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Red House Rules

One of the most anticipated days on the St Mary of the Angels calendar dawned absolutely perfect, not too hot, not too cold and a beautiful blue sky, what more could you ask for on the day of the swimming sports.

The day started with Welcome to Country, Prayer and the National Anthem and then the action kicked off with the traditional House Captains and Staff race.

The serious swimming got underway with the Under 13 freestyle events, followed by all other ages and then into the breaststroke, backstroke and butterfly events. There were some amazing swims and some records broken by Molly Hindson and Jackson Bury. The relays were a highlight and are hotly contested for those all-important house points.

St Mary of the Angels Secondary College Health and Sports Coordinator, Leanne Rawson said, "We congratulate everyone who competed for their house, whether it was once or multiple times. It was a great effort.

"It was also great to see the students being active in the other pursuits available. Volleyball was played all day, spike ball was



ST ELIZABETH HOUSE LEADERS...

From left: Mackenzie Stephens, Laura McLeod,
Ash Russo and Lachie O'Hara.



SPIRIT OF THE DAY...

Winner of the Michael McLean Award for sportsmanship and embodiment of the College spirit, Nakita Pawlowicz.

popular, table tennis and quoits as well as the fun and games in the smaller pool kept everyone busy. The creative students were involved in making a banner for their house and these were awesome. Year 10 student, Raiyan Galvin played some beautiful acoustic music most of the day, keeping us well entertained. Well done to all involved.

"A lot of work goes into making these days successful and so a huge shout out goes to the House Captains, PE staff and everyone who contributed by being marshals, recorders, supervisors etc.

"Congratulations to Elizabeth who were the overall winners on 693 points, followed very closely by Clare 690 and Francis 574.

"Other honours included the Michael McLean Award. Michael was a past student who passed away tragically in an accident, he was a kid who just had a go at everything and really embodied the spirit of the College. The Michael McLean Award is highly sought after, and this year's winner was a very deserving, Nakita Pawlowicz.

"28 students have now earned a spot to represent their school in the Campaspe swimming carnival which will be held Tuesday 1st March. We wish them all the best, and can't wait to see their results."

For more photos turn to page 14.



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Community Update



International Women's Day – come celebrate with us

International Women's Day is a chance to acknowledge and celebrate the contributions of so many active and committed women here in Moira Shire. Held in conjunction with the CWA, there are multiple events across the shire to attend, with delicious feasts on offer, as well as special guest speakers and activities to participate in. All events will comply with COVID-safe guidelines. Go to our website for all the details.

Cultural Diversity Week – celebrate together

Cultural Diversity Week is an opportunity for the community to come together, celebrating our cultural and linguistic diversity. Activities will include sharing culture through food, music, traditional and multi-faith celebrations. Go to our website for all the details.



Community Strengthening Grants – apply now

Do you need funding for an event or to improve facilities or services for your local community? Then our Strengthening Grants (up to \$10,000) are for you. Got to our website to apply and for details on the information sessions.



Community Strengthening Grants

Dog Off-Leash Area Policy – give your feedback now

Our draft Dog Off-Leash Area Policy details Council's commitment to providing dog off-leash areas, to encourage people and dogs to socialise and exercise within an open space setting. This draft Policy offers guidance on the future planning and development of dog off-leash areas within Moira Shire and was based on the information obtained from the community consultation held in December 2021. Go to our website for more information and to give feedback.



Animal Renewal Notices – due April 10

Animal Renewal Notices will be in letterboxes next week. These pet registrations are due for payment by 10 April 2022.



Community Newsletter – February edition

Our February Community Newsletter is out now. It is filled with updates and announcements on projects, initiatives, events and decisions of Council. Why not jump onto our website and subscribe now!

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International Sausage Day at Nathalia Primary School



Nathalia Primary School created and then celebrated International Sausage day last week. The students and teachers enjoyed munching down on the beautifully prepared feast of sausages with sauce in bread.



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Moira Messages

Lake Numurkah improvement opportunities – have your say

A comprehensive water study has been completed on Lake Numurkah and now Council wants to hear from the public, not only from Moira Shire but also visitors and interested businesses, on the possible improvement opportunities to develop this beloved community asset.

Mayor Libro Mustica said Council was committed to the long-term future of Lake Numurkah and had allocated \$50,000 to undertake an analysis of water flows and develop landscape upgrade options.

“This analysis, performed by water engineering specialists *Spiire*, involved a review of all aspects of the lake including survey work and landscaping opportunities,” he said.

“The results of this analysis include retaining a portion of the lake for ornamental/recreational purposes; use integrated water management for water treatment; incorporate wetlands into the design; and provide a stormwater management solution as Numurkah develops to the north.

“We now want to hear from you – what do you think of the various improvement opportunities outlined in the analysis?”

Cr Mustica acknowledged many members of the community just wanted the lake full of water year-round.

“But to achieve that, Council would need to regularly purchase additional water which could put us in active competition with our farmers for water,” he said.

“It is important to note that since the lake was built the irrigation water sector has totally transformed.

“Water is now tradeable with both temporary and permanent markets operating.

“What this means is that in some seasons water has a higher value on the market to some water owners than its perceived value as water used for irrigation or recreational purposes.”

Lake Numurkah provides a unique and special open space area for the local community and visitors.

“The lake was constructed in the 1970s by a private developer and was supported by the then Numurkah Shire,” Cr Mustica said.

“With the recent low water levels the following issues have appeared - reduced amenity; poor water quality including high e.coli concentrations; proliferation of aquatic vegetation limiting recreational activities; and reduced recreational value.

“This low water level also reduced fish habitat and in 2019 Council arranged and paid for the removal of more than 60 native fish from the lake into the neighbouring Broken Creek.

“It is important to note Council continues to work with the private company who owns the majority of the lake and they have been shown this landscape master plan.”

To view the analysis report, for further information on this ongoing project or to have your say go to our website.

There is also an informative video presented by Council’s Director Sustainable Communities Sally Rice and the *Spiire* consultants, detailing the analysis and improvement opportunities.

If you don’t have internet access or need a hard copy of the survey or analysis report give our Customer Experience team a call.

Feedback on the improvement opportunities for Lake Numurkah will close 5pm Thursday 31 March.

International Women’s Day – get involved

People from across the shire will come together to celebrate the achievements of women within our community as part of International Women’s Day.

CEO Clare Keenan said International Women’s Day was an opportunity to recognise the invaluable contributions women make to all aspects of life in Moira Shire.

“Held in conjunction with the CWA, there are multiple events across the shire to attend over the next two weeks with delicious breakfasts, morning teas and lunches on offer as well as special guest speakers and activities to participate in,” Ms Keenan said.

“We are fortunate to have so many active and committed women here within Moira.

“International Women’s Day is a chance to acknowledge and celebrate these contributions.

“Importantly, these events are also an opportunity to encourage greater levels of equity and diversity both within our community and in positions of power.

“Limited seats are available to ensure Covid-19 safety requirements so make sure you secure your place now.”

The events are –

Cobram: Saturday 19 March; St Margaret’s Anglican Church Hall; 12pm; \$25 includes guest speakers and a light lunch; RSVP 0409 196 439.

Nathalia: Saturday 19 March; 11am-12pm Casual Step fashion show; 12pm-3pm Three Belles floral demonstration and live music in the courtyard; RSVP 0408 563 498.



MEALS ON WHEELS

11th to 25th March

March 2022

Friday 11th	Sue Lowe
Monday 14th	VOLUNTEER REQUIRED
Tuesday 15th	Mary Agius
Wednesday 16th	Nathalia Primary School
Thursday 17th	Fay Hutchins
Friday 18th	David & Cheryl McKenzie
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March 20th: 8.00am - Nathalia, @ Anglican Church

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CATERPILLAR CORNER



We welcomed all the Discoverer room children back after the holidays. Over the last couple of months the children have settled back into the grove of the room.

We have had heaps of engagement in experiences and in our group times the children are enjoying singing familiar and new songs bringing excitement and developing memory.

Throughout the months we welcomed new children to the room.

All the children have been loving the sensory experiences of play dough, water with different resources and textures using their senses as well as



working on their fine motor and gross motor skills while using hand eye coordination.

We LOVE our new boat that has been added to our outdoor setting: the joy and happiness it has brought to all the children giving more opportunity for imagination and following their ideas and interests.

We have also added our own herb garden into our yard, the children were involved in helping plant the herbs and then a daily routine of water and checking them is helping teach the children about sustainability and how the plants need water to survive and grow.



42nd Annual

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Sunday 13th March 10am—6pm

Monday 14th March 10am—4pm

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The front of the hospital has undergone a makeover recently

Thank you to The Nathalia Men's Shed members, Vic Dohnt, Noel Gemmill and Brian (Barney) McVeigh for your landscaping work.

The group planted the hardy and drought tolerant Stumpy Joe Dwarf Conifers (Thuja Orientalis 'Aurea Nana') and finished the job off with some red mulch. Noel and Vic planted the conifers and Vic and Barney lay the mulch. Vic Kindly donated two trailer loads of mulch which normally costs \$140 per load. The following week, despite heavy rain a group of enthusiastic volunteers arrived to clear out the Birds of Paradise in the roundabout garden bed. The Birds of Paradise were removed and sold with all profits going to the Hospital Auxiliary. A fantastic show of community spirit and the end result looks excellent. Thank you.



Nathalia Foot Care

Foot Care appointments are available for those who require support with:

- Routine nail cutting
 - Non-surgical removal of callous
- For appointments p 5866 9444

COVID-19 Quick Questions:

Can I see a doctor at the Medical Clinic if I have symptoms of COVID-19?

NCN Health Nathalia Medical Clinic have processes in place for community members who are symptomatic and need to see a doctor.

Patients with COVID like symptoms will be encouraged to have a telehealth appointment with the doctor. This happens over the phone and is bulk billed. The doctor can then decide if

they need to be seen in person at the clinic, the patient may be asked to have a COVID test, either a PCR test or Rapid Antigen Test. If the doctor does need to have an in-person appointment with the patient, it may take place outside in the patient's car with additional PPE in place. For appointments p 5866 9444

Where can I get tested for COVID-19

Testing is available Monday to Friday by appointment at NCN Health Nathalia. For most people a Rapid Antigen Test is recommended and will be provided to you to take home. PCR testing is still available, results can take 1 – 3 days. For appointments p 5866 9444

Do I have to wear a mask when attending the health service and residential aged care?

Yes. Any person aged 8 years and older who attends the health service or residential aged care must still wear a face covering, unless a valid exemption applies.

Children's Vaccination

Nathalia Medical Clinic are running children's vaccination clinic (5-11yrs). Appointments available on Tuesday afternoons
For appointments p 5866 9494

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



Exhibition Opening: Tutors and Students 6 pm-7.30pm Friday 18 March

Why would anyone inflict on themselves the pain of learning? That is the key question The G.R.A.I.N. Store Current Exhibition is set to illustrate.

Join us in celebrating the work of the three Artists and Tutors: Amanda Hocking, Tim Hocking and Creagh Manning who collectively offered six workshops at The G.R.A.I.N. Store in 2021. Join us in appreciating the willingness of their students...local artists...who put themselves through the challenge of learning new and unfamiliar techniques.

Join us in hearing Shepparton academic Jan Donaldson, important Australian jeweller, and that extraordinarily rare species...a tertiary art educator...as she explores the importance of formal learning opportunities for artists of all ages.

Purple and Gold...our May/June Exhibition is already attracting entries. More information next Red Gum Courier or call in to the G.R.A.I.N. Store on Thursday or Friday or Saturday for an "information pack".



Lancasters' Turn

Film-making Workshop # 2 with Mark Street and David Muir (Sound)

The pressure is really on now. If you see any of those familiar faces around the traps; sympathise with their furrowed brows and nervous shakes... as they appreciate how deep they have found themselves in the world of film-making...however short the film!!!

No wonder they spend more time planning what to wear at the Red Carpet (Learner Plates) Film Festival Friday 6 May.



Scripts written now ready to go
Photographer John Donegan

John Donegan, photographer, took the film-makers' photo. John Donegan is working with a group of local photographers on our most ambitious project yet: capturing a portrait of our Nathalia district 2022...groups; friends, individuals, organisations, businesses, teams... we will be wanting you all.

More to come in following weeks and months.

Magic-music Making Saturday 9 April with Broken Creek Band Two terrific opportunities:

Every one welcome to join the "just for this" choir...10-12 am at The G.R.A.I.N. Store.

Everyone welcome to join the CD Launch and Concert 7.30-9pm...See insert in next Red Gum Courier.

Easter Market 2022

Saturday 16th April in the plantation between 9am and 1pm.

Just a quick update!

Sites are still available but filling quickly.

There will be lots of kids activities, Easter bunny, Bardi Gras, live music, food, drinks, spinning wheel, stalls and don't forget the major raffle to be drawn at 11am. So get your tickets from any local store or business.

If anyone is available to sell raffle tickets for the raffle, by sitting outside I.G.A. for an hour or two, please contact Joyce Tyndall 0418 587 140.

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"Hop to it!" Thank you all in advance.



Back on the Rack is Back

After the market was cancelled twice due to covid lockdowns in 2021 the Back on the Rack market it is back and bigger than before.

The new date is Sunday March 20th at the Nathalia Community Centre. Back on the Rack is a boutique market for preloved fashion, footwear and accessories.

Organisers Shelley and Poss are thrilled with the ongoing support and response that the market has generated. The interest in stalls has been remarkable with over 30 stalls already booked,



now there are only a handful of stall spaces left for hire. The most exciting aspect of the event is the chance for buyers to find a great quality piece of clothing to add to their wardrobe. The items for sale will be of high quality, diverse sizes and some fabulous designer brands.

Everyone far and wide is excited about the market and it is expected that people will come along to Nathalia for a Sunday drive to do some shopping and check out the stall holders preloved fashion, accessories and footwear.

Back on the Rack market is a not for profit format with the stall hire fees and gold coin entry fees going to Kelly Szakal's Go Fund me.

The market is being held at Nathalia Community Centre on Sunday 20th March from 10am-1pm.

Check out the instagram page [@backontherackmarket](https://www.instagram.com/backontherackmarket) or email backontherackmarket@gmail.com for more information.

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Museum Moments...

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

An upcoming exhibition to be held at the G.R.A.I.N. Store is to be titled 'Purple and Gold'. This got me thinking about when and why the sports teams of Nathalia use this colour scheme. ???

My research has taken me back to 1887 when a report in the Nathalia Herald dated 19/05/1887 states "The first football match of seniors teams ever played in Nathalia took place on Sunday last, in the paddock adjoining the Barwo Hotel." (This hotel was just north of the current location of Casual Step). "The respective sides consisted of members of the recently formed Nathalia Football Club, the teams were selected on the field, captained by Messers A. Bird and Neill... The members played with great spirit and the form exhibited was extremely creditable for a young unpracticed club..... The first match against a foreign team will take place on Saturday week, 28 May, on the local ground, when it has been arranged to try conclusions with the Numurkah Club."

Some further history of Nathalia Club can be found in the book "Nathalia Football Club 1892 -1966" by W. Hawks. This very informative book provides a glimpse at football in Nathalia over the last century or more. In the early days, sides consisted of 20 men apiece, and the side which finished on top of the premierships ladder at the end of the season was declared the premierships winner.



Notes from 1901 state that the club colours were fixed at Red and Blue. Messers Eakin & Co donated 10 complete sets of football outfits to the Nathalia Football Club.

Pictured at left is the Nathalia Premiers, GVFA 1914. Even though the photo is black and white, the stripes on the guernsey could be seen as red and blue.

In 1921, it was decided at the Annual meeting of Nathalia Football Club to change the colours of the club uniform. The old red and blue was replaced by purple and gold, the new guernsey being an exact replica of the Wesley College outfit. This choice was possibly because local families had students at Wesley.

In 1930 it was decided to make a slight change to the club colours, as on dull days the side was difficult to distinguish from Numurkah—so a gold sash was added to the all-purple guernsey.

For five years, from 1969 to 1974, under the coach Barry Connolly, the Nathalia Football Club changed their colours to Black and White. It was thought that merchandise would be more readily available in these colours and it may stimulate interest in the club by aligning with the Magpies/Collingwood. The change was not popular and therefore short-lived as the Past Players Association pushed for a change back to the purple and gold, and were willing to provide executive members to promote the club.

So ever since then Purple and Gold has been recognized as Nathalia colours across all sporting disciplines.

Pictured left, Nathalia premiers 1969 wearing the black & white. I will publish this photo again in next edition, a bit larger and with names for those interested in more information.

Thanks to Colin Crane for assistance with some of this information.



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

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Rotary News

Our first sausage sizzle...

on 26th February was a little ambitious perhaps, with the amount of sausages and bread we bought, but nothing went to waste. It was well worth the effort and the weather was just perfect. We were "out of uniform" as our Rotary aprons appear to have been misplaced somehow and could not be located. Anthony was the chief cook, so no one else wore aprons, and was quite happy to wear the apron his mother gave him to...he didn't want the froggy one I offered! I wonder why? The volunteers enjoyed the morning and the customers enjoyed what we offered. Some people were also generous with giving monetary donations on top of the \$2 per sausage in bread they bought. There was a quick debrief before the volunteers went home and it was unanimously agreed that we will soon have another sausage sizzle, perhaps at another location in the street, and we will be better prepared too. Thank you to everyone who supported us.

Due to unforeseen circumstances our March 2nd board meeting had to be postponed to March 9th. That evening there were plenty of items on the agenda to discuss and make decisions on.



A rather interesting article was in the March Rotary Down Under magazine. I would like to share some of it:

In the mid-19th century, Benjamin Franklin wrote: "When the well's dry, we know the worth of water."

Right now, in the 21st century, many of us take water for granted because we have been fortunate to live in places where clean water is plentiful. But that's not the case for millions of others around the world. The United Nations estimates that two billion people – about one in four people on the planet – lack safely managed drinking water. Just under half of the world's population lives without access to safely managed toilets and sanitation systems, and nearly a third lacks basic hand washing stations with soap and clean water.

Isn't it astounding that, in an age of instant information and space tourism, we still haven't managed to guarantee the necessities of water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) to so many?

Rotary is doing something about it; WASH projects are among the most funded within our areas of focus.

The article goes on to give more facts and figures and towards the end is written, *Rotary has the resources, partnerships, and passion to improve WASH services for millions in need worldwide.*

Our club donates to PolioPlus each year; on top of that, the member who has the International portfolio for the year chooses another project to support, but with a smaller donation. In my year it was a water one.

Not long now to the Show and Shine and before we know it Easter will be here! The Easter Market has been advertised for April 16th so we'll start organising the Rotary spinning wheel soon.

In my next article I hope to write about a successful Show and Shine event, among other reports.



'In English', he said, 'A double negative forms a positive. In some languages, though, such as Russian, a double negative is still a negative. However, there is no language wherein a double positive can form a negative.'

A loud voice from the back of the room piped up, 'Yeah, right.'



Robert went to his lawyer and said, 'I would like to make a will but I don't know exactly how to go about it.'

The lawyer smiled at Robert and replied, 'Not a problem, leave it all to me.'

Robert looked somewhat upset and said, 'Well, I knew you were going to take a big portion, but I would like to leave a little to my family too!'



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Excellent Entries For Art Exhibition

The Rotary Club of Numurkah 42nd Annual Art & Craft Exhibition has received excellent entries in the art, photographic and craft sections, ensuring an outstanding exhibition.

Entries have been received from local artists as well as artists throughout Victoria, and interstate.

The exhibitions will be open to the public from Friday 11th March at 7 pm, followed by Saturday and Sunday 12th & 13th March 10 am to 6 pm, and concluding on Monday 14th from 10 am to 4 pm.

Now in its 42nd year, the Art and Craft Exhibition of the Rotary Club of Numurkah has raised over \$300,000 for local charities, thanks to the generous support of exhibitors, sponsors and the community.

Proceeds from this year's exhibition will go towards the Community Aged-Care Bus project. A project undertaken by the Rotary Club of Numurkah and NCN Health Numurkah.

Regarded as one of the best art exhibitions in regional Victoria, this year's exhibition will live up to that reputation.

This year's show features 20 awards with prize money totaling \$10,000. The judge, Lyn Mellady will select the "Best in Show" entry plus a Runner-up, and Best in Oil, Watercolour, Pastel, and Kevin Davis Regional Artist Encouragement Award and the Moira Arts & Culture Inc. encouragement award for Moira Shire residents. These awards are non-acquisitive and are available for purchase or a sponsor's acquisition. A further ten painting awards are sponsored acquisitions and are selected by the sponsor. Our major sponsor is Numurkah Home Hardware with the \$2000 Painting Award.

In the craft section there are seven awards with Best Craft Exhibit, plus awards for Knitting & Crochet, Woodwork & Metalwork, Quilt Award and Craft Award.

Lyn Mellady is the art judge.

Lyn Mellady is a sixth generation Australian and paints the images, atmospheres, light, and colours of the Australia she loves.

Adept with both oil and pastel, Lyn works frequently with the soft pastel medium.

In 1964, Lyn was introduced to oils at teachers' college and in 1966 she graduated with a distinction for art.

Thousands of kilometres of travel are now the starting point for her paintings portraying what she describes as the untamed, but beautiful nature of our rivers, beaches and forests.

Lyn's work has now won many dozens of awards, and commendations. Her work hangs in five government collections.

Lyn shares her love of painting with classes, both in her Paint Down Under Studio and on line, painting tours, workshops for art societies and judging.

Claire Reid is the craft judge. Claire is a textile teacher at Numurkah Secondary College and has worked in a wide variety of textile mediums from pattern and dressmaking to lace making.

In conjunction with the exhibition the Rotary Club is raffling a painting by Anne Grogan, "The Dry" valued at \$350.

Cr. Wayne Limbrick will officially open the Art and Craft Exhibition on Friday evening at 8.30pm. A feature of the opening night will be a wine and cheese tasting, courtesy Monichino Wines. Musical entertainment will be provided by pianist Geoff Austin. Following the official opening the judges will announce the winners in the various sections, with their

comments. The evening concludes with supper.

Patrons are invited to be a judge and cast their vote for the art or craftwork of their choice for the People's Choice Award. This award has proved popular since its introduction, with \$100 awarded to the winning artist.

The exhibition in the Numurkah Town Hall will be open for viewing from Friday 11th 7 pm to 10 pm, Saturday 12th 10 am to 6 pm, Sunday 13th 10 am to 6 pm, and Monday 14th March 10 am to 4 pm.

Admission for the opening night will be \$8, which includes supper, admission of \$5 for the remainder of the days. Admission price includes a copy of the catalogue of the works on display.

Light refreshments will be available throughout the weekend.



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Writers Group Nathalia U3A

Broken Creek Drama

A trifling moment

'Do you drink full-strength coffee now?' the friendly young girl asked me.

'Yes,' I replied. 'During COVID-19 lockdowns I needed stronger coffee. Unfortunately, my tolerance for alcohol hasn't improved any.' I chuckle. 'My family blame my Methodist background.'

Laughing, I realize that she has no idea what a Methodist is, so I attempt to explain in a nutshell that the Methodist beliefs were based on working hard and praying to God for forgiveness. No dancing, no drinking, no playing cards. No fun basically sums it up.

Supper times at the local balls and dances saw Bill, a staunch Catholic, holding up each trifle bowl and reading whose surname was stuck on the bottom, declaring ownership. That told him whether the cook was Catholic or Methodist and whether there would be any plonk in the trifle. No prizes for guessing which denomination of trifle he enjoyed.

My Time at Nathalia Preschool



By Nicola Oliver

Hi, my name is Nicola Oliver I am a student on placement from St Mary's of the Angels Nathalia. I have been coming here since I've been in Year 10 back in 2020. Since last year I have been going to TAFE every Wednesday studying a partial completion of Cert III in Early Childhood as part of my VCAL program. Going to TAFE I have been getting more of an understanding into children and their development. This allows me to put my theory into practice at the Preschool and allows me to plan, set up and implement children's experiences. While being here I have seen the growth of children from when they were in 3 year old kinder to 4 year old kinder. You see them growing in their independence, making new friendships, care for their friends and the environment. As educators we create a strong bond with families to help get the best out of every child. COVID has been tough for everyone and especially for anyone who is going through school. I didn't get to do much placement in 2020 due to the two very long lockdowns as well as 2021 with jumping

Left: Nicola on an excursion with the preschool children during 2021.

in and out of lockdowns but in the end, I have been very resilient and stuck through it. I am really enjoying my time at Nathalia Preschool, and I recommend this industry to anyone who thinks they've got a passion for children and their development. It can be very challenging and demanding but you get the feel good out of it when the children are growing and shining.



The weather has been so diverse the last week with the children experiencing very hot days to raining days at preschool. This has enabled the children in the 4 year preschool program to get out the wet weather gear and make the most of the puddles. On sunny days, we now have our large shade umbrellas to provide extra shade in their preschool gardens.

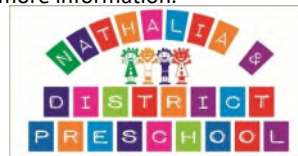


Bardi Gras 2022

Easter Saturday will see the Bardi Gras running again this year alongside the market. The theme is River Red Gum Trees and will be a different format to other years. We are planning to create a forest of River Red Gum Trees in the plantation and will soon be in contact with schools and organisations with more information. If you would like to be creative and paint or create a River Red Gum Tree, have

Left: Edward, Betty, Declan & Zara sitting in front of the River Red Gum tree at Nathalia Preschool that was created by Sustainable Artist Peter Forward.

any items made with red gum to go on display, photos or a story to share please contact Andrea (0407 329 255), Kylie (0429 036 689), Denise (0400 052 428) for more information.



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Nathalia & District Men's Shed



Update!

Our 2022 membership and program is slowly building and we look forward to supporting the Nathalia Easter Market by booking a site. Our secretary apologises for no February Meeting or luncheon. I was flown to Melbourne St Vincent's Hospital by Air Ambulance Saturday 19th February for an urgent operation. Hopefully our March Meeting on Wednesday 23rd will go ahead albeit a lunch is not yet confirmed.

Garage Sale/Sale/Sale

A garage sale is planned for Saturday 26th March at the Shed with outside vendors welcome. Set up from 7am with gates open 8am to 1pm with a sausage sizzle and cold drinks. A large stall will be \$20 then proportionally less. Please contact the secretary Steve Manley on 0406 343 794 for further details, including covid protocols.

Supporting Fruit Fly Eradication

Our Shed is supporting the Goulburn Valley Fruit Fly Eradication Program. Free (home grown) Fruit Fly traps and information sheets can be picked up at our Park St Shed, Monday to Friday 9.30am to 11.30am. Liaison Officer is Vick Dohnt, Ph: 0717 556 773. ~ Steve Manley

Protecting workers and animals from Japanese encephalitis

There have been further detections of Japanese encephalitis virus across the state, with cases now confirmed at six piggeries in Victoria.

The six cases have been located in the shires of Loddon, Campaspe, Wangaratta, Gannawarra, Greater Shepparton and Greater Bendigo.

The detections in Gannawarra, Greater Shepparton and Greater Bendigo were confirmed by the Australian Centre for Disease Preparedness on the weekend.

Agriculture Victoria staff are continuing surveillance activities and providing information and advice to farmers.

Japanese encephalitis occurs most commonly in pigs and horses and can cause reproductive losses for susceptible animal species.

Humans can be impacted by the disease if they are bitten by an infected mosquito.

Chief Veterinary Officer Dr Graeme Cooke is urging anyone who owns pigs or horses to take steps to reduce exposure to mosquitoes.

"We encourage pig farmers and horse owners to eliminate mosquito breeding grounds near their animals, such as stagnant water, to reduce the chances of them being bitten".

Mosquito control is very important at this time and the Chief Health Officer has issued advice for people to protect themselves from mosquito bites.

This includes wearing long, loose fitting clothes outdoors and using effective mosquito repellents containing picaridin or DEET on all exposed skin and trying to limit outdoor activity if lots of mosquitoes are around.



People cannot be infected by eating pig meat. Pork meat or pork products are safe to consume.

Nationally agreed movement restrictions have been applied to infected pig properties to reduce the spread of the disease in pigs.

Japanese encephalitis is a notifiable disease under the Livestock Disease Control Act.

Report any cases of unexplained pig deaths, especially piglets, or unexplained horse illnesses, to the 24-hour Emergency Animal Disease Watch Hotline on 1800 675 888, to your local vet or to Agriculture Victoria animal health staff. For more information visit:

agriculture.vic.gov.au/je

Agriculture Victoria is working closely with the Department of Health to understand the implications, and to communicate to farmers how they can reduce the risk to farm workers.

The Department of Health has issued public health advice available at www.health.vic.gov.au/infectious-diseases/japanese-encephalitis-virus

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SMOTA brings Rydell High to life

The cast and crew of St Mary of the Angels Production team are taking us back to 1959, Rydell High School in the upcoming stage production, 'Grease - School Edition'.

The stage is set with Sandy Dumbrowski, the new girl at school (Catarina Pawlowicz) and Danny Zuko, the leader of the 'Burger Palace Boys' (Ciaran O'Sullivan), reuniting at Rydell High after a brief romantic fling over the summer. Sandy is supported by her girl group, the 'Pink Ladies' (Jan - Abigail Walsh, Marty - Adeline Hutchinson, Frenchy - Grace Hall, and Rizzo - Nikita Pawlowicz), while Danny has his boys (Roger - James Robinett, Doody - Addison Oswald, Sonny - Hudson Storer, and Kenickie - Kian Brereton).

The Production is a trip down memory lane tackling the usual teen cliques and high school sweethearts themes from an era that is providing an opportunity for an exploration of timeless issues like teen relationships, sexism and much more.

Director, Carmel Mills said, "While we grew up watching movies like Grease, for many of our students this is a whole new experience. It's an opportunity for them to learn about 1950s stereotypes and norms and draw their own comparisons while at the same time doing what they love, performing."

"Grease is a fun, vibrant musical with great diversity and we're really excited to see our students bring it to life."

Tickets coming soon. Stay tuned.



GREASE IS THE WORD... Pictured, Ciaran O'Sullivan as Danny and Catarina Pawlowicz as Sandy in the upcoming SMOTA Production, Grease – School Edition.

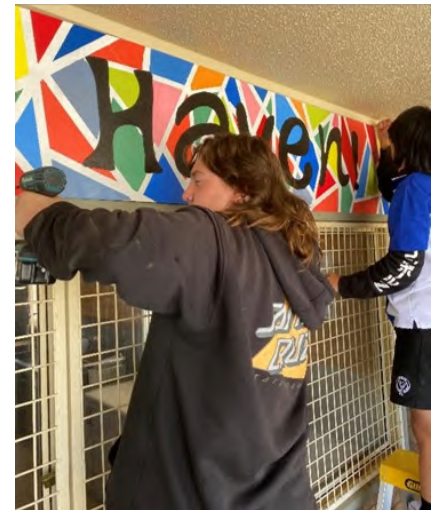


Nathalia Secondary College News



At the start of the year, Ally & Kiana commenced their project of revamping the old canteen sign. The sign has now been finished, and with the help of a few classmates, it has been installed & looks

fantastic! This has been a great team effort which shows the students taking pride in the appearance of their school and will be enjoyed by many students to come. Well done Team!



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HOUSE LEADERS... From left (back) Mackenzie Stephens, Georgia Carkeek, Pat Bennett, Ella Brattle and Connor Baxa. (front) Lachie O'Hara, Laura McLeod, Ash Russo and Sammy Simpson. (Absent; Eloise Kelly and Billy Smith).



Black & White Photography



An overcast day makes for good photography, but not when the U3A group were trying to capture shadows. Five members enjoyed the beautiful morning taking images of “Shapes, Shadows and anything obscure” around Nathalia town, but first we had to turn our settings to black and white. It will be a challenge for viewers to see if they can work out where photos were taken.





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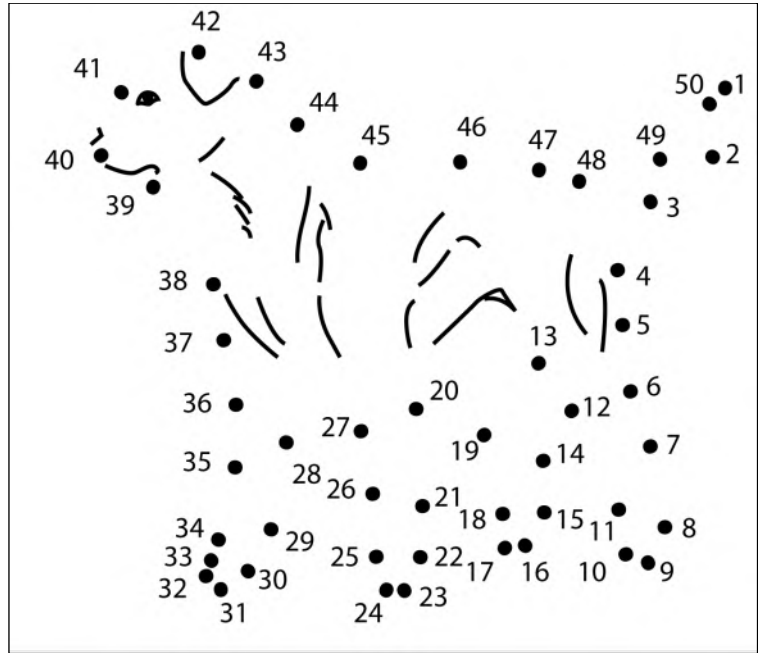
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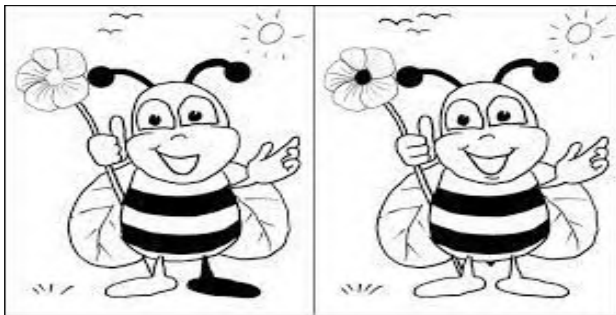
Speaker
Jan Donaldson

Artwork by Tim Hocking

Kid's Section



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Off-Leash Dog Area Policy – have your say



Council is exploring ways to make Moira Shire more dog friendly and a draft Dog Off-Leash Area Policy is now out for public feedback.

Mayor Libro Mustica said dogs could currently be exercised off-leash in daylight hours at showgrounds, football grounds and recreation reserves across the shire.

“Dogs must be in the presence of the owner and the off-leash provisions do not apply when an organised sporting event or similar activity is in progress,” Cr Mustica said.

“During these events dogs must on a leash at all times.”

Cr Mustica said in addition to these open areas Council had received a number of requests to provide confined off-leash areas for dogs.

“These would be in the form of a fenced off-leash dog park,” he said.

“We conducted an initial survey in late 2021 to test the broad community attitude to these assets and to assist in the development of a draft Policy.

“This survey had a terrific response with 329 people taking the time to answer the questions.

“Their responses helped guide and develop the draft Off-Leash Dog Area Policy.”

Mayor Libro Mustica said this draft Policy would help guide the development of off-leash areas throughout Moira Shire.

“All submissions received by the deadline will be considered by Council prior to deciding whether to proceed with the draft Policy, with or without amendment,” he said.

Submissions can be made in the following ways – online via Council’s website, by mail to PO Box 578 Cobram Vic 3643, or email info@moira.vic.gov.au. For more information go to our website or call our Customer Experience team on 5871 9222; submissions close Sunday 27 March.

Information Update:

The caterpillar featured on the front page of the previous Red Gum Courier edition is the caterpillar for the Magpie Moth *Nyctemera amicus*,

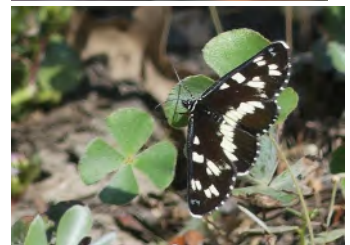
The local flora is a Senecio: this is its major host plant here. It’s probably Cotton Fireweed, *Senecio quadridentatus*, although I have them munching on another local Senecio right now in my garden.

<http://lepidoptera.butterflyhouse.com.au/arct/amicus.html>

The moth, is the Tah Vine Moth.

Local flora: Tah Vine *Boerhavia dominii*

Moth: *Cruria donowanii* <http://lepidoptera.butterflyhouse.com.au/agar/donowani.html>



It was featured in the first watercolour painting of local moths that Joan Harding did. The painting, showing both caterpillar and the moth is displayed on one of her cards. Thank you to Lyn Loger for this information.



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DEATHS

NEWMAN, Greg

03.08.1954 - 22.02.2022
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Eldest Son of Glenice and George (both dec) and brother of Peter. Passed away peacefully on the QLD Sunshine Coast surrounded by his loving family after a short illness, aged 67 years.

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Loved husband of Val for 30 years.

Adored Poppy to Indi & Steele, Finn & Zeke, Pixie & Ziggy, Maddison & Amelia.

*Sadly missed along life's way,
 Quietly remembered every day...
 No longer in our life to share,
 but in our hearts,
 you're always there'*

*You tried so hard to
 stay with us.*

POWER (Farrell), Nancy Eileen

8th June 1930 - 24th February 2022
 Peacefully at Pioneer's Memorial Lodge.

Loving wife of Charles (Meggsie) (dec). Loving mother and mother-in-law of Jenny and Geoff Sutcliffe, Gary, Mick and Maureen, Sue and Bim, Dianne and Greg (Thorne). Adored Nanna to 12 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

Nancy's funeral was held at Numurkah on Thursday March 4th 2022.

COMMUNITY EVENTS



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Tuesday 22nd March.
 Meet at 11.30 am for car pool at Senior Citiz Hall, Harcourt St.
RSVP by 18th March to book.
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Under 13

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Under 15

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GARAGE SALE Saturday 26th March At the Men's Shed

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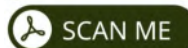
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Nathalia Lawn Tennis Club Finals Report



Velvet Tigers - Saturday 5th of March, first final: Velvet Tigers 8 sets 86 games defeated Echuca Lawn 3 sets 61 games.

After some heavy rain caused some venues to be unplayable, the VT's arrived in Echuca excited to play their first final in their debut season. Jarrod Bingham and Joe Nihill got the day off to a great start in the no.1 doubles, playing classic doubles tennis to win 8-5. Fergus Kearney and Alex Bakiogianis couldn't quite capitalise in the no. 2 doubles, but Eliza Long and Ash Andrews secured a comfortable 8-3 win in the women's doubles.

The ladies then continued their strong play through to the singles, Eliza winning 8-2 and Ash 8-3. Fergus and Joe lost their singles to worthy opponents, both getting 5 games, while Alex showed great concentration to carve out a no.4 singles win 8-4. Soldiering onward on one leg, "Lionheart" Bingham gritted out an 8-6 victory at no.1, refusing to pay heed to his injured groin.

The super pairing of Ash and Fergus continues to impress, this time winning 8-3. Jarrod was forced to withdraw from the men's reverse doubles, giving emergency Ned Nihill a chance to play with old pal Bakka, coming away with the choccies 8-6. The rain was deemed too heavy for Eliza and Joe's set was to be completed, however they were showing strong form together and leading 7-5.

A fantastic win, although somewhat bittersweet due to Jarrod's injury.

Sunday 6th of March, second final: Velvet Tigers 7 sets 76 games defeated Rich River 5 sets 54 games.

Arriving at Cobram with a place in the Grand Final at stake, the VT's named their best side, however Jarrod's injury proved to be too major - further testament to his singles win the day before. This meant emergency Ned Nihill was in once again. The Velvet's opponents however, did not have a man qualified to take the place of their absent no.1 man, meaning they were forced to forfeit his 3 sets.

With a 24 game buffer before play commenced, the Striped Velours set out to play their best tennis, but Rich River put up a brave fight. Joe and Alex lost no. 2 doubles 8-4, while Eliza and Ash ground out an excellent 8-7 tiebreak win in a high quality match.

Shunted into the no.1 singles slot, Ned copped an 8-5 loss, while Joe and Eliza both lost at no. 3 and 1 respectively. The ship was steadied by the ever reliable Alex (8-5) and Ash (8-2), and the victory was secured.

Eliza and Fergus then played together (in rather impromptu fashion) at the no.1 mixed, losing 8-3. Rich River were also forced to forfeit the no.2 mixed due to injury.

When the dust had settled on a frankly odd day of tennis and a frantic weekend, the Velvet Tigers had won their way into a Grand Final, cause for great excitement and celebration. To add an extra bit of fire in the belly of the Tiger, their opponent will be none other than arch-rival Numurkah. Les Velvets sont en grande finale!

GM3 East: After a late change of venues due to rain, Nathalia faced Kyabram Redbacks in the GM3 East semi final last Saturday at Nathalia. It was a fantastic effort by the club to have four courts ready to play at late notice. The overall result saw Kyabram defeating Nathalia to progress to the preliminary final on Sunday.

On the women's side of the draw, Nathalia won three out of the four women's doubles. Helen Ginnivan and Monique Bryant won 8-4 while Judith Slattery and Di Wilson defeated their opponents 8-3. In the second matches of doubles, Helen and Di were victorious, 8-2 while Monique and Judith were defeated 8-4.

Nathalia's men faced a very strong Kyabram outfit. Anthony Wilson and Ryan Bell fought gallantly to go down 8-7 in an epic match. In the other men's doubles, Anthony and Matt Slattery were defeated 8-3, while Daniel Sullivan and Matt also lost 8-3. Kyabram was also victorious in both men's singles matches.

Despite Nathalia's best efforts, Kyabram had a strong lead going into the mixed. Anthony Wilson and Monique Bryant fought hard in the number one mixed, but lost 8-5. Daniel Sullivan and Helen Ginnivan scored the only mixed win, defeating their opponents 8-5. Ryan Bell and Di Wilson were outplayed by their opponents, losing 8-3, while the mother and son duo of Matt and Judith Slattery were defeated, but finished the season fighting, going down 8-7 in a close tiebreaker.

Congratulations to club stalwart Helen Ginnivan for being the team's only three set winner for the day.

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N&DHTA swings into finals



left: Greg Roger's stride for Katunga.

right: Yalca North's Amy Cooper.

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The Numurkah and District Hardcourt Tennis Association played its first week of finals on Saturday. Katunga v's Yalca North at Waaia; it was a closely played match - level going into the final set. Yalca North finished on top 5 sets 61 games to Katunga 4 sets 55 games. A great day out, Strathmerton and Katamatite also played off at the Katunga courts, with Katamatite taking the win 6 sets 61 games defeating Strathmerton 3 sets 54 games. Yalca North are now straight into the grand final. Katunga and Katamatite will play off this weekend for a spot in the grand final. Good luck!

Nathalia Lawn Tennis Club Champions



Rose and Rafa

Rose Nihill won her 14th Nathalia Lawn Tennis Club women's club championship trophy on Sunday, defeating Corina McLeod 6-1, 6-2 in the final, which edges her one trophy ahead of Rafa Nadal's Roland Garros haul, for now, at least. In the other events, Joe Nihill defeated Alex Bakogianis 6-2, 6-3 to claim his fourth men's title and his first since 2019, Pat Ryan overcame Levi Lewer in a tense 7-6, 7-6 battle in the under 14 boys before succumbing to Ryan Bell in the under 18 boys' final and Bridie Wilson took a 6-1, 6-2 win over Katie Halden to take home the under 14 girls' trophy. Ryan Bell and Judith Slattery won the inaugural doubles event, in which pairings were assigned according to strength to provide a level playing field. Some injuries reduced the field, but Bell and Slattery were the best pair on the day. The final was unfortunately the only match played in the women's singles championship after pre-tournament favourite Jodie Daniel was forced to withdraw, stealing away her chances of a maiden victory. Corina McLeod was the

only other entry, and proved a worthy challenger to the perennial champion, forcing Rose to work much harder than the score line indicated.

Joe fought through Ryan Bell in his first round then a tough 7-6, 6-2 semi-final win over tricky veteran Dave Scadden who outlasted Anthony Wilson their opener. Bakogianis received a walkover in his first round, and made a strong start in his semi-final before wavering and allowing Dean Limbrick to fight back and ride good serving to a deciding match tiebreak which Bakogianis edged 10-8. Pat Ryan's big day of tennis started with an 8-5 win over Harry Morgan, who beat Mitch Daniel on Thursday night to secure his under 14 boys semi-final clash with Pat. On the other side of the draw, Levi Lewer had an 8-2 win over Jayce Limbrick who survived a tight encounter with Hamish McLeod during the week to win through



Pictured (L-R): R/Up Corina McLeod and Womens club champion Rose Nihill and the Mens club champion Joe Nihill and R/Up Alex Bakogianis.

to the semi-final. Katie Halden only just managed to squeeze into the girls' final with after reaching 6-all in her semi-final tiebreaker against Lucy Daniel before just sneaking home for a 9-8 (6) win. Things were much more straight-forward for the eventual champion. Bridie Wilson conceded just one game in her match against younger junior Eliza Raleigh.



Pictured: (L-R) 14&U girls champion Bridie Wilson and R/Up Katie Halden and 14&U boys R/Up Levi Lewer and Club champion Pat Ryan



(L-R) 18&U boys R/up Pat Ryan and Club champion Ryan Bell

The matches were played later at this season's club championships and many simultaneously, which made for a buzz around the clubhouse and an atmosphere worthy of the occasion. Many questions were answered by the day's tennis at the Nathalia LTC, but one enormous, all-important one remains: can Rafa match Rose on 14 trophies when he takes to the red Paris dirt in June?

In the Swing at Nathalia Golf Club



Well February is over and time is "marching" on. The weather is great and the recent rain has really helped the course and the fairways are looking really green and lush but we are busy trying to defend our greens from the over populated correllas that can cause extreme damage in no time. Hence the bird tape around the greens that was working for a time but not as successful now but we soldier on and thanks to the members who come out during the week to protect, treat and repair the greens, all help is very appreciated.

Entries are coming in for our **LOCAL BUSINESS CHALLENGE GOLF DAY** coming up on Sunday 20th March and it is again looking like being another fun filled fantastic day. We have some great sponsorship thanks to the Bendigo Community Bank and Nathalia Barmah Tourism so lots of prizes to be won. Remember this is a BIG FUNDRAISER for our Club and a great fun day and we need your support !!! Whilst some take their golf seriously this day is more about playing in a team and having fun. Only a few weeks to go and if you are wanting to put in a team but lack numbers or you want to play but not in a team, please contact Barrie Lindsay ph 0472 559 222 asap so he can help you.

Many thanks to our hardworking volunteer members who organized and helped with the BUNNINGS BBQ fundraiser at Shepparton on Saturday 5th March. A great team effort and we made a profit of about \$800 so lots of sausages were cooked and sold.

The Goulburn Murray Golf Association's (GMGA) first tournament for 2022 will be the Annual Gray Barton (men) Teams Event and the Gollan-Hicks-Kelly (Ladies) Teams Event to be played on **Sunday 27th March at Hill Top Tatura Golf Club**. 10am for 10.30am multi tee start. Entry Fee - \$100 per team of 4 players. Due to COVID these events were not able to be played in 2020 or 2021. Nathalia sent teams in 2019 and our Club is again keen to be represented and hope our members will consider being in a team.

RESULTS:

WEDNESDAY COMPETITION 23/02/22: 9 HOLE STABLEFORD on the front nine and the winner of the men was Ray Freeman with a very nice 23 pts and Sonia Verlinden was the winner of the ladies with 21 pts. Sonia also got NTP.

FRIDAY 9 HOLE CHICKEN RUN 25/02/22: Playing the front nine and the winner of the **IGA Cooked Chook Voucher** was Barrie Lindsay with 19 pts on a c/back from Ray Freeman also on 19 pts. No-one got NTP.

SUNDAY COMPETITION 27/02/22: 18 HOLE STABLEFORD teeing off by 9am and the winner was Ray Freeman with 35 pts. Ray's handicap is coming down but he is still on a winning streak and hard to beat. R/up was Tony Cavallero with 33 pts.

WEDNESDAY COMPETITION 2/03/22: 9 HOLE STABLEFORD and last day of the Ladies Summer Competition. Playing the back nine and the winner was Leanne Hawkey with 17 pts with Denis Dunn winning the men's event with 19 pts. No-one got NTP.

FRIDAY 9 HOLE CHICKEN RUN 4/03/22: Playing the back nine and the winner of the **IGA Cooked Chook Voucher** was again Barrie Lindsay – not sure of the score. Barrie also got NTP.

SUNDAY COMPETITION 6/03/22: 18 HOLE STABLEFORD and the winner was Tony Brown with 33 pts, R/up Ray Freeman with 32 pts. Ray also got NTP.

COMING UP:

SUNDAY 13/03/22: 18 HOLE COMPETITION – 8.30am for 9am tee off and everyone welcome. \$8 for Members and \$15 for Non Members.

WEDNESDAY 16/03/22: NATHALIA LADIES vs NUMURKAH LADIES – GONG DAY 8.45am for 9am tee off. To be played at Numurkah Golf Club.

THURSDAY 17/03/22: LADIES MENZIES CHALLENGE BOWL (team of 4) at Kyabram Valley View Golf Club

FRIDAY 18/03/22: LADIES SWAGGERS at Kialla Golf Club - 8.30am for 9am tee off.

SUNDAY 20/03/22: LOCAL BUSINESS GOLF CHALLENGE DAY at Nathalia - AMBROSE with teams of 4 players - 8.30am for 9am shot gun start.



Pictured left: Denis Dunn and Stan Verlinden putting on the 18th green.

Pictured right: After golf and in the Clubhouse on Wednesday 23rd February to celebrate Peter Poon's birthday.



Pictured left: Sonia Verlinden, Denis Dunn and Nina Pell working at the Bunnings BBQ

Nathalia Cricket Report

Nathalia Under 16 team played in the Grand Final at Nathalia on Sunday against Deniliquin. Ground conditions were damp and the outfield slow, Deni won the toss and sent Nathalia in. Nathalia managed to bat their allocated 40 overs out and finish 8 for 95, with Ewan Congues 25, Kai Lundberg 19 and Brady Walpole 18 the top scorers.



In reply Deni lost early wickets and finished being dismissed for 81 off 37 overs. All the bowlers contributed with Bray Walpole taking 4/12 off 7 overs, Tyler Stephens 3/8 off 6, Josh Dohnt 2/15 off 6 and Ewan Congues 1/13 off 8. While Nate Summerville and Ned Frostick also bowled well.

The team was well coached by Liam Evans and Clancy Congues, with Nicole Walpole the team manager and Nicole Reynolds the scorer.

The team consisted of Ewan Congues (Captain) Kai Lundberg (Vice Captain) Brady Walpole, Tyler Stephens, Billy Liddell, Josh Dohnt, Ned Frostick, Charlie Dietrich, Jack Hutchins, Harry Rudd, Nate Summerville and Gus Frostick. After the game the junior presentations were made to award winners for the season.

Under 16 award winners

Batting – Ewan Congues
252 runs at an average of 84
Bowling – Brady Walpole
13 wickets at 5.46
Champion Player – Ewan Congues
Coaches Award – Billy Liddell

Under 14 award winners

Batting – Hugh Stone
106 runs at 17.67
Bowling – Nate Summerville
9 wickets at 4.78
Coaches Award – Hugh Stone

2021/2022 Season Comes to an End

PENNANT - Our last games of Pennant were played, **MIDWEEK** on 25th February, at home against the top team Numurkah Golf 2 at home. Unfortunately, the result was not in our favour. Numurkah Golf were the overall winners. Fiona Rourke's team of Ian Bolton, Fay Hutchins and Rosemary Glover won by 10 shots defeating Kaye Hocking's team. Bev Hutchins team went down by 3 shots and Berris Baldwin's team also lost. **SATURDAY PENNANT's** final game was played against Picola at Picola. Picola won overall. Ian Bolton's rink won gaining 2 points with 14 points going to Picola. We would like thank all the players for Season 2021/2022 particularly the "fill ins" at the last moment. A great sense of friendship was enjoyed over the whole season. Although we are not in the finals, we look forward to a more successful season for 22/23. **Ladies and Mens Trade Day and Over 60's** continue on through to April. These are social games played during the week at the various Clubs in the Murray Bowls Playing area. Indoor Bias Bowls will be played over the winter. **BAREFOOT BOWLS** was run on Sunday, 27th February and Sunday 6th March, with a fair number of Barefooters attending. It has been decided to go to Friday evenings. Names in by 5.30pm. The Club has great bar facilities and if you are looking for something different to do Friday nights, maybe Barefoot Bowls is for you. The Club will be holding Bowls Afternoon on Good Friday (April 15th) in aid of the Royal Childrens Hospital Appeal. Names to be in by 1pm for 1.30pm start.



Pictured: Nathalia Bowls Club 2021/2022 Midweek Team.
 Back Row: Ian Bolton, Ashley Hutchins, Alan Cooper, Fiona Rourke, Keith Holland.
 Front Row: Bev Hutchins, Tessa Ward, Rosemary Glover, Berris Baldwin, Fay Hutchins, Heather Palmer, Philippa Schapper.

Picola Annual Red Cross Bowls Evening



The Picola Bowling Club recently held their annual Red Cross Bowls evening. This event has been held in Picola nearly every year for more than 50 years and each year the proceeds of the evening are given to Red Cross.

A good roll up of players from the Picola Football Club, Netball Club and Tennis Club as well as some local bowlers made for a fun evening. The funds raised amounted to \$757 for Red Cross - a fantastic effort. Pictured at left is Tony Smith presenting a cheque to Picola/Nathalia Red Cross President Jeanette Holland.

Thanks to Tony Smith and the Picola Bowling Club for organizing the event. A monster raffle saw players win a meat tray, cream sponges or plum puddings and booby prizes were awarded for low scores or bowls on the wrong bias.

The game was followed by a delicious BBQ meal cooked by the Picola men, (pictured above left) with salads provided by the Red Cross ladies.

Thank you all who contributed and everyone who participated on the night.



Winners of the bowls, pictured left with Tony Smith—
 Fay Hutchins, Louis Cain and Maureen Coates.



Pictured above—an example of the 'style' shown on the night.



Pictured above with Tony Smith were the Runners Up team of Ian Fry, Margaret Cobbledick and Don Brown.

2022 Keith Murphy Memorial Fishing Comp



Winners of 'The Bidger Chalker memorial team event trophy' pictured above Ryan Caldwell, Jaye Caldwell, Robbie Lee, Dale James. (Presented by Scott Chalker)

Another successful Angling Classic in it's 27th year was held last weekend. A massive thank you goes out to the sponsors of the event who made this possible, Dove Motors, Trely's and Echuca CIH Sales & Services Pty Ltd.



It was a fantastic weekend presented by the Picola United Football Netball Club, with 150 entries. Special thanks to all the volunteers/ organisers and to all the entrants for making it a great day. **Congratulations to all our winners;** Major Prize - camping equipment to the Value of \$2000 Brenton Minchin.

- Largest Cod Junior: Ryan Caldwell 75cm
- Largest Cod Senior female: Liz Chalker 56cm
- Largest Cod Senior male: Noel Delaney 64cm
- Largest Yellow belly: Geoff Mildren 52cm
- Largest Carp senior: Thomas Clark 75cm
- Largest Carp Junior: Harlen Atkinson.

The Bidger Chalker memorial team event trophy was won by: Ryan Caldwell, Dale James, Robbie Lee and Jaye Caldwell with 136cm of legal native fish.

A very special moment was had at the Saturday night raffle. Along with saying farewell to the PUFNC's trainer of 16 years Susan Maloney, the club also had the privilege of awarding Sue a 'Life Membership' of the Picola United Football Netball Club. For the past 16 years Sue has barely missed a game or Thursday night getting the trailer ready and assisting the players to allow them to perform at their best. She has build a great relationship with the players over the years and will be greatly missed. They even managed to sneak her family in for the surprise.



Ryan Caldwell (Largest Cod Junior)



Above: Sue Maloney pictured with her family in celebration of being inducted as a club 'Life Member'. (L-R) Penny Power, Clinton Barnes, Sue Maloney, Dale Maloney, Nancy Maloney and Nikki Barter



Geoff Mildren (Largest Yellow Belly)



Thomas Clark (Largest Carp Senior)



Liz Chalker (Largest Cod Female)



Pictured above: Clinton Barnes presenting Noel Delaney with his award for largest cod male.

Pictured left: Clinton Barnes presents Brenton Minchin with the major prize.



Above: Clinton presenting Ned Hornsby with his award for 2nd Largest Cod junior



Come celebrate with us.

YARRAWONGA / SATURDAY 5 MARCH 2022

Seniors rooms (next to CWA Rooms) - Hovell Street 8:30am

Hosted by Yarrawonga CWA. Guest speaker, delicious breakfast and raffle (\$12 p/p)
RSVP to 0409 253 673

NUMURKAH / TUESDAY 8 MARCH 2022

Numurkah Visitors Centre - Melville Street 10am (Free)

Hosted by Baulkamaugh CWA. Enjoy a delicious morning tea with guest speakers on the topic of this year's theme #breakthebias.
RSVP to 0428 725 589

COBRAM / SATURDAY 19 MARCH 2022

St Margarets Anglican Church Hall 12pm

Hosted by Cobram CWA. Guest speakers and light lunch (\$25 p/p)
RSVP to 0409 196 439

NATHALIA / SATURDAY 19 MARCH 2022

Hosted by Nathalia Night Watch CWA. Come along with a friend and enjoy a fashion show, floral demonstration, live music, food and great company. (Free)

11am -12pm Casual Step - Fashion Show

12-1pm Three Belles - Florist Demonstration - "Flower arrangements from your Garden"

1-3pm Three Belles - Live music in the Courtyard - Food provided (drinks at own cost)

RSVP to 0408 563 498



Limited Seats available to ensure Covid guidelines are met.
Event will comply with current Covid restrictions in accordance with Government guidelines.



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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.

Give us a call for more information or go to our website.

20 MAR **Indigenous Celebration**
Celebrate Cultural Diversity Week with Indigenous locals sharing stories and lived experiences.
Enjoy light refreshments, painting and cultural displays.
Numurkah Community House | 13 Murray Street | 10am
For more information 5862 2249
FREE EVENT

22 MAR **Aboriginal Weaving Workshop – online or in person**
Online workshop with all materials provided to learn traditional techniques of weaving.
Presented by Speaking in Colour.
Arts for All Inc | Online or at Cobram Library in person | 6pm - 8pm
RSVP Essential 0419613775
Cost: \$50 per person (includes all materials)

25 MAR **Multicultural Luncheon + Daily Displays**
Celebrate cultural diversity with various displays throughout the week - promoting benefits of diversity and culminating with a multicultural luncheon.
Cobram Community House | 12noon | RSVP 5872 2224
FREE EVENT



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Lake Numurkah improvement opportunities – have your say

A comprehensive water study has been completed on Lake Numurkah and now we want to hear from interested people on the possible improvement opportunities to develop this community asset.

Council is committed to the long-term future of Lake Numurkah and allocated \$50,000 to undertake an analysis of water flows and develop landscape upgrade options.

This analysis, performed by Spiire’s Water Engineering and Landscape Architecture teams, involved a review of all aspects of the lake including survey work and landscaping opportunities.

The results of this analysis include retaining a portion of the lake for ornamental/recreational purposes; using integrated water management for water treatment; incorporating wetlands into the design; and providing a stormwater management solution as Numurkah develops to the north.

We now want to hear from you – what do you think of the various improvement opportunities outlined in the analysis?

Go to our website and read through the various improvement options, then complete the detailed survey.

If you do not have internet access or need a hard copy of the improvement options or the survey, give our Customer Experience team a call on 5871 9222.

Your feedback will be reviewed and considered in the preparation of a future Draft Landscape Master Plan.

Key Facts

- Lake area - 14.3ha
- Lake experiences significant evaporation combined with low rainfall
- Multiple owners/managers of lake
- Council only manages 29% of lake



Improvement opportunities

- ✓ Improved environmental values and opportunities for recreation and enjoyment.
- ✓ The Open Water area provides access to water, with activities including canoeing and kayaking.
- ✓ Jetties or pontoons at various locations in the Open Water area, such as Madigan Street Foreshore and the Broken Creek Trail Foreshore.
- ✓ Path connection along the north western portion of the site (behind Reynolds Drive) for access between Wattle Drive and Madigan Street.
- ✓ The remaining existing lake footprint will become an ephemeral zone, meaning it will be generally dry but will become wet after rainfall, and will be planted with appropriate native vegetation.
- ✓ Boardwalks across the flood zone could provide loop connections

- between the island and Broken Creek trail and pedestrian bridge.
- ✓ Boardwalk connection between the Lakeside Country Club to the island and Open Water area.
- ✓ Improved car parking, pedestrian access and safety along the Madigan Street foreshore.
- ✓ More seating, viewing areas, barbecue facilities and a playground.
- ✓ Areas of open water, tracks and trails, and mature trees provide places for the community to enjoy and a habitat for wildlife.
- ✓ Existing four drainage inlets combined into one to maximise all drainage flow being treated via the wetland.
- ✓ A deeper permanent lake area to minimise vegetation and algae blooms and improve open water ecology for fish and bird life.



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