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## Dates to remember:

*April 14th- Term 1 ends*

*April 15th- Good Friday public holiday*

*April 17th- Easter Sunday public holiday*

*April 18th- Easter Monday public holiday*

*April 25th- Anzac Day*

*May 2nd- Term 2 starts*

\* Welcome to Tom Mills who has come down the line from Brinkworth and made his home in Blyth on Cook Avenue.

\* Welcome to Kerry Noble who has come down from the hills from Clare and has made her home in Blyth on Harley Street.

\* Congratulations Clancy Toholke (daughter of Greg & Marie Toholke) and Ben Michael of Balaklava on their recent engagement.

\* It's great to see so many houses being built in Blyth, mainly in Benbournie Estate. Last count there were 8 slabs down with the houses at various stages in building.

\* The residents in Cook Avenue are all smiles as their road got a new lease of life making it smoother and quieter and no pot holes. Now residents on JS McEwin Tce are awaiting their turn.

\* Thanks goes to Deb (below) and Geoff Hatfield who 3 years ago revamped their residence and opened "Dingo Dreaming" a Traditional Aboriginal Gallery in May 2019. Deb has educated many school students and visitors about traditional aboriginal life during that time as well as providing a place to shop for the young and old. Unfortunately for Deb, the following year 2020 COVID hit which devastated the arrival of visitors to the town. While it has been a struggle to keep the dollars turning over, Deb battled on with on-line shopping and opened the gallery when able. In March 2022 Deb closed the Gallery to move onto another chapter of her life as a 60 year old. When their house sells they plan to set off into the sunset for an adventure where ever that leads them.



\* Condolences are extended to the families of Gus Dejong who passed away suddenly on 24th March in the RAH after a tragic fall. Gus was much loved Husband, Father, Father-in-law, Grandpa and friend to many and is sorely missed by his wife Julia, daughters Nina, Rachael, Nicole (dec), Sarina and their families. Gus' cremation service was held in the Blyth Community Hall on Friday 8th April. Gus was 79 years of age.

\* A big Happy Birthday to Malcom Wandel who recently celebrated his 80th birthday. On Thursday 24 February Malcolm Wandel celebrated by watching Cheryl play bowls in Clare. On Saturday 20 March Malcolm celebrated his belated 80th birthday with kids and friends of the family at Sevenhill Hotel with a lovely lunch and with lots of laughs and memories.

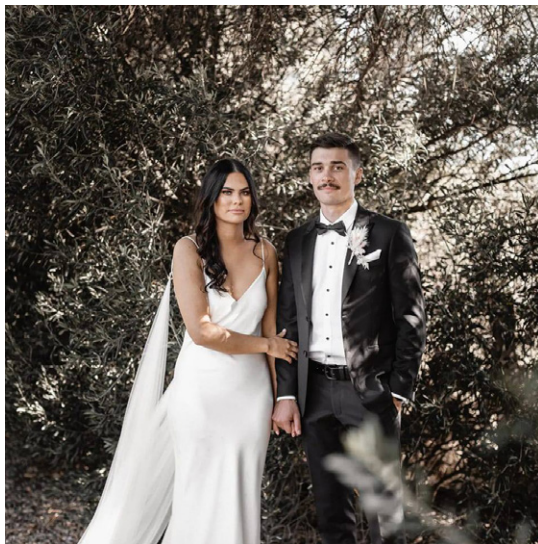
\* A huge congratulations to Emily Zweck (daughter of Gary & Ros) and Chris Flavel (right) who got married on March 12. They celebrated with family & friends at Koonowla winery in Auburn and had spectacular weather. Congrats both!



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\* It was a big month for Mid North Party Hire's Kym and Richard Schultz who saw both kids get married within a month of each other. Their son Nick Schultz married Kate Schlid (below) on February 19th at Waverley Estate in Port Elliott. They were blessed with perfect weather considering it looked like it might rain in the days leading up to the wedding!



Then a month later, Ashley Schultz and Bryce Eldredge (below) were married at Hughes Park on March 25th. It was third time lucky after having to postpone twice before due to covid. Again, beautiful weather was on the cards and they celebrated with family and friends from near and far. Ashley has recently returned from her honeymoon, hence the delay in the newsletter this month- sorry!!



\* SA Power Networks have confirmed that the street lighting in Harley St is owned by Council and Council will need to engage an electrical contractor to undertake the upgrade. The lighting was installed back in the 1990s as part of a project Council was undertaking to underground the power. Staff are currently sourcing quotes for inclusion in the 2022/2023 annual budget. It will then be a decision of Council when and how it is upgraded. Thank you to the residents who have raised this issue. If you have other questions please don't hesitate to contact Denni Agnew. Councillor Denni Agnew, dagnew@wrc.sa.gov.au 0431 233 679

### Kybunga News, from Ro Wood

\* Bryce Eldredge and Ashley Schultz were married on 25th April at Hughes Park, Watervale. The celebrations were held at the same venue in a delightful setting. Congratulations and best wishes Bryce and Ashley.

\* The Kybunga district is greatly saddened by the sudden illness and passing of Kevin Hayes on 25th March. Kevin was a valued member of the community, a willing helper at community events and an active member of the Kybunga Primary School, Kybunga Hall Committee and the Kybunga Uniting Church. After moving to Clare, Kevin continued to maintain his interest in farming and the Kybunga district. We extend our heartfelt sympathies to Karyn, Nicole and Brad, Derek and Carrie, Glenn and Barb and grandchildren Caitlin and Lachie, Jack and Sam and Macy. Kevin's eulogy can be found at the end of the newsletter.

\* The Kybunga Bridge will be sadly missed as the underneath supports give way. The Kybunga Railway Bridge was built in 1876. The Kybunga Church was built in 1896. In June 1910 material for a Kybunga Bridge estimated to be 480 pounds – Government to pay half and the Blyth Council to pay the remaining half. A single span steel beam Bridge was built in 1930 to replace the old wooden bridge. A new crossing and bridge was made in the 1997 to by –pass the bridge in Alexander Str, when the width and strength of the bridge was deemed not safe for everyday traffic. The single span steel bridge has been closed to traffic since this time but has been a valued icon of the township with residents and visitors able to stand on the bridge and view the amazing width and depth of the Creek below.



  
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## Welcome to the new Blyth Hotel Owners

Blyth welcomes Mark and Robyn Conroy who have come to Blyth and are the proud new owners of The Blyth Hotel. They are very excited to bring the iconic building back to its former glory with renovation and restorations planned.

Both Mark and Robyn are looking forward to how they can transform the pub into a community meeting place for all by providing a great dining experience, welcoming private bookings, and utilizing such a beautiful, old space.

Mark and Robyn have landed in Blyth to be in the same state as their kids, Jack (21) and Brenna (20), to be able to work together and build a great business and lifestyle while working as family.



Mark and Robyn have previously managed two regional hotels spanning the country. They've also undertaken their fair share of entrepreneurial pursuits over the last 28 years owning a bakery, a café, a snack bar, and a supermarket. Mark has also enjoyed an extensive career doing FIFO work in QLD & WA and Robyn has worked as a Centre Manager in many shopping centres across the country.

Combining a unique set of skills between them, Mark and Robyn are very excited to be a part of the Blyth community!

Presently the Hotel is open from Thursday to Sunday with the Front Bar, Lounge Bar and Beer Garden all open. Please check the fb page @ theblythhotel for Daily Specials, Menu and Opening times. There is no doubt about it that Blyth is very fortunate to have Mark and Robyn and family, with their extensive expertise in many walks of life, fall in love with our Hotel's beautiful old building.

And how old is the present Blyth Hotel?

As per page 55 of "Blyth A Silo of Stories" the original site of a Hotel presents a mystery due to details in the Assessment book of DC of Blyth. Was the Blyth Hotel erected first on allotments 116 and 117 (as in the Assessment book) then demolished and a new single story hotel built a few years later on allotments 141 and 142?? The Assessment book states the Hotel was on these lots in 1885 and not before. That is the mystery!!

What is not a mystery is the second storey as seen today was added, along with other improvements in 1910/1911.

### Blyth Community Hall

The Blyth Community Hall held their AGM in February and while no nominations were again received for Chairperson, the committee decided to continue this role on a rotation basis for each meeting. Kerryn Mugge remains as Secretary and Denby Wandel as Treasurer. Extra Committee Narelle Roberts, Janet Zweck, Hayley Zweck.

New Bookings Person is Marie Parker who can be contacted on 0407449111 or parkermarie503@gmail.com. The Blyth Community Hall Committee would like to thank Kerry Smith for doing this role very efficiently and ably handing over. Thank you.

Please remember the Blyth Community Hall is COMMUNITY owned and operated by the committee. If you are able to help by being on the committee or helping for catering or other fundraising please let me know. All help is greatly appreciated

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**Coffee 'n' chat**

Every Friday @10am at the  
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Easter Worship Times

**Good Friday**

April 15th

9am HC with Pastor Ken Pfitzner

**Easter Sunday**

April 17th

9:30am LR with Easter Eggs

**Easter 2**

April 24th

9:30am LR followed by a morning cuppa



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## Blyth Tennis Club

Congratulations to Blyth Division 5 (below) for defeating Watervale in Clare to become season 2021/22 Premiers. With the experienced Max Williams & Lachie Hayes joined by new members Lenny Weckert & Sam Hayes they had a fantastic season to finish minor premiers and go on to win the premiership.



Division 3 had a late run to finals winning their last few games to make it but unfortunately went down to Watervale in the Preliminary.

Congratulations to our most games won trophy winners as follows - Division 1 awarded to Riley Stirling, Division 3 awarded to Billy Wandel, Division 4 awarded to Matilda Kells and Division 5 awarded to Lenny Weckert. Special thank you to our team managers Josh King, Kate Wandel, Scott Welke and Carrie Hayes for all their help and support to the juniors ensuring they continue to grow and improve each week. A Grade had a good end to the season winning their last few games including defeating both Grand Finalist teams but unfortunately received the wooden spoon for season 2021/22. Well done to captains Nathan and Alycia Zweck for all the phone calls made to get a team on the court every week. Thank you to all our fill ins for the year.



On the 16th March 2022 Max Williams (right), Lenny Weckert (left) and Lachlan Hayes were chosen to compete in the Year 5/6 SAPSASA Summer Hub Day.

Lachlan could unfortunately not attend but both Max and Lenny played well showing excellent sportsmanship and team spirit - even when having to play against each other! From this day children can be chosen to represent the Mid North district in the Adelaide State Competition so we wish both boys the best of luck.

## Blyth Golf Club

Welcome to the 2022 Golf Season.

Opening day is Sunday 24th April at 11am for a 2 Person Ambrose please bring plate of food to share after play. Sponsored by Max and Yvonne Carling. Golf Days are usually held on Wednesdays 9.30am for 18 holes 10.30 for 9 holes and Sundays 11.30am.

All new players are most welcome to join. Can contact Janet Zweck or Kerryn Mugge 0428445232.

Working Bees will be held in April to get the course in readiness for the season including the Clubhouse which will get a good once over .

The 2022 Program will soon be organised. If any businesses would like to a Sponsor a Men's, Mixed or Ladies' Competition for 2022, please contact Janet 0457681694.

The Club has had a few positional changes from 2021 including:

President – Janet Zweck, Secretary – Kerryn Mugge, Treasurer – Lesley Randolph, Ladies Captain & Junior Development – Barbara Hayes; Men's Captain Simon Helbig Course Manager – Grant Mugge; Bar Manager Kim Eime; Handicappers Tyson Eime and Lyn Stirling, Scrapes person Barry Spinks/Tyson Eime.

The Club is always looking for new members, so if you have friends/family who would like to join our club please come along to our Opening Day or Wednesday/Sunday Comp days..

### IMPORTANT DATES:

#### Sunday 24th April

Club Opening Day sponsored by Max & Yvonne Carling with hit off at 11am - 2 Person Ambrose. Bring a plate of food to share after the comp.

#### Wednesday 27th April

Ladies & Wednesday Competition begins: Hit off 9.30am for 18 Holes; Hit off at 11.30am for 9 Holes (9.30am if suits) Captain Barb 0437529779

#### Sunday 1st May

Mens & Sunday Competition begins: Hit off at 11.30am Captain Simon 0438056416

#### Sunday 26th June

BGC 4 Person Mens & Mixed Ambrose - sponsored by Clare Financial Services (Graeme Wandel).



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## Blyth Kybunga Cricket Club

Season 21/22 has now come to an end and we would like to thank all of sponsors, supporters and volunteers for their contribution this season.

This season saw our A1s play in their first grand final since 1972 after having made it two years ago but the game getting cancelled due to Covid. Unfortunately it wasn't their day although they put up a good fight, particularly in the second innings to keep in it, but it wasn't to be and they ended up going down by 3 wickets. Our colts also made it to the div 2 grand final but were also unlucky, going down by 15 runs.

We held our wind up on Sunday 27th March, although it was not as well attended as we had hoped due to covid isolation requirements, a good day was still had and we'd like to thank the Blyth Hotel for hosting us in the beer garden. Congratulations to all of our trophy winners (some trophy winners pictured right):

### A1:

Barry Mugge Allrounder Medal - Riley Stirling  
Batting - Riley Stirling  
Bowling - Charat Singh  
Fielding - Will Pratt  
Captains Trophy - William Harris  
Best in Finals - Charat Singh  
5fer - Charat Singh (round 8 v Sevenhill) & Justin Zweck (round 2 v Auburn/Mintaro)

### A2:

Allrounder - Wayne Jamieson  
Batting - Wayne Jamieson  
Bowling - Cooper Altmann & Jack Welke  
Fielding - Gerry Shadforth  
Captains Trophy - Wayne Jamieson

### U16:

Allrounder - Dylan Williams  
Batting - Dylan Williams  
Bowling - Dylan Williams  
Fielding - Dylan Williams  
Coaches Trophy - Tobias Nurk  
Most Improved - Charlie Kells  
50no - Coby Bigg (round 5 v Burra/Leighton) & Dylan Williams (round 3 v Clare Red)  
5fer - Charlie Kells (semi final v Burra/Leighton)

The cricket club is in a really strong position and the future looks good.

We are very excited to see what next season will bring.



## Blyth Bowling Club


Bowls season is over once again, seeing the season ending at Blyth on Saturday 2 April with the Grand Final for the first time. Division One Clare Gold vs Auburn and Division Two Spalding vs Clare Green. Beautiful day of bowls, with greens bowling perfectly and the Club running the day with no fuss. Would like to thank everyone who helped during the week and on the day. The winner of the day was Clare Gold and Spalding.

Division One finished sixth on the premiership table, Division Two finished thirteen on the premiership table and Thursday Pennants finished seventh on the Premiership table.

All the Clubs tournaments finished on Saturday 19 March. Men's Championship Singles was played on Sunday 20th February seeing Raymond Wallis beating Bruce Farley in a close competition. The final score was 25 - 20. Ladies Championship Singles was played on Thursday 10th February seeing Cheryl Wandel playing Maureen Eime. The final score was Cheryl 25 - Maureen 17, both the games were great spectator and played in good spirit.

March 27 the club was represented at the Region Champion and Champion at Hamley Bridge with the Ladies Fours. Ladies Fours were Narelle Roberts, Elise Hornsby, Maureen Eime and Cheryl Wandel. The Ladies played against the MNTP (Auburn) and WTP (Owen). Seeing the Ladies winning 1 out of 2 games, it was a thrill to play in a competition like this and we all enjoyed it. Thanks to the people who came down to watch us.

April 9th the club will be holding their windup at the bowling club and starting to celebrate the 100 years of the club and playing.

  
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March 2022

## Blyth Primary School Leaders received their leadership badges.



Yr 6 shirt design for 2022

## NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS DAY 2022

Earlier in the term the year sixes went down to Adelaide for the nation young leader's day AKA 'Halogen' at the Entertainment Centre.

There were 4 speakers and each and every one of them inspired us about something.

The speakers were Jessica Trengrove a commonwealth medalist, Alex Ross a BBL star, Guy Edmonds Writer/director/actor/producer/author and Lachie Smart the youngest human to fly solo around the world.

By Tilly



## Recycling Shoes at school

The school took place in recycling sports shoes, thongs, slide to be remade into gym mats and playground flooring.

These didn't need to be a pair & we recycled 55 shoes instead of them going to land fill.

You can still participate by going to the website and finding the nearest location.

[TreadLightly\(aska.com.au\)](http://TreadLightly(aska.com.au))

## Recycling Bread Bags

Help Wonder turn **BREAD BAGS** into **SCHOOL PLAY EQUIPMENT**

It's simple...

- 1 Collect your empty bread bags
- 2 Recycle them at school (Monday to Friday 8:30am to 3:00pm)
- 3 No Treadmill mats, playground mats, equipment for only \$100!

Our school is in the draw to **WIN 1 of 5** exercise circuits made from recycled plastic we collect!

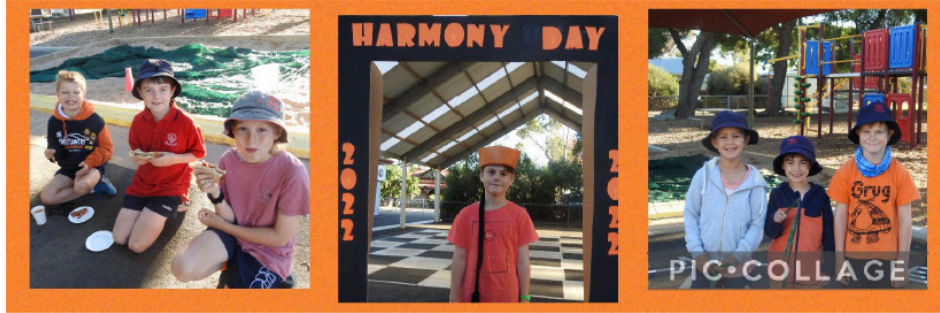
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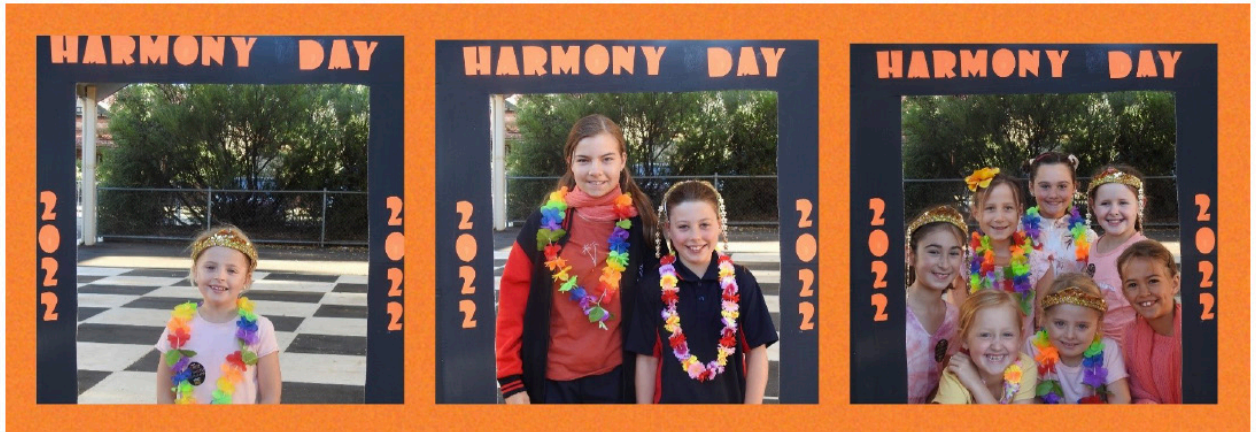
The school is recycling any bread bags again.

Please deliver to the front office of the school

## Harmony Day 24th March 2021




The school staff & students enjoyed Harmony Day with breakfast, games, a photo booth and other activities during the day.



## Ride 2 School 2022

On the 25th March was ride 2 school. It was very fun we got to ride are bikes and scooters around the oval and we got to ride on the road. It was good because no one didn't have a bike or scooter. So no one missed out. By Max

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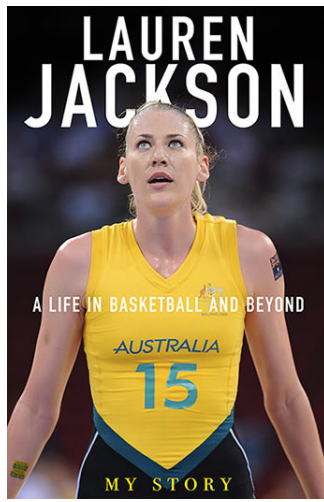
OSHC is available every school day from 3.20-6pm at Blyth Primary School. If you would like an enrolment form or further information please contact Deb Noble or the front office ph: 8844 5195.



**BLYTH COMMUNITY LIBRARY**  
**EVERY FRIDAY 2-5:00PM**  
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Library Operator: Narelle Roberts  
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Narelle is happy to deliver books if opening times are not suitable.  
 The library is a FREE service to all residents in the Wakefield Regional Council area.  
 Come in and register and enjoy reading again.



Autobiography/General: "My life as Me" Barry Humphries, "Australia's Dambusters 1943", "The Ferals that ate Australia" The Rabbit, "Lauren Jackson" (pictured), "Making Money Made Simple", Noel Whittaker, "How to build a successful low cost Rally Car", "Bush School Stories by teacher Peter O'Brien"

Gardening: "Home Landscaping", "A-Z of Roses", "Garden Projects done in a day", "Instructions for a brick Barbecue (pictured)"

Cooking: "4 Ingredients Veggie & Vegan", "100 recipes under 600 calories", "My street food kitchen", "This book is about dumplings"

Children's Picture Books: "Trucks are Terrific", "Pepper Pig and the Family reunion", "Bring a Duck", "Moonwalkers", "Blue Flower"

DVD's: "Foyles War", "Little Women", "Sky Fall", "The Hunger Games", "Avatar", "Bananas in Pyjamas- 10 episodes", "Summer Holiday- Lego Friends"

Plus fiction for all ages & magazines. Call in and see Narelle, your bound to find something!



## District Rainfall

	<i>Blyth Post Office</i>	<i>Kybunga AJ Wood</i>	<i>Hart Nathan Zweck</i>	<i>Bowillia Wayne Carling</i>
2022 February	15.8mm	16.6mm	11mm	9.4mm
2021 February	9.0mm	7.6mm	8.5mm	6.0mm
2022 March	2.0mm	1.3mm	1.0mm	1.6mm
2021 March	8.2mm	13.8mm	10.0mm	11.4mm
2022 YTD	43.2mm	55.4mm	35.0mm	53.6mm
2021 YTD	31.8mm	39.2mm	32.5mm	25.2mm

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## In Loving Memory



Kevin Laurence Hayes was born in the spring of 1948 in Adelaide. He was adopted by loving parents Joan and Clarrie Hayes, joining older sister Patricia at Mt Cooper on a substantial farming property.

Kevin wanted to be a farmer but his dreams were broken in 1960 when he was 12. His parents bought a small block near Clare, a poor hobby farm with no electricity and a deserted old house. Against all reason they left his future behind, instead milking cows and raising pigs in a desolate location. Pat and Kevin rode their bikes many kilometres over hills to school in rain, hail or shine. A year later they bought a small block closer to Clare at Stanley Flat.

There were very few things that Kevin hated: bread and butter pudding was one, the other was COWS! His father's health was poor so Kev had to do quite a lot of heavy work for him, lugging milk cans, cutting chaff and of course milking those cows! He was pint sized and people suggested he could be a jockey. He didn't get to play sport but rode horses. He went to Pony Club and later Hunt Club.

Kevin completed year 10, and started working at various vineyards, picking, pruning and rod tying. He became a jack of all trades learning how to fix things out of necessity. He liked woodwork and helped to improve the house.

After having his appendix out at 16 he finally grew. He joined the Army Reserves and thrived on it going to training camps as often as possible. Later when he missed out on the call up to Vietnam he was actually disappointed, he said his life was so boring that he would have been keen to go.

He often helped out family friends, and also assisted after the 1965 bushfires. In 1972 his dad died suddenly which was an extremely sad time for him. His mother was in poor health so Kev at the age of 23 was her main support.

On Christmas Eve after a terrible year, he was reacquainted with Karyn at a local dance. Their friendship and romance began and lasted 49 years. They were married in January 1975 at Mintaro.

Kevin wanted to make something of the property so applied to plant a vineyard under the Stanley Wine Company Scheme. Over the next years he planted 23 acres of red and white grapes as directed, in return he was given a contract to buy his grapes. This proved invaluable in later years when there was a glut in the industry.

Kevin welcomed with great joy his daughter Nicole in 1976, and son Derek in 1978. He loved being a Dad. Unfortunately during this time his mother died suddenly, having moved to Pt Augusta.

Kevin still had a great desire to be a farmer and with Allan's help and advice he looked at properties toward Blyth. In early 1981 a farm became available between Kybunga and Hoyleton. It was covered in artichokes, had red clay soil and 40 acres of creeks, a real challenge. But terms were good and with the hill blocks at Clare easy to sell he took the plunge with Karyn's blessing.

Keeping the vineyard which was now in full production they moved after vintage to Kybunga – later he called it 'God's own country'. The new phone number included 32, his age, and 34, the age he thought he would be when he went broke!

On the first day of the first harvest a second son Glenn was born to complete the family. Kev had a plan to build up the farm using water management, gypsum and weed control, and planted thousands of trees along the creeks. He gradually acquired machinery and became independent.

He worked hard between farm and vineyard, having a great team of local pickers who were reliable. Gradually some parcels of land became available and he started adding to the property. He also began share-farming for the Stockmans. As his family grew so did his income. As they say 'the harder he worked the luckier he became'.

The share vineyard was passed on and in 1999 after years of grafting and working the vineyard it was sold. Kevin predicted another bust in the industry so sold at a good time. Kevin embraced the beneficial changes in farming practices called 'trash farming' and later 'direct drilling' and GPS. He taught himself how to use a computer and adapted to online banking.

With 2 sons wanting to be farmers he acquired more land and share farming to set them up with their own properties. Nicole was in London so in 2001 Kev and Karyn ventured to the UK which whetted their appetite to do more overseas travel. They enjoyed New Zealand, a European river cruise, Fiji and Canada/Alaskan holidays. They travelled in their old caravan over much of Australia. Later these trips included new travelling friends with many laughs, adventures and campfire happy hours.

In 2008 with both boys married, Kevin and Karyn moved to Clare. The time was right and Kev enjoyed commuting. He embraced the change, joining Lions and becoming more involved in the Clare Uniting Church and Golf Club.

He welcomed with much love and joy grandchildren Caitlin, Jack, Lachie, Sam and later Macy. He was a fond father-in-law to Carrie, Barb and Brad. He loved and cherished and protected Karyn for 47 happy years.

His strength and fitness got him through vascular issues in his legs. He didn't let it stop him, riding the golf course instead of walking 18 holes. He was a worker, a community man, a generous giver and helper to many. He was especially close to Betty and Allan Hall and considered them his parents too. He endeared himself to so many people. He became the Lions 'Donut King', furniture removalist, and board member. He embraced his roles at the Uniting Church, always helping out when he could.

A country boy, a man of the land, he left his piece of country in a much better state than when he found it. After years of hard work he could proudly enjoy the fruit of his labours, but was modest about his achievements.

Unfortunately at the age of 73 his health was robbed by a vicious brain cancer. He had valuable time with the families at the farm and returned home briefly before going into Clare Hospital. Two weeks after diagnosis he passed away. He was so loved and admired, an all round good bloke.

Kevin Hayes was true blue.

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