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NATHALIA & DISTRICTS NEWSPAPER

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November, 2021

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## Back at School



Students and teachers celebrated being back at school after the end of remote learning. St Francis Primary School celebrated with a character dress up day (see page 10) and Nathalia Primary School enjoyed a whole school sports day (see page 11).

## And Finished School



Year 12 Students at Nathalia Secondary College (see page 3) and St Mary of the Angels Secondary College (see pages 14 & 15) have completed their schooling and are now in the middle of sitting their exams.



# The G.R.A.I.N Store is Celebrating 10 Years



See page 4 for details

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# Moira Messages

## Fairley Leadership Program sponsorship - applications open

Applications are now open for sponsorship funding for eligible community members who have applied or are wanting to apply for the Goulburn Murray Fairley Leadership Program.

Mayor Libro Mustica said funding was available up to \$5,000 to assist in covering the costs of the Fairley Leadership Program.

"The Fairley Leadership Program involves learning about the region's challenges, the opportunity to gain new skills, grow confidence, build self-resilience and become part of a network of leaders," Cr Mustica said.

"Topics of learning include health, education, water, regional development, Indigenous issues, small towns, the arts and agriculture.

"A Fairley graduate will serve as a role model and mentor within the community."

"During my time as Mayor of Moira Shire I have learned that community leadership is having the courage and creativity to inspire participation, development and sustainability to build and enhance strong communities.

"This sponsorship program is open to people who have already applied for the Fairley Leadership Program."

To apply for a sponsorship go to our website – applications close Monday 8 November 2021.

To apply for the Fairley Leadership Program visit [www.goulburnmurraycommunityleadership.com.au](http://www.goulburnmurraycommunityleadership.com.au)

For more information phone our friendly Customer Experience team on 5871 9222.

## Applications open for nursing scholarship

Applications are now open for Moira Shire Council's 2022 Post Graduate Scholarship program.

This post graduate study will lead to the qualification of a Maternal and Child Health Nurse.

Mayor Libro Mustica said the scholarship program valued at \$4,000 was available to registered midwives who undertake a Post Graduate Diploma of Nursing Science in Child Family and Community at an accredited tertiary institution.

"Maternal and Child Health (MCH) nurses play a vital role in our community," Cr Mustica said.

"In particular, the team of MCH nurses at Council are highly professional health practitioners who give information, support and advice on a variety of topics including parenting, development and learning, child health, family health and wellbeing, safety, immunisation, breastfeeding, nutrition and family planning."

Selection for the program will be based on the following criteria – Australia citizenship or permanent residency status; a resident of Moira Shire or surrounding municipality; currently registered as a registered nurse and midwife with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia; enrolment in tertiary courses; and the intention to complete the course within two years.

"Students currently receiving funding from another scholarship are still eligible to apply and unsuccessful applicants from previous rounds are encouraged to reapply," he said.

"For more information about this fantastic opportunity give our friendly Customer Experience team a call on 5871 9222 or go to our website.

"Applications will close Friday 19 November 2021."



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## Don't miss your Australia Day chance – nominate now

This is your last chance to nominate individuals or organisations which have enhanced and provided for their local community for the 2022 Moira Shire Australia Day Awards.

Nominations are closing Friday 19 November so now is the time to nominate Australian citizens who have made a significant voluntary contribution during 2021, or who have given outstanding service to the local community over a number of years.

Mayor Libro Mustica said it wasn't just individual people who could be nominated.

"A project or event that a school, community group or organisation has held which went that extra mile to help their local area can also be nominated," Cr Mustica said.

"The Australia Day Awards are an opportunity to recognise those in the community who have given tirelessly for the benefit of others.

"We are fortunate to have so many community-minded people in Moira Shire and the Australia Day Awards provide us with a fantastic opportunity to recognise their commitment, contribution and effort."

There are six award categories – Citizen of the Year; Junior Citizen of the Year; Young Citizen of the Year; Community Event of the Year; Community Organisation of the Year; and Arts, Culture and/or Environment Project of the Year.

"I encourage members of the community to take the time to think about the contributions the people and community groups around them have made, particularly during this past difficult 12 months," Cr Mustica said.

"These awards will be a wonderful way to recognise the exceptional contribution for the people and groups in our community who inspire us all."

Nominations can be made online via our website; if you require assistance please give us a call on 5871 9222 and one of our officers will help you through the process.

# Congratulations to our 2021 Graduating Class - Paige, Jordyn, Jess, Katie, Charli, Jason, Tristan, Marcus and Jakara



This week Nathalia Secondary College farewelled their Year 12 students. Despite not being able to celebrate as a school community, the students all had smiles on their faces and were ready to embrace this milestone achievement. The last two years have been difficult for all students. NSC has ensured that they have all been supported. The students all expressed how unique, caring and awesome their school is. We wish the Graduating Class of 2021 all the very best in the future.





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# At the G.R.A.I.N. Store



## Come Help Celebrate GRAIN Store is Ten years Old...going on for 20



Well we have tried everything. We have pounced on you when you walked in the door. We have approached you when you were gazing in the window at Kim's brooches. We have literally run out the door and grabbed you as you walked past deliberately not looking in our window.

And now this...we are holding a Tenth Birthday Celebration...and we really want you to come.

We are bringing out the Big Ones...Tammy Muir will perform his Art poem (I am hoping both of them). We are viewing Simon and Jacinta's beautiful film clip of Nathalia-ites (and him) singing Shine

**Not only that...we have even cleared the Back Paddock so more of you can come...I hope you are getting the message...we really want you to come to this.**

Whose Tenth Birthday? You might think it is about The G.R.A.I.N. Store...and it is...a bit.

But much more it is the tenth birthday of Nathalia having an appropriate showcase and platform for its many wonderful, thoughtful and creative artists amongst us...including that quiet creative and artist within you.

The Exhibition is already open... come see.



The recognition of our past events and your place in them surrounds us in the Community Gallery.

**The official Celebration : 2-4pm 20 November.** Come book in. We really want you. The speeches and performance start at 2.30pm

The next ten years beckon: come hear new Moira Shire CEO Clare Keenan and her take on: A Brush With Art.



## MEALS ON WHEELS

5th - 18th November

November

Friday 5th	Matthew Chalker
Monday 8th	St Mary Of The Angels
Tuesday 9th	John & Eve Attwood
Wednesday 10th	VOLUNTEER REQUIRED
Thursday 11th	Heather Frostick
Friday 12th	Graeme Smith
Monday 15th	VOLUNTEER REQUIRED
Tuesday 16th	Mary Agius
Wednesday 17th	Nathalia Primary School
Thursday 18th	Fay Hutchins

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



## CHURCH TIMES

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Nathalia MASS TIME 9am SUNDAYS

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November 7th: 9.30am

November 14th: 9.30am

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# Barwo's October Events:

This month has been quite busy for all at Barwo. We have been spoilt with some amazing sunny days that have seen many residents venturing outside and enjoying the beautiful warm days. Residents sat out in the sunshine with some finding ideal spots for a reading session, while others enjoyed walks and appreciated the gorgeous display of colour we have all around our gardens, thanks to the amazing hard work of our gardener, Leonie. The garden brings so much joy to our residents.



Barwo Homestead's Show display.



Nance, happy with her morning tea.



Graeme's Birthday.



Dorothy enjoying her scones.

On Sunday 10th October it was Graeme's birthday, we celebrated with cake and sang 'Happy Birthday'. Residents participated in a range of activities including Bingo, Sing-alongs, Quiz time and were delighted by the lovely group morning teas both inside and out. They enjoyed their cream filled match sticks with their tea & coffee indoors and were pleased to spend another glorious morning tea outside in the rotunda devouring scones with jam and cream.

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# NCN HEALTH NATHALIA



## Let's talk about thunderstorm asthma

Grass pollen season is here.

This time of year brings an increased chance of thunderstorm asthma.

It can be sudden, serious and even life threatening for people with asthma or hay fever.

If you've ever had asthma – talk to your doctor about what you need to do to protect yourself this pollen season.

Some ways to reduce your risk of thunderstorm asthma include:

- Close doors and windows before a storm arrives. If you have your air conditioner on, turn it to recirculate.
- Follow your asthma action plan, if you haven't got an action plan, make an appointment with your doctor to make one.
- Learn or revisit the 4 steps of asthma first aid.
- Take an asthma preventer as directed to prevent asthma.

If you do have asthma, the sooner you get it under control the sooner you'll feel better - and the faster you can help reduce your risk of thunderstorm asthma.

Remember to get a COVID-19 test if:

- your symptoms are new
- your symptoms are different than usual
- your symptoms have restarted after a period of absence
- you are unsure.

More info:

[www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/thunderstorm-asthma](http://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/thunderstorm-asthma)

COVID Tests are available by appointment at NCN Health Nathalia  
Ph: 5866 9444

## Picola & District Improvement Group AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Picola and District Improvement Group was held on October 31<sup>st</sup>.

The same committee was re-elected to their positions for the next twelve months.

President – Jeanette Holland

Vice President – Ann Christy

Secretary – Bronwyn Ryan

Treasurer – Joan Theyers

The President reported to the gathering as follows.....

*"I stand here proudly today, in our Heritage Park, surrounded by our history boards and a wonderful playground and looking towards the east I can see part of our latest achievement – our magnificent Silo Art. What a great outcome we have achieved with our silo art project. We have put Picola on the map! It is a fabulous piece of artwork, and we give credit to the artistic skills of Jimmy DVate. And what lovely people he and his team were to work with. I wish to thank our silo art committee members who helped achieve this project. Joan Theyers, Bronwyn Ryan, Ann Christy, Kerry Bruce and Ian Lubke all worked tirelessly with me to see this project come into being. We also had some wonderful support from our sponsors and can proudly display their names on the information board.*

*With the completion of our project and acquittal of the grants we received, we can now focus forward and start planning for stage two of our silo art project and hopefully create an equally stunning mural on the concrete silos. So planning will commence soon to source an artist and funding for the next stage."*



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# Caterpillar Corner



We have teamed up with Taylah's Massage & Fitness to bring Bluey and Bingo to Nathalia for children of all ages.

The Aim of the Bluey Hunt is to get children active out in the community all while finding their favourite characters. Take the kids for a walk along the creek and take photos with Bluey and Bingo, feel free to tag us in your adventure.

Pictured is the walking track where Bluey and Bingo can be found and the 8 photos to look for! We start our hunt at the Apex Park where a sign and map can be found.

"About 4 out of 5 children in Australia don't get the daily 60 minutes of physical activity they need for good health. Encouraging your child to be physically active every day will set them up to be active and healthy for their whole lives. The 60 minutes doesn't have to be done all in one go. You can build it up so your child accumulates the physical activity over the day" -Health direct

Thankyou to the Yarrawonga Play Project for assisting us with the adored Bluey Hunt.



Taylah, Abbey and Bow.



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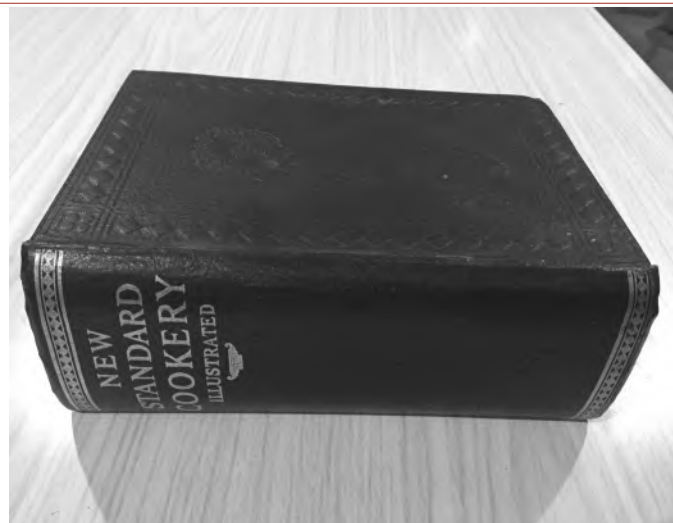


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# Museum Moments...

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



It is interesting to look back at what featured in a book like this. It was not only full of recipes but also contained chapters on diet for health, putting on weight or cutting down weight, foods suitable for invalids, household management, the washing up, the laundry, household linen, and first aid, just to name a few.

Within the chapter called 'The Meat Course' are recipes for Stewed Bandicoot, Roasted Island Blue Geese, several recipes on how to cook Kangaroo, or Mallee Hen, Roast Black Swan or Bush Turkey, Boiled Murray Cod and Roast Wallaby.

Household Hints include; -

- Stew apple peelings with a little sugar to make Apple Juice.
- To make a cheap Baby's Cot Mattress—take a strong piece of sheeting and fill evenly with fresh, sweet hay. Using fine white string, draw it through the mattress at regular intervals and tie off to keep the hay in place.
- Fill a pair of socks with sawdust and stitch closed. When shoes are taken off, insert the sock and it will hold the shape of the shoe and remove moisture.
- To keep bread fresh, wash and dry a large potato and put it in the bottom of the bread container.
- To extinguish the fire in a chimney, throw a couple of handfuls of salt onto the fire.
- To cure chilblains, bathe the affected area with water in which celery has been boiled, or rub the chilblain with plain lemon water.

I was recently given a copy of an old book (pictured above) called "New Standard Cookery, Illustrated". It is quite a thick book and was printed in 1933 in Great Britain. Even though it was written in Britain the index shows it was targeted at the Australian housewife, with one chapter devoted to the Australian kitchen.

The contents of this book seem so different to the life we live today, so lets take a peek at how life was for our grandparents.

**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



# Decorate Moira – let's get festive!

Moira Shire Council is getting into the festive spirit by launching a shire-wide Christmas decorations competition and we want the community to get involved.

A total of \$4,500 worth of Why Leave Town (WLT) cards are up for grabs if you can impress the judges with your creative and sustainable flair.

Mayor Libro Mustica said entries open Monday 1 November and he couldn't wait to see the entries start coming in.

"Our businesses and communities have been impacted by two years of COVID-19 restrictions, both financially and emotionally, and we are wanting to help lift their spirits by holding competitions that families and workmates can enter, work on and, most importantly, have fun together," Cr Mustica said.

"We are encouraging businesses to jazz up their shop windows and residents their front gates or driveway entrances with a Christmas theme, bringing a fabulous festive atmosphere into our communities plus supporting our retailers by shopping locally."

There are four main categories with a \$1,000 WLT card for each winner. The categories are Best Shop/Business Window Display; Best Sustainably Decorated Front Entrance – Urban; Best Sustainably Decorated Front Entrance – Rural; and Best Sustainably Decorated Small Town Entrance.

"The runner up for Best Shop/Window Display will win a \$500 WLT card," Cr Mustica said.

"Entrants for these awards must complete the online form and submit photos of their decorations via our website.

"A map displaying all the entries will be available on our website and on



our socials so you can tour the shire and take in the festive spirit."

Community organisations in the shire's small towns are also encouraged to hold a festive picnic or barbecue, COVID restrictions permitting, with a grant of \$2,000 per small town; this grant must be applied for via SmartyGrants on our website.

"In addition, there will be a fun People's Choice Award, where people can vote for their favourite display via our Facebook page; simply send a pic of your front entrance or window, which we will upload to our Facebook feed, then people can 'like' their favourite photo from the list and the pic with the most reactions wins," Cr Mustica said.

"This award is for the glory only, no monetary prize is attached."

A full listing of conditions and entry requirements is available on our website.

"So, get cracking – I can't wait to see Moira Shire light up for Christmas!"

## Geography Quiz

1. What is the world's largest continent?
2. What is the state capital of Oklahoma?
3. What is the smallest country in the world?
4. What is the capital city of Africa's Namibia?
5. What country is called "Land of Fire and Ice"?
6. What are the five boroughs of New York City?
7. Which lake is the world's largest?
8. What is the only major city located on two continents?
9. What nation produces two thirds of the world's vanilla?
10. What national park is known for having alligators?
11. What is the capital city of Nova Scotia?
12. Riyadh is the capital city of which Arab nation?

Answers on page 12



# Banawah Birthdays



Over the last few months, we celebrated Covid 2021 birthdays at Banawah.

Dell Cardwell celebrated her 97<sup>th</sup>, while her grandson Matt turned 30. Happy birthday to both.

Elva Griffiths had a special day for her 90<sup>th</sup>, and Helen Tyndall celebrated her 98<sup>th</sup> birthday with flowers and cake.

Happy birthday Elva and Helen

Left: Dell Cardwell celebrating her 97th birthday.

Right: Elva Griffiths with her 90th birthday cake.

Below: Helen Tyndall and her beautiful cake for her 98th birthday.



## Pizza

Find and circle all of the pizza ingredients and toppings that are hidden in the grid. The remaining letters spell four additional pizza toppings.

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# Book Parade 2021



At St Francis Primary School we kicked off our day with our character parade with a very special surprise, Elmo, who made a special trip to host our parade. We had everything from dragons and fairies to football players and unicorns. We then joined together in our house groups and split off to complete some fun craft activities that linked to some of our favourite picture story books. It was so wonderful to be able to celebrate this together!



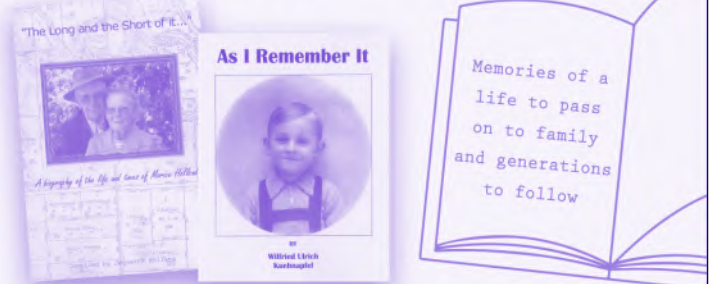
## Broken Creek Drama

Angus woke in the early hours of the morning. He had suddenly remembered that last night, Tatslotto was having one of their Mega Draws where the first prize was guaranteed to be twenty million dollars. How could he have forgotten to buy a ticket? Unbelievable. He always bought a ticket when there was so much to be won and always with the same numbers. Those numbers were bound to be the winning ones. What he would have been able to do with a share of twenty million. He tossed and turned until daybreak.

Julie looked across the breakfast table at Angus as he checked the numbers on his smart phone. 'What are you grinning for?' she asked, 'Did you have a win?' Angus chuckled. "Sort of. Not one of my numbers came up."



## Now is the Time to Start Writing "Your" Story...



We encourage anyone who has written or is thinking of writing their story and having it printed and published as a book to contact the team at **Nathalia Printers** who would be happy to help you with all aspects of your project.



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# Celebrating End of Remote Learning

The Nathalia Primary School whole school sports day was a fantastic way to celebrate the end remote learning. It was wonderful to have the students from all grades finally back at school together at the one time. It is important that we were able to acknowledge the end of this significant period of education and the beginning of an exciting new stage of learning for the Nathalia Primary School students and the school community.



## Newly Published Local Authors Writing Children's Books



Authors and illustrators with their new book *Elsie and Jeffy*.

It all started with a dream, and a desire for connectedness during lockdowns. Thank goodness for zoom calls. Sisters Pauline Daniel and Libby (Elizabeth) Quinn decided to start writing children's books, with the idea of bringing joy and the love of reading to children in a nurturing environment.

Out of this was born the first book in the Elsie and Jeffy series. It's a heart-warming little story about two best friends; a new born baby and her cat.

The book has the unique feature of being illustrated by children. The illustrations have been published unedited. It has been delightful for Pauline and Libby to witness the joy that both children and adults have experienced reading the book.

New to writing books and then going on to publish, at times for them was overwhelming. When this feeling took hold they stopped, took stock and then worked one step at a time to learn the necessary skills to keep on going.

May our readers get as much joy out of the reading as we have in the making.

Illustrators: Mackenzie Michel, Zahlia Kautai, Mia Michel.  
Authors: Pauline Daniel and Libby (Elizabeth) Quinn



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# Rotary News

## With restrictions finally eased...

We received three bookings for the respite house at Barmah. The first lot of guests arrived on Cup Day, for a few days. Three of our members went to the house a couple of days before, on the Sunday, and readied the house for the incoming guests. As well as the usual cleaning indoors, there were cobwebs to remove outdoors and sweeping to be done on the porch and in the carport. Power needed to be turned back on also. Usually only the fridge gets turned off when guests leave but, after a rather high power bill, all power got turned off till next needed.

At this stage, the next booking is from Christmas Eve for a few days and the third booking we received is not till late June 2022! We are sure to get a number of bookings before then though.

The Hat Day meeting went okay but there were only six of us in attendance, with work and illness keeping our other members away. Most of us wore hats and the one who didn't also paid up, raising money for Australian Rotary Health's mental health research. At our board meeting this week we agreed to send more to ARH than we actually collected from our members.

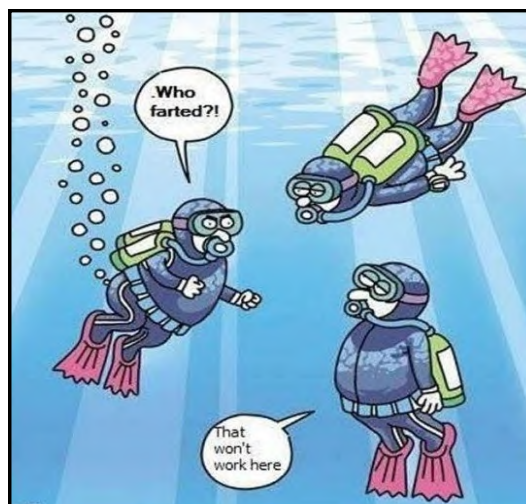


Hat Day meeting.

On thinking it over, it was decided not to have a dinner auction in February after all. It has been put on the back burner till about the middle of 2022. The planned March Show and Shine is expected to go ahead...and we look forward to it! Two years without this great event has been hard to take and we hope to have a very successful car show, giving lots of pleasure to car enthusiasts from near and far (at same time raising funds for the community and other Rotary projects).

Regarding the letters that were sent out as a membership drive, replies are slowly trickling in, and we hope to receive even more acceptances to the information night on November 24<sup>th</sup>. More on this, and other matters next time.

Take care everyone and enjoy the freedoms we again have.



- I know they say that money talks, but all mine says is 'Goodbye.'
- The problem with kleptomaniacs is that they always take things literally.
- I can't believe I got fired from the calendar factory. All I did was take a day off.

## Geography Quiz Answers (page 8)

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| 1. Asia  | 7. Lake Superior   |
| 2. Oklahoma City   | 8. Istanbul        |
| 3. Vatican City  | 9. Madagascar      |
| 4. Windhoek  | 10. The Everglades |
| 5. Iceland   | 11. Halifax        |
| 6. Manhattan, the Bronx, Queens, Brooklyn, and Staten Island | 12. Saudi Arabia   |



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# Celebrating Children's Week with Be Me Books at Nathalia Preschool

Children's Week is a national celebration that recognises the talents, skills, achievements and rights of children.

The theme for Children's Week 2020-21 is Children have the right to choose their friends and safely connect with others, drawn from Article 15 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

We were privileged to have the authors Be Me Books, Elizabeth and Pauline read their newly published book *Elsie and Jeffy* to us on our Children's Week activities in the plantation. Elizabeth and Pauline are passionate about children developing a sense of agency and wellbeing within in themselves and importantly it is okay to be me (there is only one me and I do not have to be the same as anybody else). To learn more about Be Me Books, you can follow them on Facebook (Be Me Books).

The children in the 4 year old program participated in book readings and they became the characters of the books. Props and their favourite stories supported their active engagement as they could read along and act out the story.

Being an active part of the storytelling, the children build upon their vocabulary, using words in the correct context as well as boosting their pronunciation and grammar skills. Building on the children's developing literacy awareness, the children begin to make the links between the written and spoken word and how it becomes a powerful tool when communicating with each other.



Children from the 3 year old preschool program with authors Elizabeth and Pauline.



Above: Mia Bell (St Mary of the Angels student) and Elvie telling the story of *I got this hat*.



Above: Andrea read *The Wrong Book* and Morrison became the character Nicholas Ickle.



Left: Macey, Brielle and Elsie all ready for Children's Day activities



Left: Kylie read *Room on the Broom* and Arloh, Layla and Sammy took on a part within the story.



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## SMOTA CELEBRATES

“To the Year 12 VCAL students of 2021, I want to congratulate you on your resilience over the past two years. The growth and maturity that has occurred has been exceptional and this has given you the confidence to tackle projects as part of your program. The groups cohesion to complete your projects online has been outstanding and it is great to see how you have supported each other through your final year at secondary school. I wish every person success in your chosen field and look forward to hearing about your future endeavors.”

~ Ms Knight

“I have been filled with hope and joy, over what an amazing group of people our class of 2021 are.

Many of you have acknowledged the difficulty of completing Year 12, during a global pandemic but you have learnt so many valuable skills, about what it means to be resilient, about what it looks like to be a good friend and about the importance of prioritising your mental health. I will miss the laughter and the smiles when you leave, for you have given me a reason to keep working and to keep doing my best during 2021. The world is ever-changing, but as a group, you are stronger than ever and ready to face it.”

~ Miss Stephanie Sparrow

“It is often the case that in times of crisis, literature can provide us with the answers. Think back to our study of Macbeth in Year 10. Plunged into darkness, Scotland becomes a place that Ross laments is ‘almost afraid to know itself’. The despair that he feels is the despair of the Scottish people, unsure of their futures and grieving the loss of everything that was once held to be true and knowable. We have endured the theatre of a five act tragedy in a protracted eighteen month period but you will emerge from the final act, ready to move into your futures. This ending will, I’m sure, be accompanied by many well-wishes, catch-phrases such as ‘go well’ and ‘stay safe’ now built into our lexical framework. If anything comes out of this, it is the value we place on going well and staying safe; the smallness of a gesture that says so much about who we have become.”

~ Mrs Hando

“I would like to congratulate all of our Year 12 cohort for their amazing resilience and preparedness to stand up and face everything that has been thrown at them across the last two years. In particular, I would like to acknowledge our St Mary’s VET student’s for the way they have all dealt with the many hurdles and obstacles that have impacted their VET studies. Your resilience and commitment has not only been noticed by your teachers but, I can assure you, will definitely be recognised by your future employers. To all our 2021 Year 12 Graduates, good luck and all the very best with your future pathway journeys.”

~ Mr Barry Norton



Top row from left: Abdullah Aladeli, Harry Altoft, Brianna Armitage, Spencer Atkins, Alexia Barca, Jack Bergamin, Riley Bourne, Samuel Boyd, Aleah Brand, Ella Breerton, Cass Paul Doretto. Middle row: Cooper Doyle, Piper Doyle, Kallia Eagleton, Paige Easden, Andre Fazio-Castle, Ally Fitzpatrick, Isaac Fooks, Zoe Germon, Hunter Goodin, Jemma G Holly Noonan, Kloe O’Keefe, John O’Neill. Bottom row: Lilly Osborne, Joshua O’Toole, Indiya Parker, Dakota Pellegrino, Olivia Plum, Brendan Potter, Emily Reilly, Bailey F Corrin Van Den Berg, Aari Van Rijtho

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## THE CLASS OF 2021

“To the class of 2021, what a year it has been! We are so very proud of all that you have achieved in your time at the College, the resilience you have shown in the face of the many challenges that this pandemic has presented. Throughout it, you have maintained your sense of humour, your compassion, and your good nature. Well done to those of you who have already secured work and to those who have plans for TAFE. Good luck to those who are preparing for their final exams, work smart and do your best! 2022 is an exciting possibility on the horizon, we hope that you take with you the spirit of St Francis and St Clare as you journey on to the next adventure, filled with the grace and compassion their example has set for us.”

~ Ms Brooks

“Our 2021 Year 12 students have epitomised resilience, enduring the challenges that have faced them throughout their senior years at the College. They’ve demonstrated to all of us their strengths both individually and as a cohort and together we have learnt so much.

To our Year 12s: Always remember the capacity to learn is a gift, the ability to learn is a skill and the willingness to learn is a choice. May you all choose to be life-long learners and continue to grow and develop on your path. We are proud of all of you and we wish you well on your journey, wherever your roads may lead.”

~ Principal, Matt Carver

“Congratulations to the class of 2021. Through an unprecedented time in history, you have continued to show compassion, initiative, leadership, understanding, respect and consideration for the world around you and each other. For two years you have demonstrated resilience and persistence whilst maintaining a smile and a positive attitude towards your schooling and life. You have made it to the end of your schooling marathon and have all crossed the line with personal bests! I wish you happiness, hope and joy in your future endeavours and trust that you will make a positive difference to the world.”

~ Mr Dimble

“Together we have been on quite the rollercoaster this year, and my enduring memory will not be of the many snap lockdowns, but of the many cheerful students who insisted that we could do this together. Your resilience has been impressive, your focus admirable, and you have demonstrated your Christian values in countless ways. I will genuinely miss you, but I hope that you will walk into the world, as proud of yourselves, as I am of each and every one of you. Onwards and upwards!”

~ Ms Julie Riley



Ms Brooks, Harry Browning, Lilly Cason, Rhys Cason, Jackson Collins, Jordyn Commadeur, Gemma Connally, Anthony Corso, Mitchell Dalitz, Teashia Dietrich, Danielle Dines, Randall, Aaron Harding, Liam Hayes, Riley James, Jopaul Joseph, James Kam, Cameron Lawler, Will Macheda, Molly McMahon, Jami Moore, Tarrynt Neville, Charlette Nielsen, Roberts, Madi Rosemeier, Jemmah Ryan, Harry Sefton, Will Sheehan, Jennifer Smith, Pasandi Sooriarachchi, Amy Steigenberger, Tammy Stone, Natasha Sutton, Keeli Tweed, Owen, Jed Warrin and Rebecca Williams.

# Up The Garden Path with U3A



U3A members found something very special at Undera on Saturday 16th October. Our hosts opened their unique garden to us which not only revealed old world shrubs, plants and flowers but encompassed century old buildings and farming equipment from yesteryear.

This treasure trove of garden and unique buildings, displayed an old settler's and blacksmith's hut, the original Coomboona Post Office, paddle steamer, vehicles and old farm machinery including a moveable outhouse.

The most exciting find of the day was the original Barmah State School shelter shed that had been relocated to the Drumanure school site, where it had been for over 40 years. It is now a wonderful feature in Cheryl and Tom's garden where old school photos and memorabilia are displayed.

On the 29th October, U3A members also enjoyed a beautiful luncheon followed by a walk around Bernie Ryan's special garden, *Bonshaw*.



Old Coomboona Post Office



Old Coomboona Post Office



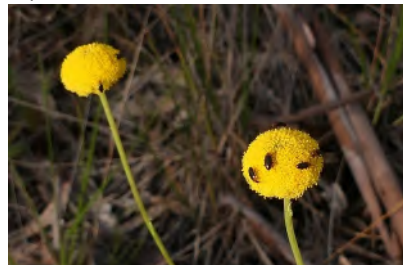
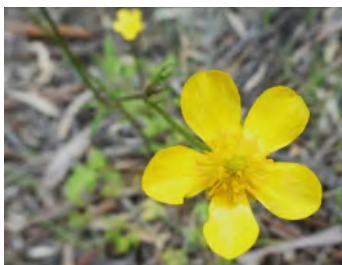
Barmah State School shelter shed



## Nathalia Wildflower Group



As the water continues to rise along the Murray, this didn't deter members of the wildflower group who walked into the lake area to study the massed Golden Everlastings (*Helichrysum bracteatum*). Apart from searching for the other local native plants, members of the group using their macro photography skills, captured insects and spiders that had settled on these beautiful golden flowers. A lengthy list of butterflies, moths, bees and ants along with many unknown species were quite happy to be photographed. Later, some of the members continued on to Yambuna in search of plants there.





# Amazing Insects



The Nathalia Wildflower Group field recently had a trip out to the Barmah National Park.

Pictured left, this insect was seen by Philippa Schapper at Barmah Lakes Road 23/10/2021 on a stalk of Golden Everlastings in flower.

Photo: L. Loger

Golden Everlasting photo (right): Danielle Loger

The photo shows a native bee on the flower. There were great masses of Golden Everlastings near the Barmah Lakes, the flower stalks up to hip high.



Response from Ken Harris – Author of a Victorian book of Lacewings.

**Anne Timm’s Question:** Is this a Lacewing? That is not a lacewing, it is in the order Mecoptera known as Scorpion Flies. This one is in the family Bittacidae which are known as Hanging Flies. It is in the Genus Harpobittacus and is probably Harpobittacus australis.

They are found in eucalypt woodland in south eastern Australia during wetter climatic conditions.

Forensic entomology can make use of the Scorpion Fly order’s habit of feeding on human corpses for timing purposes. They can be the first to arrive and live off the corpse for a set time. Their presence, therefore, indicates that a body must be fresh.



Scorpion Flies/Hanging Flies look dangerous, with their scorpion tail. However, they neither bite nor sting. Ref: Wikipedia Photo: Wikipedia

It is the male which uses its ‘sting’, but only as a clasper for mating.

**Catching prey:** They hang from their front legs and use their back legs to catch prey. They are the only insects to catch prey with an opposable claws positioned on their back legs. See photo left.

They can, for example, catch a bee this way and not be stung. They bring the prey up to their beak-like mouth, impale it repeatedly and inject it - it will die within about 30 seconds. See photos Brisbane Insects website.

[https://www.brisbaneinsects.com/pchew\\_brisbane/ScorpionFly.htm](https://www.brisbaneinsects.com/pchew_brisbane/ScorpionFly.htm)

**Mating behaviour:** The male will bring to the female a gift of a dead insect as part of its mating ritual. See Brisbane Insects website.

Lyn Loger



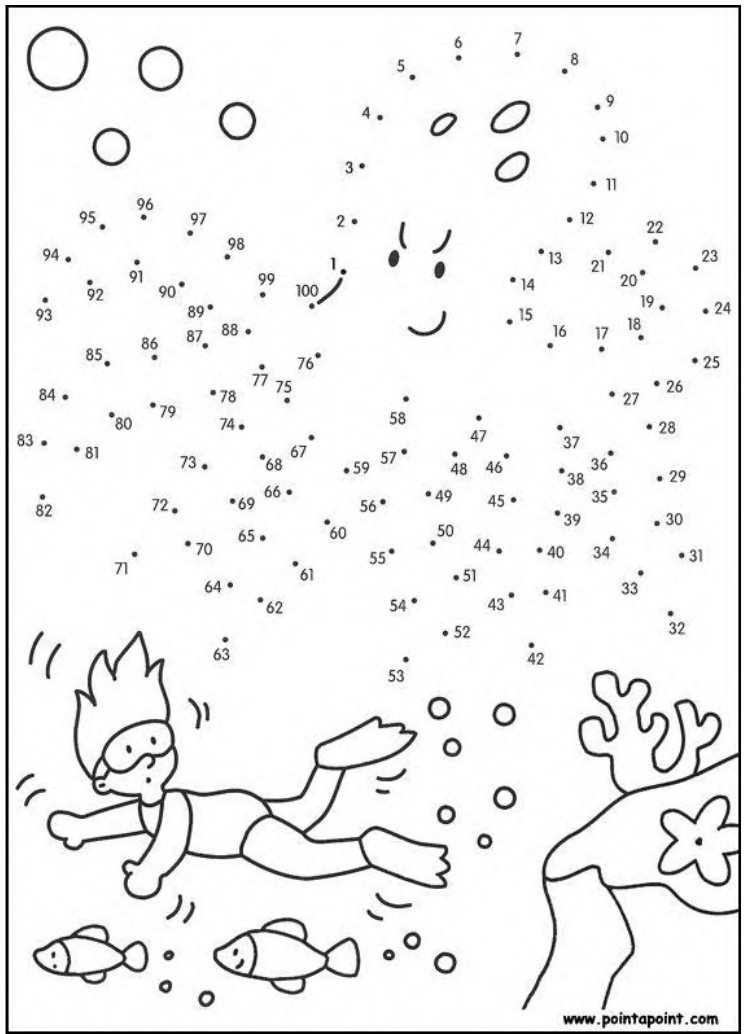
On a recent trip to Ulupna Island, Di Huber took these photos of koalas just hanging around.

# Kid's Page

## Fruits

1. Grape 2. Strawberry 3. Watermelon  
4. Pear 5. Lemon 6. Apple 7. Orange  
8. Pineapple 9. Orange 10. Banana

What did one wall say to the other wall?  
I'll meet you at the corner!  
What has four wheels and flies?  
A garbage truck!  
Why did the scarecrow win a Nobel prize?  
He was outstanding in his field!  
What do sprinters eat before a race?  
Nothing. They fast!



## My Aged Care Face-to-Face Service in Shepparton

Shepparton will become one of the first locations in Australia to receive a new My Aged Care face-to-face service that will be dedicated to supporting senior Australians to access and navigate the aged care system.

From Monday, senior Australians will be able to talk directly to a My Aged Care specialist officer at Shepparton's Services Australia facility on Maude Street.

Federal Member for Nicholls, Damian Drum, said the service forms part of the Federal Government's commitment to helping senior Australians and their families connect to the aged care system and get access to the best personalised support and care available.

"The addition of face-to-face services in Shepparton is great news for the local community," Mr Drum said.

"Shepparton is one of 15 Services Australia sites that will initially offer the aged care specialist face-to-face service, which will expand to 80 sites by the end of next year.

"At that point, there will be 10 aged care specialist officers providing outreach support to senior Australians in rural and remote areas.

"Appointments to see an aged care specialist officer can be made by visiting the Shepparton facility on Maude Street or by phoning 1800 227 475."

The new service offering is part of the Federal Government's \$17.7 billion aged care reform package in response to the Royal Commission.

## Million dollar funding announced to fight Queensland Fruit Fly

Moir Shire Council has been successful in securing a Victorian State Government Fruit Fly Strategy grant to the value of \$1,040,629.

This funding will be used to support the Goulburn Murray Valley Regional Fruit Fly Group which brings together members of the local horticulture industry associations, agronomists, local government, Agriculture Victoria, government agencies, and the community for an integrated approach to control Queensland Fruit Fly (QFF).

Mayor Libro Mustica said QFF was a constant threat to the region's annual production of hundreds of thousands of tonnes of fruit and vegetables that can act as hosts for the insect.

"The programs initiated by the Regional Fruit Fly Group have achieved a 60% reduction in QFF populations in recent years and they continue to design innovative approaches to manage QFF," he said.

"Continued effective QFF control via these programs help prevent a major environmental threat to horticulture through education and host tree removal and monitoring.

"This also helps the environment in limiting chemical control measures.

"A notable innovation by the Regional Fruit Fly Group was to undertake a Sterile Insect Technique trial where sterile male fruit flies were released in the Cobram area.

"This trial was incredibly successful and continues today."

Cr Mustica said it was absolutely critical the QFF program continues as it actively protects the region's \$762.5 million fruit and vegetable industry which supports approximately 5,000 jobs.



# Pesky Pelicans



After weeks of lockdowns, we are now back socialising and enjoying our outdoor spaces – one particular creature is happy to see us return to waterside picnics and that is the ever present and ever hungry pelican.

General Manager Community Sally Rice said pelicans can cause a bit of trouble if they see food laying around and decide they want it.

“While well-meaning people may be tempted to feed these wild animals, doing so can harm them, and also encourage their aggressive behaviour towards people enjoying a meal,” Ms Rice said.

“To help curb our pelicans’ new-found anti-social behaviour, we are asking residents and tourists to not feed them, both for public safety and the health and safety of the birds themselves.

“Pelicans are highly capable fish catchers and need to hunt for their own food – feeding these wild animals can make them dependant on humans which makes it harder for them to survive in the wild.”

Ms Rice said there were a few tips on what to do and not do if a Pelican comes into your personal space.

**Do:**

- Remove yourself and those in your care from the situation.
- Make yourself intimidating to the pelican by standing tall, making noise by clapping your hands and/or raising your voice in a determined manner at the bird, and if handy, use a towel or similar item and flap it towards the bird until the bird moves out of your personal space.

**Don't:**

- Harm, touch or feed the Pelican in any way.
- “We encourage you to take photographs and admire these wonderful creatures from a distance,” Ms Rice said.
- “Pelicans are wild animals so please give them space and if possible, stay at least three metres from them at all times.”

# Federal Funding For Stronger Communities

The Liberal and Nationals Government is providing a further \$150,000 in federal funding for small-scale upgrades and new equipment that community groups in Nicholls need and deserve.

[Expressions of interest opened](#) October 26 for Round 7 of the Stronger Communities Programme, which gives local governing bodies and community groups an opportunity to nominate projects for grants of up to \$20,000.

Federal Member for Nicholls, Damian Drum, said more funding for Nicholls would deliver the infrastructure and equipment our communities need to be successful and grow.

“This latest funding injection will support up to 20 projects across our communities, supporting jobs and delivering an economic boost to drive our recovery on the other side of the COVID-19 pandemic,” Mr Drum said.

“This type of investment brings people together by strengthening social connections, building community participation and delivering a brighter and more vibrant future for communities.”

Mr Drum said 17 groups in Nicholls received funding in Round 6 of the SCP. These included the Tongala Development Group, Kyabram Youth Club, Gunbower Bowls Club, Rushworth Cricket Club, and Seymour Railway Heritage Centre.

“I strongly encourage interested organisations to contact my office regarding projects important to them and our community,” Mr Drum said.

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## DEATHS

### HOLLAND, Morice

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*Fond Memories of a  
"True Blue" gentleman.*

### JAMES (Grinter), Helen (Ada Helen)

Passed away on 19. 10. 2021  
Aged 86 years

Dearly loved wife of Reginald (Dec).  
Loved and devoted mother of Anthony (Dec), Amanda, Steve, Linda, Tim and partners.  
Granny to all her grandchildren and great grandchildren.  
Reunited with Reg.

~ \* ~

Privately interred into the Nathalia Lawn Cemetery on Friday 22 October 2021.

Sessions Family Funerals  
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### KENNEDY, Annie (Mapletoft)

Sadly passed away October 17, 2021 at Kerang in her 97th year, after a short illness.

Much loved sister and sister-in-law of Jack and June (nee Kennedy) Mapletoft.

Loved auntie of Julie, Peter, Wendy, and Deb, and families.

*Beautiful memories  
are silently kept  
of an Aunt we loved  
dearly and we will  
never forget.*

## THANK YOU

Nick, Cameron and Linden wish to express their grateful thanks for the quick response and efficient actions of neighbours and CFA crews of Barmah and Picola, in extinguishing their recent fire.



## CONDOLENCES



### HOLLAND, Morice

Members of the Nathalia Senior Citizens club wish to extend their deepest sympathies to the Holland family on the passing of Morice.

*A valued life member  
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## MEETINGS



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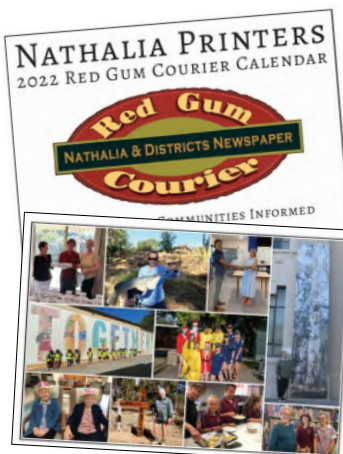
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# Nathalia Under 14 Cricket Report



Finally the season has started, but not the way we wanted.

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Our first four batters didn't trouble the scorers and it wasn't until Gus (14) and Zander (45no) teamed up at the crease till our first runs came off the bat.

The boys put together a 54 run partnership. Hugh was the only other one to trouble the scorers with a handy 3. A total of 96 for the first hit of the year.

A gallant effort with the ball but Toc were ultimately too strong picking off singles at will against our ten man field.

Nate and Gus opened the bowling well and both claimed a wicket each. U/14 debutant Lachie claimed a wicket off his first spell of bowling.

The Quinn brothers teamed up to take our four remaining wickets Zander followed his 45no with 2 wickets & a runout and debutant 9 year old Tanner taking a quality caught and bowled. Toc finished 7/179

For the first game of the year the boys played both innings in one day and it was a great effort.

# Nathalia Little Athletics 2021/2022 Season



The starting blocks are in place, Nathalia Little Athletics Club is ready to start our 2021/2022 competition season. The 10<sup>th</sup> of November the gun will go off as our athletes start running, jumping and throwing.

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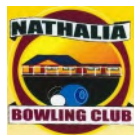
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# Nathalia Bowling Club News



It has been a long awaited start for competition bowls, but **Men's Trade Days** commenced on November 4<sup>th</sup> (yesterday) with first game being played at Cobram.

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November will start the **Pennant Season** for Midweek.

Nathalia 1 to play Berrigan 1 at home and Saturday Pennant on the 6<sup>th</sup> at home to Numurkah Golf 2. All players and spectators required to be double vaccinated.

**Alan Cooper** has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the Club. This vacancy was created by the passing of Keith Vis, who was a valued Member of the Board for 2 years.

Alan will be a great asset and only having played bowls for 1 year has found bowling to be a very satisfying and challenging sport. We look forward to his input and the experience he has gained from his previous positions held with many other Clubs in Nathalia. Welcome Alan.

All the hard work put in by Members have the Greens and surrounds in tip top condition ready to welcome players after the long and hard COVID disruptions over the last two seasons.

With great numbers of members practicing, we anticipate a very competitive season. We welcome back Max Hudson and Tom Brady and a big welcome to our new Member Tim Cullen, whom we wish well in his bowling career.

Julie Hindle has retired for health reasons and will continue her support of the Club as a Social Member.

An **Opening Day and New Members Welcome** (albeit a bit late) will be held on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 1.30pm followed by afternoon tea. The greens will be officially declared open by President Bev Hutchins after the Club Champions for 2020/2021- Men's Keith Holland and Ladies Berris Baldwin roll the first Jack and Bowls.

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# In the Swing at Nathalia Golf Club

Most golfers were very excited to hear the news on 23<sup>rd</sup> October that golf competitions are back although with some restrictions. So players please continue to use the QR codes or sign the visitors book and read the information posted on the clubhouse windows. This information is to ensure both players and the club are complying with the Victorian Chief Health Officer's advice. But overall this is great news for our Nathalia golfers, our Sunday and Wednesday competitions have recommenced and the club is also now receiving emails and flyers in regards to tournaments coming up across the Goulburn Murray Region. Next Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November our Ladies will be going to play in a 4BBB at Ky Parkland. Good luck ladies.

Our Ladies socialised and celebrated the end of their official golfing year with "Drinks and Nibbles" at the Clubhouse followed by presentations on 26<sup>th</sup> October. Trophies were awarded for the 2020/2021 Summer 9 Hole Competition which was completed in March 2021. It was a close contest with the winner being Sue Lowe on 107 points from R/up Nina Pell on 105pts and 3<sup>rd</sup> to Lynette Lindsay on 102 pts. Congratulations ladies and many thanks to Bruce Morrison from **Advance Survey Design** who has supported our ladies and sponsored this annual event for many years. Other awards announced and presented were for the 2021 Ladies Winter Season. Winner of the Points and also the Eclectic went to Sue Lowe with Heather Frostick winning the 9 Hole Winter Competition plus the Most Gobbles. Nancy Dunn won the Best Putting with new comer Sonia Verlinden winning the Most Birdies. Thank you to Captain Alison Keogh for donating these trophies. Sadly this year some events were not completed due to Covid lockdowns and restrictions. Well done to all winners and all ladies who play on Wednesdays. The Ladies are looking forward to an end of season fun day away to enjoy golf and lunch at the Tocumwal Golf Club on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November (was the 3<sup>rd</sup>).

The Ladies Summer Syllabus is now available with the commencement of the Ladies 9 Hole Summer Competition on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. From 17<sup>th</sup> November times will change and be 8.45am for 9am tee off and maybe even earlier when the hot weather hits.

Remember that some ladies will continue to play 18 holes of golf. The Syllabus also includes some fun days which were very popular last year.

This week is also the commencement of the **GMGA SPRING SHOWDOWN** and Nathalia has entered a team. The Showdown will run over 10 weeks with 10 players in a team with Sue Lowe as our Team Captain. Players can play at home or on any GMGA course and will need to play a least one 18 hole competition each week and then submit their score to Sue who will enter the result. Good luck to our team.

Improvement work continues on the course with Peter Mortimer returning last week with his cherry picker and mulcher to complete the tree lopping. This week work has commenced on the tee offs with rebuilding and installing and moving sprinklers. Many thanks to our members and volunteers who are working hard to keep our project on track so we can complete the work by the end of the year. All support is greatly appreciated and if you want to help please ph Paul Fulton on 0419 158 481.

**REMINDER** that the Club will be holding their 2021 Annual General Meeting at the clubhouse on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November commencing at 7.30pm. Prior to the meeting there will be an opportunity to catch up and socialise with pizzas and the bar open from 6.30pm. All current members and future members welcome to attend but must be vaccinated.

**SAVE THE DATE:** The PUFNC "TRUE BLUES" Golf Day will be on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November with a 3 Person Ambrose event so start to organise your team.

**ANOTHER SAVE THE DATE:** NGA XMAS DINNER & PRESENTATION NIGHT on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at the Clubhouse.

**RESULTS:**

**SUNDAY COMPETITION 24/10/21:** Great day for golf although scores were low, maybe some players need time to adjust to the changes on the course or lack of competition over past few months. Winner of the 18 hole



Above: 2021 Winter Season Winners (L-R) Heather Frostick, Sonia Verlinden, Nancy Dunn and Sue Lowe.



Above: Mike Deacon (on left) R/up with John Drenen the winner on Sunday 31st October.



Winners of the Summer 9 Hole Competition (L-R) Nina Pell, Sue Lowe and Lynette Lindsay.

stableford and the **Mitre 10 voucher** was John Drenen with 31 pts. Great to see a couple of ladies turn up for a game and also BIG THANKS to the 11 members from the G.V. Squash Club for visiting our club to enjoy some outdoor sport (no squash allowed yet).

**WEDNESDAY COMPETITION 27/10/21:** Warmish day and about 30 degrees when returning to the clubhouse. The Ladies played PAR which is not always popular as can be challenging with no room for errors. And it was one lady who rarely makes errors who proved it, coming in with -1. Well played and congratulations Alison Keogh who won the **Casual Step Voucher** and also got the 2<sup>nd</sup> shot to the 9<sup>th</sup>. There were also quite a few men out playing as well teeing off at 9am with the ladies teeing off from 9.30am.

**SUNDAY COMPETITION 31/10/21:** Ideal conditions for golf today and this was reflected in the very good scores. 9 players in today's 18 hole stableford and thanks to the Strathmerton fellas for coming over for a hit and to check out our course redevelopment. The tree removal and lopping got the big nod of approval. Today's winner with a great score of 40 pts was John Drenen who just had a runaway day and blitzed the course. John also got NTP on the par 3. R/up with a nice 35 pts was Mike Deacon. Tony Brown won the drawn ball.

**COMING UP: FRIDAY 5/11/21: FRIDAY ARVO 9 HOLE SOCIAL GOLF** 12.45pm for 1pm tee off and all welcome.

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# OUR 10<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY

## Exhibition & Celebration



Celebration of Nathalia's artistic heritage a vision for rural Australian towns



## GROWING RURAL ART IN NATHALIA



COME WITH FAMILY & FRIENDS TO CELEBRATE OUR ARTISTS, LAUNCH OUR NEXT 10 YEARS, WELCOME CLARE KEENAN OUR GUEST SPEAKER AND NEW CEO OF MOIRA SHIRE.

**2.00 PM, SATURDAY, 20 NOVEMBER, 2021**

THE EXHIBITION CAN BE VIEWED FROM: 30 OCTOBER - 16 DECEMBER

Hours: Thursday, Friday, Saturday (11:00 – 4:00)

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**SATURDAY 20 NOVEMBER, 2.00 PM**

10th Birthday Celebration

AT THE **G.R.A.I.N.** STORE

**GUEST SPEAKER MOIRA SHIRE CEO CLARE KEENAN  
& A SPECIAL POEM BY TAMMY MUIR**

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**THE LAUNCH OF OUR NEW OUTDOOR  
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