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Nathalia Angling Club to the Rescue



L-R: James (Victorian Fisheries Authority), John (Nathalia Angling Club), Jeff (Nathalia Angling Club), Locky (Victorian Fisheries Authority).

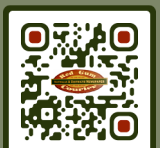
Nathalia Angling Club members, John Scott and Jeff Richards recently assisted the Goulburn Broken CMA and Fisheries Victoria in rescuing 125 Murray Crayfish from a recent blackwater event in the lower Goulburn River between Medlands Rd, Bunbartha and the Murray River

Junction when dissolved oxygen levels reached 0.1% and the crayfish were climbing the banks. After the two day rescue operation the crayfish were released back into the Goulburn River near Murchison where the water quality is very good.

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Community Update

Moira Achiever Awards - Opening Soon

Nominate a shining star in your community! Recognise outstanding achievements and dedication with nominations opening **Thursday 1 February 2024** for individuals, groups, events or projects.

The five categories are:

- Star Achiever of the Year
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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.

Pet Registration

Register your new pet by **10 April 2024**, and receive an extended registration valid until **10 April 2025**. To update your registered pets status, whether due to unfortunate circumstances like a pet passing away, a change of address, or if your pet has left the municipality, please reach out to us on (03) 5871 9222. For additional details, visit our website.

Flood Recovery and Resilience Grants

Ready to make a difference? Contact our Flood Recovery Team to learn more about the Community Flood Recovery & Resilience Grants.

We understand the challenges the October 2022 floods has brought to our region, and we're ready to fund projects in rebuilding and strengthening our community. We are seeking projects that will contribute to the recovery and resilience of our community including:

- Support for mental health and wellbeing
- Initiatives to help the community grow
- Activities to unite the community
- Help for Aboriginal communities and restoring areas of cultural importance.

Visit our website to learn more and to apply.

Australia Day 2024 District Town Event - Nathalia

Australia Day celebrations are scheduled for today at the Nathalia Recreation Reserve, beginning at 6pm. Come along and enjoy a free BBQ, entertainment and an award presentation.





Local Australia Day Events



Australia Day

Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.

Nathalia's Australia Day event will once again be held at the Nathalia Recreation Reserve on Friday 26th, starting at 6pm. There will be a free BBQ and soft drinks from 6.00-7.00pm which is being cooked by Nathalia Angling Club.

There will also be games for the kids including the annual bowling closest to the wicket with a much sought after perpetual trophy.

Attending will be Hon. Wendy Lovell and tentative will also be new Moira Shire CEO Matthew Morgan.

Nathalia Fire Brigade will be in attendance (weather permitting, and no fires).

Entertainment by the Nathalia Choir and presentation to take place from 7.00-8.00pm.

Barmah will host their traditional Australia Day Breakfast in Jack Edwards Park at 8.00am.

There will be a free BBQ breakfast, entertainment and award presentations.

Breakfast will also be celebrated in Picola at the Picola Heritage Park from 7.30am-9.00am. BYO Chair & Cup. All Welcome.



Australia Day breakfast in Picola 2023.



Nathalia's 2023 Australia Day Award Winners.



Breakfast in Barmah on Australia Day 2023.

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Reminder: Fire Danger Period still in force

Whilst we have had some wet weather recently, residents of the Northern Country, North East, and North Central Fire Weather Districts are reminded that the Fire Danger Period is still in force.



The CFA declares Fire Danger Periods by municipality during periods of increased fire risk. This means that there are restrictions and requirements around activities in the open air that have potential to result in an out-of-control fire such as:

- driving vehicles through dry vegetation,
- using gas powered wildlife scare guns,
- welding, grinding and soldering,
- using chainsaws, lawn mowers and farm machinery

Importantly, burning off without a written permit is prohibited and heavy penalties apply. During the Fire Danger Period, authorities take a zero-tolerance approach to unregistered burn offs.

Regional Commander Rob Van Dorsser said; "We have recently had several of our volunteer Brigades called out to attend burn-offs where no permit had been issued. Despite recent wet conditions, there is still potential for fires to burn out of control. It only takes a couple of hot days for grasslands to dry out and people are reminded of the ongoing risk of grassfires during this period".

Residents and businesses wanting to use fire or heat sources can visit the Fire Permits Victoria website <https://firepermits.vic.gov.au/> to:

- **Check** if they need a fire permit.
- **Apply** for a fire permit.
- **Notify** authorities that they are using a permit (or by calling 1800 668 511)

People should note that applying for a permit does not guarantee that one will be issued. Where they are issued, the conditions listed in the permit must be strictly adhered to.

Ensure you understand what you can and can't do during the Fire Danger Period and on days of Total Fire Ban, visit: cfa.vic.gov.au/can

Illegal fruit netting causes rapid rise in wildlife harm



Victorian gardeners are being urged to ensure they're using wildlife-friendly fruit netting when trying to protect their backyard crops, as wildlife carers and authorities report a spike in animal injuries and deaths from entanglements this summer.

The Conservation Regulator is warning the community about the dangers illegal netting poses to native wildlife, such as birds, bats, and possums, and are reminding household growers that they must use safe, compliant fruit netting with mesh no bigger than 5mm x 5mm.

In Victoria, it has been illegal to use or sell netting with a mesh size bigger than this since 1 September 2021, as larger mesh netting on fruiting trees or plants is more likely to entangle, distress, and fatally injure animals.

In addition to an appropriate mesh size, experts also recommend using netting that is white and has a cross-weave design, as it reduces the risks to wildlife and is easier for nocturnal animals to see and avoid at night.

Other tips for safer netting:

- Try protecting selected branches with bags or sleeves, rather than netting the whole tree.
- Never throw netting loosely over trees or let it lay on the ground. This can trap reptiles and other animals.
- Fix netting tightly to the tree trunk to help stop rats and birds from reaching fruit.

Native species play an important part in our ecosystem, and following a dry spring with stunted plant growth, Victorians are more likely to see wildlife, such as vulnerable grey-headed flying foxes, in their backyards looking for food.

If you find entangled, injured, or distressed wildlife, you can find temporary care information and contact details for the closest wildlife services by calling DEECA on 136 186 or using the *Help for Injured Wildlife* tool: www.wildlife.vic.gov.au/injured-native-wildlife/help-for-injured-wildlife

In Victoria, all wildlife is protected by law. It is illegal to use or sell non-compliant household fruit netting under *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Regulations 2019*.



MEALS ON WHEELS

January 26 - February 9

January

Friday 26th	Graeme Smith
Monday 29th	Leeanne Caldwell
Tuesday 30th	Pauline Thomas
Wednesday 31st	Matthew Chalker

February

Thursday 1st	Carmen Gilson
Friday 2nd	Patricia Hawks
Monday 5th	Maryse Quarrell & Moira Bourke
Tuesday 6th	Marlene Moor
Wednesday 7th	Laurel Dimond & Leanne Caldwell
Thursday 8th	Heather Frostick
Friday 9th	Mary Agius

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CHURCH TIMES



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Nathalia Mass times:

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February 4th: 9.30am service

Picola: 9.00am

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February 4th: 8.30am Holy Communion

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Locals looking after Locals



Local photographer Judy Ormond recently saw the sheep with a line of Indian Mynahs on its back. The birds were cleaning around the sheep's eyes, ears and back. A Google search suggests that the collective noun is a local of Mynahs.

How Children perceive their grandparents.

I was in the bathroom, putting on my makeup, under the watchful eyes of my young granddaughter, as I'd done many times before. After I applied my lipstick and started to leave, the little one said, "But Grandma, you forgot to kiss the toilet paper good-bye!" I will probably never put lipstick on again without thinking about kissing the toilet paper good-bye....

<h2>What's on Locally</h2> 	
Jan 26	Australia Day Event - Barmah, 8am Jack Edwards Reserve
Jan 26	Australia Day Event - Nathalia, 6pm Nathalia Recreational Reserve
Jan 27	Cobram Lions Log Cabin Market Federation Park 8am-1pm
Jan 27	Tocumwal Cod Classic Family Fishing Competition Smithers Beach to Ulupna Island 5am-6pm
Jan 27	Tocumwal Foreshore Market 8am-12pm
Jan 27	Kids Fun Festival with special guests Bluey & Bingo Club Mulwala, 11am-4pm, tickets at: eventbrite.com.au
Jan 28	Yarrowonga Rotary Market Yarrowonga Showgrounds 8am-1pm
Feb 2	Australian Beach Volley Tour Thompson's Beach Cobram 8am-7pm
Feb 3	Australian Beach Volley Tour Thompson's Beach Cobram 8am-6pm
Feb 4	Australian Beach Volley Tour Thompson's Beach Cobram 8am-4pm
Feb 7	U3A Film@Night - The Kitchen Brigade, 7pm @ Senior Citz
Feb 9	Music @ The G.R.A.I.N. Store's Back Paddock, 5.30- 8.30pm
Feb 11	Numurkah Ukelele followed by Some Shiny Days Exhibition Opening—G.R.A.I.N Store
Feb 16	Music @ The G.R.A.I.N. Store's Back Paddock, 5.30- 8.30pm
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 Tournament
Mar 30	Nathalia Easter Market
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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Nathalia Vet News

Happy New Year to all! May it be a prosperous and healthy year for all our clients and patients.

Imagine this - A heavily pregnant Great Dane, Arlee, came in having a very rough labour and birthing process. She was significantly unwell and it was affecting her puppies. Dr Kate had to rush her into emergency surgery for a caesarian.



10 healthy puppies (with colours ranging from Merle to Black to Mantle with even Silver and Black thrown in as well) were produced but the battle was not over yet. Arlee still had to recover her health whilst feeding all the puppies.

Much care, love and support by her "devoted parents", and not only did Arlee recover fully, gaining weight till she reached a healthy weight of 56kg but ALL her 10 puppies went ahead in leaps and bounds. She managed to feed them all herself and the pups weighed in at an average 5kg at just 6 weeks of age.

Arlee is the sweetest and most patient pooch, and this has shown through the great care she has given her puppies, even when fighting her own illness. It's a testament to her personality/nature and her owners. Now over 10 weeks old, all of the puppies have gone off to their new homes. How majestic are they!



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Nathalia Show Update

Meetings to begin for 2024 Show.

How is it the end of January already!? Nathalia Ag Society will be having the first meeting of 2024 on Thursday 1st Feb, 7:30pm at the Guide Hall after a nice time off since the Show.

This meeting will be a catch up for everyone and the start of organising the Show which is on Saturday October 5th this year.

Anyone interested in joining the committee or helping out at the show please come along!

~ Ellen Morcombe



Dance crazes

Find and circle all of the dance crazes that are hidden in the grid. The remaining letters spell a secret message.

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| CHA CHA SLIDE | JITTERBUG | RUMBA | THE JERK |
| CHARLESTON | JUMP ON IT | SALSA | THE RUNNING MAN |
| CHICKEN DANCE | LIMBO | SAMBA | THE TWIST |
| DA DIP | LINDY HOP | SHIMMY | THRILLER |
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Introducing to the community our recently appointed Manager and Director

Northern Victoria Finances Limited is excited to introduce to the community our new board director Craig Kellow and Branch Manager Megan Shaw.

Craig Kellow was appointed as a Director of the company on the 20th of November 2023. Craig moved to Nathalia from neighbouring town Kyabram. He's had links to the Nathalia community via his connection to the Nathalia Football Netball Club of which he has been involved as a player,



Craig Kellow, Director of Northern Victoria Finances Limited.

coach (senior and junior) and at committee level. Through this it has allowed him to spend a lot of time in Nathalia and appreciate the people and services the town and district has to offer. Craig is passionate about supporting the people of the town along with ensuring its sustainability, attractions and safety of the facilities/ infrastructure in Nathalia.

Megan Shaw, Branch Manager (Bendigo Community Bank Nathalia & Numurkah). Megan started with the Community Bank in 2017 and we welcome her to the role of Branch Manager of Nathalia and Numurkah Community Bank Branches alongside Senior Manager, Peter Halden. "I'm very lucky to live and work in such a supportive and incredibly passionate community".

We look forward to introducing more staff members/directors to the community over the next few editions.



Megan Shaw, Branch Manager - Bendigo Community Bank Nathalia & Numurkah.



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Grant Opportunity - Strengthening Rural Communities

Federal Member for Nicholls, Mr Sam Birrell MP, is encouraging members of local organisations to apply for funding through the Strengthening Rural Communities grant program. The Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal (FRRR) has been funded by the Commonwealth to provide grants of up to \$10,000 to support local organisations across regional, rural and remote Australia to uplift their communities under the Strengthening Rural Communities program (Rebuilding Regional Communities stream).

Mr Birrell said the program aimed to enhance and support the work of regional and rural organisations and their members.

“Local organisations are the backbone of regional communities and consistently provide opportunities for people to come together whatever the event, sport, occasion or hobby they specialise in,” Mr Birrell said.

“From COVID to recent flood events our community groups continue to be disrupted leading to reduce numbers, limited fundraising opportunities as well as opportunities to organise community events and projects.

“These groups need to be supported to ensure they can bounce back to normal operation as well as remaining sustainable for the benefit of people living in regional and rural areas like Nicholls.

“These grants focus on a broad range of projects and include funds for volunteer support, events and activities, enhancing community spaces, and developing services to support local vulnerable people.

Mr Birrell encouraged community groups to also look at other grants opportunities which may be available through the Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal.

Applications close 5pm AEDT 26 February 2024.

For further information, guidelines or to apply visit - <https://frrr.org.au/funding/place/src-rebuilding-regional-communities/>



Federal Member for Nicholls, Mr Sam Birrell.

NCN Health Welcomes Interim CEO Justin Sullivan

NCN Health Director of Operations Justin Sullivan has stepped into the role of Interim CEO after the organization farewelled Jacque Phillips last week.



Mrs. Phillips resigned after 15 years with the organization and has taken on a new opportunity as Chief Operating Officer with Murray PHN.

Mr. Sullivan said NCN Health would greatly miss Mrs. Phillips and acknowledged her contribution.

“Jacque has a wealth of knowledge and leaves a legacy of engaged leadership and commitment to quality health care in regional and rural communities. We sincerely thank her for 15 years of exceptional work.

“NCN Health has a strong, dedicated and committed leadership team ready to steer us into 2024. I look forward to working with them, the staff and community in the coming months”.

NCN Health Board of Directors have commenced advertising to fill the permanent CEO position.

Recruitment for the CEO role started on January 8th and closes February 4th. NCN Health Board of Directors will follow a recruitment process that is expected to take 2 – 3 months.



L-R: Bronti O'Connor, Justin Sullivan, Tony Brown, Jacque Phillips.

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NAUGHTY GRANDPA

Was he really a bad influence on his grandchildren? His daughter in law, Tina, had torn strips off him when he did the old trick and had Ruby pull his little finger while he farted. Ruby thought it funny.

Tonight, they were all seated at the dining table eating Spaghetti Bolognese. He took one long strand of spaghetti, let it dangle from his mouth and winked at Ruby. Gently tugging on his right ear, he sucked up an inch or so of the noodle. He continued to give his ear multiple tugs whilst simultaneously sucking the spaghetti noodle up one inch at a time. Ruby giggled.

A few minutes later the two-year-old pulled her ear and was frustrated when the noodle hanging from her mouth didn't move. Tina laughed this time.





Caterpillar Corner



So far this summer we have had an amazing time in Vacation Care. Especially so with us utilising the local pool twice a week. We are able to do this with the help of our dedicated swim teacher/educator Kylie Botterill who focuses on pool safety whilst also having fun.

The bigger children have pushed themselves outside their comfort zone by jumping into the deep end of the pool.

We have been so lucky with the weather and the children have really enjoyed cooling off and then returning back to the centre. Our Vacation Care Program runs each school holidays from 6:30am-6:00pm Mon-Fri.



The G.R.A.I.N. Store delights to welcome you back from your holidays

A gift to the community: two evenings of pleasant music and opportunity to catch up over a drink. Friday February 9 and Friday February 16 5.30-8.30pm

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Owen Holleran

Easy listening music provided by Shepparton's travelling troubadour, Owen Holleran. You bring your own company. Bar available.

Sunday 11 February...Numurkah Ukelele Band and Some Shiny Days

Two very pleasant and complementary events: a lovely Sunday out **Numurkah Ukelele Band**

Why not start off learning to play the Ukelele; take a lunch break (BYO food) Come back for the concert...you performing Then stay for the Opening of the Exhibition: nibbles and a glass provided

10 am – 12 A Ukelele workshop for absolute beginners (and others welcome). \$10, Ukeleles provided.

1pm Ukelele Concert including some of those absolute morning beginners but delight to the sounds of the Numurkah Ukelele Big Band. Audience very welcome. \$10

2.30pm Opening Exhibition: **Some Shiny Days**... Shepparton Journalist and Playwright John Lewis to open our first exhibition in 2024; where artists have responded to that delightful phrase and idea: Some Shiny Days; moments of ordinary madness.

Call to Create: Some Shiny Days
11 Feb - 16 Mar 2024
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Museum Moments...

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

Nathalia & District Historical Society has a number of Honour Boards which have been donated by local community groups. These boards list awards which are no longer given, or organisations that are no longer active.

Five of these boards are somewhat exposed to the weather as the shed they are displayed in is open at the front. The Honour Boards include:

Certificate of Merit – Narioka State School 1918-1936

Certificate of Merit – Barmah East State School 1904-1943

Apex Club Nathalia 1966-1992

Waaia CWA 1952-1999

Wakiti Honour Roll – The Great War 1918

The Education Act 1872 made Victoria the first Australian colony (and one of the first regions in the world) to offer free, secular, and compulsory education to children. The 1872 legislation required all children aged 6–15 years to attend school unless they had a reasonable excuse. However, a “reasonable excuse” could be distance to schools or the need for the children to work on the farm. The Certificate of Merit was an award given to anyone who had successfully completed grade 8 level, the current year 8 level. At that stage most children left school and went out to work.

The Waaia CWA closed in 2000 and the Nathalia APEX Club in 1992. Sadly, many of the people identified on these honour boards have died, but preserving these pieces of Nathalia’s history secures their memory and the active role they played in our community, into the future. Our aim at Nathalia & District Historical Society is to protect our local history for generations to come.



We thank the Nathalia Community Bank for their generosity to support our endeavour to cover these historical boards and urge our local community to visit and have a look around our collection. We are open on the second Sunday every month between 1.30pm – 4pm.

Pictured above is the new protective screens over our Honour Boards. Reflections in the glass make it difficult to photograph so come and have a look.

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.

Textile Recovery

Did you know you can now dispose of your unwanted and unusable textiles for free at the new textile recovery boxes provided by Upcycle 4 Better at the Resource Recovery Centres in Shepparton, Ardmona and Murchison?

What can go in the textile recovery boxes:

- Clothing
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- Underwear
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 - Boxers
- Shoes
 - High heels
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 - Sandals
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 - Trainers and sneakers
- Accessories
 - Belts
 - Ties and bows
 - Purses, briefcases, and backpacks
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- Home textiles
 - Tea towels and table cloths
 - Bath towels and robes
 - Linen
 - Pillows and cushions
 - Curtains
- **Soft toys (not hard toys)**

What CAN NOT go in the textile recovery boxes?

- Disposable non-wovens (face masks, hospital overalls, hotel slippers)
- Mattresses

Once collected by Upcycle 4 Better, the materials are reviewed and sorted following a hierarchy to ensure that what is wearable and repairable for reuse will have a second spring in life, followed by upcycling of materials, repurposing, recycling and lastly, waste to energy.

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Rotary Report

WOW what a start to 2024 for the Rotary Club of Nathalia. The New Year's Eve Carnival Spinning Wheel was one of the club's most successful spinning wheels we've had in quite a long time. We did over 67 spins for the night which is a great effort by Ross Smith who was on the truck for every one of the 67 spins. We would like to thank the Rotary Club of Numurkah for their effort on the night selling tickets, if it wasn't for them we would not be able to conduct the spinning wheel on the night. We would also like to thank Limo's Mitre 10 for the use of the truck on the night, also a huge thank you to the following businesses for the prizes; RG and A Smith Electrical, Causal Step, Nathalia Hair & Beauty, Nathalia Post Office, Limo's Mitre 10 and Nathalia Pharmacy, without these businesses support we would not be able to conduct the spinning wheel, thanks again.

Before Christmas the club handed out 4 scholarships. To St Mary of the Angels the Pat Kelly Memorial Award, to the Nathalia Secondary College the Dan Kennedy Memorial Award and two new scholarships, one with St Francis Primary School and one with Nathalia Primary School which is a new introduction.

The money that the club donates goes towards the student's education for the next year. The Rotary Club would like to congratulate the following students; Lauren Cobbledick from St Mary of the Angels, Ashia Guthrie from Nathalia Primary School and Grace Leslie from St Francis Primary School. We would like to wish them all the best for the future.

At the end of last year, the Ray Butler Debate Shield was presented to St Mary of the Angels as the winners of the annual debate between them and the Nathalia Secondary College.

The next project on the horizon is the annual Show and Shine on Sunday the 17th of March 2024. We would like to announce Nathalia IGA as the naming right sponsor for the Show and Shine, we thank them for their ongoing support.

A couple weeks later it will be Easter and yes, that means the Annual Easter Bush Bash Spinning Wheel will take place at the annual Easter Saturday Market.

As you can see we have a very busy start to 2024. The Rotary Club of Nathalia at the moment only have 7 current members. We are looking for members to light the load on some of the current members. At this stage if we don't get any new members to the Rotary Club, we might have to scale back some of the projects such as Spinning Wheels and the Show and Shine which will be very disappointing for the Nathalia community. All the money raised from these events goes back into the community. If you are interested in potentially joining, please let Anthony Oliver know.



The Ray Butler Debate shield won by St Mary of the Angels in 2023 was presented to Principal Matt Carver & student Lily Baron by Rotarian Loula Oliver.



Nathalia Rotary Club scholarship being presented to Ashia Guthrie from Nathalia Primary School.



The Rotary Club of Nathalia Pat Kelly Memorial Award was presented to Lauren Cobbledick of St Mary of the Angels.



Nathalia Rotary Club scholarship presented to Grace Leslie from St Francis Primary School.



Ross Smith spinning the wheel at the New Year's Eve Carnival.



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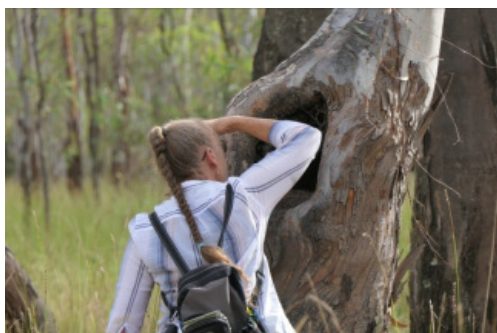
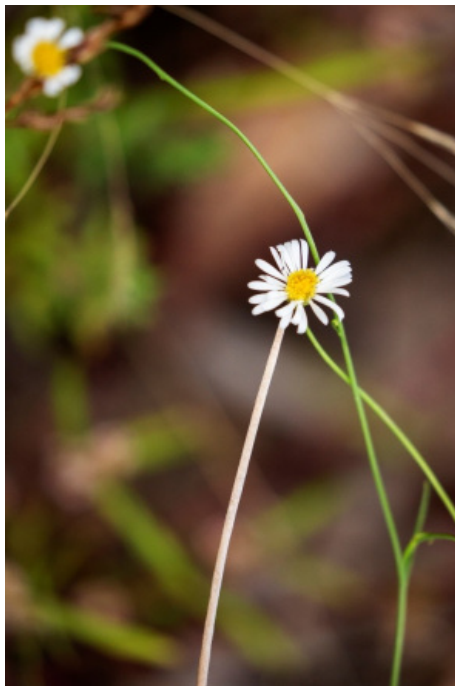
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Nathalia Wildflower Group

Many native plants were in flower along Edmond's Lane, Picola West, possibly due to the abundance of rain and warm weather conditions. Fourteen Wildflower Group members were happy to be out and about at 8.30 am on Saturday, 20th January. To quote President Ann, who said, "It was a lovely day out to the start of 2024."



Stewarts Bridge

Building a Bridge with a Cross Saw, Chopping Axe, Broad Axe, Donkey & Monkey.



Doug Rosenow on the original Stewarts Bridge.



Merv Rosenow

In 1949 Doug Rosenow was only 7yo when his father Merv Rosenow and partner Jack Gray started building Stewarts Bridge over the Goulburn River with a very limited number of hand tools, a Donkey & Monkey.

Doug's grandfather Fred Rosenow was one of many sleeper cutters in the Echuca region. Fred had 5 sons of which 4 became sleeper cutters, Merv, Charlie, Clarice and Tasman. Ken went on and worked for the railways. Merv born 1916 cut sleepers in the Perricoota, Goulburn and Barmah districts carting his sleepers to the Echuca and Picola railways until his retirement in 1983.

Stewarts Bridge was opened in 1951 after more than 18 months of construction, timber was sourced as close to the site as possible with the felling and lopping of the trees with a cross saw, pilings were 45 feet long and driven 15 feet into the muddy river bed with the Donkey & Monkey (steam engine set up with a rig and 2 ton weight). The chopping axe was used to make vertical cuts into the red gum bridge beams (approx. 35 foot long) and decking timber before being squared and cleaned with the broad axe, same technique as used for making railway and garden sleepers.

Whilst visiting the bridge recently with Doug, Doug commented on how well the timber beams were finished with the broad axe as only very few

remaining vertical cuts can be seen along the length of the beams approx. every foot.

Doug spent as much time as he possibly could with his father Merv during the construction, and at the age of 10 learnt the technique of sleeper cutting, by 1959 Merv purchased a swing saw and placed his broad axe into retirement.

In 1961 Doug was offered a job at SKF in Echuca and turned out precision bearings until 1978 when he decided to take on a job at the Echuca Rice Mills until 1986 when it was time to go bush in the lower Goulburn and Barmah forests and cut railway and garden sleepers until the local timber industry was forced to close in 2009 when the forests were turned into National Parks.

While sleeper cutting with a chopping and broad axe may well be a technique long gone, thanks to a few members of the Barmah Muster Committee Doug has participated in many annual community events since the 2000 Barmah Muster, demonstrating the technique of sleeper cutting. Dylan Lubke can also be seen assisting Doug and honing his skills.

One of the sleepers cut recently at the Nathalia New Year's Eve Carnival will soon be on display at the Barmah Forest Heritage & Education Centre, Nathalia.



Vertical chopping axe cuts can still be seen on the red gum bridge beams.

U3A Film@Night

The Kitchen Brigade, French, M, 2022
U3A Film@Night, 7pm Wed 7 February



Cathy Marie, an intense forty-year old chef is driven by her lifelong dream to open her own restaurant. She is too intense to be employable for very long, but she needs more money to set up the restaurant. The only job available is working in a cafeteria for young migrants. Drama unfolds around her frustration with her new position.

The Kitchen brigade is also a description of hierarchy in a traditional French restaurant.

Join us at The Senior Citz for discussing as well as watching. There will be some food to go with your cuppa. Contact Philippa 0400 037 432 If you aren't able to come to a night time film; join us at The Heritage Centre's recently repainted film screening room, Thursday 22 Feb 11-1 for an occasional daytime film. Contact Philippa for more information.



Set sail with Susea Spray and A Big Blue Boat

"Seas are calm, winds gently blowing, when a Big Blue Boat and her Captain head out for a day's sail."



The Cobram Library will welcome children's author Susea Spray on Thursday 15th February at 10:30am to read her book **A Big Blue Boat**, talk about how she came to write it, and engage children and adults alike with songs and craft.

A Big Blue Boat is Susea's first book, written for 4 – 8-year-olds. It is a fun, cumulative story about a boat, a girl, and the sea. It is different from most cumulative books in that it also tells a story. As the seas build, the boat and its Captain are introduced with the use of rhythm, rhyme, and repetition. **A Big Blue Boat** is the first in the series. Based upon Susea's adventures, the book fills the niche market of realistic sailing stories for young children, particularly girls.

The sequel about life on the brine is currently being illustrated and is due for release early next year, and is already a Children's Picture Book Genre Winner and has been shortlisted in the 2023 Page Turner Awards.



Author Susea Spray and her book "A Big Blue Boat".

A retired classroom teacher who majored in English and Children's Literature, Susea spent 23 years making literacy learning fun for her young students. Her favourite time of day was sitting down with a story or two and immersing her students in the world of books.

Susea has always written in one form or another. A decade ago, she and her husband commenced an around-the-world sailing odyssey. Their travels were recorded on Susea's sailing blog.

As she documented the sailing journey, notes and ideas for children's picture books were taking form. At long last Susea had found her passion and a voice. She now shares her love of language, sailing and sea with young and old through the eyes of a big blue boat and a young girl - her Captain.

A Big Blue Boat, was released in March 2022 and has featured in many awards, winning the 2023 Purple Dragonfly Awards and the 2022 Literary Titan Silver Awards as well as being a finalist in the 2022 Page Turner Awards, and the 2021 Page Turner Awards.

If you would like to meet Susea, to hear about her experiences both writing her books and sailing her boat, then join us at the Cobram Library on Thursday 15th February at 10:30am.

Bookings are essential. Please contact Goulburn Valley Libraries to book in.

Copies of Susea's book **A Big Blue Boat** will be available to buy at the event. If you can't make it to the Cobram Library, Susea will also be visiting the Avenel Library on Tuesday 13th February at 10:30am and the Tatura Library on Wednesday 14th February at 10:30am.

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2. Which school supply is king of the classroom?
3. Why did the teacher wear sunglasses to school?
4. What time would it be if Godzilla came to school?
5. What is a witch's favourite subject at school?
6. Which letter of the alphabet has the most water?
7. What's the best place to grow flowers in school?
8. Why did the teacher draw on the window?
9. What do elves learn in school?
10. Why did the egg get thrown out of class?
11. Why did the dog do so well in school?
12. Why are fish so smart?
13. Why do magicians do well in school?
14. What do you need to go to high school?
15. Why did the Kid eat his homework?

1. Hissssssstory
2. A Ruler
3. Because her students were so bright.
4. Time to run.
5. Spelling.
6. The "C".
7. In the kindergarten.
8. Because he wanted his lesson to be very clear.
9. The elf-a-bet
10. Because he kept telling yolks.
11. Because he was the teacher's pet.
12. Because they live in schools.
13. They're good at trick questions.
14. A ladder.
15. Because the teacher said it was a piece of cake.

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~ Helen & Colin Rankin, David & Nora Schier, and Julie Schier.
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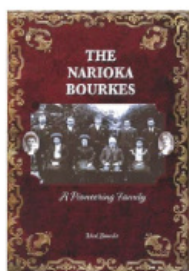
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Purps Junior Football Coaching Announcements

Nathalia Football Netball Club are thrilled to announce their junior football coaches for the 2024 season



(L-R) Liam Evans and Clancy Congues Under 17's football co-coaches for 2024.

The Under 17's will be coached by two star senior players in Liam Evans & Clancy Congues and assisted by Adam Hickey.

Our Under 14's will again be led by Paul Barton and he will be joined by Andrew Liddell.

In both age groups we are working on an alignment with neighbouring major league clubs to ensure we have sufficient player numbers.

NFNC is looking forward having these guys who all have a wealth of football

knowledge oversee our kids development in 2024. Training start dates will be shared



(L-R) Paul Barton and Andrew Liddell Under 14's football co-coaches for 2024.

Nathalia Association Cricket Club News



A Grade v Finley: Having won the toss and electing to bat, Liam Evans (90) began ruining Finley's day with some quick scoring. The

boys followed his lead with Ewan Congues regaining some form and knocking up his fourth 50 of the season. Scotty Morris (41) close to another 50 and Brenton Campbell (26) Brady Walpole (24) all helped get the score to 302.

In return Finley didn't trouble the scoreboard a great deal all out for 92 with one batsman making a 50 and the rest not really making it to double figures. The damage was done largely by Dylan Cunningham (5/12) off 6.3 and Harry McDonald the only other multiple wicket taker (2/14) off 4.

A Grade v Barooga: Top of the table clash was played last Saturday-Sunday and going with the theory runs on the board makes pressure certainly won out. Liam Evans (33) and Sam Boyd (43) got us off to a ripping start. Ewan Congues (19) Luke Quinn (71) and Jason McKenna (21) put together two little partnerships which saw the score push its way towards the 200 mark. Clancy Congues (23) did what you love to see from the lower order batsman and helped get the total to almost 240. Having 11 overs to bowl on day 1 the boys were able to claim a wicket before the end of day to have Barooga 1/21.

Day 2 saw Liam (4/29) and Dylan Cunningham (3/29) work in tandem for most of the innings getting regular wickets and making it very hard for Barooga to get going. We were able to end Barooga's innings with them on 155.

B Grade v Barooga & Katamatite: I'm under instruction not to talk about these two games too much as they are a little speed bump in the seasons progress. So, I'll just give top performers of each game; Barooga 182 def us 68. David Brereton (38) and (2/11) along with Tristan Myers (3/17).

Katamatite 5/105 def us 102. Mark Wilson (27) and Dale James (3/19).

Some soul searching has been done and the boys will come out firing after the Aus Day weekend break.

C Grade v Finley: For a side that was thrown together last minute due to people still enjoying some holiday time, they held themselves very well. A big thanks to the ladies from the women's team who filled in as well as ex player Jack Hutchins. Taking on Finley was always going to be a task but we batted out our overs and posted 147 thanks largely to Chris Brown (38 with a couple of big 6s) and Nathan McKenna (49).

In reply Finley chased our score down with 8 overs to spare, with Nirmal being the pick of the bowlers (2/29). Even though we lost it was a great effort by all.

C Grade v Strathmerton: On the road to Strathy, there was a slight hope that it was going to be a winning day. Unfortunately, that hope went when realising we had no ball or scorebook. However we won the toss and chose to bat posting 73 off 31 overs with Michael Brooks (10) the only batter to hit double figures (reward for attending training). Taking to the field and trying to defend it was the Vallender show for the most part, father Greg (3/9) and son Josh (2/26) claimed 5 of the 7 wickets that we managed to take. Unfortunately, in the 22nd over Strathy passed our score. With a well earned rest for the next two weekends, hopefully in the final three games we can snatch a victory.

Women's v Nagambie: We lost the toss to start the day but still got our way and went out to bat first. Cara Briggs (21) gave us a quick start, unfortunately we couldn't find our feet with each batter only making 4 or 5 runs from then on, which was a credit to Nagambie's bowling. We ended up with a score of 3-47. We went out to field, hope was regained after Cody Power

got a wicket on the first ball of the innings and got another not long after. Abby also picked up a wicket early but unfortunately it was too good to be true. Nagambie found their feet fast and we couldn't knock them off. It was all over in the 10th over. Our best on award went to Anna Brooks. Anna may not have made the runs that she had hoped for but she stayed out there and gained her confidence, blocking out some tricky balls.

Women's v Echuca: Our last game didn't start so well with us losing the toss. We fielded first and Echuca made 3/85. Evie Hawks bowled well, sending the ball down the pitch at full speed, but it was our slower bowlers who got the job done! Court Cunningham got our first wicket, and then our second with a run out. Jenna Wood then got our third with a great bowl! All the girls fielded very well. Unfortunately we couldn't get the job done, finishing with 5/83. Our openers started well, with Cara Briggs (16) and Zoe Dew (14), both retiring. Our best on was Charlotte Thorp with her great over of bowling! We've had a great season and already looking forward to next year!

Under 17's v Cobram: It was always going to be a tough ask against Cobram being the first game back after Christmas having only eight players available for the first week. Luckily for us, Ned found his love for the game again and made himself available. Ned (30) was the pick of our batters at the top with handy cameos from Harry (20) and Nate (19) to get us to 86. We came back the second week to defend a small total, which looked to have the perfect start with Will hitting the stumps first ball but unfortunately the bails did not come off. This was as good as our day got in the field with Cobram passing our total 3 down Nate (2/9) and Gus (1/7).



In the Swing at Nathalia Golf Club

Our condolences to the Maloney family on the passing of Dick, a club member for many year's.

Thanks to our Sponsors Brereton's Bakery:

Wednesday the 10th of January - the ladies played in shocking conditions thanks to the mower breaking down again. They had some trouble finding their balls in the long grass. The winner was Sonia Verlinden with 11 points.

Sunday the 14th of January - men's stableford comp, John West was the winner

with 33 stableford points. John also got NTP, well done John.

Wednesday the 17th of January - three ladies started in the rain and managed 3 holes before calling it quits; bad luck ladies!

Friday the 19th of January - eight players played ambrose, two teams of four which ended in a draw.

Sunday the 21st of January - the men played stableford and the winner was Ryan Bell with 33 stableford points. No NTP
Good hitting all!



Pictured: Who said golf was easy... it took six people to set up this golf buggy.

Nathalia Bowling Club News



After a much needed break, **SATURDAY PENNANT** resumed for **Division 5** on Saturday 13th January, with Division 5 travelling to Numurkah Town with Nathalia

getting off to a good start with a winning result Nathalia 2, 48 shots Numurkah 5, 29 shots, Nathalia winning on both rinks. Craig Lucas 20 - 17 shots. Gary Manley 28 - 12 shots. On Saturday January 20th both Division 3 and 5 played at home. **Division 3** had a great win beating the top team Numurkah Golf 3 by 3 shots, winning on 2 rinks to take 14 points. Nathalia is now 2nd on the ladder and with three games left in the season to the finals; it is a great effort for our Club. Steve Campbell's team 26 - 17 shots. Bev Hutchins 13 - 21 shots, Bev's



The back green at Nathalia Bowling Club recently had a good soaking. Photo taken January 8th.

team managed to win by 3 shots on the last end giving Nathalia an overall win by 3 shots and Peter Hutchins' team won 20 -18 shots. **Division 5** had a great win also defeating Barooga Sports, 55 shots to 24, winning on both rinks. Tim Cullen's team 24 - 12. Chris Briggs' team had an excellent win 31 - 12.

On Tuesday 16th January, **MIDWEEK PENNANT** returned with Nathalia 1, Division 1 playing away at Numurkah Golf. Nathalia went down 64 - 49 shots. Bev Hutchins team lost by 1 shot, 16 - 17. Fiona Rourke's team 12 - 24 and Berris Baldwin lost by 2 shots, 21 - 23. On Tuesday 23rd Nathalia played Finley at home. Conditions were very pleasant but Nathalia going down by 6 shots 53 - 59. Fiona Rourke's team 12 - 18. Berris Baldwin 22 - 24 and Bev Hutchins with a win 19 - 17.

The Club Singles Championship both Ladies and Men's, have been played with Kevin Scolyer

taking out the Men's Singles against Craig Lucas after playing 26 ends. This is a first Club Championship for Kevin. Congratulations Kevin. The winner of the Ladies Championship is Fiona Rourke who played against Tessa Ward. This is also a first Club Championship at Nathalia for Fiona. Also, our congratulations to you. Both Kevin and Fiona go on to represent Nathalia in the Association Champion of Champions.

With the very heavy rain at the beginning of the month our back green became a swimming pool (see photo) but just 38 hours later, the water had drained off and with loving and tender care, it was looking as pristine as ever and ready for Bowls practice that evening.

BAREFOOT BOWLS has commenced again with very good numbers attending. It is held on Friday evenings at 6.30 pm with names to be in by 6pm. The Bar is open at 5pm for refreshments and the entry fee for Barefoot Bowls includes a light snack. All are welcome whether you bowl or not.



Ladies Singles Champion - (L-R) Tessa Ward Runner up and Fiona Rourke Winner.



Mens Singles Champion - (L-R) Craig Lucas Runner up and Kevin Scolyer Winner.

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Nathalia Junior Development Day



Monday the 15 January was our annual Junior Development Day, sponsored by Ryan Meat Group. We had 26 participants from our junior tennis teams and green hot shots group, which is a fantastic number! The day was coordinated by club coach Mark Mills and his helpers, which included local tennis players, Ryan Bell and Pat Ryan. The day consisted of improving individual tennis skills and understanding match play and strategy, all while building good sportsmanship and tennis etiquette. The kids enjoyed a delicious morning tea and BBQ

lunch. Thank you to the parents who helped on the day with morning tea and lunch.

Junior tennis resumes on Saturday the 3rd of February, with 1st placed B2 Purple taking on Mooroopna away and 5th placed B2 Gold at home to Shepp Lawn White. Meanwhile, 1st placed C2 Purple are away at Kialla Park and 2nd placed C2 Gold take on Katandra West at home. Our parent co-ordinated match play for green group will also commence on Saturday the 3rd of February for those kids interested.



A great turnout at Nathalia's recent annual Junior Development Day.

Nathalia Lawn Tennis Club Senior Results

Div 2 - 13th Jan: Nathalia returned from the Christmas break facing arch rival Numurkah. As usual it was a tight tussle with Nathalia getting home 6-59 to 5-57 win. Rose Nihill continuing her great season walking away a 3 set winner.

Div 2 - 20th Jan: Nathalia v Shepparton home match. Nathalia won by 17 games, 67 games to Numurkah's 50. Players Rose Nihill, Jodie Daniel, Caitlin Bourke, Nick Bakogianis, Ryan Bell, Dean Limbrick, Peter Limbrick.

Div 3 - 13th Jan: GM 3 played away at Mooroopna. The team had a convincing win only losing one set for the day. Anthony Wilson, Jim Brereton, David Scadden, Monique Bryant, Shanel Few, Helen Ginnivan and Phillippa

Slinger all were 3 set winners

Div 3 - 20th Jan: GM 3 headed to Ky on Saturday where the day started well with Anthony Wilson winning his singles 6 - 0 and David very reliable Scadden winning 6 - 2. Anthony then teamed with Liam Booth to win 8 - 4. Our only other win was in the ladies doubles where Loretta Richardson and Helen Ginnivan won 8 - 4. Still confident of beating the top team and only 8 games behind, our mixed pairs were unable to produce the wins needed. Jimmy Brereton, who was injured, teamed with Phillippa Slinger who could run while Jim could hit winners. They went down 5 - 8. Anthony and Helen had a long set but could not do better than 5 - 8. The day was played in good spirit with an enjoyable afternoon tea. In the end the top team had a

convincing win and will be challenging to beat come finals.

Div 4 - 13th Jan: A great day on the courts for Nathalia GM4. Apart from the hot windy conditions the team came away with a great win defeating Tatura Storm 62 to 46. Judith Slattery starred being the teams only 3 set winner winning all of her sets 8 - 1.

Lucy and Matt Daniel both won 2 of their 3 sets, while Kim Daniel narrowly lost in a tie break with both Lucy and Matt Slattery. Pat and Lucy had an 8 - 5 win, while Matt Daniel and Pat went down 8 - 3.

A big thanks to Matt Daniel for filling in for the day. **Div 4 20th - Jan 2024:** had a bye. Don't forget to save the date, 23rd of February 5.45pm, Twilight Tennis, Bar and BBQ.



Picola Bowling Club News

Geoffrey C, Geoff M and Mary lost 11-34.

MIDWEEK PENNANT

16 JAN 2024 - ROUND 11: We played away Numurkah Town losing by 18 shots. Keith, Geoff D, Maureen and Trevor's rink losing 10-23. Karen, Jeff P, Mary and Tony losing 16-23. Sue, Bill, Julie and John's rink had a win 17-15.

23 JAN - ROUND 12: We played home to 'Numurkah Golf losing by 28 shots. Sue, Bill, Julie and Boxy losing 10-32. Karen, Tony, Maureen and Mary losing 18-28. Keith, Geoff D, Max and Trevor won 19-15.

ROUND 13, 30 JAN Picola are home to Cobram.

ROUND 14, 6 FEB Picola are away to Tocumwal Golf.

WEEKEND PENNANT

13 JAN - ROUND 11: Division 5 We played home to Strathmerton losing by 8 shots. Trevor, Wally, Aaron and Maureen lost 23-24. Julie, Bill, Geoffrey C and Mary lost 16-23.

20 JAN - ROUND 12: Division 5 We played away to Cobram losing by 20 shots. Trevor, Wally, Aaron and Maureen won 19-16. Julie,

20 JAN - ROUND 11: Division 2 We played home to Strathmerton losing by 31 shots. Bruce, Tony, Max and Roy losing 16-24. Keith, Jeff P, Bill P and Geoff D lost 19-24. Archie, Sue, Bill A and Karen losing 14 -31.

We look forward to both Divisions having a better run next week.

ROUND 12, 27 JAN Div 2 are away to Wunghnu

ROUND 13, 3 FEB Div 2 are home to Tocumwal Golf

ROUND 14, 10 FEB Div 2 are away to Numurkah

ROUND 13, 27 JAN Div 5 are home to Barooga Sports

ROUND 14, 3 FEB Div 5 are away to Numurkah

ROUND 15, 10 FEB Div 5 are home to Nathalia

We have 2 Midweek and 3 Saturday matches to go for the season so let's try and finish on a high.

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