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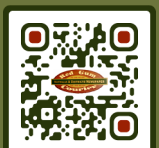


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Community Update



Battery Disposal Reminder

Please remember to not place batteries in your household bin as they can cause fires and environmental damage. We offer a number of options for the correct disposal of all types of batteries, including any of Council's Resource Recovery Centres or Service Centres. Recycling stations can be found at the Cobram and Yarrowonga Service Centres, Numurkah Visitors Point and Barmah Heritage Centre in Nathalia. Visit our website for more information on our recycling stations.

Flood and Disaster Recovery Survey

Council are undertaking a community survey around the October 2022 Flood Event. This survey is targeted at Moira Shire residents who were impacted by this event. The results of the survey will help Council to understand how prepared the community is for flood events, where are we seeing success and what we can do better. **Survey closes Monday 31 July 2023.** Visit our website to complete the survey.

Disaster Legal Info Session

The Moira Shire Council, in collaboration with Disaster Legal Help, will be hosting a one hour free legal, consumer and insurance sessions for flood affected residents and for those wanting to better prepare for disasters.

The session will feature Mr. John Berrill, a principal at Berrill & Watson Lawyers. With over three decades of experience, John specialises in insurance, superannuation, and consumer law, representing workers, consumers, and individuals with disabilities.

Wednesday 2 August 2023

5.30pm - 6.30pm
Picola Recreation Reserve

Wednesday 9 August 2023

5.30pm - 6.30pm
Jubilee Park, Tungamah

Friday 18 August 2023

12.30pm - 1.30pm
Online webinar - Visit our website for more information.

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Moira Youth Council - Expression of Interest

Want to be a part of the Moira Youth Council 2024? Have your say about things that impact you. The Moira Youth Council is a committee for 16-22 year olds who live, work or attend school in the Moira Shire. The committee meet regularly to learn, brainstorm, set goals and most importantly have fun. To express your interest in joining the 2024-2025 Moira Youth Council visit our website.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
2024-2025 Committee




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Celebrating 128 Years of Worship in St Paul's Anglican Church Wakiti Creek

St Paul's Anglican Church, Wakiti Creek will hold it's final service on Saturday 29th July.

Until St Paul's Church was built at Wakiti Creek the families who settled in the area of Kotupna, Lower Moira and Wakiti Creek continued their prayers in the home. Neighbours also joined with each other to say the Order of Morning or Evening Prayer. Wakiti Creek was included in the Parish of Nathalia.

In July 1892 the first donation was made towards a building fund for a church. A wide range of fundraising activities followed. A piece of land was donated and the timber was cut from local trees. Mr J Crothers won the tender to build the church and he also made ten pews that cost 17/6 each.



Drawing of St Paul's Anglican Church, Wakiti Creek by Joan Harding.



Photography group at St Paul's in June ~ photo Judy Ormond

The church was an important part of local activities and many families have happy memories of activities in the church grounds. In 1995 a special day was organised to celebrate One Hundred years of worship. A large congregation, much meeting and greeting and a delicious picnic lunch made it a day to remember.

During an early morning service, a goanna came over the beautiful red gum door step halting the service for a few minutes as people put their feet up on the pew in front of them. After a quick look around our visitor ambled out the east door.

Bishop Clarence Bester will be present to conduct the final service on Saturday 29th of July at 11 am.

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New Headstones for Nathalia Cemetery



The Nathalia Cemetery Trust (NCT) again wishes to thank the Nathalia Bendigo Bank community grants program for their generosity in funding the new headstones in the Lawn section. This support from Bendigo Bank community grants program assists NCT with the ongoing development and planning of the cemetery therefore enabling NCT to avoid fee increases.

The change of headstone type was bought about by the astronomical cost increase of the existing apex style. The new headstone style is used at many other cemeteries with the addition safety benefit of being able to walk between graves and not stepping over the headstone.

Our dedicated volunteers, Don and Barney have been steadily mounting the headstones onto the new flat beams and now have perfected the art with much banter between them. The NCT is very indebted to Don and Barney for their assistance.



Business Management Workshop

On Tuesday the 18th of July, our local businesses had the privilege of hosting Mel Antony at the Shamrock Hotel in Numurkah. Mel is an online program extraordinaire from Click Region. Mel shared valuable insights, practical strategies, and actionable plans to foster business growth and success. This blog post highlights some of the key takeaways from the session.

The focus of the session was on Business Administration and the services businesses can utilize to automate administrative tasks. By streamlining administrative processes, business owners can save valuable time and redirect their efforts towards other crucial aspects of their businesses.

1. Embrace Automation Tools

One of the strategies discussed was the importance of embracing automation tools. These tools can handle repetitive and time-consuming tasks such as data entry, invoicing, and appointment scheduling. By automating these processes, businesses can free up their time and resources for more productive activities.

2. Outsource Non-Core Administrative Tasks

Another strategy discussed was outsourcing non-core administrative tasks. Business owners can delegate tasks such as bookkeeping, data entry, and customer support to external service providers. This allows them to focus on core business activities and strategic decision-making. Look out for the Workshop coming up in Nathalia soon! More details to come.



Check out nbbt.org.au to stay up to date.



MEALS ON WHEELS

July 28 - August 11

July	
Friday 28th	Graeme Smith
Monday 31st	Pauline Thomas
August	
Tuesday 1st	Marlene Moor
Wednesday 2nd	Laurel Dimond & Leanne Caldwell
Thursday 3rd	Carmen Gilson
Friday 4th	Patricia Hawks
Monday 7th	St Mary of the Angels
Tuesday 8th	Kevin & Nina Pell
Wednesday 9th	Mary Agius
Thursday 10th	Heather Frostick
Friday 11th	Mary Agius

If you can cover one of the volunteer required runs please contact 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: 0429 662 039

July 30th: 9.30am Hymn Service

August 6th: 9.30am Parish Service

Picola 2nd & 4th Sundays: 9.00am

ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, WAKITI CREEK

Bishop Clarence Bester to conduct final service

July 29th: 11am Holy Communion Service

Light Luncheon to follow

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Library Love

Our school library plays a crucial role in the educational development of students and the overall learning environment within our educational institution.

At St Francis, we were busy re-stocking the library with new books and titles for the students to enjoy this week, with a small selection photographed. Our library sessions at St Francis are essential in fostering a reading culture among children.



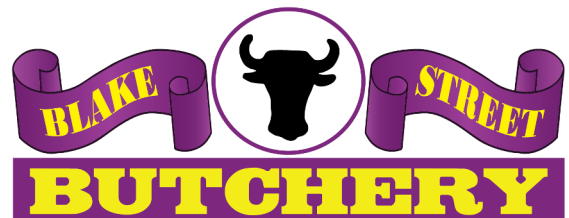
By providing weekly access to a wide range of books and resources, we encourage students to explore various genres and subjects, and improve their reading and comprehension skills. Our library provides students with the opportunity to pursue their interests, conduct research, and learn at their own pace, instilling a sense of curiosity and motivating them to learn. At St Francis, the library sessions ignite a passion for reading. It is a positive learning experience that can lead to a lifelong love of books and knowledge.



What's On Locally

Aug 1	Senior Citz members meeting, club rooms 10am
Aug 4	SMOTA Songwriters @ The G.R.A.I.N. Store Nathalia
Aug 4	Crafts Day, Senior Citz room 10am
Aug 5	Can Art Stop A Bullet? Screening with Bill Kelly Appreciation @ The G.R.A.I.N. Store Nathalia
Sept 2	Bushwackers Song & Dance, The G.R.A.I.N. Store, Nathalia
Sept 16	Poultry Auction
Oct 7	Nathalia Agricultural Show
Oct 13	Geoff Achison Blues Rock @ The G.R. A. I. N. Store, Nathalia
Nov 2	Run4KB Sportsmen's Night
Nov 18	Poultry Auction

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Nathalia Show Update

Time to throw away the scissors and get growing! In response to the resurgence of THE MULLET, we have opened up the Nathalia Show Quest beyond nicely dressed girls and boys to include Mr Nathalia- Best Mullet & Best Facial Hair. Our expert judging panel has been confirmed so all we need is you!

This and several other pavilion sections are available on the Nathalia Show website now while we finalise the full program. It is certainly time to get started on your exhibits with less than 3 months to go!



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Uniting Church Fair

On Saturday, 22nd July, the annual Uniting Church Fair was held in the hall in Bromley Street.

The hall was filled with people, stalls laden with vegetables, fruit and preserves, produce and plants, delicious homemade cakes and biscuits, clothing, books and a great white elephant stall.

There was something at the fair for everyone who attended, including a barbeque, morning tea and pancakes. It was a very successful day.





Year 9 & 10 3D Art



Students in 3D Art are exploring the various methods and materials used in making art that is three dimensional. They are focussing on methods of carve, cast, construct, and sculpt. This week they started making terracotta vessels and must conceptualise, plan and design their artwork to realise an artistic intention.



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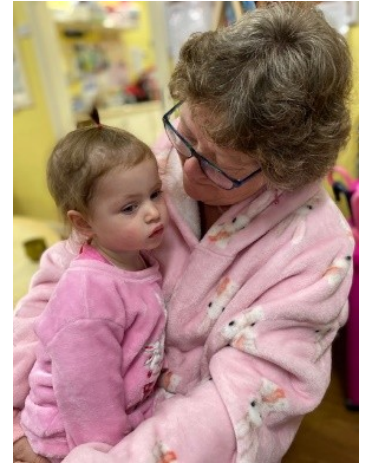


We had such a fun day last Tuesday, the 18th of July, celebrating National Pyjama Day at NCELC. There were pyjamas of every kind, with spots, stripes, animal prints, favourite characters, bunnies and kitty cats, sparkles, teddy bears, stars, love hearts, checks, flowers, zooming cars, dinosaurs and plenty of cosy, fluffy dressing gowns and slippers to keep everyone warm on the chilly morning.

We shared toasties and cereal for breakfast with our families and enjoyed a big play together. Rest time was smooth sailing with all of the children going off to bed all ready for dreamy sleeps in their PJs.

National Pyjama Day is all about wearing your favourite pair of PJs to help The Pyjama Foundation raise much-needed awareness for children in foster care. Have you ever wondered about the somewhat quirky word 'pyjamas'? The word 'Pajama' is derived from Hindi, The National language of India, and translates to mean 'loose pants for the legs'. It's safe to say pyjamas have evolved spectacularly since the 13th Century.

There were plenty of us who wished we could wear our PJs to work every day, wouldn't that be fun!



Men's Shed News

Nathalia Men's Shed wood raffle that was drawn on Friday 14th July was won by Ron Wilson of Nathalia.



Broken Creek Drama

SUNDAY ROAST

They looked out the window at the winter-rain falling. 'What are we expected to do with our Sunday when it's like this?' posed Arianna. 'Why don't we have a traditional Sunday roast,' Justin replied. 'I will pop up to the supermarket and pick up a lump of beef.'

Even though it was the one dish her husband had mastered Adrianna thought she would give him a hand and prepare the vegetables. She set to work.

In no time, Justin returned and dropped the piece of meat on the countertop. A large label on the wrapping said KOTUPNA BEEF. His wife just shook her head and giggled.

'You didn't read the fine print dear. That's a piece of corned silverside.'

The following Sunday they had roast lamb.



Another Rotary year has begun...

Under the leadership of President Loula Oliver. Our first meeting was held out of town, at the Picola Hotel, and most members were in attendance.

Speaking of members, unfortunately we are back to just eight again. We recently had three inductees but one of these "newbies" resigned within a very short period of time; we also had resignations from two members who had been with us for 14 and 8 years respectively. With luck, we will induct more new members this Rotary year and already there is a person interested.

Some of the ideas for this Rotary year are to have more social evenings and more guest speakers too.

We had a guest speaker at our July 26th meeting, but more on that next time.

On August 16th there will be a debate between teams from SMOTA and NSC and the topic has been given to the students. Of course there will be a report, with photos, in this column after the event.

This year, again, we will have tickets to sell in the Community Car Raffle that RC Mooroopna is running. There will be 4 prizes in total: 1st will be a Kia car and prizes 2, 3 and 4 are all \$1,000 voucher for either supermarket or hardware...to be chosen by the winners. Ticket sales are expected to start in September and end mid-December. We hope to again sell many tickets, thereby raising funds for our community, and perhaps someone

from our town may be lucky.

Now for a little about INTERPLAST: *In the early 1980's, Dr Gerald Duff, a general practitioner and Rotarian, initiated discussions with Rotary District 980 (now 9800), with the aim of bringing the Interplast concept to Australia. A joint project between District 980 and the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons eventuated, and in 1983 Interplast Australia was established to provide volunteer medical teams to carry out plastic and reconstructive surgery in developing countries. Interplast Australia's very first program was conducted in Samoa in 1983 and was fully funded by Rotarians. The second program to Fiji, also funded by Rotarians, garnered interest from the Australian Government, which recognised the importance of such foreign aid, and allocated additional partial funding for programs throughout the Pacific Islands. The ongoing partnership between Interplast and Rotary in Australia and New Zealand has contributed to Rotary achieving its humanitarian goals in our region, and aligns closely with Rotary's commitment to improving health and promoting peace and goodwill. In 2023, Interplast continues to undertake surgical and allied health programs in 16 countries in the Asia-Pacific region, from Samoa to Bhutan, and its partnership with Rotary is as strong as ever.*

For some months we have held meetings out of town, having "no place to call home" and though it's been good to be able to buy meals and drinks at a hotel, the drive this time of year wasn't popular with everyone. So, an idea was hatched and put to Brereton's who agreed that we use the bakery as our meeting place for now. Our meeting this week was there and it was good to be so close to home and to have the venue to ourselves. More on this next time too.

A Serendipitous Swim

Nathalia's revered local doctor, Bill O'Hare, had recently told me this story about how he came to study Medicine at the University of Sydney.

During the 1930s, Bill O'Hare and his siblings attended a small rural school in Ellon, NSW. A young male teacher arrived and soon became besotted with one of the pretty school mothers. *She* was possibly besotted with his flashy car, a rarity in those times. The district grapevine was full of gossip about the pair.

Early in the new school year, the teacher gave instructions to the two eldest boys, Marty and Pat O'Hare, to take charge of the school students while he attended 'a school meeting.' Then he left. The new teacher wasn't aware that these two boys, Dr Bill's older brothers, were full of mischief. There were lots of cackles and sniggers from the students as to their teacher's whereabouts.

As it was the height of summer, Marty and Pat soon abandoned schoolwork and decided that a dip in the nearby dam was in order for them and their charges. They in turn told their little brother, Bill, to remain in the schoolroom and look after the younger students.

The boys' father was driving past when he spotted all the students' clothing and shoes on the dam bank. Being a prankster himself, he took in the situation and snatched up all the kids' clothing and headed off to the local sheep sale, smirking all the way. He didn't return until 5 pm.

Of course, the teacher's unprofessional behaviour forced the Education Department's hand, and he was dismissed, effective immediately. An Education Department official from Sydney was sent to sort out the mess. He interviewed every student and their parents about their children's education. Primary school concluded after Grade 8, when students successfully completed their Merit certificate. This was the extent of most students' education in rural Australia at this time.



Dr Bill O'Hare

After examining Bill O'Hare's outstanding schoolwork, the senior teacher asked Bill what he'd like to do when he left school. Bill suggested that he would probably work on his father's farm. The senior teacher was shocked and assured Bill that he should consider other options.

All the students, including Bill, were allocated to other schools as there wasn't any teacher available to come and take over their small remote school at such short notice. Bill was a keen student whose love of studying and reading was encouraged by his mother. He said he would probably be called a *nerd* these days. Bill finished his secondary education and achieved so highly that he was offered tuition and residential scholarships to the University of Sydney, where he studied Medicine. After becoming fully qualified, Dr Bill practised at Nathalia for over 30 years.

That frisky young Primary schoolteacher would have no idea of the part he played in Nathalia's history.

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Museum Moments...

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Continuing..... A PROBLEM WITH THE BELL

The *Nathalia Herald*, 15 November 1904, published the following article on the **Fire Bell**. The fire bell belonging to the local brigade has never given satisfaction, inasmuch as it failed to peal forth the deep penetrating sounds expected of it. An attempt was made to improve this last Wednesday night, but although there was a slight perceptible improvement in the tone, it is yet very dull. An expert should be invited to discover what the defect is.

Under the heading, **Bell Towers**, the *Nathalia Herald*, 23 May 1905, affirmed that: The bell towers continue to find favour amongst the fire brigades, several orders having been received by the firm from different parts of the State. The **Nathalia tower**, is the pioneer amongst the Victorian towers, and no doubt many more will be used in place of more antiquated ones in the State. On 20 July 1905, the *Dookie and Katamatite Recorder*, printed that: The Dookie Fire Brigade has just been supplied with a new angle-steel bell tower and look-out, at a cost of £35. It is a very graceful structure made and erected by Messrs. Snooks and Jones, of Nathalia. The bell is to be suspended 34 feet from the ground, the tower rising to a height of 68 feet, and being surmounted by a flag pole.

Due to ill health, Mr. Snooks retired, but before leaving the district in October 1907, the fire brigade members were pleased to make a presentation of silverware to Mr. Snooks, showing their appreciation for his generosity and work with the fire brigade.

DEATH OF KING EDWARD VII

The *Nathalia Herald*, 27 May 1910, printed the following news. At Nathalia last Friday, a large congregation at the Church of England held a special

service to mark the burial of our late King Edward VII. In the afternoon, the tolling of the **fire bell** caused to assemble a large crowd at the **bell tower** where, under the direction of Mr. H. M. Muntz, a platform had been erected. The service was attended by Mounted Rifles under Captain W. F. Smith, the Cadets and State School children under Mr. Sleeman, the Nathalia Fire Brigade under Captain F. H. Muntz, and the Nathalia Brass Band under Bandmaster Biggs. The President of the Shire [Cr. T. Thornton] pointed out that they were taking part in a ceremony that was being held throughout the civilised world in honour of their late great and honoured King. The band then played, followed by impressive speeches by Reverends Oates, Clemens and Walker. The **bell** was tolled in half-minute peals and the Mounted Rifles fired the royal salute as a mark of reverence. [Abridged]

The *Nathalia Herald*, 15 June 1915, confirmed that: Permission was granted to the Nathalia Church of England, to place a sign on the **bell tower**. In the same paper it was confirmed that: News had reached Nathalia that ex-fireman John Gordon "Jack" Scouller, had been killed in action at the Dardanelles. "Jack" was affectionately known to all as, "the darling of Nathalia." His father, Jim Scouller as well as himself, had been highly respected members of the brigade and had done good work for the brigade while in it. Fireman Furze and Gray moved that a letter of condolence be sent to the parents of ex-fireman Scouller. It was also moved at the meeting that: An enlarged photo of young Jack, be secured and placed in the station.

To be continued.....



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.

June Wraps up huge year for Moira FoodShare

With the close of the 2022/2023 financial year Moira FoodShare is pleased to share that that we have helped a record amount of residents within the Moira and Berrigan local government areas.

Staggeringly Moira Foodshare distributed over 206,000kgs of food or the equivalent to 412,000 meals to residents within our community who needed support. This product had an estimated face value in excess of \$3 million dollars.

"Over the last twelve months we have seen demand peak in certain months that has never been seen before within our area. In June alone we had 3,490 visits to one of our agencies which equates to 10% of the total population" said James Rouel – Moira FoodShare Coordinator.

"What we have seen over the last 12 months is some real trends we do not expect to stop. Residents are doing it tougher than ever with floods, inflation, interest rates and we are seeing a new demographic of residents utilise our service that in the past have not".

With the increase in demand comes the additional pressures of finding food, more donations and generous organisations to ensure we can continue to offer as much support as possible. Without the generous support of our local shires, residents, small businesses and organisations Moira FoodShare would not be able to continue the work we do.

"We have a number of fundraising ideas and initiatives in the works to help us cover the running costs of our new demand and we really look forward to our amazing community supporting us like they have for so long".



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Limbo, UK 2020 104 mins...

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On a fictional remote Scottish island, (filmed on the Western Isles. North and South Uist) a group of refugees are placed in a temporary residence as they await the results of their asylum claims.

At the heart of the story is Omar, a Syrian musician who is unable to work during his asylum process. He carries his oud, a Middle Eastern string instrument, with him at all times. As the film unfolds, it becomes apparent that Omar's hand is injured and doubts arise about his ability to play the oud. He frequently uses the only available pay phone to speak with his parents in Istanbul, who share concerns about his safety as well as the well-being of his brother Nabil.

The daily lives of the men are relatively uneventful. They attend awkward cultural awareness classes led by Helga and Boris. They share their dreams

with each other—Wasef aspires to play football for Chelsea F.C. —and ponder whether their remote location is a deliberate attempt to "break" them. They are aware that as single men, they are



considered low priority. Their leisure time is spent watching episodes of the television show *Friends*, which sparks intense debates between Abedi and Wasef regarding relationship dynamics.

Described as a funny and poignant cross-cultural satire...this slow and thoughtful film brings attention to a rooster, Freddy Mercury, and surprising references to universal western culture.

Information, Philippa, 0400 037 432

Copy of U3A Nathalia Films till June 2024 available from Philippa.

Membership of U3A Nathalia \$30 July 2023 to June 2024.

Why run from Nathalia to Melbourne?

Leading Senior Constable Kyle Gemmill is planning to run seven ultra-marathons (441 kilometres) in seven days to honour the life of his SOG mate and mentor Brendan Warbutton (known as KB), who died from Ewing Sarcoma cancer in November last year and to raise funds to combat the disease.

"I am not a natural runner and have had 12 operations on my legs. I think that because it is such a challenge for me, it makes it the right way to honour KB."

He will start from his home town of Nathalia on November 3 and arrive at police headquarters on the anniversary of Warbutton's death. "We aim to raise \$100,000 for research," he says.

Kyle has not cut his hair or beard since the day before KB's funeral and will not cut either until he has completed the feat in November, earning him the nickname Forrest Gump among Victoria Police Members.

Kyle grew up in Nathalia before joining the Army and then the Police Force. He was a talented sportsman playing junior football and cricket for Nathalia winning many awards including the U17s Nathalia Football Club and Murray Football League Best and Fairest. Kyle also played senior football for Nathalia winning a number of premierships.

Kyle says his training is on track - he ran 45kms last weekend and says he has a few months to step it up.



Kyle Gemmill playing for Nathalia.



Kyle in training.

To launch the run from Nathalia up through Wangaratta and back to The Victoria Police Centre, Kyle is holding a sportsman's night on THURSDAY 2ND NOVEMBER at the Nathalia showgrounds. Two of the guests already lined up are AFL legend Anthony Stevens and NRL legend Ben Roarty. It promises to be an entertaining night and all proceeds will go to Ewing Sarcoma Cancer research through ANZSA (Australian New Zealand Sarcoma Association).

Tickets can be purchased at <https://events.humanitix.com/run4kb>

Gemmill has also set up a GoFundMe page [Fundraiser by Kyle Gemmill](#) : [RUN 4 KB - 441KM in 7 days - One Step At A Time \(gofundme.com\)](#) which has already raised over \$50,000.

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AFL LEGEND ANTHONY STEVENS

NRL LEGEND BEN ROARTY

2ND NOVEMBER 2023

ONE STEP AT A TIME

Nathalia and District Historical Society

Members of the Nathalia Historical Society were delighted to show visitors around the many display rooms and to chat about the olden day machinery on Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd of July. Several visitors, came to learn more about their ancestors while others had travelled from as far as W.A., Wagga Wagga and Gilgandra. Many local people also visited the precinct, and for a few it was their first time to look through the museum and collections of old machinery. Over all the weekend was a great success.



Nathalia Primary School News

NEW STAFF MEMBERS

Since the beginning of the school year we have had a number of changes to our staff in our school community.

We have said goodbye to Mr Chris McCallum and Miss Deborah Inglis who have both taken leave towards retirement. We, as a whole school, wish them both all the best for the future and thank them for their time, expertise and commitment they showed to the school over the years. We also thank Ms Jennifer McKillop for her time spent here teaching the students at the school.

We said hello to Mr Troy Woolley, who has stepped into the role of Acting Principal.

We have also employed a Student Welfare team: Ms Ashlea Baker, Mr Chris Rodriguez and Ms Deanne Palmer, make up this team; who are all here to provide our students (and families) with support and guidance when needed.

In term 2 we welcomed, Miss Caitlin Columbus, as the Grade 5/6 teacher. As well as Miss Tarni Phillips and Mrs Lauren Patten as Education Support Trainees; who have both been invaluable to the students at the school during this short time.

This week, Mr Trevor Mills joined our staff as the PE teacher and student engagement mentor.

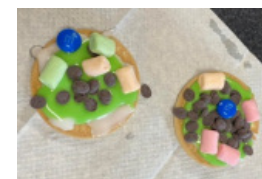
Please, if you are in the school grounds, or up the street, and see any of our school staff stop, have a chat and meet some of our team and show them how welcomed they are in Nathalia.

STUDENT SOCIAL CLUBS

This term we are hosting student social clubs at recess and lunchtimes. Small groups of students are able to join staff and participate in creative activities like cooking, mindfulness colouring, crafts, boardgames, lego making, knitting and so many more. So far the cooking class has been a favourite of many!

2024 ENROLMENTS OPEN

Enrolments for 2024 classes are now open for all year levels. If you have a student starting school, or are moving to the area, please do not hesitate to call the school on 58662677 to book a time to tour our school and see what educational programs we have to offer your children and pick up an enrolment pack.



33 new citizens welcomed from all corners of the shire and world

Moira Shire welcomed 33 new Australian citizens from 14 nations into the municipality on July 20. Two of these citizens are from Nathalia, Maud Sexton and Jake Reniva.

John Tanner AM, Chair of the Panel of Administrators for the Council and fellow Administrator Dr. Graeme Emonson PSM presided over the citizenship ceremony at the Cobram Civic Centre.

Students from Cobram Anglican Grammar and Cobram Secondary College also attended the ceremony with the College's students signing the National Anthem.

Mr. Tanner said becoming an Australian citizen was a significant step for the new citizens in showing loyalty to Australia and their desire to share a common future.

"It is an honour to present Australian citizenships to people who appreciate and value our society so much that they wish to become one of us and make Australia their home," he said.

"I take this opportunity to congratulate you all, welcome you and extend on behalf of your community and everyone here, best wishes for a happy and successful future as citizens of Australia.

"We have people represented from all corners of municipality and all corners of the world."

Among the citizens were former residents of the United Kingdom, the USA, Iraq, India, Philippines, New Zealand, Kenya, Myanmar, Denmark, Malta, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Ireland and the United Kingdom.

Mr. Tanner read a message from the Federal Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs, Andrew Giles, to the new citizens highlighting that today they joined "a nation that is one of the world's most successful multicultural societies, with around half of all Australians either born overseas, or with at least one parent born overseas.

"In Australia, everyone can be proud of who they are - and everyone should be respected, valued and feel a sense of belonging."

Mr. Giles said Australia was the land of the "fair go", in which respect and compassion underpin our care for each other and our willingness to reach out to those around us in times of need.

Mr. Tanner said it was inspiring to see so many new citizens there who were supported by their families in Australia and overseas and also the support from the students attending.



L-R: Dr Graeme Emonson PSM, Maud Sexton & John Tanner AM



L-R: Dr Graeme Emonson PSM, Jake Reniva & John Tanner AM



Probus News

After President Anne welcomed members and visitors Ian and Wendy Lusted to the meeting in the Dancocks Room at the Nathalia Sports and Community Centre, one minute of silent reflection was observed for the passing of our member Anne Smith. It was very sad news and members send their condolences to Ross Smith and family.

Those celebrating a birthday were acknowledged with chocolates and Win Young was announced as the competition winner, then it was time for the Show & Tell segment. As well as the 'footie' beanies from Nathalia, Picola, Collingwood, Essendon & Hawthorn, there were some interesting beanies from Canada and Peru and a Tea Cozy beanie knitted by Turkish women. We also had the Motor Neurone Disease beanie, the Organ Donor Beanie Bear and a 4 & 20 Pie beanie. One that caused much laughter was a bird like balaclava type beanie when donned by its owner. Well done members and our visitors.

Members finished the meeting with a few Bingo games. Winners were: Kath Brooks, Kaye Crane, Laurel Dimond, Jock Crane & Ian Lusted.

On Wednesday 26th July members & friends will travel to the Shepparton



Dawn Bowen, Margaret Liddell and Lyn Franklin with beanies.

Art Museum (SAM), followed by lunch at the RSL Club. The coach will leave from the PO at 9.30am and return by 3pm. There will be a report on this outing later.

Visitors are also most welcome to attend any Probus meeting in the Dancocks Room at the Nathalia Community Centre at 10.00am on the third Tuesday of each month.



Persian beanie.



Beanie in the middle is from Turkey.



Maryse Quarrell calling the bingo.

Gail celebrates retirement and 40 years at Numurkah Hospital

Gail Grinter (nee Baker) who lives in Kaarimba began her nursing training at the Warragul Hospital in 1975 at 18 years old, straight after finishing school. All the training nurses were required to live at the hospital under a matron for the duration of their training. The matron was very strict in those days. If the girls went out, they had to be back in by 10.30pm or they would be locked out & have to go to the head matron to be let back in. Girls would sneak out the windows and cover for each other. Men were forbidden in the nurse's quarters and cottages. Gail's brother Max was smuggled in one day for a shower on his way to a concert. Another day Gail's father, Max senior, was smuggled in so he could carry a television into the cottage Gail was living in.

Gail spent 3 years training in Warragul. Graduation was a big celebration. Wearing the veil was very prestigious.



Tanya Bell (new community midwife) & Gail Grinter



CEO Jacqui Phillips & Gail Grinter



Gail Grinter & Pam Van Beek on their First pay day in front of Mary Sargent Ward, Warragul.



Group 75 1 at West Gippsland Hospital



1976 in theatre Gail (left), Pam Van Beek and Pam Billing.

She then worked in theatre at the Mooroopna Hospital (was Goulburn Valley Base back then). She was considered a very capable nurse by the surgeons, especially Dr Ferguson who wanted her to assist him when he went to Africa. She lived at Rushworth house behind the hospital where she met a friend Louis. The first time they met, they decided to travel the world together, which they did including a stint working in the Leukemia ward of the Hammersmith hospital in England.

Gail returned to nursing in Shepparton then completed 12 months of midwifery training at the Queen Vic Hospital in Melbourne. Again Gail lived on site with the other nurses and a strict matron.

Gail returned to the GV, working in Kyabram then finally starting at Numurkah hospital in 1983 after she got married. Gail worked in theatre, general ward and as a midwife while they still had babies born at the hospital. There were about 60-80 babies born each year, and Gail was there to help deliver many of them. During one big theatre operation, the surgeon needed Gail to use the suction and it would not work. Everyone was rushing about trying to figure out what was wrong, when Gail eventually realised she was standing on the suction hose! Most recently she worked as the solo community midwife handling the pre and post-natal care of local mothers & babies. Gail ran antenatal classes for many

years in the evenings and was renowned for her humorous take on the material.

It would give Gail great joy to see the mothers and babies down the street whom she assisted. There were a few who she assisted with their birth and then when the babies were having their own babies. Gail famously announced at a family Christmas to everyone that she had seen a niece's new boyfriend naked...when he was born of course!

Gail was very devoted to the community midwife job. Late nights finishing paperwork after several home visits to new mums was a norm. Those close saw the extent of Gail's concern for her patients and maintaining the services offered from the Numurkah Hospital. She has cared for her patients young and old with care and compassion and made a wonderful career as a nurse. Like most nurses, she has quite the sense of humour (I guess they have to) and has made many special friends of her colleagues. Gail officially retired this month after 48 years nursing, 40 of those at Numurkah. We thank Gail for her incredible contribution.

~ With thanks to Pam Van Beek, Louis Wilkinson, Kathy Eyre, Tanya Bell, Chris Baker & Ellen Morcombe for this story.



1993 Christmas day - Kathy Eyre, Annie Van Popering and Gail Grinter



Gail assisting Max Baker to bathe baby Michael



International Nurses day 1997 - Gail, Kathy Eyre, Sue Helmore, Annie Padgett

The G.R.A.I.N. Store Update



William Kelly (artist)
Rest In Peace May 1943 - 21 July 2023

The G.R.A.I.N. Store told Bill on his birthday our idea of a screening of *William Kelly's Can Art Stop A Bullet? The Big Picture* as an acknowledgement of his work. William Kelly was not interested in a tribute, but agreed to the screening timed to draw attention to the anniversary of the atomic bombing of the people of Hiroshima.

Intended as an opportunity for us to come together to know more about the national treasure who lived and worked in our midst, the screening now has

an additional resonance as the event explores many questions including the question Bill dedicated his life to answering, 'Can Art Stop a Bullet?'

You are invited to join us to celebrate the impact Bill has had on our community and on the wider world. Together we will watch a screening of the documentary 'Can Art Stop a Bullet', hosted by the director of the film Mark Street and featuring words from a few guests to Bill and Veronica and the Nathalia community.

The Nathalia and District Choir will perform songs of peace from Japan, South Africa and a special performance of 'Our House' by Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young as requested by Bill.



Veronica & William Kelly

DETAILS :

Time: August 5th, Doors open 5.30pm,

Event 6.30pm-9.30pm

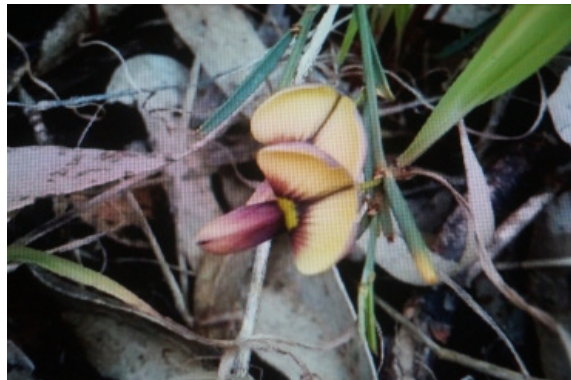
Location: Nathalia Uniting Church Hall (Bromley Street/Chapel Street)

Cost: \$20 with supper and drinks at bar prices

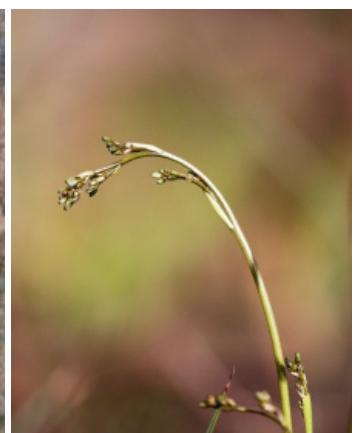
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Nathalia Wildflower Group



Nine members of the Nathalia Wildflower Group enjoyed searching for native plants along Baxter's Drive on Saturday 15th July. Quite a few plants were located, along with several species of fungi. Everyone appreciated the pleasant day and walk beside the Broken Creek.



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Welcome to Nathalia Preschool's term 3



The children have all settled back into their preschool routines with comfort and were eager to see their peers again. The children in the 4yr preschool group have been maintaining their preschool environment with helping to remove the old hedge. The skills the children demonstrated were their ability to follow directions, working alongside each other, making safe choices and all working for the one outcome, the removal of the hedge.



The old hedge passed its lifespan.



Sam K & Nixon working together to pull the branches out to the vacant block



A huge pile of branches to move



A very different view with the hedge gone!

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DEATHS

SHILLING (Clarke), Betty Lorraine

22.11.1942 ~ 23. 7.2023

Late of Nathalia, formerly of Kotupna. Passed away peacefully at Nathalia Hospital, in her 81st year. Dearly loved wife of Edgar (dec). Our loving Mum, Grandma and Great Grandma, dearly loved by her children and their partners Bobby and Amporn; Glenys (dec.); Norman and Debbie; Jeanette; Noelene and David; Dorothy and her 19 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

*Sweet is the sleep that ends all pain,
We would not wake you to suffer again.
In God's garden you rest above,
In our hearts you rest with love.*

Reunited with Dad and Glenys

SMITH (Wise), Anne

In her 72nd year

Late of Nathalia, formerly of Shepparton passed away suddenly at Epworth Hospital on July 17, 2023.

Our loving Wife, Mum and "Anne" dearly loved by her husband Ross; her daughter Debbie and partner Paul; and her grandchildren Sienna and James.

*In Loving Memory
Always Remembered*



BEREAVEMENT THANK YOU

RENDELL, June

Please accept this as our personal thank you to all who visited Mum - June Rendell whilst in Hospital and to everyone who provided comfort through visits, food, phone calls, flowers, gifts and cards on the occasion of her passing. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

~ Lynda, Glennys and their immediate families

CONDOLENCES



SMITH, Anne

The Rotary Club of Nathalia offer their sincere condolences to Ross, Debbie and family at the passing of Anne Smith.



SMITH, Anne

UBC Nathalia branch was saddened to learn of the sudden death of Anne Smith, on July 17th.

All members would like to extend their deepest condolences to Ross and family on her passing.

FUNERAL

SHILLING (Clark) - A Service to celebrate the life of Mrs. Betty Lorraine Shilling will be held at the Uniting Church, Chapel St., Nathalia on FRIDAY August 4, 2023, at 11 am after which the cortege will leave for the Nathalia Lawn Cemetery.

No flowers by request, donations in lieu appreciated to Cancer Council Victoria. Envelopes available at the Service.

Family and Friends who are unable to attend are welcome to view Betty's Service on this link: <https://petercoxfunerals.com.au/live-streaming/>

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SMITH (Wise) - A Service to celebrate the life of Mrs. Anne Smith will be held at the Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Robertson St. Nathalia on TUESDAY Aug. 1, 2023, at 11 am after which the cortege will leave for the Nathalia Lawn Cemetery.

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MEETINGS

NATHALIA DISTRICT WELFARE

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**DATE: Monday, August 7th, 2023
VENUE: Senior Citizens Rooms,
Harcourt Street, Nathalia.
TIME: 10.00 am**

*General Meetings are held on the 1st Monday of each month except December and January.
All past, present members and new volunteers welcome!*



Nathalia Angling Club Annual General Meeting

**Monday 7th August 2023
Time: 7.00 pm**

Club Rooms Cnr Manifold & Chapel St, Nathalia 3638
All welcome!



The Trust of the NATHALIA PUBLIC CEMETERY cordially invites you to attend our **Annual General Meeting**

**Monday 21st August 2023
Library Meeting Room
Time 7:00pm**

This will be followed by the Quarterly Meeting which is not open to the public.

**Contact Christine:
nctrust3638@gmail.com**

NATHALIA & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Annual General Meeting

**Wednesday 16th August 2023
Time: 10.30am**
Historical Precinct, 45 Pearce St, Nathalia 3638
All welcome!

**WAAIA TOWN WATER INC.
Annual General Meeting**

**Monday 14th August 2023
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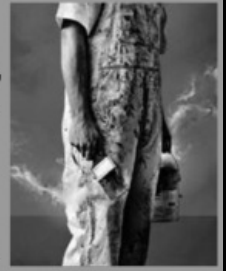
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Junior Football Reports Round 16

NATHALIA JUNIOR FOOTBALL

U14's: Nathalia 3.7.25 def Numurkah 2.6.18

Goals: H. Whyte, L. Barton, C. Russell.

On a perfect Sunday morning for football we travelled over to take on Numurkah and after playing out a draw in our last hitout we knew we were going to have another close game. The heavy dew on the ground made it hard to win the ball at ground level but Mason Hatton in the ruck was fantastic giving our on ballers first use all day. Hugh Stone was everywhere his work around the contest was awesome. Grandpa Gus Frostick filled up the holes and cut off Numurkah's forward entries. Hamish Whyte was rewarded with a goal for his hard running, Caleb Russel slipped up forward in the last after playing well down back and hit the scoreboard also. Zander Quinn went back in the last to steady us up and played a great role. All in all it was a great team effort with everyone having an impact and there's nothing better than knocking our rivals off on Sunday - great work boys. Awards: Past Players: Noah Butler, Nathalia Printers: Gus Frostick, Rex James Stockfeed: Hugh Stone, Frostick Contracting: Zander Quinn, Bendigo Bank: Hamish Whyte.



Nathalia's Hugh Stone in Under 14's action.

U17's: Nathalia 3.3.21 def by Numurkah 12.11.83

Goals: N. Frostick, T. Kendall, J. Dohnt. On a good day for footy with a breeze to one end we faced the Numurkah thirds in what turned out to be a pretty tough day. From the outset the Blues were hungrier and able to transition the ball efficiently. Unfortunately we were not able to get going at all due to Numurkah's pressure which was of good quality. Our backs were under siege all day with constant good delivery coming from upfield. Tom Dohnt and Brady Walpole defended manfully to try and turn the tide giving their all. Other players who battled hard were Harry McDonald who took a lot of strong marks, Josh Dohnt who worked really hard and River Freeman who did some really good things. We will learn a lot from this experience and look to alter a few things next week. Awards: Marc Quarrell Civil Construction: Harry McDonald, Mick's Pizza Shack: Tom Dohnt, AV Hughes Excavations: Brady Walpole, On Trend Cabinetry: Josh Dohnt, TJ's IGA: River Freeman.

WAAIA JUNIOR FOOTBALL

Under 17's - No Game

U14's: Waaia 23.14-152 def Mathoura 1.0-6

Goals: O. Buckland 4, P. Meyland 3, J. Brown 3, P. Power 2, T. Smith 2, T. Decker 2, C. Shelton 2, O. Carey, J. O'Dwyer, B. Fairless, S. Caldwell, T. Buckland. After a less close than expected encounter with Strathy in round Fifteen, the Bombers were out for the four points on their home deck, their opponents the Mathoura Cutters. It was a one-sided encounter, dictated on Bomber terms, Blake Fairless tapping magnificently, Oscar and Tait Buckland running amok through the guts like a virulent vinaloo, Jai Brown rampaging the corridor between the attacking fifty and the big sticks, solid in his grabs, with Oscar Buckland kicking a handful between them, but leaving some for Oscar Carey, Porter Meyland and Travis Decker to get their name on the scoresheet too. It may have been a tough season for the Cutters, but they kept their chins up and battled hard, in the second quarter supported by a trio of Bomber guns supplied by Coach Dan Coutts, a symbiotic move allowing our stronger players the chance to match up against the bigger bodies, our wing men to get involved, and most importantly, allowing the Mathoura boys to get some of the pill and this policy continued throughout the match. The second half of the match seeing plenty of positional changes allowing Tait Buckland, Spencer Caldwell, Angus Coutts, Blake Fairless and Joel O'Dwyer to grab a goal apiece, with hard hitting Preston Power and Teddy Smith each grabbing a couple of hard fought goals, and Cohen Shelton breaking out for a couple too, the Bombers registering thirteen individual goal-scorers in a brilliant team effort. It was a game of great spirit and mutual respect, umpired with sensitivity, and I congratulate the Mathoura team on their tenacity which shows lots of sparkle for the future. Awards: Murray Valley Rural & Plumbing: Jai Brown, Ultimate Auto Repairs: Cohen Shelton, GV House & Building Inspections: Javier Meyland, Numurkah Milk Supply: Angus Coutts, AgWarehouse/Waaia Canteen: Spencer Caldwell.

PICOLA JUNIOR FOOTBALL

U11's: Great to have a full side of 18 and everyone getting in on the action with great tackle pressure and a couple of scoring shots.

Awards: R&T Fynch Magic Moment: Alby, Iron Estate canteen/lollyshop: Edward and Samson.

U14's: Picola 3.5-23 vs Deniliquin 10.8-68

Goals: T. Dohnt 2, R. Caldwell 1.

With Roo permits finally arriving we headed out to the paddock, guns at the hip we were determined to push the Roos back over the river. We were in the thick of it all day, firing a few shots, however we found our sights were slightly out and couldn't always capitalise on our opportunities. Marksman Tommy was a standout, shooting two along with Ryan who also hit the scoreboard. Lachie proved he's as



Waaia's Cohen Shelton in Under 14 action against Mathoura last Saturday, 22nd July.

~ Photo courtesy Janet Brooks

tough as Woodpecker lips, battling the game out with blood pouring from the schnoz. While Beau and Raudy took it right up to the opposition in the midfield. An impressive team game against quality opposition, I'm sure the Roos will be nervous stepping foot in our paddock again next year. Awards: Powerlivestock trophy B.O.G/Picola Hay Supplies: Tommy Dohnt, Intersport Echuca: Ryan Caldwell, Jay & Bec Caldwell: Beau Griffiths, Barmah Roadhouse voucher: Mitch Daniel, Barmah Social Club canteen voucher: Lachie Moor, B.D: Raudan Bray, Yambuna Fire Brigade: Daniel Kirk.

U17's: Picola 0.0-0 vs Deniliquin 26.20-176

The thirds had a massive task going head to head with Deni who are undefeated so far this season. Without Matt Jorgensen it was always going to be a hard slog. Starting the day with an inexperienced midfield the expectations weren't overly high, but Jack Hutchins was jumping way over the top of the opposing ruckman trying to get the ball into Logan Daniel's hands. Deni got couple of quick goals early but after a couple of changes to strengthen the defence we managed to slow down the scoring of Deni. Marcus Burns was huge in defence doing everything he could to stop them scoring earning himself the mug for the day. Josh Burns also continued his form from last week giving heaps of effort in the guts and in defence along with Oscar Binks. Nic Giffin was given then hardest task for the day playing on the leading goal kicker and really made him work for his scoring opportunities. The scoreboard didn't reflect how hard the boys played and the effort they put in. Awards: Dove Motors mug/Lubke Engineering: Marcus Burns, Intersport Echuca: Jack Hutchins B & E Daniel voucher: Josh Burns, Peter Limbrick: Oscar Binks, Barmah Roadhouse voucher: Logan Daniel, Barmah Social Club canteen voucher: Nic Giffin.

Nathalia v Numurkah Round 16

FOOTBALL

Seniors: Nathalia 15.8.98 def Numurkah 3.10.28

Goals: L. Evans 6, G. Boyd 4, L. Gemmill, D. Barnes, C. Congues, B. Ross, B. Bell.



On Sunday afternoon we took Numurkah in perfect conditions for football. Going into the match Numurkah were sitting second on the ladder and after our first encounter we knew we were going to have to bring our best to get the win. We got off to a great start winning the toss and kicking with the breeze we were able to kick 6 first quarter goals to nil. All over the ground everyone was playing their role doing exactly as instructed. Our backs rebounded well all day providing plenty of drive through the middle of the ground and into the forward line. Our mids competed really well defending the corridor making it really difficult for easy entries in the Numurkah's forward line, which enabled our backs to really prevent them from scoring. Our back 6 were fantastic again with some stand out performances from our half backs in Tom Nihill, Ryan Butler and Alex Hicks all playing really well. Going into the second half we knew that Numurkah were going to come back as all good sides do but to our credit we were able with withstand the pressure and maintain our lead winning by 12 goals. **Awards:** Ryan Meat Co: Tom Nihill, Bourke Group: Kai Lundberg, Liddell Group -Delcorp: Alex Hicks, NFNC Meal Voucher: Jared Laffy, Brereton's Bakery: Ryan Butler, Past Players: Mal Barnes.

Reserves: Nathalia 10.9.69 def Numurkah 2.8.20
Goals: J. Gemmill, K. Kopsidas, O. Sheehan 2, C. Sheehan, M. Carroll, M. Frostick, J. Vallender.

A tight contest was guaranteed between Nathalia and Numurkah, particularly after the previous draw between these two teams. Nathalia jumped quickly from the blocks kicking with the wind and giving the forwards plenty of opportunities to score. Zammit and Carroll were dangerous up forward and Josh Gemmill was, as usual, hard at it and willing to put his head over the ball. Kopsidas was given the role of rebound half back with a licence to kick goals and he didn't disappoint, becoming one of Nathalia's most damaging players. The Sheehan twins took control in the midfield and Chris Brown gathered possessions and brought his team mates into the game through creative handpassing and run. Conroy, Dietrich, Congues and Bramwell were a dominant force at clearances all day and their hard tackling took the wind out of the opposition. This was a great win for the twos against a quality opposition, and a credit to every Nathalia player on the field. **Awards:** Limbrick Accounting: Chris Brown, Mick Hogan Excavations: Charlie Sheehan, NFNC Meal Voucher: Josh Gemmill, Bell's Water Cartage: Byron Woods, Brereton's Bakery: Kaleb Kopsidas.

NETBALL

U11's: Great game played by all. Plenty of great passages of play and many intercepts. **Awards:** Past Players: Jordyn Rudd, Bendigo Bank: Blair Johns, TJ's IGA: Amelia Patone, Nathalia Early Learning Centre: Sinead Hatton.



Nathalia's Josh Gemmill took out an award in the reserves in what was a solid victory against Numurkah last Sunday.

~ Photos Courtesy Jeanette Hill



Tayah Lundberg recieved BOC in Nathalia's 15 & Under win against Numurkah.

U13's: Nathalia 20 vs Numurkah 25

The girls were unlucky this week going down by 5 goals. Their work rate in the fourth quarter was awesome with everyone applying pressure throughout the court. **Awards:** Bendigo Bank: Sienna Vallender, Shepparton Marketplace Subway: Ivy Patone, TJ's IGA: Keira Liddell.

U15's: Nathalia 27 vs Numurkah 18

Fantastic game girls. A full squad so lots of adjustment and positional changes by the team which was handled seamlessly. Tight smothering defence, direct throws and strong work in and around the ring. **Awards:** Broken Creek Physio & Pilates: Tayah Lundberg, Post Office: Jayda Liddell, Al's Café: Molly McLennan.

U17's: Nathalia 41 vs Numurkah 44

It was a beautiful day for a game of netball. The girls came out hard and gave it everything they had. Going into the last quarter the score was level, but unfortunately we went down by 3 in the end but great improvements were seen. **Awards:** Barmah Pub NFNC Merch: Jayda Hawks, Sportfirst Numurkah: Jasmine Johns, Bendigo Bank: Layla Haberfield.

C Reserve: Nathalia 34 def by Numurkah 54

The girls come up against a very tough and well oiled Numurkah team, who are sitting 2nd on the ladder. The girls should be very proud of the game they played, particularly our defence end who came up against some very experienced shooters. Thanks again to our 15&U girls Tayah and Molly for filling in. We appreciate you and everything you contribute to our team. **Awards:** Limo's Mitre 10: Jakara Lancaster, Three Belles Coffee Cake: Kellie Guthrie, Brereton's Bakery: Molly McLennan.

C Grade: Nathalia 33 vs Numurkah 40

After a rocky start to the game, Numurkah were able to get a jump on the lead and we couldn't quite grasp our way back. A few silly mistakes and bad passes which we hope to iron out on the way to finals. There was warm glow in the mid court and even she couldn't get us over the line. Bring on next Saturday. **Awards:** TJ's IGA: Hayley Summerville, Mick's Pizza Shack: Christie Schram, Nathalia Hair & Beauty: Annie Dietrich.

B Grade: Nathalia 41 vs Numurkah 38

Our intensity was high right from the first whistle! The girls put in the hard work and their determination to win the ball was second to none. Rhianna and Laura did a lot of gut running through the middle which held us in good stead to stay in the lead all game. Amber kept her composure and shot beautifully while having two defenders on her most times. The score line shows how close of a game it was and I'm so proud of all the girls with their efforts, I could've given awards to everyone. Les Rudd Haulage: Rhianna Webster, NFNC Meal Voucher: Laura Harvey-Hawkins, Casual Step: Amber Steicke.

A Grade: Nathalia 45 vs Numurkah 46

A thrilling contest from the first whistle to the last by the girls on Sunday. The relentless efforts and determination is what keeps us in the game week after week. Some fantastic passages of plays, goaling and defensive turn overs contributed to the game it was, it felt there wasn't a weakness across the board. Well done and bad luck to the A grade team, they played outstanding. Bring on Tocumwal next week! **Awards:** Nathalia TJ's IGA: Lisa Kellow, Northern Victorian Bait co: Liv Tilyard, Bells Water Cartage: Abbey Bell.

UPCOMING FOOTBALL & NETBALL GAMES



Murray Football Netball League:

Round 17: 29/7/23: Nathalia v Tocumwal (match played at Nathalia)

Round 18: 5/8/23: Nathalia - Bye



Picola & District Football Netball League:

Round 17: 29/7/23: Picola United - Bye

Round 17: 29/7/23: Deni Rovers v Waaia (match played at Deniliquin)

Round 18: 5/8/23: Tungamah v Picola United (match played at Tungamah)

Round 18: 5/8/23: Waaia v Blighty (match played at Waaia)



Picola United v Deniliquin Round 16

In round 16 we welcomed Deni Rovers for our last home game of the year. It was also our Annual Indigenous round with our senior & reserves players wearing the specially designed jumpers, created by our very own Matty Atkinson. Casey Atkinson commenced the senior game with a Welcome to Country along with life member Stevie Atkinson who was there to toss the coin. Our guest speaker Chris Baksh entertained the crowd in the evening with stories from his playing and coaching career across Australia. All in all it was a very successful day for the club and a big thank you to Doug and Kaye along with Nicole McKenzie for their hard work.



Pictured: Zac McKenzie displaying Picola United Indigenous guernseys for 2023 - designed by Matty Atkinson. The jumpers were worn and auctioned off on the 22nd of July for Picola's Annual Indigenous round.



Picola's Annual Indigenous round was capped off in the evening with an engaging and informative interview with Chris Baksh. Pictured Scott McKenzie interviewing Chris.

Looking forward we have Tungamah for our last home and away match before finals, good luck to all teams for the remainder of the year. Go Blues! ~ President Clinton

Reserves: Picola 1.2-8 vs Deniliquin 9.16-70

Goal: H. Brown.

The reserves had a tough task ahead of themselves coming up against third placed Deni. But a win would give us a decent chance of playing finals. The boys started off well, winning the contested ball but we weren't able to capitalise going forward. At times we took it up to Deni which was a real positive considering our improvement from earlier in the year playing some of the top sides. Going down by 10 goals but plenty of fight shown. We were able to get some familiar faces back to the club which was fantastic. Our consistent performers Austin Morgan BOG, Darcy Maloney, Joe Holloway and Mitch Hore all playing good games. One last chance in a couple weeks to push for a finals birth. Let's give it a crack. Awards: Fertgrain mug/Yum Yum Bricklaying: Austin Morgan, Brereton's Bakery voucher: Darcy Maloney, Worklocker Echuca: Mitch Hore, Limbrick Accounting: Joe Holloway, Barmah Roadhouse: Rusty Byrnes-Smith.

Seniors: Picola 13.15-93 vs Deniliquin 19.8-122

Goals: C.Haub 5, D.Cunningham 2, B Jorgensen, R Knight, B Power, T Smith, D.Walsh, R Woodland. Heading into a really important game for our senior side as well as the club. The boys brought a fantastic effort and intensity from the first bounce. In what was a high-scoring affair the team played three good quarters of football. Unfortunately, three quarters wasn't enough for us to get the result we needed. Cody Haub was running everywhere and marking everything finishing with five goals for the game. Connor Langley down back showed some great signs and battled hard in one on one contests all day. It looks like Sean Solar will be going to the ATM as Jason Beckett played another super consistent game. Matt

Hore, Tanner Smith, Marcus Walsh and Daniel Maher battled really well in the midfield throughout the day. We will look forward to the week off and then getting stuck into Tungamah in the last game of the year. Awards: DMH Mug & Barmah Hotel voucher: Cody Haub, Brereton's Bakery Voucher: Matt Hore, Limos Mitre 10: Jason Beckett, Blake St Butchery: Rhys Woodland, Barmah Roadhouse voucher: Marcus Walsh. Minis: Very tough game against Deni, but everyone worked very hard for all 6 quarters to hold the pressure. We pushed for heaps of intercepts but unfortunately didn't get them to turn into goals but fought every minute of the game. Awards: Coaches award: Shelby Mckenner, Barmah Social Club: Jess Bray, Intersport Echuca: Immi McLean. **13&U: Picola 11 vs Deniliquin 33** The girls put up a great fight and the score line did not represent the game. Our full court pressure was fantastic. It was an amazing effort against a very strong team. Awards: Baxter Family Medallion: Taneesha Atkinson, Barmah Social Club: Ruby Whitelegg, PUFNC canteen voucher: Eva Watson. **15&U: Picola 20 vs Deniliquin 40** Amazing game girls! We fought hard the whole game and really put pressure on Deni as a top



Pictured above: Picola United Seniors Football, number 27 Brandon Byrne goes up for the mark over his teammate, Darby Walsh while Matt Hore looks on.



Picola United Reserves Footballer Ben Nave kicks away. ~ Photos Courtesy Michelle Legge

team. Our skills and teamwork have improved so much since round 1. I am so proud of you all. Awards: Brereton's Bakery: Molly Sheahan, Power Livestock: Charlie Ryan, Intersport Echuca: Amy Caldwell.

17&U: Picola 7 vs Deniliquin 35

Amazing team game by the girls! One of the best for the season! They kept going 100% the entire time and had some awesome passages of play. Awards: Barnett Family Award: Georgia Barnett, Brereton's Bakery: Stella Bowman, Intersport Echuca: Milla Teasdale. **C Reserve: Picola 22 vs Deniliquin 40** Very tough game against a strong team. Our defenders worked really hard on shooters that were rough. Great back up from everybody!! Birch Earthmoving: Lee Elliot, Three Belles Cafe: Natasha Morgan.

C Grade: Picola 22 vs Deniliquin 52

A very tough and physical game. Deni were strong throughout the whole game. Amy was amazing with her rebounding and defending. Maddy and Kloe fought hard the whole game. Unfortunately we lost Amber in the second quarter and was left with no bench, but we kept fighting and kept our heads high. Awards: Brereton's Bakery: Maddy Somerville & Kloe O'Keefe, 3 Black Sheep: Amy Roache. **B Grade: Picola 22 vs Deniliquin 47** A tough game against the ladder leaders. Our second quarter was our best and showed our potential. We won the quarter with our pressure and determination. Inconsistent game but showed moments of great effort. Awards: Scrumdiddlyumious Catering: Georgia Barnett Casual Step: Clare Greaves.

A Grade: Picola 16 vs Deniliquin 63

The girls had four consistent quarters. Our defenders worked tirelessly in the ring applying good pressure. We did great leads to the ball and positioned ourselves well around the ring. A great team effort with good communication across the court. Well done with coming second girls. Awards: Three Black Sheep/Colour & Co: Kim

Waaia v Mathoura Round 16



FOOTBALL

Seniors: Waaia 20.22-142 def Mathoura 6.5 -41

Goals: C. Burrows 5, S. Richardson 4, B. Armstrong 2, M. Cleeland 2, S. Trower 2, J. Trower 2, B. Coates, H. Walker, W. Foster.

Back on home deck hosting Mathoura and nearing the end of the season needing a win the bomber boys got the hot start that had been so elusive in recent weeks. A big quarter time buffer thanks to some nice ball movement allowing the forwards plenty of chances in front of goal. The second quarter was a lot scrappier as Mathoura found their way back into the contest meaning the game was still in the balance at half time. Another big third quarter was required and it was delivered in spades as the scoreboard got flowing again. Much of the same in the fourth enabled a big win in front of the home crowd. Ash Holland was dominant all around the ground again and led from the front. Sam Richardson continued his good form kicking four goals up forward. Austin Tricarico, Ash Thompson, Jesse Trower and Tim Belford all have plenty of run around the ground and grunt in and around the contest. An all round good display in what was a good day to be in red and black. Another big challenge next week on the road to Deni. **Awards:** Rex James Stockfeed: Sam Richardson, Bendigo Bank / Waaia Hotel: Tim Belford, Gagliardi Scott Real Estate & Telegraph Hotel: Jesse Trower, M O'Dwyer Most Determined: Will Foster, D Botterill Construction: Harvey Walker, Tyndall Excavations: Todd Davies.

Reserves: Waaia 24.18-162 def Mathoura 0.0-0

Goals: M. Meyland 12, R. Bradbury 3, A. Carmody 2, W. Trower, S. Boyd, D. Furnell, L. Karl, C. Brown, G. Meyland, N. Cornick.

Was a great outing for the Waaia Twos as they were able to bounce back against Mathoura. The boys played a great brand of footy for four quarters and kept Mathoura scoreless throughout the whole game. Mark Meyland dominated booting 12 goals, he was accompanied by Connor Brown who found a lot of the footy around the ground. Lachie Karl also played a great game in the midfield racking up clearance after clearance. We are looking to racing off against a strong Deni side next week. **Awards:** GV Steel Supplies & Waaia Hotel: Mark Meyland, Graincorp / Telegraph Hotel: Connor Brown, Numurkah Truck Repairs: Lachlan Henderson, Trelleborg Wheel System: Greg Meyland, Sprunt Livestock: Steve Hixon.

NETBALL

U11's: All the girls played so well together as a team they went in and never gave up fighting for the ball. With fantastic re leads from the mid court and amazing back up

from the defence end with a few turn overs, passing and not crowding was great! All girls that played in the goals end scored at least 2 goals each, everyone should be so proud of themselves this week. **Awards:** C&C Wilson Cash Award: Joss Stammers, Canteen: Ella Mionnet.

13&U: Waaia 12 def by Mathoura 24

Stepping onto the court against Mathoura was always going to be a tough ask, but the girls can hold their heads high. Going into the game we looked to concentrate on our defensive pressure and feeding into the ring & the girls delivered for most of the game.

Pippa Stammers and Hadassah Hibma combined well in the goals hitting their straps in the 3rd quarter.

Our young bombers took multiple intercepts across the court with the mid court of Stef Daniel, Myla Stuart & Macie Gilmour capitalising when opportunities arose. Lauren Parker stepped up again this week along with Ivy O'Dwyer and Jamieson Shelton, all given the task of keeping Mathoura attack under pressure in the ring and deliver they did. Whilst it was a loss on paper they are all still winners in my book, great game girls keep up the good work.

Awards: Pretty Paddocks: Ivy O'Dwyer, Canteen: Lauren Parker.

15&U: Waaia 45 def Mathoura 12

Every week every player steps up and shows a new skill. This week we saw a team who lifted each other and played a game of catch and throw successfully. That's all we have to do! Keep up the great attitude and play the game well. **Awards:** C&C Wilson: Katie Halden, Canteen: Georgia Plattfuss.

17&U: Waaia 53 def Mathoura 30

This week the girls came out firing and played a great team game. The first half, the girls played controlled and smart netball, taking the lead with the strong start. However, still developing their four quarter game. Ella fed the ball beautifully to her team mates in the ring,

adjusting to her player and consistency presenting to her team mates. Shaylee played an outstanding game, running the centre. Shaylee put pressure over the ball, making it a challenge for the opposition to get an easy pass. It was a great team game, getting behind each other and adjusting to all circumstances.

Awards: Spark Award: Ella Osbourne, Canteen: Shaylee Dietrich.

C Reserve: Waaia 32 def by Mathoura 40

Tough day at the office for the C Res girls. Unfortunately we played catch up netball all game. There were some great passages of play throughout each quarter but it wasn't consistent enough to get us over the line.

Brooke Parker moved well and rebounded her shots missed and Chrissie Karl intercepted passes and ran all day. **Awards:** Bell's Water Cartage: Brooke Parker, Telegraph Hotel: Chrissie Karl.

C Grade: Waaia 54 def Mathoura 28

Another game of many rotations that the team adapted to well. With a controlled first quarter, we began to lose our focus in the second. With an improvement in the third we continued momentum to finish off the game.

Ange defended well adjusted her play to each opponent she faced with applying plenty of pressure, backed up by Zoe with a strong defensive hold putting pressure on Mathoura's goalers which rewarded her with continuous rebounds that she snatched in.

Awards: Sportsfirst: Zoe Cooper, Telegraph Hotel: Andrea Bergamin.

B Grade: Waaia 57 def Mathoura 25

Fantastic team game, we put into practice what we worked on Thursday night. Mathoura showed up ready to play and fought hard for the ball. The Bomber girls put their hair ties in, pulled their sox up and put their heads down to play a solid four quarters of netball. Managing to build our lead each quarter whilst rotating players through the court shows the diversity of

the team. We have built a solid team bond and have each others back on the court. Congratulations to Amy Carey playing her 300th club game. **Awards:** BOG Carey Fabrication: Olivia Deane, Casual Step: Amy Carey.

A Grade: Waaia 52 def Mathoura 26

Our goal this week was to go out and nail those one percenters and that we did. The Bombers backed each other over the whole court, fighting for every loose ball. With some injured sore bodies on the side line we didn't let that slow us down trialling some new combinations playing a strong consistent 4 quarters of netball. Bombers are in for a big week of training this week to ensure we're in our best form as we face the undefeated Deni Rovers giving it our all with nothing to lose. **Awards:** GJ Gardener BOC: Eloise Walker, Waaia Hotel: Milly Foster.



Waaia's Mark Meyland continues his good kicking form with 12 goals against Mathoura. Mark holds a strong lead in the league reserves leading goal kicker for the season.



Waaia's Zoe Luddington in action last Saturday against Mathoura.

~ photos courtesy Janet Brooks

Winter Tennis Hits Off With A Bang

Nathalia Winter Tennis got off to an explosive start on Wed 19th July. After a break of more than 20 years, club members are trialling a winter format. After all, the club boasts two hard-surface courts with lights, there's no reason not to play over the winter! Players enjoyed three intensive sets of tennis, strictly timed to half an hour each set; they hardly felt the cold.



L-R: Dean Limbrick, Mick Luca, Helen Ginnivan, Jodie Daniel, Jim Brereton, Joe Nihill, Rose Nihill, Phillippa Slinger.



Nathalia winter tennis under lights.

Thanks to the working bee of volunteers who spent time getting the courts ready, fixing the nets, and doing essential court maintenance. Spectators are welcome to come down to watch and enjoy the ambience by the fire, 6.00pm every Wednesday. Anyone can book the synthetic courts with lights by logging into: <https://play.tennis.com.au/nathaliawntennisclub>.



Waaia Celebrate Milestone Games



Charlie Burrows

Last Saturday the 22nd July, Waaia celebrated two milestones in Charlie Burrows - 100 senior games and Amy Carey - 300 club games. Congratulations Buzz and Aims and here's to many more!

~ Photos courtesy Janet Brooks



Amy Carey

150 Senior games for Tom



Congratulations to Tom Nihill on playing his 150th senior game for Nathalia. Tom celebrated his milestone game on the 15th July in Nathalia's match against Rumbalara.

Tom is pictured being chaired off the ground by teammates Alex Hicks and Brodie Ross.



In the Swing at Nathalia Golf Club

This week's Results - Sponsored by TTI:

Wednesday the 12th of July - Winner Helen Ginnivan with 32 points. Well done Helen.

Friday Fun Day the 14th of July - six players played Ambrose.

Sunday the 16th of July - Only four players turned up on a great day for golf after the frost had cleared. Gary Manley won the day on 29 stableford points. No NTP.

Wednesday the 19th of July - Sponsored by REMAX: The ladies played par. Winner Dawn Morrison -7. No NTP .

No golf played Friday

Sunday the 23rd of July - six players played stableford, winner John Drenen with 35 stableford points. NTP Tony Brown.

The weather has picked up with some great days for golf.

Good hitting everyone and hope to see all out having a hit.



Womens Football Grand Final

Nathalia 2.3.15 def by Echuca 3.5.23
Goals: Abby Favaro, Kiara Cooper

Nathalia was defeated by a narrow margin against Echuca in last Sunday's Women's football Grand Final. In a tightly fought contest Nathalia held the lead at three-quarter time by one goal. Echuca scored only 1 goal for the first three quarters, but were able to get 2 on the board in the last quarter despite the continued strong defensive efforts of the Nathalia players to take the win.

Best: Abby Favaro, Alyx Jorgensen, Caitlyn Price, Aimee Sidebottom, Vanessa Ward, Maree Stephenson.



Nathalia's Cody Power gets the kick away.



Congratulations to Colleen Lewer from Nathalia on taking out the Northern Country Women's League 'Administrator of the Year Award'.



Nathalia Indoor Bowls Report

Thursday 13th July: Nathalia played Seniors Green at Nathalia in Indoor Bias Bowls pennant losing over all. Bev Hutchins(s), Berris Baldwin and John Gillard lost to Mark Nordbye(s), Chris Owen and Maynard Carlisle 16 shots to 23 shots.

Fay Hutchins(s), Ian Bolton and Julie Olsen lost to Trevor Bullock(s), Karren Nordbye and Colleen North 15 shots to 30 shots.

The Association Fours were played at Waaia on Monday night 9th July. The winners were a team from Waaia consisting of Ian Swain(s), Les Clarke, Geoff Coates and Maureen Coates. Runners up were Tom Haynes(s), Shirley Clarke, Rodney Clarke and Heather McCoy from Strathmerton.

Thursday 20th July: Nathalia played Seniors Blue at Numurkah Seniors Hub in Indoor Bias Bowls pennant losing over all. Bev Hutchins(s), Berris Baldwin and Ashley Hutchins lost to Les Addison(s), Alice McMahon and Arthur Wilson 18 shots to 23 shots.

Fay Hutchins(s), Ian Bolton and John Gillard lost to Noel Sutton(s), Ken Moffatt and Sheryl Green 16 shots to 29 shots.

Ladder as of Thursday 20th July: Waaia 102, Strathmerton 68, Seniors Green 64 Nathalia 53, Numurkah Town 46, Barooga 30, Seniors Blue 27.

The final game of pennant was played on Monday 24 and Tuesday 25 July.

Finals will start on Thursday 27th July. Well done to all who have made the finals.

2023 Nathalia Auskickers



And that's a wrap for Nathalia's 2023 Auskickers. Thank you to all the families for getting their kids involved, hopefully they've all enjoyed it and they have all improved as the sessions have gone on. Thanks also to the members of the NFNC for their passion, resources & support for putting Auskick on.



Nathalia Knights Round 11 Results



Under 10: Nathalia 4.5.28 defeated by St Augustine's 5.9.38

Goals: Jimmy Ryan 2, Nixon Croxford & Miller Butler 1. Well done Knights on a hard fought game, everyone played their role & should be proud of themselves.

Thank you to Jimmy Ryan & Jax Bell for helping us out when we were short. **Best:** Miller Butler, Jimmy Ryan, Tate Butler, Jaxon Bell, Ryder Vearing & Bodhi Bourke.



Nathalia Knights - Under 12's



Nathalia Knights - Under 10's round 11 action against St Augustine's.



Nathalia's co-coach Alyx Jorgensen sends the ball forward.



Abby Favaro looking to send the ball forward in the Women's Grand Final last Sunday.



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