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2021 SA Tourism Awards

The SA Tourism Awards were held on November 4th at the Adelaide Oval with a glittering gala event. Blyth was very well presented with two of our incredible tourist attractions nominated for awards.

Dingo Dreaming is thrilled to announce they won Gold in the “Award for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Island Tourism”. This means Dingo Dreaming becomes a direct finalist in the Australian Tourism Awards to be held on the Sunshine Coast in March 2022 and the town of Blyth had plenty of mentions on the night to over 900 guests.

Debbie says “Winning this award came as a fantastic surprise, we were just happy to be nominated as finalists but to win the top prize was a very proud and humbling moment. Getting into the Australian Tourism Awards next year is incredible but for now, it’s back to work. Still have lots to complete in our Centre and heaps of new and exciting products coming in soon.”

Stop by if you are looking for Xmas presents, they have a large range of unique gifts in store at very affordable prices. Open Thur-Sat 10-5pm



It was also an exciting night for Blyth Breakout Escape Rooms – we took out the Bronze medal in the New Tourism Business category of the TiCSA 2021 Tourism Awards!

Their application process was prompted off the back of the Tourism Industry Council of South Australia (TiCSA) Quality Tourism Accreditation they received back in June. They thought why not, even if they become a finalist that’s a pretty impressive task for their little family owned and operated business that has been running for less than 12 months. Competing in a year where application qualifying periods were extended due to COVID and no awards being held in 2020, it was a large field with

Dates to remember:

December 10th- School Term Ends

December 16th- Best Christmas lights judging

December 20th- Blyth Christmas Carnival

December 24th- Lutheran Church Carols & Children’s service

December 25th- Lutheran Church Christmas Day Service

January 26th- Australia Day BBQ



the majority being multi-million dollar businesses. When Blyth Breakout’s finalist nomination came through it was a real validation and the thought of actually winning crept in, so they bought tickets to the awards dinner, sorted out their disco attire as when given a choice between black-tie or disco, disco every time and rocked up with a positive attitude and no real clue on how they would go. When it came time for their category and they announced the finalists there were a lot more than they anticipated – (continued on next page..)

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(continued).. the reality of who they were competing against was a bit of a shock and Nicole at least, honestly thought they didn't stand a chance. How does a little regional Escape Room operator compete against massive corporations with big budget developments? Eos by SkyCity was the overall winner and Crowne Plaza Adelaide took the Silver Medal, then they announced the Bronze Medal and the whole table erupted as the big screen flashed up Blyth Breakout, they could not believe it and are thrilled beyond explanation that they were awarded the Bronze Medal in what their opinion, was category full of amazing operators. Congratulations to both incredible businesses. What an amazing achievement for our town.

* In other Blyth Breakout News: 2021 has been another busy year at BDH, apart from navigating the ups and downs of COVID and its implications on the tourism and accommodation sector we have managed to keep slowly moving forward. We have had around 3500 customers pass through our doors and at least 10 different schools visit us from as far away as Yorktown. On the 24th of September we opened our 4th escape room, Pirate's Peril, it has been very popular with us seeing many old faces come back and do the room as well as many new ones try their luck at escaping. 20th of November we introduced MissionX Virtual Reality Laser Tag to Blyth Breakout, depending on the popularity of this experience we may look at introducing some other forms of VR next year. We are also aiming to open the Waffle Ward in December; it will be a Waffle and Coffee based café opened the same hours as Blyth Breakout. One wall of the dining room has been decked out in some old Blyth Hospital photographs and articles and the other walls; well, you will need to pop in to check them out.

* Happy 40th Birthday to Connie Reljich (right) October 7th who had a quiet celebration with family and friends.



* Our sympathy is extended to Heather Williams and family on the passing of husband Mark after a number of years battling cancer. Mark's eulogy can be read at the back of newsletter.

* Condolences are extended to Ian Jacka and family on the passing of wife Sam.

* A belated welcome to Nate and Rachel Richardson, who have made their home in Reinke Court. After living in Victoria for a number years they hit the road for some travel, but COVID soon saw them escape WA and head to SA, and picked Blyth to live ☺

* Happy 90th birthday to Doug Lloyd (right) who was a past resident in Blyth for many years but now has moved to Gawler. Doug enjoyed his birthday party with family and friends



* Welcome to Richard and Lena Baker who have purchased their house in Guildford Street. Both Richard and Lena are keen workers in both the farming community and restoring houses. We look forward to one of our older houses in town coming to life.

* Happy 30th Birthday to Callen Kennett celebrating this with family at the Watervale Hotel on his Birthday, Friday 12th November and then the following day continued the celebrations with friends travelling by bus on a wine tour in the Barossa



* On the second day of Lentils harvest, young farmer Nathan Zweck (photo) was not so impressed with his father Ian, who reapt a boulder into the header front when harvesting Nathan's lentils – luckily for Ian the boulder had nowhere to go and only broke "eleven drum fingers" – unlucky for Nathan who had to fix them!!.. The

paddock had been rolled after it was sown and it certainly was not the rain that exposed it during the season..

* Blyth welcomes Gabrielle Kitschke who is having the pleasure of moving into her new home on JS McEwin Terrace.

* Husband and wife, Grant and Kerryn Mugge recently celebrated their 60ths. Grant celebrated with family dining out for his birthday in October,



while Kerryn celebrated her milestone on November 27th, and enjoyed a lunch at Mr Micks a few days later with her Blyth golfing friends .

* Our condolences are extended to the family of Doug Stirling who passed away in November.



* Well done to 3 of our young talented cricketers for being selected in the Mid North SAPSASA Cricket team which recently played in Adelaide. Blyth Kybunga Cricket Club members, Seth Angus, Coby Bigg and Charlie Kells were members of the Mid North team who came home with the Division Three title.

* The Blyth Hotel has seen a few changes in the last month when Darren and Lea said farewell in October. Roy and Helen Tate took over as Caretakers of the Hotel before moving on early November, and we now welcome current Caretakers Phil & Mel to Blyth. After Phil gave the Beer Garden a huge trim, a Sunday session was held from on 21st November with the locals enjoying the great outdoors.

OPENING HOURS are:
 MONDAY & TUESDAY: CLOSED
 WEDNESDAY – SATURDAY: 4PM – till close
 SUNDAY: 1PM – 7PM

Close time may change at Manager's discretion.
 Meal Specials for either Dine in or Takeway are on the Menu.
 Accommodation & Bottle Shop & EFTPOS available.
 More info check out their Fb page or ring 88445004

* Congratulations to Jeff and Marleen Pratt who celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary. Family and friends celebrated their anniversary with a dinner at the Bentleys Hotel in Clare. Their wedding was solemnised at the Zion Lutheran Church in Saddleworth on the 2nd of September 1961, after Jeff played finals football at Redhill, winning with the last kick of the day (a goal of course). Jeff and Marleen lived together for 36 years on their family farm, "Boskey Dell", before moving to Clare on July 14th, 1997. They have many grandchildren and 3 great grandies. Marleen has recently returned from a 10 day holiday with her sister in law Denise Pratt, at Childers, QLD. Congratulations Jeff & Marleen.



* Congratulations to Sue Pratt, who was recently awarded the Agricultural Teachers Association of SA (ATASA) Excellence Award at the World Teacher's Day Awards on the 29th of October. To back this up, Sue was runner-up for the Secondary Teacher of the Year in the Public Education Awards on the 5th of November.

This is well-deserved recognition for Sue's tireless work to inspire students into agricultural careers and support teachers all around the state to do the same.

Photo: Sue Pratt and her mentor Mal Jurgs at the Public Education Awards

THANKYOU- Thankyou to the local farmers and the Blyth and Hoyleton CFS Units who reacted quickly and extinguished an unexpected grass/crop fire in my paddock on 28th October. Everyone's super efforts and efficiency on the day was greatly appreciated. With thanks, Don Williams.



Merry Christmas

WORSHIP TIMES

Dec 5th - 9.30am LR
 Dec 12th- 11.00am HC with Pr Greg
 Dec 19th- 9.00am HC with Pr Greg
 Christmas Eve: "The Unexpected Christmas"
 Dec 24th- 7.30pm Carols & Children's Presentation
 Christmas Day
 Dec 25th- 9.30am HC with Pr Greg
 Dec 26th- No Service
 2022 Jan 2nd- 9.30am LR

The United Archers

Every 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sunday of each month from 1.30pm.
 If you would like to come and try or would like more information please call Paula on 0438987200 or email us at unitedarchers.outlook.com or message us through our facebook page.

Australia Day

At Padnaindi Reserve, BLYTH
 Wednesday, 26th January, 2022
From 6.30pm
 BBQ meat & Salads supplied
 Please bring a Dessert to share.
 Progress members will serve all food.
 BYO Dessert, chairs and drinks .
 Supported by Wakefield Regional Council
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 Further details or apologies contact Kerry Smith 88445368

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Flowers bringing people together

The Clare Valley Floral Design Club is a place where it's 15 members enjoy the social aspect, just as much as the floral arrangements they take great pride in. During their meetings, they



have a 'Topic of the day' that each member turns into a unique, beautiful arrangement they have interpreted from that theme. Marleen Pratt OAM (above) is an international judge and multi-award winning mentor, who mentors the group and guides them on the design of the arrangement. Marleen also introduces members to the plant classification system, giving members some new knowledge of the scientific names of plants.

The Blyth Development Board wish to extend their congratulations to the following groups and clubs on their successful Grant Application for the October 2021 Round.

- The United Archers Inc - \$1274.48
For the supply of electricity to the Archery Shed
- Blyth Progress Association - \$1160.00
For the installation of historical photos in the windows of the middle shop at 14 Harley Street.
- Blyth Golf Club - \$2260.00
For the installation of new air conditioning to the clubhouse.

The next Grant round opens in April 2022 where clubs & groups of the Blyth district are encouraged to apply for funds needed to assist planned projects.

Total funds available at this time will be \$12,500.00
For further information, please contact Natalie McElroy – Secretary on 0498 756 519 or contact.cinema@blythsa.com.au

Natalie McElroy
Secretary
Blyth Development Board Inc.



Coffee 'n' chat
Every Friday @10am at the
Blyth Cafe.
(Harley Street)

Someone will always be there to enjoy your company.
New to town? Please come along and meet a few of the locals. All welcome.

For more info,
contact Narelle, 0458 128 932

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Blyth Golf Club

The End of Season Dinner was held on September 17th at the Bentleys Hotel where 3 Life Membership were awarded. Trevor Victor for the numerous positions held including President, Men's Captain, Treasurer, Handicapper, Bar Manager and over 35 years' service to the club. To Janet Zweck for numerous positions held including Treasurer, Secretary, Ladies Captain, Association Secretary and 25plus years' service to the club. To Mark Williams who was Men's Handicapper for 11 years, instigator and maker of various improvements to the course, plus use of his machinery at many busy bees plus over 20 years' service to the Club. While Mark was unable to attend, his wife Heather accepted his Membership. (all pictured below)



Men's Captain
Simon Helbig
presented a Service
Award to Mark
Finn (right) for his
past services as a
member and now a
volunteer barman at
the club.



On Sunday
September 19th the
Club held their
Wind Up with
a successful 4 person Ambrose competition concluding with
afternoon tea.

The Club's AGM was held in October with the following being elected: President Janet Zweck; Vice President & Junior Officer Barbara Hayes; Secretary Kerryn Mugge; Treasurer Lesley Randolph. Thanks were extended to Barry Spinks for his past 3 years as President. Committee: Denby Wandel, Kim Eime, Captain Barb Hayes, Captain Simon Helbig, Kane Steele, Mark Howard, Grant Mugge, Lyn Stirling, Tyson Eime, Barry Spinks.

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Blyth Progress Association Committee

Kerry Smith (Chair), Cheryl Wandel (Sec), Janet Zweck (Treas), Kym Schultz, Tracey Andriske, Ian Roberts, Deb & Jeff Hatfield, Graham VanDeere, Ashley Schultz, Dean Smallacombe, Helen Bennie

Blyth Management Committee

Blyth Management Committee held the election of officers meeting in August and the following were elected Chairperson – Barry Spinks; Vice Chairperson – Janet Zweck; Secretary – Tracey Andriske; Treasurer – Kristin Carling. Thanks to Janet Zweck for her role as Treasurer for the past 7 and competently managing the financial accounts for Blyth Management Committee, Blyth Progress Association and Water Retention Scheme.

The Management committee has recently received confirmation that Wakefield Regional Council, at their recent Council meeting, have agreed to a budget provision of \$50,000 in 2021/2022 for the purpose of developing a master plan, detailed designs and cost estimates for the redevelopment of The Blyth Sports area and South Terrace precinct.

This will involve WRC appointing a Management Company to meet with the community members to develop a long term management plan of these areas. Having a management plan in place will assist sporting and community groups to apply for grant funding with the support of Wakefield Regional Council. This support enables access to more grant funding as it becomes available.

Improvements along South Terrace that have been discussed are – development of the War Memorial Area, improved water run off collection and relocating the entrance to the sporting grounds past the tennis club.

Initial meetings have been held with Andrew McDonald CEO of Wakefield Regional Council to develop a 'scope of works' to submit for tenders to develop the Master Plan and it is hopeful to commence this planning with community interaction in early 2022. Further details will be made available early next year.

Blyth Bowling Club

Bowling Season is in full swing, playing in rain, hail and wind so far since October.

Thursday pennants have been going along nicely, seeing them in the top four this week for the first time this year.

Saturday pennants Division one and Division two have been up and down so far, seeing Division one being sixth on the premiership table and Division two being eighth on the premiership table.

October 9 in the morning the club held the Busy Bee and then in the afternoon held the Club Pairs, with a sausage sizzler for lunch. Winner of the Club Pairs was Ian Wandel and John Bradbury and Runner up Damien Philp and Alan Hornsby. Thanks to all who attended the day, with the Busy Bee and playing the Club Pairs.

October 19 the club hosted the Open Cosmo Four Day with 14 teams representing the clubs from far and wide. Thank you everyone who helped on this day, it was a great day watching

bowls and preparing a delicious fish lunch.

October 31 the club hosted the knockout for the Men's State Four for the Region 8, seeing Riverton team and Laura team playing for the spot in the final 8, seeing Laura team winning the game and representing Region 8 in the Four.

Saturday 4 December will be holding the Christmas Dinner, with a three course meal starting at 7 pm, and Tuesday 7 December the club is holding the Broughton Thursday Pennants Association Championship Four.

Friday night after 5 pm the Bowling Club Bar is open. Everyone is welcome.

Blyth Snowtown Football Club

The Blyth Snowtown Football Club held it's AGM on the 26th October at the Blyth Bowling Club where the committee for 2022 was appointed as follows: President: Phillip Bigg, Secretary, Adam Conradi, Vice President AJ Wood, Treasurer Rhys Baxter, general members: Hook Price, John Wood, Rob Pratt, Ian Wandel, Scott Atkinson, Ash Hentschke, Ben Pratt, Roz Zweck and Luke Dohnt.

In other news Tim Packer has been reappointed as the A Grade coach and Nigel Harris as the B Grade coach for 2022. We look forward to seeing the stability that they have brought continue and wish them all the best as they continue to build on their teams strong finishes in the past season with the anticipation of playing finals again next year.

Junior coaching applications will open up in January for the U17, U14, U12, U9 and Auskick. We encourage members with or without children playing to consider these valuable and rewarding roles.

Blyth Snowtown will look to continue girls footy in a new format for the U14 and U17 players. Information has been shared to our facebook page and Jeremy Kells can be contacted if you are interested or would like more information.

If you are looking to get involved in a family friendly club, please don't hesitate to contact myself. We always welcome new junior and senior players and those interested in volunteering. It's a great way to meet locals amongst our Blyth and Snowtown communities.

Looking forward to a successful 2022 season.

Phillip Bigg
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Blyth Community Hall, Blyth Main Street

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.

DVD's available: Adult titles- "The Inside Man", "The Good Doctor, Series 2", "The Good Karma Hospital, Series 2", "Minority Report"

Teenage & Children's titles "The Wishmans Tree", "The Fairy Odd Parents, Season 1 & 2"

Books available: Autobiography/General- "Remembering Hooksey", "Me- Elton John", "Peter Brock", "Mawson- Life & Death in Antarctica", "Gulpili", "6 Great Inventors", "Explore Australia"

Cooking- "Air Fryer Recipes", "Just add Sauce", "First Prize Pies", "Everything Stirfry", "Weight Watchers Cookbook"

Gardening- "Veggie Gardeners Answer Book", "Attracting Butterflies to your Garden", "Garden Succulents", "Gardening through the Year- Australia"

Health- "Running till you're 100", "Nutrition", "Read the label", "The Self-Care Solution"

Children's Picture Books- "Out", "Our Home, Our Heartbeat", "Sophie Johnson Detective Genius", "Books Make Good Pets", "Chickens to the Rescue"

Also- Adult Crime, Romance & Fiction, Large Print available & Children's Fiction.

Library will be closed December 24th and 31st. Open again on Jan 7th, 2022.

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District Rainfall

	<i>Blyth Post Office</i>	<i>Kybunga AJ Wood</i>	<i>Hart Nathan Zweck</i>	<i>Bowillia Wayne Carling</i>
2021 October	29mm	35.4mm	16.5mm	21.6mm
2020 October	54.2mm	38.4mm	36mm	55.0mm
2021 November	39.7mm	69.6mm	94.5mm	83.8mm
2020 November	5.6mm	6.2mm	6.2mm	8.6mm
2021 YTD	320.9mm	422.22mm	252.50mm	326.6mm
2020 YTD	373mm	327.2mm	347mm	313.8mm



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Blyth Christmas Street Carnival

Monday, 20th December, from 6pm
Subject to COVID restrictions & weather

Father Christmas comes to town! BBQ, Licensed bar, Mini Putt Putt, Dunk'em, raffle & spinning Wheel.

In the meantime, get ready for these competitions.....

Fancy dress & decorated bike
All kids entering to be at the stage at 6:30pm

Quandong dessert competiton
Are you a quandong masterchef? Present your dessert at the BBQ table by 7pm

Blyth's best xmas lights judging
Remember to turn your lights on Thursday, December 16th at 8:30pm!

Best xmas poster competiton
One for the kids. Colouring posters can be found on *Blyth around the Traps Notice board* on Facebook. Posters can be left at the Primary School or Medika gallery by Dec 10th, or left at the BBQ table by 6:30pm on Carnival night.

See you there.



BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL – BOOKINGS CAN ONLY BE MADE BY CONTACTING NATALIE McELROY on 0498 756 519

For an updated Blyth Cinema program for December, please follow:
their facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/129801730418863>
the weekly column in the Plains Producer,
or email Natalie at: contact.cinema@blythsa.com.au



**Coming...
Dec 2021
Jan 2022**



Blyth Christmas Street Carnival

Monday, December 20th

From 6:00pm (main street closed to traffic from 5-10pm)

6.00pm | **BBQ Steak Sandwiches, Sausages & chicken burgers. Licensed Bar.**

6.45pm | **Fancy dress & decorated bike competition**

Every entrant receives a prize. Sponsored by Clare Financial Services

7.00pm | **Children's colouring competition winners announced**

Sponsored by Wood—Mobile Sheep Dipping

Best Christmas lights in Blyth announced- \$100 cash

Runner-up, encouragement award

Sponsored by Complete Wool Services, MC & KL Eime Silage,

Clare Mitre 10 & Blyth Progress Association

7.15pm | **Water Balloon Championships**

Sponsored by Mid North Sandblasting

7.30pm | **Quandong Dessert Competition**

quandongs available from Ian Roberts, sponsored by Medika Gallery

7.45pm | **Father Christmas Arrives At The Magic Cave.**

Treats sponsored by Rohan & Alex Welke Transport.

Father Christmas photos by Carmen.

8.30pm | **Drawing Of Christmas Stocking Raffle.**

Donations from Matriarch & Rogue Wines, Effigy Hair Studio, Blyth Cinema, Mathies Meat Shoppe, Blyth Post Office, Blyth Hotel, Medika Gallery, Broken by Design, Dingo Dreaming, Blyth Progress Assoc, Breakout Escape Rooms.

DUNKEM (subject to weather) & MINI PUTT PUTT COMPETITIONS

Sponsored by Mid North Party Hire, Matriarch & Rogue Wines.

SPINNING WHEEL during the night

Sponsored by T & A Eime, D & T Glazing, Mathies Meat Shoppe, Centre-State Pest & Weed Control

Thanks to Mid North Party Hire, Mid North "Pato's" Hire, Blyth Progress Association, Blyth Tennis, Golf, Football & Bowling Clubs, Blyth Primary School, Blyth Kybunga Cricket Club, Blyth Playgroup, for their help on the night.



MEDIKA GALLERY

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COME ALONG TO OUR COMMUNITY INFO SESSION!



The Blyth Battery is a stand-alone battery storage facility in the early stages of development that will be up to 300MW. Neoen are holding a Community Information Session to share information and hear your thoughts on the project.

On the day, you can meet some of our project team, view maps and learn about the project, which is expected to bring significant investment to the local and regional economy.

BLYTH TOWN HALL

Thursday, 9 December

3–6:30pm

10 Harley St, Blyth SA 5462

You can learn more and find updates at:

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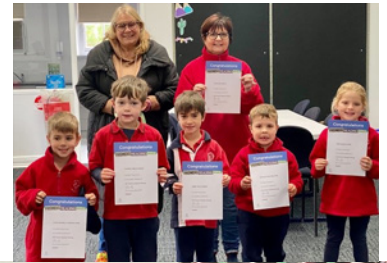
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November 2021

The students were given certificates and medals for completing The Premier's Reading Challenge. Thanks to Shirley Jenner for managing this wonderful event each year and the teachers for ensuring that our students are able to enjoy reading the many books needed to complete the challenge.

Premiers Reading Challenge Awards 2021



Swimming Lessons from the 15th Nov-19th Nov 2021 gave the students a varied assortment of weather from 14 degrees to 30 degrees



MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE STAFF & STUDENTS AT BLYTH PRIMARY SCHOOL



Konnichiwa! This year in Japanese we have learnt how to introduce ourselves, and how old we are, how to talk about the people, places and animals in our community and the weather. Numbers, colours and feelings have also been part of our learning. To wind up our interesting and fun year of learning Japanese, our two online sensei came to visit in person! Children were lucky enough to be able to try on the Japanese Summer kimono, or yukata.



EULOGY: Mark Roy Williams 25/5/1953-17/11/2021

Mark was born at the Blyth Hospital to Patricia and Murrey Williams on the 25th May 1953.

Mark has an older sister Julie and 2 younger sisters Heather & Kristie.

Mark attended Blyth Primary School, and then found his niche when he attended Brinkworth Area School, as the school included skills which he was already developing, when working on the family farm.

Like his father before him, Mark could turn his hand to anything that required designing, fixing, renovating and restoring. In later years Mark became a wool classer and worked around the area in shearing sheds.

Spotlighting with family and friends was an enjoyable past time for Mark, which usually included a few green ginger wines in the process.

The family home was busy, but full of fun. In the early years it was all hands on deck to help with looking after the animals, getting the livestock in for market or with helping manage the poultry side of farming.

From early age family holidays were at Pt Hughes. Mark made good friendships then and still retains some of them today.

Mark played a huge part in influencing the family holidaying at Pt Hughes due to earlier holidays at Pt Elliott. The family spent several years at a boarding house in Port Elliott. The family were requested not to return, as Mark kept ringing the doorbell!!! Consequently, Pat and Murrey purchased a property at Port Hughes. Great times with family have always been had there. Mark's Dad Murrey built a boat, which meant holidays were filled with fishing, skiing and family friends staying.

Mark played football for Blyth and was a hard man to play against. He was successful at this and won many trophies throughout these years. He was also given a Blyth Football Club Life Membership.

He joined the Clare scuba divers club and enjoyed many trips around the jetties and sinkholes in South Australia.

Mark met Heather at Porters Lagoon in 1974 through a friend's dad who was a member of the scuba Divers club. They later met up at a Saddleworth Dance where the romance began.

Heather worked in Adelaide, so there were many trips back and forth to town. They spent many weekends with his Sisters Julie and Heather and many fun times were shared. After 3 and half years, Mark and Heather got married. The wedding was held at the Saddleworth Uniting church on the 21st October 1978. They honeymooned in Victoria travelling on the great Ocean Road through to Philip Island and back. They moved into the farm house and his Parents Pat and Murrey moved into Blyth. Mark played Basketball for Blyth and continued to play football for many years.

In 1980 their daughter Tania Nicole was born at the Blyth Hospital. A very tiny little girl who Mark adored. Then in 1983 Mark & Heather were delighted to have a son Matthew Adam. Mark worked hard on the farm with his father Murrey. They worked well together and he admired his father very much. In later years when Murrey's health declined Mark was able to manage the farm by himself. When Matthew was old enough and had finished school, he joined the family farm and the two of them had a great working relationship.

In the late 1980's Mark and Heather, together with Julie and Eddie, enjoyed dirt circuit car racing at Black Rock. Their competitions took them all over the State.

He was very successful and won many trophies along the way. He also took out the state titles one year. They enjoyed this sport for 9 years until Mark grew tired of having to work on the car each weekend.

Mark then took up Golf at Blyth and Clare. He enjoyed his golf playing at Blyth during winter and Clare on Saturdays when not busy working. Mark was honoured with a Life Membership from the Blyth Golf Club this year.

In 2002 their first grandchild Brooke arrived followed by Bonnie, Bradley, Anna & Max. Mark adored his grandies and was lucky enough to spend a lot of valuable time with them.

In 2016 Mark was unfortunately diagnosed with cancer. This was quite a shock and was the start of many operations and treatments over the years.

Mark was very strong and resilient and never complained. Although there were some very tough times, Mark was always willing to try any treatments, so he could be here for his family and the farm. These were the important things to him in life. Even when he was not well, we had a hard time from keeping him from working.

During this time, he still managed some holidays. Some golf Trips with Julie & Eddie and especially a Trip to Tasmania in 2019 with close friends. They rode their Harleys and Heather was Marks passenger for some of this time. It was a wonderful trip.

In November 2020 Marks cancers returned and he needed further treatments in Adelaide. Trips to Perth for treatments were also undertaken, but to no avail.

Mark's wishes were to remain at home to be cared for by Heather. He was able to make his own choices regarding both his treatment options as well as how he wanted to manage his last days. This was important to him and to our family. We are very grateful for the wonderful support from family and friends, who were there for him the whole time.

Thank you to all Marks doctors, specialists and particularly Tara from Palliative Care. Tara was able to share her knowledge and provide care over many months for Mark and Heather and was invaluable for helping with Marks pain relief and wellbeing. Mark had a good sense of humour and was very practical, he was even cracking some jokes during his final admission to Hospital, telling us we didn't have to hang around to watch, that we could go out for dinner and he'd pay!!

Mark is loved so much by his family and friends and will be missed greatly. He is at peace.

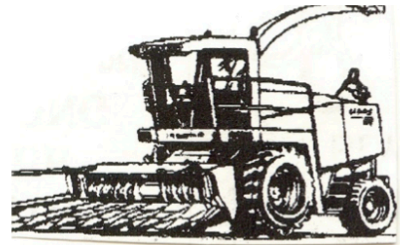
Mark's funeral was held in the Blyth Community Hall on 25th November. The Blyth Golf Club held a Guard of Honor before Mark's mates from the Motor Bike Group on their impressive Harley-Davidsons led the cortege to the Blyth Cemetery.

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