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Kevin Bourke Resigns from Moira Shire Council

Kevin Bourke has resigned from the Moira Shire Council after 9 years as a councillor.

Kevin tendered his resignation after the Mayoral election on Wednesday 10th November.

To find out more about Kevin's time in council and his achievements and challenges turn to pages 12 & 13.

Pictured right: Kevin Bourke at the Barmah Australia Day Awards 2018.



Picola Hotel & Cafe Open For Business

Pictured left are staff from the Picola Hotel & Café which opened for business on Wednesday.

L-R: Vic Kendell, Taylor Baldwin, Julie Berger (head chef), Kathryn Greatorex, Keith Berger and Bruce Agnew.

For more information and photos turn to page 13.

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Community Update



Decorate Moira – let's get festive

We are getting into the festive spirit by launching a shire-wide Christmas decorations competition and we want you to get involved.

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

There are five categories –

- Best Shop/Business Window
- Best Sustainably Decorated Front Entrance – Urban
- Best Sustainably Decorated Front Entrance – Rural
- Best Sustainably Decorated Small Town Entrance
- People's Choice Award

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.

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

So get cracking – we can't wait to see your festive creations!



Off-leash dog parks – have your say

We are exploring ways to make the shire more dog friendly by investigating the installation of fully fenced off-leash dog parks. To help us, we are asking the community to fill in a short survey with questions including which off-leash dog areas do you use currently, have you visited an off-leash dog park, and do you support the provision of a fully fenced off-leash dog park in Moira Shire.

To have your say or for more information, go to our website.

Fairley Leadership Sponsorship – applications closing soon

Applications are still open for sponsorship funding for eligible community members who have applied or are wanting to apply for the Goulburn Murray Fairley Leadership Program. Sponsorship up to \$5,000 is available to assist in covering the costs of the Leadership Program.

For more information on how to apply go to our website or call our friendly Customer Experience team on 5871 9222.



Fairley Leadership Program

Australia Day Awards – last chance to nominate

This is your last chance to nominate for the 2022 Moira Shire Australia Day Awards with entries closing soon.

These awards recognise individuals or organisations that have enhanced and provided for their local community. Don't miss your chance to nominate – go to our website for more information.

Nominations close **19 November 2021.**



COVID Community Recovery Grants extended – apply now

Applications for our COVID Community Recovery Grants have been extended to **30 June 2022**. Grants of up to \$2,500 are available to assist eligible not-for-profit community organisations in recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic.

We would love to hear from community organisations, groups, social enterprises and creative organisations with ideas to deliver projects or programs to assist in recovery.

Applications are to be submitted via the SmartyGrants process on our website.



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Caterpillar Corner



The children in the nursery at NCELC have been busy this month with practicing our gross motor skills and risk taking by climbing on our new climbing frames.

This was set up to allow for a safe environment for children to challenge their risk taking and spatial awareness in a safe manner, climbing the frames in different ways, standing on top of the box, and exploring



different perspectives of heights.

Early Years Learning Framework Outcome 4 children are confident and involved learners. National Quality Standard, Quality Area 1.2.1 intentional teaching: educators are deliberate, purposeful, and thoughtful in their decisions and actions.



We also got the opportunity to go for a walk to the football oval with the children in the prams, exploring our environment around us.

One of the children pointed out that they heard a dog barking and said 'Dog!' as we passed some houses with dogs in their backyards.

Early Years Learning Framework Outcome 2.1.4 Broaden their understanding of the world in which they live.

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Moira Shire Messages

Historic fifth term as Mayor for Cr Mustica

Cr Libro Mustica was elected Mayor of Moira Shire Council for an historic fifth term at a special meeting in Cobram on Wednesday. No other councillor has served more than two consecutive terms as Mayor.

Cr Peter Lawless was elected Deputy Mayor; this is Cr Lawless' second stint as Deputy.

Cr Mustica said he was extremely honoured to be elected Mayor again. "Our past 12 months have been successful in many ways, however the next 12 months will be even better," Cr Mustica said.

"I am inspired by the commitment of the many citizens who contribute their time to support the work of Council.

"The Councillors have formed a great relationship and I look forward to this continuing into 2022.

"It will be my pleasure and privilege to serve as Mayor of Moira Shire."

COVID Community Recovery Grants – application period extended

Moira Shire Council recognises the significant impact COVID-19 has had on individuals, families and organisations and groups that provide services across the community.

Mayor Libro Mustica said as part of supporting the community to respond to this impact, Council is extending the application period for the Coronavirus Community Recovery Grant program.

"Grants of up to \$2,500 are available to eligible not-for-profit community organisations, groups, social enterprises, and creative organisations for project or programs to assist our communities with recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic," Cr Mustica said.

"Priority will be given to projects that respond to the impact of COVID-19 including changed ways of working to support the introduction and/or recommencement of activities, programs and events in a safe manner."

Cr Mustica said this special grants program aimed to build the capacity and resilience of communities.

"We are looking for projects that improve health and wellbeing through community engagement, collaborations, innovation, and social connection," he said.

"If you had a new way to deliver services, programs, events including online or have a project which optimises opportunities for communities to participate, celebrate, and promote local arts, culture and identity then we would love to hear from you."

Applications can be made by going to our website and using the online SmartGrants portal.

For more information contact our friendly Customer Experience team.



MEALS ON WHEELS November 19th - December 2nd

November	
Friday 19th	David & Cheryl McKenzie
Monday 22nd	Mick & Alison Keogh
Tuesday 23rd	Darryl Hill & Mary Wilson
Wednesday 24th	VOLUNTEER REQUIRED
Thursday 25th	John & Eve Attwood
Friday 26th	Sue Lowe
Monday 29th	VOLUNTEER REQUIRED
Tuesday 30th	Dawn Bowen & Fay Brown
December	
Wednesday 1st	Margaret Richards
Thursday 2nd	Sherelle Smith

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

Resignation of Cr Kevin Bourke

Councillor Kevin Bourke tendered his resignation at the completion of the Mayoral Election.

Mayor Libro Mustica thanked Cr Bourke for his time at Council.

"On behalf of Council, I would like to thank Cr Bourke for his contribution and dedication during his almost ten years as Councillor," Cr Mustica said.

"He has been a member of various committees during this time, perhaps most importantly chairing the Numurkah Flood Mitigation Committee.

"He worked tirelessly for the betterment of all residents in Moira Shire and advocated strongly on behalf of Council."

CEO Clare Keenan also expressed her sadness on Cr Bourke's departure.

"In the short time I have known Kevin he has impressed upon me his deep love for Moira Shire," Ms Keenan said.

"On a personal note, I want to thank Kevin for taking the time to teach me about the wonderful history of the western end of the shire and thank him once again for the beautiful Leucadendron flowers he gave to me.

I wish Kevin all the best in his future endeavours."

Calling for consultation on off-leash dog parks

Moira Shire Council is exploring ways to make the shire more dog friendly by investigating the installation of fully fenced off-leash dog parks.

Mayor Libro Mustica said Council was looking at creating a policy to guide the creation and management of dog off-leash areas and wants input by the community in the development of the policy.

"Dogs can currently be exercised off-leash, in the presence of the owner, in daylight hours at showgrounds and football grounds at recreation reserves across Moira Shire," Cr Mustica said.

"To help us with the development of this new policy we are asking the community to fill in a short survey on our website with questions including which off-leash dog areas do you use currently, have you visited on off-leash dog park, and do you support the provision of a fully fenced off-leash dog park in Moira Shire."

Cr Mustica said there were many benefits an off-leash dog park had to offer.

"It gives your pet an opportunity to be free of a leash, an opportunity to roam in a large area and, perhaps most importantly, an off-leash dog park gives your pet an opportunity to socialise with other dogs," he said.

"Dog parks don't just benefit your beloved pets.

"In recent years, there have been studies showing clearly playing and walking dogs improve your own physical, mental and social health.

"Off-leash dog parks also provide a safe place for older people or people with disabilities who may not be able to walk their dogs a long distance."

For more information or to have your say go to our website and complete the survey.

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Remembrance Day 2021



St Francis staff and students came together last Thursday 11-11-21 to commemorate Remembrance Day. The ceremony was led by our Grade 6 student leaders who outlined the importance of the day and told of the sacrifice and courage of all Australians during war times. The Remembrance Day Ceremony included the formal wreath laying, Ode and the respectful observance of a minute's silence at 11am. Junior students contributed to a wall of artwork focusing on poppies, while recognising and thanking all armed forces personnel for their contributions to a safe nation. Remembrance Day provides our students with an opportunity to honour those who died or suffered in wars, conflicts or peace operations. We recognise the courage and sacrifice of those who served their country and acknowledge our responsibility to work for the peace they fought hard to achieve.



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For our final film night of the year we will have three parts:

- a fifteen minute extract from **The Straight Story**...a man with poor eyesight and little money travels hundreds of miles on a lawn mower to see his estranged brother who has suffered a stroke. Recommended by Leeanne Caldwell and "sampled" for next year.
- a promo for people interested in a 4 session video-film making course with Director/Cinematographer Mark Street and The G.R.A.I.N. Store. Contact Philippa 0400 037 432 for more information.
- The main film...**Penguin Bloom (Australian 2020)**.

If you are not quite sure about magpies...if you are comfy with what it is to be human- the snot, the rage, the self-pity as well as the love...then **Penguin Bloom** will be a film you will enjoy watching with us....

Screened with subtitles for hearing impaired.

Covid safe requirements apply including double vaxx, wearing masks; social distancing and hand sanitiser. For more information contact Philippa Schapper 0400 037 432.

Nathalia Primary School News



Nathalia Primary School held a Remembrance Day service in the school grounds for all of the students and teachers. Year 6 student Esther Amery coordinated the service that involved other students in the formalities.



Roo petting



Snake petting



The Nathalia Primary School students in grades prep to grade two went on an adventure to the Kyabram Fauna Park. The children loved getting up and close with all of the animals at the park and learning about many of Australia's native species.



Kangaroo watching



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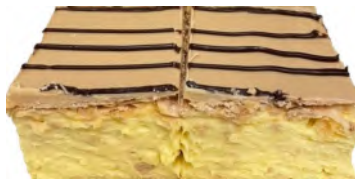
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Museum Moments...

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



This photograph was sent to me by former Nathalia local, Gerald Quinn along with a story of its origin. The photograph below of the Barmah East Wine Palace was taken from the book 'Back to Narioka and District' and there also can be found some history.

It is believed that Barmah East Wine Palace (also known as Barmah Wine Palace) was established between 1876 and 1880 and was located on the Broken Creek at Wright's Bridge. In those days farmers carted their wheat by horse and dray to Echuca and there was a wine shop at each creek or river crossing on the way, and these were the resting places for the men on their long journey.

In 1892, Jeremiah (Jerry) Quinn became the licensee and used demijohns made by Bendigo Pottery. Jerry married a local Ferrari girl and Gerald Quinn is their grandson.

At the time of acquiring the Barmah East Wine Palace, Jerry shrewdly purchased the adjoining livestock saleyards. On sale days, Jerry's wine shop did a roaring trade. Stock agents, butchers and farmers came to buy and sell stock and then to refresh themselves at the Wine Palace. Market day was also a big social event for the women who would come to town to shop and socialize.

Records indicate that various members of the Quinn family held the licence up until 1900, except for a brief period in 1894 when the licence was held by E.F. Parrow.

Jerry Quinn died in February 1903, at the age of only 40 years and is buried in the Barmah Cemetery.

After his death, Jerry's wife bought the Wine Palace back again.

Now, over 140 years later, the Wine Palace timber building is still standing. With alterations and additions it is currently occupied as a private residence.

Another point of interest— In 1927, the late Mort Jeffrey, well known in the area as a farrier, started his business in the back of the Barmah East Wine Shop. He built his shed from kerosene tins he collected from district farmers. He later shifted to Picola where he worked as the local blacksmith for many years.



BARMAH EAST WINE PALACE

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

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Echuca/Moama Bridge has joined up



Join the Board Nathalia Barmah Business & Tourism

Why join the Nathalia Barmah Business & Tourism Inc. board?
NBBT is the most progressive organisation representing all businesses and organisations within the western region of the Moira Shire.

Actively participating at a board level within NBBT, members can assist with the future development of the region at many levels depending on their interest. It's all about team building, working with people within and outside of the local community, developing projects vital to building a stronger community and improving educational and visitor experience. Showing community engagement and leadership is also a very vital component to any CV to help jobseekers stand out.

Current projects which require substantial input and assistance:
NBBT Online Digital Platform.

The Digital Platform is up and running and can be viewed at www.nbbt.org.au while much information has been uploaded and the basic layout in place, it needs regular updates to the blogs and social media content. Assistance will be needed for businesses and organisations with the inclusion of pages and interactive content consistent with their membership.

NBBT Gift Shop.

The Gift Shop is located at the Barmah Forest Heritage & Education Centre, Nathalia. Books, visitor information and local produce is sourced from regional producers and sold through the gift shop, this requires regular contact with the great Moira Shire staff that assist with the sales and logistics of the shop.

Historical Past Buildings Interactive Sign Boards.

Quotes and a good portion of funding has been received for 19 x A3 + 1 x A2 sized stainless steel engraved information boards containing photos and information of past historical buildings with QRcodes linked to audio files, to be placed in the southern end of the plantation in Blake St, Nathalia.

Easter and Christmas Markets.

Coordinators are required to assist with the logistics of running the 2 most important markets in Nathalia at Easter time and in early December. Please come along to the NBBT Inc. AGM to be held at the Court House Hotel, 6pm, Wednesday 24th November
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ARTS at Nathalia Secondary College



Nathalia SC students are excelling in Creative Arts, where the students have been working on stencils inspired by nature. They really enjoyed the spray painting to create colourful backgrounds. The Year 7/8 Drama class are busy rehearsing and preparing for their in

class performance of 'Once Upon a Broomstick'. To prepare, students have learnt lines, designed costumes, applied stage make up and designed the set. We are looking forward to the performance and having audiences in the future.



Rotary News

Our board meeting...

On November 3rd had 7/10 members in attendance and we met in the Tuscany Room of the Court House Hotel, where we dined on delicious, huge, parmas; a few of us took "doggy bags" home again. After our meals and fellowship we got down to the business at hand, discussing a number of topics and making some decisions also.

Unfortunately the affirmative replies to the letters sent out, regarding the information night on November 24th, are in the very small minority... there have also been apologies, but mostly nothing. It is such a shame that more interest hasn't been shown to date (RSVP is today).

We sent a cheque off to Australian Rotary Health for mental health research; we added to the monies we paid when wearing a hat to our meeting, not only from a Rotary Account, but also from a kind donation made by the hotel.

In my last article I wrote what bookings we had for the respite house. That changed last weekend, with a phone booking made on the Thursday for guests arriving the next day! These people were only going to stay for 2 nights...most visitors stay close to a week...but even such a short stay can be beneficial, in this beautiful part of our state. So, it was off to Barmah on Friday morning for two of us and all was made ready in plenty of time. It is quite possible that more bookings will be forthcoming before the Christmas one, and we assume (and hope) that a number of guests will be booked in between end of 2021 and June 2022. At our board meeting we talked about having a working bee at the house before the Christmas booking, but no date was made. This work in progress will be confirmed very soon, and all the jobs carried out next month.

How quickly the time is going! Next month is the last for 2021...already! With all the lockdowns, etc., it will be good to see the end of this year, I guess.

Our AGM and the Heart to Heart AGM took place on 17th, after which we held our regular Rotary meeting. There will be more about these another time.

With more freedoms allowed now, and even more after November 23rd, we'll be able to make plans for more social events, guest speakers, meetings with other local Rotary clubs, outings, and so forth. Rest assured there will be words written about our goings on.

CHARTing the Course Post-COVID

In a win for cultural organisations across regional Australia, a new \$3 million Culture, Heritage and Arts Regional Tourism (CHART) program will help communities stage events and improve their facilities as part of an effort to boost tourism as we emerge from COVID-19 lockdowns.

Federal Member for Nicholls, Damian Drum, encouraged museums, galleries, and historical societies in the Nicholls electorate to apply for grants of up to \$3000.

Mr Drum said the funding will assist local communities and economies to re-emerge following an extremely difficult 18-month period due to the pandemic.

"With the Federal Government's support, we will help rebuild our local economy through the development of collections or exhibits, improved facilities for visitors, and the digitisation of local heritage collections for future generations to enjoy," Mr Drum said.

"I encourage arts, cultural and heritage organisations in Nicholls to apply for a CHART grant as this will assist us to continue to offer appealing cultural tourism experiences in our regional communities."

Minister for Communications, Urban Infrastructure, Cities and the Arts, Paul Fletcher, said the CHART program will help successful applicants stage events and improve their facilities to encourage tourists to return to regional areas, providing a much needed boost to their local economies.

"Funding will support activities that encourage cultural tourism, through the preservation of Australia's cultural heritage and, in particular, the telling of the stories of local communities," Mr Fletcher said.

The Australian Museums and Galleries Association is delivering the program on behalf of the Federal Government. Applications close April 29, 2022 – or once all funding is expended, whichever comes first.

For more details visit www.amaga.org.au/chart

The Federal Government is investing more than \$1 billion into the arts and creative sector in 2021-22.

My wife told me to stop impersonating a flamingo. I had to put my foot down.

2. I went to buy some camo pants, but couldn't find any.
3. I failed math so many times at school, I can't even count.
4. I was wondering why the Frisbee kept getting bigger and bigger, but then it hit me.
5. I heard there were a bunch of break-ins over at the car park. That is wrong on so many levels.



Reconnecting with our Community

Reconnecting with our community after lockdown is important for our preschool children in supporting their sense of belonging and being who they are within their local community. We are a community preschool and we are very grateful to the many people and businesses who support our program with donations of resources, visits (when they can) along with the businesses who welcome us as a group (even in these changing times). For the children in the 3 year old preschool program this was their first outing for quite a while.

Their first stop was at Brereton's Bakery to see Declan's Mum who had organised for the children to visit and to purchase a Party pie or sausage roll. Each child had their own order ticket ready to give to Bec and in return receive their choice. There was the occasional order for a drink and donut as well, although not on the preschool menu that day!

When children feel a sense of empowerment and have opportunities to make their own choices, they learn more as they are totally engaged within the learning experience and less time is spent redirecting their behaviour by the educators.

Before heading out the gate, children made small flower posies with freshly picked flowers from our garden to gift to our community. As they walked along, children's voices could be heard to ask "Would you like some flowers?" We called into some businesses and the children gifted their flowers to the staff.



Declan handing over his order to Mum Bek for his party pie.



Left: Some of the businesses who were gifted flowers from the children.

Would you like to be a part of the decorate Moira competition?


We have wooden discs available if you would like to participate.

Once decorated, bring back to preschool and we will set up a Christmas display within our community. They will be hung up in the great outdoors.

Let's be sustainable and think about the many resources we could upcycle to be creative with the wreaths and discs.

If you are interested please phone 58662375 or email nathalia.kin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au to organise a time to pick one up.

Please return your completed project to preschool by the end of November so we can create our sustainable Christmas display within our community.



Broken Creek Drama

The Nathalia U3A Writers Group is publishing a collection of their Flash Fiction pieces, Broken Creek Drama, next month. This little book will be a perfect stocking filler for Christmas. Stay tuned!

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As I Remember It




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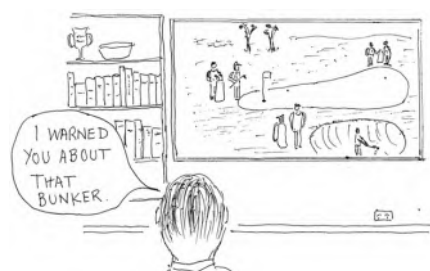
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Broken Creek Drama

ARMCHAIR EXPERT
Trent had become an armchair expert. He had spent the best part of the week watching the world's best golfers battle it out for Olympic medals. They all made it look so easy and enjoyable. He soon found himself muttering advice to the widescreen television, well it was really meant for the players, as to where to aim, which bunkers to avoid and how to read the greens.
After the Olympics Trent dragged his neglected bag of clubs out of the shed and headed to the Golf course with his mate Brodie. On the first tee Brodie drove his ball two hundred metres down the middle of the fairway. Trent took his turn and hooked his ball into the trees. His ball hit a huge eucalypt and ricocheted out of sight. It was only then he realised that he really hated golf.



My time on Council

I first became interested in Local Government, like many, when the proposal was put forward to amalgamate Shires, remember running the Bus to Cohuna with a full load of locals in order to protest as Jeff Kennett was speaking at Cohuna, have always had the opinion that there are some advantages of economy of scale, but bigger is not necessarily better - That argument lost! Amalgamation took place and commissioners appointed. 3 years later, Moira Shire had four microwave towers that did not work and some 11 million dollars of debt.

The first elected Council (The Wheel of Progress Crew) of whom I have enormous respect, were in the position of dragging the Shire out of Huge debt, outsourcing everything but the Biro's, and put in some hard yards to provide the foundations which allow us to enjoy the fiscal position of which we enjoy now. I was one of a number of unofficial Campaign managers at this time.

In 2007 the Moira Shire Councillors of the day put forward the proposition that a 16.5% Rate increase was required in order to further reduce the debt. As a result a Ratepayer Group was quickly formed – Moira Concerns inc. Which campaigned aggressively throughout the Shire, to the extent that Community pressure saw this Rate increase reduced to 8.0 %. It was generally felt that the community could not afford such a massive rates increase, in the middle of what was to become the millennium Drought.

On the 28th of June in 2010, the Victorian Environmental Assessment Commission declared the Barmah Forest as a National Park. This put an end to the Cattle agistment programs in place at both the Barmah and Yalca ends of the new Park, but also closed down the Timber Industries, previously engaged in the forest. The final Report of the Victorian Environmental Assessment Commission suggested that special consideration be implemented for Barmah, Nathalia, Gunbower and Koondrook because of the loss of a Large number of Family livelihoods which for many years had been dependant on this Industry. In Nathalia/Barmah's case, there were some 57 direct livelihoods, but also many more secondary industries and local businesses also dependant on timber production. Tourism was claimed to replace the timber industry, but some Councillors of the day seemed to be more interested in securing positions on the Management Board, than prolonging the Timber Industry. How do you get a Tourist through a Locked Gate?

In late February and into early March 2012, saw the devastating Flood event throughout the Shire, impacting residents from the East to the Western extremities, but with a huge impact on the Numurkah Township, with many homes and Businesses flooded and the Local Hospital inundated to the point where a full replacement was required.

I attended two Community Meetings at the Numurkah Town Hall, (standing room only) called by the Numurkah Chamber of Commerce, to investigate options to prevent a reoccurrence. The Numurkah Flood Action Group was formed, consisting of a group of concerned Community members, a resolution of this meeting commenced to campaign for assistance from Council and Politicians in order to provide some protection to the Numurkah Community.

In August of 2012, I made the decision to stand for Council in the October Elections, as I felt that the Western section of the Shire was not being adequately represented.

To this end I put considerable effort into the Campaign, vying for a position on Council, in a contest with seventeen other Candidates. I was of the thinking that if I could sneak in as number 8 or 9, I would be pleased, little did I contemplate topping the

Poll. This result did two things, firstly it was very humbling, but secondly it demonstrated that there were high expectations

This election to Moira Shire Council, initiated a learning curve that was absolutely vertical, in getting my head around the different communities and their aspirations and desires, as well as their concerns and grievances, Moira Shire is a very big paddock, and it has remained a challenge to know what is required from Barmah to Bundalong and Tallygaroopna, Peechelba to the River, and also the politics involved with our neighbouring Shires, both Victorian and New South Wales.

I was appointed as Councillor Representative on a number of Council/Community Committees, including Chairperson of the Numurkah Flood Plan and Study, which later became the Numurkah Flood Mitigation Implementation Committee, Goulburn Valley Road Safe, The Moira Disability Advisory Committee, The Moira Safety Committee, along with Picola Rec Reserve Committee, The Nathalia Rec Reserve Committee, The Waaia Rec Reserve Committee, The Yalca North Rec Reserve Committee, The Picola Town Hall Committee.

I very much applaud the members of these Committee's who so generously gave of their time and expertise to manage the Community's facilities in such a fantastic manner, in some cases over many years.

HIGH'S

- Moira Shire Council is in a relatively sound position fiscally, but there are a number of major projects which will need addressing in the near future
- The establishment of Booth's Transport at Strathmerton, and the continuing expansion of many Local Businesses including Ryan's Meatworks, Rex James Stockfeeds, Trans Tank International, Remax Doors, Katunga Fresh, Northstar Engineering, Lawless Lasers, and many small businesses
- Substantial upgrades to our Schools, including Nathalia Primary and Nathalia Secondary College, plus the Power St Bus Interchange and Building upgrades at St Mary of the Angels Secondary College
- The Storm Water upgrades in Federation, McDonnell, Hawker and Pearce Sts in Nathalia



Kevin Bourke



Kevin Bourke campaigned to get the pedestrian crossing built in Nathalia.



Picola Hotel & Cafe

The Picola Hotel and Café is open 7 days a week from 10am to late and now has a resident chef Julie Berger. Sunday Roast lunches are available. The café menu has pizzas, fish & chips, grilled & fried foods, cakes, tea & coffee. So come out to Picola and visit the staff and owners.



Pictured above: L-R: Builder - Geoff Mahoney (Chedda), Plumber - Mark Henty (Weasel) and Assistant builder - Leigh Allen (Leroy) enjoying a cold beer after their hard work.



Pictured below: Taylor Baldwin, Julie Berger (resident chef), & Kathryn Greateorex, at work in the kitchen.



- Establishment of the Men's Shed in Nathalia.
- Replacement of the three Bridges on Stewart's Bridge Road, plus the revamp of the Yambuna Bridge and Wright's Bridge at Narioka
- The Rollout of Natural Gas in Nathalia
- Dust Suppression sealing the Streets in a number of our Smaller Towns
- The Bourke Road Housing Estate Joint Venture in Nathalia
- The Lighting and Irrigation upgrades at the Nathalia Recreation Reserve
- The installation of our Pedestrian Crossing in Blake St Nathalia
- Successfully encouraging Regional Roads Vic to re-sheet and eliminate the Bumps in Blake St Nathalia
- Revamp of Numurkah Senior Citizen's Building and Kinder
- Speed reduction on M. V. Highway at Strathmerton
- Establishment of the Silo Art at a number of locations throughout the Shire
- Finalisation of the Yarrowonga / Mulwala Bridge alignment
- Retention of and Lease renewal of the Barmah Caravan Park
- Retention of our Heritage Street Lighting in Blake St Nathalia
- Restoration of the Barmah Punt, the establishment of the Memorial Park and upgrades to the Boat Ramp.
- Involvement with the formation of Community Plans for a number of our smaller Towns throughout Moira Shire

CHALLENGES

- Recovery from the Covid – 19 Pandemic to a new Normal, with support for those Businesses which will not reopen as a result, but also

assistance and encouragement / assistance for those Businesses, both larger and small, to re-establish back to a new Normal.

- The Murray – Darling Basin Plan, and the irrigation water and consequential production, leaving Moira (Shepparton Irrigation District) to the West
- The Numurkah Flood Mitigation project with delays. We realise it is a large project, yes, but I would like to have seen more progress at this point.

I sincerely thank the implementation Committee for their unwavering perseverance in moving this project toward completion

- The ongoing ability of Moira Shire to be able to maintain our Huge Road Network to a level of Community expectation
- The Victorian Electoral Commission's refusal to create three Wards with three Councillor representatives in each Ward, in order to provide a better Local Government environment and representation
- The Costs shifting to Local Government from both State and Federal Governments, i.e. Vermin and Noxious Weeds control
- Locking up of the State and National Parks from sustainable Firewood collection, particularly for our venerable Community members

My time as Councillor for the Moira Community, has largely been enjoyable, having established some wonderful friendships along the way, but due to some niggling health issues, which comes with age, increased requirements with my Business to comply with Covid – 19 and a changing climate with the revamped Local Government Act, I have made the decision to call it a day.



Kevin Bourke with Colin Crane, Leone Hack & Marilyn Frost with the Moira Shire plaque for the town clock.

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



If you missed our WIN TV stars: Jane, Bill, Kerry-Anne, Anne Timm, Judy Ormond and Nermina Fetahoviuc, there is a delightful 1mins 30 secs coverage of our 10th Birthday Event this Saturday 20 November.

If you are coming to our Birthday Party, please RSVP at the Gallery confirming you know our conditions of entry including mask wearing, social distancing, double vaccination and hand sanitising.

Creagh Manning's Third painting Class; Clothed Figure and extended colour palette... a real and rare chance for guided and assisted learning. \$80 10am to 4pm.

Our Gala celebration for our tenth Birthday. Join us in the Back Paddock: Simon Marks from Stone and Wood, Maddy Colville Walker and Erin and Lachlan The Broken Creek Band

Three sets, great music and great encouragement for more of our local musicians to come forward in 2022. Book via Try Booking or at the Gallery



Kerry-Anne being interviewed by WIN TV.



from Nermina Thursdays and Fridays or our friendly Saturday Gallery volunteers.

Making Space on Mondays

Do you want to gently suggest art materials for your Christmas present this year ...but not sure who will help you play with them?

Making Space on Mondays 10-2 at The GRAIN Store via Petticoat Lane will be just your thing. There will be people there making their art. They will respond warmly to you. They will NOT teach you...but you will feel encouraged and confident to experiment.

Story Telling as Truth Telling

Aunty Kella Robinson, well-loved as our esteemed children's Aboriginal Storyteller for many years with the Bardi Gras celebrations in Nathalia, is photographed here after telling precious stories remembering happy childhood experiences spent with her Grandfather, Alf Kelly, in Hillston, NSW, where Kella was born. Alf was an Aboriginal Elder from Wongaibon Country in the Willandra Lakes, a World Heritage area. (The Lake Mungo region is a part of the Willandra Lakes area.)

Kella was guest speaker for the Shepparton Reconciliation's Book Group meeting on Tuesday, 19th October, in Mooroopna.

Aunty Kella, along with Queensland Aboriginal Elder, Aunty Judi Wickes, instigated and contributed papers to a ground breaking truth telling book titled: *Black White and Exempt*. It was this book, held by Aunty Kella in the photo, which the Book Group had just read. The book was a published collection of papers on the 2018 Symposium on Aboriginal Exemption, held at Latrobe University, Shepparton.

The book presents research on the exemption certificates provided to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders from 1895-1967. Kella's grandfather received an exemption certificate in 1945, when he was in his seventies, after retiring as a Boss Drover.

Exemption certificates required the holders to suppress their cultural heritage and keep apart from their family; it further added to the grievous loss of Aboriginal languages and continually fragmented family connections.

The exemption policy is little known about by most non-indigenous Australians, but the current truth telling process is revealing the great damage that the policy caused and is still causing, as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander researchers reveal, and try to come to terms with, their ancestors' callous treatment by successive governments.

Aunty Kella and Aunty Judi have become guiding leaders in cultural safety for this truth telling process, working with academics in



Above L-R: Selina Quilty, Dierdre Robertson, Judith Durstone, Linley Walker, Bernadine Kelly, Agnes Murphy, Lyn Loger
Front: Aunty Kella Robinson -
Right photo: Libby Woodhouse & Aunty Kella

partnership with the University of the Sunshine Coast and Latrobe University.

A second two- day symposium has just been held and further publications will result from it. It will again deepen awareness and open up great chasms of pain and regret for both indigenous and non- indigenous Australians.

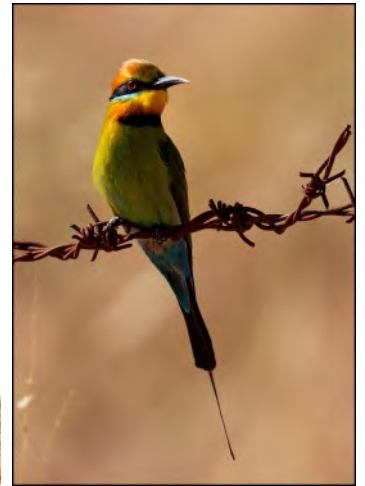
This painful truth telling process will, however, progress healing and create a way forward to a more harmonious future.

~Lyn Loger (With thanks to Aunty Kella Robinson for permission to print information about her Grandfather, Wongaibon Elder, Alf Kelly.)

Through the Lens of the U3A Photography Group



The U3A photography recently visited Ulupna Island and Cactus Country in Strathmerton.

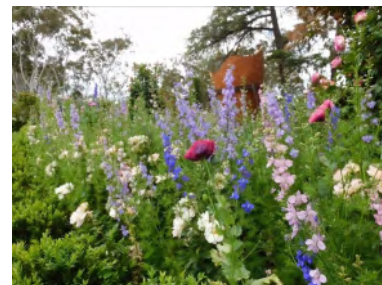
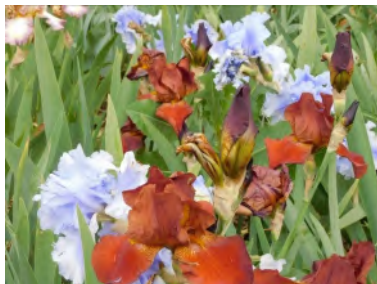


Rainbow Bee Eater



Up the Garden Path

Twenty ladies from U3A "Up the garden Path" went for lunch on 29 October to Bonshaw (Bernie Ryan's) place in Stanhope.



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DEATHS

BROWN, William Robert

Passed away 04. 11. 2021
Late of Griffith N.S.W.

Son of Ray and Hilda (both dec),
Brother of Morris (Dec) twin of
Peter. Brother of John and David
(Dec). And their families.

FUNERALS

VIS - A Memorial Service to
celebrate the life of Mr. Keith Vis
will be held at the Numurkah Town
Bowls Club, Melville Street
Numurkah on Wednesday
November 24, 2021 commencing
at 2 p.m.

QR code check in and proof of full
COVID vaccination required to
attend, please allow time before
the Service to check in.

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THANK YOU

HOLLAND, Morice

The family of Morice Holland wish
to thank all who sent cards, phone
calls and kind messages of
support during the recent loss of
our husband, father and grandpa.
Your kindness is appreciated
during this sad time.

~ Isobel, Keith & Jeanette,
Neville & Sue, Margaret & John
and families.

THANK YOU



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2021 DATES

PUBLISHED **COPY DEADLINE**
December 3 November 29
December 17..... December 13

PUBLIC NOTICES



Appointments to the board of directors of NCN Health

The Minister for Health, Martin Foley MP, is pleased to
invite applications for part time board director positions
of NCN Health with terms of office commencing from 1
July 2022.

Safe and high quality healthcare for all Victorians is a
priority of the Victorian Government. Applicants for
board directorships must be able to demonstrate and
provide evidence in support of the skills they identify in
their applications.

Collaboration, through the recently established Health
Service Partnerships, is a key Victorian Government
priority <https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/health-service-partnership>. Applicants should have a demonstrated
history of achievement through collaboration and
partnering. Being able to demonstrate strong working
relationships, particularly in the Victorian health sector,
will be highly valued.

These positions provide an exciting opportunity for
members of the Victorian public with relevant
experience and qualifications to contribute to the
strategic leadership of public health care delivery to the
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NCN Health is a small rural health service that delivers
a range of programs and services for our local
communities. The health service has three campuses
located in the townships of Nathalia, Cobram, ad
Numurkah. Further information is available on our
website at www.ncnhealth.org.au

The Victorian Government is committed to ensuring
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the Victorian community. Applications are welcomed
from women, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
people, people of all ages, people with disabilities,
people from culturally and linguistically diverse
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gender diverse and intersex people.

Applications close at **midnight Monday 29
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For all enquiries regarding the appointment process,
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U3A Film@ Night

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Senior Citizen Hall

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**For more information contact:
Philippa Schapper 0400 037 432**



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Nathalia Senior Citizens Christmas Luncheon

Thursday, December 9
Time: 12 md | Club Rooms

All members Welcome!

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Contact Veronica Morphet:

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The Board Chair, Dale Brooks & the Board of Directors invites you to our

Annual General Meeting

to be held on Wednesday 1st December 2021 at 4.00pm via Live Stream
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88659732054>



Nathalia Barmah Business & Tourism

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Nathalia Bowling Club News



PENNANT WASHED OUT: Unfortunately, Midweek and Saturday Pennant for 13th/14th November were cancelled due to inclement weather. Midweek traveled to Cobram only to find that bowls had been cancelled. Saturday's notification was in early so no unnecessary travel was done. The 1st Round held on the 5th and 6th November results were Midweek played with a loss to Berrigan 1. Berrigan1 - 66 shots to Nathalia1 - 49, Nathalia going down by 17 shots. Saturday returned a win over Numurkah Golf 2 by 2 shots. Nathalia1 62 to Numurkah Golf2 60.



Our **Club Championships** are now in progress. The winners of this move onto the Murray Bowls Region to compete against all other Clubs in the Region. The winners of the Region move on to play against other Victorian Regions.

Another victim of the weather was our **Opening Day** which was to be held on Sunday 14th November. A new date is yet to be decided.

This week's Midweek Pennant is to be played at Barooga and Saturday will be held at Nathalia against Picola1.

Over 60's is being played at Nathalia on Thursday 17th November with 24 teams competing starting at 10am. This is a Social Day and well supported and contested by Bowlers from all over the region.

PDFNL Junior Vote Count



The Picola & District Football Netball league announced their Junior 2021 season vote count on Wednesday, the 3 November. The vote count was conducted online with each vote count uploaded on the PDFNL website. A big congratulations to local club juniors Eloise Walker (Waaia) and Desmond Morgan (Picola) in receiving their awards.



Under 13's Netball
Runner Up Best & Fairest
26 votes: **Desmond Morgan**
Picola United FNC

Under 17's Netball
Best & Fairest Winner
22 votes: **Eloise Walker**
Waaia FNC



Murray League Best & Fairest Runner Up

Well done to Nathalia's Tegan Sutton, who polled 19 votes in the Murray Football Netball League A Grade best and fairest to finish runner up to Moama's Emily Taverna.

The League vote count was held on Sunday the 14th November. Congratulations to all the award winners.



2021 AFL Goulburn Murray Coach of the Year



A huge Congratulations to Jesse Trower from Waaia Football Netball Club (Picola & District Football League) on taking out the AFL Goulburn Murray Coach of the Year award for 2021. Jesse has been recognised for the exceptional role he has played in creating a fun, positive and engaging environment whilst also focusing on development and providing opportunities for all.



Jesse Trower (Waaia)
Coach of the Year



In the Swing at Nathalia Golf Club

It has been a busy few weeks on the course with the continuation of the improvements project and the commencement of work on the tee offs. The straightening, leveling and boxing of tees may take some time plus some need to be resowed. There is also work happening around the greens with some sprinklers being moved and/or new sprinklers being installed. Many thanks to our small band of volunteer/members who are working under pressure to get the work completed by the end of the year. The course continues to be green and in good condition due to the cooler conditions for this time of year and the continuing rainfall. Also have a few caravanners calling in for a game and to stay overnight. It is always great to receive feedback about our small course and we appreciate the positive comments we are receiving from players and visitors.

Word is out and about that the PUFNC "True Blues" Ambrose Team's Day is coming up on Sunday 28th November and we have seen some keen golfers out practicing on the course. This is always a fun day and whilst some golfing expertise helps it is not a requirement, so organize your team of 3 players and phone Barrie Lindsay on 0472 559 222 and get your entry in ASAP.

The Ladies enjoyed a Social Fun Day Out travelling to Tocumwal Golf club on Wednesday 10th November. Tackling the Captains course, the ladies played 9 holes then into the clubhouse for lunch and a break before back on the course to complete the second 9. It was a really great day, mild weather, no rain, lots of bunkers, BIG FAST greens and scores varied with some handling the challenges better than others. Of the 11 ladies who played the best score for the day went to Sue Lowe with 34 stableford pts with Doreen Button and Alison Keogh both coming in with 32 pts. Good job ladies !!

Plenty of Tournaments and golfing events now being listed on the GMGA website with the 2021 GMGA Men's and Ladies Championships being held at the Shepparton Golf Club on Sunday 12th December in conjunction with



Above: Denis Dunn working on the tee offs.



Above: Paul Fulton squaring up the tee offs.

the Shepparton GC Open Tournament. This is open to all GMGA members.

Members and their partners/spouses are looking forward to socializing and celebrating with the annual XMAS DINNER & PRESENTATION NIGHT on Thursday 2nd December at 6pm. This event will be at the Clubhouse with catering by the ROVING ROAST. There will be a 2 course meal for \$25 p.p. with drinks at bar prices. All members and their guests are invited but due to COVID restrictions those attending must be vaccinated. Please RSVP to Wendy Fulton ph 0467 078 998 or Barrie Lindsay ph 0472 559 222 by 30th November.

RESULTS: Wednesday Competition 3/11/21: Commencement of the Ladies Summer 9 Hole Competition with some ladies teeing off at 8.30am as wanting to play 18 holes as needed result for their weekly entry in the GMGA Spring Showdown. Winner of the 9 hole event was Sonia Verlinden with 20 pts with Alison Keogh winning the 18 hole event with 35 pts. Good golfing ladies !!

Sunday Competition 7/11/21: Great to see player numbers slowly rising since resumption of competition. Today saw 10 men & 1 lady head out to tame conditions. The conditions fought back however with the heat and humidity showing some that they need to work on their golf fitness.

Winner today with a creditable 33 pts was Mike Deacon, just ahead of David Youd Jr from Strathmerton on 32 pts. Winner of the NTP on the par 3 was John Drenen and NTP 2nd shot on the par 4 was Davin Scott.

Tuesday 9/11/21 Ladies 4BBB at Kyabram Parkland: Well done to Nancy Dunn and Sonia Verlinden who teamed up to represent our club and play in this event. The ladies came in with a very nice 41 stableford pts. Not enough to win as that took 46 pts but our ladies earned themselves a Ball Down the Line for their effort. Great job ladies !!!

Sunday Competition 14/11/21: Not ideal conditions, when the weather wasn't blowing directly up from the south pole, it felt like it blew through you from the north pole instead. 10 men endured to play a round of stableford and the man who adapted best to the conditions was John West with 34 pts only one point

ahead of r/up Peter Poon on 33 pts. Chris Boyden from Strathmerton landed on to take NTP on the par 3. No contenders on the par 4.

COMING UP:

FRIDAY 19/11/21: FRIDAY ARVO 9 HOLE SOCIAL GOLF 12.45 pm for 1pm tee off and all welcome.

SUNDAY 21/11/21: 18 HOLE STABLEFORD teeing off from 9am. Members \$8 & Visitors \$15. Everyone welcome to play.

WEDNESDAY 24/11/21: FUN DAY 9 HOLE "Limited Sticks" arrive at 8.45am for 9am tee off. Also LADIES 4BBB TOURNAMENT at Kialla Golf Club.

SUNDAY 28/11/21: PUFNC "True Blues" 3 person AMBROSE FUN DAY (course will be closed to green fee players)

WEDNESDAY 1/12/21: LADIES 9 HOLE COMPETITION playing yellow. 8.45am for 9am tee off and visitors welcome.



Above: The ATGANI hospital team out for a practice (Pam Smith, Lynn Peterson, Amy Kopsidas & Tony Brown)



Above: Tony Brown putting watched by Josh Scott and Ray Freeman.

Picola Lawn Bowls Report



A lot of work has been put in by the members to prepare the greens and the new green is coming along very nicely. We welcome new ladies Karen Manley, Claire Andrews, Linda Gillbert - who are enjoying their bowls, also Trevor Price. Practicing has been well attended and members are playing club competitions. We offer our condolences to Julie Hindle on the loss of Keith Vis and to the Holland family with the passing of Morice. We are also saddened to hear of Lyn Hall's passing, a valued past member of our club.

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Pennant season has started with midweek Pennant played on 5th November playing Numurkah Golf, who won 82-37. Sue Jamison (S) John Gillard, Claire Andrews and Linda Gillbert lost to Saunders' side. Julie Berger (S) Keith Berger, Helen McRae and Karen Manley lost to L Houlihan's side. Margaret Cobbleddick (S) Bill Agius, Maureen Coates and Mary Agius lost to K Ralph. Saturday 6th, Picola Division 2 played at

Wunghnu with Picola winning 75 to Wunghnu 32. Keith Berger (S) M Box, G Coates and T Cobbleddick won 20 to 10 over Gray's side. Vic Kendall (S) S Jamison, G Davies and B Agius with a great win 38 to 3. Bruce Agnew (S) T Smith, C Briggs and J Gillard lost to J Solanki 17-19. Picola also had a team playing an 4th Division, and although they lost - all played very well, congratulations.



U17: B&F
Regan Collins



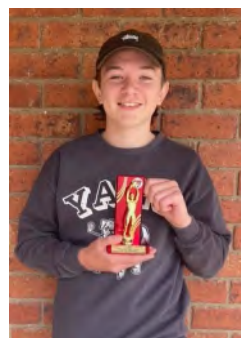
U17: R/up
Zac Cason



U17: Coach's Award
Lachlan Williams

Waaia FNC 2021 Senior & Junior Vote Count

The Waaia Football Netball Club were at last able to cap off the 2021 season with their club vote count and presentations. The senior grades held their presentation evening last Friday with the juniors on the Sunday. Congratulations to all winners!



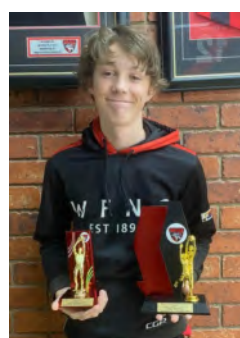
U17: Best 1st Year Player
Adam Brooks



U17: Most Improved
Sam Brooks



U14: B&F (& U17 goal
kicker) - Aiden Bryant



U14: R/up & Jnr club
person - Will Trower



U14: Most Improved
Zac Minotti



U14: Coach's Award
Jake Buckland



U14: Most Consistent
Jacob Purden



U14: Best Team Player
Kaleb Gilmour



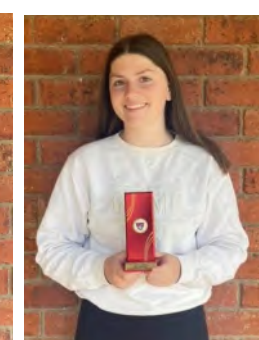
U14: Best 1st Year Player
Aiden Hibma



17&U: B&F
Eloise Walker



17&U: R/up
Elliott Binks



17&U: Coach's Award
Ella Bryant



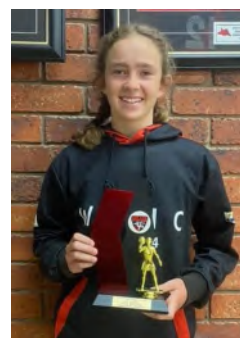
15&U: R/up
Claudia Plattfuss



15&U Most Improved
Layla Haberfield



15&U: Coach's Award
Jorja Kelly



13&U: B&F
Laura Bergamin



13&U: R/up
Skyla O'Dwyer



13&U: Coach's Award
Katelyn Halden

Senior Football

Best & Fairest- Ashley Holland 64 votes
 Runner Up- Jesse Trower 37 votes
 Most Consistent- Austin Tricarico
 Most Determined- Jayden Clarke
 Most Improved- Mark Bergamin
 Coach's award- Sam Richardson
 Best 1st Year Player- Harvey Walker
 Leading Goal Kicker- Charlie Burrows (51)



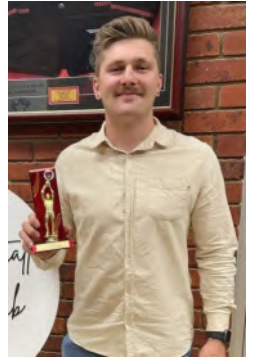
Seniors: B&F
Ashley Holland



Seniors: R/up
Jesse Trower



Seniors: Most Consistent
Austin Tricarico



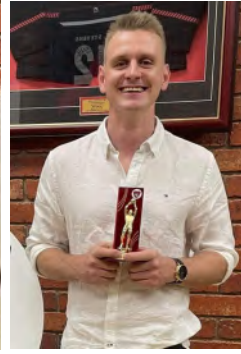
Seniors: Most Determined
Jayden Clarke

Reserves Football

Best & Fairest- Sean Carey 35 votes
 Runner Up- Hayden Hixon 27 votes
 Most Consistent- Seb Moore
 Most Determined- Sam Trower
 Most Improved- Beau Walpole
 Coach's award- Josh O'Dwyer
 Leading Goal Kicker - Brayden Carey (29)



Seniors Coach's award
Sam Richardson



Seniors: Goal Kicker
Charlie Burrows (51)



Seniors: Best 1st Year
Player - Harvey Walker



Res: B&F
Sean Carey

A Grade Netball

Best & Fairest- Chloe Thorne 36 votes
 Runner Up- Ruby Arnel 28 votes
 Most Dependable- Ruby Arnel

B Grade Netball

Best & Fairest- Angela Thorne 41 votes
 Runner Up- Mollie Karl 33 votes

C Grade Netball

Best & Fairest- Jamieson Moore 31 votes
 Runner Up- Kendra Hixon 24 votes
 Most Determined- Rebecca Williams

C Reserve Netball

Best & Fairest- Andrea Walker 50 votes
 Runner Up- Sarah James 16 votes

Roy Tweddle Senior Club Person Award
 - Jesse Trower

Roy Tweddle Junior Club Person Award
 - Will Trower

Under 17's Football

Best & Fairest- Regan Collins 56 votes
 Runner Up- Zac Cason 47 votes
 Most Consistent- Ryan Cook
 Most Determined- Mason Minotti
 Most Improved- Sam Brooks
 Coach's award- Lachlan Williams
 Best 1st Year Player- Adam Brooks
 Leading Goal Kicker- Aiden Bryant (7)



Res: R/up
Hayden Hixon



Res: Goal Kicker
Brayden Carey (29)



Res: Most Improved
Beau Walpole



Res: Most Determined
Sam Trower

17 & Under Netball

Best & Fairest- Eloise Walker 52 votes
 Runner Up- Elliott Binks 31 votes
 Coach's Award- Ella Bryant

Under 14's Football

Best & Fairest- Aiden Bryant 60 votes
 Runner Up- Will Trower 51 votes
 Most Consistent- Jacob Purden
 Most Improved- Zac Minotti
 Best Team Player- Kaleb Gilmour
 Coach's award- Jake Buckland
 Best 1st Year Player- Aiden Hibma
 Leading Goal Kicker - Will Trower (24)



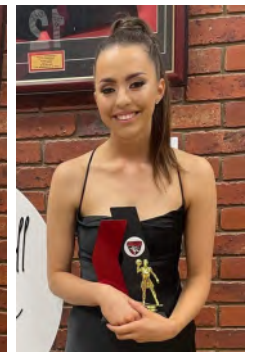
A Grade: B&F
Chloe Thorne



A Grade: R/up
Ruby Arnel



B Grade: B&F
Angela Thorne



B Grade: R/up
Mollie Karl

15 & Under Netball

Best & Fairest- Jayda Hawks 39 votes
 Runner Up- Claudia Plattfuss 26 votes
 Most Improved- Layla Haberfield
 Coach's Award- Jorja Kelly

13 & Under Netball

Best & Fairest- Laura Bergamin 42 votes
 Runner Up- Skyla O'Dwyer 29 votes
 Coach's Award- Katelyn Halden



C Grade: B&F
Jamieson Moore



C Grade: Most Determined
Rebecca Williams



C Res: B&F
Andrea Walker

Picola Utd Junior Presentation 2021



17&U Netball: B&F
Holly Boyd



17&U Netball: R/up
Kate Francis



15&U Netball: R/up
Jordan Florence



13&U Netball: B&F
Desmond Morgan



13&U Netball: R/up
Makai Curtis



Club Person Of The Year
Robert King



U17: B&F
Logan Daniel



U17: R/up
Zac McKenzie



U17: Coach's Award
Lachlan Caldwell



U17: Most Consistent
Kayden Atkinson



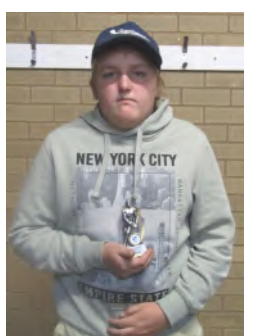
U17: Equal Leading Goal Kicker (27 goals)
(L) Tanner Webber and © Connor Langley



U14: Coach's Award
Mitchell Daniel



U14: B&F
Travis Atkinson Morgan



U14: R/up
Harrison King



U14: Most Improved
Tasman Baker



U14: Most Determined
Blake Tomlins



U14: Most Consistent
Nicolas Giffin



U14: Coach's Award
Mitchell Daniel

VOTE COUNT RESULTS

NETBALL

17&U: B&F Holly Boyd, R/up Kate Francis, 'Bridget Cobbledick Award: Keisha Hitchins.

15&U: B&F Jorja Langley, R/up Jordan Florence, Coach's Indiana McCabe Jackson.

13&U: B&F Desmond Morgan, R/up Makai Curtis, Coach's Amy Caldwell.

FOOTBALL

U17: B&F Logan Daniel, U/up Zac McKenzie, Coach's Lachlan Caldwell, Most Determined Kayden Atkinson, Equal Leading Goal Kicker (27): Connor Langley & Tanner Webber

U14: Ricky Atkinson Memorial & B&F: Travis Atkinson-Morgan, R/up Harrison King, Coach's Mitchell Daniel, Most Determined Blake Tomlins, Most Consistent Nicholas Giffin, Most Improved: Tasman Baker

Junior 50 games milestone: Mikaela Daniel, Jordan Florence, Ally Francis, Keisha Hitchins, Ruby McIver, Will Dargan, Connor Langley and Corey Legge.

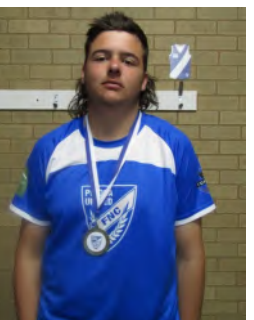
Junior 100 games milestone: Kate Francis. **Junior Club person of the year:** Keisha Hitchins



Under 11's football team with coach Dean Holyman



50 club games medalist
Ally Francis



50 club games medalist
Corey Legge



Right:
Ricky Atkinson
Memorial Trophy
winner
Travis Atkinson
Morgan



Netsset Go team with Coach Emma Bourke



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Representing all Businesses and Organisations in the Region.

Participate in a dynamic team of community volunteers and take an active leadership role with existing and new projects and activities such as:

Easter and Christmas Markets.

NBBT's Online Digital Platform. - www.nbbt.org.au

Interactive Historical Sign Boards.

NBBT's Gift Shop at the Barmah Forest Heritage & Education Centre.

Christmas Lights and Decorations.

New Barmah Visitor Information Project.

Come to the Nathalia Barmah Business & Tourism 2021 AGM
6pm Wednesday 24th Nov
Court House Hotel Nathalia

Details of some of the important projects inside this RGC

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NOW IS THE TIME TO SELL

With a very strong market, high buyer interest now is the time to sell your property.

A LOCAL GIRL

Lisa has extensive rural knowledge growing up on a beef farm before completing her advanced diploma in Agriculture. Lisa spent many years working the land before settling on a farm with her family.

Lisa has a passion for real estate and thrives on the diversity of residential, rural and commercial properties.

SERVICING AREAS

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