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Dates to remember:

October 17th- Blyth Gold Club AGM
October 17th- Blyth Cinema AGM
October 16th- Term 3 begins
October 24th- Blyth Snowtown Netball Club AGM
October 31st- Blyth Snowtown Footy Club AGM
December 18th- Blyth Christmas Carnival

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aschultzprogress@outlook.com

* Congratulations to Georgia Mills & Will Angel of Blyth who were married at Hughes Park on Friday September 22nd. (right)



* Blyth welcomes Laura Swan and Sam Ash who has recently purchased their home in Moore Street. Laura and Sam previously lived in Clare and are enjoying the quiet life that Blyth offers.

* Congratulations to the Blyth Snowtown Netball Club B2's who took out their 2023 Grand Final against Min Man. The girls had a great game and held the lead for the entire game. More in newsletter..

* Congratulations to Jace Andriske and Abby Playfair (right) who recently got engaged. Jace and Abby are also expecting their first baby any day now, so it's all happening in their household!



**BLYTH TRINITY LUTHERAN
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*Times are subject to change -
check church notice board*

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

Oct 8th- 9.30am LR
Oct 15th - 9am HC Pr Greg
Oct 22nd- 9.30am LR
Oct 29th- NO Service
Nov 5th- 9.30am LR
Nov 12th- 11am HC Pr Greg
Nov 19th- 9am HC Pr Greg
Nov 26th- 9.30am LR
Dec 3rd- 9.30am LR
Dec 10th- 11 am HC Pr Greg

We are glad to report our resident swooping Plover
had 4 baby chicks



* Congratulations to Kiel Kenett & Rose Salter (above left) who recently welcomed their third daughter, Molly Tess Kennett born on the 25th July weighing 8lb 5oz. A new little sister for Ruby & Grady. Congrats all.

* Happy Birthday to Steven Kennett who celebrated his 60th Birthday on the 3rd July at Mr Mick's with family and then off the next day to Canberra for 9 days, visiting his sister Julie and brother in law Peter as they showed the sights of Canberra and it's surrounds. A very picturesque & interesting place to visit.



* The Blyth community sends it's condolences to Lyn Stewart and her family on the loss of Geoff Stewart on August 8th. Geoff's eulogy can be found at the back of this newsletter.




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Blyth Bowling Club

Well the Bowls season is around the corner like next Thursday starting at Blyth playing Clare Red and next Saturday Division One playing Clare Blue at Blyth and Division Three playing Saddleworth at Saddleworth.

Bowling club would like to welcome new bowlers to the club Christine Sutton played lawn bowls at Victor Harbour last season, and transferred to Blyth during this year. Mia Collins has been playing winter bowls the last two years and now has become a member of the club this year. Hopefully the club will welcome more new members to the club soon.

August we welcome 20 Mildura bowlers on Wednesday 23 August to play winter bowls in the afternoon. In the morning the bowlers had a private tour around Blyth by Ian Roberts, travelling to the South Terrace Gardens, Medika Gallery, Blyth Cinema, and had lunch at the Blyth Hall supplied by the Blyth Hall Committee. In the afternoon they played 2 games of bowls, with afternoon tea after the first game, at the end of the play the bowling club supplied a BBQ tea and salads, which were most appreciated from the players and members. Thank you must go to Peter Shandley, Barry and Marie Spinks for the help on the day.

During the off season the bowling club has been busy in the clubroom, with the Bar getting a revamp, taking out the tempriete, moving fridges so two people can work in there at the same time, and general cleaning up. Thanks to Barrie and Peter organising this project. Also thanks must go to Brian, Peter, Barrie and Maureen for organising and taking the mowers, tempriete and general green and garden items to an Auction Place in Adelaide for selling, and now Brian has more space in the back shed. Well Done.

Winter bowls has completed, but the club has decided to have Summer bowls on Tuesday morning from 9.30 am till 12.30pm. All are welcome. Practise on Friday night all welcome. Bar is open from 5 pm. Holiday Monday Social Bowls starting with Sizzle Sausage at 1pm start and bowls starting at 2pm. All members are welcome.

Blyth Kybunga Cricket Club

How is it already cricket season again?

We've been busy at the Blyth Kybunga Cricket Club getting things ready for the upcoming season including hosting a come & try night on Thursday 28th September followed by a sausage sizzle.

The night was well attended and numbers are looking good for the upcoming season. We could always use more players so if you weren't able to attend and are interested in playing cricket this season, please reach out for more details. We can cater for all ages & abilities and girls are also welcome to join in.



Make sure you are following us on Facebook to stay up to date with the latest news around training, season information, registration links, etc.

It's looking to be a great season ahead and we can't wait to see what it brings!

Photos from the come and try evening.



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

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Blyth Snowtown Netball Club

Our club hosted the NEFL/NENA Prelim Final at Snowtown on 2nd September. Thank you to all who helped to set up and pack up, offered their time to score and time, who donated food and helped with organising the day. The day ran very smoothly.

On September 26th Nicola Ross (below) celebrated her 200th Senior Game at Redhill in the semifinal against Eudunda/Robertstown. The B2 team had a narrow win by 3 goals which secured their spot straight in the grand final.

The 2023 finals saw Blyth Snowtown having 3 teams play finals. The B2s finished top of the ladder and played on the Saturday at Redhill against Eudunda/Robertstown



and won by 3 goals and went straight through to the grand final. Blyth Snowtown then met Min Man in the Grand final at Clare and won 47 to 39. Congratulations to Amanda Harris from Blyth Snowtown who was Best on Court. (B2 premiers pictured below)



We also had the A1s and J1s playing in finals. A1s finished 3rd and played RSMU at Riverton in the semi and won by 19. They then played BSR in the prelim final at Snowtown and unfortunately it wasn't their day losing to BSR. J1s finished 4th and played BSR at Riverton and only narrowly losing by 2 in double overtime.

This year the netball club was the NENA Executive. A huge thank you to the following for a great year leading the association and for all you work behind the scenes. Bianca Henderson (President), Alice Williams (Secretary), Cherie Stirling, (Treasurer), Kristin Carling (Recorder) and Hayley Zweck (Reporter)



On the 5th of September the NENA Dinner was held at Eudunda. Well done to NENA President Bianca Henderson and NENA Secretary for presenting an enjoyable NENA Dinner. Congratulations to the following who received awards at the NENA Dinner:

Kristin Carling (top right) - NENA B2 Best and Fairest - 36 votes and she was also the joint winner with the most votes.

Maggie Hentschke - 2023 Team of the Year (below)

Greta Pratt 2023 Adelaide Thunderbirds Talent Academy representative. (middle right)



The Netball and football club held their combined wind up at Snowtown on the 10th of September. Thank you to all involved who helped on the day and helped throughout to get it all organised. It was a great day to see so many people there. Congratulation to all award winners.

A1 B&F: Maggie Hentschke, Joint RU B&F: Millie Roberts & Leah Edmunds

A2 B&F: Rachel Sanders, Joint RU B&F: Hannah Hogg and Georgia Mills

B1 B&F: Chloe Freebairn, RU B&F: Lauren Ferme

B2 B&F: Kristin Carling, RU B&F: Amanda Harris

C1 B&F: Kristie Prengilly, RU B&F Aleesha Baker

C2 B&F: Bonnie Williams, Joint RU B&F: Skye Ebsary & Ellie Choy

U15 B&F: Anna Williams, Joint RU B&F: Skye Ebsary & Bridie Fabian, Coaches Award: Hannah King

J1 B&F: Kartia Altmann, RU B&F: Zahara Bernhardt, Coaches Award: Charlotte Muller

The J3s, J4s, J5s and Net Set Go girls all received a medallion and team photo from the club for their participation in the 2023 season.

BSNC Volunteer of the Year, donated by Heather Griffin - Bianca Henderson

BSNC Junior Volunteer of the Year - Eliza Honner

The Blyth Snowtown Netball Club AGM will be held on the 24th of October at the Blyth Hall in the Supper Room at 7:30pm.

The Blyth Netball Club AGM will be held on the 17th of October at the Blyth Netball courts at 7:30pm.

The Blyth Snowtown Football and Netball Club have a new joint Facebook page. Be sure to go and check it out and click the like button to keep up to date with all the ongoing cats news, announcements, milestones, preseason news etc.

Blyth Snowtown Netball Club Trophy Winners



A1: Best & Fairest: Maggie Hentschke (Left) Joint Runner Up: Millie Roberts (middle) & Leah Edmunds (Right)



U15: Best & Fairest: Anna Williams (2nd from L) Joint Runner Up: Skye Ebsary (far right) & Bride Fabian (1st from L) Coach's Award: Hannah King (2nd from R)



J1: Best & Fairest: Kartia Altmann (left) Runner Up: Zahara Bernhardt (middle) Coach's Award: Charlotte Muller (right)



A2: Best & Fairest: Rachel Sanders (middle) Joint Runner Up: Hannah Hogg (left) & Georgia Mills (Right)



J3's presentation above



B1: Best & Fairest: Chloe Freebairn (left) Runner Up: Lauren Ferme (Right)



B2: Best & Fairest: Kristin Carling (Left) Runner Up: Amanda Harris (Right)



Amanda Harris, Best on Ground in the Grand Final.



Bianca Henderson, Volunteer of the Year



Eliza Honner, Youth volunteer of the Year



C1: Best & Fairest: Kristie Pengilly (left) Runner Up: Alesha Baker (Right)



C2: Best & Fairest: Bonnie Williams (middle) Joint Runner Up: Skye Ebsary (left) & Ellie Choy (right)



Blyth Football Club

Congratulations to the U17's who made finals and unfortunately went down after a great start leading the first quarter. Injuries to our side took it's toll, but members were impressed how they fought the game out. The Cats wish Drew Bertelsmeier all the best as he recovers from a knee injury in 2024 and good luck to Tyler Bigg, Beau Warner, Jack Welke and Brad Wilkins who along with Drew have played their last season of junior football and will progress to senior football.

Congratulations Tyler Bigg on winning the NEFL Association Best & Fairest in the U17's and also Tait Nottle who was named in in the NEFL A Grade team of the year. Garth Ottens also polled well in the B grade finishing, despite missing a few games.

In 2024 we had 106 junior players including Auskick register with the Cat's which is a magnificent effort and something that will set us up for great things in the future. Senior numbers were slightly down which meant 11 U17 players got a taste of senior football during the year. It was great to see how the senior players and support staff really supported them, which gave them a taste ready for their senior carers. I encourage current members to encourage the return of past players or new senior players to join the Cats in 2024.

Thank you to all our amazing volunteers who helped at the preliminary final at Snowtown. The grounds and facilities were exceptional, the crowd was huge and all money raised throughout the day goes back into the Blyth and Snowtown oval facilities.

It takes many volunteers hours to run clubs in small community like ours and it's fantastic to see how it bring everyone together on Saturday. Thanks again to everyone who helps throughout the season and those who do so much behind the scenes.

Looking forward to 2024, I encourage all members to encourage junior and senior players to remain involved with the Cats whilst also encouraging new players and families.

If you think there is someone as a club we need to approach, particularly senior players, please let us know.

SAVE THE DATE: BSFC AGM 31st October, 7.30pm at the Blyth Bowling Club. All members encouraged to attend.

Congratulations to 2023 BSFC Award winners:

A GRADE Coach: Rob Pratt	Best & Fairest Runner Up Best & Fairest 3rd Best & Fairest Best Team Man: Coach's Award: Leading Goal Kicker: Most Improved (A Or B Grade Player)	Tait Nottle Joel Bertelsmeier Wilson McShane Nathan Pengilly Griffin Andrews Tait Nottle Will Angel (A Grade)
B GRADE Coach: Nick Ashby	Best & Fairest Runner Up Best & Fairest 3rd Best & Fairest Best Team Man: Coach's Award: Leading Goal Kicker:	Gareth Ottens James Henderson Simon McCormack Craig Walkley Liam Bigg Shay Clifford
17U Coach: Wilson McShane	Best & Fairest Runner Up Best & Fairest 3rd Best & Fairest Best Team Man: Coach's Award: Rising Star: Most Improved: Leading Goal Kicker:	Tyler Bigg Coby Bigg Beau Warner Jack Welke Jackson Edmunds Seth Angus Josh Carlin Coby Bigg
14U Coach: Chris Walker	Best & Fairest Runner Up Best & Fairest 3rd Best & Fairest Best Team Man: Coach's Award: Rising Star: Most Improved: Leading Goal Kicker:	Billy Wandel & Jack Hayes Nathan Angus Matilda Kells Harrison Edmunds Harry Jamieson Darby Penna Thomas Walker Lenny Weckert
Senior Awards	Most Trainings Attended:	1 st Tyson Salter 2 nd Liam Bigg



Volunteer of the year:
Rhys Baxter



Newest Life Member:
Phillip Bigg



Jnr volunteer of the year:
Hudson Rogers



BSFC Life members: (L to R) Paul McCormack, Nick Ashby, Wayne Carling, Phillip Bigg, Graeme Wandel, David Pratt, John Wood

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Blyth Snowtown Football Club Trophy Winners



A Grade Winners: Tait Nottle, Nathan Pengilly & Wilson McShane.



A Grade RU: Joel Bertelsmeier



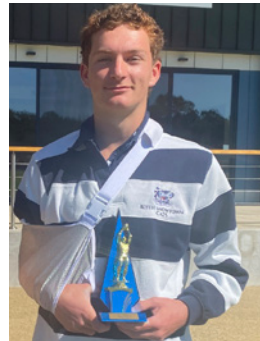
Griffin Andrews (coaches award) & Will Angel (Most Improved A or B Grader)



B Grade Winners: Liam Bigg, Gareth Ottens, Craig Walkley & James Henderson



B Grade 3rd RU: Simon McCormack



Tyler Bigg – U17 NEFL Best & Fairest



U17 winners: Hudson Rogers, Coby Bigg, Jackson Edmunds, Jack Welke, Josh Carlin, Seth Angus and Tyler Bigg Absent: Beau Warner



U14 winners: Darby Penna, Thomas Walker, Jack Hayes, Billy Wandel, Harrison Edmunds, Matilda Kells, Nathan Angus & Lenny Weckert

Blyth Golf Club

On Friday 22nd September, 33 Blyth Golf Club members and partners enjoyed the End of Season dinner in the Blyth Golf Clubhouse. Guests gathered on the Deck for pre-dinner drinks in ideal conditions as the sun went down before enjoying a lovely 2 course meal. Trophy presentations were held and congratulations to: Ladies Golfer of the Year - Deb Baum ; Men's Golfer of the Year - Roy Tate (below).



Men's Eclectic was won by Tyson Eime and joint runner ups were Simon Helbig and Paul Gibson (below). Golf Club news continued over page...



Blyth Golf Club continued..

The Club was proud to present three Life Memberships during the night to long serving members the Blyth Golf Club has been fortunate to have them serve the Club and community. Image below, BGC President & Life Member Janet Zweck, congratulates new Life Members Kerry'n & Grant Mugge & Barry Spinks.



Over the past 25 years Kerry'n has been Club President, Secretary, and Ladies Captain and Handicapper. She has been on the Committee for 17 years and won 5 Ladies' Club Championships. Kerry'n is always a willing helper to the club, is a great cook, is a regular at both Sunday and Wednesday competitions, represents our Club at numerous District and Club Open Days.

Grant Mugge has been a member for the past 15 years and 12 of which he has been Course Manager and still going. Grant has been Men's Captain, on the Committee for 14 years and has won 2 Club Championships and plays regularly at Sunday competitions. Grant's mechanical skills has saved many dollars to the club and he loves mowing the course much to the member's delight. Grant's highlight in 2023 was installation of new artificial turf on the club's T Blocks.

Barry (Bazz) Spinks has been a member for the past 15 years and has been on the committee for the last 14 years and still current. Barry has been Club President, Bar Manager, Scrapes person and still current, and is the clubs general "fixer upper" and his building skills are always "on call" and loves to splash a bit of paint around the course. Barry completed the Club's much anticipated deck in 2023.

The Blyth Ladies Team of 4 were victorious when they won for the very first time the Mid North Ladies "Northern Challenge" played at Blyth. The Blyth team had 3 wins and a draw to bring home the trophy.



VOLUNTEERS & SUPPORTERS THANKYOU AFTERNOON TEA..

The BGC held a "Thankyou Afternoon Tea" for our volunteers, supporters & Members on Sunday 17th September. 32 guests attended and enjoyed an Afternoon Tea, kindly supported by the "Wakefield Regional Council Event Sponsorship."

Club President, Janet Zweck, acknowledged and thanked the volunteers and supporters hard work to complete a busy season of improvements and events at the Club. Thanks was extended to the Blyth Development Board, Wakefield Regional Council and Office of Recreation & Sport for its contributed funds to the club this season to make these projects a reality. All of the improvements made have ensured the Blyth community has a great golfing facility. The afternoon concluded with Life Member Max Carling telling the guests the story of George Phillips whose photo hangs behind the club's bar. George was an astute businessman and set off to the Blyth Council in 1966 to secure a lease for the current golf club land. His achievement changed the land from a treeless cow paddock to the club being able to develop a clubhouse and to plant trees to make it a real golf course. An enjoyable afternoon was had.

PHOTO BELOW: BGC President Janet Zweck with BDB Board members Ian Roberts, Sue Pratt, Barry Spinks, Life Member Max Carling and BDB Chair and WRC's Deputy Mayor Denni Agnew and Mayor Rodney Reid.



The Men and Ladies Club Championships were played during August with Paul Gibson winning his first Club Championship by defeating Tyson Eime; Mark Howard (photo with Capt Simon Helbig) defeated Grant Mugge to win the Div 2 Men's Championship, again his first time; Roy Tate won back to back Div 3 Championship by defeating Simon Helbig. Kim Eime won her first Ladies Club Championship when defeating Barb Hayes in a close tussle; and Denby Wandel won her first Ladies Div 2 Championship by defeating Heather Williams.

The Golf Club held their final competition of the year on Sunday 24th September with a 3 person Ambrose sponsored by Kelvin Grove and Peter & Cathy Agnew. Winners of the day were Simon Helbig, Tyson Eime and Robyn Howard. The Ladies enjoyed an End of Season day on Wednesday 27th with Putt Putt at Rices Creek, Auburn, a lovely lunch at Sevenhill Hotel with presentations, followed by drinks on the Deck at the Clubhouse. A great day was had and all are looking forward to the season commencing in April 2024.

**BLYTH GOLF CLUB AGM: TUESDAY 17TH OCTOBER
At 7.30pm at the Blyth Golf Clubhouse. All welcome**

Blyth CFS

Hi Blyth Community. As your local Emergency Service Brigade, we thought it would be good to share with you some changes to the Brigade coming into this fire season.

Firstly, a big thank you to Craig Lloyd who has captained Blyth for the past 14 years and now passes on the baton on to Josh King, but continues to serve as a lieutenant to mentor and train the new leadership:

Captain: Josh King, 1st Lieutenant: Craig Walkley, 2nd Lieut: Bryce Eldredge, 3rd Lieut: Damien Wayman, 4th Lieut: Craig Lloyd (just to name a few.)

We have a great bunch of experienced members and young local lads who are growing in experience each year. As well as new members (Matt Maude & Rick Muller) that bring invaluable ranges of experience from previous brigades which we welcome heartily to our team.

As the fire season kicks into gear, we have already attended to incidences across our region. We encourage everyone to be fire ready and vigilant around their properties both on the farms and around the town so you can stay safe and enjoy the summer.

We are always looking for keen recruits to join our brigade and be a part of a volunteer service that is there to help the community. Please feel free to have a chat if you have questions or any interest in joining our brigade.

Please find information on how to best prepare for the fire season at <https://www.cfs.sa.gov.au>. Below is the team in action at their recent training



Blyth Progress Association

The Blyth Progress Association held their AGM on 12th September. Kerry Smith gave her final Chairperson's Report outlining the years events. Kerry took on the office of Chairperson in 2003 and has continued to lead the BPA for the past 20 years— how time flies. Thanks for extended to Kerry for her expertise in this role.

Election of Officers were held with the following elected: Chairperson Tracey Andriske, Secretary Cheryl Wandel, Treasurer Kristin Carling. Committee: Ashley Schultz, Kym Schultz, Kerry Smith, Ian Roberts, Dean Smallcombe, Janet Zweck, (as below) and Graham VanHeerde. Evan Hunter and Robyn & Brenna to be approached. (pictured below)



Ro Wood attended the meeting and gave an overview of the newly formed Blyth Community History Room which is under the umbrella of the Blyth Progress Association. Ro has been very active sorting through the "stuff" in the Hall's upstairs room, as well as obtaining a \$900 grant via the Wakefield Regional Council to help with costs of cataloguing our history. Thanks was extended to Ro commencing this venture and her passion in continuing this much needed and sorted resource in the community. These history resources can be found in the Community Library and the Hall's foyer entrance. Check inside this newsletter for more info..



BLYTH COMMUNITY LIBRARY AND HISTORY ROOM



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

The Blyth Hall Committee have establish a shared Community Library / History Room in the Blyth Hall.

After receiving a grant of \$900 from the Wakefield Regional Council, we purchased archive boxes, frames and an external hard drive to store the vast collection of photos that have been catalogued by Ian Roberts.

Thankyou to Narelle Roberts for accommodating the History items in the Library area.

The Room has been established to keep memorabilia from any Businesses Clubs and Organisations that no longer operate but have been part of the Blyth District and Community history.

We were thrilled to receive the Board Room table that was originally in the Blyth District Council Board Room.

Information and articles available

- Blyth District Hospital
- Blyth Rifle Club
- Blyth CWA
- Blyth Croquet
- Blyth Football Club
- Blyth Uniting Church
- Blyth District Council
- Kybunga School
- Kybunga Uniting Church
- Kybunga Hall
- Kybunga Football Club
- Kybunga Cricket Club
- Kybunga Township



Books for loan

- Silo of Stories
- Kybunga 1881-1981
- Balaklava Change and Challenge
- Clare History
- Magpie Creek Junction
- The South Hummocks
- Pt Wakefield Story
- The Wakefield- Its water and its wealth

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We welcome any photos, items, articles or family history books that people in the Community wish to lend or donate for safe keeping. All donations and items on loan will be recorded and acknowledged.

We are very fortunate that records have been kept and the Hall Committee are very excited about being about to present and preserve the History of the District in the shared area of the Community Library.

Please feel welcome to visit on a Friday afternoon and browse through the collection to date.

Please contact Ro Wood 0402279178 if you would like more information.



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Blyth Progress Association Committee

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

BLYTH COMMUNITY LIBRARY

EVERY FRIDAY 2-5:00PM

Blyth Community Hall, Blyth Main Street

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.

Biography/Non Fiction - General: "Great Conviet Stories", "Untold Stories of POW's during WW1", "I Catch Killers" by Gary Jubelin, "The Complete Book of Aussie Yarns", "Rod Marsh"

Gardening: "Grow Vegetables", "100 plants to Feed the Bees", "Gardening with Young Children", "Hydroponics for Schools and the Home Grower", "The Complete Book of Herbs"

Cooking: "The Mediterranean Method", "Simple Savoury Meals", "Back to School Snacks", "Diabetes Cook Book", "Quick & Easy Air Fryer Cook Book", "Cheese Making"

Childrens Picture books: "Dancing with Memories", "Button Boy", "The Bookshop Cot", "The Three Legged Kangaroo from Uluru", "Crocs Don't do Yoga", "The Boy who Wanted to Shrink his Name", "Ella and the useless day"

PLUS SO MUCH MORE..

SNOWTOWN TOWN GARAGE SALE

Sunday, 22nd OCTOBER 2023

8am - ONWARDS

Registration:
Closes Wed 18 OCT

ADVERTISED ACROSS THE REGION

- * Maps will be available on the day.
- * NO EARLY BIRDS
- * BAKE SALE & SAUSAGE SIZZLE
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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>
2023 August	63.2mm	44.4mm	46.5mm	36.2mm
2022 August	61.8mm	87.0mm	54.8mm	54.0mm
2023 September	20.4mm	36.2mm	18.5mm	16.8mm
2022 September	65.6mm	60.6mm	61.3mm	57.6mm
2023 YTD	285.2mm	320.8mm	257mm	221.6mm
2022 YTD	292.8mm	330.4mm	262.8mm	278.0mm

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Eulogy: Geoff Stewart. 1953-2023

Geoff was born in Quorn to Leslie and Joyce Stewart in 1953. He was the third of four children: Geoff's older siblings Eric and June, and his younger brother Dean who is sadly no longer with us. Geoff's family moved from Quorn to a dairy farm in Kersbrook when he was only 6, however his love for the Flinders Ranges remained throughout his life. Our family spent many holidays in Quorn and the Flinders – including one when Amy was just learning to walk and another when Tom was only 6 weeks old.

Geoff's time on the Kersbrook farm gave him valuable life experience, but it left him with a strong desire never to milk a cow ever again. He loved riding horses though, and even rode them to the bus stop to get to school from time to time. Geoff was involved in pony club and numerous horse events, and he competed at the Royal Adelaide Show for many years.

He was also an enthusiastic and dedicated footy player, playing for the Kersbrook and Birdwood Football Clubs. At times he played in the same A-grade team as his father and brother. Geoff played as a ruck rover and rested in the back pocket in the A-grade premiership team of 1975. And he is remembered by players as being 'very quick' and a 'tough but fair player'. Geoff fondly recalled breaking his arm at the end of a footy season and cutting off the cast so that he could play in the grand final. Geoff attended a different country hospital to have a new cast fitted after the game, and had to sheepishly explain the new cast to the original doctor when it was time to remove it.

Geoff's long affiliation with the CFS began at just 16 years of age, when he became a CFS volunteer at Kersbrook in 1969. He moved to the Gumeracha brigade after his first marriage, and served as captain for about 7 years. When Geoff moved to Blyth in 1989, he joined the Blyth CFS, becoming captain in 1991. Geoff remained captain here for 19 years until 2010. He continued to serve his community until 2016 when Geoff resigned as a volunteer from the CFS due to his dementia diagnosis. In the words of the current captain, "Geoff's service to his communities is to be admired and acknowledged, having spanned 47 years".

When he was in his early 20s, Geoff married Pauline and they had three children together: Joanne, Ainsley and Donna. They lived together in Gumeracha for 15 years.

After moving to Blyth in 1989, Geoff married my mum, Lynn, in the backyard of their home just down the road. Their wedding reception was held in the supper room of this very hall, and no doubt attended by some of you. It was a beautiful day representing the beginning of a long and loving marriage.

As they headed off on their honeymoon, they were followed by the sound of tin cans under the car. And for some reason no one seems to be able to explain, they returned to a pram on the roof of the house and confetti in almost every drawer and cupboard. That confetti kept showing up for decades.

Geoff was a mechanic by trade, and held numerous jobs over the decades. He was a bus driver, crane dogman and operator, and mobile tyre salesman out on the stations. He knew most of the mid-north from his time operating Clare Valley Cleaners. His final role saw him back on a farm, fixing equipment and helping with anything that was needed.

There wasn't anything Geoff wouldn't attempt to put his hand to. He built on the massive lounge room needed to comfortably house our growing family. He renovated bedrooms, built sheds, pergolas and decks - never wanting to stop before he finished a job, even if he had stuck the angle grinder into his leg. "It's alright", he said, pulling the wound open, "it cauterized as it went in so we can keep going".

The CFS was a huge part of Geoff's life. Our childhood is filled with memories of Geoff madly trying to pull on some shorts, grab his bag and drive up the street the second the siren went. Not necessarily in that order - I'm sure there was a time or two when the shorts didn't make it on or even in the car. I don't remember him ever missing the truck though. Geoff disappeared from a family holiday on Kangaroo Island to fight the bushfires there with lifelong friend Steve Jamieson. Geoff also went on interstate deployments including to fight the Black Saturday fires, even though he hated planes.

Unfortunately, Ash Wednesday left Geoff with a strong dislike (he wouldn't call it a fear) of helicopters. And even planes to some extent. Much to Mum's disappointment. Actually, he didn't travel well in much other than a car or truck. Pop him on a boat or ferry and it was only a matter of time until this big, strong, tough bloke turned green!

There wasn't much that impressed Geoff at times, with birthday presents always failing to exhibit much enthusiasm – a trait which Tom has sadly inherited. Packing for trips saw Geoff trying to leave Christmas presents home or just shoving them in with no thought to the gifts or the wrapping paper.

Geoff was never happier than when he was off camping with Mum, and the family when we were still all at home. A tent, a beer and campfire – he was like a pig in shit. We took family trips everywhere, usually on a shoestring budget. He hated cities. He liked the beach. But he loved to be surrounded by red dirt – the Flinders Ranges near where he was born in Quorn, and pretty much anywhere north of there. Over the years the tents were replaced by camper vans and caravans, but the Land Cruisers remained.

Geoff was such a doting father. Towards his first three children while he was allowed in their lives, then to two not biologically his own, and finally to Amy and Tom. Blood didn't matter – we were all his children. Loved equally. Unfortunately for us, Geoff's favourite way to show affection once we were older was to dig us in the ribs, or generally poke fun and give shit.

Geoff taught us what a husband and father should be by example. We knew what a happy home and family looked and felt like. Geoff loved mum so much, and we never doubted their love for each other, or for us.

Geoff was Poppy to his grandchildren: Maegan, Kate, Ben, Chloe, Paige and Maya. And he was loved by all, even Maya who was born a mere two weeks before his passing. Poppy and Ben used to sit for hours reading 4WD magazines and watching Roothy DVDs. Paige is 6 years old and has only known Geoff with dementia and in the nursing home. They had such a special relationship with each other – and for a little girl who doesn't love giving cuddles, Poppy would get one every time they met, and she could make Geoff smile on days when nothing else could.

Dementia slowed Geoff down and over time we watched the husband and father we knew disappear before our eyes. There were difficult days – with both unsuccessful and successful escape attempts after he moved to Ira Parker Nursing Home. Over his 5 and half years there, Geoff caused a whole range of security improvements to be undertaken. Who knew that someone with advanced dementia would replace a fly screen after climbing out of the window so no one would notice he had left. Or that if you shake a locked gate hard enough, the bolts fall out of the hinges and you can open the gate anyway. Ira Parker is now fully secure, having been thoroughly 'Geoff-tested'.

Geoff continued "working" after moving to the nursing home – telling Mum he had been off driving trucks, fixing cars and working hard when she wasn't around. The staff found Geoff on the floor one day and asked if he fell off the bed. Geoff quickly responded 'No, I'm checking the suspension'. Mum went to Tassie for three weeks and Geoff said he didn't even notice she was gone, as he had taken a truck to Perth.

Geoff was a favourite to the nursing home staff – and he had a 'day wife' and a 'night wife' who were his safe people when Mum wasn't around. The nursing home staff even mentioned they had to warn newbies not to be concerned by the banter they exchanged with Geoff, which was no different to the way he was with us. We saw the love and care given to Geoff when we moved in for that last week, and were so grateful that this was where he spent his final years.

They were hard days and years, but Geoff's sense of humour lasted until the very end. Geoff was giving shit, and the finger, to his family and the wonderful staff at the nursing home even in those final days. When told he had been freshly shaved one morning, he complained they hadn't done a very good job.

Geoff listened to us share stories about him over those final days – smirking when something took his fancy. Like when we shared his preference for being naked. You all, unbeknown to you at the time, have probably chatted to Geoff in a camp chair or on the lounge when the only thing he was wearing was a 4WD magazine laying over his lap.

He was, is, husband, poppy, father, friend... the only dad that matters.

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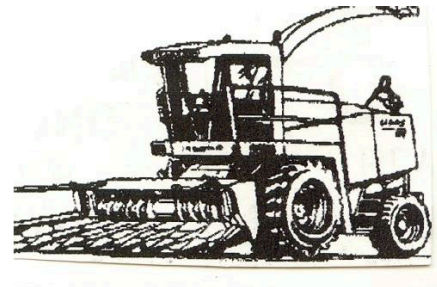
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