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Nathalia's New Year's Eve Carnival



*Show and Shine Best Local Entry:
Marc Gemmill's War Veteran theme painted Harley Davidson.*



*New Year's Eve Carnival family time.
Rose, Ellen, Toby & Cody Morcombe*



*Nathalia Football Netball Club helpers with the Broken Creek Lotto
Back Row (L-R) Craig Kellow, Chris Hindle with Harper, Jo Holland,
Middle Row: Alysha Cornell, Ryan Butler, Leon Palmer,
Front Row: Ted & Max Butler.*



Daniel, Kirsty Ramadan & Mark Jones from Bohollow EnviroEd.

*More photos of the New Year's Eve Carnival, Show & Shine &
Fireworks on pages 11, 12 & 13.*

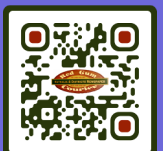
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Loch Garry Flood Protection District Meeting

A large crowd of 100 turned out Wednesday evening, 11th of January to the Kaarimba Hall concerned about the future operations of the Loch Garry Flood protection scheme and costs to repair the levee banks destroyed by the recent floods.

Jim Grinter was unanimously appointed to chair the meeting. Thoughts were given to those whom have lost their homes and the tragic drowning of one of the local residents.

The recent flood was similar to that of 1974. 740 meters of levee banks were destroyed in total, of which 340m are at Loch Garry, who will pay for the repairs? Will LGFPD rate payers be consulted prior to repairs?

Mackenzie Craig spoke of the GM-Water Reference Committee with nominations closing on the 20th January and the importance of it being represented by Loch Garry fee rate payers with the right qualifications to be accepted by GM-Water. The new Loch Garry Flood Protection District (LGFPD) Committee will assist.



Pictured above: Gail Grinter, Col Grinter, Jim Grinter and Mackenzie Craig



A motion was passed to nominate a new committee of 8 members (later adjusted to 10). Jim Grinter proceeded with calling for nominations, and once received were accepted by all present. The new committee members are: Jim Grinter, Col Grinter, Mackenzie Craig, Craig Winnell, David Miles, Colin Gilby, Roland Huber, Barry Hinchcliffe, Neville Hauffe and Mick Wickham. Congratulations to the new committee members

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Moira Shire Messages

Collection of Flood Waste

Moira Shire Council will be collecting flood wastes from Lower Moira next week and then returning to Barmah in about two weeks' time. Residents that have been impacted and have not expressed need for a flood waste collection need to let council know so they can be included.

Upcoming Events		What's On Locally
January 26	Australia Day (Thursday)	
January 26	Australia Day Event & Awards Presentation Nathalia Recreation Reserve @ 6pm	
January 30	Students start Term 1	
March 13	Labour Day	
March	Rotary Show & Shine - Date TBA	
April 2	Daylight Savings Ends	
April 8	Easter Saturday Market & Bardi Gras	
April 28 - 30	Barmah Muster	
Contact Nathalia Printers if you would like your event added to the What's on Locally calendar. admin@nathaliaprinters.com.au or 03 5866 3060		

Nathalia's Australia Day Event

Nathalia's Australia Day event will be held at the Recreation Reserve on Thursday January 26 starting at 6:00pm with a free BBQ and soft drinks. There will be entertainment from Mick Dowlan from 6-7pm and lots of games for the kids.



This will be followed by the official part of the evening with the awards presentation and the Nathalia and District Choir from 7-8pm. Mick will then perform for another 30 minutes while we chat and pack up. Wendy Lovell and Kim O'Keefe, along with Moira Shire representatives will be in attendance.

Come along for a great night's entertainment and celebrations.



Nathalia's 2022 Australia Day Award Winners

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Rotary Report

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE...
 May we all enjoy a healthy and happy 2023.

Congratulations to Andriana Oliver for winning first prize in the Mooroopna Rotary Community Raffle. The winning ticket was drawn at Mooroopna on NYE and the Hyundai i30 Active winner was announced. It was good to see that the winning ticket was sold at Nathalia (minor prizes had tickets sold by other Rotary clubs, one even at Camberwell); also good that our Rotary Club made money for our community by selling tickets in this raffle in the latter part of last year. Perhaps we may do such a thing again this year...we shall see.

Not only was our final get together for 2022 on 14th December, but it was also Ray Butler's birthday. All members attended the social gathering at Three Belles and partners also came along, as did visitor Grant. We were seated outdoors and were well rugged up because it was unseasonably cold. We enjoyed a delicious two course Christmas dinner that Michelle cooked for us. Although we'd had dessert, there was also birthday cake that Anthony had brought from work. It was a cool but most enjoyable night.



Ray Butler



Thank you Dean, from Limo's Hardware, for not only letting us use the delivery truck to put spinning wheel prizes on at NYE, but also for driving the truck into position and driving it away at the end of the night too. A huge help, especially as there were only three Nathalia Rotarians at the carnival. Anthony put the call out, in plenty of time, via the internet, for helpers and a few Rotarians from Numurkah heeded the call as did a couple of people from our town; we thank them all. Our appreciation also goes to everyone who bought tickets for the spinning wheel; profits from the night go to the community and Rotary projects. There were a total of 58 spins, mostly done by "spin master" Ross, but Anthony also helped for a brief time enabling Ross to take a short break. Thank you

Chris, at Nathalia Pharmacy, for your donations to the spinning wheel prizes, and we also thank our regular suppliers: Limo's Hardware, Ross Smith Electrics, Blake Street Trading, and Nathalia Post Office for prizes "on spec". Any prizes not chosen by the spinning wheel winners were returned to these businesses; our treasurer paid the invoices for the prizes that were taken by very happy winners. The weather was excellent for this event and it was good to have the Carnival after not being able to have one in 2021.

Our first 2023 meeting was on the 11th at the Senior Citizens' hall. We had a good catch up on each other's news and also discussed plenty of Rotary matters. There will be more about these in future columns.



MEALS ON WHEELS 13th to 27th January

January	
Friday 13th	Mary Agius
Monday 16th	VOLUNTEER REQUIRED
Tuesday 17th	Dawn Bowen & Patricia Hawks
Wednesday 18th	VOLUNTEER REQUIRED
Thursday 19th	Marlene Moor
Friday 20th	David & Cheryl McKenzie
Monday 23rd	Mick & Alison Keogh
Tuesday 24th	Darryl Hill & Mary Wilson
Wednesday 25th	VOLUNTEER REQUIRED
Thursday 26th	Carmen Gilson
Friday 27th	Graeme Smith

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

**Laura, Volunteer Programs Co-ordinator - MHA Care
 Phone 03 5742 1111**



CHURCH TIMES



ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PARISH
 Ph: 5866 2694

Nathalia Parish Priest - Fr Jophin Joy
 Nathalia Mass times:

Tuesdays: 9:15am - Reconciliation following Mass

Thursdays: 12:30pm

Sundays: 9:00am

Strathmerton

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

NATHALIA UNITING CHURCH

Margaret Cobbleddick Ph: 5866 2037

January 15th: 9.30am, Anglican Church to visit

January 22nd: Streaming Service

Picola

January 15th: 9.00am

HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH - NATHALIA

Reverend Helen Malcolm

January 15th: 9.30am Holy Trinity to visit Uniting Church

January 22nd: 8.00am Holy Communion

St Paul's - Wakiti Creek

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Nathalia Show wrap up meeting and first meeting for 2023

We are finally having our wrap up meeting that was postponed due to the floods on Wednesday 1st Feb at 7:30pm at the Guide Hall. See classifieds advert for details.



The 2022 Show took a huge amount of work to get off the ground but was such a great day in the end.

We are so grateful for the new faces and ideas that came in last year to make this happen. BUT more people and fresh ideas are desperately needed to keep the Show going.

If you have any time to give or any great ideas for the Show, please come along. New ideas and members very welcome!!!



Errata:

In the article about the Howie Marshall commemorative event on December 11th last year, it was incorrectly stated that the National Herbarium in Melbourne housed 10,000 specimens. The number is actually about 1,500,000.

~ Apologies Lyn Loger



Nathalia U3A Linedancers



Nathalia U3A Linedancers have celebrated another successful year of dance at their Xmas party.

Linedancing will start up again on the first Tuesday in February, 7pm at the Uniting Church Hall.

If you are interested in increasing your exercise and step count we would love you to join our friendly fun filled group, contact Heather 0429 682 223. Merry Christmas everyone and see you with your dancing shoes on in 2023



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Nathalia Preschool Children engage in their annual water awareness program at Barooga Aquatic & Recreational Centre



Water safety education is vital for young children. Drowning is a leading cause of accidental death in children under five in Australia. For 9 years, Nathalia & District Preschool have provided a water awareness program that is funded by our parent committee for all children enrolled in the 4 year old preschool program. Last year, the children participated in an awareness session at the Barooga Aquatic & Recreational Centre. Tim and his team of swimming teachers ran a program that included the children experiencing a water current and how their body feels in the current. We are extremely grateful to all our parent and secondary school volunteers who support the children in the water.



Celebrating the children's water awareness program with the swimming teachers and volunteers.



Left: Edward listening to and following directions from swimming teacher Tim.



Right: Tilly collaborating with preschool educator Stacey in the water.



Sam practicing kicking his legs to move through the water with Josh supervising.



Practicing their monkey crawl along the edge of the pool.



Billie and Zayne collaborating with our secondary school volunteers in the water.



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COVID Testing Changes at NCN Health

The Department of Health closed state run PCR COVID testing sites from December 31. PCR COVID testing is the swab test which is taken and sent away for analysis. This means PCR COVID tests will no longer be available at NCN Health after this date.

Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) are currently available free of charge from front reception at each campus, there are no eligibility requirements and you do not have to make an appointment to collect these. If you have COVID symptoms please call ahead to reception to organise a COVID safe pick up of RATs.

Nathalia Campus: 03 5866 9444

Moving forward, the Department of Health together with local governments will increase availability of free RATs to include libraries and customer service centres. Free RATs are expected to be available to all Victorians until June 2023.

To access a PCR COVID test after December 31, you will need to see your GP for a referral. PCR COVID testing will be reserved for people who are at high risk of becoming very unwell from COVID, and/or those who will need anti-viral medication.

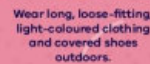
Don't Wing It - Beat the Bite

Warm and wet weather means more mosquito biting and breeding, including the ones that can carry diseases that make you sick. The best protection against mosquitoes and the diseases they can carry is to avoid mozzie bites.

- Mozzies can bite through tight clothing. Cover up - wear long, loose-fitting clothing.
- Use mosquito repellents containing Picaridin or DEET on all exposed skin.

- Limit outdoor activity if lots of mosquitoes are about.
- Remove stagnant water where mosquitoes can breed around your home or campsite.
- On holidays make sure your accommodation is fitted with mosquito netting or screens.
- Use 'knockdown' fly spray, mosquito coils or plug-in repellent where you gather to sit or eat outdoors.
- Don't forget the kids - always check the insect repellent label. On babies you might need to spray or rub repellent on their clothes instead of their skin. Avoid applying repellent to the hands of babies or young children.

The best protection against mosquitoes carrying diseases is to avoid bites in the first place.



Wear long, loose-fitting, light-coloured clothing and covered shoes outdoors.



Use mosquito repellents containing picaridin or DEET on all exposed skin.



Cover all windows, doors, vents and other entrances with insect screens and repair any screens that are damaged.



Remove stagnant water from around your home - even small pools in old tyres, pot plant trays, buckets and trailers.

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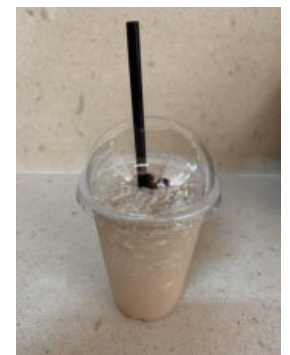
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Museum Moments...

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BUILDING 3rd McCOY'S BRIDGE, 1939-1942

The Country Roads Board was in charge but who actually built it?

Research has shown that the old bridge building firm of Hardys Ltd of Wagga, NSW won the contract. An ancestor, Mr. Charles Hardy had begun bridge building in 1856 and it was his descendant, another Charles Hardy, who was the principal of Hardy Davis Pty Ltd in 1939. At the same time (1939) Hardy Davis Pty Ltd won the contract to build a concrete and steel bridge over the Murray River at Nyah near Swan Hill.

Mr. Syd Limbrick, a worker on the erection of McCoy's Bridge, when interviewed by the Nathalia & District Historical Society circa 2001, made the assertion that Mr. Hardy was taken to court over the hire of plant, that he lost the case and had to pay by instalments because he had lost a lot of money with the floods. Syd also spoke of "the Contractor" in relation to the cutting of red gum suckers for scaffolding, which showed local knowledge was the key factor in acquiring the suckers...something which was unlikely to be attributed to a Wagga person.

In the family legends of Mr. Don Spence of Waaia was the story that his grandfather Mr. Carl Albert Spence was a bridge builder and built McCoy's Bridge. The family had no extant written material to confirm this feat. The obituary in the *Daily Advertiser* for the grandfather, who died at Wagga in June 1943, not long after the bridge was finished, did not mention any bridge building but did mention that the grandfather had worked for Hardys Ltd for many years. Don and his wife, Jenny, approached the Historical Society to see what information was held by the Society and were directed to the book "McCoy's Bridge Goulburn River Kotupna" recently revised by the author, Lyn Franklin which attributes the bridge building to the Country Roads Board.

The family began to think grandfather Spence was just one of the workers alongside Syd Limbrick, Bert Carland and others on the building project rather than being in charge but not Don, he was adamant that his grandfather did build the bridge. It became a constant topic in the Spence household.

Unfortunately all those men who were involved in the bridge works had passed on so Jenny asked the Historical Society to do further research. In our card index system under "Spence" Don's story was vindicated. There was a small four line entry in the *Nathalia Herald* dated 13th July 1943:

"Mr C.A. Spence, who recently completed the building of McCoy's bridge over the Goulburn river, died suddenly at Wagga recently."

Mr. C.A. Spence would have been the Overseer!

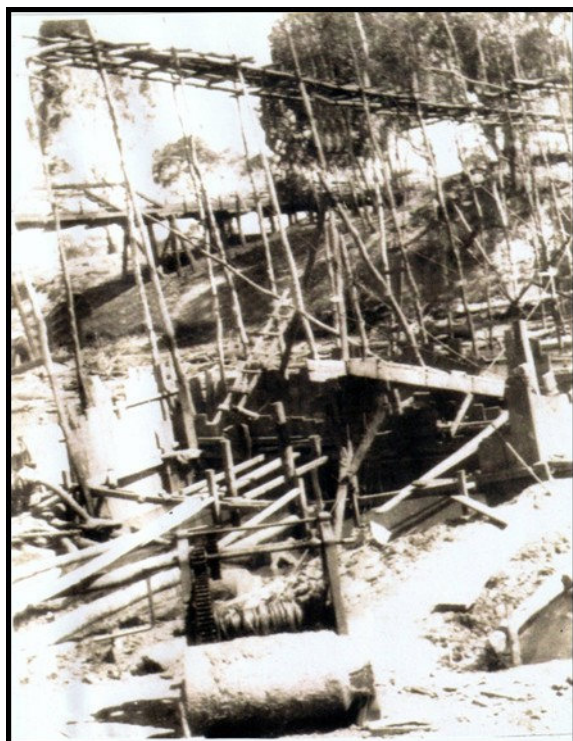
Carl Albert Spence was born at Wangaratta and was married at Dongarra, Western Australia to Miss Blanche Criddle. His children at the time of his death were: William (prisoner of war), Harold (Wagga), Constable Carl Spence (Albury), Kenneth (A.I.F.), Ewart (Tocumwal) and Mrs. R. A. Connors (Tumbarumba).

It is this same bridge which has been the subject of much discussion in the news lately being closed off during the floods and afterwards because of possible flood damage.

This bridge was built during the war years when many restrictions were in place. There was no fanfare for its 1942 opening like there had been for the opening of the second McCoy's Bridge in 1903 when the general public was invited to witness the cutting of the ribbon followed by a banquet attended by about fifty gentlemen held in a large marquee at the Wyuna end of the bridge to celebrate the opening.

Such was the thought at the time the old 1903 bridge was left in place as an emergency measure for the duration of the war and wasn't demolished until sometime after March 1945.

Research credit: Lyn Franklin



Construction of the third McCoy's Bridge showing the second McCoys Bridge in the background.

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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Broken Creek Drama

TAMARA

His mother was surprised when he volunteered to go buy more sugar. His mother loved making jam, but he loved Tamara Smith. Tamara didn't know this yet. He was sure she worked on check out on Saturdays. She was a year above him at school and a stunner. Carrying his bag of sugar, he joined the line at her counter. When his turn came, she looked up at him with those beautiful brown eyes and said, 'Morning Joey.' She scanned the bag of sugar. 'Two dollars eighty.'

'Me mums making jam,' he blurted out as he felt his face redden, realising she actually knew his name.

'Sweet,' was her reply. 'Wanna bag?'

'Nah,' he said as he paid.

'Have a nice day.'

Now he knew she said that to everyone, but he was sure in his case she really meant it.



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Andy Griffiths attending "Juvenilia" exhibition launch at Shepparton Library

What did Graeme Base, Andy Griffiths or Alison Lester draw when they were kids? An exhibition coming to the Shepparton Library from 19th January to 23rd February will help answer that question. The exhibition, titled *Juvenilia*, displays works created by these and other notable Australian children's authors and illustrators when they were young.



Andy Griffiths - Australian Children's Author

Curated by Aimee Chan, this exhibition showcases the juvenilia of Australian children's authors and illustrators and their early attempts at storytelling. Even the most prominent creators of children's books started as children, dreaming about telling their story through word or art and maybe one day publishing them to share with the world. The works in this collection have kindly been lent for display by their makers, who all want this generation of dreamers to know that everyone has to start somewhere.

The exhibition includes contributions from Andy Griffiths, Alison Lester, Ursula Dubosarsky, Graeme Base, Hazel Edwards, Danny Katz, Kylie Howarth, Aimee Chan, Tim Harris, Oliver Phommavanh, Chris Kennett, Jeremy Lachlan, Trent Roberts, Dianne Wolfer, Craig Sheather, Pinky Wittingslow. The pieces they have contributed vary greatly, depending on the age of the individual at the time. Some of the pieces reflect quite clearly the author or illustrator they have become. Others show mere glimpses, having been created when the artist was much younger.

Curator and author Aimee Chan said "This is a rare and intimate insight into the mind of some of Australia's best children's authors and illustrators. It's so exciting to be able to get a glimpse into the creative process and I'm honoured they have trusted me with these precious pieces."

The Shepparton Library is the first venue *Juvenilia* will be seen by the public. To celebrate, a launch is planned for 6pm on Thursday 19th January. Andy Griffiths, a major supporter of the exhibition, has agreed to speak at the launch and will be available to sign books during the launch event. Andy Griffiths' *Treehouse* series has sold millions of books worldwide and is hugely popular with young readers across Australia. Curator and author Aimee Chan will also be present to speak about the exhibition and answer questions. This is a great opportunity to not only see the exhibition on the opening day but find out more about the book-making process directly from an author. Everyone is welcome at the launch but if you can't make it, take the time to drop in and browse the exhibition before it moves to its next location on 23rd February. Entry to *Juvenilia* is free for viewing during regular library open hours.



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Marine Life

Find and circle all of the listed words that are hidden in the grid. The remaining letters spell the name of a sea animal.

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An open letter from Chris Hardman, Chief Fire Officer, Forest Fire Management Victoria

This year, many Victorians have experienced extreme weather with heavy rain and flooding. Our changing climate means these events are becoming more frequent and extreme.

The recent State of the Climate report by the Bureau of Meteorology and CSIRO confirms that changes to weather and climate extremes are happening at an increased pace across Australia. In the coming decades, we will see an increase in the number of dangerous fire weather days and a longer fire season for southern and eastern Australia.

Even though conditions have been wetter through most of the state this year, Forest Fire Management Victoria (FFMVic) has continued to take action to manage bushfire risk.

Victoria is Australia's most bushfire prone state. By investing in prevention, we aim to protect people, property and the environment by reducing the risk and impact of major bushfires.

We look for opportunities year-round to conduct planned burns that will protect people, and our environment – including forests, their wildlife and biodiversity – from bushfires this summer and in the drier years to come.

We burn to the conditions, not the calendar. Some burns that were planned for spring may take place this summer if conditions are right and it's safe to do so. Others could take place in autumn next year.

Although we don't expect many long -running or large forest fires this summer, areas across the north and west of the state may see increasing fire potential from mid-summer, especially in areas of high grass growth.

Drier forests, woodlands and heathlands are also at risk of fires with the onset of hot and dry weather conditions.

Going forward, we will prioritise planned burns in places with increased risk.

The wetter weather has presented opportunities



Chris Hardman
Photo credit Marcia Riederer

for different types of burning. In some areas, the higher levels of moisture in the soil and natural gullies have allowed our crews to conduct lower -intensity burns. The gullies act as natural boundaries for the fire, which is not always possible during drier conditions.

Past events show us that planned burning can reduce the loss and destruction caused by bushfires.

As a world leader in bushfire risk management, we have many different tools in our toolbox.

Planned burning is not the only way we manage bushfire risk and reduce fuel like grass, leaf litter, twigs, bark and vegetation. We've increased our use of mowing, slashing and mulching this year.

We've also expanded our network of strategic fuel breaks to better protect against bushfires. These strips of land are in the highest priority locations – close to towns, water catchments and sensitive environments.

We have also upgraded our infrastructure, including forest roads, fire dams and fire lookout towers.

In addition to our bushfire risk management program, FFMVic, together with Country Fire Authority (CFA), is continuing to support Traditional Owners to use cultural fire on Country. Over 200 cultural burns are planned over the next three years.

We work with CFA, Fire Rescue Victoria (FRV), local government and communities to deliver the best local approaches to bushfire risk management in Victoria.

The combination of our actions helps communities and our environment to become more resilient.

Our crews will continue to keep communities safe all year by reducing the risk and impact of bushfires on Victoria's parks, forests and other public land.

While FFMVic does a vital job managing bushfire risk, I encourage all Victorians to ensure they have the right information, tools and actions to prepare for fires.

This means familiarising yourself with the new Australian Fire Danger Rating System. This system is the same across Australia, so you can assess risk and take action if needed, wherever you are.

If you live on or near land that is at bushfire risk, make sure to follow the Fire Ready Kit from CFA. If you're camping this summer, do not leave campfires unattended and make sure the ashes are cool to touch before you leave.

You can find out when planned burns are happening in your area by signing up at plannedburns.ffm.vic.gov.au and make sure you have the VicEmergency app on your phone.

To find out more about what my team at FFMVic and I are doing to help keep Victoria safe, visit ffm.vic.gov.au/bushfire-management-facts.

Chris Hardman Chief Fire Officer, Forest Fire Management Victoria



Uplifting the voices of Victoria's rural women

Rural women across the state can now apply for the 2023 Rural Women's Network Leadership and Mentoring Programs.

Launching today, both programs will encourage and empower participants to have an active voice and role in the agriculture sector.

- The **2023 Leadership Program** will provide women with support to participate in training and study that accelerates their development as leaders. Participants will also work closely as a group to explore issues impacting rural women, learn from subject matter experts, and connect with other rural women from across Victoria.

- The **2023 Mentoring Program** will pair rural women together for a peer-to-peer exchange of skills and experience. Working with skilled facilitators, participants will identify individual, career or business goals and work to implement change with the support and accountability of

their mentoring partner.

Agriculture Victoria Executive Director, Policy and Programs, Sarah-Jane McCormack said the programs recognise the value of women in our growing agriculture sector.

"Women are essential to our sector's success however Victorian women remain underrepresented in leadership and decision-making roles," said Ms McCormack.

"Today's programs help address that gap by equipping rural women with the skills and confidence to participate in more leadership and decision-making positions."

Since 2017, the Victorian Rural Women's Network has supported 44 women to access best practice leadership development training.

The Network was established in 1986 as a forum for women to share skills, resources and

information for collective benefit. In May this year, the Victorian Government committed a further \$1.38 million so the Network can continue delivering programs.

Participant in the 2022 Leadership Program, Leanne Mulcahy knows first-hand the benefit of the programs.

"Networking and collaboration between rural women leaders is important; it supports development and sustainability for rural industries and communities," said Ms Mulcahy.

Applications for both programs close 5pm on 13 February 2023.

For more information and to apply for either program, visit the Agriculture Victoria website.



Bendigo Community Bank New Year's Eve Carnival Nathalia



What an absolute blast the Nathalia's New Year's Eve Carnival was. Great weather, drew a very large crowd. The animals, train & camel rides, spinning wheel, wood chopping, stalls, show and shine were all big hit.

The night was finished of with a fantastic fireworks display by Airwize Pyrotechnic Displays.

Happy New Year to everyone.



Jai-dee, Sandy & Elliot



Doug Rosenow (legend of the bush according to his shirt) & Wade Coffey



It's not a carnival without Ross Smith and the Rotary Spinning Wheel!



Bendigo Community Bank New Year's Eve Carnival Nathalia



NFNC Broken Creek Lotto
 Congratulations to the winners
 1st Arthur Byrnes \$1000
 2nd Adam Hickey \$500
 3rd Stephen Brown \$200
 4th Patrick Ryan \$200
 Many thanks to everyone who supported our fundraiser!!
 Massive shout out to our continued support from our members who donated so much time to this event.



New Year's Eve Carnival Raffle Results

1st prize - Trailer donated by Lawless Laser full of goods: Dawn Hawkins.



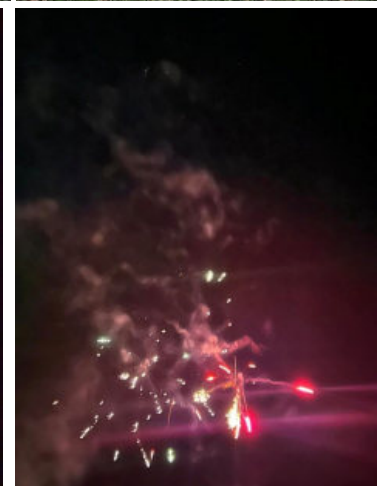
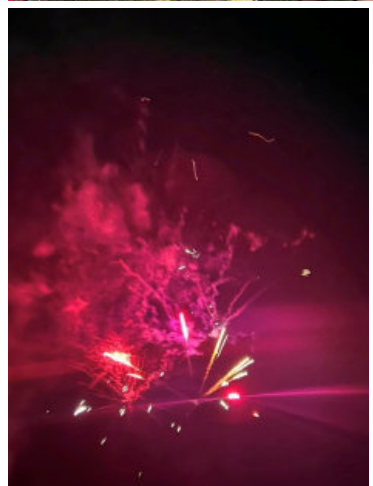
2nd prize - Samsung TV supplied by Ross and Anne Smith:

Nathan Brewer from Katunga.

3rd prize \$200 fuel voucher from Dove Motors and Tasco Petroleum: Neil and Marilyn McPherson.

The bonus draw was for a cubby house, built by students from Nathalia Secondary College: David Brereton.

David Brereton has donated the cubby house back to the Nathalia Angling Club. Congratulations to the lucky winners and thanks to everyone who bought tickets.



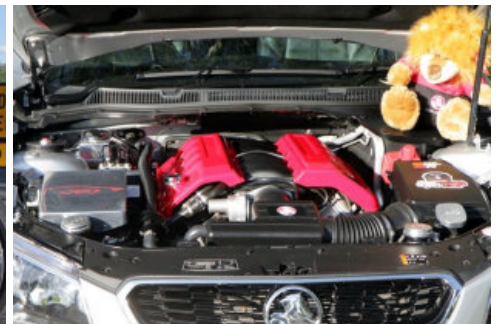
Show & Shine



Marc Gemmill won best local bike (35km radius) at the Nathalia Show and Shine at the New Year's Eve Carnival with his Harley Davidson Dyna 99 Low rider. Marc has had his bike painted by Jason Hawker (about 12 months to complete) out of "Respect" that he has for all Service men and women, himself being one who had done several tours of duty.



Show & Shire results
Best Local Entry: Marc Gemmill, Harley Davidson with War Veteran Theme paint.
Best Bike: Jaye Munn
Best in Show: Grant Smith, cream Plymouth
Best Modified: Luke Robison, blue Commodore
Peoples Choice Award: Terry Williams



Pictured above is Jaye Munn's "Best Bike" Eleanor. Pictured below is another of Jaye's bikes Black Betty Purple Passion. It is with great sadness that we heard that Jaye passed away as a result of an accident on the way home from the carnival.

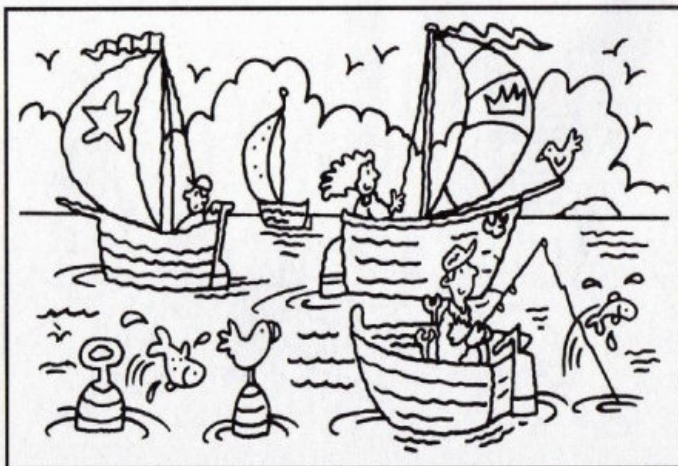


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| 1. Light blue | 4. Brown | 7. White |
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Can you spot the 10 differences between these two pictures?



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Tony and Kathleen Gillman
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**Oscar Anthony
Gillman**
to the world
Born on the 16th of December
2022, is the beautiful son of
Kate McCallum and Tom Gillman
and little brother of Hamish.

MEETINGS

Nathalia

Agricultural Society
First meeting for the 2023
Nathalia Show & wrap up from
the 2022 Show.
Wednesday 1st Feb, 7:30pm
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Learning Centre

1. Removal of Auditor — a notice of intention has been received to consider and if thought fit, pass the resolution that Richmond Sinnott & Delahunty (RSD Audit) be removed as auditor of the company.
2. Appointment of Auditor

Attending the meeting

All shareholders, directors and current auditor may attend the General Meeting.

Tracey Mark
Company Secretary
10/1/2023

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DEATHS

COGHLAN - Brian Russell "Grandad"

In his 75th year

Late of Nathalia (formerly of Avoca). Passed away on December 16, 2022 surrounded by his loving family at Banawah, Nathalia. Our loving husband, Dad and Grandad. Dearly loved by his wife Marg; his children and their partners Nicole and Adam (Walpole); Glen; Kellie and Shane; and his grandchildren Jackson, Ashleigh, Georgia, Breanne and Brady; Grace and Stella; Millie, Archer, Flynn and Eden Rosie.

I remember the day I met you.
I remember the day God made you mine.
I'll remember the day He took you.
Until the end of time.

But among my tears and heartache.
The things that make me glad.
Is that you chose me to share with you.
The precious years we had.
In God's care you rest above.
In my heart you rest with love.
- From your loving wife of 51 years Marg xx

How lucky we were and very proud too.
To have a Dad and Grandad like you.
When we needed you, you were always there.
You tried so hard to stay with us.
May you now be free from your pain,
As our memories of you will never fade.
- From your loving children and grandchildren xxxxx

Brian's Graveside Funeral Service was held at the Nathalia Lawn Cemetery on Friday December 23, 2022.

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GEMMILL, Dorothy 'Dot'

12.07.1927 ~ 13.12.2022

Dearly loved mother of Graeme, mother-in-law of Dianne, precious nan of Marc, Ashley & Bianca, Nathan, Briony & Marc (Quarrell). Loving great nanna to Lachlan, Madison, Jordan, Hamish, Chloe, Harper, Lace, Diesel, Ollie and Lenny.

Those we love don't go away,
They walk beside us every day,
Unseen, unheard but always near,
So loved, so missed and very dear.



GEMMILL, Dorothy 'Dot'

12.07.1927 ~ 13.12.2022

When your mother you love becomes a memory, her memory becomes a treasure to hold on to.

Rest Peacefully Mum,
Loving son Noel.

Mum helped Dad in his hard times and me through my darkest times.



GEMMILL, Dorothy 'Dot'

12.07.1927 ~ 13.12.2022

Much loved mother and mother-in-law of Barry and Rosina. Adored Nana of Meg and Josh, and friend of Tom and Alkira.

We often sit and think about
The years that have gone passed
And of the happiness and joy
That was shared by all of us.
We think of all the laughter,
The smiles and the fun
And, before we even know it,
Our tears have once again begun.
For although it brings us comfort
To walk down memory lane
It reminds us how, without you,
Life will never be the same.

Mum,
You lived your life to the full.
The memories we created with
you will last forever.

We love you



GEMMILL, Dorothy 'Dorrie or Dot'

12.07.1927 ~ 13.12.2022

Today is full of memories of our dear mum/nanna laid to rest
And every single one of them is filled with happiness
For you were someone special
Always beautiful to know
And there was so much pain
When it was time to let you go
That's why this special message is sent to Heaven above
For the Angels to take care of you
And give you all our love.

Dearest mum of Christine, loved son-in-law of Greg.
Cherished nanna of Sarah, Brodie and Stacey their partners, Scott, Alysia and Malcolm and much loved great nanna of Caleb.

We love and miss you dearly
Peacefully Sleeping



GEMMILL, Dorothy 'Dorrie'

What a privilege to have had you as my mother.
You always put others before yourself.

I will remember your quick wit and cheeky grin.
We will think of you when we have a Barney Banana.

Go Purps.

My heart is broken but you are reunited with Dad.

~ Your loving 'baby girl' Rhonda, Ray, Brett, Todd & Caitlin, Corey & Sharnah, Alex & Ashlee, Reni and your great-grandchildren Tracey & Lenny.



BEREAVEMENT THANK YOU

GEMMILL - Dorothy 'Dot'

12.07.1927 - 13.12.2022

The family of Dorothy 'Dot' Gemmill would like to thank the staff of Barwo and Banawah for their care of our beloved mother and Nan over the past 6 years. Thank you also to the Nathalia and surrounding community for your support, kind words and flowers following the passing of our mum.

~ Graeme, Noel, Barry, Christine, Rhonda and families.



EADIE - Donald Alfred 'Don'

08.10.1946 - 01.01.2023

Late of Nathalia, formerly of Gold Coast, passed away peacefully and pain free at GV Health, Shepparton.

Much loved husband of Kerrie. Loving father of Michael and Kylie. Cherished grandfather of Ryan, Jess, Joshua, Zoe, Lachlan, Sophie, Jemma and Jasmine. Beloved great poppy to Spencer, Audrey, Mackenzie, Logan and Skylah-May.

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Don's Funeral Service was held in Nathalia on 9th of January 2023. Private Cremation.

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January community feedback appointments

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Community members can provide their input to the Commission **by appointment only** at Cobram Civic Centre on Thursday 19 January 2023 from 10am to 3pm.

To book an appointment, please call 0499 787 677 during business hours.

For more information, visit localgovernment.vic.gov.au/moira or email moiracoi@vgso.vic.gov.au



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Nathalia Bowling Club News



Our Club finished off 2022 with a Christmas Dinner evening at the Waaia Pub. It was a very enjoyable night with thirty five members and partners enjoying the festive mood.



Above: Keith and Jeanette Holland.
~ Photos courtesy of Lyn Cooper

Our Pennant Teams finished the year strongly with Midweek Division 2, 4th on the ladder and Saturday managing to gain 3rd spot on the ladder.



Above: Steve Campbell and Geoff Ward

We are now into 2023 and with Pennant commenced for MIDWEEK on Tuesday 10th January at Picola. Although Nathalia won on two rinks, the two winning rinks were not able to score enough shots for a win overall. The final score is Picola 1 65 shots gaining 12 points and Nathalia 1 52 shots gaining 4 points. Nathalia remain in 4th place on the ladder. Next Tuesday Nathalia travel to Katandra West.

SATURDAY PENNANT commences on January 14th at home against Barooga 3. Due to the predicted 40 degrees heat the game will commence at 10am.

Over the break there has been many **Working Bees** and our members are to be congratulated at the great work that has the Greens and surrounds in tip top condition, all under the guidance of our Greenkeeper Peter Hutchins.



Above: Julie Olsen and Lyn Hawkey

The Club is working hard to raise money to replace the parquet flooring, which lifted due to dampness and is to be replaced. A Fashion Parade presented by Veducci Fashions was held on the 14th December and raised \$1,000.00 from sales, raffles and entry fee. Thank you to all who made this day a success. The club has also been open for private functions over the holiday period. We wish all a very Happy New Year and hope to see you on the Bowling Green in 2023 and watch for updates on when **Barefoot Bowls** is to commence in 2023.



Above: Berris Baldwin and Bev Hutchins



Murray Football Netball League

2023 FIXTURE

Round 1	01-Apr-23	Round 11	17-Jun-23
Tongala v	Echuca United	Rumbalara v	Barooga
Numurkah v	Finley	Mulwala v	Moama
Moama v	Nathalia	Cobram v	Tongala
Cobram v	Mulwala	Nathalia v	Finley
Deni Rams v	Rumbalara	Numurkah v	Congupna
Congupna v	Barooga	Echuca United v	Deni Rams
Round 2 (GF)	07-Apr-23	Round 12	24-Jun-23
Mulwala v	Congupna	Barooga v	Mulwala
Rumbalara v	Numurkah	Tongala v	Moama
Nathalia v	Tongala	Finley v	Numurkah
Echuca United v	Moama	Congupna v	Rumbalara
Barooga v	Cobram	Deni Rams v	Cobram
Finley v	Deni Rams (n)	Echuca United v	Nathalia
Round 3	15-Apr-23	GENERAL BYE	01-Jul-23
Numurkah v	Echuca United	Round 13	08-Jul-23
Moama v	Tongala	Tongala v	Congupna
Cobram v	Deni Rams	Moama v	Finley
Mulwala v	Barooga	Mulwala v	Deni Rams
Rumbalara v	Congupna	Rumbalara v	Echuca United
Finley v	Nathalia (n)	Cobram v	Numurkah
Round 4	22-Apr-23	Nathalia v	Barooga
Echuca United v	Rumbalara	Round 14	15-Jul-23
Tongala v	Cobram	Deni Rams v	Moama
Deni Rams v	Mulwala	Finley v	Mulwala
Barooga v	Finley	Rumbalara v	Cobram
Congupna v	Moama	Echuca United v	Congupna
Nathalia v	Numurkah	Barooga v	Tongala
Round 5	29-Apr-23	Numurkah v	Nathalia
Rumbalara v	Nathalia	Round 15	22-Jul-23
Numurkah v	Barooga	Moama v	Cobram
Cobram v	Echuca United	Mulwala v	Echuca United
Mulwala v	Tongala	Tongala v	Finley
Finley v	Congupna	Nathalia v	Rumbalara
Moama v	Deni Rams	Barooga v	Deni Rams
Round 6	06-May-23	Congupna v	Numurkah
Nathalia v	Mulwala	Round 16 SPLIT	29-Jul-23
Barooga v	Moama	Tongala v	Deni Rams
Echuca United v	Finley	Congupna v	Echuca United
Tongala v	Rumbalara	Barooga v	Nathalia
Congupna v	Cobram	Moama v	05-Aug-23
Deni Rams v	Numurkah	Finley v	Rumbalara
Round 7 SPLIT	13-May-23	Mulwala v	Cobram
Tongala v	Deni Rams	Nathalia v	Numurkah
Congupna v	Echuca United	Round 17	12-Aug-23
Barooga v	Nathalia	Nathalia v	Echuca United
Moama v	20-May-23	Mulwala v	Cobram
Finley v	Rumbalara	Deni Rams v	Tongala
Mulwala v	Cobram	Rumbalara v	Moama
Round 8	27-May-23	Barooga v	Numurkah
Deni Rams v	Barooga	Congupna v	Finley
Echuca United v	Mulwala	Round 18	19-Aug-23
Nathalia v	Congupna	Moama v	Congupna
Rumbalara v	Finley	Cobram v	Nathalia
Numurkah v	Tongala	Tongala v	Mulwala
Cobram v	Moama	Echuca United v	Barooga
Round 9	03-Jun-23	Numurkah v	Deni Rams
Mulwala v	Rumbalara	Finley v	Rumbalara
Moama v	Numurkah	FINALS	
Finley v	Tongala	1st Elimination Final	26-Aug-23
Nathalia v	Cobram	2nd Elimination Final	27-Aug-23
Congupna v	Deni Rams	2nd Semi Final	02-Sep-23
Barooga v	Echuca United	1st Semi Final	03-Sep-23
Round 10	10-Jun-23	Preliminary Final	09-Sep-23
Numurkah v	Rumbalara	Grand Final	16-Sep-23
Congupna v	Mulwala		
Cobram v	Barooga	* Good Friday - (GF)	
Tongala v	Nathalia	* Night game (n)	
Deni Rams v	Finley		
Moama v	Echuca United		

The 2022 70.3 Ironman World Championship

Nathalia's Regan Hollioake recently competed on the world stage at the 70.3 Ironman World Championships in St George, Utah, USA. Regan placed 8th out of 252, in her age group of 30-34 year old Woman and 54th out of 1,843 woman that competed on the day. Regan Qualified for this event back in February 2022 in Geelong, to Qualify you have to win your respective age group overall at an Ironman organised event. The 70.3 consists of a 1.9km swim, a 90km ride and a 21.1km run, it is called a 70.3 due to the total distance in miles being 70.3.

Regan had suffered a hamstring injury in the months prior, leading to an inability to complete any running prior to race day and limited her capacity and power on the bike. Considering this, the aim of the day was just to enjoy the opportunity and soak up the experience of racing on the world stage. Which was evident as all her race photos show her with a big grin.

Race day started at 4am, where athletes and spectators were ferried to the swim start at Sand Hallow reserve, some 15kms out of town via big Yellow American school buses. The morning of the race was very, very cold with temperatures dipping below freezing as Utah, at an elevation of 900m, was experiencing its first sign of winter with the surrounding mountains covered in Snow. The athletes were trying everything to stay warm including emergency silver blankets which were all handed out to each athlete before the swim start. The race started around 7am with the sun rising shortly after as Regan wave's entered the water.

Regan positioned herself modestly about 30 women back from the front at the swim start, as groups of 5 girls were released every 10 seconds until all were in the water. Regan came out of the water in 4th position, she had swam through those girls and most of the age group in front of that. This is a huge effort as it



is not easy chasing packs and then going past them in the water. Regan's swim had set up her whole day.

The bike course was hilly and was suited to the strong riders. Regan's electronic gears were damaged by the bag handlers when the bike case was searched at customs. It was beyond my ability to fix and the bike shop in Utah seemed to struggle with it as well. Despite salvaging a few gears the day before, the electronics cut completely on race day, leaving her without any functioning gears (a big blow considering the mountains she had to climb up) Regan held on to 5th place after the bike leg and was happy to have the sun giving some warmth for the run leg. The highlight of the bike course included riding up Snow Canyon, where riders were welcomed by traditional Indian dancers, music and smoking ceremony as they whizzed by.

The run course was very spectator friendly, with the athletes coming past a central part of the course 8 times. Regan looked great on the run and hid her injury very well considering the pain she must have been in. She finished the race in a time of 4:46:55 only mere seconds from 7th and 6th place and 9 minutes from the French Winner. Regan had no idea what place she was in and was totally shocked when I yelled to her that she finished in 8th place. With other athletes young and old all competing at the same time it is very hard to know your position during the race without outside help. The ironman website was crashing with so many people checking it I could not update her with her progress. Regan was the second Australian across the line and a girl she actually beat in Geelong was in 6th place, and the first Aussie home. She spoke with Regan and was happy to get one back on



Pictured above: Regan Hollioake, Wade Hicks and her father Bruce who also made the trip over. Regan proudly representing her country.

her after the Geelong race as she lives in Melbourne and had to win a race in Queensland to qualify for the worlds.

Regan and I then enjoyed a fantastic holiday in the States visiting 4 major national parks including Yosemite, Zion, Bryce Canyon and the Grand Canyon, also the Hoover dam and the cities of Las Vegas, Los Angeles and San Francisco, we hired a car and drove to these places which was fantastic. Regan has not stopped training since Utah and is slowly getting on top of her injury, and with her being so close to the pointy end of the field she has decided to go for it again and is looking forward to racing Geelong injury free this February to see if maybe she can qualify for the worlds again.

You may see Regan out on the road on her bike, remember to give plenty of room and be considerate if you see a cyclist, you never know, it could be a potential world champion.

-Wade Hicks



The blue caps group. 30 to 34 year olds. Swim start.



Nathalia Lawn Tennis Club Report

Mick Luca took his first set win for the season on Saturday, and found it very more-ish, rattling off two more set wins, but was not able to carry his Velvet Tigers side to victory in GM1 on Saturday 17th December.



It was the fourth loss for the Velvet Tigers this season falling 10 games short to Shepparton Lawn The Valley in Shepparton.

The 7-76 to 5-66 win was The Valley's first for the season in the GMLTA's top grade, making it a disappointing loss for the VTs.

Luca's three set winning performance was the standout for the day. He opened with a comfortable 8-3 number two men's doubles win with Ned Nihill, stole a tight 8-6 number four singles win over often number two Luke Turcato and took a barnstorming 8-3 number two mixed doubles win with Laura Booth.

The only other wins were Jinaya Nurse's clinical 8 -2 number two women's singles victory and Ned and Joe Nihill's upset reverse doubles win.

The Velvet Tigers entered the break with two wins and four losses, but cling on to fourth positions on the ladder.

Smith Appointed C Grade Coach

Nathalia Football Netball Club is excited to announce the appointment of Lily Smith as C Grade coach for season 2023. Lily is a loyal purple netballer, playing all her junior and senior games here. Lily is a great asset to our senior coaching team and we look forward to her sharing her netball skills and leadership with us!

Senior netball training will be held on every Tuesday and Thursday, starting next week 17th January - 6.00 pm. All juniors are encouraged to attend.



*Pictured:
Lily Smith
Nathalia FNC
C Grade Netball
Coach for 2023.*



In the Swing at Nathalia Golf Club

On Wednesday December 14 - eight players turned up for a hit. Due to there still being water on the course at the time, there were no results as the course was not legal to submit scores onto Golf Australia.

Wednesday December 21 - the golf course was back to normal with scores able to be submitted to Golf Australia once again.

Four ladies and five men had a hit. Winner for the Ladies 9 Hole Comp was Sonia Verlinden on 19. Winner of the men's was Denis Dunn with 12 stableford points.

Wednesday December 28 - five turned up at 8.00 am to beat the heat. It was great to see Brendan Dunn have a great shot on the 9 hole, just short of the green, well done Brendan.

Friday December 30 - a 9.00 am start saw eight players turn up, six men and two ladies and playing Ambrose. Great day had by all.

Wednesday January 4 - eight players turned up, ladies winner Nancy Dunn with 19 stableford points, NTP Dawn Morrison.

Friday January 6 - six players turned up and Played Ambrose. Another great day had by all.

Sunday January 8 - two ladies and five men played in very warm conditions. Winner Peter Poon with 33 stableford points, Tony Brown runner up with 31 stableford points. A big thank you to all the green fee players sticking with the club. Hopefully the worst is behind us. The golf course is looking great thanks to Denis Dunn and Brent Wickes, keep up the good work.

Big thank you to Wendy Fulton for picking up lots of sticks great job, and thank you to any one else that can help, it is much appreciated.

On Thursday the 15th of December, the Christmas Dinner presentation night was held, and a great success it was.

With twenty-seven turning up for a feed,



*Pictured (L-R):
Sue Lowe being thanked by Dawn Morrison.*

made for a great night.

Thank you to all the ladies who organised the meal, well done it was splendid.

Congratulations to our Ladies Club champion Alison Keogh, and Runner up Sue Lowe.

Best net over championship went to Sonia Verlinden

Eclectic scores: Alison Keogh had the most birdies, Putting Lynette Lindsay and Gobbles Sue Lowe.

9 Hole comp Heather Frostick - No silver medal completed due to floods.

Men's Club champion went to Tony Brown, Runner up Gary Manley.

Best net over championship was Stan Verlinden. Well done to all the winners.

We are very sorry to lose Sue and Stan Lowe who have moved out of Nathalia. Sue has been with the golf club for 40 years and has been a very active member, she was club secretary for 17 years and was someone everyone could rely on. She helped everyone whenever she could.

Sue was awarded with a life membership in 2017. Congratulations Sue, we will certainly miss you around the club.

The golf club wishes Sue and Stan all the best with the move to their new home.

Come back any time for a hit. We would all love to see you. Thank you Sue and Stan!



Pictured: Presentation night winners (L-R) Stan Verlinden, Tony Brown, Alison Keogh, Sue Lowe and Sonia Verlinden.

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KATAMATITE	NATHALIA
Thursday 26 January 8.00am Police Paddock - corner of Foy and Beek Streets, Katamatite Free BBQ breakfast, entertainment and award presentations	Thursday 26 January 6.00pm Nathalia Recreation Reserve - Park Street. Free BBQ, activities, entertainment and award presentations
YARRAWONGA	
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