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## Australia Day Awards



Lyn Franklin - Medal of the Order of Australia

Nathalia's Lyn Franklin received a Medal of the Order of Australia in the general division in the Australia Day 2024 Honours.

Lyn received the award for her research and work in local history and her volunteer work in the community.

Lyn is an avid researcher and has been the chief researcher for the Nathalia and District Historical Society for over 20 years and also the chief researcher for the Nathalia Genealogy Group for over 20 years. Through her research she has gone on to become the author of a number of local historical books.

Lyn's community volunteer roles included Newsletter editor for Nathalia Probus Club for 20 years, Secretary for Barwo Homestead for 25 years, former member of the Committee of Management for Nathalia District Hospital for 10 years, Councillor, Nathalia Shire (now part of the Moira Shire) 1992-1994. Lyn was the only woman on the council and the second female councillor in Nathalia's history.

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Fay Brown - Nathalia's Citizen of the Year announced on Australia Day.

Fay Brown was announced as Nathalia's Citizen of the Year at the Australia Day celebrations at the Nathalia Recreation Reserve on Australia Day.

The Nathalia Angling Club won two awards - Community Organisation of the Year and Community Event of the Year.

Regan Hollioake was the recipient of the Arts/Culture/Sporting Achievement award.

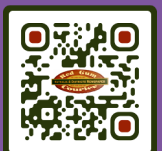
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*Photos from Barmah & Picola Australia Day Celebrations on page 12.*

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## MOIRA ACHIEVER AWARDS

### Nominate Now for the Moira Community Achiever Awards

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

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which shows outstanding achievement and dedication to the  
community.

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

There are five award categories open for nominations.

**Nominations close 8 March 2024**

For further information please go to Council's website:  
[www.moira.vic.gov.au](http://www.moira.vic.gov.au)



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## Community Update

### Moira Achiever Awards - Now Open

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The five categories are:

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

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### Public Art Policy

Have your say on Council's  
Draft Public Art Policy.  
The proposed Public Art Policy  
hopes to:

- ✔ Establish a coordinated approach to create accessible art across Moira Shire
- ✔ Provide guidance on the funding, management, ongoing maintenance and selection of art projects
- ✔ promote and encourage art in public spaces.

Moira Shire's creatives, artists and all community members can review the draft policy and leave feedback on the online engagement platform Moira Matters at [www.moiramatters.com.au/public-art-policy](http://www.moiramatters.com.au/public-art-policy)

Community members will also have the opportunity to provide feedback in person at four information sessions:

- ✔ **Tuesday 13 February:** Nathalia Library from 10.30am - 11.30am
- ✔ **Tuesday 13 February:** Cobram Library from 3pm - 4pm
- ✔ **Wednesday 14 February:** Numurkah Library from 3pm - 4pm
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Have your say

### Regional Arts Fund

The Regional Arts Fund, a part of the Australian Government's Arts and Cultural Development Program, aims to enhance participation and access to arts and culture in Australia. Offering grants of up to \$30,000, it supports various projects and activities, including arts projects, professional development, and community capacity building. Administered by Regional Arts Victoria, the fund provides guidance through regionally-based staff, with Nikki Ralston as the adviser for Moira Shire. For details and consultations, visit the Regional Arts Victoria website.

### The Unbreakable Farmer

Moira Shire Council is sponsoring key note speaker Warren Davies, an extraordinary farmer to present "the Unbreakable Farmer" across the shire.

Join us at:

- ✔ **Katamatite Recreation Reserve** on 15 February 2024, from 6.30pm to 8pm
- ✔ **Tungamah Recreation Reserve** on 28 February 2024, from 7pm to 8.30pm
- ✔ **Picola Recreation Reserve** on 29 February 2024, from 6.30pm to 8pm

A free dinner will be provided.

Local health services NCN Health, Yarrawonga Health, and AgriSafe will be available on each night.

For more information please call the Moira Shire Council Flood Recovery Team on (03) 5871 9222.

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# Lyn Franklin OAM

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Some of Lyn Franklin's former Community work also includes being a Lay Preacher with the Uniting Church of Australia, member of Numurkah Singers, volunteer for Meals on Wheels,

volunteer for Broken Creek Improvement Group, Landcare Victoria and member and researcher, Nathalia Cemetery Trust, 2016-2023.

### From the Barwo Homestead Book

Lyn was nominated onto the Committee of Management at the first Annual General Meeting in 1991. She immediately took on the position of Secretary. There were some extremely turbulent times in this early period concerning the construction of the Hostel and the President, Jack Harding noted that Lyn's diligence and attention to detail was immediately noticeable.

In 1993, Lyn was at the Hostel every weekday for ten months, preparing reams of documentation required for the Commonwealth Government inspection. Lyn's typewriter ran hot documenting rules, regulations and red tape.

In 1996 Lyn's parents, George and Muriel Moate, joined the Barwo family and Lyn took a break from the secretary position and took on a portfolio as Finance Secretary. Lyn's knowledge of resident's fees, ingoings and refunds was invaluable and she continued in this role for eleven years.

At one time the Committee of Management felt that Lyn should be on the payroll of Barwo Homestead as she was working more and more, and all in a voluntary capacity, but of course Lyn refused the offer. So, the Committee then presented Lyn with a cheque for some thousands of dollars with their gratitude, but Lyn promptly donated the money back.

The following year, the Committee surprised Lyn with the presentation of a chair, hand crafted and upholstered to match her furniture. She was obviously delighted with this gift.

Lyn has given so much to Barwo Homestead as a voluntary Secretary, Finance Secretary, Public Officer, Typist, Taxi, Helper, Messenger, Chemist Runner and Bedmaker.

Lyn Franklin was made a Life Member of the Committee of Management of Barwo Homestead just prior to her retirement from the Committee in 2008. Thank you Lyn for your dedicated service.

### Books written by Lynette E Franklin

"So Moate It Be"..... History of the Moate family from 1450 having its roots in Yorkshire, England (1999)

Yalca "A Brief History of Wesleyan Methodist Church 1881-1901; Methodist Church 1901-1977; Uniting Church 1977-2012" (2012)

"An Aboriginal Genealogy – Bass Straitsmen and their Aboriginal Wives – The Briggs Family" (2014)

"McCoy's Bridge Goulburn River Kotupna" 1876 onwards (2009)

"Nathalia Cemetery 1880-1915" (Manuscript Form) (2016)

Nathalia Cemetery Walk Series (2012-):

"Some Pioneers who made their Mark on the District of Nathalia"

"Grave Symbols and their Meanings"

"Notables and Links"

"Mishaps & Misdoings"

"The Five Squatting Runs in Old Nathalia Shire" (2019)

"Truth Telling – The Bangerangs 1838-1848 Invasion or Peaceful Settlement" (2020)

"Nathalia Township Street Names" (2022)

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

### Trading Hours

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

# What's on Locally



Feb 9	Music @ The G.R.A.I.N. Store's Back Paddock, 5.30-8.30pm
Feb 10 & 11	Southern 80, Echuca
Feb 10, 13, 17	Eden Farm Tour 8am & 5pm 1205 Walsh' Bridge Rd, Numurkah
Feb 10	Cactus Country Jim's Burger Pop Up Restaurant 6pm-10.30pm
Feb 11	Numurkah Ukelele followed by Some Shiny Days Exhibition Opening—G.R.A.I.N Store 10am-2pm
Feb 15	Author Susea Spray Cobram Library 10.30-11.30am
Feb 16	Music @ The G.R.A.I.N. Store's Back Paddock, 5.30-8.30pm
Feb 16	Fanny Lumsdens Country Hall Tour Wilby Hall 7pm -11pm fannylumsden.nt
Feb 17	Numurkah Lions Club Market
Feb 17	Cactus Country Jim's Burger Pop Up Restaurant 6pm-10.30pm
Feb 18	Yarrawonga Rotary Market
Feb 22	Drumming up Fun, Nathalia Library 11am
Feb 22	U3A Film@Day 11am-1pm
Feb 23	Nathalia Twilight Tennis, 5.45pm Bar and BBQ
Feb 24 & 25	PUNFC Angling Classic Fishing Competition Barmah Lakes 7am-7pm
Mar 11	Labour Day
Mar 17	Nathalia Show & Shine
Mar 29-Apr 1	Easter
Mar 29-Apr 1	Nathalia Lawn Tennis Club Easter Tennis Tournament
Mar 30	Nathalia Easter Market
Apr 7	Daylight Savings Ends - Turn clocks back 1 hour.
May 3 & 4	NFNC Debutant Balls
Jun 7 & 8	G.R.A.I.N. Store - The Things We Do For Love Installations, Promenade & Celebration
Jul 27	G.R.A.I.N. Store presents: Garage Girls @ SMOTA

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## CHURCH TIMES



### ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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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: 0429 662 039

February 11th: 9:30am Service

February 18th: 8.30am Service at Anglican Church

Picola 9:00am

### HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH - NATHALIA

Fr Gunnar Rippon Priest, 5862 1046

February 11th: 8:30am Holy Communion

February 18th: 8.30am Holy Communion, Uniting Church to visit

### SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

Contact - Erik 0411 731 916

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

124 Graham St., Shepparton.



## MEALS ON WHEELS

9th - 23rd February

February	
Friday 9th	Mary Agius
Monday 12th	St Mary of the Angels
Tuesday 13th	Dawn Bowen & Patricia Hawks
Wednesday 14th	Mary Agius
Thursday 15th	Russell Shaw
Friday 16th	Pauline Thomas
Monday 19th	St Mary of the Angels
Tuesday 20th	Nina Pell
Wednesday 21st	Nathalia Primary School
Thursday 22nd	Carmen Gilson
Friday 23rd	Graeme Smith

If you can cover one of the volunteer required runs please contact Laura,  
Volunteer Programs Co-ordinator - MHA Care  
Phone 03 5742 1111

In case you haven't figured it out yet.....

A rich life has nothing to do with having money.



# Retired After Nineteen Years as President

Mary Wilson has retired after nineteen years as president of Nathalia Vinnies.

Mary took over the role from Kath Bramwell and has given years of unstinting service to many people in the local area who have been doing it tough.

Mary carried out her work with empathy, kindness and compassion in the true spirit of St Vincent de Paul.

She tirelessly answered the telephone and then organised food and fuel vouchers, payments of utilities as well as second-hand furniture and other necessities for those in need.

A morning tea was recently held to thank Mary for her years of service.

While Nathalia Vinnies will miss having Mary at the helm, they hope to continue on as the need continues to grow.

If you would like to join Vinnies to help out, or alternatively, you or someone you know needs our help, the phone number is 0419 520 728. Please call and leave a message and someone will get back to you.



*Pictured right: Thank you to Mary Wilson for all she has done at Nathalia Vinnies.*

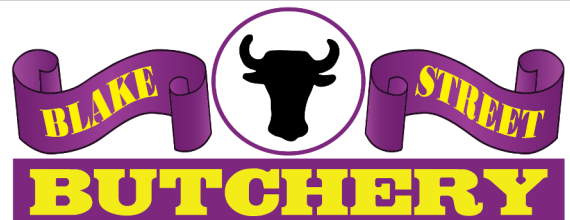


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# Nathalia Vet News



Tansy the Jack Russell was brought in for a check-up as the owners felt that she was having troubles urinating over the past few months.

Tansy was squatting to urinate, passing very little urine at a time and it seemed painful. She was quite cranky and unhappy.

A physical examination, urine tests, a blood tests and an ultrasound were performed to try and establish the cause of Tansy's issues.

A bladder stone was diagnosed and Tansy was immediately booked in for surgery. The stone was too large to dissolve with a special diet, so surgery was the best option.

Poor Tansy had a stone in her bladder bigger in

size than a golf ball. Hard like cement and with roughened edges it was taking up virtually the whole of her bladder.

Her bladder wall had become so inflamed it was around 10 times as thick as it should've been. How painful.

Luckily for Tansy, her parents acted on their concerns. She is recovering well from her surgery, is less painful and a lot happier.

A special diet will be required to stop reoccurrence of this problem.

If you have any concerns with your pets, we're always happy to help!

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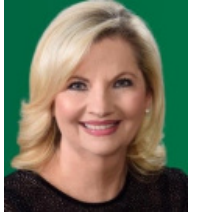
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## O'Keeffe encourages local cricket clubs to take advantage of infrastructure fund

The Nationals Member for Shepparton District, Kim O'Keeffe, is encouraging local cricket clubs across the district to take advantage of Cricket Australia's 2023-2024 Infrastructure Fund.



Ms O'Keeffe said the funding is open to all cricket clubs, cricket associations, schools, local government and cricket facility managers.

"The 2023-2024 Australian Cricket Infrastructure Fund is providing funding in minor and major categories, catering for the size of your most urgent requirements," Ms O'Keeffe said.

"The projects that can be funded through Cricket Australia's recent fund include change facility/pavilion upgrades, sports lighting, practice facility refurbishment and supporting infrastructure.

"The minor category is funding projects between \$1,000 and \$15,000, whereas the major category is providing funding for projects between \$15,000 and \$40,000, with both categories providing maximum grant amounts of up to 50 per cent of the total project cost."

"I encourage all cricket clubs across the Shepparton District to take advantage of Cricket Australia's current funding round and make a submission for their respective club."

Applications are now open until Sunday, 24 March 2024, and can be submitted online at:

<https://www.cricketvictoria.com.au/clubs-support/grants/>

**Email: [volunteer@ncnhealth.org.au](mailto:volunteer@ncnhealth.org.au)**

# Broken Creek - Broken Tapes



Broken Creek are releasing their second single 'Broken Tapes' on Tuesday 6th February.

The wistful single sees Picola-based duo Erin and Lachlan Heycox explore a landscape of nostalgia with a stripped back acoustic sound of guitar and fiddle reminiscent of artists like The Waifs and Gillian Welch.

Broken Creek create Australian folk music that finds resonances in the past for the present moment. In 'Broken Tapes', they reach into their own past to sort through postcards of memories: picnics at the Yarraville Gardens with highschool friends, family holiday road trips along the Hume Highway soundtracked by Midnight Oil tapes and beachcombing at dusk along Mollymook Beach.

"We were remembering the long family road trips to see family on the East Coast and how you would often see broken cassette tapes that had become tangled in the car and tossed out the window" explains guitarist Lachlan Heycox.



Broken Creek Duo Erin & Lachlan Heycox  
Photos by Liz Arcus



"Things have changed so much in the last few years, but that feeling of missing old friends, past homes - even old technology is something we can all relate to"

adds frontwoman Erin Heycox. The single was recorded in Erin and Lachlan's home studio on the Lancaster farm in Picola. At the end of 2023 they successfully crowdfunded the money needed to complete the recordings and have the album mixed by Mischa Hernan and mastered by Myles Mumford.

It is accompanied by a music video that mashes up Lachlan and Erin's own grainy videos from the early 2010's.

Broken Tapes is the second single lifted from Broken Creek's' second studio album *Yeah Nah*, following their 2023 single 'The Gathering Wool'.

Listen to and watch Broken Creek's new single here: [www.brokencreekband.com/brokentapes](http://www.brokencreekband.com/brokentapes) or look it up on your favourite streaming service or YouTube.

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# Museum Moments...

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

If we take a look at the book written by Gillian Hibbins "A History of the Nathalia Shire—The Good Helmsmen" we realise what a valuable record of Nathalia's history this book is. With the passage of time we are losing our valuable senior citizens who had a wealth of knowledge of our heritage and now must rely on the written word from newspaper articles and books like this one.

A glance at the birth of Nathalia as recorded in Gillian's book takes us back about 150 years. The Barwo Steam Saw Mill stood by the edge of the creek with its piles of hardwood sawn timber and a flour mill behind. This site ( currently the location of the Hardware Store) was chosen for its proximity to a timber and water supply.

In November 1876, Henry Kostadt built his 'Barwo Hotel' on his selection just across the creek, and by 1877 five acres was gazette for a State School following an application by William Witt on behalf of the parents of twenty-five children living in the area. Selectors Manifold, Pearce and Boaden had come to the district and helped to build the Wesleyan Church (now Uniting Church) on the banks of the creek.

By 1879, Richard Blake had established a General Store and a Post Office was opened. Seventy-eight allotments were surveyed and a blacksmith was established, followed by another Hotel with stables. Town residents were now petitioning to get the Railways to come through Nathalia. Deaths from diphtheria caused by poor water quality led to the need for a Cemetery. A saddler and shoemaker opened for business.

Nathalia was gazette as a village in January 1880 and a bridge was built to connect the northern selections and businesses with those in the south. In 1881 the Bank of Australasia was set up in a small wooden dwelling and a small wooden Roman Catholic Church was built. A Court of Petty Sessions was established, presumably in the back of what became known as the Court House Hotel. Further Banks, Hotels and businesses came to town and in 1884 the first edition of the Nathalia Herald was printed. Chinese gardeners were established on the banks of the Broken Creek, and with the boom in population there was a need for recreational activities.

In 1884, the People's Leisure Hour Club was opened every night to provide a place away from the hotels where the men (over fourteen) could meet, play chess, draughts and cards or smoke in a room especially set aside. This club flourished for a few months then passed into oblivion. The men then turned to joining the Masonic Lodge or Friendly Society before the addition of a tennis club and gun club, followed by a race club. Billiards, roller skating and bicycle riding were also established, before a football club commenced in April 1887.

Now my reason for reading through this most interesting information from Nathalia's past is to find what I can about the early days of the Nathalia Tennis Club. I am collecting information to tell the history of the Tennis Club and would like to hear from anyone who can contribute photos, stories and information about the club as far back as we can go. If you have memories of playing tennis at sites other than the current lawn courts I would really like to hear from you. Please give me a call on the number below.



**We would like to hear from you as well.....** If at any time you wish to tell a story, or provide some information or feedback, we would love to hear from you. You can call at the museum in Pearce Street any time that you see the gate open—usually each Tuesday and Wednesday, or on Open Day which is the second Sunday of the month (1.30pm to 4pm). To contact Jeanette phone—0420 247 480.

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## Help shape Moira Shire's Public Art Policy



Moira Shire Council is inviting the community to have their say on the Public Art Policy.

The policy supports the funding, commissioning, installation, and maintenance of Public Art of Council owned or managed assets, or Public Art on private property supported by a Council funding stream.

Community input is being sought to better understand the opportunities for improvement to meet community needs for public art across Moira Shire.

Council celebrates the creativity and diversity of our community and by implementing a Public Art Policy we can continue to grow a thriving, cultural environment that respects the arts and identity of Moira Shire.

"Our region is surrounded by many local artworks we can be proud of such as sculptures and murals, which bring us together, make our townships a vibrant space, share local stories, attract visitors and enhance our tourism economy, and spark inspiration in others," Chair Administrator John Tanner said.

"By adopting a Public Art Policy, Council will be able to work collaboratively with the community to grow and maintain artwork throughout the region."

Moira Shire's creatives, artists and all community members can review the draft policy and leave their feedback on the online engagement platform Moira Matters at [www.moiramatters.com.au/public-art-policy](http://www.moiramatters.com.au/public-art-policy) or request a copy from anyone of our Customer Service Centres.

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# NSC Year 11 & 12 Camp

Our Year 11 and 12 students kicked off the year with an unforgettable Senior School Camp in Melbourne. Two days packed with adventure, laughter, and a whopping 20,000 steps each day!

The journey began bright and early at Shepparton Station for the 6.27 am train, and as soon as we arrived at Southern Cross station, the excitement started. Our students explored the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) and the Australian Sports Museum, delving into the captivating world of sports history. Next stop was the Melbourne Museum, where some learned about road safety through the Road to Zero TAC program, while others were enchanted by the Titanic Exhibition. Every group had its own unique and exciting adventure.

After a day of exploration, we all gathered for a delightful dinner at Vapiano in Bourke Street. To add a touch of magic to the evening, Mr. Jamali paid a surprise visit with his wife and son Kai. The night continued with laser tag, bowling, arcade games, and, of course, delicious gelati! We returned to the hotel at 11.00 pm, marking an impressive 15 hours of non-stop activities. Our students took a well-deserved rest.

The next day started with a slightly later morning and an exciting Melbourne Crime Walking Tour, revealing the city's hidden stories. In the afternoon, students had free time to explore Melbourne, creating their own adventures and enjoying some well-deserved downtime.

Our Senior School Camp was more than just a trip; it was an opportunity for students to come together, learn, and have fun. I'm eager to see our senior school students grow in confidence and continue seizing opportunities as they come their way.

Looking forward to a fantastic year ahead!



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# The G.R.A.I.N. STORE Invites Locals to be Part of an Interactive Art Trail



The G.R.A.I.N. Store Nathalia are working with artists Jens Altheimer and Greg Pritchard for a special art trail project and we need your help telling the story of Nathalia and surrounds.

The art trail will be made of several stations that will involve quirky interactive inventions and light installations that will tell local stories.

The theme 'The Things We Do For Love' invites locals to share stories of people and things they have a close connection to, such as hobbies, pets, family - even cars! Stories will be shared through short interviews, filming visuals and making contraptions.

Both Greg and Jens have worked with the Nathalia community before. Dr. Greg Pritchard is multi-disciplinary artist, writer, and producer who likes working with small communities and has the philosophy that art should be fun. He worked on the light installation on the water tower for the Nathalia Gives Thanks event.

Jens combines circus, theatre, kinetic installations and robotics into participatory art experiences. His exhibition 'Wunderkammer' in 2021 included two locally workshopped contraptions including Shadow Train and Broken Creek Creatures.

The community is invited to one of two Information Sessions where they can meet Greg and Jens and hear more about how they can be involved in the project.

- Monday 12th February 7 - 8pm at The G.R.A.I.N. Store Nathalia
- Tuesday 13th February 11am - 12pm at The G.R.A.I.N. Store Nathalia, cuppa provided

For more information, call Erin Heycox on 0413 703 933



Jens Altheimer with some of his unique work.

## U3A Film@Day

Thursday 22 February 11am – 1pm  
at the Barmah Forest Heritage & Education Centre.

**Maria Into Life, or Maria Rêve** Fr 2022 M

A "typical" U3A Nathalia film, but this time screened during the day in response to many requests...

Typical in that it has subtitles; typical in that it will provide plenty to discuss; and typical in that it won't be a block buster film widely available. Wonderful actor Karin Viard (*The Belier Family*) is a cleaner who takes her work, and her

poetry very seriously. When she takes a cleaning job at Paris' School of Fine Arts she has to work with the school's eccentric, long-time custodian.

"A jewel of tenderness and delicacy. Romantic and touching. Viard is wonderfully funny." Palace Cinemas

Barmah Forest Heritage and Education Centre with their excellent screen, and fully cinematic atmospherics...we take a break part way through to discuss many of the subtleties.

Contact Philippa 0400 037 432.



## Drumming up fun at the Nathalia Library

Head on into the Nathalia Library on Thursday 22nd February at 11.00am to join the fun playing African drums. No drumming or musical experience is required for this group drumming session, just a willingness to give it a try and have some fun.

This upbeat, casual Drumbeats session will be facilitated by Primary Care Connect. Drumbeats is an evidence based social and emotional learning program that enables real change. It facilitates the social and emotional skills for healthy relationships and values.

Let us know you'll be joining the fun so we have enough drums ready by calling 1300 374 765 or emailing [nathalia@gvlibraries.com.au](mailto:nathalia@gvlibraries.com.au)



Drumming up fun



## Broken Creek Drama

### A New Do

Diana pulled her corkscrew curls into a ponytail- her hairstyle of choice. What else could she do with her thick, boofy hair? She sighed.

Her teenaged daughter, Sylie, looked up from her phone. 'When are you going to get your hair cut short, Mum?' she said. 'All the older women have short hair.'

Diana was a little peeved. She wasn't *that old* that she was due for the short back and sides look.

Her younger daughter, Courtney, piped up. 'No, Mum could never do that,' she said.

Diana smiled at her. 'Thanks for the vote of confidence, Sweetie,' she said.

Not to be misunderstood, Courtney added, 'well **you** couldn't get your hair cut short or you'd look like a woolly mammoth!'

Dianna shrugged. There wasn't much chance of her having a healthy ego with two teenage daughters.

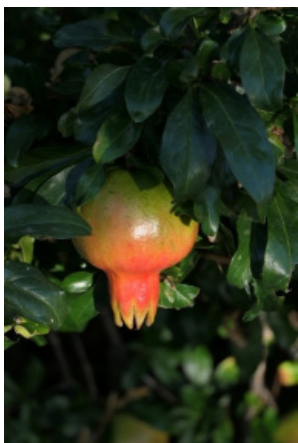
# St Francis Primary School News



The foundation students from St Francis Primary School have all settled in well to the start of their school life and from this picture it looks like they are happy to be there.



## Through the lens of the U3A Photography Group



# Australia Day - Barmah



A large crowd enjoyed a traditional breakfast of bacon and eggs at the annual Barmah Australia Day celebrations. Later in the morning, the annual duck race took place on the Murray River.



# Australia Day - Picola



With flags flying and Australiana memorabilia on display, everyone was made welcome at the Picola Heritage Park breakfast. Smiles, hugs and friendship renewed, made for a lovely relaxing Australia Day. Kerry and her team of workers had everything organised before arrival, with food and coffee. A sumptuous breakfast was cooked to perfection by Neil. Thank you to all for making it such a pleasant morning.



# Australia Day - Nathalia

## Citizen of the Year - Fay Brown

Fay has been in the Nathalia district since 1969. Originally from Koonamoo. She has been a nurse in the RAAF as well as at Numurkah and Nathalia and other places. Fay is married to John Brown and has 3 children and 7 grandchildren. She has worked alongside John on the family farm at Yalca North until moving into Nathalia upon retirement. Fay has always been involved in the local community from the time she moved to the district. Her friendly and caring nature ensures she is well liked and respected by everyone who meets her. Through Fay's community involvement, she has made many life long friends. Since retiring, Fay is busier than ever with her involvement within the community. Including but not limited to Nathalia Hospital Auxiliary, Women's Health, Meals on Wheels, PAG, Nathalia Bookshop, Anglican Church of Nathalia and Nathalia/Picola RSL.

When Fay was first married she helped out with the local Brownies group with Thelma Adams and Betty Lucas.

When her children attended Nathalia Kindergarten she got involved with the kindergarten activities and was President of the Kindergarten Committee. As her children moved on to Primary School, Fay became President of the school council and continued to be involved in many school activities. When the children reached high school Fay helped out with many functions and volunteered in the canteen.

Fay has been involved in the youth club and Yalca North Cricket Club.

She has been President or Vice President in her time with the Women's Health Group.

In the past Fay has sold many a raffle ticket for many of the groups she has been involved in.



*Moira Shire CEO Matthew Morgan, Member for Northern Victoria Wendy Lovell, Fay Brown, John Brown, Sandra & Andrew Brown*



*Nathalia Angling Club members - Fay Botterill, David McKenzie, Cheryl McKenzie with Wendy Lovell & Matthew Morgan. Many other members of the Angling Club were in the kitchen where they had prepared the BBQ for the evening's meal.*

## Community Organisation of the Year & Community Event of the Year—Nathalia Angling Club

Nathalia Angling Club was established approx. 2007 and currently has 72 members. Our club conducts monthly fishing trips with families around the shire enabling our members to experience all waterways in our region.

In 2015 our club with the aid of grants constructed the all abilities platform at the Uncle Bobs park in Nathalia.

We also community involved by catering for events i.e. NYE Carnival, schools and fund raising events. We also hold the yearly Graeme Bernhardt Memorial Kids Fishing Day which is the largest children's fishing day in the Moira Shire and Victoria.

Our club is very proud of all our achievements as we are only small but are big on Community and promoting our region. We also work closely with Fisheries and VRFish (One of our sponsors).

## Arts/Culture/Sporting Achievement award - Regan Hollioake

Regan works as a physiotherapist serving local and wider community. Regan took up triathlon in 2018 - she has moved through the ranks qualifying for her professional licence in 2023.

Regan has represented Nathalia and Australia on the World stage, and has gained the following: 1st in Ironman in Tasmania Triathlon, 1st in Ironman in Geelong Triathlon, 1st in Ironman in Melbourne Triathlon, 3rd in Ironman World Championships in Finland.

Regan's goal is to inspire and empower women through her sport - to push the limits of what is possible. She believes that sporting participation at all levels and abilities is a vital combination to our health and wellbeing and strength as a community.



*Regan Hollioake - Arts/Culture/Sporting Achievement award*

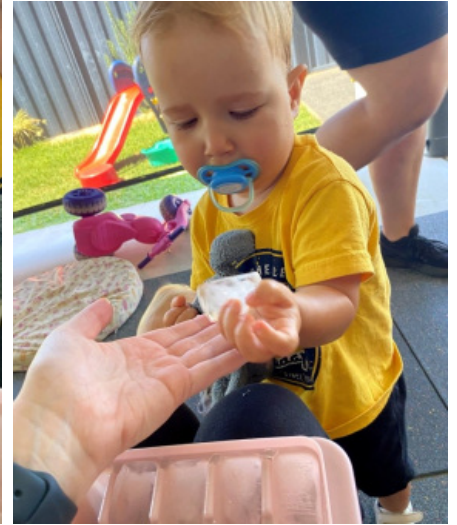


*Nathalia Choir at the Australia Day celebrations.*

# Caterpillar Corner



The discoverers children have been loving sensory exploration through ice cubes! They have been holding the ice, tasting it and watching it melt in their hands. Sometimes it was a bit slippery and the children couldn't grasp onto it with their fingers but discovered they could hold onto it in the palm of their hands. Some thought it was too cold while others loved it and wanted more! This activity is great for both sensory and fine motor development.



## House

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The Conservation Regulator and Parks Victoria recorded at least 60 separate illegal dumping incidents involving personal or commercial quantities of tyres across Victorian public land in 2023, with the State's Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) estimating that thousands more have been dumped, burned, or stockpiled. Dumped car tyres can have serious impacts on human and environmental health. Old tyres also contain harmful chemicals that leach into the environment and groundwater as they break down, potentially poisoning plants and animals.

Discarded tyres also present a serious fire risk, as tyre fires are harder to control or extinguish than regular fires. As rubber burns hotter and more easily, tyres dumped in forests can fuel bushfires with devastating effects.

Legal disposal of old tyres reduces these environmental and safety risks, and recycled tyres can often be turned into other products, including roads and artificial playground turf.

Individual or small quantities of tyres can be responsibly disposed of at recycling centres, such as local council transfer stations, for a small fee so that they can be repurposed. Most tyre outlets will also accept old tyres as part of government recycling schemes, either for free if people have purchased new tyres from their shop, or for a small fee if brought from elsewhere.

When disposing of tyres through one of the above options, people should check with their local council, recycling facility, or individual tyre seller to see if they accept them.

Victorian businesses also have legal obligations for safely storing and transporting large amounts of waste tyres. EPA Victoria produces guidance on managing these responsibilities, which can be found at: [www.epa.vic.gov.au/for-business/find-a-topic/manage-industrial-waste/waste-tyres](http://www.epa.vic.gov.au/for-business/find-a-topic/manage-industrial-waste/waste-tyres)



In Victoria, it is an offence to dump litter or waste under the *Environment Protection Act 2017*, with maximum penalties ranging between \$3,846 and \$230,772.

For more information on local council waste services, visit: [www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/recycling-and-reducing-waste/at-home/recycling-at-home/council-waste-and-recycling-services](http://www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/recycling-and-reducing-waste/at-home/recycling-at-home/council-waste-and-recycling-services)

The public can report illegal dumping on public land to 136 186 or to EPA Victoria on 1300 372 842.

## CLASSIFIEDS

### DEATHS

#### BENNIE, John Stanley

13.04.1946 ~ 30.01.2024

Late of Waaia. Passed away after a long illness and G. V. Health, Shepparton.

Loved, husband of Trish, father of Cindy and Serena, stepfather of Kim, Tracey and Mandy, and Grandad of 9 grandchildren and 6 Great Grandchildren.

*In God's Garden  
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#### WILLIAMS (McKenzie), Veronica Agnes 'Ronnie'

12.06.1967 ~ 05.02.2024

Late of Yalca, formerly of Boorhaman. Passed away suddenly at G. V. Health, Shepparton.

Our loving Wife and Mum, dearly loved by her husband Richard and her children and their partners Rebecca and Max; Lachy and Kelisha.

*You had a smile for everyone.*

*You had a heart of gold.  
You left us wonderful memories.*

*For us to have and to hold.*

*Silent Suffering Is Over  
Rest In Peace*

#### WHYTE (Thomson) Roma Dorothy

09.04.1934 - 06.02.1924

Passed away peacefully at Nathalia Nursing Home surrounded by her loving family, in her 90th year.

Loving wife of Arthur (dec), loved and devoted mother of Sharon, David and Rodney.

Loved mother-in-law, nan and nan-nan of many.

#### WILLIAMS - Veronica

Treasured sister-in-law, aunty and friend of Ashley & Theresa, Rhonda, Christine, Helen, Kathryn, Tracey and Andrew and their families.

A bright and shining light in the world has gone to rest in peace.

*Loved and remembered always.*

### FUNERALS

#### WILLIAMS - Requiem Mass

for the repose of the soul for the Late Mrs. Veronica Agnes 'Ronnie' Williams will be offered at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Robertson St., Nathalia on TUESDAY February 13, 2024, at 11 am after which the cortege will leave for the Nathalia Lawn Cemetery.

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#### WHYTE (Thomson) Roma Dorothy

There is a family who will miss you dearly. The life and love you shared with us will live for eternity.

*No words we write could ever say,  
How empty and sad we feel today,  
But in our hearts you  
will always stay.*

*Loved and remembered every day.*

*Our darling Mum and Nanny.*

*~ Love always Rodney, Belinda,  
Charlotte and Hamish*

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### BEREAVEMENT THANK YOU

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There is no religious content, just friendship and conversation.



All welcome!

### U3A Film @ Day Maria Into Life



Thur 22 Feb  
At: Barmah Forest Heritage & Education Centre

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**OBJECTIVE:** The key objective of the Advisory Committee is to gain information and knowledge to inform and assist in the development and the continued use of the Centre.

**MEETINGS:** of the Advisory Committee will be held bi-monthly at the Barmah Forest Heritage and Education Centre or online.

For more information or to complete an expression of interest form visit:

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## In the Swing at Nathalia Golf Club



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**W**ednesday the 24th of January - The ladies played a 9 hole stableford event. Sonia Verlinden was the winner with 14 points.

**Friday the 26th of January** - six players turned up and played ambrose.

**Sunday the 28th of January** - A very close game with only 3 points separating the field. John Drenen was the winner with 33 points. Steve Piggot was the runner up with 32 on a count back from Gary Manley. NTP went to Tony Brown.

**Wednesday the 31st of January** - The ladies played a 9 hole stableford event. The winner was Lynette Lindsay with 17 points and NTP was Nina Pell.

**Friday fun day the 2nd of February** - Ambrose was played. Sonia, Ian and Graeme with 39 points were the winners by 2 points over Heather, Peter and Stan. 41.

**Sunday the 4th of January** - no results. Golf cancelled due to weather.  
 Good hitting all!



## Nathalia Junior Tennis Results

**B2 Purple:** B2 Purple travelled to Mooroopna for their first game back after the Christmas break. The kids continued their undefeated streak winning 7-45 to 1-25. Lucy Daniel was able to withstand some tough opposition getting up 6-3, Hamish McLeod battled it out getting up in an epic tie breaker. Mitchell Daniel, Katelyn Halden and Jayce Limbrick were all 2 set winners for the day. Nathalia Purple look to continue their fantastic season when they take on Shepparton Blue at home.

**B2 Gold:** After a nice long summer break, and the team taking the opportunity to have some other fun in the sun, our B2 Gold team (Ella McLennan, Isla Putman, Eliza Raleigh, Taylah Hutchins & Molly McLennan) found themselves up against a solid Shepp Lawn White side. The scores

were fairly even most of the day, and while Shepp prevailed over the home team in the end, there was some good tennis and endeavour witnessed in the heat. Playing away at Murchison next – good luck and enjoy.

**C2 Purple:** C2 Purple returned to the court for the first time this year against Kialla Park Old Students White. Ava Bourke & Keira Liddell were three set winners for the day, while Duane Shaw and Harry Halden won two sets each. Final score being Nathalia Purple 7-44 defeating Kialla Park OS 1-15. This week we have the bye then travel to Shepp to take on Shepp Lawn Blue.

**C2 Gold:** After a break for school holidays C2 Gold came back strong winning all their sets and defeating Katandra West 8-48 to 0-7. Well done to Stefanie, Hlly, Jimmy, Billy & Harry on a great return to tennis.

## Fun for the Whole Family in 'Pickleball'



**P**ickleball is a racket or paddle sport in which two players (singles) or four players (doubles) hit a perforated, hollow plastic ball with paddles over a 34-inch-high (0.86 m) net until one side is unable to return the ball or commits a rule infraction. Pickleball is played



Wayne Muschialli in action.

indoors and outdoors. It was invented in 1965 as a children's backyard game in the United States.

While it resembles tennis and table tennis, pickleball has separate rules, paddles and court dimensions which makes pickleball a different sport. The court is 44 feet (13.4m) long and 20 feet (6.1m)



wide, and the paddle is larger than the one used in table tennis. The hard plastic ball used in pickleball produces less bounce than tennis balls.

Wayne (Roo) Muschialli from Barmah is obsessed with the sport and is now an



(L-R) Russell Shaw and Allan Kraft in action.

accredited pickleball coach, promoting the sport across the region with Pickleball at Rich River GC Monday evenings 6pm, Pickleball for seniors at the Echuca Basketball stadium Mondays at 1.30pm and at the Picola Rec reserve netball courts every Thursday afternoon from 4pm -6pm

Pickleball is a fun game for the whole family Wayne would love to develop the sport further in Nathalia and district, and to be played both outdoors and indoors, anyone interested in trying it out can contact Wayne on 0439 436 578 or go to Wayne's "Pickleball Power" page on facebook.



(L-R): Jo Kraft, Margaret Muschialli, Wayne Muschialli, Collette May, Robyn Hayes, Russell Shaw and Allan Kraft.

# Nathalia Lawn Tennis Club Senior Results



**Div 3 - 3rd Feb:** Nathalia had a satisfying win against Cobram in hot conditions on home territory. The final score was 8 sets 87 games to 5 sets 71 games.

Aaron Booth carried the team as the only 3 set winner for the day, winning his doubles with Greg Frostick 8-1, his singles 6-4 and mixed doubles 8-4 with Di Wilson.

In the women's doubles, two pairs won their sets, and two pairs came a close second. Monique Bryant and Di Wilson won 8-6 and Loretta Richardson and Phillipa Slinger snatched a tie break victory 8-7.

On the men's side of the draw, Dave Scadden and Greg Frostick won a tiebreaker under the hot sun. The other pair, including Ryan Bell, performed admirably against a strong opposition.

Going into afternoon tea break, Nathalia and Cobram were neck and neck, with only one game separating their scores.

All four mixed doubles pairs brought out their A games. Greg Frostick and Phillipa Slinger

enjoyed the baking hot conditions so much they saved 4 match points to take their opponents to a tie break, and continued their march to victory. All their teammates in the mixed pairs were similarly victorious, resulting in a resounding win for the home team Nathalia.

**Div 1 - 3rd Feb:** The Velvet Tigers hosted Numurkah at Shepparton on Saturday.

Numurkah managed to find a way to a narrow victory by just two games.

Eliza Bingham again starred for the VT's ruthlessly in an 8-0 singles victory, joining with Hannah O'Brien to win the women's doubles 8-1. Ellen Bruce for Numurkah had a marathon win over O'Brien in the other women's singles 8-6.

The men's doubles sets went either way with Numurkah's Bassett and Fenaughty defeating Jarrod Bingham and Sam McHarg 8-4, but Ned Nihill and Alex Bakogianis winning over Brunner and McKimmie 8-3. With the exception of Bakogianis winning his singles 8-4, Numurkah won the remaining men's singles.

The Mr and Mrs Bingham mixed combination remains unbeaten with another 8-1 victory.

Both O'Brien/Nihill and McHarg/Bakogianis went

down 8-1 and 8-5 respectively.

There was a good variety of afternoon tea available with all key areas of cuisine covered with limited convenience food items presented.

The VT's are away to Shepparton Lawn The Valley at Shepparton this week.

**Div 4 - 3rd Feb:** Cobram's GM4 Open team travelled to Nathalia on Saturday the 3rd of February. Final score, Nathalia 5 sets, 66 games defeated Cobram 4 sets 50 games. The weather played a part with heat and humidity taking a toll. Thriving in the conditions and 3 set winners for the day, Pat Ryan and Mitch Daniel. An outstanding performance by the three juniors, Mitch Daniel, Katie Halden and Lucy Daniel, who played for us and had already travelled to Mooroopna to play in the morning. Nathalia now sits fourth on the ladder with three rounds to go.

**Twilight Tennis:** Have you been inspired to take up your racquet? Twilight Tennis will be on Friday 23 February, 5.45pm. Anyone can join the fun.

## Nathalia Association Cricket Club News



**Under 15's v Katunga:** After going down again to the top of the ladder, this time by only 2 runs we were determined to put on a good show against Katunga.

Katunga won the toss and sent us in to bat, Zander Quinn (30) and Murphy Stephens (53no) got us off to a good start with our first wicket at 47 runs. After Zander's departure, Murphy, Dylan Dohnt (24no) and Gus Frostick (27no) all had control of the game and continued to tick over the score before retiring. Charlie McDonald (16no) got shuffled up the order and repaid his captain with his best batting performance for the season. Lachie Barker (8) looked really good before missing a straight one. Cam Liddell (0no) came out for the last 5 balls and tried to hit every one to Deniliquin to help get us to 200 but instead we settled for 2/193.

Hopefully the boys have their bowling shoes on this weekend and we are able to keep Katunga under the score to pick up a much needed win.

**B Grade v Cobram:** Important plans started early in the week with strategic training drills that in theory would negate the well-versed Cobram team scoring freely. Early wickets, tight fielding and all associated tactics were discussed but, on the day, opening bowler Harry McDonald negated any need for an early plan. An attacking opening bowling spell coupled with tight fielding kept the opening batters confused and in defence mode. Two maidens first up helped keep the opposition tally in double figures before drinks, Harry finishing with 8 overs for 17 runs. With James Vallender from the other end pestering the batter with his

deceptive left arm swing, cut and skid, Cobram had to take some big risks to keep the score moving. A few unorthodox shots falling their way encouraged the batsmen to keep striking aggressively. 6 overs for 20 being the supporting openers tally. An innovative captains call saw David Brereton (6 overs for 35) running with the breeze, ripping them both ways on a seamers pitch even finishing with a wicket! Brereton, supported by the more agile (and Aiden Lindsay look alike), Bailey Bell, played a strategic role in encouraging the batsmen to play shots, many of them directly to the Nathalia fielders. Bells figures - 6 overs for 37.

After lunch, Cobram reached triple figures forcing Nathalia's hand with a new bowling attack led by B Grade and league leader Xavier Daniel with support from Billy Liddell. Both bowlers proving their worth reminding the selectors of their exceptional cricketing minds and bowling finesse by keeping their respective expenses below 18 runs. A few busy overs for the Cobram batsman who targeted the tail end bowlers ended with a total of 175. A strategic batting order crucial for a successful result, was penciled in. Captain Brereton and Ben Horrocks started well wearing the shine off the new ball for a few overs finding the gaps and running sharp singles. Unfortunately, early on Horrocks (5 runs) fell to an exceptional catch bringing Bailey Bell to the crease. From this point the crowd were treated to a masterclass of A Grade batting in a B Grade game. Frustrations mounted and with the Cobram team in defence mode, David Brereton and Bailey Bell played a brilliant partnership bringing the distant tally ever so closer. Brereton (21 runs) was dismissed soon after to a tough catch bringing Brady

Walpole (10 runs) to the crease. In a short-lived innings Brady moved the run rate up but fell short due to another great catch by the Cobram fielders. Enter Kai Lundberg. With two very fit and capable batsman at the crease requiring 6.8 an over for the win, an eery silence had spread across the ground. Their running between the wickets was incredible, stroke play brilliant and both batsmen's ability to turn good deliveries into big scoring shots triggered panic in the opposition. Unfortunately, a great run out from the Cobram team saw Kai (15 runs) heading in with only three overs to go and 25 runs to get. With instructions for Josh Vallender to pad up should quick runs be needed, Aiden Lindsay strolled out to the crease with the promise of playing sensibly and bringing the win home for Nathalia. This he did and played the consummate supporting role with a 1 not out allowing Bailey Bell to finish the game with a massive 6 ending on 99 not out. A stella innings that is likely to be embellished as the years progress! Many thanks to Cobram for providing a lovely ground, hosting an EPIC game and providing support by way of a wonderful afternoon tea and extra scorers.

Next game is at 'Old Trafford' Yalca North, the last one for the season to be played at this iconic location. This is a special ground which is loved by many for its incredible atmosphere, unpredictable nature and legendary 'Don Brown' wicket. Many a record has been set by unsuspecting players on this historic ground so come for a short drive to support Nathalia v Barooga at 12.00. A well-stocked bar providing the ample refreshments, shady pavilion and a great day's cricket will be enjoyed by all. See you at Old Trafford on Saturday.

# Picola Bowling Club News

**MIDWEEK PENNANT**  
**30 Jan 2024 ROUND 13**

We played home to Cobram losing by 46 shots. Karen, Tony, Boxy and Mary losing 14-27. Sue, Bill, Julie and Trevor losing 14-22. Keith, Geoff D, Maureen and John losing 8-33



**6 FEB 2024 ROUND 14** We played away to Tocumwal Golf losing by 45 shots. Karen, Tony, Geoff D and Mary lost 12-22. Sue, Bill, Wally and Trevor lost 8-32. Keith, Julie, Maureen and John lost 8-19.

### WEEKEND PENNANT

**27 Jan 2024 ROUND 12 Division 2** We played away to Wunghnu winning by 2 shots. Tony, Sue, Bill and Karen won 18-17. Bruce, Max, John and Roy Drew 17-17. Keith, Jeff P, Bucket and Geoff D won 24-23.

**3 FEB 2024 ROUND 13 Division 2** We played home to Tocumwal Golf losing by 21 shots. Bruce, Archie, Max and Roy lost 19-21. Keith, Jeff, John and Geoff D lost 19-26. Tony, Sue, Bill and Karen lost 15-28.

**27 Jan 2024 ROUND 13 Division 5** We played home to Barooga Sports winning by 16 shots. Trevor, Wally, Aaron and Maureen won 32-30. Boxy, Julie, Bill, Geoffrey C and Mary won 24-20.

**3 FEB 2024 ROUND 14 Division 5** We played away to Numurkah Town winning by 25 shots. Boxy, Julie, Bucket and Mary won 28-12. Trevor, Wally, Aaron and Geoffrey C won 27-18.

By winning this game they have gone into fourth place so a win over Nathalia this week would guarantee them a spot in the finals.

**ROUND 14, 10 FEB 2024 Div 2** are away to Numurkah

**ROUND 15, 10 FEB 2024 Div 5** are home to Nathalia

We have 1 round of Saturday matches to go for the season so let's try and finish on a high.

The final of the Men's 100up was played with Geoff Davie defeating Trevor Price.

Club Championships were also played. Keith Berger defeated Bill Aguis. Sue Jamison defeated Karen Peacock. Both games were close and played in good spirit.

Sue played in the Champion of Champion Singles at Cobram last Sunday winning her first match 25-23 over Fiona from Nathalia which was played in good spirit. Sue will now play next Sunday in the semi-final against Kerry from Cobram.

Good luck Sue.

On Monday we hosted 60 and Over with 14 teams participating. The winner was Cobram and runner up was also Cobram. A good day was had by all.

Thursday, 22 February we will be hosting the Annual Red Cross Fundraiser Night. Participants from Picola Football and Netball Club will be attending. We need members from Picola Bowling Club to play and help set up. Start time is 6.00pm. Cost \$10.00 a head. There will be a BBQ tea afterwards. **GO PICOLA !**

# Named for 2024 Squad



Congratulations to Nathalia's Claudia Plattfuss in making the 2024 Murray Bushrangers COATES LEAGUE GIRLS Squad. Well done Claudia.

# Nathalia Bowling Club



**SATURDAY PENNANT, Division 3, R12** was played on 27<sup>th</sup> January at Numurkah with a win to Nathalia 69-45 shots, picking up 14 points.

Steve's Campbell's team 28-13. Bev Hutchins' team 17-20 and Peter Hutchins' team 24-12. **Division 5** played R13 Strathmerton at home winning overall 56-34 points. Tim Cullen's team 28-9. Chris Briggs team 28-25. A good day for Nathalia with both teams successful. **February 3<sup>rd</sup> Div. 3** played at home against Jerilderie winning on two rinks and overall 68-46. Bev Hutchins Team 21-15. Peter Hutchins team 17-18. Steve Campbell's team 30-13. Nathalia maintaining 2<sup>nd</sup> position on the ladder. **Division 5 R14** played Cobram away and unfortunately went down 29-39. Chris Briggs' team 20-18. Tim Cullen's team 9-21.

**MIDWEEK PENNANT Division 1 R13, 30<sup>th</sup> January** Nathalia played Barooga at Barooga who proved to be too strong for Nathalia with Nathalia going down 95-41. Fiona Rourke's team 12-18. Berris Baldwin 7-50. Bev Hutchins 23-19. On Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February, Nathalia Division 1, R 14, played the last round of the home and away season at Numurkah. Nathalia were unable to cinch a win going down 73-51 Shots.

Fiona Rourke's team 14-24. Bev Hutchins' team 24-21 and Tessa Ward's team 13-28. It has not been the season we hoped for but will be there again next season.

**THE MENS CLUB PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL** was played on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January between Peter and Jack Hutchins and Steve Campbell and Mark Lawless with Peter and Jack winning 15 shots to 10 shots. Peter and Jack go on to compete in the Murray Bowls Area Champion of Champions.

**THE CLUB'S LADIES PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL** was played on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February between Tessa Ward and Philippa Schapper against Bev Hutchins and Heather Palmer with Tessa and Philippa coming out winners. Congratulations to you both.

**Our MENS AND LADIES SINGLES CLUB CHAMPIONS**, Kevin Scolyer and Fiona Rourke competed in the Murray Bowls Area of the Champion of Champions at Cobram on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February. After they both bowled extremely well, unfortunately, both went down. Kevin played Wayne McGregor from Strathmerton 23-25. Fiona played Sue Jamison from Picola 22-25 shots. A great effort by the both of you.

Last but not least - **BAREFOOT BOWLS** is on again. 6pm for 6.30pm start. Bar open at 5pm. A light snack is included in your Barefoot Bowls fee.

# A Rep Victory for Reni

**E**x Nathalian Reni Hicks recently played her fourth representative game for the Northern Territory Football League. The NTFL played Essendon VFLW in Darwin. Final Score NTFL Buffaloes 2.5 (17) def. Essendon VFLW 1.4 (10).

*Pictured:  
Reni Hicks*



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