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Students from St Francis Primary and St Mary of the Angels Secondary College celebrated Opening School Mass.

For more information see page 9.



(L-R) Kiana, Jack, Ariella, Ethan & Tash. Nathalia Secondary College held their swimming sports on February 14. See more photos on page 11.



Children from the Toddler room at Nathalia Community Early Learning Centre exploring their outdoor space. Read more on page 7.



See more photos of Sir Donald Bradman during the 1930 cricket tests in England on pages 14 & 15.

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Cultural **Diversity** Week 2023



Cultural Diversity Week provides an opportunity for our community to come and celebrate our cultural and linguistic diversity.

Everyone is welcome to join the community activities

3 **MARCH** 6PM

G.R.A.I.N Store Nathalia - Blake Street

Piano, Performance, Poetry and Pizzazz Community participation performance evening with family friendly environment. Enquiries 0400 037 432

17 MARCH 12PM

Cobram Community House - Punt Road

Cultural food cooking demonstrations and cultural displays will commence at Noon. Community afternoon tea at 2pm. Enquiries (03) 5872 2224

17 MARCH

World Cup Style Indoor Soccer Match - hosted by Skillzone

Cobram Apex Sports Stadium - Campbell Road, Cobram Come along and join in on a World Cup Style culturally diverse social game of indoor soccer. (Must be a min. 16+ years of age). Registrations essential - go to www.skillszonesports.com

21 MARCH 10AM

Numurkah Community Learning Centre - Melville Street

'Welcome' bunting in range of language flags and celebrated on Harmony Day along with morning tea. Enquiries (03) 5862 2249

26 MARCH **10AM**

Arts for All - Church Hall

Corner Broadway & William Streets, Cobram Aboriginal Dot Painting Workshop by Deadly Art Numurkah - all materials provided. \$20p/p includes all materials for the Arts for All event. Enquiries 0427 781 978















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Community **Update**



Moira Achiever Awards

Nominate a shining star in your community! Recognise outstanding achievements and dedication by nominating individuals, groups, events or projects. There are five award categories open for nominations. Nominations close 20 March 2023. Awards ceremony hosted by Council to be held in April. Visit our website for more information.





Detox Your Home

Do you have everyday household chemicals such as weed killer, cleaning products, old cooking oil, and cosmetics that you no longer use, but you don't know how to dispose of them safely? You can dispose of them for free at Sustainability Victoria's Detox Your Home event on Saturday 25 February 2023, from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm at the Cobram Transfer Station and Landfill, co-hosted by Moira Shire Council. Registrations are essential. Visit our website for more information.

Cultural Diversity Week - Celebrate together

Cultural Diversity Week is an opportunity for the community to come together to celebrate our cultural and linguistic diversity. Activities will include sharing cultural food, music and traditional and multi-faith celebrations. There are multiple events across the shire to attend. Visit our website for all the



International Women's Day - Come celebrate with us

International Women's Day is a chance to acknowledge and celebrate the contributions of so many active and committed women here in Moira Shire. Held in conjunction with the CWA, there are multiple events across the shire to attend. Visit our website for all the details



Clean Up Australia Day

Dutch Thunder Wildlife Rescue with the support of Parks Victoria and Moira Shire Council will hold a Clean Up Australia Day event:

Sunday 5 March 2023 10.30am - 1.30pm River Road, Cobram, Scott's Beach to Thompson's Beach

FREE BBQ will be provided after the event. Help tackle the huge waste problem and make a difference in stopping the impact of waste on our beautiful parks, rivers, bushland, and unique wildlife. Visit the Clean Up Australia Day website





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Party trick performer at Barwo Homestead



Keith's party trick

7 e were treated with a special show by party trick performer, Keith.

The only tools he required were a balloon and his head. Keith used static energy to keep a balloon attached to his head as he continued to move around. This trick lasted several minutes to the amazement of his captivated audience.

Our beautiful residents were delighted to receive a lovely visit from 4 very cute and cuddly puppies. There were excited smiles all around as they held cuddled these little energetic bundles of cuteness. There has been a lot of positive engagement from our residents with the variety of activities on offer. This has included garden walks, walks by the creek, exercise group, Bingo, and our new activities: Pool-Noodle Hockey and Air Hockey.





Puppy time with Marie & Leone.



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Waaia/Bearii/Katunga/Yalca/Yielima/Strathy: Wednesdays \$6 Delivery fee, Minimum spend \$40, Orders placed by 8am for delivery 10am-1pm

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

\$4 Picking fee
Monday to Friday Minimum spend \$40
Place order by 8am Collect between 10am-1pm Place order by 11am -Collect between 1pm-4pm Place order by 2pm -Collect between 4pm-6pm *subject to change

Check Your Heaters To Avoid Fire Risk



ith Victorians reaching for their heaters to combat the cold snap, firefighters are urging people to be aware of the fire risks inside their home.

Nathalia Brigade Safety Officer Anita Stirling said Autumn and Winter are the highest risk periods for residential fires in Victoria due in part to the increased use of home heating.

Home heating includes open fires, wood heaters, fixed electrical and gaspowered appliances and portable electrical heaters or those that use gas or kerosene

"Many residential fires that result in fatalities or serious injuries start in lounge and sleeping areas," she said.

"Many of these fires are found to be caused by heating systems, appliances and equipment.

"Remember to never leave portable heaters and fireplaces unattended and turn off heaters before leaving the room.

"Ensure fireplace embers are extinguished before leaving your house or going to bed."

It is vital for all Victorians to check their heaters to ensure they are in good working condition.

Ideally, gas heaters should be professionally serviced every two years.

On average, there are around 3000 house fires in Victoria each year and most could be prevented by taking simple precautions.

"Last year, CFA found that the lounge and bedroom areas were the most common room of fire ignition for incidents resulting in serious injury or death," Anita said.

"Most of these lounge room fires are caused by heating systems too close to combustibles."

He said poorly maintained gas fires could also cause deadly carbon monoxide poisoning.

"There should be no greater reason to have your gas heater inspected and serviced than to ensure the safety of loved ones," Anita Stirling said.

"We have seen tragic consequences of this in the past.

"Another dangerous mistake people make is drying clothes near heaters and fireplaces. Clothes should be kept at least one metre from the heat

"Every household should consider their fire safety practices and examine the potential risks around their home.

"We know that in the event of a fire, a working smoke alarm can save lives. Smoke alarms should be installed in all sleeping and living areas and preferably be interconnected so that if a fire starts in one room that smoke alarm will go off and also sound all other interconnected smoke alarms."

For more information on how to prevent fires in your home, visit the CFA website at https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/fires-in-the-home.

Heating safety tips

- Ensure heaters are installed, maintained and operated according to manufacturer's instructions.
- Turn off all heating devices before leaving home or going to sleen.
- Drying clothes and other items must be kept at least one metre away from all heating
- Children must be supervised near all types of heating. Maintain a safe distance between Children and heating
- For portable heating appliances choose models that have automatic safety switches that turn the heater off if tipped
- Keep portable electric heaters away from wet areas to avoid the possibility of electric shock.

Open fire safety tips

- Always use a fire screen in front of an open fire.
- Ensure ashes are cold before discarding.
- Chimneys and flues should be cleaned annually.
- Keep wood and other combustibles at least one metre away from fire.
- Only burn dry, clean wood.
- Brick chimneys and gas heaters should be checked before winter to prevent fires and carbon monoxide poisoning.



MEALS ON WHEELS

February 24 to March 10

February						
Friday 24th	Graeme Smith					
Monday 27th	St Mary of the Angels					
Tuesday 28th	Darryl Hill & Mary Wilson					
March						
Wednesday 1st	Laurel Diamond & Leeanne Caldwell					
Thursday 2nd	Carmen Gilson					
Friday 3rd	Patricia Hawks					
Monday 6th	St Mary of the Angels					
Tuesday 7th	Marlene Moor					
Wednesday 8th	Mary Agius					
Thursday 9th	Heather Frostick					
Friday 10th	Mary Agius					

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

(11) CHURCH TIMES



Nathalia Parish Priest - Fr Jophin Joy

Nathalia Mass times:

Tuesdays: 9:15am - Reconciliation following Mass

Thursdays: 12:30pm Sundays: 9:00am Strathmerton

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

NATHALIA UNITING CHURCH

Margaret Cobbledick Ph: 5866 2037 February 26th: 9.30am Service March 5th: 9.30am Communion Service

Picola 2nd & 4th Sundays: 9.00am

HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH - NATHALIA

Locum Priest Fr. B. Slatter February 26th: 8.00am Holy Communion March 5th: 8.00am Holy Communion St Paul's Wakiti Creek

Services cancelled at present

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

Contact - Erik 0411 731 916

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

124 Graham St., Shepparton.

Caring for others & yourself: the 2023 Carer Wellbeing Survey

The 2023 Carer Wellbeing Survey is available now to be completed online at:

https://www.carersaustralia.com.au/carer-wellbeing-survey/

The Carer Wellbeing Survey asks people to share their experiences – past and present – of being a carer and the support services they use, including the Australian Government Carer Gateway. Participants can choose if they would like to complete a long or short version of the Survey and it is available in English, simplified Chinese, Arabic, Italian and Vietnamese. The survey was designed in collaboration between the University of Canberra, the Department of Social Services, and Carers Australia.

What is a carer? A carer is a person who looks after someone who has a disability, mental illness, drug or alcohol dependency, chronic condition, dementia, terminal or serious illness; or who is frail or needs care due to ageing. They do this not as their paid job, but as a family member or friend. The Carer Wellbeing Survey focuses on those carers for whom caring represents a significant part of their day to day life – typically at least 10-15 hours per week, and often much more than this.

In 2022 a total of 5,992 Australian carers aged 13 or older participated in the survey. Participants completed the survey online or in a paper form, with options to complete a short or long version of the survey. All presented findings were statistically weighted to be representative of Australia's carers based on information from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) Census of Population and Housing and ABS Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers (SDAC).

Each year, the Carer Wellbeing Survey calls on current and past carers across Australia to tell them about their experiences of being a carer. You can read the results from previous surveys at:

https://www.carersaustralia.com.au/carer-wellbeing-survey/

Upcoming Events What's On Locally							
February 9 - March 25	Call to Create: Water, exhibition @ the G.R.A.I.N. Store.						
February 25 & 26	PUFNC Angling Classic						
March 3	World Day of Prayer 10am @ Uniting Church						
March 3	Piano Pizza Poetry & Pizzazz @ The G.R.A.I.N. Store						
March 13	Labour Day						
March 18	Nathalia Poultry Auction						
March 19	Rotary Show & Shine						
April 1	Murray FNL & P&DFNL Round 1						
April 2	Daylight Savings Ends						
April 8	Easter Saturday Market & Bardi Gras						
April 28 - 30	Barmah Muster						
May 6 & 7	Nathalia & District Community Choir Concert						
Contact Nathalia Printers if you would like your							

Contact Nathalia Printers if you would like your event added to the What's on Locally calendar. admin@nathaliaprinters.com.au or 03 5866 3060





Carer Wellbeing
Survey Now Open.

Carer feedback strengthens and shapes national carer policy.



This survey, conducted by researchers from the University of Canberra, helps us better understand the needs of carers. This information is used by Carers Australia to support their work advocating for carers across Australia, and by the Department of Social Services to inform their delivery of services to carers. There is also an information sheet about how they ensure your privacy is protected, and further details about the funding and conduct of this project attached to the link to the survey.

The survey will take between 20 minutes and 60 minutes for most people to complete, depending on how many questions apply to you. If you are very busy, you can complete the short version of the survey. If you need assistance completing the survey, or have questions about it, you can call the research team on **1800 981 499** - Monday to Friday 9am-5pm or email us at: regionalwellbeing@canberra.edu.au

If anyone in Nathalia & District would like to participate, help can also be found at Nathalia Community House 5866 2449.







Rotary News

heelchairs for Kids...

Y Y is a registered charity endorsed by the ATO as a deductible tax recipient.

As an entirely volunteer-based project, Wheelchairs for Kids is dedicated to providing wheelchairs for free to children in need.

Three Scarborough Rotary Club members, in W.A., founded this Wheelchairs for Kids project back in 1998. They identified a need to produce wheelchairs that could be allocated to children in under developed and war-torn countries, to get up off the dirt and enable enough mobility to get around, attend school and to therefore receive an education. First wheelchairs were from old bike frames and a wooden base. As there were many problems with the early model, the design was re-jigged many times to get it right. Over 22 years and 9 different models later, a world-class design has been developed, which totally conforms to World health Organisation guidelines and is constantly tested for strength on equipment specifically designed, built and provided by the Engineering Department at University of Western Australia.

The new model is manufactured at the Wheelchairs for Kids factory in Wangara, Perth.

The latest chair is fully adjustable to allow for a child's growth. Made as a rough-terrain wheelchair, the design consists of solid puncture-proof tyres and a single front wheel, which makes it easier to travel over rough, potholed tracks. It also has seatbelts, postural separators, a tool kit, a knee rug and a soft toy.

So far there have been 54,000 chairs made by 6,498 volunteers and chairs sent to over 90 locations.

Our Rotary club has helped in some small way with a donation to the cause after the District Governor's visit...it's his chosen charity.

On February 15th Rotarians and guests gathered at the Senior Citizens' rooms and there were a total of 16 of us at the venue. The evening was strictly social so there was plenty of Fellowship before and after the entertainment that was provided by our chemist, Chris.





There was an outing to Waaia Hotel on 6^{th} February, by a few Rotarians. Here they met up with double the number of Lions and a pleasant evening was had by everyone.



Loula Oliver with guest speaker Chris from Nathalia Pharmacy

Our guest speaker entertained us with a power point presentation which told us about his schooling, studying at Adelaide University, where he graduated in 2010. Internship was in Darwin in 2011 and he worked in Tasmania also in 2014. In 2015 he and his girlfriend (now wife) had a bad car accident and they returned to Malaysia for some time. Back to OZ in 2017 and worked in Ned Kelly country at Jerilderie. Versatile and talented Chris even learned to cook professionally for a friend who took a week's leave from his restaurant, making Chris his chef. In 2018 Chris and Celine married; also in that year Chris bought the Nathalia Pharmacy. In April the following year the move was made to Nathalia to live. In 2022 Chris's pharmacy received the Moira Business Award and in November that year Chris bought the Tongala Pharmacy. The talk was interesting and informative and the president presented Chris with a gift of appreciation. A great evening was had by us all.

Our next meeting will be a Board Meeting on 1st March. Although we mostly have fortnightly meetings, we will meet again a week later to discuss more about the upcoming Show and Shine eleven days later. Bill and Declan King will join us and we will meet at the Picola Hotel.

Raffle tickets have started to be sold outside the supermarket; it is the Show and Shine raffle and volunteers will be on duty whenever possible over the next few weeks. Tickets will also be sold at the Show and Shine and winning tickets will be drawn that day too.

Currently there are guests at the respite house at Barmah. They have stayed in the past, a few times, but this stay is their longest; the booking is for 10 days and there are no other bookings at the moment.



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Caterpillar Corner



The Toddler room has raced into the New Year with children running on all four cylinders, taking part in indoor and outdoor play. During the warmer days the children have enjoyed activities such as water play and group sporting games while observing the environment around them.

We've been exploring our different senses through sand, climbing, bubbles, music and tasting our very own strawberries, cherry tomatoes and herbs. This encourages the children to experience sustainability through real life situations and show patience and respect for their yard.

Here at NCELC we are blessed to have a number of projects in place allowing the children to bring activities from the outside indoors. These activities include matching natural materials such as bark, pebbles and sticks to indoor resources. This all leads back to our Early Years Learning Framework, focusing on children connecting and contributing to their world.

This year has introduced a change in educators allowing new and beautiful relationships to be formed between not only educators, but families and children, ensuring that they feel safe, secure and supported within the centre. We look forward to forming stronger connections within the toddler room in the





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Community Service Award

aron Dove of Nathalia
Secondary College
recently learnt that he
has been chosen to receive
DATTA Vic's Community
Service for 2022.

Each year, DATTA (Design And Technology Teachers Association) Vic celebrates the hard-working, committed and creative Design and Technologies teachers who work in schools throughout Victoria.



Aaron Dove

Aaron works as a Technician 3 days a week at Nathalia Secondary College. Despite being a person with a serious vision impairment, he is an invaluable member of the team. Using his previous knowledge as a carpenter and from working in the mines in WA, he ensures that the Design & Technologies teacher is fully supported with all of his classes.

Aaron was nominated by his colleague Robbie Bechaz told DATTA Vic, "he has total respect from all of the students, and it has enabled them to be aware that life can change and you have to adapt...I couldn't do my job, nor enjoy it as much as I do, without his support."

Laura Murphy Executive Education Officer (DATTA) in her letter to Aaron said, "Congratulations again Aaron - we really appreciate all the hard work that you do within the Design & Technologies learning area in your school. We're delighted to be able to celebrate and share your work with our community of teachers in Victoria, and shine a light on the vital work done by technicians and assistants in classrooms every day."

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

Museum Moments...

Reading some newspaper articles on TROVE recently, I came across the following writings about Nathalia, taken from *The Australasian Oct 1884*, written by someone with the pen name 'The Vagabond'.

"I begin to recognise that the young Australian in these parts has much to amuse him. He has many snakes to attract his attention, although no fearful animal like the tiger waylays him en-route to school. Kangaroos, wallaby, and dingoes are nearly driven away from this district. Between the ranges and the Murray few are found, although some skins are still to be seen at Mr. Franklin's in Numurkah, including those of native and tiger cats. In New South Wales these animals, as "natural enemies" of the rabbit, are now stringently protected, and I think the same course should be followed in Victoria.

It may be said that snakes are also natural enemies of the mischievous rodent, but I would scarcely advocate their preservation. Feathered life, however, is still plentiful on these plains around Numurkah. Parrots—grass, green, rosellas, lories—are here in hundreds. So also are magpies, both pied and black, the latter sitting on the trees and whistling, to prove to passers-by that they have no connexion with the other black-feathered bipeds—the crows—which stalk solemnly, yet with an habitual criminal look, beneath. There are cockatoos by the thousand, by the million. As far as the eye can reach they whiten the vista, as we drive by the rear rank, rising in a snowy cloud, and dropping in the front.

There are snipe and grey cranes on a patch of marshy ground which we pass, and here, not a hundred yards from the buggy, a covey of young turkeys. We have no gun on board, and so their lives are spared for a time. Further on the native companion walks with a proud yet dainty step, and prances before his mate in graceful curves, or spreads his wings and arches his neck in flights in an aesthetic manner, which every male and female dado and lily worshipper in Australia would consider "too consummately utter."

It is many a long day since I have seen so much feathered life as in this charming drive through the prairie and bush around Nathalia. We three times cross arms of the Broken Creek. In some places this is now but a series of waterholes. We drive through one very good farm, belonging to Mr. Trethowan. There are 250 and 300 acre paddocks, all cleared, and with the green crops looking in splendid condition. Fourteen miles from Numurkah we reach Nathalia, on the banks of the Broken Creek, which flows into the Murray opposite Lake Moira. Echuca is 20 miles to the east, and the Goulburn River six miles to the south. Melbourne is 139 miles to the south-west.

Quite a prosperous-looking place is Nathalia. It possesses 174 inhabitants, three churches, a state school, police camp, two banks, and a post-office. It also rivals Numurkah in that it has a two-storied building. There are good stores, and one first-class hotel, where Mr. Humberstone, an Englishman, looks after his guests in an excellent manner. Nathalia also boasts of a newspaper and a doctor, although as yet it is happy in not possessing a lawyer. The medico disconsolately smokes his pipe on the hotel verandah, and informs me that "the place is beastly healthy." The Nathalia Herald is the banner of liberty not only for the township but for Picola, Narioka, Kotupna, and Moira. I inscribe my name on the walls of this pioneer newspaper office, and drink success to its endeavours to enlighten the selectors of the neighbourhood."

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.

Celebrating Student Leadership



HE 2023 Opening School Mass for St Francis Primary School and St Mary of the Angels Secondary College was held during the week. Lead by Father Jophin Joy the Mass was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate and reflect on the commencement of the year.

St Mary of the Angels Secondary College Assistant to the Principal – Faith and Charism, Michaela Brooks said, "Our Mass celebration reflects upon our 2023 College Theme, "We are leaders who strive to build a just world." This year's theme aims to bring to life the vision statement for our Franciscan Community. "Our Patron Saint, Francis of Assisi held a deep love for the message of Jesus and sought to build a more just world by reaching out to those most in need. As he followed the example of Jesus, may we too be inspired to follow in their footsteps."

This year's Opening Mass celebration was special for a number of reasons.



Right: St Francis 2023 Leaders Back Row: Xavier, Liam, Grace, Angus. Front Row: Lucas, Oliver, Kiara, Chantelle, Keira.



For the St Francis Primary School foundation students, it marks the beginning of their schooling and a year of exciting experiences. For the St Francis Primary School Year 6 students, it marks the beginning of their final year before heading off to secondary school.

The Mass also recognised the leadership that the St Mary of the Angels Secondary College Year 12 students undertake on commencing their final year of secondary education.

St Mary of the Angels Senior School Leader, Xavier Dowling said, "It is a great privilege to recognise the leadership that our Year 12 students undertake having commenced their final year. As the most senior students in the College, this group of young people are asked to be models of Franciscan Leadership and Service within our College and wider community

"We were also privileged to welcome back our 2021 College Dux, Charlette Nielsen, who offered a very insightful reflection on her journey both throughout secondary school as well as her experiences in 2022 at University."



















Opening of Water



e are thrilled to share the Water perspectives of 29 different visual artists and photographers age 13 to 95 in our Exhibition running through to April 1. Our Opening was fascinating with ten of the artists present speaking to their works. Next Exhibition The Art of Music...with our Call to Contribute closing March 20.

Do call in to the Gallery on a Thursday or Friday to discuss your ideas with Ruby.

In our Performance strand we are really looking forward to hearing what you want to perform as part of our Piano, Poetry, Pizza and Pizzazz event. Only one item from each person...age no barrier. The more different cultures represented the better.

Talk to Ruby at the Gallery or Philippa (Programming Coordinator) 0400 037 432 if you have an idea of something you would like to perform. We can guarantee you a supportive, appreciative and fascinated listening audience.



Open of Water exhibition. Photo Judy Ormond

Learn about dementia at Shepparton events

There are currently an estimated 400,000 people living with dementia in Australia. Without a significant medical breakthrough, this number is expected to increase to more than 800,000 by 2058.

Murray PHN is presenting two free events in Shepparton on Tuesday 7 March: one for community members interested in learning more about dementia and the second, specifically focusing on grief, loss and bereavement for carers and family members of people living with dementia

The education programs focus on providing knowledge, strategies and support that is aligned with the various stages of dementia. All sessions

are delivered by Dementia Australia's experienced facilitators who specialise in the delivery of education and support to people affected by dementia.

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Murray PHN CEO Matt Jones said that while dementia

is the second leading cause of death of Australians, there are things we can do to try and reduce our risk of getting it.

"Even though we can't change getting older, our genetics or family history, research suggests that changing certain health and lifestyle habits may make a significant difference to reducing or delaying the risk of developing dementia," said Mr Jones. "We hope that everyone who attends these sessions takes away some information about dementia and the supports available to them."

Dementia Australia's Victorian Client Services Manager Bronwyn Hall said it's important people impacted by dementia are supported, across Australia

"Our highly-skilled dementia support specialists run education courses across Australia and can help you to build on your understanding of dementia and learn effective coping strategies. The courses are also an opportunity for you to meet others who are in a similar situation, allowing time to socialise and share important links to local support services. These courses are designed to support people living with dementia, their families and carers to live well with dementia."

For more information and to RSVP, visit https://bit.ly/murrayphn or call Veronica Denton, Palliative Care Project Coordinator on 0408 945 105.

About us: Murray PHN is one of 31 PHNs (Primary Health Networks) around Australia working to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of primary health care and service systems. Across our region, we work with general practitioners (GPs), community health, Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations (ACCHOs), pharmacy, aged care and allied health practitioners, and with acute services such as hospitals, specialists and emergency care.

The role of PHNs is to help to support and integrate the work of these important services to ensure that the people get the right care, in the right place, at the right time. In the Murray PHN region, which covers almost 100,000 sq km of regional Victoria, we work to develop and maintain sustainable models of primary health care for our communities.

Safari Animals

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When someone you love becomes a memory, that memory becomes a treasure.

NSC Swimming Carnival





n Tuesday 14th February we held our annual Swimming Carnival at the local pool in perfect conditions, with the newly appointed 'Green House' (Murray) looking to defend their title.

Students and teachers wore spectacular costumes adorned in Green, Red and Blue showcasing their support for their house.

Amongst the competitive racing, there were bubbles, face painting, cricket and the occasional nap!

All who participated had a great day out, but alas, Broken and Goulburn were unable to dethrone Murray who took home the chocolates again. Well done Murray!

Thank-you to Mr Tinning and Mr Charleston who put in all the effort to make the day a great one!











Red House competitors and supporters.

Blue House cheering on their team.















Building stronger communities across Nicholls

ember for Nicholls, Sam Birrell MP, calling on community organisations and local governments to submit Expressions Of Interest for Round 8 of the Stronger Communities Program. Grants of up to \$20,000 are available to



go towards small capital projects that Sam Birrell MP deliver social benefits for local communities across Nicholls.

Mr Birrell urged groups to submit their Expressions Of Interest applications which support infrastructure and equipment projects that would benefit the wider community.

"The Stronger Communities program is a fantastic opportunity to help get grass roots community projects off the ground, as well as much needed upgrades," Mr Birrell

"A wide variety of groups have benefited from previous rounds of this program which includes Tongala Development Group, Kyabram Youth Club and Rushworth Cricket Club."

Up to 20 projects will be chosen to share in \$150,000 which has been allocated to Nicholls.

Mr Birrell said Round 8 aims to support communities to recover from the impacts of recent weather events and current economic pressures.

"Investment in our region is needed more than ever to help our towns bounce back from recent flooding as well as drive economic growth during these tough times," Mr Birrell said. "These cash injections will allow groups to go ahead with much needed upgrades or buy equipment which will have lasting social benefits to residents for generations to come." For this round, grant funding will be up to 100 per cent of eligible project costs except for local governing bodies (councils, authorities) where grant funding will be up to 50 per cent of eligible project costs.

The minimum grant amount is \$2,500 while the maximum available is \$20,000. The total cost of a project cannot exceed \$50,000 and the project must be completed no later than December 31, 2023.

Expressions Of Interest forms can be requested by emailing Sam.Birrell.MP@aph.gov.au or in person at the Electorate Office at 426 Wyndham Street Shepparton, Victoria, 3630. Expressions Of Interest applications close 5pm, March 14, 2023.

Successful applications will be notified to officially apply for the program after this date.

U3A Film @ Night

7 3A Film @ Night next film 7pm Wed 1st March. Corpus Christi, Poland, 2020 Director Jan Komasa.

But before we get to the film to come, how did our audience enjoy the three hour

Well Philippa still thinks it is even more terrific; but generally the others had to work at it, and gave it an average of 3 stars. Want to see for yourself? You are welcome to borrow the DVD.

The lead actor, Bartosz Bielenia, is one of Europe's Rising Stars lead actors. Mainly working stage, performance as Daniel, a devout Catholic serving a sentence for second degree murder in Poland, whose criminal background prevents him



from becoming a priest, is mesmerising; and helps the film through some of its more implausible moments. Advertised as based on life, the Director says it draws on a number of stories of priest imposters in Poland.

The parishioners enjoy his unorthodox methods, but a car accident serves as the film's turning point.

A fascinating story exploring redemption; and our first Polish film. Contact Philippa 0400 037 432

Pictured right:

Greg Halden's huge home grown vellow tomatoes.

The smaller of the two weighed in at 575q and the largest was 741q.

What a whopper!





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he St Mary of the Angels Secondary College Year 12s shared their Valentine's Day SPARK last celebrating and sharing the love across the entire College during the annual day of love. The day is driven by the Year 12 cohort and not only celebrates camaraderie across all year levels, but is also purely fun with everyone's favourite the 'serenade' creating the best reactions. February 14 is known throughout the world as the day dedicated to flowers and chocolates, but despite its

origins within Catholicism are much more profound. In the Italian city of Terni, Catholics look forward to February 14 as the feast day of St. Valentine, their city's

commercial popularity its

patron saint, whose relics are interred in their city's cathedral.

According to the ancient hagiographical legends, St. Valentine lived between 175 and 245. He is one of numerous bishopevangelizers from that era who heroically devoted themselves to the faith during a period of intense persecutions against Christians.

According to some accounts, St. Valentine was secretly marrying young Christian couples so the men would not be conscripted into obligatory military service. After his death, his name became associated with love.

Regardless of the origins of the day, St Mary of the Angels students were happy to share in the merriment of one of their favourite days on the school calendar.



To view these photos in colour online visit: redgumcourier.com.au











Don Bradman 1930

These photos of Don Bradman during the 1930 cricket tests between Australia and England have been scanned from original press photos from Graham Fairman's collection. The photographer was a Mr Wilson based in Sydney who was a relative of Graham's. Captions for each photo are taken from the typed notes that were pasted to the back of each photo. Thank you to Robyn Fairman for sharing the photos with us.



THIRD TEST MATCH AT HEADINGLEY, LEEDS. - England V Australia – 2nd Day 12/7/1930

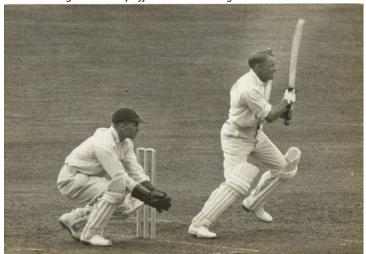
Bradman receives a great ovation on returning to the pavilion after being caught by Duckworth off Tate. He created a new Test record by scoring 334 runs. (Although the photo below states it was H. K. Foster's record Bradman beat, the record actually belonged to his brother R.E. Foster.)

THE THIRD TEST MATCH AT LEEDS BETWEEN ENGLAND & AUSTRALIA

Don Bradman, in the Test Match at Leeds, beat H.K. Foster's Test Match record score of 287. Australia's boy batsman scored 334 runs.

Photo below: How he made that 334. Young Don in characteristic attitude

— hitting a boundary off Tat while making his world record score.





THE THIRD TEST MATCH AT LEEDS BETWEEN ENGLAND & AUSTRALIA

A policeman keeping the crowd back when Bradman returned to the
pavilion after his world record score in a Test Match.



THE MARATHON TEST MATCH AT THE OVAL

In the shadow of the gasholders which are synonymous with the Oval – a general view of the fifth and deciding Test Match between England and Australia. A large crowd enjoyed beautiful weather for the opening days of the match.



Left: BRADMAN AGAIN

DON BRADMAN, the wonder batsman, acknowledging the cheers of the Oval crowd after scoring yet another century.



LAST TEST MATCH; BRADMAN'S DOUBLE CENTURY.

Our picture shows Bradman acknowledging the cheering when he reached 200. He made 232 before he was caught by Duckworth off Larwood's bowling in the Test Match yesterday (August 20).



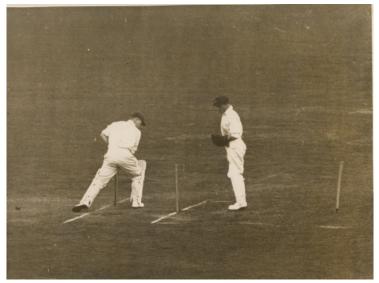
Left: BRADMAN ON THE WAY TO ANOTHER RECORD

DON BRADMAN, acknowledging the cheers of the Oval crowd, on reaching 200. HOBBS AND DUCKWORTH ARE APPLAUDING.



SUTCLIFFE IN THE WARS AGAIN 16th August 1930

Australian sympathy for SUTCLIFFE, who was hit on the head by the ball which was thrown up to Oldfield at the end of an over during the Test Match at the Oval today.



ENGLAND'S LAST WICKETS FALL RAPIDLY 18TH August 1930 DUCKWORTHS'STUMPS SCATTERED BY FAIRFAX – England's last wickets soon went when Sutcliffe and Wyatt were parted at the oval this morning.





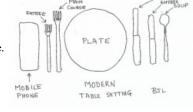
Broken Creek Drama

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Harry was getting angry. He had booked a classy restaurant for Sarah's birthday after arranging for his sister to babysit the kids. The maître d' had seated the pair of them at a table beside a picture window with a view of the sun sinking across the lake. How could the setting be any more romantic? And what was the result? His darling wife was too busy reading her birthday wishes on Facebook and texting people to even notice.

'Sarah, if this was our first date it would be our last,' he blurted out in exasperation.

She said nothing. As his anger grew, he felt his own phone vibrate. He pulled it from his pocket and read the text message. 'Our first date! That awful Chinese café! You were lucky to get a second date, Sport.' He looked up to see Sarah laughing.



His anger evaporated, and he laughed with her.

Nathalia & District Preschool has welcomed the children into their preschool programs for 2023



For the first time, the children enrolled in the 3 year old preschool program will attend a government funded program of 15 hours, alongside the 4 year old preschool program. This year, the government is providing free three and four year old preschool programs.

This has meant a change of session times and after preschool care times with preschool now beginning at 8.30am.

The children are settling well into their new environment with water play activities being the choice with the hot weather.

Water play is not only cooling but also soothing. It gives an opportunity to slow down and engage with the resources. Preschool is fortunate to

have large trees and shade sails that offer a cooler place to play on the hot days.

When children are provided with opportunities to make their own choices on where and when they play, we observe their ability to make considered choices that suit not only the weather conditions but also their health and wellbeing. On the hot days, they will move themselves into the coolness of the trees and shade sails before making their move back inside to play. It is the role of the educator to support the child's decisions with appropriate questions and information to ensure the children are making the best possible decision.







Harvesting vegetables from the vegetable garden is ongoing with some of the biggest cucumbers we have ever grown being picked to the delight of the children. With so many cucumbers there is only one thing to do and that is to make pickles. Yes, pickles! Why, because the children inform us that they love pickles! The children have also make tomato sauce and pasta sauce from their harvested tomatoes and the best part was cooking pasta to cover with the pasta sauce. The verdict, "delicious"! Our biggest learning

came from picking the green things "these green things are limes" only to be informed they are green oranges! Now, this presents another wonder. I wonder what we can do with green oranges?

We welcome donations from our community again. If you have boxes, containers, plants, or anything you may like to donate we will gratefully accept them for the children to use in their creative arts and play. These may be dropped off at preschool anytime during the day, Monday to Friday.



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Rakali



Di Huber was pleased to see the resident Rakali back in the Deep Creek after the flood waters receded.

The Water Rat, also known by the Aboriginal name Rakali, is a top predator in freshwater and saltwater environments right across Australia.

You're most likely to see a Rakali as it runs along the shore edge in a lake, river or beach. You can tell if you have Rakalis in your backyard by their footprints. As the Rakali has webbed feet, they leave very strange and unique footprints in sandy shores and banks. Rakalis can be messy eaters and leave piles of shells and small bones in your garden or park

The Rakali will prey on fish, crustaceans, amphibians or small land animals. They have been known to sneak into backyards to grab pet food. Rakalis are key indicators of a healthy wetland system, and if they are struggling to find enough food in the form of invertebrates and fish, chances are that there has been a change in the water quality.

Rakalis grow up to 60 cm long. Being the largest rat in Australia, they are useful to have around as they actually fight off introduced rats. You can

tell them apart from introduced rats by their pale belly, mass of whiskers and the white tip on the end of their tail.

The Rakali plays a similar role in the Australian ecosystems as the otter does in the northern hemisphere. They hunt in similar ways, have similar bodies and both have water repellent fur. However, unlike otters they don't have very well insulated fur, so Rakalis have to be careful that they don't get too cold or hot.

To cope with extreme temperatures, the Rakali becomes more active during the day in winter and spends less time in the water to keep warm in the sun. During hot summer days they will take refuge in their burrows along rivers and shorelines.

As the Rakali and the Platypus are a similar size, they often share burrows—but not at the same time. The burrows are mainly used by the female Rakali when she is suckling her young or to shelter from harsh temperatures.

The Rakali has not been researched as extensively as other more well-known Australian mammals. We do know that they are very territorial, especially the males. It is thought that once mated, the male will patrol his territory to keep out threats such as other Rakalis and introduced rodents. His territory can be as large as 4kms of river length and sometimes he has more than one female living in this area that he will look after.

Rakalis mate in late winter and spring in southern Australia or at any time of year in warmer regions. The female gives birth to up to four pups in a softly lined nest at the end of her burrow. She will feed them with her milk for around four weeks and then supervise them outside the nest for another four weeks.

You're more likely to see the Rakali than our other Aussie rodents, as Rakali are active during the day. They are also fairly common in urban areas but you may mistake them for introduced rats.

Did you know?

Some Rakalis have developed the unusual ability of killing and eating the Cane Toads without being poisoned. Rakalis are either immune to Cane Toad poison, or they have figured out a way to avoid coming into contact with the poison glands.

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Sourced from backyardbuddies.org.au

Nathalia Group Fire Brigades 1964

This photo of the Nathalia Group of Fire Brigades was taken at the meeting which was on the 12th May 1964. The Nathalia group of brigades included Barwo, Picola, Yalca, Yielima, and Kotupna (all rural brigades) and also the Nathalia Urban Brigade.

Are there any Red Gum Courier readers who can name the men in photo?



Lovell highlights local road conditions in Parliament

he Liberal Member for Northern Victoria Wendy Lovell has used the I first sitting week of State Parliament to blast the Andrews Labor Government on the current condition of roads in regional Victoria. Speaking during the adjournment debate to the new Minister for Roads and Road Safety Melissa Horne, Ms Lovell described the condition of Victoria's regional road network as "deplorable" and laid the blame squarely at the feet of Labor's chronic underinvestment in road maintenance over the last eight years.

Ms Lovell said that the Andrews Government had never prioritised the maintenance and safety of regional roads, evidenced by Labor's scrapping of the Liberal Nationals Coalition's Country Roads and Bridges Program upon winning government in 2014. The program provided \$160 million to 40 small regional councils and shires to maintain and repair local roads. Ms Lovell said the poor condition of regional roads had even caused highranking public servants from Victoria Police and the Department of Transport to publicly speak out. In a Weekly Times article 'Broken roads frustrating' dated 25 January 2023, Victoria Police Road Policing Command Assistant Commissioner Glenn Weir was quoted as saying "officers were constantly alerting road authorities or local councils to the parlous condition of Victoria's road network". In the same article, Chief, Regional Transport for the Department of Transport Paul Northey was quoted as saying "there was a current shortfall in money available for regional road repair".

In her contribution Ms Lovell highlighted the dangerous condition of the Katamatite-Nathalia Rd between the townships of Numurkah and Nathalia, which has a large pothole located on a sweeping bend, causing some drivers to cross onto the wrong side of the road. Like so many others the pothole has been filled several times with premix, which begins to break up with the first vehicle to cross it.

Ms Lovell called on Minister Horne to unveil her plan to fix Victoria's regional roads and match or better the Coalition's election commitment

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of at least \$1 billion a year for the next ten years to complete the intensive maintenance program required Ms Lovell said, "Road users must ensure their cars are roadworthy but sadly our roads are not roadworthy because of the chronic lack of funding from the Andrews Government since their election in 2014.



Lovell MP

"The practice of not repairing potholes properly has led to sections of roads in my electorate being extremely dangerous and I call on the Minister to articulate her plan and provide the substantial funding required to fix regional Victoria's deplorable road network."

Kid's Section





Aged Care in Crisis



A large number of concerned residents attended the Barwo Homestead crisis meeting, Wednesday 22nd February at the Nathalia Recreation Reserve hall.



Pictured above: Members of the Barwo Homestead board of management, MC MP Sam Birrell and guest speakers, Veronica Jamison and Bill Baxter



Sam Birrell MP



Bill Baxter

ederal MP Sam Birrell member for Nicholls opened the meeting welcoming everyone in attendance and briefly describing the current national workforce shortage, and plans for a new training centre for Shepparton.

Bill Baxter spoke briefly of the 30 year history of Barwo Homestead and his involvement on the fundraising committee to get the project off ground, Bill is very proud of the great level of care at Barwo and spoke of his uncle Jack Lindsay who moved to Barwo

Homestead with a life expectancy of only six months, but lived there for twenty three years. According to Bill the Royal Commission on Aged Care Quality and Safety, is a one size fits all and certainly does not suit rural and remote communities such as Nathalia, he thinks we

would need a pool of 30 registered nurses to fulfil the requirements. He also thinks the star rating system does not truly reflect the quality of care as Barwo only received a 3 star rating.

The Aging in place policy puts a strong emphasis on aging in the home, and aged care facilities need to be a final place, meaning that Barwo would need to provide low to high care.



Anne Trickey



Lynda Walker

Anne Trickey President of the Barwo Board, explained how Barwo Homestead is community owned facility run by a board of volunteers and it is in a sound financial position, they actively exploring all options to adapt, and are here to share the issues with the community.

Lynda Walker, Administrator has had a great response from the community with many applications for volunteer and paid employment both part time and full time. At the moment there are only two registered nurses, one being herself and William who works part time. She is hoping that an exemption from having a full time RN would be granted for facilities with less than 30 beds. To provide high care, rooms would need to be upgraded to provide tracking, lifting equipment and an ensuite. A lot of facilities are facing the same issue.



Veronica Jamison

Veronica Jamison is the CEO of Shepparton Villages which has four facilities, 286 beds and five hundred staff. She spoke about their

community owned facility having similar issues and believed they would need 27 registered nurses to fulfil Government requirements.

Veronica spoke not only of the current difficulties, but a large number of further changes starting in 2024.

The "Aging in place" would mean that low care facilities would be phased out.

According to Govt. data The Moira LGA and Nathalia are over bedded, Nathalia currently has forty beds split evenly between Barwo and Banawah. Only eight beds would be needed per one thousand people.

Attendees were then given the opportunity to ask questions.

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Loved Nanna of Aari, Yolana, Isla, Ethan and Joshua.

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PILL (Lawton) - A Service for Ruth was held at Numurkah on Tuesday, the 21st of February, 2023. Private Cremation.



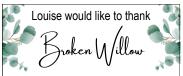
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Twilight Tennis so far...

The lawn tennis courts came to life on the evening of the 10th February. Six teams took to the courts with bragging rights for the

next week up for grabs.

On the Brereton's Bakery Court, Team Rally, Eliza, Kathryn, Nick and Liam are walking tall. Team Determined of Lucy, Kim, Matt and Stefanie were by no means disgraced, watch out the next team they play.

On the Bendigo Bank court the Big Hitters representing the Bendigo Bank came up against a team that included three Saturday afternoon players. Peter, Duane, Harry and Ben called on Katie to help with the heavy lifting but to no avail. The Flyers, Corina, Judith, Hamish and Rod also enlisted Katie's help. Twilight tennis is confusing at times.

On the Greg Frostick Lasering Court team Booth Family enlisted some Saturday afternoon players to counter the Saturday afternoon players over the net. Aaron, Liam, Phillippa and Felicity did well on the night to win the bragging

rights. Team Homonymous, imagine bringing a name like that to Nathalia, of Laura, Sam, Anna and Annie are a force to be reckoned with!

The evening was very pleasant and most stayed to sample what John 1 had cooked up on the BBQ and John 2 had in the fridge.

Friday the 17th the forecast temperature at 6:00 pm was 40 degrees, Twilight Tennis was cancelled for the evening. It will be back on the 24th and 3rd of March, we are flexible so we can take more teams or individual players.

Purps 2023 Junior Netball Coaching Announcements

athalia Football Netball Club are excited to the following junior netball coaches for the 2023 season...



Net set go: Emily Woods and Elliot Binks

Coordinator: Caitlin Bourke

U11: Julie Tyndall U13: Denise Liddell U15: Denise Liddell

U17: Cath Dealy and Julie Tyndall

We look forward to watching you all

develop the future of our club.



Elliot Binks & Emily Woods Net Set Go co coaches



Denise Liddell U13 & U15 Coach



Cath Dealey U17 Co Coach



Julie Tvndall U11 Coach & U17 Co Coach



Millie Casey B Grade Coach



(L-R) Alysha Cornell and Caitlin Boschetti, C Reserve Co Coaches.

Nathalia FNC B & C Res Coaching Announcements Υ athalia Football Netball Club welcomes Millie Casey back to the

club as B grade coach, Millie has more recently been playing GVL netball where she has gained some great netball insight and skill set. We look forward to Millie leading our B grade girls and welcome her sharing her netball wisdom with us all. A great pick up for NFNC and we welcome her and her family back to the Purps!

In for C Res, we are pleased to announce co coaches Alysha Cornell and Caitlin Boschetti!

Together these girls bring a wealth of netball knowledge to the court and we look forward to them both sharing their wisdom in season 2023!

Purps Senior Womens Footy Coaches

athalia Football Netball Club are pleased to announce the coaches for the Women's 2023 season, Simon Quarrell and Alyx Jorgensen!

Sime has had many roles with the Purps over the year's including President, Life Member, Committee, Deb Ball, Team Manager, a huge role in getting the Women's Team up and running in its first year, and this year will mark his 5th year as the Senior Women's coach.

Alyx started her playing career in 2013. She has accomplished many accolades in her career including, Calder Cannons Youth Girls (YG's) academy, Bush rangers/Bendigo Pioneers YG's academy player, Woomeras rep. at National Championships 2015, Vic Country YG's rep. championships 2014, and 4x Premiership player inc. 2 for the mighty Purps!!!

They both bring a wealth of football knowledge to our playing groups and will also be great role models for our up and coming Youth Girls coaches. Congratulation Sime & Al!



Nathalia Association Cricket Club News

young ones have had 1 win and a lot of close losses. The players are gaining valuable experience and it is good to see improvement coming from them all.

U/14: Again since Christmas the 14s have notched up a win over a more fancied Katunga, with Zander Quinn and Lachie Barker taking 2 wickets each. Gus Frostick (32) Dylan Dohnt (29) and Zander Quinn (24) doing the bulk of the work with the bat to get us to 117, lost to top 2 side Tocumwal by 1 run on the second last ball of the game. With Gus Frostick the only multiple wicket taker and Levi Lewer (22) facing some handy bowling produced his best innings of the year. Last Match

we came up against ladder leaders Cobram, now whilst we lost by 90 runs Cobram 4/172 to our 9/82. We took some positives out of the game, We scored the most runs anyone has against Cobram and we lasted our 40 overs. This was a big achievement. Our last game of the season begins Saturday 25th of February, as we take on Katamatite at Home.

U/16: With the season over, the boys had a mixed few games after Christmas. A depleted side travelled up to Finley who scored a big 220 with Nate Summerville taking 3 wickets and Billy Liddell taking 2 in reply our boys mustered 40 which extras scored 16 and Baz McDonald top scored off the bat with 8. Following this game the boys reset and tried their hardest again, Katunga made 275 with Josh Dohnt, Harry Ryan and Zander Quinn all taking 2 wickets, but the highlight of the innings was Aiden Botterill taking his first wicket. In reply we managed to improve on our score from the game before and posted 69, Ned Frostick (13) Josh Dohnt (10) and Nate Summerville (10) scoring close to half

The boys saved their best innings for last and unfortunately due to heat the second half was abandoned. We posted 5/123 against Tocumwal, with Harry Ryan scoring a brilliant 59 not out and supported by Nate Summerville 26. Whilst the boys didn't get as many wins as they would have liked for the season, they always stuck together and enjoyed the games. We look forward to seeing them all back next year.

C Grade: So far after Christmas we have played 3 out of a possible 5 games, which has seen 1 game abandoned, 1 game forfeited, 1 loss and 2 good wins. The performances of Kian Wise 4/17 & 26 runs and Greg Vallender 4/22 & 31 not out where the shining lights in the loss to Deniliquin 10/172 and us 10/117. The wins came against Cobram where we posted 195 with Darren Hindle top scoring with 62 not out and backed up by Steve Sulman (32) Kian Wise (36) and Jason McKenna (26). In reply Cobram managed 113 due to some great bowling by Kian Wise



On top of a fifer, A grader Liam Evans capped off his game last weekend with 102 runs, doing the bulk of the work to chase down 182.



Congratulations to Harry (Rang) Ryan for his gutsy 59 not out in the U/16's last match against Tocumwal - Great inninas.

2/28 and a blistering spell from Darby Walsh which netted 2/14. The other win was against Barooga, which was dominated by 2 of our up and comers in Ned Frostick and Billy Liddell. We posted 175 from our 35 overs largely due to Ned (51 retired) and Billy (31) from all reports two of the better innings the boys have played this season. But it didn't stop there, the boys proceeded to run through the opposition with Ned taking 2/9 and Billy with 2/7.

With our last two games we are heading to Deniliquin and then Home for our last game.

B Grade: 3 wins from 6 games is what has happened after Christmas. The boys are on the charge and need to win the remaining games plus hope for a loss from a team above to sneak into the finals. Losses to Finley, Katunga and Cobram who are both in the top 4. But a memorable win against Berrigan. After the boys being rolled for 86, the opposition assumed it would be an early finish. Unfortunately for them it wasn't the finish they had hoped, they had poked a bear by the name of Dale James who proceeded to take great figures of 5/26 to make sure the early finish was in our favour. In the most recent game it was an early finish as well, thanks to the efforts of Archie Congues 4/24 and Brady Walpole 2/6 Strathmerton were kept to 73. This was chased down by a great 41 not out from Jason McKenna and well supported by Brady Walpole (17)

A Grade: After the Christmas break it has seen the return of 2 day cricket after a 3 year hiatus and the boys are 3 from 3 but not before finishing of our one day games.

Tocumwal was our first challenge back and also

saw the return of Brad Pell (81) in his first game in 10 years, supported by Brodie Ross (48) and



Ash Quinn (46) in our total of 6/251 in reply we were able to keep Toc to 159, with the pick of the bowlers Scott Morris with 3/27 backed up by Brodie 2/32 and Henry Congues 2/26.

Katamatite was our first 2 day challenge and they did well restricting us to 170 which was a little short of what we had set ourselves with Scott Morris (44) and the young duo of Brady Walpole (27) and Harry McDonald (18) doing the bulk of the run scoring work. In reply we were able to keep Katty to 127, Liam Evans taking 6/23 off a whopping 28 overs in partnership with Scott

Morris who backed up his runs taking 3/34 off 20 overs.

Deniliquin was the next opponent with us scoring 249 off our 80 overs. Liam (46) top scoring and supported by Luke Quinn (44) and Brad Pell (37) in his second game in 10 years. Deni were only able to stay at the crease for 50 of their 80 overs due to Dylan Cunningham, Clancy Congues, Scott Morris and Liam Evans all taking 2 wickets each. With 30 overs left we went back in and Brad (50 not out) and Sam Boyd were able to spend more time at the crease to take us to 1/110.

Our latest game saw us take on ladder leaders Cobram in what was 1v2. This was to be a good indicator of how we were travelling even though both teams were not at full strength. Week 1 saw us bowl and after a few dropped catches we were able to have Cobram all out for 182, bowling lead by Liam Evans (5/65) again taking another 5fa for the year this time off 29 overs. He was given great support by Scott Morris 2/45 off 22 over and Brodie Ross 2/18. This lead us to take a lot of confidence into the second week where we were able to post 8/200 thanks largely to a superb match winning 102 from Liam. With only 3 other batters getting into double figures, Scott Morris (21) helped get off to a good start but ultimately it was the poise of Henry Congues (20 not out) and Harry McDonald (10 not out) who saw the job through.

Whilst we got the win, it shows that we still have a way to go if we want to make it to the last weekend in the season.

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Nathalia Lawn Tennis Club - Division 4 Report



athalia Lawn Tennis Club Div 4 team travelled to Tatura to take on the ladder leaders. A not unsurprising result of 10 sets 87 games Tatura, 3 sets 50 games Nathalia.

Phillippa Slinger combined with Judith Slattery and Helen Ginnivan to win two

sets. Mother and son team Judith and Matt Slattery played well to win our third set.

The score line was an improvement on previous matches with Tatura. Taking the result out of the picture we enjoyed the challenge of playing the top team and the hospitality of Tatura.

We currently sit 5th on the ladder with one home and away game to go. This Saturday we travel to Dhurringile, a victory may see us play finals.

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reat weather for golf and the golf course is looking good. Thank you to this week's sponsors,

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RESULTS

WEDNESDAY 8th of February - five men and five ladies played a 9 hole comp. Barrie Lindsay was the men's winner with 18 stableford points. Ladies winner was Heather Frostick with 20 stableford points. Well done.

FRIDAY Fun Day 10th of February - ten players ventured to Kyabram Parklands for a stableford event. We started early to beat the heat. Denis Dunn was the winner for the men's with 41

stableford points. The five ladies had a very close battle with 1 point separating the field, Heather Frostick was the winner with 37 stableford points from all the rest on 36 points, great golf ladies.

A big thank you to Kyabram Parklands for allowing us to play their golf course at a reduced rate, it was very much appreciated, we all had a great day out.



Peter Poon's Drive off tee 17.

SUNDAY 12th of February - winner was Stan Verlinden on 29 stableford points. No NTP.

WEDNESDAY 15th of February - 9 hole stableford event, ten players turned up before the heat. Ladies winner was Nancy Dunn with 20 points and Nina Pell got NTP.

Men's winner was Stan Verlinden, also with 20 points and NTP went to Kevin Scolyer.

FRIDAY 17th of February - Friday fun day was cancelled due to hot weather.

Sunday 19th of February - conditions were very hot, four men and two ladies had a hit. Winner with 34 stableford points was John Drenen.

Till next time good hitting.

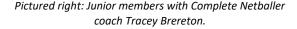
Big thanks to Nancy, Sonia and Denis for cleaning all the windows and removing the stains from the carpet in the club house, a big job - well done.

Thanks to Ian Bell for the kind donation and delivery of drinking water to our recently cleaned out tanks. Thank you very much.

Happy birthday Peter Poon. Hope you have a great day.

Nathalia FNC Junior Netball Clinic

athalia Football Netball Club are excited to share their junior netball clinic. Their junior netball members have been given a fantastic opportunity to learn foundational netball skills from a state league coach. The Complete Netballer coach Tracey Brereton is conducting this 5 week netball clinic here in Nathalia. The coaching is elite and the participants are super keen every week. This has been made possible by the club together with the assistance from the Confident Girls Foundation. The Club has been able to offer this clinic for free to the community. The Club extends many thanks to Denise Liddell, Julie Tyndall and Cath Dealy for supporting this clinic. NFNC believes in supporting junior development to be an investment to the club.









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Picola Lawn Bowls Report

Picola Bowls Club division 2 midweek pennant side remain on the top of the ladder after a good win against Numurkah Golf winning by 17 shots. Karen Peacock's rink, included Mary Agius, Karen Manley and Trevor Cobbledick winning 22/11. Sue Jamison's rink also provided a good win 25/15, the side consisted of John Gillard Margaret Cobbledick and Bill Agius. Julie Berger's rink consisted of Geoff Davie, Maureen Coates and Tony Smith losing narrowly 20/24.

Division 3 Saturday Pennant played Berrigan 2 losing by 7 shots over all - Sorry team, I do not have any other information. One more pennant game against Numurkah Golf still to be played.

Division 5 saw great play with Mark Box,

Helen McRae, Mary Agius and Trevor Price winning 19 shots up and Gary Manley, Helen Manley, Maureen Coates and Geoffrey Coates won with 6

shots up, played against Numurkah at home. Division 5 have one more game also to play.

So at the moment all pennant teams are in the finals and as Sue would say "GO PICOLA".

Karen Peacock played in the womens champion of champions singles at Cobram and recorded two wins.

~ Brolga

Pictured right: Well done Gary Manley on winning the 100 up for Picola Bowling Club.



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Nathalia Bowling Club News

Finals time has arrived for MIDWEEK PENNANT and Nathalia have been able to secure a home final on Tuesday 20th Ephysians. Nathalia 1 finished

on Tuesday 28th February. Nathalia 1 finished 3rd on the ladder after defeating Tocumwal Golf 2 on Tuesday 14th February by winning on two rinks. Final score 54-45 shots. Tessa Ward, Fay Hutchins, Heather Palmer and Philippa Schapper's rink went down 10 -26 shots. Fiona Rourke, Berris Baldwin, John Staggard and Marilyn Frost defeated Julie McCallum's team 17-11 shots. Bev Hutchins, Keith Holland, Julie Olsen and Ashley Hutchins defeated Caz Stephenson's team 18 -17. **SATURDAY PENNANT** on February 18th the team redeemed themselves with a win 69- 40 shots against Berrigan putting Nathalia back in 3rd position. Peter Hutchins, Bev Hutchins, John Staggard and Max Hudson defeated Alex Dalgliesh's team 33-7 Shots. Steve Campbell, Fiona Rourke, Tim Cullen and Kevin Scolyer lost to



Alan Cooper and Ian Bolton practicing.

Kelly Milich's team 15 -21 shots and Jack Hutchins, Ian Bolton, Alan Cooper and Mark Lawless defeated Stephen Gann's team 20-11 shots. Nathalia will have to be at their very best on Saturday to maintain a spot in the top 4 against Barooga at their home ground.

Peter and Jack Hutchins, our father and son combination play off in the Men's Champion of Championship, Pairs Day 1 of the Sectional Play at Cobram on Sunday 26th February. We wish them all the best.

Nathalia had success, last Monday, in the **60 and Over** day, winning with 47 points were Alan Cooper, Kevin Scolyer, John Staggard and Max Hudson which was played at Cobram. Well done fellas. Not to be out done, our Ladies, Fay Hutchins, Berris Baldwin and Marilyn Frost won the **Lorraine and Bill Kennedy Ladies Trade Day** at Numurkah last Thursday. Not only winning the bowls but cleaned up most of the raffles also. Good day out Ladies.

Nathalia hosted a Ladies Trade Day on Thursday, 23rd February which is sponsored by Peter Cox and Sons Funeral Directors, Numurkah. The results will be published in the next edition of the Redgum

A **FOOLS DAY TOURNAMENT** will be held at the Club on Saturday 1st April and will be proudly sponsored by the Bendigo Bank. The Total Prize Money is \$1,500.00. Contact Alan Cooper for more

BAREFOOT BOWLS has been "stop and start" due to weather conditions but is on again Friday 24th February at 5.30 onward. Patrons do not have to play Barefoot Bowls to enjoy the club facilities. The Bar is open from 5pm.

The new **CLUBROOM FLOOR** is being laid on Monday and Tuesday next week. A grant was secured from the Moira Shire of \$5,000.00. A





The Cavallaro Family enjoying Barefoot Bowls.

fund raiser earned \$1,000.00 and the Club is making up the difference.

CCTV has been installed at the Club with another Grant, thanks to the **Bendigo Bank**. There has been minor vandalism over the past couple of years and hopefully, this will deter this behavior. Big **thanks** go to the Moira Shire, Bendigo Bank and our Members for the Grants and Fund Raising. Without these generous amounts, it would be very difficult to do the necessary upgrades to the Club.