.30am or Zoom.

124 Graham St., Shepparton.



MEALS ON WHEELS

February 23 - March 8

February

Friday 23rd	Graeme Smith
Monday 26th	St Mary of the Angels
Tuesday 27th	Darryl Hill & Mary Wilson
Wednesday 28th	Nathalia Primary School
Thursday 29th	Heather Frostick

March

Friday 1st	Patricia Hawks
Monday 4th	St Mary of the Angels
Tuesday 5th	Marlene Moor
Wednesday 6th	Laurel Dimond & Leeanne Caldwell
Thursday 7th	Carmen Gilson
Friday 8th	Mary Agius

If you can cover one of the volunteer required runs please contact Laura,

Volunteer Programs Co-ordinator - MHA Care
Phone 03 5742 1111



Spirit of Life

Caterpillar Corner



The Explorers Room children have had a wonderful first month getting to know their educators and getting to form and reform friendships! We have had so much to do over the last month with lots of water play, sandpit play, indoor and outdoor play, music and art. Whilst it has taken the children some time to get used to their new environment, they have settled in super nicely and it's like they have been in here the whole time! It has been great watching all the new and old friendships pan out within the room as well as seeing how comfortable the children are with their educators. The Explorers Educators can't wait to see what the year brings and we can't wait to watch the children grow and develop more over the coming months!



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Join your local Country Women's Association to celebrate

<p>Cobram Nocturnals CWA</p> <p>Celebrate by watching a movie, The Colour Purple with a lucky door prize</p> <p>Date: Wednesday 6 March 2024 Location: Cobram Cinema Time: 1pm - 3.30pm Cost: FREE RSVP Essential: by 29 February 0493 419 047 or 0409 231 001</p>	<p>Baulkamaugh CWA</p> <p>Come and enjoy a morning tea with guest speaker talking on refugees and asylum seekers</p> <p>Date: Friday 8 March 2024 Location: RSL Hall, Saxon Street Numurkah Time: 10am - 12pm Cost: FREE RSVP Essential: 0428 725 589</p>
<p>Yarrawonga & Border CWA</p> <p>Celebrating with a delicious breakfast, hear from guest speaker Tracie Holgate</p> <p>Date: Saturday 16 March 2024 Location: CWA Hall, Hovell St Yarrawonga Time: 8.30am Cost: \$12 RSVP Essential: by 2 March 0407 094 124 or 0417 501 027 email: cwayarrawongaandborder@gmail.com</p>	<p>Nathalia Nightwatch CWA</p> <p>Come and enjoy a chat with pizza and tunes</p> <p>Date: Saturday 16 March 2024 Location: Three Belles Collective, 56 Elizabeth St Nathalia Time: 5.30pm Cost: FREE \$10 pizza voucher provided to each guest, limited spots available. No RSVP required</p>

For more information on International Women's Day visit internationalwomensday.com

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The Middle Pub is Open!

What's the Buzz About The Middle Pub?

The Middle Pub has been a beloved local establishment for many years, but it was in need of a refresh. Michael and Vicky Liu took on the challenge of renovating the pub to create a more inviting and modern space for the community to enjoy. They wanted to create a place where people could gather, relax, and have a great time.

What Can You Expect at The Middle Pub?

Although meals are not currently available, The Middle Pub is offering a fantastic selection of drinks and bar snacks.

Join Us at The Middle Pub!

The Middle Pub is more than just a place to grab a drink and a bite to eat. It's a community gathering spot where family and friends can

come together, new connections can be made, and memories can be created. So, gather your friends, family, and co-workers and



Vicky & Michael Lui in the newly renovated Middle Pub.

head on over to The Middle Pub. Michael and Vicky Liu can't wait to welcome you and show you all the incredible changes they've made. Cheers to The Middle Pub!





Sessions



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Amphibians

Word Search

DIRECTIONS:
Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.

<p>AMPHIBIAN</p> <p>CAECILIAN</p> <p>CAMOUFLAGE</p> <p>COLD-BLOODED</p> <p>ECTOTHERMIC</p> <p>EGGS</p> <p>FINS</p> <p>FOUR LIMBS</p> <p>FROG</p> <p>GILLS</p> <p>HIBERNATION</p> <p>LARVAE</p> <p>METAMORPHOSIS</p> <p>MOIST SKIN</p> <p>MUDPUPPY</p> <p>NEWT</p> <p>NO SCALES</p> <p>PART LAND</p> <p>PART WATER</p> <p>SALAMANDER</p>	<p>SOFT BODY</p> <p>TADPOLE</p> <p>TETRAPOD</p> <p>TOAD</p> <p>TOXIC MUCOUS</p> <p>TWO LIVES</p> <p>VERTEBRATE</p>
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DID YOU KNOW?

Amphibians are unique because they have a permeable skin that allows them to breathe and absorb moisture directly through their skin.

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Rotary Report

The Show and Shine is not very far away, its only 3 weeks! We have been busy organise the event.

We would like to announce the Nathalia Angling Club as a new sponsor of the Best Car of the Show and Best Local Entrant which are our two major prize for the event. The Rotary Club would like to thank the Nathalia Angling Club for coming on board this year. In conjunction with the Bendigo Bank the Major Prize for the Raffle will be \$1,000 worth of fuel voucher. We will be selling tickets out the front of the supermarket in the next few years.

The Heart to Heart House has been busy with a few guest over the last few weeks which is great to see. We are looking at doing some maintenance around the house to improve it for our guest.

A couple of weeks ago, we few members, went over to the Rotary Club of Numurkah weekly meeting to present them with a cheque of \$1,000 for their help at the New Year's Eve Carnival spinning wheel which was a very successful event for our club. The Numurkah Rotary Club would like to put that money back into the Nathalia Community. It was decided at our last meeting that we are going to go ahead with painting the Rotunda which is in the middle of town so the money will go towards this. Plus we are going to rename it the Jim Liddell Rotunda after one of our Past Presidents. At the time Jim Liddell was the main instigator in getting the Rotunda built in town.

Not much else is happening at the moment just busy organise the Show and Shine and then a few weeks later we will have the Annual Easter Spinning Wheel.

Again if you are interested in coming along to a meeting or to potentially join Rotary please let Anthony Oliver or Ross Smith know.



Nathalia Rotary President Loula Oliver with Numurkah Rotary President Julie Andrew.

How Children perceive their grandparents:

- My young grandson called the other day to wish me Happy Birthday. He asked me how old I was, and I told him, 68. My grandson was quiet for a moment, and then he asked, "Did you start at 1?"
- After putting her grandchildren to bed, a grandmother changed into old slacks and a droopy blouse and proceeded to wash her hair. As she heard the children getting more and more rambunctious, her patience grew thin. Finally, she threw a towel around her head and stormed into their room, putting them back to bed with stern warnings. As she left the room, she heard the three-year-old say with a trembling voice, "Who was THAT?"

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Two Authors. One event. A wealth of history.



The Nathalia Library will host authors Ruth and Don Pollock on Thursday 29th February at 12.30pm, to share their writing experiences.

What do you do when COVID closes your business after 27 years and you are almost 80? Start a new career in writing. Ruth and Don Pollock both decided to try their hands at writing a book but rather than write one together they approached the task separately.

Ruth published two books in 2023. Her first book *Clouds and Sunshine* was published early in the year.

The book centres around Rosie Franklin, an enthusiastic teacher and sports coach who, through her desire for adventure, cements a friendship into a loving relationship with Chas Anderson. Chas, a local, daredevil stunt pilot, is also a well-known crop-duster. Together they weave their dreams for the future, unaware of the betrayal by friends and associates to undermine their aspirations.

In December 2023, Ruth launched her second book *Hard Women*.

The book compares women's lives between 19th century Sweden and Australia from 1870 to 2021. The many challenges faced by females during the period, particularly in the West Australian Goldfields (1899-1910), the First World War, the Great Depression, the Second World War, Vietnam and COVID, are recorded in a personal narrative style.

Don speaks about *Suggy's Men*, an anthology describing operations of the first RAAF unit in Vietnam in 1964.

Most events in the book are personal experiences of those involved in and post-Vietnam.

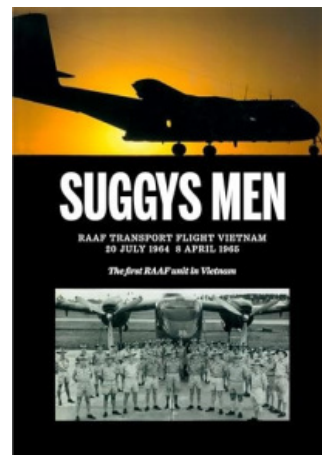
In 1965, returning from Vietnam to Australia was quite disorienting for many veterans. Few Australians knew anything about Vietnam including where it was and why there was a war.

Fifty years later, the survivors of the first RAAF unit in Vietnam, (RAAF Transport Flight Vietnam-RTFV) collaborated to produce an anthology of personal stories: the result is *Suggy's Men*.



Don Pollock became the compiler, assisted by Des Lovett, Kev Henderson and many others. The very personal experiences shared in the book include Don's experience of returning home to find his mother didn't recognise him.

If you would like to meet Ruth and Don at the Nathalia Library and hear them speak about their books on Thursday 29th February at 2.30pm please contact Goulburn Valley Libraries on 1300 374 765 or email nathalia@gvlibraries.com.au. If you can't make it to the Nathalia Library they will also be speaking at Tatura Library on 29th February at 10.30am and the Euroa Library on 1st March



Securing Your Legacy

The Nathalia Library is hosting a free information session on Friday 8th March at 10.30am that may help you plan for the future. The session will be presented by Haven Legal Co. and will offer you the opportunity to learn answers to the following commonly asked questions.



Brittany Haven Legal Co

- What is a Will?
- What is a Medical Decision Treatment Maker / Medical Power of Attorney?
- What is an Enduring Power of Attorney?
- What is the difference between an Executor and a Power of Attorney?
- What is Probate and when do you need it?

If you would like to come along to this information session, contact the Nathalia Library on 1300 374 765 or email nathalia@gvlibraries.com.au to let us know you will be there.

Now is the time to start writing your story...



We encourage anyone who has written or is thinking of writing their story and having it printed and published as a book to contact the team at **Nathalia Printers** who would love to help you with all aspects of your project.

Memories of a life to pass on to family and generations to follow.

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Another Seinfeld moment

Hannah searched all the big supermarkets, but there weren't any to be found. Perhaps they were being discontinued? What was she going to do? They were her favourite, and she liked to relax and enjoy a few after dinner. Hannah certainly wouldn't be offering them to any of her guests anymore.

But as luck would have it, at her little village supermarket Hannah found some packets hanging near the checkout counter. She told the friendly check-out lady her story as she grabbed all the packets on display.

The older lady furrowed her brow. 'I think we might still have a box of them out the back,' she said. 'I'll send Adam out to find it for you.' Hannah gushed her appreciation.

Adam duly returned with the box of *Fantails*. 'How many would you like?' he asked as he opened the box of 48 packets.

'I'll take the whole box,' answered Hannah gleefully.

As she happily left the supermarket with her box of *Fantails* in tow, Hannah felt she was having an *Elaine* moment. She could totally empathize with *Elaine's Benice's* hunt for her favourite, but soon to be withdrawn, contraception sponges in the TV sitcom *Seinfeld*.

Nathalia Primary School Foundation Students

The Red Gum Courier visited Nathalia Primary School on Tuesday to be greeted by the happy, chatty foundation students who all seem to have settled in well to the start of their school life.



Mrs Zammit's Prep Class: (In no particular order) Cedar, Asher, Henry, Mila, Gera, Grace, Evie, Jason, Rio, Mackenna.



Miss Willcock's Prep Class: (In no particular order) Phoenix, Hans Matthew, Audrey, Mia, Rawson, Raine, Easton, Sophie, Hana.



Men's Peer Support Group

The Men's Peer Support Group Nathalia invites ladies and gentlemen to join them for an engaging discussion with Garry and Shirley Semmens.

The Beyond Blue Speaker Program involves volunteers with a personal experience of diagnosed depression, anxiety or a related disorder. Speakers are trained and supported in sharing their personal story of hope, recovery and resilience with community groups. The Speakers program aims to raise awareness and reduce stigma of anxiety and depression in the communities throughout Australia.



GARRY SEMMENS
Beyond Blue Speaker

Garry and Shirley are volunteer speakers with Beyond Blue. Join Garry and Shirley as they share their experiences with mental health conditions and offer hope to anyone living with a mental health condition.

6 MARCH, 2024
9:15AM

SUE LIEBE
0476 285 543



SHIRLEY SEMMENS
Beyond Blue Speaker



Museum Moments...

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

The photograph below was taken at the Yalca Anglican Church in approximately 1952. The church is no longer there and we are seeking help to identify the individuals pictured for the occasion. If you can recognize anyone in the photograph please give me a call. (Hint— Bev Hutchins is the little girl on the left. Her mother, Vera Brown is pictured in the centre holding baby Ernie. George Jackson is pictured 5th from the right.)



Can you identify the clip pictured below and tell us what it would be used for?
It measures 14 cm along the straight side, and the rounded end with a hole fits into a slot on the straight edge so it can be fastened shut.



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.

Nathalia Ag Society/Nathalia Show Annual General Meeting next week

It's that time of year again for our AGM to elect our new committee and dive into planning the Nathalia Show for October 5th 2024.

New members/interested people are encouraged to attend and see how you can be involved. Fresh faces help to keep the event relevant and make it easier for everyone. We have a few ageing and ailing members so every helping hand will be appreciated- helpers on the day are always in big demand as well. At this meeting we also hope to choose a theme. Any suggestions please let us know. The meeting will be held Thurs 7th March, see classifieds for further details.



In other news, we are planning to hold another fundraiser raffle at the Easter market with a wooden clock generously donated to the Society by Carl Dietrich. Carl had his works on display in the Pavilion at last year's Show.

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This is a unique and intimate musical experience where each songwriter takes turns performing their original songs, accompanied by guitars, ukuleles and fiddles. Between performances, the songwriters will share the stories behind their songs, inspirations, and experiences as musicians. If you love taking a look behind the scenes with an insight into the musical creative process with a concert that features a diverse range of musical styles and genres, don't miss this special performance!

Doors open at 6:30pm, with the show going from 7-9pm

Tickets are \$20 full price, \$10 concession

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Each session has a maximum of 8-10 participants so you can have as much or as little attention as you wish. Each session costs \$50. You bring what you want to work on...OR ...you come asking for "chef's recommendations". Contact Philippa for more information 0400 037 432

Piano, Poetry and Pizzazz 6.30-8.30pm Thursday March 21 Celebrating Harmony Day

Do you have a song in another language? Or a piano piece or musical item? A brief piece of writing? The theme is multilingual....and the approach is the same... as many individuals or groups as possible, offering up one item only, for the edification of the audience. And keeping with our recently established tradition, we finish with a collective singalong...5 items only.

Sometimes we mention Pizza...well you are welcome to bring your own, or some other food that will enhance your enjoyment. Bar will be open and tea and coffee. \$10 as audience and no charge to be a performer. Please rush in to book your place on the Programme...encourage a friend

These sessions come from the tradition of a community entertaining itself...always with a special twist...



Why Philippa decided she would benefit from Studio!

Moira Shire seeks community consultation on Kerbside bin services

Moira Shire Council is preparing to be part of the Victorian State's four-bin system, rolling out a new purple lid bin for glass recycling.

To prepare for this new bin, the current kerbside service is being reviewed taking into consideration increasing recycling rates and costs to ratepayers while following the Federal Government's National Waste Action Plan and Victorian Government's Circular Economy Act 2021, vision of diverting 80 per cent of waste from landfill by 2030.

Moira Shire residents can be part of the conversation by sharing their waste and recycling habits and which kerbside option is best suited for their household as part of our kerbside changes' consultation, which can be found on Council's Moira Matters, community engagement platform.

Altering the frequency of kerbside collections provides an opportunity to improve household waste management, better manage costs to ratepayers, and drive behaviour change that will help us get closer to Australia's 80 per cent target of items diverted from landfill. This will also



minimise money wasted from recyclable and recoverable items going to landfill.

Moira Shire Council Chief Executive Officer, Matthew Morgan said we're on a mission to boost household recycling habits and shape our kerbside system to create a more sustainable community.

"All Victorian council kerbside services are moving to a four-bin system to help reduce the amount of waste sent to landfill and improve the quality of recyclable items. Council is preparing to introduce the Purple Glass Bin this year and needs the support of the community to drive our diversion rate up to 80 per cent and deliver a sustainable kerbside service, and ultimately save money in the longer term by avoiding the levies of waste to landfill.

"Residents will have a number of opportunities to be part of the conversation by going online, or meeting with our Waste and Environmental Services team at pop-up locations.

"Let's make a positive impact together and show the state that Moira Shire is a leading sustainable region," Mr Morgan said.

Residents can find information on the proposed kerbside changes on the engagement platform Moira Matters at www.moiramatters.com.au/kerbside-collection-changes or speak to our Waste and Environmental Services team via our customer service centre on (03) 5871 9222. Community consultation will be available until Tuesday 30 April.

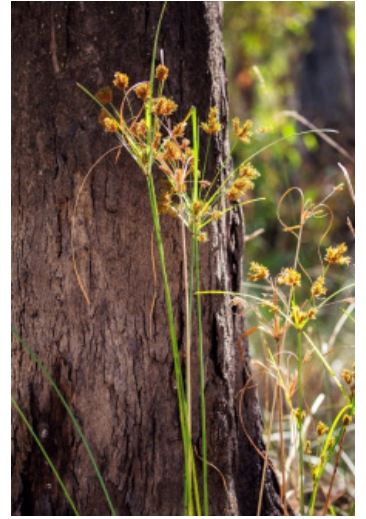
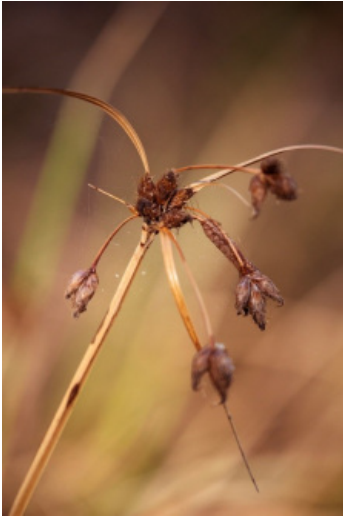


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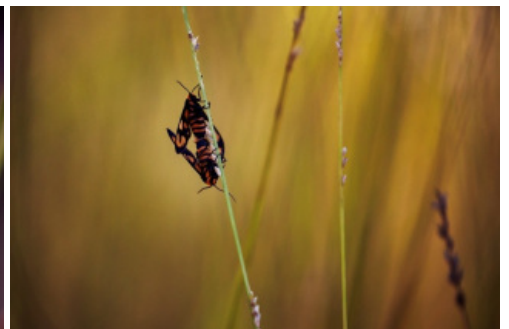
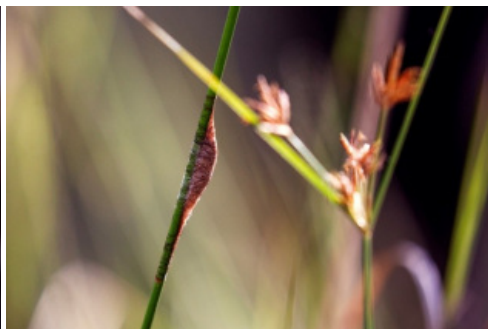
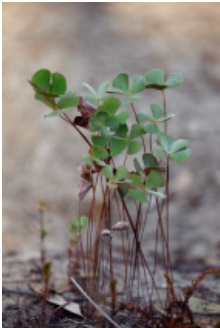
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Nathalia Wildflower Group

On Saturday the 17th of February, twelve members of the N.W.G. travelled out to the edge of the Barmah National Park where they discovered many plants, with some still flowering. Despite the heat everyone enjoyed the walk and a few members found the Smooth Munuria, *Munuria integerrima*, flowering in the heat of the day.

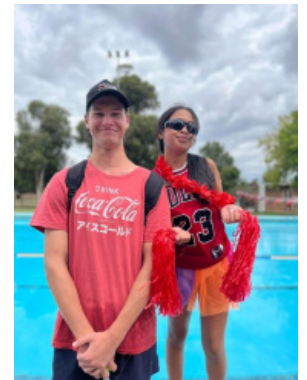
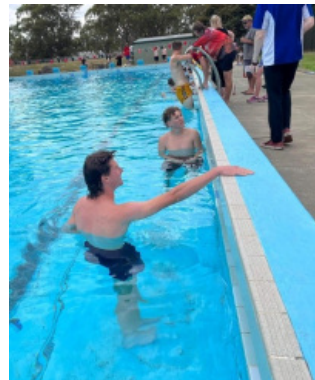


Nathalia Secondary College Swimming Carnival

On Monday February 5th, we held our annual swimming sports at the local pool. We were treated to a warm overcast day, making it perfect conditions for water-based activities. A solid effort from all participants in the pool, backed by plenty of enthusiastic support from the sidelines.

Well done to all involved, especially to Rhys, Evan, Oliver C, Taylah H, Cheyanne and Grace for taking out age group champions. Broken House were able to overcome last years winners Murray to take out the trophy.

Thanks to Mr Tinning for organising the day, an event like this cannot go ahead without a power of work behind the scenes.



Paul Briggs OAM, received an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO)

Paul Briggs is a Yorta Yorta man based in Shepparton with a wealth of experience in Aboriginal community development. He grew up on the banks of the Dungala (Murray River) at Cummeragunja, and draws inspiration from the long list of past Yorta Yorta leaders including Sir Doug Nicholls and William Cooper, among many others, who have emanated from Cummera. (kaielainstitute.org.au)

Paul Briggs OAM, Barmah, received an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) in the General Division in the Australia Day Awards for distinguished service to the Indigenous community, to social welfare through economic inclusion and reconciliation, and to sporting organisations.

Many locals will know Paul Briggs through his work with the Rumbalara Football Netball Club.

Paul's achievements include:

First Nations Foundation

- Patron, current.
- Chair, 2006-2014.
- Founder, 2006.

Community

- Inaugural Chair, Dungala Kaiela Foundation, since 2008.
- Executive Chair, Kaiela Institute Ltd, since 2011.
- Founding Member, Empowered Communities Project, since 2013.
- Member, Victorian Aboriginal Treaty Working Group, since 2019.
- Member, Referendum Engagement Group, 'The Voice' Referendum, since 2022.
- Chair, Yorta Yorta Nations, 2014.
- Founding Member, Koori Economic Employment and the Training Agency Committee.
- Founding Member, Koori Resource and Information Centre, 2000-2011.
- Co-Chair, Indigenous Banking Reference Group, Reconciliation Australia, 2007-2011.
- Chair, First Nations Advantage Credit Union, 1999-2006.
- Founding Chair, Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation, 2005.
- Member, Indigenous Advisory Group, VicHealth, 2004-2005.
- Founding Co-Chair, Victorian Indigenous Leadership Network, 2004.

Munarra Centre of Regional Excellence, The University of Melbourne

- Deputy Chair, current.
 - Founding Member, current.
- #### The University of Melbourne
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 - Former Board Member, Murrup Barak.
 - Former Board Member, Aboriginal Affairs Advisory Committee.

Committee and Advisory Roles

- Member, Regional Partnerships Goulburn, current.
- Board Member, Short Black Opera Company, current.
- Board Member, Onemda Health Research, current.
- Board Member, Goulburn Murray Health Alliance, current.
- Steering Committee Member, Greater Shepparton Coalition of Australian Governments Trial, 2003-2006.

Sport

- Inaugural Chair, National Indigenous Advisory Council, Australian Football League, since 2015.

- President, Rumbalara Football Netball Club, Murray Goulburn Region, 1997-2021.
- Chairman, Victorian Aboriginal Football Foundation, 1999-2000s.
- Board Member, Murray Football League, current.

Awards and Recognition include:

- Jack Titus Award, Australian Football League, 2022.
- Boss True Leader, Australian Financial Review, 2019.
- Medal of the Order of Australia, 2003.
- Centenary Medal, 2003.



U3A Film@Night

Ocean Waves, Japan 1993 Wed 7pm

Ocean Waves (Umi Ga Kikoeru) is a delightful film and a great introduction to Studio Ghibli's younger generation of anime artists. Rarely seen outside Japan, and the subject of many YouTube "defending its worth and its significance", the DVD cover describes it as one of the most poignant and unsung masterpieces within Studio Ghibli's legendary creative output.



The blurb continues: wonderfully detailed and incredibly subtle, it captures the joys and drama of adolescence and teenage alienation, all seen through the eyes of Taku, our 'average high school student' who is overwhelmed when Rikako, a beautiful student is transferred from Tokyo to his average coastal town.

I am only just learning to appreciate some of the joys of animation... and this film, quite short at 72 minutes, allows us to notice just how many details the young animators extracted from their own recent memories of their high school life. Contact Philippa 0400 037 432



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Sadly passed away suddenly at home on the 7th of February, 2024.

Aged 91 years.

Dearly loved wife of Tony (dec).
Much-loved and cherished mum and mother-in-law of Peter and Roxanne, George and Tracey, Loula and Mark, Helen and Kym.

Much-loved and adored yiayia of Belinda, Chantelle, Jessica, Kelly, Anthony, Andriana, Nicola, Nicholas and Ellie.

Old yiayia of Mia, Darius and Taric.

Reunited with her beloved Tony.

~
"Mum, now it's your turn to rest."

FUNERALS

SPANOS, A funeral service for the late Pat Spanos was conducted at St Dimitrios Greek Orthodox Church, Mortimer Road, Berri, SA on Wednesday 21st of February, 2024, followed by interment at the Berri Lawn Cemetery.

BEREAVEMENT THANK YOU

BENNIE, JOHN

Our family would like to thank all who sent flowers, cards and condolences on facebook. Thanks to Dr Asad, District Nurses, MHA PC's and Surgical Ward G.V Hospital for their care of John. Please except this as our personal thanks.

~ Trish & Family

THANK YOU

I would like to express my appreciation to all those folk who congratulated me on obtaining an OAM Award, the award was totally unexpected.

I gratefully thank those who in any way had an in put into it's coming to fruition.

~ Lynette E. Franklin OAM

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MEETINGS



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Thursday, 7th March 2024.

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Picola Bowling Club News

WEEKEND PENNANT
10 FEB 2024

ROUND 14 Division 2 We played away to Numurkah Town losing by 16 shots.

Keith, Jeff P, John and Geoff D lost 15-23. Bruce, Archie, Max and Roy lost 15-22. Tony, Sue, Bill and Karen lost 16-17.

10 FEB 2024 ROUND 16 Division 5 We played home to Nathalia winning by 20 shots. Boxy, Julie, Bucket and Maureen won 19-13. Trevor, Wally, Aaron and Geoffrey C won 28-14.

With this win Div 5 finished fourth. They now play Barooga Sports in the semi-final. The match will be played at Numurkah Golf on Saturday 24 Feb 24, 1.15pm start. If available, please come along to support them. **GOOD LUCK !**

Men's Trade Day was held at Picola on 7 Feb 24. 2 full rinks. A good day was had by all.

Champion of Champion Singles Sue Jamison played Kerry from Cobram in the semi-final losing 20-25 after a tight tussle.

Thursday, 22 February we will be hosting the Annual Red Cross Fundraiser Night at the Picola Bowling Club. Participants from Picola Football and Netball Club will be attending. Anyone and everyone are welcome to participate. There will be 2 games of bowls followed by a BBQ and salads for tea. Cost is \$10.00 a head. The bar will be open to purchase drinks. We need members from Picola Bowling Club to play and help set up. Start time is 6.00pm. Hope to see you there.

Good luck to Peter and Jack Hutchins (Nathalia) in their semifinal match of the Champion of Champion Men's Pairs **GO PICOLA !**



Regional Track and Field Carnival



Congratulations to our athletes who recently competed in the Regional Track & Field Carnival in Shepparton. Great effort from you and very proud of your sportsmanship.



Pictured: Claudia Ciccone, Hailey James and Rhys Hansen.

- Hailey Under 10's**
Shot Put - 7th
Long Jump - 15th
100m - 8th
400m - 6th
- Claudia Under 13's**
200m - 12th
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- Rhys Hansen Under 16's**
Long Jump - 1st
Triple Jump - 2nd
400m - 1st
High Jump - 1st with an NCR record.

Purps in Darwin



Nathalia's Alex Hicks has recently been playing football for PINT in the Northern Territory League. He has played 8 games in the PINT Premier Reserve team and is currently the leading goal kicker for the team with 16 goals. It is the end of the home



(L-R) Alex Hicks, Todd Hicks and Leigh Peters.

and away season for the NT League with finals starting this week. PINT Premier Reserve team finished on top of the ladder. Last week Alex played with his brother Todd, who lives in Darwin, and Leigh Peters who played a few games with the Purples last year.



Nathalia Bowling Club

Our Club Pairs Champions, father and son team **PETER AND JACK HUTCHINS** played two rounds in the **CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS** on Sunday 18th February, at Cobram and won both games and are now in the semi-finals next week against a team from Barooga. Good bowling to you both.

SATURDAY PENNANT'S FINAL ROUND, Round 14 for **DIVISION 3** was played on February 10th. Nathalia 1 played Barooga Sports 3 at Barooga and managed to hang on and win by 2 shots. 64-62. Skip, Bev Hutchins' team of Bill Seymour, Trevor Cobbledick and Alan Cooper went down 14-24. Skip, Steve Campbell's team of Fiona Rourke, Gary Manley and Craig Lucas also lost 19-21. Skip, Peter Hutchins' team of Jack Hutchins, Kevin Scolyer and Max Hudson saved

the day with a big win 31-17. **DIVISION 3** is sitting in second position on the ladder and will play in the **2nd SEMI-FINAL** on Saturday against Numurkah Golf at Barooga Sports. Come along and support your team.

DIVISION 5 played the final Round 15 at Picola on Saturday, 10th February, at Picola and Picola won on the day 27-47. Skip, Chris Briggs' team of Mark Lawless, John Staggard and Ian Bolton 13-19. Skip, Tim Cullen's team of Darryl Sexton, Ashley Hutchins and Philippa Schapper. 14-28.

An **OVER 60's BOWLS DAY** was held on Monday 19th February, at the Club with Bowlers participating from all over the region, making up 14 Teams. The winners on the day were a team from Numurkah.

The Midweek Pennant players and partners enjoyed lunch together at the Numurkah

Chinese Restaurant on Tuesday 20th February, to enjoy a Social Day together and talk over the season. Onwards and upwards for Season 2024-25.

Although the Bowls Pennant Season is drawing to an end, the Club has many upcoming events, both Bowls and Social

A **MENS TRADE DAY** will be held on Thursday 29th February. **THE GOOD FRIDAY CHILDRENS HOSPITAL APPEAL BOWLS DAY** will be held on March 29th. **BAREFOOT BOWLS** will continue on a Friday Night at 6pm. **The Bar** will continue to be open to the public from 5pm on Fridays. A **VEDUCCI FASHION SHOW** will be held on Wednesday, April 10th. The **TRIVIA NIGHT** is on again on Saturday 20th April. Put these dates in your diary and watch for further details.

Nathalia Lawn Tennis Club Senior Results



GM Division 4 Sat 17 Feb:

The match against top of the ladder Tatura Monsoons at home was toughly contested but unfortunately GM 4 were defeated 55 - 68. Lucy Daniel was again player of the day winning 2 sets, the first was a tie break with Judith Slattery and the second with last minute fill in, Mitch Daniel. Hamish McLeod and Wayne Geissler won their set on a tie break as well but unfortunately Pat Ryan and Wayne and Matt and Judith Slattery both went down on tie breaks in their sets. GM 4 remains at 4th on the ladder.

GM Div 4 Sat 10 Feb: GM4 Open's away match against Tongala was a closely fought slam in a sweltering 34-degree heat. However, the team emerged victorious over Tongala by a score of 5 sets 51 games to 4 sets 50 games.

Lucy earned the Player of the Day title for winning all three of her doubles sets. Despite Rod and Judith's final set together ending in a 1-8 game loss, the team agreed that winning that one crucial point was all part of their strategic plan.

Overall, it was a good hit against a very well-matched team.

GM Div 3 Sat 10 Feb: The GM 3 team headed to

Kialla. With all team members available this week.

we decided to play with 5 men and 5 ladies. The team had a sound win over Kialla 10 sets 84 games to 3 sets 49 games. The women, Monique Bryant, Loretta Richardson, Di Wilson, Shanel Few and Helen Ginnivan won all their sets. It must be noted that Monique and Shanel did take 75 mins to win their first set, how many deuces can you have a set? Anthony Wilson had a close first set with John Sheehan winning in a tie break, then won 6-0 in his singles and finished the day with a win in the mixed with Helen. Ryan Bell finished the day with a strong win with Monique in the mixed 8-0. We seemed to have got our pairing right in the mixed this week as we won all these sets.

GM Division 3 Sat 17 Feb: Div 3 played at home in a tight match against an inform Kyabram Bombers side.

Ryan Bell and Greg Frostick started the day well with a 8-0 win. Greg then teamed with Anthony Wilson and lost 1-8. Greg was heard comment that his afternoon tea took longer to make than his time on court. Anthony then played with Aaron Booth and won 8 - 6.

The ladies started poorly losing both sets but the reverse doubles saw Phillippa Slinger and Di Wilson winning a tie breaker and Shanel Few

and Helen Ginnivan won 8 -1.

With the scores even, getting the mixed pairing was critical, and we had three winning pairs Ryan and Phillippa 8 - 3, Aaron and Di 8 - 3 and Greg and Shanel 8 - 7.

Three set winner for the day the in form Ryan Bell.

Nathalia eventually came out winning 8 sets 72 games to Ky 5 sets 68 games.

GM Division 2 Sat 10 Feb: Nathalia Division 2 V Tatura Quakes

Division 2 travelled to Tat to take on the second placed side on the ladder and after tight tussle all day went down by 9 games. Rose Nihill and Jodie Daniel got the team off to a flyer with a great 8-4 win against a very good no 1 pair from Tat and Nick Bakogianis had a solid 6-3 win at no 2 singles. Tim Hubbard and Peter Limbrick came up against a very strong no 1 pairing and got rolled 8-2. Peter and John Nihill were beaten 8-6 in the reverse doubles. Tat ladies won the remaining women's doubles but Nathalia fought back to win 2 of the three mixed. Good wins by Rose and John Nihill 8-4 and Tim Hubbard and Corina McLeod 8-2 saw the team rally and be beaten by single digits.

GM Division 2 Sat 17 Feb - BYE



In the Swing at Nathalia Golf Club

Thanks to our Sponsors Brereton's Bakery

Wednesday the 7th of February - the ladies played ambrose. With no results. Everyone went to Brereton's Bakery for Nancy's birthday. Happy Birthday Nancy Dunn.



Pictured: Congratulations Tony Brown with an EAGLE on the par 5 tenth hole.

Friday the 9th of February - nine players played ambrose. Winners John, Heather and Stan .

Sunday the 11th of January - six players played stableford. Winner was Ryan Bell with a whopping 44 stableford points. Well done Ryan. NTP was Steve Piggott.

Wednesday the 14th of February - the ladies played nine hole stableford and Nancy Dunn was the winner with 19 stableford points. No NTP.

Friday fun day the 16th of February - seven players played Ambrose.

Sunday the 18th of February - six players turned up and played stableford. Tony Brown was the winner with 39 stableford points. R/Up was Ryan Bell with 36 stableford points and Peter poon got NTP.

Congratulations to Tony Brown with his first ever EAGLE, it happened on the par 5 tenth hole. Hope there's many more to come. Well done mate. Good hitting all!



Pictured: Ryan Bell with a massive 44 stableford points.



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Nathalia Junior Tennis Results

B2 Purple: B2 Purple took on 3rd placed Tallygaroopna, with the kids playing some great tennis getting up 6-41 to 2-27. Lucy Daniel and Mitchell Daniel both were 3 set winners

B2 Gold: B2 Gold had the bye this week and are looking forward to playing Nathalia Purple this weekend.

C2 Purple: C2 Purple came out strong against Shepp Lawn Blue winning all their sets 8-48 to 0-18. Well done to Keira, Ava, Duane, Harry and Finn. This weekend is Derby round

playing Nathalia Gold in our last home and away round prior to finals commencing.

C2 Gold: C2 Gold defeated Kialla Park Old Students Blue 8-48 to 0-11 in Nathalia on the weekend. The team prevailed in both their doubles and singles matches. Congratulations on another great team effort.



Nathalia FNC Juniors to Represent



Congratulations to Nathalia's Tayah Lundberg and Sienna Vallender in their selection for the Murray Football Netball League 2024 representative netball teams. Tayah will be in the 15 & Under and Sienna the 13 & Under team.

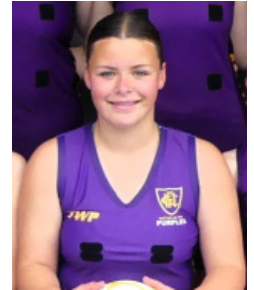
We also congratulate Nathalia's River Freeman in his selection into the Under 16 Murray Bushrangers Squad for 2024.



Sienna Vallender



River Freeman



Tayah Lundberg

Nathalia Association Cricket Club News



A Grade v Berrigan: We have waited till the last game of the season to post our highest score and have a team member to get

the first 100 for A Grade. The big score happened because of the power batting from Liam Evans (107 off 113) and then the cherries were added by the gutsy batting of Scotty Morris (59 off 159 balls) which allowed veteran Luke Quinn (46) and lower order powerhouse Clancy Congues (36) to hit some boundaries to push the score above 300 and reach 324. Hopefully the boys can bowl well this week and finish off a really good home and away campaign before heading into the finals.

B Grade v Cobram: Venturing to the showgrounds to take on ladder leaders Cobram for the last game of the home and away season. We started off on a positive way, winning the toss and batting first, but that positive mood faltered as we slipped to 3/7 early. A fightback led by Kai Lundberg (26) and well-supported by skipper David Brereton (21) meant we were able to limp to a total of 8/103 from our 40 overs. We set about defending our measly total with some tight bowling at the top, unfortunately after putting down a few chances early the game slipped away from us and Cobram was able to chase it down with 9 wickets still in hand. A peach from Bailey Bell (1/22) the only wicket to fall. Despite the loss, spirits are high as we prepare to take on Katty in this week's semi-final at home.

C Grade v Tocumwal: Playing host to Tocumwal on Saturday. Nathalia players were welcomed in traditional fashion by the Woods Family Hydration Services who provided not one but two iced water coolers along with personalised cups for the impending days play. An unsuccessful toss by Nathalia saw Tocumwal open their innings facing up to the blistering pace of Josh Vallender (1 for 16 off 3) supported

by the more sedate yet calculating attack of Matt Lundberg (1 for 20 off 5). Both openers claiming an early key wickets to steady the scoring. With the heat taking its toll on the senior players the team needed inspiration only a captain could deliver. Steve Sulman made a strategic field change to accommodate Harry Ryan's specialist 'turn and burn' deliveries. Continual pressure from his impressive strategy catching the batsman unaware resulted in a thick edge, some giant strides and legendary two metre dive. The catch of the season for leading athlete Steve Sulman. Nathalia had their tails up and with change of pace from B Grade recruit Ben Horrocks (3 for 10 off 5) and C Grade legend Greg Vallender (1 for 19 off 5) made swift work of the next few wickets, Horrocks being on a hat-trick at one point. Dylan Dohnt finishing the game with great figures of 2 for 16 off 3 holding Tocumwal to 122.

After what can only be described as an exceptional afternoon tea, the crew set about chasing down the tally at a run rate of over 4 an over. B Horrocks was dismissed early with a very unfortunate knock on leaving the rest of the session to Greg Vallender and Nathan Binks (36). Vallender made an impressive 33 with

some glorious stroke play, even entering the prestigious 'I hit a six into the creek' club! Josh Vallender was next in and decided that it was time to make some runs. It's easy to see where he gets his prowess from, six, six, four, four six and so on. By this stage ultimate slips fielder, Glen Eddy, played the consummate supporting role and loved not having to run any lightning quick singles. The total being reached with a few overs to go.

Under 17's v Katamatite: The boys eager and exited traveled to Katamatite for the semi final. Keen to make up for the loss from the previous week Nathalia lost the toss and were sent in to ball. Nate and Baz followed by Harry and Gus managed to restrict them to just 30 runs after the first 15 overs. Unfortunately due to a lapse in concentration and a couple of dropped catches, Katamatite managed to get away from us to score 4/186 with the pick of the bowlers being Jai 2/18 and Nate 0/10 of 8.

It was always going to be a tough ask to chase 186, unfortunately we had a steady flow of wickets Zander (51) and Jai (12) started to build a partnership through the middle overs, but continually losing wickets was always going make it tough to chase the runs and we only managed to get 82 before being bowled out.

Brereton's Bakery best on ground went to Zander with his 51.

Under 15's v Deniliquin: A good team effort to finish off the home and away season with a win against Deni at Deni. We played a modified format of a T20, 25 overs a side instead of a two dayer. Nathalia bowled well and kept Deni to 61. Majority of the boys got to bat with the team making 83 and taking the win.

Best with the bat was – Dylan Dohnt and Gus Frostick both making 15 and best of the bowling was – Lachie Barker 2/5 and Kade Rogers 1/4.

Under 15's will now play off in the Semi Final. Good luck to our team.



Congratulation to Liam Evans - First 100 for the season last Saturday.



Well done to Zander Quinn on his 50 in the U17's semi final last weekend.

Waaia Junior Football Coaches for 2024

The Waaia Football Netball Club board are very pleased to announce Dan Coutts, Jesse Trower and Dylan Cornick as the junior football coaches for the 2024 season.

Under 14's: Dan Coutts returns to lead the Under 14's this season! Coutta has been a huge asset to not only the Waaia club but also for their junior pathways. At the club's recent AGM he took on the Junior Foody Operations Manager.

A much loved character around 'Bomberland' his care and passion for junior footy is second to none!

This is a great appointment for the club, best of luck to Dan and the Under 14's crew in 2024.



Dan Coutts Under 14's football coach for 2024.

Under 17's: Jesse Trower will take on the Under 17's coaching role this season and will be assisted by the half back general Dylan Cornick!

Jesse needs no introduction to the coaching landscape as he has previously coached the Waaia Under 14's for four years, in which time he was recognised and awarded Junior Coach of the Goulburn Murray region. Jesse has also coached at interleague level and has been the seniors captain over the last five seasons. Dyl will dip his toes into coaching for the first time this season. Having been part of the club for quite some time he is looking



Jesse Trower (left) Under 17's football coach and Dylan Cornick (right) assistant coach for the 2024 season.

to give back and pass on his knowledge of the game. Approaching 100 senior games Dyl is excited to take on the role and help develop and transition the Under 17 boys into future senior players!

The Club looks forward to seeing both Jesse and Dylan get to work with their Under 17's group and pass on their keys to success from the previous few seasons!

WFNC would like to thank outgoing coach Todd Davies for his many years of commitment and positivity to the position.

Waaia A Grade One-Day Premiers

Waaia A Grade cricket side have taken out the Cricket Shepparton's One Day Final against Central Park.

The day started off with winning the toss and batting. Sam Trower and Reinhardt Engler formed a strong partnership after an early wicket which steadied the ship. However, some good bowling from Central Park put Waaia on the back foot for most of the batting innings. Sam Trower was the standout scoring a well made 37 before being run out. Some handy runs from Jordy Cleeland and Brenton Low at the back end raised the score to 129 all out in the last over. A score that looked well below par, however, playing at home meant that the crowd advantage was in play.

In the bowling innings Central Park got off to a flyer with a clear message sent to make the runs as early as possible. Only 2 down at drinks and already on 70 runs the game looked close to being over. However, a match winning spell from Connor Brown of 4/26 kept Waaia in the game. After the first drinks Central Park lost 6/18 as Waaia completely turned around the game. A collapse of wickets from some good bowling and pressure in the field meant Waaia were now in the box seat. A great catch from South African import Quinton Venter set the crowd a light and gave the home team the extra advantage. Venter then claimed the last wicket of the game trapping their last batsman LBW to give Waaia victory and premiers of the one day format.



Back (L-R): Mitch Cleeland, Jesse Trower, Jordy Cleeland, Brenton Low, Connor Brown, Brayden Carey and Brayden Summerville.

Front: Kaleb Gilmour, Will Trower, Quinton Venter, Reinhardt Engler and Sam Trower.

Connor Brown was named best on ground for his bowling efforts. Waaia will now look to gear up for the Haisman Shield finals and look to achieve some bigger success in the coming weeks.

It is an honour and a privilege to represent the Nathalia and District in State Parliament

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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 open on 1 February and close 8 March 2024

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

Grant Opportunity

I continue to remind members of organisations to apply for the Strengthening Rural Communities grant program. Funded through the Federal Government, the program aims to support a broad range of projects for rural and regional communities. Up to \$10,000 is available for projects including volunteer support, events, improving community spaces and developing services. Applications close February 26 2024.

For more information or to apply visit [//frrr.org.au/funding/place/src-rebuilding-regional-communities/](http://frrr.org.au/funding/place/src-rebuilding-regional-communities/)



Children's Charts

School's back and it's time to practise those times tables and ABCs.

My office has free copies of times tables and alphabet charts for school children to enjoy and memorise. Drop by my Shepparton office to grab a copy or email your details to sam.birrell.mp@aph.gov.au and I can post you the charts.



Roads

Our roads continue to be one of the biggest issues facing people across Nicholls. Our cars have to be roadworthy, so our roads should be car worthy. With a recent wet summer, roads continue to crumble, and I remain calling for more funding from both the Federal and State Governments so the quality of our roads can be improved. Road funding is an investment in our region and importantly an investment in people's safety.

Recently I attended Roadsafe Goulburn Valley's annual meeting where passionate locals, emergency service workers, local councils and Members of Parliament gathered to discuss road safety in our region. It's an important, sobering topic that needs ongoing action from all levels of Government.



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