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## Barwo Homestead A.G.M. & Book Launch



Author Jeanette Holland pictured with Barwo Homestead
President Anne Trickey.



Pictured: The foundation helpers to establish Barwo Homestead. (L-R) Glenice Hawks, Mary Ryan, Gerald Quinn, Lyn Franklin and Kaye Bernhardt. For full story see page 14...



# A Gift to Nathalia

On Thursday, the 13th of October NCN Health had the unveiling of the beautiful sculptures kindly donated by Vic and Joan Dohnt. See page 12 for full story...

Pictured (L-R) back row: Volunteers Kevin Styles and Estelle Chalker, NCN Health CEO Jacque Phillips, sculptor artist Mike Niglia. Front row: Joan and Vic Dohnt.

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## Caterpillar Corner



t NCELC, we have been lucky enough to purchase some new climbing equipment. This has become a positive impact on children development, as it simply has a range of difficulties, therefore challenging each individual differently. Challenging their

strength, physical, confidence, balance and coordination simply enhances their ability to form a range of other tasks.

As you can see in the photos, this has been a very busy area, therefore turn taking was essential, learning to wait patiently.







With a shared yard, the before and after school program children are throughly enjoying it, playing games on it, teamwork to achieve desired outcomes, encouraging each other to strive further.

We are beyond excited to observe all children build their confidence and strength whilst engaging with the new climbing frames.

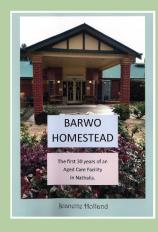


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## NEW RELEASE!



## BARWO HOMESTEAD

The first 30 years of an Aged Care Facility in Nathalia

> By Local Author Jeanette Holland

A brilliant book that shows a committee that poured so much in to building an Aged Care Facility for the township, with the amount of funding needed - it makes for a truly captivating read seeing how a community supported and pulled together to make this project happen." - RGC

#### Copies are \$35 and can be purchased from

Jeanette Holland Phone: 0420 247 480 or at Nathalia Printers.

## Thai food cooking Demonstration

school holidays the Nathalia Nightwatch CWA branch held a Thai food cooking demonstration, using the excellent hospitality facilities at St Mary of the Angels. This was part of a "Connecting Community, through taste and culture" project, with grant assistance from the Moira Shire. Yellow curry and rice paper rolls were demonstrated by local Thai cook Oi - then prepared, cooked and served, with all 10 participants helping

delicious food, and took the leftovers home! We are now looking forward to offering a further cooking session this year - this time

"Christmas Cookery" - check next edition for more information, including booking, but mark Sunday the 13th of November in your diary NOW!

On another note we sponsored a number of prizes in the cookery and handicrafts sections of the recent Nathalia Ag Show, and provided stewards in the cookery section also. An excellent day had by all, and we even managed to hold a small stall in the Ladies Pavillion too!









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## Moira Shire Messages

## Moira Shire Council Media Statement on the Activation of the Nathalia Levee.

orks are now underway to set up the Nathalia Levee. We want to assure the community that this is a precautionary measure and that there is no current warning or risk for the town.

The levee can take days and a lot of manpower to become fully operational, so we are preparing in the chance the situation escalates quickly.

We are asking the community to be alert, not alarmed. Again, please remember to download the Vic Emergency App or monitor the website:

https://emergency.vic.gov.au/respond for the most up to date emergency information.









## Road conditions to get worse after heavy rainfall

The Moira Shire Council is aware that many roads around the Shire have been damaged by the significant amount of rain over the past couple of months.

As the weather warms up and the roads dry out, their condition will become worse due to subsurface moisture rising through the pavement seal and causing the seal to break. Josh Lewis, Moira Shire Council Director of Infrastructure Services asks residents for patience and understanding while Council staff work hard to have the roads back in good condition.

"We know the conditions of some our Council roads are getting worse and we understand the community concern.

We want the community to know that we're managing it, we're looking at interim and permanent fixes." Lewis said.

Our teams are working extremely hard to ensure the safety of our residents, but because of the weather conditions it is going to continue to get worse.

Some of the issues are on State Roads managed by the Department of Transport, so we're working with DoT to raise awareness, however it's not going to get any better in the short term," Lewis said.

Council staff are actively patrolling the roads but encourage residents to report any damage they see in their travels via our website, where they can log any road maintenance requests.

https://eservices.moira.vic.gov.au/eservice/ start.do





#### **MEALS ON WHEELS**

21st October - 4th November

October					
Friday 21st	Cheryl & David Mckenzie				
Monday 24th	Mick & Alison Keogh				
Tuesday 25th	Darryl Hill & Mary Wilson				
Wednesday 26th	Nathalia Primary School				
Thursday 27th	VOLUNTEER REQUIRED				
Friday 28th	Graeme Smith				
Monday 31st	Maryse Quarrell & Moira Bourke				
November					
Tuesday 1st	VOLUNTEER REQUIRED				
Wednesday 2nd	Laurel Dimond & Leeanne Caldwell				
Thursday 3rd	VOLUNTEER REQUIRED				
Friday 4th	Patricia Hawks				

More volunteers needed to fill the roster for 2023, please contact Laura on 5742 1111 for more information on how you can support your community.



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August 28 — November 6	Portrait of Nathalia District @ The G.R.A.I.N. Store
November 11	RSL Remembrance Day Services
November 13	Nathalia Angling Club - Kids Come and Try Fishing Day
November 17	Nathalia Golf Club Annual General Meeting
November 19	Nathalia Poultry Auction
December 10	Christmas Market
December 31	Nathalia New Years Eve Carnival
March	Rotary Show & Shine
April 8th	Easter Saturday Market & Bardi Gras

Contact Nathalia Printers if you would like your event added to the What's On Locally calendar. E: redgum@nathaliaprinters.com.au



## **Rotary News**

his time it wasn't Covid-19, but floods...

that caused cancellations at the respite house at Barmah! Guests were due at the property on Saturday, 15<sup>th,</sup> and had to cancel. A day after they would have gone home, a second lot of guests were due to spend some time at this idyllic spot. Unfortunately this was not to be either. Very disappointing for the guests as they were so looking forward to their rest and relaxation away from the areas where they reside. At time of writing, no alternative bookings have been made by these guests and our next booking isn't until late November, when other guests are due to spend four nights at the property.

By now, some people in town have purchased tickets in the Rotary Community Raffle (as have visitors) and we thank everyone. We also thank TJ's for allowing us to set up outside the supermarket for this purpose. We will continue to sell raffle tickets, at various times, over the next couple of months and we hope to be successful with sales again, when our Rotary volunteers are at their spot in front of IGA.

The following may be of some interest and is from the October edition of the Rotary Down Under magazine: " It was with great sadness that we learned of the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, whose dedication to humanitarian causes and unwavering commitment to peace and the environment deeply inspired Rotary members around the world, especially those in the Commonwealth countries," said Rotary International President Jennifer Jones. "The Queen was a supporter of Rotary's polio eradication and humanitarian missions. She received the Rotary International Award of Honour, the organisation's highest recognition, in December 2013 to celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her coronation. Her late husband Prince Philip was an honorary member of the Rotary Clubs of Kings Lynn, Windsor & Eton, Windsor St George, England, and Edinburgh, Scotland. We join the international community in offering our condolences to the royal family," said Jennifer.

All being well, our volunteers will be up the street, outside 11 Blake Street, on Saturday morning doing a sausage sizzle. Should it not occur, we will have another go in November sometime.

Also in November we hope to have a guest speaker at one of our meetings...speaker and a date are yet to be confirmed. After the event, there will be a few words in this column about the night.



# Nathalia Show winners... Needlework and craft Section

Vouchers donated By WHAT'S NEW, MAUDE STREET MALL SHEPPARTON.

Under 13 yrs – gaining most points in Classes 55-65 - Miss. Anderson 13-17yrs – gaining most points in Classes 66-78 Equal  $1^{st}$  – Matilda Waser & Sophie Cunningham.



## Nathalia Secondary College Year 8 Camp

n the 14<sup>th</sup> September, our year 8 students along with Ms Keating, Mr Carroll & Paul Moloney, travelled to Phillip Island for a 3 day camp filled with many fun adventures and activities.

Packed into the camp included Mini Golf, the Wildlife Park, Penguin Parade, movies, the Chocolate Factory, ten pin bowling, laser tag,

clip & climb (rock wall climbing), beach walks and surfing! The students and staff all had a fabulous time with many funny moments along the way.

Students can be proud of how they conducted themselves and represented the College, having a go at all the challenges put before them.

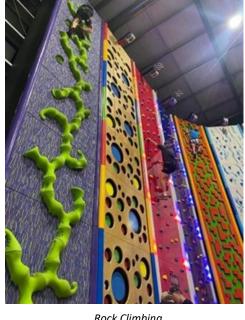
We look forward to visiting Phillip Island again!







Students at the penguin parade.



Rock Climbing







Enjoying the beach and getting some surfing lessons.



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2. He goes undercover.

1. A drizzly bear



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## Nathalia Secondary Students Lending A Helping Hand

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## The Race that stops the SMOTA Community **FMDM GRAND PRIX**

 $^{f q}$ o celebrate the end of Term 3, homerooms battled it out on the racing track in the 2022 FMDM Grand Prix campaign. The Grand Prix has not been able to happen over the last couple of years, so the social justice team were very excited to finally be able to bring back one of the highlights of the school year.

The annual event brings the SMOTA community together with homerooms working together to design and race a 'car' made of

cardboard based on a particular theme. The theme for 2022 was 'Nursery Rhymes and Children's TV Shows.'

The purpose of this event (other than to come together as a College community and have fun), is to raise money for the FMDM Home of Peace in Zimbabwe. This money is raised through donations that 'sponsor' a homerooms car, giving them a head start based on how much money they raise, which gets very competitive!

Show and Shine Winners: In the Junior section, 8 Gold got the trophy for their Postman Pat-themed vehicle. 9 Red won the intermediate section for Bananas in Pyjamas, and 11 Red took out the senior prize for their Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles car.

Race Winners: 8 White won 1st place in the Juniors for their Smurf's car, and 10 Purple won in the Intermediate section in their Hey Arthur theme. Lastly, 12 Red won the seniors in their Shaun the Sheep theme.

This year, an outstanding total of \$9,332.70 was raised, which is a new record! This money will help to provide clothing, food and education to the children at the Home of Peace. Congratulations to 7 Blue on their amazing contribution, raising a total of \$918.30.



Race Winners: 10 Purple won in the Intermediate section in their 'Hey Arthur' themed car.

Congratulations to all the teachers, students, and sponsors who helped make the day a success. We look forward to **FMDM Grand Prix** in 2023!

#### **Asian Countries**

Find and circle all of the countries of Asia that are hidden in the grid. The remaining letters spell four more Asian countries.

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SAUDI ARABIA

SINGAPORE SOUTHKOREA SYRIA TAJIKSTAN THAILAND TIMORLESTE TURKEY UZBEKISTAN VIETNAM YEMEN



Race Winners: 8 White placed first in the Junior section for their 'Smurf's' car.



Race Winners: 12 Red won the seniors section in their 'Shaun the Sheep' themed car.

## The G.R.A.I.N. Store Update

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The G.R.A.I.N. Store - Growing Rural Art in Nathalia
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ecently...

Local *Barmah musician Simon Marks* held a great song writing workshop; beginning the process of a collaborative Portrait of Nathalia District song based on the Exhibition of the same name.

There will be follow up workshop when the water settles; but contact Philippa 0400 037 432 if you wish to be involved.

*HiveMind*...is an Exhibition in the Community Gallery of Kim Carter and Ruby Wyatt-Carter...inspired by bees. The mandala digital creation behind Ruby features a quarter of the number of bees in a hive and of flowers whose pollen and nectar they consume in a day. Fascinating and beautiful...with a surprising urban element. Many things bees...using felt, textiles, drawings, collages and photographs and a beautiful hive inspired structure.





Kim Carter and Ruby Wyatt-Carter at the Hivemind Opening



# Broken Creek Drama

Measure Twice, Cut Once

Measure twice, cut once is sound advice. I knew a man who did not subscribe to this principle.

This day I saw him working, he required a piece of short plank to fit somewhere inside. He'd come from his house and approached a length of timber lying across two blocks of wood.

Both forefingers and thumbs were cocked like six-shooters with his elbows held firm against his sides. Keeping the cocked hands still he leaned and touched the forefinger-barrels to the timber. He paid note of the position and marked the spot. Then lifting his axe and taking aim he brought the blade down.

He went inside with the cut piece of timber, then, coming back verified, "It was a perfect fit."



oming Up...

Come Collect, Chat and Celebrate our Portrait of Nathalia District Exhibition.

Saturday 5 November and Sunday 6 November 11-4.

Light refreshments to accompany your pausing. Very fancy film equipment being used to interview willing participants about the Exhibition, Nathalia and The G.R.A.I.N. Store.

Call to Create: Call the Cat Audrey...artists, photographers and creatives are invited to submit one to three pieces specifically inspired by the artists' wish not only to reach an audience but to reach a potential buyer. Works to be delivered to The G.R.A.I.N. Store by Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November (enter via Petticoat Lane during Making Space). Opening Saturday 19 November 2-3.30pm.





Blue Dog Auditioning his Evacuation Basket.



**first exhibition in 2023**... early Call to Contribute... words: poetry, prose, plays... fine; photography... yes; drawings... yes please; paintings... wonderful; cartoons... would be fantastic; collages... could be very interesting.

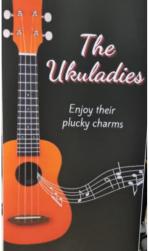
And a hint: Water can be about much more than floods.

Consciously making your own sense of something that is happening right now can help you get more from that experience. Because so many of us have had flood experiences...many of us will also have had the **flood photo experience**...where we have all these photos of vast expanses of water...and no idea about where it was, and why you had an urgent need to capture that moment.

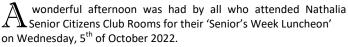
If this might be your first-time exhibition... our call to contribute has two stages...we ask people to show us what they would like to contribute... one to three pieces...and we undertake to select at least one piece (depending on the numbers and connection to the theme). To find out more come in and talk to us.

I don't want to brag, I finished the puzzle in under a week and it said 2-4 years on the box.

## Celebrations at 'Seniors Week Luncheon'







The 'Ukuladies', a group of twelve very talented ladies provided entertainment. A big thank you to the committee of Nathalia Citizens for a great day.



















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## A gift to Nathalia for all to enjoy!

ast Thursday saw the availing of the beautiful Emu and Kangaroo sculptures at NCN Health Nathalia that were kindly donated by Vic and Joan Dohnt.

Vic would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who was involved in making this project possible.

Back in March this year, Vic approached the hospital to ask permission to use the site for the sculptures, which he was very appreciative that they agreed.

From there, he got in contact with Mike Niglia from Shepparton, an artist and Sculptor with the idea of doing an Emu and Kangaroo sculpture, which we're sure you'd have to agree have turned out to be magnificent. Well done and many thanks goes to Mike on the great job he has done.

Galvanising of the statues was completed by Furphy & Sons who were happy to do them at a great rate and have added that finishing touch.

There is a plaque on display with a poem from Vic and Joan which says all about their thanks to our beloved town Nathalia (pictured below) which included a host of friends to put it

together - Alysha Cornell, Tammy Muir, Kevin and Toni Styles and Joan and Vic.

This was just to say how they feel about their family, friends and community over the many years.

The beautiful photography which decorates the plaque stand was donated by Estelle Chalker and Peter Poon, all of native wildlife from our local area which again makes it special to put on show.

Right down to the concrete pads which Vic had help from Noel, Barry and Josh Gemmill - a big thank you goes out to all three.

The stand and digital prints were donated by Kevin Styles and Toni who moved to Nathalia eight months ago. Vic was very pleased to meet them when he was on his delivery run for the Red Gum Courier newspaper. Kevin offered his skill and services to build the steel frames and do all the digital prints to which Vic was very grateful.

The community would like to extend it's thanks to Vic, Joan and the many helpers for this wonderful gift for us to all enjoy for many years to come! **THANK YOU!** 



Sculptures by Mike Niglia, kindly donated by Vic and Joan Dohnt.



L-R: Mike Niglia, Joan Dohnt, Estelle Chalker, Vic Dohnt, Kevin Styles and Jacque Phillips



Above: The decorated plaque stand of local native woldlife captured by Estelle Chalker and Peter Poon.







Pictured above is the poem from Vic and Joan Dohnt expressing how they feel about their family, friends and the Nathalia Community.

## Nathalia Preschool Thanks Uncle Bob's Club of Nathalia

he Nathalia preschool happily accepted a generous gift from the Nathalia Uncle Bob's Club Local giving for local health project which held many fundraisers for Us! On the 6<sup>th</sup> of October we had a surprise visit from Bob Bunyip and Paul Etherington (UBC State President) and Steve Bates (State Treasurer). They gifted us with a sensory mat, garden beds, soil, plants, mulch, worms, a worm farm and watering system.

The children were very excited to meet Bob the Bunyip and they showed him their garden which they have been very busy working on building the

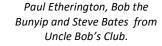


Nathalia Preschool enjoying a visit from Uncle Bob's Club.

garden beds, filling with the soil, planting the fruit trees and seedlings and adding the mulch.

These resources will improve the children health and wellbeing whilst engaging out in their garden. The benefits of the children gardening, is to learn about natural processes through play, activate their senses and motor skills, gain responsibility and patience and the importance of the environment. Gardening can build on a child's self -confidence, nurturing healthy eating habits and a child's

overall health. The sensory mat inside is a place where the children can slow down and relax or a quiet place to read a book. When children are



playing on the sensory mat in barefoot, it can stimulate and improve cognitive function and improve sensation of the joint and muscle development.

We are extremely grateful and thankful for Uncle Bob's Club of Nathalia for supporting our Preschool Program.











Nathalia Preschoolers have been very busy in the garden.

# Come and explore your opportunities GRADE 4 TRANSITION DAY Monday, 14th November 2022 Session Bookings are essential Official welcome to Parents & Guardians at 9.30am, guided tours and morning tea afterwards Note: Own transport required Bookings and Enquiries to St Mary of the Angels Secondary College Ph: 03 5866 2222, Email: principal@smotanathalia.catholic.edu.au For further information visit us at www.smotanathalia.catholic.edu.au For further information visit us at www.smotanathalia.catholic.edu.au

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## Barwo Homestead A.G.M. & Book Launch

n Wednesday October 12, Barwo Homestead held their Annual General Meeting in conjunction with a book launch.

Administrator's Report: "Residential Aged Care throughout 2022 continued to provide us with many challenges as Covid-19 restrictions impacted our daily operations, creating extra workload for all staff to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our residents. We have been extremely fortunate throughout the year to have prevented any outbreaks; we were tested with exposures and on two separate occasions when a resident tested positive to Covid-19. Through the diligence of our staff and adherence to PPE and outbreak management training we have escaped an outbreak, I commend the staff and residents for their commitment in managing the cases and limiting exposure to others.

Barwo Homestead is currently experiencing the lowest occupancy rate in its history, this can be attributed to people wishing to remain in their homes and receive home care. Unfortunately, this is impacting Barwo Homestead's viability and creating uncertainty as to the service provision into the future. We remain financially viable and due to prudent fiscal management; we are in a strong financial position and we continue to plan for the future direction of Barwo Homestead.

During the year we have welcomed new staff members, Elizabeth Adams and Junie Bitbit who commenced in the personal care roles along with Ella Jonas Dottir completing her certificate 3 PCA course. All have become part of our valued care team. Lynne Will-Holland commenced in the cleaner's role, and we wish her many happy years at Barwo Homestead. Maryse Quarrell and Ania Wiltshire both retired this year, and we wish

Maryse Quarrell and Ania Wiltshire both retired this year, and we wish them a wonderful time enjoying family and friends after a long commitment to Barwo. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff for their ongoing commitment and positive contributions that make Barwo the caring and homely environment that we know and love.

I would like to thank our President Anne Trickey and the Committee of Management for their continued support and input to Barwo Homestead, and to the staff who without your commitment we would not be able to function. We will continue to strive to provide exceptional care to our residents throughout 2023 and beyond." - *Lynda Walker, Administrator* 

**President's Report:** "I want to acknowledge the hard work of all the staff as they undertake all the extra precautions to keep the team and the residents safe. It entails extra work, extra responsibility and extra worry. All of this pays off in keeping people well.

The Committee of Management has returned to holding its monthly meetings at Barwo, and a few members have been able to attend a small number of events and activities at the homestead. But we are still not able to hold the major events of the annual calendar.

The Committee has continued to work on our compliance with the Aged Care Standards, in particular those relating to the governance of Barwo. Committee members are now commencing a new course of training to keep us up to date with the requirements and our obligations.

At Barwo the occupancy rate has increased, which is pleasing, and the new residents have settled in well.

We continue to experience challenges with recruiting staff. There are new staffing requirements coming in as a result of the Royal Commission. We are yet to see the details of how these will be implemented in a small low care facility like Barwo. Finding qualified staff is an issue across the nation, and proving very challenging for small towns and communities. In the meantime, we have sufficient staff to care for our current residents and we are advertising for more staff, especially Registered Nurses.



Pictured above: The Barwo Homestead Life Members L-R: Mary Ryan, Glenice Hawks, Kaye Crane, Gerald Quinn, Lyn Franklin and Nola Smith.

As we look forward to next year we expect clarity about the new aged care funding model and its care requirements. We hope to recruit new staff to the team, and welcome new residents. And we look forward to again holding the many events that are part of the Barwo calendar. The Committee will be planning for Barwo to flourish and adapt to meet the needs of our community.

Thanks to Lynda for her leadership in not only managing Barwo but navigating the challenges of new legislation and the recommendations from the Royal Commission, all the while minimising the COVID risk to residents and staff. This has been a complex juggling act. I also thank the members of the Committee of Management for their work in support for Barwo. The Committee has worked together to ensure the Homestead is well run and governed, to support Lynda and all the staff, and to plan into the future with all its uncertainties." - *Anne Trickey, President* 



Pictured above: 2021 Barwo Homestead Executive Committee L-R: Lynda Walker, Wendi Bourke, Anne Trickey and Moira Bourke.

"I have been on the Barwo Homestead Committee of Management for 24 years to date and it is one of the most enjoyable committees that I am a member of. The harmony, dedication and eagerness to ensure that the welfare of residents and staff is the top priority of all concerned is felt very strongly amongst the Committee.

I attended the 25th Anniversary of the opening of Barwo Homestead (now five years ago) where the founding chairman Bernie Ryan spoke of the establishment of the Homestead. It was such an interesting story that he told, and so I said to him "Have you got all that written down?" his answer was "No". He had told the story as he knew it, without notes, as he had lived through the trials and joys of the early years.

Stories like - the challenges of getting started; getting the community support; obtaining government funding; the early generous donations; The many methods of fundraising and the one story that really stuck in my mind was - the parcel of money at the post office.

This got me thinking... I hate to see history lost because it is only known in the memory of those who were involved. Especially for such an important facility to the township of Nathalia and the surrounding district.

So, I set about doing something about it. And this book is the result.

I started with an interview with the three members of the first executive committee, Bernie Ryan, Gerald Quinn and Julie Poon. It has taken me many hours of research, transcribing, copying and writing but I am pleased to say that now we have a documented history of the establishment and the first 30 years of a hostel for the Aged in Nathalia.

I hope the contents are accurate as I have tried very hard to check the details are correct.

I do not know where to start with thanking the people who have helped me along the way with information and photographs. The foresight of Committee members who started and kept up many scrapbooks of newspaper cuttings has helped me immensely. To all who have given me assistance with this project, I say a heartfelt 'Thank you'."

- Jeannette Holland, Author

'Barwo Homestead - The first 30 years of an Aged Care Facility in Nathalia' by Jeanette Holland is available to purchase from Jeanette Holland on 0420 247 480 or Nathalia Printers at 51 Blake Street Nathalia.

Pictured left: Jeannette Holland holding her new book 'Barwo Homestead - The first 30 years of an Aged Care Facility in Nathalia'



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he donkey, Patrick, wonderful. And you can't quite believe there could be such an impulsive, risk-taking, clumsy, funny, loving person Antoinette. She is a 40 something primary school teacher who chases her married lover on a hiking trip through the south of France: a trek made famous by Robert Louis Stevenson's *Travels* 



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Critically, the days of the Andrews Labor Government ignoring Shepparton Foodshare's long-term accommodation plight will end, with the Liberals and Nationals supporting the organisation to continue their vital work in the community.

The announcement was made by the Liberal Member for Northern Victoria Wendy Lovell together with the Liberal Candidate for Shepparton Cheryl Hammer and The Nationals Candidate for Shepparton Kim O'Keeffe at the current Shepparton Foodshare site.

Ms Lovell, Ms Hammer and Mrs O'Keeffe have all been long and passionate advocates for

Ms Lovell has continuously advocated for the funding in State Parliament while Ms Hammer is former board member and long-time volunteer of the organisation. Ms O'Keeffe has supported the cause through her time on local council and having volunteered during Covid. Member for Northern Victoria, Wendy Lovell, said the future of Foodshare would be secured. "This \$1 million commitment from an elected Matt Guy Liberal National Coalition Government will allow Shepparton Foodshare to build its 'forever home' and continue its vital work in the region," Ms Lovell said.

"Labor has continuously ignored all calls to fund a new facility and I am proud that a Matt Guy Liberals and Nationals Coalition Government will deliver for Foodshare so it can continue to provide vital assistance to our most vulnerable community members."

Liberal Candidate for Shepparton, Cheryl

Hammer, said the announcement came after many years of championing the cause.

"Today is a proud day for so many locals, me included," Ms Hammer said.

"I've seen firsthand the impact that Foodshare has on the Shepparton community, and this commitment will secure its forever home once and for all."

The Nationals Candidate for Shepparton, Kim O'Keeffe, said more than 20 local volunteers give up their time each and every week to help those in need.

"Foodshare is a great example of how the Shepparton community comes together to support the less fortunate in our region," Ms O'Keeffe said.

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Above: Outgoing College Leader, Chloe Bell addressing the audience.



Above: Communion at the Feast Day Mass



Above:
Outgoing College Leader, Clayton Beer
addressing the audience.

## Feast Day Mass

n Tuesday, 4th October St Mary of the Angels Secondary College celebrated and acknowledged the Feast of St Francis of Assisi with a shared College Mass alongside St Francis Primary School.

A Feast Day often marks the anniversary of a Saint's death, Saint Francis passed away on October 4th, 1226. He died at the age of 44 having lived an extraordinary life of service and devotion.

St Francis abandoned a life of wealth and privilege, pursuing a more humble life as a follower of Christ. He was praying in 1206 at San Damiano, a small church in ruins near his home town of Assisi, contemplating Christ on the cross and heard the words "Go, rebuild my house". This message filled Francis with intense joy and initially he took these words literally, setting out to physically repair the building. Later he would realise that he was being asked to do much more than this. St. Francis' whole manner of living focused on renewing the embodied,

daily experience of Christian life by prioritising the fundamentals of Gospel values in service to the poor, forgotten, voiceless and abandoned. When the Franciscan Sisters came to Nathalia in 1961, to build the College, it was their hope that students would go out from St Mary's bringing the message of peace, joy and love to the world, just as Francis and his followers did in the 13th Century.

The Feast Day Mass was beautifully celebrated by Fr. Jophin, the new Parish Priest of Nathalia and Numurkah.

St Mary of the Angels Secondary College Principal, Matt Carver said, "Fr Jophin has been in our Parish now for a short while and Tuesday's celebration was his first official Mass celebration with us, which was wonderful. We look forward to many more celebrations with Fr Jophin and we are most thankful for the pastoral and spiritual support that he will bring to our community.



Pictured from left, St Mary of the Angels Secondary College 2023 incoming College Leaders, Bethany Hibma, Ethan Baxa, Ben Nave and Grace Eddy.

"One of the highlights of the Feast Day Mass was the honouring of our outgoing College Leaders and the commissioning ceremony of our incoming College Leaders for 2023. It is with great pleasure that I announce our College Leaders for 2023. From a strong list of candidates and an arduous selection process, our successful College leaders for 2023 are Bethany Hibma, Grace Eddy, Ethan Baxa and Ben Nave. On behalf of our College community, we Congratulate them and wish them well in their leadership role ahead."



Pictured, new Catholic Parish Priest of Nathalia and Numurkah Fr Jophin Joy with St Mary of the Angels Secondary College Principal, Matt Carver.



The traditional commissioning of the new College Leaders by the outgoing College Leaders.

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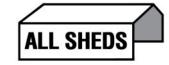
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ur **Pennant Season** got off to a start with Midweek playing on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2022 at Nathalia against Picola. Nathalia went down by 11 shots making Picola the winners on the day. The Greens were heavy due to the rains. Bev Hutchins, Berris Baldwin, Fay Hutchins and Lyn Hawkey 17-21. Fiona Rourke, Kevin Scolyer, Julie Olsen and Marilyn Frost 15-19 and Tessa Ward, Ian Bolton, Heather Palmer and Philippa Schapper 14-17. Midweek

Pennant was not played at Nathalia against Katranda on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> due to players not being able to travel because of floods and road closures. Points for the game will be shared. Let us hope that everyone stays safe. **Saturday Pennant** on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October was cancelled due to the rain and this Round will be played on 17<sup>th</sup> December, as two spare days are allocated at the beginning of the season for when Pennant is unable to be

played on the designated day of the Season. Also, due to unfavourable weather conditions Come and Try Bowls on 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> October were cancelled, as was Barefoot Bowls on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> October. To keep up to date see further announcements on FB.

The Bowling Club will host Year 9 students from St Mary of the Angels on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> November for their PE Class. Members will be on hand to assist with all queries. We certainly welcome all schools to come and use our facilities for their sports program.

## In the Swing at Nathalia Golf Club





EDNESDAY October 5 - No result washed -

**SUNDAY October 9** - great day for golf. Result's winner Tony Brown on 36 stableford points, runner up John Drenen 33 points. NO NTP

**WEDNESDAY October 12** - no result due to wet conditions again. **SUNDAY the 16th October** - no golf due to wet.

The course is looking great after all the rain, with the greens on the improve. Great to hear positive feedback for all the volunteers who are working hard. Also, It's great to see more players coming back and enjoying their golf.

Hopefully floods don't damage the course to much.

Thanks to all that helped securing and lifting equipment.

**SUNDAY 16th** the Bunnings BBQ fund-raiser was cancelled due to Shepparton floods.

Pictured: Brent Wickes doing a great job sandbagging.

## Nathalia Blue Jazz Basketball - Round 4

In our fourth game of the season, we faced off against the Tigers U14 boys 4 team, and what a game it was! We came out strong right from the start and hit the scoreboard almost immediately, you could tell the boys had come to play. The Tigers came straight back at us and a back and fourth arm wrestle started between the two teams.

Everything we have been working on started to show on the court and the boys applied heaps of defensive pressure. Always finding the open player and pressing hard on the opposition, which led to a number of turnovers and us regaining possession of the ball. Offensively we worked as a team, the boys were running together and sharing the ball around, everyone of our players getting a chance to put up a shot on the night.

Blair Watson had a fantastic game, the effort he has been putting in really showed, with his dribbling skills and clever passing helping the team move down the court and into scoring positions.

Jaxon Walsh had another great game, getting plenty of the ball and moving around the court like a seasoned professional. He hit the scoreboard for our team, moved the ball well and applied heaps of pressure on the

opposition.

Tyson James and Duane Shaw covered the court end to end, utilising their speed to get the ball from our defence down to offence before the Tigers could set up. Both kept their cool under pressure and Duane scored 2 baskets for the team.

Hayden Feltham and Tyrell James both played outstanding games, each getting a number of offensive and defensive rebounds, putting up

shots and moving the ball around. Hayden Feltham's efforts paid off with him hitting the scoreboard and Tyrrell's defence made the Tigers have to work overtime to get a bucket.

Harrison Halden had another incredible game, he is reading the play well, applying a lot of pressure and gaining plenty of possessions. He was involved in nearly every play of the night and this led to him scoring a game high of 3 goals.

This was our best team game so far, with everyone sharing the ball around and supporting each other on the court. The highlight of the game was the smiles on all the boys

faces after the final buzzer, each player patting his team mates on the back and giving each other compliments on their game. We put up a valiant effort on the night and if a few more baskets had have dropped for us, the end result could have been very different.

Well done boys!

Final: Tigers U14 Boys 4 - 25 def Nathalia Blue Jazz (Shaw) 14



Basketball Action - Round 4



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Community organisations across Moira Shire are encouraged to apply for a grant from the Moira Festive Fund which will assist in decorating towns leading up to Christmas or even to hold an event to celebrate the festive season.

Up to \$1,000 will be made available to organisations in small towns and up to \$2,000 in the four main towns to decorate or run an event.

There will also be up to \$1,000 to celebrate a culturally significant day.

Only one application will be awarded per town. **Applications close Friday** 

4 November, 2022.

Go to our website for all the details and to apply.

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## **Community**





#### **Numurkah RV** Friendly Trial calling for feedback

We are seeking feedback on the success of the RV Friendly Trial which has been running in Numurkah for the past two years.

In 2020, Council endorsed a trial of two RV friendly overnight parking locations in Numurkah – at Lion's Park and the Numurkah Showgrounds. This trial came in response to a petition to make Numurkah RV friendly under

the Caravan Motorhome Club of Australia (CMCA) accreditation scheme A review of this trial has commenced to determine if these sites should continue being RV friendly.

Go to our website for all the information and to have your say. Feedback closes Friday 28 October.

#### Rates instalment roll over

Rates accounts will soon roll over from quarterly option to lump sum. This roll over will affect all rates accounts that have not paid the 1st instalment that was due on 30 September 2022 or have paid it after 10 October 2022. This will mean that these accounts will not receive the quarterly instalment notices – a reminder notice will be sent in January advising that the pay in full date is 15 February 2023. Please contact Council if you wish to remain on the quarterly instalment cycle



#### Weeds and grass

As you may have noticed, weeds and grass are becoming very active due to the incredible season of rain and moisture in the ground. Which means our Parks and Garden crew will be extremely busy in the coming months as the weather warms up. During this time we ask for your patience and understanding while our team work very hard to have the entire shire looking neat and tidy.



#### Roads around the shire

The roads around the shire have been damaged by the significant amount of rain over the past couple of months. As the weather warms up and the roads dry out, their condition will become worse due to subsurface moisture rising through the pavement seal and causing the seal to break

We ask for your patience and understanding while our teams work very hard to have the roads back in good condition.



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Scheduled Council Meeting -

#### October

Due to the recent flood event the scheduled Council meeting has been postponed and will now be held on Wednesday 2 November.

This meeting will be open to the public as well as livestreamed on our Facebook page.

Questions from the public must be submitted using the Questions of Council form on our website by 5pm the Monday prior to the meeting.

Questions will be read at the designated section of the meeting and answered by the appropriate officer or councillor





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Draw will take place on the 3rd March 2023

