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Toby and Rose Morcombe exploring the Nathalia & District Historical Museum on the Heritage skills revival day. Report and more photos on page 11.



The Blue tree has had it's first coat of paint. See report on page 10.



Tony Murphy driving his 1914 Buick Roadster with passenger Colonel Gerry Clifton. More information and photos on pages 9 & 15.



Pulling a water cart that was used in the First World War, in the Barmah ANZAC Day parade. More information on page 9.

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Community Update

Moira Achiever Awards

The 2024 Moira Achiever Awards were held on Thursday 18 April, with 33 individuals, groups, projects and events recognised with nominations for their contribution to local communities. Congratulations to all the winners for your remarkable achievements and contributions to our community. Your hard work and dedication have not gone unnoticed, we take immense pride in acknowledging you as our Achievers of the year. We also extend heartfelt appreciation to all the nominees for their outstanding efforts and accomplishments. Your commitment to excellence and positive influence on our community are truly commendable.

2024 Winners:

- Community Star Achiever of the Year**
Dutch Thunder Wildlife Rescue
- ACE Star Achiever of the Year**
Silo Art Project - Katamatite Lions Club
- Young Star Achiever of the Year**
Emily French and Cameron Sneddon
- Shining Star Achiever of the Year**
Cadence Pang
- Star Achiever of the Year**
Debbie Hayes



Flood Recovery Grants

The Community Flood Recovery and Resilience Grants offer up to \$5,000 to eligible not-for-profit organisations or groups impacted by the October 2022 Flood Event. Priority funding is given to recovery services, community strengthening initiatives, events fostering social connection, and support for Aboriginal communities. Applicants are urged to consult the Flood Recovery Team before applying, grants are available until funds are exhausted or 31 December 2024. For further details or to apply, please visit our website.



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Monday 20 May 2024
Tungamah Recreation Reserve
4pm - 5pm

Monday 20 May 2024
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Probus News

The Probus meeting was held on the 19th April in the Dancocks room at the Community Centre where President Anne welcomed members and three visitors including our guest speaker Judy Ormond. Judy Ormond is the author of the book "WEIRS" Numurkah, Nathalia, Barmah 1880-2023 and said that her fascination to water stems back to her childhood growing up along Verney Road in Shepparton. The family home was surrounded by large drainage and irrigation channels where she went fishing, caught yabbies and learnt to swim. Judy married Rex Ormond in 1970 and there began an interest into the new and old weirs dotted along the Broken Creek. Her interest and photography skills started a massive journey into the writing of this very informative historical book. Thank you for sharing this story with us.

On the 10th of April a trip was organized to Seymour with a stop at Nagambie for coffee and to see the statue of the famous racing horse Black Caviar and then unto Seymour to visit the Vietnam Veterans Commemorative Walk. This site is dedicated to all the servicemen and servicewomen and tracker dogs who served in South Vietnam from 1962-1975. This walk opened in 2013 is the only one of its kind in Australia and 60,000 names who served in the conflict are listed. Margaret Liddell was proud to show us all the photo of her late husband Jim and her brother John Kool. Everyone was very impressed by the walk. Afterwards a lovely lunch was served at the Seymour Club which was enjoyed by everyone. We left for home at 2.00 pm arriving at 3.30pm. A very enjoyable day. Thanks Maryse and Trish.

Show and Tell this month was on "anything to do with Wars". Cheryl McKenzie brought along her blazer that she wears very proudly every Anzac Day and has on it two medals from family members who died as prisoner of war. We had a lost army knapsack found in an old shed in QLD which was returned to the Scolyer family and Marg Richards brought along a very well kept book of clippings of 120 years of her family military service. Thank you to everyone else who brought medals, photographs etc.

The competition winner this month was Dianne Gemmill.



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Orders placed by 10am for delivery 12-6pm

Trading Hours

**Monday- Friday:
8am-7pm
Saturday &
Sunday:
8am-6pm**

WHAT'S ON



Every Tuesday 9.00 am	Super Seniors: Nathalia Sports & Community Centre
May 2	Nathalia Indoor Bowls Pennant commences
May 3 6.00 pm	Broken Creek "Yeah Nah" Album Launch @ G.R.A.I.N. Store
May 3 & 4	NFNC Debutant Balls
May 7 2.00-3.30pm	Author Talk - Ross McMullin Numurkah Library, 18 McCaskill St, Numurkah 1300 374 765, evenbrite.com.au
May 9 10.30-11.30am	Author Talk - Amanda Hampson Yarrowonga Railway Station, Lott St Yarrowonga 1300 374 765, evenbrite.com.au
May 11 8am-12pm	Tocumwal Foreshore Market
May 12 9am-1.30pm	Cars and Coffee Nathalia, Blake St
May 12 11am	Club Tocumwal Mother's Day Luncheon & Live Entertainment from Chasing the Son 03 5874 9111
May 12 11.30am-1.15pm Or 1.30-3.15pm	Squires Winery Mother's Day 3-course Luncheon Squires Winery 6900 Murray Valley Hwy, Esmond SMS to book 0402 244 595
May 12 11.30am-3.30pm	Byramine Homestead & Brewery Mother's Day High Tea 1436 Murray Valley Hwy, Burramine, Bookings 5748 4321
May 12 1pm-5pm	Blub Mulwala Mother's Day with Paul Vitullo 271 Melbourne St, Mulwala 03 8744 2331
May 12 12pm-2.30pm 5.30pm-8pm	Yarrowonga Mulwala Golf Club Mother's Day Lunch & Dinner Buffet, Golf Club Rd, Mulwala, 03 5744 1911
May 16 11am-1pm	U3A Film@Day - Between Two Worlds Barmah Forest Heritage & Education Centre Philippa 0400037432
May 17 & 18 7.3pm-10pm May 19 2pm-4.30pm	Numurkah Singers Theatre Presents 9 to 5 Musical Numurkah Town Hall, Knox St, Numurkah facebook.com/NumurkahSingersInc trybooking.com/120954
May 18 9am	Nathalia & District Poultry Auction Nathalia Showgrounds, Park St, Nathalia 0401 897 923
May 19 8am-12pm	Yarrowonga Rotary Market Yarrowonga Showgrounds 0409 351 892
May 18 6pm	NFNC Annual Ball Nathalia Sports & Community Centre, 18+ trybooking.com/CQSVY
May 19 9.30am-1pm	Lift the Lid Walk for Mental Health Louis Hamon Gardens, Melville St Numurkah Eventbrite.com.au
Jun 7 & 8	G.R.A.I.N. Store - The Things We Do For Love Installations, Promenade & Celebration
June 8 7.00 pm	Tallygaroopna Soldiers' Memorial Hall Centenary Ball For more information 0492 956 857
June 9 11.30 am	Tallygaroopna Soldiers' Memorial Hall Commemorative Luncheon For more information 0492 956 857
Jul 27	G.R.A.I.N. Store presents: Garage Girls @ SMOTA

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CHURCH TIMES



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Nathalia Parish Priest - Fr Jophin Joy

Nathalia Mass times:

Tuesdays: 9:15am - Reconciliation following Mass

Thursdays: 12:30pm

Sundays: 9:00am

Strathmerton

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

NATHALIA UNITING CHURCH

Margaret Cobbledick Ph: 0429 662 039

May 5th: 9:30am Service

May 12th: 9:30am Service

Picola April: 9:00am

HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH - NATHALIA

Fr Gunnar Rippon Priest, 5862 1046

May 5th: 8:30am Holy Communion

May 12th: 8:30am Holy Communion

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May 3 - 17

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Tuesday 7th	VOLUNTEER REQUIRED
Wednesday 8th	Mary Agius
Thursday 9th	Heather Frostick
Friday 10th	Mary Agius
Monday 13th	St Mary of the Angels
Tuesday 14th	Dawn Bowen & Trish Hawks
Wednesday 15th	Nathalia Primary School
Thursday 16th	Russell Shaw
Friday 17th	Pauline Thomas

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



ANZAC Day at St Francis Primary School

Thank you to Jordyn and Tanner for presenting the wreath on behalf of St Francis Primary School at the Anzac day dawn service. May we always remember the sacrifice of those who have gone before us and work towards peace in our world.



ANZAC day Art:
Our students have been busy learning all about ANZAC day and have produced some magnificent artwork. Well done!!

The Nathalia Uniting Church Parish Ball

The Nathalia Uniting Church's Annual Parish Ball this year will be held in the Uniting Church Hall, Bromley Street, Nathalia, on Friday 10th May 2024, from 7.30 pm

The music for the Ball will be provided by "Ian Stewart's Magic Music". This year our theme is "Autumn". We would love to see you enter into the spirit of the evening by dressing to the theme.



The hall will be beautifully decorated in the "Autumn Theme".

We would like to encourage people to come along to the Annual Ball. It is always a happy night with many novelty dances and lots of prizes during the evening.

The program will consist of Old Time and New Vogue dances, including Fox-Trots.

A delicious hot and cold country style supper will be provided by the ladies of the Parish, so come along and enjoy a great evening of dancing and music.



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ANZAC Biscuits!

Over the last week, the Explorers children have been super busy making ANZAC biscuits in preparation for ANZAC Day. The children were able to help with the dry ingredients and the butter by pouring them all into a bowl. They were then able to assist in rolling the mixture into small balls to make the biscuit shape. The children were even lucky enough to be able to taste test them once they were taken fresh out of the oven. Yum!



The biscuits the children made were then donated to the Nathalia - Picola RSL in which representative Loula came to collect from the children.

Overall it was a great experience for the children to take part in, and it demonstrated to them the importance of helping out our community.



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 Showgrounds.

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

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Early bird registration before May 2nd is \$30 and includes a free T-shirt. Children under 15 FREE!



U3A Film@Day

U3A Film@ Day @ Barmah Forest
Heritage and Education Centre
Thursday 16 May 11-1

Between Two Worlds, Fr, M 2022
1hr 47 mins

This film certainly will challenge you to decide whether it is too patronising by far; concentrating on the transparent ethical dilemma, rather than the exploitation of cleaners or an interesting way into an expose of working conditions.



Juliette Binoche stars in this immersive drama based on French journalist bestselling non-fiction book, *The Night Cleaner*. Marianne (Binoche), a writer posing as a cash-strapped divorcée who needs work, is hired as a cabin cleaner on a ferry boat at the port which serves the city of Caen.

Marianne's disquiet grows as she forms a tight bond with her co-workers, all the while secretly taking notes on them. She then faces the awful situation of having to confess to her new friends that she has been using their life stories as raw material for her book.

Philippa 0400 037 432.



Museum Moments...

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



Pictured at left is a famous painting called 'Menin Gate at Midnight'. A framed print of this painting hangs at the Nathalia Museum. Here is its story....

William Longstaff was born in 1871 and educated at Ballarat. He joined the military and served in the Boer War as a member of the South African Light Horse. He enlisted in the Australian Imperial Forces at the outbreak of World War 1, and was injured in the Gallipoli campaign. He served in France and Egypt before being evacuated to England.

Longstaff was appointed as an official war artist in 1918. After the war he remained in England and returned to the battlefield to paint.

His most famous painting 'Menin Gate at Midnight' was painted after Longstaff attended the unveiling of the Menin Gate Memorial at Ypres in Belgium in 1927.

The Memorial commemorates those men of the British Empire, including Australia, who died in the battles of WW1 and have no known grave. Longstaff was said to have seen a "vision of steel-helmeted spirits rising from the moonlit cornfields around him". Returning to London, Longstaff was reported to have painted the work in a single session, while "still under the psychic influence".

The painting was immediately popular. It was purchased by Lord Woolavington (a British businessman and philanthropist) in 1928 and presented to the Australian Government. After a royal command viewing at Buckingham Palace for King George V and the royal family, the painting was displayed in Manchester and Glasgow. It was then taken around Australia, where record crowds paid to view the work.

Longstaff oversaw the making of 2000 prints, and 400 of those were given to the Australian War Memorial to sell to raise funds.

The painting is in oil on canvas and measures 137 x 170 cm. Longstaff died in England in 1953.

A framed print of this famous painting is hanging at the local Museum. It used to hang in the Nathalia Public Hall and when the hall closed in the 1970's, the Shire gave the print to the Museum.

There is a connection between this artist and a local family..... William Longstaff had a sister, Sarah Jane, who married Thomas Newell Muntz, a connection to the local Muntz family. They lived in Shepparton.

It is well worth a visit to the Museum sometime to view the print.

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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ANZAC Day Service at Nathalia Secondary College

On Friday the 26th April, in honour of ANZAC Day, we held a whole school assembly, along with the 5/6 students from Nathalia Primary, and our distinguished guests from the Nathalia-Picola RSL, Loula Oliver & Estelle Chalker. It is a privilege to be able to hold such events, to pay our respects the service men & women, and their families, who have sacrificed a great deal for the peace we enjoy today.

Our College Leaders, Caleb, Nikki, DJ & Cheyenne conducted the ceremonies, who showed great leadership speaking eloquently about the meaning of ANZAC Day and what it means to us today.



To commemorate the occasion, students from both schools took part in a writing competition, with the winners presented a prize from Loula on behalf of the Nathalia-Picola RSL sub branch. The winners were Rylen from the 7/8 cohort, Lainiel from the 9/10 cohort, Cassie A and Quade C from the Nathalia Primary School.

Mr. Robinson and Nikki also attended the dawn service held in Nathalia, laying a wreath on behalf of the college to acknowledge the dedication of those who have served.



Nathalia Primary School News



ANZAC Day

The township of Nathalia puts on an impressive service each year for ANZAC Day and this year was no exception. We were blessed with a mild morning and our School Captains were present to lay a wreath on behalf of the school. Thank you to Mrs Dow for her artistic skills in helping our students create a wreath. In the lead up to the event, our students were busy learning about the ANZAC traditions.

Writing Award Winners

Congratulations to Quade Cameron and Cassie Amery on being selected as our outstanding writers for the RSL ANZAC Day writing competition. Cassie did an amazing job reading her story out at the ANZAC assembly at the Secondary College, displaying confidence by reading with a clear voice in front of students and special guests.



Football Clinic Training Session

The students were lucky enough to have the opportunity to listen, learn sharpen their football skills with a training session held by Ryan Butler and Michael Croxford. Ryan and Michael shared their knowledge and skills with the students putting them through some drills. It was great experience to have parents give up their time to help and support the students. Thank you Ryan and Michael.



The G.R.A.I.N. Store: The Things We Do For Love...

Production Week Sunday 2 June - Saturday 8 June

This won't be a surprise...we would appreciate all the help we can get.. If you have any time day or night leading up to performances on Friday 7 and Saturday 8 June we would love to hear from you. We need at least one gofer per "station" at all times (so we can happily keep a number of people busy each day). What might you be doing? Holding a hammer...running somewhere to find a something...dialling a friend who you know might have a different something...There will be a briefing at the beginning of the production Week...but in the meantime...please block out some time in your busy schedule.

What will it be when it is a performance?

Imagine multiple locations for activity whirlwinds; to be transformed into "fascinating spaces" during Promenade Show Time...Friday 7pm and Saturday 7pm

Then there is the Gathering afterwards at the GRAIN Store for music and sharing food and love stories.

It makes sense if you are puzzled; because this is something we will be making happen together.

Are you game? Are you ready to give it a go? Please give us a chance to let you know more....

and in the meantime...what food do you love that you are willing to share at the party? Do you have photos? Artworks? Writings? Film clips you are willing to add to the exhibition: The Things We Do For Love? These need to be ready for installation by Friday May 31.

Beyond Identity/Falling...a part of the Shepparton Festival



We are so thrilled that Karen and Jeanette and Ann decided to work together to offer two of the eight art-making workshops in Shepparton that generated the works for this Exhibition and performance. The Project was the brainchild of Fei Fei who worked with Nikki to bring this to Nathalia. FRRR funding meant that there were no charges for participants while the participating arts workshop leaders were appropriately funded. The audience at the Opening included workshop leaders, locals and workshop participants; with many terrific conversations started. Visitors to the Exhibition are encouraged to respond by painting or words.



ANZAC Day in Barmah

The Anzac Day Parade and Service at Barmah continues to grow in numbers year by year. It is encouraging that the event is so well supported not only by our small community but also from others who come from near and far to this annual event.

The theme for this year was the essential provision of clean drinking water during time of war not only for the comfort of the men and their horses but also for good health. Up until WWII this was a major cause of sickness among the men. The drinking water was carried in water carts pulled by horses or donkeys or transported in jerry cans.

As usual the march from the pub to the War Memorial was led by 2 vintage cars. Tony Murphy brought his 1914 Buick Roadster and transported Colonel Gerry Clifton aged 93, a veteran who served in Malaya, Germany and Vietnam.

Bill Draper from Leeton was in a vintage Mercedes. Bill is the great nephew of Alex Draper of Nathalia who died in South Africa during the Boer War. The Boer War pedestal at the Nathalia War Memorial is dedicated to him.

Bill attended both the Dawn Service and the service at Barmah and was able to catch up with some of his Lubke relatives and Jill Galloway (daughter of Stitcher Pearce - Albert William) of the 20th Light Horse and reminisced about days gone by.

As usual Kerry Bruce organised the largest contingent of horses we've ever had (about 20 riders on horseback and Max Ryder's 2 horses pulling a cart) from the Indi Light Horse as well as the Nathalia Pony Club and the Barmah Muster.

The Flag Marshalls were young Henry Mansfield (assisted by his Dad, Duane) and Paullie Sherer-Richards. Both boys did a great job. We welcome young people as part of our service. They are the future.

We were privileged to have Naomi Concy who sang the New Zealand National Anthem. Naomi & her partner Josef have recently moved to Nathalia and we are very grateful they have decided to join our community at Nathalia/Picola RSL.

There have been problems in the past with sound and Kim Kneebone very kindly provided her PA system for the event and this was a great improvement. Mick Dowlan performed Tenterfield Sadler and It Still Call Australia Home by Peter Allen. Both very appropriate for Anzac Day.

The ladies of Barmah excelled themselves again and every morsel of food was quickly devoured.

The Barmah Social Club and the Nathalia Op Shop provided generous donations and this has enabled us to continue to provide free morning tea as well as purchase equipment to assist with the smooth running of the event.

This event would not be possible without our whole small community and they continue to support us wholeheartedly every year.



Pictured above are John Paull, Noel Wiltshire & Max Ryder with a British Water Cart Mk V 1915.

The water cart is the only operating one in Australia and one of a few left in the world. It was used in the Somme as it had a filter system, which was needed in the desert. The cart is owned and restored by John Paull who owns the Mt Morgan Store in Glenrowan.



Big Fish, a truly magical musical



The Production team at St Mary of the Angels Secondary College are working in overdrive gearing up for their 2024 performance of Big Fish the musical!

Big Fish revolves around the relationship between Edward Bloom (James Robinett), a travelling salesman, and his adult son Will (Jack Dobson). The story shifts between two timelines. In the present-day real world, sixty-year-old Edward Bloom faces his mortality while his son, Will, prepares to become a father himself. In the storybook past, Edward ages from a teenager, encountering a Witch (Adeline Hutchinson), a Giant (Addison Oswald), a Mermaid (Chloe Verlin), and the love of his life, Sandra (Grace Hall and Matilda Altoft). The stories meet as Will discovers the secret his father never revealed.

Edward Bloom has lived a full and fantastical life framed by heroics that push the limits of believability. His adult son, Will, is no longer amused by his father's fantastical tales, insisting on a rational rather than a fantastical account of one's life. When Edward's health declines and Will learns that he and his wife, Josephine, will have a son of their own, Will decides to find out his father's "true" life story, once and for all. Big Fish is a heartfelt, powerful, and truly magical musical.

Big Fish Director, Kim Carter said, "Our cast and crew have been working hard behind the scenes to embody their characters and bring the story of Big Fish to life.

"Big Fish is filled with touching and heartfelt undercurrents, which really make you pause and take stock of the true gifts in our own lives.

"We're very proud of our cast and crew who have put in so much effort to bring the show together. We are all eagerly anticipating presenting Big Fish to our wider SMOTA community."



A Full And Fantastical Story... Pictured, Year 12 Students Grace Hall and James Robinett who will play Sandra and Edward Bloom in the upcoming Production of Big Fish.



Sessions



Family Funerals

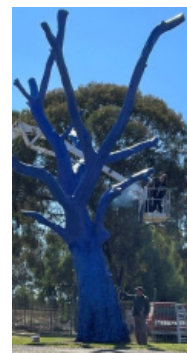
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The Big Blue Tree



I would like to start off by apologising for the incorrect phone number in the article about the big blue tree and if anyone had trouble trying to contacting us the correct number is 0487 384 739. As most people have realised we have started the project of painting the big blue tree at the north end of Nathalia. The first three coats of paint have been applied to the tree and looks great and the support for this project has just been so overwhelming but as it comes with all projects of this nature there is always some people that are not happy. This saddens me. The idea of this project is to get people talking about the blue tree and what it stands for and hopefully this brings awareness to men and women's mental health concerns in the society. Alannah and myself feel so strong about this project, if we help one person and let people know they are not alone and there is always someone willing to listen we have done our job. We will continue with his great project.

Over the next three weeks we will be adding the final coats of paint to the tree, also lighting will be added, then signage and landscaping.

As I was saying the support from local businesses and general people in the community has been overwhelming but we are still looking for support to finish this project.

If all goes well we are hoping to conduct a white hand day where children from the town and surrounding area can come and place a white handprint on a tree to show their support. This is an ongoing project and we will work out the details later and pass them on.

We are interested to hear from the public about this project and how we can make it happen. If you would like to make a donation the bank details are. Account Big blue tree, BSB 633000. ACCOUNT 214864977. You may make a donation by going to the Bendigo bank or online. We much appreciate your support.

You can also contact us on 0487384739 Greg and Alannah

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Heritage Day at Nathalia Historical Museum

Last weekend saw a large gathering of people attend the Nathalia & District Historical Society Museum for a day of fun and learning.

Several old trades were demonstrated including blacksmithing by Karen Davis. She was able to demonstrate the skills of this old trade and brought quite a bit of interest, especially from the younger visitors. Karen also demonstrated the art of spinning and had several spinning wheels set up for anyone to have a go.

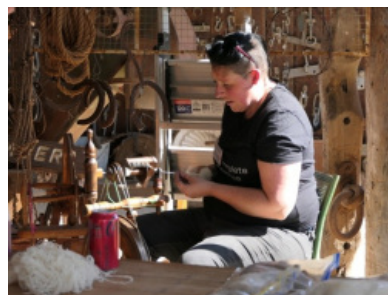
Helen Ryan showed the technique used for rope-making which was a new experience for many.

Lyn Franklin's talk on the meaning behind the many symbols found at a cemetery proved very informative and interesting to visitors and Judy Ormond was able to give helpful guidance for people wishing to trace their ancestors.

A display and taste samples of food from yesteryear and another showing the old-style laundry set up also proved interesting to visitors.

There were children's games, such as hopscotch, skipping rope, quoits and marbles which saw quite a few grandmas and grandpas demonstrating that they have not lost their skills.

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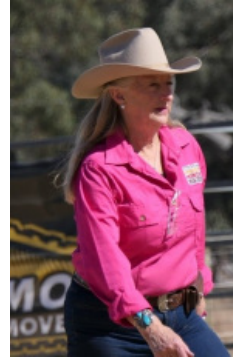
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VALE, Arthur David

13.11.1930 - 13.04.2024

Loved husband to Estelle. Much loved father of Peter, John, Stephen, Suzanne & their partners. Grandfather & great grandfather to their children.

Arthur was the eighth child of Searle & Marion Vale (both dec) of Picola West.

Much loved brother & brother-in-law to Bill & Georgina Vale, Ruth & Wally Pearce, Thelma & Pat Adams, Gwen & Eddy Green, Enid & Ken Halden, Henry & Jean Vale, Stan & Jean Vale, Barbara & Bruce Schier (all dec), Grace & Warwick Broom (dec) and Jack Harding (dec).

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QUINN (Waite), Hazel Christina Catherine Valerie

04.11.1935 ~ 26.04.2024
In her 89th year

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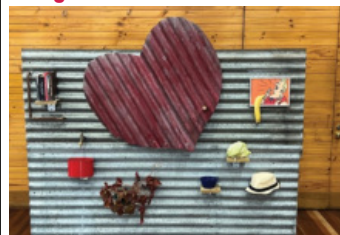
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Clean Sweep for the Purps

Seniors: Nathalia 9.7.61 vs Numurkah 7.7.49

Goals: L. Evans, K. Lundberg 2, B. Bell, A. Jones, A. Hicks, C. Congues, B. Ross 1.

On a perfect Sunday afternoon for football we took on Numurkah in a tightly contested match. Going into the match we knew Numurkah had a lot on line for the early stages of the season and would be coming to play.

We were able to start well and went into quarter time with a 2 goal lead thanks to great crumbing goal from Kai Lundberg and a couple of goals from our key forward Liam Evans. Thinking we were starting to get the football on our terms going into the second quarter we were hopeful of increasing our lead going into the main break, but Numurkah had other plans. Numurkah were able to spread really well and win some football through the corridor which enabled them to control the play and lead by a point at quarter time. The third quarter was a real arm wrestle and thanks to our back 6 who were lead by Tom Nihill and Ryan Butler off half back we were able to rebound really well and pull ahead of Numurkah by 10 points leading into three quarter time. Knowing both sides had a lot to play for we knew we were going to have to fight all way the to the end. Our young brigade with Ewan Congues, Kai Lundberg and Harry McDonald were fantastic and kept running and spreading, coupled with some fantastic performances from Clancy Congues in the last quarter we were able to hold on for a 12 point win. **Awards:** Ryan Meat Co & Mug - Tom Nihill, Bourke Group - Henry Congues, Graham Thompson Motors - Mal Barnes, Mick's Pizza Shack - Clancy Congues, Brereton's Bakery - Ryan Butler, Barmah Hotel - Brodie Ross.

Reserves: Nathalia 11.9.75 vs Numurkah 6.2.38
Goals: J. Laffy 5, C. Marx, C. Dietrich, J. Woods, N. Bramwell, M. Cobbleddick, S. Zammit 1.

Perfect conditions for football greeted the Nathalia reserves for the annual away match against our traditional rivals, Numurkah FC. The boys were pumped and ready for action when the siren sounded to begin the match. Coach Hicks had the players raring to go after his pre-match rev up and they quickly hit the scoreboard and were never headed for the match. The mid-fielders were given first use of the ball through the ruck work of Mason Cobbleddick and Ned Bramwell. Playing on ball, Jared Laffy slotted five goals in a best of field display. His raking left foot brought other players into the game and bamboozled the opposition. Youngsters Billy Liddell and Tyler Caulfield linked up well and showed lots of flair. Charlie Dietrich played with a combination of courage and discipline and regularly won the ball from his opponents. The defence was strong all day with Aiden Lindsay, Archie Congues and Nathan McKenna inspirational. **Awards:** Murray Valley Sand & Civil - Jared Laffy, Mick Hogan Excavations - Charlie Dietrich, CAF Build - Aiden Lindsay, Limbrick Accounting - Archie Congues, Brereton's Bakery - Mason Cobbleddick, Bell's Water Cartage - Josh Woods.



Sunday 28th of April, Nathalia and Numurkah played in the first Country Club Game for season 2024 sponsored by Worksafe Victoria. Pictured left: Brodie Ross with Tom Boyd being awarded BOG. Right: Captain Tom Nihill receiving the winners cup. ~ Photos Courtesy Luke Hemer

Thirds: Nathalia 12.5.77 vs Numurkah 9.3.53

Goals: L. Lewer, R. Freeman 3, T. Kendall, N. Summerville, G. Frostick, J. Dohnt, L. Barker, E. McDonald 1.

The thirds came well prepared for Sundays clash with Numurkah feeling refreshed with an extra days break. Sensing the occasion, our boys were first to the football from the opening bounce and did not take a backward step. Our first year brigade in Lach Barker, Lach Russell and Gus Frostick were relentless with their forward tackling and pressure, with two on the three hitting the scoreboard. Levi Lewer was lively up forward and Zander Quinn had his best game using the ball well down back. Despite Numurkah topping up with several players from another league, our desire for the contest and willingness to work for each other left them wanting. Baz McDonald and Josh Dohnt the two captains again stood out today leading from the front. Another great win as our thirds group starts to gain some confidence and play an exciting brand of football. **Awards:** Mick's Pizza Shack - Lachie Barker, AV Hughes Excavation - Lachie Russell, On Trend Cabinetry - Gus Frostick, Bendigo Bank - Zander Quinn, Quarrell Civil Construction - Nate Summerville.

U14's: Nathalia 6.13.49 vs Numurkah 4.5.29

Goals: H. Whyte 2, S. Caldwell, C. Russell, L. Barton, C. McDonald.

On an absolute perfect morning for footy our young Purps came out firing being first to the contest and putting pressure on the opposition all over the ground. Numurkah tried hard but our young boys were hungrier for the footy. Hamish Whyte was on fire being fed from some silky ruck work by Mason Hatton, Caleb Russell had a job to do and done it perfectly. Our backline was solid led by Noah Butler and Evan Ratcliffe. Our forwards worked hard to lock the footy in giving us lots of opportunity to score the boys have been working really hard on their footy and it's great to see them get some reward well done boys great effort by all.

Awards: Past Players - Hamish Whyte, Nathalia Printers - Spencer Caldwell, Rex James Stockfeed - Xavier Murray, Frostick Contracting - Tanner Quinn, IGA & Bendigo Bank - Caleb Russell.

C Reserve: Nathalia 57 vs Numurkah 52

Amazing team effort today! No one gave up all game and fought hard to come away with the

win. Emily worked hard in WA before being swapped into defence where she dominated. Eliza did everything we asked of her in the mid court helping deliver the ball into the goalers. Sarah held her own in the ring helping the team by scoring some brilliant goals! Let's keep this momentum rolling into next week! **Awards:** Dellcorp BOC - Emily Woods, Three Belles Coffee & Cake - Eliza Kopsidas, Brereton's Bakery - Sarah Delwig.

C Grade: Nathalia 48 vs Numurkah 21

Another great game by the girls today, everyone worked hard and did what they were asked to do. Some very good passages of play and plenty of turnovers that we were able to convert on. We have finally found our groove and are starting to work very well together as a team. **Awards:** TJ's IGA - Evie Hawks, CAF Build - Jasmine Johns, Nathalia Hair & Beauty - Kaiya Cornell.

B Grade: Nathalia 44 vs Numurkah 23

In what was always going to be a tightly contested match, the B grade girls started the game strong, with multiple intercepts from Mia. The second quarter they continued to capitalise on the defenders turn overS, with Alysia and Hannah reading off each beautifully. The second half saw the girls take control of the game displaying great team work all over the court. A well deserved win. **Awards:** Les Rudd Haulage - Mia Bell, Barmah Pub - Alysia Oakes, Casual Step - Hannah Summerville.

A Grade: Nathalia 45 vs Numurkah 31

Numurkah presented our A grade side with a big challenge, pushing our girls to work tirelessly throughout all four quarters. Notably, our trio of goalers, Abby, Bree and Bec, had yet another great performance, with Bec earning the WorkSafe Player of the Game. Jacinta Todd and Amy Brooks showcased exceptional connections in the mid-court, supported by Liv who continues to bring versatility and consultancy to the team. Lisa, Ash, and Tegan demonstrated strength in our defensive end, contributing significantly to the team's overall success. Despite the challenges posed, the girls managed to secure the win by 14. Another great team effort. We extend our well wishes to Georgia for her impending knee surgery, and for a speedy recovery. **Awards:** TJ's IGA - Bec Bohn, North Victorian Bait Co - Amy Brooks, Bell's Water Cartage - Tegan Sutton.



Blues Stand Tall Against Hoppers

What a pearler of a Saturday to go to Yarroweyah to take on the Hoppers. It was a special day with both clubs coming together to do a minutes silence in honour of the women's lives lost to domestic violence this year, with the netballers all wearing orange ribbon as well. It was a good day on the scoreboard all round with our Blues taking a clean sweep winning all grades, well done! Let's continue that momentum on into this week against Katamatite. Go Blues!

~ President Clinton

Under 14's Picola 6.13-49 vs Yarroweyah 0.0-0

Goals: B. Griffiths, L. Maher 2, J. Ainslie, R. Bray 1. We arrived at Yarroweyah to find much smaller grasshoppers than last years enormous plague. In a forward line that had more congestion than a retirement village full of covid, our young tacklers still managed to pile on 6 goals for the win.

Abbie, Chris, Max and Blair found their fair share of the footy along with the usual culprits. Lachy Nagle once again off the half back flank cut off any opposition advances to be best on. **Awards:** Power Livestock Trophy B.O.G/Picola Hay Supplies: Lachlan Nagle, Intersport Echuca: Ryan Caldwell, J&B Caldwell: Cooper Wilson, Barmah Roadhouse: Chris Gunn, Barmah Social Club Canteen Voucher: Abbie McNair, B.D Award: Max Holyman, Bendigo Bank Star Award: Blair Watson

Under 17's: Picola 12.4-76 vs Yarroweyah 0.3-3

Goals: M. Jorgensen 5, T. Daniel 4, A. Commadeur, R. Bray, T. Tanty 1.

A great game by the boys again with the backline defending well early and Purdo mopping up everything across half back and driving us forward, delivering to Tom who helped us out for a half this week because we were short on numbers. Quinn worked hard across half forward getting his fair share of the ball, tackling and setting up goals, working well with the Under 14 boys who once again stood up well creating options and setting up goals. Our mids took over the game early, Ashton creating plenty of run from behind the ball, Harry and Taz winning hardball contests at will and Jorgy showing his speed with dash and carry through the midfield. Jai did a great job shutting down the opposition's best player for us again, whilst still winning plenty of his own ball, driving us into attack. Playing a man short after half time put more pressure on our boys, but again they stood up with everyone shifting up a gear, none more than Marcus, who moved into the midfield and Harry, who worked



Congratulations to Lucy Daniel on making her senior A grade debut against Yarroweyah last Saturday.



Congratulations to Molly Sheahan who played her 50th club game for Picola United against Strathmerton.

~ Photos courtesy Michelle Legge



Congrats to Lachie Moor on playing his 50th club game against Strathmerton.

hard till the final siren to ensure that even with a man short, we still managed to outscore the opposition in each of the four quarters. Great work again boys. **Awards:** Dove Motors Mug & Phil Daniel H&G Real Estate BOG: Jacob Purdon, Intersport Echuca: Matthew Jorgensen Lubke Engineering: Ashton Cammadeur Limbrick Accounting: Harry King, B&E Daniel: Raudan Bray, Barmah Roadhouse Voucher: Jai Carpinteri, Coaches Award: Quinn Andrews.

Reserves: Picola 14.6-90 vs Yarroweyah 2.0-12

Goals: D. Cunningham 6, J. Byrne, C. Legge, N. Maloney, Z. McKenzie, B. Morgan, T. Richards, R. Simmons, C. Peechey.

It was pleasing to see us play our own brand of footy for 4 quarters and get a solid win. We used the ball pretty well throughout and when we could eject our run and carry into the game we were able to get some good forward entries. To Yarroweyah's credit they cracked in at the contest all day and really made us work to get some clean ball movement. Our midfielders were great in Tom Evans, Dan Thorn and Zac McKenzie. Dyl bagging 6 and passing a few more off and encouraging signs from Hobbsy and Tanti out of the backline. **Awards:** Fertgrain Mug & Yum Yum Bricklaying: Tom Evans, Brereton's Bakery Voucher: Daniel Thorn, Limbrick Accounting: Zac McKenzie, Worklocker Echuca: Tyson Richards, Barmah Roadhouse Voucher: Jaiden Hobbs.

Seniors: Picola 33.20-218 vs Yarroweyah 1.3-9

Goals: L. Collins 6, B. Azzopardi, J. Beckett 5, M. Morson 4, T. Daniel, A. Morgan, A. Commadeur, B. Jorgensen 2, L. Daniel, C. Langley, B. Turpin, G. Preston, D. Maloney 1.

Last week saw us head up to Yarroweyah to take on the grasshoppers. The boys come out of the gates strongly and took control of the game early. Tom Daniel was lively up forward hitting the score board. It was good to see the boys stick to the

structures and take a team first approach. There was a very even spread of contributors throughout the day, Lachie Collins was back in the side and played well kicking 6 and also dropped what could have been mark of the year. Morso was everywhere running up and down the wing all day, Fraser Monaghan and Blake Jorgensen were strong in the middle all day finding plenty of footy. It was good to see the boys put in a four quarter performance giving us confidence heading into our big clash this week against Katamatite. **Awards:** DMH Plumbing Mug & Barmah Hotel Meal: Micheal Morson, Blake Street Butchery: Lachlan Collins, Limos Mitre 10: Jason Beckett, Brereton's Bakery: Blake Jorgensen, Barmah Roadhouse: Tom Daniel.

C Reserve: No Game

C Grade: Picola 78 vs Yarroweyah 3

Amazing game girls, we played a very strong game, absolutely nothing to fault from. We had many intercepts which turned into goals. Our leads and moving it down the court flowed so well. We all worked together as a team, which was great to see. Margot and Chelsea were moving beautifully around the ring. While Maggie kept up the pressure in the defence, getting many turnovers and stopping the ball from getting in the ring. Congrats on our first win! **Awards:** True Blues & Brereton's Bakery: Natalie Hobbs, Colour & Co: Margot Barnes.

B Grade: Picola 74 vs Yarroweyah 12

What a great game ladies. Our structures were strong. Our attackers showed great accuracy and our court drives and leads were well executed with our training sessions shining through. Great team game, lets take this form into our next game. **Awards:** True Blues & Scrumdiddlyumcious Catering: Kelsea Gordon, Casual Step: Ally Francis.

A Grade: Picola 75 vs Yarroweyah 15

Great display team, you all kept the intensity high all game. Some lovely connections and passages of play down the court. Our versatility was shown again. Some great athleticism shown chasing the ball down at all costs. A really strong performance. Congrats Lucy on your A grade debut. **Awards:** True Blues & Nathalia Post Office: Emma Greaves, Milking It Cafe: Georgia Barnett.



Rhys Holyman (U14 football)



Eva Holyman (U11 football)



Catherine McKenner (junior netball)

Bendigo Bank Junior Stars of the Round (Rnd 4)



Waaia v Tungamah Round 5

Seniors: Waaia 17.12-114 vs Tungamah 9.9-63

Goals: C. Burrows 6, C. Brown 4, B. Coates 2, W. Trower 2, J. Trower, B. Harris, T. Belford. The boys got back to moving the footy much better and if not for some inaccurate first half kicking would have benefited largely from this. Charlie Burrows again led from the front up forward with another six goals. Tim Belford ran the wings well again all day and Sam Trower came in and provided an instant impact through the middle and forward halves. Dustin Blake continued his great start to the year and Connor Brown kicked another four goals and was also influential through the ruck. A great response after being challenged in the third quarter to run away in the last. Heading into a bye now with great momentum albeit looking forward to resting up and finding our best footy after the break. **Awards:** Rex James Stockfeed: Sam Trower, Waaia Hotel: Connor Brown Gagliardi Scott Real Estate & Telegraph Hotel: Brendan Harris, Bendigo Bank: Jesse Trower, D Botterill Construction: Will Trower, Tyndall Excavations: Ryan Sprunt.

Reserves: Waaia 17.9-111 vs Tungamah 2.4-16

Goals: G. Meyland 5, M. Meyland 5, B. Carey 4, M. Sprunt, A. Orton, L. Henderson. The lunch time legends put on a clinic against old foes Tungamah on a beautiful Saturday at the hanger. The boys come out firing in the first half as they hit the score board with ease. The second half was more the same as the Bombers controlled the constant running away with a solid win. Mason Sprunt was great in the ruck feeding the midfield group all day. The return of the Meyland brothers up forward was noticeable as they kicked 9 between them, as well as Kev Carey kicking a bag of 5. #fatman&jerry. **Awards:** GV Steel Supplies & Waaia Hotel: Mason Sprunt, Graincorp/Telegraph Hotel: Greg Meyland, Numurkah Truck Repairs: Nathan Cornick, Trelleborg Wheel System: Mark Meyland, Sprunt Livestock: Lachlan Henderson.

U17's: Waaia 6.13-49 vs Tungamah 5.7-37

Goals: W. Trower 3, A. Bryant 2, T. Mohr. A great win in the thirds sure to set up the season for the winner. The game was tightly contested for majority of the game. The Bombers were able to hold off in the third quarter before running away with it in the last, thanks to some excellent ball movement into the forward line. Aiden Hibma was spectacular all day while Aiden Bryant led the midfield brigade once again. Tom Mohr looked dangerous up forward as did Will Trower who snagged a couple of goals in a low scoring game. Tom Walker and Tyson Glover were also significant in the win helping the Bombers get over the line. That makes it four on the trot. **Awards:** Jorgensen Refrigeration: Aiden

Hibma, Numurkah Nu Genes: Aiden Bryant, JOT Farms: Tom Mohr, Hoopers Garden Maintenance: Tom Walker, Stevenson Engineering: Will Trower, Meat on Melville/Waaia Canteen: Tyson Glover.

U14's: Waaia 2.3-15 vs Tungamah 14.20-104

Goals: F. Carey, T. Buckland. A ripper first quarter for both sides. Blake Fairless and Tait Buckland extraordinary, but equally matched through the guts of the oval, and with goals notched by Tait Buckland and Fletcher Carey, only ten points separated the two teams. The second term however was as the late Queen Elizabeth II might have described as 'quarter horribilis'. With pressure dropping off in crucial spots across the oval. But even then, there were glimpses, though sometimes dim, of fight and spirit – I rated Thomas Graham who never laid down, and Koopar Laws who readily took on some huge challenges in the back pocket, Tyson James, Porter Meyland and Oscar Carey showed synchronicity down the wing, while Travis Decker, getting his skates on was growing in stature on the forward fifty. Let's not beat about the bush though, zero tackles and a deficit of almost fifty points in a single quarter is way below par. Fairly drenched from a well-deserved spray, courtesy of Coach Dan Coutts, the Bombers rallied, and though they failed to reach the highs of the first quarter, they did stem the bleed somewhat, and played the competitive game that they are capable of – and that we expect from them. **Awards:** Murray Valley Rural and Plumbing: Tait Buckland, Ultimate Auto Repairs: Blake Fairless, GV House and Building Inspectors: Porter Meyland, Numurkah Milk Supply: Oscar Carey, AgWarehouse/Waaia Canteen: Koopar Laws.

A Grade: Waaia 36 vs Tungamah 32

Had a good start to the game, with the lead going back and forth and being down by 7 at one stage to eventually get up by 4. The girls showed that they could find composure and resilience when under pressure. A very good win and team game. **Awards:** Gagliardi Scott

Real Estate Mug: Rosie, GJ Gardner: Holly Boyd, Telegraph Hotel: Mollie Karl.

B Grade: Waaia 44 vs Tungamah 39

Had a good win, the girls showed some seamless netball, impressive turnovers down the defensive provided multiple opportunities for our attacking end. Brilliant shooting from Liv with high conversion rate. We welcomed Ella Bryant back to the court for the season, and she slotted in perfectly. **Awards:** Rex James Stockfeed Mug: Matyka Walpole, Carey Fabrication: Olivia Deane, Waaia Hotel: Ruby Arnel.

C Grade: Waaia 52 vs Tungamah 31

The Bombers started out strong in what was a calm and controlled game. Our midcourt worked seamlessly, with Andrea Walker feeding sensationally into our goalers as Teaghan Bicknell swiftly glided in the ring with confidence and hunger. Tungamah's accurate goalers were no match for Zoe Cooper who was able to read the play, moving her body in ways we've never witnessed before, applying immense defensive pressure. Beautiful team dynamics proved our abilities. **Awards:** BOC Sportsfirst Numurkah: Andrea Walker, Major Sponsors Mug: Teaghan Bicknell, Olde Creamery: Zoe Cooper.

C Res: Waaia 34 vs Tungamah 18

Chrissie and Sarah worked tirelessly in the mid court all game both providing great drive and putting in lots of second efforts. Sarah intensified the game with her agility, quick and smart passing. Chrissie putting the pressure on in the centre and getting hands to the ball. Tarn came out firing as soon as she stepped onto the court, pulling intercepts and chasing loose balls. The defensive pressure from all the girls this week was second to none. It was a physical game but the girls held their heads high. Different combinations are forming, we are gelling well as a team and each week we see improvement in our game. **Awards:** Bells Water Cartage: Sarah James, Bendigo Bank Mug: Chrissie Karl, Telegraph Hotel: Tarn Williams.



Congratulations to Amy Carey on reaching 100 senior netball games. (L-R) Donna Cleeland, Amy Carey, Laura Carley, Sue Cleeland, Ruby Arnel, Abbey Cleeland.



Congratulations to Ryan Sprunt on achieving 100 senior games. ~ Photos courtesy Janet Brooks

UPCOMING GAMES



Rnd 6: 4-May-24 Picola Utd vs Katamatite (at Picola)
Waaia - Bye
Rnd 7: 11-May-24 Picola Utd vs Katunga (at Picola)
Waaia vs Yarroweyah (at Waaia)



Rnd 5: 4-May-24: Nathalia vs Congupna (at Nathalia)
Rnd 6: 11-May-24: Echuca Utd v Nathalia (at Echuca)

Rnd 5: 5-May-24:
Shepp Swans vs Nathalia YG
Mansfield vs Nathalia W

Rnd 6: 12-May-24:
Moama vs Nathalia YG
Nathalia W vs Nagambie

Junior Netball Reports

PICOLA UNITED

Minis: The girls were determined taking the court. Court flow was amazing. Millie Bourke used everything taught at training beautifully. Heidi was ball side all game and even had a crack in Centre. Tippi ran all day, never stopping and taking so many intercepts. It was an amazing game, everyone played incredibly! **Awards:** Bourke Family Medallion & Hair Accessory: Millie Bourke, Intersport Echuca: Heidi Caldwell, Barmah Social Club Canteen Voucher: Tippi Holyman.

13 & Under: Picola 23 vs Yarroweyah 15
Working continuously on our hands over pressure and being an offensive option allowed many great passages of play. Keep up the pressure and leading forward. Well done girls on a great game. **Awards:** Baxter Family Medallion: Ruby Andrews, Intersport Echuca: Stefanie Daniel, Barmah Social Club Canteen Voucher: Pippa Bourke.

15 & Under: Picola 60 vs Yarroweyah 6
A bit of a slow start in the first quarter as the girls got their bearings in different starting positions, although still making some great plays and getting the score going. Quarter 2-4 we came out playing our game, high defensive pressure, intercepts happening through the mid court and in our defensive end. Our C & WAs finding the shooters beautifully with sharp passing into the ring. Every goaler had a great game, especially our GA's Lucy & Emme were on point with their accuracy. Our team is gelling so well together, keep up the amazing teamwork! **Awards:** Brereton's Bakery: Emme Love, Intersport Echuca: Benita Plattfuss, 3 Black Sheep: Sienna Jorgensen.

17 & Under: Picola 35 vs Yarroweyah 13
All the girls played well and supported each other on the court which was great to see. Milla blitzed it in the mid court and backed it up when she went into goals. Amy played a very consistent game and used her body and voice well. Molly took some amazing intercepts and encouraged her teammates with positive talk, and a sneaky go in shooter. Zarah came up from 15&U and played well in defence too. **Awards:** Brereton's Bakery: Milla Teasdale, Intersport Echuca: Amy Caldwell, Power Livestock: Molly Sheahan.

WAAIA JUNIOR NETBALL

17 & Under: Waaia 17 vs Tungamah 41
We came out firing ready to go, keeping a consistent first quarter. Defenders Katie and Skyla worked tirelessly providing intercept after intercept. With an injury in the attack end, having to make changes we lost our drive and confidence. With lots of work to be done we look forward to playing Tungamah again. **Awards:** Numurkah Quality Meats: Katie Halden, Colour & Co Boutique: Skyla Odwyer, Walker family: Lilly Walker.

15 & Under: Waaia 6 vs Tungamah 57
Up against a formidable side in Tungamah, we struggled to convert the turnovers we made and allowed ourselves to be rushed. Jami Shelton was a dynamic player as always, giving direction across the court and defending tirelessly with Lauren Parker in the goals all game against some very accurate shooters.

Pippa continued to move well and drive into space as an option continuously. Asha Parry continues to improve in her first year and worked hard on driving forward and moving continuously. The girls are still finding their combinations and how they all gel but are making us proud with their determination and resilience. **Awards:** BOC Spark Physio: Jami Shelton, Bendigo Bank: Asha Parry, Sportfirst: Pippa Stammers.

13 & Under: Waaia 4 vs Tungamah 30
The girls all fought hard to defend down the court with the defensive end under pressure all day. Emi Parker played well defending the ball giving herself as an option. Sienna Lawless was given the job at both ends of the court and fought hard. We had some great intercepts down the court, but couldn't manage to convert. Kiara Atkins ran hard in defense and centre helping to direct the play and take some great intercepts. Whilst it may not have been our day we can take plenty of positives from it and continue to learn going forward. **Awards:** Pretty Paddocks: Kiara Atkins, Lawless Transport Drink Bottle: Sienna Lawless, Lawless Transport Towel: Emogene Parker-Wilson.

11 & Under: The weeks match consisted of 8 quarters, each spanning 6 minutes, where every player stepped onto the court with eagerness and a mindset geared towards enjoyment in netball. Despite facing a taller Tungamah team in the first 4 quarters, our younger players remained unfazed, showcasing resilience and strategic skills through their focus on 'turning and blocking' techniques and front cutting maneuvers. This dedication carried into the second game, highlighting the team's consistent growth. Hailey James fierce determination towards the ball was particularly noteworthy, adding an extra layer of intensity to the match. Witnessing the girls ongoing progress and their unwavering passion for the sport is a source of immense joy. **Awards:** Andrea Walker: Willow Lawless, Canteen: Dail Hommes, Muntoona farms: Hailey James, BT Electrical: Rhyley Lawless.

NATHALIA JUNIOR NETBALL

Under 11's: All players defended well and made strong leads to move the ball down the court. A great team effort. **Awards:** Past Players: Ella Schram, TJ's IGA: Isla Caldwell, Nathalia Early Learning Centre: Amelia Patone, Bendigo Bank: Caitlin Murray.

Under 13's: Nathalia 34 vs Numurkah 4
Well done to the girls on a terrific game. The girls worked together as a team, and enabled the ball to move easily down the court and into the hands of our goalers. **Awards:** Bendigo Bank: Keira Liddell, Subway: Ivy Patone, TJ's IGA: Jordy Rudd.

Under 15's: Nathalia 38 vs Numurkah 21
Great win girls, we had some great passages of play, with lots of turn overs across the court. You should all be proud of your four quarter efforts and determination all game. Keep up the hard work at trainings. **Awards:** Broken Creek Physio: Ella McLennan, Nathalia Post Office: Lexie Smith, AI's Café: Summer Mclver.

Under 17's: No Game

MFNL Interleague



Congratulations to Nathalia Football Netball Netball Club's Tayah Lundberg U15 (left) and Sienna Vallender U13 (right) who recently represented the Murray Football Netball League in Wangaratta at Interleague. Well done to Sienna and her team in winning the U13 grand final. Well done girls, we are very proud of her efforts and contribution.



Barnes Celebrates Milestone Game



Clinton Barnes with wife Margot and their daughter Sadie.

April 20th, marked a huge milestone for Clinton Barnes as he lined up for what was his 200th Senior game and 350th club game for the Picola United Football Netball Club.

Clinton came to Picola as a 4th player in 2003 and 21 years later, Clinton's unwavering commitment and dedication to the club is a true testament of him as an individual.

Clinton is highly respected by his team mates and was back-to-back Premiership captain for Picola, firstly in a drought breaking season in 2016 and then again in 2017. He is known for his determination, consistency, fearlessness and most importantly, a leader for his team mates and the youth of the club.

Clinton is acknowledged for his on-field achievements and also the impact he has had on the club over many years that he has tirelessly dedicated his time to the progress of the club. Clinton put his hand up to lead Picola United Football Netball Club as President, a tireless job in which he has held over the past 3 seasons. His selflessness and willingness to lend a helping hand whenever needed without any hesitation is a true testament to his character and embodies the true spirit of the mighty Blues.

Congratulations Clinton. – A truly remarkable achievement.

Nathalia Bowling Club Presentation



Our Bowling Club held their Annual Presentation Night on Friday 26th April, at the Bowling Club, with a great attendance of Members, partners and family. Once again, enjoying a great meal catered for by Roving Roast. The Presentations were the highlight of the night and were presented by President Bev Hutchins.

Kevin Scolyer is the Club's **Men's Singles Champion**.

R/up Craig Lucas.

Fiona Rourke won the **Ladies Singles Championship**.

R/Up Tessa Ward.

Peter Hutchins and Jack Hutchins won the **Men's Pairs Championship**. **R/Ups** – Steve Campbell and Mark Lawless.

Tessa Ward and Philippa Schapper won the **Ladies Pairs Championship**.

R/ups – Heather Palmer and Bev Hutchins.



Men's Pairs Champions – Jack and Peter Hutchins.



Ladies Pairs Champions – Tessa Ward and Philippa Schapper.



Ladies Singles Champion – Fiona Rourke (left) with President Bev Hutchins.



Men's Singles Champion – Kevin Scolyer.

Veteran Badges were awarded to our Senior Members for their longtime association and dedicated work done with Lawn Bowls as follows: Berris Baldwin, Max Hudson, Brian Hutchins, Fay Hutchins, Bill Seymour, John Staggard, Tessa Ward and Geoff Ward. Margaret and Trevor Cobbleddick were also acknowledged on their long association with Lawn Bowls. All are still currently playing Bowls.

The Best Winning Rinks received a certificate, **Saturday Division - Chris Briggs**, Fay Hutchins, John Staggard and Heather Palmer. **Midweek Division 1** – Berris Baldwin, Craig Lucas, Ian Bolton and Philippa Schapper. On Tuesday 30th the Club's **Annual General Meeting** was held. The attendance by members was very pleasing. All positions were filled. Bev Hutchins was re-elected as President, as was Marilyn Frost as Vice President, Liz Oliver as Secretary and Steve Campbell as Treasurer. Four Board members were elected Tim Cullen and Fiona Rourke were re-elected with Claire Andrews and Karen Stortenbeker taking up the remaining positions. President Bev thanked all who took positions and wished all well for the coming Season.

Harris Reaches 400 Games



The Waaia Football Netball Club, congratulate Brendan "Dirty" Harris on his remarkable achievement of reaching 400 club games! Throughout his illustrious career, Brendan has embodied the essence of dedication, resilience, and commitment to the club. Week in and week out, he has graced the field with his presence, showcasing a determination to give his all in every game. Deemed the "hamstring popper" and "U-Turn" connoisseur, he has remained steadfast in his resolve, always rising to the occasion and inspiring his teammates to do the same. The Club is very pleased to celebrate this incredible milestone and acknowledges Brendan's enduring dedication, leadership, and passion. Here's to many more moments of triumph and camaraderie in the games to come!

Prups Women's & Youth Girls Report



Women's Football

Nathalia 12.13.85 vs Rumbalara 1.0.6

Goals: A. Favaro, K. Cooper 5, P. Hearn, C. Briggs 1.

ANZAC day saw the girls head out for a mid arvo clash against Rumba, who have recently re joined the women's league. A solid training Wednesday saw our forwards put into practise their linkages, plus some solid defensive pressure, seeing newbie Tori dominate with possessions and tackles from the first bounce.

The second quarter saw us pick up momentum and start to apply some strong shepherds to see our mids make off with some neat clearances resulting in 2 goals for Ab and 1 for Ki. Our defence in the third worked like a well oiled machine, and our forwards shared it around with Briggys bagging her first for the year. Tyler also showed she has some natural ability with her movement from back to mid to forward rising to every challenge that presented. Al sent the girls into the fourth with the goal to lift and get those centre clearances straight into the forwards. This saw our fearless captain Mulcs make for some mid field play from the backline, creating some excellent link up, top effort by all the girls. Another win on the board, off to Mansfield this week... well 'we're going to Bonnie Doon'... **Awards:** Rex James Stockfeed: Tori Russell, Gagliardi Scott Real Estate: Tyler Atkinson, CWA: Al Mulcahy,

Roseland NFNC Merch: Bec Kellett, Casual Step: Cody Power.

Youth Girls Football

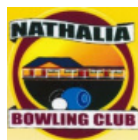
Nathalia 0.2.2 vs Barooga 5.8.38

Our first quarter started off strong against Barooga! Our defensive pressure was high and we kept them to a point. Throughout the game Barooga ended up kicking away but we kept our pressure high. We contested the footy, had many link ups down the ground, and even had a few shots at goals! Bella Cavallaro was a brick wall down back, the ball couldn't get past her. Claudia Plattfuss was strong in the backline and through the ruck. Ruby McIver contested the ball well, our little pocket rocket Tayah Lundberg starred across the whole ground and Matilda Waser was a tackling machine. Very proud of the girls and how we keep improving each week. We are looking forward to facing the Swans this week! **Awards:** Barmah Pub BOG: Bella Cavallaro, Broken Creek Podiatry: Tayah Lundberg, CWA: Claudia Plattfuss, Sportsfirst Numurkah: Matilda Waser, TJ's IGA: Ruby McIver.



Nathalia Youth Girls Bella Cavallaro BOG in round 4 against Barooga.

Nathalia Indoor Bias Bowls Tournament 2024



Friday 19th April and Saturday 20th April saw the **Numurkah Indoor Bias Bowls Association Inc.** Tournament take place in the Nathalia

Community Centre in Robertson Street. We had 22 teams playing on Friday and 26 teams playing on Saturday. We had 13 mats playing. Ten teams came from Warrnambool, three teams from Corowa, four teams from Moama RSL, one team from Melbourne and local teams from Nathalia, Strathmerton, two teams from Numurkah Seniors Club and three teams from Waaia, playing both days.

We had prize money of \$700 each day. We had winners, runners-up and third prizes each day. On the Friday three teams from Warrnambool were winners, runners-up and third place getters. On the Saturday the winners were from Warrnambool.

Saturday winners were also from Warrnambool.

Congratulations to all winners, runners-up and third place getters. It was a fabulous weekend of Indoor Bowls enjoyed by all who took part.

Thank you to Brereton's Bakery who filled the lunch orders for players on both days. Many thanks also to our sponsors Brereton's Bakery, Gagliardi Scott Real Estate and SPC Factory Sales in Shepparton. Thanks must also go to our members who supplied afternoon tea on both days and items for our raffles on both days.

Arranging this two day tournament was a huge undertaking for our Numurkah Indoor Bias



Bowls Association, so thank you to all who helped in many ways. We have had lots of positive comments about the weekend of Bowls.



In the Swing at Nathalia Golf Club

BIG Thanks to our sponsors TTI, Remax and Farm Pride Food.

We would also like to welcome new members, Leesa Barnes and Brian Bourke to the Golf Club.

Wednesday the 17th of April - The ladies played stableford and the winner was Nancy Dunn with 36 stableford points.

Friday the 19th of April - Nathalia Ladies held their Swaggers Event. 61 ladies from across our GMGA region played. The weather was perfect

with a full field - *Winners on the day were:*

A Grade – Dianne McMinn from Shepparton with 40 pts.

B Grade – Winner was Nancy Dunn from Nathalia with 29 pts.

C Grade – Winner was Janine McAuliffe from Shepparton on 34 pts.

NTP's – on the 2nd went to Margaret Fergus from Tocumwal and on the 18th went to Sue Lowe from Shepparton and the 2nd shot on the 6th went to Veronica Hibble also from Shepparton.

Thanks you to all who helped make this a very successful day.

Sunday the 21st of April - another good turn up on a perfect day for golf.

The winner was Chris Brooks with 37 stableford pts, R/up went Gary Manley 33 points. Chris also claimed NTP 2nd shot and Tony Brown got NTP on the 18th. Well done boys.



Ladies Swaggers Event 61 Players

Wednesday the 24th of April - the ladies held there first round of club championships. The winner was Nina Pell with net 77.

Sunday the 28th of April - the men played stableford. Peter Poon was the winner with 37 stableford pts and Gary Manley was R/Up. Gary also got NTP on the 18th.

The Eagles nest has not gone off yet and has grown to 22 balls. Well worth trying for, so come and try your luck next Sunday 9.00 to 9.30



Grade Winners at the Nathalia Ladies Swaggers Event: A Grade - Dianne McMinn, B Grade - Nancy Dunn & C Grade - Janine McAuliffe.

Nathalia Knights Rnd 3

Under 12's: Nathalia 13.14.92 vs Tally Congupna 0.2.2

Goals: Paulie Shearer-Richards 3, Zac Ebejer 3, Charlie 3, Jimmy Ryan 2, Miller Butler 1, Lucas 1.

Filled with confidence from their last game the boys started fast and hard. We want to be first for the ball and move the ball quickly and we were able to do that from the first bounce. Everyone played in multiple positions but that did not change our attitude. It was great to see quick handballs to a teammate running past. Very impressive - well done boys.

Best on: Jax, Miller, Jimmy, Paulie, Mason, Hunter.

Under 10's: Nathalia 2.4.16 vs Tally Congupna 2.5.23

Goals: Tate & Blake.

Another great game by our U10's side! A great team effort with



everyone getting a kick or handball to a teammate.

Our backline worked hard all game stopping Tally/Congupna from running away with the score after kicking a few early goals & managing to keep them scoreless in the second half of the game. Great work

Max & Spencer on your team work, you were both a force to be reckoned with down there.

Our midfield was impressive managing to get the tap out & a clear kick at majority of the ball ups. The tackling pressure from Nixon & Immy was once again outstanding! Archie once again running his heart out taking some brilliant marks!

A great team effort with plenty of smiles all round!

Best on: Max, Spencer, Tate, Archie, Nixon, Immy & Mason.

Now! A BIG BIG BIG thank you to everyone that helped last night run somewhat smoothly. Remember, many hands make light work!!!

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