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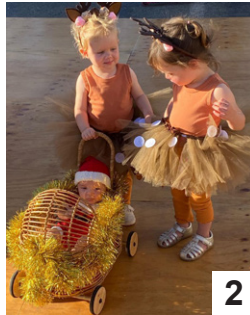
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Blyth Christmas Street Carnival

The annual Blyth Christmas Street Carnival was held in great conditions on Monday 20th December when the Main Street was closed to traffic for the Christmas festivities to come. The BBQ was sizzling, the competitions were up and running, the giant Christmas stocking and spinning wheel were doing the rounds, the waffling smell of donuts were in the air from the 'Balaklava Lions' van, and a few cold drinks were enjoyed.



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The Fancy Dress Competition sponsored by Clare Financial Services attracted 14 entries giving the judges 3 tough decisions to make. Winners were Leo Noble, Willow Zweek with Sloan and Ari Ramsey, and Lexi Hentschke. Then the children arrived in their tents to compete in the Decorated Bike Competition while judges, new comers to town, Nate and Rachel Richardson watched with a careful eye on all the children riding their sparkly decorated bikes along the main street. Winner was the standout of Riley Hitch's "look alike of his Dad's truck", followed by runner-ups Arlo Ross and Isla Zweek.



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The Quandong competition sponsored by Medika Gallery, attracted 10 entries with Peter and Zan Errey having the delightful task of tasting and judging for the best. Again the traditional Quandong pies came out winners with Janet Zweek taking out the MasterChef title, closely followed by newcomer to the competition, Gabrielle Kitschke.



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The winners of the Children's Colouring Poster Competition sponsored by Wood Mobile Sheep Dipping were Tilly Welke, Max Williams, Mason Reljich and Estelle Noble. Winners of the Putt Putt were Charlie Kells and Ruby Kells.



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Blyth's Best Christmas Lights winner went to the outstanding display at the home of Troy Noble and Deb Tobin – Troy spends many hours and loves creating his stunning display for the community to enjoy. Thanks to The Plains Producer newspaper for sponsoring this event for the first time.; Runner Up donated by Complete Wool Services to Craig & Amanda Eime;; 2nd R/Up donated by Mark & Kim Eime Silage to Tamara Pyrke and Encouragement Prize donated by Clare Mitre 10 to Steve Quinn & family.

Fun was had during the Water Balloon Championships sponsored by Mid North Sand Blasting and was won by Charlie Kells and Tobias Nurk taking out the Junior Championship while Nate Richardson and Josh King won the Seniors.

Father Christmas arrived on time capably driven to the Magic Cave by Dale Loffler and accompanied by Charlie Kells and Billy Wandel. Ninety six children lined up to greet FC with their wish for the big day as well as getting a treat donated by Welke Transport. Thanks to Carmen Kells for taking the beautiful annual photo of many families.



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PHOTOS:

01. Fancy dress entrants
02. Fancy Dress Reindeers R-ups Willow Zweck, Sloan & Ari Ramsey
03. Decorated bike winner Riley Hitch with runner-up Isla Zweck
04. Decorated bike runner up Arlo Ross
05. Quandong Champ Janet Zweck receives her prize from sponsor Ian Roberts.
06. Sponsor John Wood with Christmas Poster winners Tilly Welke, Max Williams and Estelle Noble.
07. Father Christmas escorted into Blyth by Dale Loffler.
08. Best Christmas Lights display winner.
09. Water Balloon Champs Charlie Kells & Tobias Nurk; Nate Richardson & Josh King.
10. The Kells family visit Father Christmas
11. Decorated bike entrants
12. Quandong judges Zan & Peter Errey during tastings.

Once again thanks to the Blyth Progress Association, to the above sponsors as well as Matriarch Rogue, Mathies' Meat, Blyth Café, Blyth Hotel, Blyth Post Office, Blyth Breakout, Blyth Cinema, D & T Glazing, Broken by Design, Dingo Dreaming, Effigy Hair Studio, Peter Paterson and Blyth Primary School, Blyth Football, Tennis, Golf, Playgroup, Bowling Clubs and the community for supporting the night. A huge thankyou to Richard & Kym of Mid North Party Hire, and staff, for the use of a lot of things and set up in the street, and of course for decorating the beautiful Magic Cave.

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* Happy birthday to Andrew Salter who on the 7th of celebrated his big 5-0. Although Covid prevented him from celebrating the way he would have liked he did manage to have a relaxing time up the river with all his immediate family, some siblings, and his parents. He also went for a ski for the first time in about 10 years (right). His day concluded with a BBQ tea and cake (of course) cooked by his daughter-in-law. Andrew is pictured right with his sons, Tyson, Jack & Drew.



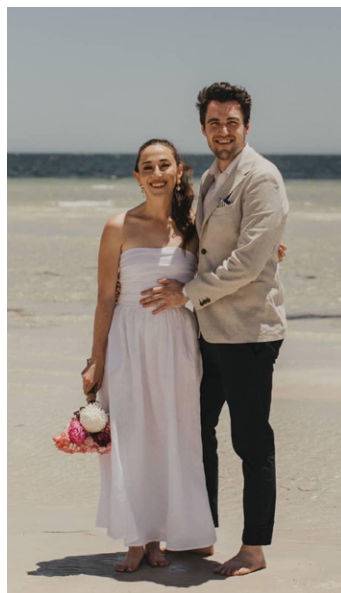
* Congratulations to Nicola & Michael Ross who welcomed their newest arrival, Oliver James Ross on January 21st. Big brother Arlo and sister Matilda are very excited about the new arrival! (right)



* A big Happy Birthday to Dingo Dreaming's Debbie Hatfield who celebrated 60 years. In Debbie's words.. "Well, it's here...the big 60! How do I feel about that? Extremely privileged as we headed out for "Survival Day" in Burra to spend a beautiful sunny day, recognizing the day amongst Ngaduri Elders and some very talented First Nations Musicians. Then home for cake. 60 is an honour not bestowed on everyone. I am so grateful to have made this milestone, many times I nearly didn't,



many times I probably shouldn't have.. I am truly grateful for the lessons I have learned along the way, my family and the valued friendships I'll treasure forever! Bring on the next 60!! Yes, I'm an optimist!



* After two cancelled weddings due to Covid & border closures, former Blyth resident and daughter of Denby & Graeme Wandel, Hannah Wandel & Tom Wheaton (left) were finally married at Moonta Bay on December 29th. They celebrated on a beautiful sunny day with family, with former Blyth Lutheran Pastor Nigel Rosenzweig officiating. Drinks, nibbles and lots of laughter were thoroughly enjoyed after the happy occasion.

* Matilda Mary Treasure, daughter of Jessie & Dusty Treasure and sister to Gracie & Henry, was baptised at the Blyth Lutheran Church on December 19th (right). Proud God Parents are Lauren Cliff & Hannah Wandel. Jessie, Lauren and Hannah are all former Blyth residents.



* Congratulations to Graeme & Denby Wandel who celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary on January 23rd.

* Customers entering Blyth Café on Friday 17th December were in for a surprise when the Blyth Trinity Lutheran ladies greeted with a "Merry Christmas" as well as a free



drink of their choice. Our Blyth Primary School teaching staff and many of our Blyth business' employers and employees also were delivered a free coffee or cold drink as a thankyou to their services to our community (above). The "Coffee'n'Chat" ladies were all smiles as they enjoyed their chat with a free coffee (below). Thanks to Blyth Café for accommodating the morning's Christmas cheer.



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* The Trinity Blyth Lutheran Church had a strong crowd of 90 plus to sing carols and hear the story of Jesus' birth from the children at the Christmas Eve service. While a fuse to the lights decided not to be cooperative for the night, it actually created a lovely ambiance to the service. The children performed a skit "An unexpected Christmas" plus a dance by the angels during the re-enactment of the birth of Jesus.

PHOTO: Back: Jack, Henry, Charlotte & Tilly Welke.

Middle Billy Wandel, George Welke, Josh Hentschke, Eddie Welke, Lucy Wandel, Eliza Honner, Violet Welke, Isla Zweck, Poppy Blacker.

Front: Frankie Honner, Billy Wandel, Hugo Zweck, Estelle Noble, Lexi Hentschke, Annie Honner, Violet & Nelly Blacker, Gracie Treasure.



* The Blyth community was saddened at the passing of Lyle Brown last month. Lyle and Rhonda lived and worked most of their lives in and around Blyth as well as raising their 4 children in the Blyth community. In 2005 they downsized and sold their Blyth house and moved to Clare to live. In November 2021 Lyle's health deteriorated and the decision was made to move to Dunbar Nursing home in Salisbury for extra care and to be closer to their children.

Lyle Andrew Brown was born 29.2.1928 (a Leap Year baby) and passed away peacefully aged 93 years at Dunbar Nursing Home. Leaving his loving wife, Rhonda, of 65 years, Dad and Father in law to Judi & Neville, Janet & Bill, Neil & Andrea, Ian & Megan, Poppa to 13 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. A family man to the end who will be missed by all.

Due to COVID regulations a restricted funeral service was held at Mid North Funeral, Clare, on 12th January, 2022.



BLYTH SOCIAL ACTIVITIES GROUP

in Blyth Hall Supper Room

(entry door by Ladies toilet)

Every Tuesday (subject to Program)

10.30am - 3.30pm

Activities include:

Board/Card Games, Hoits/Hookie,
Art/Craft, Quizzes/Boggle, Bingo.
BYO lunch, Lunch & Cinema outings



* Congratulations to Kymette & Richard and the entire team at Mid North Party Hire who recently collected a couple of awards at the annual Australian Bridal Industry Awards. The team came first in the Wedding Hire category, and second for the Wedding Stylist category. The team will be putting those skills to the test for Kym and Richard's sons wedding in February!

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

35 SOUTH TERRACE, BLYTH

Worship Times

Feb 13th: 11:00am HC with PR Greg & Harvest Thanksgiving

Feb 20th: 9:00am HC with PR Greg

Feb 27th: 9:30am Lay Reading

Mar 6th: 9:30am Lay Reading

Mar 13th: 11:00am HC with PR Greg

Mar 20th: 9:00am HC with PR Greg

Mar 27th: 9:30am Lay Reading

Apr 3rd: 9:30am Lay Reading



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

The United Archers



Every 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sunday of each month from 1.30pm.

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Blyth Kybunga Cricket Club

With only 3 rounds remaining finals are almost amongst us and we should see some good BKCC representation with our A grade currently sitting 2nd, B grade sitting 4th on percentage and the U16s sitting 5th on percentage. Hopefully we see some success from our teams come finals time and we wish all players the very best of luck.

We'd like to congratulate Charlie Kells and Coby Bigg for representing the Mid North in the U14s Zone grand final recently. Unfortunately the boys didn't come away with the win but it was still great to see some local Blyth/Kybunga talent representing the Mid North. Congratulations also to Riley Stirling who was selected to represent the Northern Zone. Who won the Grand Final in the senior country cup. Riley was selected from the association games this year and played all 4 games. (Riley pictured below, bottom right)



There are a few weeks left to get your tickets in the Good for Cricket raffle where there are 3 brand new Toyotas to be won. Tickets are only \$5 each and all proceeds will come back to our club. You can get your ticket via the following link: toyotagoodforcricket.raffletix.com.au/blythkybunga

The Stanley Cricket Association Strikers Girls League is kicking off in term 1 at Clare High School aimed at girls 16 and under. No experience is needed and all equipment will be supplied. The program will run over 4 weeks on Tuesday nights from 4-7pm from Tuesday 8th February. Please visit playcricket.com.au to register.

A gentle reminder to all players that subs are overdue, please see Cherie Stirling to arrange payment ASAP if yours are still outstanding.

Finally we would like to thank our sponsors for their support this season and also thank our volunteers for all of their hard work and dedication in keeping the club running.



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Blyth Bowling Club

December 4 the club held the annual Christmas dinner, the night was enjoyed by all, with delicious food, lots of laughs and great company.

December 7 the club held Broughton Thursday Pennants Association Championship Fours seeing 6 clubs attending. It was a long day, playing 5 games during the day with lunch held after the second games. At the end of day, winner and runner up were announced seeing Blyth ladies winning the day and Snowtown was runner up. The Blyth team consist of Narelle Roberts, Elise Hornsby, Maureen Eime and Cheryl Wandel. During the Xmas and New year break, the players playing Champion single and Handicap singles during the break.

January 8 the club had a busy bee to get the green up to date, on that day the men played some of there Championship pairs games, seeing Ian Wandel and Damien Philip to play Bruce Farley and John Bradbury to play off in the finals.

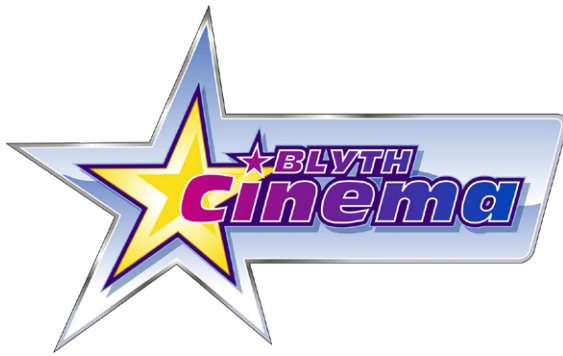
During January the club held 3 Friday nights of social bowls for the community. Every night there was winner and runner up, also there was a overall winner and runner up for the three night. Thank you for all attended the nights, it was a great fundraiser for the club and seeing different people coming to club enjoying a games of lawn bowls. The overall winner was Elise Hornsby, just winning over her husband Alan Hornsby. Pennants started back on 15 January for Division one and two, seeing Division one winning two matches out of three, and being fourth on the premierships table. Division two played two matches so far and in the bottom half of the premierships table. Thursday Pennants has a mixed bag of winning and losing in January and seeing them ninth on the premierships table. Yesterday the Broughton Thursday Pennants held the championship pairs and triples in Clare. Blyth only supplied a triple team, seeing them come runner up for the day. The consisted of Narelle Roberts, Kerry Smith and Cheryl Wandel. Well done.

Ian Wandel and Cheryl Wandel are picked in the Round Robin which is held in February, but due to the COVID, hopefully it will be held at the end of March.

Blyth Community Hall

Looking to contribute to the Blyth Community? Become involved in supporting the Blyth Community Hall. The hall was built and is owned by the Blyth Community with financial support from the Wakefield Regional Council.

Feel free to come along to the Blyth Community Hall AGM on February 9th at 7:30pm, held in the Blyth Hall Super Room (Side entrance at back of hall)



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

For an updated Blyth Cinema program for February, 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

Thurs 3 Feb	6.30pm	"THE FRENCH DISPATCH" (M)	4*	Benicio Del Toro, Adrien Brody
Fri 4 Feb	7.30pm	"WEST SIDE STORY" (M)	4*	Ansel Elgort, Rachel Zegler
Fri 4 Feb	8.00pm	"GHOSTBUSTERS: AFTERLIFE" (PG)	4*	Carrie Coon, Paul Rudd
Sat 5 Feb	7.30pm	"SPIDER-MAN: NO WAY HOME" (M)	4*	Tom Holland, Zendaya
Sat 5 Feb	8.00pm	"THE KING'S MAN" (MA)	3.5*	Ralph Fiennes, Gemma
Arterton				
Sun 6 Feb	2.00pm	"WEST SIDE STORY" (M)	4*	Ansel Elgort, Rachel Zegler
Sun 6 Feb	2.30pm	"SING 2" (PG)	3*	Animated
Tues 8 Feb	2.00pm	"WEST SIDE STORY" (M)	4*	Ansel Elgort, Rachel Zegler
Tues 8 Feb	2.30pm	"THE FRENCH DISPATCH" (M)	4*	Benicio Del Toro, Adrien Brody
Wed 9 Feb	7.30pm	"THE KING'S MAN" (MA)	3.5*	Ralph Fiennes, Gemma
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Wed 9 Feb	7.30pm	"GHOSTBUSTERS: AFTERLIFE" (PG)	4*	Carrie Coon, Paul Rudd
Fri 11 Feb	7.30pm	"KING RICHARD" (M)	4*	Will Smith, John Bernthal
Fri 11 Feb	8.00pm	"THE FRENCH DISPATCH" (M)	4*	Benicio Del Toro, Adrien Brody
Sat 12 Feb	7.30pm	"KING RICHARD" (M)	4*	Will Smith, John Bernthal
Sat 12 Feb	8.00pm	"THE KING'S MAN" (MA)	3.5*	Ralph Fiennes, Gemma
Arterton				
Sun 13 Feb	4.00pm	"WEST SIDE STORY" (M)	4*	Ansel Elgort, Rachel Zegler
Sun 13 Feb	4.30pm	"THE FRENCH DISPATCH" (M)	4*	Benicio Del Toro, Adrien Brody
Tues 15 Feb	10.00am	"KING RICHARD" (M)	4*	Will Smith, John Bernthal
Tues 15 Feb	10.30am	"THE FRENCH DISPATCH" (M)	4*	Benicio Del Toro, Adrien Brody
Fri 18 Feb	7.30pm	"HOUSE OF GUCCI" (MA)	3.5*	Lady Gaga, Adam Driver
Fri 18 Feb	8.00pm	"THE KING'S MAN" (MA)	3.5*	Ralph Fiennes, Gemma
Arterton				
Sat 19 Feb	7.30pm	"WEST SIDE STORY" (M)	4*	Ansel Elgort, Rachel Zegler
Sat 19 Feb	8.00pm	"THE FRENCH DISPATCH" (M)	4*	Benicio Del Toro, Adrien Brody
Sun 20 Feb	2.00pm	"HOUSE OF GUCCI" (MA)	3.5*	Lady Gaga, Adam Driver
Sun 20 Feb	2.30pm	"KING RICHARD" (M)	4*	Will Smith, John Bernthal
Tues 22 Feb	2.00pm	"WEST SIDE STORY" (M)	4*	Ansel Elgort, Rachel Zegler
Tues 22 Feb	2.30pm	"HOUSE OF GUCCI" (MA)	3.5*	Lady Gaga, Adam Driver
Wed 23 Feb	7.30pm	"HOUSE OF GUCCI" (MA)	3.5*	Lady Gaga, Adam Driver
Wed 23 Feb	7.30pm	"THE KING'S MAN" (MA)	3.5*	Ralph Fiennes, Gemma
Arterton				
Fri 25 Feb	7.30pm	"WEST SIDE STORY" (M)	4*	Ansel Elgort, Rachel Zegler
Fri 25 Feb	8.00pm	"SPENCER" (M)	3.5*	Kristen Stewart, Timothy Spall
Sat 26 Feb	7.30pm	"HOUSE OF GUCCI" (MA)	3.5*	Lady Gaga, Adam Driver
Sat 26 Feb	7.30pm	"KING RICHARD" (M)	4*	Will Smith, John Bernthal
Sun 27 Feb	4.00pm	"HOUSE OF GUCCI" (MA)	3.5*	Lady Gaga, Adam Driver
Sun 27 Feb	4.30pm	"SPENCER" (M)	3.5*	Kristen Stewart, Timothy Spall

Additions & changes to program made 29/01/2022.

Program can be subject to change, so if coming some distance, please confirm film & time. Natalie McElroy: 0498 756 519



BLYTH COMMUNITY LIBRARY
EVERY FRIDAY 2-5:00PM
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Autobiography/General: "Able" Dylan Alcott, "Bush School" by Peter O'Brien, "My Story" by Lauren Jackson, "For Cap & Country" Interviews with Aussie Cricketers, "100 things they dont want you to know" Conspiracies mysteries and unsolved crimes, "Almost an island" the story of Robe SA,

Gardening: "Growing Vegetables", "The Waterwise Australian Native Garden", "6 Weeks to Zero Waste", "Gardening projects done in a day"

Cooking: "4 Ingredients Veggie & Vegan", "The Slimming Foodie", "Cooking for the family", "One Pot Meals", "The Big Book of Juices & Smoothies", "The Food of Thailand"

Children's Picture Books: "Grandpa's Space Adventure", "No place for an Octopus", "Where the Sea Meets the Sky", "Blue Flower", "Ella Kazoo will not brush her hair", "How to grow a Dinosaur"

DVD's: "Avatar", "Trojan Warrior", "Legally Blonde 1 & 2"

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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 December	4.4mm	3.8mm	5.5mm	2.8mm
2020 December	28.8mm	27.6mm	36.5mm	19.0mm
2022 January	25.4mm	37.5mm	23mm	42.6mm
2021 January	14.6mm	17.8mm	12.5mm	7.8mm
2022 YTD	25.4mm	37.5mm	12.5mm	42.6mm
2021 Total	365.4mm	426.0mm	270.50 mm	329.40mm



BIRTHDAY PARTY @ THE BLYTH CINEMA

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- 1 UP TO 50 guests and Movie of your choice...
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- 3 Bring your own CAKE & PARTY Food or have a "POPCORN + POPTOP" Deal for \$3 per person...
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Balaklava Courthouse Gallery Fundraiser At the Blyth Cinema & Blyth Hall Thursday 10th Feb, 6pm

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Never lie to your mother!

John invited his mother over for dinner. During the meal, his mother couldn't help but notice how beautiful John's roommate Julie was. She had been long suspicious for a relationship between the two and this only made her more curious. Over the course of the evening, while watching the two interact, she started to wonder if there was more between the two than met the eye. Reading his mothers thoughts, John said "I know what you're thinking, but I assure you we are just room mates."

About a week later, Julie came to John and said "Ever since your mother came for dinner, I haven't been able to find the silver gravy ladle. You don't suppose she took it do you?" John said, "Well I doubt it, but I will write to her just to be sure."

So he sat down and wrote: "Dear Mother, I'm not saying you *did* take the gravy ladle, and I'm not saying you *didn't* take the gravy ladle, but the fact is that ours has been missing since the night you came over for dinner. Love, John."

Several days later, John received a letter from his mother which read, "Dear John. I'm not saying you *do* sleep with Julie, I'm not saying you *don't* sleep with Julie, but the fact remains that if she was sleeping in her own bed, she would have found the gravy ladle by now. Love, Mum"



The heart of Hart, Kevin Jaeschke OAM farewelled

The 'heart of Hart' and a "champion of family and of community" is how Hart Field-Site Group and Hart Field Day co-founder Kevin Jaeschke OAM is being remembered following his death on January 15, 2022, aged 86.

A Hart farmer, Kevin, husband of Lorna and father to Michael, Christopher, Louise and Graham, was integral in the foundation of what became one of the nation's leading agronomy and research sites.

His vision, drive and contagious passion for the Hart research centre and the events that grew out of it are part of his legacy, and son Michael said they remained among Kevin's greatest achievements.

"He was humbly proud at what he achieved at Hart," Michael said.

"It meant the world to him and I could run out of words trying to describe how proud he was. It was one of his proudest achievements to see it grow and especially after he left, knowing it was all in good hands to be able to continue to grow from there on in. He was passionate about it and just to see all the farmers coming in for the field day year after year, dad just wanted to better his farm and better all the farms around the area.

Kevin was the founding chairman when the first Hart Field Day was held in 1982, and that first event attracted about 18 farmers. These days, the group's annual field day in September attracts almost 700 farmers and industry professionals and has been the basis for the foundation of many similar sites and events across Australia.

You can read Kevin's Eulogy below, written by son Michael.

Eulogy

Kevin Victor Jaeschke OAM. By Michael Jaeschke

Dad had 4 main loves of his life, his family, his farm, his friends and his community.

Kevin, Dad, Papa, Uncle Kev, KV was born at Gladstone on the 19th of September 1935, youngest son of Ernst and Hulda, and youngest brother to Marcus, Valda and Eric.

1935 was the year Grandpa decided to sell his farm at Applia and purchased the Hart property so a 2 month old Kevin and his family moved to the Murrumbeena homestead, where Dad resided for over 80 years.

Dad was the last student at the Hart school, and he completed his education at the Brinkworth Area School up to intermediate. He was a good student but his report cards showed he needed to improve in Latin, obviously an important subject for up and coming farmers back in the 1940's!!

Kevin started his working life on the farm with his father and 2 brothers in the early 1950's. This was a prosperous time on the farm following the hardships in the years during and after WW2. In 1962 a young, attractive and single home economics teacher started work at the Brinkworth Area School, and on first meeting this young lady Lorna Howard, Dad was smitten. How many single teachers moved to country schools and married farmers? After a quick courtship, Mum and Dad were married at St. John's Lutheran Church at Condownie on September 7th 1963, with the reception held at the Hoyleton Town Hall where Lorna's parents (our Gran and Grandad) were teachers there at that time. The honeymoon was a driving trip to Melbourne. Dad had a hidden agenda of going there, Melbourne had live TV coverage of the VFL grand final.

The start of their married life meant they lived at the farmhouse with our traditional German grandparents, which would not have been easy for a young married couple, especially with the walk outside to the long drop toilet. The first thing Mum did was build a proper toilet that flushed with water when our grandparents moved to Clare. This was a love story out of a fairy book, the single young handsome farmer who was brought up in a strict religious German family, and the young attractive British immigrant who came to Australia as a 16 year old with her family pretty much carrying all their worldly possessions in suitcases. Worlds apart but they built a great life together full of love and were well into their 59th year of marriage.

Michael was born in August 1964, Chris, or Christopher as Dad would always refer to him was born December of 1966, a precious and only daughter Louise (Topsy) in October 1968, and then to break the every 2 year cycle, Graham was in a hurry so followed very quickly in October 1969, 11 and a half months after Lou. 4 children in just over 5 years, and all of us born on a Sunday.

In 1967 Mum and Dad bought the farm off his father, and as it was a severe drought it was a battle for a while, more so when the wheat quotas came in 1968 restricting how much wheat Dad could grow, a real blow after 2 previous droughts. So Dad started a piggery to add to his farming diversity, expanding the original shed a few years later. So besides a few chooks, cows and sheep, the piggery took a lot of time to operate, every morning and every night along with all the other jobs on the farm.

Dad was a champion of his local and wider community. The list of his involvement with local and state wide groups is long and extensive, as if life wasn't busy enough he never hesitated to help out. If you want something done and done properly, give the job to a busy person. From the church, the Brinkworth school, Brinkworth/Yacka Footy club, silo committee, Snowtown Council, Blyth Hospital board, Liberal party, Rotary and this is only the start! The environment and sustainable agriculture became his passion, he was one with his soil and maybe he got sick of it blowing and washing away. From the early beginnings of the Hart Field Day on the property, then the start of the Hummocks Soil Board, Trees for Life, Greening Australia, Blyth/Brinkworth Revegetation Group greening the rail corridor and establishing a propagation nursery at Blyth, the Spiny Daisy group, I think I might stop now as I'm sure I've missed a group somewhere. One of his proudest moments to show off his hard work was visits to the creek here by the Governor General of the time Bill Hayden, and Don Burke to feature on his national TV programme Burke's Backyard. Mum in later years became involved with the revegetation and spiny daisy groups and they worked together to beautify and improve our landscapes in this area.

Other proud moments was being awarded the McKell Medal for conservation work, and the one where his title changed forever was when he was awarded the Order of Australia Medal in the Australia Day honours list in 2010. Kevin Jaeschke OAM. He received the medal at a ceremony at Government house with all his family by his side. I don't think Dad ever thought of receiving official accolades for all his dedication to his off farm interests, so what a pleasant surprise it was when he found out. Humbly proud.

Monday nights was Blyth Bridge Club, the last great male bastion, men only, the men of the district played for sheep stations, no holds barred, it was serious stuff. The women folk were only invited to the end of year windup, probably to keep sweet with them, or was it that they were pretty good at cards perhaps? Dad always thought Mum bet too high which was too stressful for him. The year when he won the championship was a great thrill for him and he dined out on that for a long time. Kevin Jaeschke Blyth Bridge Club Champion. Then later Monday night's became Rotary nights.

The last few years have not been easy for Dad and also Mum. He was diagnosed with dementia and for a while it was only a slow progression. A body blow for him was when he lost his license due to his health and that took away a major portion of his independence. The start of 2020 with all the world events on the news added to his anxiety, and due to the March lockdown they had to stay isolated at the farm with limited visits from family, the lack of social interaction and isolation did not help Dad's mental or physical health. So the right decision was made for them to move to a lovely cottage at Watervale close to Louise. Here Dad could flood irrigate the extensive gardens to his heart's content. A highlight later in 2020 was celebrating his 85th birthday with all his close family and friends at the cottage, a wonderful day.

During the past few months Dad's condition kept deteriorating to the stage where Mum could no longer look after him at home after a few falls. After some respite in Adelaide then Port Broughton Dad became a resident at Carinya in Clare in August. This was a major change and took some time to adjust and settle in. Good days were visits to Louise's store for lunch, a trip with Chris to the local footy game at Brinkworth watching the

local derby between the Tigers and The Cats (great nephew Gareth kicked a goal on the boundary in front of the car, I think Chris got the bigger thrill). And a visit to the farm, a drive over here and around Hart and the Field day site. He spotted the Suzuki ute we still have 'oh that little Suzi' he said. And he made mention that the internal fences were still falling down and not going back up. Sorry Dad, the 40 acre has gone. Then a stop to the old Page's deli at Blyth where nephew Darryl's daughters run the café, where he inhaled a Cornish pasty. He loved his food, he loved his ice cream, only Golden North thanks. He had a cooked breakfast every morning for most of his life bacon and eggs (the ABC early morning rural report blaring waking up the house) and Mum says his longevity was due to her insistence to use olive oil.

The last few weeks has been a very quick decline for Dad, and he started palliative care in his last few days. It gave us all a chance to spend time with him and on Saturday January 15th he slipped away peacefully with the 2 special girls in his life by his side, Lorna and Louise.

To us all here, he was many things to us. In fact he was many things to many people, a lot of people. He was a caring, passionate, kind hearted and generous man. Hard working, laid back, patient and loved a chat. In a social setting he took great pride in his appearance, always a tie, shirt tucked in, trousers and shiny shoes, boy did he polish those shoes. Always clean shaven with a liberal dose of Vaseline on his shiny, thick black hair.

Dad, the work day is over, the sun is setting. The job is finally finished, time to knock off. Time to take off the work boots and rest those weary hands. Time for a beer.

We love you, we miss you, we will never forget you.
RIP KVJ OAM



above: Opening the 1990 Hart Field Day with Premier Lynn Arnold in the background. Below: With Governor General Bill Hayden in the early 90's on a tour of the Magpie Creek rehabilitation works.



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