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Happy New Year

The great weather on New Year's Eve brought out one of the largest crowds to the Bendigo Community Bank Nathalia New Year's Eve Carnival. With market stalls, food stalls, rides, music, spinning wheels, animals and the show & shine there was plenty of entertainment for everyone.

The evening was topped off with a great fireworks display at midnight which was sponsored by TJ's IGA supermarket, Rex James Stockfeed and Ryan Meat Company.

Winner of the New Year's Eve raffle trailer, donated by Lawless Lasers, is Jenny Darcy. Jenny is a Nathalia girl but now living in Queensland. Jenny was thrilled to bits with her win. She and partner Luke eagerly studied the list of contents and will share with family before heading back to Queensland with trailer in tow. Congratulations Jenny, what a great start to 2024.

Second prize of a Smart TV donated by Ross Smith was Bluey Madden also from Nathalia and third prize of a \$200 fuel voucher from Tasco Petroleum and Dove Motors was Jeanette Holland from Picola.



Jenny Darcy with her partner Luke and Wayne Limbrick after she was announced the winner of the New Year's Eve raffle.

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The animal nursery was a big hit with the young children, including 4yo Clay Reid who was visiting from Darwin.

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Community Update



Help

2024/25

Budget



Moira Shire Council invites you to play a crucial role in crafting the Annual Budget for 2024/25 and beyond.

Your input is vital in reflecting the priorities of our community. Share your thoughts, rank services, and vote on projects at moiramatters.com.au/Budget-Planning.

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Council Meeting - January

The next scheduled meeting of Council will be at 4.30pm on Wednesday 31 January 2024 at the Cobram Civic Centre. This meeting will be open to the public as well as being live streamed on our Facebook page. Questions from the public must be submitted using the Questions for Council form on our website by 4.30pm the Monday prior to the meeting. Submitted questions will be responded to during Question Time of Council.

Australia Day 2024 District . **Town Events**

An array of Australia Day celebrations will be held on Friday 26 January to recognise Australia Day across the shire.

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Australia Day 2024 District Town Events

BARMAH Friday 26 January 8am Jack Edwards Reserve - corner of Evans & Murray Streets Barmah Free BBQ breakfast, entertainment & award presentations

COBRAM Friday 26 January 10am Cobram Civic Centre Invard presentations, guest speake Intertainment by Cobram Pipe Bar & Free BBQ

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NUMURKAH Friday 26 January 8am Newman Square - corner of Quinn & Meiville Streets Numurkah Free BBQ breakfast, entertainment & award presentations

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TUNGAMAH/ST JAMES Friday 26 January 8am Jons Park - Boyd Street Tungamah Free BBQ breakfast, entertainment & award presentations

NATHALIA Friday 26 January 6pm athalia Recreation Reserve - Park Street Nathalia Free BBQ, entertainment & award presentations

YARRAWONGA

Friday 26 January 7am Kennedy Park - Murphy Street Yarrawonga Free BBQ breakfast, entertainment & award presentatio Limited seats available please bring your own seat

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Kaarimba Hall Christmas Party

The Kaarimba Hall Christmas party was a great success on Friday 15th Dec. The hall was nicely decorated inside and out for the occasion. Around 85 people attended, including a large number of children who had a great time playing cricket, totem tennis, climbing on the playgym and participating in a treasure hunt.

Several new residents to the district attended which was a great way to meet the community.

Santa called in with icypoles for the kids and everyone enjoyed a nice BBQ tea, expertly cooked by the men of the Hall committee.



NATHALIA



Overall it was a very relaxing evening. It was a free event funded by Moira Shire Festive Funding. We hope to do it all again next year!



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NYE and Owen Halloran...with thank yous all round

hank you to you in your hundreds who came into the G.R.A.I.N. store during NYE. Thank you to the team of workers and sponsors who make this wonderful family friendly community NYE event happen every year...and to those local businesses who find the big dollars in these tightened circumstances so we all may have some simple, magical shared pleasures that are the Fireworks.

A particular thank you to our new bestie...Owen a Shepparton self-described Holleran; troubadour, he offered his services when he saw our wonderful stage...get this...for free! A nice way to spend NYE he said. Usually we like people to stop talking and listen to the music, but clearly NYE was going to be different. We have heard only the best compliments about Owen and his musicianship. We are playing with the idea of a regular Friday night catch up



with music for February; with Owen. Of course we would need your support. Let Jane or Maddie or Brendan or Philippa or Vanessa know what you think about that idea. And by the way, Owen liked the audience too...he said many came up and thanked him personally.

Flood 2022 Anniversary Exhibition

Well we didn't know this Exhibition was going to be so topical !! Or is that Tropical???. Moira Shire Flood recovery unit funded the GRAIN Store Exhibition as part of their "flood recovery" event in November last year. Thanks to all the people who contributed the photos, and John Donegan who curated, and Nathalia printers for their great equipment, we have an exhibition that really shows that not only do we have floods, but we deal with the floods... by working together. That is...still consider us if you are looking for somewhere to move to!!



Photo from flood exhibition Young Artists Workshop Thursday 25 January 1-2.30pm \$10 Older companions welcome. **Underway in February**

We are looking for artists to contribute to our first Exhibition theme: Some Shiny Day: moments of ordinary madness. Young artists and older artists, paintings, drawings, photography, mixed media..all welcome.

Linden Lancaster's two day workshop: Semi abstract Botanical Collage already has nine participants; with a couple of spaces remaining. Locally Linden is better known for her art quilts; but she has been doing some wonderful painting and this year will also be offering Studio the 4th Tuesday of March and April. So come into the G.R.A.I.N. Store to book, or through trybooking.com/CNOMJ

G.R.A.I.N. STORE *NATHALIA*



Semi-Abstract **Botanical Collages** with Linden Lancaster Sat 24 & Sun 25 Feb 2024

9-2pm

Our first performance is a variation: Numurkah Ukelele Players are offering a two hour workshop in the morning followed by an Open Jamming Session/Concert Sunday 11 February Workshop 10-12 Concert 1-2

Owen Holleran

MEALS ON WHEELS 12th - 26th January

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Monday 15th	Maryse Quarrell & Moira Bourke						
Tuesday 16th	Nina Pell						
Wednesday 17th	Matthew Chalker						
Thursday 18th	Russell Shaw						
Friday 19th	Pauline Thomas						
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Caterpillar Corner



ntroducing our Kinder Teachers and Room Leaders for 2024, with a quote that inspires them.



From left to right:

3 Year Old Kinder ECT (Investigators) – Kate "Children want the same things we want. To laugh, to be challenged, To be entertained, and to be delighted." ~ Dr Suess 4 Year Old Kinder ECT (Creators) - Carolyn "A child is not a vase to be filled, but a fire to be lit" ~ Francois Rabelais

Toddlers Room Leader (Explorers) - Sarah "Children are not things to be molded but are people to be unfolded." ~ Jess Lair Nursery Room Leader (Discoverers) – Danielle "A child's life is like a piece of a paper on which every person leaves a mark." ~ Robert A. Heinlein

OSHC Room Leader (Adventurers) – Tina "Do what you can, with what you have, where you are."

~ Theodore Rosevelt

What's on Locally

Jan 13	CFA Safety at Nathalia Pool, 3-5pm Facebook.com/NathaliaOutdoorPool
Jan 13	Eden Farm Tour, 8am & 5pm edenfarmwellness.com.au
Jan 25	Young Artists@G.R.A.I.N. Store 1-2pm
Jan 26	Australia Day Event - Barmah, 8am Jack Edwards Reserve
Jan 26	Australia Day Event - Nathalia, 6pm Nathalia Recreational Reserve
Feb 11	Numurkah Ukelele followed by Some Shiny Days Exhibition Opening—G.R.A.I.N Store
Mar 11	Labour Day
Mar 17	Nathalia Show & Shine
Mar 29-31	Easter
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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NCN Health welcomes Director of Operations Justin Sullivan to the role of Acting CEO. Justin takes over from Jacque Phillips who has resigned from her position after 15 years with the organisation. The Board of Directors are moving through the recruitment process and a permanent CEO will be appointed in the coming months.

We sat down with Justin to learn a bit more about him.

NCN HEALTH NATHALIA Acting CEO at NCN Health

Staff Member Role: Director of Operations (currently Acting CEO)

What drew you to your role? Initially I was working on the rebuild of the Numurkah campus. I thoroughly enjoyed working on the project and when that ended was keen to stay when Jacque Phillips offered me a further role. I love the diversity of the Operations role and the growth opportunities that NCN Health presents.

How long have you been with NCN Health for? Just over 10 years now. What did you do before NCN Health?

I have always worked in the health industry, both in Melbourne and locally. Prior to NCN, I worked at GVH as an after-hours manager and also clinically within ICU and ED. What do you love most

about working for NCN Health?

The people I work with. I love the camaraderie, the banter, and the support of the all the people I come in contact with each day and the sense of achievement working with different teams. Certainly, NCN Health is the best health organisation that I have ever worked with.

How are you feeling about the taking on the Acting CEO Position?

The role of CEO is significant and I don't take that lightly. I have stepped up into the Acting CEO role several times and have been given a thorough handover from Jacque, who is a wealth of information.

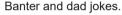
We have a really strong and committed leadership team at NCN Health and we are looking forward to working together in the interim period while a permanent CEO is appointed. I also want to take this opportunity to wish Jacque goodbye and good luck in her next role as Chief Operating Officer at Murray PHN, she will be greatly missed.

What fills your cup when you're not at work?

Family and friends, gardening, bushwalking and Carlton's long overdue progression up the AFL ladder.

What book are you reading or podcast are you listening to at the moment?

'The Bookbinder of Jericho' by Pip Williams. A fantastic novel which is interwoven with historical fact set in Oxford prior to WW1. It's a follow up novel from 'The Dictionary of Lost Words'. Highly recommend. What is one thing you can't live without?





Probus News

O n Tuesday 19th December President Anne Bell welcomed 34 people to the last Probus meeting for 2023.

Following the short meeting, everyone was entertained with bright numbers by Marcel and Rachel before the traditional Xmas lunch was served.

As everyone relaxed after the delicious meal, Grace Scolyer joined Marcel and Rachel for a song, and then the entertainment continued with many of the audience singing along to well-known numbers.

The Lucky Ticket prizes were won by Chris O'Hara, Ray Butler and Maryse Quarrell.

A lovely end to the Probus year.

The first meeting for 2024 will be at 10.00 am on Tuesday 20th February in the Dancocks Room at the Sports & Community Centre, Robertson Street, Nathalia when we will look forward to another year of fun, friendship & fellowship.







Where to find water this summer

series of 30 degree days is a reminder of summer's arrival, making it the perfect time for Goulburn Valley Water and Moira Shire to celebrate a partnership that now gives residents and visitors access to drinking water in community spaces.

The installation of three new hydration stations in 2023 means people can now access drinking water from 11 drinking fountains in 10 towns across the shire.

Numurkah's second hydration station was installed in Newman Square in June this year. Other stations were installed at the same time at the Katunga Recreation Reserve and Barmah's Jack Edwards Reserve.

Goulburn Valley Water Managing Director Steve Capewell said providing access to free drinking water through hydration stations was important to help support healthy and active lifestyles.

"Summer months mean more people are out and about so ensuring there is access to free water in community spaces will help people stay hydrated and drink more water in warmer weather," Dr Capewell said.

Seven other towns also have hydration stations, including on Blake Street in Nathalia and Scott Reserve in Cobram.



New drinking water station at Barmah's Jack Edwards Reserve.

Katamatite's hydration station is located at CR Wood Park, with others located at the Railway Park in Picola, Strathmerton's Brian Pinnuck Memorial Park in Strathmerton, Wunghnu's George Graham Park and the Yarroweyah Recreation Reserve.

Moira Shire Acting Chief Executive Officer Michael Tudball said working with Goulburn Valley Water on the installation of all of the hydration stations had been very rewarding.

"We look forward to seeing more and more stations installed around Moira Shire in the coming years," Mr Tudball said.

It's great seeing so many hydration stations situated around our shire. From local parks to sporting grounds, we can offer our community an inexpensive, healthy option for hydrating. By choosing to refill, we are not only reducing waste but the energy and resources needed to produce these singleuse items," he said.

"Although plastic water bottles can be recycled, many end up in landfill or as litter, often ending up in our precious waterways, so this is a great initiative to reduce waste in our Shire."

You can find a complete list of hydration station locations at gvwater.vic.gov.au/ community/choose-tap



Museum Moments...



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

Have you been trying your luck at fishing since the Cod season opened on December 1st??

This photograph belongs to the Red Cliffs Historical Society. A report in the Mildura Weekly (date unknown) reported as follows......

This picture was obviously taken before the days of catch and release. It's a monster Cod, tipping the scales at over 250 lb and caught in the 1920's in the Murray River near Robinvale. History says it was stunned by a riverboat, caught by the crew, and transported by wheelbarrow into the township to be weighed by the local butcher.

It is the largest known cod to be caught in the Murray or Darling River waters, although the head of a cod, said to weigh well over 200 lbs was featured for years in the Adelaide Museum."

And from an article in a Mildura newspaper we can see the beginnings of a closed season to protect the breeding of the Murray Cod.

Sunraysia Daily (Mildura) dated 3 August 1937 reported.....

"Close Season for Murray Cod and other River Fish"

"A close season of three months for Murray Cod and other Murray river fish was proclaimed today by the Governor-in-Council. The restriction operates from September 1 to November 30.

Simultaneously New South Wales authorities are proclaiming a close season of three months. South Australia, however, objects to this period and proposes to proclaim a close season in September and October and only for Murray Cod."

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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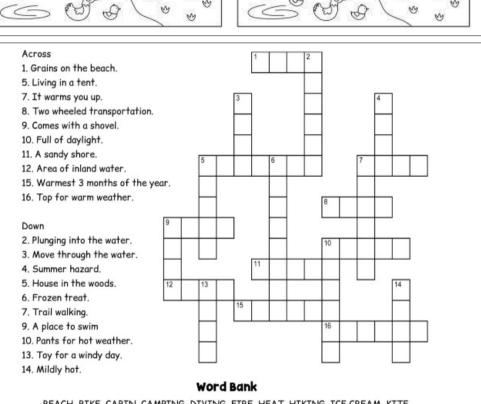
NCN Health PAG

CN Health Planned Activity Group clients and volunteers celebrated some milestone birthdays over the Christmas and New Year period. Eddie–80, (pictured above) Marlene–70 (pictured below) and Noel–96!

Congratulations, and looking forward to seeing everyone throughout 2024. For more information on how to access the Planned Activity Group call NCN Health on (03) 5862 0560.



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Keep The Holiday Season Fire Safe

ocal CFA firefighters are calling on people to make simple safety checks on gas barbeques and other gas-powered cooking equipment before and after use.

A woman who was camping over the weekend needed to be airlifted to Melbourne after a butane gas canister she was using to power some cooking equipment exploded.

Always use gas powered cooking equipment in accordance with manufacturer's instructions. Do not modify or substitute parts and equipment as it may pose a safety hazard.

Ensure all gas appliances are in good condition, operating correctly. Gas cylinders are not to be used inside for cooking or heating.

Spending a few minutes to complete safety checks could keep your loved ones safe.

If you're using a gas barbecue, follow these steps to make sure it's safe:

• Check to see if the cylinder is damaged. Don't try to refill a damaged cylinder – exchange it at a reputable supplier.

• Check the hose to make sure it hasn't deteriorated. Spray the hose and regulator connections with soapy water before firing up the barbecue. Soap bubbles will appear if gas is escaping; if this occurs, turn off the gas and correct or replace the connections.

• Check that your barbeque is clean. Excess fat or residue can cause a fire.

Ensure the area within 3 meters from the outer perimeter of the barbecue is clear of flammable material.

Don't forget to switch the barbecue off at the cylinder when you're finished with it as well.

Between 1 July 2021 and 30 June 2022 Across Victoria, CFA responded to more than 135 barbecue fires in country areas. Staying safe around your barbecue means you won't have a crew of firefighters dropping by. Remember, never leave cooking unattended. However, if your barbecue does catch fire, call Triple Zero (000), and if it is safe to do so, turn off the gas at the meter or cylinder.

Barbecue safety tips:

- If a fire occurs, turn off the gas at the cylinder or meter, but only if safe to do so. In most cases this should allow the fire to extinguish itself. If you're unable to extinguish the fire safely, call Triple Zero (000).
- Check the LP gas cylinder on your barbecue before you turn it on. A cylinder must not be refilled if it hasn't been tested for more than 10 years or if the cylinder has been damaged.
- Have your gas cylinder tested and ensure you use a licensed gasfitter.

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



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

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- You can exchange LP gas cylinders at a reputable supplier.
- Be aware all newly manufactured LPG gas appliances, including outdoor patio barbecues and cylinders, are fitted with a safer gas connection to prevent gas from being released if the connection is not properly fitted.
- Check the hose to make sure it has not deteriorated.
- Check the connections to make sure they are tight and that the O rings are in good condition and have not cracked or split.
- Check for gas leaks by spraying soapy water on the connections and hoses. Bubbles will appear if there is a leak when you turn on the gas.
- Use your barbecue in a clear space. Never use it indoors or in a • confined area and ensure there is adequate clearance from walls, fences, and other property.
- Cook with barbecue utensils and wear an apron to protect yourself from hot fat.
- Remove excess fat from the barbecue after each use to prevent fires.
- Do not use barbecues in windy conditions as the burners may blow out, risking a gas leak.

For more information about fire safety, visit: www.cfa.vic.gov.au. For more information about gas safety visit: www.esv.vic.gov.au

Camping with gas powered cooking equipment?

- Use in accordance with the manufacturers instructions
- Do not modify or substitute parts
- Check connections for leaks
- Check cylinder for damage
- Clean cooking areas
- Check for product recalls

For more information about cooking safely with gas visit: cfa.vic.gov.au esv.vic.gov.au





OVERDUE

'Hey, any idea where that Jane Harper book is? I just got an overdue notice from the library.'

And so, the search began. Sarah sorted through the books that had accumulated either side of the bed. She took some back to the bookshelf in the lounge-room. Looking through the magazines and papers around the lounge chairs didn't result in a find but resulted in a pile headed for the recycle bin. As the hunt continued, Sarah took the opportunity to have a tidy up. Eventually she had run out of places to look except Jack's room. Surely to search there would be pointless, her teenage son never reads books. Still, it was the only room left.

She bravely entered and was shocked to find the missing book buried amongst schoolwork on his desk.

Later she asked him, 'Did you enjoy reading The Exiles, that library book?' 'No way! I didn't read it! Alice was reading it last weekend when she came over.' Two silver linings to this cloud. The house is tidy, and Jack's latest girlfriend just might be a good influence.



O'Keeffe Opens New Electorate Office in Shepparton

The Nationals Member for Shepparton District, Kim O'Keeffe, recently celebrated the opening of her new Electorate Office at 318 Wyndham Street, Shepparton.

The office was officially opened on 14 December by the Leader of the National Party, Peter Walsh.

The relocation of the office marks a significant step in improving accessibility and support for the constituents of the Shepparton District.

"We have already seen an increase in constituents reaching out for support since our move, which reinforces the importance of being accessible to the community," Ms O'Keeffe said.

Ms O'Keeffe also highlighted the office's role in assisting constituents. "Our door is always open," she said. "Whether it's addressing State Government matters, individual concerns, or discussing broader community issues, if we can help, we are more than willing to do so. We also offer a free community photocopying service. The increase in constituent visits since our move is a positive sign that we are moving in the right direction."

The new office is designed to be an inviting and functional space where constituents can feel comfortable and welcomed.

"I encourage everyone in the electorate to feel free to visit our new office whenever they need assistance or wish to discuss matters that are important to them," Ms O'Keeffe said.

The contact details for the office remain unchanged.

Constituents can contact Ms O'Keeffe via email at kim.okeeffe@parliament.vic.gov.au or by phone on 03 5831 6944.



Cutting of the ribbon at the official opening of the new Electorate Office of the Nationals Member for Shepparton District, Kim O'Keeffe.



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egend of the bush, Doug Rosenow, once again put on a display of cutting sleepers out of red gum with a broad axe at the New Year's Eve Carnival.



Sleeper cutter Doug Rosenow with family friend Evie Good.



Senior constable Nicole Osler with Doug Rosenow.



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05.09.1929 ~ 07.01.2024 Late of Picola

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Your presence we'll miss, our memories we'll treasure, loving you always, forgetting you never.

WRIGHT, Barry Hadley

06.03.1941 - 22.12.2023 Late of Waaia formally of Sandy Creek. Passed away peacefully on the 22nd December 2023 aged 82 years. At Karinya Numurkah. Dearly loved husband of Pat (dec). Loved brother of John (dec), Peter and families.

Pat and Barry Reunited

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Dear friend of Ruth, Peter and family. Wonderful Memories.

Rest in Peace Barry

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Barry was laid to rest at the Nathalia Cemetery on the 29th of December 2023.

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WRIGHT, Barry

In loving memory of Barry, dear friend of Huw, Karen, Caitlyn, and Tegan. Fond memories of times shared at the Waaia Pub.

Reunited with Pat.

FUNERALS

LANCASTER - A funeral service to celebrate the life of Mrs. Dorothy Martha Lancaster will be held at the Nathalia Uniting Church, Chapel St., Nathalia, on Tuesday, January 16, 2024, commencing at 11 am after which the cortege will leave for the Nathalia Lawn Cemetery.

Family and friends who are unable to attend are welcome to view Dorothy's service on this link: https://petercoxfunerals.com.au/livestreaming/

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25.09.1943 - 22.11.2023

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~ Marilyn, Peter, Helen, David, Robyn and their Families.

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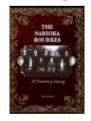
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2024 FIXTURES

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	v	Rumbala
Deni Rams	v	Finley (t
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Cobram	v	Barooga
Round 2		6-Apr-24
Echuca United	v	Tongala
Barooga	v	Mulwala
Finley	v	Cobram
Rumbalara	v	Moama
Nathalia	v	Deni Rar
Congupna	v	Numurk
Round 3	-	13-Apr-2
Rumbalara	v	Congupr
Moama	v	Deni Rar
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Tongala		Numurk
Cobram	v	Echuca l
Nathalia	v	Barooga
Mulwala	v	Finley
Round 4 (Split I	Rnd)	20-Apr-2
Congupna	v	Cobram
Echuca United	v	Rumbala
Finley	v	Moama
,		27-Apr-2
Barooga	v	Tongala
Deni Rams	v	Mulwala
(Sunday)	v	28-Apr-2
Numurkah	v	Nathalia
Round 5		4-May-2
Cobram	v	Numurk
Nathalia	v	Congupr
Rumbalara	v	Deni Rar
Moama	v	Tongala
Finley	v	Barooga
Mulwala	v	Echuca l
Round 6		11-May-
Deni Rams	v	Cobram
Congupna	v	Finley
Numurkah	v	Mulwala
Tongala	v	Rumbala
Barooga	v	Moama
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	v	Nathalia
Round 7		18-May-
Congupna	v	Deni Rar
Nathalia	v	Moama
Echuca United	v	Barooga
Finley	v	Numurk
Cobram	v	Tongala
Rumbalara	v	Mulwala
Round 8 (Split I	Rnd)	25-May-
Mulwala	v	Nathalia
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Round 9		8-Jun-24
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W aaia Football Netball Club are very excited and pleased to announce the following coaching appointments for the upcoming season.

11 & Under: Melissa Kennedy takes on the role of coaching our 11 & Under netballers. Having taken on the role last year, Melissa is keen and ready to extend our youngest bombers skill and knowledge! We cannot wait to see Melissa lead our 11 & Under netballers into the coming season! Good luck Melissa!

13 & Under: Melissa Gilmour has been appointed 13 & Under coach for the 2024 season! Having taken on the role last year Melissa is hungry for a successful season with our junior bombers! With her patience and knowledge we have no doubt this team will be taken to new heights under the leadership of Mel! Congratulations and all the best for next season!

15 & Under Coach: Nikki Storch takes on the coaching role for our 15 & Unders. Nikki, being no stranger to our coaching team is thrilled to join



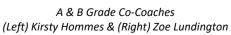


17 & Under Co-Coaches Holly Boyd & Eloise Walker



C Grade Coach Taylah Belford





Don't Forget... we would also like to print your Sports Stories & Photos!



11 & Under Coach Melissa Kennedy

C Reserve Coach

Brooke Parker



13 & Under Coach (right) Melissa Gilmour



15 & Under Coach Nikki Storch

our junior ranks this year by injecting knowledge and skill into our budding bombers! Nikki will also be taking on the role of our Netball Operations Manager this season where I have no doubt she will lead our

netball club with great passion and enthusiasm! We wish Nikki all the best in her new roles and can't wait to see what the year brings!

Under 17 Co-Coaches: Holly Boyd and Eloise Walker will lead our 17 & Under netballers for the 2024 season. With senior netball experience and many league awards under their belts, these girls will not disappoint with their skills and talent that they will pass onto our junior ranks! We wish the girls luck and look forward to a successful season ahead!

C Reserve: Brooke Parker will take on the role of C Reserve coach for the 2024 season! A new member to the club, Brooke has taken on the following role with enthusiasm and determination in only her second year at the club! A skilled and knowledgeable goalie, we have no doubt Brooke will take her squad to new heights next year as they endeavour to go that one step further! We wish Brooke all the best for the season ahead!

C Grade Coach: Taylah Belford has been appointed as C Grade coach for the 2024 season! Taking on the role for a second year in a row, Taylah is no stranger to finals netball with her impressive crew over the past two years as a player and coach. With her skill and talent Taylah will look to take her team that one step further this coming season and secure that silverware for good! We wish Taylah all the best!

A & B Co-Coaches: Kirsty Hommes and Zoe Ludington have been appointed as joint co-coaches for A and B Grade! Both having a long list of accolades, Kirsty and Zoe will bring knowledge and finesse to the senior netball ranks this coming season!

Goodluck ladies and we look forward to what your talents will bring!



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Red Gum Courier, Friday January 12th, 2024 Nathalia Little Athletics Club 2023 Presentations

LAC celebrated its 2023 athletic season at their presentation evening on Wednesday, the 20th of December. Well done to all the athletes. Congratulations to the trophy winners.

Most Personal Best's: U9 girls Jenna Lancaster, boys Benjamin Hubbard; U10 girls Millie Bruce, boys Miller Butler & Nixon Croxford; U11 girls Blair Johns, boys Ryan Lancaster; U12 girls Ruby Frederickson & Elizabeth Trimble, boys Noah Watson & Alex Chmiel; U13 girls Isabella Daniel, boys Asher Johns; U14 boys Konnar Stell; U15 girls Payton Johns; U16 boys Rhys Hansen.

Championship Points: U9 girls Jenna Lancaster, boys Benjamin Hubbard; U10 Hailey James, boys Miller Butler; U11 girls Blair Johns, boys Ryan Lancaster; U12 girls Evangeline Daniel, boys Alex Chmiel; U13 girls Grace Leslie, boys Asher Johns; U14 boys Konnar Stell; U15 girls Payton Johns; U16 boys Rhys Hansen.



(Left) Junior Good Sports Award: Nathanael Hubbard

(Right) Senior Good Sports Award: Isabella Daniel





Under 16 Bovs - Most PB's & Championship Points: Rhys Hansen



Under 15 Girls - Most PB's & Championship Points: Payton Johns



Under 14 Bovs - Most PB's & Championship Points: Konnar Stell



Under 14 Bovs - Most PB's & Championship Points: Asher Johns



Under 13 Girls (L-R) -Championship Points: Grace Leslie and Most PB's: Isabella Daniel



Under 12 Girls (L-R) Championship Points: Evangeline Daniel, Joint Most PB's: Ruby Frederickson & Elizabeth Trimble & Emma Bourchier.



Under 11 Girls - Most PB's & Championship Points: Blair Johns



Under 10 Boys Adam Londey



Under 9 Girls (L-R) Most PB's & Championship Points: Jenna Lancaster and Jessie Ash





Under 9 Boys - Most PB's & Championship Points: Benjamin Hubbard

Under 6 Boys Group

Hailey James



Under 7 Boys Group

Under 10 Girls (L-R) Most PB's: Millie Under 11 Boys (L-R) Jack Londey, Most PB's & Bruce and Championship Points: Championship Points: Ryan Lancaster and Nathanael Hubbard

Pictured Right Under 8 Girls Group



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In the Swing at Nathalia Golf Club

i to all, hope you had a wonderful Christmas break.

Wednesday the 3rd of January - The ladies kicked off the year with a 9 hole stableford. Winner was Dawn Morrison with 12 points.

Friday fun day the 5th of January - seven players played Ambrose.

Sunday the 7th of January - The winner was Tony Brown with 33 stableford points.

A big thanks to Denis Dunn for sanding the greens. Help would be much appreciated. Give Denis a call if you can lend a hand. It's too big a job for just one man.

Thank you, good hitting all!



Pictured: John Drenen launches into a massive drive.

Nathalia Netball Coaches Announced for C and C Reserve

Athalia Football Netball Club is thrilled to announce the recommitment of our C Grade and C Reserve coaches for 2024.

Lily Smith will continue in her C Grade coaching role and is looking forward to taking it further in finals for 2024. She is a true Purps champion that we are

thrilled to be able to share with the girls.

Alysha Cornell and Caitlin Boschetti have teamed up again to take on C Reserve for season 2024. These ladies have a wealth of netball knowledge that will combine well with our mix of experienced and new senior players. Welcome back ladies!





Lily Smith C Grade Coach for the 2024 season.



Caitlin Boschetti and Alysha Cornell C Reserve Co-Coaches for the 2024 season.

Nathalia Association Cricket Club News



Grade v Katamatite: Resuming play 3/40 we had 206 runs to play with. The not out Katamatite batters put up a little fight before Liam Evans (5/26) and Clancy Congues (2/12) broke through and ended up having Katamatite all out for 106. The decision

was made to put Katty back in and try for an outright win. After the first 10 overs we got a break through and the first 6 wickets came easily, however, Katamatite's more experienced batters put up a fight and managed to last till the 79th over. With 1 over left we needed 30 to claim the outright, unfortunately we could only manage 4. We still got the win but not maximum points.

The second innings saw Liam claim 5/62 to have 10 for the match and Brenton Campbell 3/37 did the damage.

A Grade v Deniliquin: First game back after Christmas and the boys picked up where we left off. Deniliquin won the toss and batted, making it through to drinks without loss. The boys kicked into gear with a great runout from Brady Walpole and they began taking some scalps. Brodie Ross claimed 2 wickets, Liam Evans and Dylan Cunningham both got 1.

Deniliquin ended 7/163. Our chase got off to a great start with a no ball 6 from Guthers Hogan and we ended up passing them 5 down. Sam Boyd continued his recent form getting 30 with good support from Luke Quinn 29 and Brodie Ross 28.

U/17 v Tocumwal: Having to defend 109, the boys were optimistic but cautious and unfortunately it just wasn't their day. Tocumwal passed the score 3 down and then proceeded to put on more. They ended up 4/174 with Will Trower 1/12, Billy Liddell 1/21 Baz McDonald 1/13 and Lachie Barker 1/23 were the only ones to claim a wicket.

Picola Bowling Club News

Hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year and are looking forward to getting back to bowls.

Weekend Pennant resumes on Saturday, 13 Jan 2024 for Div 5 and Saturday, 20 Jan 2024 for Div 2.

Midweek Pennant starts on 16 Jan 2024.

MIDWEEK PENNANT

ROUND 11, 16 JAN 2024 Picola are away to Numurkah. **ROUND 12, 23 JAN 2024** Picola are home to Numurkah Golf.

WEEKEND PENNANT

ROUND 11, 20 Jan 2024 Div 2 are home to Strathy ROUND 11, 13 Jan 2024 Div 5 are home to Strathy. ROUND 12, 27 Jan 2024 Div 2 are away to Wunghnu ROUND 12, 20 Jan 2024 Div 5 are away to Cobram.

GO PICOLA !



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COBRAM

Friday 26 January 10am Cobram Civic Centre Award presentations, guest speaker, entertainment by Cobram Pipe Band & Free BBQ

KATAMATITE

Friday 26 January 8am Police Paddock - corner of Foy & Beek Streets Katamatite Free BBQ breakfast, entertainment & award presentations

NUMURKAH

Friday 26 January 8am Newman Square - corner of Quinn & Melville Streets Numurkah Free BBQ breakfast, entertainment & award presentations

TUNGAMAH/STJAMES

Friday 26 January 8am Lions Park - Boyd Street Tungamah Free BBQ breakfast, entertainment & award presentations

NATHALIA

Friday 26 January 6pm Nathalia Recreation Reserve - Park Street Nathalia Free BBQ, entertainment & award presentations

YARRAWONGA

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