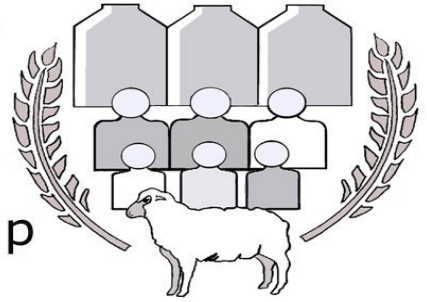


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NEWSLETTER

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EVENTS:

BIRTHDAYS:

Merwyn Wardle	96
Bill Callahan	92
Joy Mayberry	90
Shayne Fisher	50
Joanne Dixon	40
Ricky Gregor	30
Sarah McPherson	18

ENGAGEMENT:

Congratulations to Teaghan Addinsall and Jon Ling on their engagement. We wish them the very best for the future.

MARRIAGE:

Tianee Carlin was married to Jake Hinton on March 6th at Horsham. She is the daughter of Odette Heinrich, Partner of Stephen Murphy of Willenabrina..



GET WELL:

Graham Osbourne
Colin Appledore
Travis Fisher
Peter Martin
Rodney Quick
Bronwyn Martin
Valda Hunter
Sam Tickner
Wavell McPherson

DEATH:

Former Brim resident Norman Wardle passed away on February 8th in Port Macquarie. Norman was the brother of Brian Wardle. We wish all the family our deepest sympathy.

A LION FOR 40 YEARS



James McFarlane with his certificate recognising 40 years of service to the Brim Lions Club.



The Brim Lions club held its first full dinner meeting in almost 12 months on Tuesday the 15th of March and what an important meeting it was with James McFarlane recognised for 40 years of service.

Back in March 2020 at the beginning of the covid pandemic James McFarlane officially notched up his 40th year as a Brim Lion. However Tuesday night was the first real opportunity the club has had to officially acknowledge his monumental achievement.

Club president Graeme Holland briefly outlined James' work over the years and particularly emphasised his gratitude for not only being a founding member of the Brim Lions Club when it was first formed back in 1980 but a committed community worker with just as much input, passion and motivation now 40 years on.

Mathew Crisp who is secretary of the club, presented Mr McFarlane with the Lions Clubs International "Chevron Award" which recognises the milestones of members and marks the achievements of long term servers and the ripple affect they have created throughout the wider community during their tenure.

After being presented with his award Mr McFarlane humbly and briefly addressed the meeting and spoke about the beginning of the Brim Club and how he has enjoyed the journey. He also noted he is hoping to continue to serve as a Lion for a few more years yet.

PORKY'S RIDE FOR BOB

THIS LETTER IS FROM BOB FISHER

I am overwhelmed by the friendship and support shown through “Porky’s Ride For Bob” and humbled by the contribution made by so many generous people.

I can’t thank everyone by name, but my heartfelt thanks goes to :

Porky— what a fantastic effort mate!

His support crew and the sponsors that made the ride possible.

The Brim Community for their support.

The Brim Lions Club for the BBQ and Jade McConville for organising the raffle.

All those who were involved in some capacity and everyone who attended the afternoon event in Brim.

When informed that Kevin ‘Porky’ O’Neill planned to ride from Sunshine to Warracknabeal, to assist me and my family, I asked “Why?”

The ride has raised awareness of Parkinson’s and spread the word on our journey, and I would love to see a group started to assist carers— not only of Porky’s folk, but of anyone with a terminal disease. The carers carry 90% of the load.

To Woodbine :- nothing was done for reward, but the Life Membership is greatly appreciated and I will treasure it forever.

Thank you
Bob Fisher.



MEETING WITH THE SHIRE

Some staff and councillors from the Yarriambiack Shire met community members at the Brim Sports Centre to hear concerns the community has.

About 15 people from the community attended the meeting.

Concerns were raised about the condition of roads in the area and the difficulty cars and farm machinery have when travelling on roads which are graded so the centre of the road is too high for safe travelling. Particular mention was made of Sturrocks Road north of Brim

Other concerns mentioned were the high shire costs for those wishing to build a home in the area. This has meant that some intending to build and live in Brim in the past have abandoned the idea. Another concern was the aging of residents in the shire where many of the youth have left the district to further their studies or seek careers and never returned. It was suggested that businesses need to be encouraged to establish in the shire as this could then help to attract and retain youth in the shire so it may prosper into the future. There was also an enquiry on ownership of land where rates are being paid on a deceased estate.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Apology to Lauren: in the last newsletter, It was mentioned Lauren Pumpa was turning 40. As she is married, this should have read Lauren Monaghan. Sorry Lauren.

Brim Fire Brigade: The fire brigade was fortunate to receive a \$500 Voucher from Coles to spend in store for items for use in the brigade. This will be used for their annual BBQ and to restock general things at the station. All fire brigades in the district receive this voucher after the devastating fires in late 2019 and early in 2020.

Brim also received money donated to the CFA after these bushfires. This money was spent on equipment for the brigade. Again other local brigades such as Lah, Willenabrina and Crymelon received equipment for their brigades. Both these donations were very much appreciated by all brigades.

New ventures: Jonty Hunter, son of Russell, last year took a gap year and has this year begun a 2 year course of Advanced Diploma in Agri Business at Longrenong .

Sarah McPherson was successful in getting a second round offer at Ballarat, then a third round offer at the Federation University at Churchill. She has accepted the course of Education and Primary at Churchill and has begun her studies there.

We wish both Jonty and Sarah the very best and also for those who have recently commenced a new career or course.

The local juniors are going swimmingly: Warracknabeal hosted a junior competitive swim on Saturday February 20th. Local swimmers with notable results were:

Isaac Credlin with firsts in the boys 8 and Under Freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke(50m).

Eljah Keam with firsts in 9-10 year Girls Freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly (50m).

Seth Keam came third in boys 10-11 freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly (50m). He also swam a personal best in the 100m freestyle.

Levi Keam was awarded first in the 50m butterfly and 100m freestyle.

Toby Drage competed in the boys 15-16 years and came third in the 100m freestyle.

Josiah Keam has also volunteered to train as a swimming coach and after completing his training will be coaching swimming in the 2021/22 season.

End of year awards went to **Eljah Keam** (junior division and Roger Tempest Memorial trophy), **Seth Keam** (intermediate division) . **Isaac Credlin** was awarded the most improved in breaststroke with **Seth Keam** winning this in backstroke. Those who improved the times by 10 secs or more from the best times were **Oliver and Issac Credlin** and **Seth and Eljah Keam**.

We congratulate them all and wish them the best in their swimming for the future. WELL DONE !

Gold Medal for Amaylie: Amaylie Coutts represented her school in rowing, at the School Sport Regatta 2021 held on the Barwon River on Thursday March 11th. The team of Eliza Wray , Amaylie Coutts, Lily Adam and Lexie-Rae McDonald with cox Claudia Elles were the gold medallists for the Female School Coxed Four - Division 2 for Year 9 students. Amaylie was also awarded the **Ballarat Secondary Colleges** most improved rower for year 9. Amaylie is the Granddaughter of Lance and Mavis Wardle and daughter of Alicia.

Congratulations goes to **Hudson Roche** who broke a record held since 1980 by 2 seconds in the 70m sprint for 8 year old boys in the Primary School Athletic Sports. The last record to be broken on the day was the Girls 9 year old 100m. This was broken by **Ella Preston** in a time of 18.02 seconds, breaking the previous record by 3 seconds. Congratulations Ella and Hudson.

Ex Brim resident Glenda Hocking called into Brim on Saturday April 10th. She is research Brim history to compile a book. Anyone with relevant memorabilia can email Glenda on pngrhocking@adam.com.au. She has already written 3 books. There is a copy of one she has written on her mother's family the Collins family of Beulah in the Brim Store.

ANZAC DAY ARRANGEMENTS

The Anzac committee held an annual meeting on Tuesday the 13th of April at the hall supper room.

The office bearers are as follows: **Chairperson:** Valda Hunter
Vice Chairperson : Pat Gouin
Secretary: Stewart Boyd.

Committee members: Office bearers and all those present: Gwenda Torney Ian Fisher, Kelvin Gouin, Mavis Wardle, and Graham Drage.

The Anzac service was discussed. Due to COVID restrictions, a brief service will be held at the front of the hall with Cameron Whelan playing his bagpipes at 8.30 am and the flag raising and wreath laying to begin at 9am. There will be no guest speaker.

The new Post World War 2 Honour board for those from Brim, Lah and districts who have served in more recent times in any of the defence forces will be on display.

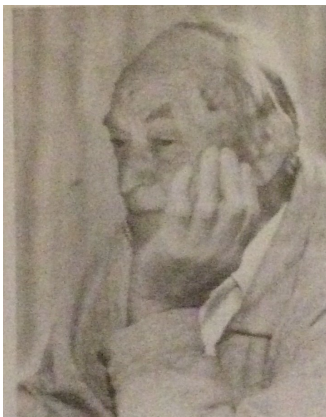
Everyone is welcome to attend but social distancing must be observed.

An article was forwarded to us by John and Margaret Brennan and came from Bellarine Memories. Unfortunately we cannot use the whole article, but will summarise it as best we can.

JOHN WILFRED BOEHM 8/9/1921 - 22/6/2014

John was a former resident of Brim and his name is on the Honour Roll in the Brim Hall..

World War 2 service.



John began his overseas service by staying briefly in Singapore before going to Segamat, Malaya where his troupe did a lot of jungle training and acclimatised to the warm conditions.

They then spent time in war in December 1941, John's unit was to guard all utilities such as water, gas, electricity etc.

The Japanese landed in Thailand and advanced quickly down the mainland of Malaya. The battle of Muar in Malaya was where the 2/29th battalion did most of their fighting with heavy losses. They were able to hold up the Japanese for 6 days allowing a whole British force to withdraw.

When they withdrew, they left some wounded soldiers behind who, if they were not able to crawl into the jungle to join the Chinese Guerrilla forces,

were executed by the Japanese.

John's unit pushed back to Singapore Island which was surrounded by Japanese forces, and after heavy bombing, the British and Australian troops surrendered to the Japanese on the 15th of February 1942. John then became a prisoner of war until August 1945.

John spent time in Changi and a POW camp which was formerly an amusement park.

The POWs worked 12 hours a day through all types of weather. John spent many months working on the docks which had been damaged by heavy bombing. During the time there were outbreaks of Cholera, Dysentery and Ulcers. John had his boots stolen and was barefooted for months until he made sandals out of a piece of wood and straps. Hygiene in the camps was non-existent and at the completion of the railway, his detachment was eventually sent back to Singapore and Changi where he remained until the end of the war. During his time as a POW, his family didn't know if he was alive or dead, and he suffered from dysentery, malaria 2 or 3 times, jaundice and diarrhoea.

He returned home to Australia on a hospital ship weighing 7.5 stone after being 11 stone when he left Australia..

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

BRENNAN FAMILY: **John and Margaret** Brennan live in a retirement village called Bellarine Lakes Country Club at Moolap, near Geelong. They have 3 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

Tony and Deb live in Warracknabeal and have three children.

Daniel is married to **Danielle** and they live in Hintly near Bendigo. They have three children

Chelsea and **Travis** live in Grovedale. They also have three children including twins

Hayley and **Matt** live in Alfredton and have no children.

Sue and **Gavin** live in Drysdale and have no children

Catherine and **Steven** live in Inverleigh and also have no children. However they do have a successful business called 'The A—Z of service excellence.

John and Margaret Brennan moved to Drysdale some years ago and brought with them a great deal of history from the Northern Wimmera and Southern Mallee.

The family, along with many others from up that way would often holiday in Portarlington.

From 1959 John, Margaret and their family would come with their caravan in tow for a few weeks, if there had been a harvest.

They made lifelong friends with their usual neighbours in the camp ground which was located where the Parks Hall currently stands.

These memories eventually encouraged them to move to the area.

The big reason for John's move was the medical care available on the Bellarine Peninsular.

John spent many years on the Warracknabeal District Hospital Board and wrote the history of the Century of Care from 1891-1991.

John also wrote the history of the Warracknabeal Football Club 1886-1986 and the Brim Football Club 1892-1996 .

He continues to research the Marion Land Company where his family first settled in the Northern Wimmera area. John's grandfather was the first manager of the Marion Land Company and original shareholders were Martin Brennan, Thomas Hutchings, Peter Galbraith, Mary Hunter, John Cromie, James Hutchings Gordon Maconachie, John McAllistair and Charles Proctor.

John played football for the Brim Football Club in the Southern Mallee League and for Warracknabeal in the Wimmera League.

Another of his missions is to collate the Southern Mallee history.

John is keen to hear from anyone who has knowledge of both histories

He continues to be concerned about the preservation of history.

If anyone has any relevant information on the Marion Land Company or the Southern Mallee football league you can contact John on 0352 507 827.

DULCIE AND KEVIN FISHER: Dulcie and Kevin live in Fraser Drive Horsham. Kevin is a brother to Tren, Reg, Ian and Gordon and sister to Isa Newell (all deceased) .

Kevin raced horses alongside Tren on the Brim Farm.

Dulcie enjoys her craftwork and gardening.

DELTA DONATES HER HAIR

After 4 years of growing her hair, Delta Wardle had her hair cut under the guidance of her aunt Janelle Patterson so that she could donate it for a wig for someone impacted with cancer.

Friends and family members were involved in plaiting her hair and cutting off the plaits.

Delta has been raising money for cancer research and has raised over \$2,000. Her website is:

<http://fundraising.cancer.org.au/fundraisers/deltawardle>.

Left: Delta with aunt Jenelle Patterson

Right: With sister Keedie with the cut plaits



BRIM KELLALAC SHEEP HILLS CRICKET CLUB

The Brim Kellalac Sheep Hills recently finished their cricket season campaign for 2020 2021 the B grade finished the season with a great win, however failed agonisingly short of making the final four for the play-offs for the grand final..

The A grade team on the other hand was able to reach the semi final stage of the A Grade competition after finishing fourth in the home and away games.

However disappointingly they played Jeffcott who was ranked number one in the competition in their semi-final and due to the rain that weekend the game was abandoned and Jeffcott fell into the grand final after being on the ropes at 3for18 at one point before the rain stopped play.

President Mathew Crisp and secretary David Holland congratulated the club on a wonderful season both on and off the field.

Big thanks also to Isaac McPherson for Captaining the A grade and Sean Wright for Captaining the B grade.



Photo back from left: Leigh Dovaston, Charlie Dean, Isaac McPherson, Lachie McGuinness, Chris McPherson, Fraser Wright

Front row: Lachie Hadley, Robert Burke, Mark McPherson, Sandon Schulz and Royce Bennett .

BRIM KELLALAC SHEEP HILLS CRICKET CLUB

BKSHCC Winds Up 2020/21

Around 50 players, life members, sponsors, trophy donors and supporter families attended the Brim Kellalac Sheep Hills Cricket Club Presentation evening on Friday March 27th at the Brim Sports Centre. The event was supported by the Yarriambiack Shire Council via a Share Grant.

The club celebrated the season in a Covid safe manner after a great deal of uncertainty before the season started as to if there was even going to be a Wimmera Mallee Cricket Association competition in 2020/21.

A grade captain and Covid Safety Officer Isaac McPherson spoke about the season which commenced a little later on November 7 due to Covid and although disappointed about not making the grand final after the semi final was washed out on March 13 ,he was very proud of the teams efforts after setting team goals early in the season via Zoom. Isaac dominated the A Grade Awards. He won the A grade batting which was donated by Gavan Inkster. In his role as wicketkeeper Isaac took out the A grade catches donated by the Peart family in memory of Lance. Isaac took 6 catches and 12 stumpings for the season. He also took out the A grade points trophy donated by Geoffreys Menswear, the Bill Rose Medal for the Best and Fairest player and the Club Champion player award for the most points by any player within the club. The Bronc Schilling Perpetual Club Champion trophy dates back many years and the current trophy is nearly full dating back to 96/97.

The A grade bowling donated by Paul and Janine Rattray was won by Lachie McGinniss.

Sean Wright spoke about the season as B grade captain and Covid Safety Officer while taking the audience through the Ian Wright medal which saw Gurjit Mangat (Sony) receive one vote in the last round to beat Ashley Wright by one vote to win the B grade club best and fairest. Sony also took out the B grade bowling which was donated by Brian and Val Wardle, and the B grade points.

The B grade catching trophy donated by Boyce and Gwen Holland was won by Kody Leith with 9 catches and 1 stumping. New recruit Ashley Wright took out the B grade batting which was donated by Bill and Jenny Somers. Sandon Schultz was awarded the clubs most improved under 21 which is a trophy Wavell McPherson has donated for many years. The infamous Duck Hunters award this season was taken out by Fraser Wright with 4.

President Matt Crisp thanked all for coming and said he was grateful for the work of a number of individuals to keep the cricket club going so well during the pandemic.

Photo: BKSHCC 2020/21 Trophy Winners

Back: Lachie McGinniss, Isaac McPherson, Ashley Wright and Sandon Schultz

Front; Kody Leith & Sean Wright

(who holds trophies for Gurjit Mangat & Fraser Wright)

Further information: David Holland 0429 699229
or Charlie Dean 0408 606599



JOKES OF THE MONTH

BOYCE'S JOKE



There was a warship in the Roman navy full of galley-slaves, and one day one of them died at his bench.

Immediately all the guards got out their whips and started slashing the other galley slaves.

"Hey, this is a bit much!" shouted one. "What have we done? What's this all about?"

"Tradition on this ship," the chief guard replied. "Whenever someone dies we always have a whip-around."



KIDS CORNER

How are false teeth like stars?

They come out at night

Why did the cell phone go to the dentist?

It was having trouble with its Bluetooth

What has teeth but no mouth?

A comb

What does the Dentist of the Year get?

A little plaque

BRENNO'S JOKE

Kindly submitted by John and Margaret Brennan

A speaker was in such a hurry to get to his engagement that when he arrived and sat down at the head of the table, he suddenly realised that he had forgotten his false teeth.

Turning to the man next to him, he said, "I forgot my teeth."

The man said, "No problem."

He reached into his pocket and pulled out a pair of false teeth. "Try these."

The speaker tried them, "Too loose." he said.

The man then said, "I have another pair—try these."

The speaker tried them and responded, "Too tight."

The man not taken back at all. He said, "I have one more pair—try them."

The speaker said, "They fit perfectly." With that he ate his meal and gave his speech.

After the dinner was over, the speaker went over to thank the man who helped him.

"I want to thank you for coming to my aid. Where is your office? I've been looking for a good dentist."

The man replied, "I'm not a dentist, I'm an undertaker!"

LIONS PAPER WORKING BEE



On Saturday, February 27 a large group of local Brim community members did a fantastic job, loading over 30 tonne of newspapers manually onto a B-double truck using the old human chain method of stacking them manually into the back of the bins . McPherson’s generously supplied their JCB to allow the "(B)" trailer of the B double to be loaded at the same time as the front trailer .

Work begin at 7:30 am and by 9:30 am, 30 tonne of papers were loaded and headed to Melbourne to a recycling plant where they will be made into cardboard. This venture will hope to raise almost \$2000 for the Brim Lions club to put towards the community. Brim Lions club president Graeme Holland thanked all 25 people for attending, he also thanked McPherson store for supplying coffee and snacks for the workers upon completion. Well done everyone.



GREAT WORK RECOGNISED

Youth Participation Rewarded

During the Brim Lions Club first full dinner meeting for 2021. A group of Warracknabeal children were recognised for their help and participation within the Brim Lions Club newspaper recycling ongoing project.

The club collects old newspapers throughout the year and stores them in a local goods shed in Brim. Newspapers are collected from around the community and from the local Warracknabeal Herald print room and the Newsagency.

There are regular collections carried out by project coordinators Mathew Crisp and Graeme Holland. Over the past 12 months a group of young enthusiastic kids volunteered their labour and time to help.

Mr Crisp said that, "At first it was a once off thing, however it was not long before the kids had taken the initiative and began organising us with weekly and fortnightly pickups."

All we do now is drive the utes, the young people do all the loading and unloading, it's great." Mr Crisp said.

The group of industrious children include Cody and Hayden Polack, Ella, Lucy and Oliver Holland, and Rubiee-Jane and Jobe Crisp. The group were presented with certificates of youth participation from the Brim Lions Club for helping collect 30,240 tonne of newspaper. The paper was collected just last month and taken to a Melbourne facility to be recycled and made into cardboard raising almost \$2000 for the club.



Brim Lions Club president Graeme Holland would also like to thank the Brim Community for all coming together and manually loading the B-Double truck by hand back in late February.

Those in Photo

Back left :Mathew Crisp, Ella Holland, Cody Polack Graeme Holland.

Centre from left: Lucy Holland Hayden Polack,

Front left :Oliver Holland, Rubiee-Jane Crisp,

BRIM MEMORIAL BOWLING CLUB RESULTS

LADIES BOWLS: Some time back in early November, the Brim Ladies Bowling Championship was played.

Mavis Wardle won the championship from Charmaine Fisher.

This is her 6th championship win since 2005.

Congratulations Mavis, you are a deserving winner.



Right: Mavis Wardle, Club Champion

TRADE TRIPLES: A total of 14 teams were part of the Brim Bowling Club’s hotly contested twilight ‘Two Bowl Triples’ tournament.

Tournament President James McFarlane and Secretary Mavis Wardle said that the tournament, played over three weeks was sponsored by W & S McPherson.

It was played under lights on calm cool nights on the 3rd, 10th and 20th of February and was a great success.

The teams competing were: Fiona Holland, D. Marchment, McPhersons, James McFarlane, Golf, Lah Larrikans, David Stewart, Dixons, Brimsmeade, Shane’s team, Cricket 1 and 2, Woodbine and Lindsay Martin.

Each team played 2 games of eight ends to decide the evenings winners.

On the final night, guests enjoyed a sausage sizzle—thanks to the cooks Buddy and Graeme.

The bar also proved to be popular.

A big thank you to all Bowls Members for making this a great night and for encouraging outsiders to come along and try their skills in bowling.

Hope to see you all next year.



James McFarlane’s Winning Trade Triples team with Wavell McPherson.



Runners-up :
The woodbine team



Activity on the green

JAMES DROPS INTO BRIM ON HIS EASTER TREK

Warracknabeal’s Anglican minister Rev. James Wood walked from Hopetoun to Warracknabeal in the week before Easter carrying a cross to mark the Easter celebration.

On his way he called into the Brim Bowling Club on Wednesday March 31st for a meal with friends and community members.

He stayed the night at Redda’s Park and had breakfast at the General store the next morning before continuing on the Warracknabeal.

