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* **The Blyth Christmas Street Carnival** was held Monday 18th December. Although harvest was still in full swing on the plains, a great crowd enjoyed the balmy weather and the fun at Blyth Christmas Street Carnival.

The night commenced with fun at the Mini Putt Putt circuit (sponsored by Blyth Café) and the chance to dunk a local in the Dunkem tank (sponsored by MN Party Hire). The Fancy Dress entrants took to the stage with the judges finding it hard to the pick winners from the 15 entrants on show. Winners were Violet Welke, Betty Pratt and Estelle Noble. The Decorated bike comp was hotly contested with 40 odd bikes riding the Main Street to show their handiwork on the bike. Winners were Willow Zweck, Ryder Nurk and Matilda Ross. Thanks to Clare Financial Services for sponsoring both events.

It was a great night for the Water Championships (sponsored by MN Sandblasting) with again record numbers competing in the 2 Divisions. Winners were Ash Hentschke & Adam Conradi in the Senior Division, and Tobias Nurk and Bryce Toms in the Junior Division. The children did a great colouring effort in the Christmas Poster competitions (sponsored by MN Environmental Services) with the winners being Cody Pratt, Mikayla Eime and Riley Hitch. *(to be continued on next page..)*





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Dates to remember:

Feb 22nd- Blyth Town Hall AGM Mar 13th- Adelaide Cup Public Holiday Mar 31st- April newsletter deadline

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Once again the Quandong Dessert (sponsored by Medika Gallery) was hotly contested with a variations of the use of the quandongs on offer. Megan Marshall was announced the winner followed by Janet Zweck.

While Father Christmas' usual way of transport into Blyth had a mechanical mishap, he still found his way to the Magic Cave in Blyth to give the children their treats (sponsored by Welke Transport). Thanks to Carmen Kells for taking the lovely photos with FC.

Blyth's Best Christmas Lights winner went to Tamara Pyrke who received the \$100 cash donated by Plain Producer Newspaper. Runner Ups went to Troy Noble and Deb Tobin, Graham and Helen Bennie, Kristie and Nathan Pengilly with the Encouragement Award going to Georgia Mills and Will Angel. Thanks to sponsors Complete Wool Services, Mark & Kim Eime Silage, Blyth Café, Mitre 10 Clare.

Winner of the Giant Christmas stocking was Jeff Pratt - thanks for donations from Blyth Breakout, Effigy Hair Studio, Blyth Hotel, Mathies Meats, Blyth PO, Blyth Cinema, Medika Gallery, MN Environmental Services, Blyth Café, Broken by Design, Matriarch & Rogue, Blyth Progress Association.

The Spinning Wheel continues to be a favourite amongst the crowd and many thanks to our cash sponsors - Trev & Anna Eime, D & T Glazing, Mathies Meat Shoppe, MN Environmental Services & Blyth Café.

The Blyth Progress Association would like to thank the above sponsors for supplying prizes towards the competitions, Peter (Pato) Paterson as our sound technician, Matriarch & Rogues' Marnie Roberts for supplying wine at the Bar, Mid North Party Hire for the use of their facilities and equipment, the Blyth Golf, Tennis, Football, Bowling Clubs, Blyth Primary Schools, Blyth Kybunga Cricket Club, Blyth Playgroup and community members who helped prior, during and after the night for this event to happen and to everyone who attends to keep this event a highlight on our calendar...

















Australia Day celebrations at Padnaindi.

On a beautiful evening the Blyth community and visitors gathered at Padnaindi Reserve on Australia Day to enjoy a BBQ followed by the luscious desserts on offer.

WRC Mayor Rodney Reid announced Barry Spinks as the 2023 Wakefield Regional Citizen of the Year and presented Barry with a framed certificate and badge. Janet Zweck on behalf of Blyth Progress Association nominated Barry and read out his many highlights included in the nomination. Barry and wife Marie retired to Blyth 16 years ago, formerly of Armagh, and both continued their busy lives as community volunteers but this time in Blyth and having a bit more extra time up their sleeves. Barry as a general builder, and a fantastic one at that, has helped many many projects come to fruition in Blyth which he should be very proud of. Barry also has taken on administrational roles due that time and has been involved in the Blyth Golf Club, Blyth Development Board, Blyth Management Committee, Blyth Bowling Club, plus projects for the Cinema, Progress, Hall and Netball as well as giving community members a helping hand. Blyth is very lucky the Spinks came to live in Blyth. The gathering congratulated Barry for his expertise and time he has spent around the town to make it a better place to live -"It's not what the town can do for you, it's what you can do for the town."





Following was our special Guest Speaker Detective Superintendent Des Bray of SAPOL Major Crime Investigation Branch. In his younger days Des (Dobie) lived in Blyth as well as attending Blyth Primary School before going to live in Clare. Des came down the hills to play golf in his teen years and was very grateful to the Blyth Golf club for their caring nature. When Des went into the Police Academy he needed references and on Thursday night Des thanked Max Carling who was in attendance for the reference Max provided. Des told many the crowd of the many roles he has held in the Police force as well as predicaments he was placed in. Des beamed out the love he had for his job (and to put those crooks away) and at the current age of 65 is not looking to retire.

Kerry Smith thanked and presented Des with some Blyth treats, wine from Marnie Roberts - who now lives in Des' childhood home, cards from Medika Gallery and a local quandong pie. Des presented to Blyth Progress



Assoc Chairperson, Kerry Smith, a Police Baton circa 1928 issued during the Wharf Strike at Port Adelaide. This hopes to be auctioned at a later date.

As the flags fluttered in the evening light, the congregated crowd drifted to their cars after a perfect night of community reflection of what a great town and country we live in and what caring people surround us.

It was wonderful to see past Blyth Australia Day Citizen award recipients in attendance on the evening to congratulate Barry on his award being 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, Kristin Carling (Young CofY) 2021.



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Blyth News

- Happy 90th birthday to Hedley Wandel who celebrated this milestone on 22nd January 2023 . Hedley currently resides in Balaklava.

- Happy Birthday to Gabrielle Kitschke who turned 60 on January 26th. She later celebrated on the 28th at the Blyth Town Hall with 140 family and friends. A fantastic night was had as all celebrated. (pictured below is Gabrielle and grandsons Ted & Ralph)

- Happy 30th birthday to Reuben Ottens who celebrated with the family on 10th February

-Vale Cherie Thompson-Kerin (née Kennett). Pictured below. Robert, Suzanne, Brad, Kylie, Angus & Sam would like to thank people for their condolences after the passing of Cherie, who fought a brave, but short battle with brain cancer.



A big thanks to those who came to her funeral and joined us in celebrating her life.





Coffee 'n' chat Every Friday @10am at the Blyth Cafe. Harley Street, Blyth 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. - Thanks to a Northern and Yorke Landscape Board, The Terrace Garden on South Terrace now has 130 new signs to allow visitors & locals to identify plants of interest. The garden now has over 220 species named with hopefully more names to be added each year. Even though summer, lots of species are still flowering, so a wander on a nice evening is worth the effort.

Once the weather warmed up, many species have made remarkable growth. Friends of the Terrace meet each Monday morning at 9am for an hour or so to learn about natives, weed, mulch or water, & new "friends" are always





welcome. Then coffee at the café on me. Please phone or text lan Roberts 0498 763 434 if wanting to join in, just to make sure we are working on a given day.

- Blyth Community Hall Inc are having Annual General Meeting Wednesday 22nd February at 7.30pm at the Hall in meeting room (entry by front door).

We welcome any new community people to attend The Blyth Community Hall is owned by Community and operated by a Committee. There are 6 meetings held every year, alternate months. To discuss operations of the Hall, any improvements, working bees, fundraising/catering etc. At present Bookings Officer is Marie Parker contact is 0407449111. Hiring Fees are set at the Annual General Meeting.

May contact Kerryn Mugge 0428445232 or Marie Parker 0407449111 if you have any questions

- Happy 70th to Geoff Stewart who quietly celebrated his birthday with a visit from wife Lynn and daughter Amy. Geoff and Amy both share a birthday on February 3rd, so a double celebration was enjoyed.

Geoff has been living in the Balaklava Nursing home now for 5 years. Lynn Stewart still resides in Blyth and enjoys visiting Geoff.





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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.

TRINITY BLYTH CHRISTMAS EVE

It was great to have approx 90 attend the Christmas Eve Children's service at the Blyth Trinity Lutheran Church to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

During the skit, "Boxes of Emotions", the crowd were in no doubt of the sentiments the children acted out, as how God would like us to be.



Carols were sung in full voice and the children danced and re enacted Jesus' birth to the Christmas Hallelujah tune. The offering to the "Australian Lutheran World Service Ukraine Crisis" raised \$641.



The children who attended were all smiles after the service as they received a bag of lollies.

Thanks to all who helped produce this Christmas Eve program for our Blyth community and visitors, to celebrate Christmas..



BLYTH TRINITY LUTHERAN WORSHIP 35 South Terrace, Blyth

Times are subject to change - check church notice board Feb 19th- 9am HC Pr Greg Feb 26th- 9:30am LR Mar 5th- 11am HC Pr Greg Mar 8th- Wed 7:30pm Lenten HC- Pr Greg Mar 12th- 9:30am LR Mar 19th - 10am Hc Pr Greg Mar 26th- 9:30am LR Apr 2nd- 9:30am LR Apr 7th (Good Friday)- 9am HC Apr 9th (Easter Sunday)- 9:30am LR

Blyth Tennis Club

On December 10th the Blyth Tennis Club defeated the Balaklava Tennis Club 13 sets to 11 in a close match to take back the Phil Barry Cup for the first time since season 2017/2018. The day was played in front of a big crowd with Blyth Tennis Club also hosting their first Sponsors Day to celebrate the day.

The Sponsors enjoyed some drinks and nibbles provided by Blyth Tennis Club while watching the highly skilful tennis on display. We thank all those sponsors that attended as well as all sponsors for their continued support. (pictured Helen Barry & Alycia Zweck)

On February 10th Alycia & Nathan Zweck played for the Mid North Tennis Assocation representing Blyth Tennis Club in the association cup at Jamestown. The team even came away with a win! Well done all!





Currently Blyth Tennis Club A Grade are positioned 2nd on the ladder in a fantastic position leading into finals. Juniors Division 1 are currently sitting 6th on the ladder, Division 3 Blyth Blue are sitting just outside the top 4 in 5th and Blyth Red sitting 2nd. Division 4 remain undefeated for the season sitting well on top and Division 5 are sitting 2nd also in a great spot leading into finals.

Blyth Netball Club

Blyth Snowtown Club has started preseason. Trials for netball will be the 2nd and 9th of March. 2nd of March will be at Blyth and the 9th will be at Snowtown, both starting at 6:30. Bianca Henderson is our A1 coach for the 2023 season. Junior Netball Come and Try Night will be held on the 16th of March at Blyth at 5pm. Looking forward to seeing everyone out there.

Blyth Kybunga Cricket Club

It has been a busy season for the Blyth Kybunga Cricket Club. We had a changing of the guard with Justin Zweck stepping down from his role as President after 6 years and Tyson Eime coming in to take the reins. We'd again like to thank Justin for his tireless efforts to the club with many successes on and off the field during his time as President, notably the best nets north of Adelaide, two flags (A2 and Div 1) and narrowly missing out on two A1 flags. We'd also like to again welcome Tyson to the role who is already doing a great job.

Thanks also go to Matt Stewart who represented the club as President of the Stanley Cricket Association for the last two years and we are sure Matt is enjoying this season with less stress and more focus on cricket.

We saw the introduction of Play HQ this season which has kept everyone on their toes learning the ropes of a new registration and scoring platform. We also purchased a FrogBox which allows us to live stream games through You Tube which has been an exciting addition at the club.

We hosted the association game at Blyth against Northern Areas and congratulations to Riley Stirling, Tyson Eime, Will Harris and Justin Zweck on their selection in the side.

We would like to thank our sponsors for the season and also thanks to everyone who helps out the club, from uncovering the pitch to working the bar and cooking BBQs to coaching or being on the committee, the list goes on. We are a small club but it is so great that everyone is willing to pitch in.

We are again raising funds for the club through the Toyota Good for Cricket raffle. There are only a few weeks left to get your tickets with all proceeds coming back to the club. If you would like to purchase a ticket just head to www.toyotagoodforcricket.raffletix.com.au/ blythkybungacc Tickets are only \$5 each and you will go into the draw to win one of three brand new cars plus there is a long list of other prizes up for grabs.

With only a few games left before finals there's no better reason to get down to the oval on a Saturday and have a drink at the Blyth Hotel Bar while supporting the guys.

If you aren't already, please be sure to give us a like on Facebook to stay up to date with all things happening at the club – www.facebook. com/BKCCofficialpage Go Dogs!

Blyth Bowling Club

Bowls started back in early January, seeing Thursday pennants back on the 5 January and the Saturday pennants on the 7 January 2023. Thursday Pennants are still in the hunt to play in the finals, seeing them just outside of the four. Saturday Pennants Division One Quinn Shield are also still in the hunt to play in the final, hopefully everything goes the right way. Division Three Stephenson are top of the premiership table only on percentage. Both Thursday and Saturday Pennants have only 4 or 5 games left for the season. Good Luck for the rest of the season.

During January the players from our club competed in the State Pairs on January 15 at Auburn, where Ian Wandel and Bruce Farley won their section and then played the next Sunday in the knockout seeing them getting knocked out in the first game. Well done to all of the





players who represented the club in the Men's Country Carnival this week. January 31st, Blyth represented the club in the Broughton Thursday Pennants Ladies Pairs/Triples Championship, seeing the Narelle Roberts, Elsie Hornsby and Cheryl Wandel caming runner up in the Triples, Well done Girls. Friday 28 April the Bowling Club will be celebrating100 years playing bowls. The club will be holding a tournament on the Friday went 2 games of bowls, morning and afternoon tea and a luncheon.

Blyth Football Club

The Blyth Snowtown Football Club welcomes players and members back to the club for the 2023 season and invited any new community members to join our family and community driven club. The AGM was held on the 25th October with the new committee elected for the season ahead.

- President: Phillip Bigg
- Vice President: AJ Wood
- Secretary: Sally Johnson
- Treasurer: Rhys Baxter
- Assistant Secretary: Adam Conradi
- General committee members: Rob Pratt, Anthony

Price, John Wood. Ash Hentschke, Ros Zweck, Ben Pratt, Neil Mackay. Patron: Adrian Clark.

The role of Secretary was initially vacant after the AGM, but after a call our for a volunteer Sally stepped up and offered her support. Coaches have been appointed for all grades except the U17's. Anyone interested in coaching a great bunch of lads can contact the BSFC for more information.

•	A Grade: Rob Pratt
•	B Grade: Nick Ashby (Assistant: Neil
	Mackay)
•	U17's – vacant
•	U14's – Chris Walker (Assistant Ian
	Roberts)
•	U12's – Rohan Welke

- U9's Nick McCormack
- Auskick: Simon McCormack & Nathan

Zweck

Senior preseason will commence on Monday 6th February at Snowtown and will follow with a joint BBQ with the senior netballers. Football preseason will continue every Monday & Wednesday night throughout February & March. Interested members are directed to our Blyth Snowtown Football Club Facebook page for rosters and relevant updates.

Junior trainings will commence in March in a joint Come n Try with the junior netballers with details to be announced in the coming weeks. Current families are encouraged to invite any new families in our community to join our club. We will be hoping to attract more U14 players (aged 12, 13 or 14).

The season is looking to commence on the 22nd April v BBH at Snowtown, but will be confirmed shortly.

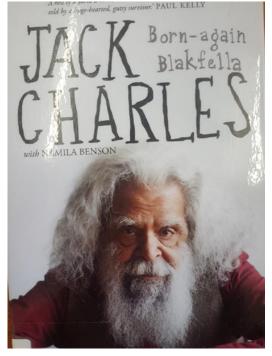
A new initiative for the BSFC are free fitness sessions for non playing members which have been sponsored by Fat Farmers a Rural Health Initiative. Sessions will be run by qualified CrossFit 5451 trainer/owner Sophie Weaver and will run for 60 minutes. These will commence Wednesday 15th February, please arrive at 6pm for a 6.15pm start. Come along and be part of the preseason atmosphere with tailored exercise regimes to suit various fitness levels for a bit of movement and comradery. Contact Tom Michael 0425 300 755 for more information. Anyone looking to play or volunteer at the Cats and who would like more information, can join the Blyth Snowtown Football Club Facebook page or contact President, Phillip Bigg on 0417 824 600.

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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.



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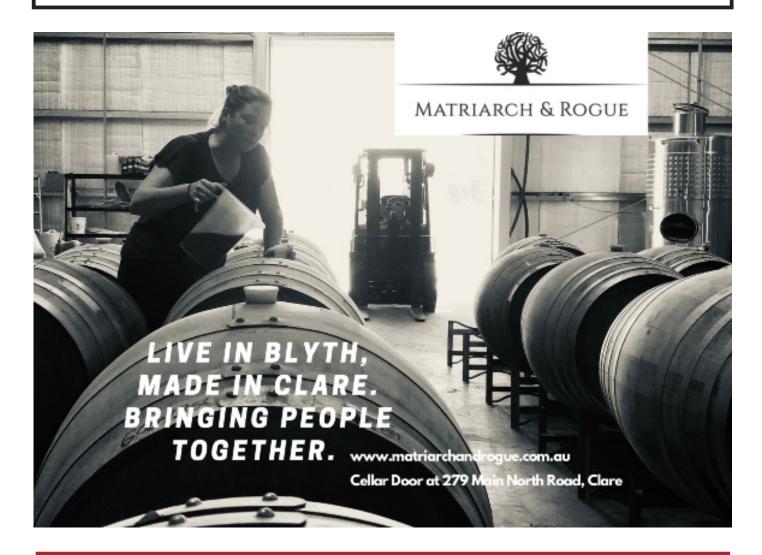
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