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## Nathalia 2023-24 B Grade Premiers

Well done to Nathalia Association Cricket Club's B Grade on their nail biting Premiership victory against Cobram on Saturday the 2nd of March.

### Nathalia 107 def Cobram 105

 Back: (L-R) Brady Walpole, Harry McDonald, Thomas Binks, Billy Liddell, Nathan Binks, Mark Wilson, Dale James, James Vallender and Xavier Daniel.
 Front: (L-R) Kai Lundberg, Nate Summerville, Bailey Bell and David Brereton (captain).

> Man of the Match - David Brereton. See page 25 for full report.

## Nathalia B2 and C2 are Premiers



Nathalia C2 Purple Team: (L-R) Harry Halden, Keira Liddell, Ava Bourke, Duane Shaw, Fynn James.



**Nathalia B2 Purple Team:** (L-R) Jayce Limbrick, Mitch Daniel, Hamish McLeod, Katelyn Halden, Lucy Daniel. See page 23 for full report.

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**Community Update** 



#### Kerbside Collection Changes -Be part of the conversation

We're preparing to introduce the State required Purple Glass Bin, but we can't do it without you. We've put together 3 options that improve our waste management, reduce landfill items and save costs for our community. Visit our website to learn more and to share your thoughts. Community members will also have the

opportunity to share their thoughts in person at our upcoming community sessions, upcoming March dates:

Tuesday 26 March: Jack Edwards Park, Barmah from 9.30am to 11.30am.

Tuesday 26 March: Nathalia Rotunda, from 12.30pm - 2pm

Visit our website to see a full list of community sessions. Community consultation closes **Tuesday 30** 

April 2024.



#### Have your say on the use of Common Seal and Conduct at Council Meetings Local Law Amendment

Council is seeking feedback on a proposal to amend the Moira Shire Council Use of the Common Seal and Council Meeting Local Law No 1 2021.

Visit the Moira Shire community engagement website, moira matters, for more information and to provide your feedback.

www.moiramatters.com.au

NRS 133 677

Consultation closes Wednesday 20 March 2024.

### Animal Renewal Notices

Notices to register pets should arrive in your mail soon. Legislation requires that all dogs and cats 3 months of age and over must be microchipped and registered with Council. To register your pet, either follow the instructions within your notice or visit our website.

Pet registrations must be renewed by **Wednesday 10** April 2024.

EMAIL

info@moira.vic.gov.au



### International Women's Day

Join Nathalia Nightwatch CWA for a fantastic celebration of International Women's Day with a chat, pizza and tunes.

Saturday 16 March: Three Belles Collective, Nathalia, from 5.30pm. \$10 pizza voucher provided to each guest. Limited spots are available. No RSVP required.



### **Quick Response Grants**

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

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

Visit our website for more information and to apply.





**Section 2** Community Generosity for Nathalia Cemetery

he Nathalia Public Cemetery continues to benefit from the generosity of our community. Through the Nathalia Community Bendigo Bank grants program, the Trust has been able to lay the final 2 beams of Lawn South C. Thank you Bendigo Bank for your ongoing support of the cemetery.

The Trust members along with our amazing volunteers, will now be able to complete this section by adding the desktops, extending the watering system (in April) and plant out the lawn.

Nathalia generosity hasn't stopped there. Trust member 'Ringer' went to

purchase a new weed sprayer, replacing the old second hand one, and was delighted to have one donated by Trans Tank International. Thank you Trans Tank

The Nathalia Cemetery Trust wishes to thank our community, who help us maintain our beautiful cemetery.





Andre Buchner from Trans Tank with Ringer Bell from the Nathalia Cemetery Trust.



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## What's on Locally



Mar 8	Craft Day Senior Citz Clubrooms 10am
Mar 8	Kyabram Rodeo, Showground 7pm
Mar 8-11	Numurkah Rotary Art & Craft Exhibition, Numurkah Town Hall
Mar 9	Numurkah Community Garage Sale @ Numurkah Singers Theatre, 52 Quinn St, 8am-2pm
Mar 9, 16, 23	Tocumwal Railway Heritage Museum 10am-3pm 47 Tuppal Rd
Mar 9	Cobram Fight Night, Cobram Stadium 6pm
Mar 10	Show n Shine Picnic on the Lake, Yarrawonga Foreshore , 8am-2pm
Mar 11	Labour Day
Mar 11	Bingo Senior Citz Clubrooms, Eyes down 1pm sharp.
Mar 12	Nathalia Bowls Club, General Meeting 7pm
Mar 13 20 27	Pickleball @ Picola Rec Reserve 4-6pm
Mar 15	Opera in the Country, Tongala Town Hall, trybooking.com.GOTSC
Mar 16	Nathalia Poultry Auction
Mar 16	International Women's Day - Nathalia Nightwatch CWA Three Belles Collective 5.30pm
Mar 16	Baala Creek Festival, Louis Hamon Park Numurkah, 11.30am-9pm
Mar 16	Shepparton Italian Festa, Shepparton Showgrounds 12pm
Mar 16	Opera in the Country, Numurkah Town Hall, trybooking.com.GOTSC
Mar 17	TJ"s IGA Nathalia Show & Shine
Mar 21	Piano, Poetry and Pizzazza multilingual event The G.R.A.I.N. Store
Mar 22	Craft Day Senior Citz Clubrooms 10am
Mar 23	Nathalia Bowls Club, "Fools Day Bowls Tournament"
Mar 24	Cobram Makers Market Old St Joseph's Church Hall 9-1
Mar 24	Yarrawonga Farmers & Craft Market, Foreshore 9-1
Mar 25	Bingo Senior Citz Clubrooms, Eyes down 1pm sharp.
Mar 29	Nathalia Bowls Club Good Friday Hospital Appeal Bowls Day
Mar 29-Apr 1	Easter
Mar 29-Apr 1	Nathalia Lawn Tennis Club Easter Tennis Tournament
Mar 30	Nathalia Easter Market
Apr 2	Senior Citz Members Meeting at clubrooms 10am
Apr 7	Daylight Savings Ends - Turn clocks back 1 hour.
Apr 9	Nathalia Bowls Club Veducci Fashion Parade, 11am
Apr 19 & 20	Indoor Bowls Tournament at Community Centre.
Apr 20	Nathalia Bowls Club Trivia Night
Apr 26-28	Barmah Muster
Apr 30	Nathalia Bowls Club Annual General Meeting at Club 7pm
May 2	Nathalia Indoor Bowls Pennant commences
May 3 & 4	NFNC Debutant Balls
Jun 7 & 8	G.R.A.I.N. Store - The Things We Do For Love Installations, Promenade & Celebration
Jul 27	G.R.A.I.N. Store presents: Garage Girls @ SMOTA

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

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W 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



Sundays: 9:00am <u>Strathmerton</u> Mass will be held 1st, 3rd & 5th Saturday of the month at 6pm <u>NATHALIA UNITING CHURCH</u> Margaret Cobbledick Ph: 0429 662 039

Margaret Cobbledick Ph: 0429 662 039 March 10th: 9:30am Streaming Service with Communion March 17th: 9.30am Service, Anglican Church to visit <u>Picola</u> March 10 & 24: 9:00am

HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH - NATHALIA Fr Gunnar Rippon Priest, 5862 1046 March 10th: 8:30am Holy Communion, Mothering Sunday March 17th: 9.30am, Holy Trinity to visit Uniting Church

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

Contact - Erik 0411 731 916 Every Saturday: Services 10am & 11.30am or Zoom. 124 Graham St., Shepparton.

## MEALS ON WHEELS 8th - 22nd March

March						
Friday 8th	Mary Agius					
Monday 11th	Moira Bourke					
Tuesday 12th	Dawn Bowen & Patricia Hawks					
Wednesday 13th	Mary Agius					
Thursday 14th	Heather Frostick					
Friday 15th	Pauline Thomas					
Monday 18th	St Mary of the Angels					
Tuesday 19th	Nina Pell					
Wednesday 20th	Nathalia Primary School					
Thursday 21st	Russell Shaw					
Friday 22nd	Graeme Smith					

If you can cover one of the volunteer required runs please contact Laura, Volunteer Programs Co-ordinator - MHA Care Phone 03 5742 1111

> "The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain."

> > -DOLLY PARTON-

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Caterpíllar Corner





The gorgeous 3 Year Old Kinders in the Investigator's Room are off to a roaring start for the year.

They have been learning new routines like morning mat time where we sing the Good Morning and the Days of the Week songs with our Beanie Boo friends. We have been playing instruments and acting as green, speckly frogs and wobbly jelly fish.

Everyone is getting very good at lining up when the triangle dings to come inside and there has been amazing counting going on.

Outside the children love sandpit and water play, popping bubbles, using their big strong muscles



for climbing on Jim's Log and riding the tricycles over the bridge, sometimes even with a passenger in the back. There has been a lot of very flash cooking and creating going on in the mud kitchen too. It has been a wonderful beginning to what is shaping up to be a fabulous year ahead.





Friday, 8th March — 7pm - 10pm Saturday, 9th March — 10am - 6pm Sunday, 10th March — 10am - 6pm Monday, 11th March — 10am - 4pm

Light refreshments available. Official Opening Friday, 8th March, 8.30pm wine & cheese tasting followed by supper

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## LIFT THE LID WALK

The Rotary Club of Numurkah is hosting Lift The Lid 5km walk for mental health

research and awareness

Sunday May 19, 9.30am

Numurkah Showground

Family friendly event BBQ lunch health information and guest speaker. Dogs on leads welcome!

Register via the QR Code or call 0419 874 019 for more information







## **Fundraising for Cancer Council**

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 $\mathsf{L}$  I've decided to shave off my mullet, that I've been growing since June 2020. Rather than a quick trip to the hairdresser, why not raise some much needed money for a very good cause.

Hopefully by the end of April, I will have hit my target. If so, I'll auction off the opportunity to take to me with the clippers and give me my next hairstyle.

Cancer Council invests in life-saving cancer research, prevention programs that help people actively reduce their cancer risk, as well as vital support services for people affected by cancer.

With one in three Victorians diagnosed with cancer by the age of 75, it's a sad truth that most of us know someone who's been affected by it. But we can all work towards a cancer free future by helping Council Cancer prevent cancer, empower patients and save lives.

I would really appreciate if you would support me by making a donation at:

https://fundraising.cancervic.org.au/fundraisers/lachlancaldwell. Thank you so much for your support - it is truly appreciated. Best wishes, Lachlan Caldwell



Nathalia

Cobram

## **Advertising** destructive water buybacks

ederal Member for Nicholls, Sam Birrell MP has slammed an advertisement authorised by the Australian Government attempting to justify the destructive water buybacks legislated by the Albanese Government.

Mr Birrell said the video advertisement, which is currently running in Nicholls, uses emotive language and doomsday scenarios to attempt to justify the Labor Government's plan to harm regional communities through water buybacks as part of the new Murray



"This advertisement is simplistic,

deluded, misleading, partisan and intends to justify the destruction of agriculture in Australia," Mr Birrell said. "This advertising campaign smacks of a partisan political advertisement not the work of a body that should be focused on science.

"It's sad that an organisation that once did have some credibility is now conducting itself in this way," he said. Mr Birrell said the advertisement is offensive to regional communities who will be impacted by water buybacks. "Labor's new plan for water will

increase costs for producers and manufacturers, impact jobs and the economic prosperity of Murray Darling Basin communities," Mr Birrell said. "Murray Darling Basin communities

grow fresh clean food for Australia and the world which drives economic growth for our Nation.

"Instead of celebrating the regions, this Labor Government continues to make it harder for regional and rural Australians to do what they do best," he said.

advertisement. link tо www.dcceew.gov.au/campaign/ murraydarling/resources#transcript



## **Probus News**

he first Probus meeting for 2024 was held on Tuesday 20th February in the Dancocks Room at the Community Centre where President Anne Bell welcomed members to another year of activities and fun. Congratulations were given to two of our members who received Australia Day awards - Lyn Franklin, Order of Australia Medal and Fay Brown, Citizen of the Year.

A trip has been organised for Wednesday  ${\rm 10}^{\rm th}$  April, leaving the PO at 9.00am with a stop at Nagambie for coffee. Then on to Seymour to the Vietnam Veterans Commemorative Walk, followed by lunch at the Seymour Club, returning home by 4.00pm.

Following the AGM on Tuesday 19th March, A light lunch will be served assorted sandwiches and cakes/slices (no charge).

Margaret Liddell, was the Speaker Behind the Badge. Margaret was born in Holland, now known as the Netherlands, in 1950. Her parents' first child, Frank, was born in 1938 and later another son, Gary. During the war the Germans rounded up all the workers and Jewish people, creating great hardship and food shortage - people were eating tulip bulbs and cabbage leaves. Margaret's father returned home in 1946 and worked in a glass company. Two more boys and Margaret were born after the war.

The eldest son migrated to Australia and in 1960 all the family came to Australia.

Upon arrival they were taken to Bonegilla Migrant Hostel but only stayed one day as Frank had obtained a house for them in Mooroopna. Having arrived in Australia with few possessions it was a very basic life. The family was naturalised in 1968. Margaret moved to Melbourne to work at Myers and later obtained a position in a bank. Margaret's

brother John introduced her to her future husband Jim whom he knew through their service as National Servicemen. Jim and Margaret married in 1973 and lived in the Coolabah shearer's quarters. Due to Jim's



position as a bank employee, they moved with their children to Horsham, Mildura, Geelong, Numurkah and finally Nathalia.

In 1988 they bought IGA from Pat and Mary Barry, later selling it to their daughter and son-in-law in 1993. Jim helped to get the Bendigo Bank established in Nathalia and was an active member of Rotary and Lions Clubs.

Sadly Jim passed away and Margaret recently built a new home in Nathalia.

A very interesting life.

Members participated in two puzzles just for fun and friendly competition - Scrambled Animal Names and Name the Photo. Table 6 with Win Young. David McKenzie, Cheryl McKenzie, Jeff Richards and Margaret Richards\_were the winners of the animal puzzle with 20/20. Table 2 with Di Gemmill, Marcia Murrell, Grace Scolyer, Pauline Thomas and Nance Dunn were the winners of the photo puzzle with 23/23.

News from the AGM will be a feature in the next Probus News item.



## Museum Moments...

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

Thank you to our readers who made contact with me to inform us on the use of the 'D' hook pictured in last edition. (see right).

This hook is an Army issue kitbag D-lock. The straight side is threaded through the eyelets on the kitbag and is then secured with a pin or padlock. The idea being that this prevented casual pilfering by one's comrades or others, when the kit bags were left in piles awaiting transport. It can also be used as a handle to carry the bag once it is fitted in place.

Pictured at left—An Army Kitbag.

Below the picture shows a D-Lock in use.

Usually made of heavy brass, these locks were used

by all forces during World War 2.







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.



## Numurkah Rotary Art Show This Weekend

In its 44<sup>th</sup> year, the Rotary Club of Numurkah will stage their Annual Art & Craft Exhibition in the Numurkah Town Hall from Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March to Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March.

The exhibition has built a reputation of excellence and is regarded as one of the biggest art show on the Goulburn Valley's art calendar.

With prize money of \$10,000 offered, chairman of the organising committee Chris Sutton said the organisers were encouraged by the entries received from local artists as well as throughout Victoria, New South Wales, and Queensland.

Entries include traditional landscape, still life and modern styles in all mediums and will present an excellent exhibition for the public to view and appreciate, with all art exhibits for sale.

The major sponsors are Numurkah Home Hardware and Numurkah Solar Farm with local businesses supporting the exhibition with generous sponsorship.

The judge, Thel Cardwell will select the Best in Show Award valued at \$1500 plus the runner-up \$500 award and 4 Highly Commended Awards in Watercolour, Oil, Pastel and Acrylic and Regional Artist, each valued at \$200, these awards are non-acquisitive, and are also eligible for purchase.

In the photography section awards will be offered to \$200 Framed Photographic Award, \$100 Runner-up Award, \$100 Digital Art Award and \$100 Theme Photo "A Touch of Red" Award.

The Craft Awards are \$500 Best Craft Entry, \$100 Other Textiles, \$100 Woodwork, Metalwork and Pottery and the \$100 Quilt Award.

Since its inception in 1981 the exhibition has raised over \$329,000 for local charities. The proceeds from this year's exhibition will go towards local Rotary charity projects.

The official opening will take place on Friday evening by the Phillipa Schapper, chair GRAINStore Nathalia, with a wine and cheese tasting courtesy Monichino Winery, and musical entertainment provided prior to the official opening by Picola based duo Erin & Lachlan Heycox "Broken Creek". Following the official opening the judges, Thel

Cardwell (art) and Claire Reid (craft), will announce the winners in the various sections, and supper will be provided.

#### Thel Cardwell is this year's art judge.

Thel has lived most of her life in Whittlesea and loved painting and drawing from an early age. She started painting in oils and studied tonal painting under the late Alan Martin. She later began painting in pastel and loves working in both mediums. Thel has served 3 times as president of the Australian Guild of Realist Artists and is a life member, a member of the Victorian Pastel Society and immediate past president of Plenty Valley Arts. She regularly conducts painting classes and holds workshops in Victoria and NSW, as well as being frequently invited as an Art Judge and undertaken numerous commissions.

#### Claire Reid is this year's craft judge

Claire is a textile teacher at Numurkah Secondary College. Claire has played (as Claire believes it is not work, as work is not as enjoyable as play) in a wide variety of textile mediums from pattern and dressmaking to lace making.

Whilst enjoying working with traditional techniques, she also loves



experimenting and the mixing of textiles with other materials such as wood and metal.

Claire believes the best thing about teaching is being a part of a student's learning process, watching and aiding them grow in their confidence in working with a medium which is often more foreign to people than it should be, seeing as we all come in contact with textiles, in one shape or another, every day of our life.

#### Photography judge is Leigh Teitz,

Leigh took up photography as a hobby in 2005 and shortly after joined the Shepparton Camera Club where he has served as Secretary since 2010. Leigh has also been an accredited member of the Australian Photographic Judges Association (APJA) since 2016. He enjoys all genres of photography though his main interests these days are Landscape, Astro & Macro. Leigh loves his Nikon gear and currently shoots with the Z7ii which is his first mirrorless body. For image processing he uses Lightroom and Topaz Sharpen AI when required and Zerene Stacker for his macro

Once again patrons are being asked to try themselves as judges and to cast their vote for the People's Choice Award, for best exhibit in the Exhibition.

This Award has proved popular since its introduction, with \$100 prize awarded to the winning artist.

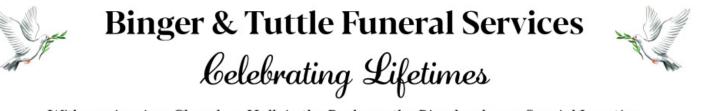
In conjunction with the Art & Craft Exhibition the Rotary Club is conducting a raffle of a painted "The Red Teapot" by Maryann Jenkins valued at \$490 as the first prize, and a photograph by Jennifer Barker "Summer Waterfall" valued at \$100.

Tickets can be purchased from any Rotarian, or at the door of the exhibition. The winner will be drawn at 4 pm on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> at the conclusion of the exhibition, with winner published in the Numurkah Leader on Wednesday 13th March.

The exhibition will be open Friday 8th<sup>h</sup> March 7 pm to 10 pm, Saturday and Sunday 10 am to 6 pm, concluding Monday 11<sup>th</sup> 10 am to 4pm. Admission for the opening night is \$8, which includes supper, with patrons charged \$5 for the remainder of the exhibition. Admission prices include a copy of the catalogue of the works on display.

All art entries on display are for sale.

Refreshments are available throughout the exhibition times.



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## Moira Shire Council celebrates OAM recipients



Four Moira Shire residents have been recognised as part of the Australia Day 2024 Honours List as recipients of the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for service to their communities. Recipients come from across the Moira Shire, including Cobram, Nathalia, Numurkah and Yarrawonga.

Heather Barrie, Rosemary Kennett, Brian Keenan and Lynette Franklin were celebrated by the Panel of Administrators at the February Council Meeting, with Chair Administrator John Tanner AM presenting those in attendance with a certificate of acknowledgement for their community service.

"It was a great honour to recognise our local OAM recipients and acknowledge their years of service to the Moira Shire and beyond," Chair Administrator Tanner AM said.

"From the Country Fire Authority, Moira FoodShare and Meals on Wheels to historical societies and development committees, Heather, Rosemary, Brian and Lynette have dedicated decades of time to serving others. Their devotion to service and contributions to our communities are exceptional. Council extends our congratulations to Heather, Rosemary, Brian and Lynette on this outstanding achievement."

Recipients will be presented with their medal at a ceremony at Government House in April by the Governor of Victoria, Her Excellency Professor the Honourable Margaret Gardner AC.

### Moira Shire OAM Recipients

**Heather Barrie** - For the years of service to the Cobram community. Heather has worked as a volunteer at Moira FoodShare since 2003 and at the Cobram Support and Information Service for the last 40 years. Previously, she was a volunteer camp co-ordinator at the Portsea Camp from 1996 to 2020 and volunteered at Ottrey Lodge in Cobram with carpet bowls and bingo.

Heather's role at the Cobram Support and Information Service is to help people who need assistance with finances and access government services.

**Rosemary Kennett** - Given for her service to the Numurkah community. Rosemary has volunteered at several organisations, including Numurkah and District Historical Society, Numurkah Pioneers Memorial Lodge, Numurkah and District Development Committee and MHA Care Meals on Wheels Numurkah.

Rosemary's service to the community have previously been

acknowledged, having been honoured as the Numurkah Citizen of the Year in 2020.



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**Brian Keenan** - Given for service to the community of Yarrawonga. Brian's decades-long community service includes 67 years with the Country Fire Authority in which he was Yarrawonga Brigade Captain for 30 years from 1976-2006 and Almonds Fire Brigade Captain for 10 years during his 1957-1975 time at Almonds.

During the 1970s and 1980s, Brian was Controller, Yarrawonga Unit of the Victorian State Emergency Service for 10 years.

Brian is a Life Member of the Country Fire Authority and Ambulance Victoria and was made an Honorary Life Member of Yarrawonga and District Agricultural and Pastoral Association in 2000. Brian was a Council member from 1970 to 2000. During his 16 years as a councillor on Moira Shire Council from 2000 to 2016, Mr Keenan was mayor in 2013. In 2015, he received the 15 Year Service Award, Municipal Association of Victoria

**Lynette Franklin** - Given for her research and work in local history and her volunteer work in the community. Lyn is an avid researcher and has been the chief researcher for the Nathalia and District Historical Society and the Nathalia Genealogy Group for over 20 years. Lyn has authored a number of local historical books.

Lyn's community volunteer roles included newsletter editor for Nathalia Probus Club (20 years), Secretary for Barwo Homestead (25 years), former member of the Committee of Management for Nathalia District Hospital (10 years), and Councillor for Nathalia Shire (now part of the Moira Shire) between 1992-1994. Lyn was the only woman on the Council and the second female Councillor in Nathalia's history. Some of Lyn's former community work also includes being a Lay Preacher with the Uniting Church of Australia, a member of Numurkah Singers, a volunteer for Meals on Wheels and the Broken Creek Improvement Group, Landcare Victoria, and a member and researcher for the Nathalia Cemetery Trust from 2016-2023.

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## Red Gum Courier, Friday March 8th, 2024 St Francis Primary School Cross Country



House Captains Javier Meyland and Thomas Nuttall accepting the perpetual shield on behalf of Banyard Sports House.

S t Francis Primary held their annual Cross Country event recently on a beautiful sunny day. The students traversed the course, showing their endurance as they raced the clock. Upper grade levels completed the 3 km course, while the Foundation students completed the shorter lap around the oval. The day also allowed for students to compete in the Caritas Ks course, raising awareness of our Project Compassion initiative in the lead up to Easter.

It was a wonderful day to have everyone compete, cheered on by their peers, families and the school community. Congratulations to Banyard House, who completed the 3peat, winning overall honours again this year.











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



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### **Bad Sisters**

It was a get-together for a favourite sister's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday. During lunch, the six sisters and their husbands were having an animated conversation about the TV series called *Bad Sisters*. In each episode we witness the tribalism of the five sisters who are bound together and promise to always protect each other. The eldest four sisters are sickened about how one sister is being emotionally and physically abused by her husband, so much so, that she has a depleted sense of self-worth. They struggle with his continued humiliation of their little sister, so, for her own sake, they plan to murder him and set her free. In the real world, the six sisters agreed that we weren't that tribal that we would resort to murder, but if we were, just which brother-in-law would we plan to kill off? This conversation must have been rather worrying for the males present.

The youngest brother-in-law was overheard demurring, 'I think I've been pretty good really...'

## NSC at the Campaspe Regional Swimming Competition

On Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> of February a group of three students went to Echuca to represent the school at the Campaspe Regional swimming competition.





Oliver Culton, Grace Leslie and Jack Culton with the School Junior Handicap Trophy.

Grace Leslie finished third in her breaststroke race and was competitive in several other events. Jack Culton had a couple of close finishes where he came 4<sup>th</sup>.

Oliver Culton had a successful day with two 1<sup>st</sup> place finishes and two 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishes. This was enough for him to win age champion for the 13-year-old boys and qualify for the next round of swimming. The team also won the School Junior Handicap Trophy. Well done to all the swimmers.

Oliver Culton with his winning medals.

## Introducing STEM at Nathalia & District Preschool

Introducing STEM (Science, technology, engineering, mathematics) experiences in the early childhood environment creates a connection to the children's everyday lives. Focussing on real world issues and problems STEM explorations support the children's developing skills of critical thinking, problem solving, innovation, creativity, communication, collaboration, and self-directed learning.

The role of the educators is to enhance the experiences by planning, extending, supporting and being responsive to the children's intentionality and questions. Supporting the children's engagement with the use of relevant



Jacey and Edwin exploring the tangram shapes. These are a mathematical puzzle that involves using basic shapes to create larger, or more intricate shapes and objects.

We welcome donations from our community of boxes, paper, containers, anything that you would like to donate. Your donation supports our program and the children engagement as they decide how they can utilise them within their learning. Donations can be dropped off at preschool or if we are not there pop them over the fence.



language, practice sustained shared thinking, where educators co-construct learning by sharing knowledge and understanding to support and extend learning, rather than just conveying information.

Woodwork opportunities support the children's

mathematical thinking, scientific knowledge is gained, and technological understanding is developed through working with tools. The children become engineers as they construct. The use of balsa wood supports the children's engagement and their developing self esteem

as the wood is soft and allows the nails to be driven into the wood. Patrick and Ollie (right) also demonstrate their understanding of the rules of the woodwork area; safety glasses must be worn and two people at a time at the table.

Tom (left) explores the qualities of the fossils and rocks "I can see spider webs inside the

rock." Using the magnifying glass to move around the surface area of the rock.

Will, Toby and Eddie (right) working through their thoughts and ideas of how and why. The educators then become their co-constructors as they extend on the learning with relevant language and share their knowledge with the children.











igsimeq how and Shine is only 12 days away. All money raised from the Show and Shine  $\mathbf{N}$ We have started selling raffle tickets out the front of the supermarket. We would like to thank all our volunteers for helping sell tickets for the Rotary Club.

Tickets will be on sale every Thursday, Friday and Saturday morning until the day of the Show and Shine. Tickets will be also available at the event.

The Rotary Club would like to thank Bill and Declan King from Shepparton, Bill is a member of the Rotary Club of Shepparton South and loves classic cars.

For the last couple of years, Bill and Declan have taken on the role of Chief Judges for the Show and Shine with Bill and Declan organising the Judges for each category. Declan has taken on the role as Facebook page editor, both of these roles have taken a lot of pressure off the committee.

The Rotary Club is looking forward to the Show and Shine and hope the community can come along a support this great event. Anthony Oliver.

will go back into the community.

We will be having our annual Easter spinning wheel at the Easter Saturday Market, which we are looking forward to. People come from far and wide to buy a ticket at the famous spinning wheel.

As most people in the community will be aware, the Rotary Club is struggling for members.

We are currently at 7 members. 10 years ago we had roughly 17 members. In the coming weeks the club will be having a meeting with members from District 9790 regarding the future of the Rotary Club of Nathalia.

To be honest with the community the future doesn't look good at all. We will

keep the community updated with the outcome of this meeting.

Again if anyone is interested in joining Rotary please contact Ross Smith or

## Red Gum Courier, Friday March 8th, 2024 U3A Film @

Thursday 21 March 11am -1pm Barmah Forest Heritage & Education Centre Cinema Annie's Fire, Fr, 2022 M

Directed by Blandine Lenoir starring Laure Calamy et in regional France in 1974, mild-mannered Set in regional France in 1974, find finding-ofand her husband accidentally fall pregnant. They know they cannot afford to care for another. Annie is introduced to a group of local women and doctors who offer judgement free support and family planning. The network defiantly refuses to hide from public view, even though at that time their efforts are considered illegal across the nation. This is a warm, tender and thought-provoking film... definitely will prompt some discussion at intermission! And probably at lunch afterwards as well! Philippa 0400 037 432.



### **G.R.A.I.N. Store Amazingnesses** G.R.A.I.N. STORE \*NATHALIA\*

#### emi-abstract Botanical Images Workshop

Thanks to Linden Lancaster, ten very fortunate workshop attendees were introduced to many different ways of creating an image. Linden is generously taking herself away from her own art to be one of our three Studio art tutors this year. Linden's first Studio will be Tuesday 26 March 9-1...her approach falls within mixed media...and she is happy to help you with

whatever art you are working on. Studio: For aspiring and experienced artists who want to improve their skills. The G.R.A.I.N. Store is offering Studio three Tuesdays a month, 9am-1pm, with experienced artists and art educators.

\$50 per session, bring your own artwork that you'd like guidance on.

Contact Philippa 044 037 432 or see Ruby at The G.R.A.I.N. Store for more information.

Piano, Poetry, Pizza and Pizzazz...6.30-8.30 Thursday 21 March Celebrating Harmony Day

Every year we have at least two Open Mike style opportunities where community members contribute their own item to the entertainment. The challenge continues with Pizzazz providing the hint that what we are after is music from a variety of languages and cultures. You may read, sing, play an instrument, recite....your choice, but only

one item. Performer entry is free. Audience entry \$10...and the joyous finale of

community singing of 5 songs. Email info@thegrainstore.org or call in Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday 11-4.

## Studio with



#### Unbound...last Friday...was a Songs

wonderful musical event featuring original songs and music from five very talented female artists. Skillfully brought together in organization and musically on stage, Erin Heycox worked beautifully with Ruby Wyatt -Carter, Kamina Lamda, Kim Carter and JC. From those who missed out came the request...could we text them in future with a reminder...as if the appointment with art was as important as a doctor's or dental appointment? What a great attitude. We

will have to see what we can do!!



#### Songs Unbound

#### The Things We Do For Love: A Community Art Project that needs your voice

"The Things We Do For Love" is a vibrant arts project led by artists Greg Pritchard and Jens Altheimer, engaging the Nathalia community to create an interactive art trail on 7 & 8 June 2024. This initiative will feature an array of interactive exhibits, including projections and inventive contraptions, showcased through a guided theatrical tour around town.

Engagement and Creation: The project unfolds through workshops and interviews, crafting content that resonates with themes of love, community, and sense of place. These sessions lead to the creation of shadow sculptures, film segments, projected quotes, audio excerpts and mechanical objects.

Collaboration with the Community: This is where you could be part!

We would like to engage with Nathalia's locals in heartfelt chats and yarns about 'Love' in all its

appearances and variations. These conversations, whether filmed or recorded, aim to capture diverse reflections, perspectives and stories. Participants have the freedom to share as much as they're comfortable with, ensuring a positive and inclusive experience. We're seeking contributions from across generations, backgrounds, and gender identities to enrich the project's narrative tapestry.

Some of the insights gathered will directly inform the interactive elements of our art trail, allowing visitors to trigger and experience the shared stories and reflections. **Recording Sessions:** 

Scheduled from 11 -16 March 2024, we're flexible in organizing these sessions either individually or in groups, at your home or at the Grain Store Gallery, prioritizing a quiet setting for clarity.

To sign up, fill in this short survey here <a href="https://">https://</a> tinyurl.com/things4love or call Erin on 0413 703 933.

## Through the Lens of the Nathalia U3A Photography Group

A fter an early start on Saturday morning, 2nd March, ten members of the Nathalia U3A Photography Group took up the challenge to capture black and white images in Barmah National Park. That's not an easy task, especially when surrounded by colour and beauty.



Scenes of pelicans dining and spoonbills feeding their young, we found ourselves encircled by an abundance of birdlife.

We enjoyed breakfast under the shelter, followed by talk photography before leaving the forest.

Photos by Estelle Chalker, Heather Henderson & Judy Ormond.





## Nathalia Primary School News



I thas been a very busy and exciting couple of weeks at Nathalia PS.

Our Foundation students are all now full time at school and learning lots each and every day.

We have all been on a trip to Melbourne to attend

Quantum Science School with students participating in Robotics, learning about forces, testing ideas about energy and developing video games. Quantum is always a fun experience, even with the super early start to the day.





**SWIMMING SPORTS:** Last week we held our pool fun day with the added fun of swimming sports and novelty events. We have revamped our houses which are Pearce, Gifford, Bromley and Robertson with each teacher and all students belonging to one of the houses. We will use these houses throughout the year to make team sports more fun and competitive.



**POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR PROGRAM:** We also have a positive behaviour program that we have started that includes Principal Rewards Tickets. Students are able to earn tickets by displaying qualities that are positive such as manners, helping, being polite, trying your best, looking after our school and other students etc. The bonus of getting a reward ticket is that you can exchange the tickets for gifts a store in the Principal's office or getting a Zooper Dooper at recess. So far it has proved to be very







VIRTUAL SCHOOL: Another highlight has been that all of our Chinese students who are developing their English skills have started lessons with Virtual Schools Victoria where they log in a few times a week using video conference technology to have one on one sessions with an English/ Chinese teacher. I get the privilege to sit in on many of these sessions and they are fun and interactive, with the added bonus of students quickly developing their English language skills.

**SCHOOL COMMUNITY THANK YOU:** I would like to thank Diana Baxter who is stepping down from the role of School Council President. Diana has held this role for a number of years at Nathalia Primary School and we appreciate her time and dedication to this position. This position is critical to the running of a school and having people like Diana volunteer their time and positive contributions is to be commended.

**INTRODUCING OUR 2024 SCHOOL CAPTAINS :** Congratulations to Felicity, Quade, Rhyley and Cassie on your appointment as 2024 School Captains. We are sure you will do a great job running assemblies and look forward to seeing your shine as our school leaders at events during the year.

We would also like to congratulate Hunter, Alex and Maki on their roles as Sports and Technology Captains.



## DEATHS

### BROWN (Garonne) -Jennifer

Late of Kotupna. Passed away peacefully on 6th March, 2024 at Shepparton in her 88th year.

Our loving wife, Mum and Nan, dearly loved by her husband Morris (dec); her children and their partners David and Jacqui; Karen and Trevor (Armstrong); Stephen and Michelle; Greg and Elise; and her grandchildren and their partners Jeremy; Olivia and Eric; Daniel and Sam; Luke and Anya; Chris and Ellie; Lachie; Jaiden; Anna and Nick; and Jake.

*May the winds of love blow softly* And whisper for you to hear, That we will love and remember vou And forever keep you near.

## **FUNERALS**

BROWN - A Graveside Service to celebrate the life of Mrs. Jennifer Brown will be held at the Nathalia Lawn Cemetery, Cemetery Road, Nathalia on FRIDAY 15th March, 2024 commencing at 10 am.

No Flowers by Request, donations in lieu appreciated to Royal Flying Doctor Service. Envelopes available at the Service.

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- Science
  - Geography **Religious Education**

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### Applications should include:

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Key Selection Criteria and Role Description: www.smota.vic.edu.au/about/employment

Applications to be emailed to: principal@smota.vic.edu.au

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### The successful applicant will:

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- Be highly organised and self managed
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- Be able to work both independently and co-operatively in a team environment
- Be IT proficient, including web page management
- Have demonstrated experience with the VTAC and VETIS process
- Be student focused and have a demonstrated commitment to positive outcomes

### Applications should include:

- An introductory cover letter that makes reference to the Role Description
- Updated Resume inclusive of three professional referees

#### The Role Description can be obtained from www.smota.vic.edu.au/about/employment

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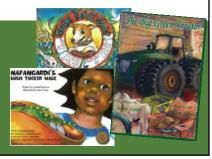
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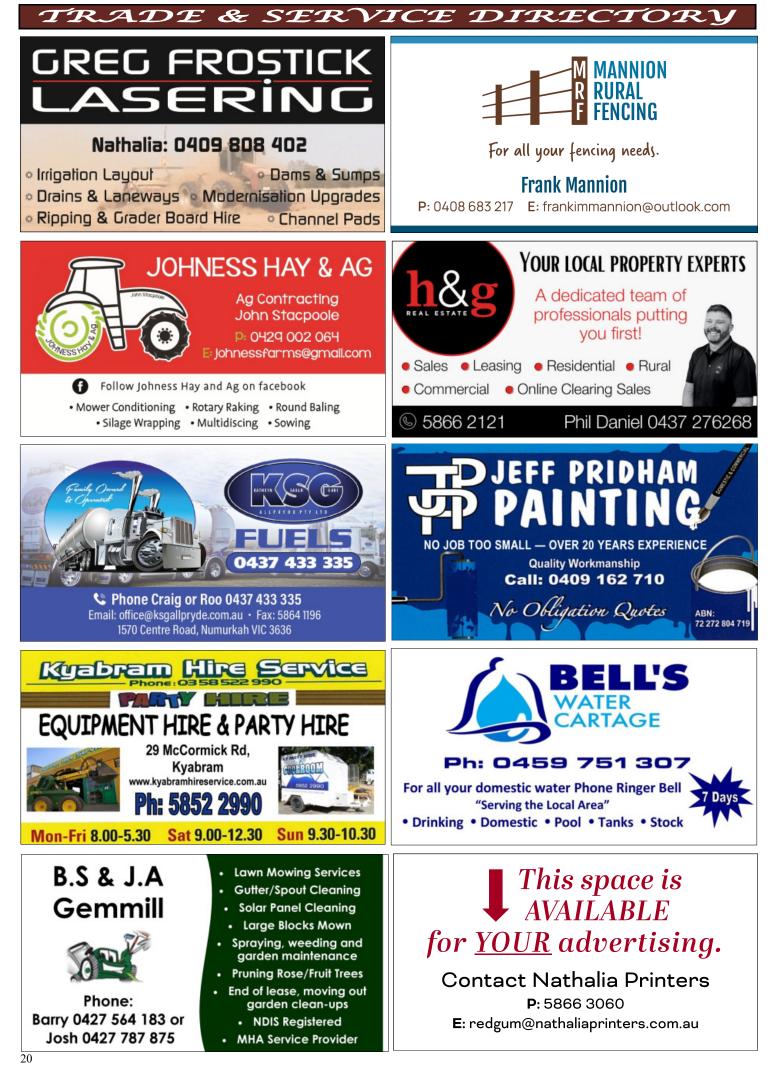


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# **Red Cross Bowls Night**

ast week saw a very successful evening held by the Picola Bowling Club to raise funds for Red Cross. This tradition goes back many years, but unfortunately has not been held for the last two years due to Covid 19 and community commitments.



Pictured is the winning team: Tas Baker, Logan Daniel and Zac McKenzie with Picola Bowls Club representative Tony Smith.

### Red Gum Courier, Friday March 8th, 2024

It was great to see the return of the annual event and the enthusiasm of the players. The Picola Football and Netball Clubs both provided numerous players, Bowls club members and members of the local

together with Bowls club members and members of the local community, all making it a very enjoyable evening. Even though the weather was extremely hot that day, all players

enjoyed several rounds of barefoot bowls followed by a BBQ served with a variety of salads and then some delicious scones. The evening concluded with a multi-draw raffle where the lucky winners received a meat tray, cream sponge or plum pudding.

The evening raised \$679 towards the services provided by Red Cross— a great effort.

President of the Picola/Nathalia Red Cross Unit, Jeanette Holland, would like to thank the following people:

- Tony Smith for organising the event on behalf of the Picola Bowling Club.
- Tony Smith and Bill Agius for donating the meat for the BBQ and a meat tray for the raffle.
- The Bowls Club members for cooking the BBQ and serving drinks.
- The Red Cross ladies who provided the variety of salads and scones and helped with serving and cleaning up.
- And the enthusiastic players who made the evening such a success.

## Picola Bowling Club News

WEEKEND PENNANT

Division 5 24 Feb 2024 - First week of Finals. We played Barooga Sports at Numurkah Golf winning by 20 shots. Boxy, Bucket, Julie and Mary won 34-4. Trevor, Wally, Aaron and Geoffrey C lost 14-24.

**So to the Preliminary Final played on 2 Mar** -We played Cobram at Cobram winning by 1 shot. Boxy, Bucket, Julie and Mary won 16-10. Trevor, Wally, Aaron and Geoffrey C lost 19-24. **Now to the GRAND FINAL, Saturday 9 Mar** -We are playing at Berrigan against Numurkah Town. It would be great to see as many members as possible and all other spectators are welcome to come along to cheer them on.

Due to the expected high temperature that is being forecast for Saturday members are asked to please keep an eye on the Picola Bowls Club facebook page for any changes to the starting time. GOOD LUCK!

Monday, 4 March 2024 Sixties and Over - was played at Numurkah Town. A good day was had by all.

Player of the match must go to a certain Picola bowler who had a slight lapse in



concentration....mistaking their bowl for the kitty then rolling down the kitty in place of their bowl. The

result was a near perfect stroke of genius much to the entertainment of the other players. Thursday, 22 February we hosted the Annual Red Cross Fundraiser Night at the Picola Bowling Club. Participants from Picola Football and Netball Club participated in an enjoyable and entertaining evening of bowls while raising

much needed funds for the Red Cross. Good luck to Nathalia in their Div 3 Grand Final this weekend

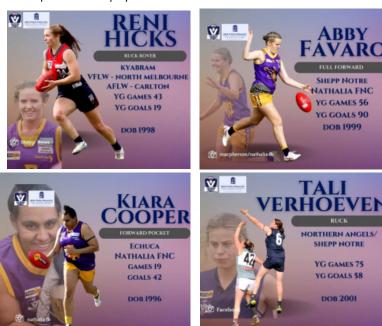
GO PICOLA !

## Youth Girls Team of the Decade

The MBCM Northern Country Women's League (NCWL) Youth Girls Competition celebrated its 10th Anniversary last year.

making the squad.

Starting out their footy careers at the Northern Angles, Waaia FNC and Nathalia FNC, we congratulate all these players on their achievement.



FULL BACKS:

Millie Brown, Eloise Ashley Cooper, Amy Duguid. HALF BACKS: Tamara Smith, Georgia Gall, Kate Adams. **CENTRES:** Keeley Skepper, Rebecca Webster, Aurora Smith. HALF FORWARDS: Madison Gray, Molly Tancred, Olivia Cicolini. **FULL FORWARDS:** Kiara Cooper, Abby Favaro, Sophie Locke. FOLLOWERS: Tali Verhoeven, Grace Egan, Reni Hicks. **INTERCHANGE:** Tayissa Gray, Shaleah Cooper, Jayda Richardson, Alexandra Mulcahy, Sophie Damon, Teagan Brett.

Teagan Brett. COACH: Dean Walton CAPTAIN: Rebecca Webster

In honour of the occasion a selection panel was

convened to select the Team of the Decade. A squad was selected with the final team announced at the gala function held on Friday  $1^{st}$  of March.

Well done to Abby Favaro, Ki Cooper, Al Mulcahy, Reni Hicks, and Tali Verhoeven on making the Youth Girls Team of the decade.

Also, congratulate Cody Power, Payton Hearn, and Charli Dorrity on



## Easter Tournament News

Intries are coming in steadily for the tournament. If you would like to join the fun we have senior and junior grades suited to all levels. Get your family and friends together and join in the fun. If tennis is not your thing there will be lots of food, fun and festivities. We always invite members of

the community to get involved through volunteering. This could be a couple of hours in the canteen, baking homemade cakes and slices, assisting with grounds maintenance, and so on. If you have some spare time over Easter and would like to assist contact Rose Nihill 0438 662 149



## Nathalia Lawn Tennis Club Senior Results



S at 24 Feb - Div 3's last home and away game was played at Numurkah. It was the third time we played Numurkah and despite having beaten them previously we were convincingly beaten this time. Numurkah's strong win enabled them to gain 2nd place on the ladder leaving us in 4th place. John Sheehan won all his sets and

Anthony Wilson won his singles. The women had some competing games but Numurkah was better on the day. At least we knew Div 3 was going to make the finals.

Sat 2 & Sun 3 March - Div 3: GM 3 made the finals and fronted up on Saturday 2nd of March to play 3rd place Tatura. Previous matches against Tatura have all been nail biting finishes and Saturday's game was no exception. The day started well with the ladies having some strong wins. Loretta Richardson and Helen Ginnivan won 8-4 while Phillippa Slinger and Monique Bryant had a 8-3 victory. Helen and Monique won 8-4 while Phillippa and Di Wilson won 8-6. In the men's Anthony Wilson and David

Scadden had a close set coming out winners at 8-7. The bad news was that Anthony had sustained an injury sending David in to play singles, however, David came up trumps winning 6-3. During afternoon tea the score book was added multiple times to be sure that things were neck and neck going into the mixed. David and Loretta had a 8-4 win, Ryan and Monique and Aaron and Phillippa put in valiant efforts but with one set still playing out on court, things were even. The crowd was playing every point, holding their breaths, and then came the tie break: 4-1, 5-2, 7-4 Greg and Di finally won the tie break and Nathalia won the elimination final. Di and Greg casually walked off the court unaware of the drama and they were stunned to learn of the result.

Winning put us into the Sunday final where we were not as successful. Kyabram having been beaten by Numurkah on Saturday brought their strongest team to the final. Again tennis was competitive but Nathalia struggled to come away with the win. The wind was an extra, and fickle player on court. Ryan Bell started with a 6-1 win in his singles. Aaron Booth lost in a tie break 5-6. Aaron and Greg Frostick had a 8-5 win in the men's doubles. The ladies played many long rallies that included lobs, cross court play, and volleys but we were not able to play the winning shots. Most of the season the result has come down to the mixed, however, on Sunday Ky were the better team. Our only mixed win was Helen Ginnivan and Greg Frostick 8-4, and Greg got man of the match with his winning sets.

The season was enjoyed by all, as we went all the way into the finals. Luckily the season has now finished as the team was losing players to injury and needed lots of Voltaren!



**Div 4 Team:** Judith Slattery, Mitch Daniel, Pat Ryan, Rod James, Matt Slattery and Lucy Daniel.

**Sat 24 March - Div 4:** Nathalia faced off against Numurkah on a perfect day for tennis. We started off strong and got out to an early lead which we held throughout the day for a strong win of 61 to 45 game each. Three set winners were: Hamish McLeod and Patrick Ryan. It was a decisive win as it allowed us to clinch the finals finishing 4th for the year when only top 4 make finals.

**Sat 2 & Sun 3 March - Div 4:** Nathalia defeated Cobram Crickets on Saturday 2nd March by a narrow margin of 3 games with final score of 61-58. Pat Ryan was player of the day winning all 3 sets with Judith Slattery (8-1), Matt Slattery (8-6) and on a gripping tie break with Rod James. Rod continued his winning streak with Mitch Daniel winning their set, 8-6 and Lucy Daniel and Judith Slattery followed suit, also winning 8-6.

This got us over the line to play the preliminary finals on Sunday 3rd of March and thanks to Kim Daniel, we managed to get a team together to play. Unfortunately, Tatura Lightning team were just too good, however the scores definitely didn't reflect the number of deuces in each game and we certainly didn't go down without a fight!

Special thanks for the season goes to Rod, our team captain and our dedicated juniors who stepped up and went above and beyond even after giving it their all on Saturday mornings.

Div 3 Team: Loretta Richardson, Phillippa Slinger, Monique Bryant, Helen Ginnivan, Di Wilson. Aaron Booth, Greg Frostick, David Scadden, Ryan Bell and Jim Brereton.



Div 1 Team: Velvet Tigers are through to the grand final on Saturday the 16th of March after a win on Sunday the 3rd of March -5 sets 71 to 7 sets 63.

We wish them luck!



## Nathalia Junior Tennis Results



**B Purple:** B2 Purple played off in the Grand Final in Shepparton against Shepp Lawn White and came out winners 4-40 to 4-36. The kids dedication and sportsmanship throughout the season should be commended. The future of the Tennis Club looks bright, well done kids.

**B2 Gold:** Unfortunately B2 Gold narrowly missed out on finals this season. Congratulations to Molly, Ella, Eliza, Taylah and Isla on your first year in the B2 competition.

C2 Purple & Gold: Grand Final - Nathalia Purple 4-36 defeated Nathalia Gold 4-35.

In what was a nail biter game right to the finish, Nathalia Purple managed to grab the win by one game! Both teams demonstrated excellent sportsmanship and tennis etiquette. It was a true reflection on the values of our Club. Congratulations to both teams for making the Grand Final and a top effort to Nathalia Purple for securing the win.

The Nathalia Tennis Club would also like to thank all the parents, grandparents and supporters for helping the kids get to all their games and practice this season. The Club is very proud of all the junior grades and the achievements they have made this year.



Nathalia C2 Purple & Gold Teams Back: (L-R) Holly Ryan, Stefanie Daniel, Keira Liddell, Ava Bourke, Harry Halden & Fynn James. Front: (L-R) Jimmy Ryan, Billy Baxter, Harry Baxter & Duane Shaw.

## **Tennis Club Club Championships**



Athalia Lawn Tennis Club held it's Club Championships on the 25th of February. Well done to everyone who participated, some super tough matches in the heat! And some great matches in the comp through the week. Thankyou to the organisers and grounds crew.

U14 Girl Lucy Daniel Runner up Ella McLennan U14 Boy Mitch Daniel Runner up Jimmy Ryan U18 Girl Molly McLennan Runner up Katelyn Halden U18 Boy Pat Ryan Runner up Hamish McLeod Women's Club Champ Rose Nihill Runner up Jodie Daniel Men's Club Champ Joe Nihill Runner up Ned Nihill



(L-R) U14 Girl's Club Champion Lucy Daniel and Runner up Ella McLennan.



(L-R) U18 Boy's Club Champion Pat Ryan and Runner up Hamish McLeod.



(L-R) U14 Boy's Club Champion Mitch Daniel and Runner up Jimmy Ryan.



Women's Club Champion Rose Nihill (right) and Runner up Jodie Daniel (left).



(L-R) U18 Girl's Club Champion Molly McLennan and Runner up Katelyn Halden.



Men's Club Champion Joe Nihill (right) and Runner up Ned Nihill (left).



## In the Swing at Nathalia Golf Club

#### Thanks to our Sponsor Brereton's Bakery

WW ednesday the 21st of February - the ladies played a 9 hole stableford. Winner was Nancy Dunn with 20 stableford points.

**Friday fun day the 23rd of February** - we all went to Echuca to play at the Echuca back 9 Golf Course. Nancy, Nina, Sonia, Peter, Kevin and Stan had a great morning of golf followed by lunch at the Moama Bakery.

**Sunday the 25th of February** - the men played stableford. Winner was Peter Poon with 34 stableford points. The R/Up was Bernie O'Hare with 32.

Great to see Bernie back. No NTP.

**Wednesday the 28th of February** - another hot day and the ladies played a 9 hole stableford. The winner was Sonia Verlinden with 15 stableford points.



The Nathalia golf course looking great. Photo Courtesy Tony Brown.

Friday fun day the 1st of March seven players played stroke with a difference.



Four of the six at Echuca on the 23rd of February: Nancy, Sonia, Kevin and Nina. Absent (Peter).

Winners were Lynette, Sonia and Peter Poon coming in with 32 points. Nancy, Heather, Greame and Stan were runners up with 35 points.

**Men's Comp Sunday the 3rd March** - The first round of our Eagle's nest. No one landed within the nest so an extra ball was added to the nest. The nest has grown to 14 balls. Every week an extra ball will be added till the nest is won. Winner on the day was Gary Manley with 34 stableford points.

R/Up was Jack Hutchins 32 points. Gary Manley also got NTP. NTP second shot was Steve Piggot.

Welcome to Jack Hutchins and William Green joining us on Sunday. Great to see some new players joining in. Big Welcome.

And thanks to our new water man Trevor Price keeping the greens and fairways well watered during this hot spell. Great job Trevor and your side kick Max.

## **Murray Valley Cricket Association Presentation**

n Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February, the Murray Valley Cricket Association Presentation Night was held at Tocumwal Golf Club. Six of Nathalia Association Cricket Club's boys came away with awards:

**Under 17's:** Will Trower - MVP, Bowling Average 20 wickets @ 4.55 & Team of the year.

Gus Frostick - Encouragement Award.

**Under 15's:** Murphy Stephens -Batting Average 195 runs @ 65.00 & Team of the year.

Gus Frostick - Team of the Year. Zander Quinn - Team of the Year. Dylan Dohnt - Team of the Year. Charlie McDonald - Encouragement Award.

Well done to all the boys on a great season. Both of these grades made finals this year which was great to see. The Club is looking forward to another successful year next season.





Dylan Dohnt U15's Team of the Year

Will Trower - U17's MVP, Bowling

Average & Team of the year.



Zander Quinn U15's Team of the Year



Charlie McDonald U15's Encouragement Award



Gus Frostick U17's Encouragement Award & U15's Team of the Year.



Murphy Stephens - U15's Batting Average & Team of the year.



## **B** Grade's Epic Victory

ACC B Grade, Murray Valley Cricket Association

2023-2024 Premiers.

Inspiring words such as marvellous, spectacular, and extraordinary should be used to describe the game that had it all, however, 'EPIC' shall be the theme for this premiership recount.

Epic - resembling or suggesting such poetry: *a* novel, ode or **spoken word** depicting the B Grade Grand Final.

<u>heroic;</u> <u>majestic;</u> impressively great: *the premiership victory of NACC B Grade was* **epic**. of unusually great size or extent: *a Grand Final* 

of unusually great size or extent: a Grand Final of **epic** proportions.

*Slang.* very impressive; spectacular; <u>awesome</u>: *A team effort that was epically* **EPIC**!

The positive atmosphere started with a marvelous bus trip organised by NACC. Parents, players, and supporters all travelling together to Berrigan relishing the incredible atmosphere that only a bus full of support can offer. With 100% commitment to the cause and a strong undercurrent of belief/optimism for the days play, nervous tension was in abundance.

Losing the toss and being sent into bat proved beneficial for Nathalia. With a very slow outfield, runs became hard to get so shot placement and hitting over the ring became paramount, Wilson 3 and a calculated captains knock of 33 for Brereton starting the game off with intent. At the first change, Cobram's

second attack limited opportunities for scoring, forcing the middle order to hit over the ring and capitalise on every opportunity that was presented. Maintaining the steady start of the openers and turning over valuable runs till the drinks break, Bailey Bell 17, Kai Lundberg 1, and T Binks 14 batted with aplomb. With the score sitting at an industrious 75 and Cobram's

bowlers hampering scoring progress, Dale James (13) threw on the "terry towelling" hat and took charge. Deft back foot shots guided

between players being his default setting until an ambitious charge down the pitch left him stranded. Billy Liddell and Xavier Daniel supported this crucial partnership by running critical singles between wickets, Liddell falling 97 short of his century and Xavier Daniel 3 not out.

At the tea break it was tense, an apprehensive air of uncertainty hanging heavy at the sublime Berrigan ground. As both teams took the field amazing things happened. Our young players stood up. Leading by example in the field, Nate Summerville, Brady Walpole and Billy Liddell utilising their athletic abilities to minimise any unnecessary runs and applying consistent vocal pressure to the Cobram batsmen.

To the cheers of the growing crowd Nathalia opened its attack. The scintillating pace, graceful gait and rhythmic delivery of Harry McDonald in full flight was a sight to behold. On this day in history every bowler rose to the occasion and found that little bit extra. From the first ball McDonald had Cobram's openers in terrible trouble. Not a decent connection of leather on willow was heard during his 8 overs, 3 maidens, 9 runs successfully claiming the first dangerous Cobram wicket. One of the most intimidating bowling spells by a Nathalia fast bowler in B Grade history. James Vallender's

deceptive left arm deliveries from the other end kept scoring slow for his four overs and the veteran batsmen Dale James rested after a solid spell of seven overs.

In the later stages of the innings, it became a game of cat and mouse where each team gained control at certain times until the catch of the century was taken by Mark Wilson off his own bowling. An extraordinary reflex catch in his opposite hand again lifting the team to new heights. This was one of the pivotal points in the game which ultimately influenced the next passage of play. I can assure you it became



Neale Hawks presenting David Brereton with the Man of the Match Medallion.

incredibly tense on and off the field at this point. The game was in the air, enter the hometown support of the Nathalia bus travellers, parents and by this time our fantastic A Grade team. Things got "finals type" rowdy and after the "Hawkers Road Hustler" Xavier Daniel terrorised Cobram for his two wickets it came down to the last over with 6 runs for victory.

In a visionary captains call, the "terry towelling" hat was handed back to the umpire. Two strides were added to the run up and with a 'D.K Lillee" wipe of the brow and a terrifying stare down, the final over commenced. Composure, "alert but not alarmed" fielding and excellent leadership from the 'man of the match' David

Brereton kept the pressure on, Cobram requiring 4 runs off the last ball.

In the last ball of the last over and the last game of the season the last wicket fell to a fiery delivery that only age and experience could deliver. An epic victory for a great team of players that will be remembered for many years. A fitting end to a great season and congratulations to our B Grade team, their dedicated parents, supporters and support players throughout the season, a truly wonderful victory for Nathalia Association Cricket Club.

## Nathalia A Grade & Under 15's Semi Finals

**U**/15 Semi Final v Katunga: What a weekend, two days and both completely different.

Saturday we lost the toss and bowled, it started off nicely with wickets to Crüe Lucas and Gus Frostick to have Katunga 2/18.

Wickets then began to fall but unfortunately at 20-30 run intervals, due to some good batting by Katunga's Captain.

Cam Liddell claimed 2 wickets along with Hamish Whyte and Kade Rogers getting a wicket each. Katunga finished on 7/128 which the coach had a sleepless night hoping we would get the runs.

Enter Sunday, confident kids and leadership actually being displayed. Zander Quinn (38) and Murphy Stephens (20) got us off to a flying start before Murphy departed. Zander was next to depart with the score on 2/72. Gus Frostick (23no) and Crüe (26no) then steered the ship home for us and into a grand final against Cobram.

Hopefully the Sunday team shows up and gives a red hot go.

A Grade Semi Final v Cobram: Our only loss for the year and unfortunately it came at the wrong time. Winning the toss and electing to bat Liam Evans (25) and Sam Boyd (15) got us of to a reasonable start before both departing and the score at 2/43. After this it didn't get much better with only Scotty Morris (13) and Ewan Congues (24) scoring double figures. Ewan tried his hardest to pull us along and batted really well he just didn't get much help. All out for 98. With a small total on board we were up to the challenge, Dylan Cunningham (4/50) claimed

the first 2 wickets to have Cobram 2/23 but a partnership took a little wind out of the sails before Brenton Campbell (1/11) striking and making it 3/73. The next wicket at 4/91 from Liam (5/42) saw a little flurry of wicket and a bit of wind pick up. Sitting at 6/93 they were able

to guide themselves to 6/101 overnight.

The boys came back on Sunday determined to get the reverse outright. Unfortunately Cobram got away a little bit more than we would have liked all out for 144.

Our second innings saw us post 7/146 off 19 overs with Liam (55) and Clancy Congues (26) doing most of the heavy lifting, leaving us 40 overs to either bowl Cobram out or start pre season for next year.

The guys gave a fighting effort having Cobram 2/6 then 3/18 thanks to the bowling of Dylan (3/31) and Henry Congues (2/19).

Regular wickets kept falling due to the boys not giving up but unfortunately we ran out of overs and Cobram passed our lead of 101 in the last over 8 down.

Although we are out of the race now, the president was very happy with the never give up attitude displayed on Sunday.



Nathalia team in action at the Preliminary Final played in Cobram, Saturday the 2nd March.

## Nathalia Bowling Club

### NATHALIA BOWLS DIV 3 SET TO PLAY IN GRAND FINAL

n the Preliminary Final Nathalia Bowls Club, Division 3 played Jerelderie1 at Cobram last Saturday winning overall 86-35 shots. The convincing win sends Nathalia into the Grand Final against Numurkah Golf3 on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> of March at Berrigan, commencing at 1pm. The 86-35 shots, winning on all 3 rinks. Team 1, Skip - Steve Campbell, 3<sup>rd -</sup> Fiona Rourke, 2<sup>nd -</sup> Alan Cooper and Lead - Craig Lucas. 34-11 shots. Team 2, Skip - Peter Hutchins, 3rd - Jack Hutchins, 2nd -Kevin Scolyer and Lead Max Hudson. 20-15 shots. Team 3 - Skip, Bev Hutchins, 3rd - Bill Seymour, 2<sup>nd</sup> - John Staggard and Lead - Gary Manley. 32-9 shots. We wish all good bowling for the Granny.

Peter and Jack Hutchins played in the 3<sup>rd</sup> round of the CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS of

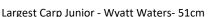
the Murray Bowls Division, but unfortunately, went down to a team from Barooga. A great effort by the father and son team.



BAREFOOT BOWLS, over the last two weeks has had 30 Barefooters each night. All enjoying the bowling and fun and is on again this week, with the final game on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March. Come along and have a go, names in by 1pm to Alan Cooper, whether as a team or individual entry. If you miss the entry time, just turn up by 6pm. All get a game. \$10.00 per player, including a light snack. Bowls are supplied. Flat sole shoes or "Barefoot" are the only requirement.

## 29th Keith Murphy Memorial Angling Classic

Picola United Football Netball Club's 29th edition of the Keith Murphy Memorial Angling Classic is done and dusted. Congratulations to Nathan Lindsay who landed two fish 56cm + 58cm and took out the main prize valued at over \$2000. Largest Cod Male - Paul Fahy - 82cm Largest Cod Female - Rheanda Atkinson - 59cm Largest Cod Junior - Marley McConnel - 65cm Largest Yella - Jake Butler - 34cm Largest Native (Non Cod) - Marley McConnel - 48cm Trout Cod. Largest Carp Senior- Jimmy Schischka 66cm



Have A Go fisher - Charlie Clark- 55cm Cod, Carp 50cm, Silver Perch 45cm The 'Bidger Chalker Teamed Event' was won by Charlie & Scott McKenzie, Brad & Kristan Caldwell taking home \$500.

A massive thank you to our sponsors who make the event possible. Dove Motors Nathalia, O'Connors Case IH Echuca, Wakiti Creek Resort, Trelly's and Nathalia Angling Club.



Winning team: Scott McKenzie, Brad Caldwell, Charlie McKenzie & Kristan Caldwell. (Scott Chalker presenting the trophy)



Pictured left: Clinton Barnes presenting the major prize to this years winner Nathan Lindsay.



Have A Go fisher - Charlie Clark



Largest Carp Junior - Wyatt Waters



Largest Cod Junior - Marley McConnel



Largest Cod Male - Paul Fahy



Largest Carp Senior- Jimmy Schischka



Largest Yella - Jake Butler



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