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ANZAC Day

The Barmah ANZAC Day service welcomed two riders who had travelled from Mildura to join in the Barmah parade - Verna Eade and Raymond Finn who represented the 11 Light Horse Regiment formed in Queensland in February 1915. The Regiment included a group of 26 indigenous stockmen recruited for this regiment called the "Queensland Black Watch". Verna and Raymond were in Barmah to commemorate their service.

*L-R: Leon Atkinson, Verna Eade,
Raymond Finn, & Uncle Alf Turner (Grandson
of William Cooper)*

*More ANZAC stories & photos on
pages 10 & 11.*



Life Membership



Life memberships for the Barmah Forest Cattleman's Association were presented by President John Paterson to Stuart Trickey and Noel Wiltshire on Friday 28 April at the Barmah Muster.

*Pictured (L-R):
Stuart Trickey, Noel Wiltshire
& John Paterson.*

*More pictures from the Barmah Muster on
page 17.*

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Kim O'KEEFFE MP
 THE NATIONALS MEMBER FOR SHEPPARTON

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moira SHIRE Community Update

Community Influenza Vaccine 2023

Moira Shire Council is offering the influenza vaccine to residents via appointment at the following sessions:

Cobram - Tues 9 May
Numurkah - Wed 17 May
Yarrowonga - Wed 17 May
Nathalia - Wed 7 June

Some residents will be eligible for a free vaccine through the National Immunisation Program. For those ineligible, vaccinations are available at a cost of \$20 per dose, payable by card only at the session. No cash payments will be accepted. Please call our Customer Experience Team on (03) 5871 9222 to schedule your appointment.

Baala Creek Festival

A festival to showcase all things Numurkah and surrounds.

Saturday 6 May 2023
11.30am - 7.30pm
Louis Hamon Gardens, Numurkah

From live music to kids entertainment, delicious food trucks, and even a fireworks display, there will be plenty of fun and excitement throughout the day.

Draft Budget 2023/2024 - have your say!

We need your feedback on the draft 2023/24 Budget.

Our annual Budget is developed to align with the objectives of our Council Plan, it details our financial position, capital works program and includes our fees and charges schedule. Following the pandemic and 2022 flood event, we need to carefully balance community expectations and benefits with financial responsibilities to deliver a budget that reflects the current economic conditions. The 2023/24 draft budget concentrates on recovery, sustainability and careful prioritisation of key activities. The budget has to secure and strengthen our future so we can efficiently and effectively meet the needs of our community, not just for 2023/24, but for many years to come.

How to provide feedback?
 You can provide feedback online or in person at one of our feedback sessions:

Wednesday 17 May 2023
 Nathalia Sports and Community Centre, 10.30am - 12pm
 Numurkah Community Learning Centre, 2pm - 3.30pm

Thursday 18 May 2023
 Yarrowonga Town Hall, 10.30am - 12pm
 Cobram Civic Centre, 2pm - 3.30pm

What happens next?
 All feedback received by Council by 4pm on Friday 19 May 2023 will be considered prior to adoption of the budget.

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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Ms Kim O'Keeffe MP



Kim O'Keeffe is the newly elected National Party Member for the State Seat of Shepparton in the 60th Parliament of Victoria. Prior to Kim's election as the Member for Shepparton, she has previously served six years in Local Government on Greater Shepparton City Council, where she was first elected to Council in 2016. During her service on Council, Kim has served as Deputy Mayor in her first term and then went on to become Mayor of Greater Shepparton City Council for four years. Before her time serving on Council, Kim ran a small business in Shepparton, in the service and training industry for almost 30 years. "It is a great privilege and an honour to have been elected as the Member for Shepparton and I will work hard for the needs of my electorate. My Office door is always open, and I am here to serve the community right across the electorate." Kim is married to her husband Brendan and their two daughters Emma and Olivia.

Caterpillar Corner



Friday, 21st April, NCELCC gave back to the community by having all rooms participate in making ANZAC biscuits to donate to the local Nathalia RSL. The children were able to help the educators make the biscuits from scratch. This allowed the children to pour in all the dry ingredients such as flour, sugar, coconut and rolled oats – whilst the educators dealt with boiling the other ingredients.



At the end, the children were then able to form the shape of the biscuit before placing them in the oven. (They even got to be the taste testers) This was a great opportunity for the children to understand how they bake from scratch, and also helps them understand the importance of the ANZAC biscuit. We were lucky enough to have Loula from the Nathalia RSL visit us to collect the ANZAC biscuits. Thank-you, Loula!

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Probus News

At the April meeting President Anne Bell had the pleasant task of inducting Kath Brooks, Mary Ryan and Win Young as Life Members of the Probus Club. These ladies are 3 of the remaining foundation members of the club and have served in many ways over the past 22 years. Each received a badge, a certificate and a small bouquet. David McKenzie was presented with the Past President certificate in appreciation of his term of office.

The 'Show & Tell' theme for the day was ANZAC. Kaye Crane read a moving poem penned by her father Herbert Price when he was overseas during WW2. Cheryl McKenzie's parents both served in the RAAF. Cheryl had a number of items including her father's medal for landing on aircraft on one engine and with the wheels locked. Rae Kemp told of her grandfather shooting down the Red Baron which is verified in records. Margaret Richards had a beautiful album of photos recording various events and the table displayed numerous items brought along by members. To end the segment, Lyn Franklin read "An Ode to Nathalia" written by Tammy Muir about 30 years ago.



L-R: President Anne Bell with new life members, Win Young, Mary Ryan & Kath Brooks.



ANZAC Day was the theme for the "Show & Tell" table at the April Probus meeting.



One of our newly appointed Life Members, Mary Ryan, was the lucky winner of the competition this month.

The next outing will be to Garnock Garage Vintage Museum at Moama on the 30th May, with lunch at own expense at the Rich River Club. The coach will depart from the PO at 9.30am and return by 3.00pm. The cost per person is \$32, which includes coach fare and admittance to the museum where a 'cuppa' will be available. Non Probus members are welcome to join this trip. Seventeen members enjoyed a Dining Out night at the Bridge Hotel on Thursday 20th April. This was a regular Probus feature prior to Covid and we hope this will become a monthly feature again.



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MEALS ON WHEELS 5th - 19th May

May	
Friday 5th	Patricia Hawks
Monday 8th	St Mary of the Angels
Tuesday 9th	Kevin & Nina Pell
Wednesday 10th	Mary Agius
Thursday 11th	Heather Frostick
Friday 12th	Mary Agius
Monday 15th	St Mary of the Angels
Tuesday 16th	Dawn Bowen & Patricia Hawks
Wednesday 17th	Nathalia Primary School
Thursday 18th	Marlene Moor
Friday 19th	David & Cheryl McKenzie

If you can cover one of the volunteer required runs please contact Laura on 5742 1111

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



CHURCH TIMES

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PARISH

Ph: 5866 2694

Nathalia Parish Priest - Fr Jophin Joy
Nathalia Mass times:

Tuesdays: 9:15am - Reconciliation following Mass

Thursdays: 12:30pm

Sundays: 9:00am

Strathmerton

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NATHALIA UNITING CHURCH

Margaret Cobbledick Ph: 5866 2215

May 7th: 9.30am Parish Service, M. Cobbledick

May 14th: 9.30am Streaming Service, Rev C Page
Picola

2nd & 4th Sundays: 9.00am

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Locum Priest:

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May 14th: 8.00am Holy Communion

St Paul's - Wakiti Creek

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Nathalia Secondary College



School Leaders Tash & Mason at the ANZAC Day Dawn Service

Tash and Mason, two of our College leaders, represented the College at the Nathalia ANZAC Day Dawn Service, laying a wreath in recognition of the sacrifice made by those who went to war, as well as their respective families. We held a whole school ANZAC assembly on Thursday 27th April, with students in Grade 5 & 6 from Nathalia Primary School also in attendance. Tash M and Mason also conducted the ceremonies, speaking eloquently about our ANZAC's and what it means to us today.



L-R: Mason, Tash, Bruce Rigoni, Loula Oliver & Estelle Chalker at the school assembly.



Taylah H reading her story to the school assembly.



We appreciate the attendance of Loula Oliver, Bruce Rigoni and Estelle Chalker on behalf of the RSL. The winner's of the ANZAC writing competition were Taylah H & Milly (NSC) and Cassie & Rhyley (NPS).



Get Active For April



Get Active for April day for children was held at the Nathalia Recreation Reserve during the last school holidays. Was a fantastic family fun day with plenty of activities.



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Museum Moments...

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

A request to our researcher Lyn Franklin, has led to a very happy visitor to this region. Adam Armstrong from Pakenham contacted Lyn to see what could be found out about St. Helena. This was the property where his maternal grandfather and great grandparents had farmed in the Wakiti—Yambuna area. When Adam mentioned his grandfather was Syd Smith, who had married Muriel Holland, then Lyn put him in contact with me. (For those who want to know the connection— Muriel was the youngest sister of Theo Holland, Morice’s father).

James Smith, his wife Margaret and two of their sons, Syd and Wallace, leased St. Helena in 1915-16 and went on to buy a nearby block in early 1920’s.

Adam had grown up in the city but remembers regular visits to his grandparents, Syd & Muriel Smith, who lived in Shepparton. During these visits they sometimes would travel to Wakiti to visit the Taylor’s who had been neighbours of Smiths when they lived at St. Helena. Adam had vague memories of the location of St. Helena and so wanted to renew his knowledge of his ancestors association there. He and his family visited us last weekend.



Adam Armstrong at the marker for St. Helena.

I was able to show him maps of the location of St. Helena. It is an isolated 100 acre property which is totally surrounded by State Forest. It has a couple of rolling sandhills with the remnants of an old orchard (apricot, quince and pears trees) still visible.

Research showed that Saint Helena had been selected by Nils Pehrsson (later known as Neil Peterson), a Swedish migrant who came to Australia in 1875. The name was chosen because the beautiful sunsets reminded him of the sunsets on the island of St. Helena which Neil had visited in his seafaring years. This sandhill was also like an island during times of flood, just like the island of St. Helena where Napoleon Bonapart was exiled.

Neil established an orchard and a very productive vineyard at St. Helena. Neil and his wife Christina, who was born in Scotland and grew up at Kotupna, went on to have ten children, five who died young.

In 1900, Neil put the property on the market but it was not sold. It was described as “100 acres in the Parish of Lower Moira near Simpson’s Punt on the Goulburn River. A fine full bearing vineyard of 23 acres and 2 acres of orchard. A five-roomed weatherboard house, detached kitchen, outhouses, dairy, large wine cellar and wine making plant. The vineyard produces magnificent sherry.”

Two of Neil’s sons purchased more land off Yambuna Bridge road at Fiddlers Swamp. The Peterson family were very involved in the Wakiti Church with Neil supplying timber for its construction. In 1906, Neil Peterson offered his property for lease just prior to his death. Mrs Peterson advertised a clearing sale in 1914. She died in 1915 and in that year the Rate Books show St. Helena belonging to Alexander Couper. He then sold to James Alexander who leased the property to the Smith family. James Smith (1862-1928) with his two sons Syd and Wallace went on farming the vineyard and orchard until after WW2 and upon his return from service, Syd moved his family to Pine Lodge where he continued farming until he retired to live in Shepparton.

Saint Helena is currently owned by the estate of the late Leon Ash.

It was a great pleasure to reunite Adam with his childhood memories and show him the family property after all those years.

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.



Rotary Report

Our April 19th meeting...

was held at the Bridge Hotel again and there were more of us in attendance than usual. The reason being that it was a social evening, and an induction. Another one! President Loula inducted Bree Andrews and we all welcomed our newest member to our club. That was all the official business over and done with and a most pleasant evening was had chatting with each other over meals and drinks, and being entertained by toddler Harry (the very well behaved grandson of Rotarians Louise and Andrew Watson) who came to our meeting with his parents.

“It does not matter if you are a Rotarian or not, you have benefited from Rotary! Rotarians are making the world a safer, healthier, more peaceful and better place to be. If you only knew what the

‘Rotary Foundation’ has done, you would

consider it your favourite charity.” These words are on a poster and a few paragraphs will now follow regarding some of the work the Rotary Foundation has been taking part in lately:

An article, written around International Women’s Day in March, states that people are being celebrated who are dedicated to improving the quality of life for women around the world. Rotary members are involved in projects that empower women across many areas of focus:

Clubs in places like Jamaica and Nigeria, have worked with community partners to provide hygiene products so girls don’t miss school during their menstrual cycles.

Cervical cancer screenings in Nigeria and a mobile breast cancer screening unit in India have helped women access preventive health care.

Economic development projects such as a fair-trade co-operative in India and a microfinance loan program in Uganda help women achieve economic independence.

2022-23 International Rotary president, Jennifer Jones, visited Pakistan in August and said, “I was inspired by the female health care workers who are doing amazing outreach to convince mothers



New inductee Bree Andrews with President Loula Oliver.

to vaccinate their children. More than 60% of vaccinators in the country are women, and it’s thanks to their tireless efforts over several decades that eradication of the wild poliovirus in Pakistan is within reach.”

Also in March was World Water Day and I’ll write a little about one of the Rotary Foundation’s Areas of Focus (Water and Sanitation) another time.

There were no bookings at the Heart House until a recent phone call and a covering e-mail booked in a transplant patient and carer for 10 nights. The people requested the stay to be two 5 night ones, with a night off in between. No problem. A couple of days after the guests’ departure was the Rotary meeting at the respite house, followed by dinner at the Barmah Hotel. There will be some words written about this in the next Rotary News column.



St Francis Primary School News

At the end of term one St Francis student leaders ran activities to raise money for people in need. The activities included a Coin Line Competition. The final figure raised was over \$400. (Pictured left).

Term two has begun with a visit for members of the Australian School of Performing Arts. Laura and Monique will work with our Year 4/5/6 students throughout the term, preparing for them to be part of the Festival of the Sacred with other schools at the end of term.



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NCN HEALTH NATHALIA



New Gym Instructor at NCN Health Nathalia

Welcome Iain Davidson, the new Gym Coordinator at NCN Health Nathalia. The NCN Health Nathalia Gym is up and running again offering use of the gym, personal programs and fitness classes for all levels. Here, Iain tells us a bit about his background and what's happening at NCN Health Nathalia Gym.



I've been a personal trainer and group fitness instructor in Barooga since 2018, I am passionate about improving the health and wellbeing of the Nathalia and surrounding community through exercise and functional mobility.

I can assist in strength training, cardio or programs that will help you achieve your sporting or weight loss objectives. There may be an

option for personal training too, if there is enough interest in this being provided.

My experience includes junior state level cross country running, multiple years representing local league in AFL, kickboxing, equal 1st National Cross Country Mountain Bike Series and road racing in local club, inter club and Victorian Road Series.

I am a volunteer Run Director at Cobram Parkrun and love running and helping with community engagement through this free event. I am looking forward to getting to the Nathalia Parkrun event which is held Saturdays at 8am. Even though it's called Parkrun, many participants walk or jog at their own pace, so if you are interested you should definitely check it out.

Nathalia gym welcomes all members of the community, no matter your fitness level or goals. It's a friendly, affordable and fun place to exercise.

Thanks for reading and I look forward to working with you on your fitness lifestyle.

Cheers, Iain.

For more information on classes and pricing contact NCN Health reception on P: 5866 9444 or pop in during opening hours.

NATHALIA GYM TIMETABLE

Monday

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Wednesday

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Strength & Balance class @9am

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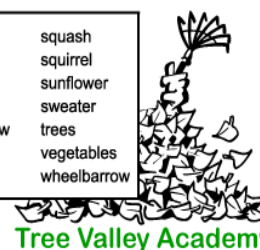
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Moira Community Achiever Awards Recognise Outstanding Contributions to the Community



The Moira Community Achiever Awards were held on Thursday April 20th to recognise individuals, community groups, events, and projects that have made an exceptional contribution to the Moira Shire community. Over 150 guests attended the event, celebrating the shining stars in the community who have shown outstanding dedication and achievement.

Philip Ross-Soden of Strathmerton was awarded the **Star Achiever of the Year** for his exceptional dedication to the community. With over 45 years of volunteering experience with organizations such as the Strathmerton SES, Football Netball Club, Tennis Club, and Hall Committee Recreation Reserve, among others, he has been awarded the Order of Australia for his contributions to the community.

The **Community Star Achiever of the Year** was a tie between two winners. The first



Community Star Achiever of the Year: Eden Farm's Gary & Katherine Baker, Numurkah.

winner was the 2022 Eden Farm Multicultural Festival in Numurkah, a three-day not-for-profit event showcasing the best of international cuisine, art, craft, and music. The second winner was the Cobram Barooga Business and Tourism Committee, who hosted the Tri State Games in November 2022 to promote sports participation and improve the quality of life of people with disabilities.

The Pedal Empowerment Program at Cobram Secondary College was awarded the **ACE Star Achiever of the Year** for its efforts in developing students' skills in teamwork, goal setting, mechanical and ride safety, while promoting cycling as a sustainable form of transportation and recreation.

Emily Davies of Cobram was named the **Young Star Achiever of the Year** for her outstanding achievements, including cycling 100km from Cobram to Wangaratta and raising \$6,000 for the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. She is involved with various community groups, including Park Run, Athletics Victoria State Cross Country Team, and the Victorian State Triathlon Team.

Emily Ford from Tungamah was awarded the Shining Star Achiever of the Year for her exceptional community work, which includes building a canopy over the barbecue at the Lions Park and fundraising for Neurobionics research.

Acting Chief Executive Officer Josh Lewis said, "It was a fantastic night to see all the amazing community members and groups come together in the one place and be celebrated like they deserve. These people



Star Achiever of the Year: Philip Ross-Soden, Strathmerton with wife Maxine.



Young Star Achiever of the Year: Emily Davies, Cobram.

are selfless contributors to our towns; they don't do it for nights like these, but it is important we recognize them."

Congratulations to all the nominees and winners of the Moira Community Achiever Awards for their ongoing dedication and service to the Moira Shire community.



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ANZAC Day Nathalia

Mackenzie Craig spoke about the history of the Vietnam war at this year's ANZAC Day services.

This year in 2023 marks the 50th anniversary of the end to Australia's involvement in the Vietnam War.

Most of our young people today would have no idea what this war that was so far away, was about. The conflict has a long and complicated history.

Vietnam became a French colony, along with Cambodia and Laos after the French defeated the Chinese in 1880. The French colonialism was brutal and exploited the country's resources (rubber and rice) as well as its' people who were practically slaves.

"The French 'civilising mission' was the transformation of subject peoples into loyal French men and women. Through education and examinations, it was theoretically possible for a Vietnamese to obtain French citizenship, with all its privileges. Yet in reality, the criteria for citizenship were manipulated to ensure that subject citizens never threatened French political power."

The French rule continued until WW11 when the territory was occupied by the Japanese, another brutal regime.

After the Japanese surrender, Ho Chi Min attempted to set up an independent government in Vietnam in September 1945. His government (Việt Minh) was created by the Indochinese Communist Party as a national united front to achieve the independence of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam from the French Empire) ruled for only 20 days before the French returned brutally re-took their colony. Ho fled to the forest with his supporters.

After World War II, the Việt Minh opposed the re-occupation of Vietnam by France, resulting in the Indochina War for the next 7 years, and later opposed South Vietnam and the United States in the Vietnam War.

The French pushed Viet Minh out of the South until their defeat in 1954 and at the Geneva Conference, relinquished all claims to Indo-China. Laos and Cambodia declared independence and Vietnam was divided into two provinces – North and South Vietnam as a temporary measure until elections could be held in 1956. Civil administration of the North was given to Viet Minh on 11 October 1954.

The Emperor of Vietnam had abdicated in 1945 at the surrender of the Japanese and moved to



Mackenzie Craig at the Nathalia Dawn Service



Paris. He remained "Head of State" of South Vietnam and appointed NO DING JAM Ngô Đình Diệm as his prime minister. The elections were never held as JAM declared it was impossible to have independent elections in North Vietnam under the communist regime. He declared the South, the

As part of the build-up, the US government requested further support from friendly countries in the region, including Australia.

In August 1966, a company of 6RAR was engaged in one of Australia's heaviest actions of the war, in a rubber plantation near Long Tan. The 108 soldiers of D Coy held off an enemy force, estimated at over 2000, for four hours in the middle of a tropical downpour. They were greatly assisted by a timely ammunition resupply by RAAF helicopters, close fire support from Australian and New Zealand artillery, and the arrival of reinforcements in APCs as night fell.

When the Viet Cong withdrew at night fall, they left behind 245 dead, but carried away many more casualties. Seventeen Australians were killed and 25 wounded, with one dying of wounds several days later.

The year 1968 began with a major offensive by the Viet Cong and North Vietnamese Army, launched during the Vietnamese lunar new year holiday period, known as "Tet". Not only the timing but the scale of the offensive came as a complete surprise, taking in cities, towns, and military installations throughout South Vietnam. While the "Tet Offensive" ultimately ended in military defeat for the communists, it was a propaganda victory. US military planners began to question if a decisive victory could ever be achieved and US public opposition to the war intensified. For Australian troops, the effects of the offensive were felt around their base at Nui Dat, where Viet Cong attacks on targets around the provincial capital, was repulsed.

By late 1970 Australia had also begun to wind down its military effort in Vietnam. The 8th Battalion departed in November (and was not replaced). The withdrawal of troops and all air units continued throughout 1971 – the last battalion left Nui Dat on 7 November, while a handful of advisers belonging to the Team remained in Vietnam the following year. In December 1972 they became the last Australian troops to come home, with their unit having seen continuous service in South Vietnam for ten and a half years. The only combat troops remaining in Vietnam were a platoon guarding the Australian embassy in Saigon and they were withdrawn in June 1973.

After the withdrawal of all troops North and South Vietnam became one re-unified country as the Socialist Republic of Vietnam under Communist rule.

Republic of Vietnam with himself as its first President.

It was believed that if South Vietnam fell to communism, the "domino effect" would cause its' spread right across the region to India. It was for this reason that America supported the South Vietnam regime and began its' involvement in the Vietnam War.

In the early 1960s, Australia's participation in the Vietnam War (1962 to 1973) was not widely opposed. Public opposition grew as more national servicemen were deployed to Vietnam, and they began to make up a large percentage of those being killed in action.

The arrival of the Australian Army Training Team Vietnam (AATTV) in South Vietnam during July and August 1962 was the beginning of Australia's involvement in the Vietnam War. Australia's participation in the war was formally declared at an end when the Governor-General issued a proclamation on 11 January 1973.

From the time of the arrival of the first members of the Team in 1962 over 60,000 Australians, including ground troops and air force and navy personnel, served in Vietnam; 523 died as a result of the war and almost 2,400 were wounded. The war was the cause of the greatest social and political dissent in Australia since the conscription referendums of the First World War. Many draft resisters, conscientious objectors, and protesters were fined or jailed, while soldiers met a hostile reception on their return home.

By early 1965, when it had become clear that South Vietnam could not stave off the communist insurgents and their North Vietnamese comrades for more than a few months, the US commenced a major escalation of the war.





ANZAC Day - Barmah

This poem is written about a local man who served in Vietnam with 6th Royal Australian Regiment Delta company

Life will not be the same

I grew up in Victoria up in the north in a small sleepy town on a river; Like most country kids we rode horses we fished and swam in the river in summer.

I had a few good mates we didn't have much but you couldn't say that we were poor; So we shared what we had we had one common bond most our fathers had fought in the war.

Now Nathalia you see is surrounded by farms worked by ex soldiers that they call blockies ; At the end of the war the government thought we'll turn our ex servicemen into cockies.

Our dad's worked really hard to get away from the past from sunrise and into the night; But often they'd go and meet up at the pub where they would drink way too much and then fight .

Dad wasn't much fun for his temper he'd loose and often I'd get the blame; But in his defence my mum often said " since the army his life's not the same.

So I grew up hard and I grew up well I learnt how to work drink and fight; Me and Parker cut sleepers lived out in the bush and tore up the town of a night.

We played merry hell with the local Trap me and Parker near drove him insane; " Join the army " he said "it will straighten you out and your life will not be the same".

So I signed myself up, thought they all would be proud told mum and dad as I walked through the door; But to my surprise dad yelled " you stupid young fool you have no idea what you are in for".

They cut off my hair, dressed me all in khaki near marched me into the ground; Then the Sergeant said " your now part of the sixth and Vietnam is where you are bound.

We arrived by jet plane were marched off to our digs got our issue of weapon and pack; "So it's into the weeds " Major Smith said to us " to find the ones in pyjamas of black " .

This war has no trenches or battle fields with the enemy easily found; They were in front and behind to the left and the right and even hid under the ground.

We were all given roles, we were sent on patrol we relied on our training no doubt; "Mick your on the MG, Bluey you'll bring up the rear " and me well I got Forward Scout.

I learnt my job well in the jungle each day I moved through without making a sound; And I kept my mates safe if the enemy found "COTACT FRONT " and they'd all go to ground.

So I'd send them some lead throw some pineapples too just to hold them there on the spot ; Then the boys would come up and the spotter as well to range the one O fives onto the dot

Off on a stunt out in to the weeds a chopper we took for the ride; We were landed into a short rice crop that gave us nowhere to hide.

As the choppers took off I could feel the thump of the rotor blades over my back; Then all of a sudden a different thump as enemy bullets drove into my pack .

I lay face down and tried real hard to make myself as small as I could; And waited for darkness then we crawled on our guts to the jungle that covered us good.

We drove it right into them our aim was true our bullets were finding there mark ; I could hear the sound of them dragging their dead and their wounded off into the dark.

We ran more patrols some search and destroy and even rested in camp ; We were shot at and bombed drank weak yankee grog and even rested in camp .

At the end of my stint I made it through in one piece but there were those who were lost to the



Ewan McLean reading his poem at the Barmah ANZAC Day Service.

game; Mates that were killed wounded bodies wounded minds and our lives will not be the same.

We lived by our wits our minds never still keeping alert kept you out of the strife; Back home in Australia how the hell will we fit into normal life.

When we arrived home the reception we got none of us could ever expect; We were sworn at and cursed called terrible names by the people we'd sworn to protect.

Even some of the diggers turned their back on us when we looked to them for some support; Surely they knew we were no different to them for our country we all had fought.

I spent thirty years in the old khaki a Warrant Officer at the end of my spell; I have plenty of memories I'd like to forget and there are plenty I cherish as well.

A lot of time has now passed and ignorance passed too and I think most people now understand; We now have our own day on August eighteen the anniversary of the battle Long Tan .

A friend said to me you know we Australians are very proud of our Vets ; We are grateful for the service and the sacrifice you made when we all say " LEST WE FORGET "



Mundoona State School Reunion

Kaarimba Hall hosted a reunion on Sunday 30 April. These Biennial reunions have been held ever since the 1970s, for pupils who attended the Mundoona State School No 1775.

But due to Covid 19, it's been 3 years since the last one. The school was formerly located on Walshes Bridge South Rd, Mundoona, and the site is now marked by a plaque on a large rock. It closed in 1953, when all pupils transferred to other schools.

With the passing of time, only a small number of former students who are able to attend are left, so now their descendants and friends also attend.

This year Graeme Betts was guest speaker. Graeme and his wife Kerry have recently published a history book about the Betts family of Kaarimba.

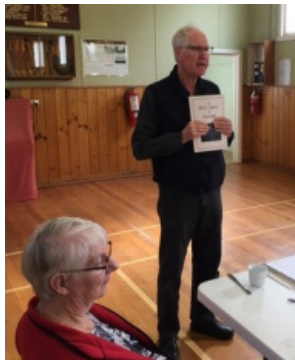
The family settled in Kaarimba almost 150 years ago, and the book contains many interesting insights into the social and farming history of the district over the years.

A happy and relaxing day was spent, with attendees having the opportunity to view a range of history books, photo albums and other memorabilia on display.



Pictured above right is the group of attendees at the reunion.

Pictured right: Graeme Betts speaking.



Pictured far right: Old friends Graeme Betts and Ian Galt.



Council is seeking your feedback on the draft 2023/24 Budget



The Moira Shire Council Annual Budget is developed to align with the objectives of the Council Plan, while considering the priorities of the community and Council's financial situation.

The draft 2023/24 budget concentrates on recovery, sustainability and careful prioritisation of key activities to secure and strengthen the future of the Moira Shire.

The budget which complies with the 3.5% rate cap details Council's financial position, capital works program and includes the fees and charges schedule.

Chief Financial Officer Matt Jarvis says the draft budget reflects the current economic conditions.

"With the impacts of inflation far exceeding the rate cap, labour and contractor shortages, and the 2022 flood event, we need to carefully balance community expectations with financial responsibilities."

"This budget is to secure and strengthen our future so we can efficiently and effectively meet the needs of our community, not just for 2023/24, but for many years to come," said Mr Jarvis.

The draft capital works program of \$42.2 million will focus on investing in Council's existing assets with 60% per cent to be spent on upgrade and renewal projects. \$10m of this budget has been allocated to flood recovery works across the Shire.

"We will likely require not just one year, but perhaps two to four financial years to get through the existing backlog and deliver capital works, so for the next few years we need to focus on renewing existing assets not creating new," said Mr Jarvis.

The draft operating budget proposes to spend \$15.3m on the services that make Moira Shire a Welcoming and Inclusive Place, \$5.4 million on services to generate a Diverse and Dynamic Economy, \$15.8 million on services to achieve a Clean Green Environment and \$7.4 million on services that are Customer Focused and Responsive.

The community can provide feedback online by visiting the Moira Shire website or face to face at a Feedback Session. The Feedback Sessions at our four major towns are open to all community members to ask questions and provide feedback on the draft Budget.

The sessions include:

Nathalia: Wednesday 17 May 2023, 10.30am - 12pm
Nathalia Sports and Community Centre

Numurkah: Wednesday 17 May 2023, 2pm - 3.30pm
Numurkah Community Learning Centre

Yarrowonga: Thursday 18 May 2023, 10.30am - 12pm
Yarrowonga Town Hall

Cobram: Thursday 18 May 2023, 2pm - 3.30pm
Cobram Civic Centre

All feedback received by Council by 4pm on Friday 19 May 2023 will be considered prior to adoption of the budget. A final budget will be prepared for Council's consideration at the Scheduled Council Meeting on Wednesday 28 June 2023.



Sessions



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Bardi Gras activities at the Easter Market



Bardi Gras activities at the Easter Market were enjoyed by many who came for a wander around the market. It was very wet under foot, but this didn't stop a huge crowd attend.

Creating a community art work, many people colored native animals and hands to stick on either the sunset or day scene canvases. These canvases are now on display at The GRAIN Store, so pop in to enjoy the current exhibition and to view the completed pieces of art work. Another activity for the children was the native seed bombs. Children could mix together paper mache with seeds, roll into a ball to dry. Then choosing a place to 'throw' the seed bomb for it to grow in the garden.



Creating animal shapes for the community art work.



The community art work canvases on display at The GRAIN Store.



Jacob Butler was intrigued by the kangaroo shape at the market.

Thankyou for your support for purchasing the children's preserves they made. They now have over \$300 to decide what to purchase for their program. So far they have bought 2 new hens to go with our little silky hen already at preschool. Your support to our program is greatly appreciated.

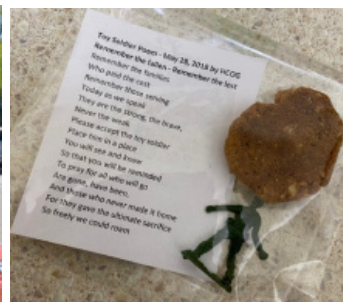
To further support the children's understanding of ANZAC Day, we baked ANZAC biscuits and created a slouch hat with pictures of the symbols of ANZAC Day and their meanings.

It is a difficult concept for the children to learn about, therefore giving back to our community offers them the experience of doing something for others. Just as the soldiers who went to war did for us.

The children in the 3 year old program headed out into community to gift our an ANZAC biscuit, toy soldier and the Toy Soldier poem.



Eddie and Stacey offering a biscuit.



ANZAC biscuit, toy soldier and the Toy Soldier poem that the children gifted out to community.



The slouch hat with the symbols of ANZAC Day and their meanings that we placed during the wreath laying at the dawn service.

Nathalia Uniting Church Parish Ball



"Mother's Day Theme".

The Nathalia Uniting Church's Annual Parish Ball this year will be held in the Uniting Church Hall, Bromley Street, Nathalia, on Friday 12th May 2023, from 7.30 pm

The music for the Ball will be provided by "Ian Stewarts' Magic Music"

This year our theme is "Mother's Day". 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

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.



Broken Creek Drama

WORDLE

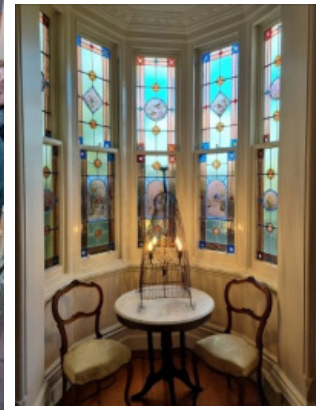
After sitting down with her morning oats, she opened the app and set to work. *Wordle* was a pleasant challenge each morning to complete during breakfast. She tried one of her favourite starting words. **STARE**. Mmmmmm. **R** and **E** were yellow. *Easy*. It must start with **RE**. She popped in **RENEW**. Still just yellow for **R** and **E**. *Annoying! Thought I was on the case there. Mmmmmm. But Wordle is owned by the Yanks, and their spelling is iffy. Perhaps it ends in ER then?* She inserted **FIBER**. Mmmmmm. *That's better*. **E** was green and 3 other letters were yellow ...*promising*, but she still didn't have the beginning letter...which always made it tricky. Slurping on her second cup of tea she confidently inserted **BRIEF**. All green except the **B**. *So therefore, it must be GRIEF. Yay! 'But only completing my daily challenge in 5 attempts is nothing to crow about. Never mind,'* she thought smugly, *'I still have 100% success rate.'*

Bendigo Pottery & Fortuna Villa

Nathalia Senior citizens enjoyed an outing to Bendigo Pottery and Fortuna Villa on Friday the 21st of April. Everyone had a wonderful time enjoying a high tea and then a tour of the magnificent villa. A big thank you to our bus driver 'Tony' from Cardwells Coach Travels Numurkah. Keep an eye out for our next planned trip.



ESTABLISHING BENDIGO POTTERY
 APPROXIMATELY ONE KILOMETRE FROM THIS SITE, CLOSE TO THE BENDIGO CREEK, GEORGE DUNCAN GUTHRIE NOTED SIGNIFICANT WHITE CLAY DEPOSITS WHILE PROSPECTING FOR GOLD.
 THIS CHANCE DISCOVERY OF CLAY SUITABLE FOR POTTERY PRODUCTION LURED GUTHRIE BACK TO HIS TRADE & THE FIRST PIECES OF POTTERY WERE MADE.
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May 6 & 7	Nathalia & District Community Choir Concert
May 8	BINGO @ Senior Citz.
May 12	Nathalia Uniting Church Annual Ball in U.C. Hall
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

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— 2023 —

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Nathalia Primary School values family engagement, fosters community connection and nurtures children to thrive, learn and grow

OPEN DAY 2023



Tuesday
16th May 2023
9am - 1pm

Classroom activities 9am - 11am
Community Morning Tea 11am - 11.30am
Tabloid Sports hosted by Grade 5/6
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Email - nathalia.ps@education.vic.gov.au

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INFORMATION EVENINGS:

St Mary of the Angels, NATHALIA
Monday, 1st May - 7.30pm

Italian Social Club, COBRAM
Wednesday, 3rd May - 7.30pm

Tocumwal Golf Club, TOCUMWAL
Monday, 8th May - 7.30pm

St Joseph's Primary School, NUMURKAH
Wednesday, 10th May - 7.30pm

For an enrolment pack, or an Open Day session booking:
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The G.R.A.I.N. Store's Big Event of the Year



Fred Smith's **Sparrows of Kabul** at the Uniting Church Hall Saturday 20th May 7pm

I really love Nathalia and its size. It means we hear quickly when there are problems.

Some are worried they can't buy tickets to Fred Smith's **Sparrows of Kabul** because they can't go on-line. (Thank you Wendy). As well as on-line, we are selling tickets at The G.R.A.I.N. Store using cash if you do not have a card.

The Trybooking details are for those who live further away...like Yackandandah..and Shepparton; and yes people are coming from afar for this rare opportunity to experience this great show.

In **Fred Smith's Sparrows of Kabul** we do think we are bringing someone very special to you ...right here in Nathalia and in Nathalia's Uniting Church Hall where the afternoon ANZAC service has been regularly held. If you want to make your own mind up..listen in to ABC Breakfast Show next Monday 8 May, at around 10 to 8 when presenter Nic Healey talks with Fred Smith and (hopefully) has time to play one of Fred's songs in the show.

Or come into The G.R.A.I.N. Store to watch **The Australian Story** episode that was made about him in 2013.

Some of you may have seen him when he last came to Shepparton in 2017. If you did, you will know that things changed in Afghanistan after that; and so his show now covers from 2001 to 2021 with the evacuation.

If you have any Afghanistan connections or photos we would love to



Making Bread in Afghanistan

Tickets for Sparrows of Kabul available at Trybooking or at The G.R.A.I.N. Store

hear from you as we work on decorations for the hall. Thanks to Bruce for this photo from the 1970s.

And if we are talking about treasures: **Happy 80th Birthday to Bill Kelly**, our national and international Treasure for Peace; G.R.A.I.N. Store foundation Chairperson, initiator, inspirer and ongoing artistic advisor.

Nathalia Primary School News



The staff and students at Nathalia Primary have had a very busy start to the term. ANZAC Day was celebrated both at school and at many of the dawn services around the community. The senior students participated in an ANZAC Day ceremony at Nathalia Secondary College on Thursday 27th April, where two of our students, Rhyley & Cassie, were presented with awards from the Nathalia RSL sub-branch for their entries in the 'Letters from the Front' writing competition.

This week, our senior students have started training for their winter sports programs which commences on Friday 12th May with a trip to St Josephs in Numurkah. We also had a lovely visit from the 3 year old Kinder children of Nathalia Community Early Learning Centre who come to share story books with the Grade 5/6



Students reading their 'letters' for the writing competition.



RSL representative Loula Oliver presenting students with awards.

classroom - after their classwork they were able to enjoy some time having fun on the schools playground. **NEW STAFF:** The school has welcomed new staff with Caitlin Columbus commencing in the Grade 5/6 classroom, and our new education support trainees, Tarni Phillips and Lauren Patten getting into the swing of things with students in visual arts, well-being, music and many classroom activities.

MOTHER'S DAY: There is much excitement for our Mother's Day Breakfast on next Friday 12th May from 8am - where all Mums, grandmas and special people are encouraged to attend with their children.

OPEN DAY: We also have our Open Day which is taking place on Tuesday 16th May between 9am and 1pm. There are classroom activities and a tabloid sports program planned for all to join, while are hosting a community morning tea between 11 and 11.30am with everyone invited to attend.

Please take this opportunity to come along to our school and take a look at what educational programs we have to offer.



School representatives at the ANZAC Day Dawn Service

CLASSIFIEDS



DEATHS

VALLENDER, Geoffrey Brian

15. 10. 1952 - 22. 04. 2023

Late of Nathalia, (formerly of Benalla). Passed away after a short illness at Royal Melbourne Hospital.

Geoffrey's Graveside Service was held at the Nathalia Lawn Cemetery on Thursday 4th May, 2023.

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PRENTICE, John "Tich"

02.09.1929 - 24.04.2023

Passed away peacefully at Nathalia Hospital, aged 93 years.

Loved son of Bridget and Thomas Prentice (both deceased).

Loved brother of Tom, Frank, Violet, Emma, Nell, Gordon, Grace, Lloyd, Doug, Olive, and Mary (all deceased).

*Loved uncle and friend to many.
Much Loved.*

R.I.P. Tich

Tich was laid to rest at Nathalia Cemetery on Monday, 1st May 2023.

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THOMAS, Glenn Robert

Late of Nathalia, suddenly on April 29, 2023, aged 55 years.

Much loved and loving, father of Jaela and Sam; son of Barry and Barbara; brother and brother-in-law to Jennifer; Ken and Shelly; Julie and Russell (Gillie); Leanne and Peter (McCallum); Michelle and Ash (Mason); Brad (dec.); Andrew and Amanda; and Uncle and Great Uncle to their families.

*Memories
are our great treasure,
To have and to hold
in our heart forever*

Reunited with Brad

Please see daily papers for funeral details or contact

**Peter Cox & Sons
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THOMAS, Glenn Robert

04. 11. 1967 - 29. 04. 2023

Much loved and respected brother of Leanne and Peter McCallum.

Uncle to Craig and Steph, David and Tahli.

Great uncle to Harlow, Elijah and Lila.

Forever in our Hearts

THOMAS, Glenn

*You left this world too soon
29.04.2023*

You were more of a brother than an uncle, we were always there for each other. I will miss the late night phone calls because you ran out of petrol or had a flat tyre, but it was never your fault always that bloody truck. Thanks for lending us your Baitcaster, if we finally catch that Metery we will know you were watching over us. Hope you're enjoying a drink with Brad.

*RIP until we meet again
Love and miss you
Colleen, Mark, Ocean-Lee and Kane*

CONDOLENCES



FAIRMAN, Les

Passed 26th April, 2023.

Well respected member of the Nathalia & District Men's Shed.

Sadly missed



VALLENDER, Geoffrey

Nathalia Poultry Auction Committee wishes to extend their sincere condolences to the Vallender family on the passing of Geoff.

Former president of the committee, Geoff dedicated much of his time to keeping the poultry auction going.



VALLENDER, Geoffrey

Nathalia FNC is saddened to hear of passing of Geoff.

We extend our sincere condolences to the Vallender family at this sad time.



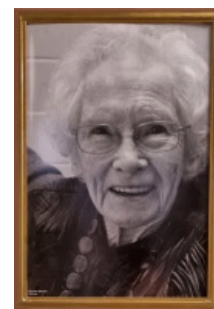
VALLENDER, Geoffrey

Nathalia & District Lions Club mourn the passing of member Geoff Vallender. Geoff was a past president, zone chairman and valued member for over 20 years of Nathalia Lions Club.

Our sympathies are extended to his family.

RIP Geoff

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Nathalia
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May You R.I.P.
MAUREEN
God Bless.**

MEETINGS

NATHALIA SOUTH RECREATION RESERVE INC

Notice is given of a **PUBLIC MEETING**

To be held at The Reserve on Monday, 22nd May 2023 Commencing at 7pm.

The purpose of the meeting is to nominate no less than three (3) or more than (9) nine persons at the Committee of Management for the Nathalia South Reserve for a term of three years. The current committee's term will expire on 28th June 2023. All positions will be declared open and nominations will be accepted prior to or on the night. Nominations from women, Aboriginal people, and people with disabilities, young people and people from culturally diverse backgrounds are encouraged.

Further information, nomination forms and nominee declaration forms may be obtained by contacting your Local Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action office or at the meeting.

For further enquiries please contact the Secretary, Michael Purden on ☎ 0418 993 692

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20 May 2023 7-9:30pm
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Come and join us for a friendly chat, cuppa and some great morning tea—all at no cost.

There is no religious content, just friendship and conversation.

All welcome!

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 Tickets are also available at Door or can be purchased from the GRAIN Store. More info: Linden Lancaster 0400 080 364

NATHALIA UNITING CHURCH PARISH

ANNUAL BALL

Theme: "Mother's Day"
FRIDAY 12th MAY 2023
AT 7.30 PM

IAN STEWART'S MUSIC
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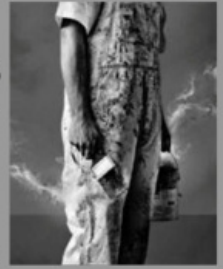
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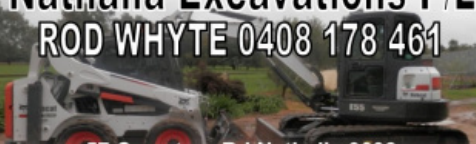
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Picola Lawn Bowls Presentation of Awards

A windup BBQ was held last Sunday with the presenting of awards to the winners and runners up of the various club competitions. The ladies champion was won by Karen Peacock with Sue Jamison runner up. The ladies 100 up was won by Helen McRae with Karen Peacock runner up.

The Ladies pairs saw Julie Berger and Karen Peacock the winners with Sue Jamison and Helen McRae runner up. The Presidents handicap saw Karen Peacock winning over Tony Smith. The men's champion was won by Trevor Cobbleddick with Geoff Davie runner up. The men's 100 up was won by Gary Manley with

Bill Agius runner up. President Agnew congratulated all the winners and runners up and especially Karen Peacock for her successful participation in the club competitions and to Trevor Cobbleddick for his win as champion. The Club AGM is to be held at the Picola Hotel on the 16th May.



Gary Manley men's 100 up winner and Trevor Cobbleddick men's club champion.



Helen McRae 100 up winner Karen Peacock Ladies Club Champion.



Karen Peacock and Julie Berger Ladies Pairs Champions.

Nathalia Indoor Bias Bowls Tournament

Saturday 22nd April and Sunday 23rd 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 Saturday and 24 teams playing on Sunday. We had 12 mats playing. Twelve teams came from Warrnambool, three teams from Corowa two teams from Moama RSL, one team from Rochester and local teams from Nathalia, Strathmerton, two teams from Numurkah Seniors Club and three teams from Waaia. We had prize money of \$700 each day. We had winners, runners-up, third and consolation prizes each day. On the Saturday three teams from Warrnambool were winners, runners-up and third place getters. On the Sunday the winners were from Warrnambool, the runners up were Ian Swain, Les Clarke, Cheryl Walsh and Darryl O'Connor from Waaia, Third were Sue Cleeland, Dawn Carey, Trevor and Darlene Steurt also from Waaia. 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 The Moira Shire, The Bendigo Bank, Ritchies IGA Numurkah, 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. Many thanks to the Nathalia Bowls Club who catered a BBQ tea on the Saturday evening for visiting bowlers. 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.



(L-R) Darryl O'Connor, Les Clarke, Ian Swain and absent Cheryl Walsh from Waaia - Runners up on Sunday.



(L-R) Sue Cleeland, Dawn Carey, Trevor Steurt, Darlene Steurt from Waaia - third place getters on Sunday.

Nathalia Bowling Club Presentation Night

The **PRESENTATION NIGHT** for the Club was held on Wednesday evening 19th April, 2023 at the Club. It was well attended by Members who enjoyed a very pleasant evening. Doug and Kay catered with another delicious Roast Dinner. **Mens Singles Winner** was **Jack Hutchins**, our youngest winner ever. Keith Holland was Runner Up in the Mens Singles. Jack also won, with his father, Peter Hutchins, the Mens Pairs with Tim Cullen and Paul White Runners up. **Bev Hutchins** won the **Ladies Singles** with Berris Baldwin Runner Up. Bev also won the Ladies Pairs with Heather Palmer and Runners Up was Berris Baldwin and Rosemary Glover. The award for the Highest winning rink for the 2022/2023 for Midweek and winning by 26 shots are Philippa Schapper, Ian Bolton, Heather Palmer and Skip, Tessa Ward. For Saturday Pennant two rinks achieved this honour, also both winning by 26 shots. Peter Hutchins skippered with Bev Hutchins, Alan Cooper and Ian Bolton and the other rink also by 26 shots and again, skippered by Peter Hutchins with Bev Hutchins, John Staggard and Max Hudson. The awards were presented by President, Bev Hutchins who congratulated the winners and commented that the Club had a lot to look forward to in 2023/2024 Season.



Bev Hutchins - Ladies Singles Winner.



Peter Hutchins - Mens Pairs Winner

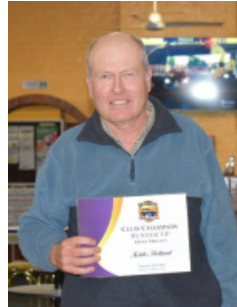


Bev Hutchins & Heather Palmer - Ladies Pairs winners.

The **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** held on Wednesday 3rd May will be reported on in the next edition. The Club has been busy with it being hired out. It is a venue that can seat up to 80/90 people. Bar facilities are available. We are not licensed for B.Y.O. Any enquires are available by phoning the Club. The Club was open on **ANZAC DAY** and well patronized to screen the Collingwood and Essendon match, which was screened on the new 65" T.V recently purchased.



Philippa Schapper, Ian Bolton, Heather Palmer & Tessa Ward - Highest Scoring Rink Midweek.



Keith Holland - R/up Mens Singles



Jack Hutchins - Mens Singles Winner & Pairs



Peter Hutchins, Bev Hutchins, Alan Cooper & Ian Bolton - Highest Scoring Rink Saturday.



Berris Baldwin & Rosemary Glover - R/up Ladies Pairs.



Bev Hutchins, Peter Hutchins, John Staggard & Max Hudson (absent) - Highest Scoring Rink Saturday.



Tim Cullen - Mens Pairs R/up



Berris Baldwin - R/up Ladies Singles.

Rnd 3 Nathalia Women's & Youth Girls Results

Shepp United v Nathalia 21/04/23

Women's: Nathalia 3.7.25 def Shepparton United 3.1.19

Switching up and playing on a Friday night meant a short week for the girls but we pulled through. Shepp were a tough quick side, pushing through our grabs and winning the ball most of the time but the purples kept their head up and we were determined to get over the finish line and secure the win. Our 3rd efforts were, in the end, what got us over the line winning by a goal. Our backline worked tirelessly all game, as with our mids, contest after contest, tackles and ball up's our girls came out on top, our forwards worked hard to make sure when it came into the fifty we were scoring and adding to the score board. Still plenty to take away from the game and work on at trainings this week. Overall a good effort from the girls and we look forward to working together and improving as a team as the season goes on.

Goals: K.Cooper 2, A.Favaro

Awards: Rex James stock feed & Mug: Alyx Jorgensen, Gagliadi & Scott: Sarah Bruce, CWA: Courtney Ladgrove, Stuart Bell: Bec Kellet, Barmah Hotel: Tayla Dempster

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Netball

11&U: The girls started a little slow but got back on track in the 2nd quarter. Some

great passages of play and many intercepts from our defenders.

Awards: Past Players: Georgia Smith, Bendigo Bank: Aroha Kautai, TJ's IGA: Jordyn Rudd, Nathalia Early Learning Centre: Miley Ciavarella



U11 Jordyn Rudd

13&U: Nathalia 25 - Mulwala 31

The girls went down by 6 goals in another close game. There was some great passages of play with some nice leads through the mid court. Our shooting was on point and some fantastic intercepts were taken in defence. Unfortunately we could not sustain four full quarters of play and need to improve on this. **Awards:** Bendigo Bank: Keira Liddell, Shepparton Marketplace Subway: Kiara Begley, TJ's IGA: Isobel Waser.

15&U: Nathalia 11 - Mulwala 45

A good game today, the score didn't match the effort the girls put in. Good defensive pressure and attacking leads. **Awards:** Broken Creek Physio & Pilates: Sarah Stone, Nathalia Post Office: Lexie Smith, Al's Café: Summer Mciver.

17&U: Nathalia 40 - Mulwala 42

The girls are improving as a team week on week. They worked hard all 4 quarters. Our defense was tight, and our attackers worked hard to bring the ball down. Although we didn't win the girls should be very proud of their efforts. **Awards:** Barmah Hotel: Layla Haberfield, Sportfirst Numurkah: Bridie Wilson, Bendigo Bank: Tayah Lundberg.

C Reserve: Nathalia 43 - Mulwala 35

A great win by the ladies! They put out on court what they had been learning at training and it was so great to see! There was great passages of play all over the court and with a few girls out due to injury, Laura and our under 15 stars Jayda and Zahlia slotted into the side seamlessly. Let's keep working hard ladies and take the winning momentum into next week!

Awards: Limo's Home Hardware BOC: Evie Hawks, Three Belles Coffee & Cake: Kellie Guthrie, Brereton's Bakery: Laura Booth.

C Grade: Nathalia 44 - Mulwala 40

Description A very competitive game from the get go for the C grade girls but we were able to hold our own and come home with the win. Some great passages of play throughout all 4 quarters providing us with plenty of turnovers showed just how well we can play together. Bridie Wilson stepping up from u17s for her first senior game and she slotted into the goal circle beautifully. **Awards:** TJ's IGA: Lily Smith, Mick's Pizza Shack: Kaiya Cornell, Nathalia Hair & Beauty: Hayley Summerville.

B Grade: Nathalia 28 - Mulwala 42

We knew today was going to be a tough game but the girls persevered and fought hard for the

ball all game until the final whistle. We are still coming together as a team but it was great to see some passages of play throughout the game that we have been working on for a few weeks. Millie Maskell and Michaela showed a lot of patience defensively in the ring and were both determined not to give up. Rhianna ran tirelessly through the mid court committed to provide options. It was a good hit out and it shows us what level is required to be one of the top teams. **Awards:** Awards: Les Rudd Haulage: Millie Maskell, Bridge Hotel: Rhianna Webster, Casual Step: Michaela Duncan.

A Grade: Nathalia 33 - Mulwala 53

A very tough game this week, Mulwala are a very well rounded team and played outstanding. Unfortunately, we couldn't catch them once they got on a roll half way through the first quarter. Super proud of the girls for keeping their head high throughout the whole game. Had an outstanding last quarter, hopefully next week we can start how we finished and carry it through all four quarters. **Awards:** TJ's IGA: Liv Tilyard, Northern Victorian Bait Co: Stacey Ross, Bell's Water Cartage: Liv McDonald.

Football

U14s: Nathalia 0.0.0 - Mulwala 30.19.199

Our game at Mulwala was always going to be tough for our boys and it certainly was. Being such a young team we couldn't compete with their hard running and slick ball movement. Gus Frostick and Hamish Whyte played their role and worked hard trying to stem the flow out of the middle. Lachie Russell held his ground down back playing a solid game also. Jas Pawlowicz and Noah Butler had a run through the middle in the last half and we seemed to slow the scoring of Mulwala. Mason Hatton's ruck work was a

stand out and our young fellas played the game out battling hard all day.

Awards: Past Players BOG: Jas Pawlowicz, Nathalia Printers: Mason Hatton, Rex James Stockfeed: Asher Johns, Frostick Contracting:

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U17s: Nathalia 4.6.30 - Mulwala 9.6.60

Goals: B. McDonald, H. McDonald, J. Vallender, N. Summerville

On a good day for footy the Mulwala boys were a bit hungrier and desperate to win the ball first, giving their forwards a better look at it. As the game wore on the purple boys started to play a better team band of footy and link up with hand. We tried hard all day and many players played versatile roles to good effect. The standout player on the day was Brady Walpole who took many gutsy marks intercepting many Mulwala forward entries. Baz McDonald won a heap of

the footy when the ball was in dispute to be a really strong contributor. Billy Liddell was also really good in the contest and worked hard to be at the fall of the ball. Josh Vallender and Harry McDonald also performed strongly and gave their all. Tristan Kendall, Ethan Cornell and Tyler Caufield were other players that did a lot of good things. Credit to Mulwala who were clearly the better team on the day. **Awards:** Quarrell Civil Construction: Brady Walpole, Mick's Pizza Shack: Billy Liddell, AV Hughes Excavations: Baz McDonald, On Trend Cabinetry: Josh Vallender, TJ's IGA: Harry McDonald.

Reserves: Nathalia 3.3.21 - Mulwala 13.15.93

Goals: L. Gemmill, R. Bell, J. Vallender

In the reserves we faced a very solid team in Mulwala that possessed some real fire power. In the end they were far too strong but to the boys credit we never gave in and showed a lot of character. It was great to have some new faces this year back out there and again appreciate the thirds boys doubling up. Jase McKenna continued his strong season and used his skills to effect. Lachy Gemmill worked hard and was a solid contributor all day along with Aiden Lindsay who always gives his all. It was great to see Ryan Bell back in a purple jumper and he also played with flair. Harry Rudd looked at home out there and applied himself with his attack on the ball a real feature. Good effort from the guys. **Awards:** Limbrick Accounting: Jason McKenna, Mick Hogan Excavations: Lachlan Gemmill, Bridge Hotel: Aiden Lindsay, Bell's Water Cartage: Ryan Bell, Brereton's Bakery: Harry Rudd

Seniors: Nathalia 5.6.36 - Mulwala 12.16.142

Goals: L. Evans 3, C. Brown, K. Lundberg

In the senior match it was always going to be a tough assignment travelling up to Mulwala. In the first term we certainly broke even around the contest and kept the pressure on the opposition. Unfortunately after the quarter time break the tide changed and Mulwala really got on top in the midfield and gave their forwards great delivery putting the purple defenders under the pump. In the second half the purple boys fought hard and were able to have momentum for periods. Having a young team it was great to see some of last year's thirds boys really stand up and hold their own against bigger and stronger opponents. Charlie Sheehan and Gus Bramwell were two of the kids that tried really hard all day and found a lot of the footy. Experienced players in Tom Nihill and Bailey Bell were also prominent against the tide of Mulwala dominance. Assistant Coach Luke McGill battled manfully under siege in defence to hold off as many Lions forward attacks as possible. Other players who battled hard that are the future of the club included Oliver Sheehan, Darcy Conroy, Kai Lundberg and Josh Vallender. This was a great experience for all our kids who will learn a lot. **Awards:** Ryan Meat Co: Charlie Sheehan, Bourke Group: Gus Bramwell, Liddell Group-Delcorp: Tom Nihill, Bridge Hotel: Bailey Bell, Brereton's Bakery: Luke McGill, Past Players: Oliver Sheehan.



U14s Mason Hatton gets up high in the ruck.

In the Swing at Nathalia Golf Club



What a wonderful time to be playing golf, the weather conditions are perfect. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome aboard Ryan Bell our new member. Great to see new faces on the course. Thanks to our Sponsors Remax and TTI very much appreciated.



Winners of the swaggers day event - Kerrie McCormick, Jenny Cannon, Trish Scandrett, Lyn Berry, Wanda Hacon, Kay Cowan, Shirl Little, Sonia Verlinden & Theresa Murray.

Results for the past 2 weeks:

Wednesday the 19th of April - the ladies played stableford sponsored by REMAX Heather Frostick winning with 27 points. Men's winner Graeme Frostick with 17 stableford points.
Friday's fun day the 21st of April - seven players turned up in great conditions for golf with perfect weather all had a great day.
SUNDAY the 23rd of April - second round of the men's club championships. Eleven players entered on another perfect day for golf. Great result with the best score net of 63 from Ryan Bell R/Up Tony Brown with net score of 69. Well done Ryan. NTP Gary Manley.
WEDNESDAY the 26th of April - first round of the ladies club championships. Sponsored by TTI Winner with a net score 74 Dawn Morrison. Nina Pell won the least putts 29.
Friday the 28th of April - the ladies held their swaggers event with 50 players from across the GMGA region.
 Division 1 winner, Lyn Berry from Ky Parkland 34 pts, on C/back from Trish Scandrett from Cob/Barooga also on 34pts with 3rd place to Wanda Hacon from Ky Valley View on 33pts. Division 2 winner, Kay Cowan from Mooroopna on 37 Pts, R/up Theresa Murray from Shepparton on 35 pts with Jenny Cannon from Kialla coming in 3rd on 34 pts. Division 3 Winner, Kerrie Mc Cormick from Ky Parkland on 34 pts, R/up Shirley Little from Mooroopna on 33pts and Sonia Verlinden from Nathalia 3rd with 31 pts. NTP on the 2nd hole went to Mavis Birrell from Numurkah and NTP on the 18th to Marie Collins from Rich River.
SUNDAY the 30th of April - was the third round of club championships, Tony Brown winning with a great score net 65 from R/up Gary Manley net 69. Gary also had NTP on the third hole 2nd shot. Kevin Scolyer NTP on the ninth hole. Well done all.
 Good hitting everyone. Best wishes to Nancy Dunn after having a few running repairs. Hope to see you back in action on the golf course reel soon.

Waaia Annual Pink Day

We hold our annual breast cancer awareness round every year against our rivals Katunga. This coincides with the annual Jacque Dietrich Memorial medal which is awarded to the best on the court from Waaia in the respective grade for that day. This year it was the C grade game where the medal would be awarded. This year we also had the inclusion of brand new pink match day dresses which the C-grade girls proudly debuted. Jacque was a proud member of Waaia for many years as a player, parent, trainer, and friend. Her daughters have carried on her legacy playing all their junior netball with the club. Teashia, Hollie, and Shaylee all proudly presented the medal to a very fitting recipient in Jacque's sister Andrea Walker. Andrea has been a member of Waaia for many years and has said winning her sister's memorial medal has been the highlight of her career.

A big thank-you must go out to Louise Shannon for coordinating and running the day and who herself has been a victim and survivor of breast cancer. She put in hours of work to make the day what it was and raised over \$2000 dollars. A stellar effort that the club is very thankful for.



Andrea is pictured with her daughters and nieces. Pictured: (L-R) Chloe Nield, Eloise Walker, Teashia Dietrich, Andrea Walker, Lily Walker, Shaylee Dietrich & Hollie Dietrich.

Blues Celebrate Milestones

Picola United FNC were delighted to celebrate two special netball milestones in Kimberley McPherson - 200 senior games and Courtney Cunningham 250 club games. Kimmy and Court are valued and respected members at the club, both continue to dedicate so much time to the club in their roles. Well done and congratulations to you both!



Above: Kimberley McPherson with husband Brett & daughter Sophia. (Absent daughter Charlotte)



Left: Courtney Cunningham with husband Dylan & daughters Tilly & Georgie.



Waaia v Katunga Round 5



Seniors: Waaia 14.13-97 def Katunga 9.7-61
Goals: J. Trower 3, S. Greenway 3, C. Burrows 3, D. Moncur 2, A. Thompson, J. Cleeland, G. Meyland. Both teams started well with a bit of a breeze giving the edge at the first break although a few good opportunities were missed. The backline was superb all day and set the tone from the start with a handful of guys playing team roles and executing with perfection. Ky Johnston was outstanding across half back and was ably assisted by Tim Belford. The second quarter was once again red hot with the game in the balance at half time. A good start to the third with Ash Holland once again proving pivotal in the ruck and around the ground giving the midfielders first use and allowing the forwards to go to work with plenty of repeat entries. Jordan Cleeland was good across half forward in his first game back in the seniors and Jesse Trower ran all day as is becoming the norm. To run away with it in the second half was very pleasing and a good result in the end. **Awards:** Rex James Stockfeed: Jesse Trower, Bendigo Bank / Waaia Hotel: Jordan Cleeland, Gagliardi Scott Real Estate & Telegraph Hotel: Sam Trower, M O'Dwyer Most Determined: Brayden Coates, D Botterill Construction: Lachie Karl, Tyndall Excavations: Harvey Walker

Reserves: Waaia 12.17-89 def Katunga 1.3-9
Goals: M. Shelton 5, N. Cornick 3, R. Bradbury, T. Daniell, M. Meyland, B. Harris. Great outing for the boys against the old rival Katunga. After a shakey 10 minutes the boys found a rhythm and began the play the brand of footy we know we are capable of. Nathan Cornick played a great game through the midfield as well as kicking 3 goals. Mark Shelton was dangerous up forward kicking a nice haul of 5 goals. A solid outing for the group and we look forward to Berrigan. **Awards:** GV Steel Supplies & Waaia Hotel: Nathan Cornick, Graincorp / Telegraph Hotel: Tom Daniel, Numurkah Truck Repairs: Hayden Hixon, Trelleborg Wheel System: Ethan McDonald, Sprunt Livestock: Luke Gittens

Under 17's: Waaia 5.3-33 vs Katunga 12.4-76
Goals: O. Buckland 2, A. Bryant 2, T. Buckland . A great contest took place in the 3rds on Saturday. The bomber boys were encouraged to be in hard for the contest and apply lots of tackle pressure. The first half was evenly matched and the backline played superbly in stopping Katunga's scores. The third quarter proved dominant for Katunga as their bigger

bodies took over around the contest. The bomber boys fought out the game well though and their effort all day was superb. Aiden Bryant and AJ Brooks led from the front all day and the highlight was young Tait Buckland kicking 2 goals. **Awards:** Jorgensen Refrigeration: Aiden Bryant, Numurkah Nu Genes: AJ Brooks, JOT Farms: Jake Buckland Hoopers Garden Maintenance: Aiden Hibma, Stevenson Engineering: Isaac Chandler, Meat on Melville / Waaia Canteen: Tait Buckland

Fourth's: Waaia 0.0-0 def by Katunga 10.8-68
 Our Bombers Boys started of the day full of confidence from last week's performance We faced up against a very strong Katunga outfit with the first half being a very evenly matched through an outstanding performance from our backline our mids worked all day with a highlight being our huge tackle pressure. The forwards made every effort possible but couldn't quite hit the score board A really well fought out game from our young Bombers

Awards: Murray Valley Rural & Plumbing: Blake Fairless, Ultimate Auto Repairs: Preston Power, GV House & Building Inspections: Tait Buckland, Numurkah Milk Supply: Joel O'Dwyer, AgWarehouse / Waaia Canteen: Oscar Buckland
Under 11's: Another awesome game by our young superstars, everyone really starting to gel together and play as a team. Putting into play everything we learn at training and giving it our best shot. So proud of each and everyone one of you girls. It's always great to see you all playing with a smile on your face and giving it you all. **Awards:** Jacque Dietrich - Isla; Cash - Willow; Canteen - Dail

13 & Under: Waaia 16 def Katunga 10
 Whilst the girls started with a lot of nervous energy they soon settled, working well together against a tough opponent in Katunga, always a hotly contested game. The girls had a fantastic day with great defensive pressure from everyone down the court giving them many turnovers allowing them to create opportunities and capitalise. Loz, Jam, Ivy and Das combined to provide great defensive pressure in the ring yet again, with Loz really embracing the defensive role and taking many intercepts and rebounds along the way. Our centre court girls combined well and continue to work themselves into the space, really starting to watch the play and move accordingly. Das Hibma had her first run in Centre and did a great job taking quite a few intercepts in a great game.

Pip Stammers was our stand out for the day, taking on the captaincy role for the week and dominating in the goals shooting 11 of our 16. Whilst we continue to work on combinations across the court its great to see the girls coming together well as a team. Congratulations on a great WIN girls. **Awards:** Jacque Dietrich & Pretty Paddocks - Pippa Stammers; Canteen - Lauren Parker

15 & Under: Waaia 27 def Katunga 20
 This week showed our determination and stamina to play a game out. Everyone held their own and played a strong game in their positions. Katie had a great game positioning well and keeping the pressure on the whole game. Claire did a wonderful job playing a new

position and adapting to what worked for the team. **Awards:** Cash - Katie; Canteen - Claire

17 & Under: Waaia 26 def by Katunga 46
 It was a tough day on Saturday. Each member of the team played their role beautifully however was beaten on the day. Ella played a consistent and fearless game, contesting every ball in defence and driving hard in attack! Shaylee was a dynamic and strong player on the court. Being ever so reliable, driving to the ball and assisting her team mates to convert the ball. Every member of the team should composure, a positive attitude and encouraged each other to the end. We continue to work hard and get better every time we take the court. **Awards:** SportsFirst award - Ella Osbourne; Canteen award - Shaylee Dietrich

C Reserve: Waaia 30 def by Katunga 33
 On a day that was dedicated to Jacque Dietrich, we went out there to play with high intensity and passion. We knew the game was going to be a good one to win but we left our run too late. We lacked a bit of drive through the mid court and made some changes at half time. Our defenders rebounded shots and our goalers rewarded them for their hard efforts. **Awards:** Bells Water Cartage BOC award - Jessamy Doyle; Waaia Hotel - Tearn Williams

C Grade: Waaia 35 def by Katunga 45
 Unfortunately the game didn't go in our favour today. The girls worked hard with some smooth passages of play throughout the game, with only 1 goal being in it at times, however we couldn't maintain our consistency. With great defensive pressure and an eye for the ball Ange Bergamin walked away with BOC cash award from Sportsfirst Numurkah. Casual Step award to Andrea Walker who was also awarded our annual Jacque Dietrich Medal.

B Grade: Waaia 43 def Katunga 36
 Firing from the first whistle, the Bombers began a fast paced tussle against Katunga with hunger and tenacity. Waaia persisted with integrity and grit to control the difference on the scoreboard. Nicole Brown dominated the defence proving to be unstoppable with her agility and speed whilst intercepting numerous passes. Zoe Ludington provided the attack with reliable and continual opportunity for points on the board through her agile leads and unpredictability, ultimately anchoring the attack for success. The Bombers continue to lock in each piece of the puzzle as they prepare for round 6. **Awards:** GJ Gardener BOC - Nicole Brown; Telegraph Hotel - Zoe Ludington

A Grade: Waaia 46 def Katunga 33
 The Bombers entered round 5 to honour and raise awareness for Breast Cancer. Playing in pink, the Bombers hit the ground running after the first whistle against our small town rival Katunga. The girls put the pedal to the metal for a full four quarter performance. Showcasing their true colours, they worked in unity and perseverance under the warmer conditions. Playing in honour of Jacque Dietrich, Eloise Walker was undeniably best on court, covering ground both attacking and defensively left, right and centre. A performance to be truly proud of Chocco. **Awards:** GJ Gardener BOC - Eloise Walker.



Waaia's Shaun Greenway in action

Picola Utd v Rennie Round 5



On the road to Rennie in round 5, mixed results across the day which finished with a nail biting finish in the seniors. Unfortunately on the wrong side of the result in the end with a kick after the siren.

I hope everyone gets the chance to recharge with the bye this weekend and get ready for Strathy in round 7. Go Blues!

~ President Clinton

Under 11's: Good numbers travelled to Rennie, great to see all kids have fun. Awards: Iron Estate: Billy Dolling, R&T Fynch Magic Moment: Shaynee Fynch, Iron Estate canteen/lollyshop: Edward McNair, R&T Fynch Encouragement: Jax.

Under 14's: Picola 0.1-1 vs Rennie 8.9-57
The scoreboard didn't reflect the even contest in the fourths. We had many forward entries, but found ourselves unable to hit the scoreboard. Ryan was best on ground, showing some symptoms of leather poisoning after the game. Mitch out-muscled his opponents and Roudy was like a bull in a china shop smashing through packs. Jack and Jayden down back, had their opponent sweating like a bag of cats at a greyhound meet. While Bardie Grub was in and under. Great team first footy was displayed and improving each week. Awards: Powerlivestock trophy B.O.G/Picola Hay Supplies: Ryan Caldwell, Intersport Echuca: Raudian Bray, Jay & Bec Caldwell: Mitch Daniel, Barmah Roadhouse Voucher: Jack Auger, Barmah Social Club canteen voucher: Tighe Teasdale, B.D: Billy Baxter.

Under 17's: Picola 13.12-90 vs Rennie 0.0-0
Goals: T.Webber 8, J.Hutchins 2, S.Atkinson, M.Jorgensen. With a firing start the thirds put on 8 goals in the first quarter with some dominant ruck work from Jack Hutchins, feeding Matt Jorgensen and Logan Daniel with precision allowing them to clear the ball straight to the hands of our forwards. Tanner Webber was strong up forward taking plenty of contested marks and kicking goals. Rennie switched on in the second quarter only allowing the blues 1 goal, Markus Burns was brilliant down back not allowing Rennie to get a score on the board all day. The second half saw only Picola hitting the scoreboard with some hard work from Oscar Binks on the wing working all game to beat his opponent to the footy putting together a great start to his season. A great team effort saw a 90 point win to the blues. Awards: Dove Motors

mug/Lubke engineering: Oscar Binks, Intersport Echuca: Matt Jorgensen, B & E Daniel voucher: Marcus Burns, Peter Limbrick: Logan Daniel, Barmah Roadhouse voucher: Tanner Webber, Barmah Social Club canteen voucher: Jack Hutchins.

Reserves: Picola 3.3-21 v Rennie 26.12-168

Goals: R.Simmons, R.Fynch, D.Hatton
The reserves battled hard all day under less than ideal circumstances. Multiple injury's in both grades and a few with work commitments hurt our numbers, only just scraping a team together which include a couple fill ins and 3rds players (Thankyou to those boys). We started pretty positively with big Tommy winning most of the ruck battles. A couple of great goals from Simmo (BOG) and Finchy gave us something to smile about in the first half. Defensively we worked hard as the boys stuck to the task, a tough day all in all. Jacob Verhey-Taylor once again holding down our backline well. Rennie to good on the day. We take plenty of learnings out of the game as we look to continuing improve our game. Enjoy the week off as we reload and go again. Awards: Fertgrain mug/ Yum Yum Bricklaying: Ryan Simmons, Brereton's Bakery voucher: Jacob Verhey-Taylor, Worklocker Echuca: Daniel Thorn, Limbrick Accounting: Dan Hatton, Barmah Roadhouse: Tom Halliday.

Seniors: Picola 7.10-52 vs Rennie 9.7-55

Goals: D.Cunningham 3, T.Beard 2, C.Haub, C.Langley. After making the drive up to Rennie the boys came out with a dominant first half however we didn't capitalise as much as we would've liked on the scoreboard. In the second half, Rennie came out to play. While we matched as well as we could, the ball just wasn't bouncing in our favour. Both of our captains. Blake and Cody, worked tirelessly and put their head over the football all day. Both of our Rockman also cover the ground very well. Looking forward to the bye week to manage our bodies and hopefully have some blokes returning to the senior side for the following week. Awards: DMH Mug & Barmah Hotel voucher: Blake Jorgensen, Brereton's Bakery Voucher: Clinton Barnes, Limos Mitre 10: Cody Haub, Blake St Butchery: Matt Hore, Barmah Roadhouse voucher: Connor Langley.

Minis: Nice cold morning for the girls but they still smashed out the 6 quarters. Every effort

was given and encouragement all round. Great work to Lexie, Jess and Eva, keeping the pressure up all around the court.

Coaches award: Eva Watson, Barmah social club: Jess Bray, Intersport Echuca: Lexie Briggs
13 & Under: Picola 13 vs Rennie 19

This weeks game had lots of positives, the girls court movement and space looked beautiful, our goalers moved well and mid court set up around the ring both ends. Awards: Baxter family medallion: Ruby Whitelegg, Barmah Social Club: Addy McLean, PUFNC canteen voucher: Tahlia Blight

15 & Under: Picola 12 vs Rennie 39

It was a slow start for our girls, but as always they kept up the defensive pressure! We moved the ball well down the court and came out strong to finish in the 4th quarter, proud of you girls! Awards: Brereton's Bakery: Charli Ryan, Power Livestock: Bella Nave, Intersport Echuca: Emahlen MacRae

17 & Under: Picola 8 vs Rennie 56

A really good effort against a very well structured team. A slow start but the girls stuck with it until the end and didn't give up. Great pressure on the ball all the way up the court and great attempts at intercepts and chasing the ball up. Awards: Barnett family award: Georgia Barnett, Brereton's Bakery: Indiana McAbe Jackson, Intersport Echuca: Milla Teasdale

C Reserve: Picola 31 vs Rennie 33

Girls played a tough game. They fought all the way to the to the end, keeping up with a very strong side in Rennie. Goals: Birch Earthmoving: Lee Elliot, Three Belles Cafe: Kloe O'Keefe

C Grade: Picola: 30 vs Rennie: 25

We finally got our first win! So proud of how everyone played. Everyone deserved an award. A big thanks to Georgia for filling in for us this week. Your pressure in GK was amazing. Enjoy the bye this week girls! Awards: Brereton's Bakery: Georgia Barnett, 3 Black Sheep: Maddy Somerville.

B Grade: Picola 26 vs Rennie 42

A much better game. Our connection improved allowing us to win the first quarter. Everyone played their role and put great pressure over the ball. Keep working down the court and encouraging each other. Great effort girls. Awards: Scrumdiddlyumcious Catering: Laura

Byrnes-Smith, Casual step: Alyx Jorgensen, Worklocker Echuca: Maree Holyman.

A Grade: Picola 27 vs Rennie 33

The girls played a great team effort game. Their defensive pressure was outstanding across the court, making Rennie rethink their game. Our attackers never gave up and stood strong in their positions. It was a good physical contest. Lots of positives from day, well done girls. Awards: Three Black Sheep/Colour & Co: Jacinda Barnes, Milking it Cafe: Kim McPherson

*Pictured:
U13's Netball
Ruby
Whitelegg
looking to
pass the ball.*

*~ Photos by
Michelle Legge*



Above: Mini's Netball Heidi Caldwell



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DRAFT BUDGET 2023/2024**

Available for community feedback

Your feedback is crucial as we carefully balance community expectations and financial responsibilities post-pandemic and floods.

The 2023/24 draft budget focuses on recovery, sustainability, and the needs of our community.

How to provide feedback?

You can provide feedback online or in person at one of our feedback sessions:

Wednesday 17 May 2023
Nathalia Sports and Community Centre, 10.30am - 12pm
Numurkah Community Learning Centre, 2pm - 3.30pm

Thursday 18 May 2023
Yarrawonga Town Hall, 10.30am - 12pm
Cobram Civic Centre, 2pm - 3.30pm

What happens next?

All feedback received by Council by 4pm on Friday 19 May 2023 will be considered prior to adoption of the budget.

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Stronger Communities Needs Another Round

The Stronger Communities grants programme commits \$150,000 for each federal electorate for small community projects. Grants are up to a maximum of \$20,000 with a maximum of 20 projects receiving funding in my electorate. Round 8, which is currently in progress, was significantly oversubscribed. My office received expressions of interest for \$625,000 in grants, supporting projects worth \$1 million. This points to the urgent need for further rounds of this program. The pandemic not only wreaked havoc on community events, but it also limited normal operations and fundraising for so many organisations and clubs. In terms of overall spending, this is an inexpensive programme which efficiently delivers much needed funding quickly. We need more of it, and sooner rather than later.



Listening To You

I want to thank everyone who took time to catch up with me recently in Nathalia, Barmah and Picola as part of my Sam on the Street Listening Posts. Its important for me to understand and keep up to date about what matters to you and your town. I'm looking forward to continuing to travel across the electorate listening to locals. Stay up to date to when I'm next in a town near you by following me on social media or signing up to my newsletter at sam.birrell.com.au In the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact my office if you require help with Federal Government matters.

Telecommunications

Improving telecommunications across our region continues to be one of my top priorities. The former Coalition Government funded 206 new base stations in Victoria under the Mobile Black Spot Program including base stations at Toolleen, Gunbower, Katunga and Graytown. But, as regions grow, and technologies improve, I understand investment needs to continue. Recent Mobile Blackspot funding under the Albanese Government favoured Labor electorates in Victoria and New South Wales. This is unfair and upgrades should be where need is and not votes. Last week, I brought the Shadow Minister for Communications, David Coleman, to our region to hear about the need for more upgrades and help with this important advocacy. Blackspots are not only potentially dangerous, but are frustrating and economically debilitating for businesses, farmers, students, and people working from home. People living in the regions need and deserve strong, reliable and affordable connections.

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