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Dates to remember:

Oct 11th- BS Netty AGM at Snowtown

Oct 17th- Term 3 commences

Oct 25th- BS Footy AGM at Snowtown

Oct 31st- Blyth Golf AGM

Nov 1st- Melbourne Cup Day

Nov 11th- Remembrance Day

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* The Blyth Snowtown Cats are B grade premiers in 2022.

In cool overcast conditions at Mintaro, the Cats started slowly and were off line early. Second quarter with a slight breeze at their backs now, Cal Kennett snapped their first. Then full forward Ash Parsons kicked 2 in a row, before Scott Atkinson goaled just before half time. Ryan Darling added another early in the third, before the BSR Tigers wrenched back some momentum, but were astray as AJ Wood, Craig Walkley and Neil Mackay defended grimly. Luke Dohnt goaled early in last term and Cats seemed home, before a late Tigers rally of 3 goals made for an anxious finish. Cats home by 6 points. AJ Wood at full back was resolute all game and was awarded best afield. Best Players : AJ Wood, Gareth Ottens, Brett Mayer, Craig Walkley, Will Angel, Ash Parsons.

* Happy 21st (+1) birthday to Neve Pratt (right) who finally got to celebrate with family & friends in a Great Gatsby themed celebration. Neve turned 21 on August 19th last year, but her celebration plans were put on hold thanks to covid. Finally Neve was able to celebrate with family and friends this year at Rob & Kath's home.



* Happy 21st birthday to Blake Bertelsmeier.

* Congratulations to Matt and Victoria Gill who recently welcomed another son.

* September 29th saw 32 years since Geoff and Lyn Stewart were married at their Blyth home, followed by a reception at the Blyth Town Hall. Geoff now resides at the Ira Parker Nursing Home in Balaklava due to early onset dementia, which has unfortunately caused no memory of the event. Lyn still resides in Blyth.

* Our sincerest condolences and thoughts are with the Carling family after the passing of Yvonne on August 2nd. Yvonne was a strong member of the community who was heavily involved in many organisations and clubs. You can read Yvonne's eulogy at the back of the newsletter.

BLYTH TENNIS CLUB INVITE YOU TO OUR



SUNDAY 16TH
OCTOBER
@ 2PM

OPEN DAY

@ the lawn courts

All ages and abilities welcome. Please join us for a hit and some fun to start the season.

We will have a ball machine, hot shots nets and regular courts to use.



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Blyth Snowtown Netball Club

The 2022 netball season has come to an end. Congratulations to the B1's & B2's for making the grand final, but unfortunately couldn't get over the line on the day. Congratulations to the B Grade football for winning the premierships. Congratulations to Bernie Altmann who won B2 Runner Up Best and Fairest at the Nena Dinner held in September. The Junior wind up was held on September 11th and was well attended. Congratulations to the following trophy winners. Big Congratulations to Lily Stirling who won Junior Volunteer of the year.

J2 Trophy Winners

Best and Fairest – Zahara Bernhardt
Runner Up Best and Fairest – Tilly Welke
Coaches Award – Gracie Stringer

J1 Trophy Winners

Best and Fairest – Trinity Bernhardt
Runner Up Best and Fairest – Skye Ebsary
Coaches Award – Lily Stirling

U15 Trophy Winners

Best and Fairest – Ocea Ebsary
Runner Up Best and Fairest – Greta Pratt
Coaches Award – Madison Schultz

Whilst the Senior Presentation night was held on 24th of September. Congratulations to the newest life member of the Blyth Snowtown Netball club, Valarie Ciardiello. Big thank you to everyone who helped set up and who helped during the night. Trophy winners as follows.

A1 Best & Fairest- Leah Edmunds
A1 Runner Up- Ellie Gould

A2 Best & Fairest- Lucy Pratt
A2 Runner Up- Tessa Weckert

B1 Best & Fairest- Donna Steward
B1 Runner Up- Elise Honner, Sam Twamley & Rachel Sanders

B2 Best & Fairest- Bernie Altmann
B2 Runner Up- Kayla Freebairn

C1 Best & Fairest- Susie Schramm
C1 Runner Up- Krsite Pengilly

C2 Best & Fairest- Abby Elsworthy
C2 Runner Up- Makayla Matthews & Mia McCauley

That's season 2022 over, thank you to all our wonderful volunteers, Sponsors and supporters.
Blyth Snowtown Netball AGM is October 11th @ Snowtown Pavilion 7pm.

Thanks
Bianca Henderson
BSNC President

Blyth Snowtown Netball Club's newest life member

Valarie Ciardiello (right) awarded Life Membership for the Blyth Snowtown Netball Club at the Catlow Presentation Night.

Valarie joined our club in 2002. Valarie has been a dedicated club member over the past 20 years. We make it tough to receive Life Membership, you have to earn it and Valarie certainly has. Valarie has been a huge part of the Blyth Snowtown Netball Club for many years taking on many roles. To become a life member, you need 600 points with at least 12 years of service.



Valarie has coached – 12 teams, sometimes 2 teams in the same season!! Valarie always arrived early to training to help set up, pump up balls and make sure everything was ready to go.

In 2004 she coached A2s. Valarie has coached the C2s five times with her 2014 team making it to the Grand Final, but unfortunately no shield. Valarie has helped our younger generation with valuable netball skills coaching every junior grade J1, J2, J3s a few times, J4 and she has even coached the other end of the spectrum, Masters in 2010!

In 2017 Valarie accepted the position of Junior Coordinator and did a wonderful job keeping our Junior community running smoothly.

Valarie joined our committee in 2014 and committed her time to the club for 8 years and encouraged her daughter Madison to join last year also. Valarie attended all meetings and always volunteered to do anything; she is very reliable.

Valarie has played 174 games for our club. Mainly in GS and sometimes came out for a run at GA. Valarie is well known for her shooting with extreme accuracy from long range.

Valarie was a tough player and although battled with injury she would still play and be a great example for her team.

Valarie's tireless commitment to the modest roles contributes to making her a wonderful asset to our club. She has continuously helped the Cats in many ways over the past 20 years. Valarie offers to help all the time for scoring & timing duties, even at the last minute. Every single final our club has hosted, Valarie and Madison put their hand up to help with the massive list of duties.

We'd like to congratulate Valarie Ciardiello for being Blyth Snowtown Netball Clubs 11th Life Member. In Valarie's 21st year with our netball club we induct her into the elite group of Life Members.

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Blyth Snowtown Football Club Trophy Winners

U14 Trophy Winners 2022

Best & Fairest: Seth Angus
Runner Up B&F: Hudson Rogers
3rd B&F Runner Up: Coby Bigg
Leading Goal Kicker: Hudson Rogers
Coaches Trophy: Charlie Kells
Best Team Man: Hayden Carlin
Rising Star: Matilda Kells
Most Improved: Josh Carlin
 (Below, L to R: Coby Bigg, Hudson Rogers, Josh Carlin, Hayden Carlin, Seth Angus)



U17 Trophy Winners 2022

Best & Fairest: Carter Pratt
Runner Up B&F: Riley Stirling
3rd B&F Runner Up: Tyler Bigg
Leading Goal Kicker: Carter Pratt
Coaches Trophy: Nick Hickman
Best Team Man: Jackson Edmunds
Rising Star: Beau Warner
Most Improved: Kai Bugg
 (below, L to R: Jackson Edmunds, Carter Pratt, Tyler Bigg, Riley Stirling)



Congratulations Simeon Bernhardt. BSFC Young Volunteer of the Year 2022 (Ray Eckerman Award) (right)



Catlow trophy winners

A grade Best & Fairest- Dylan Foulis
A grade Best & Fairest Runner Up- William Pratt
A Grade 3rd Best & Fairest- Wilson McShane
A Grade Best Team Man- Mickey Atkinson
A Grade Coaches Trophy- Jace Andriske
A Grade Leading Goal Kicker- Alex Brackstone
Best in a B Grade Grand Final- Gareth Ottens
B Grade Best & Fairest- Gareth Ottens
B Grade Best & Fairest Runner Up- Scott Atkinson
B Grade 3rd Best & Fairest- James Henderson
B Grade Leading Goal Kicker- Ash Parsons
B Grade Best Team Man- Joseph Cummins
B Grade Coaches Trophy- Craig Walkley



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Blyth Golf Club

During the last 2 months the Blyth Golf Club members have been very active and especially with the course still being playable till the end of September.

The Club held its first "Night Golf" on August 6th in perfect conditions. The groups used a glow in the dark ball and hit towards a glow in the dark marker on the flag. A lot of fun and laughter was had. All enjoyed a delicious tea and the club looks forward to holding another such night in 2023.

The Ladies Championships was held on Wednesday 17th August with Barb Hayes winning her first Ladies Championship against Kerryn Mugge and Deb Baum won her first Div 2 Championship against Lyn Stirling. (below)



The Men's Championship was played on 28th August with Kane Steele winning another Club Championship against Tyson



Eime, Div 2 Kym Baum defeated Jason Peterkin, Div 3 Roy Tate defeated Barry Spinks. (above)

It has been pleasing to see both men and lady members representing our club in district golf club events as well as coming home with some prizes.

Club ambroses were held in September with a lot of fun had. The ladies membership during 2022 grew to a magnificent 23 with 8 newbies joining the club to give golf a go in the 9 hole comp. The Blyth ladies hosted the Clare Golfing ladies for a Wednesday competition in fine conditions and the Clare ladies appreciated our dry fairways. Covid came and went during the season but did not stop the ladies from celebrating birthdays during the year.

The ladies held their Wind Up on Wednesday 14th September with a bus trip to the Barossa Valley enjoying a German game

of kegelen, lunch and wine tasting on the way home. Although the bus would not start after one of their stops, six of the ladies banded together to give it a push and presto they were on their way. Unfortunately a bug spread through out the bus on the day with majority of the ladies ending up on the sick list soon after.



On August 15th the Club was saddened to say farewell to one of our Life Members and Patron, Yvonne Carling, who passed away early August. Yvonne was a dedicated member of the club for many many years having served most positions. The club catered for Yvonne's funeral and thanks to Denby for coordinating and to all the members who supplied food and helped during the afternoon. Our condolences are extended to Max and family.

The Club held their end of season dinner at the Blyth Hotel and all enjoyed a lovely meal followed by trophy presentations. Congratulations to Heather Williams and Justin Zweck on winning the Club's Golfer of the Year Awards. (below)



While the Club held their Closing Day on September 18th with a 3 person Ambrose, the members have continued to mow the lush fairways to the end of September so our golfers could play a few extra rounds.

Many thanks goes to our generous sponsors and volunteers for their support during the season and the club looks forward to the same again in 2023.

The Blyth Golf Club AGM will be held on October 31st at 7:30pm at the clubhouse and members and new members are encouraged to attend.

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Blyth Bowling Club

During August and September the club held their weekly Tuesday Winter Bowls in the afternoon seeing bowlers enjoy the nice cool weather and the fellowship while playing bowls.

The club has been busy installing a security system around the bowling club, thank you must go to Michael Pratt who installed the security system with Brian Eime help and the Blyth Development Board for the grant.

We have also been busy catering for a few organisations. Once again in August we catered for the U3A Coffee and Chat group and last Sunday we catered for the Clare Meal Wheels, thank you to Volunteer luncheon. Thank you to all who helped and supplied food on this day.

Once again Bowls season is just around the corner, with Thursday next week and Saturday starting on October 15, if you are interested in playing bowls and you are new in the town, the club will be holding Summer bowls on Tuesday morning at 9.30 for 10 starting from 4 October.

Everyone is welcome. If you can't make it on Tuesday morning, the club has practice on Friday night at 5pm.

Also the Club will be open on Friday at 5pm.



Coffee 'n' chat

Every Friday
@ 10am at the
Blyth Cafe.
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Someone will always be there to enjoy your company. New to town? Please come along and meet a few of the locals. All welcome.



Hello, I'm Denni Agnew. For the past 4 years, I have been your local Councillor in the North Ward of Wakefield Regional Council. I am standing for re-election and would love to continue to represent you. I live in Blyth with my husband Mick and 4 month old son Jed.

If re-elected for a second term, I will continue to work hard and ensure the needs of our communities are met while balancing long term financial sustainability. I am community minded. I keep you informed, accurately advocate on your behalf and follow up on requests. I work collaboratively with council staff and other elected members to apply rate payer funds appropriately.

Key projects I have supported are;

- Blyth Sporting Precinct Master Plan
- Childcare in Snowtown
- Brinkworth pool and community bus,
- Lochiel tourism precinct
- Accelerated roadworks program
- Community grants and business incentives.

I look forward to improving waste and recycling initiatives, youth programs and implementing infrastructure management plans. Professionally I have had a varied career, working in construction, agriculture, tourism and natural resource management.

No matter my job, the community has always been at the centre. When I'm not working or in meetings, you will find me in the garden tending to my veggie patch or in the kitchen whipping up something tasty.

I'm passionate about livable communities, youth, the environment and financial sustainability.

If you would like to chat about local issues, please get in touch. **Or come and chat at the Blyth Hotel, Friday 14 October 5-7pm**

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Blyth Management Committee

The Blyth Management Committee held their Election of Offices Meeting on 25 July.

The new Chairperson is Janet Zweck, Vice Chairperson Barry Spinks, Secretary Tracey Andriske, Treasurer Kristin Carling. Thanks to Barry Spinks for his past 2 years as Chairperson of Blyth Management Committee.

The next meeting of the Blyth Management Committee will be held on Monday 24 October 2022

Book Exchange

Wakefield Regional Council have suggested we establish a Book Exchange in Blyth. Owen Mens Shed build the Book Exchange shelving and books are placed in there for exchanging. It is very popular with travellers.

It has been agreed that the Book Exchange will be placed under cover at the front of the Blyth Community Hall.

We thank the Hall Committee for allowing this to be placed there. If you have books you no longer require please consider donating these to the Book Exchange.

The Case/shelving will be collected shortly and books can be placed in there as soon as it is delivered.

Blyth Sporting Precinct Master Plan

Wakefield Regional Council have allocated funds for drawing up a Master Plan of the Blyth Sporting Precinct. This plan is to guide staged development of the site based on current and future priorities. The project aligns with our Wakefield 2030 Community Plan which aims to promote active and healthy lifestyles through the provision of quality sport and recreational facilities.

Council have appointed JPE Design Studio for the development of this plan and after initial meetings with sporting groups a draft plan has been completed.

The plans are available for viewing on Council website : <https://www.wrc.sa.gov.au/major-projects/blyth-sporting-precinct>.

Recently a drop in session was held at Blyth Bowling Club – thank you to the community members that were able to come along to view and discuss the proposed plan.

The plans are still available for viewing at the Blyth Café until 10 October 2022 and any thoughts / ideas are welcome until consultation on the master plan concludes on 17 October 2022. The next step is to co-ordinate all of the ideas / suggestions and finalise the master plan for Council adoption.

Detailed designs for the clubrooms / community facility will then be presented to the Blyth Community for further discussion and ideas before final designs are developed.

If you have any questions about the plan please contact Kelly Westell of Wakefield Regional Council (phone 08 88620800), your local council members or members of the sporting groups.



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Blyth Progress Association Chairpersons report

Since our last AGM, the first event was the Christmas Street Carnival. It was held in great conditions but still with some Covid safe practices. A good crowd attended particularly children ready to compete in the fancy dress and decorated bike competitions. The usual games, competitions and food served. Thanks to all who helped out on the night.

Australia Day was marked with a BBQ tea at Padnaindi Park and a small crowd attended – no special announcements of Australia Day Awards for Blyth locals this year. Even though an enjoyable meal and good conversation was had by all.

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. The morning tea that followed was greatly enjoyed. There was an additional event with the unveiling of a sign at the Murray Cook Memorial Garden detailing his life and generosity with his bequeath to the Blyth community. Thanks to Graeme Wandel, Ian Roberts, Jeff Pratt, Peter Paterson & Barry Kennett for doing the unveiling.

Projects Update –

The plantings along South Terrace have a name – The Terrace Gardens and have a group of Friends who help with weeding, mulching and general maintenance. Also, there is now a Facebook page called Friends of the Terrace Gardens where we get to see photos of all the flowering going on. It continues to grow in popularity for people stopping to check out the plants. Signs naming the plants will go in soon. Thanks to Wakefield Regional Council for a grant to help with their purchase.

Murray Cook Memorial Garden – Now that the sign has been installed the next project is to erect an entrance sculpture / arch and we are working through designs.

Historic Photos

The photos are up on the shop window and have seen a lot of interest with people stopping to look at them in detail.

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.



When Sir Lyell McEwin met Queen Elizabeth..

Sir Alexander Lyell McEwin (1897-1988), farmer and politician, was born on 29 May 1897 at Hundred of Hart, near Blyth, South Australia, youngest of four children of South Australian-born Alexander Lyell McEwin, farmer, and his wife Jessie Smilie, née Ferguson. After primary schooling at the one-teacher school at Hart, he attended Prince Alfred College, Adelaide, as a scholarship boy.

On 16 February 1921 at the Blyth Methodist Church he married Dora Winifred Williams (d.1981). He began farming on his own account on family-owned land at Wyndora, Blyth.

He also sat on the Hart school committee and Blyth Public Hospital management board, and played violin in the Clare orchestra. Engaging more widely in public life, he held leadership positions in the Blyth branch of the Agricultural Bureau of South Australia, and in 1930-41 was a member (chairman 1935-37) of the State's Advisory Board of Agriculture.

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Early in the 1930s he sat on State and Federal government advisory committees dealing with matters of agricultural settlement, debt adjustment and meat export. He served (1932-53) on Hutt and Hill Rivers (from 1935 Blyth) District Council. Standing in 1934 as a Liberal Country League candidate for Northern District, and campaigning as 'a practical farmer' with 'a full knowledge' of both 'agriculture in all its phases' and 'the problems of the men and women in the country', he was elected to the South Australian Legislative Council.

1958 saw Queen Elizabeth and her mother make a visit to Australia where they met with Sir Lyell McEwin.



Above: A. Lyell McEwin and Mrs D. Winifred McEwin being presented to HM Queen Elizabeth and HRH the Duke of Edinburgh at Parafield Airport.



Above and below: Queen Elizabeth and the Queen Mother and Sir Lyell McEwin at the opening of the Queen Elizabeth Hospital.



Above: HM Queen Elizabeth greeting an unknown couple (back to camera) on arrival at a public event. Lyell McEwin is foreground, side on, to left.



Blyth Progress Association Committee

Kerry Smith (Chair), Cheryl Wandel (Sec), Janet Zweck (Treas), Kym Schultz, Tracey Andriske, Ian Roberts, Graham VanDeere, Ashley Schultz, Dean Smallacombe, Helen Bennie, Robyn Conroy, Evan Hunter

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October 30th	11am HC with Pr Greg
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November 13th	11am HC with Pr Greg
November 20th	9am HC Pr Greg
November 27th	9:30am LR
December 4th	9:30am LR

Confirm times on Church notice board or check Blyth Lutheran Trinity Church Facebook Page.

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



District Rainfall

	Blyth Post Office	Kybunga AJ Wood	Hart Nathan Zweck	Bowillia Wayne Carling
2022 August	61.8mm	87.0mm	54.8mm	54.0mm
2021 August	52.2mm	62.4mm	30.0mm	36.6mm
2022 September	65.6mm	60.6mm	61.3mm	57.6mm
2021 September	17.2mm	29.4mm	19.0mm	21mm
2022 YTD	292.8mm	330.4mm	262.8mm	278.0mm
2021 YTD	252.2mm	317.2mm	236mm	221mm

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Wed 12 Oct	10.30am	"THE RAILWAY CHILDREN RETURN" (PG)	3*	John Bradley, Sheridan Smith
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Sat 22 Oct	7.30pm	"TICKET TO PARADISE" (M)	4*	Julia Roberts, George Clooney
Sun 23 Oct	2.30pm	"BOY FROM THE BUSH" (PG)	3*	Lee Kernaghan

***BLYTH BOWLING CLUB FUNDRAISER**

***BLYTH HOTEL LUNCH SPECIAL @ 1.00PM**

Contact Natalie on 0498 756 519 for more info!

TICKETS: \$15ea @ the door

"BURGER & BEER" \$20 @ the Pub

Fri 28 Oct	7.30pm	"TICKET TO PARADISE" (M)	4*	Julia Roberts, George Clooney
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SPORTS DAY 2022

Sports Day finally complete! After originally going to be held on 22nd September, then being brought forward to the 21st September, with rain forecast the day started out with very excited students competing in the long run, tabloid & sprint events. By lunch time there were a lot of cold wet children with the rain still putting a dampener on the day, the decision was made to postpone team games until Tuesday 27th September. The team games finally got finished and the result announced at the Blyth Fair on Thursday 29th September.

Final results Blyth Blue winners with 581 points & Blyth Red finishing on 560 points.

Congratulations to Harper for winning the Outstanding Sports Achievement Award for Blyth Red & Bryce & Max with a tie for Blyth Blue.

Blyth Red Outstanding Team Spirit Award went to Lucy & George won the award for Blyth Blue.



BLYTH FAIR 2022

What a fantastic night! Thank you to the community for making the evening shine by coming along & supporting the work and learning happening in Blyth Primary School.

Thank you to everyone that donated goods or services, and for purchasing from the auctions or stalls.

A lovely evening of fun & laughter, and a lot of catching up with past & present students.



OSHC is available every school day from 3.20-6pm at Blyth Primary School. If you would like an enrolment form or further information please contact Deb Noble or the front office ph: 8844 5195.



Yvonne Carling.

Yvonne was born at the Cleve Hospital on the 17th April 1940. She was the youngest of six children and the second daughter for Morley & Zeta Rodda. Her brothers Ray, Kelvin, Trevor & Mervyn and sister Ruth always had a special bond with Yvonne and she always spoke with love and admiration for her siblings.

Yvonne lived with her family in Cleve and attended primary school there. When Yvonne was 11 the family moved to a farm at Mangalo. Yvonne continued to travel to Cleve for school on an old truck converted into a bus, then later was driven to school by her sister Ruth.

When Yvonne was 18, she moved with her parents to Kurralta Park (Adelaide). She worked at Beaumont Jewellers in the Adelaide Arcade, and it was here that she met one of her lifelong friends and future sister-in-law – Shirley Heaven, (now Rodda) who worked in the jewellery store across the arcade.

During her time in Adelaide Yvonne loved to socialise and attended many dances. Her love of sport continued to be a big part of her life. She joined the Western Youth Centre and played and coached numerous games of netball over the years, often riding her bike from her home to the Centre.

At the age of 19, Yvonne first met her husband, Max when he travelled to Adelaide with a group of local cricketers known as "The Watchman Ramblers" for a cricket carnival. The team included Yvonne's cousin Malcolm Kennett, Kevin Clarke, Ian Longmire, the Buckley brothers and the Stewart Brothers. Social events were arranged for the players each night. The boys decided they needed company of some girls and not knowing many people in Adelaide, Malcolm suggested he would give his cousin, Yvonne a call to see if she would join them and invite some of her friends. Yvonne was not very keen or enthusiastic as she was about to leave to coach her netball team. Malcolm managed to convince Yvonne to join their group (after she finished coaching her netball team).

After meeting and getting to know Max over this time they began courting. As Yvonne didn't own a car Max would travel to Adelaide in his Volkswagen to visit her. On 9th February, 1963, after a 2 ½ year courtship, Yvonne married Max in the Hare Street Methodist Church, Kurralta Park.

Once married Yvonne moved to the farm at Bowillia. Being from a farming background she loved farming life. Yvonne was not afraid of hard work or getting her hands dirty.

Their marriage was blessed with three children, Tracey, Wayne and Cherie, and later, 'in laws – Daryl, Valerie & Brenton and to their delight eight grandchildren Nicola, Cameron, Jace, Kristin, Rachel, Thomas, Tomas and Tara and three great grandchildren Matilda, Arlo & Oliver.

Yvonne was her children's greatest support and was always there whenever and wherever they needed her. After getting off the school bus, Yvonne was always ready with a cup of tea or milo, home made cake, fresh scones or biscuits for them to enjoy and would ask about their day. The children were encouraged to try their hand at anything such as sports, playing musical instruments, dance classes, concerts, school exchange trips. Anything they wanted to try (within reason) was greatly supported by Yvonne. As a keen sports person herself, Yvonne delighted in watching her children play sport and often coached the girls in netball and the three of them in tennis.

Yvonne had a big heart and was a woman of great strength and courage. She could withstand an incredible amount of pain. One morning, while helping in the sheep yards she tangled with a black Suffolk ram. Needless to say, the Ram came off better when he ran at Yvonne and damaged her knee.

This injury caused her a great deal of pain and hindered her when playing sport or working on the farm for a number of years. Yvonne was told that she would need a knee reconstruction but at the age of 40 the surgeon said she was too old and didn't want to operate. This didn't sit well with Yvonne at all. After suffering constant pain and frustration for a number of years, she went for a second option and this time the surgeon agreed to a reconstruction.

Yvonne was a great asset to the Blyth Community and fitted in well right from the start. She continued her love of dancing and went on to teach dancing lessons with Keith Glazbrook and Gwen Williams to the younger generation. The lessons were held in the Blyth Golf Club and the highlight of the night for the dance students was always the Mexican Hat Dance and the Bird Dance.

Yvonne soon became known in Blyth for her sporting ability. She was an incredibly gifted netball and Tennis player. Yvonne played and coached and was responsible for helping many girls improve their netball skills with great success which resulted in many premierships. For her contribution to the Blyth Netball Club Yvonne was awarded a Life Membership in 1980. Since Yvonne's passing many people have mentioned how they remember being coached by her and that she was the best coach they ever had but was also one of the strictest.

As with tennis, Yvonne loved playing and enjoyed coaching the juniors and organising tournaments. It pleased her immensely to see the young players continue on into the senior grades. "She was also well known for her sponge cakes topped with whipped cream and strawberries for afternoon tea – a favourite of many". Once again for her years of service, Yvonne was awarded with a Life Membership of the Blyth Tennis Club in 1984 and was also a Club Patron.

Yvonne was also involved in many other community groups including the Blyth Primary School Welfare Club where she co-ordinated mini deb balls. She was a valuable member of the Blyth Hall Committee for a number of years and was very good at catering. She co-ordinated the catering for the famous 'Bull and Bush' events that the Blyth Hall held each year. She also catered for numerous other functions including the Masonic Lodge Balls when Max was installed as the Worshipful Master of The Lodge. The children can remember hearing the Kenwood beater working in the middle of the night as she whipped up a pavlova, cream puffs or some other treat.

Yvonne was one of the founding members of the Burkanedi Homes Committee that established the units in Blyth. She was secretary of this group for many years and formed good relationships with all of the tenants. Yvonne, along with other committee Members spent many hours in the gardens trimming trees and weeding.

As recognition for her many years of service and commitment to the Blyth Community, Yvonne was awarded Australia Day Citizen of the Year, in 1986.

Yvonne loved her family and especially her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She & Max would watch many sporting games, school concerts, piano concerts and always took an interest in everything her children and grandchildren did.

Mama (as known by the grandchildren) regularly looked after the grandchildren at home – often spoiling them – teaching them to cook, sew, play games and how to drive. Mama always had a stash of chocolate supposedly 'hidden away' but the grandchildren always knew where to find it.

Sadly in 2013 Yvonne was diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease. This didn't affect her too much for several years and she was able to continue to live at home and live a comfortable life with Max's care and support from her family, but as the years went on it gradually worsened and for the last few years she was completely reliant on Max. His continual love and care for Yvonne allowed her to remain at home.

On Sunday 17th July Yvonne had a fall, which resulted in a fractured pelvis. She was hospitalised and finally transferred to the Carinya Aged Care Home in Clare. During Max's last visit with Yvonne her last words to him were "I Love You – Take me Home". Yvonne passed away peacefully on Tuesday 2nd August, 2022 aged 82 years.

Yvonne will always be remembered for her bubbly personality, strong character, a great role model and her willingness to do anything for anybody. She will be sadly missed by her family, friends and members of the community. Rest in peace Yvonne, we love you.



Malcolm Wandel

Malcolm John Wandel was born 24 February 1942 at Blyth Hospital to Charles and Meta Wandel.

Malcolm was the youngest of 4 children, Hedley, Valda and Ken with Valda and Ken both of whom passed away at early age. Malcolm's sanctuary was the family farm, he was born to be a farmer, telling stories as a child watching his father on the harvester out the front of the house and working out how many bags of wheat per paddock would be harvested with apricot stones.

Dad's favourite time of year was seeding, often sitting on the back of combine taking in his father's instructions. On the farm his first paid job was feeding the calves and pet lambs.

Malcolm attending Bowillia and Blyth Primary School until year 7, not a model student, but he did enjoy arithmetic and sport, which would take a big part in the future.

Malcolm was a member of the Blyth Agriculture and Rural Youth during his teens, swapping stories with fellow farmers.

1962 Malcolm's life changed were he met the love of life, on a blind date in the corridors of the old RAH where he met Kaye Garrod, which on 27 February 1965 Malcolm and Kaye married at the St Francis of Assisi, Church of England at Clarence Gardens in Adelaide.

Malcolm was a very proud man, and the three times in his that he can truly say his proudest was of his 3 children, Ian Craig, Cheryl Kaye, and Sharon Ann.

Growing up, his had a mixed farm including sheep, dairy cattle, and grain, but Malcolm had another interest in pigs, he purchased pigs at the 1963 Adelaide show and then establishing the farm as a Large White Pig Stud.

Malcolm became a pig exhibitor at the Royal Adelaide in 1964, also exhibiting at the Royal Sydney Easter show, Royal Melbourne, and various SA regional shows. During the time involved with the pigs he took on several roles including President of SA Pig Breeders and Life Member, President of the Federal Pig Breeders Association and Life Member also serving as the Director of Australian Pig Breeders Association in Kiama in NSW.

He was a member of the Dairy Cattle, Goat and Pig Committee at the Royal Adelaide Show, serving Vice Chairman and then Chairman of the committee and honour that Malcolm received was being a Show Councillor for 20 years and then an Honorary Councillor.

Malcolm judged pigs at all Royal Show's around Australia, Toowoomba, Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth, and Sydney. Malcolm loved attending livestock sales, he had a reputation with Livestock Agents that he was a man on a mission, ensuring he got the best deal whether it was pigs or sheep.

Malcolm's community and being involved was extremely important to him. He served as Chirman of the Blyth Primary School Council for 2 years and committee member for 10 years. Malcolm became involved in local government for the 23 years, with three different councils. He was Deputy Chairman for 2 years and 7 years at Blyth Council and amalgamated in 1987 with the Snowtown District Council and became Deputy Chairman for 4 years, before amalgamation with the District Council of Wakefield Plains in 1997. During in time in council he was also involved in Blyth Community Hall, Mid North Pest and Plant, LGA delegate, Balaklava Hospital Board, Balaklava Lions Club, Burkanendi Homes Trust and Blyth Lutheran Trinity Church as member of the property committee.

Malcolm was co-recipient of Australia Day Citizen of Year Award in 1984. Also represent the council as Lady Wandel at the Mock Deb Ball in 1981 by the Blyth Netball Club.

Malcolm loved sport, was a keen cricket played for Watchman Cricket Club and later Blyth/Kybunga Cricket Club in the 1960's. He reformed B Garde and Colts side in 1974 and captaining the B Grade too. He loved watching cricket live or on the TV, and he was traditional bloke, loved the long form rather than the pyjama stuff. Malcolm loved his football whether it be Blyth, Blyth/Snowtown, Norwood, or the Adelaide Crows he just loved watching live or the TV.

Dad passion for the local football team continued to the end, playing for the Blyth Football Club until 1966, during his at the club he was Captain for the first time in 1956. After retirement he held the office Vice President, President, and Life Member, also volunteering as a goal umpire, mentoring upcoming goal umpires for the club. When the decision to the join Blyth Football Club and Snowtown Football Club was to be made, Malcolm was given to casting vote to join and the rest is now history.

He became the inaugural President of the Blyth Snowtown Football Club in 1988, also was Treasurer for 5 years, and he was honoured with the Club Patron in 2008 till 2020. He was also a NEFL Delegate and a League Commissioner for 10 years. One of the most memorable times for him a Patron was awarding the A Grade premiership medals at the 2019 Grand Final at Burra.

Dad loved his Adelaide Crows, being a Foundation Member of the club, watching Crows matches at Artic Park (Football Park), Adelaide Oval and especially in Melbourne for the 1998 Grand Final seeing the Adelaide Crows winning over North Melbourne.

Another achievement in his life was being involved with the Blyth Bowling Club and playing with Kaye and Ian during the years. Dad started playing lawn bowls in 1981, with many roles he took on at the club and association, including Tournament Secretary,

Committee member, Men's selector, Social Director, President of the Night Owls and organiser and President of the club for 3 years. His involvement in the association was Mid North Round Robing and association Selector and Mid North Recorder for 20 years. The most recent he was honoured with Life membership of the Blyth Bowling Club in 2018. On the green he won the Handicap Champion for 2 years and was a member of the Division 2 premiership team.

He enjoys his family time on holidays, especially driving to Victoria with a six-berth caravan and coming back to Adelaide driving through the Adelaide Hills around the Devil's elbow and going over to Moonta Bay for relaxing, travelling around the countryside looking at the crops with the beloved dogs on the back of the Ute, watching the kids playing sport especially the bowls.

At the age of 58 Malcolm was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease, and then the day after Malcolm and Kaye 50th Wedding Anniversary, he damaged his knee finally succumbing to the wheelchair permanently in years to follow.

2018 was a tough year for the family, especially when Kaye passed away. In June Dad became a resident of Mill Court in Balaklava, it was a huge adjustment for Malcolm not being able to be at farm and pottering around.

During the time at Mill Court, he enjoyed a few activities including cooking, painting, Bingo and card game, but Malcolm was a much-loved resident always annoying the staff with cheeky banter. But his love was still farm and he will continually visit the farm at least 4 to 5 times a week. The farm was his safe place.

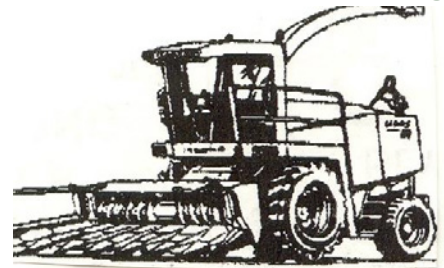
2020 comes and we were introduced to COVID, this affected Malcolm mentally as he struggled with being locked down and not visiting the farm regularly. Malcolm's health had slowly deteriorated since that time, and on 6 June 2022 he tested positive for COVID, he recovered from COVID, but unfortunately after a chest infection Malcolm was sent to the Lyell McEwin Hospital where he was diagnosed with pneumonia and passed away peacefully on 22 July 2022.

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