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Broken Creek & Bushwackers in Nathalia



Left: Dobe Newton from the Bushwackers playing the lagerphone and entertaining the crowd at the Uniting Church Hall on Saturday September 2nd.

Right: Broken Creek -Erin & Lachlan Heycox

Below: The crowd enjoying the night dancing to the Bushwackers.



The Bushwackers and local band Broken Creek played to a large crowd at the Uniting Church Hall on Saturday, 2nd September. It was an entertaining night of music, singing and dancing.

"Dobe and Rodger are great advocates and mentor figures for young musicians across Australia. From their role in the Academy of music where they nurture musicians like Jess Mauboy and Maddie Colville Walker and the McClymonts to their commitment to working with up-and-coming Aussie instrumentalists like young Rory and Gabi who play in their current line-up.

It has been an honour to have worked with these two inspirational Australians and to share them with Nathalia." ~ Vanessa Byrnes

"The Bushwhackers are living legends, their contribution to Australian music can't be understated. To host artists of their calibre and



cultural significance in Nathalia and provide opportunities for local artists like us to share a stage with them is incredible and a testament to the power and importance of community arts organisations like The GRAIN Store." ~ Lachlan Heycox- Broken Creek

~ More photos in colour on pages 14 & 15.

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Australia Day Awards 2024

Nominations now open

Award Categories

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Nominations close Thursday 30 November 2023

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Australia Day Award Nominations

Nominations for the 2024 Moira Shire Australia Day Awards

will open **1 September 2023** for individuals or organisations that have endeavoured to enhance and provide for their local community and instil a sense of community spirit and awareness. Award Categories:

- Citizen of the Year
- Junior Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Community Event of the Year
- Community Organisation of the Year
- Arts, Culture and/or Environment Project of the Year.

Nominations close **Thursday 30 November 2023.** To find out more or to submit a nomination please visit our website.



We want to hear from you!

You are invitied to have your say on the following opportunities currently open to the community:

- Notice of Intention to enter into a lease of the Numurkah Caravan Park, submissions close
 Wednesday 20 September 2023.
- Proposal to acquire land at Packham Drive, Cobram (Lot 97 on Plan of Subdivision 735241D, submissions close Wednesday 27 September 2023.
- Proposal to close and lease part of Richardson Street, Nathalia, submissions close Wednesday 27 September 2023.

Visit our website for more information and to make a submission.

Resource Recovery Centre Changes

Please note due to EPA regulations and licensing requirements the Resource Recovery Centres at Tungamah, St James, Strathmerton, Yabba and Barmah will no longer be accepting mattresses, gas bottles, batteries, E Waste or tyres. Visit our website for site specific details of Resource Recovery Centre locations, times and what can be accepted.

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Community Update

Community Flood Recovery & Resilience Grants

Council recognises the significant impact the October 2022 Flood Event has had on individuals, families and the organisations and groups that provide services across the community. As part of supporting the community to respond to this impact, Council is providing Community Flood Recovery & Resilience Grants of up to \$5,000. To find out more or to apply please visit our website.

Community Strengthening Grants - apply now

The Community Strengthening Major Grants Round is now open. These grants provide community organisations an opportunity to apply for funding (up to \$10,000) through various categories including arts, culture, events, equipment, sustainability, health, tourism and small capital projects under \$15,000.

One on one sessions to help community groups with their applications will be available in our four major towns Cobram, Numurkah, Nathalia and Yarrawonga. Applications close on **Friday 13 October 2023.** Visit our website to view guidelines and to apply.

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Community Veggie Garden

id you know that Nathalia has a community veggie garden? Are you missing having a garden of your own? Looking for a reason to get out of the house, now that spring has sprung?

Started by an enthusiastic group of locals and spearheaded by the energetic Jenny from Nathalia Nursery, it's a place where all are welcome. We're creating a wheelchair accessible, all abilities space where you can turn up any day, or come to our working bee / social get together every second Sunday to have a potter and share your best gardening tips or learn from others; we're following organic gardening principles... and we always take time out for a cuppa and something to eat.

Most of the garden beds are raised to hip height, great for those whose knees aren't quite as good as they used to be.

Many different varieties of veggies and herbs have already been planted, as well as lots of strawberries... ooh, can't wait till they're ripe!

There are also plans to build a shed and run a series of free workshops on interesting food ideas, like making your own sauerkraut.

What are the benefits to you and our town? Both gardening and participating in community have been proven to be good for your health and wellbeing and... we all get to share delicious, fresh produce!



5 Railway St: Sept 17th, Oct 1st, Oct 15th. Keep an eye on the Red Gum Courier for future our get together dates and find us on Facebook under Nathalia Veggie Gardens.



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SEPTEMBER SPECIALS

Friday 29 Sept AFL Final Public Holiday Open 9am-3pm *Home Deliveries* and Collect: \$4 Picking fee Nathalia: Monday to Friday Minimum Monday to Friday spend \$40 **Beef BBQ Steaks** \$6 Delivery fee for over \$50 spend, \$4 for over \$100 spend, \$2 for over \$150 Place order by 8am -Collect between 10am-1pm Place order by 11am -\$24.99/kg spend Collect between 1pm-4pm Free for over \$200 spend Place order by 2pm Orders placed by 12pm for delivery 4-6pm <u>Waaia/Bearii/Katunga/</u> Collect between 4pm-6pm subject to change Strawberries Yalca/Yielima/Strathy: Wednesdays \$6 Delivery fee, Minimum TRADING Punnet \$2.99ea HOURS spend \$40, Orders placed by 8am for delivery 10am-1pm Barmah/Picola/Picola Mon – Fri: West: Thursdays Supaflame Firelighters 8am-7pm \$6 Delivery fee, Minimum spend \$40, Orders placed by Sat – Sun: 3 for \$9 10am for delivery 12-6pm



8am-6pm

Red Gum Courier, Friday September 8th, 2023 Nathalia Grinners Have Been Busy

Athalia MHA Care Clients have enjoyed a variety of activities over the winter months. Trips to Katamatite to view the new silo art, to Deniliquin to explore the Depot, which is an amazing vehicle museum, Emerald Bank, monthly trips to the Shepparton hydro pool and weekly water aerobic sessions, at the Numurkah heated pool.

We staged a high tea for mother's day, met up with our Cobram PAG group to visit the Tocumwal railway museum and a visit to the Wunghnu Primary school where our clients listened to children reading, played card games, watched them practise dance and yoga, and taught them a simple line dance.



Centre based activities included billiards and balloon games, a CPR update, and an IT day to help those with phone/computer questions. Of course, all birthdays call for a celebration with cake and singing. If any of these activities are of interest to you and you would like to participate, please ring our office on 5742 1111.



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

<u>SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH</u> Contact - Erik 0411 731 916 Every Saturday: Services 10am & 11.30am or Zoom. 124 Graham St., Shepparton.

September 17th: 9.30am Holy Trinity to visit Uniting Church

Theme: 'Read, Grow, Inspire' A week of celebrating literature, with the many benefits of reading, from education & imagination to empathy and personal growth.

Well done to all the students and staff who took the time to dress up as book characters last week as part of 'Book Week'. There were certainly some wonderful costumes!

Winners:

Most Creative Costume: Max as 'The Lamington Man'

Best Group: Mason H & Lachie M Best Dressed: Zahra & Zarlina Best Dressed: Aidan

The Nathalia kinder kids also visited us during the week as part of book week celebrations.

Thank-you Wyatt, Tash H, Max, Lil and Tristan for taking the time to read to them.



What's on Locally

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NATHALIA

PRINTERS

Sept 8	Craft Day - 10am, Senior Citz clubrooms
Sept 10	Nathalia CWA & Women's Health Group - afternoon tea celebrating Women's Health Week.
Sept 11	Bingo - Senior Citizens Club Rooms. Eyes Down 1pm
Sept 16	Poultry Auction
Sept 22	Craft Day - Senior Citizens Club Rooms, 10am
Sept 29	Public Holiday—Friday before AFL Grand Final
Oct 7	Nathalia Agricultural Show
Oct 13	Geoff Achison Blues Rock @ The G.R. A. I. N. Store, Nathalia
Nov 2	Run4KB Sportsmen's Night @ Nathalia Showgrounds
Nov 12	Kid's Fishing Competition
Nov 18	Poultry Auction
Dec 9	Nathalia Christmas Market

Contact Nathalia Printers to have your event featured on our 'What's on Locally' calendar.













Book Week 2023!







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NCN HEALTH NATHALIA

Health Promotions & Community Development Officer, Cobram and Nathalia.

Angela Mitchell

What drew you to your role?

I completed a Bachelor of Health & Rehabilitation Science. It helped me to understand that there are lots of things that can impact our health that are not necessarily within our control. The role of empowering and assisting our community to create the positive change that they want to see was exciting for me to be involved in.

How long have you been with NCN Health for?

Approximately 9 months, since last November, 2022.

What did you do before NCN Health?

I was a Quality and Compliance Officer and part of the executive team of



Providing All Living Supports (PALS Inc.) supporting the organisation in the disability sector. What do you love most about working for NCN Health?

Being part of a team of people working toward the same vision, to support individuals and our community to achieve a great quality of life. No two days are the same and there is a lot of variety within my role. I also have the privilege of meeting lots of new people and forming great relationships within

the community What fills your cup when you're not at work?

I love sports and activity. I love sharing sports with my family of boys, whether watching football, cricket basketball anything really. I play tennis myself, enjoy riding my bike and walking my dog.

What book are you reading at the moment? Neale Daniher – When all is said and done. Amazing story of positivity and resilience and family and community coming together as one. What is one thing you

can't live without? Probably my car – I am always off driving somewhere!



Advanced Care Directive

Have you put in place an Advanced Care Directive?

An Advanced Care Directive is a way to say what health care treatments you do or don't want should vou be in a position where you are seriously ill or injured and unable to make or communicate decisions about your care and treatment. A person can record general statements about their values and preferences to guide future medical treatment decisions, or record instructions consenting to or refusing specific types of treatment.

NCN Health Nathalia can help you make an Advanced Care Directive. Please call 5866 9494 and make an appointment time with our Practice Nurse and GP to discuss your wishes.

Nathalia Primary School News

Here at Nathalia Primary School we are starting to plan for the 2024 school year. At the moment, our prep enrolments are nearly at capacity for the staff that we have currently have employed. Due to the current teacher shortage we would like to avoid trying to hire someone too late in the year. If you have a child starting at Nathalia PS next year and are yet to put in your enrolment form please make sure that you do so before the end of term so that if we need to advertise we can get the very best teacher for the school.

We recently said farewell to Ms Lindsay as she finished to take maternity leave. Earlier this week we heard some very exciting news and we would like to congratulate Miss Lindsay and her partner, Jard, on the safe arrival of baby James.

100 DAYS OF SCHOOL

The Grade Prep One students recently celebrated 100 days of school. Starting the day with a parade showing off many wonderful costumes as the students dressed up like they were 100 years old. During the day there were lots of fun activities to do with the number 100.



There was a tower with 100 cups, made the number 100 with shapes, sorted 100 pom-poms and students even wrote their names 100 times! It was a great day celebrating everything our little learners have achieved this year so far.



YEAR 2/3 ZOO EXCURSION

On Wednesday August 30th, the Year 2/3 classes went to the Melbourne Zoo. It was an early start for both students and staff with the bus leaving school before 8am!

Despite the rain, the everyone had a great day exploring the zoo and connecting their classroom learning to a real life experience.



COOKING CLUB & VEGETABLE GARDEN

The lunchtime cooking club with Miss Berni continues to be a huge hit. Students have made potato Gnocchi from scratch using some of the fresh produce from our very own school garden. This week the students made a frozen yoghurt treat with strawberries.

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

We currently have an open tender for our Out of Hours Care program starting next year. This program will be open for all primary school aged students from Nathalia and surrounds. We will be running before school, after school and vacation care as part of the service. Please call the school on 5866 2677 to place an expression of interest in the program.





Red Gum Courier, Friday September 8th, 2023 Science Week @ St Francis

Science week was celebrated around Australia during this term. The theme was *Innovation and Invention*.

During this week, the Foundation to Grade 3 students looked at how much the computer has changed from being 1 computer taking up a whole





building to being able to carry them around in our hand as a smartphone. They had lots of fun making a keyring with the first letter of their name in binary code which is the way computers process data.

The Grade 4 - 6 students designed and built a roller coaster, looking at how all the new buildings, bridges, theme park rides etc.... need to start as a design and then as a small model to determine what works.

This process often requires going back to the drawing board and altering the design several times.

















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Museum Moments...



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

Pictured left is an interesting old book titled "New South Wales Illustrated". It is a sketch book with captions underneath each picture. The Publisher is "John Sands, Sydney and Sands & McDougall, Melbourne"; the publishing date is circa 1862 according to the State Library; the author is unknown. Inside the front cover there is penned in beautiful copperplate handwriting a previous owner's name viz: Master James Eadie, Rowan St., Sandhurst. There is also another name inked in a corner of that page viz: W.J.Baxter, "Brooklyn" Waaia, 31/12/1898.

Helen Ryan, the current owner, and grand-daughter of W.J.Baxter, would like to know more about the ownership of the book and ultimately more about the book itself. At a young age Helen had pencilled a note in the book "grandfather purchased the book at a sale in Nathalia"

The Historical Society's card system did not turn up anything in the name of Eadie nor did the Government Victorian Births, Deaths and Marriages Index turn up anyone by the name of Eadie of Nathalia or Barwo. A trawl through the Indexes for the Nathalia Herald was more profitable. The issue dated 27th March, 1896 revealed that a Dr. George Alexander Eadie was taking over the practice in Nathalia from Dr. Ellison....., but, Dr. George Alexander Eadie was not Master James Eadie the person mentioned in the book! Once again the Nathalia Herald dated 29th January, 1897 supplied some information in a marriage advertisement:

"EADIE – WATSON, On the 27th January 1897, at the Presbyterian Church in Numurkah, by the Rev.W.L.Fenton, George Alexander Eadie M.B.C.M., of Nathalia, youngest son of Dr. James Eadie, of Bendigo, and nephew of Sir John McIntyre, M.L.A., to Mary, widow of the late Captain George Watson, late of Western Port, and eldest daughter of Mr. J. Davis of Bendigo"

Dr. James Eadie would have been too old to be the Master James Eadie going by the publishing date of 1862 and the date of the marriage of his son in 1897 so once again the Births, Deaths and Marriage Indexes were consulted as was the internet site TROVE....Dr. James Eadie's eldest son was James born in 1858 at Bendigo. So he was the original owner of this book. Dr. James Eadie Snr's other son, John McIntyre Eadie, was born in 1860 with George Alexander Eadie being born in 1862 both at Bendigo. These three sons became doctors as did some of their offspring.

Two years later the Nathalia Herald dated 15th December 1898 reported Dr. Eadie had disposed of his practice at Nathalia to Dr. J. Crowley of Bendigo and in the same issue a Clearing Sale of furniture, piano, buggy and mare was advertised for the 31st December, 1898 at Dr. Eadie's residence in Blake StreetSo! This is exactly when and how Helen's grandfather came by the book! The succession of the ownership of the book was Master James Eadie (=Dr. James Eadie Jnr.); Dr. George Alexander Eadie (his brother); William John Baxter; William George Baxter then Helen Ryan.

Helen's daughter, Debbie, visited the Victorian State Library, which holds a copy with a brown cover, and found out some of the details of the book as mentioned above.

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.

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

ow is dancing so special?

L It is music and energy and laughter and sharing and togetherness. It forgives clumsiness; and invites participation as well as kindly observation. It is warmth and joy and available to every one of us...irrespective of age and ability.

Thank you Vanessa Byrnes for your wonderful contact with The Bushwackers and the excellence that was last Saturday night. Thankyou to all the volunteers who clocked up eighty-hours of volunteer time to make it happen.

Thank you our community who took part. And if you want more...we are happy to provide guidance in creating your own.

The Uniting Church Hall facility is wonderful. An ideal size with a sprung floor and a great kitchen. Don't ask us to do another one...ask us what we have learnt so you can do your own...e.g. we didn't need 23 packets of Tim Tams for the tea/coffee and biscuit break...but it was great not running out!!

Zoe McNair's bush was special...as was the Hugh Drum sound and lighting and raised stage for the drummer (funded through our successful renewal of a triennial Moira Shire Creative Arts Hub grant)...and Philippa's kilometer of bunting. It clearly needed great music and performance...and Erin and Lachie of Broken Creek did us so proud.

Geoff Achison Friday 13 October Blues Guitarist

Please don't miss out on our next great music and dance night. Geoff Achison...Blues guitarist,

singer, song writer extraordinaire... this time at The G.R.A.I.N. Store. Tickets on sale now. TryBooking.com.au/CKGJO

Geoff is also offering 2 workshop opportunities: early for experienced and later for beginners.

Come talk to us at The G.R.A.I.N. Store for a greater understanding of what is on offer.

~ Philippa for The G.R.A.I.N. Store







Above: Decorating the Uniting Church Hall for the Broken Creek and The Bushwackers bands.

Left: Broken Creek performing on stage at the Uniting Church Hall

Caterpíllar Corner









NATHALIA COMMUNITY EARLY











CELC celebrated book week from the 21st of August to the 25th of August. There were some really great costumes from both children and educators! It was such a fun week to celebrate! We can't

to celebrate! We can't wait for book week 2024!



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Broken Creek Drama

FIRST DAY IN PARADISE

Strange and unrecognisable bird calls roused Adam from his slumbers. He slipped out of bed without waking Evonne, dressed in shorts, and headed towards the nearby beach. Everything seemed so green and lush. Palm trees grew beside the sandy shore. How different this was from down south. Adam felt as if he was in a foreign land, not Port Douglas. The wide beach stretched for miles. Scores of people were going for their morning walk or run whilst a few took their early morning swim in the warm waters of the Coral Sea. Cameras and mobile phones were trained on the eastern horizon, their owners, hoping to photograph another spectacular sunrise.

Later in the day the beach was closed due to a crocodile sighting. Evonne and Adam had to settle for lounging by the pool. Adam's poolside internet connection was a bit spasmodic, but it allowed him to research about the rain forest on his smart phone. Razor sharp vines, stinging plants that cause you pain for months, deadly poisonous fruits, not to mention the aggressive giant bird, the cassowary. Perhaps it's not paradise after all.



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Nathalia Show - one month to go!!!!

 \bigcirc nly one short month until the Nathalia show on Saturday 7th \bigcirc October!

We are thrilled to announce the Berkley Fishing Supertank will be attending this year as well as the famous Black Snake wildlife display. Entertainment this year is A+ and the best part- it's all included in your entry ticket!

On to the All Breeds Dairy Cattle Show- this year there is over \$2000 in prizes up for grabs including \$500 for grand champion and a stunning

flower garland. Full program available in the schedule on the show website <u>www.nathaliashow.com</u>.

There is something for even the youngest cattle buff with junior handlers and a special class for fancy dress. Special judge this year is the internationally renowned Simon Tognola. Cattle entries close a little earlier on Fri 29th of September so please get in touch if you are interested. See you at the show!





Above: Berkley Fishing Supertank Left: Show Cattle Judge NATHALIA AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY INC



Nathalia Printers by Wednesday 4th Oct.



Rotary Report

ur meeting on August 31st was out of the ordinary...

unfortunately President Loula took ill and was unable to go out to attend the meeting, so we had a "conference" meeting with her through our phones, from the comfort of our homes. Most interesting, and all the members who took part were able to hear everyone and were able to be heard too, thus being able to contribute. Reports were given, some ideas were discussed and the meeting wound up within an hour.

The first meeting in September was back at the bakery and it was more a social evening. Andrea Sutton from Nathalia Pre-School was our guest speaker and there will be more written about this evening next time. We will have more guest speakers this Rotary year and these evenings will also be reported on.

The tickets for the Community Car Raffle, run by RC Mooroopna, that we sell tickets for, have been picked up. Dates will be booked to set up outside IGA and our friendly volunteers will be hoping to have great success with sales again this year so please support this great fundraiser, like last time.

In a Rotary magazine there was an article written by a Rotarian who had been selling \$2 tickets in the street for an art show. As yours truly has sold many a raffle ticket, and is not done yet, the article resonated so some of what was written will follow. The author said it dawned on him what the insignificant little event really meant. He thought how far *this simple little \$2 spreads within the town*...supporting many causes.

He says: The other thing that struck me was how important a role just selling those raffle tickets play in our community. It is a great social interactive activity, people stop to say hello and you hear so many stories that they share, asking how so and so is? What's been happening in your world? What's new in town? He goes on to say that many people buy tickets, not to win the prize, but just to help Rotary because they know of all the good Rotary does in this town and around the world. Some will even drop \$5 or \$10 on the table and refuse to take any tickets as they don't want to lessen someone's chance of winning, someone who would appreciate it more than they.

The last paragraph starts: It's interesting to watch some people's reaction to a stall selling tickets. Some will cross the street to avoid going past the sellers, others will pretend to be busy on their phones. He says that people don't need to buy tickets, but a smile and "hello" would be beneficial to them...and the ticket sellers. And finally: We won't bite you. Long live the humble \$2 raffle.

Although the car raffle costs more than say a wood raffle, the same applies...all our raffles are for the community, and Rotary projects.

At last we received a firm booking at the respite house; guests will spend New Year's Eve at Barmah and will leave there on January 6th. It's possible that there may be two more bookings prior to this but these need to be confirmed.

Our District Governor, Neta Kirby from RC Tatura, will meet up with our club, and at the same time with RC Numurkah, on Monday, 25th September. We will gather at the Numurkah Golf Club on this occasion and will get to hear about this DG's project that funds will be raised for. Neta is an early childhood educator and a "Sandplay Therapist"; will know more after this meeting with her.

Moira Shire Council Chief Executive Officer Resignation

Clare Keenan has decided to resign from her position as Chief Executive Officer of Moira Shire Council, effective immediately. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Clare for her contribution to Moira Shire Council over the past two years. We wish Clare all the best for the future.

John Tanner AM Chair, Panel of Administrators Moira Shire Council



U3A - Up the Garden Path

On the first day of Spring, 12 members of U3A, "Up the Garden Path" group, visited the lovely garden of Lyn and Rob Axen, situated between Girgarre and Tongala. Lyn & Rob's love of gardening was evident and their beautiful garden was ours to enjoy for an hour or more. As we walked around this delightful garden, we enjoyed the quirky garden ornaments. They were created from metal pieces from around the farm and welded by Rob. Afterwards we enjoyed a lovely luncheon at the Gargarro Café, followed by a drive around the interesting town of Girgarre.









There are many ways you can give us a hand.

Your local CFA Brigade needs you, and there are many ways you can help. Roles include daytime firefighters, community educators, and support roles. You don't need experience, and you'll be amazed at what you will achieve, while fulfilling a vital and rewarding role in your community.



Scan the QR code to find out how you can help.





Victorian fire agencies and regulator urge caution over lithium-ion battery fire risks

V ictorian fire services are responding to at least one significant lithium -ion battery-related fire each week and this trend is expected to increase.

Energy Safe Victoria, Country Fire Authority (CFA) and Fire Rescue Victoria (FRV) are urging the community to be aware of risks associated with lithium-ion batteries and know how to use them safely, with fires caused by them on the rise.

Lithium-ion batteries are rechargeable batteries found in e-scooters, ecigarettes, e-bikes, electric vehicles, golf buggies, power banks, vacuum cleaners, power tools and gardening appliances.

CFA Deputy Chief Officer Garry Cook said lithium-ion battery fires can be avoided by taking precautions and using these devices safely.

"When lithium-ion batteries are damaged, misused or fail to meet compliance standards, they pose a serious fire risk, particularly while they are connected to chargers," he said.

"These devices make our lives easier, however people should know the risks and make sure they use e-products correctly.

"The best way to keep you and your family safe is to only purchase from reputable suppliers, follow the manufacturer's instructions and use the compatible charger that came with the product."

Fire Rescue Commissioner Gavin Freeman AFSM said fire crews were responding to an increasing number of fires caused by lithium-ion batteries, often with devastating impacts.

"Just last month FRV attended a significant house fire in Port Melbourne caused by a handheld rechargeable tool, which had a faulty lithium-ion battery," Commissioner Freeman said.

"Thankfully the occupant managed to evacuate the premise and was uninjured, but the house was extensively damaged."

"It's important that people never store e-products in places that would block exits in the event of a fire."

"Stop using or charging the product if you notice strong odours, extreme heat, change in shape, leaking or hissing and popping sounds, as these are indicators the product may catch alight."

Once a lithium-ion battery catches alight it can develop dangerous, selfsustaining flames and potentially release shrapnel and toxic gas.

Fire agencies encourage people to charge these devices in a safe open space outside or in a room where a smoke alarm is present.

The issue has prompted Energy Safe to include the supply of safe lithiumion batteries as a compliance and enforcement priority for 2023-24, ensuring suppliers sell products that meet Australian Standards.

Energy Safe has also led the expansion of international safety standards for personal e-transporters, such as electric scooters powered by rechargeable batteries.

Energy Safe CEO Leanne Hughson said one of the biggest risk factors was the use of 'aftermarket' batteries or those not made by the original manufacturer. "All batteries come with a degree of risk but it's how you treat them and the care you take with purchasing that determines whether they become dangerous," she said.

"If they're damaged, replace them and don't take shortcuts to save some money. Common factors with lithium-ion fires are aftermarket, recycled or modified batteries.

"They may be cheaper, but they are not worth the risk. You want the safest option which is the battery that is built by the same manufacturer as the product. It's the same principle with chargers – do not buy the cheapest charger you can find unless it's made by the manufacturer of the product.

"Riding an electric scooter should be a fun pastime, not an imminent fire hazard."

Victorians who own or are considering purchasing a lithium-ion battery powered product can take the following actions to keep themselves and their families safe:

Purchase products from reputable suppliers.

- Only use chargers and cords that are supplied with the device.
- Don't modify or tamper with the batteries and the appliances they power.
- Don't leave batteries charging in direct sunlight or for longer than they need to.
- Only charge batteries on non-combustible surfaces in a room where a smoke alarm is present.
- Don't use batteries or devices that show signs of swelling, bulging, leaking or overheating.
- Don't charge items close to a door, which would block your exit if the item did catch fire.

If your e-product does catch fire:

- Call Triple Zero (000) immediately.
- Stop using the product if you notice overheating, bulging, leaking or unusual sounds.
- Leave the area and call Triple Zero (000), even if you no longer see flames or smoke.
- It's not safe to attempt to put the fire out yourself, as batteries involved in fire can release toxic gases and generate multiple explosions. Ensure firefighters attend to make the area safe.
- Never throw lithium-ion batteries in your regular waste or recycling collection bins. Many battery-related fires start in household bins, garbage trucks and waste facilities.

Victorians can learn more about lithium-ion batteries and how to safely use these products online at www.cfa.vic.gov.au/batterysafety and www.frv.vic.gov.au/battery-safety.





Being out and about in their community helps children to learn about their immediate environment. They are also able to practice life skills such as road safety. In addition to promoting investigation and curiosity, excursions provide children with a chance to interact with their community and strengthen friendships. A child led curriculum allows the teachers and educators to provide experiences and excursions that have a true meaning to the children's engagement and learning. It supports their agency within the program and allows the child to demonstrate their own knowledge alongside supporting their continual learning and development.

A visit to the Kyabram Fauna Park for the children in 3 year old preschool supported their interest in animals and provided an opportunity to travel on a coach for the first time. Opportunities such as these also support their ability to make appropriate choices and decision about their own safety, learning and about being an active member of a group.

When we create positive relationships with families, we then have the opportunity to visit our local businesses. The children in the 4 year old program explored the operations of Rex James Stockfeed. We thank Margot for our invitation to explore where the trucks are weighed, to listen to the grain moving through the silos, to meet the employees as they worked and showed us what they do. By far, the favourite experience was to climb up on to the huge forklift that moves and loads all the shipping containers onto the trucks.



Songs From the Year 2001

Find and circle all of the songs from 2001 that are hidden in the grid. The remaining 22 letters spell an additional song title from 2001.

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The favourite machine "wow, it's huge"



Climbing the stairs to the office next to the weigh bridge.

Brandon was fascinated with the Dingo.

Right: Everyone accepted a challenge of climbing the stairs for the viewing tower.

We would like to express our gratitude to our community for your understanding and patience as the children practice their bike riding and road safety skills within our community. We have accepted an invitation to attend the Elmore Field Days again with our bikes to demonstrate the children's skills.

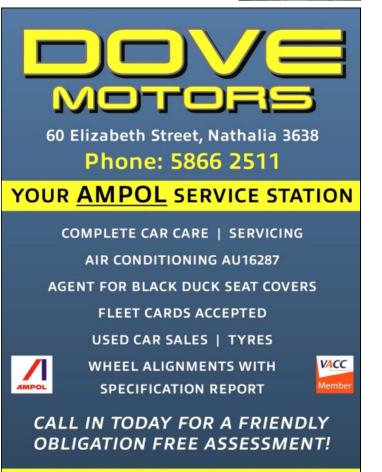


A huge thankyou to Nick and Pat for welcoming us and showing the children around.



A highlight of the Kyabram Fauna Park visit was to meet the reptile keeps and Ruby the python.





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Inspiring Country Kids

Last week, I brought former AFL star and Brownlow Medallist Shane Crawford and North Melbourne Captain Jy Simpkin to Nathalia to inspire students to follow their dreams at St Mary of The Angels Nathalia.

Shane is a close friend of mine hailing from Finley, while Jy is from Mooroopna, and I wanted to bring them back to their country roots to connect with communities and help inspire country kids to pursue their dreams.

It was fantastic to see students engage with the footballers. The students learnt about the footballers' journeys, goal setting strategies and how they worked hard to get to where they are. Positivity radiates from Shane and Jy and I hope the students were able to understand country kids can achieve great things. The session was topped off by a kick-to-kick session. Inspiring kids and supporting them to pursue their dreams is something we can all do.

Shane and Jy also joined me at Cobram Football Club training as well as a visit to Jy's old stomping ground, Mooroopna Primary School.



Sam **BIRREL**

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Grant Opportunities

Saluting their Service - Grants of up to \$10,000 and \$150,000 are available for community and major commemorative projects that promote appreciation and understanding of the service and sacrifice of Australia's service personnel in wars, conflicts and peace operations, as well as their families. This is an opportunity for communities to develop projects that honour our heroes. Round 2 applications close October 10.

Sporting Champions Grants - Provides financial assistance for coaches, officials and competitors aged 12-18 participating in state, national or international sporting championships. If successful, applicants will receive \$500-\$750 towards the cost of attending their championships. Applications close October 31.

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Why is an eCommerce site important for small businesses?

On Tuesday the 29th of August, the Moira Shire Council and Click Region organized an eCommerce Workshop at the Nathalia Barmah Forest Heritage & Education Centre. The workshop, which went from 6pm to 8pm, was a resounding success, thanks to the insightful presentation by Mel Antony, an expert in the field.

Mel emphasized the significance of having an eCommerce site for small businesses in today's competitive business climate. With the increasing reliance on online shopping, having an online presence is crucial for reaching a wider customer base and staying ahead of the competition.

Benefits of having an eCommerce site

During the workshop, Mel highlighted several key benefits of having an eCommerce site:

- 1. **Expanded customer reach:** An eCommerce site allows small businesses to reach customers beyond their local area, potentially expanding their customer base nationally or even internationally.
- 2. **24/7 availability:** Unlike physical stores with limited operating hours, an eCommerce site is accessible to customers at any time, providing convenience and flexibility.
- 3. **Increased sales:** By offering products or services online, small businesses can tap into the growing trend of online shopping and boost their sales.
- Customer insights: An eCommerce site provides valuable data and analytics on customer behavior, allowing businesses to better understand their target audience and tailor their marketing strategies accordingly.

Facebook and Instagram Shops

Mel discussed using Facebook and Instagram Shops if you didn't feel you required a full website and had a good following on your social channels. There are costs involved in using these features but they are another great option for some businesses who don't want a whole website to manage.

- 1. **Facebook Shops:** Facebook Shops allows businesses to create an online store directly on their Facebook Page. It provides a seamless shopping experience for customers and allows businesses to showcase their products effectively.
- Instagram Shopping Feature: Instagram's shopping feature enables businesses to tag products in their posts and stories, making it easy for customers to discover and purchase items directly from the app.



Comparing templated website platforms

During the discussion, Mel compared five different templated website platforms: Woo Commerce, Shopify, Square Website, Wix, and Squarespace. Each platform offers unique features and costs, enabling small businesses to choose the one that best suits their needs and budget.

Considering a fully custom website

While templated platforms are convenient, Mel also discussed the pros and cons of having a fully custom website. A custom website provides businesses with complete control over design and functionality, but it may require more resources and expertise to develop and maintain.

The importance of understanding your customer journey

Prior to starting the website design process, Mel stressed the significance of having a clear idea of your customer journey. Understanding how customers interact with your website and optimizing their experience can greatly impact the success of your eCommerce site.

Networking and light refreshments



After the informative presentation, attendees had the opportunity to network with fellow business owners



and Mel. This networking session provided a platform for exchanging ideas, building connections, and potentially collaborating on future projects.

Light refreshments were served, creating a relaxed and enjoyable atmosphere for participants to engage in meaningful conversations and further enhance their knowledge of eCommerce.

The next Workshop is in Yarrawonga!

The Moira Shire is hosting another Click Region workshop on Tuesday, September 12th in Yarrawonga. This workshop will delve into the various features and benefits of using Canva for your business.

By attending this workshop, you'll gain valuable insights into how Canva can revolutionize your business's visual content creation. Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity to enhance your design skills and take your business to new heights!

What is Canva and How Can it Benefit Your Business?

Canva is an Australian graphic design company that offers a wide range of tools and templates to help businesses create stunning designs. Whether you're a small business owner or a marketing professional, Canva can be a game-changer for your visual content needs.

Join us for the Canva workshop! We can't wait to see you there!

• Tuesday 12 September

• Burkes Hotel Function Room - 96 Belmore St, Yarrawonga VIC 3730, Australia

- 6-7pm workshop
- 7-8pm networking and light refreshments

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SWEET AND SOUR MEATBALLS

From our Mince Matters book.

Meatballs

500gm mince beef	¼ tsp nutmeg
1/2 cup finely chopped onion	¼ tsp pepper
2/3 cup evaporated milk	1 tsp salt
1/3 cup dry breadcrumbs	Plain flour for coating
Mix all ingredients together. Form i	nto small halls, coat with plain flour. Shallow fry me

ix all ingredients together. Form into small balls, coat with plain flour. Shallow fry meatballs brown on all sides, then drain.

Pour the Sweet and Sour Sauce over the meatballs and simmer for 30 minutes.

Serve with rice or noodles.

Sweet and Sour Sauce

1 medium carrot	¼ cup pineapple juice
1 medium red capsicum	½ cup vinegar
2 stalks celery	½ cup water
440gm can pineapple pieces	1 tabsp cornflour
½ cup sugar	2 tabsp soy sauce
Cut the carrot, celery and capsicun	n into thin strips.

Place the vegetables, drained pineapple pieces, sugar, pineapple juice, vinegar and water into a saucepan. Cook until vegetables are soft.

Blend the cornflour with the soy sauce to a paste-a little extra water may be needed. Add to vegetables mixture. Cook for a few minutes until mixture thickens.



DEATHS

JACKSON (Bates), **Betty Rae**

03. 02. 1925 - 26. 08. 2023

Late of Nathalia. Passed away peacefully at Banawah Nursing Home.

Loved wife of Frank (dec). Dearly loved by her children and their partners, Glenys and Ron, Barbara and Lee (dec), and Roslyn and Alan. Cherished Nanna of 6 Grandchildren and 8 Great Grandchildren.

> Your memory is our greatest treasure, to have and to hold in our hearts forever.

Betty's Funeral Service took place in Nathalia on Wednesday 6th September 2023.

> Peter Cox & Sons Numurkah & District (03) 5862 3047

CONDOLENCES

JACKSON, Betty

Loved sister-in-law of Isobel and Morice (dec) Holland. Aunty of Trevor (dec), Keith, Neville and Margaret and their families.

Fond Memories.



JACKSON, Betty The Senior Citizens Club of Nathalia

wish to convey our condolences to Betty's family on her passing.

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MEMORIAL SERVICE

LEWIS (Partridge), **Ruth Jessie**

Memorial Service to be held at the Nathalia Holy Trinity Anglican Church, 1.00pm, Thurs 28th Sept. Internment of Ashes to follow at Nathalia Cemetery.

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OPEN CAFÉ

Nathalia Uniting Church holds an Open Café every Thursday morning at 10am in the Nathalia Uniting Church Hall, Bromley Street.



Come and join us for a friendly chat, cuppa and some great morning tea-all at no cost.

There is no religious content, just friendship and conversation.

All welcome!

NATHALIA **POULTRY AUCTION** Sat. 16th Sept, 2023

NATHALIA SHOWGROUNDS Start Time Sundries - 9:20 am ID Driver's Licence Required. Entries Invited Cages Limited. All Birds Should Be Booked In.

Phone details to Mick Rudge 0401 897 923

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- A cover letter
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Key Selection Criteria and Role Description: www.smota.vic.edu.au/about/employment

> Applications to be emailed to: principal@smota.vic.edu.au

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Proposal to close and lease part of **Richardson Street.** Nathalia

Council is seeking feedback on a proposal to close and lease a portion of Richardson Street, Nathalia (defined in Plan of Subdivision 1315 Parish of Barwo County of Moira) to Trans Tank International.

Have Your Say

Council is seeking feedback on this proposal in accordance with its Community Engagement Policy.

- You can provide your feedback to Council by lodging a submission online, by mail or at our service centres in Cobram & Yarrawonga.
- Your submission must be received by 5pm Wednesday 27 September 2023.
- When you lodge your submission, please indicate if you, or your representative, would like to speak to your submission at the Committee of Council which will be held at 5pm Thursday 12 October 2023, if required.
- Any submissions received by Council by the deadline will be considered by Council prior to deciding whether to proceed with the proposal, with or without amendment, at the Scheduled Council Meeting on 25 October 2023.
- A summary of submissions will be available at the meeting and on public display for 12 months.

Further information including a map of the area is available on our website www.moira.vic.gov.au or by contacting (03) 5871 9222.



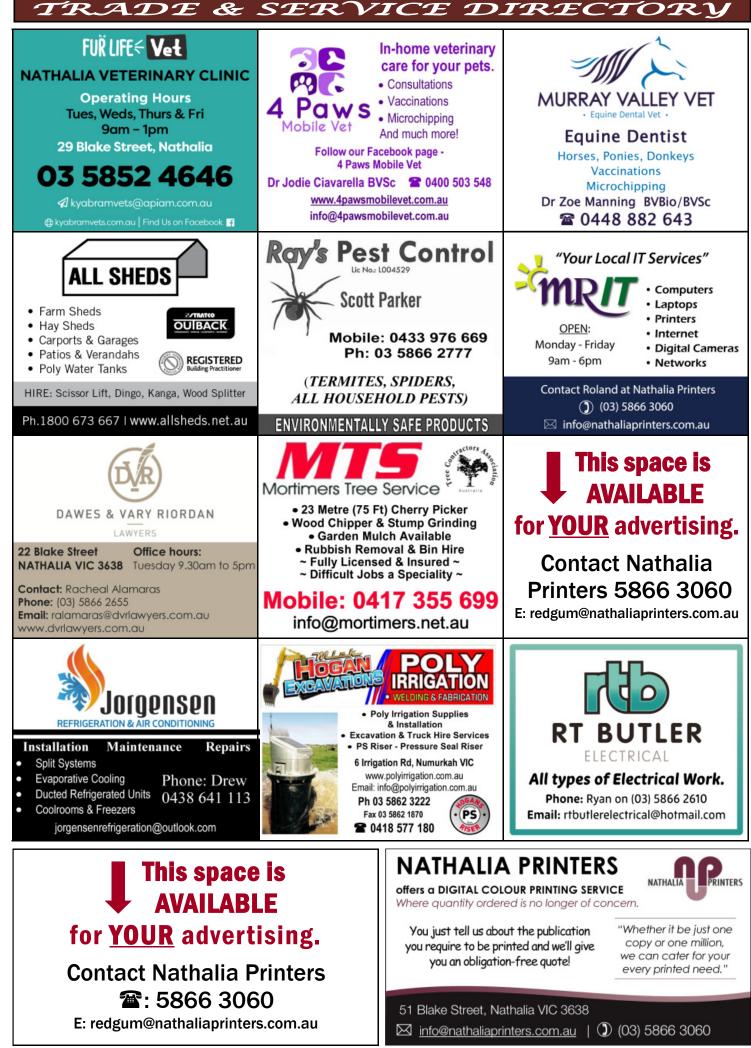


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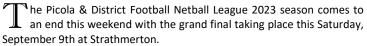
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Picola & District Football Netbll League 2023 Vote Count and Presentation



As the PDFNL season comes to a close, the league held it's vote count and award presentation evenings for both their junior and senior grades at the Moama Bowling Club.

The Junior presentation night took place on Monday the 28th August and the Seniors' was held on Monday the 4th of September.

Both nights presented some very exciting results from some of our local clubs. Congratulations to all the award winners and locals who polled well on their very successful season.



C Reserve League B&F Andrea Walker (Waaia)



Football Rising Star Josh Payne (Strathmerton)



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Netball Coach of the Year Rebekah Jones (Yarroweyah) (A Grade)



Senior Football Coach

of the Year

Damian Kennedy

(Katunga)

Senior Lead Goal Kicker Tim Looby 88 goals (Strathmerton)





Junior Football Coach

of the Year

Reserves Lead Goal Kicker 99 goals Mark Meyland (Waaia)

Pictured Left: Under 14's R/up Cooper Tetley (Katunga)

Pictured right Under 17's R/Up Lochie O'Brien (Katunga)



Under 14's B&F Oscar Buckland (Waaia)









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Senior B&F Jake Ellery (Strathmerton)

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Zavier Morris	Katunga	7
Adam Brooks	Waaia	6
Jake Henderson	Strathmerton	5
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Picola United 2023 Senior Vote Count & Presentation

he Picola United Football Netball L Club's presentation night at the Moama Bowling Club was a great celebration of a successful season. The event brought together players, supporters, and community members for a night of camaraderie and recognition.

The highlight of the evening was undoubtedly the club's two teams, the Under 15's Netball and C Reserve Netball, which had both reached the finals. While both teams were unfortunately knocked out, the club took immense pride in their



accomplishments and the hard work put in by the players throughout the season.

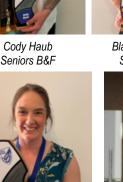
The turnout for the presentation night was fantastic and the night was a testament to the strong sense of community that exists within the Picola United Football Netball Club. As the season draws to a close, PUFNC can look back on a year filled with achievements, and the presentation night served as the perfect way to celebrate those accomplishments and look ahead to an even brighter future in 2024.

B&F: Emma Greaves R/UP: Annabel O'Dea Coaches Award: Holly McLean B Grade **B&F: Emma Mallick** R/UP: Maree Holyman Coaches Award: Alyx Jorgensen C Grade B&F: Amber Watson R/UP: Natalie Hobbs Most Improved: Kloe O'Keefe C Reserve B&F: Megan Hansen R/UP: Mikaela Egan Players Player: Megan Hansen Seniors B&F: Cody Haub

A Grade

R/Up: Blake Jorgensen Most Determined 'Blinders' Memorial Trophy: Daniel Maher Most Consistent: Brandon Byrne Players Player: Daniel Maher Coaches Award: Jason Beckett Goal Kicking: Taylor Beard (44 Goals) Reserves B&F: Austin Morgan R/Up: Darcy Maloney Most Consistent: Brad Power Most Determined: Jacob Verhey Taylor Coaches Award: Thomas Halliday Goal Kicking: Dylan Cunningham (24 goals)





Emma Greaves A Grade B&F



Alyx Jorgensen B Grade Coaches Award



Brad Power Reserves Most Consistent



Seniors R/Up



Annabel O'Dea A Grade R/Up

Austin Morgan

Reserves B&F

Amber Watson

C Grade B&F



Holly McLean A Grade Coaches Award



Darcy Maloney Reserves R/Up



Natalie Hobbs C Grade R/Up



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Jacob Verhey-Taylor Reserves Most Determined



Kloe O'Keefe C Grade Most Improved



Taylor Beard

Seniors Lead Goal Kicker

Thomas Halliday



Megan Hansen - C Res **B&F & Player's Player**



Daniel Maher - Seniors Player's Player & Most Determined









Mikaela Egan C Reserve R/Up



Nathalia Elimination Finals

U17S: Nathalia 4.3.27 def by Moama 8.7.55

The Nathalia Under 17's faced off in an elimination final against Moama at Numurkah on Saturday 26th August. Conditions were good with a slight breeze favouring the Southern end. The Purples started well to be the team winning it at the source and having the upper hand in the critical centre clearance ledger. This gave our forwards a good look early on with space to work into. At quarter time we held a tidy lead to be in a good position with all our prime movers getting their hands on the footy.

Unfortunately from the second quarter onwards we were outclassed by a bigger and stronger Moama side that basically controlled the game with strong midfield dominance, runners to link up, ability to win one on ones and applied good pressure to stifle the purples efforts to link possessions cleanly together.

The Nathalia boys never gave in and tried their hearts out to turn the tide but were just overwhelmed by a stronger/classier opposition.



Seniors Elimination Final action.



Seniors Gus Bramwell



Players for the Purples that really gave their all were Baz McDonald, Josh Dohnt and Brady Walpole. Others that also were influential and looked dangerous at times were Ned Frostick, Tyler Caufield and Harry McDonald. Unfortunately that means the end to our season but we take a lot out of the experience and so many players have grown to show great improvement which is what the junior program is about.

Goals: J. Vallender 3, R. Freeman 1

Best: Baz McDonald, Josh Dohnt, Brady Walpole, Harry McDonald, Ned Frostick & Tyler Caulfield

C Grade Netball: Nathalia 31 def by Deniliquin 41

Coming up against a very well oiled Deniliquin side for the second week in a row on Sunday 26th August at Echuca, we knew we had to bring everything we had to the court.

Going goal for goal in the first term, Deni were able to get a run on us coming up to half time. The finals weather definitely didn't work in our favour with the girls leaving the court with nothing left in the tank. Despite the end result I am very proud of all the girl's contribution that resulted making the top 6. Bring on next season!

Seniors: Nathalia 11.7.73 def by Moama 12.6.78

On Sunday afternoon we took on Moama to extend our season. We knew the game was going to be played at a fast pace and expected Moama to come out firing. Unfortunately, we started to slow,



Kaiya Cornell in C Grade Elimination Final



Baz McDonald in U17 action

enabling Moama to get out to a 5 goal lead at quarter time. Half-way through the second quarter, they extended their lead to 45 points, at which point we finally responded to kick consecutive goals. Going into the second half down by 4 goals we still had belief that we could get back into the game. Brodie Ross was massive all day, along with Bailey Bell. We kicked ourselves back into the game, only down by 2 goals going into the last quarter. We had chances in the last to level the score or even hit the front but unfortunately we weren't able to capitalise on some forward entries. To Moama's credit, they played a great brand of football all day and were able to hold on. Goal Kickers: L. Evans 4, G. Boyd 3, B. Bell, B.Ross, K. Lundberg, P. McCallum.

Best: Brodie Ross, Henry Congues, Bailey Bell, Drew Barnes, Clancy Congues & Luke McGill

Congratulations to the following Nathalia players who have been invited to attend the Murray League Vote Count and Presentation on Sunday 10th September.

> Bailey Bell (Seniors) Liam Evans (Seniors) Brodie Ross (Seniors) Gus Bramwell (Rising Star Nomination)



Murray Football Netball League Upcoming Finals

Preliminary Final - Saturday, 9th September @ Cobram Grand Final - Saturday, 16th September @ Moama

Picola District Football Netball League Grand Final - Saturday, 9th Sept @ Strathmerton

> Seniors: Waaia v Strathmerton - 2.15pm Reserves: Waaia v Strathmerton - 12.15pm Under 17's: Deniliquin Rovers v Katunga - 10.20am Under 14's: Berrigan v Jerilderie - 9.00am A Grade: Deniliquin Rovers v Katandra - 1.30pm B Grade: Strathmerton v Deniliquin Rovers - 11.40am C Grade: Waaia v Deniliquin Rovers - 1.30pm C Reserve: Katunga v Deniliquin - 11.40am 17 & Under: Rennie v Berrigan 10.10am 15 & Under: Rennie v Tungamah - 8.50am 13 & Under: Deniliquin Rovers v Rennie - 10.10am

Nathalia Blue Jazz Basketball Report Round 5

M athalia Blue Jazz U14s (Shaw) - 17 defeated by Tigers U14s (Snow) - 20

For game five of our season we faced Tigers (Snow) and what a great game it was. Both teams were evenly matched from the start, with each gaining control of the game at different times.

Blair Watson played a fantastic game, his skills improving every week. He hit the scoreboard and pressured the play at both ends of the court.

Tyson James had another incredible game, scoring 8 points and using his skill and knowledge of basketball to make smart plays under pressure.

BJ Liu was active on the court, moving well, gaining possessions and pushing hard on the opposition.

Ben Osler stepped up playing a key defensive role, while also attacking the game in offence. He hit the scoreboard for our team and kept us in the game with his rebounds.

Luke Nave showed the development of his game, taking his time under



pressure, dribbling the ball and making good passes to his teammates advantage.

Blayde Wiki-King pressed the opposition team and won the contested ball a number of times. He also used his speed to intercept the ball, drive us into scoring position and hit 3 baskets in the game.

Duane Shaw was unable to play this week due to illness and was missed by his team.

It really was an arm wrestle of a game all the way through and the points could have gone to either team, in the end it was the Tigers who took the win. They were a great team and fantastic sportsmen and we congratulate them on the victory. Bring on round 6!



Waaia Semi Final 1 & 2 Reports



SEMI FINAL 1 <u>Played at Waaia, 26th August</u>

Under 15's: Waaia 31 def Katunga 27 A fantastic game where we fended off a persistent second half come back attempt by Katunga. Our girls have got their heads screwed on perfectly for finals pressure and it's so exciting to watch each player do exactly what the team needs them to do! C Reserve: Waaia 46 def Mathoura 44

The weather was glorious and we knew it was going to be a hotly contested game.

Our aim - win as there's no 2nd chances.

Mathoura came out firing getting off to a quick lead.

Our nerves settled and we slowly clawed our way back into the game.



Claire Dickenson going for goal in C Grade's semi final victory against Katandra. ~ photo courtesy Janet Brooks

Down by 4 after the 1st quarter, we made some changes and were a draw at half time.

We held the slightest of leads heading into the last quarter and by the end of the game we were a draw again.

So 2 x 6 minute quarters were in front of us.

Mathoura came out firing again and put on 3 quick goals. Yet again the girls dug deep and clawed back the lead and we eventually won by 2 goals.

Andrea walker once again was dominant all over the court. Chrissie Karl had an impact on the game from the moment she stepped on the court and teagan Hommes held the defence end together.

Overall so proud of each and every one of you girls. You all played with determination and

courage and never gave up.

SEMI FINAL 2

<u>Played at Katamatite, 27th August</u> Thirds: Waaia 5.9-39 def by Katandra 7.9-51

Goals: A. Brooks 2, J. Purdon, A. Bryant.

A great hit-out took place between the Bomber boys and a strong Katandra side in the second semi final. The boys were encouraged to bring a strong contested game in order to match it with talented Katandra side. The Bombers started strongly with their intense pressure around the contest forcing Katandra into early errors. After a scrap in the first half, our boys were able to capitalise with the first goal and take a slight lead into half time. The class of Katandra shone through in the 3rd quarter as their midfield got on top and their forward line were

able to make the most of their opportunities. Going into the last quarter trailing by 25 points, the Bomber boys were encouraged to play all or nothing footy and take plenty of risks to get the win. They played an inspired brand of footy and were able to use clean skills to cut the margin to 6 points late in the quarter. Unfortunately, despite a brave effort from the Bomber boys, they went down by 2 goals. AJ Brooks was best afield in a strong performance, whilst Kaleb Gilmour and Tom Daniel battled hard all day! It was the end to a much improved season from the Bombers as they developed a great brand of team footy that resulted in a finals win. With much of the same team next year they'll look forward to further improvement in 2024. Best: A. Brooks, T. Daniel, K. Gilmour, O. Buckland, A. Hibma, A. Bryant.

C Grade: Waaia 37 def Katandra 36

The Bombers took the court on a warm day to secure a spot in the preliminary final.

With a strong start the game worked in our favour for the first half leaving the Bombers up by 5. We worked tirelessly in the 3rd but couldn't make a break to adjust the margin. The 4th quarter we started to tire, accuracy on passes began to decrease, dropping our 7 goal lead by the minute! Thankfully we snuck away with a 1 goal win. Back to the drawing board to enhance our 1%S come up against an undefeated Katunga side.

A Grade: Waaia 48 def by Katunga 50

A Grade took the court with nothing to lose going down by 2 goals in extra time. The Bombers gave it all they had and should be so proud of the season and finals campaign they produced.

In the Swing at Nathalia Golf Club

W ednesday the 23 of August - (Sponsored by REMAX) the ladies played stroke and the winner was Lynette Lindsay 115/37/78 net on a C/Back from Helen.

Sunday the 27th of August - Winner was Tony Brown with 40 stableford points, Tony also got NTP.

Wednesday the 30th of August - (Sponsored by TTI) three ladies played a 9 hole stableford event. Winner was Heather Frostick with 16 stableford points. No NTP Sunday the 3rd of September - Seven men played stableford, the winner was Tony Brown with 35 stableford points. NTP Peter Poon.

Great to see Devon Moroney, Toby Hansford joining us on Sunday. The course is looking great and the weather is perfect for golf. Good hitting all and hope you can join us.

Pictured right: Ryan Bell putting, watched by Devon Moroney and Toby Hansford.



Waaia Preliminary Finals 1 & 2 Reports

PRELIMINARY FINAL 1 <u>Played at Deniliquin, 2nd September</u> Seniors: Waaia 23.15-153 def Tungamah 5.10-40

<u>Goals</u>: C. Brown 5, J. Trower 4, A. Holland 3, C. Burrows 3, D. Moncur 3, B. Coates, H. Walker, T. Belford, A. Thompson, A. Tricarico.

A big prelim at Deni against Tungamah in what were perfect conditions for footy. A red-hot start made for a nice lead at quarter time after an arm wrestle for the first 10 minutes. From there the running game got going and gave plenty of opportunities for the forwards to share around the goals. A great effort across the board led by Ash Holland and Jesse Trower, with Shaun Greenway and all the other midfielders having good games. A big margin in the end and now looking forward to a massive weekend in red and black. <u>Best</u>: A. Holland, S. Greenway, J. Trower, A. Thompson, H. Walker, S. Richardson.

Reserves: Waaia 11.5-71 def Tungamah 8.8-56

<u>Goals</u>: G. Meyland 3, A. Carmody 2, L. Henderson 2, L. Karl, R. Bradbury, B. Harris, J. Cleeland. It was a great day up at Deni as we headed into a do or die preliminary final against Tungamah. In



Ash Carmody working hard to shepherd the ball from the Tungamah players in the Reserves preliminary final victory. ~ photo courtesy Janet Brooks

what was a heated contest the boys dug deep in the final term to bring home the biscuits. Sam Boyd was dominant all day finding the ball everywhere. Brendan Harris put his toughness on display as he won all contested possessions, Lachie Karl also hard a brilliant day finding plenty of the ball. The group is extremely excited to be playing in the big dance and are looking to settle the score against Strathy. <u>Best</u>: S. Boyd, B. Harris, L. Karl, R. Bradbury, S. Hixon, L. Henderson.

B Grade: Waaia 30 def by Strathmerton 46

Unfortunately it just wasn't our day. Taking the court with more injured then able bodies we knew it was going to be a tough ask and unfortunately we didn't put our best game together.

We had patches of great play and plenty of ball but just couldn't get there. Managing to get within 4 during the third quarter had us back in the game. But by half way through the 4th Strathy had a run on and there was nothing we could do.

Unfortunately we were plagued by season ending injuries which left us totally depleted.

> A big thank you to Sash (17's), Ange and Zoe (C Grade) for helping us field a team. I was super privileged to coach an amazing group of women this year.

Good luck to all the teams who have made it to the final dance. Enjoy the moment.

C Grade: Waaia 36 def Katunga 33

We're off to the big dance after a sensational game against an undefeated Katunga side. We took to the court knowing it was going to be a challenge. With the first centre in our possession, the girls came out firing sending the ball straight into the ring, shooting the first goal from a distance - from there we knew we were on. The defensive pressure applied was phenomenal, making Katunga second guess their

passes and gaining us many turn overs. The swift movement of play displayed in our mid court transition the ball from one end to the other effortlessly. After



each quarter break the Bombers continued to be in the lead, fueling our spirits to work tirelessly to prove our strengths, and boy did it pay off! You should all be so proud of an outstanding team performance, each playing your role till the end. Soak it up and reward yourselves - you deserve it!

PRELIMINARY FINAL 2 Played at Mathoura, 3rd September

Under 15's: Waaia 23 def by Tungamah 27 What a stressful game, the Bomber girls knew that it was going to be a tough battle. We started off really well, playing clean and controlled netball, however we couldn't quite hold onto our lead, going down by 4 in overtime. So close, but the girls should be so proud of themselves, the improvement from our first game to our last is outstanding, you have all grown as individual netballers as well as team mates and we all look forward to watching

you grow even more in the future. C Reserve: Waaia 26 def by Deniliquin 32

The sun was shining on a beautiful spring day in Mathoura and we had 4 quarters of netball to play. The girls came out firing in the 1st quarter and we held a slender lead at the break.

Deni slowly pegged back our lead and were just in front at half time and slowly built on their lead. To our girls credit, we stuck at it, never gave up and got close but couldn't quite get over the line. We played a solid 4 quarters of netball and you should all be proud of your efforts. We've had an enjoyable and fun year and finally I won't get yelled at by Andrea Walker. Congratulations to C Grade on making the grand final, what an awesome achievement and you have all done our club proud. Good luck to our C Grade netball team, Senior and Reserves football sides in the grand final - give it your all. Go Bombers!

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