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## Nathalia A Grade MVCA Premiers 2023

CONGRATULATIONS to Nathalia Cricket Club - Murray Valley Cricket Association A Grade Premiers for 2023.

*Read full report on page 23*



*Congratulations to Liam Evans who was presented the Man of the Match medallion.*

**Back Row:** Harry McDonald, Archie Congues, Brodie Ross, Henry Congues, Liam Evans (captain), Luke Quinn. **Front Row:** Ewan Congues, Brad Pell, Scott Morris, Clancy Congues, Dylan Cunningham and Sam Boyd.



## GMLTA 2022/23 Division 3 Premiers

After a late venue change, due to extreme temperature requirements, Saturday March 18th saw the much awaited grand final showdown between Tongala and Nathalia, in Goulburn Murray Lawn Tennis Association's Division 3 tennis grand final, resulting in a win for Nathalia. Tongala had defeated Nathalia in the first semi final by 50 games but this result was reversed in the grand final, with Nathalia winning 9 sets 85 games to 4 sets 70 games.

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**Back Row (L-R):** Nick Bakogianis, Ryan Bell, Dean Limbrick, John Nihill, Peter Limbrick, David Scadden.  
**Front Row (L-R):** Corina McLeod, Monique Bryant, Rose Nihill, Jodie Daniel and Caitlin Bourke.

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**Community Update**



**Women Leading Locally**

From 6 March 2023 until 14 April 2023, the Institute of Community Directors Australia will be accepting applications for the Women Leading Locally fellowship.

There are 65 fully-funded places in the fellowship program on offer, thanks to funding from the Victorian government.

The program is designed to inspire, equip, and sustain women to become - and remain - successful local representatives for their communities.

You can register your interest in the program by visiting [www.communitydirectors.com.au](http://www.communitydirectors.com.au).

Step forward, step up. Take the opportunity.



**Kerbside collection changes - Easter Period**

**GOOD FRIDAY CHANGES** - Residents who usually place their kerbside bins out on a Thursday night for FRIDAY COLLECTION, please place your bins out on the evening of **WEDNESDAY 5 APRIL 2023** for collection on THURSDAY 6 APRIL 2023.

**Your Mental Health First Aid Course**

The Youth Mental Health First Aid course teaches adults how to assist adolescents who are developing a mental health problem or in a mental health crisis.

18 April - 19 April 2023 (2-Day Course)  
9 am - 5 pm

Cobram Community House  
\$30 registration

The course is targeted at parents, carers, teachers, or anyone over 18 years who is connected with young people.

Visit our website for more information.



**Dollar Discovery Weekend 2023**

Moira and Berrigan Shire Councils are seeking amazing businesses in the hospitality and tourism industry from around Sun Country to participate in the \$1 Discovery Weekend for 2023, on July 22 & 23.

The Dollar Discovery Weekend is designed to allow locals to affordably explore our great region and its many attractions. It's FREE to participate.

Visit our website for more information on the campaign and how to join the 2023 campaign.

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# Honouring War Animals Day

On Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2023 a group of men and women from rural Victoria travelled with their horses to the Shrine of Remembrance, in Melbourne, to honour the millions of horses, dogs and pigeons, who faithfully served with Australian and Allied forces in armed conflicts for more than a century.

Participating in the annual event organized by the Day of War Animals Association, the Northern Victorian mounted contingent was led by the Leader of the Indi 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Light Horse Association, Matt Leggett from Mansfield. Other mounted members of the small troop included Kerry Bruce from Barmah, Neil Pankhurst from Picola, Ross Smith from Bullioh, Ewen McLean from Goomalibee near Benalla, and Nigel Morris from Benalla.

After a wreath laying service commemorating the war animals, a flock of doves was released to symbolize peace. The doves flew high above the Shrine and out over the Melbourne skyline.



L-R: Nigel Morris, Neil Pankhurst, Matt Leggett carrying the Indi 8<sup>th</sup> Light Horse Standard, Ewan McLean, Ross Smith, and Kerry Bruce.

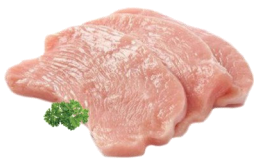
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Sunday 9th: 9-3pm  
Monday 10th: 9-3pm  
Tuesday 11th: Resume regular trading hours

## Trading Hours

**Mon – Fri:**  
**8am - 7pm**

**Sat – Sun:**  
**8am - 6pm**

# Nathalia's War Memorial

The Nathalia/Picola RSL Sub-Branch is pleased to advise that they have secured funding from the Victorian Government to begin restoration of the War Memorial.



The first stage will involve cleaning the memorial components, re-positioning of the front granite memorial which has shifted on its support and repair of the rock paving surrounding this part of the memorial.



The second stage (subject to further successful funding application) will include repair to all the paving and stonework, removal of the old flagpoles and installation of 2 new ones, re-location of the power box and upgrading the electrical supply including up-lighting for the flagpoles.

The WWI Soldier statue will also be repaired to its' original state. Some have said this should be a bayonet, others have said this is not the case. We would appreciate any photographs showing the statue in its original form.

Finally, all the damaged and missing lettering will be repaired or replaced. We know that there are those who served whose names were erroneously omitted from the memorials at the time and we hope to remedy this and include those names.

We know descendants of those who served still live in the area and we would ask them to contact the RSL to provide details, war service records etc of service men and women so that these may be included during this renovation.

We would appreciate any information regarding the history of the various components of the Memorial in order that we can compile a comprehensive record for future generations.

Please contact:

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Email: [maursby57@bigpond.com](mailto:maursby57@bigpond.com)



## MEALS ON WHEELS

March 24 - April 7th

March	
Friday 24th	Graeme Smith
Monday 27th	St Mary of the Angels
Tuesday 28th	Darryl Hill & Mary Wilson
Wednesday 29th	Maryse Quarrell
Thursday 30th	Heather Frostick
Friday 31st	Pauline Thomas
April	
Monday 3rd	St Mary of the Angels
Tuesday 4th	Marlene Moor
Wednesday 5th	Laurel Dimond & Lianne Caldwell
Thursday 6th	Carmen Gilson
Friday 7th	Patricia Hawks

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

# Nathalia Show Update

The AGM was held this month with the new council elected and some great ideas for this year's show. Big thankyou to the outgoing and the incoming committee, especially our new faces! Returning President Dylan thanked all who contributed to the very successful show last year. The new committee is :

- President: Dylan Morris
- Senior Vice President: Kerry-Anne Rappell
- Secretary: Bron Sands
- Assistant Secretary: Kath Botterill
- Treasurer: Jocelyn Broadwood
- Trade Space: Cody Morcombe
- Promotions: Ellen Morcombe
- Sponsorship: Cheryl Thorn
- Safety Officer: Norm Govett



The next meeting is Thursday 6th April at 7:30pm and some big decisions will need to be made including the theme and potentially a refresh of the logo, so please come along if you would like to have input. Ideas for both these are most welcome! We are hoping to get some hats and shirts made up for committee members/stewards, so we are welcoming submissions for an updated logo for these. Please send your ideas to [nathaliaagsociety@gmail.com](mailto:nathaliaagsociety@gmail.com) by April 4th.

We are excited that the Show this year (October 7th) is not falling on the same weekend as the Deni Ute Muster nor the Melbourne Show, so hopefully we will find vendors etc easier to secure.

See you at the Show!

~ Ellen M

Turn the clocks back



**Daylight Savings Ends**

**April 2**

**Turn your clocks back 1 hour**



## CHURCH TIMES

**ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PARISH**

Ph: 5866 2694

Nathalia Parish Priest - Fr Jophin Joy

Nathalia Mass times:

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

**Thursdays:** 12:30pm

**Sundays:** 9:00am

**Strathmerton**

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

**NATHALIA UNITING CHURCH**

Margaret Cobbledick Ph: 5866 2037

March 26th: 9.30am Service

April 2nd: 8.30am Palm Sunday, Combined Churches at Uniting Church

April 7th: 9.30am Good Friday

Picola 2nd & 4th Sundays: 9.00am

**HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH - NATHALIA**

Locum Priest Rev H Malcolm

March 26th: 8.00am Holy Communion

April 2nd: 8.30am Palm Sunday, Combined Churches at Uniting Church

April 7th: 9.30am Good Friday at Uniting Church

St Paul's Wakiti Creek

Services cancelled at present

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# Caterpillar Corner

## Bush Kinder



Starting Term 2 on Wednesdays we will be heading to our bush kinder site for the day. To prepare for this wonderful opportunity there has been much planning; professional learning for Educators,

finding a suitable site, purchasing necessary equipment and important policy/procedure development.

Bush Kinder operates in numerous countries around the world; there is a saying, "There is no poor weather, only poor clothing." Studies have been conducted which show that Bush Kinder has a positive impact on children's learning, development and wellbeing.

This term we have introduced our class pets, two prickly stick insects, named by the children as 'Sticky & Steve', the children have an opportunity to hold these animals, spray them and collect Eucalyptus leaves for them to eat. All skills in learning to care for and respect them. We have been on a nature walk, observing orb spiders, different bark and leaves. The following photos show a child investigating our large log in our yard.

Bush Kinder aligns with our recent learning about Wayapa Wuurk,

"an earth connection practice that is based on ancient Indigenous wisdom that focuses on taking care of the Earth as the starting point for creating Earth Mind Body Spirit well-being."



What's On Locally	
April 1	Murray FNL & P&DFNL Round 1
April 1	Fools Day Tournament at Nathalia Bowls Club
April 2	Daylight Savings Ends
April 5	U3A Film @ Night - Flee
April 7	Nathalia Bowls Tournament for RCH Good Friday Appeal.
April 8	Easter Saturday Market & Bardi Gras
April 8	Exhibition Opening: The Art of Music @ The G.R.A.I.N. Store
April 9 - May 20	Exhibition: The Art of Music @ The G.R.A.I.N. Store
April 20	Young Artist Workshops @ The G.R.A.I.N. Store
April 22 & 23	Indoor Bowls Tournament at Nathalia Community Centre
April 25	Anzac Day Services, Nathalia, Barmah, Waaia Dawn Service 6:00am Nathalia
April 28 - 30	Barmah Muster
May 6 & 7	Nathalia & District Community Choir Concert
May 12	Nathalia Uniting Church Annual Ball in U.C. Hall
May 20	Fred Smith & Band Sparrows of Kabul presented at The G.R.A.I.N. Store
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# Rotary News

## Another successful Show and Shine...

took place on Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at the Nathalia Recreation Reserve, I am very pleased to say.

Mother Nature was most kind with much milder temperatures than on the day before; there were cloudy and sunny periods and virtually no wind, making for a very pleasant day to be outdoors.

This year we had a team of 6 judges from out of town, led by Bill King from a Shepparton Rotary club. We were most pleased (grateful too) to hand over the matter of judging to Bill and his team. They did an excellent and thorough job, enjoyed it and have said they'll do it again next year.

As always, cars trickled in early in the morning, but by mid-morning the oval was filling up well, and we had in excess of 250 vehicles at the event. President Loula gave a short speech in which she thanked people for attending and also thanked volunteers, including the CFA (at the gate) and Men's Shed (assisting with parking), and sponsors then handed over to Judge Bill.



Rotary President Loula Oliver.

He said a few words before giving framed certificates of appreciation to his fellow judges then gave out the trophies to winners in all the categories. This time I'll only include the last two winners and may name the rest in a future article. Best Local Entrant winner was Stuart Barnes with his 1957 Chevrolet. Dale Huggard was the winner of Best in Show with his 1957 Commer.



Judging Team

The raffle was the last to be drawn and in total there were 10 prizes; I'll only list 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> prize winners here. Winner of the \$1,000 worth of Rare Spares vouchers: Malcolm Kakoschke from Echuca who said he was sold his ticket by a "little grey haired old lady" (yours truly).

Brett Colman was the winner of the \$500 worth of Rare Spares vouchers. We thank the **Bendigo Bank** for these major prizes; we also thank **Nathalia Hair and Beauty, Nathalia Pharmacy, Al's Café, Casual Step, Three Belles, Limo's Hardware** and **Blake Street Butchery** for their kind donations of gifts and vouchers for our raffle.

We also thank **Nathalia Barmah Business & Tourism** for the posters and flyers that were printed for our event.

A debrief was held at our next meeting...at the Bridge Hotel...and already there are ideas for an even better Show and Shine in 2024!

On 29<sup>th</sup> March we are having a strictly social evening and will have a movie night at the Senior Citizens' rooms; the last such evening was enjoyed and we hope to again have a good turn out of people in attendance.



Best Local Entrant winner: Stuart Barnes with his 1957 Chevrolet



Dale Huggard was the winner of Best in Show with his 1957 Commer.

Our next fundraiser will be at the Easter Market on April 8<sup>th</sup> and we will be in the plantation with the spinning wheel.

The following Saturday evening we will be celebrating our club's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Things will quieten down then, till our Changeover in late June...but of course we will still be around attending meetings, doing what's needed at the respite house, etc.

We are very hopeful that our membership may soon increase and there will be some words written about this if it eventuates.



## Sessions



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# Museum Moments...

A letter arrived at the Museum recently from Mr Chris Mollison of Garfield North, Vic. He had found amongst his Grandmother's things, an invitation to a Back-To Nathalia dated October 4-11th, 1938. His grandmother was Mildred McNeill, who was born in Nathalia. We appreciate that Chris decided to send this invitation to us.

Written on the front cover of the invitation was a verse written by N. Young.....

Fair Nathalia sends a song,  
To the folk who've tarried long,  
From the pretty town beside the Broken creek.  
We are searching far and near,  
For the friends we still hold dear,  
And a royal welcome waits for those we seek.

We invite both gay and sober,  
To the revels in October,  
That are planned to make you wonder why you roam.

Hear us calling from Nathalia,  
Little show town of Australia,  
Come back; come and find a welcome home.

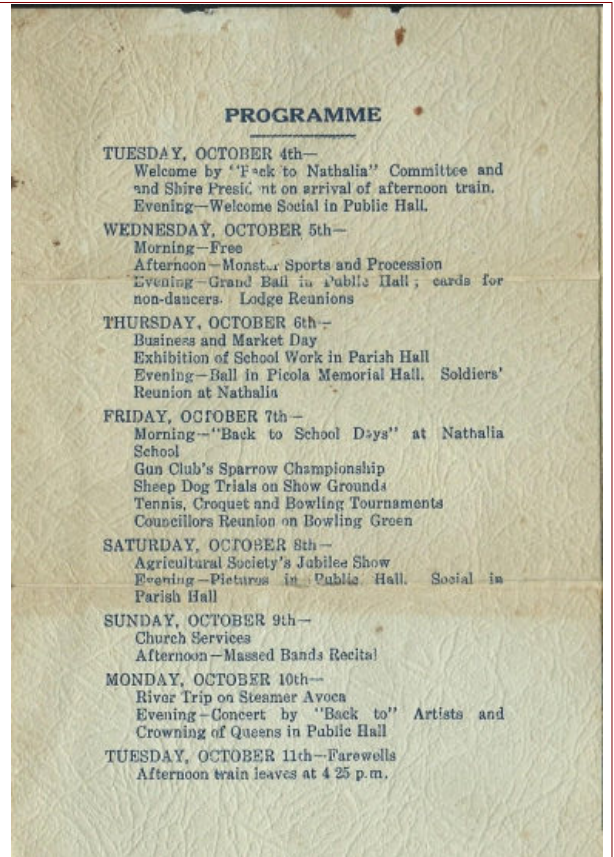
The information inside the invitation states .....

*"A special train will leave Melbourne on Tuesday, October 4th at 8am, arriving at Nathalia at 1.18pm."*

*"Splendid roads leading to Nathalia from all the Main Highways."*

*"The Executive of the "Back to Nathalia" Committee, on behalf of all residents of Nathalia and District extend to you a Cordial Invitation to revisit the Old Home Town and District, for the purpose of renewing acquaintances and friendships and holding High Carnival during the whole period (Tuesday, October 4th to Tuesday, October 11th, 1938), or for such portion of that time as may be practicable. B. J. Binger President, D. Crane, Secretary."*

A copy of the program can be seen pictured right.



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

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### Easter Opening Hours Nathalia Store

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Easter Saturday 7am-2pm

Easter Sunday 7am-2pm

Easter Monday 7am-2pm



# Locally Roasted Evoke Coffee



# Nathalia Community House Strategic Planning Workshop

Nathalia Community House staff and the committee of management met last Monday to develop their three year strategic plan for the organisation.



The workshop was facilitated by the new committee Secretary Bron Bramwell who took the group through a series of questions to review the current plan.

A sub-committee will collate the information and present a draft strategy to the next general meeting for further comment.

If you have an idea for a new service or program please contact the house Manager Mrs Edwina Fieldman.



Pictured Manager Edwina Fieldman, Treasurer Alan Sage, Secretary Bron Bramwell and committee member Kerry-anne Rappell.



# International Women's Day



Marked annually on 8 March, International Women's Day (IWD) is a global day that celebrates the social, cultural, economic and political achievements of women.

This year's theme is to 'embrace equity'.

This is not just something we say, it's not just something we write about, it's something we need to think about, know and embrace.

Equity means creating fair and equal work, workplaces and opportunities.

It's something that should be the standard - and not out of the ordinary - or treated as an honour.

Many things have changed over time to enable this to occur, but more is still to be achieved.

Let's continue to discuss and advocate in order to have a fair and equal say in our future, and embrace equity.

At this year's Nathalia's International Women's Day function there were 70 attendees.

The hosts were the Country Women's Association branch, Nathalia Nightwatch. They are most grateful to the Moira Shire for their funding and advertising, and for giving them the opportunity to hold the event for another year.

Zoe from "Zoe's Little Flower Farm", showed the attendees how she fashions flowers into fabulous pieces.

The "Nathalia Wildflower Group" gave a presentation which opened their eyes and minds to the wonders of their floral world!

Delicious treats were served by Michelle and staff from "3 Belles".

There were a number of lucky door prizes - including the flower crown that Zoe made during her demonstration. We would like to thank The Old Creamery (Nathalia), and Zoe for their generous donations.



Floral Crown created by Zoe from Zoe's Little Farm

Approximately \$350 were raised in donations from the group to send to the Country Women's Emergency Relief Fund. This fund is available for CWA branches to apply to during flood, fire and emergency events, to help families in dire circumstances.

We were fortunate enough to be supported by this fund during the recent flood event, and were able to use it in the Nathalia and District communities. Other Victorian towns also affected by the floods have benefited from this fund too. Thank you to everyone who attended the event and showed their support.

A lovely day, and we were lucky with the weather too!





# Bardi Gras

This year we will be revisiting previous year's themes to create a large community collage.

We invite everyone to have their input into the collage by painting gum leaves, creating fish and butterflies and moulding reptiles from clay.

When complete the community collage will go on display for all to view, thus creating collaborative working partnerships with our community.

*Pictured: 2022 Bardi Gras – River Red Gum Trees.*



## Thankyou to our community for donating jars and building bricks to the children at Nathalia & District Preschool.

The children have been busy slicing their cucumbers, oranges and tomatoes that have been made into pickles, marmalade, and sauce. The aroma of preschool has been very inviting with the preserves cooking throughout the day.

Their produce will be available for you to purchase (by donation) at the Easter Market on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April.

The children will also have their worm tea available to purchase. The preschools vegetable gardens are fertilised with the worm tea that is produced and bottled from their worm farms. The worm tea is simply the excess liquid drained through the worm farm environment. It is more accurately known as leachate. Worm tea provides an incredible amount of nutrients and is packed with beneficial microorganisms. This makes them the perfect zero emissions natural, organic fertiliser for the garden thus creating a healthy and fertile soil. This being so, the worm tea is diluted one part worm tea to 10 parts water before applying to your garden.

We extend our gratitude to everyone who has donated the farm building bricks to preschool. The bricks inspire the children to think about cause and effect, trial and error and to also gain a sense of satisfaction with their input and work. This is STEM – an approach to learning and development that integrates the area of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. Hands on education lays the foundation for social and emotional intelligence, raises children's confidence, and fosters their abilities to plan and reflect.



*Mia Minchin & trainee educator Mia Bell slicing the cucumbers to be made into pickles.*



*Weighing the oranges before slicing them to be made into marmalade.*



*Sam Kellow with his harvest of cucumbers from the garden.*



*The children work in small group to create their building brick farms.*

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# At The G.R.A.I.N. Store: Performance 20 May 2023



Afghanistan is a spectacularly beautiful country. Afghans are famous for their warmth and hospitality. But as a country in the centre of many sweeping invasions east to west and west to east its people suffer and deal with so much. Fred Smith was a diplomat and musician through a twenty-year Australian involvement. Sparrows of Kabul is those stories culminating with the (incomplete) evacuation from Kabul.

In Nathalia's Uniting Church Hall on Saturday May 20 Fred Smith and his band perform. Fresh from the National Folk Festival in Canberra. If you missed Eric Bogle in Nathalia; do not miss Fred Smith. If you saw Eric Bogle in Nathalia, you will want to see Fred Smith. Tickets start selling now. Fred's very dry sense of humour leads us through exhilarating and poignant songs.

And if learning how to write songs from a master appeals, we have booked Fred for a songwriting workshop for the morning of Sunday 21 May. (There is an 18 min Youtube TedX Canberra of him performing Dusts of Uruzgan which he brought to Shepparton in 2017).



Pictured right: Fred Smith playing at PRT House

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

Next week Monday to Friday Mark Street will be filming very brief interviews ...on three questions...describe your first experience of a GRAIN Store event; what does The G.R.A.I.N Store mean to you? Would other towns or communities benefit from having their own version of a G.R.A.I.N. Store? If you would like to be interviewed contact Philippa 0400 037 432 for scheduling.

As we know about filming, a lot of footage does not make it into the final film..and this should only take about five to ten minutes of your time.

The Art of Music Exhibition Opening Saturday April 8 2-3.30 pm

This theme has already provoked some wonderful ideas and works. Please join us for our next special Exhibition Opening: a highlight of which is the opportunity to meet many of the artists and hear them talk about their works. Please let us know you are looking forward to coming.

The Gallery will be open all during the Easter Market with the special acknowledgement of the artists at the Official Opening event.

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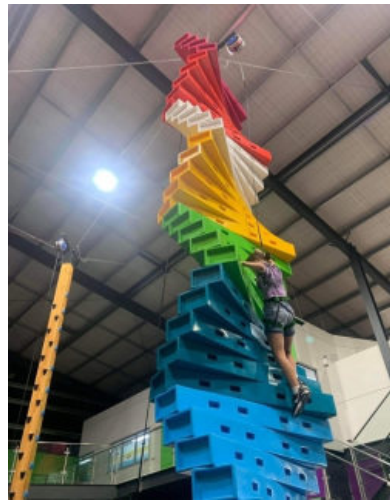
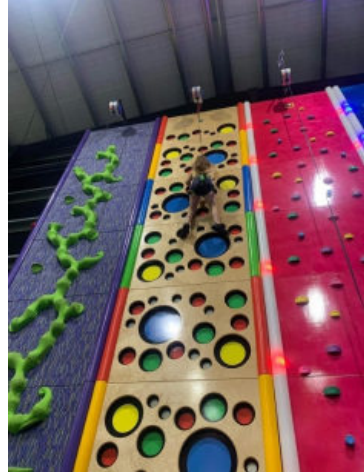
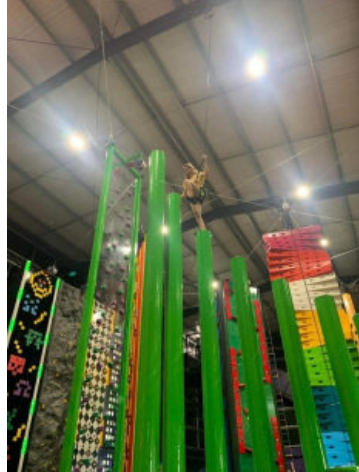
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# Nathalia Secondary College Year 8 Camp

On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb, our Year 8 cohort made the journey down to Phillip Island for an action-packed fun-filled camp. The first day, students enjoyed an afternoon at Clip n Climb, where everyone took on the climbing walls and almost everyone got to the top! In the afternoon and evening, students enjoyed exploring the boardwalks and the Antarctic Journey. It was then time to sit on the beach and watch the fairy penguin parade, as the penguins hurried along the shore to come into their burrows. This was absolutely magical to witness! The next day saw us all cram ourselves into wetsuits and learn the basics of surfing. Even though the weather wasn't the best, everyone dove straight in and tried their hand at catching a wave. In the afternoon we all headed off to A Maze N Things to try and beat the maze, as well as see some optical illusions and interactive activities.

The Koala Sanctuary was also on the cards, where we were able to witness koalas resting in their natural habitats. Our final day saw another round of surfing, where everyone's surfing improved enormously and everyone was able to stand up! Shout out to Aidan who was one of the top surfers of the day! After a final stop off at the Chocolate Factory to take home some treats, we then piled back on the bus to return back to Nathalia. It was an action packed few days, but everyone enjoyed every minute. Special thanks to Mr Charleston who was our camp leader, and Paul who drove the bus. Well done to all Year 8s for your participation and eagerness to have a go at all activities!





# St Francis Primary School Cross Country

The sun was shining for the annual St Francis Cross Country event on Friday 17th, where the students battled against the clock and each other to conquer the course. Cross Country is an exciting and fun-filled event that brings together students from all grades in their sporting houses.

Once the races started, the atmosphere was electric as parents, teachers, and other students cheered on the runners as the students ran with determination, each hoping to cross the finish line first and every student putting in a PB.

Our school cross country is not only about competition, but also about promoting active lifestyles and social interaction. It allows children to engage in physical activities, grow friendships, and develop sportsmanship skills. The event also encourages a sense of belonging and accomplishment among the students.

Congratulations to our winners today Banyard House (Yellow) - our students in Grades 3 - 6 will be invited to compete at the inter-school competition in Shepparton, early in Term 2.



# Up the Garden Path

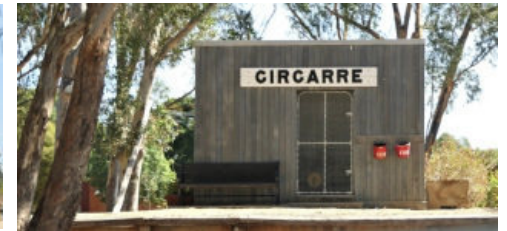
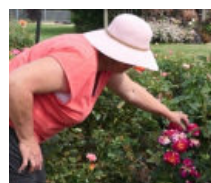


On Friday, 17th March, the U3A "Up the Garden Path" group travelled to Wyuna where we all enjoyed the lovely surrounds of "Glenlossie", the garden of Gwen and Graham James.

Beautiful natives, hydrangeas, roses, colourful flowers and bulbs made a glorious splash of colour throughout the garden.

At lunch time, we all headed to the Girgarre Restaurant, "Gargarro" where we enjoyed a beautiful meal and helped Robyn to celebrate her birthday.

After purchasing plants for our own gardens, a drive through the well set out grounds was a joy to us all and we even spied a Sturt Desert Pea in flower, which brought much excitement. All members enjoyed this outing.



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# Nathalia Wildflower Group

Members of the Nathalia Wildflower Group walked along Ormond's Road early on Saturday morning, 18th March, in search of wildflowers. We located about four native plants in flower, i.e. Common Verbena, Sweet Hound's Tongue, a mint and New Holland Daisies, despite the heat. Throughout the morning, we had to contend with many webs and large orb spiders, plus we also located a snake track.



## U3A Film @ Night

Free, April 5, U3A Film @ Night  
Denmark's Oscar entry for Best International Film tells the true story of Amin Nawabi...his journey as a child refugee from Afghanistan to Denmark.  
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## Broken Creek Drama

**It's in the water...**

Nathalia was feeling smug. Our Great Wall and levee system had spared the township from the full force of the 2022 floods. The Nathalia Football Club was also on a high after breaking the exciting news of their coaching coup for season 2023. Glenn Boyd and Ryan Butler were recently announced as co-coaches by the Committee. Glenn is an accomplished forward in the current Purples Team and Ryan has acquired his skills through the junior ranks at Nathalia, becoming a respected and talented senior player. But now, it seemed, NFNC had dropped the ball. Nathalia may have avoided flooding, but the town's drinking water was deemed of poor quality and unfit for our consumption. We were reliant on treated water being delivered from a safe drinking water supply. But oh no! The water was being brought in from **Numurkah!** Of all places! Nathalia Football Club's long-time rival and most despised opponent. A past Nathalia football legend relayed this distressing news to the Club President. 'Our hopes for Premiership glory in 2023 are in jeopardy,' he despaired. 'We have to drink Numurkah's water!' He was slightly consoled by an avid supporter's comment. 'Hopefully it will have gone through us all before the season starts.'





# CLASSIFIEDS

## DEATHS

### BLACKNEY, Harold John 'Bob'

24.06.1934 - 14.03.2023

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### TYNDALL, Joyce

27.03.2022

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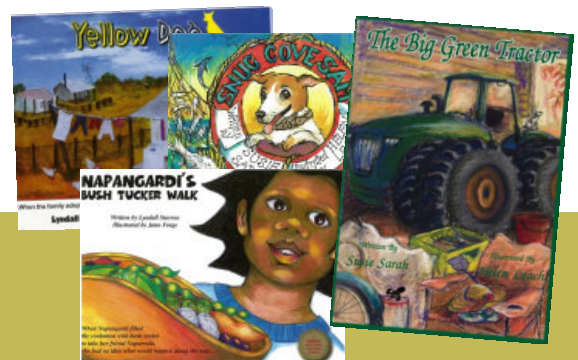
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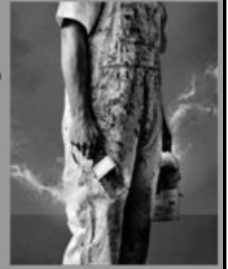
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# Nathalia Little Athletics Club Presentation

And once again the Nathalia Little Athletics Club season comes to a close. We celebrated our athletes and volunteers on Wednesday 15th March. A great night was had with games and a BBQ followed by the presentations.

A big Congratulations to all our award recipients on their achievements. And thank you so much to everyone who helped out and participated this season. We would love to see you back again for season 2023/24, and welcome anyone to come along to our come

and try day which will be held later this year.

### Trophy Winners for 2022/2023 Season

**Most Personal Best's:** Under 9 girls joint winners Eliza Bouchier, Millie Bruce & Georgia Brassil, boys Miller Butler; Under 10 girls Sophia McPherson, boys joint winners Jack Londey & Nathanael Hubbard; Under 11 girls Emma Bouchier, boys Noah Watson; Under 12 girls joint winners Grace Leslie & Darci Carmody; Under 14 girls Taylah Hutchins; Under 15 boys

joint winners Rhys Hansen & Aiden Botterill; Under 16 girls Amelia Gall; Under 17 girls Cheyanne Hansen.

**Most Championship Points:** Under 9 girls Hailey James, boys Miller Butler; Under 10 girls Sophia McPherson, boys Jack Londey; Under 11 girls Emma Bouchier, boys Alex Chmiel; Under 12 girls Grace Leslie; Under 14 girls Taylor Hutchins; Under 15 boys Rhys Hansen; Under 16 girls Amelia Gall; Under 17 girls Cheyanne Hansen.



*Fiona Shaw  
- Volunteer of the Year*



*Anthony Oliver  
- Meritorious Service Award*



*Kylie Botterill  
- Meritorious Service Award*



*Olive Trimble - Junior  
Good sport Award*



*Cheyanne Hansen - Senior  
Good sport Award*



*Cheyanne Hansen  
U17 - Most PB's &  
Champ points*



*Rhys Hansen  
U15 - joint Most PB's &  
Champ points*



*Tristan Kendall & Aiden Botterill  
U15 (Aiden - joint Most PB's)*



*Amelia Gall  
U16 - Most PB's &  
Champ points*



*Taylah Hutchins  
U14 - Most PB's &  
Champ points*



*Darci Carmody  
U12 - Most PB's*



*Grace Leslie  
U12 - Most PB's &  
Champ points*



*Alex Chmiel  
U11 - Champ points*



*Noah Watson  
U11 - Champ points*



*Jack Londey  
U10 - Most PB's &  
Champ points*



*Sophia McPherson  
U10 - Most PB's &  
Champ points*



*Hailey James  
U9 - Champ points*



*Miller Butler  
U9 - Most PB's &  
Champ points*



*Millie Bruce & Eliza Bouchier  
U9 - joint Most PB's*



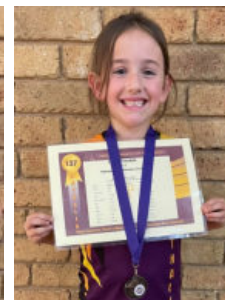
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U10*



*Pia Coghlan  
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U7*



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U11



Elijah Watson U7



Edith Bourchier U7



Dylan McPherson



Declan Bruce U6



Charlotte McPherson U8



Benjamin Hubbard U8

# NACC Finals Report

**C Grade - Semi Final:** The boys headed to Finley to take on Deniliquin in a Day/Night semi final. Deni won the toss and chose to bat in the day portion of the game, the boys tried their hardest and managed to have Deni all out for 143. This could have been a lot worse had it not been for the Sheehan brothers, Charlie taking 4/16 and Oliver 2/17. In return our boys batted in the night which turns out didn't suit to many of us. 77 was all we could manage, slumping to 8/44 with only Ned Frostick (10) scoring double figures in the first 8 wickets. Greg Vallender (17) and Max Frostick (16) did their best to make Deni stay out there as long as they could.

It was a great effort by the boys to make the final considering how many players we had used throughout the season. There was a lot of positives to come out of this year and look forward to the players getting better for the experience.

**A Grade - Semi Final:** In what had been a familiar position over the last couple of years, the boys had made the semi final again. This time we took on Tocumwal for the second game in a row and we were striving to make it the same result. Tocumwal won the toss and chose to bat, it only took till the second over before Dylan Cunningham 1/8 took the first wicket. This lead to a steady fall of wickets for the next 39 overs to have Toc all out for 83, The spin twins Liam Evans 4/16 off 14 overs and Scotty Morris 3/15 off 10 showed what a formidable combo they are. Henry Congues 1/19 and Harry McDonald 1/14 picked up the remaining wickets. With 38 overs remaining on day 2, the plan was set to try and chase the score by the end of day one. Scotty (10) was the first to go, which brought Brad Pell (67) to the crease with Liam (78). These two were a delight

to watch as they dismantled the Toc bowling attack and got us to a lead with 10 overs to go. Sam Boyd (15) was the only other batter to get to double figures and help us to a total of 5/183, this lead Tocumwal to concede the game at the end of day one and allow us to progress to the grand final.

**A Grade - Grand Final:** It had happened before in football but this was the first time we faced Barooga in a cricket grand final. With a solid build up through out the week, the boys were primed and ready for the first ball. Barooga won the toss and chose to bat. Within the first 20 overs it may have felt like it wasn't the best decision, falling to 6/25 through some great bowling from Dylan Cunningham 1/16 and Henry Congues 1/9 with perhaps his most unrewarded spell of bowling this year. Harry McDonald 0/5 pulled off the master stroke of the game with a run out at the non strikers end with a well timed full toss, to get the wicket of the dangerous Watkins. But as most grand finals do, it doesn't always go your way, with Barooga building a couple of partnerships to claw there way to 8/55 and then another vital

partnership to finish all out for 134 with 9 overs left in the day. These partnerships were broken up by some great bowling from Clancy Congues 3/20 off 12 overs and Guthrie Medallist Liam Evans 4/40 off 25 overs.

Scotty Morris (4) and Sam Boyd (5) were tasked with getting through the remaining overs in the day and they did so confidently. The start of day 2 didn't go as confidently for the two as Sam lasted 3 balls before forgetting his footwork and Scotty a little while later to a jaffer of a ball. This lead to Brad Pell (11) and eventual Man of the Match Liam (81\*) having to rebuild for a few overs before Brad snicked off to some smart bowling. Enter 16 year old Ewan Congues (17) who played the innings off his year, whilst he may have scored higher throughout the year he did exactly what was needed and stayed with Liam to steady the ship and get us far away from 3/27 as could be. Ewan eventually caught had to depart with the score at 4/108 and everyone breathing a bit easier. Luke Quinn (10) succumb to the hero urge and tried to bring up the win with a six, only to be caught well short of the boundary and the score on 5/132. Eventually leading to Liam hitting the winning runs with Brodie Ross (1\*) on the pitch with him.



Pictured: Congues family L-R Paul, Archie, Ewan, Clancy, Henry and Jane. Four brothers celebrating A Grade Premiership glory.

# NACC Home and Away Season End

**U/14:** Our final game of the season was against Katamatite. Katty started off with some aggressive batting and raced away. Eventually being held to a total of 128, by some great bowling from Lachie Barker 2/10 and Gus Frostick 2/20. Our batting innings had some great batting from Gus Frostick (25) and Levi Lewer (21) which helped build on the start that Zander Quinn (17) got us off too. Unfortunately it wasn't enough, we posted a total of 102 in return.

**C Grade:** In what was a thrown together group and potentially our youngest side for the year the boys did well, after some arm twisting Nicole Reynolds kindly organised a bus load of boys to Deniliquin in order to avoid another forfeit. This was also the debut of our newest player in Greg Frostick (13). Deni won the toss and batted first, the guys did a great job in restricting them to 8/156. Youngster Gus Frostick was the only multiple wicket taker 3/5 off 2 overs. James and Greg Vallender, Max Frostick and Zander Quinn were the only others to grab a wicket. In reply our boys didn't get off to quite the start they wanted, slipping to 4/10. Enter the calming heads of Charlie Sheehan (25) and Greg Frostick (13) which helped steadied the ship until Charlie fell and brought Josh Vallender (56) to the crease to almost carry the team over the line until a mix up in communication with his brother James (9). In a mighty effort the boys posted 144 to narrowly lose.

In the Final game it was almost the complete opposite in terms of age wise with potentially our oldest side on the park. Our opponents were Finley and this game saw the return of some beloved players in Don and Hayden Brown, Tammy and Timon Muir plus Daniel Robinson. Sending the average age sky rocketing. Finley batted first and posted a total

of 134 on the wonderful Yalca North deck. Timon was the most damaging bowler taking 3/29 off 4 overs and was backed up by young guns Gus Frostick 2/15 and Dylan Dohnt 2/6. In reply we got close as like so many games this season but could only post 108, With Hayden Brown (51) showing his class and hopefully a signal of a more regular return next season. The only other 2 to make double figures were Daniel Robinson (25) and Timon Muir (12).

Even with the two losses, it wasn't enough to dislodge our boys from 4<sup>th</sup> position and in fact because we bowled Finley out it pushed us to 3<sup>rd</sup> for a show down with Deniliquin in the semi final.

**B Grade:** With a slim finals chance on the line the boys took on Katamatite out at Yalca North. Losing the toss and being sent in, the boys didn't get off to the best start losing 2 quick wickets. This brought the dynamic duo of Jason McKenna (42) and Mark Wilson (23) who set about rectifying the situation, the boys got minimal help from all bar Ned Frostick (16\*) and Nate Summerville (21) which helped the total reach 124 off our 40. In reply Katty made light work of the total, reaching it in 30 overs. Mark Wilson 2/9 off 8 tried his best to stem the flow of runs but the Katamatite batters were just too good.

In our final game we took on Strathmerton at home. Strathy decided to bat and our boys set about keeping them to a low total, Mark Wilson continued his great form for the year finishing with figures of 3/9 off 4 overs and backed up by Thomas Binks 2/8, Darren Hindle 2/19 and Ned Frostick 2/26. With a total of 108 needed for victory the boys unfortunately couldn't get going, with Jason McKenna (21) and Extras (21) top scoring for us and Nathan Binks (17) the only other to get double figures saw the boys fall one run short and post 107. It wasn't the

finish to the season they deserved, but hopefully will make them hungry for next year.

**A Grade:** Our last game of the season saw us take on Tocumwal at Tocumwal, we needed an outright win in order to finish in top spot and the boys set about it nice and early. The Congues brothers Henry 1/9 and Clancy 1/5 claimed the first two wickets. This set about the spin twins Scotty Morris 3/20 and Liam Evans 3/27 in a combined spell of 22 overs and left Dylan Cunningham 1/2 off 7 the final wicket of Tocumwal's first innings for 89. With 38 overs left in the day and four players missing on the second day, Liam (78) Brad Pell (26) and Scotty (23) all set about making sure we had a day one lead. Finishing the day on 6/158 we managed to add an extra 30 in the first 7 overs of day two, which saw us post 183 and a lead of 90 odd. With the absence of 4 of our players our bowlers had to be on the top of their game and it started promising with Tocumwal succumbing to 2/8 after the first 2 overs. Toc were not making it easy for us, building a partnership that would take them to 4/64 and seeing four different bowlers getting a wicket each. Due to some good fielding and tight bowling the remaining 6 wickets would only put on an extra 51 runs, with Dylan Cunningham 3/21 and Scotty Morris 3/28 doing their best to make sure the total we would have to chase in our second innings was as small as could be. These two were well supported by young gun Nate Summerville 2/9 off 4 overs, Ewan Congues 1/15 and Harry McDonald 1/11. With Toc making 115 in their second innings it left us a total of 22 to chase for outright victory in 30 overs, Scotty (22) made light work of this total ensuring the win and top spot heading into finals.



## Nathalia Division 3 Tennis Rises to Victory

Results were tight from the start of the day, with Nathalia's Nick Bakogianis and Dean Limbrick being defeated 8-4 in the number one men's doubles, while John Nihill

and Peter Limbrick had an 8-4 win. In the first two women's doubles, Rose Nihill and Jodie Daniel were defeated 8-5, however, Corina McLeod and Monique Bryant edged the team

Daniel and Caitlin Bourke victorious, 8-5, putting Nathalia 10 games ahead before the mixed doubles.



Lori Johnston (Tongala) most valuable woman for the season.  
Nick Bakogianis (Nathalia). Most Valuable Man for the season.  
Corina McLeod (Nathalia) Most valuable.

ahead by 2 games after an 8-3 victory.

In the second round of matches, the men's singles matches were again tied between Nathalia and Tongala, with Nick Bakogianis winning 6-3 while David Scadden was defeated 6-3. In the final men's doubles set, John Nihill and Dean Limbrick fought hard to gain an 8-7 tiebreaker win, putting Nathalia ahead by 3. The Nathalia women further helped to increase the lead, with Rose Nihill and Corina McLeod winning 8-4, and Jodie

In the mixed doubles, Tongala put in a strong performance in the number 2 mixed, defeating Jodie Daniel and Dean Limbrick 8-3, however the other three mixed doubles went Nathalia's way, locking in their premiership win. John and Rose Nihill were victorious 8-4, Nick Bakogianis and Caitlin Bourke won 8-4, and David Scadden and Corina McLeod won 8-6.

Nathalia was thrilled with the final result, and the presentation ceremony then saw Corina McLeod awarded player of the match, while Nick Bakogianis received the MVP (most valuable male player) for Division 3, for the GMLTA season. Both the Nathalia players, and the large contingent of Nathalia supporters appreciated the atmosphere and hospitality of the Tatura Lawn Tennis Club in hosting the day, and the GMLTA for organising the season.



# League Cricket Awards



Gus Frostick U/14 and Harry Ryan U/16  
Named in the Murray Valley Cricket Association  
Team of the Year



Liam Evans  
Guthrie Medallist  
MVCA League B&F



Abby Favaro  
B Grade Women's  
Team of the Year

Congratulations to the following Nathalia  
Association Cricket Club players on there  
League Awards:

- Gus Frostick - U/14 Team of the Year
- Harry Ryan - U/16 Team of the Year
- Abbey Favaro - B Grade Women's  
Team of the Year
- Liam Evans - MVCA Team of the Year  
(opening batsman & vice captain)
- Scotty Morris - MVCA Team of the Year  
(opening batsman)
- Luke Quinn - MVCA Team of the Year
- Dylan Cunningham - MVCA  
Team of the Year
- Guthrie Medallist - Liam Evans

## Waaia FNC Netball Coaches for 2023



We are pleased to announce the following netball coaching appointments for 2023.

**A GRADE:** Rosie Arnel and Milly Foster will once again lead our A grade side for the 2023 season! With the girls coaching their team to a spot in the semi finals last season they are hungry to secure the silverware for this year. Both having proved they are a force to be reckoned with this season we cannot wait to see what 2023 brings for this dynamic duo!

**B GRADE:** Nikki Storch will take on the role of B grade coach this year having already coached juniors and seniors at the club before, Nikki is hungry for another premiership to put under her belt in the coming season! An interleague coach as one of her accolades, Nikki has years of experience in coaching as well as plenty of knowledge to lead her B grade girls to success!

**C GRADE:** Taylah Belford and Ange Bergamin will lead C grade as co coaches in the coming season. Both grand final players from last year, both Taylah and Ange are keen to go that one step further next season! Having the best of both worlds with a talented shooter and switched on defender, these girls will divide and conquer with finesse.

**C RESERVE:** Our fantastic trio will take on the positions of joint coaches for C reserve for the 2023 season! All 3 being long time legends of the club, Jessamy Doyle, Andrea Walker and Louise Shannon have depth and knowledge that not many could match! We could not be more excited to see where they take their team in the coming season!

**UNDER 17s:** Ruby Arnel will lead our under 17's this year throughout the 2023 season. Having led our A grade team as co captain last year, we have no doubt Rubes will do the same with the future of our club! An agile and tenacious mid-courter, Ruby will bring knowledge and skill well beyond her years!

**UNDER 15s:** Helen Williams will again lead our under 15's for coming season! Helen, having led the team last year is hungry to get that step further and hopefully take her team all the way. A talented and accurate shooter, Helen will bring a wealth of knowledge and expertise to her young team.

**UNDER 13's:** Melissa Gilmour will take on the role of Under 13's coach after having been an active member in our club for many years she will now take the step forward of coaching our juniors. We wish Mel all the best and are excited to see what the year brings for her team!!

**UNDER 11s:** Georgia McKay and Melissa Kennedy will take on the joint role of coaches for the under 11's squad for 2023. Both having experience in senior netball we can't wait to see the development these girls put forward for our youngest bombers!



Rosie Arnel & Milly Foster  
A Grade Co-Coaches



Nikki Storch  
B Grade Coach



Taylah Belford & Andrea Bergamin  
C Grade Co-Coaches



Ruby Arnel  
Under 17s Coach



Louise Shannon, Jessamy Doyle, Andrea Walker  
C Reserve Co-Coaches



Helen Williams  
Under 15s Coach



Melissa Gilmour  
Under 13s Coach



Melissa Kennedy & Georgia McKay  
Under 11s Co-Coaches

# Nathalia Bowling Club News

## HISTORY WAS ACHIEVED

for the Bowling Club on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March, 1923** with the laying of Memorial Stone for a W.P. Scott at the Club Rooms and this week and marked the **100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** of this day on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2023**, which has prompted me to do this article on the history of the Club. The Bowling Club was gifted land by Mrs. J. Richardson in 1904 and the Club was formed in 1905. An Opening Day was celebrated in 1906. First, a three and then a four rink green were established. Later more land was bought and an eight green was established. In 1919 land at the back was purchased and a croquet lawn was established and a Club formed for the Ladies. A Tennis Club was agreed too. Many changes have taken place over the last 118 years; two eight rink greens are well established. An addition to the then existing Club House. The type of bowls used to today is a hard plastic composite which has expanded the colour range of bowls of today from the brown wooden bowls first used. Dress code has changed drastically, full length white dresses for the ladies now the choice of type of attire to wear from white and coloured, from long pants, 3/4 pants, shorts and skorts (skirts and shorts in one). Men are now able to also wear shorts and coloured attire. No blazers are required. Footwear still needs to be flat soled but open sandals, thongs, barefoot for social games are all accepted today. Hats are not a necessity now. Over the years the Club has won many Premierships and remain competitive to this day. The Club today has a very strong and dedicated membership, who works hard to maintain the Club Rooms and Grounds. The Club is situated in Weir Street



Memory Stone



Wooden Bowls

with a lovely outlook to the Broken Creek. A premier site in the heart of Nathalia.

**BACK TO THE PRESENT:** As the end of the season is now here, our **Presentation Night** will be held on 19<sup>th</sup> April at the Club. Our **Annual General Meeting** is to be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 7pm. We have a **Fools Day Tournament** on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April with many teams already entered. Not to be forgotten is our **Annual Good Friday Bowls Day** which is on the 7<sup>th</sup> April. All proceeds raised go to the **Childrens Hospital Appeal**. A **Trivia Night** is being held on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April as a Fund Raiser for the Club. For more information on any of these events please contact the Club.

## In the Swing at Nathalia Golf Club



Thanks to Brereton's Bakery this weeks Sponsors...

**TUESDAY, March 7** - ladies from Nathalia travelled to Kyabram Parklands to play ladies 4bbb with Nina Pell and Heather Frostick winning B Grade with 43 stable points.

Well done ladies.

**WEDNESDAY, March 8** - the ladies played a 9 hole stableford with Sonia Verlinden winning with 19 points.

**FRIDAY, Fun Day** - 11 players turned up and played ambrose, the winning team Chris Brooks, Graeme Frostick, Lynette Lindsay and Sonia Verlinden with 38 points.

**SUNDAY, March 13** - Winner John Drenen with 31 stableford points. No NTP.

**Wednesday, March 15** - Denis Dunn winning the men's with 17 stableford points.

Ladies winner Heather Frostick with 19 stableford points.

**Sunday, March 19** - we had a great turn up with the winner being John Drenen with a great score of 38 points .

Runner up Garry Manley with 36 points John also got NTP on the 9th hole. Well done boys.

Just a reminder coming up on Sunday the 2nd of April there is a 9 hole Captains revenge fun day with a BBQ Lunch after golf. \$15 per head great opportunity for new players 9.30 for 10.00 o'clock start. Limited to 4 clubs per player. Putter and 3 clubs of your choice. Names in by Friday the 31st March phone or SMS Stan 0437 123 138. Good hitting all .



Nathalia Bowling Club Opening Day 1906

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# NT Premiership News

## DUAL PREMIERSHIP CAPTAIN

Ex Nathalia local; Cassie Henderson is now a dual premiership captain after her team PINT FC in the NT Women's Premier League won their grand final on Saturday 18th March.

Cassie has played over 100 games for PINT, kicking 21 goals since she started the team in 2016.

Nathalia's Reni Hicks played with Cassie in the Grand Final and is also a dual premiership player for PINT. Reni has played 40 games for PINT and kicked 25 goals since she started playing for PINT in 2021. Reni has had a good 2022/23 season being named in the best players 12 times and kicking 6 goals including 1 in the grand final. Reni also played in Nathalia Women's premiership team last year.

Another ex Nathalia Women's player Ellie Pinnuck played in the PINT Division 1 Premiership on Wednesday 15th March.

Ellie has played 19 games for PINT Div 1, kicking 10 goals since she started playing in 2022.



*Pictured right: Ellie accepting her premiership medal.*

## KNIGHT to CROCODILE

Kooper Reid started his football career with the Nathalia Knights before heading back to the NT. This season Kooper played for the Southern Districts Crocs U14 team who were premiers in their league on March 11.

Kooper has grown a lot and played most of the game in the centre taking on the ruck work. Later that evening at the club vote count Kooper was runner up in the U14 best & fairest. This came after Kooper finished third in the league vote count the week before.



*Pictured above: Kooper Reid wearing his premiership medal.*

*"The more difficult the victory, the greater the happiness in winning."*

## CUSACK WINS ANOTHER FLAG

The Banks Women's Division Two Team won the premiership defeating Wanderers comfortably on Wednesday 15th March.

The win secured yet another Premiership for Banks Coach and ex Nathalia local Gemma Cusack who has had a decorated AFL journey in the NT since her arrival in Darwin from Victoria six years ago.

Cusack has won Premierships in Women's Premier League with both Waratah and Pint Football Club on the field, and now she adds a coaching premiership to her already impressive streak. Her Territory career also includes donning the guernsey for the NT Thunder VFLW Team as well as the NT Rep side in the inaugural game against the Glenelg Tigers.

Although she has hung the boots up on her own playing career, she continues to bring home the silverware in her coaching ability.

Congratulations to Gemma and the Women's Banks Team. I expect we will be seeing a lot more from Cusack and her Banks women in the future.

**Final Score: Banks defeated Wanderers 48-1.**



*Pictured above: Gemma Cusack Coaching her premiership team to victory.*



# Picola Lawn Bowls Teams are Premiers

Congratulations to Picola Lawn Bowls Division 2 and Division 3 Teams finishing on a high!!

Division 5 had a great year also, and just fell short on reaching the grand final.

Well done Gary Manley and team and Trevor Cobbledick and team who played on Saturday 11th March, but were defeated by just two, the scores being 36-38 (Cobram).

Division 2 (Midweek Pennant) have won the Grand Final against Numurkah 65-53.

Division 3 (Saturday Pennant) also won the grand final against Barooga - winning 71-57.



**Pictured Top:**  
*Picola Division 2 team defeated Numurkah Bowls Club 65/53.*

**Pictured Bottom:**  
*Division 3 Picola team had an easier time, coming out winners over Barooga Sports 71/57.*

