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Life Memberships at Nathalia & Waaia

At the Nathalia Football Netball Club vote count and presentation evening on 22nd September, Brett "Bones" Vallender (pictured right) and Lisa Kellow (pictured below right) were presented with Life Memberships to the club.

Read more about their involvement with the club on page 21.

Also find out more about other club award winners on page 22 & 23.



Pictured above, Paul Richardson (left) and Doug Larkin (right) were awarded Life Memberships for the Waaia Football Netball Club at the senior presentation night also on the 22nd September. *See more about Waaia's award winners on page 24 & 25.*



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Community Update

Join us as a Volunteer for the 2023 Tri State Games

From November 12-17, Cobram hosts the annual Tri State Games, empowering individuals with disabilities through sports excellence and camaraderie.

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Australia Day Award Nominations

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Nominations close on **Thursday 30 November 2023.**

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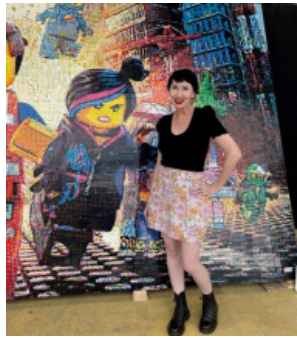
Complimentary buses to this event are also available from Moira Shire phone (03) 5871 9222.

Nathalia Show - This Saturday!

The big day is finally upon us and is set to be a fabulous event for the whole family. See advert on page two for an overview! A few special times to remember - LEGO public judging and LEGO master meet and greet at 10am in the multipurpose rooms.



Lots of different horse events happening.



Meet & Greet with Fleur from LEGO Masters.

The highly anticipated mullet parade will be part of the Show Quest, straight after the official opening at 12 noon. Hope all you gents are ready to strut your stuff!

The H & G Scavenger Hunt (sheets available at



It promises to be another great LEGO display.

the gate) closes at 2pm. Finally, a huge thankyou to all our sponsors and grant givers who have made this year's show possible and with such a fantastic program.

Moir Shire provided a generous grant towards our entertainment and Bendigo Community Bank Nathalia just approved another generous grant towards new signage for Show Day. Check out our website and schedule for all sponsors. See you at the Show!



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Probus News

On Wednesday 13th September, Probus members and friends journeyed to the Kyabram Fauna Park for coffee at the café. The meerkats enclosure is outside the café's large windows so they provided the entertainment as they shared 'sentry' duty and scurried around. After this leisurely break, everyone was back on the coach for the short trip to Gargarro Botanic Garden Café at Girgarre for lunch. Gargarro is the indigenous name for Girgarre and the relatively new business is well patronised. The surrounding gardens are still very new but will be an enhancement as they mature. Many members purchased plants from the nearby Community Garden before returning to the coach for the trip back to Nathalia. Photos of this trip were in the previous Red Gum edition.

The 19th September meeting commenced with President Anne Bell welcoming members and visitors to the meeting in the Dancocks Room at the Nathalia Sports and Community Centre. After dealing with the business of the meeting, Tony Smith was announced as the competition winner, then it was time for the Show & Tell segment. This month's theme was Teapots & Tea Cozies and what delightful array of these items were brought along by members! There were beautifully decorated china teapots, lovely silver pots, everyday types, various sizes and shapes, some very old and some awarded as prizes. The tea cozies brought back many memories of the time spent knitting, crocheting or sewing these items and the many colourful items were much admired.

After a chatty morning tea, President Anne welcomed the guest speaker, Edwina Fieldman, from the local Community House. Edwina began by giving the location of the Community House at 44 Blake Street and also at



Guest speaker Edwina Fieldman

17 Harcourt St, Nathalia. A community garden lies between these two locations and is for use by locals. The Harcourt Street venue is available for meetings, other functions or education purposes. The Community House provides education & assistance with computer programs, printing, scanning etc and provides First Aid and Responsible Service of Alcohol courses. Centrelink information is also available. There are various emergency services such as help with emergency housing, food share

and many more. Soon a 'Chatty Café' will commence to provide another social activity for locals. With Moira Shire, the House will assist with a Children's Halloween event. The Women's Health & Support Group falls under the auspices of the Community House and will hold a fund raising afternoon on Oaks Day, 9th November, at the multi purpose centre. Edwina alerted members to the fact that the Community House internet runs on a completely different service to the normal one used by residents so is still available when other internet services are unavailable. The friendly staff at the Community House are there to provide assistance so people are encouraged to call in to find out more.

Over the next three months Probus members have the opportunity to visit the Broken Creek Flower Farm, take part in some Trivia, and enjoy a traditional Xmas Lunch with local entertainment before the usual January break from meeting. We encourage interested people to come along to a few meetings / functions to see if Probus is for them before deciding to become members. Come and try, visitors welcome.



Show & Tell table of Teapots & Tea Cozies



MEALS ON WHEELS

October 6th - 20th

October	
Friday 6th	Patricia Hawks
Monday 9th	St Mary of the Angels
Tuesday 10th	Kevin & Nina Pell
Wednesday 11th	Mary Agius
Thursday 12th	Heather Frostick
Friday 13th	Mary Agius
Monday 16th	St Mary of the Angels
Tuesday 17th	Dawn Bowen & Patricia Hawks
Wednesday 18th	Nathalia Primary School
Thursday 19th	Marlene Moor
Friday 20th	David & Cheryl McKenzie

If you can cover one of the volunteer required runs please contact Laura, Volunteer Programs Co-ordinator - MHA Care Phone 03 5742 1111



CHURCH TIMES

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PARISH

Ph: 5866 2694

Nathalia Parish Priest - Fr Jophin Joy

Nathalia Mass times:

Tuesdays: 9:15am - Reconciliation following Mass

Thursdays: 12:30pm

Sundays: 9:00am

Strathmerton

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

NATHALIA UNITING CHURCH

Margaret Cobbledick Ph: 0429 662 039

October 8th: 9.30am Service

October 15th: 8.30am combined service, at Anglican Church

Picola

1st & 3rd Sundays: 9.00am

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Fr Gunnar Rippon Priest 5862 1046

October 8th: 8.30am Holy Communion

October 15th: 8.30am combined service, Uniting Church to visit

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CATERPILLAR CORNER

What a fantastic school holidays we have had! We have challenged ourselves with physical challenges of strength, made some interesting creations with clay, ran around playing ball games at the rec reserve, had a brilliant morning at the G.R.A.I.N Store with stamps and paints.

We have also cooked, danced, drawn and pulled apart some small electrical equipment to see how they worked.




We have used loom bands, made coasters, paper toys that move, beads for our hair and played lots of games such as Blitz, board games and own made games, we even had time to play with water.

The children have already requested certain activities to be repeated in the Christmas holidays, so we are well into planning the next lot of holidays. If you are interested in attending please contact us on 5866 2088.





What's on Locally




UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 6	Craft Day - Senior Citizens Clubrooms, 10am
Oct 7	Nathalia Agricultural Show
Oct 9	Bingo, Senior Citizens Clubrooms, Eyes Down 1pm
Oct 13	Geoff Achison Blues Rock @ The G.R. A. I. N. Store
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 7	Melbourne Cup Day (Public Holiday)
Nov 9	Nathalia Women's Health & Support Group Oaks Day "With A Twist"
Nov 12	Kid's Fishing Competition
Nov 18	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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Expressions of Interest – Disability Working Group

As part of NCN Health’s Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee we have a Disability Working Group seeking input from community members.

The role of the Disability Working Group is to ensure the health service is working toward being accessible and inclusive to all.

A key responsibility of the group is putting in place the NCN Health Disability Action Plan.

If you have an interest in health care and a background in or passion for disability services, please contact Marissa.daly@ncnhealth.org.au or call 0419 874 019 for more information.

Crutches Call Out!

We are currently in crutches crisis!!! Please, please, please if you have a pair of crutches borrowed from NCN Health Nathalia, can you return them ASAP. Thank you!

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R U OK? Day @ St Francis

At the conclusion of Term 3, students had a splash of yellow to promote the R U OK? Day.

This day promotes meaningful conversations between students, teachers and adults and helps others notice if anyone is needing help. Students completed a range of activities on the day to further understand the signs when someone they care about might be struggling. They considered situations that they could and could not control, the qualities of friendships and created a conversation starter mural.

There was nail painting, a healthy community breakfast and chat to start the day and parents even baked R U OK? Day cookies for the staff!

R U OK? Day is a great initiative to allow people to connect and reach out to others, to check in on our friends and provide an opportunity to support those struggling or needing a friendly ear when needing to voice their concerns.



60th Wedding Anniversary

Keith and Margaret Bell will celebrate their sixtieth wedding anniversary later this month.

Keith and Margaret (nee McCann) were married at the Methodist Church in Nathalia on 12th October 1963. The bridesmaid was Gayle Doherty and the best man was Keith's brother Lindsey Bell. The reception was held at the Methodist Sunday School. The wedding photographer was J. C. Watson.

The newly weds went to Gippsland for their honeymoon.

"Congratulations on your 60th Wedding Anniversary"

~ Greg, Terry, Kym, Mark, Tracey, Jason, Bev and families.



Keith & Margaret Bell's wedding day.



Honeymoon in Gippsland.



Pictured right:
L-R: Nell & Ron McCann,
Gayle Doherty,
Margaret & Keith Bell,
Lindsey Bell,
Arch & Amelia Bell

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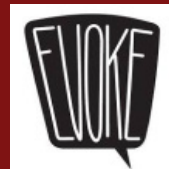


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Museum Moments...

Brought to you by Lyn Franklin on behalf of the Nathalia & District Historical Society.

Apologies —the heading was omitted from the top of the story featured in last edition about the drowning of Daniel McCarry. It should have began with— LONG TERM MEMORY CAN PLAY TRICKS!

This weeks article shows A CASE OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY.....

Thanks to Lyn Franklin for her research.



An enquiry was made to our local Historical Society by a Butler family descendant regarding the timing of Victor Butler winning the beautifully inscribed trophy cup pictured at left. There is no recipient's name mentioned on the cup and it expressly mentions "Season 1892" so the cup was not for just one greyhound coursing race but for the whole year. Research in the Nathalia Herald dated 7th April, 1892 under the heading "Nathalia Coursing Club" revealed the following: *Mr. Stirling, on behalf of Mrs. McLean, of the Court House Hotel, presented to the winner of the All-aged Stake, a cup of the value of £5.5s. to be added to the stake. A vote of thanks was passed to Mrs. McLean on the motion of Messrs. Kinsella and Spencer, for the liberal donation.* The write-up included a list of committee members for the coming season naming E.Hutchinson (Edwin) as one of the members, but no Butlers mentioned. Edwin had occupied several roles in the club over a number of years, often including that of "slipper", a very trusted position. A previous write-up on 10th September 1891 for the final 1891 season included the names of Mr. E.Hutchinson, Miss Hutchinson and her dog "Lass". Further research revealed that Victor Claude Butler born in 1911, was the son of Henry Butler a butcher and Ellen Elizabeth Hutchinson, so he was too young to have won the cup. Revealingly, his mother Ellen, was the "Miss Hutchinson" the daughter of Edwin Hutchinson!

There was no write-up for the overall winner of the cup for the 1892 season but E.Hutchinson was the winner for the first meeting of that year. Seeing that the cup is now in the hands of the Butler family it would be fairly safe to assume that Edwin Hutchinson was the winner for the 1892 season and

that the cup had come down through the Hutchinson line not the Butler line. The sequence of ownership was: Edwin Hutchinson, his daughter Ellen who married Henry Butler, then Victor Butler, their son!

Pictured left is Vic Butler with his winning greyhounds.

Photograph at right shows some of the extended Butler family admiring the trophy. Left to right are - Laurel Dimond, Leeanne Caldwell, Cathy Macqueen, and Wayne Butler.

Next edition we will explore the sport of Greyhound Coursing in Nathalia.



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

Barwo Homestead Farewell

Barwo Homestead recently held an event to say farewell and thank you to staff, committee members and supporters for their work at Barwo.

All in attendance were encouraged to be proud of their achievements. Barwo has had 30 years of caring for its residents, employing many locals, and earning a reputation for high standards. That reputation is all about people – their commitment, care, compassion, and their relationships, respect and resourcefulness.

The implementation of government policy was acknowledged, along with the difficulties that imposes on small communities. The Aged Care Standards address the big picture and bring big changes for aged care across the nation. That has impacts on small communities like Nathalia and district where we are unable to recruit the qualified staff that are now required, despite the quality of care that Barwo had previously provided.

In looking to the future, an update was presented on the ongoing work to develop Barwo into independent housing for older residents. Barwo's continuing purpose is to serve the community by providing accommodation to the aged. The Committee of Management and a Working Group are developing plans for converting the existing building to independent living, and for building units on the surrounding land. All will be constructed specifically for older residents.

The evening included presentations of flowers and Barwo's history book to staff, life members and founding committee members. Two staff members who have provided many years of service were recognised with trees for their gardens.

Everyone enjoyed food and refreshments together while sharing stories of their involvement with Barwo. It was very pleasing to hear of the new employment many staff have gained since leaving Barwo.

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Author Encourages Adventure at Any Age



Noel Braun doesn't know what it means to sit still. In 2010, at 77 years of age, Noel undertook his first walk along the Camino de Santiago. Noel's experiences trekking the Camino have been the inspiration for many of his books. His latest book, *No Comfort on a Chilly Night*, is no exception.



Noel's seventh and most recent book is a romance novel focusing on relationships impacted by distance. Listen to Noel talk about his journey in writing a character who struggles to reconcile his sacrifice of love in the pursuit of career success.

"Felix Schmidt is backpacking on the Camino de Santiago when he meets the love of his life, the beautiful French Pascaline. He brings her back to Australia where he joins a new firm of management consultants. Deeply engrossed in the company's growth, he neglects Pascaline. She believes his addiction has reduced him as a person, wearies of his obsessive workaholicism and returns to France."

Noel Braun commenced his working life as a country schoolteacher before moving into a corporate career, which took him from Melbourne to Perth and Sydney. He has had a lifelong passion for writing and wrote the first words of his novels fifty years ago. After a busy career and raising a family of four, he has found the time in retirement to fulfil long-held ambition to

see his work in print.

Noel has published two novels: *Friend and Philosopher* and *Whistler Street*. He has published a memoir, *No Way to Behave at a Funeral* which describes his grief journey following the death by suicide of his wife Maris, and three explorations of the Camino de Santiago de Compostela: *The Day was Made for Walking*, *I Guess I'll Just Keep on Walking* and *Keep Pressing On, Brother*.

Come along to hear Noel speak and be inspired by his life of adventure and writing.

If you would like to join Noel Braun at the Nathalia Library on Tuesday 24th October at 2.00pm please contact Goulburn Valley Libraries on 1300 374 765 or email gvlibraries@gvlibraries.com.au Copies of the book will be available for purchase at the event. If you can't make it to the event in Nathalia, don't worry, Noel is also speaking at Avenel Library on Wednesday 25th at 1.30pm, Shepparton Library on Thursday 26th at 2.00pm, Tatura Library on Thursday 26th at 6.30pm and Murchison Heritage Centre on Friday 27th October at 10.30am.



Author Noel Braun

Free Health Check Event in Barmah

The Moira Shire Council Flood Recovery Team, in collaboration with various healthcare providers, recently organised a Free Health Check Event at the Yenbena Centre in Barmah on Wednesday 20 September 2023.

This event was designed to offer members of our community an opportunity to access essential health services completely free of charge. Specifically aimed at those who were affected by the recent floods, the event aimed to provide much needed support and care.

Moira Shire Council were delighted to have several healthcare organisations join us at the event, including NCN Health, Anna B Physio, Echuca Massage Clinic, AgBiz Assist, MSC: Maternal and Child Health, Primary Care Connect, and AgriSafe Clinic. Their presence allowed our community to connect with a range of allied health services and engage in comprehensive general health checks.



NCN Health



Representatives from services at the Free Health Check Event.



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Rotary Report

Time for a break from writing me thinks...

In the 22nd of September GRC the date of Rotary's last meeting was written as 30th September. WRONG! This should have been 20th of course! Oops! Typo!

Now for a report on the meeting held at the bakery on 22nd September. A little Rotary business was conducted, a delicious meal was eaten, there was plenty of fellowship, and we were also entertained by another guest speaker.

Edwina Fieldman from Nathalia Community House spoke to us and told us that the house came into being in 1991. Over the years it has grown and many services are provided there: access point to Centrelink and Medicare, Foodshare, Community Car Service, Adult Learning Programs (RSA, First Aid, Basic Computers), Emergency Relief, Community Garden, etc.

We were told about the work that was being done outside the house in Blake Street and also that the "Chatty Café" will be coming soon. President Loula thanked Edwina for her informative and interesting talk and presented her with flowers, in appreciation.



Above: Guest Speaker Edwina Fieldman, Right: Meeting at Numurkah Golf Club

A few days later, on 25th, we joined RC Numurkah members at the Numurkah Golf and Bowls Club. Here we had a meeting with District Governor Neta Kirby who is a member of Tatura Rotary (since 1997 when she became the second woman inducted into the club). The DG has four adult children, eight grandchildren, is an aunty



Pictured left (L-R): Julie Andrew (RC Numurkah president), DG Neta Kirby, Loula Oliver (RC Nathalia president)

in aboriginal community, is an educator and therapist and works as a Sandplay Therapist in Tatura and with Goulburn Valley Centre Against Sexual Assault in Shepparton. Mode of transport? A three-wheeler Can Am Spyder is what the DG rides whenever possible...driving a car only when she must, for safety (e.g. on dusk when kangaroos are about). Our DG has two projects that she is asking support for: "Life's Little Treasures Foundation" is Australia's foremost charity dedicated to providing support, friendship and information, specifically tailored for families of premature or sick babies. This is now a RAWCS (Rotary Australia World Community Service) project and aims to raise \$50,000, with Rotary clubs in District 9790 asked to donate to this cause.

The second project is "Say No to Domestic Violence" and there will be a function or walk in early December to raise awareness in the community and not be silent. "Yes" to respectful relationships. There is sure to be more information about function/walk later in the year.

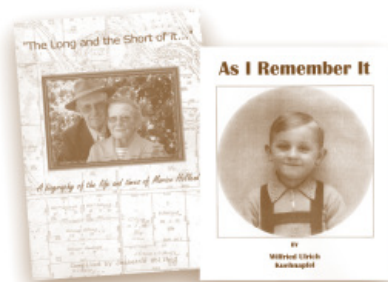
Our next meeting, on 4th October, was held in town. Our AGM and board meeting are scheduled for October 11th, also at Nathalia.

Raffle tickets are selling well, and we thank all buyers. We hope to continue being successful each time we are out selling tickets in the Rotary Community Raffle so please support this fund raiser. We are "moving with the times" and have a ZELLER machine enabling us to accept card payments from those who prefer not to use cash.

From a 1965 Rotary magazine: *What binds Rotarians together is a unity of desire and a unity of purpose to serve society and to serve mankind... a unity in diversity.*

The next Rotary News, in a fortnight's time, will not be written by the usual scribe...she is having a break and letting someone else submit an article instead.

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



Memories of a life to pass on to family and generations to follow.

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

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Broken Creek Drama

Foxes' Delight

Jarrold climbed into bed after arriving home after the cricket club's annual meeting.

'That beery breath suggests the meeting went well,' muttered Astrid as she snuggled up to him.

'Did you lock up the chooks,' he queried.

'I asked James to do it'. Let me get back to sleep!

Jarrold lay there, but those chooks worried him. There were so many foxes about. Twelve-year-old James was not all that reliable.

Slipping out of bed, he headed to the back door. In his pyjamas plus work boots, he took off down passed the machinery shed to the chook pen. The hens were sleeping peacefully on their perch and the door was shut tight.

He turned back towards the house reminding himself to thank James in the morning.





Catching Reddies at Lake Eppalock

Well magpie swooping season is here and boy oh boy are two of our members excited in Rex James and Coog Chamberlain that their team will be playing in the AFL grand final. (And will be extremely happy with the win!)

Not only are the magpies swooping but the reddies were also biting. This month our club headed off to Lake Eppalock Holiday Park. With great facilities and magnificent weather approx 32 members attended.

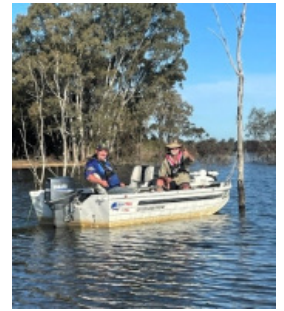
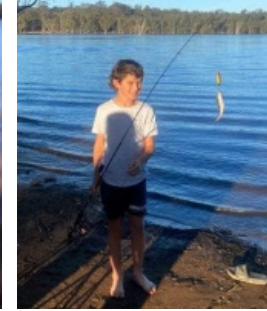
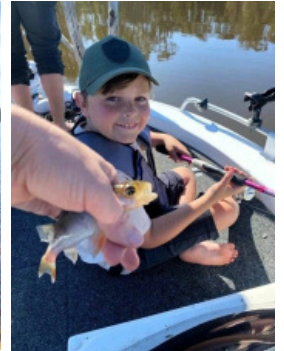
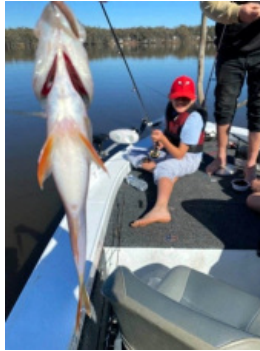
We also welcomed new members in the Wilson and Norman families who caught reddies in the hundreds. Other first gamers are Waaia legends Bevo Cleeland and Greg "Hicko" Hixon who also managed to contribute to the overall tally.

All members managed to land bags of reddies but no one got bigger than Rick Bell who just ousted his big brother Trent with the largest reddie measuring 29cm, winning the \$200 voucher.

None of the fish got to great lengths but what a wonderful weekend had by all.

Thank you to the Lake Eppalock Holiday Park and to Coog Chamberlain booking the place.

Also our firewood supplier Steve Bott for loading up the trailer full of wood which was a definite hit and enjoyed by all. "The Pres"



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



2022 Flood Anniversary Installation 8 Nov 2023: Call to Contribute

Our rain gauge is showing 60mm as I write this.

The river height at McCoy's bridge is currently showing 2.71 m and 3261ML a day. A far cry from a year ago...but small wonder the rain triggers nervousness for some, despite it being so very welcome at this time. The Flood Recovery team has commissioned The G.R.A.I.N. Store to provide an installation of art works including photography arising from you and your experiences of the 2022 floods as part of their acknowledgement of our communities' One Year Anniversary of Oct 2022 Floods.

John Donegan, local artist, who led last year's wonderful Portrait of Nathalia District Exhibition has kindly agreed to curate and lead this installation. He is keen to be "inundated" with your images...ideally on a USB stick in an envelope detailing your name; what the photos cover; where and when the photos are covering and how best to contact you.

John will be at The G.R.A.I.N. Store 12-2 on Thursday 12 October if you wish to discuss them as well as give them. Other wise you can hand in the envelopes in to Philippa at The G.R.A.I.N. Store Monday 9 Oct 10-4 or Ruby at the regular G.R.A.I.N. Store hours of Thursday to Saturday 11-4pm.

Some images will be included in a slide show whilst others may be printed for solid display. Photographs that we have printed will be



McCoy's Bridge early river rise Vearings Lagoon

returned to you at the end of the Installation...with some retained by us for showing during the Summer holidays after which they will be returned to you.

We are very interested in what you choose to share with us and the wider audience. We intend to follow this in the next **Red Gum Courier** with a request for possible specific themes. We know it is a very tight time-line. And we appreciate many of you may not wish to take part; or were so flat out being affected had no time for photographs. That is why we are also including a request for art works if they express your feelings better for you. If you wish to discuss this further please contact

Philippa on 0400 037 432.

Geoff Achison: Workshops and Performance Friday 13 October

It won't be raining. And if it is we will be inside. Bring a group to share this special occasion...gorgeous bluesmanship on a very fine stage. Families welcome. Kids under 12 free.

Tickets \$30 general, \$15 Concession and 13-17 at The G.R.A.I.N. Store or online <https://www.trybooking.com/CKGJO> Jane and her team do a great job catering..so buying tickets by Wednesday 11 October would be greatly appreciated.

Doors/gates open at 6, performance starts at 7pm so plenty of time to eat and view the fantastic Land Exhibition and the Birds of a Feather Exhibition in the Community Gallery at no extra charge!!!



NSC Attend Stand-Up Comedy Workshop at the Melbourne ACMI Arts Centre

Students worked through some warm-up games and activities with a stand-up comedian, Kirsty, before sharing their ideas on stage.

We then enjoyed lunch on Southbank before exploring the history of film, animation, and computer graphics at ACMI exhibition "The Story of the Moving Image"

Our favourite exhibits at ACMI were the arcade games and memory projections. We also loved making sound effects for a short film.

Everyone was very brave and had a go at being on stage. Our students were very respectful and supportive of each other, and we were very proud of their efforts.

PS: We have all decided Mr Jones should be a stand-up comic in his next life!

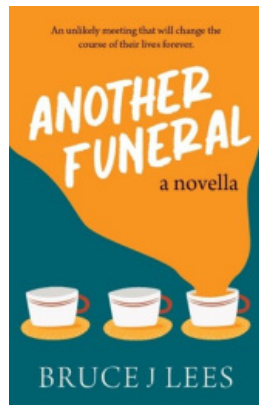


An Entertaining Read

Local member of the U3A Writer's Group, Bruce Lees has just ticked off another thing on his bucket list. His first novella, ANOTHER FUNERAL has been published. Bruce confesses to having an overactive imagination which kept him busy during the COVID lockdowns.

The story is about an unlikely couple down on their luck. Larry has spent time in prison and Maggie is hiding from an abusive husband. They are reduced to living in a squat and find that by gate-crashing funerals they can gain a feed. At yet another funeral something happens that leads to a change in their situation. An old mate of Larry has a big influence on their lives. Just how big, is hard to tell.

A book launch will be held at some stage in the coming weeks. The book is available on order through most major booksellers.



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The children from Nathalia Preschool ventured off to the Elmore Field Days to explore the many sites and meet Zora and Anita from Early Learning Association Australia (ELAA).

The Road safety Program has been developed and is now implemented with the children in the 4yr preschool program. Supporting their knowledge and skills as their ability to ride a bike safely along with their awareness of other road users and being a safe pedestrian in our community.

On a very wet Tuesday, we boarded a bus with all our bikes underneath and headed out of town to the Elmore Field Days. Although dry in Nathalia, the further we travelled the wetter the weather.

Not to be disheartened, the children donned their wet weather gear and headed off on their bikes to go exploring and to meet Zora & Anita from ELAA.

The children have wet weather gear that they wear in the rain. It is designed to keep them dry and warm in these conditions. The children demonstrated their resilience, their ability adapt to changing weather conditions and situations and their ability to participate and enjoy themselves in their excursions.

It was also great to hear positive feedback from the public.

"They look great! How do you get them to line up like that?"

"Can I bring my kids to your kinder?"

"This is amazing"

"Those jackets are amazing"

"The children's behaviour is so great. They are all enjoying it"



Zora showing the children the resources from the Starting Out Safely (ELAA) site.



The children met a crocodile from the Snake Safe Victoria site. How did the crocodile feel? "It's warm".



The CFA ran a fire safety information for us. "Get down low and go, go go"



We are ready to go exploring (in the rain).



The Berkley big tank caught the eye of the children as they were riding past. A quick look at the fish, before heading back to the bus.

This display will be at the Nathalia Agriculture Society Show this Saturday!

The Supertank gives the spectator a fish's eye view. It is 15 metres long and 3 metres high with Perspex sides. This allows you to see what the fish actually see under the water without having to get wet.

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We would also like to thank all our club volunteers for all their efforts throughout the season. Thank you also to our supporters for coming to games each week and cheering for all our Purple teams win, lose or draw.

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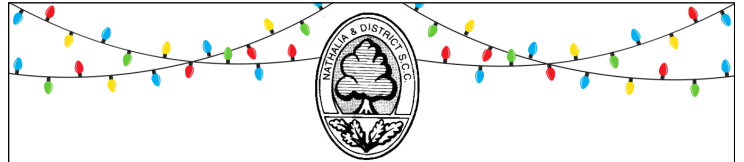
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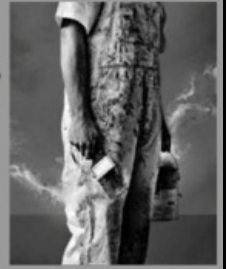
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Nathalia FNC Induct Two Life Members

BRETT VALLENDER - Brett has been a wonderful servant to the Nathalia Football Netball Club, initially on the field to be a key player across nine plus seasons in which the Purples won many premierships. He has been a wonderful on field leader, helping develop some of the stars of today's team. Brett has been an assistant coach for 4 years in which he helped oversee successful Nathalia season builds and premiership raids. Post his playing days he has gone to a whole new level supporting the club off the field, willingly giving up his time and using his skills and machinery to help assist. Some examples

are erection of signs, building a new away interchange box, creation of the veterans hill near the bar and he is one of the driving forces behind the successful cropping venture that has helped put the club in a strong financial position. Brett has helped give the Nathalia FNC such a positive community reputation in times of flood and assist our community when there is need. He is always there to make sure the task at hand is completed. Congratulations Bones and we thank you for all of your efforts.



Brett Vallender



Lisa Kellow

LISA KELLOW - Lisa achieved the milestone of playing 200 senior games in the 2022 season. But her contribution to this club is so much larger than the number of times she has graced the court. Lisa commenced her Netball career as a junior with our club, under the guidance of Leanne Butler. Her natural netball instincts and athleticism were on show from the very beginning. Lisa's list of club accolades is impressive and includes six A Grade Best & Fairests, five of them being consecutive. She made her A Grade debut at the ripe old age of 17 in 2006, after winning the B Grade Best & Fairest the previous year. Lisa was a key member of the A Grade team that won a rare

netball Premiership in 2007. But it's not what's in Lisa's trophy cabinet that endears her to this club. She is truly one of Nathalia's daughters. She is a fierce, determined competitor, with an exceptional sense of fair play. Her 'never quit' attitude inspires and encourages those around her. She also sets an excellent example to others in the way that she always volunteers whenever somebody needs help or the club needs assistance. She has assumed coaching positions, leadership roles and has even accepted the much avoided job of Netball Umpire Coordinator. She is a fantastic leader and mentor to many within the organisation. Lisa is inclusive, sincere and encouraging by nature, putting others at ease and giving them confidence. Most of all, she is humble. There is no doubt that she is committed to Nathalia Football and Netball Club and we value her exceptional contributions in the past, the present and no doubt for the future ahead.

In the Swing at Nathalia Golf Club

Wednesday the 20th of September - seven ladies and four men played ambrrose. (No results)
Friday the 22nd of September - eight players played Ambrrose. Two teams of four. It was a great day had by all and a perfect day for golf. Sonia, Graeme, Barry and Ian finished with 41 points. Lynette, Heather, Peter and Stan finished with 43 points.
Sunday the 24th of September - five players played stableford, the winner was Gary Manley with 35 points. Gary also got NTP.
Wednesday the 27th of September - (sponsored by REMAX and TTI) seven ladies played par, Lynette Lindsay the winner with -4. NTP went to Nancy Dunn. Six men played stableford and the winner was Graeme Frostick with 16 Stableford points.
Thursday the 28th and Friday the 29th of September - the golf course was closed and all the greens got their annual scarifying, maintenance and top dress for the season ahead. Thank you to the workers from Dhurringile and to all that helped in the 2 day 'Working Bee' - you did a great job.
Sunday the 1st of October - nine players turned up on a great day for golf. The winner with a blistering score of 44 stableford points was Ryan Bell. Runner up was new member Devon Moroney with a great 36 stableford points. NTP was Kevin Scolyer on the ninth - well done Kevin. It's great to see the young fellows showing the oldies how it's done - well done to Ryan and Devon with two great scores. ~ Good hitting all!



GVL Premiership

Shepparton Bears 48 def Echuca Bombers 41

The Shepparton Bears B Graders got the job done, proudly bringing home the B Grade flag in the Goulburn Valley 2023 Grand Final. The Grand Final played at Deakin Reserve was held on the 24th September, with the Bears coming out on top defeating the Echuca Bombers by seven goals. Pictured is local Tanya Holland celebrating her teams victory. Tanya has been playing at the Bears for 11 years now and this is her 3rd premiership at the club.



Community Award Finalist

Colleen Lewer was recently awarded the Northern Country Women's League Administrator of the year, from there she was then nominated for Essendon Women's Network 'Community Award'. She ended up at the Palladium Crown in Melbourne as one of the four finalists. This Community Award recognises women who work in a volunteer capacity in the industry, and who make a significant contribution to the game and their community. Colleen has been pivotal in the support and growth of the women's team at Nathalia Football Netball Club. Colleen is the definition of someone who wears many hats - from the canteen organisation, team managing, committee member, past player, trainer - she has done and is doing it all while holding the club position as Women's Football Coordinator. Her willingness to get in and get the job done is a testament to her work ethic and the person she is, she has the passion we wish everyone held. She is also working with the players to give back to the club overall and do extras at the club level, which is fantastic in terms of hopefully recruiting future volunteers for the club, which is great for the game overall. Colleen has helped shape the club and continues to work across the club at the committee level to drive female participation and opportunities for those involved and those coming to the club. One of the biggest areas she has been influential in is creating a welcoming culture for females coming into the club.



Colleen Lewer

Nathalia 2023 Junior & Senior Presentations

Nathalia Football Netball Club celebrated their 2023 season with their junior and senior vote count and presentations on Friday, the 22nd of September. The Presentation afternoon/evening capped off a very exciting year and gave us the opportunity to congratulate and thank everyone who contributes to the club in many ways. Well done to all the award winners.



*Pictured left:
Nathalia 2023
Under 11's
team.
(L-R) coaches
Elliott Binks &
Julie Tyndall.*



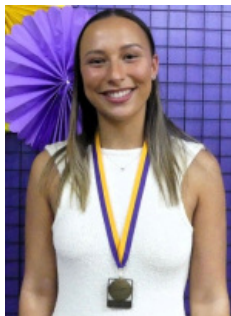
*Bailey Bell
Senior Football
Best & Fairest*



*Olivia Tilyard
A Grade Netball
Best & Fairest*



*Stacey Ross
A Grade R/Up*



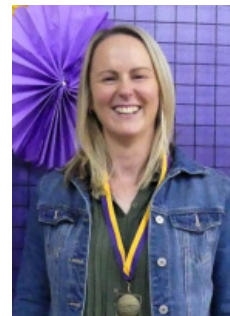
*Abbey Bell - A Grade
Most Determined*



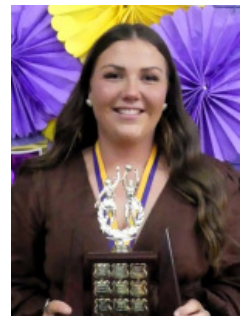
*Laura Harvey-Hawkins
B Grade B&F*



*Rhianna Webster
B Grade R/Up*



*Millie Maskell
B Grade Coach's Award*



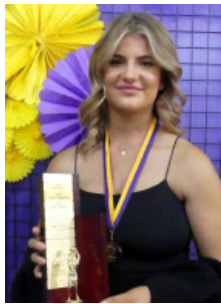
*Lily Smith
C Grade B&F*



*Abby Favaro
C Grade R/Up*



*Annie Dietrich
C Grade Coach's Award*



*Evie Hawks
C Reserve B&F*



*Gemma Hawks
C Reserve R/Up*



*Kelly Guthrie - C Reserve
Most Determined*



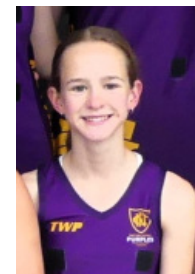
*Ella Dealy
17&U B&F*



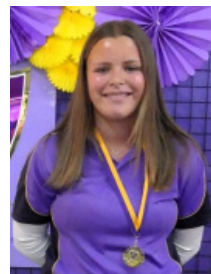
*Ruby McIver
17&U R/Up*



*Jayda Hawks
17&U Coaches Award*



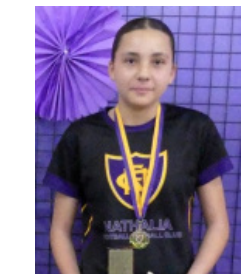
*Jayda Liddell
15&U B&F*



*Tayah Lundberg
15&U R/Up*



*Matilda Waser
15&U Coaches Award*



*Grace Morgan
13&U B&F*



*Keira Liddell
13&U R/Up*



*Chantelle Dealy
13&U Coaches Award*



*Gus Frostick
U14's B&F*



*Hamish Whyte
U14's R/Up*



*Mason Hatton
U14's Most Improved*



*Jas Pawlowicz
U14's Most Disciplined*



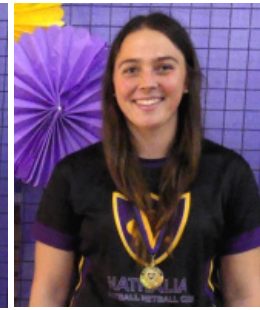
Lucas Barton & Hamish Whyte
U14's joint Leading Goal kickers - (5 goals)



Caleb Russell
U14's Coach's Award



Rahni Garner
Yth Girls football B&F



Claudia Plattfuss
Yth Girls football R/Up



Alana Sutton - Yth Girls
football Most Consistent



Matilda Waser - Yth Girls
football Most Disciplined



Abbey Sheahan - Yth Girls
football Most Improved



Kaiya Cornell and Bethany Holloioake
Yth Girls football Have-a-go Award



Bella Nave - Yth Girls
football Coaches' Award



Harry McDonald
U17's B&F



Baz McDonald
U17's R/Up



Harry Rudd
U17's Coach's Award



Ewan Congues
U17's Most Disciplined



Brady Walpole
U17's Most Improved



Josh Vallender - U17's
Leading Goal Kicker (28)



Matt Carroll - Reserves B&F &
Leading Goal Kicker (17)



Josh Gemmill
Reserves R/Up



Byron Woods
Reserves Most Consistent



Josh Woods
Reserves Most Improved



Tristan Myers
Reserves Coach's Award



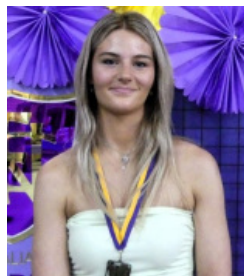
Caitlin Price
Women's football B&F



Kiara Cooper - Women's
football R/Up & Leading
Goal Kicker (23)



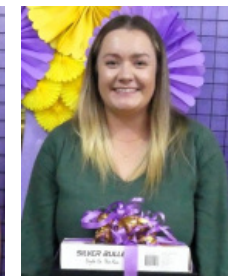
Vanessa Ward - Women's
football Most Consistent



Ella Dobell - Women's
football Most Improved



Claudia Moore - Women's
football Players' Player



Bec Kellet - Women's
football Have-a-go Award



Cody Power - Women's
football Coach's Award



Liam Evans - Senior R/Up &
Leading Goal Kicker (94)



Alex Hicks
Seniors Most Consistent



Glancy Congues
Seniors Most Improved



Gus Bramwell - Seniors Best
1st Year Player



Tom Nihill
Seniors Coaches' Award

Championship Head Coach for Season 2024



Pictured: Tracey Brereton has been appointed championship head coach for the Bendigo Strikers.

Bendigo Strikers have announced Tracey Brereton as their inaugural Victorian Netball League Championship Head Coach. Tracey was the 2023 17 & Under Victorian State Coach and Assistant coach of Netball Victoria's Fury that recently participated in the ANL Championship. Tracey grew up in Numurkah and now lives in Nathalia with her husband and two sons. Tracey played State League as well as with Melbourne Phoenix and Melbourne Kestrels and has now transitioned into coaching.

Tracey has coached the Shepparton Bears in the Goulburn Valley League for the past 16 years and with her experience in Interleague, Talent Identification, Zone Academy, State roles and now Victorian Fury Assistant Coach, this is a fantastic appointment for Bendigo Strikers. Tracey is so excited about this opportunity and understands the barriers for country-based athletes, the passion for major regional centres and more than anything Tracey loves seeing country athletes achieve.

Waaia FNC Vote Count & Presentations



*Ashley Holland
Senior Football Best & Fairest*



*Holly Boyd
A Grade Netball Best & Fairest*

Another great season came to a close at the Waaia Football Netball Club with our junior and senior vote count and presentations. Once again a massive shout out to everyone involved at the club for everything you do. A big congratulations to all our award recipients on your achievements this season. GO BOMBERS!



Senior Awards

SENIORS

Tom Thornton Best & Fairest
Medal: Ashley Holland
Runner Up: Jesse Trower
Most Consistent: Tim Belford
Most Determined: Ben Armstrong
Best Team Player: Will Foster
Leading Goal Scorer:
Charlie Burrows (84)
Best Finals Player: Sam Richo
Most Improved: Brayden Coates

A GRADE

Julie Tyndall Best & Fairest Medal:
Holly Boyd
Runner Up: Rosie Arnel
Spectator's Award: Eloise Walker
Player's Player: Angela Thorne

B GRADE

Best & Fairest: Nicole Brown
Runner Up: Mollie Karl
Spectator's Award: Nicole Brown
Player's Player: Nicole Brown

RESERVES

Best & Fairest: Greg Meyland
Runner Up: Mark Meyland
The Ultimate Ressie: Dan Coutts
Most Improved: Joel Clarke
Most Consistent: Mark Meyland
Leading Goal Scorer:
Mark Meyland (110)
Most Determined: Brendan Harris

C GRADE

Best & Fairest: Sharri Longmore
Runner Up: Amanda Elliott
Spectator's Award: Amanda Elliott
Player's Player: Samantha Crook

C RESERVE

Best & Fairest: Andrea Walker
Runner Up: Jessamy Doyle
Spectator's Award: Andrea Walker

ROY TWEDDLE BEST

SENIOR CLUB PERSON

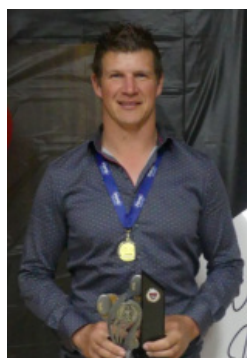
Nicholas James & Jemma Bell
WFNC Life Members
Doug Larkin & Paul Richardson



*Sam Richardson
Seniors
Best Finals Player*



*Jesse Trower
Seniors R/Up*



*Mark Meyland - Reserves
R/Up, Leading Goal Kicker
and Most Consistent*



*Jemma Bell & Nicholas James
Senior Club Person Awards*



*B Grade Mollie Karl R/Up
and Nicole Brown B&F, Spectator's
Award and Player's Player*



*Joel Clarke
Reserves
Most Improved*



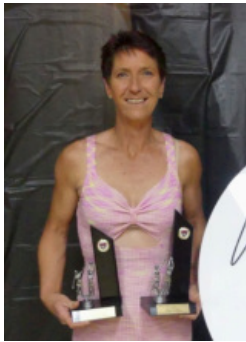
*Sharri Longmore
C Grade B&F*



*Amanda Elliott
C Grade R/Up &
Spectator's Award*



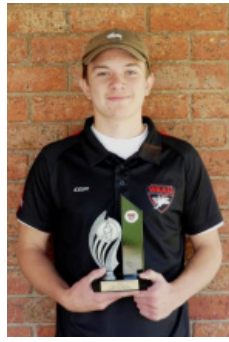
Samantha Crook
C Grade
Player's Player



Andrea Walker
C Reserve B&F and
Spectator's Award



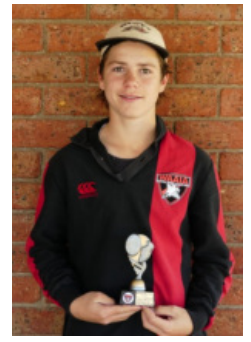
Jessamy Doyle
C Reserve R/Up



AJ Brooks
U17's B&F



Tom Daniel
U17's R/Up



Aiden Bryant
U17's Most Consistent



Jake Buckland
U17's
Best Team Player



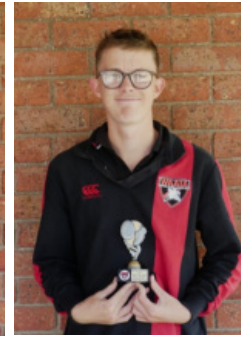
Aiden Hibma
U17's Junior Club Person &
Most Improved



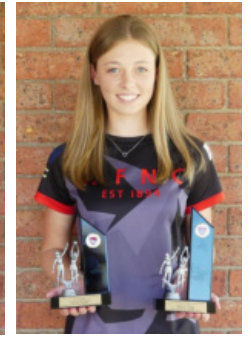
Jacob Purdon
U17's
Most Determined



Kaleb Gilmour
U17's Best 1st Year
Player



Will Trower
U17's Leading
Goal Kicker



Sasha Daniel
17&U B&F &
Spectator's Award



Sophie Halden
17&U
Coach's Award



Lilly Walker
15&U B&F



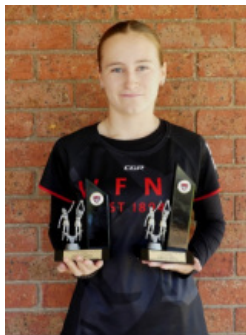
Lucy Daniel
15&U R/Up



Sara Hibma
15&U Coach's Award



Katelyn Halden
15&U
Spectators Award



Jamieson Shelton
13&U B&F &
Spectator's Award



Hadassah Hibma
13&U R/Up



Stefanie Daniel
13&U Most Determined



Oscar Buckland
U14's B&F & Leading
Goal Kicker



Tait Buckland
U14's
R/Up



Theodore Smith
U14's
Most Determined



Preston Power
U14's
Best 1st Year Player

Junior Awards

THIRDS

Best & Fairest: AJ Brooks
Runner Up: Tom Daniel
Most Improved: Aiden Hibma
Best First Year Player: Kaleb Gilmour
Most Consistent: Aiden Bryant
Most Determined: Jacob Purdon
Leading Goal Scorer: Will Trower (21)
Best Team Player: Jake Buckland

17 & UNDER

Best & Fairest: Sasha Daniel
Runner Up: Darcy Cuthbert
Spectator's Award: Sasha Daniel
Coach's Award: Sophie Halden

FOURTHS

Best & Fairest: Oscar Buckland
Runner Up: Tait Buckland
Most Improved: Daniel MacDonald
Most Determined: Theodore Smith
Best Team Player: Travis Decker
Best First Year Player: Preston Power
Leading Goal Scorer: Oscar Buckland (14)
Coach's Award: Thomas Graham

15 & UNDER

Best & Fairest: Lilly Walker
Runner Up: Lucy Daniel
Spectator's Award: Katelyn Halden
Coach's Award: Sara Hibma

Best & Fairest: Jamieson Shelton
Runner Up: Hadassah Hibma
Spectator's Award: Jamieson Shelton
Most Determined: Stefanie Daniel
Coach's Award: Lauren Charlton-Parker

ROY TWEDDLE BEST JUNIOR

CLUB PERSON AWARD

Aiden Hibma

Nathalia Bowling Club News

The Bowling Club **OPENING DAY** for **SEASON 2023/2024** held on Sunday the 1st October was an outstanding success. The weather was an absolute stunning spring day and with the Greens and surrounds in perfect condition, the scene was set for a great day of bowling for the twenty-eight bowlers. The day started with a BBQ followed by a welcome to all by President, Bev Hutchins and then, the first official bowls of the season were bowled by Jack Hutchins, the Men's Single Champion and Bev Hutchins, the Ladies



(L-R) Winners - Tim McHenry, Trevor Price and Sue Jameson.



(L-R) Runners Up - Trevor Cobbledick, Tim Cullen, Fay Hutchins and Rosemary Glover.

Singles Champion for the 2022/2023 Season. Following the games afternoon tea was served and the winners were announced - Tim McHenry, Trevor Price and Sue Jameson. Runners Up being Trevor Cobbledick, Tim Cullen, Fay Hutchins and Rosemary Glover. Congratulations to all.



MIDWEEK PENNANT started on Tuesday 3rd October the teams being Team 1 -Skip, Bev Hutchins, 3rd Keith Holland, 2nd Fay Hutchins, Lead Julie Olsen. Team 2 - Skip Tessa Ward, 3rd Berris Baldwin, 2nd Heather Palmer, Lead Ian Bolton. Team 3 - Skip Fiona Rourke, 3rd Kevin Scolyer, 2nd Claire Andrews, Lead Marilyn Frost. Nathalia 59 won over all by 5 shots with Picola 1 scoring 54 shots.



Tessa Ward and Fay Hutchins in action.



Bowlers in action.

Nathalia collecting 14 points and sitting 2nd on the ladder. **SATURDAY PENNANT** commences on Friday 7th October. No results are able to be posted due to the deadline for this edition is Monday 2nd.

On Thursday 5th October **MENS TRADE DAY** has attracted 30 teams to participate. Results will be in the next edition.

GRAND FINAL DAY was well patronised and with such a close game of footy the atmosphere was certainly enjoyable with Collingwood (as we all know) were the victors. Footy Fare of Meat Pies and Hot Dogs were the order of the day. Thanks to the Members, who once again, volunteered to run this day. The Club Bar continues to be open on Friday nights from 5pm to all. So do drop in have a coldy.

An Amazing Career: So Many Coincidences



Sam Richardson celebrating the 2023 Senior Premiership.

Sam Richardson commenced his senior football career at Waaia in 2000 as a fifteen year old and this year at thirty nine years of age achieved a premiership with his beloved Waaia. Along the way and well over two hundred games later in the Waaia jumper, there have been some wonderful coincidences, which might well be specific to only the Waaia Football Club.

To begin with Sam played football with Denis Brooks in his younger days, which was capped off with a premiership with Denis in 2002. In 2022 and 2023 Sam played with Denis's son Adam in consecutive premierships. And Adam happens to be the Godson of Sam's parents Loretta and Paul.

Another interesting fact is that Sam played for several years as captain of the club under the coaching of Michael Cleeland who is the father of

Mitch Cleeland who just so happens to be the reigning back to back premiership coach at Waaia.

Very few people would have played with father and son combinations and also been coached by father and son combinations. It certainly exhibits the loyalty of Waaia people to their club as generations follow in their predecessors footsteps.

Following the 2023 grand final victory, Sam received best player in the finals for Waaia, he received this same award back in 2002.

Outside of Waaia Sam played two years at Sandhurst for a premiership in 2004. Two years in the VFL with the Bendigo Bombers and played in the finals in front of huge crowds. He played at Eltham in the Amateurs and coached them to finals football, while earning five best and fairests and seven runner ups along the way. Longevity has been on his side.

Pictured Waaia Seniors 2002 Premiers
Back (L-R) Doug Larkin President, Bevan Cleeland, Nathan Wiggins, Tom McMillan, Tony Onley, Greg Hickson, Mick Henderson, Paul Trimby, David Gilmour, John McDonald Trainer, Sam Anderson Trainer.
Middle: Darren Quinn, Scott Chandler, Jason Bell, Matt Daniel, Adam Wassdor, Trevor Laffy Coach, Matt Cason Co Captain, Dave Daniel Co Captain, Damien Atkins, Sally Brown Secretary, Trevor Sprunt Selector.
Front: Jacque Scott Trainer, Mark Bryant, Darren Scott, Greg Meyland, Denis Brooks, Peter Henderson, Sam Richardson.



Hearings held into amendments to the MDBP

Water buybacks rip the economic heart out of our region – I get it. But it's hard to get some people in Canberra to understand. The Senate will hold an inquiry about changes to the Murray Darling Basin Plan but there will only be two hearings, and both of those will be held in Canberra. This is incredibly disrespectful to Basin communities whose economic future is on the line. This week a Coalition Committee held hearings in Shepparton about changes to the plan. Basin Coalition MPs and myself listened to major processors, farmers and community leaders about how water buybacks and taking away an extra 450GL of water would devastate regions like ours. This was the first leg of a tour, listening to Basin communities. We will take the damning findings back to the Senate Committee to ensure the voices of the Basin are heard. I encourage people to also make a written submission; it doesn't matter how short, to help me in the fight to protect our precious food bowl. Written submissions can be sent to my email or postal address.



2024 Calendar Competition

Do you have the top shot that represents Nicholls? Entries for my 2024 calendar competition are now open!

I want the pictures to be local and of something that represents Nicholls. It could be a farm, art mural, tourist destination, watering hole, sports club, community club, post box, shed, puppy, person, weather, a house, garden; the options are endless, but it must be local.



The free calendar will be distributed across our region and the photograph that makes the front cover will receive a \$100 gift voucher at a photography shop of their choice.

Pictures can be sent to sam.birrell.mp@aph.gov.au, with entries closing Wednesday November 1.

Voice to Parliament

Australia will head to the polls on Saturday October 14 for the 2023 Voice to Parliament Referendum. If you're unable to vote on the day, there's a number of locations across the region where you can take part in early voting. These locations can be found on the AEC website.

It's critically important to analyse this alteration to the constitution and make an informed decision. Good people will and have come to different conclusions on whether they support this proposal. It's essential we conduct the debate prior to referendum and discussions after, whichever way the poll goes, with civility and respect.

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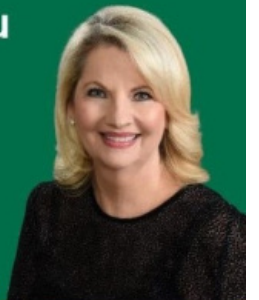
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