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- * Happy Birthday to Ros Zweck (right) who celebrated her 60th birthday on November
- 11th with friends & family at The Sevenhill Hotel. A great night was had by all with local duo Junlee playing tunes throughout the night.
- * Cousins Geoff and Debra Smith are pleased with their new property in Blyth after living in Elizabeth Vale.
- * Blyth welcomes Meg Barp as she settles into her new built home in Benbournie Estate.
- * Welcome to Nellie and Joe Noble together with daughter lylah who are happy to be in their new home in Benbournie Estate. While the Nobles are not new to Blyth, having rented while their house was being built, they are excited to have their own home at last.
- * Our condolences to the families of the late Murray Jericho who passed away on 1st November at the Balaklava Hospital also at the age of 89 years of age. Murray was a well-known shearer around the Hoyleton district in his younger days and also farmed all of his life at Hoyleton including a dairy.. Murray attended our ANZAC Day services repeating the Ode many times.



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Dates to remember:

December 16th - Term 4 ends December 19th - Blyth Christmas Street Carnival January 26th - Australia Day January 30th - Term 1 commences Feb 8th - Blyth Hall AGM

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- * Congratulations to Kym and Richard Schultz (above) and the team at Mid North Party Hire who recently took out first place for Wedding Hire at the Australian Bridal Industry Awards. The Australian Bridal Industry awards recognise wedding vendors across all disciplines and are voted on by past couples.
- * Our sincerest condolences and thoughts are with the Wyatt family after the passing of Bob. Bob was a great support to the Blyth Bowling Club. He played Bowls for a few years and he was always helping keep the surrounds neat and watered. Bob passed away in Clare on the 10th of November.
- * Congratulations to Stacey Mugge and Blake Earle (left) of Blyth who were married on October 15th. Blake and Stacey held their wedding in Stacey's parents, Kerryn & Grant's olive grove, just out of Blyth.



* Harley Street, Blyth is the new address for Steph and Michael Kulesza and children Juliet, twins Gabriel & Raphael, Nathaniel and Geniveve who have moved from Tea Tree Gully to enjoy country life in Blyth.

* Congratulations to Georgia Mills & Will Angel (right) of Blyth who recently got engaged on November 5th.



Harvest has well and truly kicked off!

Due to the last month of rains, farmers are facing wet paddocks this season, some wetter areas than others.

A senior farmer recently got his header stuck while reaping barley just outside of Blyth.

On the previous day the father told the son not to reap in the wet part of the paddock – as sons do - didn't listen and the son ventured down there any way, only to just about get stuck, but skilfully he reversed out of the mud before sinking.

The next day the father decided he would just tidy up in the same spot (not listening to his own advice) but this time the

header hit the wet spot and sank into the mud. The harder he tried to get out the wheel sank deeper and deeper, and there was no hope of getting out... After 7 long hours of

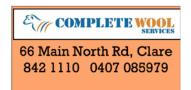


discussion and trialling different techniques the header eventually was retrieved by using a heavy duty snatch trap - thankfully. Thanks to the many locals who offered advice and lent a helping hand on the best method to get the header out without damaging the machinery. The father was last seen in the naughty corner!!



* The Blyth Hotel have set up a gift appeal in the foyer of the hotel for locals to drop gifts. The gifts will then be donated to the Ronald McDonald House. Ronald McDonald House South Australia gives seriously ill and injured children the best gift of all – their families. Their warm and supportive home-away-from-home provides the whole family with a comfortable place to stay and peace of mind, knowing they can stay together and close to the Women's and Children's Hospital. For more information, and to see what gifts they could benefit from, please contact the Blyth Hotel.











Blyth Golf Club

The Blyth Golf Club held their AGM on October 31st with a good crowd in attendance.

A new Club Constitution was adopted as well as elections of office bearers for the 2023 season.

President – Janet Zweck, Vice President – Simon Helbig, Secretary – Gabrielle Kitschke, Treasurer – Lesley Gibson, Course Manager – Grant Mugge; Captains Simon Helbig and Barb Hayes. Extra Committee Barry Spinks, Justin Zweck, Kim Eime, Tyson Eime, Mark Howard. Handicappers – Tyson Eime and Lyn Stirling; Bar Manager – Kim Eime.

Projects happening include a new pergola & deck on western side of clubhouse, plus new T blocks surface. The club is also scheduled to hold the SA Vets Sand Green Championships in July which will bring many visiting golfers to our community. The course is currently closed and will re open late April 2023.

Blyth Bowling Club

Well the season is up and running once again, Thursday Pennants playing well, seeing in the third on the premiership table at the moment.

In November two players represented the club in the InterAssociation games, against three other association. Seeing Broughton Thursday Pennants winning the day. During the October we had two Ladies bowlers who had a celebrated their 70 birthday, so in December to ladies bowlers will going out for a lunch at Mr Mick.

Saturday Pennants are going well, Division One Quinn Shield, are playing quite well seeing them second on the Premiership table. Division Three Stephenson Shield are top on the premiership table, especially we are a little on number due to wedding, Christmas Show and other venue happening. Thank you to all the people who help us though this time playing bowls.

In October the club held the annual Open Cosmo Fours, with teams coming from local clubs and other associations. It was enjoyable day, with fish lunch, and great bowls throughout the day. The winner of day was a team from Barmera. Thought out the season a few players have play in State Events, well done all play in these events.

During December the club will catering for a Christmas luncheon for the Uni3A this Wednesday and then Carer and disability link on Thursday night. Thank you to all have help in anyway with the catering we have done during the first part of the season.

Blyth Playgroup

Despite the unpredictable weather this term, Blyth playgroup has continued each Monday morning at the Blyth primary school. The children have enjoyed learning and playing together, whilst making new friends and enjoying the company of those they already knew. Each week, the children have enjoyed participating in a variety of activities including bubbles, wheels morning, nature play, obstacle courses, painting, playdough and much more. We have had great numbers attending this term with a number of new faces joining us.



The playgroup is extremely fortunate to be able to use the beautiful grounds and facilities at the Blyth Primary School. The staff are so accommodating allowing us to use their spaces as well as their fantastic resources. It has also been lovely to see the relationships between the school children and playgroup children grow each week.



After 5 years of running the playgroup, with the help of Belinda Angus, Alycia Zweck has handed over the coordinating role to Sarah Dall and Brydie Pedler. We would like to thank Alycia and all those who assisted her along the way for all their hard work, dedication, creative ideas and support in coordinating a playgroup for the town of Blyth. Blyth playgroup meets every Monday morning of the school term from 9-11am. We always welcome new parents and children and look forward to playgroup starting again at the beginning of the 2023 school year.

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Blyth Community Hall

The Community Hall continues to raise funds for our great Hall by recent catering for a visit from a Motor Car Club, plus catering for the Christmas Dinner of the Mid North Film Club on Thursday 1st December.

At the conclusion of the dinner, the Mid North Film Club's Sue Wurst thanked the group for their excellent food and service from the night, and also surprised the committee with the announcement and presentation of \$1,000 towards the new Hall's Commercial Dishwasher recently purchased. The Commercial Dishwasher was recently installed in the Hall's kitchen and had its first quick run on Thursday night. Thanks goes to the Wakefield Regional Council Community Grant of \$6,000 being 50% of quoted costs plus the unexpected \$1000 from the MN Film Club, as well as \$1000 from the Clare Lions Club.

Unfortunately from the time of receiving quote to buying the dishwashing costs had escalated by more than \$500. Final cost of Commercial dishwasher was \$7,100 plus \$5,837 to install mains water to the kitchen, extra plumbing, electrical and cabinetry work to fit the dishwasher. The total cost of the project came to nearly \$13,000.

The Community Hall is always looking for volunteers and if you would like to join the Hall committee or help at functions, the AGM will be held on Wednesday 8th February 2023 at 7.30pm in the Library room.

(Photo) MN Film Club's Sue Wurst with Hall Treasurer Denby Wandel and Secretary Kerryn Mugge.



Children's Christmas Eve Service

The story of the birth of Jesus thru carols, dance & play.

All welcome to come and celebrate the Christmas Story

on

Saturday 24th December at 7.30pm

Trinity Blyth Lutheran Church 35 South Terrace, BLYTH.



Followed the next day with
Christmas Day Service
at 10.00am with HC led by Pr Greg.



BLYTH TRINITY LUTHERAN WORSHIP 35 South Terrace, Blyth

Times are subject to change - check church notice board

Dec 11th- 9.00am HC Pr Greg

Dec 18th- 11.00am HC Pr Greg

Dec 24th- 7.30pm Children's Christmas Service

Dec 25th- 10.00am HC Pr Greg

2023

Jan 1st- NO SERVICE at Blyth
Jan 8th- 11.00am HC Pr Greg
Jan 15th- 9.00am HC Pr Greg
Jan 22nd- 9.30am LR
Jan 29th- 9.00am HC Pr Greg
Feb 5th- 9.30am LR
Feb 12th- 11am HC Pr Greg

All welcome to join our worship as well as enjoying a cuppa after 9am and 9:30am services.









Blyth Progress Association Committee

Kerry Smith (Chair), Cheryl Wandel (Sec), Kristin Carling (Treas), Ian Roberts, Helen Bennie, Ashley Schultz, Kym Schultz, Janet Zweck, Tracey Andriske, Graham VanHeerde, Robyn & Brenna Conroy, Dean Smallcombe, Evan Hunter.



Monday, 19th 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 15th 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 15th, or left at the BBQ table by 6:30pm on Carnival night.





Blyth Celebrations On Thursday 26th January 2023 At 6.30pm At Padnaindi Reserve

Special Guest Speaker: Detective Superintendent Des Bray of SAPOL Major Crime Investigation Branch.

Des lived in Blyth and attended Blyth Primary School from Year 1 to 7 Many of us have seen Detective Des on the TV or newspaper.

Meat and Salads provided by Wakefield Regional Council and Blyth Progress Association.
Please bring a dessert to share
BYO Drinks & Chairs.

All Welcome



Coffee 'n' chat Every Friday @ 10am at the Blyth Cafe. (Harley Street) contact Narelle 0458 128 932

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

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BLYTH COMMUNITY LIBRARY

EVERY FRIDAY 2-5:00PMBlyth Community Hall, Blyth Main Street

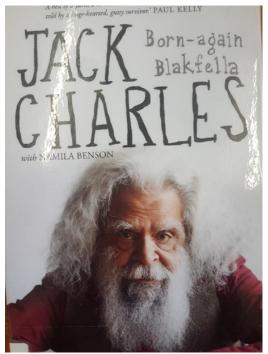
Library Operator: Narelle Roberts 88445175 or 0458128932

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.

Library will be closed from Friday December 30th and reopening Friday January 13th.



Biography - General: "Billy Connolly", "Jim Styne", "Australia's Dam Busters", "Facebook for Seniors in Easy Steps", "Jack Charles, Born Again Black Fella"

Gardening: "Grow Vegetables", "A-Z of Roses", "What Wildflower is that?", "Herbs, Spices & Flavourings"

Cooking: "Veggie & Vegan", "The Slimming Foodie", "You Suck at Cooking", "Chinese Gourmet Cooking", "Versatile Vegies & Salads"

Magazines: "ABC Gardening Australia", "Choice", "Better Homes & Gardens", "Womens Weekly", "How it Works", "Kids National Geographic"

Fiction: Adult mystery & romance. Children's books & Children's picture books

DVD's: Children & adult. Great variety

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District Rainfall

2022 October 2021 October	Blyth Post Office 82.6mm 29mm	<i>Kybunga</i> <i>AJ Wood</i> 110.2mm 35.4mm	<i>Hart</i> <i>Nathan Zweck</i> 130mm 16.5mm	Bowillia Wayne Carling 112.4mm 21.6mm
2022 November	71.6mm	74.2mm	36.7mm	76mm
2021 November	39.7mm	69.6mm	94.5mm	83.8mm
2022 YTD	447mm	514.80mm	429mm	466.4mm
2021 YTD	320.9mm	422.2mm	347mm	326.6mm





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Blyth Christmas Street Carnival

Monday, December 19th

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 Mid North Environmental Services

Best Christmas lights in Blyth announced- \$100 cash sponsored by the Plains Producer

Runner-up, encouragement award

Sponsored by Complete Wool Services, MC & KL Eime Silage, Clare Mitre 10 & Blyth Cafe

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, Blyth Progress Assoc, Breakout Escape Rooms.

DONUTS AVAILABLE

Thanks to the Balaklava Lions Club

DUNKEM TANK (subject to weather)

Sponsored by Mid North Party Hire

MINI PUTT PUTT COMPETITION

Sponsored by Blyth Cafe

SPINNING WHEEL during the night

Sponsored by T & A Eime, D & T Glazing, Mathies Meat Shoppe, Mid North Environmental Services & Blyth Cafe

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, & Blyth Football Club for their help on the night.



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December 2022



Operation Christmas Child

Another successful drive for Operation Christmas Child. Thankyou to my helpers from Blyth Community Network who worked alongside our students to pack 39 boxes of love. None of this could be possible without the kind donations that came from our school and town community.

PUBLIC EDUCATION STUDENT FORUM.

Max and Lachlan were able to work with other students ranging in Year Levels from Year 5 to Year 12 discussing some of the South Australian data on Wellbeing and Learning. It is hoped that the views and discussion points collected from this and other forums held around the state, will be used to inform part of the renewed directions forward for schooling.

Max and Lachlan were able to collect the views of all our students at Blyth Primary prior to the day on what they have enjoyed about learning, what was fun at school and what could be improved. Excellent efforts to both Lachlan and Max as they were outstanding ambassadors representing Blyth Primary School.

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



YR 5/6 Camp 16th-18th November in Adelaide

A jam packed educational & fun camp to Adelaide visiting the Himeji Gardens, tree climbing, Central Markets, Migration museum, bowling, laser tag, watching glass blowing at jam factory, Adelaide oval to see Bradman collection, Beachouse just to list some of the many activities.







Swimming Lessons

Students have been travelling to Spalding to participate in swimming lessons.

Our fantastic instructors taught us how to swim and behave safely around all types of water. It was a bit chilly on our first day in the water, but thankfully it warmed up for Wednesday's lessons. The children enjoyed their time in the pool, as well as the bus ride to and from Spalding each day.



Please donate your bottles and cans to our school charity
Australia Bringing Hope,
Next time you're in at the Clare Bottle
Depot.

Thank you

OSHC

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.



Eulogy of Helga Eckermann 25 January 1933 – 7 October 2022

As read by daughter Ingrid:
Helga Stiller was born 25th January
1933 to Maria and Paul Stiller in Tanunda
Hospital. The 4th of 6 children she grew
up in a loving Christian family. She was
baptised at Langmeil Lutheran church 5th
March that same year and confirmed her
faith in God at Langmeil on this very date
17th Oct 1946.

As a child Helga loved all of her brothers and sisters but shared an especially special bond with her younger sister Frieda, playing together and later doing chores together. This special friendship and bond continued throughout their whole lives.

She held fond memories of school picnic days, where, playing the fife, she would march the mile to the picnic grounds with the band. There was much competition in the games, especially the rooster chase where the winner took the rooster home for the pot. The delicious lunch of sandwiches and cream cakes were a real treat.

Helga studied 2 years at Nuriootpa high school before leaving school to help her mother with chores at home and in the garden. Mum sewed dresses and suits for many friends' neighbours and family over the years and made countless beautiful wedding gowns and bridesmaid dresses.

At the age of 16 Helga was asked by cousins Herman and Linda Scherer to come and work for them looking after their children and helping in the house when a new baby Keith was born. She then worked for another cousin Lorna Wandel. Word of mouth soon got around and so a career began.

It was while working for the Zwecks at Hart, near Blyth, that Helga met Harold Eckermann at the farm just across the road. The Zwecks had an agreement with the Eckermann boys - that they would take whatever girl was helping them to Lutheran youth group. Sister Frieda was nursing in Blyth at time and so the Stiller sisters met the Eckermann brothers. They courted for about 2 years before a shy Harold finally asked his Helga to marry him. Mum felt and I agree that their marriage was a loving example to us children."

Helga and Harold bought a farm 6 miles from Blyth. Here they raised crops, sheep, pigs, chickens, milking cows in the early days and selling cream and later selling eggs.

Raising a family came next, first fostering twin girls Christiane and Ulrike, while A Frieda and U Clarrie fostered their brother Michael. Firstly in 1960 was Jonathan followed by Andrew, Rosina the twins Marie and Ann and then myself (Ingrid) the surprise at the end. The farm house was always immaculate and the garden on the farm was huge and always well tendered with gorgeous flowers, shrubs, vegetables, fruit trees.

Mum was very involved in the church, with lady's guild, Sunday school, the choir, sick visiting and as an Elder.

Mum was always a willing participate in the community being involved in the hospital auxiliary, sewing clothes and baking for fetes, doing MOW, helping at the Brinkworth Primary School teaching sewing classes and as a parent helper on school camps, working at the high school canteen and of course the sports first playing tennis at the Hart Tennis Club then we kids branched out to playing netball and football and softball for Blyth.

Another gift from God was her voice. Mum loved music and loved singing, especially praising God.

34 years were spent on the farm and then the move was made to a home in Blyth where she again created a beautiful garden, welcomed friends and family.

In 1991 aged 70 Dad was called home to his heavenly father. Through the following years she also suffered the loss of her daughter-n-law Donna, daughter Ann and grandchild Marcus.

There were a few larger holidays. One to PNG to visit brother Theo, another to Darwin to visit brother Wilf and one with us four girls to Canberra and NSW.

Every year the family would take a 2-week beach holiday. First to Victor Harbour, then to Port Vincent and to Moonta Bay. These were always fun family holidays spending time at the beach, fishing and playing card games and Yahtzee at nights.

Mum stayed in Blyth for 16 years. Mum kept a constant supply of beautiful Christian cards and sent them to hundreds of people each year at Christmas and birthdays, enclosing news and loving wishes.

Her birthday book was constantly updated with old and new friends and there was always a pile of cards on her table prepared in advance, ready to be posted or delivered.

The next momentous move was here to Hope Valley Lutheran homes in May 2007. She knew that this was a good move for her at 70 years of age. "I had a fresh new life coming into the village. It felt companionable again and I had beautiful neighbours and friends."

A favorite was the volunteers get togethers over Chinese meals each year.

There was no retirement for mum, she looked after 4 friends gardens plus her own, lead hymns and devotions to nursing home friends and every Monday volunteering at the coffee shop unpacking cakes and making coffees — this is something she absolutely loved and the thing she was most saddened to have to give up when her heart decided it was time to slow down at the beginning of this year.

Of course, we all know of her trademark pavlova's and relished them at some stage throughout the years.

Mum felt that she was charged with a life that gave glory to God and chose to serve others with a generous heart, giving nature and abundant compassion and joy. She gave to many charities and blessed many people in her life with talents given from God.

She seemed to always have boundless energy right up to this last year and it was a struggle to slow down when God though your heart said its time to rest.

Mum we love you and feel privileged to have shared in your life.

You lived your life as an example to us all and we will forever be thankful for that love you gave us. We will cherish your life in our hearts and the beautiful memories we have of you will remain with us always.

To God be the glory great things He has done

Helga's funeral was held at Hope Valley on 17th October 2022.



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