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* Congratulations to Laura Zvaigzne Swan and Sam Ash's arrival of a beautiful daughter born on the 24th of November at 9.19 am by emergency caesarean. Margot Maija Ash (right) came in at 4370 grams (9lb 10oz) and measured 51.5 cm long. She's an absolute delight, and a fantastic sleeper so both parents are doing well!



* Excitement levels were high in the Eime house recently when Brian and Maureen Eime's grandson Jarrod Joyce of Ballarat scored himself a spot in the Australian Open junior Boys Doubles draw. As exciting as being on the court was, his big week didn't stop there.. Jarrod was enlisted as a practice partner for world number one, Novak Djokovic. Jarrod spent an hour on court with Djokovic, describing it as a once in a lifetime experience. (right)



* Congratulations to Darren Clark on receiving his Blyth Kybunga Cricket Club Life Membership for his 25 years service. The Blyth community wishes Darren and Karen all the best as they head to Far North Queensland. Darren with current BKCC Life Members Grant Mugge and David Pratt pictured below.



* Blyth welcomes Richard and Mika Adam together with their son Jaxon to Blyth. The Adam's family have had a tree change coming from Nairne to a small property west of Blyth. Jaxon will enter Year 6 at Blyth Primary School and we look forward to hearing more about the families' new venture "Turf & Trim" in the coming months.



* The Blyth community also welcomes Morgan Garner who has recently moved in to her new house on JS McEwin Terrace. Morgan's mother and father live in Kybunga so they will be handy help when establishing the garden of her house

Dates to remember:

Mar 4th - Blyth Golf GENERAL Mtg
Mar 29th- Good Friday Service 9am
Mar 31st- Easter Sunday Service 9.30am
Apr 7th - Daylight Saving Ends

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* The Blyth Progress Association once again hosted an Australia Day Breakfast for the Blyth Community. 50 locals and a few visitors travelling from Brisbane enjoyed a BBQ breakfast, fruit, tea and coffee and enjoyed catching up. Progress Association Chairperson Tracey Andriske gave the acknowledgment of country and led the group in the National Anthem. A lovely morning was had by all.



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2023 Blyth Christmas Street Party

The Blyth Progress Association hosted the annual Christmas Street Party on December 18th. It was a balmy evening which saw a little rain later in the night, but not enough to put a dampener on the night!

A large crowd turned out to enjoy the evenings festivities as Santa made his arrival into town accompanied by Barry Spinks & Marj Noye on his Golf Cart. Over 100 kids got to meet Santa and his elves, Max Williams and Lachie Hayes, with Tim Davies taking some fantastic photos for the parents to keep. Thanks so much for this Tim!

The crowd were treated to a special performance by some of the girls from Carmen's School of Dance, and they were brilliant!

The annual competitions were held, such as the water balloon throwing competition, colouring in competition and best Christmas lights in town. Congratulations to all of our competition winners:

Fancy dress- (judged by Zan and Chris) Sponsored Clare Financial Services
1- Alexis Hentschke
2- Isla Zweck
3- Ted Niedorfer

Putt Putt Sponsor Mid North Environmental Services
10&U- Winner Carter Pengilly, R/Up Juliet Kulevsa
10 & Over Winner - Sophie Meaney, R/Up Charlie Wilkinson

Bikes- (judged by Zan & Chris) Sponsored Clare Financial Services
1- Riley hitch
2- Zahlia hitch
3- Isaac wood

Lights-
winner- Deb & Troy Noble, Sponsored by Mid North Environmental Services
Runner up- Valerie Ciardello & family, Sponsored Complete Wool Services
Runner up- Steve Quinn & family, Sponsored MC & KL Eime Silage
Encouragement award- Holly Cope & Jason, Sponsored by Clare Mitre 10

Colouring in- Hugo Zweck, Ruby Kells, Millie Davies. Sponsor Mid North Environmental Services

Quangdong- Joint winners Kerryn Mugge & Sue Pratt. Judges Evan & Jo Hunter. Sponsor Medika Gallery

Stocking raffle winner Maureen Eime, thanks to all sponsors

Water Balloon Championships - Sponsored by Peter (Rooster) & Cathy Agnew

Kids comp:
1st- Lenny Weckert & Josh hentschke
2nd- Tobias nurk & Seth Angus
Adults comp:
1st- Jace and Thomas
2nd- Justin and Koby Bartlett

A HUGE THANKYOU to Mid North Party Hire for Santa's decorated Cave, Blyth Playgroup, Welke girls, Lucy Wandel, Bonnie Williams Face Painting.

THANK YOU to Blyth Football Club, Primary School, Golf Club, Bowls Club, Tennis Club & Blyth Kybunga Cricket Club. And lastly, a big thankyou to our Blyth Progress Association who put on a successful event each year. The hard work of the committee often goes unnoticed, so thankyou to everyone for hosting such a great family event for our community.



Fancy dress winners: Ted Niedorfer, Alexis Hentschke & Isla Zweck



The fancy dress competitors



Stocking raffle winner, Maureen Eime



Water balloon comp winners Koby Barlett, Justin Zweck, Thomas Carling & Jace Andriske



The girls from Carmen's School of Dance



The annual water balloon throwing competition



The decorated bike competition participants



Ian, Grant & Ziggy keeping everyone fed



The Noble family, along with just over 100 other kids, were happy to see santa



Santa & Marj



Jo & Evan Hunter judging the Quangdong dessert competition



Colouring in competition winners Hugo Zweck, Millie Davies & Ruby Kells with sponsors, Tiffany Corfield & Brooke Jinks from Mid North Environmental Services.



Santa leaving for the night in style, driven by Barry Spinks



Santa and his helpers, Max Williams and Lachie Hayes



The duck catching competition was a hit with the little kids!



Water balloon winners, Lenny Weckert, Josh Hentschke, Tobias Nurk and Seth Angus

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Kristin names as nominee in the 7NEWS Young Achiever Awards SA

Blyth's Kristin Carling has been nominated for the Spirit Super Connecting Communities Award which celebrates those driving grass-roots, 'real life' initiatives demonstrating genuine involvement, long-term value and add to the life of their community.

Kristin has been an active volunteer in the Blyth Community since she was 15.

She is a long-standing member of five local committees: Blyth Snowtown Netball Committee, Blyth Tennis Committee, Blyth Management Committee, Blyth Progress Association and Blyth Snowtown Social Committee.

During her time volunteering she has taken on numerous roles including secretary and treasurer, as well as putting her hand up to be



a coach, captain, umpire and even recorder for the whole North Eastern Netball Association. Kristin has also been involved in community events in Blyth, such as a waitress at monthly Movie Club Nights, is a regular behind the barbecue counter each year at the Christmas Carnival, and supports events organised by other organisations, such as organising a team of young people for the Blyth Bowling Club's community night each year.

Kristin knows that without community volunteers, a lot of the programs, events and clubs that make up our community, simply wouldn't happen. She wants to see more young people get involved in their community, and believes it's a great way to meet new people.

Kristin has been recognised previously for her efforts in the community by Wakefield Regional Council, with a Young Citizen of the Year award in 2021.

Judging for the Young Achiever Awards will take place on March 6, with finalists to be presented, and winners announced at an awards gala presentation dinner on May 17 at Stamford Grand Adelaide. Category winners will receive \$2000 in prizes and a trophy, with one of the category winners to be named 2024 South Australian Young Achiever of the Year, who will also receive a state trophy.

Well done Kristin!



BLYTH PLAYGROUP

Every Monday morning of the
school term
@ Blyth Primary School 9-11 am

All preschool children and
parents/caregivers welcome.

To keep up with the latest playgroup news make
sure you are following the Blyth playgroup
facebook page.

Blyth Snowtown Netball Club

NETBALL PRESEASON

DATES

Monday 29th Jan @ Blyth
Monday 5th Feb @ Snowtown
Monday 12th Feb @ Blyth
Monday 19th Feb @ Snowtown
* 6:30pm start

TRIAL DATES

-THURSDAY 29TH FEB @ BLYTH
-THURSDAY 7TH MARCH @ SNOWTOWN
-THURSDAY 14TH MARCH @ BLYTH

Please arrive 6:15pm for a 6:30 start

PLEASE CONTACT
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BLYTH COMMUNITY LIBRARY AND HISTORY ROOM



Open Friday 2pm - 5pm
Blyth Community Hall
10 Harley Street, Blyth

Thankyou to Kerry Smith

for allowing us to use the front window of her home

The Eudunda Farmers Co-operative

to display history items that associate with past Businesses and establishments that have existed in the Blyth Community.



A **Eudunda Farmers Co-operative Store** was opened in Blyth in 1907 with an extension in 1909.

Mr O Eime was elected to the Eudunda Farmers Board in 1920 and remained on the Board until 1953. During these 33 years , he was Chairman for 13 years and the Co-op grew to 59,000 members. Mr Eric Eime was elected to the Board in 1954 and retired in 1984.



Trevor and Wendy Ryde owned and operated the premises as a **"Serv-Well" Store until 1997.**

The above photo taken on the day of the Clearing Sale and Auction of the property.



The Eckermann, Keller and lastly the **Humphry's family** owned and operated the Butchers Shop in Harley Street. Colin and Joyce Humphry's operated as Butchers from 1965 and Jones Bakery (Clare) delivered the Bakery items. Colins sons, David and his wife Jenny, and John Humphry's operated the Butchers Shop until **1998.**



Blyth Leisure Group

The aim of Blyth Community Leisure and Lifestyle Group is to increase the health and wellbeing of older people living within our community while providing a safe, fun and happy environment for our aging and/or socially isolated seniors to enjoy.

Our program is run by a group of dedicated and motivated staff to ensure that community group members get the most out of our Leisure and Lifestyle Programs.

Activities include;

Outings

Crafts

Cards

Games

Theme days

Guest speakers

Sing-a-long afternoons

And much more!

Outings include;

Hotel lunches

Mystery Outings

Sight seeing

Op shopping

Markets

Open to all people from 65 years of age

*When: Thursdays, 10.00am to 3.00pm
(excluding public holidays)*

*Where: Blyth Community Hall Supper Room
10 Harley Street*

How much does it cost?

We offer up to two "come and try" sessions for free.

We know paying for services can be daunting. While you may be asked to contribute to the cost of some services, we can guide you through the application process where applicable and discuss financial support options if required. How much you are asked to contribute will depend on the services you need and your eligibility for Commonwealth or State financial assistance.

To find out more please call Donna, your local program coordinator.

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Blyth Community Hall

Our AGM is upcoming on Wednesday February 14th at 7.30pm in the Hall Supper room. We are a small volunteer group who would love some more community members to join us in making improvements & maintaining the Hall.

We are a very friendly, welcoming group, meetings held bi-monthly with everyone taking on small tasks which enables the Hall to continue to be a valued & incredible asset to Blyth. It really is a wonderful facility available to accommodate all sorts of functions & events at a very reasonable cost. It would be great if the Hall is considered for hire for any events- weddings, birthday celebrations, dinners, meetings, conferences, activity classes, nibbles prior to a cinema fundraiser & more. Hall hire, small catering jobs & financial grants are the main sources of funding to keep the Hall going! Checkout our Facebook page for all information.

Over the past year a number of improvements & necessary maintenance have been made to the Hall. We thank the Blyth Development Board for Grants for the installation of new blinds in the kitchen & supper room, a water purifier for the kitchen and assistance with necessary termite treatment. New wine & champagne glasses, urn & pie warmer have also been purchased.

We were successful in receiving a grant from FRRR- Foundation for Rural Regional Renewal's 'Strengthening Rural Communities' program. This was greatly appreciated & enabled the committee to fund the installation of energy efficient LED lights in the Kitchen & Supper room & remove existing Fluoro lights, wall heaters & fans. This has enhanced the functionality & safety of our Community Hall.

Remember that if you'd like to help your community, joining the Hall committee is an easy way to do it.

Contact:

Kerryn Mugge-Secretary: 0428 445 232

Marie Parker -Booking Officer: 0407 449 111


Blyth Golf Club

The Blyth Golf Club will hold their General Meeting on Monday 4th March at 7.30pm to finalise the commencement of the 2024 season.

Members and new members are welcome to attend. 2024 Officers include: President Janet Zweck; Vice Barb Hayes; Secretary Gabrielle Kitschke; Treasurer Lesley Randolph; Ladies Captain Heather Williams; Men's Co-Captains Tyson Eime & Justin Zweck; Course Manager; Grant Mugge. Once again Wednesday and Sunday competitions will be held on Sundays and Wednesdays, and new members are always welcome.

For further info please contact Janet 04576381694.

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BLYTH COMMUNITY LIBRARY
EVERY FRIDAY 2-5:00PM
Blyth 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.



**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.*



Wed, Feb 14th	7.30pm HC Lenten Service Pr Greg
Sun, Feb 18th	9am HC Pr Greg
Sun, Feb 25th	9.30am LR
Sun, Mar 3rd	9.30am LR
Sun, Mar 10th	11am HC Pr Greg
Wed, Mar 13th	7.30am HC Lenten Service Pr Greg
Sun, Mar 17th	NO SERVICE at Blyth
Sun, Mar 24th	9.30am LR
Fri, Mar 29th	9am HC , Good Friday, Pr Greg
Sun, Mar 31st	9.30am LR - Easter Eggs
Sun, Apr 5th	9.30am LR

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

Coffee 'n' chat

Every Friday
 @ 10am at the Blyth Cafe,
 Harley Street.
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District Rainfall

	Blyth Post Office	Kybunga AJ Wood	Hart Nathan Zweck	Bowillia Wayne Carling
2023 December	73mm	59.4mm	12mm	67.4mm
2022 December	42mm	11.8mm	42mm	10.0 mm
Year 2023	401mm	365mm	302mm	326.8m
Year 2022	489.6mm	471mm	429.5mm	476.6mm
2024 January	6.8mm	15mm	15mm	13mm
2023 January	18.4mm	10mm	37mm	11.8mm

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Thankyou to the Blyth Progress Association and all our helpers

Once again a successful Street party was held in December amid very warm condition earlier in the night. (See full story in this newsletter).

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many people that help out to make this night such a success each year and allow families to come and along and enjoy a great night.

Before the night is held many arrangements are to be made including:

- applying to Wakefield Regional council for road closures and providing sufficient information for this,
- arranging liquor licence
- notifying police, hospital and fire service of the event.
- Invite local residents to judge the fancy dress, decorated bikes and quandong pie cooking competition.
- Collect prizes for the Christmas stocking raffle and spinning wheel
- Street decorations are erected
- Red Christmas bows appear around the poles down the main street
- Coloured lights appear across the main street
- Pine trees also appear down the main street
- Santa's cave is decorated in readiness for our very important visitor on the night.
- Transportation for Santa's arrival is arranged.
- Residents decorate their homes with Christmas lights and judging of the winners is completed before the night

On the night:

- Facilities are prepared – stage is erected, tables and chairs placed around the main street, cooking area / facilities are prepared, bar is set up.
- Volunteers cook the bbq, work on the bar and man the stalls
- Raffle tickets are sold

At the end of the night volunteers help to:

- Pack up bbq and bar areas, dismantle stage and pack up the chairs and tables.

All of this does not happen without the dedication of the members of the Blyth Progress Committee. Thank you for ongoing support to

- Richard & Kym Schultz of Mid North Party Hire for their work before, during and after the event, for donating the use of all of the equipment for use on the night.
- Ian Roberts and his band of helpers that head out to gather pine trees to decorate the main street
- The many businesses that donate prizes for the Christmas stocking raffle and spinning wheel.
- The sporting groups and community groups that provide volunteers for the bar, bbq, stalls and games
- The locals & visitors for supporting the night and having an enjoyable family time catching up with friends and meeting new people – this makes all the preparations worthwhile.

This is just an example of how our great community can work together and support one another to provide a fantastic event for everyone to enjoy.

Tracey Andriske
Chairperson – Blyth Progress Association.

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