

FREE!

RIVER RAMBLINGS

IRAAK NANGILOC COLIGNAN

Connected by Kulkyne Way
united by Community

Committee update...

The cooler months have been a busy time for the NCDCA, with exciting things happening around our community! We're thrilled to share that our Tiny Towns project, the Community BBQ Picnic Area, is moving forward, and we're looking forward to seeing this space become a place where our community can gather, relax, and enjoy time together. These projects are made possible through community support, and we can't wait to see the finished result.

With the school holidays here, we hope everyone enjoys a well-earned break. Whether you're travelling, spending time with family, or enjoying the excitement of local events, please stay safe and make the most of the holidays.

The NCDCA team will be at the Hattah Desert Race this year, so make sure you come and say hello!

We'll be there selling drinks, NCDCA stubby holders, and bumper stickers to help raise funds for future community events and projects. Every bit of support helps us continue creating opportunities and bringing our community together.

We hope everyone enjoys the Hattah Desert Race and all the excitement it brings to our region. Stay safe on the roads, look out for each other, and enjoy the holidays!

As always, thank you to everyone who continues to support the NCDCA, many hands make light work, and together we can keep our community thriving.

WHAT'S ON?



Friday 3rd July
Scrutineering & Community Event
in Red Cliffs

Saturday 4th July
Juniors Race & Prologue

Sunday 5th July
Seniors Race Day



*This event is CASHLESS
Please purchase your tickets
before the race starts!*

For all information, please refer to
www.hattahdesertrace.com.au



**PLEASE CONTACT US IF YOU
CAN GIVE A US A HAND!**

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or via Facebook message**

TO HELP AT THE NCDCA HATTAH STALL



**NANGILOC COLIGNAN DISTRICT
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

VONNY & GLIDE TAKE ON THE 2026 SHITBOX RALLY



We are incredibly proud to see our very own Vonny and Glide (Yvonne and Diego) hitting the road and taking on the 2026 Shitbox Rally!

The adventure is already underway, with the pair tackling an incredible 3700km journey over 7 days to Townsville, all while raising important funds for the Cancer Council.

This is more than just a road trip; it's a challenge with a purpose. The Shitbox Rally brings people together from across Australia to raise funds for cancer research, prevention, and support services, helping make a difference for so many families.



**A SMALL
DONATION
MAKES A
DIFFERENCE**

We know our community loves getting behind a great cause, so let's show Vonny and Glide our support as they take on the roads, the adventures, and whatever challenges come their way. Every donation helps them reach their fundraising goal and supports a cause that has impacted so many lives.

Good luck Vonny and Glide — our community is cheering you on!



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**



HAPPY 50TH BIRTHDAY, CHRISSY!

On behalf of our community, the NCDCA would like to wish our dedicated secretary, Chrissy Wilton, a very happy 50th birthday!

Chrissy works tirelessly behind the scenes, keeping things running smoothly and supporting our community in so many ways. From administration duties, preparing grant applications, to helping bring community projects to life.

With the support of the NCDCA team, Chrissy continues to make a valuable contribution to our community.

Thank you, Chrissy, for all the time, effort, and passion you put in. We hope you have a wonderful celebration and enjoy this special milestone birthday!



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NANGILOC & DISTRICT KINDERGARTEN

Visitors to our Bush Kinder Program

We're always excited to see Y Kinders services coming together, and Mildura West Kindergarten did just that when they visited Nangiloc & District's Bush Kinder program.

Being part of Y Kinders is about community connections for many of our Educators. Having heard about Nangiloc & District Kindergarten's established Bush Kinder program, the Mildura West children had a fun adventure, meeting new friends along the way.

Children and teams alike enjoyed learning from one another, and after some welcome rain, the muddy puddles quickly became a shared highlight for all the Sunraysia children!

Gayle Collett
Early Childhood Teacher



NEW COMMUNITY SIGNS AND CIVIC PRIDE PROJECTS

Additions to our icon assets

The NCDCA is excited to share some wonderful additions to our community spaces, with new signs installed at the Nangiloc Hall and Mudhut, along with some fantastic brush art creations featuring our local wildlife, kangaroos and emus.

These projects add a special touch to our community, celebrating our unique surroundings and creating welcoming spaces for locals and visitors to enjoy.

The new signs help showcase our community facilities, while the artwork adds character and a true local feel to the area.

A huge thank you to Mildura Rural City Council for providing the funding to make these projects possible. We appreciate the support that enables us to continue to enhance civic pride.

We also want to give a massive shout-out to Shane Moore, Kelvin Cox and team for their incredible skills, time, and effort in engineering, creating, and installing the signs, as well as bringing the vision to life.

We'd also like to thank Shane and his team for their work on the new bench seat at the park, giving our community another place to stop, sit, relax, and enjoy the surroundings.

Projects like these are made possible through great partnerships and community members who put their skills and time into making our district an even better place to live.

Thank you to everyone involved, we're proud of what we're achieving together!



THE GIANTS OF BUXTON BEND

Old Gnarly and His Neighbour

Tucked away along Sand Bar Track at Buxton Bend near the Murray River stand two of Colignan's most remarkable natural treasures – the mighty River Red Gums known by locals as Old Gnarly and his nearby neighbour.

Old Gnarly is the most famous of the two, officially recognised as one of Australia's champion trees and sharing the title of the largest River Red Gum in Australia on the National Register of Big Trees.

With a massive circumference of more than 15 metres, standing approximately 32 metres tall and spreading its crown across around 33 metres, Old Gnarly is estimated to be over 500 years old. This means he was already standing long before European settlement, quietly watching centuries of life unfold along the Murray River.

Not far away stands his equally impressive neighbour—another giant River Red Gum that adds to the beauty and character of Buxton Bend. Together, these ancient trees create a breathtaking reminder of the strength and resilience of our local landscape.

Their twisted limbs, enormous trunks, and weathered shapes have made them much-loved local landmarks and favourite stops for visitors exploring the river country. For many locals, these trees are more than just part of the scenery—they are part of our shared story.

They represent the beauty, history, and spirit of the Nangiloc, Colignan and Iraak district, standing strong through droughts, floods, and generations of change.

Next time you're out near Buxton Bend, take a moment to visit these incredible giants. Sit quietly beneath their branches, take in their scale, and appreciate one of Australia's true natural wonders right here in our own backyard.

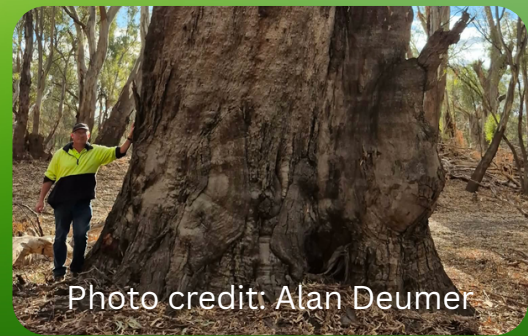


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Meet the community...

VERY SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS

Welcome William!

We would like to congratulate Rose and her family on the safe arrival of their beautiful baby boy, William Mark McKay, born on 21 May 2026.

What a wonderful blessing for the McKay family, and we wish them all the love, happiness, and precious moments that come with welcoming a new little one into the world.

We would also like to reassure families that Rose's Family Day Care remains open and operating as usual, continuing to provide the same nurturing, caring, and supportive environment that families have come to know and trust.

Congratulations again, Rose, Robby, and family on the arrival of baby William. Our hearts are full for you all.

