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Yalca North Tennis N&DHTA 2021-22 Premiers



Back: Adam Harding, Alistair Smith, Colin Jackson
Front: Pam Smith, Michelle Davis, Amy Cooper, Cheryl Thorn, Marg Storer.
~ Photo courtesy Lyn Cooper

Winners of the Nathalia GC 2022 Local Business Challenge



Best Gross Score & Winners of the Perpetual Shield
Nathalia Community Bank Team:
Mitch Cleeland, Brayden Carey, Jorden Cleeland & Jesse Trower.



2021/22 NACC Under 16's Premiers

Back: Clancy Congues (Coach),
Kai Lundberg, Harry Rudd,
Ned Frostick, Jack Hutchins,
Josh Dohnt, Liam Evans (Coach)
Front: Tyler Stephens,
Charlie Dietrich, Brady Walpole,
Ewan Congues (Captain), Billy Liddell,
Gus Frostick, Nate Summerville



Grand Final was played on
Sunday the 6th March.
Nathalia defeating Deniliquin

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Community Update



Cobram Service Centre – extended opening trial

With our commitment to improving customer focus and responsiveness, we are extending the Cobram Service Centre opening hours.

This will allow us to better support the community, in particular to those who work full time, and may not be able to access face to face service during our standard hours Monday to Friday.

Each Thursday the Cobram Service Centre will open from 8am and, in a first, it will also be open on a Saturday morning from 9am to 12pm.

Beginning Saturday 19 March, this will be for a four week trial basis, to determine the demand going forward.

Call our Customer Experience team on 5871 9222 for more information.

Lake Numurkah upgrade – have your say

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

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

These options include retaining a portion of the lake or recreational purposes; using integrated water management for water treatment; incorporating wetlands into the design; and providing a stormwater management solution as Numurkah develops to the north.

We now want to hear from you – go to our website and read through the various improvement options, then complete the detailed survey. If you do not have internet access or need a hard copy of the improvement options or the survey, give our Customer Experience team a call on 5871 9222.



Dog Off-Leash Area Policy – give your feedback now



Our draft Dog Off-Leash Area Policy details Council's commitment to providing dog off-leash areas, to encourage people and dogs to socialise and exercise within an open space setting.

This draft Policy offers guidance on the future planning and development of dog off-leash areas within Moira Shire and was based on the information obtained from the community consultation held in December 2021.

Go to our website for more information and to give feedback.

Move Moira – register your event now

As part of a collaboration with NCN Health and Yarrawonga Health we are seeking community activities to join our Active April initiative!

Activity providers, clubs and organisations are encouraged to submit any events happening throughout April that encourage people to be social and active to be included in our Move Moira Get Active in April program.

Go to our website for all the information and to submit your activity.



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Fruity Fridays



Yummy!

We welcome Lorraine Bain to St Francis Primary as our new Wellbeing Officer. Lorraine has been busy organising our Ride to School and Epilepsy Awareness Day this coming Friday (25th March). Lorraine also won over the children by teaching them about the importance of healthy eating and provided each classroom a fruit platter.

Lorraine will continue to promote the importance of concentrating on student wellbeing through initiatives within the school and local community this year and we look forward to Lorraine being a valuable member of our school staff.



Delivering the fruit platter to the classrooms.



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Place order by 2pm -

Collect between 4pm-6pm

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Moira Shire Messages

Japanese encephalitis – protect yourself against mosquito bites

There are now multiple confirmed cases of the Japanese encephalitis virus (JEV) in Victoria and Moira Shire Council is calling on all members of the community to be aware but not alarmed.

Mayor Libro Mustica said JEV was a rare but potentially serious infection of the brain caused by a virus spread to humans through mosquito bites.

“Council has been informed JEV has been detected in pigs in Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland,” Cr Mustica said.

“While the majority of people infected with JEV will not develop any symptoms at all, the small percentage who do will experience severe infection with symptoms including headache, vomiting, disorientation, seizures, and coma.

“In the most serious of cases there may be permanent neurological complications and death.”

Cr Mustica said the Department of Health messaging indicated people living along the Murray River may have an increased risk.

“People who go camping, work or spend time outdoors need to be mindful,” he said.

“People who work with or are in contact with pigs may also be at increased risk of infection.

“But there are easy steps to take to minimise any risks.

“These steps include – wear long, loose fitting clothes outdoors; use effective mosquito repellents containing picaridin or DEET on all exposed skin; mosquito coils can be effective in small outdoor areas; and try to limit outdoor activity if large numbers of mosquitoes are present.”

For more information on the Japanese encephalitis virus go to the Department of Health website www.health.vic.gov.au.



What's On Locally

April 3	Daylight Savings Ends
April 15-18	Nathalia Lawn Tennis Club - Easter Tournament
April 16	Nathalia Easter Market & Bardi Gras
April 29 - May 1	Barmah Muster
April 25	ANZAC Day Services, Nathalia & Barmah
October 1	Nathalia Agricultural Show
October 2	Daylight Savings Starts
November 11	RSL Remembrance Day Services
December 31	Nathalia New Years Eve Carnival

Contact Nathalia Printers if you would like your event added to the What's On Locally calendar.
E: redgum@nathaliaprinters.com.au



Sunday, 3 April

Turn the clocks back
Remember to move your clocks back one hour.



Daylight Savings ends at 3:00am on Sunday, 3 April. Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour on Saturday night before you go to bed and enjoy your extra hour sleep!



MEALS ON WHEELS March 25th to April 8th

March

Friday 25th	Graeme Smith
Monday 28th	Sue Logie
Tuesday 29th	Kevin & Nina Pell
Wednesday 30th	VOLUNTEER REQUIRED
Thursday 31st	VOLUNTEER REQUIRED

April

Friday 1st	Patricia Hawks
Monday 4th	Margaret Cobbleddick
Tuesday 5th	John & Eve Attwoods
Wednesday 6th	Sherelle Smith
Thursday 7th	Margaret Richards
Friday 8th	Sue Lowe

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



ANZAC DAY SERVICES 25 APRIL 2022

NATHALIA: 6.00am Dawn Service followed by Free Community Breakfast
BARMAH: 9.30am Street Parade followed by Service and free morning tea
Free Buses to Barmah depart from Nathalia 8.30am.



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Nathalia MASS TIME 9am SUNDAYS

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March 27th: Picola 9.00am
March 27th: Nathalia 9.30am Harvest Thanksgiving Service
April 3rd: Nathalia 9.30am Parish Streaming Service

HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH - NATHALIA
Reverend Victor Adams, Ph 0403 918 927

March 27th: 8.00am Holy Communion
April 3rd: 8.00am Mothering Sunday
St Paul's - Wakiti Creek
April 3rd: 1.30pm Holy Communion

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Easter Saturday Market & Bardi Gras Update



**Easter Saturday 16-04-2022, 9am-1pm
in the main street and plantation**



QR for your raffle tickets.



Over 20 stalls have already booked for the market. There will be plenty of food and drinks available with lots of seating provided. Lots of kids activities, Bardi Gras - this year's theme is River Red Gums (see preschool article on page 13 for more information), live music, spinning wheel and drawing of the major raffle (so grab your tickets).

The trailer was kindly donated by Lawless Lasers, 62-62 Blake St, Nathalia.

The Nathalia Lions Club have also provided \$3,000 towards first prize, Ross Smith has provided the television, Glenda Cornell has kindly donated an original painting and we are hoping that the local businesses and services will donate a voucher or a prize to go towards 4th prize.

The trailer will be placed in different positions around the town for you to see what a great prize it is. A list of all donating businesses and service providers will be advertised on the trailer.

1st prize: Trailer with crate plus \$3 000.

2nd prize: Large television.

3rd prize: Painting

4th prize: Vouchers and services.

Contact Joyce 0418 587 140

Photos from 2021
Easter Market & Bardi Gras



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Portrait Nathalia: A Workshop in Taking Portraits with Walkley Award winning photographer John Donegan

Tuesday 5 April 6-8pm

This is a not to be missed opportunity to hear John's stories of how he tackled the job of taking portraits...this time of famous people...but applicable to taking "respectful to the subject" photos of anyone and everyone.

The G.R.A.I.N. Store is building up to a really important Exhibition in August: Portrait Nathalia and District 2022...and we do so hope you are part of it.

To get a better idea...see us in action at our stall at The Easter Market April 16. You by yourself; you in your family; you with mates; you with your work mates...every form of individual and group photo we will be working with.

But in the mean time...treat yourself to a great insight session with John Donegan. Please add your name to the workshop list by calling in to see Ruby...11-4 Thursdays and Fridays or our friendly volunteers on Saturday.



A Workshop in Taking Portraits with Walkley Award winning photographer John Donegan

International Women's Day - Nathalia



We would like to thank everyone who came to celebrate the event on Saturday with us. It was a delight to see people out and enjoying each other's company. Thanks to the wonderful local businesses who helped make it happen – Casual Step, Pretty Paddocks, Three Belles, Annalei Moon Music, and Tam Perry Photography. Special appreciation also to the Moira Shire for providing funding and support.

~ CWA - Nathalia Nightwatch branch



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Dancing up a storm at Barwo:

During the last couple of weeks when the weather has been kind, residents have enjoyed picking flowers from around the garden and have created some beautiful flower arrangements. Many have ventured out on Gopher rides, taking in the sights and the fresh air.

Residents were also entertained with card games, Bingo, dancing and singalongs.

We were delighted to share in Birthday celebrations on two sperate occasions. First was Allan's birthday on 22nd February and then Barry's birthday on 6th March. Both gentlemen enjoyed their special day.



Alf enjoying a dance.



Above: Birthdays for Allan & Barry.

Right: Flower arrangements by Rita



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Museum Moments...

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

As reported last week, Nathalia Football Club played in Black & White uniform from 1969 to 1974, then reverted back to purple and gold. This thirds team was coached by Kevin Pell to a premiership win in 1969.

Pictured below –Nathalia Football Club Thirds, Premiers 1969.

Back Row: Jack Sizer, L. Sizer, A. Hindle, P. Bourke, T. Saunders, P. Ryan, E. Board, D. Leaf, M. Dohnt, Mick Ryan, Adrian Hicks, Mick Pell, G. Bourke.

Middle Row: Bob Goggin, T. Baksh, J. Shiels, R. Way, A. Bell (C), Kevin Pell (Coach), N. Gemmill (VC), R. Pomfret, J. Smith, G. Sullivan, B. Fields.



Front Row:
G. Dohnt,
G. Hicks,
J. Hutchins,
J. Leaf,
J. Tuck,
N. Hutchins,
G. Stanger,
G. Bell.

We would like to hear from you as well..... If at any time you wish to tell a story, or provide some information or feedback, we would love to hear from you. You can call at the museum in Pearce Street any time that you see the gate open—usually each Tuesday and

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Barwo Homestead is asking for your help



For the first time in the 29 year history of Barwo Homestead it has a number of vacancies. Previously Barwo has always been fully occupied. Now it has rooms available for permanent residents and respite care.

Do you, or a family member, need the support of accommodation with 24 hour care? Local residents are often choosing to remain at home with assistance from home care providers. However, this does not provide the added benefits that Barwo has on hand with 24 hour care, companionship and activities, as well as meals and assistance with daily living tasks.

Barwo's Committee of Management is seeking input from the community regarding what services you would like Barwo to offer. Barwo Homestead is a community owned not-for-profit low care aged care facility in Nathalia. This means that all its income is spent on caring for the residents and improving the facility. If rooms stay vacant, are there other services that Barwo can provide?

Aged Care facilities in other locations have received a great deal of negative press lately, but Barwo's Committee of Management assures the community that the Homestead has recently met all of the new Accreditation Standards. Barwo provides a safe, caring environment. Individuals' needs and preferences are met by a great team of caring staff who strive to achieve a very high standard of care to all our residents, creating the next best thing to home.

Barwo has been both fortunate and well managed throughout the pandemic with no positive cases to date. There are robust infection control practices to ensure rigorous screening and management of risks to reduce potential of Covid infection in the facility. Residents were consulted and our Covid management plan was developed from their wishes. Residents have been able to move freely around the facility and grounds, enjoying the beautiful gardens and each others company. Family and friends have been able to visit, the requirements changing according to Covid impact in the community and in line with government legislation.

Residents at Barwo are happy and well cared for. They are pleased to speak for Barwo saying –

"If only I had come in earlier"


"It is lovely having the washing and all the beautiful meals prepared for you",

"Wish I had made the move ages ago"

"Not like an institution, just like home"

"It is nice to have company and know someone is there to help if needed."

Lynda Walker at Barwo Homestead invites you to talk to her about the services at Barwo. Please call her on 5866 2574.



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Probus News



Four visitors were welcomed to the March 15th Probus meeting. Visitors are always most welcome to attend any Probus function or outing.

In the absence of the regular presenter, Bob Bramwell, President David McKenzie gave chocolates to those members celebrating a birthday or anniversary and went on to provide some one-liners and a thought for the day.

The Show & Tell theme was 'Anything from the Garden'. As Kaye Crane was in Queensland, Anne Bell took on the role of facilitator and invited members to give a brief outline of their item. Included in the display were: a wall plaque, a meerkat statuette, a mosaic made by the members daughter, floral posies, plant cuttings, home-preserved olives, jams, pickles & jellies, fresh basil, beans and figs, pineapple lily and pink frangipani blooms.

After a morning tea members gathered in groups of six or seven to complete two games of trivia – one on general knowledge and another naming people from a sheet of photos.

Earlier in the month members and friends gathered in the garden at '3 Belles' for morning tea and a chat, so relaxing and pleasant that some stayed on for lunch! The next outing will be to the Picola Hotel for a 2 course lunch on Tuesday 22nd March.

Other special occasions are a 'Coffee & Chat' morning at Brereton's on Wednesday 6th April and the monthly meeting and AGM on April 19th.

Nathalia Show Update

The Agricultural Society held their AGM in early March. Big thank you again to all who have stayed on board and for the hard work done last year even though we were not able to have the Show.

The new committee:

President- Dylan Morris

Secretary -

Minute secretary - Gail Grinter

Treasurer - Kathleen Botterill

Promotions - Ellen Morcombe

Trade space-

Safety Officer - Norm Govett



Unfortunately the person lined up for secretary was unable to take it at the last minute, so we are looking for someone to fulfil this role as well as Tradespace officer and head steward for the horse section. If anyone is interested in any of these positions please contact our president Dylan on 0439 523 687 for more information. Your contribution would be greatly appreciated to help keep the Show alive-it will be particularly difficult to proceed without a secretary so please get in touch if you are interested at all!

It has been decided to trial starting meetings at 7pm, still held the 2nd Thursday of each month, still at the Guide Hall in Weir street.

The new theme was chosen to be "Wonderful World of Lego and Celebrating 75 years of Harry Ferguson"

More details about these special features to come!

Nathalia Secondary College News



Campfire Conversation

A campfire is a place where everyone has a spot to sit; to listen, share and connect with each other. It is a place for storytelling and deep listening. We gathered representatives from the Koorie community, young people and schools, to share and connect about self-determination for Koorie people in education.

We met in the Yenbena Indigenous Training Centre in the Gangupka and Matjanggal rooms with students, their families and Yorta Yorta Elders, Aunty Greta Morgan and Aunty Hilda Stewart, from Parks Victoria to discuss interpretation, information and education.



Many important conversations took place with students expressing some great ideas to incorporate their culture within the school. These ideas will be presented to the Department of Education so they are able to make informed decisions going forward. We thank the students, their families and Aunty Greta & Aunty Hilda for their time in engaging in this important event.



Rural Youth Ambassadors

We would like to extend a massive congratulations to Ainsleigh and Melody who were selected as Rural Youth Ambassadors, 2 of only 20 positions available for the state!

This program provides young people within rural communities the opportunity to develop their ambassadorial amplitude while strengthening their leadership skills and capacity. It aims to enhance & improve the lives, learning opportunities and educational outcomes of rural young people. Ainsleigh & Melody will attend forums throughout the year partaking in conversations focused on rural & remote life and learning, utilizing a solutions focused approach to address the challenges they identify. We look forward to hearing back from their experiences throughout the year.



Rotary News



It was third time lucky...
 On Sunday, 20th March. No Covid restrictions like in 2020, no rain as in 2021, so our Show and Shine finally happened in glorious weather! There were less cars and spectators this year but the turn out was good, all the same, and we had a successful day.

At the raffle stall tickets were being sold for 2 Rotary raffles and each was popular. The car raffle is ongoing as the draw will not take place till after Easter, but the Show and Shine raffle winners were drawn after the presentations were made to winners of the various categories in cars/bikes/trucks.

As the Bendigo Bank very generously donated the major prize: \$1,500 Rare Spares voucher, manager Peter Halden drew the winning tickets of a total of 5 prizes. In the next Rotary News article winners' names will be given for raffle and other prizes. The only one mentioned now is the best local entry won by Rex James with his 1964 EH Holden. Photo shows a very happy winner, with Anthony Oliver who presented the vehicle related



Nathalia Rotary Show & Shine

prizes to the winners. We would again like to thank TJ's IGA and the Bendigo Bank for being our major sponsors. Thank you also to the CFA, Men's Shed, Joyce and Don for all their help, the local judges, the Kings from Shepparton who were entrants and judges also. Last, but by no means least, thank you to the seven Rotary members who were there on the day. A special mention to Anthony and Ross who picked up and returned the first prize of the car raffle. Having the Hyundai Venue Active on a trailer near the raffles tent helped ticket sales along. Enough now on this event, there will be a bit more written next time.

Rotary clubs (including ours) across the nation support Operation Cleft Australia, which has been going for over 17 years. Cleft births occur in about 700 across the globe in Australia, Europe, Africa, Bangladesh. Despite the amount of research, there is no clear understanding why Cleft births happen. It is the fourth most common birth defect all over the world. In fact, it is estimated that a child somewhere in the world is born with a cleft every 3 minutes. This year Operation Cleft Australia's mission is to provide free, cleft repair surgeries for the underprivileged children of Bangladesh...providing hope and an

opportunity to live normal and meaningful lives. There may be more written about this cause in a future column.

At this stage there are no further bookings at the Heart to Heart house, but there is a tentative Easter one. Of course this could change at any time, so the grass is mowed regularly, etc. The sprinkler system's controller was defective and Jason from GV Landscaping had it replaced under warranty, so all is good again.

Tomorrow our friendly lot of volunteers will be cooking a sausage sizzle/BBQ beside Blake Street Trading (ex Casual Step) and we hope to be kept very busy selling our delicious snags/onions in bread. Raffle tickets for the car raffle will be available for purchase also. Hope to see you there!

Our next Rotary meeting is planned for the 30th but may change for another date that week. This is because few of our members will be watching the late Shane Warne's televised memorial service, which is advertised to start at 7 in the evening. At our meeting there will be plenty to discuss, including a debrief on the 2022 Show and Shine.



Anthony Oliver & Peter Halden with the raffle barrel.



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Anthony Oliver presenting 'Best Local Car' trophy to Rex James.

Growing the careers of Victoria's young farmers

Young farmers across the state can now apply for the 2022 *Upskill and Invest Young Farmers Scholarships* to help their careers grow and support their contribution to Victoria's vibrant agriculture sector.



Launching this year's scholarship program today, Agriculture Victoria's Acting Executive Director of Agriculture Policy, Dr Julie Simons encourages young farmers to apply for the scholarships that will allow them to take the next steps in their agricultural careers.

"In an industry that is undergoing constant evolution, fostering our young talent and giving them tools to thrive and succeed is vital," said Dr Simons.

Under the program, which has awarded 89 scholarships since 2015, eligible young farmers can boost their skills and careers with up to \$10,000 each to *upskill* through training or education, and to *invest* on-farm or for further professional development.

In 2021, thirteen young farmers were awarded scholarships covering the breadth of Victoria's agriculture regions and industries including beef, sheep, cropping, horticulture, dairy, viticulture and aquaculture.

The scholarship program has supported these farmers to upskill in topics such as agribusiness, livestock management, and farm business management. Following on, scholarship recipients often invest in professional development or business planning, or in on-farm initiatives such as electronic ID tags, digital scales or consultant support.

Applications for this year's round of scholarships are open to farmers aged 35 or under who have been working in farm businesses for at least three days a week for the past three months, with at least two years total experience on-farm.

The Victorian Government is continuing to modernise the agriculture industry, undertaking work to deliver the agriculture skills for the future through initiatives like the Young Farmers Scholarship Program, and the Young Farmer Business Bootcamps, Young Farmer and New Entrant Mentoring Program and the Young Farmers Advisory Council.

To find out more about the program and to apply for a scholarship, visit <https://go.vic.gov.au/khjYo9>

Applications are now open and will close on Monday 18 April. .

Priestly warns of misinformation in Nicholls campaign

Independent candidate for Nicholls Rob Priestly has today warned voters to be ready for the major parties to unleash a barrage of campaign misinformation in the lead up to the federal election.



Rob Priestly, Independent for Nicholls

The warning follows multiple polls indicating that the contest is already tight, and momentum building for Mr Priestly two months from polling day.

"They're certainly very worried about losing Nicholls, and will become increasingly desperate as the campaign gets into full swing."

"The Coalition won't be letting go of this seat lightly, and I'm expecting them to pull out a campaign of misinformation like we've never seen before in Nicholls. They are masters of negative campaigning and will reach deep into the bag of dirty tricks to get the result they want."

He flagged two issues on which the misinformation would be most prominent.

"People will be told that I'm a Labor stooge and that I'm being financially supported by groups like Climate 200 or GetUp. These things aren't true, but the Coalition will hope that if they throw enough mud at least some of it will stick."

"The truth is that I'm the son of dairy farmers from Katandra and a businessman, and I'm running because I want to change the way this region is represented in Canberra."

"I'm also not taking money from people or groups outside the electorate. My supporters live here and run businesses here, and they are motivated for change. It's a real grassroots movement."

Mr Priestly acknowledged that political misinformation is part of modern political campaigning, but wouldn't be buying into the same approach.

"In business, you can't tell lies to consumers or the ACCC will come after you. Unfortunately, there are no such restrictions in politics. The major parties will say whatever they think they need to in order to win the election."

"I want to bring a higher standard to politics. Our approach will be to talk about the positive things that can come from voting for a credible alternative to the major parties. This region is full of opportunity, but we need to have our voice heard in Canberra if we're going to be able to seize those opportunities."

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What breaks but never falls, and what falls but never breaks?

Answer: Morning and night.

I am always hungry and will die if not fed, but if you water me, I'll die. What am I?

Answer: A fire.

What travels around the world but stays in the same corner?

Answer: A stamp.

You can find it in Mercury, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn, but not in Venus or Neptune. What is it?

Answer: The letter "R."

How could a baby fall out of a twenty-storey building onto the ground and live?

Answer: The baby fell out of a ground floor window.



Dinosaurs at Preschool?

Melbourne Museum Outreach Program is again visiting rural preschools with their Dinosaur & Fossil program. During Covid-19 restrictions, the program was cancelled and went on line. During this period, we participated in various online interactive programs.



Evie, measuring herself against the size of the foot.

Wendy (from the Museum) took the children on a journey from prehistoric times through to how paleornithologists are now discovering Australia's own dinosaur fossils. 600 million years ago there was a dinosaur that wandered around Queensland who they named Muttaborrasaurus, it was 7 metres long and was a herbivore (ate plants). This dinosaur was named after the town Muttaborra, in Queensland.

The children were able to be hands on with the resources. They could examine the replica head skull along with the legs and feet. Measuring themselves against the size of the legs and feet and ask Wendy many questions to support their learning.



Above: Vinnie investigating the Muttaborrasaurus skull replica.



Right: Tilly & Catherine measure themselves alongside the thigh bone.



Wendy (Melbourne Museum) sharing her knowledge of the dinosaurs with the children.

Bardi Gras News - River Red Gums is our theme this year

We invite you to create your own River Red Gum tree and bring it down to the plantation on Easter Saturday to create a forest of trees. Be creative with your design and the resources you choose to use. There will be display of artwork, red gum wood work and many other activities that are being planned. How big can your tree be? As long as we can stand it up in the plantation.



U3A Film @ Night

Jo Jo Rabbit

Wednesday 6 April 2022, 7pm

Described as an "anti-hate" satire by the NZ Director (*Hunt for the Wilderpeople*); this film seeks to



show us the dangers of nationalism through the committed eyes of a young German boy. But is it ever OK to make Hitler "funny"? That is the decision faced by our viewers.



Broken Creek Drama

Wait for me

The married couple rose together and set about preparing for their early morning run. They were sighted jogging every day - as regular as the sunrise that highlighted their silhouettes as they ran along the creek's levee bank.

She always ran in front, her long slim legs stretching out as her arms took up the rhythmic beat, as regular as a metronome.

Depending on how much beer her husband had drunk the night before, he followed, lagging further and further behind. His running style was more tortured, bent over with arms barely moving, legs struggling to put one foot in front of the other, sweat drenching his T shirt.

As the sun rose and Bill went off to work each day, he spotted his local fitness fanatics.

'Does he ever catch her?' he wondered.

Dad
I smile because
you're my father.



I laugh because there's
nothing you can
do about it.

Nathalia Wildflower Group Visit Barmah



On the morning of Saturday, 19th March, nine Wildflower Group members checked out the local flora along the Back Road at Barmah. It was a perfect day for a field trip. Roadside verges provide some of the precious remaining remnants of our original local flora. There is much to be learnt visiting roads that are largely untouched and the Back Road didn't disappoint. "What do you think this is?" "Look at that!" "Do you want to take a photo of this insect? It's just there." During morning tea, pictured above, lists of plants, plus birds noted down, are read out and compared; it's interspersed with the pleasant general chatter that keeps us all up to date with life in general. It's a simple, perfect outing..

~Lyn Loger

L-R: Sue Logie, Linden Lancaster, Anne Timm, Di Huber, Ann Christy, Heather Henderson, Maxine Hughes, Gillian Wolveridge. ~ Photos: Lyn Loger

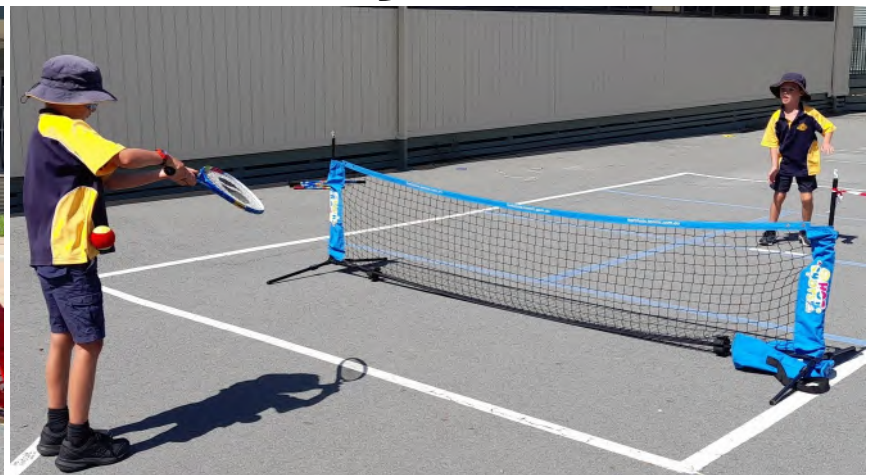


Some of the magnificent Yellow Box trees that can be seen along this road.



Judy Ormond, with Ann Christy in the background, checking out the site before the Saturday field trip.

Tennis at Nathalia Primary School



Tennis is in vogue at Nathalia Primary School with coaching clinics happening over the next few weeks. Local tennis coach Mark Mills is providing tennis tuition for all the grades in the school. Perhaps the next Ash Barty will be discovered at Nathalia Primary School.

CATERPILLAR CORNER



Recently we have been working together as a team, to provide the best quality play area for all children at the service. We brainstormed open ended play, interest based learning and simply asking the children what they wished to see, a "sand pit", being the number one asked thing.

Having a local business, such as 'Bourke's Horticultural services', whom was able to make all our dreams come true is great. Along the way all children were engaged watching Tony at the fence, bringing in machinery, shovelling, or simply just being in the yard excited the children. Observing the changes along the way was a conversation starter for all, as things got added we were excited, brainstorming what we were able to do with the objects added. We talked about cubby's, climbing, jumping, pirate ships, balancing, castles etc. Demonstrating we are able to extend on our play, using the children's choice, asking them to decision making.

Along the way we observed similarities and differences throughout the yard, although we were excited about the changes. Being able to observe it along the way allows children to develop a sense of belonging in the environment, as they are aware of the changes daily.

The day the yard opened up, we sprinted as fast



as we could, with screams of excitement from all, down towards the back of yard. Half children ran towards the log, and half ran towards the sandpit. With so much excitement, children have hardly been moving away from the end of the yard. Thank you to all who assisted along the way, we are all very thankful.

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Melissa Bell (above) 20 years service & Val Low (right) 30 years service at Nathalia Hospital.

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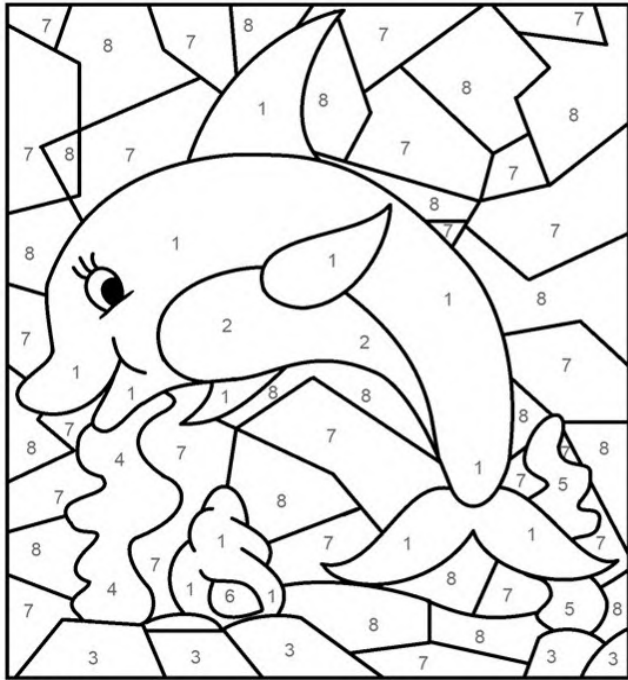


Farewell and thankyou to Cheryl McKenzie who has resigned from the Nathalia Public Cemetery Trust after being on the Trust for the past 15 years. Cheryl will be missed enormously. Thank you also to David McKenzie for his help and support.

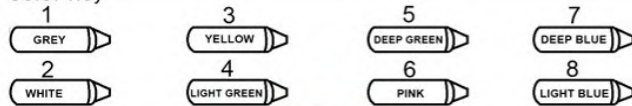


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Soccer Riddles Hidden in Secret Codes for Kids

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11



r	s	t	v	w	y
12	13	14	15	16	17



Why did the chicken get ejected from the soccer game?

5	10	12		5	10	16	8		11	8	1	17

Why did the soccer player bring string to the game?

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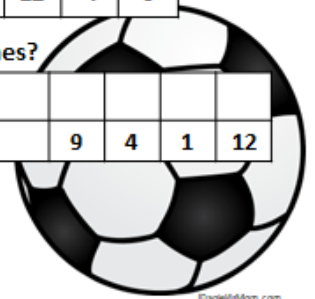
What did the bumble bee forward say after getting a goal?

6	7	15	4		13	2	10	12	4	3

How do soccer players stay cool during games?

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Malcolm Barnes is again our senior coach who is now entering his 4th year in the job. Unfortunately Mal has had to have a back operation therefore early in the year he will be sidelined from playing but will be able to focus on directing the players. Mal coached



Linton Ryan
(U14 Coach)



Bailey Bell
(U17 Coach)

the 2019 Premiership and has managed the players through 2 very difficult years.

Liam Evans is again in a Assistant coaching role and provides a great player perspective to the coaching group. Liam is now a very experienced player and is a good educator of the game.

In very exciting news Glen Boyd has joined Nathalia as an Assistant Coach. Glen was a very talented player who has a wealth of experience and knowledge that will add great value to our coaching group.

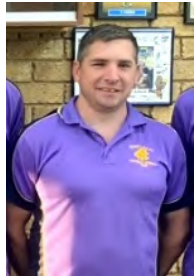
Simon Quarrell is again coaching the Senior Women's team. Simon is a well respected coach and mentor. After last year's Premiership the girls will no doubt be looking to continue the momentum.

Heath Redwood is again our Reserves coach. Heath is a great support for our Senior Coaching staff and is passionate about helping develop all players.

Bailey Bell is our Under 17's coach, Bailey is an admired senior footballer with plenty of experience that will help see our boys continue to develop.



Mal Barnes
(Seniors Coach)



Simon Quarrell
(Womens Coach)



Heath Redwood
(Reserves Coach)

Linton Ryan is again our Under 14's coach and has a great group of kids again. Linton has the boys again working hard on the fundamentals to see them enjoy their football. We welcome anyone wishing to play football to come along to training on Tuesday and Thursday nights.

U11 and U13 Netball Clinic and Round Robin



On Sunday the 20th March, in very warm conditions our little Purps took to the courts for a netball session with Collingwood Magpies stars and experienced City West Falcon coaches.

This was a great way to show rural netball girls the pathways for netball. Hayley Summerville, coordinator of the netball club say's, "I couldn't have been more proud of these little champs. They took to the court and represented our club with pride and passion."

Many thanks to Denise Liddell and Sophie Wilson for their massive help on the day.



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Velvet Tigers finish Runners Up

GMLTA Division 1 Numurkah 9 sets 75 games defeated Velvet Tigers 3 sets 55 games.

After soaking up grand final week the Velvet Tigers headed to Shepparton Lawn Tennis Club full of excitement. The weather had turned one on for the big day and there was a large crowd at the complex, represented by a strong VT's supporter base. Jarrod Bingham was declared fit after a groin injury two weeks ago, and the men's no. 4 position was shared between Alex Bakogianis



The Purple Velvet Tigers Beetle: The VT regulars and players on GF day from L-R: Joe Nihill, Jarrod Bingham, Eliza Long, Fergus Kearney, Ned Nihill, Ashleigh Andrews (front) and Alex Bakogianis



VT players and fill ins throughout the season:
Back: Jodie Daniel, Rose Nihill, Jarrod Bingham, Ned Nihill, Mick Luca and Alex Bakogianis
Front: Joe Nihill, Eliza Long, Ashleigh Andrews, and Fergus Kearney.

(singles set and one men's doubles set) and Ned Nihill (one men's doubles set).

After the first two sets came off the court, the match was all square; Eliza Long & season MVP Ash Andrews had a strong win 8-1 in their doubles, while Joe Nihill & Jarrod couldn't quite get going and lost 8-1. It was a similar story for Fergus Kearney & Ned, outplayed by their opponents 8-3. Eliza got the singles rubbers off to a perfect start, triumphing 8-0. However, facing a very strong men's side, the VT's suffered a string of heavy losses to Jarrod (8-1), Fergus (8-2) and Alex (8-2). Joe played in an exciting, high quality match, losing in a tie-break in what was most likely the set of the day. After Ash lost in a tight 8-5 set, the Velvet Tigers went into the final three sets needing a miracle.

For a heartbeat, it seemed almost possible, with Eliza and Joe winning no. 1 mixed 8-2. However, Numurkah proved too much, winning the men's reverse doubles over Jarrod and Alex 8-3, and then outlasting no.2 mixed pair Ash and Fergus 8-7 in a tie break.

Congratulations to Numurkah for a great season and a fantastic grand final. Congratulations also to Eliza "05 Juddy" Long on being named grand final MVP in a losing side, and to Ash Andrews for winning GMLTA Division 1 season MVP! The bus trip home with all players and supporters was enjoyed thoroughly by all, and served as a great celebration of a fabulously fun season of tennis! The Nathalia Community Bank Easter Tournament is just around the corner! Lots of fun in all grades, a wonderful social and family event. Get your entries in! Jump on Nathalia Lawn Tennis Club website to enter.



MVP on GF day Eliza Long. MVP for GMLTA Div 1 for the season Ashleigh Andrews



GF Day supporters bus from Nathalia



Nathalia Bowling Club News

There has been plenty of activity at the Club since the end of the Pennant Season with Barefoot Bowls being run on Friday Evening of the Long Weekend, under lights. 24 Players participated many being visitors to Nathalia and some of our own Members to make up the numbers. It was an enjoyable evening as the weather was near perfect. **The Winners** on the night were a team lead by Sue Jameson with Robin and Marg Coghlin. **Runners Up** went to Claire Andrews, Colin Byles and Pam Larkin. **Closest to the Jack Novelty** was won by Doug Hutchins who won a Tenderising Block donated by Alan Cooper. Congratulations to all our winners. As this was the last of Barefoot Bowls for this season we look forward, once again, when we resume in October with a Jack Attack format. A big thank you to all, you know who

you are, who helped make this community event a success.

Unfortunately, our **Champion of Champions Pair** of Keith Holland and Alan Cooper have had to withdraw from the finals due to a change of date making the date unsuitable, due to a previous engagement by one of the Bowlers. We congratulate them on being our Champions. **GOOD FRIDAY** will see our **Annual Bowls Tournament** take place in aid of the Royal Childrens Hospital. All proceeds go to the Appeal. Names in by 1.00pm for a 1.30pm start. Names can be in before by ringing Liz Oliver on 0419 174 565.

A **MENS TRADE DAY** was hosted at the Club on Thursday 24th March, 2022. 14 teams participated and the day was sponsored by the Bendigo Bank.

Our **Club House** has taken on a new look with the exterior *being painted*. Our many thanks to Greg McIvor for a job well done.

Maintenance continues at the Club keeping the grounds and greens in tip top condition. All this is done by the Members, who when it needs to be done, it gets done. Thanks to you all. We have a very hard working Membership.

Just on a sour note, over the last 12 months there has been vandalism at the Club. The Club is open to taking short cuts through it, but please respect your privilege. If you see any UN towards behaviour please contact the Club or the Police. We have an idea as to who the culprits are.



Purps Announce 2022 Netball Coaches



Pictured above: some of the coaches for this season. Emma McDonald (A Grade), Jessi Hicks (B Grade and 15&U), Caitlin McLachlan (15&U) and Denise Liddell (11&U).

11 & Under - Denise Liddell. Denise brings a wealth of netball knowledge to the table. We look forward to watching our little purps flourish under Denise's guidance like they did in the 2021 season!

13 & Under - Emily Bell & Ebony James. Assisted by Denise Liddell

These mature girls look forward to bringing their youthful netball skills and enthusiasm to the U13's for the 2022 season. We look forward to watching everyone grow!

15 & Under - Jessi Hicks & Caitlin McLachlan. Together this powerhouse duo are sure to set up a great platform for success in 2022 for our U15's. We look forward to Jessi and Caitlin sharing their netball wisdom to the U15s. Both have the ability to play across both ends of the court which will be an asset to our U15 team in 2022!

17 & Under - Tam Skinner. The U17's are being guided in 2022 by experienced netballer Tam. Tam brings an enormous amount of netball skill and leadership to our club and we look forward to watching our senior end of juniors flourish in her guidance! Tam has a huge influence and presence on the netball court and we are very excited to see this shift into our U17's!

C Grade - Dana McDonald. NFNC welcomes Dana McDonald as C grade coach. We are excited to see Dana put

her fantastic netball skills together with this team. Dana has a great sense of community and inclusion which will see her lead this team to great places. Her strong voice on the court will see her support this team to achieve the success we are after at the Purps. Welcome aboard the Purps train Dana.

B Grade - Jessi Hicks. NFNC is extremely proud to announce Jessi Hicks as B grade coach for season 2022. Jessi is a current senior netball player with the Purps and we look forward to her bringing her passion and dedication to the court. Jessi is a versatile player that has the knowledge of both ends of the court and this is set to be a dynamic asset. Jessi will be working closely on a Saturday with experienced life member Maree Ross. The club welcomes this addition to their coaching team.

A Grade - Emma McDonald. NFNC is thrilled to welcome back our minor premiership coach for season 2022. Emma's knowledge of the game and her ability to be able to reflect this on the court through her girls makes her a sought-after coach. Emma's passion for the game and her investment she makes to the Purps allows us to start the season off on a positive note. We are all excited to see where Emma can take these girls this season and are ready to watch some fast pace, skilful netball.

NACC - Junior Presentation Awards



Ewan Congues - batting average & champion player Under 16's. Ewan also tied Best & Fairest and Batting average for the Murray Valley League



Brady Walpole - player of the match (U16's grand final)



Billy Liddell - coaches award Under 16's



Ewan Congues & Kai Lundberg Under 16's team of the year for the Murray Valley League



Hugh Stone - Under 14 Batting average and coaches award



Nate Summerville - Bowling average Under 14's



Hugh Stone, Nate Summerville & Gus Frostick U14's team of the year for Murray Valley League



UPDATED - MBCM Northern Country Women's League



Due to Mooroopna having to pull out from competing in the 2022 season, the fixture was updated so that each team will now have a bye when they were scheduled to play Mooroopna.

Round 1 Nathalia v Shepp United Benalla - Bye	1-April 7.00pm Tatura Echuca	Round 4 Echuca v Benalla Nathalia - Bye	1-May 2.30pm Tatura Shepp United	Round 7 Nathalia v Echuca Tatura - Bye	27-May 7.30pm Shepp United 29-May 2.30pm Benalla	Round 10 Echuca v Benalla Shepp United - Bye	19-June 2.30pm Nathalia Tatura
Round 2 Shepp United	8-April 7.00pm Nathalia 10-April 2.30pm Echuca	Round 5 Nathalia v Tatura Shepp United - Bye	8-May 2.30pm Echuca Benalla	Round 8 Shepp United v Benalla	3-June 7.30pm Tatura 5-June 2.30pm Nathalia	Round 11 Nathalia v Shepp United Benalla - Bye	26-June 2.30pm Tatura Echuca
Benalla Tatura - Bye Easter Bye	16-April 24-April 2.30pm	Round 6 Tatura v Echuca Benalla - Bye	15-May 2.30pm Nathalia Shepp United	Benalla v Echuca - Bye	10-June 6.00pm Benalla Echuca	Round 12 Tatura v Benalla Echuca - Bye	3-July 2.30pm Shepp United Nathalia
Round 3 Nathalia v Tatura Echuca - Bye	24-April 2.30pm Benalla Shepp United	Interleague @QEO Bendigo v	22-May AFL Central Vic	Round 9 Shepp United v Tatura Nathalia - Bye		Preliminary Final Grand Final	10-July 17-July

In the Swing at Nathalia Golf Club

Autumn is always a great time of year for golf with many Clubs holding tournaments and events and so there is lots of opportunity to play on other courses. Nathalia had 2 teams of Ladies travel to Kyabram to play in the annual Ky Parkland's 4BBB on Tuesday 8th March. There were 92 ladies playing on the day so a big field and big **CONGRATULATIONS** to Heather Frostick and Doreen Button who came in with a great 39 stableford pts in Division 2 but unfortunately were beaten on a c/back by a team from Heathcote. Not to be outdone our other team – Sonia Verlinden and Nancy Dunn came in with 38 pts to take 3rd place in Division 2, so a great day for Nathalia with Nancy also winning NTP on the 1st hole.

The Nathalia Ladies also claimed victory on Wednesday 16th March when 10 players travelled to Numurkah to play, win and **bring home the GONG**. It was not all smooth sailing as the skies opened at dawn and play was delayed whilst the rain eased and the ladies headed out later than planned to commence play in wet conditions but our ladies were determined and came in with the points to beat the Numurkah Ladies. So congratulations ladies and well done to Doreen Button for winning on the day with 38 stableford pts and good job Nancy Dunn for getting NTP on the 18th.

And it continued to be a busy and enjoyable week for the Ladies with a team playing in the Menzies Challenge Bowl at Kyabram Valley View on Thursday 17th March and 5 ladies playing in SWAGGERS at Kialla Golf Club on Friday 18th March. Congratulations to Sonia Verlinden who got R/up in B Division and Sue

Lowe for getting a NTP at Kialla.

A reminder to Members that **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS FEES ARE DUE ON 1ST APRIL 2022** and your prompt payment would be greatly appreciated.

RESULTS:

TUESDAY 8/03/22: LADIES 4BBB at Ky Parkland – results already advised.

WEDNESDAY COMPETITION 9/03/22: LADIES WINTER OPENING DAY and play commenced at 9am with the ladies played Ambrose. The winners coming in with 88 gross were Sonia Verlinden, Lynette Lindsay and Wendy Fulton. R/ups with 89 gross were Nancy Dunn, Heather Frostick and Leanne Hawkey.

SUNDAY COMPETITION 13/03/22: 18 HOLE STABLEFORD EVENT teeing off by 9am and the winner was Tony Brown with a very nice 39 pts with John Drenen R/Up with 34 pts.

WEDNESDAY COMPETITION 16/03/22: NATHALIA LADIES VS NUMURKAH LADIES GONG DAY – results already advised.

THURSDAY 17/03/22: LADIES MENZIES CHALLENGE BOWL at Ky Valley View – results already advised.

FRIDAY 18/03/22: LADIES SWAGGERS at Kialla – results already advised.

SUNDAY 20/03/22: NATHALIA LOCAL BUSINESS CHALLENGE DAY – results advised in other article.

COMING UP: SUNDAY 27/03/22: 18 HOLE COMPETITION 8.30am for 9am tee off and everyone welcome. Some members will also be travelling to Hill Top GC at Tatura to compete in



Some of the Nathalia Ladies who played at Numurkah on GONG DAY – Doreen Button, Dawn Morrison, Nancy Dunn & Sue Lowe



Julie Hannaford Ladies Captain at Numurkah handing the GONG over to Dawn Morrison Ladies Captain at Nathalia

the GMGA GRAY BARTON & GOLLAN, HICKS, KELLY events 10 am for 10.30am.

WEDNESDAY 30/03/22: LADIES 18 HOLE PAR & 1ST round of the Silver Spoon 8.45 am for 9am tee off.

FRIDAY 1/04/22: LADIES CHALLENGE BOWL at Shepparton

SUNDAY 3/04/22: 18 HOLE COMPETITION – MIXED AMBROSE EVENT – 8.30am for 9am tee off and everyone welcome.

TUESDAY 5/04/22: MONTHLY COMMITTEE MEETING at the Clubhouse 7.30pm and all members welcome to attend.

WEDNESDAY 6/04/22: LADIES PAR COMPETITION 9 OR 18 hole event – 8.45am for 9am tee off.

THURSDAY 7/04/22: NATHALIA LADIES TEAMS DAY and course closed to green fee players until 2.30pm.

Winners in Division 2 at Ky Parkland in the Ladies 4BBB:
Amanda Long & Dot Trott (Heathcote) with R/ups
Heather Frostick & Doreen Button
Third place Nancy Dunn & Sonia Verlinden.



Waaia Junior & Senior Netball Coaches for 2022



The Waaia Bombers are proud to announce the senior and junior coaching team of 2022. With amazing numbers and involvement for pre-season the year is shaping up to be quite the success.

Starting with our youngest team of the club, our Under 11's will be led by mother and daughter team Kim and Sasha Daniel. Both filled with enthusiasm and fresh ideas we could not be more excited that these two have taken on the role for 2022.

The co-coaches of our under 13's for the 2022 season are Bec Williams and Teashia Dietrich!! These two have come through our junior ranks and are now a successful part of the senior squad! Bec a talented and versatile shooter and Teash an agile and zippy mid courter, these girls have plenty to offer our young bombers! From coaching the under 11's in the 2021 season I have no doubt this team will go from strength to strength!

Our Under 15's side will be led by the talented Helen Williams. A successful and accurate shooter, Helen has proved she is a force to be reckoned with on the court. Having played her fair share of competitive senior netball, Helen has a wealth of knowledge and skills to share with our up and coming bombers, the club is excited to see what new heights you take our

junior ranks to in 2022.

Our Under 17's squad will be led by a club regular Ange Thorne. Ange comes to the under 17 team with a wealth of knowledge and experience! A versatile player who can be put absolutely anywhere on the court, Ange is an asset in any team she is put in! Having played plenty of senior netball plus some time in the GVFNL, she is more than equipped to lead the girls into a year full of success!

Jessamy Doyle will take on the role of C Reserve coach for 2022 in what I'm sure will be a very exciting season. After leading C Reserve into the top 4 last year, Jess is destined to have another successful season as she directs her team with drive and determination. Jess has a world of knowledge and insight into the senior world of netball so we wish Jess and her team good luck.

Nicole Karl will lead our C grade side for 2022 who are already shaping up to be a force to be reckoned with. Having taken on the role last year, Nicole is keen to get back onto the court to finish off the season with some much deserved success! With some great talent coming through our ranks I'm sure Nicole will not disappoint in her coaching endeavors! We wish her all the best in the coming season!

Our B grade team will be led by dream team Amy Carey and Chelsey Thorne. Amy, having

taken on B grade last season, did a stellar job with an unfortunate end to the season! An intelligent netball brain along with her natural skill, Amy will no doubt take the B grade side to new heights this season! Chels, having had plenty of experience with senior netball including time in the GVL, will have her in great form coming into the 2022 season! An impressive defender who knows what the play is doing before it happens will harness her knowledge and composure to bring success to the B grade team of 2022!

And finally our A grade side for 2022 will be co coached by the dynamic duo that is Milly Foster and Rosie Arnel. Milly, having taken on the role of junior coach for the last few years will be in fine form to take on our top grade for the coming season! A talented, agile and fierce defender, Milly brings depth and knowledge well beyond her years! Rosie, a speedy, skilful and level headed mid- courter, will bring plenty of senior netball experience with her despite her age! A force to be reckoned with, Rosie will bring determination, expertise and composure to the 2022 A grade side! We could not be more excited of the direction our netball club is headed in and these girls play a major role in it.

Yalca North 2021-22 Premiers

On Saturday the 19th March, Katunga and Yalca North took to the court in the Numurkah & District Hardcourt Tennis Association Grand Final. It was a close game all day, with Yalca North winning by six games. Final results Yalca North 5 sets 57 games defeated Katunga 4 sets 51 games. Congratulations to the Yalca North team on a terrific season.



Above: Alistair and Pam Smith - Yalca North team players.



Above: Yalca North's Adam Harding in action.



Above: Yalca North's Colin Jackson.

Victorian Masters Track & Field Championships

Congratulations to locals Amy Cooper and Doug Cobbledick who competed in the Victorian Masters Athletics Championships last weekend.

Amy took out three gold medals and 2 silvers, Doug received two bronze medals. A Fantastic effort by both these athletes.

Amy 35+ Gold Long jump, 100m hurdles & Hammer Throw, Silver 100 m & 60m

Doug 50+ Bronze Javelin & Discus, 6th 100m



Pictured: Amy Cooper and Doug Cobbledick from the Shepparton Athletics Club.



2022 Junior Netball Representatives



A big congratulations to Laura Bergamin, Eloise Walker and Ella Bryant who have been selected in the PDFNL junior netball rep squads for 2022!



An unreal effort girls! Good luck and well done!



Liam takes out Lightfoot Medal

Congratulations to Waaia A Grade Cricketer Liam Evans, on taking out the Lightfoot Medal at the Cricket Shepparton's recent presentation night. Evans had a standout season for Waaia, scoring 423 runs and collecting 13 wickets in the regular season. Evans, who cemented his place as one of the Haisman Shield's premier all-rounders this summer, polled in 10 of a possible 11 matches.

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Best Mixed Nett Team - Cutter's Hut – Leanne Hawkey, Doreen Button, Gary Manley & Phil Brady



Pictured left: Best Men's Nett Score (Overall) – Strathmerton Team 1: D.J. Youd Jnr, Davin Scott, Josh Scott & Peter Stonehouse.



Best Non Handicap Team - Barmah Hotel Dave Norman, Steve Sulman, Mat Gissing, Mark Wilson

Nathalia Community Bank Winners of the Nathalia GC 2022 'LOCAL BUSINESS CHALLENGE'

It was great weather and this helped make it an even better day on Sunday 20th March for the Club's Annual 'Local Business Challenge Day'. Many thanks to our local businesses for entering teams and again supporting this important fundraiser event for our Club. This year there were 13 teams entered so 52 players who took on the course with enthusiasm and some with determination to have both a fun day and maybe win a trophy for their efforts. BIG THANKS to our generous major sponsors the Nathalia Community Bank (Bendigo) and Nathalia Barmah Business & Tourism for their continuing support of this event. Sponsorship is very important to our club and all support is greatly appreciated.

BIG CONGRATULATIONS to the NATHALIA COMMUNITY BANK team – Brayden Carey, Mitch Cleeland, Jordan Cleeland and Jesse Trower winners of this year's event coming in with 62 gross which is an amazing score as 8 under par so definitely some birdies on their card. Last year the Nathalia Community Bank team scored 68 and so the fellas must have been pretty happy with their improved score this year. The Nathalia Community Bank will now have their name on the Perpetual Shield and will be under pressure next year to hold the title.



Best Ladies Nett Team – The Birdies – Heather Frostick, Nancy Dunn, Sonia Verlinden & Lynette Lindsay

Winners of the **BEST MEN'S NETT SCORE (Overall)** was the **STRATHMERTON No 1 team**

Davin Scott, David Youd Jnr, Peter Stonehouse and Josh Scott with 65/10.25/54.75. **BEST LADIES TEAM (Nett) went to the BIRDIES** – Heather Frostick, Nancy Dunn, Sonia Verlinden and Lynette Lindsay with 90/18.75/71.25. **BEST MIXED TEAM (Nett) was the CUTTER'S HUT** – Leanne Hawkey, Doreen Button, Gary Manley and Phil Brady with 67/12/55. **BEST NON-HANDICAP TEAM (Gross) was the BARMAH HOTEL** on a c/back from DAN'S AG CONTRACTING both with 76 gross. Other results on the day were - NTP MEN on Hole 9 went to Gary Manley, No NTP on hole 2 for LADIES, MEN'S STRAIGHTEST DRIVE went to Chris Boyden, LADIES STRAIGHTEST DRIVE went to Leanne Hawkey, MEN'S LONGEST DRIVE went to David Youd Jnr and LADIES LONGEST DRIVE went to Pam Smith. Congratulations to all winners and to all who played, we hope you enjoyed the day and we see you again next year.

The Club sincerely thanks all the local businesses who supported the day either by entering teams and/or by donated goods for the spinning wheel and for prizes. Thanks must also go to the members and volunteers who were involved in preparing the course, involved in organizing the day and those who worked and helped on the day. It takes many people to organize and run a golf event and to maintain a golf course and all help is great appreciated.



Damian DRUM MP

GETTING IT DONE *for Nicholls*



Sam Birrell (with hat on) speaking with community members in Nathalia.

SAM BIRRELL IN NATHALIA

The Nationals' candidate for Nicholls, Sam Birrell, held a listening post in Nathalia last week where he spoke with locals about a wide range of issues.

Sam will be regularly visiting the area and meeting with many community groups – follow “Sam Birrell for Nicholls” on Facebook and Instagram to keep up-to-date with his movements and to learn more about his campaign.

SPORTING EVENTS SET TO RETURN

Sporting events will help reinvigorate local economies and encourage visitors to the area thanks to the Federal Government's Regional Sport Events Fund. Grants of up to \$50,000 are available for events that range from introductory days to larger events such as elite sporting exhibitions or state level competitions.

Sporting clubs and associations play an incredibly important role in their local communities and through this fund, the Federal Government is encouraging our communities to come together and celebrate through sport. Staging these events will also benefit the small businesses that are so central to our local economy. Each of the five local councils that make up the Nicholls electorate can apply for funding of up to \$50,000 – applications close April 8.

More details can be found on the Sport Australia website.

NEW SOLAR PANELS

The Nathalia Bowling Club will install new solar panels thanks to a \$6500 grant from the Federal Government's Power Communities Program.

Energy bills are one of the biggest overheads for volunteer organisations, and this grant will reduce running costs, allowing for more money to go towards servicing the club and community.

REGIONAL FOCUS FOR FUNDING

The Nationals in government are providing more funding to help regional communities recover and grow as we emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Applications are open for the new Rebuilding Regional Communities Program, giving local businesses and community groups the chance to share in \$5.7 million. Grants are available for community-led initiatives that will bolster our region by strengthening social connections, supporting jobs, and creating economic opportunities.

The Micro Projects stream will provide grants of up to \$10,000 for regional communities with fewer than 50,000 people to help sustain local organisations and their work.

The COVID Recovery stream will provide up to \$50,000 for larger projects that will enhance the recovery of communities affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Eligible organisations can apply now via the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal website.

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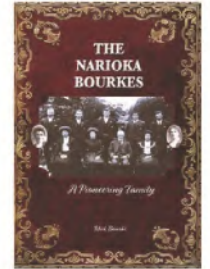
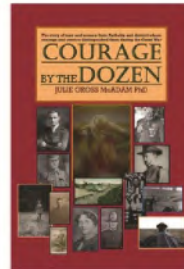
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