# **\*\*A Jown Like Blyth \*** Progressive and Community Minded ~ www.blythsa.com Newsletter NO 149. December, 2023

\* There have been quite a few 40th's celebrated over the last couple of months.. Happy 40th to Ashley and Maggie Hentschke, Matthew Williams and Mathew Noble.

\* Congratulations to Jace Andriske and Abby Playfair who welcomed Noah Dylan Andriske (right) on 16th of October at 11:58pm, weighing 3.6kg and 50cm long.

\* Blyth Welcomes Neil and Sam Mackay and children Mason and Zara to the district. Neil and Sam have moved from Snowtown and are well known in the community already as both are police officers nearby and the families are involved in our Football and netball clubs.

\* Congratulations to the team at Mid North Party Hire who recently took out first place at the Australian Bridal Industry Awards in the Wedding Hire category. Kymette & Richard Schultz, as well as staff members, Jack McRae and Shane Clark (right) went along to the awards where they won for the 3rd year in a row. Congrats all!

\* Happy 100th birthday to Lance Roberts (right) on November 16th. Lance was a born at "Penrose" on 16th November 1923, in the top room (spare room) on the Blyth family farm – 1 mile north of Blyth. Lance was the 5th child and the last of Thomas and Alwine (Vena) Roberts. Lance had 4 older siblings being Ross, Gladys, Beryl, Una (all deceased). Lance left primary

school in Year 7 to help his father farm due to his older brother Ross being killed from a horse farming accident. Lance was a farmer from that time in the Blyth and Hart areas before moving to Adelaide with wife Ina in the early 1980's. Lance moved to Estia Nursing Home in early 2022 where he celebrated his birthday with his children and partners.

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\* With the beginning of Advent in December the children at the

Dates to remember:

December 14th- Christmas light judging

December 18th- Blyth Christmas Street Party

December 24th- Christmas Eve Childrens service

December 15th- Last day of Term 4

December 25th- Christmas Day January 26th- Australia Day Breakfast

January 29th- First day of Term 1

children at the Trinity Church were delighted to put the Church's Christmas tree up and add the sparkling decorations. They were all smiles at the completion.



\* Mark & Robyn Conroy of the Blyth Hotel are beginning a new chapter in their lives as they lease the Hotel. Ripu, Prashant, Vishu & Shachi (previously of Adelaide) commenced their hotel life on 30th November with the community supporting their first night – Schnitty night! They are looking forward to their new venture of managing the Hotel and living in Blyth. Thanks to Mark & Robyn for supporting a number of organisations in the community and all the best for whatever comes their way.

\* Blyth welcomes Janine Mannwaring who has purchased the ex BnB on the ex- Hospital grounds.



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### **Blyth Bowling Club**

October was a busy month for the bowling club hosting the Past President Day and our annual Tournament Day at the beginning of the month.

Past President Day was on 9 October catering for around 20 players. It was a beautiful day for bowls, seeing people coming from the Barossa club and local clubs around our area.

Played one game in the morning and then had a Fish, chips and salad lunch with dessert and played one game after lunch. Thank you to everyone who helped.

17 October was our annual Tournament Day seeing the green full with players on all 7 rinks playing east/west. The day was another beautiful day of bowls seeing good bowls going down the green. Lunch was a specialty of Battered Fish and Chips with salad and lovely dessert. Enjoy the day, seeing the winning team Roger Hansen (Goowla), Robert Kennett (Kadina), Brian Eime and Perry Stirling (Blyth). Roger and Robert are past players from Blyth and also past president too.

The club has also catered for a 60th birthday at the Blyth Football Oval and Uni 3A coffee and chat morning, also the Men's State Triples for Region 8 on Sunday November 5. Blyth was represented on the day with Bruce Farley, Ian Wandel and Noel Heinrich (Snowtown), they won 2 games out of 3 games just missing the knockout by shots.

The club welcomed a few new members to the club, Bill Ashenhurst, Justin Calvert, Jim Barrett and Ben Peters. Ben Peters played at Watervale at the beginning of the year and transferred to Blyth and played his game last week. Bill Ashenhurst new in the district (Tim Davies father in-law), Justin Calvert retired from cricket and Jim Barrett new in the district all have played division three this season. Welcome back to the club Ian Zweck who has played night owls back in the day when the club played Wednesday night owls against Brinkworth, Snowtown, Yacka and Redhill.

Saturday pennants have been up and down this season so far, Division One won some good matches and lost some matches seeing them fifth on the premiership table from last Saturday. Division three has had an unusual year, having to forfeit one game, played with 10 players and having a full team the rest of the matches, seeing them on the bottom of the ladder at the moment, but still having a good game against the top teams.

Thursday pennants are having an up and down season with good days and original days, seeing them being 9th on the premiership table.

On December 16th the club will be holding the annual Christmas dinner, with a theme of wearing something loud and having a three course meal on that night. Also the bowling club is open on Friday night at 5 pm and everyone is welcome.

- Cheryl Wandel.



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# **Blyth Playgroup**

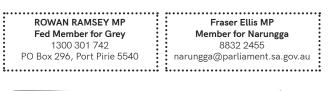
Despite the unpredictable weather this term, Blyth playgroup has continued each Monday morning at the Blyth primary school.

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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Vic Stockmann 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023

A shout out to .....

Gavin McElroy - "the tech centre".

# Gavin has kindly offered to volunteer his time to save footage from Video Cassettes to USB sticks. If you have videos of Blyth Events and are willing for the History Rm to have a copy please contact me (0402279178)

Brian Eime who was President of the Blyth Institute in 1978

Prior to the **Opening of the Extensions** and Toilet block by his father Cr.E.C. Eime chairman of District Council of Blyth, Brian researched the History of the Hall and produced a very interesting booklet. The Institute was opened on Feb 25th 1893.

Anna Eime researched and wrote a booklet

# BLYTH 100 YEARS 1872-1972

to" give a general picture of the early

Saint Stanislaus Roman Catholic Church was built in 1910 on South Terrace. It was closed in the 1970s and demolished in 1982. The alter, pews, statues, stained glass window and stations of the Cross are in the Roman Catholic Church at Polish Hill River.





On November 13th a Mass was held at Padnaindi Park to celebrate the Feast of St Stanislaus Kostka the Patron Saint of Blyth. Fr Kiernan lead the Mass.

# Blyth Council held their first meeting Jan 29th 1872.

- 1875 Blyth Township laid out.
- 1876 Post Office opened
- 1876 Blyth Railway Station
- 1876 Blyth Hotel, single storey
- 1876 Blyth Rifle Club

1878 Blyth Primary School opened with 75 pupils

1878 Blyth Methodist Church

1881 Trinity Lutheran Church

1884 Blyth Cricket Club

1886 St Petri Lutheran Church

1887 Council Chambers built in township of Blyth

1891 Buzacotts moved to Blyth and set up a Blacksmith Shop

1893 The Blyth Institute established and incorporated the Council Chambers and District Hall

1896 Butter Factory opened

1896 Deland & Co Flour Mill

1903 Bank of Adelaide

1905 Blyth Football Club

1908 E S & A Bank

- 1909 Blyth Kybunga Spring Show
- 1909 Blyth Tennis Club

1911 Blyth Police Station

1911 St Stanislaus Roman Catholic Church

1911 Blyth Public Hospital erected

1922 Blyth Croquet Club

1922 Blyth Bowling Club

1924 Lawn Tennis Courts opened

1926 Blyth Golf Club

1929 Mr Jones Saddlery Shop

1932 Blyth Anglican Church

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BLYTH TRINITY LUTHERAN WORSHIP 35 South Terrace, Blyth

Times are subject to change – check church notice board

All welcome to attend and enjoy a morning cuppa after 9 and 9.30am Services.

December: 10th: 11am HC Pr Greg 17th: 9am HC Pr Greg 24th: Christmas Eve Children's Service 7.30pm 25th: Christmas Day 10am HC Pr Greg 31st: No service @ Blyth January: 7th: 9.30am LR 14th: 11am HC Pr Greg 21st: 9am HC Pr Schubert 28th: 9.30am LR February: 4th: 9.30am LR 11th: Harvest Thanks - 11 am HC Pr Greg 18th: 9am HC Pr Greg



# Let's light up Blyth big or small © BLYTH'S BEST CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

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Judging on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December After 8.30pm So, remember to turn on your lights.

> Winners announced at Street Party on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December

# Blyth Christmas Street Carnival

Monday, 18th December, from 6pm

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 14th 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.



### The Quarters..

Our organisation the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, is delighted to be the new owners of the old Nurses Quarters in Blyth. We have had opportunity to meet with several Blyth locals, and very warmly welcomed...Thank you!



Some of the support has been more than we could have imagined, and we The WCTU is one of the oldest women's organisations worldwide, with South Australia starting in 1886. WCTU was formed from of the prohibition era, where alcohol was destroying many families through poverty and violence.

The women soon grew into a powerful force, changing legislation and helping communities wherever there was a need.

WCTU were the main drivers behind the Suffrage Movement in South Australia, which resulted in the right for woman to vote, and to stand for Parliament.

This made South Australia the first in the world to pass such a Bill. S.A. Premier Kingston said in 1894, had it not been for the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, the vote would have never passed.

The WCTU had many unions throughout the State, including the central region - Clare, Snowtown, Balaclava, Mintaro, Jamestown, just to name a few.

In 1883 the women use to hold Gospel and Temperance meetings in shearing sheds along the Blyth to Gladstone line. They were strong and courageous women.

Our motto - For God Home and Humanity, is why the WCTU became a household name. Where the woman saw a need in the community, they went to work on it.

During the decades some of the departments they ran was accommodation for Sailors, English migrant girls, Military works etc. While these ministries were years gone by, when we saw the Blyth Quarters accommodation for sale earlier this year, we felt this would be a perfect opportunity to re-dig some of the old wells.

We had no idea of the desperate need for workers accommodation at the time of purchase, but we sure do now! We only wish we could replicate the Quarters over and over again. As the property has had many changes over the years, we have made some more, with more to come. We want the Quarters to be a home away from home for the workers as much as possible.



We are blessed to have some wonderful guests staying with us, some short term, some long term, and some even help look after the property where they can.

Our history is vast and interesting, and we also operate Teatotallers Tea Rooms in Cowandilla 3 days a week. This is also our State office where you can view some of our remarkable history. We hope to share more about who we are, and to learn more about life in Blyth.

Christmas greetings from WCTU Karen Edwards, WCTU State President



The Blyth Walking Group The Blyth Walking Group is a great way to squeeze in some gentle exercise while catching up with other locals.

> Where: Meet at the Blyth Oval When: Every Thursday at 9:00am What to bring: A bottle of water Contact Narelle for more information. 0458 128 932





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### **Blyth Progress Association Committee**

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

### BLYTH COMMUNITY LIBRARY EVERY FRIDAY 2-5:00PM Blyth Community Hall, Blyth Main Street

The library will be closed on Friday December 29th and Friday January 5th.

# Book review: "Michael Wanganeen's Remarkable Career" by Ian Roberts

A good read on the life of an outstanding indigenous leader, detailing his remarkable career coaching and playing for indigenous representative teams. Mike coached the Blyth Football Club to A & B grade premierships in 1974 after Blyth being runners-up for the previous 4 out of 5 years. Remembered at Blyth for his ability to convey his coaching message, and his introduction of the offensive handball (previously used only to get out of trouble) he would catch opposition players completely unaware with accurate 20 meter handballs to a player on his own. A good read!



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.

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### BLYTH PROGRESS ASSOCIATION CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT 2023

Once again Progress Association has overseen a successful social calendar for our town, starting with the Christmas Street Carnival. Crowds may have been down slightly due to late harvest operations still going on, but it was enjoyed by all. The dunkem tank saw a return and the numbers for the decorated bikes seems to be growing every year. Thanks to all the clubs who helped on the night with serving food and organising competitions.

Australia Day was celebrated with a BBQ tea and fine weather. A good crowd was there to see Barry Spinks receive his well-deserved Wakefield Regional Council Citizen of the Year award which was presented by Mayor Rodney Reid. Barry joins a select group of the Blyth community, a number of whom were there on the night to congratulate him. These included Blyth's first recipient Max Carling in 1983. Peter Paterson 1989, Ian Roberts 1990, Janet Zweck 2008, Graeme Wandel 2011, Brian Eime 2018, Tracey Andriske 2020, and Young Citizen of the Year 2021 Kristin Carling. Following the presentation, guest speaker Detective Superintendent Des Bray of SAPOL Major Crimes Investigation Branch spoke on his life after growing up in Blyth

and his extensive career in the Police Force. A large crowd paid their respects on Anzac Day with a short service at the War Memorial. Bryce Eldridge gave the main address again, and it was great to have his participation as a serving member. The morning tea and chat that followed is always greatly enjoyed.

A new event came to town on Saturday 8th July. Wakefield Regional Council sponsored a Walk for Wellbeing starting at Padnaindi Park and going around the oval, onto the Lomandra Trail and down the golf course before returning to the start. A free coffee and snack were waiting at the shelter after the walk. Thanks to WRC's Taryn for organising.

# Projects Update -

*The Terrace Gardens* continues to thrive with a constant display of flowers. The final signage has gone in, and it looks a treat. There are now 130 new small signs to identify plants thanks to a grant from the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board.

Wool Trail / Dean Nicole Trail- Unfortunately, the funding for the full project through to Brinkworth did not come through. We are currently investigating grants to help do up the section from the edge of town to Eckermann Rd with an all-weather surface suitable for walkers, bikes and prams.

Thank you to all the members of the committee for your time and efforts. In particular I would like to thank Kristin for handling the Treasurer's job and Janet for continuing to liaise with her about treasurer things. Cheryl for Secretary duties and getting minutes out timely (and reminding me about upcoming meetings when I forget) Ian, Tracey, and Janet for liaising with Council over numerous things that come up during the year. Ashley for editing the newsletter and maintaining the town website. We all look forward to catching up on what's going on when the newsletter gets to our mailboxes. Also thank you to the community for supporting any functions organised by Progress Association and being available when called upon to help out for some of the behind-the-scenes work.

Kerry Smith, Chairperson, 12th September, 2023

# BLYTH DEVELOPMENT BOARD CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT 2023

I am pleased to present my Chairperson's Report for 2023. Clare Rise Bakery has continued its lease of the Café building and have extended their services which is appreciated by many. They are looking to complete their project to build an internal room at the Café now approved by the Council. The rental property is in need of some repairs following recent wet weather but it has been good to have stability with our tenant.

We were all very proud that "our Barry" was named Wakefield Regional Council's Citizen of the Year, confirming what we already knew – that he is a treasure.

The Board approved a range of grants to the Bowling Club, Tennis Club, Progress Association, Golf Club, Football Club and Town Hall for projects big and small during 2022/23 and it is great to see these community groups working with us to keep improving their facilities.

We look forward to seeing the town Master Plan deliver bigger projects at the football oval and surrounds, as well as the South Terrace precinct.

The major item for consideration during this last year has been the closing of the Escape Rooms and planned sale of the Old Hospital properties owned by Max and Nicole Haitana. We sought legal advice about the sale and protecting the Board's position as mortgagers for the properties but thankfully for all involved, sale of the BnB and land progressed quite quickly and the principal and interest loan has now been discharged and all payments on the interest only loan caught up. At this stage, the Hospital building and vacant block have not sold but Max is hopeful that it will happen soon. We have appreciated Max's communication with us throughout this process. Particular thanks to Nat for the careful consideration she brings to all Development Board business and maintaining clear communication with our stakeholders. Given the unfolding situation with the Hospital, this has been quite an undertaking and I have really appreciated everything she has achieved for us.

And as always, Lesley has the most difficult job of all keeping track of the finances. There are always new twists and turns to navigate and I am very grateful to have her clear thinking and efficient methods of dealing with each challenge. Thanks to Denni for chairing the last meeting in my absence. Special mention to Ian and Barry again for their practical management of a range of jobs this year - it is much appreciated to have you respond so quickly and efficiently when things crop up with our rental property or the Café. As I finish my tenure as Chairperson of the Development Board I thank the Board members for the time and care they devote to managing its assets to benefit our community. We have facilities that bring great value to our locals and those who love to visit as well and I wish the new Board and Executive all the best as they look to the future with all its new opportunities.

Sue Pratt Chairperson, Blyth Development Bd 22.8.23

# BDB Board 2023/2024:

Chairperson Denni Agnew; Deputy Chairperson Sue Pratt; Treasurer Lesley Randolph; Secretary/Public Officer Natalie McElroy; BMC Rep Barry Spinks; Ian Roberts, Lyn Barr, John Wood, Gavin McElroy, AJ Wood.

# \* BLYTH \* CHRISTHAS CHRISTHAS STREET PARTS DECEMBER 18TH

# **FROM 6PM**

Main street closed to traffic from 5pm-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

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7.00pm | Children's colouring competition

winners announced

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Best Christmas lights in Blyth announced- \$100 cash

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Runner-ups & Encouragement award

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# 7.15pm | Water Balloon Championships

Sponsored by Peter (Rooster) & Cathy Agnew

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, & Beauty in Blyth.

FOOD STALL, thanks to the Blyth Playgroup, DUNKEM TANK (subject to weather), sponsored by Mid North Party Hire, MINI PUTT PUTT COMPETITION, SPINNING WHEEL, sponsored by T & A Eime, D & T Glazing, Mathies Meat Shoppe, Mid North Environmental Services, On the Plains Grazing & Catering, The Tech Centre.

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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