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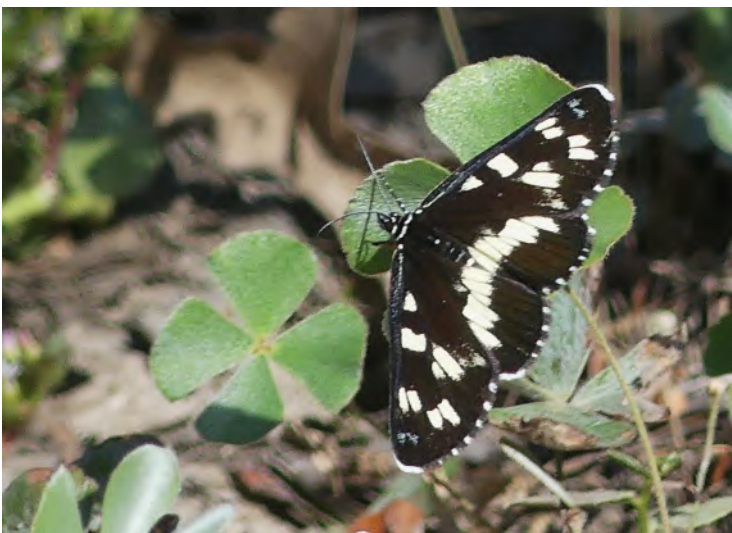
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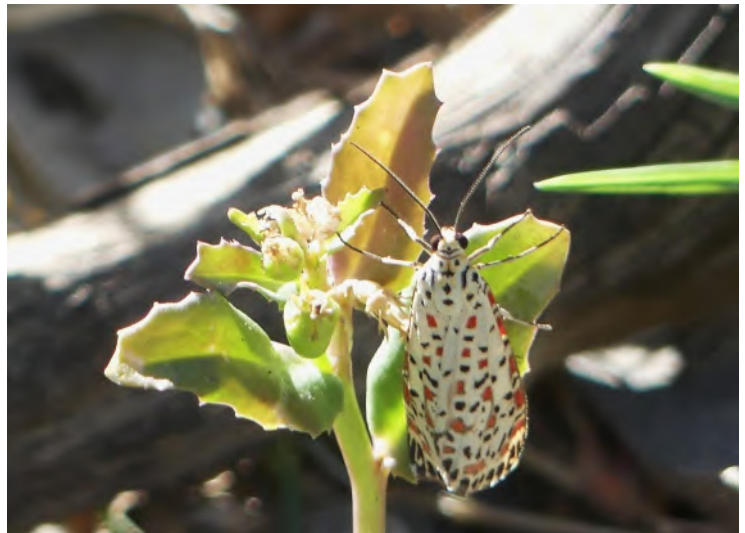
What caterpillar is this?
Photo by Heather Henderson

A pleasant February morning was enjoyed by thirteen members of the Nathalia Wildflower Group when we all gathered at Thorpe's Lane. After flood water had receded, we enjoyed walking along Newman's bush

track where pools of water gathered and many plants were found flowering there. Several water plants also remained in abundance for us to study and photograph, along with birds and insects. *More photos on page 15.*



Common Australian Crow or Oleander Butterfly - *Euploea core*, sitting on Nardoo - aquatic fern. Photo by Judy Ormond



Utetheisa pulchella, or crimson-speckled moth
Photo by Judy Ormond

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Community Update



Community Budget Proposal – last chance to submit ideas

Time is running out for residents and community organisations to present project ideas to be included in the 2022/23 Budget that will make Moira Shire an even better place to live, work and play. Submit your fully scoped idea for infrastructure works, projects, programs or events via our website by **5pm Friday 25 February 2022**. Go to our website for all the details and to submit your project ideas.



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Do you need funding for an event or to improve facilities or services for your local community? Then our Strengthening Grants (up to \$10,000) are for you. There are four main funding streams – arts and culture; community events; health promotion; and environmental sustainability. We are holding information sessions in the four main towns to assist interested community groups with the process of filling out the new application forms. Go to our website to apply and see our advert in this paper for details on the information sessions.



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, with delicious feasts on offer, as well as special guest speakers and activities to participate in. All events will comply with COVID-safe guidelines. See our display advert in this paper for all the details or go to our website.



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Birthday Celebrations at Barwo:

So far 2022 has allowed staff and residents to spend a joyful day together on January 20 as we celebrated Joyce's birthday, and again on February 3rd as we celebrated Betty's birthday. Both ladies enjoyed their special days with singing and having their favourite 'birthday' cake for dessert.

Residents have also been enjoying visits with family and going on special outings. This brings such happiness to their day. A variety of activities such as Bingo, Bowls, Card-making, Quizzes and Singalongs have seen the residents well entertained.

Pictured above left: Birthday wishes for Joyce.

Pictured above right: Birthday wishes for Betty.

Pictured left: Allan showcasing his talents.

Pictured right: Rita, picking & arranging flowers.



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Moira Shire Messages

Lifeguard shortage to impact final weeks of outdoor pool season

Due to lifeguard staffing issues, the operating hours at Moira Shire Council's outdoor swimming pools in Numurkah, Cobram, Nathalia, Strathmerton and Yarrawonga will be adjusted for the remaining four weeks of the pool season.

YMCA Manager Carien Hesselberg said staff levels were much lower than usual this season due to the ongoing challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"In addition, as schools and universities return for Semester 1, a number of younger staff will no longer be available to work, or will have a reduced capacity to do so, during the last weeks of the outdoor pool season," Ms Hesselberg said. "The staffing issue we are now experiencing, is also reflected in the wider aquatic and recreation industry at present.

"We are also working through the new Victorian Government third dose COVID-19 vaccination requirements and how that may further impact our service delivery."

Ms Hesselberg said operating hours at the outdoor pools would continue to be reviewed over the last four weeks of the season in line with available staff levels.

"Weekends, school and community events are still being planned however we are asking patrons to check regularly with their local pool for the latest changes," she said.

"If vacancies can be filled, more services may once again be offered.

"Water safety is always our highest priority, and we understand the expectation from our community for pools to be open as normal.

"The reality is, there isn't enough staff to operate seven days a week across all townships, and to do so safely."

Moira Shire Council CEO Clare Keenan said the decision to adjust pool opening hours was unfortunate but necessary.

"Our pools are much-loved and well-used by our community, and we'll continue to work in partnership with the YMCA to overcome the staffing issues if possible," Ms Keenan said.

Qualified lifeguards are welcome to [apply](#) for casual work to help support the local outdoor pools during the last weeks of the season.

New applicants interested in an aquatic career that change lives and provide so many wellness opportunities are always welcome.

Changes to the hours of operation will be in place from Monday 14 February to the end of the pool season.

To view the adjusted opening hours of your local pool, follow their respective Facebook pages or contact the YMCA on [5866 2220](tel:58662220).

For more information or for questions about your season passes, please email moira@ymca.org.au

Moira successful in retaining revenue from state government

The Victorian State Government will continue paying rates for social housing properties throughout Moira Shire, despite a proposed regulation that would require all councils to take over this cost.

Mayor Libro Mustica said Councillors and staff had strongly lobbied the state government and was pleased to see Moira Shire Council, along with several other regional and rural councils, now exempt from this proposed regulation.

"This is a big win for us," Cr Mustica said.

"If we had not fought for this exemption, it would have cost Council approximately \$3.5 million over ten years in lost revenue, which would have put a huge amount of pressure on our financial security.

"In addition, we are pleased the state government has also waived the 1.75 per cent Developer Levy for projects in Moira Shire, which means real estate developers will be encouraged to look at opportunities in our area instead of the metropolitan region."

CEO Clare Keenan said the new levy would have been required from all developers as of 2024 in new projects with three or more dwellings or three or more lot subdivisions, however through extensive lobbying, Moira Shire Council was now exempt.

"Developers still need to pay this levy for projects in metropolitan areas with the funds going to help finance social housing," Ms Keenan said.

"With these exemptions it is now imperative Council progresses its strategic planning and has suitability zoned land available throughout or shire for appropriate and sustainable development.

"Migration to Moira Shire increased by 42% between 2019 and 2021 and these exemptions make Moira Shire the destination place for developers outside of Metropolitan Melbourne."



MEALS ON WHEELS February 25th to March 11th

February	
Friday 25th	Graeme Smith
Monday 28th	Mick & Alison Keogh
March	
Tuesday 1st	John & Eve Attwood
Wednesday 2nd	Sherelle Smith
Thursday 3rd	Margaret Richards
Friday 4th	Patricia Hawks
Monday 7th	Margaret Cobbleidick
Tuesday 8th	Kevin & Nina Pell
Wednesday 9th	Sue Logie
Thursday 10th	Heather Frostick
Friday 11th	Sue Lowe

**Laura, Volunteer Programs Co-ordinator - MHA Care
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February 27th: Nathalia 9.30am Parish Service

March 6th: Nathalia 9.30am Parish Communion Service

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March 6th: 8.00am Holy Communion

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March 6th: 1.30pm Holy Communion

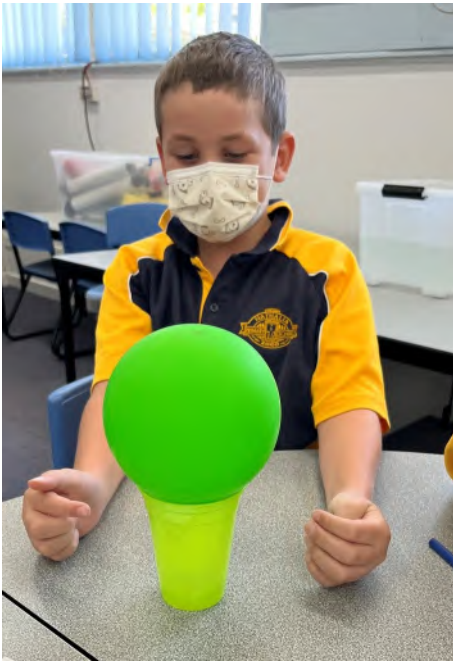
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Engineers in Schools

Nathalia Primary School was treated to several workshops delivered by the team from Melbourne University. We had ten engineers visit the school to work with the children across all grade levels. The three topics the children learnt about were Prosthetics, Appropriate Housing and Clean Water. It was fantastic to see the gender and cultural mix of the presenters. We had eight women and two men who were culturally and nationally diverse working with the children. The message was clear that engineering can be a career for everyone and that it would be an interesting, challenging and rewarding profession for girls and boys.



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Community Consultation Evening

Northern Victoria Finances Limited is relaunching community consultation nights to be held at both Nathalia and Numurkah venues. The bank is always interested in how best to support and invest into our community, to help us identify community priorities and needs. Community Consultation sessions will be held at:

Nathalia: Wednesday 9th March at the Nathalia Sporting Complex (Park Street, Nathalia) from 7.00pm to 8.30pm

Numurkah: Wednesday 16th March at the Numurkah Showgrounds & Community Function Rooms, Tunnock Road, Numurkah from 7.00pm to 8.30pm

The board would appreciate your input and ideas and invites prominent business persons/groups/shareholders/customers to attend.

The board have hired the services of Chris DeAraugo who was previously National Community Strengthening Manager for Bendigo

Bank and head of Retail Marketing. Chris has board experience in community consultations and planning and currently consults to a number of businesses on their strategic planning and business planning with an emphasis on community based organisations.

Chris believes the Community Banking model is one of the most significant business and community development models ever developed. Chris will compile a report of outcomes from both sessions for review by the Manager and the Board so your input on the night will be invaluable.

Please refer to the advertisement on the back page of this edition and RSVP to Company Secretary Tracey Mark 0408 662 129 with your intention to attend.



Chris DeAraugo



Caterpillar Corner



The children at NCELC have been busy little gardeners; they have been able to help our sustainability educator with planting our fruits and vegetables. The children throughout the centre have loved watching them grow, taking care of them by watering our garden beds. Once our fruit and vegetables are ready the children love picking them with an

educator and they get excited when they are able to try the food in their meals.

The children at NCELC are able to develop and learn more about their environment, by broadening their knowledge and understanding of the world in which they live in.



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The 2022 Easter market is on the 16th April, 9am till 1pm.

The plantation will be buzzing with stalls, live music, kids entertainment, cakes and produce. Tables and chairs will be provided so you can sit and enjoy the activities. The Bardi Gras is happening! More information to come.

Don't forget to get you tickets in the major NYE raffle, drawn at 11am at the market. Tickets are available now at most stores and can be purchased online using the QR code below right.

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Museum Moments...

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

While this is not an Australia photograph just take a moment to think about how others lived in days gone by.

This is a baby cage, photographed in California in 1937. This was used to allow the child who lived in high-rise housing to get some sunlight and fresh air.



I found some amusing snippets when I was reading a book called *'The Australian - Yarns, Ballads, Legends, Tradition'* by Bill Wannan..... First published in 1954.

Quoted from The Melbourne Sun, May 23, 1949.

MELBA AND THE BENDIGO CHIMES.

A Brighton (England) publican will pay £2 a week to cover the cost of stopping and starting chimes is a nearby clock-tower just so he can get an undisturbed night's sleep. He couldn't have known that he'll pay as much in six months as would cover his fare to Bendigo, Victoria, where the citizens have had the same service gratis ever since Dame Nellie Melba complained that the post-office chimes kept her awake. For years the booming chimes have cut out at 11pm, not to speak again until Bendigonians are munching their early-morning toast and marmalade.

THE LARRIKIN

The Australian 'Larrikin' is the counterpart of the English 'hoodlum'. The word 'Larrikin' has its origin in the Hibernian pronunciation of the word 'larking' by a police sergeant of early Melbourne. "What's the accused up to Sergeant?" "Just Larrikin", your Worship!"

And on the funny side

*Truck driver said to farmer, "How far is it to Wagga, mate—as the crow flies?"
Farmer: "Blowed if I know, sport. The flamin' crows never leave here!"*

Dave was paying a visit to the Waybacks, who had just had the telephone installed. The phone rang and Dave went to answer it. Presently he returned to the Waybacks and said, "Cripes, them telephone blokes are silly coots. They just rang up to say it's a long distance from Sydney!"

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

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3 Year Old Preschool is Fun



Settling into their preschool environment the 3 year old pre-schoolers are creating new friendships, learning about each other and the educators and being very brave as they say goodbye to mum, dad or their grandparent.

For the first time, 3 year old preschool is now government funded. This has provided the opportunity for 3 year old children to attend preschool for 10 hours per week and to now access to after kinder care with Goulburn

Region Preschool Association committing to supporting family needs.

Children who have begun in the 3 year old preschool program now have access to two years of quality kindergarten. Educators support the children's learning through intentional teaching experiences as the children learn about regulating their emotions, thinking skills and become more independent with their daily routines.



PAG is Back!

PAG - Planned Activity Group is back. We have escaped and survived the COVID lockdowns.

A BBQ at Uncle Bobs park on a beautiful day was a great way for clients to catch up with friends that they haven't seen in 6 months.

A big happy 50th birthday Debbie Sims.





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Rotary News



A rather brief report for a change...

The outing to Tocumwal was very pleasant, on 16th February; four of our members attended what was more a social gathering than a proper meeting. RC Tocumwal had 8/13 members present, at the Golf and Bowls Club, but not their president (he was overseas). We were cheeky enough to leave some flyers about our upcoming car show, on March 20th, with the Tocumwal Rotarians. Perhaps some will visit then. We were not due to meet again till March 2nd's Board Meeting, but our president called a short meeting on 23rd; this was so that we could work out last minute details for tomorrow's Sausage Sizzle outside the Laundromat. Don't forget to come and support us please. By the way, silly me had 25th as the date in my last article...WRONG! Saturday's correct date is 26th.

Another booking came in for a stay at the Heart to Heart respite house and guests arrived on Tuesday for a 4 night break away from their everyday lives in the "big smoke". With the booking came the news that there are quite a few interested people who may book in the not too distant future...wouldn't that be great! Time will tell.

With the easing of more Covid related restrictions, it looks as though visitors and entrants to the Show and Shine will not need to QR check in, but vaccination status will need to be shown...at this stage. By the time the event comes around, there well may be more restrictions eased and any new information will be written here...along with any other Rotary related matters of interest.

Nathalia Agricultural Show Update

Planning has begun for our 2022 Annual Spring Show as we are quietly confident of being able to host a Show this year.

Our AGM is next month – see advert in classifieds in this edition of the RGC for details – and we look like having a full committee being returned.

Thanks to all those who have put up their hands to help. A theme for the Show will also be decided at the meeting.

We are also exploring a few different avenues this year in a few sections, possibly the return of an old section and look forward to some great announcements later in the year.

Plans are also underway to have some much-needed repairs made to the shelving in the Ladies Pavilion.

We were also very fortunate to have obtained a grant to have power put on in the old poultry shed. This has been in the planning for some time, and we look forward to making that shed much more versatile.

We are also very pleased that the Henry Ford Tractors have agreed to continue with their plans to have a 75th Anniversary Rally on our Show weekend and we look forward to seeing a great display of these beautiful old tractors.

Hope to see some new faces at our next meeting. Need more info?



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For local wildflower aficionados it means local spring: Broughton Pea and acacia acinacea; to painters it means the discipline of complementary colours; and to local sports people: footballers, lawn bowlers....it means the colours of "our team".

Interested in taking part? Call in to The G.R.A.I.N. Store Thursday or Friday or Saturday or Monday 11-4 for more details.

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Diary Note only. More information to follow.

Broken Creek Band: CD Launch Small Town Anthropologies 7pm

With a beautiful opportunity to join a pop-up Broken Creek Chorale 10-12 for rehearsals.

Exhibition: Artists: Tutors and Students

A different kind of exhibition showing the work of the three tutors who worked with us last year providing workshops in drawing and painting. Accompanying their works are materials produced by the many workshop participants throughout the year...sharing what we were learning...as an invitation to you, too; to take up the workshop opportunity next time it comes around.

For more information contact Philippa 0400 037 432

Pictured right: Ann Christy's Easel



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Broken Creek Drama

BROKEN RECORD

'I'm bored,' said Ashkynne for the umpteenth time. 'You sound like a broken record,' replied Judy, only to see a puzzled expression on the face of her eight-year-old granddaughter. Judy tried to explain how music used to be recorded on vinyl discs and if there was a scratch, the needle would stick and play the same few bits over and over. Ashkynne looked confused. 'Could I please play with your iPad Gran?' 'Of course, Dear. I want to look in the hall cupboard for something,' Judy replied. With a couple of 45s of The Beatles in hand, Judy was about to explain all over again. Ashkynne held up her hand and said, 'Don't worry Gran, I get it now. I looked it up on YouTube.'



Probus News



On Tuesday 15th February, Vice President Tony Smith welcomed members and a guest to a meeting on the shady lawns of Apex Park on the bank of the Broken Creek.

As well as dealing with the regular business, this was a relaxing social occasion. The resident goose and ducks made intermittent visits to our group – probably hoping that someone would provide a tasty morsel of food!

Those members with a birthday or anniversary in January or February received chocolates and everyone enjoyed Bob Bram well's segment which included jokes, thought provoking sayings such as; "What happened when the frog illegally parked? He got toad."

Bob read a few of Ron Henderson's yarns drawn from Tammy Muir's publication: Barbed Wire. Ron resided in Nathalia for some time and had yarns from his life experiences as a drover, shearer and Blue Heeler breeder (among a few). One short example: Ron heard three men boasting about the size of their large properties. One said it took him three days to travel from the homestead to the front gate. Ron dryly commented; 'Yes, I had a horse like that once!'

Members chose to resume regular general meetings in the Dancocks Room, commencing on Tuesday 15th March at 10.00 am. Show & Tell and Trivia will be the fun activities. The Trips Organiser, Cheryl, will endeavour to arrange a lunch outing for Tuesday 22nd March. Members and friends will meet in the garden at 3 Belles for coffee on 2nd March at 10.30 am.

The AGM has been deferred for one moth, taking place on Tuesday 19th April.

We hope Covid will not cause as any further interruptions. We wish to meet regularly to fulfil the Probus motto of Fun, Fellowship & Friendship.

Young Farmers

The latest in young farmers news. We had our first gathering of the year on the first Friday of February by travelling over to Yarrowonga for a lovely relaxing evening fish and chips by the lake, and long chats catching up on what everyone is up to these days.

This led to a discussion of camping and another gathering in the making.

On the weekend of February the 12th young farmers went out for couple nights to a lovely camp near Ulupna Island along the banks of the Murray river.

Casting the fishing rods with no succession of any nibbles from fish, roasting some scrumptious lamb for dinner and enjoying a few yarns around the fire of the evenings. It was a great weekend had by the young farmers.



The Perfect Fruit Fly Season

The shortage of workers is making it hard to run a coffee shop, pick fruit in orchards, or meet the demand for tradies. These problems are serious; however, another major impact of labour shortages is the kick-along all that unpicked or fallen fruit is giving to a major orchard pest: the fruit fly. When there are sufficient pickers, there is not much fruit left on trees or on the ground. When there is a huge shortage of pickers however, there are tonnes of fruit left to over-ripen on the trees and fall to the ground.

All this fruit combined with the unusually humid year means we have all the right conditions for an explosion of fruit fly both now and in the next season.

Whether you have one fruit tree or an orchard, everyone is responsible for trying to eradicate the fruit fly. Unfortunately, however it is now more difficult than it once was to tackle insects and other pests. Where once some pesticides could be used to kill the fruit fly, many of these chemicals are now banned as they are dangerous to human health or the environment. New control methods now have to be developed and the problem addressed in "area wide management plans".

The National Biosecurity Award presented to the Goulburn Murray Victoria Fruit Fly Program in 2021 acknowledged the superb area management work done locally to remove over 100,000 neglected fruit trees, and to raise awareness of fruit fly with over 3000 volunteers helping to spread the word. So, locals are doing a great job, but this season we face the extra problem of tonnes of unpicked fruit and high humidity.

Let's all renew our efforts to dispose of fallen fruit, making sure that if it is already infested with fruit fly it is sealed into a plastic bag and left in the hottest places to kill the pests. And if the cockies and corellas are taking all your fruit anyway, reconsider if you really need to keep that old fruit tree out the back.

~ Steve Brooks, Liberal candidate for Nicholls and a local pomegranate farmer.



Steve Brooks in the orchard

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The two-month long campaign will raise awareness of the impact these weeds have on waterways and encourage reporting of detections so that Agriculture Victoria can remove infestations to prevent further spread and impacts to water quality and use.

Agriculture Victoria's Biosecurity Manager Angela Constantine said the sale of these aquatic State prohibited weeds creates the potential for them to spread throughout Victoria, which could have economic and environmental impacts on a large scale.

"These weeds may look attractive, but they quickly spread to cover and block waterways, which harms native plants and wildlife and reduces water quality for farming and recreation," Ms Constantine said.

Water hyacinth and salvinia are primarily spread by people buying and selling them as pretty water plants for ornamental ponds, dams and aquariums.

"It is illegal to buy, sell or give away water hyacinth or salvinia in Victoria, however in most cases home gardeners are unaware of potential harmful impacts of these weeds and are unknowingly growing it," Ms Constantine said.

The Victorian Government takes responsibility for the safe treatment, removal and disposal of State prohibited weeds such as water hyacinth and salvinia, at no cost to the landowner.

"Agriculture Victoria wants to work with the community to help protect our waterways and protect Victoria from emerging weed incursions," Ms Constantine said.

If you suspect you have water hyacinth or salvinia on your property, please take a photo of the suspect plant, and email it to weed.spotters@agriculture.vic.gov.au, or call the Customer Contact Centre on 136 186. You can also make a report via the Agriculture Victoria website - www.agriculture.vic.gov.au/waterweeds

U3A Film @ Night

U3A Film@Night
7pm Wed 2 March,
Honeyland 2019,
Northern Macedonia

Hatidze Muratova is a middle-aged beekeeper whose peaceful life in the northern Macedonian countryside is disrupted when a chaotic family moves next door.

She is the subject of a gorgeous, thoughtful and slow-moving film: *Honeyland*.

Never has eating raw honeycomb seemed so delicious. We see her singing to the bees, selling her honey in Skpje and caring for her ailing half-blind, hard of hearing eighty-year old mother.

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Garden update at NCN Health

Have you notice the new garden entrance at Nathalia hospital? Thanks you to Nathalia Men's shed, Vic Dohnt (pictured below), Noel Gemmill and Brian (Barney) McVeigh. NCN Health supplied the plants. Stumpy Joe Dwarf Conifers (*Thuja orientalis -Aurea Nana*). A hardy drought tolerant plant, that looks great

with the red mulch.

Noel and Vic planted the conifers and together Vic and Barney laid the mulch. Vic Kindly donated 2 trailer loads of mulch at \$140 per load. It looks very welcoming, neat and tidy.



The Spider that Weaves in Gold

Right now, if you are lucky, you might sight a large female **Golden Orb Spider** *Nephila edulis* on its web, the web glinting gold in the sunlight. You will need to see the Red Gum Courier photo in colour to see this photo of the shining golden web – such a large fairytale web for a scary - looking spider. The body of the spider is about the size of an olive.

Go to www.nbbt.org.au and select the Red Gum Courier to download this edition or click on the Quick Response Code in this edition.

The accompanying photos are of a Golden Orb Spider in our front yard. Although large and frightening looking, the spider is **not** aggressive and is reluctant to bite. It will shake its web if you come close, warning you to stay away. If you accidentally run into a web and are bitten, the bite is **not dangerous**. You don't need to panic.



These spiders are beneficial in the garden, getting rid of flies and insects that you may not want around. The insects may end up as part of a food cache, a string of web-bound insects that the spider arranges to feed on at a later date. Photos: Lyn Loger

How long can they live? Around 12 months. The female spider stays on her web, unlike the Garden Orb Spider that consumes its web before dawn each day and then weaves it again at night time.

What does the male look like? It's tiny, no more than 6mm – for mating, it will stay around the perimeter of the web, waiting its chance to mate with the big female. Sexual cannibalism is generally uncommon with these females.

The web is a complex one; it has extra web lines positioned beyond the 'orb', the large main circle web. These lines are there as web barriers for birds and wasps that might come and eat or attack the spider. However, there is a wasp that, if it gets through the barrier, will tweak the perimeter of the web to mimic an insect struggling. When the spider comes to kill its prey, the tables are turned - the wasp has tricked it; it stings the spider and carries it off.

These spiders can be found all over Australia.

Nephila edulis – it's not a scientific name given randomly. The *edulis* does mean edible! In 1799, the French biologist, Jaques Labillardiere, saw native people eating these spiders in New Caledonia.

~ Lyn Loger





Wildflower Group

Photos by
Heather Henderson, Di Huber &
Judy Ormond



Nathalia Secondary College News



On Monday the 14th February, NSC students and staff headed down to the pool for a bit of Swimming Sports action. It was a rather warm & competitive day where students were able to show case their ability in the pool, working with their team to try & bring home the ultimate glory. Congratulations to Murray House on achieving this feat! Well done to all who participated.

*Pictured Right:
Congratulations to the Age Group Champions—
Back: Rhys Hansen, Esther Amery, Josh Dohnt, Cheyanne Hansen, Mason Cobbledick
Front: Cody Power, Kaiya Cornell*



2022 School Leaders:

Zali Cornell



Zali applied for the position of school leader to push herself in her last year of secondary education and to move outside of her comfort zone. She wants to help create a safe and welcoming place for everybody who enters the school grounds so it is a place that people continue to love and want to be. Zali wants to be a voice for the students so that all opinions and ideas are heard, which she believes will foster an environment that caters for all.

She attributes Mrs Leslie as a big influence on her decision to become a school leader as she pushes Zali to do her best to get what she wants out of life.

Rohan Hermelin



Rohan decided he would like to be a school leader as he saw it as a step in the right direction and a great way to finish off 13 years of schooling. He was actively involved in SRC, scouts and attended the Alpine School for Student Leadership in Year 9, so this was a natural decision.

As part of being school leader, Rohan would like to implement more activities within the school to make it fun and engaging for all students, a bit of a reprieve from the classroom.

In Primary School, Rohan missed out on School Captain which he attributes to his desire to become school leader this year. His Mum is always commenting on his great leadership skills which helped to influence his choice.

Hollie Dietrich



Hollie's decision to apply for school leader felt natural to her as it's a skill she possesses in her everyday life and wants to harness that skill whilst at school.

She has visions of building a pathway to further improve student and staff relationships as she believes that the teachers at NSC are a great asset who are determined to get the best out of you.

Hollie is involved in the VCAL program and would like to implement strategies to get the most out of it for those in the program.

The person who has made the biggest difference to Hollie over her recent school years is Miss Harris, as she has been able to show her the bright side of school life, helping her to achieve her best without overstepping.

Cody Power



Cody has wanted to be school leader since she was in Year 7, upon seeing how previous ones before her have succeeded in the role and following on from being sports captain in primary school. Her first act as school leader would ideally be to change the Murray House colour from white, a request raised by many of her peers. As she is also involved within the VCAL program, it is her mission to continue to help it grow into a space that all members enjoy. Cody has had a number of teachers influence her over the years, namely Mr Barnard, Miss Harman, Miss Harris and Mr Robinson.



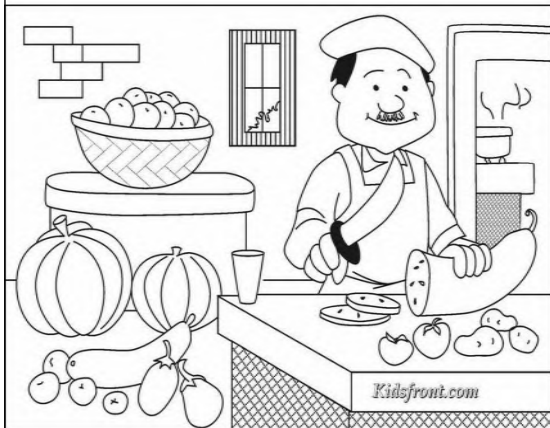
*One of my wife's third graders was wearing a Fitbit watch, which prompted my wife to ask, "Are you tracking your steps?" "No," said the little girl. "I wear this for Mommy so she can show Daddy when he gets home."

*I loved the dress that I bought at a flea market. It fit perfectly, and the skirt was a swirl of intricate pleats. I wore it confidently to an evening party and glowed when a woman exclaimed, "Oh, how stunning!" Yes, I was grinning from ear to ear, until she added cheerfully, "Hang on to it, honey. Pleats will come back someday."

*I was perusing the shelves at a bookstore when a customer asked an employee where the birding section was. After pointing it out, the employee asked, "Is there anything specific you're looking for?" "Yes," said the customer. "My husband."



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Bill's Funeral Service was held at Numurkah on Monday, 21st of February 2022.



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~ Wayne,
Margy, Dawn
and family

*Thank
you!*

LEE, Arthur "Joe"

We would like to thank all those who attended the funeral both in person and online, sent cards, flowers, phone calls & food.

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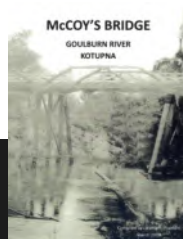
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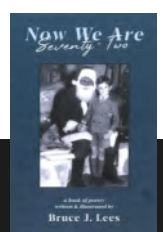


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In the Swing at Nathalia Golf Club

There is lots happening at the Nathalia Golf Club as usual and great excitement as emails and flyers for tournaments and events across the GMGA region are arriving and there will be lots of golfing opportunities coming up for those who enjoy playing on other courses plus golf at home on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays.

The Ladies will play the last week of their 9 Hole Summer Competition on Wednesday 2nd March with the opening day of the Nathalia Ladies 2022 Season the following Wednesday the 9th March and this will be an 18 hole Stableford event. The annual GONG DAY with Numurkah will be played at Nathalia this year on Wednesday 16th March teeing off at 9am and it is important that we have as many ladies playing on this day as possible as Nathalia tries to retrieve the GONG from our Numurkah rivals.

BIG REMINDER that our LOCAL BUSINESS CHALLENGE GOLF DAY is on Sunday 20th March and we are very excited to announce that we have both the BENDIGO COMMUNITY BANK and NATHALIA BARMAH TOURISM as our major sponsors again this year. So there will be some great prizes to be won but you need to be in it to win it !!! Barrie Lindsay has been very busy out and about, calling into businesses, handing out flyers and entry forms. Please let Barrie know if you need help finding 4 players and/or you want to play but not yet in a team. Barrie is also accepting donations for the spinning wheel. Phone Barrie on 0472 559 222 if you need help or can help in anyway. So please support this event, it is always a fun social day bringing our community together plus a big fundraiser for us so please get your entries in ASAP.

The Club will need help from members and volunteers in preparing the course for both our Local Business Challenge Day and our Winter Season and so please consider coming out to lend a hand with mowing, whipper snipping, picking up sticks, raking and cleaning up around the course. All help is greatly appreciated.

RESULTS:

WEDNESDAY COMPETITION 9/02/22: 9 HOLE STABLEFORD with 12 contestants playing the front 9. Winner of the men with a nice 21 pts was Graeme Frostick and Nancy Dunn had the highest score for the ladies with 19 pts. Ray Freeman got NTP.

FRIDAY 9 HOLE CHICKEN RUN 11/02/22: Playing the front 9 and there were 12 played with the winner of the IGA Cooked Chook going to Sue Lowe with 17pts on a c/back from Ray Freeman and Barrie Lindsay. No-one got NTP.

SUNDAY 18 HOLE COMPETITION 13/02/22: Teeing off at 9am and the course was in fine form and so there were some good scores. Paul Fulton had an amazing round coming in with 40 pts with R/Up Tony Brown on 39 pts and Ray Freeman on 37 pts. Well done fellas. Paul got NTP on the par 3 with Tony getting 2nd shot NTP on the par 4.

WEDNESDAY COMPETITION 16/02/22: Teeing off on the back 9 and it was a fun game of MULLIGANS. There were 13 players with each player being allowed 3 free shots so there should have been some great scores but replaying shots does not always bring better results.

The winner of the day was Barrie Lindsay with 18 pts with Sue Lowe highest for ladies with 17pts. No-one got NTP.

FRIDAY 9 HOLE CHICKEN RUN 18/02/22: 11 players on the back 9 and the winner of the IGA Cooked Chook with a great 21 pts was Sonia Verlinden with Barrie Lindsay R/up with 20 pts. Great scores. Graeme Frostick got NTP.

SUNDAY 18 HOLE COMPETITION 20/02/22: Teeing off at 9am and playing STABLEFORD the winner with 37 pts was Stan Verlinden with Tony Brown R/up with 35 pts. Tony also got NTP.

COMING UP:

FRIDAY 25/02/22: 9 HOLE CHICKEN RUN – from 5pm or earlier if you prefer. Will be the FRONT 9 – yellow for ladies & blue for men.

SUNDAY 27/02/22: 18 HOLE COMPETITION – 8.30am for 9am tee off and everyone welcome. \$8 Members & \$15 Non-members.

TUESDAY 1/03/22: GOLF CLUB MONTHLY MEETING 7.30pm at the Clubhouse and all members welcome to attend.

WEDNESDAY 2/03/22: LAST DAY FOR 9 HOLE COMPETITION with option to play 18 holes. – STABLEFORD on the back 9 – 8.15am for 8.30am tee off.

FRIDAY 4/03/22: 9 HOLE CHICKEN RUN – from 5pm or earlier if you prefer. Will be the BACK 9 HOLES. \$ 6 for Members & Non-members \$15.

SUNDAY 6/03/22: 18 HOLE COMPETITION – 8.30am for 9am tee off.

WEDNESDAY 9/03/22: LADIES 2022 SEASON OPEN DAY – 18 HOLE STABLEFORD – 8.45am for 9am tee off until further notice.



2022 Junior Representative

Congratulations to Ella Dealy from Nathalia FNC on being selected for the Murray Football Netball League 15 & Under Representative Team - which will be coached by local Blaise Mortimer-Hicks.

Their first tournament is in Albury on 3rd April. We wish Ella and the team all the best!



Regional Track and Field Championships

A group of athletes from the Nathalia Little Athletics Club made the trip to the Regional Track and Field Championship weekend, which was held on February 12th and 13th in Albury.



7 athletes from the Nathalia club competed in the following events;

Harriet Gall - High Jump, 800m. 300m Hurdles, 90m hurdles

Amelia Gall - Javelin, Discus

Alex Chmiel - 1100 walk, Discus, 800m 60m hurdles, 400m

Sophia McPherson - High jump, 70m, 200m, 100m, 400,

Claudia Ciccone - 200m, discus, 100m, shot put, long jump

Cheyenne Hansen - Javelin, Discus, shot put

Rhys Hansen - High jump, triple jump, long jump, 400m

It was a great weekend, the young athletes should be very proud of themselves, with 14 individual medals being awarded and 15 Personal Bests.

The sportsmanship and positive attitude from the athletes no matter what the results was something they all should be very proud of.



Pictured L-R

Back: Cheyanne Hansen, Harriet Gall, Amelia Gall, Rhys Hansen
Front: Alex Chmiel, Sophia McPherson and Claudia Ciccone

Nathalia Lawn Tennis Club Report



GMLTA div 1: Velvet Tigers 7 sets 82 games defeated Shepparton Lawn Tropics 5 sets 59 games, match played at Shepparton.

In perfect late season conditions, the Velvet Tigers secured a comfortable victory that places them in a strong position for finals.

Eliza Long & Ned Nihill's men's no.1 doubles loss was buoyed by the pairings of Fergus Kearney & Alex Bakogianis (8-6) and Ash Andrews & Kelsey Williams (8-3).

Eliza's valiant effort in an epic no.1 men's singles loss (8-7, {9-7 tiebreak}) was well supported by comprehensive victories to Fergus, Alex, and Kelsey (all 8-1), as well as Ash (8-3). The Tropics fought back well in the final sets, winning the no. 1 mixed doubles in a tie

break over Eliza & Kelsey and the men's reverse doubles 8-6 over Fergus and Ned. Alex & Ash paired well in an 8-4 no. 2 mixed doubles, both of them ending their day as 3 set winners.

The Velvs now sit second on the ladder with one match remaining, against arch rivals Numurkah, who sit fourth.

Allez les Tigres de Velours!



Local cricket action. Will Trower from Waaia Cricket Club.

~ Photo courtesy Cheryl Thorn



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Round 2 Tatura v Benalla Benalla v Easter Bye	8-April 7.00pm Nathalia v Mooroopna 10-April 2.30pm Mooroopna v Mooroopna	Round 8 Shepp United v Mooroopna Benalla v Benalla	3-June 7.30pm Tatura v Tatura 5-June 2.30pm Echuca v Nathalia
Round 3 Nathalia v Tatura Tatura v Echuca	16-April 2.30pm Benalla v Shepp United Mooroopna v Mooroopna	Round 9 Nathalia v Shepp United Tatura v Tatura	10-June 6.00pm Mooroopna v Echuca 19-June 2.30pm Shepp United v Nathalia Tatura v Tatura
Round 4 Mooroopna v Echuca Echuca v Benalla	1-May 2.30pm Nathalia v Tatura Shepp United v Shepp United	Round 10 Mooroopna v Benalla Benalla v Mooroopna	26-June 2.30pm Benalla v Tatura Nathalia v Echuca
Round 5 Shepp United v Nathalia Tatura v Echuca Echuca v Benalla	6-May 7.00pm Mooroopna v Mooroopna 8-May 2.30pm Echuca v Benalla	Round 11 Mooroopna v Nathalia Shepp United v Shepp United	3-July 2.30pm Shepp United v Mooroopna Nathalia v Nathalia
Round 6 Tatura v Echuca Echuca v Benalla	15-May 2.30pm Nathalia v Shepp United Mooroopna v Mooroopna	Round 12 Tatura v Echuca Benalla v Benalla	
Interleague @QEO Bendigo v	22-May AFL Central Vic	FINALS	TBC

Numurkah & District Hardcourt Tennis Association

On the 19th February top of the table leaders Yalca North played Picola. Yalca North had a convincing win 8 sets 71 games to Picola 1 set 29 games.

Strathmerton and Katunga played off in competitive style, with Katunga finishing on top 4 sets 60 games defeating Strathmerton 5 sets 55 games.

N&DHTA is coming up to it's last round for the season with everything to play for!!! The top two sides Yalca North and Katunga will play each other for the minor premiership and only 1/2 a point separates them. Strathmerton is guaranteed points with the bye in the last round so Picola will need a good result to avoid the wooden spoon and claim 4th spot for the finals.

~ Photos courtesy Cheryl Thorn



Picola players in action last Saturday, above Leanne Guthrie and left is Daniel Cobbledick.



LADDER	Played	Win	Loss	Draw	Bye	Games For	Games Against	%	Points
Yalca North	14	8	1	2	3	578	428	135.05%	87.25
Katunga	14	9	2	0	3	606	399	151.88%	86.75
Katamatite	14	6	3	2	3	509	362	140.61%	76.25
Picola	14	1	9	1	3	429	638	67.24%	38.5
Strathmerton	14	1	10	1	2	445	676	65.83%	34.25
Waaia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0

Regan Qualifies for World Championships



On Sunday the 20th of February, Regan Hollioake competed in the Ironman 70.3 Geelong Triathlon Challenge, coming 1st for her Age Group and 3rd Female overall, meaning Regan has now qualified for Ironman World Championships to be held in Utah, USA on the 28th of October 2022. She will be competing in the following upcoming races - Challenge Shepparton 70.3 on March 13th, and Ironman Australia in Port Macquarie on the 1st of May. Regan previously lived in Geelong before moving to Nathalia. Congrats Regan and all the best in your upcoming races!



Picola Bowls Report



Since our last report - members of the bowling fraternity have been on a constant run.

Ladies Trade days are being played every Wednesday with each club hosting in turn. Picola ladies are the organisers for 23rd February Trade day, and we have 14 teams entered.

The 60 & over Trade days are held every second Monday; Picola hosted a successful Trade day on the 14th of February. The winning side from Cobram was led by Brenda Ingram and runners up was also a Cobram side with Ian Bray being their skip.

The men's Trade day was held on the 17th February with 18 teams attending. Winning sides were Numurkah and Cobram.

An energised number of players from Picola Football Netball Club joined the bowlers of Picola to support a Red Cross fun night and BBQ, congratulations to the Red Cross ladies for the beautiful salads and scones, and the many prizes which were received by the players.

Only one more pennant game is left to be played and all to be played at home.

Friday team is playing Cobram and Saturday sees division 2 and division 4 playing Numurkah and Nathalia.

~ Brolga

Nathalia Bowls Club News



After a stop / start beginning to the bowls Pennant Season, we finally got to play all the games and congratulations to the Murray Playing Area Committee for all the hard work to get us through the whole season.

The pennant season for 2021/2022 is coming to an end this weekend. Midweek play at home against Numurkah Golf 2, and Saturday play Picola at Picola.

Both Nathalia teams will remain in division 2 next season. Unfortunately neither teams will participate in the finals. Well done to all who played and we look forward to season 2022/2023.

Our Club Singles Champions, Ian Bolton and Philippa Schapper competed in the Murray Playing Area Championships last Sunday at Strathmerton Bowls Club. Philippa played Ruth Bunnett, even though Philippa didn't win she did a great job.

Ian Bolton played Steve Wyatt from Numurkah Town and Ian came second. We congratulate them both for representing our Club.

Nearly Nude Barefoot Bowls is on again after a successful running of Barefoot Bowls during January. Barefoot Bowls will take place at the Club commencing Sunday February 27th and will run each Sunday during March. Be there at 1.30 pm for lots of fun.

Pictured left: Alan & Lyn Cooper the BBQ Specialists.



Pictured Below: Barefoot Bowls Under Lights.





Monthly Message

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Applications have now opened for Council's Community Strengthening Grants Program with grants up to \$10,000 on offer. The grants, up to \$10,000, help facilitate projects which enrich the whole community and can assist in the development of service, management of facilities, the coordination of events and promotion of health or environmental sustainability in the community. It is a great way to kick start a community initiative and is a vital function of Council.

There is one small change to the process this year which applicants must be aware of.

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- Yarrawonga Neighbourhood House, Tuesday 1 March, 9am-11.30am
- Cobram Library, Tuesday 1 March, 2pm-4.30pm
- Nathalia Library, Thursday 3 March, 10am-12.30pm
- Numurkah Community Learning Centre, Thursday 3 March, 2pm-4.30pm

Bookings are essential for these sessions, just give our Customer Experience team a call on **5871 9222**.

Applicants are encouraged to read the Community Strengthening Grants Guidelines which include information on eligibility, exclusions and terms and conditions prior to applying with applications closing **Thursday 24 March**.

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