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Kids Learning & Having Fun



Cody Chester has been enjoying reading books in Italian at the Nathalia Community Early Learning Centre. Find out more in the Caterpillar Corner article on page 5.



This is a proud Romano Patten with the fish he caught when the Nathalia & District Pre-School and Barmah Kindergarten went fishing at Uncle Bob's Park. More information and photos on page 14.

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Community Update

Kerbside Collection Changes - Be part of the conversation

We're preparing to introduce a Purple Glass Bin as part of the State required four-stream waste and recycling services, but we can't do it without you.

We've put together 3 options that improve our waste management, reduce landfill items and save costs for our community.

Visit the Moira Matters website to learn more and to share your thoughts.

Community members will also have the opportunity to share their thoughts in person at our upcoming community session:

Tuesday 26 March : Jack Edwards Park, Barmah, 9.30am - 11.30am

Tuesday 26 March: Nathalia rotunda, 12.30pm - 2pm

Visit the moira matters website to see a full list of community sessions. Community consultation closes

Tuesday 30 April 2024.

Scan to visit website



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Flood Recovery Grants

The Community Flood Recovery and Resilience Grants offer up to \$5,000 to eligible not-for-profit organisations or groups impacted by the October 2022 Flood Event.

Priority funding is given to recovery services, community building initiatives, events fostering social connection, and support for Aboriginal communities.

Applicants are urged to consult the Flood Recovery Team at (03) 5871 9222 before applying. Grants are available until funds are exhausted or **31 December 2024**. For further details or to apply, please visit our website.

Quick Response Grants

The Quick Response Grants aim to provide community organisations an opportunity to apply for funding for small projects or events:

- 👉 Quick Response up to \$1,000
- 👉 Quick Response up to \$5,000

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Council Meeting - March

The next scheduled meeting of Council will be at 4.30pm on **Wednesday 27 March 2024** at the Dan Cocks Room, Nathalia. This meeting will be open to the public as well as being live streamed on our Facebook page.

Questions from the public must be submitted using the Questions for Council form on our website by 4.30pm the Monday prior to the meeting.

Submitted questions will be responded to during Question Time of Council, those who submit a question also have an opportunity to speak to their questions at the meeting.

Lump Sum Rate Payment Extension

Council wishes to inform residents that the deadline for lump sum rate payments has been **extended until 31 March** for those who have not yet received their reminder notices.

Unfortunately, continued technical issues have led to further delays in the dispatch of reminder notices. We appreciate the community's patience and apologies for any inconvenience caused.

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NRS 133 677

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Nathalia Cenotaph Restoration



After three years of grant applications and only partially completed jobs because of a lack of money, the Nathalia Cenotaph restoration is finally underway.

Thanks mainly to the Nathalia Bendigo Community Bank, the final but significant parts of the project have started. Residents might have already seen Butlers Electrical digging around the memorial in order to re-instate the lighting of the flags at night but more importantly, to remove the outdated and ugly switchboard from rear of the memorial and to provide protected power to the Northern end of the plantation. This power is needed for the various carnivals and events that we hold throughout the year.

Another part of the project is replacing the missing letters and damaged names that are on the two stone walls. Additionally, there are at least two names missing from Nathalia residents that enlisted or were conscripted to serve in Vietnam. Their omission has been distressing for the RSL, who have struggled to get the finance needed, as well as finding a practical solution to add the missing names.



This is a once in a generation opportunity for people to put forward the names of those they believe are missing or whose names are damaged or spelt incorrectly. President of the local RSL, Mackenzie Craig, is asking anybody with information to contact him on 0418 489 491 or email mackenzie@llanreath.com.au as works need to get underway shortly in order to be completed by ANZAC Day.

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WHAT'S ON



Mar 22	Craft Day Senior Citz Clubrooms 10am
Mar 22, 23, 27, 29, 30 Apr 3, 5, 6	Laser Light & Sound Show, Mulwala Waterski Club 9pm
Mar 23	Nathalia Bowls Club, "Fools Day Bowls Tournament"
Mar 23, 30, Apr 6	Tocumwal Railway Heritage Museum 10am-3pm
Mar 24	Cobram Makers Market Old St Joseph's Church Hall 9-1
Mar 24	Yarrowonga Farmers & Craft Market, Foreshore 9-1
Mar 25	Bingo Senior Citz Clubrooms, Eyes down 1pm sharp.
Mar 29	Nathalia Bowls Club Good Friday Hospital Appeal Bowls Day
Mar 29-Apr 1	Easter
Mar 29-Apr 1	Nathalia Lawn Tennis Club Easter Tennis Tournament
Mar 30	Nathalia Easter Market, 8am - 1pm
Mar 30	Cobram Lions Log Cabin Market, Federation Park, 8am-1pm
Mar 30 & 31	GV Vintage Tractor & Farm Machinery 39th Annual Vintage Rally & Tractor Pull, Wunghnu Recreation Reserve 9.30am
Mar 31	Wunghnu Miniature Railway Wunghnu Rec Reserve 1am-2pm
Mar 31	Tocumwal Foreshore Market, 8am-12pm
Mar 31	Yarrowonga Farmers & Crafts Market, 8am-1pm
Mar 31	River Beaches Festival with The Skerricks, Thompsons Beach Cobram.
Mar 31	Finley Pro Rodeo, Finley Showground, eventbrite.com.au
Apr 2	Senior Citz Members Meeting at clubrooms 10am
Apr 7	Daylight Savings Ends - Turn clocks back 1 hour.
Apr 9	Nathalia Bowls Club Veducchi Fashion Parade, 11am
Apr 19 & 20	Indoor Bowls Tournament at Community Centre.
Apr 20	Nathalia Bowls Club Trivia Night
Apr 25	Anzac Day Nathalia - Dawn Service Barmah - Morning March
Apr 26-28	Barmah Muster
Apr 30	Nathalia Bowls Club Annual General Meeting at Club 7pm
May 2	Nathalia Indoor Bowls Pennant commences
May 3 & 4	NFNC Debutant Balls
Jun 7 & 8	G.R.A.I.N. Store - The Things We Do For Love Installations, Promenade & Celebration
Jul 27	G.R.A.I.N. Store presents: Garage Girls @ SMOTA

Contact Nathalia Printers to have your event featured on our 'What's On' calendar.

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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

World Day of Prayer: Friday 1st March: 10am

Strathmerton

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

NATHALIA UNITING CHURCH

Margaret Cobbledick Ph: 0429 662 039

March 24th: Early Palm Sunday Gathering @ Water Tower 8.15am followed by 9.30am service

March 19th: Good Friday Service, 9.30am

March 31st: Easter Sunday Service 9.30am

Picola: 9.00am

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March 24th: 8.30am Holy Communion, Palm Sunday

March 31st: 8.30am Holy Communion

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Turn the clocks back

Remember to move your clocks back one hour.



Daylight Saving Ends Sunday April 7th



MEALS ON WHEELS

March 22nd - April 5th

March	
Friday 22nd	Graeme Smith
Monday 25th	St Mary of the Angels
Tuesday 26th	Darryl Hill & Mary Wilson
Wednesday 27th	Nathalia Primary School
Thursday 28th	Carmen Gilson
Friday 29th	Russell Shaw
April	
Monday 1st	Mick & Alison Keogh
Tuesday 2nd	Marlene Moor
Wednesday 3rd	Laurel Dimond & Leeanne Caldwell
Thursday 4th	Carmen Gilson
Friday 5th	Patricia Hawks

If you can cover one of the volunteer required runs please contact Laura,

Volunteer Programs Co-ordinator - MHA Care
Phone 03 5742 1111

Caterpillar Corner



We had St Mary of the Angels Year 7 (2023) students attend the centre to read their counting picture books which they had made in Italian. I felt this was a fantastic opportunity for our children to connect with the older children and be immersed in another language. Our children were fascinated, fully immersed in the stories and later, engaging with the authors. Once the students left, our children continued to engage with the stories and even played through the role of narrator. After the students left, I discussed with the kinder children the idea of making our own counting book about kinder for the high school students to translate and keep a copy in their library with their own books.



Nathalia Show March Report

We are all excited for another great show this year on Saturday October 5th 2024 with the theme MELBOURNE CUP.

The returning committee is:

President: Dylan Morris

Vice: Kerry-Anne Rappell

Secretary: Ellen Morcombe

Treasurer: Jocelyn Broadwood

With Cheryl Thorn and Kate Damon as sponsorship and tradespace officers.

Dylan thanked everyone for their hard work last year that really paid off in the end.

We are kicking off the year with 2 raffles at the Easter market next Saturday. There will be a trailer load of wood kindly donated by Northern Timber Co that will be drawn at noon on Saturday, as well as a stunning hanging grandfather clock kindly made and donated by local Carl Dietrich (this one will be drawn on Show day). Please come down and say hello!



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Library and Art

The St Francis Grade 4/5/6 senior students were busy last week creating library bags for their Prep buddies. The bags will be used to securely organise and protect the school library books borrowed out each week during the library sessions. The bags we designed, coloured and named as a gift for each child. The Prep students will look forward to many years of use. The senior students enjoyed the activity so much, they decided to make library bags for some staff also!



Transportation

Find and circle all of the transportation words that are hidden in the grid. The remaining letters will reveal an additional method of transportation.

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NSC creating with Jens Altheimer

On Thursday 14th and Friday 15th of March, a group of Nathalia Secondary College students were given the wonderful opportunity to work with Jens Altheimer (an artist working at the G.R.A.I.N. Store) to create a chain reaction machine for an exhibition. Students were tasked with an individual section of the mechanism, transforming recycled materials into a working component of the whole machine in a process of creative thinking, tinkering and experimentation. Through process of elimination, students refined their section to remove mistakes and explain the functioning of their section to others within the team. The students were fantastic, they came with great ideas, and all got involved in the process and creation. Jens was very impressed with their ideas and knowledge of how to create a chain reaction machine! Well done to all the students who participated and represented Nathalia Secondary College so well.



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Nathalia Vets Good News Story



Ellie had recently visited Bacchus Marsh with her family. She returned home with very itchy skin and allergies. She had a bald chest and abdomen, the hair on her legs had thinned so dramatically, her ears were itchy constantly and she was forever licking her paws. She also had a hot spot (red and inflamed skin lesion also known as acute moist dermatitis) on her face. The poor little soul was having a rough time.

Thankfully Ellie's owner brought her to the vets where she was assessed. Certain skin conditions like flea allergy dermatitis, demodex and sarcoptes mange were ruled out. She was placed on antibiotics and a safe new injection called cytopoint, that settles the overstimulated immune system, was given. This results in a relief from environmental allergic itching/reactions.

Two days later, she was much improved. The hot spot was almost gone and she was scratching much less.

One month later and little Ellie had significantly improved. Her face and coat looked great and her demeanour had improved. She even had some very fine hair growth occurring on her chest, abdomen and down her hind legs. A very happy dog!

Just like people, animals can suffer from allergies so if your pet has a rash, constant redness, itchiness or licking, there is treatment that can help. Please contact us on 03 5852 4646 Tuesday to Friday between 9am-1pm to make an appointment.



Wildlife awareness signage installed in Koonoomoo



New wildlife awareness signage has been installed along a stretch of the Goulburn Valley Highway in Koonoomoo known for its large koala population. Koalas and other wildlife move through this area looking for food, water, and habitat. The wildlife awareness signage aims to remind motorists of their surroundings and to take care whilst driving through the area.

The wildlife awareness signage project, initiated by Dutch Thunder Wildlife Rescue and completed in partnership with Moira Shire Council and the Department of Transport and Planning, has come to fruition after a significant number of koalas were hit and killed on the Goulburn Valley Highway in Koonoomoo in early 2023.

Moira Shire Council's Administrator Suzanna Sheed AM said that she hopes the signage encourages motorists to drive carefully through areas known for large wildlife populations.

"Moira Shire Council is proud to have supported Dutch Thunder Wildlife

Rescue in the implementation of this project," said Administrator Sheed AM.

"We are home to one of the largest koala populations in Victoria, and many other species call Moira Shire home. We have an opportunity to help protect the threatened and endangered animals habituating in our area – driving carefully, being aware of surroundings, and knowing key times when animals are likely to be on the move is an important start."

"I thank Dutch Thunder Wildlife Rescue for the crucial work that they do and for their continued efforts in educating and raising awareness within our community."

Motorists are asked to take care whilst driving through known wildlife hotspots, particularly at dusk, dawn and during extreme weather events when animals are likely to be on the move searching for shelter or water. Dutch Thunder Wildlife Rescue is a not-for-profit 24-hour emergency service aiding native wildlife throughout the Moira Shire and surrounds. Calls for assistance can be made to 0417 560 910.

Now is the time to start writing your story...



We encourage anyone who has written or is thinking of writing their story and having it printed and published as a book to contact the team at **Nathalia Printers** who would love to help you with all aspects of your project.

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Credit card scam...

Sylvie had finally made it to the city to go Christmas shopping. Even if you weren't looking for presents, all the stores were full of interesting items at this time of year.

Just then her mobile rang. An unknown number. Should she answer it? Perhaps it was important?

'Hello, this is Mark calling from the ANZ bank. Am I speaking with Sylvie Sullivan?' the unknown caller asked.

'Yes, that's me.'

'I'm ringing to tell you that someone has been using your credit card,' Mark says.

'Oh no! Not again. Just when I'm doing my Christmas shopping,' Sylvie sighed.

'It would be advisable for you to cancel it,' says Mark.

Sylvie frowns as she thinks of the bother of changing all her direct debit details.

'When was the last transaction?' Sylvie asks, annoyed that she won't be able to continue with her retail therapy.

'All within the last hour,' answers Mark, 'and all at *City Myer* in Melbourne.'

'Ha ha, that would be me!' laughs Sylvie. 'Please stop bothering me! I'm busy shopping!'



Rotary Report

Well the Show and Shine was a very successful day with the weather turning it on for the Show. It was a great show with cars coming from far and wide to attend the event. It was a big couple of days for the little Rotary Club with Show & Shine set up on the Saturday afternoon and then a very early start on Sunday. It was all finished and packed up by 1pm, after it was decided to go down to the Middle Pub for a cold beer.

The following cars won the following categories:

- Best Truck - Glenn McMenama with 1967 Chev Cio
- Best Motorbike - Michael Osborne with 1974 Harley Chopper
- 1900-1949 - John Curtis with 1942 Ford Delux
- 1950 - 1959 - John Garcia with 1955 Chev Belair
- 1960 - 1969 - Greg Whitelaw with Chev Nova
- 1970 - 1979 - Steve Arnott with Mazda 929
- 1980 - 1989 - Kyle James with 1987 Holden Commodore
- 1900 - 1999 - Alex Newling with 1993 Nissan Skyline
- 2000 - Present - Shelby Gallus with 2005 Holden VZ Senator
- Best Engine - Michael Bourke with Holden VH
- Best Interior - Garry Hillberg with Pontiac 1962
- Best Paint - Stephen Pinnuck with 1974 Holden
- Best Local Entrant - Graham Smith with Vocal Velox
- Best Car of the Show - Stephen Kevindon with 1974 Holden HQ

On behalf of the Rotary Club of Nathalia we would like to congratulate all the award winners of the show and hope all return again in 2025.

The Rotary Club would like to thank the Nathalia CFA, Men's Shed, Nathalia Angling Club, Rotary Club of Numurkah, Neale Hawks, Luke Quinn, Loraine Greenwood, Marie O'Brien, Declan King, Bill and Carolyn King and Eve and John Attwood, plus thanks to all the Rotarians who attended the event. Without these people and organisations we would not be able to conduct the Show & Shine. We are already looking forward to the 2025 event.

On Tuesday morning Rotarian Ross Smith attended and chaired the Probus AGM at the Dancocks Rooms. Ross on behalf of the Rotary Club gave best wishes to the Probus Club for the next 12 months.

On Wednesday the 21st of March, it is the Rotary Club's turn to host the Rotary Club of Numurkah for the annual Les Lawrence Memorial Shield, for which we will be playing lawn bowls. We are looking forward to hosting our neighbours and lets hope we can reclaim the shield again. I'm hoping to report we won against Numurkah in our next article.

Yes, then it's Easter, and that means it is the Easter Bush Bash Spinning Wheel time. We have started to organise prizes and tickets for the spinning wheel which again is very well supported by the community.

After Easter we are hoping to take a big deep breath after a very busy start to 2024 and then it will soon be Changeover time again.

If anyone is interested in joining Rotary please contact Ross Smith or Anthony Oliver.



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Museum Moments...

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

Thanks to Karen Davis for her research to identify this interesting item which is part of the Nathalia Museum collection.

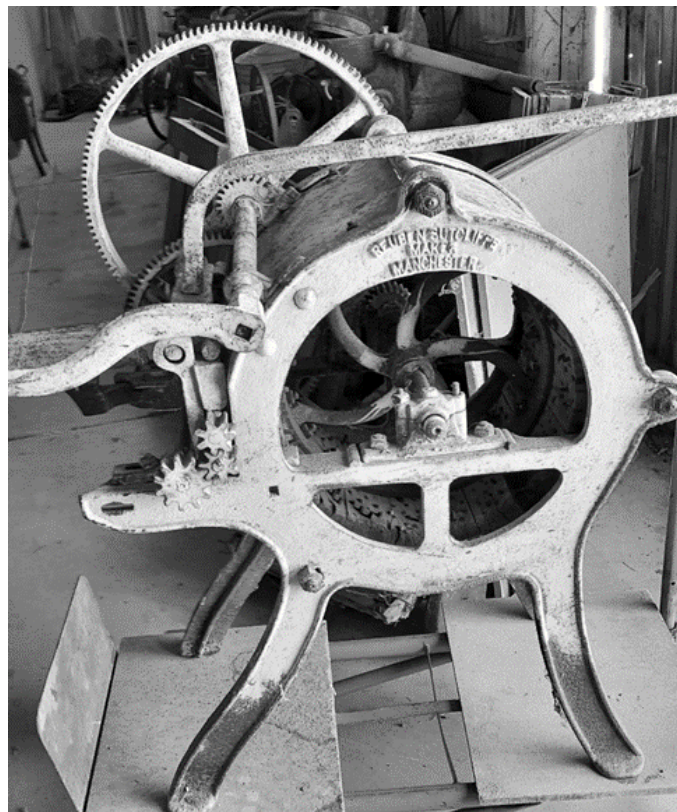
There are many strange and interesting objects at the Historical Society Museum. When we first found this item hidden amongst wool balers we had no idea what it was or where it had come from. After a lot of research, Karen found that this is a wool picker, sometimes known as a floor standing drum carder. It was a device use for separating the clumps of wool to make it easier to brush and spin.

This particular machine was made in Manchester, England, sometime between 1872 – 1910, by a man called Reuben Sutcliffe. It was very difficult to find out anything much about him due to the large number of men with the same name around this time.

This wool picker is in surprisingly good working condition. It is missing the feed conveyer, converter rollers, one of the front arms the conveyer was attached to and suffers from a bit of rust. Unlike others found in Karen’s research, this one still has all of its wood and picking spikes.

The picker works when wool is placed on the conveyer (missing) that feeds it into the rollers where the spikes would catch and pull at the wool like a hair brush. The process of wool carding is done to make sure the wool fibres are untangled and aligned in one direction to make it easier to spin. In theory the combed wool would then drop into a container underneath.

There is still a lot we don’t know about this wool carder so if you know its history or would like to have a better look at it please feel free to come to the museum during open hours or call us on the number below.



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.

Wunghnu becomes RV Friendly

Moirá Shire is a Recreational Vehicle (RV) friendly shire and is actively seeking to encourage greater visitation and economic impact from the self-contained RV market. The self-contained RV market represents a growing segment of tourists travelling to and through the Moirá Shire, not detracting from the regular caravan and camping visitors. February’s Council Meeting saw the endorsement of the Wunghnu Recreation Reserve as a designated, 48-hour camping area for self-contained RVs.

Moirá Shire Council’s Chair Administrator John Tanner AM said that the addition of the Wunghnu Recreation Reserve to Council’s list of RV friendly sites will be beneficial to locals and tourists alike.

“With statistics showing that the average self-contained RV tourist travels approximately 163 days of the year, it is important to consider this market in Moirá Shire’s tourism offering,” said Chair Administrator Tanner AM.

“We welcome visitors to our shire – there are an abundance of local businesses to support and beautiful, natural landscapes to enjoy. The addition of the Wunghnu Recreation Reserve as a designated camping area for self-contained RVs will encourage more visitors to experience what the Moirá Shire has to offer. It also presents an easily accessible stop over for self-contained RVers travelling north or south on the Goulburn Valley Highway.”

“This is a great achievement for the Wunghnu community, with RV Friendly status for their town listed as a priority in the Wunghnu & District Community Plan. I commend the Wunghnu community for continuing to advocate for this.”

The Wunghnu Recreation Reserve site joins the Lion’s Parks in Tungamah and Numurkah as designated, 48-hour camping areas for self-contained RVs – the Tungamah and Numurkah sites being re-confirmed after the adoption of the new Community Amenity Local Law in late 2023.

For more information on RV friendly sites within the shire, please visit: <https://www.moirá.vic.gov.au/Visitors/Caravan-Camping-and-Recreational-Vehicle-RV-Facilities>

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PAG Celebrate International Women's Day



The NCN Health Nathalia Planned Activity Group (PAG) celebrated International Women's Day with a High Tea and a wonderful discussion about women who have inspired them throughout their lifetime.



The G.R.A.I.N. Store in Autumn



Performance: The Things We Do For Love - June

What is that conglomeration in Ross Smith's window? Well it is a teaser for The Things we Do For Love.

Nathalia SC students worked with Jens on some elements of The Chain Reaction. They will continue working on them in the production week of Sunday 2 June through to Friday June 8 and Saturday June 9 Performances...keep an eye out for tickets when they go on sale. Two nights only. Limited number of tickets for the nocturnal walk. Jens also worked with Nathalia PS students filming our local area through their unique viewpoints



Chain Reaction

...also to be included in The Things we Do for Love, and Jens worked with some St Mary of the Angels students who will be the group guides. In the mean time Greg interviewed and filmed some of our more senior community members and ran a poetry workshop on The Things We Do for Love.



Greg will be back in April to film some more love conversations and some shadows of community members doing the things they love. Please leave your name at The G.R.A.I.N. Store or with Erin on Wednesdays, if you are up for some filming.

Exhibition: Still Life Opening Wed 5.30 pm March 27

Please join us at the Official Opening of our third Exhibition of 2024. Pam Hutchison, a long-time member of the Nathalia Art Group, is a devotee of Still Life. It is in acknowledgement of her that we thought what a fun idea if we were all to have a go exploring the possibilities of that art form.

If you have never been to an Opening...we have nibbles and drinks as we look at the new works. Our artists are generally accustomed to providing insights to their work...and it is a first opportunity to buy a work that appeals to you so much you wish to live with it for ever.

Performance and Exhibition: Shepparton Festival and The G.R.A.I.N. Store...

A number of Nathalia and Numurkah locals are contributing original material to this; and the GRAIN Store is encouraging local community members to support them on this larger stage. To that end we have chosen NOT to have a competing live performance during the Shepp-ART -On Festival period 5-21 April. We have copies of the Programme; and will be delighted to draw your attention to events we think you might enjoy. Three of our Monday artists are offering one of a number of



Peter & Pauline & musical instruments

workshops that will culminate in an Exhibition: Beyond Identity Opening Saturday 20 April 12-1.30pm, and both Erin Heycox and Ruby Wyatt Carter are taking their ideas and strengths to this larger setting.

Workshop Young Artists: 1-2.30pm Thursday 11 April. A great opportunity for young people to discover other young artists in the community by working with St Mary's of the Angels Arts Coordinator, Kim Carter. \$10... parents welcome for free.

Locals a part of Aussie Hay Runners



On the 11th of March, Matt Tuddenham owner of Tuddy's Earthworks & Haulage Nathalia was part of a trip coordinated by Aussie Hay Runners. Four trucks made the trip to Buangor (between Beaufort and Ararat) with a load of donated hay for farmers who had been affected by the recent bushfires.

All the hay was donated from across the local region. A big thank you to Nicole & Greg Frostick and Heather & Graham Frostick for their kind donation of hay.

Matt has been carting donated hay every weekend since October. A big thanks to Matt. Aussie Hay Runners have been supporting farmers affected by natural disasters since it was established in 2019.



Nathalia Primary School News



It has been another couple of interesting weeks at Nathalia PS.

NAPLAN

Last week our grades 3 and 5 students participated in NAPLAN. I was so impressed by how persistent and dedicated our students were to giving it their best go and completing tests across a number of days in the areas of Numeracy, Reading, Writing and Language Conventions. Although this test is used in a number of ways it is important to keep in mind that it does not test many things that we look for in our children such as manners, empathy, resilience, sense of humour, compassion, kindness to name a few. For our school we will use the data to inform the staff about how we can improve as an educational setting to better drive our teaching and learning into the future. Well done to all the year 3 and 5 students.

MELBOURNE FLOWER AND GARDEN SHOW

A group of keen gardeners travelled by bus and train to Melbourne to attend the Flower and Garden show. Our kids were super excited about the travel especially going on the train in the city loop. The show was full of colour and wonderful scents from all the flowers. We had a go at potting some vegetable seedlings to take back to school, learnt all about bees, looked at lots of stores and were given lots of free gardening tools and seeds. A great day out. Thanks to Jo and Deb who volunteered to join us and also to Ms Knight for organising the day.

INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS SPORTS

We have our Interschool Athletics Day coming up on Friday 22nd March at the Nathalia Recreation Reserve. Students have been training with the classroom teachers and learning how to do each of the events in preparation for the day.

OPEN DAY - TUESDAY 6TH MAY

On Tuesday 7th May 2024 we will host our Annual Open Day to provide the community and future families to come and have a look at what educational opportunities our school has to offer their children. We will be hosting a number of school tours during the day. Further information will be posted on our web-site, Facebook and in the next issue of the Red Gum Courier.

Photos from the Melbourne Flower and Garden Show excursion





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Nathalia Easter Market



Fishing for Bush Kinder Program

Nathalia Preschool and Barmah Kindergarten began their Bush Kinder program for 2024, with their first fishing day at Uncle Bobs Park.

Interacting directly with their natural environment fosters an awareness of the plants and animals that live within it and the impact they can have on it. This in turn supports their ability to develop a sense of responsibility and promote eco-friendly practices.

We are incredibly grateful and thankful to the Nathalia Angling Club and North Victorian Bait Co for their support and donations of fishing rods, tackle, nets, and worms for the children to use. Members also volunteered their time and skills to support the children baiting, casting, and landing their catches. The tally for the day was four carp, a

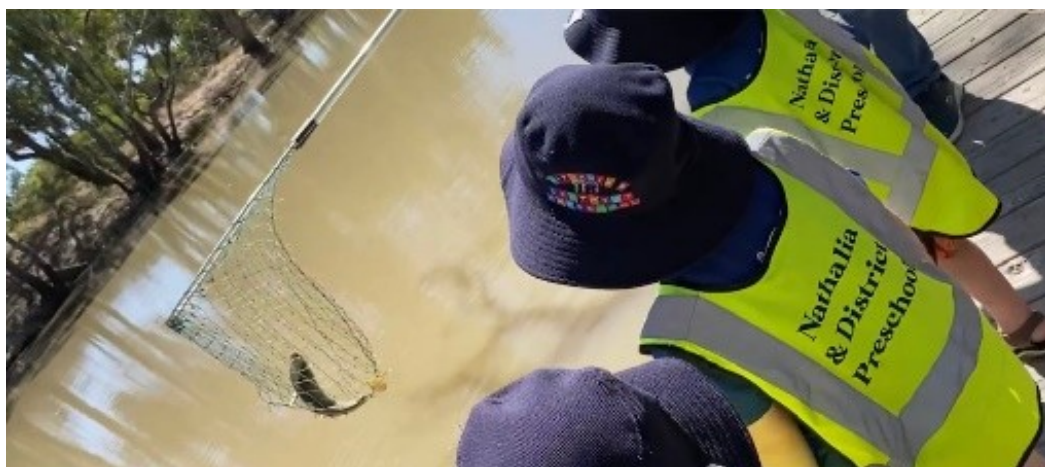
few yabbies and many shrimp (which were enjoyed by the turtles that live at each preschool).

When children have opportunities for unstructured outdoor play/activities, they learn how to take appropriate risks, to make safe choices, develop self-confidence, independence, and self-esteem. They become aware of limits and boundaries, solve problems, engage with others, and meet new people. Most importantly they are developing their resilience, their ability to have a go and try new activities.

The next fishing day is planned for a visit to the Arcadia Native Fish Hatchery. No matter the age of the keen angler, there is the allure of catching a Murray Cod.



Nathalia Angling Club members who volunteered their time to support the children and present them with their fishing rods, nets, tackle, and bait.



Landing the biggest carp of the day.



Keeping a keen eye on their rods to ensure they don't miss any bites.



Romano proudly shows his catch.



Preparing the rods for the children.



Waiting patiently for a fish to take their bait.



The children are beginning a new project, and we are requesting donations of cups and saucers. They will be used for a craft project.



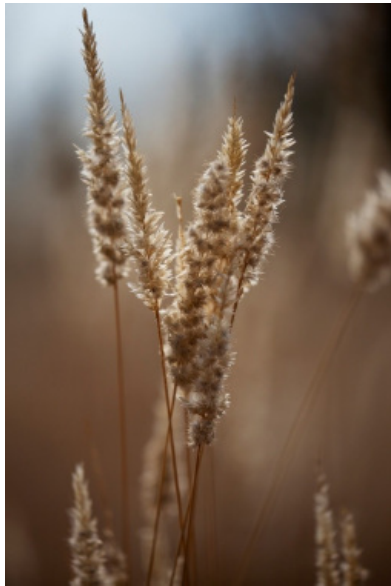
Nathalia Wildflower Group

Linden and Cameron Lancaster hosted ten members of the Nathalia Wildflower Group at their property in Picola West on March 16th.

As well as many plants being identified the Superb Parrot was also sighted.



Blue-rod - *Stemodia florulenta*



Bottlewashers—*Enneapogon nigricans*



Yellow Box Flower - *Euc mellodora*



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Superb Parrots on the wing.



Superb Parrots in the trees.



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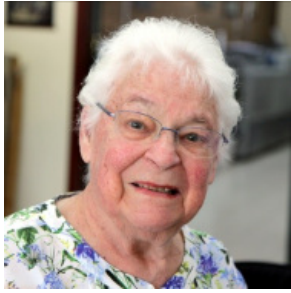
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Early Snippets - Nathalia Cemetery - 1880-1915



Lyn Franklin

Author and historian Lyn Franklin has compiled a new book on the Nathalia Cemetery. It is titled *Early Snippets Nathalia Cemetery 1880-1915*. The book is available at Nathalia Printers for \$15. Below is a copy of the introduction from the book.

Introduction

It has been said that a town which has no record of its history is like a man who has lost his memory.

The earliest extant records of the Minutes of the Nathalia Cemetery Trust begin in 1916, the previous Minutes having been lost over time. However it is possible to get a glimpse of the early activities of the Trust from reports in the *Riverine Herald*, the *Numurkah Leader* and the *Nathalia Herald*. Other sources of information derive from the death certificates of the early internments in the Cemetery also some surviving Cemetery Caretakers' Account Books held by the Nathalia Historical Society and Government Gazettes. Records are scarce for the years 1914 and 1915.

Very early burials took place on the squatting runs such as the Yielima pre-emptive right and later at the Yalca and Barmah cemeteries, the forerunners of the Nathalia Cemetery. The settlers, as opposed to squatters, began arriving in the Nathalia district from December, 1873. From that time up to the time that land was temporarily reserved for a Cemetery in January 1881, burials from Nathalia mostly took place at either Shepparton or Echuca with some infants being buried on the farms. It was an alarming outbreak of Diphtheria in May and June 1880 attended by Dr. Fitzgerald, the public Health Officer based in Shepparton who ordered all precautionary measures be taken including the closure of Barwo West, Narioka and Nathalia Schools, which would have been the catalyst for a local cemetery.

John Bouverie Hussey Tanner, the local chemist, was appointed Deputy Registrar for births and deaths in Nathalia District in June 1879 and it is his submissions to the Registrar which show that burials did take place in the Barwo Cemetery (Nathalia Cemetery) as early as December 1880 although the plot of 10 acres bounded by Cemetery Road, Garonne,



Grinter and Tuckett Streets was only gazetted as being reserved as a temporary site on January 12th, 1881.

Early Trust Members were faced with the daunting task of establishing the Cemetery without all the conveniences of modern living - there was no easy access to the cemetery, no made roads, no water on the block, no toilets, rabbits were rampant, weeds prolific and all digging would have been done by hand to name just a few obstacles.

Over time the Cemetery, at first unfenced and subject to invasion from stock, was later fenced with a post and rail fence; post and rabbit proof wire fence; and later a white picket front fence with black finials which was demolished in 1961 and replaced with the fence you see today.

It became apparent from 1887 onwards that low lying areas of the Cemetery were subject to flooding particularly the Presbyterian Section, so much so that many Presbyterian internments took place in the higher Anglican section. Levee banks were built after 1974 floods, raised after the 1993 floods and were over topped in places in 2012.

Credit is due to the many Trustees and Caretakers over the years who served the community culminating in the pleasant grounds we wander through today.

Lynette E Franklin
January 2016

U3A Film@Night

U3A Film @ Night, Broker,
7pm Wed 3 April, Senior Citz

Broker is a 2022 South Korean drama film written, directed and edited by Japanese filmmaker Hirokazu Kore-eda, and starring Song Kang-ho, Gang Dong-won, Bae Doona, and Lee Ji-eun.

Song Kang-ho plays Sang-hyun, the owner of a small launderette in Busan. He is proud of his work, but he is being leaned on by local gangsters, so he resorts to another, far less legal job: he sells babies. A church near his launderette has a "baby box" by the front door, a hatch with a basket inside where new mothers can leave unwanted infants. Sang-hyun's big-hearted right-hand man, Dong-soo (Gang Dong Won) works part-time at the church, so if a baby arrives while he is on duty, he spirits it away and erases the CCTV footage. The partners in crime then set up a black-market adoption: the going rate for boys is a lot higher than it is for girls, apparently. But they always take care to ensure that the baby is going to suitably caring parents.

This is a beautiful film, executed with **impeccable skill, delicacy and compassion**. Who would have thought such sadness could provide much viewer joy. Contact Philippa 0400 037 432.



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"15lb braid and 10-20lb leader and plenty of line, as they run and will circle the boat from as far as possible until tired (15-20mins), they will then surface and can be brought in", "Circle hooks size 1 -2 proved best".

With its sleek silver body, formidable size, and elusive nature, the mulloway (also known as the jewfish) is revered by fishermen across the country.

Mulloway fishing holds a unique allure that captivates anglers from all corners of Australia. Many are drawn by the mystery surrounding the mulloway; their unpredictable behaviour and enigmatic nature. These silver-scaled giants offer a thrilling challenge, demanding patience, strategy, and finesse. Beyond the thrill of the chase, mulloway's delicate flesh is a culinary delight, making it a sought-after target for both sport and cuisine. For those seeking an unforgettable fishing adventure, mulloway fishing promises an adventure like no other.

Fishing for mulloway requires a strategic approach that combines knowledge, skill, and patience. Understanding their habitat is crucial. These fish are found in coastal waters, estuaries, and river systems, often near submerged structures. The tides and moon phases also play a significant role in their activity. The best time for mulloway fishing is during the tidal changes, but patience and persistence are vital given the elusive nature of this species.

Mulloway fishing Information from xtm.com.au/blog



Firewood collection areas open in state forests

Victorians are able to collect free firewood for personal use from state forest collection areas until 30 June.

Domestic firewood supply in state forests is provided from fallen trees and forest management works.

Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action Director of Forest and Fire Operations, Aaron Kennedy, said people can collect up to two cubic metres per person per day during a firewood collection season with a maximum of 16 cubic metres per household per financial year.

He said firewood collection is only allowed in designated firewood collection areas in state forests during approved times and for personal use only. Collected firewood cannot be sold. Maps are available at www.ffm.vic.gov.au/firewood.

Firewood collectors are being urged to play it safe and check local weather conditions as well as their planned route before heading into the forest, especially after recent flooding, storms and bushfires.

"When collecting, please drive only on formed roads, be aware of the environment around you and safety of yourself and others as trees may fall or drop limbs without warning," Mr Kennedy said.

"I would encourage people who rely on firewood for heating and cooking to plan their needs early."

"Firewood collected during the collection seasons needs at least 8-12 months to cure and be dry before use."

The Victorian Government provides targeted energy support and

concessions for people on low incomes who buy firewood or need assistance with their energy costs.

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More information about financial assistance is available for people on low incomes who buy firewood: www.ffm.vic.gov.au/firewood/energy-concession-and-support.

It's an offence to collect wood outside designated areas or to leave formed roads to collect or load.

"Most people do the right thing and stick to the collection limits, but people should know Authorised Officers from the Conservation Regulator, FFMVic and Parks Victoria conduct routine, random and targeted patrols of forest areas," Mr Kennedy said.

Officers can issue fines of \$769 to those caught breaking the rules, and serious offences have a maximum penalty of \$9,615 and/or one year in prison.

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~ John Corry, Secretary

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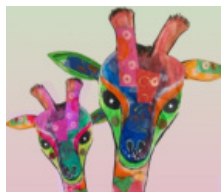
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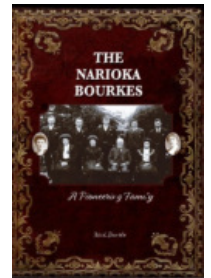
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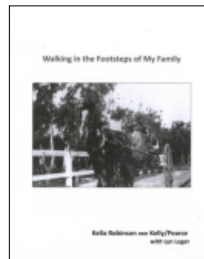
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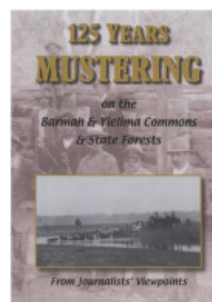
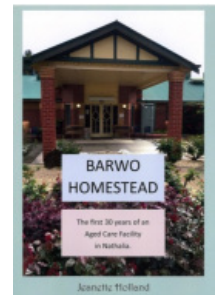
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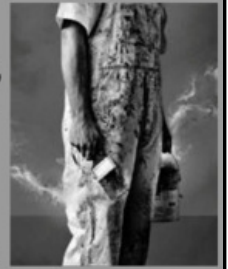
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Nathalia Under 15's Grand Final Report



This was the first time NACC has seen a team of this age group into a grand final since Matt Lundberg's chargers took on Deniliquin in 2019. The 9th and 10th of March saw Nathalia Under 15's take on the Cobram Tigers in Cobram.

Gus Frostick (0/15) and Crüe Lucas (0/20) got the team off to a nice tight start, not allowing Cobram any width to score. Hamish Whyte (0/23), Charlie McDonald (0/21) and Lachie Barker (0/8) all bowled well and continued from where the openers left off. As you can see by the stats, runs weren't a plenty, but Nathalia hadn't taken any wickets and this allowed Cobram to increase their attack on the run rate without too much of a worry.



Nathalia Under 15's Team

Back: Coach - Luke Quinn, Hamish Whyte, Cam Liddell, Dylan Dohnt, Kade Rogers, Zander Quinn, Gus Frostick.

Front: Sienna Jorgensen, Crue Lucas, Charlie McDonald, Murphy Stephens, Lachie Barker.
Absent: Tanner Quinn

Finally wickets came to Murphy Stephens (1/24) and Kade Rogers (1/12) but the damage had mostly been done as the second wicket fell at 2/143 with 10 overs to go.

Zander Quinn (0/14), Cam Liddell (0/23) and Dylan Dohnt (0/15) did well in not allowing a complete blowout in the last 10 overs to keep Cobram to 2/186.

Sunday brought about Nathalia's turn to bat with AC/DC and Eye of the tiger playing from the change rooms, it looked like the players were in a positive mood and it could be a good day.

Unfortunately, after 4 overs the team was yet to get off the mark and this created the pressure of the first wicket in Zander being runout without scoring.

Murphy (17) and Gus (16) tried to rebuild but it wasn't long till both departed and the score was 3/46 and Nathalia were in a lot of trouble.

Crüe (40) and Dylan (13) were the only two other batters to get into double figures, both boys doing a great job trying to get the job done. Unfortunately, the Cobram bowlers were too strong and the 40 overs were up, with Nathalia's score on 9/105.

The kids should be very happy with how they conducted themselves all year, hopefully they all come back next year as they have a bright future in cricket.

Till next season, have a good break!



PDFNL Netball Representatives

Congratulations to the following local junior netballers on making the 2024 PDFNL Representative squads.

Picola United FNC:

Charli Ryan (15 & Under)

Waaia FNC:

Lilly Walker (17 & Under)

Jamieson Shelton (15 & Under)

Macie Gilmour (13 & Under)



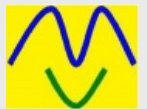
Macie Gilmour, Jamieson Shelton and Lilly Walker. (Waaia FNC)



Charli Ryan (Picola United FNC)

MVCA & GMCA League Awards

Murray Valley Cricket Association held its Senior Presentation Night on Wednesday the 6th of March at the Tocumwal Golf Club. Congratulations to Liam Evans, Scotty Morris and Ewan Congues on their awards.



Liam Evans - Guthrie Medal A Grade Best & Fairest with 27 votes and Team of the Year as Captain (A Grade).

Scotty Morris - Team of the Year (A Grade).

Ewan Congues - MVCA Rising Star and Team of the Year. (A Grade)

The Goulburn Murray Cricket Association's Presentation Night was also held on the same evening at the Moama Bowling Club. Congratulations to



Cody Power and Cara Briggs for making the Women's All Stars Team and well done to Cody also coming equal 3rd for most wickets.



World Championship Trophy comes to Yalca

Recently Nathalia Association Cricket Club hosted some of the Masters Cricket series matched (over 60s) held in our district. Four games played at Yalca and two in Nathalia. And on Monday 18th March saw the South Australian Wombats up against North East Victoria. In a very close run affair North East Victoria prevailed in a thrilling finish to hit the winning runs with one ball to spare. But interestingly amongst the two sides were

seven members of the Australian squad that only a few weeks before were crowned World Champions, securing the win over the Poms held in Chennai, India.

We were privileged to have an unveiling of the Trophy at Yalca and being over sixty and legends of the game, Tammy Muir and Don Brown thought it was only fitting to avail themselves of a photo opportunity.

Pictured: Don Brown and Tammy Muir - Not world champions, but two legends holding the World Championship Trophy.

In the Swing at Nathalia Golf Club

Thank you to our volunteers who keep the golf course in top condition. We haven't seen the course looking this good for a long time and it takes a lot of time and effort to keep it looking this great. Thank you to Denis, Nancy, Graeme, Heather, Peter, John, Sonia and all those who help cleaning up. Great job! There is still plenty of racking and sticks to pick up, so if you have some spare time it would be much appreciated.



Pictured: Nathalia Summer Comp winners - Nina Pell, Nancy Dunn and Lynette Lindsay.



Pictured: Sue Lowe, Wendy Fulton, Nancy Dunn & Sonia Verlinden had a great win for Nathalia Golf at the Gollan - Hicks - Kelly Teams event.

This week's results:

Tuesday the 5th of March - the ladies from Nathalia went to Kyabram. Division 2 winners 4bbb. Heather Frostick and Nina Pell with 45. Well done ladies.

Wednesday the 6th of March - the ladies played a 9 hole stableford. Winner was Nancy Dunn with 17 points.

Sunday the 10th of March - six players braved the heat with Adam Stein winning with 34 stableford points. R/Up was Ryan Bell with 32 points. Ryan also got NTP on the 9th hole.

Wednesday the 13th of March - the last round of the Summer 9 hole comp and the winner was Nina Pell with a great score of 21 points. Well done Nina.

Summer Comp Results - 6 best rounds count: Winner was Nancy Dunn with 109 points from Nina Pell with 105 and Lynette Lindsay with 102 points. Well done ladies. Next Wednesday the 20th of March is open day and the start of the winter season for the ladies.

Sunday the 17th of March - the Nathalia ladies had a great win at the Gollan - Hicks - Kelly Teams event. Sue, Wendy, Nancy and Sonia with a total 137 points.

Sunday Men's Comp at Nathalia

- great to see player numbers increasing. Winner was Peter Poon with 35 stableford points. R/Up was Gary Manley with 34 stableford points. Gary also got NTP on the 9th/18th hole. Steve Piggott NTP 2nd shot on the 3rd hole. No one landed in the Eagle's nest over the last two weeks. 2 more balls have been added and pushed the total to 16 balls.

Also put these dates in your little black book, the Men's club championship Dates.

Round 1 - Sunday April the 7th

Round 2 - Sunday April the 14th

Round 3 - Sunday May the 5th

Round 4 - Sunday May the 19th

The winner is calculated on 3 best scores of the 4 rounds played. Best stroke and best Net. Hope to see you there!



Pictured: Nina Pell with a great 21 points for 9 holes.

GMLTA Div 1 Velvet Tigers Grand Final Report



Velvet Tigers 4 sets 69 games def by Numurkah Warriors 8 sets 77 games The Velvet Tigers travelled to Cobram to face Numurkah in a grand final showdown. In fine conditions on excellent courts, the VTs were ready and raring to go, but were without Alex Bakogianis for the day, and with

Joe Nihill for only one set. The women, Eliza Bingham and Hannah O'Brien got things underway with an 8-3 doubles victory, while Jarrod Bingham and Sam McKenzie-McHarg lost the no.1 doubles 8-7, and Joe and Ned Nihill lost the no.2 doubles 8-5. Eliza continued her strong play to win her singles 8-0 at the no.1 position, but it would be the only singles scalp the VTs took; Hannah lost 8-6, Sam 8-2 at no. 1 mens, Jarrod 8-2 at no. 2, Michael Richards 8-5 at no.3, and Ned 8-6 at no.4. Down 10 games heading into the final three sets, a come from behind victory was required. Eliza and Ned teamed up for an 8-3 win, Jarrod and Hannah won 8-7, while Sam and Michael lost the men's reverse doubles 8-4. Beaten by a better opponent, the Velvet Tigers had a successful season, but the grand final loss will sting for some time.



Back: Ned Nihill, Jarrod Bingham, Sam McKenzie-McHarg, Alex Bakogianis
Front: Joe Nihill, Hannah O'Brien, Eliza Bingham
Absent: Michael Richards

99 and Still Going Strong

The first Nathalia Easter Tennis Tournament started in 1925, and now, 99 years later, it's still going strong. We thank Community Bank Nathalia as our major sponsor for this year's event. Local historian Jeanette Holland has started to research the history of the club. If you have any memories, photos, trophies, or memorabilia from the past decades please contact Jeanette (see below) or drop in at the clubhouse any time over Easter. Each Easter, over 200 players from outside the district attend the tournament, with many more non-players traveling and staying in Nathalia. John Nihill is co-ordinating overflow campers who cannot fit into the caravan parks and other accommodation. "This year we have

an additional 5 groups staying at the Recreation Reserve and enjoying their creekside retreat." said John.

Community members are invited to just come to join in the atmosphere. On Saturday afternoon there will be an opportunity to watch some top-level tennis with the Open Singles playing on the courts in front of the clubhouse. Immediately after this event, there will be free live music with Melbourne band Munroe (who will also be playing with tennis racquets throughout the weekend), along with the beer garden, cocktail caravan, local pop-up Thai food, and pizzas. To stretch and recover, Bron from Broken Creek Pilates will be delivering a Pilates session at 8:00 am Sunday. The evening will see our traditional sit down roast dinner, supplied by Mailbox Cafe followed by a music shuffle with 'DJ Double Fault'. Of course, the canteen with homemade treats will be running throughout the entire weekend.

We can see that the tournament is more than just tennis! Local businessman and tennis player Dean Limbrick is well aware of the benefits the tournament brings to the town. "Sponsors of the tournament do a great job in supporting the event, and reap the rewards as a result of the boom in visitors to the town and therefore local businesses. Many of our players and their families love to head down the street to enjoy our shops and attractions, including the Easter Bush Bash," said Dean. The club would like to thank all our sponsors including our Name Day sponsors Brereton's Bakery (Friday), Fertgrain (Saturday) Limo's Mitre 10 (Sunday), and Milking It Cafe (Monday). We hope to see many of our sponsors soaking up the atmosphere on Saturday afternoon at the 'Sponsors Marquee'.

"All members and their families, both junior and senior, contribute to the success of the tournament in some way," said Corina McLeod



- club president. "We look forward to another successful tournament which is essential to the financial sustainability of our club."

Thanks to our groundscrew the lawn courts are some of the region's finest. There have been months of work behind the scenes to enable the courts to be in peak condition for Easter. Joe and Alex are currently collating entries. The rollover to the online format will allow players and spectators access to advanced scheduling of all events and live updates of results. Whether you're a "tennis ace" or a "rusty racquetteer" there is an event for you, and your friends and family. So get your entries in before midnight on Friday 22nd (1 week before Easter).

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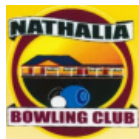
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Nathalia Bowling Club News

GRAND FINAL - Nathalia Bowls Club Div 3 vs Numurkah Golf and Bowls Club

The **GRAND FINAL** for **Division 3** was played at Berrigan on Saturday 9th March against Numurkah Golf and Bowls Club, who proved to be too strong for Nathalia on the day. The final scores were 74 – 36 shots. Team 1 - Skip, Steve Campbell, 3rd Fiona Rourke, 2nd Alan Cooper and Lead Craig Lucas – 10 -27 shots. Team 2 – Skip Bev Hutchins, 3rd Bill Seymour, 2nd John Staggard and Lead Gary Manley - 16 – 25 shots. Team 3 – Skip Peter Hutchins, 3rd Jack Hutchins, 2nd Kevin Scolyer and Lead Max Hudson – 10 - 22 shots. Even though Nathalia did not have a good day, the Club is very proud to have reached the Grand Final and congratulate Numurkah Golf and



Bowls Club on their win. Due to the extreme heat forecast, the game commenced at 9.30am, instead of 1pm, which proved to be a wise move. There was great support from our Club Members who traveled to Berrigan to support our Division 3 Bowlers.

BAREFOOT BOWLS. What a great attendance of Barefooters for the last night on March 15th! There was a total of 34 Bowlers of all ages. The Club would like to thank Alan Cooper and all our Members and all who



Grand finalists in play at Berrigan.

attended, helping make this such a successful season of Barefoot Bowls and it will be on again later in the year. Just watch for notifications when it will start again.

A BOWLS DAY will be held for the **CHILDRENS HOSPITAL APPEAL** on **GOOD FRIDAY** March 29th. Names to be in by 1.00pm on the day. There will be a Silent Auction and Raffles. Cost to play \$10.00pp. Afternoon tea will be provided.

The Season for 2023/2024 Lawn Bowls is drawing to an end and Indoor Bias Bowls Pennant will be played over winter. So thanks, to all members who have worked so hard to keep the Club up and running.



Picola Bowling Club Grand Final Report

SATURDAY PENNANT

Division 5: 9 Mar 2024 - We played the Grand Final at Berrigan against Numurkah Town, starting at 9.30 am instead of 1.00 pm due to the heat. Numurkah proved too strong for us on the day and we went down by 21 shots overall. Boxy, Bucket, Julie and Mary lost 14-21. Trevor, Wally, Aaron and Geoffrey C lost 14-28. Bad luck everyone but you all did a great job to get into the finals and make it all the way to the Grand Final.

The Presidents Handicap Final will be decided between Wally and Trevor. No date and time have been organised for the match yet.

Enjoy your time off and see you all next season.

Photos by Jenny Stuart



Above: Picola's Julie Berger in action with Trevor Price looking on.



Division 5 grand final action Picola vs Numurkah Town Bowls Club.



Picola's Aaron Evans sending one down the green.

Family Car and Ute Tax

Recently in Question Time, I asked the Minister about the proposed family car tax that could cost Australian tradies, families and farmers thousands of dollars for a diesel car or ute. I asked about the price and range of EV utes. "My question is to the Minister For Climate Change and Energy. Last year the Minister showed off the first EV ute. A ute that would cost struggling tradies an extra \$46,000. Is it true that the maximum range of this ute is 300 kilometres the distance from Melbourne to Hamilton; but only if it's empty? Is it also true that if the back of the ute is fully loaded, the maximum range drops to 150 kilometres; the distance from Melbourne to Bendigo but not back to Melbourne?"

The Minister answered and referred to an article in an automotive magazine that stated this EV ute was in fact cheaper than it's diesel twin but only in New Zealand (therefore admitting that the diesel ute price had risen). He also wasn't up to speed with the latest news... despite huge subsidies by the New Zealand Government the ute has been withdrawn from the market due to lack of sales. I'm not opposed to EV's and they may be good for people in the cities, however, a lot of people in our region require diesel vehicles for travelling long distances and carrying heavy loads. I don't want to see them adversely impacted as a result of this policy.



Your Club Matters

The 2024 season has begun, and I'm back kicking my goal to train with every football and netball club in our electorate. With a number of clubs under my belt from the 2023 season, I've kicked off this season training with Undera, Stanhope, Yarrawonga Masters and Rochester. Sporting clubs are at the heart of many regional communities. Training with the clubs allows me to hear what matters to locals and keep up to date about what's happening in your town. I'm continuing to call for more funding for sporting clubs to improve their facilities. Changerooms have long been neglected and both female and male players need and deserve adequate changerooms.

Temporary Road Repairs = Not Good Enough

Every day I speak to frustrated locals about the state of roads across our electorate. The road network is a mess and drivers deserve better, safer roads. Late last month in Parliament I once again demanded the State and Federal Governments stomp up the funding needed to make meaningful repairs to our roads. At the moment, they've got this game of patching up potholes, reducing speed limits, erecting rough surface warning signs, and it could be many months of dodging damaged roads before even temporary repairs happen. These temporary repairs then seem to wash out. Adequate funding is urgently needed, and the Albanese Government must invest in regional Australia and its infrastructure.



Wishing you and your loved ones a

Happy & Safe Easter!



There's a number of fantastic community events taking place across our region to attend and enjoy.

If you are travelling please take your time and drive safely.



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