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## NATHALIA & DISTRICTS NEWSPAPER

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## St Mary Of The Angels Annual Swimming Carnival



St Mary of the Angels students dress up to support their sport houses at their annual swimming carnival.

**Pictured left: 2023 House Leaders** (Back row L-R): Elly Slatterie, Jenna Mason, Caleb Wilson, Ned Bramwell, Molly Hindson,

Keeley O'Dwyer and Kobie Rahilly.

(Middle):

Bella Sefton and Hannah Summerville.

(Front):

Abby Commadeur, Elliott Binks and Sophie Kennedy.

**Pictured right:**

Sean Watters who won the Michael McLean Award.

More information photos pages 12 & 13.

Photos:  
Julie Moore



## U3A Photography Group visit Moira Lakes



Photo: Heather Henderson



Photo: Judy Ormond

The U3A Photography Group took some beautiful photos on their early morning trip to the Moira Lakes. See more photos on pages 14 & 15.

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## Community Update



### Moira Waste Info App

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#### What's in the App?

- Personalised bin collection calendar with optional bin day reminders.
- Quick guide to our bin system, and an A-Z list of materials and how to dispose of unwanted items.
- Ordering additional bins or getting a bin repaired.
- Reporting illegal dumped waste.
- Information about Council's services and waste facilities, including maps and directions.



### International Women's Day - Nathalia

Come celebrate with us! A Garden Party hosted by CWA Night Watch. Enjoy an afternoon tea, a demonstration by a local florist, and a talk by a local wildflower group:

**Sunday 19 March 2023**  
**2pm - 4pm**  
**Three Belles Collective, Elizabeth Street Nathalia**

RSVP is essential - nathalianwca@outlook.com  
Visit our website for more information.



### Animal Renewal Notices due April 2023

Animal Renewal Notices were sent out via mail this week, and payment for these registrations is required by **10 April 2023**. To complete your registration, you can either follow the instructions included in your letter or visit our website.

### Council Meeting - March

The next scheduled meeting of the Council will be at 4.30pm on **Wednesday 22 March** at the Cobram Civic Centre. This meeting will be open to the public and will also be 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. The CEO will read the submitted questions and provide answers during the designated section of the meeting.



### Moira Achiever Awards

Nominate a shining star in your community! Recognise outstanding achievements and dedication with nominations open now for individuals, groups, events, or projects. There are five award categories open for nominations. Nominations close on **20 March 2023**. An awards ceremony hosted by the Council will be held in April. Go to our website for more information.



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# Commission of Inquiry into Moira Shire Council

On Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March, Commissioners MS Frances O'Brien KC (Chair) and Mr John Tanner AM, handed their report to the Minister for Local Government who tabled it in parliament. It passed through both houses of parliament, where they accepted the commissioners recommendations; one of those recommendations is that all councillors be dismissed and an administrator/administrators be appointed for a period of up to 5 ½ years.

Roland spent many hours reading through the 179 page report rather than reading all the headlines in mainstream media to form an opinion. The Red Gum Courier (RGC) has decided to find a positive approach to the situation rather than post dramatic headlines, The RGC noted that many issues raised were of an historical nature and acknowledges the hard work and changes over the past 18 months that Moira Shire Council (MSC) CEO Clare Keenan has put into place to address the issues identified. The RGC also acknowledges the difficulty and pain that will be experienced when implementing employment agreements, protocols and procedures to comply with evolving standards and performance based employment.

Through its own experience Nathalia Printers was removed from the list of suppliers to the

MSC after failing to comply to all the criteria set out in the tender process for printing, it was heart breaking to see how many local businesses went through the same experience, and were given no reason or support by the MSC. Recently Roland approached MSC CEO Clare Keenan who was unaware of what had happened and after a chain of emails assured Roland that changes were being put into place to provide extensive support to local MSC businesses to ensure that all businesses have the support to successfully complete tender processes and are fairly treated to supply goods and services to the MSC.

The RGC is confident that the administrator/administrators will encourage and assist with the development and training of good strong community leaders to bring the Moira Shire into a new era where it will continue to be a great place to live and work.

The MSC has responded to the RGC's request for comment.

Media release 07/03/2023

## Response to Commission of Inquiry Report

Moira Shire Council confirms that we have received notification from the Minister that the Commission of Inquiry Report has now been made public.

Chief Executive Officer Clare Keenan said the



focus of the organisation is on the health of those impacted by the report.

"We understand that the findings of the report may be confronting for our staff and their families, and concerning for our community," said Ms Keenan.

"Our priority continues to be the wellbeing of staff, and we have implemented measures to ensure they have support."

At this stage, Council will review the findings and seek relevant advice before making any further comment.

Digital copies of the report are available at: [www.parliament.vic.gov.au/publications/tables-documents-neutral/search-tabled-documents/details/3/12008](http://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/publications/tables-documents-neutral/search-tabled-documents/details/3/12008).

Hard copies can be ordered at Nathalia Printers at the cost price of \$15.00

## Response from Moira Shire Council Mayor Peter Lawless regarding the Commission of Inquiry Report

Firstly, I'm proud of what we have achieved as a Council and I truly believe our organisation is heading in the right direction.

I am especially proud of our new community engagement direction that allows for open dialogue between staff, Councillors, and the community, and I hope this initiative continues to ensure that all voices are heard.

I do not agree with all the findings of the Commissioners and there are elements of the report that I don't believe to be accurate.

I must also express my disappointment that the Commission instructed the Minister not to have contact with Councillors.

It is important to note that the report does not reflect all of the positive feedback we received. I have been heartened by the number of staff and residents coming forward to offer their support and share positive comments.

I feel for not only our community but also for the many hardworking staff that are incredibly committed to creating a better Shire for everyone.

I thank all staff, the leadership team and my fellow Councillors for their great support to me during my time as Mayor and wish Moira Shire Council all the best for the future.



## A message for the community regarding the Commission of Inquiry Report

It is with great disappointment that we confirm the Minister's decision to dismiss the Moira Shire Councillors. We would like to extend our gratitude to the Councillors for their service to the Shire and their dedication to representing our community.

We want to offer a special thanks to Mayor Peter Lawless for his tireless efforts and unwavering commitment to the Moira Shire. We know that despite this decision, his passion for the community will persist.

In light of the report, our primary focus has been on the well-being of all our staff. We appreciate the members of the community who have expressed their concerns and checked in on our employees' health.

We also ask residents to keep in mind that the staff at the Moira Shire Council are also part of our community, and are hurting alongside us.

Like many of you, we find the report's findings to be concerning and confronting and have already implemented a number of measures to address them.

Our commitment is to ensure that staff feel safe and supported, and that our residents have faith in our policies and procedures.

Although the 9 Councillors have been dismissed, 240 Council staff remain working for the community.

While we don't expect any changes to usual Council services due to the presence of administrators, some services may be impacted as staff take time to focus on their health in light of the Commissioners' report.

We understand that rebuilding trust will take time, but we promise to work diligently towards becoming the best organisation we can be – honest, capable and reliable friends in our community.

Thank you for your ongoing support.



# Probuss News

After a traditional Xmas lunch at the Picola Hotel on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December and also meeting for Coffee in early January and February, Probuss members met in the Dancocks Room for their first general monthly meeting for 2023.

There was lots of chatter as members greeted each other over an early morning Cuppa'.

After 16 years our regular joke and story teller, Bob Bramwell, has decided that it was time for a change. So this was the last opportunity to enjoy his presentation. To commence, Bob read a humorous poem about the battle to start a motor mower, moving on to some thoughts: How long is a piece of string? Cut the ends off and it's endless!

'It has been noticed that people who are always late look a lot happier than those who have been waiting for them! 'Can a cross-eyed teacher control his pupils?'

The visit to Bernie Ryan's home, Bonshaw, will take place on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March. The coach will leave the PO at 10.30 am and return by 3.00 pm. The cost per person is \$37 which includes coach travel and a two course lunch.

The Show & Tell theme 'FISH' needed some thinking outside the box and members brought along an array of interesting items – many very old. Beside the obvious rods for all types of fishing, reels, lures, sinkers, moulds to make sinkers and fishing stories, there were many other interpretations. Photo albums of fishing holidays, Fishbone

ferns, a cutlery set of fish knives and forks, ornaments, story books and many more. The happy winner this month's competition was Fay Brown.

Local entertainer Bernie James provided some delightful items to end the meeting. Members and friends will meet at Brereton's Bakery at 10.30 am on the first Wednesday of each month for coffee and a chat. Members are preparing for the AGM on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March when all positions will be declared vacant and filled from new nominations. There will be a 2 course lunch at the end of the meeting at a cost of \$25 per person. Names are required ASAP if not already on the list.

From this meeting, Morning Tea reverts to the previous time at approximately 10.30am. Visitors may come along to any meeting.



Bob Bramwell



Show & Tell Table



David McKenzie & Bernie James



## MEALS ON WHEELS 10th - 24th March

March	
Friday 10th	Mary Agius
Monday 13th	Mick & Alison Keogh
Tuesday 14th	Kevin & Nina Pell
Wednesday 15th	Nathalia Primary School
Thursday 16th	Marlene Moor
Friday 17th	David & Cheryl McKenzie
Monday 20th	St Mary of the Angels
Tuesday 21st	Dawn Bowen & Patricia Hawks
Wednesday 22nd	Nathalia Primary School
Thursday 23rd	Carmen Gilson
Friday 24th	Graeme Smith

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

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



## CHURCH TIMES

### ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PARISH

Ph: 5866 2694

Nathalia Parish Priest - Fr Jophin Joy

Nathalia Mass times:

**Tuesdays:** 9:15am - Reconciliation following Mass

**Thursdays:** 12:30pm

**Sundays:** 9:00am

**Strathmerton**

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

### NATHALIA UNITING CHURCH

Margaret Cobbledick Ph: 5866 2037

March 12th: 9.30am

March 19th: 9.30am Anglican Church to visit

**Picola**

2nd & 4th Sundays: 9.00am

### HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH - NATHALIA

Locum Priest: Rev. H Malcom

March 12th: 8.00am Holy Communion

March 19th: 9.30am Holy Trinity to visit Uniting Church

**St Paul's - Wakiti Creek**

Services Cancelled at the present.

### SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

Contact - Erik 0411 731 916

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

124 Graham St., Shepparton.



# Barwo Update

Thank you to the community for attending the public meeting on 22 March, and for ideas and suggestions on the night and since. We had more than 130 people attend. A report on the meeting was in the last edition of the Courier.

Barwo's Committee of Management has been working on plans for Barwo's future for some time. We have three challenges – we need more residents, we need more staff, and we need funding to upgrade the building. And we need all three at the same time.

More people are now choosing to stay at home and access Home Care supports, rather than move into aged care. When residents move in they are older and require more support. We used to have people move in when in their 70's and stay with us for years. Now they move in in their late 80's and stay with us for months. Instead of needing two or three new residents each year we need to find 10 or 12 or even more a year.

The changes to aged care regulations will require us to have a Registered Nurse on site 24 hours a day, seven days a week. We have been advertising regularly in newspapers, on websites like Seek and through recruiting agencies, but without success.

Barwo Homestead is not equipped for higher care needs. Barwo is a not-for-profit 20 bed facility funded by the Commonwealth government. It was built to provide low care.

The new regulations and government policy require that incoming residents are able to "age in place" meaning that they stay in the same facility as their needs increase. Building upgrades will be needed for Barwo to provide all levels of care.

Late 2021 we sought accounting and business advisory services from Price Waterhouse Cooper. Part of the process was a performance survey with StewartBrown. We received their joint report in March 2022. The report noted our difficulty maintaining occupancy levels due to COVID restrictions and decreasing demand for low care services as potential residents look to remain home and use home care services. It also noted our strong financial position. It assessed the number of aged care beds in our area and found there is one bed for every 6 people aged over 75.

We then employed a consultant, Cube Group, to help us assess in more detail options for Barwo. That process commenced in March 2022, followed by meetings and workshops. Their final report in November 2022 gave a recommendation to focus on higher care residents and developing shared services via partnerships with other providers.

In 2021 and 2022 we explored providing independent living accommodation. It would require more residents and more staff, as well as needing financial outlay that we feel may be better spent on upgrading the Homestead.

Throughout this time the number of residents has been declining and we had been unable to recruit Registered Nurses. When at the end of

January 2023 we learnt that we would be losing two staff members, we knew we would not easily or quickly replace them.

We sought advice from the Department of Health and Aging and from the peak body for aged care providers. We were advised to find other facilities to take all residents with higher care needs to ensure their safety. This was a sudden impact on our planning. It was and is upsetting for everyone involved.

The Committee is continuing to work on options for Barwo. We are investigating upgrading the building to meet high care needs and the requirement to "age in place", applying for the 12 month exemption to the RN staffing requirement, merging with another facility, providing NDIS services, and becoming a Supported Residential Service. We will reach out to community members for expertise and assistance as we work on these options and any other opportunities. All options will need sufficient residents to be viable, most will need more staff and some will need alterations to the building.

Although residents are moving out, and staff are finishing up, we can retain our registration as an aged care provider for 12 months. We will continue working on the next phase for Barwo.



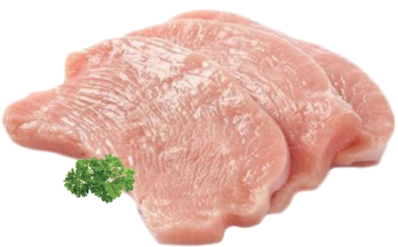
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# Museum Moments...

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

Looking back 100 years at an article in the *Shepparton Advertiser*, from March 1922. How times have changed.....

"NATHALIA ..... At a meeting of the progress association it was decided to hold a district demonstration with the object of urging the Railways Department to provide a daily train service in lieu of the present one of four days a week.

At the annual meeting of the Nathalia Agricultural Society the following officers were elected—President, Mr. W. Thompson; vice presidents,—Messrs J. Minchin and J. Thompson; treasurer, Mr. J.J. McCarron; auditors, Messrs W. Henley and T. Cocks. The profit for the year was £40. The date of the next show was fixed for October 12. The president, vice-presidents and Messrs G.J. and W.J.H. Tuckett and J. Ball were appointed delegates to the Farmers' Convention. A gold chain was presented to Mr. George Jackson who is leaving on a trip to England.

A public meeting, attended by between 300 and 400 leading citizens of the district and the principal townspeople, was held on Thursday to protest against the unsatisfactory train service from Numurkah to Picola. The president of the Shire of Numurkah (Cr. T. Thornton) presided. The following motion, moved by Mr. George Jackson, president of the Nathalia branch of the Farmers' Union, seconded by Mr. E.A. Neeld, president of the

National Federation, was agreed to unanimously:

**"That a deputation from this large meeting, representing Nathalia, Picola, Waaia, Barmah, Kotupna, and Yalka, and the whole of the surrounding district, comprising about 400 square miles, interview the Premier (Mr Lawson) for the purpose of urging that the former train service of six days a week be reinstated instead of the present unsatisfactory service."**

It was pointed out that the line was a paying one, but the farmers were leaving the district and settling elsewhere on account of the indifferent train service."

Pictured left—A train crossing the Broken Creek near Nathalia on its way to Picola.



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

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## Somewhere Beyond the Sea

A date has been set for the much-anticipated concert of the *Nathalia and District Community Choir*. Together with the special guests *Broken Creek Band*, they will present a collection of songs of the sea. The selection consisting of sea shanties, traditional folk songs and contemporary tunes, including *Somewhere Beyond the Sea*, a song that was a hit for both Bobby Darin and Frank Sinatra.

The concert follows a difficult time for the choir having restrictions on practising during the waves of COVID, but with a turning of the tide the show can go on.

So 'Ahoy me Hearties' make a note of the dates. The concert will be held in the Nathalia Senior Citizens Centre on Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm and Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup> at 2.00 pm.



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# Caterpillar Corner



## Sustainability..

Helpers are the best!

Here at NCELC we are able to recycle all of our food scraps.

The Children are able to engage in assisting with sustainability practices whilst at NCELC by helping to cut up food scraps to feed to the worms and chickens.

The children use the child safe knives to work on their fine motor skills and concentration.

Through this experience the children learn about sustainable practices as well as enhancing their life skills. And our chickens and worms LOVE it!!!



Upcoming Events

What's On Locally

February 9 - March 25	Call to Create: Water, exhibition @ the G.R.A.I.N. Store.
March 13	Labour Day
March 18	Nathalia Poultry Auction
March 19	Rotary Show & Shine
April 1	Murray FNL & P&DFNL Round 1
April 1	Fools Day Tournament at Nathalia Bowls Club
April 2	Daylight Savings Ends
April 7	Nathalia Bowls Tournament for RCH Good Friday Appeal.
April 8	Easter Saturday Market & Bardi Gras
April 22 & 23	Indoor Bowls Tournament at Nathalia Community Centre
April 28 - 30	Barmah Muster
May 6 & 7	Nathalia & District Community Choir Concert
May 12	Nathalia Uniting Church Annual Ball in U.C. Hall

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# Rotary Report

## The Frog House was the venue...

for our Board Meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> March. All members were in attendance, as was Assistant Governor Lorraine Greenwood.

A number of items were talked about at this meeting: Show and Shine, Heart to Heart, 60<sup>th</sup> birthday, to name a few. The president, secretary and treasurer all gave their reports also.

Portsea Camp was something we supported for a good number of years then Covid reared its ugly head and put a stop to this for a few years. President Loula got word about a camp that will take place in April and once there is something more positive to report on this, it will be in the Rotary News.

In my last article I wrote that there were no immediate bookings at the heart house, after the 26<sup>th</sup> of February. Well that wasn't the case for too long; two bookings came in for March. First lot of guests are booked between 7<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> and the next lot will spend the last two nights of March at Barmah.

One of the reasons we had a special visitor was so that we could learn about the Emergency Services Foundation project called "Tony's Trek". *ESF wants to raise awareness about the terrible toll emergency service work can take on the people...paid and volunteer...who are always ready to protect us. It is hoped that "Tony's Trek"...one step at a time, a solo walk of 1440km will do that.*

Tony Pearce's volunteer role as ESF chair is profoundly personal as he has been in the sector for almost forty years. He has seen many of his

colleagues suffer from trauma due to their role in emergency services/management. Mental health injury is often the result of such trauma and it can have lasting impacts throughout their career and retirement.

Tony's walk starts today, 10<sup>th</sup> March, at the State Control Centre; the route was specifically chosen to cover much of the area where the Victorian Black Summer Bushfires occurred. Tony hopes this will acknowledge the horrible mental health impacts those fires had and continue to have on emergency workers, along with the community members themselves of these areas. The walk will take 50 days and will cover nearly 1440kms.

Our Rotary club will acknowledge the fantastic work of our State emergency services at our Show and Shine on March 19<sup>th</sup>. AG Lorraine has asked for a site and here she will arrange for a marquee to be set up with paraphernalia relevant to supporting our emergency services workers. She also hopes to have some emergency services personnel at the event and donations to "Tony's Trek", from visitors to the Show and Shine, will be most gratefully accepted.

Television advertising for the Show and Shine starts this weekend; there is plenty of other advertising being done too, in print form. Thank you to all involved. The raffle is another form of advertising and we thank everyone who has thus far supported us by purchasing tickets; hopefully tickets will continue to sell well, outside TJ's and at the event. We also hope that the day will be a great success so good profits can be made for community and other Rotary projects.

## St Francis Primary School



St Francis staff and students marked Shrove Tuesday with the traditional pancake feast. The year six leaders served the delicious food prepared so well by Kylie and Cheryl.

NATHALIA & DISTRICT



## Men's Shed News

It is Autumn already and the SHED is active with membership around 30. Our last meeting attracted 18 with all staying for lunch. We have some community projects progressing as well as the members own endeavours.

Again we are supporting the local 'Fruit Fly Eradication Program' with 'FREE' Traps and papers on how to use them effectively. Please contact Vic Dohnt on 0417 556 773 for further information.

Our hours at the Shed are sporadic over the working week, but you will normally find someone at the shed mid to late morning. Please phone Steve Manley the Secretary on 0407 343 794 (or at 31 Cope St, Nathalia) for any requests regarding membership, repairs, or projects within our District!

We will have a Market/Information Stall at the Nathalia Easter Market, so please come and say Hi.





# NCN HEALTH NATHALIA



The Nathalia and District Hospital Auxiliary Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Thursday April 27 at 2pm in the Harbison Centre, NCN Health Nathalia Campus.

All are welcome to attend. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, we'd love to hear from you, please contact Rosemary Robins on 0400 720 224. New members always welcome!

## Nathalia X-Ray Service Changes Victorian Virtual Emergency Department

X-Ray services will be unavailable at Nathalia Campus from Tuesday March 7. X-Ray services have been running at Nathalia for a half day on Tuesday afternoons with staff provided by GV Health. Unfortunately, due a shortage of Radiographers across the region, GV Health cannot currently support the service in Nathalia. NCN Health is working to recruit more staff to secure X-Ray locally. Community members can access X-Ray at Numurkah Campus 1.5 days per week; on Monday (half day) and Thursday 9.30am – 2pm and at Cobram Campus 5 days a week (Monday to Friday). X-Ray is also available through GV Health in Shepparton. For appointments: Cobram: [\(03\) 5871 0777](tel:0358710777) Numurkah: [\(03\) 5862 0555](tel:0358620555) Or email: [NCNImaging@ncnhealth.org.au](mailto:NCNImaging@ncnhealth.org.au)

Have you heard about the Victorian Virtual ED (VVED)? Over the last year they've treated 75,000 patients - about the same as the Royal Melbourne's ED. The virtual ED provides emergency care for minor injuries - things like burns or a broken finger. When you call you'll be assessed online by emergency doctors and nurses. Then the team will help you organise any tests, prescriptions and follow ups you need - all over the phone or on a video call. It means getting care from the comfort of home, and freeing up EDs for people who need them most. Thanks to the virtual ED 59,000 Victorians avoided having to go to a hospital ED and instead got care at home. To access VVED online go to <https://www.vved.org.au/> or google VVED.

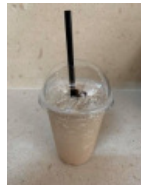
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# Pride of the Murray Sinks in the Thomson River

The Pride of the Murray paddle wheeler, that travelled from Moama to Longreach through Nathalia last year has sunk in the Thomson River just weeks from the start of the tourist season. Police are investigating after being alerted by a kayaker early on Tuesday morning that the paddle wheeler was sinking. Photo sourced from ABC news.



Pride of the Murray under water for the second time in it's life.

# Happy Birthday

Deb Sims recently celebrated her birthday with the Planned Activity Group (PAG). As she couldn't celebrate a milestone birthday last year due to Covid, the group made sure she celebrated well this year.



# Broken Creek Drama

## DRESS SHOPPING

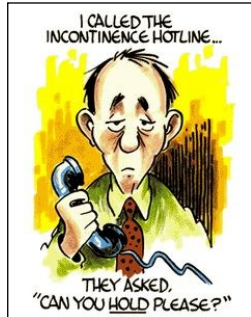
Lola was pleased she had no trouble fitting into a size fourteen. She swung around in the change room to see how the dress looked, but she was a bit shocked at her appearance. The whole left side of her face was sort of drooping. Perhaps that was why the shop owner had been so snooty when she had asked where the fitting rooms were. She knew she was slurring her words.

Did the woman think she had been drinking? Although Lola liked the look of the dress, she decided she wouldn't buy it and support the stuck-up proprietor. She also decided that next time she went to the dentist and had a local anaesthetic, she wouldn't go shopping.



## A Dead Man's Credit

I tried having my mother's phone disconnected, but the customer-service rep told me that since the account was in my dad's name, he'd have to be the one to put in the request. The fact that he'd been dead for 40 years didn't sway her. Then a solution hit me: "If I stop paying the bill, you can turn off the service, right?" "Well, yes," she said reluctantly. "But that would ruin his credit."



## Harry Potter



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# NSC Year 12 Camp



It was an early kick off for our Year 12s, Miss Harris, Paul, Darren and Mrs Leslie with our train bound for Melbourne leaving at 6.30am. Despite this, there was much buzz on the train and the students were clearly excited to be able to go on a camp again. Once in Melbourne, students were treated to a tour and presentation at Swinburne University, Hawthorn, where they learned about life on campus and the various pathways Swinburne offer. Students also visited RMIT in the city for a similar purpose however, they were challenged to a scavenger hunt of the City Campus.



During the camp, all students were pushed (literally onto a tram) outside of their comfort zones, being encouraged and supported to find their way around the CBD and back to Space Hotel, using the public transport. This was certainly a highlight for Mrs Leslie and Miss Harris as they waved goodbye to the group from a tram stop as the tram pulled away!

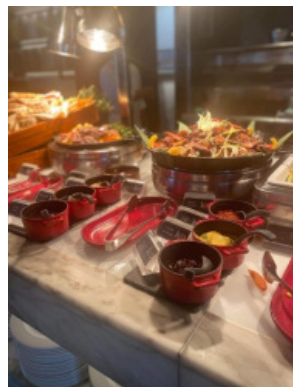


The competition was fierce during bowling at Kingpin and mini golf at Holey Moley, and believe it or not, there was nearly broken windows. The Year 12s highly recommend Kitchen Workshop at Crown and insist that they have another opportunity to visit there again.

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# Two four six eight, who do we appreciate; not the yellow, not the red, we support the blue instead...



~ Contributors: Darcy Bennett, Tas Baker, Oscar Binks, and Keith Manicdao, Year 10 Journalism

On Tuesday 21st February, St Mary of the Angels held its annual swimming carnival at the Nathalia pool. The day was jam-packed with fun regardless of if you were swimming. With an array of fun activities to participate in, all enjoyed the day.

Winning by six points, the victory was taken by St Clare. With their last swimming carnival win back in 2019, it was described as 'utterly euphoric and unreal' by House Captain Jenna Mason. Explaining that the win 'came down to being there for each other' along with 'teamwork and participation'; the focus on getting involved was clearly the key.

A dunk tank set up on the day as part of a Social Justice fundraiser for Caritas, enticed students to throw at targets to dunk their teachers. The tank was a hit and raised lots of money, with students contributing \$1 per throw.

For the Year 7's, their first SMOTA Swimming Carnival was an exciting day. William Hutchinson and Nicolas Perra enjoyed their first swimming carnival, cheering and playing 'the dunk tank'. The pair sure had lots of fun participating in the dry activities around the pool. They both stated that the carnival was a completely different experience compared to Primary School.



Miss Carter and her fabulous Arts captains, Dipak Singh Atwal, Grace Hall, Porsha Stuart and Sean Watters were also busy on the day. During the swimming carnival, our wonderful arts leaders worked tirelessly to paint everyone's faces with hearts, flowers and watermelons. A meticulously planned scavenger hunt encouraging students to participate in non-swimming events proved very popular.

The House Swimming Sports is a major College calendar event, which could not have gone ahead without Miss Rawson and the PE Team's organisation. Miss Rawson was 'incredibly happy with the running of the day and the fun vibe'. She thanked the House Leaders, the students for their enthusiastic participation and the SMOTA Staff for their support. She also acknowledged and thanked the hard work of the YMCA staff leading up to and on the day of the Swimming Carnival. The Nathalia Pool, ran by the YMCA is pivotal to not only our House Swimming Sports but also our swimming program throughout Term 1.

The next challenge for SMOTA House Leaders - the Cross Country. Will St Elizabeth or St Francis captains get the chance to stake the podium at this event?



Winning House Elly Slatterie, Jenna Mason, Sophie Kennedy and Abby Commadeur.



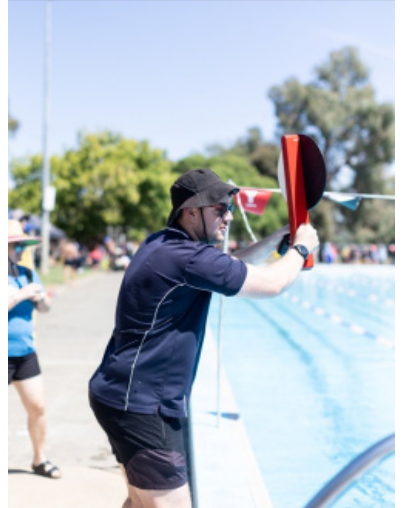


Congratulations to all of the Age Champions and special award winners at the College Swimming Carnival event.

- 13 Boys - Samuel Brown
- 13 Girls - Mia Owen
- 14 Boys - Chace Brunskill
- 14 Girls - Eliza Raleigh
- 15 Boys - Seth McCracken
- 15 Girls - Rhani Hendy
- 16 Boys - Jirra Letcher
- 16 Girls - Chloe Herezo
- 17 Boys - Kai Lundberg
- 17 Girls - Elly Slatterie & Demi Hendy
- Open Boys - Caleb Jezewski
- Open Girls - Molly Hindson
- Junior Boys Overall Champion - Seth McCracken
- Junior Girls Overall Champion - Mia Owen & Eliza Raleigh
- Senior Boys Overall Champion - Caleb Jezewski
- Senior Girls Overall Champion - Chloe Herezo
- RECORD Broken - 17 Girls Freestyle - Demi Hendy



And last but not least, a special mention to Sean Watters for being awarded the Michael McLean Award for demonstrating outstanding all round community spirit. Well deserved.

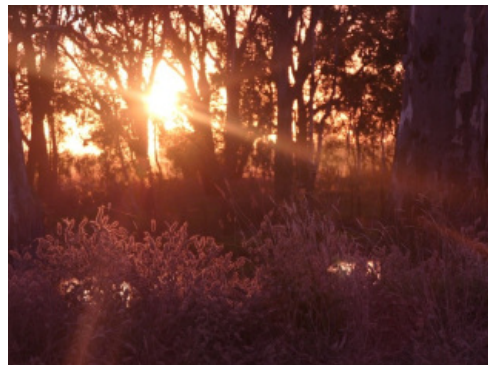


# Through the Lens of the U



Six members of the U3A Photography Group enjoyed the early morning visit to the Moira Lakes. The early morning light produced some excellent shots and the ladies found many subjects to capture on their cameras, including trees, plants, birds etc.

Don't forget you can view these photos in colour at [www.redgumcourier.com.au](http://www.redgumcourier.com.au)



# J3A Photography Group



# Nathalia Preschool and Barmah Kindergarten & Occasional Care embark on their first excursion together to Eastbank Shepparton



The educators and children from Nathalia & Barmah kindergartens gathered together to venture to Shepparton for their first excursion of the year to a cushion concert at Eastbank.

'Monkey & Baggles' is an interactive children's concert of songs and stories where the performers encourage the audience to be active participants.

For some children, this was the first experience of travelling on a coach. As always, safety first with the educators ensuring that all seatbelts were correctly fitted.

Due to the road works, the children had quite a distance to walk to the venue and back to the bus. This was the perfect opportunity for them to practice being responsible and safe pedestrians out in community.

After the concert, it was another walk back to the bus and then off to the all abilities playground for lunch and a play before heading back to their preschools.

A major benefit of being a part of the Goulburn Preschool Cluster (GRPSA) is the collaboration for excursions and events with other preschools and educators.



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



Piano, Poetry, Pizza and Pizzazz on Friday 3 March was a delight for 59 fortunate locals and travellers from afar...More than twenty different items finishing with an old-fashioned sing along...all honouring our cultural diversity. Starting with great music from Shane and Elli from Deniliquin...(make sure you hear them at our Easter Market this year)...the scene was set for some fine singing and poetry reading. If you missed out this year... make a diary note now: Friday 1 March 2024.

**Call to Create:**  
**The ART of MUSIC**

The G.R.A.I.N. Store invites artists and creative people to respond to the theme 'The Art of Music'. Using any visual medium you like, you might feel inspired by one of these ideas, or something different: album art, musical symbols, the act of performing, using a musical instrument as your canvas.

Interested in being involved?  
Send an email to info@thegrainstore.org or visit the gallery during opening hours (Thurs. Fri. Sat. 11-4pm)

Exhibition of interest due: 20 March  
Artwork due: 3 April  
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**Studio...at The G.R.A.I.N. Store...**our first session...already shows this a great thing to be offering. Eight intrepid artists and artists to be and one intrepid Artist Tutor spent an exhilarating art making session that concentrates on helping individuals develop and extend themselves in whatever directions they choose. You are welcome to come and see us in action any first or third Tuesday March through to October...9-1...enter via Petticoat Lane...give us a chance to get settled so ten onwards would be fine.

Would you be interested in a bus from The GRAIN Store to Opera Espanola 6-10.30pm Tallis Wines Dookie.? Friday 24 March

A part of the Shepparton Festival, we are wondering whether sharing the driving like this would make a difference to whether you would come or not.. Ring Philippa 0400 037 432 to discuss further.

### Call to Create: The Art of Music

Throughout this year we are opening all our Exhibitions to Expressions of Interest...our next Exhibition will be linking visuals and music...if you feel you have something to contribute...please let us know by March 20...the Exhibition will open April 9...There might be an album or CD cover you have always loved... that with some writing about why it is so special to you would be a gorgeous contribution to the Exhibition.

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*In Her 100<sup>th</sup> year*

Loved wife of Bryan (dec).  
Loved Mother of John (dec), Frank,  
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Sarah.

Loving and proud Grandmother of  
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Joanne, Alison, Andrew (dec),  
Michael, Jason (dec), Luke, Shelley,  
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and Emily.

Loving and proud great grandmother  
of Nathaniel (dec), Anna, Xavier,  
Penelope, Ivy, Ryleigh, Raphael,  
Amelia, Sebastian, Tex, Francis,  
Greta, Elsie, Charlotte, Maeve,  
Thomas. Georgie, Skyla, Winter and  
Pippa.

Loved daughter of Les and Jean  
Evans (both dec).

Loved sister of Carmel (Sr. Frances  
Therese CBS) and Jack (both dec).

*A woman of great faith.*

Our thanks to the staff at both Barwo  
and Banawah for Mum's care over  
many years.

### MICHEL, Edward Joseph

11.02.1940 ~ 03.03.2023

Loved brother and brother-in-law  
of Peter and Ruth.

Much loved uncle of Peter,  
Michael, Julie, Sally, Fiona,  
Brendan and Diane and their  
families.



## BEREAVEMENT THANK YOU

### COGHLAN, Brian

21.05.1948 ~ 16.12.2022

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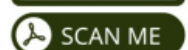
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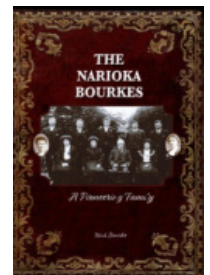
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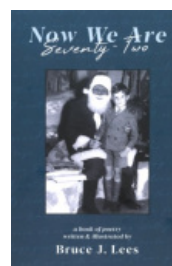
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# Nathalia Bowling Club News

**PENNANT** for Midweek and Saturday was finalised for Nathalia with both going down in the Elimination Finals last week. **MIDWEEK PENNANT**, which was played on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February, finished 3<sup>rd</sup> on the ladder and played Numurkah Town at Nathalia. The opposition proved too strong for Nathalia. The final result was 43 to 63 shots. Bev Hutchins, Keith Holland, Julie Olsen and Ashley Hutchins in a close game went down by 2 shots 19 to 21. On Fiona Rourke's rink with Berris Baldwin, Fay Hutchins and Marilyn Frost, lost 10 -21 shots and Tessa Ward, Ian Bolton, Heather Palmer and Philippa Schapper lost 14 – 21 shots. Although, it was not the result hoped for it was encouraging to get into the top Four. **SATURDAY PENNANT** which was played on the 4<sup>th</sup> March at Numurkah was very disappointing to go down by 4 shots overall. Nathalia finished 4<sup>th</sup> on the ladder and Numurkah were 3<sup>rd</sup>. 56 to 52 shots. After getting in front towards the end of the game Nathalia couldn't hold on to take the win. Peter Hutchins, Bev Hutchins, Craig Lucas

and Max Hudson won 18-17 shots. Steve Campbell, Fiona Rourke, Tim Cullen and Kevin Scolyer won 18 to 16 shots and Jack Hutchins, Ian Bolton, Alan Cooper and Mark Lawless couldn't hold on to go down 16 to 23 shots.



It is very pleasing to see the **NEW FLOOR** laid in the Club Rooms after a lot of hard work by Members to achieve this amazing result. Once again, thank you to Moira Shire for the \$5,000.00 Grant and a Fund Raiser by Members which both contributed to the cost. H & T Flooring, Shepparton laid and supplied the floor. (See before and after photos.)

**BAREFOOT BOWLS** continues on Friday Nights at the Club with good numbers attending. 16 Barefooters enjoyed very pleasant conditions after a meal supplied by Alan and Lyn Cooper on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Barefoot Bowls will finish on the last Friday in March, so with only 4 weeks to go come down and try your skill at Bowls. The Club is also open to all on Friday Nights with a Meat Tray raffle on offer.



New flooring for Nathalia Bowling Club rooms - Before and after.

# In the Swing at Nathalia Golf Club



This week golf result's, thanks to this weeks sponsors Limos Mitre 10 and Brereton's Bakery.

**Wednesday the 22nd of February** - twelve players turned up in great conditions. Nina Pell was the Ladies winner with 16 stableford points, NTP went to Nancy Dunn.

Men's winner was Peter Smith with 17 stableford points. No NTP.

**Friday the 24th of February** - thirteen turned up to play ambrase with Lynette, Peter, Sonia and Stan the winners with 39 points, Kevin Scolyer got NTP on the 18th hole.

**Wednesday the 1st of March** - thirteen players turned up with Heather Frostick the winner with 15 stableford points and Lynette Lindsay got NTP. Men's winner was Denis Dunn with 19 points. No NTP.

**SUNDAY the 5th of March** - great day for golf, winner was John Drenen with 36 stableford points. NTP went to Tony Brown.

**Friday fun day open to all** - Great for beginners, we can also lend you some golf clubs if needed.

9.00 start cost \$5 to play 9 holes, come along and have a hit . Nibbles supplied after golf...

Also pencil in Sunday the 2nd of April in your date book. Captains Revenge day 9 hole with BBQ Lunch, and bar facilities open. A good day for a laugh 9.30 for 10.00 o'clock start.

Just a friendly reminder to all that 2023 Memberships are due on the 1st April. Forms can be picked up at the club house or call the golf club on 0402 587 108 or email [golfnathalia@gmail.com](mailto:golfnathalia@gmail.com). And we can email the forms to you. Good hitting everyone.



Tony Brown with another great drive.



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**NATHALIA FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB**



**WOMEN'S & YOUTH GIRLS FOOTBALL CLINIC**

GUEST APPEARANCE: TREVOR MELLINGTON, JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

DATE: 15th MARCH

VENUE: SMALL OVAL, PARKS ST. NATHALIA

TIME: 6PM - 7:30PM

COST: FREE

OTHER: BBQ AFTER (GOLD COIN DONATION)  
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# Picola Lawn Bowls teams take on finals

I am pleased to report that all three Picola teams are in the Finals.



**Division 5** - played well in the semi final against Numurkah with a score of 45/23. Trevor Cobbledick (S), Mary Agius, Helen McRae and Trev Price won by 15. Gary Manley (S), Geoffrey Coates, Maureen Coates and Karen Manley won by 7. Well played - good luck on Saturday 11th March.

**Midweek Pennant** - had an excellent win 68/52. Julie Berger (S), Geoff Davie, Helen McRae and Maureen Coates had a win 25/14. Sue Jamison (S), Bill Agius, Margaret Cobbledick and John Gillard winning 27/10 and Karen Peacock (S), Mary Agius, Karen Manley and Trevor Cobbledick going down 16/28. All the best in the grand final - to be played on the 14th March.

**Saturday Pennant** - also had a good win 65/52. Bruce Agnew (S) Karen Peacock, John Gillard and Roy Johnson 29/13. Keith Berger (S), G Davie, Mark Box and Tony Smith 21/15. Sue Jamieson (S), J Peacock, B Agius and Chris Briggs 15/24. The grand final will be played on Saturday March 18th. GO PICOLA

~Brolga

# Nathalia Twilight Tennis

After a 'heat out' the previous week four teams attended in more comfortable conditions on the 24<sup>th</sup> February.

The Big Hitters from the Bendigo Bank challenged the Determined Daniel Family on Limo's Mitre 10 Court. With only a three game margin Matt, Lucy, Stef and Sasha claimed bragging rights for the week. Megan, Jim, Harry and Blayde were by no means disgraced, both teams suffering dreaded donuts.

On the Nathalia Supermarket Court it was Team Raleigh against Team Booth. Team Raleigh of Eliza, Nick, Liam and Kathryn won our hearts if not the court. Team Booth of Aaron, Liam, David and Phillippa proved too strong on the court.

Twilight Tennis on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March took on an international flavour. A team comprising of five Frenchmen and a Spaniard played on this our last Twilight match for the season.

We did what any sporting club would do and stacked a team to challenge the internationals. We drafted all the adult males that came along to play Twilight into one team. Twilight rules

are designed to shorten the sets and shorten the games, no deuces. Explaining the rules was interesting and we thought we had them completely confused before we started.

We confronted them on Brereton's Bakery Court just in front of the Club House. We suspect that their supporters where in turn coaching and disparaging their team. There was a lot of banter and laughter on both sides of the fence.

I'm afraid we let Australia down. The Mix and Match team of Rod, Matt, Peter and Ben failed by two games. The French Connection of Sasha, Ludo, Maxim and Loam, and two others, out classed us with their youth and athleticism.

We where honoured to host the visitors to our region and thoroughly enjoyed the atmosphere they injected into the evening.

Not forgetting the battle on Limo's Mitre 10 court between Aces and Super Stars. They lived up to their ambitious names with an epic struggle. Sets were even and it was the Aces of Katie, Sasha, Stef and Megan who triumphed by one game. The Super Stars of Lucy, Duane,



Judith Slattery and Liam Booth in action

Harry and Abby can be very pleased with their performance.

I'm very proud to be part of the team that put together the Twilight Tennis this season. Catering is always difficult, congratulations for a job well done. Preparation of the courts and surrounds nothing short of superb. Bringing it all together on the evening, thinking on your feet, everybody working towards a positive outcome, you are inspiring.



Twilight Rally v Booth on Friday 24th of February, L-R: Phillippa Slinger, Kathryn Raleigh, Eliza Raleigh, Flynn Booth, Aaron Booth, Haddie Booth.



Daniel Family v Bendigo Bank Rally on Friday 24th of February, L-R: Stef Daniel, Lucy Daniel, Sasha Daniel, Harry Halden, Matt Daniel, Jim Brereton, Megan Shaw and Blayde Wiki-King.



Scott Butler being presented with his major prize by PUFNC President Clinton Barnes.

# Keith Murphy Memorial Angling Classic

Another cracking weekend was put on by Picola United FNC for the annual Keith Murphy Memorial Angling Classic. The event was held on 25th - 26th of February.

35 legal Cod were caught, the most since 2017 which was also a year after a flood. There's something in that we think!

Congratulations to Scott Butler for taking out the main prize of over \$2000 worth of camping/ fishing gear.

*Other winners were:*

Largest Cod Male - Daniel Atkinson 69cm

Largest Cod Female - Georgia Atkinson 58cm

Largest Cod Junior - Daniel Rigoni 70cm

Largest Carp Senior - Noel Delaney 71cm

Largest Carp Junior - Parker East 54cm

Largest Native (non Cod) - Kristan Caldwell 45cm Silver Perch.

Mystery door prize - Ashley O'Sullivan

The Bidger Chalker memorial teamed event was taken out by the Atkinson's.

\$600 winners. Congratulations Noel, Georgia, Harlen & Noelly.

A big thank you to our sponsors O'Connors Case IH Echuca, Dove Motors Nathalia, Trellys Shepparton, Nathalia Angling Club and Bourkes Horticulture Services.



Pictured left: Georgia, Noel & Noelly Atkinson - winners of the Bidger Chalker teamed event.



Parker Atkinson - Largest Carp Junior



Daniel Atkinson - Largest Cod Male



Kristen Caldwell - Largest Native (non Cod)



Daniel Rigoni - Largest Cod Junior



Noel Delaney - Largest Carp Senior



# Social Tennis Under Lights

Katunga Tennis Club held its first ever Friday night social competition, which has now come to an end. The winners of the competition were the Katunga Demons with Yalca North coming runner up. Gary Himba won the men's player of the tournament, Lisa Baker the women's player of the tournament, Oliver Small won the encouragement award and Julie Dennis won the most consistent. Held 22/23- Oct to March.



Pictured L-R:  
Katunga Demons  
Phil Gundrill, Lisa Baker, Ash Weeks.  
absent Julie Dennis

# Murray League Welcomes Back Tocumwal FNC

Tocumwal Football Netball Club rejoins the Murray Football Netball League in 2023 after the league's member clubs voted to accept Tocumwal's application to shift across from the Picola District Football Netball League. The club returns back to MFNL after competing in the PDFNL for the past nine years.

See below amended MFNL Draw.



## Murray Football Netball League

### UPDATED 2023 FIXTURE

<b>Round 1</b>	<b>01-Apr-23</b>	<b>Round 6</b>	<b>06-May-23</b>
Tongala v	Echuca United	Tongala v	Tocumwal
Congupna v	Barooga	Echuca United v	Numurkah
Moama v	Mulwala	Cobram v	Mulwala
Cobram v	Nathalia	Finley v	Rumbalara
Deni Rams v	Rumbalara	Deni Rams v	Moama
Finley v	Numurkah (n)	Congupna v	Nathalia
Tocumwal	Bye	Barooga	Bye
<b>Round 2 (GF)</b>	<b>07-Apr-23</b>	<b>Round 7</b>	<b>13-May-23</b>
Mulwala v	Congupna	Tocumwal v	Finley
Tocumwal v	Numurkah	Numurkah v	Tongala
Nathalia v	Tongala	Barooga v	Echuca United
Echuca United v	Moama	Rumbalara v	Cobram
Barooga v	Cobram	Congupna v	Moama
Finley v	Deni Rams (n)	Nathalia v	Deni Rams
Rumbalara	Bye	Mulwala	Bye
<b>Round 3</b>	<b>15-Apr-23</b>	<b>Round 8</b>	<b>20-May-23</b>
Numurkah v	Deni Rams	Rumbalara v	Nathalia
Moama v	Tongala	Echuca United v	Congupna
Cobram v	Tocumwal	Cobram v	Numurkah
Mulwala v	Barooga	Moama v	Finley
Rumbalara v	Congupna	Deni Rams v	Barooga
Finley v	Nathalia (n)	Mulwala v	Tocumwal
Echuca United	Bye	Tongala	Bye
<b>Round 4</b>	<b>22-Apr-23</b>	<b>Round 9</b>	<b>27-May-23</b>
Echuca United v	Rumbalara	Moama v	Cobram
Tongala v	Cobram	Nathalia v	Echuca United
Deni Rams v	Mulwala	Finley v	Mulwala
Barooga v	Finley (twilight)	Barooga v	Tongala
Congupna v	Tocumwal	Tocumwal v	Rumbalara
	<b>23-Apr-23</b>	<b>Bye - Congupna, Deni Rams &amp; Numurkah</b>	
Nathalia v	Numurkah	<b>Round 10</b>	<b>03-Jun-23</b>
Moama	Bye	Nathalia v	Barooga
<b>Round 5</b>	<b>29-Apr-23</b>	Rumbalara v	Moama
Rumbalara v	Tongala	Mulwala v	Numurkah
Cobram v	Echuca United	Tongala v	Deni Rams
Mulwala v	Nathalia	Echuca United v	Tocumwal
Moama v	Barooga	Finley v	Congupna
Tocumwal v	Deni Rams	Cobram	Bye
Numurkah v	Congupna	<b>Round 11</b>	<b>10-Jun-23</b>
Finley	Bye	Numurkah v	Tocumwal
		Congupna v	Mulwala
		Cobram v	Barooga
		Tongala v	Nathalia
		Deni Rams v	Finley
		Moama v	Echuca United
		Rumbalara	Bye
		<b>Round 12</b>	<b>17-Jun-23</b>
		Tocumwal v	Moama
		Finley v	Cobram
		Barooga v	Rumbalara
		Mulwala v	Tongala
		Echuca United v	Deni Rams
		Congupna v	Numurkah
		Nathalia	Bye
		<b>Round 13</b>	<b>24-Jun-23</b>
		Nathalia v	Congupna
		Rumbalara v	Mulwala
		Barooga v	Tocumwal
		Tongala v	Finley
		Deni Rams v	Cobram
		Numurkah v	Moama
		Echuca United	Bye
		<b>GENERAL BYE</b>	<b>01-Jul-23</b>
		<b>Round 14</b>	<b>08-Jul-23</b>
		Finley v	Barooga
		Mulwala v	Echuca United
		Congupna v	Deni Rams
		Moama v	Nathalia
		Cobram v	Tongala
		Numurkah v	Rumbalara
		Tocumwal	Bye
		<b>Round 15</b>	<b>15-Jul-23</b>
		Barooga v	Mulwala
		Echuca United v	Finley
		Deni Rams v	Numurkah
		Nathalia v	Rumbalara
		Tongala v	Moama
		Tocumwal v	Cobram
		Congupna	Bye
		<b>Round 16</b>	<b>22-Jul-23</b>
		Cobram v	Congupna
		Moama v	Deni Rams
		Rumbalara v	Finley
		Moama v	Rumbalara
		Tocumwal v	Echuca United
			<b>22-Jul-23</b>
		Numurkah v	Nathalia
		<b>Bye - Mulwala, Tongala &amp; Barooga</b>	

<b>Round 17</b>	<b>29-Jul-23</b>
Nathalia v	Tocumwal
Barooga v	Deni Rams
Echuca United v	Tongala
Congupna v	Rumbalara
Mulwala v	Cobram
Numurkah v	Finley
Moama	Bye
<b>Round 18</b>	<b>05-Aug-23</b>
Tongala v	Mulwala
Rumbalara v	Echuca United
Tongala v	Mulwala
Cobram v	Moama
Tocumwal v	Congupna
Numurkah v	Barooga
<b>Bye - Deni Rams, Nathalia &amp; Finley</b>	
<b>Round 19</b>	<b>12-Aug-23</b>
Tocumwal v	Mulwala
Deni Rams v	Echuca United
Nathalia v	Finley
Moama v	Rumbalara
Tongala v	Numurkah
Barooga v	Congupna
Cobram	Bye
<b>Round 20</b>	<b>19-Aug-23</b>
Rumbalara v	Barooga
Mulwala v	Moama
Finley v	Tocumwal
Echuca United v	Cobram
Congupna v	Tongala
Deni Rams v	Nathalia
Numurkah	Bye
<b>FINALS</b>	
1st Elimination Final	<b>26-Aug-23</b>
2nd Elimination Final	<b>27-Aug-23</b>
2nd Semi Final	<b>02-Sep-23</b>
1st Semi Final	<b>03-Sep-23</b>
Preliminary Final	<b>09-Sep-23</b>
Grand Final	<b>16-Sep-23</b>
* Good Friday - (GF)	
* Night game (n)	

# Nathalia Lawn Tennis Club Championships

## Senior Club Championships

Rose Nihill won her 15 Nathalia Lawn Tennis Club women's championships on Sunday with an upset 6-1, 6-4 win over Laura Booth. In the men's, Joe Nihill defeated Ned Nihill 6-3, 3-6, 6-2 for his fifth title, dashing Ned's hopes for a third. Booth is multiple time winner of the championships herself and plays well in division one, but Rose's steady guile prevented Laura from finding her range, especially early. A half hour long final game proved crucial in which Nihill served for the women's championship. Rose Nihill defeated Jodie Daniel in a tense 6-4, 7-5 semi-final match and Booth won 6-1, 6-0 over Phillipa Slinger to win through to the final.

In the men's, Joe Nihill defeated Nick Bakogianis 6-0, 6-0 in the semi final and Ned Nihill overcame Dean Limbrick 6-1, 6-2. Bakogianis beat Anthony Wilson 8-4 in the first round and Limbrick beat Ryan Bell 8-5 in his first round match. In the doubles, Corina McLeod and Aaron Booth were victorious. Eight players entered, with the strongest player being paired with the weakest. McLeod and Booth were the fourth and fifth rated players, and thus were paired together an even partnership to take victory.

*Pictured Right:  
Laura Booth women's R-Up, Rose Nihill  
womens's club champion, Joseph Nihill  
men's club champion and Ned Nihill R-Up.*



## Junior Club Championships

Mitch Daniel won an extraordinary nail biter of a Nathalia Lawn Tennis Club boys championship final over Jayce Limbrick on Saturday. He shook off the disappointment of losing the second set 7-5 to take the deciding super-tiebreak 10-8 for a 6-4, 5-7, (10-8) victory. In the girls, Lucy Daniel gained momentum throughout the match to defeat Katie Halden 6-4, 6-0. The tennis was hard fought with long points played out in each game. There were many long rallies on both junior final courts, which is testament to the practice and improvement of all four players. The boys showed great determination during their long match and impressive stamina to continue all the way until the end.



*Pictured L-R:  
Jayce Limbrick  
boys R-Up,  
Mitch Daniel boys  
club champion,  
Lucy Daniel girls  
club champion,  
And Katie Halden  
girls R-Up.*



# Nathalia Lawn Tennis Club Finals in Full Swing



**Nathalia Division 4:** 25<sup>th</sup> February GMLTA Nathalia Div 4 team travelled to Dhurringle. After hovering around 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> on the ladder

all year Nathalia approached the last game quietly confident. Alas it wasn't to be, Dhurringle 7 sets 70 games defeated Nathalia 6 sets 60 games.

Nathalia's ladies, Helen Ginnivan, Di Wilson, Phillipa Slinger and Judith Slattery won all their women's double matches. Three set winners have been in short supply this year but Phillipa supported by Anthony Wilson in the mixed doubles won three sets for the day. Judith Slattery supported by Matt Slattery in the mixed was a three set winner.

The ladies finished our season off on a high, well done. The men struggled against Dhurringle's home town advantage, synthetic courts, and an opponent that only dropped one game for the day.

**Nathalia's Division 3:** Our Div 3 side finished the home and away season in 2<sup>nd</sup> place, which meant a trip to Tongala with winner heading straight into the grand final. It was a tough day at the office for Nathalia going down 11-94 to 2-44.

Fortunately, Nathalia had a second chance which set up a meeting with Tatura in Nathalia, the day started well with Jodie Daniel and Rose Nihill combing to have a comprehensive 8-1 win. John and Peter Limbrick as well as David Scadden and Nick Bakogiannis both playing exceptionally well to win the very important men's doubles sets 8-6 & 8-5. Rose and John Nihill continued with their stella form leading into the finals both being 3 set winners. Nathalia victorious granting them a place in the grand final to be played in Cobram on the 18<sup>th</sup> March. Nathalia 9-91 Tatura 4-72.

**GMLTA Preliminary finals at Nathalia:** On

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March Nathalia Lawn Tennis Club hosted the Preliminary Finals for Divisions 2, 3 and 5 of the Goulburn Murray Lawn Tennis Association. Nathalia's lawn tennis courts are second to none in the competition this year and are also renowned for their picturesque setting and ample parking.

Division 2 saw Cobram play Numurkah, with Cobram winning by one game. Cobram to play Stanhope in the final.

Division 3, Nathalia played Tatura and Nathalia came away with a comfortable win. Tongala and Nathalia will play off in the Grand Final at Cobram on the 18<sup>th</sup> March.



*GMLTA Preliminary Finals in action at Nathalia on the 5th of March.*



# International Women's Day

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Musical entertainment by UKULADIES and afternoon tea hosted by Youanmite CWA  
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**NUMURKAH / THURSDAY 9 MARCH 2023 / 10AM**

**RSL Hall - Saxton Street**

Morning Tea hosted by Baulkamaugh CWA and guest speaker theme #EmbraceEquity RVSP essential 0428 725 589

**YARRAWONGA / SATURDAY 18 MARCH 2023 / 8.30AM**

**Seniors room (next to CWA rooms) Hovell Street**

Delicious breakfast and raffle (\$12pp) hosted by Yarrawonga CWA  
RVSP essential 0409 253 673

**COBRAM / SATURDAY 18 MARCH 2023 / 12NOON**

**Apex Reserve - Campbell Road (Cobram Soccer Pavilion)**

Luncheon and guest speakers (\$30pp) RSVP essential 0429 125 620

**NATHALIA / SUNDAY 19 MARCH 2023 / 2PM**

**Three Belles Collective - Elizabeth Street**

Garden Party - hosted by CWA Night Watch  
Enjoy afternoon tea, local florist demonstration and talk by local wildflower group  
RSVP essential nathalianwcwa@outlook.com or via Facebook (Nathalia Night Watch CWA)



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# Cultural Diversity Week 2023



Cultural Diversity Week provides an opportunity for our community to come and celebrate our cultural and linguistic diversity.

Everyone is welcome to join the community activities.

**3 MARCH** **G.R.A.I.N Store Nathalia - Blake Street**  
Piano, Performance, Poetry and Pizzazz  
Community participation performance evening with family friendly environment.  
6PM Enquiries 0400 037 432

**17 MARCH** **Cobram Community House - Punt Road**  
Cultural food cooking demonstrations and cultural displays will commence at Noon. Community afternoon tea at 2pm.  
12PM Enquiries (03) 5872 2224

**17 MARCH** **World Cup Style Indoor Soccer Match - hosted by Skillzone**  
Cobram Apex Sports Stadium - Campbell Road, Cobram  
Come along and join in on a World Cup Style culturally diverse social game of indoor soccer. (Must be a min. 16+ years of age).  
6PM Registrations essential - go to [www.skillszonesports.com](http://www.skillszonesports.com)

**21 MARCH** **Numurkah Community Learning Centre - Melville Street**  
'Welcome' bunting in range of language flags and celebrated on Harmony Day along with morning tea.  
10AM Enquiries (03) 5862 2249

**26 MARCH** **Arts for All - Church Hall**  
Corner Broadway & William Streets, Cobram  
Aboriginal Dot Painting Workshop by Deadly Art Numurkah - all materials provided. \$20pp includes all materials for the Arts for All event.  
10AM Enquiries 0427 781 978



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## Climate Summit

Businesses and community leaders alongside representatives from 5 local councils recently came together as I partnered with Environmental Leadership Australia to host a Climate Leadership and Jobs Summit. 13 leading climate experts spoke to the group across two days to help learn and develop strategies to ensure the region benefits as the world moves to a lower emissions economy.

I'm determined to create relationships between energy experts and local leaders to ensure jobs, profitability and productivity grow in our region long into the future.



## Truckie Tax

The National Transport Commission has released options for the next three years regarding increases to Heavy Vehicle Charges.

The options include a potential 10 percent annual increase over three years. Transport companies and producers who carry goods to market are already paying more for fuel as well as operating costs. Businesses cannot afford to cop these price hikes and will have to pass on the costs to consumers. This is detrimental for Australians who are already struggling with the cost of living and paying more at the checkout.

The Goulburn Valley is a transport hub and I'm backing local operators and calling on the Albanese Government to freeze charges for 2023-24 followed by a modest annual increase of 2.27 per cent the following year.



## Water Buybacks

Last week, Water Minister, Tanya Plibersek, placed on record that the purchase of water will be needed to reach all targets.

However, I strongly believe most of the Murray Darling Basin plan can be completed without more buybacks which will further damage irrigation communities and push up prices of basic food for already struggling Australians. We can complete the plan over the next two years by investing in water saving projects.

The Albanese Government seems hellbent on meeting a June 2024 deadline by ripping apart regional communities by buying more than 60GL of water.

Around \$22 billion is produced at the farmgate across the Murray Basin which flows on to create around \$80 billion for our regional towns.

We cannot afford to lose this economic driver and I'm demanding the Labor Government start listening to the regions and take buybacks off the table.

## Listening Tour Comes To Towns Near You

I've kicked off a year long tour of listening posts. The "Sam on the Street" sessions aim to ensure residents have the opportunity to meet and speak with me in towns across Nicholls.

This is also a chance for me to meet with community leaders to stay up to date with projects and issues taking place in towns and how I can help provide assistance. I'll be visiting Nathalia, Barmah and Picola on Wednesday April 5. I would love to meet with individuals as well as community groups.

You'll find me in centre of town in

**Nathalia** - 1pm to 2pm

**Barmah** - 2.15pm to 3.15pm

**Picola** - 3.30pm to 4.30pm



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