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## Nathalia FNC 2023 Debutante Balls

NFNC 2023 Debutante Balls were held at the Community Centre on Friday the 12th and Saturday the 13th of May. For full report and more photos see pages 13-16.



### Saturday Night Deb Set

**Back Row:** Sasha Daniel, Clancy Baker, Alahni Hulley, Aiden Harris, Chloe Herezo, Mac Soule, Sophie Creer-Pope, Harry McDonald, Charlize Borg, Lucas Roberts

**4th Row:** Maddison Pawlowicz, Lewis Fieldman, Siahra Curtis, Jake Bell, Demi Hendy, Kian Brereton, Jacinta Slatterie, Logan Daniel, Jasmine Johns, Francis Bourke, David Liddell

**3rd Row:** Nikita Pawlowicz, Denise Liddell, Tylah Trenerry, Thomas Corso, Natasha Morgan, Dominic McConnell, Eliza Kopsidas, Charlie Dietrich, Jemima Moore, Billy Liddell, Kerry Bourke

**2nd Row:** Elke Bourke, Hallie Burke, Kai Lundberg, Layne Haley, Brady Walpole, Tom Dohnt, Matthew Ward, Ewan Congues, Dwight Dabu, Dominique Polancos, Ryan Coghlan

**Front Row:** Jessica Bennett, Liliana Demaio, Cheyanne Hansen, Nicola Wardle, Alana Sutton



### Friday Night Deb Set

**Back Row:** Maddison Pawlowicz, Kian Blanchard, Emily Phillips, Jake Beggs, Gemmah Hibberson, Riley Dobson, Charlotte Plum, Cooper Howells, Heidi Smith, David Liddell

**4th Row:** Annie McLeod, Jack Wiles, Brooke Noonan, Oliver Price, Ruby Mciver, Joshua Dohnt, Ainslie Trease, Lachlan Shepherd, Jemma Carkeek, Ciaran O'Sullivan, Francis Bourke

**3rd Row:** Nikita Pawlowicz, Denise Liddell, Zac Cason, Emily Pullar, Braden Taylor, Angelina Crisara, Tristan James, Grace Weibgen, Connor Peachey, Bethany Hildebrand, Kerry Bourke

**2nd Row:** Amelia Patone, Grace Hall, Harry Rudd, William Watson, Liam Purtill, Ryan Tranter, Riley Bushby, Max Walter, William Almond, Lachlan Williams, Mackenzie Iddles, Jaxon Bell

**Front Row:** Emily Thompson, Gabrielle Wilkins, Jasmin Thompson, Maddisyn Dixon, Amber Retallick, Caitlyn Brooks

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# Community Update

## Flood and Disaster Recovery Surveys

Council are undertaking a community survey around the October 2022 Flood Event. This survey is targeted at Moirá Shire residents who were impacted by this event. The results of the survey will help Council to understand how



prepared the community is for flood events, what are we doing well currently, what results are we getting, where are we seeing success and what we can do better.

These results will be used to guide future disaster recovery planning,

analyse current flood and disaster recovery methods, establish baseline metrics and assess competency of utilised practices. A further survey will be conducted in 2024.

The results of this survey will be shared on our website after the closing date of **Monday 31 July 2023**.

Visit our website for more information and to complete the survey.

## Free Mulch Days

Council are holding free mulch days, where you can get mulch loaded onto your ute or trailer to get your garden ready for the winter months.

**Numurkah Transfer Station**  
Sunday 28 May 2023

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**ALL ABILITIES ACCESS AND INCLUSION PLAN CONSULTATION**

WE ARE SEEKING YOUR FEEDBACK...

Download our currently seeking feedback on our draft All Abilities Access and Inclusion Plan. Feedback is open from Monday 15 May 2023 to Friday 2 June 2023 and can be provided via our website, [www.moirashire.vic.gov.au](http://www.moirashire.vic.gov.au), and feedback form or at one of our community drop-in sessions.

If you have any questions in relation to the Plan, email the a copy of the Plan and/or feedback form or email for a request to a Council Officer please contact our Community Development on 03 5871 9222.

**COMMUNITY DROP-IN SESSIONS**

- Monday 15 May 2023**
  - Shepparton Community Centre
  - 11pm - 5pm
- Tuesday 16 May 2023**
  - Cobram Community Centre
  - 11am - 12pm
- Thursday 18 May 2023**
  - Nathalia Community Centre
  - 11am - 12pm
- Monday 22 May 2023**
  - Nathalia Community Centre
  - 11am - 12pm

## Draft All Abilities Access & Inclusion Plan - we want to hear from you!

We need your feedback on our draft All Abilities Access and Inclusion Plan 2022-2026, aimed at fostering a more inclusive and accessible community.

You can provide feedback via our website or you can contact us on (03) 5871 9222.

Consultation closes on **Friday 2 June 2023**.

## Council Meeting - May

The next scheduled meeting of Council will be at 4.30pm on **Wednesday 24 May 2023** at the Cobram Civic Centre. This meeting will be open to the public as well as being live-streamed on our Facebook page. Questions from the public must be submitted using the Questions of Council form on our website by 4.30pm the Monday prior to the meeting. Submitted questions will be responded to during Question Time of Council.



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# Somewhere Beyond the Sea

The Nathalia and District Community Choir held very successful concerts on the 6th and 7th of May.

The theme was *Somewhere beyond the sea* and included sea shanties and songs inspired by the sea. Special guests were **Broken Creek**, comprising Erin and Lachlan Heycox, and **Austin Lancaster** leading the audience in rollicking sea shanties.

The choir is led by Musical Director Linden Lancaster, who was ably assisted by her daughter Erin.

Marie Martin accompanied the choir on piano and added delightful poetry recitals as well.

Many sincere thanks to all the community members who came and supported the choir.



L-R: Marie Martin (accompanist), Colleen Bourke, Pauline Thomas, Elwyn Rendell, Liz Doing, Erin Heycox (Musical Co-Director) Peter Farrell (at back), Linden Lancaster (Musical Director) Susan Narelle Ryan, Margaret Cobbledick, Bruce Lees (at back), Philippa Schapper, Cameron Lancaster (at back), Heather Frostick, Anne Stammers, Kerry-Anne Rappell.

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# Sparrows of Kabul

**F**red Smith touring show on Australia in Afghanistan

On Saturday 20th May, The G.R.A.I.N. Store will be hosting a concert from award-winning songwriter and musician Fred Smith about the experience of Australia in Afghanistan.

An extraordinary song cycle, *Sparrows of Kabul* has been described as a “a beautiful retelling of Australia’s Afghanistan experience...”, “utterly beguiling” and “a must see.”

Fred Smith is seen by many as the unofficial storyteller of Australia’s involvement in Afghanistan. The lyrics to his song *Sapper’s Lullaby* are engraved in marble at the Australian plot in the centuries old British War Cemetery in Kabul.

He was the first Australian diplomat to be sent to work alongside Australian soldiers in Uruzgan Province in 2009 and the last to leave in 2013. While there he wrote songs and put on regular concerts playing with bands comprising Australian, US and Dutch soldiers and Afghan interpreters.

Returning to Australia, he released these songs on the album *Dust of Uruzgan*. The title track was covered by Lee Kernaghan on his top selling *Spirit of the Anzacs* album. The CD received rave reviews and earned him comparisons to the great Australian balladeers Eric Bogle, Don Walker, and John Schumann.

Smith also wrote a book called *The Dust of Uruzgan* described by Channel 10 Political Editor Hugh Riminton as “as convincing a picture as we will ever have of the tragedy, hope, oddness and courage of Australia’s Uruzgan enterprise...an astonishingly vibrant piece of reportage from the heart of our longest war.”

In 2020, Smith went back to Afghanistan and when Kabul fell under Taliban control, he worked from Kabul International Airport (KIA) on Australia’s mission to evacuate passport and visa holders. He wrote his song “Gates of KIA” after returning home from working on the evacuation of Kabul International Airport in August 2021 about his experiences at the human logjams at the gates of the airport. “Seeing the desperation with my own eyes struck me to the core” said Smith.

Since returning, Fred has blended his stories and songs from the evacuation into the *Dust of Uruzgan* stage show he toured to 80 theatres between 2014-18. Called *Sparrows of Kabul*, the new show offers a vivid



personal account of Australia’s 20 year involvement in Afghanistan, and marks the culmination of what, for Smith, has been a remarkably sustained piece of storytelling on Australia’s longest war.

“Despite the many challenges during evacuation mission, the Australian team managed to get 4100 people out, most of whom are now living in Australia. Their girls and boys are going to school and having swimming lessons. We’ve changed people’s lives,” said Smith. “This is a story worth telling”.

Fred Smith was named Solo Artist of the Year at the Australian Folk Music Awards in 2022.

The local community also has the rare opportunity to work with Fred Smith in Storytelling with Songwriting Workshop on Sunday May 21st, 10am - 11:30am.

Profits from these concerts will support Indigo foundation and CRSA (Community Refugee Sponsorship Australia)

**‘SPARROWS OF KABUL IN CONCERT;**

Venue: Nathalia Uniting Church Hall,

Date: 20 May 2023, Time: 6.30 doors open 7pm start

Bookings: [www.trybooking.com/CGSTM](http://www.trybooking.com/CGSTM) Tickets: \$40, Concession \$15

**STORYTELLING WITH SONGWRITING FRED SMITH WORKSHOP**

Venue: The G.R.A.I.N Store Nathalia

Date: 21 May 2023 , Time: 10:30am - 11:30am

Bookings: [trybooking.com/CHXQJ](http://trybooking.com/CHXQJ) Tickets: \$25



## MEALS ON WHEELS

May 19 - June 2

May	
Friday 19th	David & Cheryl McKenzie
Monday 22nd	St Mary of the Angels
Tuesday 23rd	Darryl Hill & Mary Wilson
Wednesday 24th	Nathalia Primary School
Thursday 25th	Carmen Gilson
Friday 26th	Graeme Smith
Monday 29th	St Mary of the Angels
Tuesday 30th	Russel Shaw
Wednesday 31st	Pauline Thomas
June	
Thursday 1st	Carmen Gilson
Friday 2nd	Patricia Hawks

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**Thursdays:** 12:30pm

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**NATHALIA UNITING CHURCH**

Margaret Cobbledick Ph: 5866 2215

May 21st: 9.30am combined Service @ Uniting Church

May 28th: 9.30am Service

Picola 2nd & 4th Sundays: 9.00am

**HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH - NATHALIA**

Locum Priest

May 21<sup>st</sup>: 9.30am Holy Trinity to visit Uniting Church.

May 28th: 8.00am Holy Communion

**St Paul's Wakiti Creek**

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# Rotary News

## As reported last time...

Our May 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting was held at the Heart House. New members, Mary Ann and Bree, took a tour of the place and were given a little history about the respite house also. There was an AGM for the Heart to Heart committee; this resulted in John Attwood remaining as President, Andrew Watson will have the Secretary portfolio and Eve Attwood will be the Treasurer (as of July 1<sup>st</sup>). Rotary President Loula presented Mary Ann and Bree with their dinner badges, then there was a brief Rotary meeting also. After this, we all went to the Barmah Hotel for delicious food and Fellowship...a most pleasant evening.

Jessie Harman, Rotary International Director 2021-23, wrote an article which was in the May issue of the Rotary magazine we receive each month. I will share some of her words here if I may:

*The power of Rotary to connect. In Rotary, we talk a lot about the value of service – giving back to our own community and other communities around the world. It's an important element of our value proposition, appealing to the very human need to make a difference. Yet I wonder if we do enough to promote the social benefits of Rotary; the extraordinary opportunities Rotary provides us to join with like-minded people from around the world. To give back is a basic need, but so too is the need to connect and belong. Rotary gives us the most wonderful opportunities to join with others. Through programs like Rotary Friendship Exchanges and Fellowships, through to our local and international conferences and events, through our membership of clubs, Rotary enables us to connect. The article continues about her experiences then she says: We may have joined for service, but most of us stay for friendship and fun. Her last paragraph: Without a doubt, giving back to our communities is important. However, it is Rotary's power to build friendship and connections that helps all of us to thrive.*





A Maori proverb is quoted: *He aha te mea nui o te ao* translates to: *What is the most important thing in the world? He tangata, he tangata* translates to: *It is the people, it is the people.*

It was decided to have the next meeting at the Heart House again, on May 17<sup>th</sup>, and this was a meeting of the current board then introduction of the incoming board. Each May such a meeting is held and among all the business, disbursements are also worked out; although the Rotary year is from July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>, the Rotary financial year ends on May 31<sup>st</sup>. Our actual changeover will be on June 28<sup>th</sup> but more on this later.

All being well, a debate will be held again between teams from St Mary of the Angels Secondary College and Nathalia Secondary College this year. A tentative August date has been suggested and confirmation is yet to be made. Teams will again compete for the Ray Butler Debate Perpetual Trophy. Of course there will be a write up, in this column, after the debate and, in the meantime, more articles will be written here.

Upcoming Events	
What's On Locally	
May 20	Nathalia Poultry Auction
May 20	Fred Smith & Band Sparrows of Kabul presented by The G.R.A.I.N. Store @ The Uniting Church Hall
May 22	BINGO @ Senior Citz.
June 12	King's Birthday Public Holiday
June 2	Open Mike 2 The G.R.A.I.N. Store 5.30-7.30pm
June 4	Some Shiny Day Play Reading The G.R.A.I.N. Store Nathalia 2-4.30pm
June 11	Exhibition Opening Sky The G.R.A.I.N. Store Nathalia 2-3.30pm
July 7	The Murks Go Solo The G.R.A.I.N. Store Nathalia 7pm
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# Loch Garry Reference Committee holds third meeting



**Community Update:** The Loch Garry Reference Committee held its third meeting on Thursday 27 April. The committee was formed in January 2023, to review the service requirements of the Loch Garry Flood Protection District infrastructure and its operating rules.



The meeting included a site visit to the regulator at Loch Garry and the nearby levee breaches.

At the meeting, the committee discussed revisions to the operating rules, which dictate when the regulator is operated by Goulburn-Murray Water (GMW), and when Loch Garry Flood Protection District ratepayers are notified the regulator will be operated.

The committee was also informed that partial funding had been confirmed to help GMW meet its ongoing obligations to the Loch Garry Flood Protection Service following the October 2022 floods.

The funds will assist GMW with the immediate repair works at Loch Garry. The organisation is also committing over the next two years, to undertake a broad ranging review of its assets within Loch Garry Flood Protection District and how they are managed into the future.

GMWs Loch Garry Reference Committee Member Linton Ryan said the funding was welcome news.

“It’s a very positive outcome and is a very timely one too,” he said. “The funding will help provide us ratepayers with greater security as we head into the colder months.”

The next committee meeting will be held in mid-May.



## Nathalia Show Update

We are pleased to announce that the theme for this year’s Nathalia Show on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October will be ‘Fun, Food & Family’. We are hoping to have even more entertainment as well as a wider variety of food trucks/stalls alongside all our usual family friendly favourites. If anyone has any contacts or suggestions for the day, please get in touch. Especially teenagers-we’d love to know what would make YOU happy to be at the Show! The schedule is being updated now. We are going to focus on a different section each update. This month is the COOKERY SECTION. Thankyou to Head Steward Kerry-Anne Rappell for the information and photos.



### Cookery Section

- We have many classes for all to enter – from beginner to experienced bakers. And for adults and juniors too.
- If you’ve never entered, now is the time to start practicing, to be ready, come Showtime – perfect your chocolate cake recipe, make a batch of scones, ANZAC biscuits or consider trying out a rich fruit cake.
- Or enter in the “Specials section” – make an apple pie, loaf of bread, breakfast tray, or even “man-sized” scones!





## *Sessions*



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## Nathalia Pony Club

Nathalia Pony Club held a camp at their home ground, the Barmah Race Course Reserve 21st & 22nd April. About 50 riders attended from a number of clubs spread over a wide area.

On Saturday night a life membership to Nathalia Pony Club was presented to Nancy Smith who has helped with the catering over many camps. Nancy also wrote the History of the first 50 years of Nathalia Pony Club 1961-2011. Nancy is an exceedingly enthusiastic member of the pony club.

On Sunday 23rd April, Northern zone pony clubs celebrated their 60th anniversary by holding a games day with composite teams. The was obviously enjoyed by all participants.

A number of riders participated in the ANZAC Day parade and service at Barmah.



# Vale Dr Bill O'Hare

Dr William (Bill) O'Hare came to Nathalia in February 1960 after completing his medical degree (MBBS) in Sydney NSW and joined the medical practice of Dr Noel Harbison. Dr Bill's grandfather was an original selector at Barwo and he had a number of family members who lived locally.

The 1960s was a busy time for both doctors, with almost every illness and disease handled at a local level. Waiting for police and ambulances to arrive from other towns was a worry, with many road traumas caused by alcohol, speed and no seat belts. After 15-18 years of medical pressure, seat belts became compulsory, and .05 alcohol limits helped to reduce the trauma so frequently seen by these doctors. Local football matches were another frequent cause of casualties; the footballers usually arrived 6.30-7pm after several ales for Dr Bill to stitch up or mend the broken bone. As time passed Dr Bill decided it would be better to treat them at the game, and he gradually became one of their most one-eyed supporters. He also became an avid local cricket supporter for the same reason, quite often treating injuries while watching the local games, albeit not as many as the football generated. Sometimes his enjoyment of the local sport was interrupted by a birth, which were also carried out at our local hospital at that time.

Dr Bill took an active part in other activities within the local community, being a Rotarian in our local Rotary Club for many years. Dr Harbison retired in 1977 and Dr Peter Poon partnered with Dr Bill to ensure ongoing care to the people of Nathalia. But after 30 years of practice in Nathalia, our community farewelled this dedicated and popular doctor when Dr Bill and his wife Maree retired in April 1990. The couple initially moved to Queensland and eventually returned to Shepparton. Dr Bill passed away on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023. Our community remember him with grateful thanks for his many years of dedication to the people of Nathalia. Rest in peace, Dr Bill.



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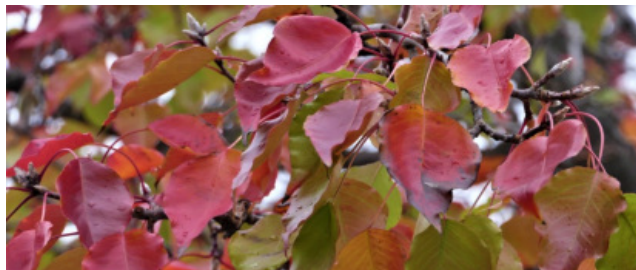
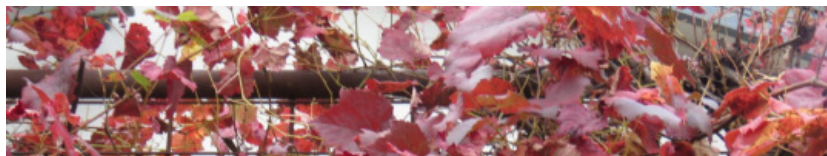
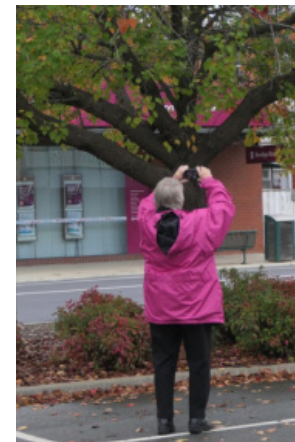
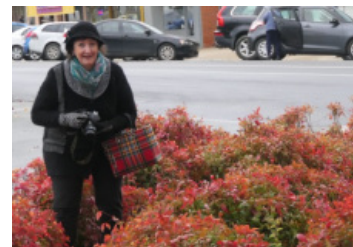
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# U3A Photography Group

On a bleak Saturday morning in May, U3A members set out to capture the last images around Nathalia, the theme entitled, "The Colour of Autumn". With little sunshine to brighten our day, we did our best before heading to the warmth of Brereton's Bakery.

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## Broken Creek Drama

### Absent minded mate.

Paula shook her head and sighed. Lindsay had done it again. 'Hey, sport! You're wearing mis-matched socks again,' she gently scolded her workmate. Lindsay looked down sheepishly at his feet wearing a black sock paired with a patterned one. He tried to joke his way out of his embarrassment. 'I'm sure I have another pair of socks just like these, in my sock drawer.' A week went by and then once again Paula was shaking her head. 'At least your socks are matching today, but didn't you notice that you have a new Nike trainer on the left foot and an old worn-out Asics on your right.'

A wave of understanding washed over Lindsay's face as he realised why he had been limping all morning.





# Caterpillar Corner



The 3 year old kinder group from NCELC's Investigator's room went on their first excursion for the year last week. Mother Nature provided us with glorious weather for a wander up Bromley Street to Nathalia Primary School to meet some new friends in the grade 5/6 class. We read stories together with the big kids and everyone made us feel very welcome. After story time, we said thank you and goodbye and went off to enjoy a fun play on the School's playground, where there was lots of new and different equipment for us to explore. We were all very excited and confident to try out the slides, the mini trampoline and all of the super climbing frames. To finish off, we had a run on the big oval, gee whiz we have fast legs! Thank you to the staff and students at the Primary School for letting us visit, to our parent helper and work experience students and to all the members of our Community who waved to us on our walk and made us feel safe and valued.



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# Nathalia Preschoolers Preparing for Visitors



*Pictured right: Isabelle concentrating as she completes her gift for mum.*

The children at Nathalia Preschool have been very busy preparing for their visitors to preschool for breakfast and a light luncheon.

Deciding on what they would like to bake, a shopping list was made and then off to the supermarket to purchase the ingredients. A visit to the supermarket not only supports their sense of belonging to a wider community but also their social skill development, along their mathematical concepts (as we count out how many of a product to buy) and making safe choices and an opportunity to practice their emerging road safety skills when out in community. Discussions began about their families and the differences between each family as they gathered into small groups to make a gift for someone special in their lives.



*Practicing their emerging road safety skills, the children cross at the pedestrian crossing.*

With preparations completed, we were now ready to welcome families to breakfast or a lunch.

It is still quite humbling to listen to our preschool fill with family's laughter and chatter and to observe the engagement of the children with their family's during these moments. The lockdowns of the previous years have highlighted the importance of welcoming visitors to our centre and the learning opportunities that come from these opportunities.



*Perfect Autumn weather to gather together outside for a lunch.*

# Open Day at Nathalia Secondary College



On Wednesday 10th May we held our Open Day for prospective students, their parents and community members to come and see what our college is all about. Our college is ever evolving and this was a fantastic opportunity to show case the great things we have to offer.

Students from the Nathalia Primary School joined us for some hands-on activities, where they mingled with current students and staff so they could get a feel for the academic and social aspects of secondary college. Below are some photos of the students enjoying their day.



# Museum Moments...

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

A decision by the Federal Government to continue funding for the 'TROVE' website has been received with enthusiasm by historians throughout the country. This website is managed by the National Library of Australia and provides searchable newspapers from years gone by. The following articles has been taken from Trove and they provide an insight into a snapshot of time in Nathalia's past.

**Numurkah Leader Fri 5 April 1901 .....**

*"A dust storm of phenomenal severity raged over the town and district on Friday afternoon last. Volumes of dust whirled through the air in such density that in early afternoon it became quite dark, and at times the pepper trees in the Blake street plantation were invisible. The doors of business places are to be kept closed, and as violent was the storm that telephonic communications between Nathalia and Picola was interrupted, and the wire connecting Messrs Kilpatrick and Co's head office with the grain office at the railway station was completely severed. The roof of Messrs Muntz Bros' large stack of wheat in the station yard was carried away, and also was the verandah on the Elizabeth street frontage of Leishman's refreshment rooms. In the evening a few drops of rain fell, but not sufficient to lay the dust,"*

**Numurkah Leader Fri 30 January 1903 .....**

*"The fast diminishing water supply between water towers and the old time weirs has given grand opportunity to fish hunters to capture some of the finny tribe. Recently some fine fish have been captured, some of the cod species turning the scale at 15 lbs. The creek now between the town water supply and the old weir is practically dry, and millions of young fish have perished, creating an abominable stench. If the Nathalia water supply is as good as has been asserted by the trust engineer, why was not the creek through the town kept full which would have saved this heavy stock of cod, bream, perch, and blackfish without injuring anyone, and jeopardizing our water supply. That is if the opinion expressed by the trust's engineer some time ago is of any value. However, the fish are dead, the stench arises, and the one time sheet of flowing water is now a typhoid fever-breeding incubator."*

Pictured at right— Old Nathalia Water Tower and Weir.



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



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# Fred Smith & 'Sparrows of Kabul' this Weekend



**Fred Smith & Sparrows of Kabul 20 May; Songwriting Workshop Sunday 21 May 10-11.30**

On the plane to Afghanistan in 2009, Fred Smith wrote himself a kind of manifesto. Having just landed a job as an Australian diplomat, he diarised 'Write that you may see and see that you may write'.

Staying true to the brief, Smith has written a lot about Afghanistan and its tenuous relationship with democracy, his observations as a diplomat inspiring him to pen songs such as 'Live Like an Afghan'.

Whilst diplomat and songwriter seem an unusual combination, for Fred Smith, 'both roles involve reporting on what one observes and sees'. And Smith has seen a lot.

Speaking with the SMOTA Year 10 Journalism crew in a phone interview on the 12th of May, he talked about his work in 1996 with the diplomatic core in The Solomon Islands and Bougainville. Whilst most diplomats 'take jobs in capital cities around the world, I developed an interest in conflict zones.' Smith told us.

In 2009, the international community felt that Afghanistan needed to employ diplomats to help deepen the understanding of the Afghanistan context and to facilitate cooperation with the provisional governments. Sent to Uruzgan province, alongside a contingent of 1100 Australian troops, Smith was charged with the job of talking to the tribal warlords and provincial government officials to try and understand what was going on with the people there. The challenges were significant, with illiteracy levels at 95% and a very conservative population.

This experience has contributed to a collection of songs that capture the beauty of a place that poets have immortalised in words. Contrasting the former glory of Kabul, where 'one could not count the moons that shimmer on her roofs nor the thousand splendid suns that hide behind her walls' with the destructiveness of war, Smith wonders 'Why did this struggle begin, when will this war ever end?'

As a modern-day war poet, Smith's lyrics have a dirge-like quality, recurrent ramp ceremonies an unsettling backdrop to a land where the dust becomes a metaphor for life. You just have to listen to tracks such as 'The Dust of Uruzgan', (also the title of his memoir) to understand the cost of war. The grittiness of the lyrics relays the experience of a member

of the Battalion of the Big 1 RAR and the ever-present danger of IED devices and anti-personnel mines. The legacy of service reverberates in each verse, and having a foot blown off is only one of the many immeasurable costs of war.

For the uninitiated Smith, 'The first thing I did when I arrived was attend a ramp ceremony for Ben Ranaudo who had been killed by an IED'. Deeply moved by the experience, Smith told us of the ramp funeral he attended on the 27th of August 2010. Thinking 'I should write a song about this guy', Smith sat with the idea for two years until he received an email from Crash's friend who explained the story.

Finally, Smith had his song. 'I realised I had a pair of eyes from which to write the song,' he said. The result was 'Derapet'. Asked about his songwriting, Smith explained that the voices of those who appear in his songs are sometimes fictional, sometimes the voices of people he has encountered or known about, and sometimes his own. The song 'Christmas in Kandahar' is very evidently autobiographical. As you listen to the lyrics, you can feel the loneliness of the ex-pat who hears 'Planes take off in the night, on missions unknown.' and turns away to 'face the night all alone.'

**Touring with his show 'Sparrows of Kabul', Smith and his band will be playing at the Uniting Church Hall in Nathalia on Saturday 20th May. You can get your tickets at the GRAIN Store or through Trybooking.com**



*Fred Smith  
Dust of Uruzgan  
CD cover*



*When The Birds Fly - Image Courtesy Wagga Wagga Art Gallery - Photograph - Tayla Martin*

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# N7NC 2023 Debutante Balls - A Winter's Wish



On the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of May, 41 debutante couples took part in the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Nathalia FNC Debutante Ball.

A Winters Wish came to life with our Flower Girl, Amelia Patone and Page Boy Jaxon Bell on Friday night and Elke Bourke and Ryan Coghlan on Saturday night, our real life snow globe dancers set the scene for the arrival of our stunning debutantes who appearing out from the forest of pine trees to be presented to their family, friends and the community. The amazing lighting and decorations coordinated by Laura Bruce and intricate dances, set to the selected music and performed to perfection by our debutante sets.

Undoubtable though, the stars of each night were the debutantes and their partners. Each and every one looked sensational and held themselves with grace and beauty as they glided down the steps and were presented to our special guests Francis Bourke and his wife Kerry and the Nathalia Football Netball Club President, David Liddell and his wife Denise, the trainers represented by Maddison Pawlowicz and on Friday night Nicole Reynolds and Saturday night, Regina Pawlowicz representing the Deb Ball Committee.

What followed was a series of dances, performed to perfection by the deb set, that combined old school romance, a modern twist and haunting music to accompany the deb set in creating a flawless performance. Special family members were then taught a lesson or two in rhythm as they joined their loved ones for a family dance, and the debbs entertained the crowd with a fun dance. A special mention should be made here for our talented and dedicated dance trainers Nikita and Maddison Pawlowicz, not a step was out of place, and this is due to your hard work. The formalities of the night then ended, and the dance floor was filled with all, celebrating the greatest night in Nathalia's social calendar.

Whilst we would love to say that these nights just happen, in addition to the people mentioned in the above, it is a cast of many that makes these nights come to life. The Nathalia Football Netball Club would like to thank our deb committee members Nicole Reynolds, Nikita Pawlowicz, Simon Quarrell and Regina Pawlowicz, our MC's Wade Hicks, Nikita Pawlowicz and Brodie Ross. Paula Rudd, catering coordinator and her amazing team, Craig Kellow, Hayley Summerville and Colleen Lewer and their teams of volunteers. A special mention to Alysha Cornell for her all-round assistance on both night, and Jeanette Hill, as always your photography captures the moments perfectly. There were many others who added to the night, but too many to be named, however we are grateful to you all and this night would not have occurred without you.



Francis & Kerry Bourke



Friday Night's MC's:  
Wade Hicks & Nikita Pawlowicz



Saturday Night's MC's:  
Nikita Pawlowicz & Brodie Ross



Pictured above:

Deb Ball Committee Members:  
Nicole Reynolds & Regina Pawlowicz



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# Friday Night's Debutante Ball



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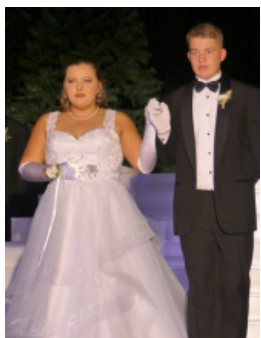
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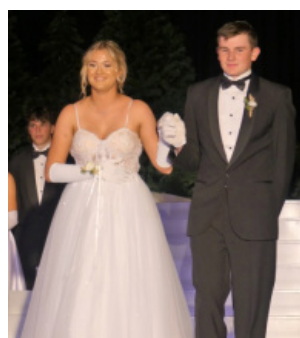
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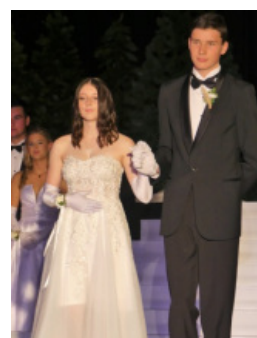
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Flower Girl: Amelia Patone  
Page Boy: Jaxon Bell

# Saturday Night's Debutante Ball



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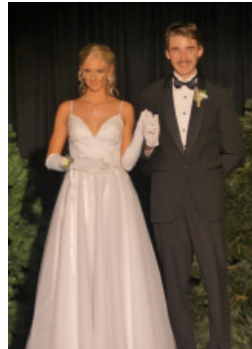
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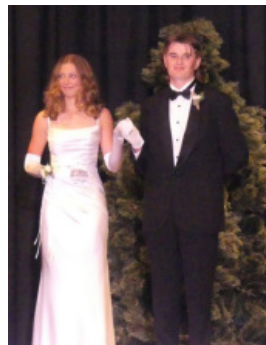
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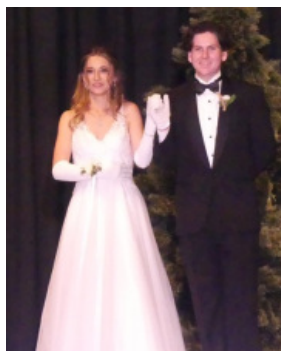
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Jessica Bennet & Layne Haley



Flower Girl: Elke Bourke  
Page Boy: Ryan Coghlan

# Nathalia Football Netball Club 2023 Debutante Balls





# Nathalia Primary School News

**MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST:** We had an amazing turn out for our Mother's Day Breakfast last Friday. It was great to see so many of our students enjoying a hot breakfast and beverage with their mum and significant female carers. As they say 'it takes a village to raise a child' we are so glad that came along to enjoy the morning with your children. A huge thank you to the Nathalia Angling Club for providing the hot food and to OneSchool Global for providing coffees. We hope everyone had a nice Mother's Day last weekend.

**WINTER SPORTS:** The Primary Interschool Winter Sports has been off to a fantastic start with both netball and football being played on Friday last week.

Nathalia PS competed against St. Joseph's PS in Numurkah with the football teams drawing on 47 points. The netball teams scored 1 - 27 and 0 - 18 respectively. The students from both teams showed excellent sportsmanship throughout the afternoon and should be proud of the way they represented their schools.

Nathalia will be versing Numurkah this Friday, whilst St. Joseph's will compete against Cobram. We wish both teams all the best.

**2024 ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN:** If you missed our Open Day on Tuesday 16th May, please do not hesitate to call the school on 58662677 to make arrangements to tour our school and see what educational programs we have to offer your children.



## Nathalia Botanical Walk



With the beautiful weather and autumn leaves changing into their glorious colours, what better time to go for a walk along **Baala** - the Broken Creek and check out the local botanical flora!

The walk goes from Main Bridge to Squeeze Bridge - Looped Walk Time: 10 minutes Slow-45 mins.

An easy picturesque walk on **Baala** levee bank along a flat, bitumen pathway. Suitable for people with walking sticks/walkers. The walk is about 410 metres each way.

You can pick up the **Nathalia Botanical Walk Brochure** from the Barmah Forest Heritage & Education Centre or at Nathalia Printers. The brochure will lead you along the the walk with directions to each flora variety along the way. There is also a little description and story inside of the different flora varieties! The brochure also has details for the best time to see the native wattles in bloom!

Keep an eye out for all the beautiful birds and fauna around the creek as



you walk!

You will see nine Australian trees/wattles, both local provenance & wider Australian flora.

*\*Some Yorta Yorta traditional names used.*

Some of the flora you will see on the walk include:

*Biyala* River Red-gum, Port Jackson Fig, Cootamundra Wattle, Willow Wattle, Kurrajong, Grey Box, *Bayuna* Yellow Box, and Lightwood Wattle.

Optional extra: A natural bush setting can be accessed from the earth ramp beside the walk. There is bush paths and log seating provided for you to enjoy this quiet haven.

*\*Not suitable if using walking aids.*

**You can find Coloured macro photos from the walk that can be viewed at the Barmah Forest Heritage & Education Centre!** There is also local flora art, cards and district field guides, and much more to be seen at the Centre!

# CLASSIFIEDS



## DEATHS

### MASKELL (Mackenzie), Dorothy Jean 'Dorrie'

29.09.1930 - 11.05.2023

Peacefully at Nathalia Hospital surrounded by her loving family.  
Formally of Yalca.

Loving wife of Robert 'Bob' (Dec).  
Loving mother and mother-in-law of  
Lyn (Bartel), Maureen and Mick  
(Power), Daryl and Carol.  
Adored Nanna of Lauren and Jack,  
Hayden, Adam and Laura, Casey,  
Jarrod, Kristen and Sarah.  
Great Nanna to nine great grand  
children.

*Always so loving,  
thoughtful and kind,  
what beautiful memories  
you leave behind.  
You may have left  
this world behind,  
But you will never leave  
our hearts and mind.*

A wonderful Nanna to Casey & Rick,  
great Nanna to Charlie & Fletcher.

*Silent thoughts of time together,  
Hold memories that will last forever.  
In our hearts you will always stay,  
Loved and remembered every day.*

*Not a minute, not an hour  
Not a day will go by  
We won't think of you Nanna  
And smile or sigh  
You enriched our lives  
While you were here  
Now we must learn to live  
Without you so near  
Time may soften the blow  
But your memory won't fade  
Not a day will go by  
We won't wish you could have stayed*

*A gentle nature,  
A heart of gold  
These are the memories we will hold.*

Dearly loved mother of Lyn (Bartel),  
loved Nanna of Lauren & Adam  
Hadland and Jack. Great Nanna to  
Stella and Penny

A cherished Nanna to Jarrod and  
Millie Maskell. Much loved Nanna to  
her great grandchildren Mia, Kobi &  
Lexi Xoxo

*Of all the special gifts in life  
However great or small  
To have you as our Mum  
Was the greatest gift of all  
May the winds of love blow softly  
And whisper in your ear  
"We love and miss you Mum  
And wish that you were here"  
Reunited with Dad.*

You were dearly loved and will be  
remembered always by Kristen, Mick,  
Darcy and Méabh

Dearly loved mother and mother-in-  
law of Maureen and Mick Power.  
Adored Nanna of Hayden, Adam and  
Bec, Laura and Naomi.

Dorothy Jean Maskell was a kind,  
gracious and generous Nanna. I am  
fortunate to have had her be a part of  
my life. She will live on in our  
memories and stories  
- Sara Retallick

*Though her smile has gone forever  
And her hands we cannot touch  
We shall never lose the memory  
Of the Mum we loved so much*

A special thank you to the  
wonderful staff at Barwo  
Homestead for the loving  
care and attention to our Mum  
over the last five years.

Dearly loved mother and mother-in-  
law of Daryl and Carol. Loved Nanna  
of Casey and Jarrod, Kristen and  
Sara. Loved Great Nanna of Charlie  
and Fletcher, Mia, Kobi and Lexi,  
Darcy and Méabh



### O'HARE Dr. William deBurgh 'Dr. Bill'

Late of Shepparton,  
formerly of Nathalia.

Passed away peacefully on May 11,  
2023 at Ave Maria, Shepparton, in  
his 92nd year.

Loving husband of nearly 60  
wonderful years to Marie. Loved,  
son of Philip and Florence (both  
dec.); brother and brother-in-law of  
John and Nell (both dec.); Phil (dec.)  
and Terri; Pat and Marion (both  
dec.); Martin and Maureen (both  
dec.); and Mary and Paddy (dec.)  
Barry. Cherished uncle, great uncle  
and great, great uncle to their  
families.

*You had a smile for  
everyone.  
You had a heart of gold.  
You left us wonderful  
memories.  
For us to have and to hold.*

### O'HARE Dr. William deBurgh 'Dr. Bill'

Loved brother of Mary & Paddy  
(dec) Barry.

Special uncle of Michael and Susan,  
Catherine, Joanne and Peter  
O'Kane, Gabrielle and Rodney Pell  
and their families.

*Loving memories from us all.*

## FUNERALS

**MASKELL** - A graveside  
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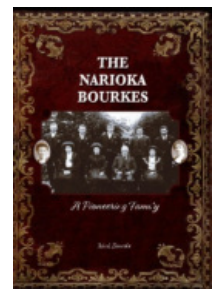
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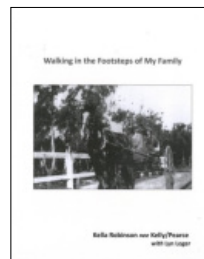
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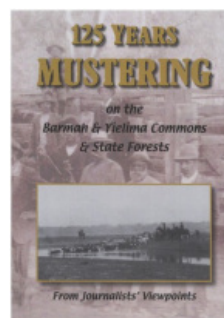
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# Nathalia Lawn Bowls Club News



The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING for the Bowls Club took place at the Club on 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2023, with an excellent attendance by Members. For the election of positions, President Bev called on Marilyn Frost, Vice President to Chair the elections. There was no change to the Executive Committee with Bev Hutchins being reinstated as President, the fourth year for Bev. Marilyn Frost was voted in as Vic President, this being Marilyn's second year. Liz Oliver as Secretary was once again elected as Secretary, it also being her fourth year and Steve Campbell, once again as Treasurer. The Board Members elected were Tim Cullen for his first year, Alan Cooper for a third year, Fiona Rourke for a second term and Tessa Ward was elected, a position, of which, Tessa has held before. Bev thanked all for making themselves available for these positions. The next General Meeting

will be held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August at 7pm at the Club. The Club will enter two Pennant Teams for the 2023/2024 Season, which will commence in October. We will have one Team in Midweek Division 2 and one Team in Division 3 for Saturday Pennant. The Fools Day Tournament will also be held again next year and Barefoot Bowls will also be run again, watch for these dates. The recent Working Bee held at the Club to maintain the greens and surrounds was poorly attended. A huge thank you to those who did attend. The Club continues to be hired out. This is a huge fund raiser for the Club. Any enquiries just contact the Club for hire details. The Club is open on Friday Nights and now with the "Big Screen" T.V. Footy viewing and company is worth a visit.

# In the Swing at Nathalia Golf Club



WEDNESDAY the 3<sup>rd</sup> May - Conditions a little colder with gusty winds. Sponsored by REMAX Ladies winner second round club championships winner Lynette Lindsay with 76 net. Men's 9 hole Winner Chris Brooks with 18 stableford points. NTP Kevin Scolyer on the 18th with a great shot one foot short of a hole in one. Well done Kevin, that's nearly two in a row!

FRIDAY the 5<sup>th</sup> May fun day - eight players turned up and played ambrose.

SUNDAY the 7<sup>th</sup> May - cold and windy. Winner Ryan Bell with 42 stableford Points. Well done Ryan, hope it doesn't knock the handicap around to much! NTP Gary Manley on the ninth hole.

WEDNESDAY the 10<sup>th</sup> May - the third round of the ladies club championships, Sponsored by TTI. Winner Dawn Morrison with a great score of 68 net.

Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup> of May - Not many showed up due to mothers day, but the few that did had a great day. Winner Sonia Verlinden with 38 stableford points. Well done Sonia. Don't forget Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup> of May is the last round of the men's club championships.

Hope to see you there. Good hitting all!



## Croxford Celebrates Milestone Game

Congratulations to Michael Croxford on playing his 100th senior game against Deniliquin last Saturday.

Left: Mick being chaired off the ground by team mates Liam Evans and Ryan Butler  
right: Mick runs through milestone banner.



## Nathalia Indoor Bowls Report

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May Nathalia played pennant against Strathmerton at Nathalia losing overall, winning on one mat and losing the other. Strathmerton winning 52 shots to 47 shots. We gained 2 points. Fay Hutchins(s), Ian Bolton and John Gillard lost to Tom Haynes(s), Shirley Clarke and Les Chandler 21 shots to 31 shots. Bev Hutchins(s), Berris Baldwin and Ashley Hutchins defeated Rodney Clarke(s), Heather McCoy and Margaret Young 26 shots to 21 shots.

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May Nathalia played Numurkah Town at Numurkah and won over all. winning on one mat and losing the other. Nathalia winning 49 shots to 47 shots. We gained 8 points.

Fay Hutchins(s), Ian Bolton and John Gillard defeated Jenny O'Connor(s), Paul Rees and Robyn Brache 30 shots to 18 shots.

Bev Hutchins(s), Berris Baldwin and Julie Olsen lost to Andrew Moffatt(s), Ann Milkins and Helen Brache 19 shots to 29 shots.

The ladder after last week's games round 3 is as follows.

Strathmerton 26, Numurkah Town 18, Barooga 15, Nathalia 8, Seniors Blue 5, Waaia 2, Seniors Green 2.

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May: The association triples will be played at the Numurkah Seniors Hub, commencing at 7.30pm. Please bring a plate of supper.

## Nathalia Knights Round 4 Under 12s Results



Knights 1.3.9 defeated by Shepparton United 10.15.75

Linton's review: After a slow start in the first quarter the guys changed their attitude in the second quarter and showed some real grit and determination. With some players missing and lots of U10s helping out, the last 3 quarters were a much improved effort with some great passages of play. It's great to see each individual improving each week and it's important that we keep training hard to continue that improvement as individuals and as a team. Well done everyone!

Best on: Mason Wilson, Will Waser, Ryder Walsh, Grace Leslie, Hunter Norman and a special shout out to our U10s legend Miller Butler.





# Picola Utd v Strathmerton Round 7

Strathmerton welcomed us in perfect playing conditions. Very competitive games across the day. The seniors made some strides forward with a higher standard of footy but were over run in the end from the strong Strathmerton side.

Blighty at home this weekend as have our Ladies day & Miss Picola functions. Get your Ladies day tickets from the PUFNC website.

Go Blues! ~ President Clinton

**Under 11's:** Great to have Strathy lend some players. Great pressure by all to move the ball forward and achieve a few goals. Great job. **Awards:** Iron Estate: Alby Dolling, R&T Fynch magic moment: Tex Urqjart, Iron Estate canteen/lollyshop: Benny Dolling.

**U14's: Picola 4.4-28 v Strathy 8.1-49**

**Goals:** F.Murphy 3, B.Griffiths

We came out hungrier than a dog on a vegan diet, but could never get our noses in front on the scoreboard. Ollie Tomkins was tough as nails through the middle, giving the forwards multiple opportunities. Finn Murphy was a great target up forward bagging 3, while Beau Griffiths kicked a sausage roll after laying some heavy tackles. Mitch and Roudy continued their good form and Tighe did more kilometres than the postman. **Awards:** Powerlivestock trophy B.O.G/Picola Hay Supplies: Ollie Tomkins, Intersport Echuca: Finn Murphy, Jay & Bec Caldwell: Raudian Bray, Barmah Roadhouse voucher: Beau Griffiths, Barmah social club canteen voucher: Mitch Daniel, B.D: Billy Baxter

**U17's: Picola 2.5-17 v Strathy 9.15-69**

**Goal:** R.Bray, B.Orton. The thirds had a very slow start against Strathmerton letting them get a 6 goal head start leading into the second quarter. After a few changes in position Jack Hutchins shutting down the big forward the game became much more competitive. Logan Daniel and Matt Jorgensen worked hard all day in the midfield with Josh burns providing heaps of attack from the wing but the Strathmerton defence proved to strong. Jayden hobbs played his best game for the season being clean in defence. Rauden bray was very lively in the second half giving all his effort after already playing in the 4ths earlier in the day and getting rewarded with a very nice goal. **Awards:** Dove Motors mug/Lubke Engineering: Marcus Burns, Intersport Echuca: Logan Daniel, B & E Daniel voucher: Matt Jorgensen, Peter Limbrick: Josh Burns, Barmah Roadhouse voucher: Jack Hutchins, Barmah Social Club canteen voucher: Jaiden Hobbs, Have a go football: Tas Baker

**Reserves: Picola 4.1-25 v Strathy 16.9-105**

**Goal Kickers:** D.Hatton 2, R.Fynch, J.Hutchins  
The reserves once again had our work cut out for us, but that didn't stop a consistent four quarter effort from everyone. At no point did we give up and persistence paid off in the second half as we were able to hit the scoreboard on multiple occasions. We keep improving every week which is pleasing. Keep getting to training and working on our skills, fitness and game plan. Strong performances from Tom Evans, Dan Hatton, Lachie Caldwell and Jacob Verhey-Taylor. **Awards:** Fertgrain mug/Yum Yum Bricklaying: Tom Evans, Brereton's Bakery voucher: Dan Hatton, Worklocker Echuca: Lachlan Caldwell Limbrick

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**Seniors: Picola 13.6-84 v Strathy : 16.10-106**

**Goals:** C.Haub 4, D.Cunningham, M.Dickenson, M.Hore 2, T.Beard, J.Beckett, M.Jorgensen

Saturdays game was a good hit out against Strathmerton. The boys had a great first half, linking up well through the midfield and creating many scoring opportunities. Cody Haub was superb up forward bombing multiple goals from outside fifty. Other key players were Clinton Barns, Daniel Maher and big Tanner Smith in the ruck. We battled hard in the second half, but unfortunately couldn't maintain the lead. Looking forward to next week against Blighty. **Awards:** DMH Mug & Barmah hotel voucher: Cody Haub Brereton's Bakery Voucher: Tanner Smith Limos

Miter 10: Daniel Maher Blake st butchery: Clinton Barnes Barmah roadhouse voucher: Marcus Walsh

**Minis:** Tough game against Strathy but the girls kept their heads up until the end. Great work to Heidi on her strong defence and to Immi and Sophie for the constant hard work in our attacking end. **Awards:** Coaches award: Heidi Caldwell, Barmah social club: Imogene McLean, Intersport Echuca: Sophie McPherson

**13 & Under: Picola 17 v Strathy 18**

A disappointing finish to the game but it was a very well fought out game by the girls. Our defensive pressure was wonderful all game and our court flow is improving more and more each week. Very proud of the girls and their will to fight to the very end. **Awards:** Baxter family medallion: Sienna Jorgensen, Barmah social club: Taneesha Atkinson, PUFNC canteen voucher: Tahlia Blight

**15 & Under: Picola 31 v Strathy 20**

The girls came out strong and finished strong getting the win! Again we had strong defensive pressure at both ends, intercepts and chasing up the ball. Our shooters were on and moved beautifully around the ring. All round the girls moved the ball well up the court, improving every week! Brereton's Bakery: Charli Ryan, Power livestock: Amy Caldwell, Intersport Echuca: Zara Clarke

**17 & Under: Picola 21 v Strathy 51**

A tough game against a strong opponent. A good solid 3 quarters with some good passages of play, getting a bit tired at the end. The girls have really improved since the start of the season. Barnett family award: Milla Teasdale, Brereton's Bakery: Jordan Florence, Intersport Echuca: Ally Francis

**C Reserve: Picola 29 v Strathy 39**

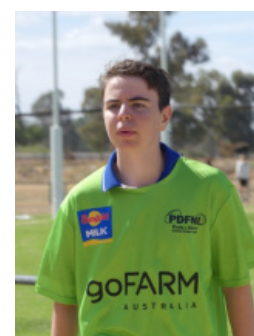
Well done on today's game, it was a tough game. **Awards:** Birch Earthmoving: Carla Teasdale, Three Belles Cafe: Mikaela Egan

**C Grade: Picola 35 v Strathy 46**

The pressure over the whole court was amazing. It was a tough game but we put up such a good fight. Our defensive end worked so well. Still a few things to work on, but will all come with time. **Awards:** Brereton's



*Congratulations to Amber Watson who played her 50th Club Game against Strathmerton, on the 13th May. ~ Photos courtesy Michelle Legge*



*Congratulations to Tas Baker who played his 50th Club game at Strathy.*

**Bakery:** Amber Watson, 3 Black Sheep: Amy Roache

**B Grade: Picola 32 v Strathy 57**

What a great first half against a quality side,

lots of positives to take away from our game this week. Emma's drive and determination throughout the whole game was phenomenal. Alyx and Laura's movement in the ring was fantastic for a new combo. Margot's drive in WA was brilliant. As always Ressie, Marnie and Leanne's defensive pressure was relentless. Thanks Claudia for helping us out this week. Bring on ladies day next week! **Awards:** Scrumdiddlyumcious catering: Emma Mallick

Casual step: Alyx Jorgensen

**A Grade: Picola 32 v Strathy 47**

A bit of an inconsistent game with lots of highs and lows. In the highs our defenders worked tirelessly to stop their opposition from shooting. Our attackers continued to re-offer in attack and worked it well into our ring. **Awards:** Three Black Sheep/Colour & Co: Emma Greaves, Milking it cafe: Olivia Clark

## Purps Women's Report Round 6

**W**omen's: Round 6 - 14th May  
Nathalia 8.9 (57) def Tatura 0.1 (1)

A warm day to be out on the field but our girls played like absolute legends. Tatura held their own through the entire game, there were plenty of contest all over the ground. Our mids did an excellent job at getting the ball into the forward line, which in turn helped increase the number on the score board. Everyone worked on their second efforts and it was rewarded with in the game. There is still plenty to learn from and to improve, but it was an excellent game all round, we'll take the next two weeks to focus, practice and improve not only our skills but also our connectedness as a team.

**Awards:** Rex James Stockfeed: Ella Dobell, Gagliadi & Scott: Courtney Ladgrove, CWA: Cara Briggs, Stuart Bell: Marni Hicks, Barmah Hotel: Chloe Schmedje, Casual Step: Hannah Kelly





# Nathalia v Deniliquin Round 7



**U11's:** Wow what a game! Back to basics at training and the girls implemented all they learnt. Great leads and use of space. Goalers were amazing but all girls played amazing. **Awards:** Past Players: Miley Ciaverella, Bendigo Bank: Amelia Patone, TJ's IGA: Isla Butler, Nathalia Early Learning Centre: Cassie Amery

## **U13's: Nathalia 12 v Deniliquin 34**

Another tough day on the court for the girls. We had some great passages of play however we need to continue working hard on our four quarters. **Awards:** Bendigo Bank BOC: Sienna Vallender, Shepparton Marketplace Subway: Isobel Waser, TJ's IGA: Kiara Begley

## **U15's: Nathalia 2 vs Deniliquin 70**

The girls tried hard all day with some good leads and strong defensive moves but faces a strong opposition. **Awards:** Broken Creek Physio & Pilates BOC: Charlotte Whyte, Nathalia Post Office: Summer Mciver, AI's Café: Matilda Waser

## **U17's Nathalia 26 v Deniliquin 46**

It was a beautiful day for a game of netball against Deniliquin. We had Tayah and Molly play up from under 15s this week to fill the team, they stepped up and played a great game. Everyone worked hard and we had some great passages of play. **Awards:** Barmah Hotel - Molly McLennon, Sportfirst Numurkah - Tayah Lundberg, Bendigo Bank - Ella Dealy

## **C Reserve: Nathalia 47 v Deniliquin 32**

Another fantastic win for our girls! They put the effort in across the whole game with both defence and attack working hard until the very end. Zali had a great first half in centre with some beautiful feeds into the circle and slipped seamlessly into defence at the end with some great turnovers. Nicola and Kellie were both strong all game with great defensive pressure causing several turnover and were always there to help bring the ball down the court! **Awards:** Limo's Home Hardware BOC - Zali Cornell, Belles Coffee & Cake - Nicola Oliver, Brereton's Bakery - Kellie Guthrie

## **C Grade: Nathalia 38 v Deniliquin 37**

We anticipated a challenging game, and indeed it was a nail biter right to the very end. The girls were able to stay consistent all game and to have an 8 goal turn around in the last quarter to win by 1 shows just how determined they were all day. Very proud of everyone for holding their own and not letting the pressure get to them. **Awards:** TJ's IGA - Annie Dietrich, Mick's Pizza Shack - Christie Schram, Nathalia Hair & Beauty - Kaiya Cornell

## **B Grade: Nathalia 49 v Deniliquin 49**

We anticipated a hard fought out game with Deni and the final score shows just that! We headed into the 3rd quarter down by 4 and needed to change things up. Bridie Wilson from U17's stepped up and moved around the ring nicely. Rhianna kept the pace up right to the very end and provided lots of second efforts to support our goalers. Elliot Binks stood out and showed us she can play attack and defence both taking intercepts and feeding into our goalers beautifully. Micha stuck to her guns all

game and showed us how determined she was against Deni's dominate and main goaler. I'm proud of how well our girls fought to the end, I think next time we meet Deni it'll be another cracker of a game to finish the season off! **Awards:** Rhianna Webster - Les Rudd Haulage, Elliott Binks - NFNC Meal Voucher, Michaela Duncan - Casual Step

## **A Grade: Nathalia 36 v Deniliquin 54**

Another tough week for the girls, we knew coming in how great of competitors the Deni girls would be again this year and they didn't disappoint. They got the jump on us early but we were able to keep them at bay in the second half. I can't speak highly enough of the attitude the Nathalia girls bring on game day, never dropping their head, supporting one and other and making the opposition fight for each goal until the final siren. Once we refine our starting game, I have all confidence in the girls that the final score lines will be closer. Awesome job by all! **Awards:** Ki Cooper Nathalia TJs IGA, Stacey Ross Northern Victorian Bait co, Jessi Hicks Bells Water Cartage

## **U14's: Nathalia 0.0.0 v Deni Rams 28.14.182**

We hosted Deni on an absolute perfect day for footy. Our little purps are up against the odds most weeks and today's game was a tough hitout for us. Deni got of to a quick start but to our boys credit they never gave up and were hard at it trying get the ball moving our way. We might be small but the boys put 100% into the contest and never drop their heads witch is great too see, Gus Frostick went back along with Hamish Whyte and Zander Quinn to help us slow the scoring of Deni and done a great job. Dylan Morgan was in everything and Jas Palkowicks put in a great game up against the opposition tall timber. We all admire how resilient our young purps are and all of them turn up each week improving on their own game and playing in different positions witch will help them develop in the future. Great work boys. **Awards:** Past Players: Blayde Wiki-King, Nathalia Printer: Jas Pawlowicz, Rex James Stockfeed: Hayden Feltham, Frostick Contracting: Caleb Russell, Bendigo Bank: Jayce Limbrick

## **U17's: Nathalia 15.7.97 v Deni Rams 6.4.40**

**Goals:** K. Lundberg 4, E. Cornell 2, B. Liddell 2, J. Vallender 2, D. Begley, T. Caufield, R. Freeman, H. McDonald, N. Summerville. From the outset it was a game that was going to be the team that was prepared to put their head over it and play the ball that would prevail. The purples boys played a good running and linking game with a solid level of accountability to be able to have the better of the forward entries. Kai Lumberg and Baz McDonald were sensational in and around the coal fave to win a lot of the pill and be outstanding contributors. As the game wore on the Nathalia boys shared the ball more and more to finish strongly. Josh Vallender was again a key player with his damaging break away play with Ethan Cornell and Declan Begley also played their roles well to be in the thick of it for 4 quarters. Unfortunately the game was marred by some ordinary acts that didn't need to happen and we wish our boys speedy recoveries.

## **Awards:** Quarrell Civil

Construction: Kai Lundberg, Mick's Pizza Shack: Baz McDonald, AV Hughes Excavations: Josh Vallender, On Trend Cabinetry: Declan Begley, TJ's IGA: Ethan Cornell

## **Reserves: Nathalia 8.6.54 Deni Rams 9.19.64**

**Goals:** M. Cobbledick 3, B. Woods 2, J. Gemmill 2, M. Carrol 1. On a beautiful autumnal day, the Nathalia reserves took on third place Deni Rams, seeking our first win of the season. The boys came ready to play and were quickly out of the blocks and consistently hitting the scoreboard. Mason Cobbledick was a focal point at full forward, utilising his speed to attack the ball and convert his opportunities into three goals. Byron Woods was lively and jagged two crumbing goals.

A highlight of the match was a coast to coast goal where the defenders linked with mids and forwards to convert great play into a well-deserved goal. Our defence, ably led by Matt Carroll, was resilient all day and regularly repelled opposition attacks. Nathalia was a point up at three quarter time and fought gamely to eventually go down by ten points.

Great effort boys. This was our best match for the season and it's onwards and upwards from here. Team spirit is outstanding and our first win is just around the corner. **Awards:** Limbrick Accounting: Mason Cobbledick, Mick Hogan Excavations: Josh Gemmill, NFNC Meal Voucher: Nathan McKenna, Bell's Water Cartage: Aiden Lindsay, Brereton Bakery: Jordan Fleming

## **Seniors: Nathalia 9.10.64 Deni Rams 9.8.62**

**Goals:** L. Evans 5, A. Hicks, M. Croxford, G. Boyd, T. Nihill. Deni started really well in the middle with consecutive clearances from the middle resulting in early goals we new this was going to be a tight contest. In the first quarter we rallied really well going forward and kicking 5 straight goals at one stage with Liam Evans getting off to a great start. We led by a goal at the first change which looked like the game was going to be a shootout but from then on it was an arm wrestle. Deni responded well in the second restricting us to zero goals and kicking one themselves with us to led by a point at halftime.

Deni was able to rebound well from our forward line with some good run and carry with enabled them to hit the lead at ¾ time by a point. Deni had our backs under pressure in the last but some stand out performances from our backs Luke McGill, Ryan Butler and Sean Zammit producing a fantastic mark in a critical part of the game enabled us to win by two points. Our mids fought really hard all day again which have been led by a return to fitness of Mal Barnes and Michael Croxford doing the hard things all day. Tom Nihil and Bailey Bell were also fantastic. It was really pleasuring to come out with the win as this was an 8 point game for both sides, as the ladder stands we will by vying for the 5th and 6th spot come finals time. **Awards:** Ryan Meat Co: Luke McGill Bourke Group: Mal Barnes, Liddell Group Dellcorp: Tom Nihil NFNC Meal: Mick Croxford, Brereton's Bakery: Rizza Butler, Past Players: Bailey Bell

# Waaia v Katamatite Round 7



## Seniors: Waaia 19.14-128 v Katamatite 4.7-31

**Goals:** B. Coates 3, D. Moncur 3, J. Trower 3, C. Burrows 3, S. Richardson 2, B. Armstrong 2, M. Cleland 2, A. Holland. A hot start with both the weather and the contest against an eager and competitive Katamatite side. The first quarter was quite scrappy both ways making for an even contest. Ash Holland got on top in the middle in what was another stellar day for him and swung the momentum Waaia's way in the second quarter. Some good ball movement through the middle by Jesse Trower and Shaun Greenway who both worked hard all day making it easy for the forwards to get on the scoreboard. Patches of play were quite brilliant as the team aspect lifted and it started to show on the scoreboard by half time with a nice lead. The third was solid, with Tim Belford working hard all day, providing plenty of fun on the wings. At the third break the lead was commanding. The mids again worked hard in the last, with Ash Thompson working tirelessly as well. In the end a bit of a sloppy finish but in very warm conditions. Another good win in what has been a good month of footy. Awards: Rex James Stockfeed: Jesse Trower, Bendigo Bank / Waaia Hotel: Sam Richardson, Gagliardi Scott Real Estate & Telegraph Hotel: Will Foster, M O'Dwyer Most Determined: Brayden Coates, D Botterill Construction: Todd Davies, Tyndall Excavations: AJ Brooks

## Reserves: Waaia 17.11-113 v Katamatite 2.0-12

**Goals:** M. Meyland 9, C. Brown 3, G. Meyland 3, N. Tyndall, R. Bradbury

The boys came out strong in defence in the 1st term with a solid back line. The hungry Hixon brothers and eager Anthony Bergamin were not keen on letting the ball reach the tigers forward line. While centres stumpy Carmody and hairline Henderson kept it moving to our forward line our goals to points were out of wack. Changes were made and the benchwarmers Greg and Mark Meyland were bought onto the ground to prove some accurate goal kicking with Mark Meyland walking away with 9 goals adding to the total score to take away the win. Big thanks to Katty lads for getting a team together in what was a covid stricken week for their club. **Awards:** GV Steel Supplies & Waaia Hotel: Mark Meyland, Graincorp / Telegraph Hotel: Anthony Bergamin, Numurkah Truck Repairs: Lachlan Henderson, Trelleborg Wheel System: Ash Carmody, Sprunt Livestock: Regan Collins

## Thirds: Waaia 5.6-36 def Katamatite 4.7-31

**Goals:** W. Trower 3, L. Williams, H. Stammers  
The game was tightly contested all day. The Waaia boys put to work what they'd worked on at training and were in hard for the footy and applied good tackle pressure all around the ground. Aiden Bryant and Tom Daniel led from the front in the midfield whilst Kaleb Gilmour was super across half back. Will Trower led hard all day up forward, finishing with 3 goals. **Awards:** Jorgensen Refrigeration: Aiden Bryant, Numurkah Nu Genes: Tom Daniel, JOT Farms: Kaleb Gilmour, Hoopers Garden Maintenance: Lee Decker, Stevenson Engineering: Jacob Purdon, Meat on Melville / Waaia Canteen: Jake Buckland

## Fourth: Waaia 10.10-70 v Katamatite 4.3-27

**Goals:** O. Carey 2, P. Power 2, J. Brown, P. Meyland, J. O'Dwyer, O. Nichol, O. Buckland, T. Decker. The Bomber Boys headed to Katty up against a very evenly matched young tigers side. Our boys came out of the gates fast and kept the pressure going all day with the back six holding strong from start to stop. The mids worked together as a unit with solid hard work football. The forwards being very clean hit the score board with second effort football being a highlight. This team is really becoming a great group, working together as a team and it is a true pleasure to watch for all the bomber faithful. **Awards:** Murray Valley Rural & Plumbing: Tait Buckland, Ultimate Auto Repairs: Jai Brown, GV House & Building Inspections: Oscar Buckland, Numurkah Milk Supply: Joel O'Dwyer, AgWarehouse / Waaia Canteen: Angus Coutts

**Under 11's:** All of the girls played really well, getting better and more confident bringing the ball down the court and creating space with great passes, keeping their head up fighting for the ball and never giving up. The goalers are also rapidly improving and gaining more confidence in themselves and just going for the goals. With an extra long game they all tried their hardest with all quarters and never gave up. **Awards:** Cash - Rhyley, Canteen - Hayley

## Under 13's: Waaia 21 def Katamatite 5

Das & Stef both debuted in goals scoring 11 of our 21 goals between them. They both worked the ring like they had been there before. Play down the court was flowing with everyone playing into the space and leading for the ball. Myla played a great game in defence, taking multiple intercepts to create some great turnovers. Rylee stepped up showing how it was done, leading consistently to the ball, capitalising when she was in the goals and feeding well into the ring, playing a pivotal role in the mid court. Our defensive pressure down the court was demonstrated again and it was great to see the girls reap the rewards of their hard work with a good win. **Awards:** Pretty Paddocks - Rylee Bullock, Canteen - Myla Stuart

## Under 15's: Waaia 47 def Katamatite 6

The girls played a really good and positive game. The defensive pressure was unreal, Sara was one on one with her player for the entire game, Skyla and Georgia worked together in the ring, getting many rebounds and bringing it down the court. Lucy was dominant in the ring, her confidence with her goals was a stand out, Claire also put up many goals, as well as getting many rebounds. Georgia moved from defence to goals, and played both roles with ease. Jami and Pippa came up from under 13s, both played really well, and held their own. **Awards:** Canteen - Lucy Daniel, Sportsfirst Numurkah - Georgia Plattfuss

## Under 17's: Waaia 47 def Katamatite 13

A great, tough and physical game. Every player on the court had a role in which they needed to step up too. The girls put their training focus into practice, improving their game both individually and as a team. Shaylee played her best game of the season, driving down the court, placing the ball into the ring with perfection! Cody brought a strong game to the

court, demanding the ball and converting the ball for her team. So much improvement, keep it up! **Awards:** Spark Physio award - Shaylee Dietrich, Canteen award - Cody Fairless

## C Reserve: Waaia 53 def Katamatite 17

From the sideline the game did not reflect the score. Katty put the pressure on down the court. We started strong getting an 18 goal lead in the 1st quarter! The mid court kept strong in moving the ball down the court. Goalers continued to move beautifully and accurately converting on the hard work of defence. Tarn's voice as usual was pivotal to keep the girls going in the heat! **Awards:** Bell's Cartage Award - Andrea Walker, Telegraph Hotel Award - Brooke Parker

## C Grade: Waaia 38 def Katamatite 23

With a slow start the bombers already found themselves chasing for a lead at the end of the 1st quarter. Gaining momentum in the second and followed that through the rest of the game. With the last half becoming a physical contest, the girls remained calm and continued to play our game. Sharri Longmore was on fire with her defensive pressure, with multiple turn overs. Amanda Elliot gave her goaler no room to move in the ring and was able to pick off many passes. It wasn't our day in the goal ring but our goalers and midcourters continued to work the ball in and around to gain us with the win. Overall the team did a great job. Thank you to those players who helped fill a team. **Awards:** BOC Cash award Sportsfirst Numurkah - Sharri Longmore, Casual Step - Amanda Elliot.

## B Grade: Waaia 66 def Katamatite 19

Solid 4 quarters of netball today in very hot Autumn conditions. We continue to build on our game and developing great team combinations.

The ability to rotate players through positions continues to enable us to make seamless changes each quarter. The girls are forming an undeniable bond on the court which sees them back and support each other. See you this week to continue refining those skills to reduce our errors. **Awards:** Carey Fabrications Cash award - Lauren, Waaia Hotel - Ali

## A Grade: Waaia 35 def Katamatite 26

The hot weather and a state of complacency got the better of the Bombers at the first whistle against a tenacious Tiger side. Beginning the day chasing, the Bombers settled in knowing that a "chip away" approach was going to get them the four points. Having to work hard for the entirety of the tussle, Ruby Arnel undeniably earned herself the GJ Gardner BOC by covering her player defensively; whilst also demonstrating hunger to turn over any loose opportunity. Despite the ball not dropping her way, Helen Williams fought with integrity and grit to ensure the game resulted in Waaia's favour, earning herself the Telegraph Hotel award. Stepping up to lead the way, Kirsty Hommes worked tirelessly to return the ball back from the defence with ease and class, outsmarting the Tiger attack through strategy and adaptability; deservedly awarded the Casual Step voucher. **Awards:** GJ Gardener BOC - Ruby Arnel, Telegraph Hotel - Helen Williams, Casual Step - Kirsty Hommes

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