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Nathalia Show 2023 a Huge Success

Show Quest Winners

Back Row (L-R): Clayton Ross (Master Preschooler) & Andrew Ross, Sam Horgan (Best Mullet Senior), Tom Baker (Best Facial Hair), Clancy Baker (Best Mullet Senior R/Up)
Front Row: Ivy McQueen (Miss Junior) Tate Butler (Best Mullet Junior), Daisy Foster (Miss Preschooler), Evangeline Daniel (Miss Spring R/Up), Lexi Smith (Miss Teen), Maddi Wold (Miss Spring) Benji Wold (Master Junior)



Above: Frankie Bourke - Junior Canola winner

Right: Some of the show society in their new shirts after a long but successful day.

Back Row (L-R): Colin Rendell, Bernadette Caccianiga, Jocelyn Broadwood, Dylan Morris, Cheryl Thorn, Colin Grinter, Faye Hutchins, Garry Broadwood,
Front Row: Ellen Morcombe, Neville Holland, Gail Grinter, Heather Frostick, Kathleen Botterill, Phil Daniel.
See reports & photos on pages 13-16.



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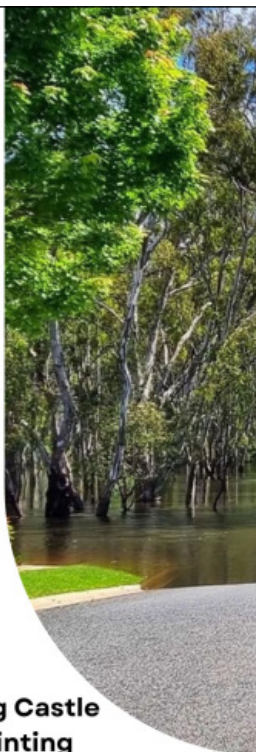


One Year Anniversary of October 2022 Floods

Come reflect and acknowledge our communities strength and resilience

Wednesday 8 November 2023
4pm - 7:30pm
Nathalia Recreation Reserve,
Park Street, Nathalia

- Dr Rob Gordon
- Free BBQ Dinner
- Photo Wall
- Art Installation
- 72HR Program Launch
- Jumping Castle
- Face Painting
- Fairy Floss
- Glitter Tattoo
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Community Update

Waaia Recreation Reserve Toilet Block Upgrade



Have Your Say on the design for the upcoming toilet block redevelopment at the Waaia Recreation Reserve.

The current block does not meet the requirements for accessible facilities and we are committed to providing modern, accessible, clean and safe facilities, friendly for all users.

We plan to build new toilets that will include:

- X2 Unisex Toilets
- An All Abilities Toilet
- X2 Storage Rooms

The new toilet block will be developed early next year and now is the time to provide us with your thoughts, head to our website's Have Your Say section and send us your feedback before **Friday 27 October 2023**.

Scan to visit website



Ag Innovation Event

Startup Shakeup presents Ag to Food Discovery event.



Friday 27 October 2023, 9.30am - 3.30pm
Numurkah Town Hall
\$10

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Cultural Diversity Grants

The Cultural Diversity Grants are now open.

These grants provide community organisations and/or businesses who are interested in hosting Cultural Diversity Week events or activities an opportunity to apply for funding.

Events or activities outside of Cultural Diversity Week may be considered so long as the applicant is able to demonstrate its cultural theme and benefits. Applications for both the minor (up to \$1,000) and major (up to \$10,000) Cultural Diversity Grants will be considered.

Applications close on **Wednesday 15 November 2023**
Visit our website to view the guidelines and apply.

Australia Day Award Nominations



Nominations for the 2024 Moira Shire Australia Day Awards are now open for individuals or organisations that have endeavoured to enhance and provide for their local community and instil a sense of community spirit and awareness. Nominations close **Thursday 30 November 2023**. To find out more or to submit a nomination please visit our website.

Labuan Road speed limit lowered to improve safety

In response to significant road trauma incidents, the speed limit of Labuan Road from Katamatite-Shepparton Road through to the Murray Valley Highway will be **lowered to 80km/h as of Wednesday 18 October 2023**. This decision was made from Council in collaboration with the Department of Transport and Planning to take actions to enhance our road safety. This decision is aligned with the objectives of the Victoria Road Safety Strategy 2030, aiming to create safer rural roads for all users.

The implementation of the reduced speed limit is expected to contribute to a decrease in the frequency and severity of road crashes in this area.

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MHA Care Grinners



MHA Care Grinners celebrating 14 years.



MHA Care Grinners are loving the warmer weather which has made our outings very enjoyable. We took a trip to Echuca, stopping at the Moama Tea House, then some retail therapy at the op shops, stopping for lunch at the Echuca Workers Club.

We have celebrated footy finals with a luncheon at the centre where our footy tipping winners were awarded. 1st Laurel, 2nd Norm, 3rd Anne, 4th Liz and the wooden spoon went to Gloria.

We also celebrated our 14th birthday with Chris, long time member (who has attended since we started) and Liz, one of our newer members cutting the cake. Footy bingo was enthusiastically played, winners receiving chocolates.

If anyone in the Numurkah/Nathalia area is interested in joining our group ring our head office on 5742 1111.



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Barmah / Picola / Picola West: Thursday
\$6 Delivery fee, Minimum spend \$40,
Orders placed by 10am for delivery 12-6pm

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Remembrance Day Service on Friday 10th November

The RSL President and members of the Nathalia/Picola RSL Sub Branch wish to extend an invitation to the members of the public to attend our **Memorial Services on the 10th of November 2023 at 11am.** Please note that the service is on Friday the 10th November (Not on the 11th as there will be no service) so we can cater for the schools to be able to attend. The service will be held at the Memorial Gardens Elizabeth Street Nathalia. BYO chairs and aeroguard. There will be opportunity for members of the public to lay a wreath. We would also like to acknowledge the public's continuing assistance it lends to our Sub Branch and we thank you for your support.

Men's Shed Lamb Raffle



The Nathalia & District Men's Shed thank the Nathalia public for their much appreciated support with our recent raffle. The winner drawn at the Nathalia Show was Bill Mahncke, pictured left.



USA Nathalia Line Dancers 10th Anniversary

The USA Nathalia Line Dancers recently celebrated our 10th anniversary. We were joined by our line dancing friends from Euroa for a night of dancing, singing and laughter. One of the Euroa members spent the night line dancing with her walking sticks, and she managed very well. Old age is not stopping her from enjoying her dancing. Line dancing is held every Tuesday night at the Nathalia Uniting Church Hall from 7-8.30pm. If you are a U3A member, it is only \$2 per night to pay for the hire of the hall. New members are made very welcome, but don't expect to learn every dance on your first night! We usually manage 3,000 to 4,000 steps per night, and it is an enjoyable way to exercise. Hope to see you there soon.



Front row (L-R): Heather & Sharyn
Back row: Michelle & Pam

Pictured is Sharyn, Heather and Michelle with Pam from Euroa who took on the training of the Nathalia girls in the art of calling line dances. We would like to thank both Pam and our trainers for all their efforts.



MEALS ON WHEELS

October 20 - November 3

October

Friday 20th	David & Cheryl McKenzie
Monday 23rd	St Mary of the Angels
Tuesday 24th	Darryl Hill & Mary Wilson
Wednesday 25th	Nathalia Primary School
Thursday 26th	Carmen Gilson
Friday 28th	Graeme Smith
Monday 30th	St Mary of the Angels
Tuesday 31st	Pauline Thomas

November

Wednesday 1st	Laurel Dimond & Leanne Caldwell
Thursday 2nd	Carmen Gilson
Friday 3rd	Patricia Hawks

If you can cover one of the volunteer required runs please contact Laura,
Volunteer Programs Co-ordinator - MHA Care
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CHURCH TIMES

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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Nathalia Parish Priest - Fr Jophin Joy

Nathalia Mass times:

Tuesdays: 9:15am - Reconciliation following Mass

Thursdays: 12:30pm

Sundays: 9:00am

Strathmerton

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

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October 22nd: 9.30am Streaming Service

October 29th: 9.30am Parish Hymn Service

Picola: October 22nd: 9.00am

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Fr Gunnar Rippon Priest 5862 1046

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October 29th: 8.30am Holy Communion

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Caterpillar Corner



Family at Bush Kinder

We wanted to share the joy, the learning and the magic of bush kinder with our families, so we invited them to our last day 13th September.

We had bananas with chocolate melted in the firepit. The children were excited to show the bones we had found, the bouncy tree, the cubbies, the swing tree, the nests and sandpit.

Studies have shown that time spent outdoors is good for our mental health and wellbeing. Some of the learning we have developed is about ants, how they build nest and use tree sap. That the bark on trees helps to protect them like our skin and also regulates their moisture level. We've learnt to assess risk, we've developed resilience, so when we trip over we get back up and keep going.



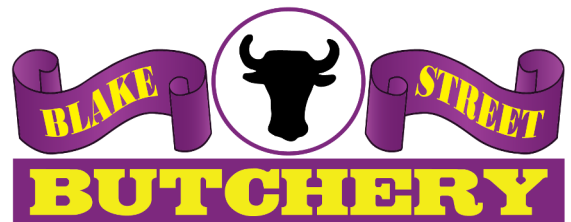
What's on Locally



Oct 20	Craft Day - Senior Citizens Clubrooms, 10am
Oct 23	Bingo, Senior Citizens Clubrooms, Eyes Down 1pm
Nov 2	Run4KB Sportsmen's Night @ Nathalia Showgrounds
Nov 3	Craft Day - Senior Citizens Clubrooms, 10am
Nov 7	Melbourne Cup Day (Public Holiday)
Nov 7	Senior Citizens Members Meeting & Melbourne Cup Celebrations 10am
Nov 9	Nathalia Women's Health & Support Group Oaks Day "With A Twist"
Nov 10	RSL Memorial Service at Memorial Gardens, Elizabeth St, Nathalia @ 11am
Nov 11	Remembrance Day
Nov 12	Kid's Fishing Competition
Nov 13	Bingo, Senior Citizens Clubrooms, Eyes Down 1pm
Nov 18	Nathalia Poultry Auction
Dec 9	Nathalia Christmas Market
Dec 25	Christmas Day (Public Holiday)
Dec 26	Boxing Day (Public Holiday)
Dec 31	New Year's Eve Carnival

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Visiting the Secondary College & Upcoming Open Day



On Thursday the 12th of October, Year 11 and 12 students from Nathalia Secondary College came to Preschool and played some sport activities with the children. Brandon, Tyler, Tom, Chance and Corey explained the rules for the activities and walked through them with the children. They played fruit salad game and a game of soccer which the children all enjoyed.



This week we will be visiting the secondary college, again on their bikes as they continue to practice their road safety skills and to engage and interact with the students for some different activities. The children have been busy the last few weeks preparing their veggie garden and planting vegetable seeds and tending to the strawberries which have already started ripening, and we have just found our very first blueberry. It was a very exciting moment.

On the 28th of October we will be having our Open Day at the preschool to show our community our program, for the children to showcase their art and to have the opportunity to view the children's learning environment and support local clubs and businesses. New families and the community are most welcome to come and meet the teachers and educators. This will be a great day with the Angling Club providing the BBQ, Cup-a-Jo providing a drink, and face painting and fairy floss available. We will be having a raffle on the day and our amazing families, and our community have kindly donated some wonderful gifts which we appreciate very much. Bec Nave Photography, S o m a t i c M e c h a n i c, Milking It Cafe and Nathalia Night Watch CWA have all donated a prize.



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Horse Breeds

Find and circle all of the Horse Breeds that are hidden in the grid. The remaining letters spell a quote by Herman Melville.

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| BARB | HANOVERIAN | MORAB | SUFFOLK |
| BLACK FOREST | HOLSTEINER | MORGAN | THOROUGHBRED |
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Thanks to Pam and Wayne Limbricks' great generosity, and the hard work and smarts of Madeleine Jane, and the various other helpers chief of whom was Ian Bolton, we had a remarkable stage upon which to present Geoff Achison. And Geoff did the stage and us proud. Bar and catering enhanced the evening; as did the drama of threatening rain and Jane Hando's "call and response" pre-interval performance.

Next big performance on the stage will be Simon Marks and Band Friday 1 December; so book your tickets early.

Floods 2022...an occasion to reflect, reconnect and explore.

A G.R.A.I.N. Curated Installation at the Moira Shire 2022 Flood Anniversary Occasion
Wednesday November 8

We are keen to receive any more photos of your experiences of October 2022 and beyond...from the waiting to the flooding to the cleaning up. Deadline for images Tuesday 24 October. Contact Philippa 0400 037 432 or bring in USBs during G.R.A.I.N. Store hours Thurs-Sat 11-4pm.



Under the Microscope Felt-making Workshop with Ruby Sat 28 Oct 10am-1am

Ruby's felted creatures have been extraordinarily successful selling items in our art shop.

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Audience enjoying the Geoff Achison performance.



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I had walked for over 10 kilometres in the afternoon heat of Freiburg before heading back to my hotel. Australians don't appreciate all the added extras that are included in our hotel rates. Kettles were not common in European hotels. After requesting a cuppa at Reception, I sat in the courtyard past the bar to enjoy the shade. Bedrooms boasting air conditioning were also a rarity over here.

A member of our tour, Hugh, came out with his bottle of white wine that he'd bought at the gas station yesterday when the bus pulled in for fuel. Hugh and his wife Mary were New Zealanders and I voted them as the loveliest couple on the tour. 'Would you like to help Mary and me drink this bottle?' he asked.

As the tea hadn't hit my sides, I gladly accepted.

'I'll just ask if I can borrow some glasses,' he said as he disappeared back to Reception.

Just as quickly he returned. 'They say it'll cost me 15 Euro for corkage,' he said shaking his head. 'The bottle only cost us 11 Euro.'

'That's outrageous,' I agreed.

Hugh invited me to partake of the wine in their bedroom which I knew would be crowded as European hotel rooms are tiny. I sat on the bed with Mary, who was nursing a twisted ankle. Hugh sat opposite us on the open windowsill. There was no room for chairs.

We were all drinking happily, pleasantly surprised by the quality of the wine. Lots of laughter followed as we recounted amusing stories from our tours.

Out of the blue Mary exclaimed, 'Hugh, pull my pants down!'

Lordy! Whatever was happening here? I did think Mary and Hugh were very inclusive, but I hadn't realized that they were kinky as well. Shocked, my eyes darted towards the door, but there was no escape. Horrified, my mind filled with thoughts of *menage a trois* or even bondage! How could I have been so gullible? How could I have misjudged this couple so badly?

Suddenly Hugh burst out laughing. 'Mary means her pants hanging up here to dry,' he chuckled. He reached up and extracted the coat hanger holding her washed trousers hooked over the open window behind him. 'You should've seen your face,' he grinned.

Mary and I both rolled around on the bed roaring with laughter.

Hugh dined out on that story for the rest of the tour.



Rotary Report

On Wednesday 11th October we had our AGM and a board meeting at the RSL hall. Present were Loula, Anthony, Ross, Andrew, Grant and Bree. Apologies from Ray who is unwell, and Eve who is in Tasmania. We then elected our office bearers for 2024/25. The results are as follows: President Elect - Anthony Oliver - Nominated by Ross, seconded by Andrew. Secretary - Bree Andrews - Nominated by Anthony, seconded by Ross. Treasurer Elect - Ross Smith and Loula Oliver- Nominated by Anthony, seconded by Bree. President Loula thanked the elected members for accepting their positions and officially closed the AGM.



Rotary's incoming office bearers for 2024/25.
L-R: Bree Andrews (Secretary), Loula Oliver (Treasurer), Anthony Oliver (President), Ross Smith (Treasurer)

Loula, Anthony and Ross attended a function in Numurkah on Monday night, where members from multiple Rotary clubs gathered and shared with each other the projects that they are working on. Loula believed it to be a great night.



Loula thanked Ross for selling raffle tickets at the Nathalia Show.

At the Nathalia Show we took in \$385. Anthony also announced that as of 11/10/23 our cut of the Mooropna Car Raffle proceeds is \$616. Not a bad effort at all!

Grant has organised for more wood for next year's raffle, as a tree fell down near him at an opportune time. Thanks Grant! Regarding the Show and Shine, Anthony suggested that we need to invite Bill King up soon to get the ball rolling. The date for the show is Sunday 17/3/24.



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Class of 2023 - Nathalia Secondary College

This week was the last week for our graduating class of 2023.

Throughout their time at Nathalia Secondary College, they've shown immense dedication, resilience and enthusiasm towards their goals.

Their achievements, both academically and personally, have been truly remarkable.

Guided by their dedicated teachers, families, friends and mentors, the class of 2023 have been a wonderful group throughout their years here, and we know they will make the most of the opportunities that come their way.

We wish you luck in your upcoming exams and into the future, and please know that we are immensely proud of you.'



Class of 2023



Significant Funding Opportunity for Men's Shed

Applications are now open for the Men's Shed Funding Program 2023-24, providing grants of up to \$100,000.

The Nationals Member for Shepparton District, Kim O'Keeffe, said Men's Sheds are vital community hubs and encourages not-for-profit groups to make an application.

"Men's Sheds create safe and inclusive spaces where men can come together, foster social connections, and actively participate in their communities," said Ms O'Keeffe.

"Meeting with our Men's Sheds across the electorate, I have seen firsthand the wonderful benefit Men's Sheds provide to not only their members, but also to the broader community.

"I am also well aware that many groups have changing circumstances, looking to expand or require urgent repairs to facilitate their programs.

Funding can be used for the construction of new men's sheds, including the conversion of non-shed buildings into welcoming spaces, refurbishment, extension, or upgrades of existing Men's Sheds.

The grant program also encourages projects that:

- Target a reduction in social isolation among men by offering workshop-based male-only environments on some days
- Support the inclusion of women on some days
- Foster a culturally inclusive atmosphere and encourage multicultural participation
- Demonstrate significant value to the social fabric of the local community in proportion to the funds invested.

"There's tremendous work being done in Men's Sheds across the region. They are important pillars in our community, actively contributing to men's health, fostering social inclusion, and facilitating vital connections," said Ms O'Keeffe.

"This funding round is a fantastic opportunity to do that or to foster new and improved programs that will benefit our community."

Applications close December 8, 2023. For more information or to apply, please visit: www.vic.gov.au/mens-shed-funding-program



State Member for Shepparton District Kim O'Keeffe pictured with Gary Gray of Shepparton Men's Shed.



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Museum Moments...

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

COURSING is hunting with dogs (usually greyhounds) that are trained to chase game such as hares, by sight instead of by scent. Once again our capable researcher Lyn Franklin has provided the following information.

The first entry for coursing in the Nathalia Herald was August 4th, 1887 which was calling for interested persons to meet at Minchin's hotel (Barwo; site of Wayne King's house today) where it was proposed to have a days coursing on the adjacent paddock for an unlimited number of dogs at £1 each on August 24th. Minchin advertised for live hares at 2/6d. each.

No more reports till May 1889 at a meeting held at Colgan's Railway Refreshment Rooms when it was decided to form a coursing club to be called The Nathalia and District Coursing Club. Mr. Colgan was elected President, V. President W.R. Humberstone, Treasurer A. Trethowan, Secretary George Young, Committee: Messrs. McDonald, Neeld, Mapletoft and Briggs. Members fees were fixed at 10s.6d.; no member be allowed to run a dog till all fees are paid. Messrs. Briggs and Young donated trophies. It was decided to write to the various landowners in the district asking permission to course over their grounds (open coursing as opposed to a plumpston which was an enclosed netted course), the Club guaranteeing any damage. Permission was granted providing no horseman, with the exception of the judge and two flag stewards, be allowed to enter the paddocks. "Lamorran Estate" owned by Mr. A. Trethowan (south side of Shepparton Barmah Road, west of the tip), was the venue chosen and hares were plentiful. Settling up took place at an evening dinner at Colgan's Refreshment Rooms.

Kaarimba and Waaia, not to be outdone, set up their first meeting for August 9th, 1889 at the Kaarimba Race Course (plumpston). Mr. William Purdie was the Secretary. The hares were good and strong.



Within a fortnight the Kaarimba and Nathalia Coursing Clubs met in Humberstone's Hall for the purpose of amalgamating the two clubs which would be the means of forming a club superior to any outside Melbourne. The combined clubs were to be called The Nathalia and District Coursing Club.

No more reporting of activities until 1891 when once again the venue was "Lamorran", hares were plentiful, and the settling up took place at Kinsella's Bridge Hotel. It was stated that: "open coursing was favored as it gave every dog an equal opportunity".

1892, 1893 and 1894 were busy years for the Coursing Club. Puppy Stakes were

included. Coursing venues were Mr. W. Fraser's and Mr. R. J. Fairman's paddocks at Barwo, Mr. T. Kilpatrick's paddock at Kaarimba and Mr. H. Hawker's farm. The hare situation varied from plentiful to scarce.

Following a lapse of many years coursing was once again taken up in July 1898 for a match. The "fields were not large and the rough, showery weather caused the hares to 'sit' a fact that makes the travelling much further in open coursing". A couple of meetings were held in 1904 with M. F. K. Howe as secretary, hares at first scarce ended up being plentiful. Also a couple of meetings were held in 1907. 1909 proved a fair year for the club, AGM taking place at Ryan's Hotel (Middle). Mr. Ryan in chairing the meeting made the following remarks:

"the club only required a little fomentation to develop it into one of the strongest – financially and otherwise – in Victoria. They had plenty of well-bred greyhounds in the district, and owned by men who travel hundreds of miles to coursing matches during the season. They also had country for open coursing second to none in Victoria. They had allowed the sport to flag, and of course those who supported it in the past gradually dropped out, and finally took no part or interest in it. Still some had stuck to their task, amongst them being their Kaarimba friends Messrs. Thompson, Galt, McClure, Dripp, Prentice—who so willingly place their paddocks at the disposal of their club"

Nathalia Coursing Club appeared in the Coursing Fixtures for 1909 among 23 other clubs in the region. Coursing for 1909 took place on the "Kaarimba Plains" with the settling ups taking place at Curtain's Hotel (Farmer's Arms – the old Barwo Hotel) and Swan's Court House Hotel. There was to be a Mug's Stake with the winning dog's owner to contribute an item at the mug's concert!

1910 was to be the last year the Club met for quite some time. That year opened with G. J. Tuckett and A. H. Draper joint Secretaries/Treasurers with the following new members: R. Clark, W. Ball, J. Dunn, W. Leaf, R. Butler, J. Henry, P. Silling, J. Hansen, C. McKenna, J. S. Curran; the first of three meetings to take place on the Kaarimba Plains; the draw to take place at Maher's Bridge Hotel and the settling up at Ryan's Nathalia Hotel. The hares were "timid and somewhat scarce". Mr. J. Limbrick's Bessie Booth was the winner of the Sweepstake of £1/1/- plus £5/5/- from the club. The second meeting attracted 16 dogs on a rainy day, heavy paddocks, hares timid, and as a consequence only one round was got to and had to continue the next day with "puss" invariably outlasting her pursuers. The settling took place at Draper's Railway Hotel.

The final meeting of the year, auspiciously called the "Farewell Stake", advertised by Secretary J. W. Limbrick, took place on the Kaarimba Plains with an entry of 12 dogs, the hares were plentiful and speedy, the crowds were treated to an abundant and "toothsome" lunch. A trophy to the value of three guineas donated by Messrs. Alexander and Patterson was to augment the cash prize. The settling up took place at Mr. J. Orth's Courthouse Hotel where accolades was given to Mr. E. Hutchinson on his retirement as judge.

The Coursing Fixtures for 1910 showed the number of clubs in the region had declined to 9 of which Nathalia was still a member.

The Nathalia Herald of 7/3/1911 revealed that there had been a large destruction of rabbits in the district which had been poisoned by the Department of Lands. Carcasses were everywhere with some people attributing this fact to the over abundance of blowflies! Whether or not this was the reason as well as the advent of WW1, the Nathalia Coursing Club did not meet again till 1919 when the old members A. Garonne, J. Limbrick, W. Thompson and A. Draper still appeared on the re-constituted committee.

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 if it is open on the second Sunday of the month (1.30pm to 4pm). Or by appointment. To contact Jeanette phone—0420 247 480



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Snakes Come out as Weather Warms Up



As days become warmer, snakes are emerging from months of inactivity to search for food and a mate.

Many snakes stop eating during winter and conserve energy by not moving around as much. On a warm sunny day in the middle of winter snakes may still come out and bask.

Snakes are more visible during warmer months, but they are rarely a threat, as a Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) spokesperson explains.

“Snakes prefer to keep away from people. They rely on external sources like the sun to give them energy.”

“Most snake bites occur when people try to capture or kill them. Leave them alone and keep your pets away.”

“Snakes are known to bite animals if they feel threatened. If your dog or cat encounters a snake, move your pet away or keep it on a lead



Eastern Brown Snake

while the snake is in the area. If you suspect your pet has been bitten take it to a vet immediately.”

Please remember:

- Snakes present little or no danger to people when left alone
- Keep your pets away from areas with snakes

- If you see a snake, keep calm and move yourself and anyone with you away from the area

- Wear long pants and proper shoes, carry your mobile and snake bandages when in the bush

- Maintain lawns and clean up around your house, as snakes are attracted to shelter such as piles of rocks and timber, sheets of metal, and building materials

- Keep pests under control. Rodents are an excellent food source for snakes

- Don't attempt to capture or harm snakes; instead call a licensed snake catcher or call DEECA on 136 186

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YOU'RE GREAT



Thumbs up... to the Nathalia Show Society and all the volunteers at the Nathalia Show. It was a wonderful successful day.
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Happy Birthday



Happy Birthday from PAG to Judy Darcy who recently celebrated her birthday.

THE REAL REASON EVOLUTION STARTED....



U3A Film @ Night

Wed 1 November David Copperfield
Dev Patel as David Copperfield...how will that work? And according to the Dickens family descendants, it worked very fine thank you very much.



There are many film versions to compare it to, including a 1935 Silver Screen Classic and a BBC two part production.

Barbara Kingsolver's *Demon Copperhead*, her 2022 story of the Appalachian mountains and its drug scourge took me, finally, to reading Dickens' *David Copperfield* published in 1850; that is 173 years ago. How something so old can have so many resonances for today is one of the fascinations of the film, join the U3A Film @ Night audience at the Senior Citz building, Wednesday 1 November 7pm..Gold Coin donation. Contact Philippa 0400 037 432.





Moira Shire Council Opposes Water Buybacks



As the Federal Government makes plans to instate the Water Amendment Bill 2023, Moira Shire Council will be advocating to the country's political leaders to withdraw the proposed bill that will see water buybacks create devastating impacts on regional communities.

Moira Shire Council and the members of the Murray River Group of Councils invite the Senate crossbenchers, David Pocock, Lidia Thorpe, Jacquie Lambie and David Van to visit the regions along the Murray River and see firsthand the importance of water for agricultural and manufacturing industries and the many other industries that rely on access to water.

The recently announced Australian Government decision will be voted on in Parliament on Wednesday 8 November and intends to proceed with water buybacks to meet the environmental targets of the Murray Darling Basin Plan.

The Victorian State Government, continuing to support the northern regions, has already declined to sign the agreement put forward by Federal Water Minister Tanya Plibersek as the decision will severely affect Victoria's future economic situation.

"We saw the damage caused through loss of production and job losses that resulted from the buybacks approximately 15 years ago. We do not want to see a repeat of those times and their devastating impacts," Moira Shire Council Chair Administrator John Tanner AM said.

Moira Shire Council's Administrators understand the current water management plans are a priority for the community and will advocate to ensure a revised plan is investigated to include fair treatment of water accessibility for users and the environment.

Administrator Suzanna Sheed said the water buybacks were targeted to



Adrian Conti - Cobram, Conti's Farms.

Victoria because of the high reliability of water supply despite the issues in the Northern basin.

"Most of the environmental issues of recent years have been in the Darling River system, which has suffered the impacts of water shortages through floodplain harvesting and lack of metering that is unsustainable," Ms Sheed said.

The state has been compliant with the current Murray Darling Basin Plan, providing more than 1800 GL in the southern basin for environmental targets where the northern

basin has only recovered 300 GL.

Administrator Graeme Emonson said it was incredibly disappointing in the Federal Government for moving to water buybacks once more.

"There are so many other water recovery methods that could still be used to achieve the environmental outcomes. Victoria has a strong track record of successfully developing and working on significant environmental projects," Mr Emonson said.

Moira Shire Council has submitted an official response to the Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications regarding the Water Amendment (Restoring Our Rivers) Bill 2023 asking the Senate to consider our community's unique position in contributing to the implementation of the Basin Plan.

The reintroduction of water buybacks will increase water prices, threaten the supply of water in the lead up to a dry season, reduce production and therefore the food supply and continue to put further cost of living pressure on Australians.

Help Moira Shire Council and the Murray River Group of Council's protect the nation's foodbowl and support regional communities and Aussie farmers, sign the online petition at mrgc.com.au/pushbackbuybacks

Referendum Outcome Must be a New Beginning

The overwhelming defeat of the proposal to enshrine an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament in the Australian constitution should not be seen as a rejection of First Nations peoples.

It has been a difficult period locally and nationally; the campaign was unnecessarily divisive due to the refusal of Prime Minister Anthony Albanese to strive for a bipartisan approach.

The recognition and advancement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities remains a shared goal.

Just as I did before the referendum, I will continue to work with indigenous communities in Nicholls to achieve better outcomes and economic empowerment.

The cause of recognition is right and just, but the wording of the constitutional amendment was an overreach.

Our representative democracy is based on the key principle of equality and Australians have rejected a constitutionally enshrined instrument of government based on race.

I continue to support promoting legislated positive discrimination where it assists Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in gaining opportunities in education, careers, and economic participation.

This debate has been very difficult, and not always respectful of the premise that decent people from diverse backgrounds and races who want to see reconciliation can have different views on how to achieve it.

Necessarily, given the tone of some of the national debate, there will be a period of reflection; wounds must be healed, and as Australians we must forge a new path based on mutual respect and shared ambition.



Sam Birrell MP

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Nathalia Show 2023 a Huge Success

Nathalia Show was held on October 7th with great success and an estimated crowd of 1200.

After a very anxious few days following the big rain, a warm sunny day greeted us and allowed all parts of the show to continue as planned. Plenty of wild animal action with Black Snake and the Berkely Fishing Supertank. Plenty of farm animal action with cows, a special Wessex Saddleback pig display, and a wonderful animal nursery and pony rides provided by the Cobbledick family.

The Pet Parade was an amazing spectacle with all sorts of wonderful furry and not so furry friends; we cannot thank Nathalia Vets Kate Hodge and Alli Parker enough for her wonderful job on the mic. Local H&G Real Estate held an amazingly successful scavenger hunt with over 200 people participating and a prize draw at the end for \$500 which was taken home by a young family. Big thank you to our all-round champion Phil Daniel for making this happen!

Mullets a plenty in the inaugural Mr Nathalia which was taken home by Sam Horgan, Tate Butler & Tom Baker. In the multipurpose rooms we had a sensational display of LEGO and the very special appearance of Fleur Watkins off LEGO Masters.

The only hiccup for the day was a few AWOL food vans (we promise the fairy floss will be back next year!!) but the ones who were there certainly appreciated the extra business. It was really a great day, and the gate taking were up which is so important for the sustainability of our event & the ability to provide great entertainment.

BIG THANK YOU to all who contributed to a wonderful day. Your efforts are noticed and appreciated. Big shout out to all our valued sponsors, and to the Bendigo Bank and Moira Shire for their grants towards our entertainment and new signage. See you next year!

Nathalia Show Results Highlights 2023

COOKERY

Betty Lucas Memorial Sponge sponsored by the Hutchins family - Marilyn Frost.

Decorated cake sponsored by Nathalia Nightwatch CWA - Michelle Cobbledick.

MOST SUCCESSFUL EXHIBITORS - Senior: Kris Collins, Junior: Nathan Mannes, Under 13: Abbie Mannes.

BEST EXHIBIT - Michelle Cobbledick for decorated cake.

NATHALIA SHOW QUEST 2023

Miss & Master Preschooler: Miss Daisy Foster & Mr Clayton Ross.

Miss & Master Junior: Miss Ivy McQueen & Mr Benji Wold.

Miss Spring: 1st Miss Maddie Wold. Runner up Miss Evangeline Daniel.

Miss Teen: 1st Miss Lexie Smith. Runner up Miss Lauren Parker.



Mr Nathalia

Best Facial Hair: Mr Tom Baker
Best Mullet Junior: Mr Tate Butler.
Runner up Mr Bently Saunders.

Best Mullet Senior: Mr Sam Horgan. Runner up Mr Clancy Baker

PHOTOGRAPHY

Best Overall Photograph in Show - Sharon Abel
Most Successful Exhibitor - Sharon Abel
Best garden scene "The Eunice Lubke Memorial" donated by the Hayes Family - Ellen Morcombe Farm Life "The Alan Lubke Memorial" donated by the Hayes Family - Tom Baker

PLANTS AND FLOWERS

Most successful exhibitor in cut flowers - Helen McNaughton
Best flower, bloom, spike or Truss sponsored by Hawkey Family - Leonie Holmes
Best exhibit in cut flowers - MHA Care

FLORAL ART

Best exhibit in floral art - Kylie Dohnt.
Most successful exhibitors - Senior: Kylie Dohnt. Novice: Katrina Berry. U13: Isabella Berry. U8: Peggy Berry.



FARM AND GARDEN

Best exhibit in farm & garden donated by Byron Seed Supplies - Zoe Manning for lemons
Collection of garden produce - Karlyn Eyre Woodwork - U13: Isabelle Waser. U15: Matilda Waser. Open: Carl Dietrich
Metal work - Open: Daniel Thorn.

GOULBURN MURRAY PRIME LAMB CARCASS COMPETITION

On the hoof:
Domestic Lamb: 1st Neville Holland. Export Lamb: 1st Phil Ross-Soden

On the hook:
Domestic Lamb: 1st Neville Holland. Export Lamb: 1st Phil Ross-Soden

ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS

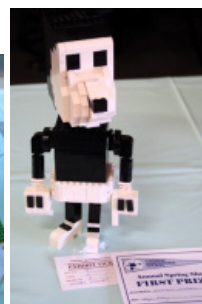
Most successful exhibitors sponsored by the Botterill family - Senior: Marie Birch.

Junior: Isabella Berry.
U8: Nathalia Preschool

LEGO

Under 5 years - DUPLO - Peggy Berry
Junior LEGO 5-8 years - Theodore Berry
Junior LEGO 9-12 years - Jake Chircop
Advanced LEGO 13-18 years - Harrison Halden
Best School or Club Display - Baulkamah Scout Group

Best Display by an AFOL (Adult Fan of Lego) - Tamsin Bourchier



Joan Harding BOTANICAL ART COMPETITION by Nathalia Wildflower Group

Secondary School Age - Kyah Connell. Primary School Age - Charlie Creati

PRESERVED FRUITS, JAMS, JELLIES, PICKLES & SAUCES

Best Exhibit sponsored by the family of Mrs. V. Scadden & Aggregate winner open section sponsored by Heather Frostick - Vicki Gillespie
Aggregate winner novice section (in memory of Mrs Jean Schier) - Jen Grinter.



ALL BREEDS DAIRY CATTLE SHOW

Junior Champion: Hawthorn Glen Thunderstorm Cadance. Reserve - Cleveland Augustis Silk
Intermediate Champion: Dylander Park Lovely Craze

Fancy Dress . 1st Jessie Ash, 2nd Bobbie Ash
Best udder of show - Dylander Park Lovely Craze, 2nd Cleveland Guthrie Sunny
Senior Champion: Cleveland Park Guthrie Sunny
Supreme Champion: Dylander Park Lovely Craze

NEEDLEWORK AND CRAFT

Best exhibit in Needlework (donated by Southern Fabrics Echuca) - C Jackson
Most successful exhibitor (donated E & K Alterations & Cheryl Thorn) - Fay Hutchins



Best exhibit in Craft (donated by Shepparton Sewing Centre) - Heather Guilfoyle

Most successful exhibitor under 13yrs (sponsored by Perfect Pieces Shepparton (Formally What's New) - Isabella Berry, pictured right.

Ladies Guild and Clubs Donated in honour of Mrs Maureen Mannion - U3A Nathalia.





Nathalia Show 2023



Grand Champion Cow and owner Dylan Morris, with Simon Tognila - judge (right) and Wayne & Lyn Birch who are the major sponsor for champion cow. They have been long term sponsors of the dairy cattle over many years and it has been greatly appreciated.



Gus & Lil Grinter Family memorial - Supreme Champion ridden exhibit winner - pony Nattai River Dawnlight owned by Maisy Saunders and ridden by Kristy Craddock, pictured with judges and Ellen Morcombe (Gus and Lil's granddaughter & show secretary)



Tex Eyre, Barney Quick, Cydi Eyre, Quirk with grandfather Dale Eyre

23 a Huge Success



Lego Stewards Neil & Tracy Smith with Judge Fleur.



...re, Chet Eyre, Hugo in his vintage truck.

Joan Harding Botanical Art Competition

What a wonderful Show Day! Congratulations from Nathalia Wildflower Group to all the Nathalia Show organisers for all the work you did to make such a successful day for our whole community.

Our exhibition for the Joan Harding Botanical Art Competition was held in one of the change rooms in the main pavilion. Over 100 people visited for the day.

The competition, named in honour of botanical artist Joan Harding, was able to be judged this year by Joan, now in her 90's, assisted by President and artist, Ann Christy.

Twenty-six pieces of art came in from local school children for the two sections: Primary and Secondary School Age. Congratulations to all those who entered the competition: each art work was important and added to the quality of the whole exhibition. Joan, as art judge, was particularly delighted with those art works which displayed a really careful study of our local flora.

Our competition incorporates a learning process as well as an art outcome. We hope that young people will gain a greater understanding and awareness of our local flora. Building an awareness and a love of our local flora is a major aim of Nathalia Wildflower Group.

First Prize winners were Charlie Creati and Kyah Connell. Congratulations!

Second Prizes went to: Aiden Young, Abbie Mannes and Nathan Mannes (Both the Mannes children gained equal second) Congratulations.

Many thanks to the Nathalia Secondary College and Nathalia Primary School for helping students to provide art works and to the parents who brought in their children's art. The community had a wonderful day viewing everyone's art! We hope to hold an even bigger competition next year at the Nathalia Show.

Thanks to the Show Committee for providing us with the venue, facilitation and the organisation of the competition. We love being a part of the day.

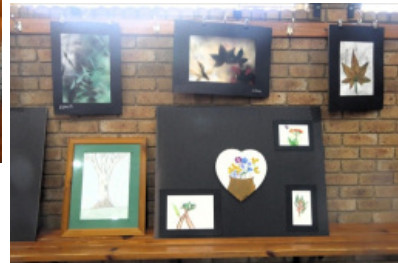
A lot of work went into preparation for the exhibition; thanks to all the members of Nathalia Wildflower Group - "it's a team effort," said President, Ann Christy.

We have had enquiries from some adults about an adults' Botanical Art Competition. Perhaps this could come under consideration for next year's exhibition. We'll let you know.

~ Lyn Loger



(L-R) Lyn Loger, Joan Harding, Ann Christy and Judy Ormond





Kid's Fishing Day Back On

The Nathalia Angling Club's Graeme Bernhardt Memorial Kid's Come & Try Fishing Day is back on again this year on the 12th of November with all kids welcome.

Due to Covid and then floods, the last kid's fishing day was held in 2019.

The fishing day will be held on the Broken Creek in Nathalia between Chinaman's Weir and the Town weir with registrations from 9.00am. Registration cost is \$5 per child which includes a bag containing water, lunch voucher and goods to the value of \$30.

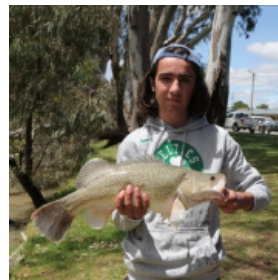
There will be prizes on the day for the largest/smallest, most fish, different types of fish caught.

To support the day the Angling Club is running a raffle. They will be selling tickets in front of TJ's IGA. The raffle will be drawn at the kid's fishing day.

1st prize is a fully equipped Fishing Kayak valued at \$1000. See picture below.

2nd prize will be a 2 room dome tent.

Other sponsors are Cobram Outdoors, Victorian Fisheries Authority, North Victorian Bait Co., Trellis Outdoor, & NBBT.



Kaleb Kopsidas with the 60cm cod he caught at the Kid's Fishing day in 2019.



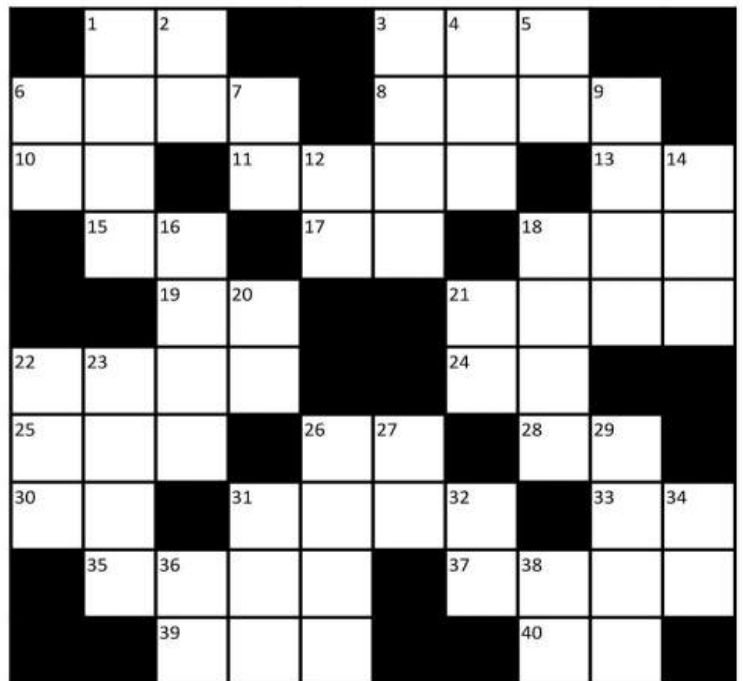
Nathalia Pet Show Parade

October 7 was the annual Nathalia Show in which we had lots of fun running the Pet Parade.

Thankfully lots of kids turned out super keen to exhibit their pets of all sizes and species. It was a smashing day for the show! We both got lots of laughs and luckily there were no escapees!

Thanks must also go to the parents for being so accommodating and encouraging of the kids and pets participating.

- Kate and Alli,
Nathalia Veterinary Clinic



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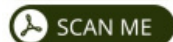
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AGM**

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**Picola United
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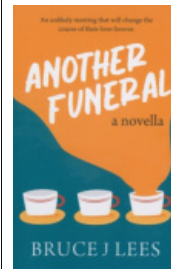
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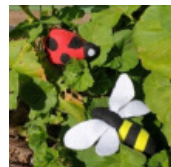
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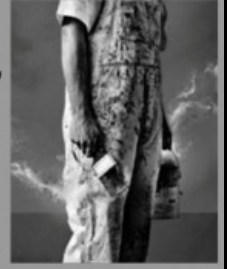
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*Pictured:
Kara Blizzard and Tracey Brereton
NFNC A Grade co-coaches for season 2024.*

Nathalia FNC Announce 2024 A Grade Coaches



Nathalia Football Netball Club are thrilled to announce our A Grade co-coaches Tracey Brereton and Kara Blizzard for season 2024.

Tracey has been named head coach for the 2024 Victorian U19 state team along with VNL Bendigo Strikers. She holds Elite coach accreditation with VNA and we welcome her experience from talent identification, zone and state level coaching. The Purps look to utilise Tracey's extensive knowledge of the game to take them to the next level but most importantly, we are excited to welcome

Tracey back to our club. Tracey previously coached our A Grade team to a premiership in 2007 and we look forward to her bringing back that success.

Kara Blizzard is an amazing addition to our coaching group. Kara is a 300+ GVL league legend who's netball knowledge, coaching skills and playing determination will lead our playing group in the right direction. Kara's bright personality, inclusiveness and passion for netball will make 2024 a great year for anyone playing at the Purps.

Nathalia Lawn Tennis Club Off to a Flying Start

This season Nathalia has four senior teams entered into the GMLTA competition, playing each Saturday afternoon. Round 1 welcomed a great atmosphere at Numurkah Lawn with all four Nathalia teams competing against their arch rival. The outcome was 2 a piece with Div 1 captained by Joe Nihill and Div 3 captained by Helen Ginnivan coming up trumps. This weekend the Association will celebrate

the inaugural 'Gather Round' where all teams from each grade play at the same venue. Nathalia LTC is pleased to host Div 1 with the Velvet Tigers hoping to get another win under their belts. Spectators are welcome to come along to witness the highest level tennis in the region. The bar will be open throughout the afternoon.



Junior Tennis Hits it Off

Nathalia Lawn Tennis Club has entered four junior tennis teams to play in the Shepparton & District Junior Tennis Association for season 2023/2024. The teams consist of two B2 teams Purple & Gold, and two C2 teams Purple & Gold. Many players have returned from last season, along with a number of new players, some who are beginning their first season in competition tennis. NLTC are extremely proud to have four teams playing in the junior competition and wish them all the best for the season.

their opponents with four sets won. Unfortunately, the girls were unable to get the upper hand in the number of games won, going down 31 games to 41. Good luck against Mooroopna next week girls.

C2 Purple: C2 Purple team members Ava Bourke, Keira Liddell, Duane Shaw, Finn James and Blyde Wiki-King travelled to Shepparton to take on Shepp Lawn Yellow. In windy conditions the team won their second match for the season winning 4 -35 to 4 - 28. Next week the team plays Kialla Park Old Students Blue at home.

C2 Gold: Our new team enjoyed a solid win in their first outing against Shepp Lawn Blue (48 games to 18 games). Jimmy, Billy, Harry & Stefanie had strong wins in their singles and everyone had a win in their doubles matches. A great way to start in what was the first competition match for Billy, Holly, Stefanie & Harry.

Hot Shots: Hot Shots Community Play commenced on Saturday 7 October, with over 70 kids in attendance. This is a great number for our Club. Ages range from 4 through to 12, which then leads into junior competition tennis. This program runs until mid December and can not be held without the help of our parent volunteers. We thank them very much for their time.

Nathalia Blue Jazz Basketball Round 8

**Nathalia Blue Jazz U14s (Shaw) - 40
defeated Cats U14s Panthers - 16**

Our 8th game of the season followed a two week break from basketball and would be our first time facing the Cats, so it was impossible to predict how the boys would perform. Well, I am so proud to say that they took to the court with determination, commitment and confidence in each other and the team.

Every player on the team took their role seriously and put in a huge effort on the court. The teamwork was a real highlight with each of the boys getting plenty of the ball. The Cats played hard and really took the challenge to us at times in the game, but our boys kept their focus and were able to secure a very convincing victory on the night.

As this was our third win in a row, you could really sense that the whole team is starting to build belief in themselves, their teammates, their skills and the drills we run in training. The improvement that the boys have already shown from the beginning of the season is nothing short of exceptional and I can't wait to see them develop their game even further as they progress.

Keep training hard boys, keep growing and developing as players and keep enjoying your basketball. You make me and all your supporters very proud every week.



2023 VinFast IRONMAN 70.3 TRIATHLON WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, FINLAND



Regan Hollioake - Finish line smiles.

Nathalia's Regan Hollioake recently competed again on the world stage, this time traveling to Finland to take on the world's best in the Half Ironman Distance of a 1.9km swim, 90km ride and a 21.1km run. Regan qualified for this event in Hobart, Tasmania in late January of this year winning her age group very comfortably and also being the fastest 'Age Grouper' athlete on that day, this is a special feat meaning you are the fastest non-professional athlete racing, Regan placed 6th Female overall in Tasmania beating many of the pro field there on that day.

The World Championship race was held on the 26th August and situated in a town called Lahti, a little more than an hour by train from Helsinki. Lahti has a population of around 120,000 people but as race day came so did the athletes and the town swelled with people from all around the world. There was a strong contingent of European athletes compared to the previous year, taking advantage of the smaller distance required to travel unlike America in which the World Champs were held last year. The Europeans really love their Cycling and Triathlon with many kids growing up doing just that in the mountains as their preferred sports as juniors, making for very strong European fields which Regan mentioned she looked forward too as she wanted to see how she could perform against the very best.

The swim was held in a beautiful lake called Vesijarvi, it was recommended that if the athletes were to get thirsty on the swim leg of the triathlon it was ok to drink the lake as they raced, the water quality being so fine. The temperature was mild

unlike the year before and quite comfortable to wear a wetsuit, Regan positioned herself right up the front of the other female athletes, after a delay in the race start due to fog, the gun went off and Regan quickly made her way out in front of the group in the first 100 metres.

Coming out of the water Regan looked fantastic in first place and the chase was on now for the other girls to catch her, a rather large transition from the water to the athlete's gear bag, Regan had to remove her wetsuit then pick up shoes, helmet, nutrition etc., find her bike then finally push it to the mount line area, Regan negotiated this part in around 3 and a half minutes, fantastic for supporters to watch, not so fun for the athletes as it would of felt like forever in there. The bike leg was quite hilly and was an out and back course which made supporting very hard, I decided to stay at the athlete village rather than try and drive to her out on the road as it was very congested with



thousands supporting their own athletes, approximately 2267 Females were racing on this day and with each having supporters it made the area quite busy, the Men's race was to be held the next day to reduce clutter on course and most of those men (around 4000plus) were also watching.

I waited very nervously for Regan to get back from the bike, constantly checking the Ironman Tracker app for her to pass the checkpoints. There are many things that can go wrong on this leg, swimming and running are up to the individual as such, but the ride has a lot hanging on the bike making it through and the rider staying on it! Although Regan has a fantastic machine it has a tendency to misbehave on race day and sure enough as it had performed well in the months leading up to race the front brake lever had other plans an started rubbing for the second half of the bike leg on the rim, Regan could not fix it on the fly and decided to push through it, this would of cost her some time and energy but in racing these things can happen it's just how you deal with it mentally and continue on that matters. Regan had ridden brilliantly in the challenging hills and managed to be passed by only one girl in her age group who I noticed looked to be an extremely fit and strong looking cyclist, she would be the eventual winner of Regan's Category.

The half Marathon part of the race was visually fantastic for supporters, consisting of two large laps and a few turn around points and even running around an Olympic athletic track, this part of the run leg passed under the famous towering Salpausselka Winter ski jumps which was a brilliant back drop for the athlete village and finish line. Although, this run appeared beautiful to spectators it was quite tough for the athletes with two large long climbs to be done, at some parts I could even run next to Regan to update her on her progress and urge her on (but not for very long!!) as when you are in the race itself is it almost impossible to know your position with so many athletes on course. She was in second place at half way but there was a very fast runner coming from behind. On Regan's second lap of the run I encouraged her to just push as hard as she could for home, she was in third place and unless she stopped completely, she would find herself on the podium at the World Championships! Regan with 4km to go was absolutely spent I could tell that bike ride had worn her away but nothing

was going to stop her now, as I raced to get to the finish before she did so I could cheer her down the chute, she almost beat me to it!

Regan had held on to third place and ran a 1 hr 30 half marathon after riding at an average of 37kmhr on a tough and hilly course and after being first out of the water, she had a phenomenal race and she flew down the chute with her trademark big smile, Regan was the fastest Australian age grouper at the World Championships, and the 9th fastest female age grouper out of approx. 2,237 Female athletes with a time of 4hrs 29 min 53 sec.

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Regan also managed to beat a few Pro's and she was the second Fastest Australian on the day overall behind professional Aussie athlete Ellie Salthouse.

The winner of Regan's Age group was from Poland and was racing as a professional triathlete last year, showing just how competitive this field was.

Regan would like to thank everyone that supported her including the local Nathalia people that watched her checkpoints tick over on the Ironman Tracker app, knowing all these people at home were watching the app and the live stream of the finish line motivated her tremendously, she truly appreciated all the comments and well wishes she has received. She would also like to thank her Coach Sarah Mulkearns, Sarah has a coaching business called 'Complete performance coaching' and she resides in Echuca, Regan and Sarah have become very close friends and they both really enjoy working out and designing Regan's programs and Sarah as a triathlete herself has enjoyed watching her development over the

last three years.

Regan has ramped up her training distances and will now look to race Ironman Busselton in December this year; this consists of a 3.8km swim, 180.1 km on the bike and a 42.2 km run. This will be her second go at the full distance and her last race as an age grouper as she is excited to announce that she will be turning professional in the new year. She will continue her role as a physiotherapist with local company Aspire Options and will balance her training alongside this. This will be a huge commitment, so if you see Regan out training on her bike or running, give her a friendly toot or wave and don't forget to give all cyclists



Regan at the wall of names with her trophy, this wall was about the size of a bus!

plenty of courtesy and care on the road, Regan is also looking to gather some sponsors to support her on her athletic pursuits as she sets focus on races in Oceania and Europe in the New Year.



Nathalia Association Cricket Club 2023-24 Season Commences



Congratulations to Henry Congues on his Maiden A Grade 5fa against Cobram on the weekend.

A Grade Round 1 - NACC vs Cobram
A win is always a good way to start off when trying to defend your title of reigning premiers. This was possible due to a large partnership of 123 by Brenton Campbell (81no), who showed the rest of the team that a slow start isn't a bad thing and Luke Quinn (56). The team was able to set a decent target of 5/209. The platform was set by Scotty Morris with another beautiful 30. After tea we went about defending and boy oh boy, Henry Congues needs to get to bed at 5:30 more often if he's going to perform the way he did. Henry got his maiden 5 wicket haul for 26 runs off 9 overs and good support from Liam Evans with 3/11 off 7. Cobram weren't really able to get going and were all bowled out for 104.

Women's Round 1 vs Bamawm Lockington United
First game for the energetic women's team at Bamawm saw a close loss, going down by 25 runs. Bowling first the team managed to keep BLU to 92 runs with a good chunk coming from extras (which we will work on at training). Cody Power and Evie Hawks were the only two to claim a wicket with some good bowling. In our chase of the 92, it didn't start off so great with Evie running herself out for 2 and then Cody and Fiona Byrnes set about steadying the ship between them managing 14 of 57 balls. Both did a good job but at the same time both weren't happy with their efforts. Millie Hill (19) and Sheridan Fairless (11) did a great job in lifting the run rate, Millie hitting the only 6 of the day. Unfortunately our innings came to a close and we were left in 8/67. Even though it was a loss they did a great job.



Nathalia Bowling Club News

ROUND 3 of MIDWEEK PENNANT was played on Tuesday 17th October with Nathalia 1 travelling to Tocumwal, unfortunately Nathalia going down 39-75 and receiving 2 points overall. Tessa Ward (s), Berris Baldwin, Heather Palmer and Ian Bolton, 5-33 shots. Bev Hutchins (s) Craig Lucas, Fay Hutchins and Ashley Hutchins, 13-24 shots. Fiona Rourke (s) Kevin Scolyer, Marilyn Frost, Claire Andrews 21-18 shots. Next Tuesday Nathalia play Numurkah Golf and Bowls at home.
ROUND 2 of SATURDAY PENNANT Division 3 was played on 14th October, at home against Cobram. Steve Campbell (s), Jeff Phillips, Trevor Cobbledick and Mark Lawless lost to Geoff William's team, 18-25. Fiona Rourke (s), Bill Seymour, Craig Lucas and Ian Bolton lost to Carol Doherty, 9-28 and Peter Hutchins (s), Jack Hutchins, Kevin Scolyer and Max Hudson won 25-17 shots. **DIVISION 5** played Barooga at home. Alan Cooper

(s), Heather Palmer, Ashley Hutchins and Crystal Phillips lost to Liz Ewing's team 10-46 shots. Bev Hutchins (s), Tim Cullen, John Staggard and Rosemary Glover won defeating Brian Johnson's team, 22-16 shots. **ROUND 3** - to be played Saturday 21st **DIVISION 3**, Nathalia 1 plays Berrigan at home. **DIVISION 5** plays Strathmerton also at home. **The Bowls Club wants it known to all that there is an A.E.D. (DEFIBILLATOR) on the front wall of the Club. Entry to the Club is at 15-16 Weir Street, opposite the creek.** We have been awarded a grant from the **BENDIGO BANK** of \$4,890.00 to install a Stove in the Club. The Bowls Club is very thankful for this Grant and appreciates the generosity of our Community Bank. The Bowls Club is hosting **Nathalia Secondary Schools** for P.E in the next few weeks. Our members guide these students who really enjoy the challenge of learning the game of bowls.



In the Swing at Nathalia Golf Club



I would just like to take this opportunity to welcome the new members to the golf club, Devon Moroney, Woody Guthrie, Adam Stein, and junior Ryan Dealy. Also would like to thank our sponsors, Brereton's Bakery, Remax and TTI.

Wednesday the 4th of October - Due to all the rain no golf played.

Friday 'Fun Day' the 6th of October - a little bit wet under foot. Eight players played Ambrose.

Sunday the 8th of October - the men played stroke, winner was Tony Brown with net 67. No NTP.

Wednesday the 11th October - ladies played stableford. Winner was Lynette Lindsay with 37 stableford points. NTP Dawn Morrison.

Sunday the 15th of October - winner Stan Verlinden with 35 stableford points R/Up went to John Drenen 31 points. Longest Drive was Devon Moroney with a massive 280 meter drive. Well done Devon.

Hopefully the weather will be on the improve over the next few weeks, good hitting to all.

Pictured left: Devon Moroney launching into his massive Drive.



Regional Athletics

St Francis had some talented students participating in the Regional Athletics events in Albury last week.

Blair Johns competed in the 9/10 aged girls 800m event and placed 7th overall. Along with Blair, we had Porter Meyland compete in the 9/10 boys High Jump and place 2nd, while Lucas Barton won the 11 Boys Long Jump event.

Lucas and Porter now continue on to the state final in the first week of November. We congratulate our students on their great individual efforts and wish Lucas and Porter all the best as they continue to the next stage in Melbourne!

Pictured right: Lucas Barton, Porter Meyland & Blair Johns who all competed well in Albury.



Nationals Member for Shepparton District Kim O'Keeffe MP is encouraging local families to apply for a \$200 voucher to assist with the costs of playing sport. Ms O'Keeffe is pictured with Shepp Feathers badminton players.

Apply for the Get Active Kids Voucher Program

The Nationals Member for Shepparton District, Kim O'Keeffe is encouraging local families and sporting groups to apply for the latest round of the Get Active Kids Voucher Program.

"The Program supports families and children to take part in local sport and help families by helping to ease the costs of memberships, registrations fees, uniforms and equipment," said Ms O'Keeffe.

Through the program, eligible families can apply for vouchers of up to \$200 per child to use at their registered provider, without the worry of upfront costs across a wide range of sporting codes and recreational activities.

"We are hearing how people are struggling with the cost-of-living, and this funding round is

designed to encourage children to remain active by addressing financial barriers families face participating in community sport.

"Being active and engaged is so important to children growing in our community and I encourage all families and sporting clubs to make an application," said Ms O'Keeffe.

Victorian residents that are 18 and under, named on a valid Commonwealth Health care Card or Pensioner Card and named on a valid Medicare Card at the time of application are eligible.

Applications will close once the allocation has been exhausted. Vouchers can be used up to 30 April 2024.

For more information and to apply, visit getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers

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My Office is always happy to assist with all State Government matters, please contact my team if you need assistance.



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Graeme Bernhardt Memorial
KID'S COME AND TRY FISHING DAY

Where: Broken Creek Nathalia between Chinaman's Weir and the Town weir

When: Sunday 12th November 2023, registrations from 9.00am, presentation 2.30pm



Cost: \$5.00 per child
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