



IRAAK NANGILOC COLIGNAN

Connected by Kulkyne Way,
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Committee update...

As the weather warms up, we'd like to remind everyone to stay safe and alert, snakes are on the move! Please take care around sheds, long grass, and river areas, and keep a close eye on pets and children when outdoors. It's a good idea to brush up on what to do if you encounter a snake, and to have emergency contact numbers handy just in case.

With the change in season also comes busier days and longer hours, so don't forget to look after yourself and each other. Stay hydrated, take breaks when you can, and check in on neighbours or friends, especially those who live alone or work out on the land. A quick chat can make a big difference.

We're also encouraging everyone to help keep our beautiful Murray River sandbars clean. As part of our new "Leave No Trace" campaign, the NCDCA is asking all visitors and locals to take their rubbish with them, respect the environment, and leave the area as they found it.

You'll see friendly reminders popping up around the district soon, let's all do our bit to protect these special places.

The NCDCA has a few exciting projects in the pipeline and we can't wait to share more details soon. Keep an eye on the Nangiloc Colignan Iraak Community Facebook Page and local noticeboards for updates.

And of course, we're busy planning our much-loved Community Christmas Event, a time for everyone to come together, celebrate the year and enjoy some festive fun. It's always a highlight of the year, and we look forward to seeing the community come together once again.

Stay safe, stay connected and enjoy the sunshine!

Kind regards,



**NANGILOC COLIGNAN DISTRICT
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

WHAT'S ON?



**Dinner Night
Friday 7 Nov 4-9pm**

**Chicken Schnitzel, chips & salad +
something sweet! \$10 per person**

*To reserve your spot, add your
name to the sheet at the bar
or on the window outside*

COLIGNAN COMMUNITY POOL

**Free community BBQ
Friday 14th Nov 4pm**

*Everyone is welcome to come along,
enjoy a sausage and catch up with
friends and neighbours as we dive into
another great summer*

Colignan & Surrounding Areas

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LET'S KEEP OUR SANDBARS BEAUTIFUL!

The sandbars along the Murray River are a special part of what makes the Nangiloc Colignan district such a great place to live and visit. Whether you're camping, fishing, swimming, or just relaxing by the water, we all have a role to play in keeping these natural spaces clean and enjoyable for everyone.

That's why the Nangiloc Colignan District Community Association is launching a "Leave No Trace" campaign to remind locals and visitors alike to:

- Take all rubbish with you – bins are limited, so please plan ahead.
- Respect the environment – avoid damaging trees, riverbanks, and wildlife habitats.
- Be considerate of others – leave the area as you found it (or better!).

Look out for signs and reminders around the district as part of this campaign. Together, we can protect our beautiful riverfront for future generations.

Let's all do our bit – take your rubbish, leave only footprints.



Around the bend...

NANGILOC & DISTRICT BOWLS CLUB

Betty Minter Day

Despite less-than-ideal weather, the Nangiloc Bowls Club successfully held its annual Betty Minter Day, with a great turnout and plenty of good spirit on the greens.

Congratulations to Irymple for taking out first place, with Mildura finishing second and Red Cliffs third.

Betty is a life member of the club, and her family continues to show wonderful support – their family business in Iraak, Minter Magic, consistently donates fresh fruit and vegetables for the club stall, helping raise valuable funds for green maintenance and upkeep.

The club also thanks Blair's Buses for their generous sponsorship of the day.

A fantastic day was had by all – here's hoping for sunnier skies next year!



Meet our community...

GAYLE COLLETT - RESIDENT

How long have you lived in or been part of this community?

I have lived in this community for 31 years.

What do you enjoy most about living here/being involved here?

What I enjoy most about living in this community is being actively involved, from serving as the President at the local Primary School, to working as the kindergarten teacher at the local Kindergarten, lifeguarding at the Community Pool and taking on the role of regional coordinator for the VicSwim program.

What inspires you to volunteer in the community?

My inspiration to become involved and volunteer came from a strong sense of community pride and a desire to contribute to the growth and wellbeing of local children and families. Being part of community programs allows me to give back and help create meaningful experiences for others.

What's a favourite memory or highlight from your time in the community?

One of my favourite memories from my time in the community is teaching children to swim. Living so close to the Murray River, I've always felt it's important for children to feel confident and safe around water. Seeing their excitement and growing skills in the pool has been incredibly rewarding.



Around the bend...

NANGILOC & DISTRICT KINDERGARTEN

Children have been having lots of fun learning through nature at our Nangiloc Bush Kinder program.

With the Murray River nearby, children explore, discover, and build confidence in the natural environment. They have also been caring for our kindergarten vegetable garden — planting, watering, and now proudly harvesting their own produce to use in cooking experiences.

These hands-on opportunities support children's independence, wellbeing, and understanding of sustainable practices, while strengthening their connection to the land and community.

Gayle Collett
Early Childhood Teacher



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Recipe of the month...

A Taste of Tradition – Thanks to the Groves Family

This month, we're delighted to share a special recipe from the Groves family, who have kindly passed on their refreshing homemade lemonade syrup – a long-time favourite in their household and perfect for sunny days by the river.

The Groves family has deep roots in our district, and their generosity in sharing this recipe is just one example of the community spirit that makes our area so special.



Pictured here outside their family business, the Groves continue to support and contribute to local life in many wonderful ways.

Thank you to the Groves family for sharing a little slice of tradition with us all!



GROVES Homemade Lemonade Syrup

***A refreshing family favourite,
perfect for warm days by the river!***

Ingredients:

- ☐ Finely grated rind of 2 lemons
- ☐ juice of 6 to 8 large lemons
- ☐ ½ to ¾ cup good-quality honey (adjust to taste)
- ☐ 2 cups water

Method:

1. In a saucepan, combine all ingredients.
2. Heat gently, stirring often, for 8–10 minutes – just below boiling.
3. Remove from heat and allow to cool on the bench.
4. Once cooled, transfer to the fridge to chill.

To serve:

Mix the syrup with equal parts cold water and coconut water (or swap for sparkling water for a fizzy twist).
Pour over ice and enjoy!

Around the bend...

A HISTORIC SIGHT ON THE MURRAY

PS Melbourne stops in Nangiloc

There was a buzz along the river recently as the Paddle Steamer Melbourne made a special stop in Nangiloc during its journey to its new home in Echuca.

This beautifully restored vessel is a living piece of Australia's river history, and its visit was a rare treat for locals. With its iconic paddle wheels and steam-powered charm, the steamer drew a crowd to the riverbanks, offering a glimpse into the golden age of river travel.

The stop in Nangiloc was overnight, with many locals turning out to take photos and admire the craftsmanship of this historic boat.

It's not every day we get to see such a majestic vessel cruising through our part of the Murray!



"On the Wheel out of Mildura was Robert Pointon whose Father and Mother purchased the Melbourne from Echuca in 1965. He was on the trip from Echuca to Mildura. The Melbourne arrived in Mildura 4th September 1965".

We wish the crew and the Paddle Steamer Melbourne all the best and thank them for sharing a moment of history with our community.

Photo of PS Melbourne moored at Police Bend, Nangiloc courtesy of Nicole Macklin



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