

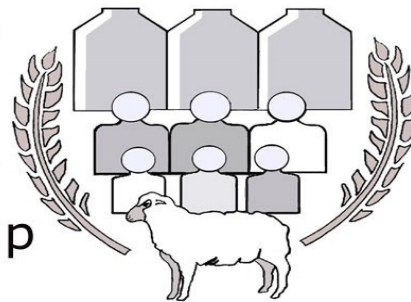
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NEWSLETTER



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EVENTS:

BIRTHDAYS:

Dot Quick 93
Leonie Atkin 60
Ryan McKenzie 40
Colleen McPherson 40
Trent King 21

GET WELL:

Bob Fisher
Betty Golder
Alys Sturrock
Colleen McPherson
Peter Hewitt
Colleen McKenzie
Ian Wurfel

BIRTHS:

Paige and Ben Murphy welcome with love their son Harry Samuel. A Grandson for Lindsay and Sonia Martin and great grandson for Muriel Martin, Lance and Mavis Wardle.

Brett Campbell and Hayley McGrath are proud parents of their daughter Indie born on July 31st. She is a granddaughter for Heather and Leo Bester.

LIBRARY DROP-OFF FOR BRIM



Library services coming to Brim: Yarriambiack Libraries have now launched a 'Words on Wheels' timetable, where library services will travel to outlying areas in a two week rotation. Lenders will be able to borrow books, magazines, audio books and DVDs on a regular basis.

This service commenced on the week commencing July 20th, and will run on Wednesday and Friday each week. Wednesday of the first week, the service will travel to Beulah in the morning and Woomelang in the afternoon, and on Friday to Minyip and Murtoa. The second week the service will travel to Patchewollock and Hopetoun on the Wednesday with drop offs at Yaaapeet, Speed and Lascelles, and Rupanyup on Friday.

On the Wednesday of the first week there will be a drop off at McPherson's General in Brim store before 9am. Anyone wishing to borrow through this service can collect them and return them at the store in Brim. Anyone wishing to borrow articles — whether it is a specific title or on a certain topic will need to order them through the library or on the forms left at the shop, and they will be then dropped off in Brim and can also be returned to the library collection box in Brim. Those borrowing through Brim will receive a 'book delivery card' with their mail to inform them that their library delivery has arrived. Anyone interested in making use of this service can contact the library via email at wkingston@yarriambiack.vic.gov.au or phone 0353 980 100.

Library membership forms will also be available at the shop.



Left: Justin Knorpp loading the library van

NEWS IN BRIEF

Apology: To all those who received a printed version of the last newsletter, I apologise for the incomplete sign on the front page. It should have read: **SIGN IN AN OFFICE:** After tea break, staff should empty the teapot and stand upside down on the draining board.

Matilda on TV: In the last week of June, Matilda Drage (right) was featured asking a question on ABC's Q & A program. Eight year old Matilda is the daughter of David and Narelle Drage of Lah and Granddaughter of Graham and Judy Drage of Warracknabeal. She has been concerned with the news items announcing cuts to the ABC funding and worried about her favourite TV show being axed.



Olivia McConville has now commenced a nursing degree online. Olivia finished Year 12 VCE in 2019 and worked in Taylors Lakes for the first half of 2020. We all wish you the very best for your new venture Olivia

Due to the increase of COVID 19 cases, Redda's Park has again been closed. This means there will be no caravans or camping and all facilities are closed. The park was open between July 1st and July 24th. We thank the Brim Lions Club for the many hours of work they do to keep the park in top condition, and for their consideration in trying to keep the community safe in these times.

Thank you to all to those who have been willing to receive their newsletter via email. Any still wishing to do so can send their name and email address to kpgouin@gmail.com using the subject title Newsletter. Those with any news items or suggestions may use the same email address or drop them into the shop at Brim for Charmaine to collect. With two old fogies who are not actually living in the Brim township compiling the information, it is sometimes hard to catch up with all the news. Thank You.

Congratulations to Bailee Harrison: Bailee has been awarded the Mandurah Triathlon Club champion women 30-34 years trophy for 2019/20. Bailee is the daughter of John and Lisa Gouin. Congratulations Bailee.

Football and netball: It was proposed to have a small Wimmera competition of Junior football and netball this year. Warrack Eagles who were to combine with Rupanyup decided to pull out and the competition has now been abandoned.

Rebels: the proposed competition of the country under 18 teams has now also been cancelled. Dane Stewart was to be part of the under 18 Rebels squad this year.

Sports and recreation Victoria have begun announcing approved recipients of the Community Sport Sector COVID 19 short term survivor package which is part of the funding providing an opportunity for local sporting clubs to apply for \$1,000 grants. Both the Brim Bowling Club and Brim Kellalac Sheep Hills Cricket Club have received the grant to assist with COVID recovery.

The Yarriambiack Shire Council had 16 successful grants.

Brim Sports & Social Club Secretary Graeme Holland installed a **Dog Litter Bag Station** at the Brim Sports Centre in July. As there have been many people walking their beloved canines in the area and lots of dog droppings found in the grounds it has been a welcome addition.

Graeme asks that if you are in the area walking your dog to do the right thing and grab a bag to pick up after your pooch at the Sports Centre station please.



RIGHT: Graeme Holland installing the dog bag

DEATHS:

The Brim community are saddened by the passing of former resident Kevin Church in Queensland. Deepest sympathy to Jo, Mary, Angela, and Benjamin all the Church family. Son Luke predeceased him.

Right: The late Kevin Church



The Brim community unfortunately have lost another local.

Bill Murray who recently turned 80 passed away on August 14th. Deepest sympathy to wife Sandra, daughter Tracey, and other members of the family including former Brim residents Marion and Tony Chalker.

Another former resident of Brim passed away on August 17. John Marshman, father of Robyn, Garry and Sharon, is the brother of Noela Wardle, Ken, Gary and Ray Marshman. Deepest sympathy to all family members from the Brim Community.

CORONAVIRUS ISOLATION

My name is **Isabel Lindsay** and I am a second year teacher working in Nhill. This year I am teaching grade 5/6 and I have a small class. At my school each student is provided with an iPad which has been very useful during remote learning. But technology is only good when it is working. We have faced many issues during remote learning such as NBN connection/internet issues, updating apps, blocking apps, delivering tasks through Seesaw, providing feedback, making videos, trialling zoom meetings and lessons, students not completing any work, students wanting more work and parent expectations. In a classroom, the parents usually only witness the end product of their child's learning however they are now a part of the audience.

During the first remote learning stint, I worked from school every day. Now however, I am working from home two days a week. No one tells you when you want to be a teacher that you will face a global pandemic and be expected to fill the roles of technical whiz, counsellor, philosopher, a shoulder to cry on, TV presenter and telemarketer. Not to mention with all these roles, you are on call 24/7. With remote learning 2.0 it has been a lot easier for the students to understand their learning and fall into a routine at home. I have made many adjustments to how I deliver their learning and provide more hands-on activities. I also tried to change the platform we were using however that didn't quite work. I am also becoming a great multitasker, a day of remote learning looks like 200 notifications to sort through and give feedback on, which are coming through sporadically starting at 6am till 6pm at night, yard duties, supervising, lesson planning, and uploading content for the next day. I feel as a teacher you are always reflecting on ways to improve your teaching and to accept that it is okay if something doesn't go to plan.

The best thing about remote learning I have found is that you don't have to deal with behaviour, so that makes your job easier. I bet the teachers that taught me wished they had this opportunity. However, the workload has increased as you are always adapting or researching new ways to deliver your planned learning outcomes to ensure that students are engaged at home. I do look forward to when I can be back into the classroom face to face with my students but for now we all need to do the right thing and that is to stay home and abide by the rules. Even through all the struggles of this year, I do believe that as you gain more experience as a teacher you love your job more and more each day.

MASKS IN SCHOOLS:

Here's how one of the teachers responded with the thought of how requiring masks might work in Primary Schools:

"Please don't snap Billy's mask in his face."

"You shouldn't be using your mask as a slingshot. Please put it back on your face."

"No, you may not blow your nose in your mask"

"Please take your mask off your pencil and stop twirling it around."

"I know your mask fits over your pants like a knee pad, but please take it off your knee and put it on your face!"

"What do you mean, you tried to eat your lunch through your mask?"



CORONAVIRUS ISOLATION

COVID 19 ISOLATION

COVID, COVID isolation
Brings to us, so much frustration.
We can't go out and have some fun –
Unless perhaps we go to run.

At hospitals they take your temp,
If it is high you are exempt
From visiting a friend or so
You can't go in, you have to go!

We can go out for gro-cer-ies,
But careful now, and do not sneeze –
The tissues are in short supply
And toilet rolls in any ply.

Shelves are bare of flour too,
Where's sugar, pasta? – Have no clue!
All walk around with mask on face
So they feel safe in any place.

No sound of children at the school,
They're all at home – that is the rule.
Home schooling now is all the go,
No lining up all in a row.

The parents now must try to teach
The teachers help, if they can reach
Each child through internet or phone
To keep the children in the zone.

Some parents now must work from home
Because they're not allowed to roam.
With school for kids and working too
These busy times, mean rests are due.

For those whose jobs are there no more
We're sorry for you that's for sure,
We wish that soon some work you'll find
And that, we hope will ease your mind.

We're getting sick of life this way
Please, please COVID go away!
Next time we will be so much wiser
And keep a stock of sanitiser!

A. Nonie Moss

Patrick Lindsay has commenced a University course at Latrobe University in Bundoora. Here is his experience of University with COVID 19.

In Early February I headed down to Bundoora to start my University life at Latrobe. The first two weeks were Res Fest and O week a good chance to meet new people from all across Australia and world all eager to start the new year. I started face to face classes in the third week and did a total of two weeks and one day of face to face classes before the dreaded email that came Monday afternoon saying that students will have the rest of the week off as they convert the classes to online. During the final week quite a few students who are doing study abroad had to return home, as their university had told them to return. I returned home on Thursday with plans to travel back and get the rest of my things on the Tuesday but with restrictions tightening on the Sunday night, I handed my card to my mate to hand in to accommodation services and eat the food in my fridge.

The transition online was a struggle with teachers and students not knowing what to do and how things would go. Personally I did not enjoy online as class discussion was even less with people being unwilling to talk, and remembering to complete work before class was a struggle as it is very easy to find a distraction at home whether that may be watching Netflix or doing work on the farm (when desperate not to do any uni work). I was lucky enough that I was still in the same time zone as my classes unlike the students who had to go back to their home country. The international students were up at all hours of the night trying to attend classes such as workshops where attendance is important. The teachers and practical demonstrators were all really good even though for them their job stability was unknown and they were understanding on the difficulties of online learning. I was lucky enough that I had met some good friends in my classes which made life easier as we would keep in contact and help each other out as well as keep each other on track, and make sure we did not miss any important quizzes. I never thought I would say "I wish I was back learning in the class room," but learning online gave me a new appreciation and love for the classroom. However I would be more than happy for the university to continue doing exams online so I can do it from the comfort of home. I had intended on playing for the Latrobe University Football team in the VAFA but returned to play for the Eagles whilst being at home for study, until the football season was called off. I plan to play for Latrobe if I return to Bundoora next year.

I will be continuing my subjects via online learning for the remainder of the year, I have been fortunate to be home and working on the farm and working for neighbours when needed. I am sure Mum and Dad are just as hopeful as I am that I return to Bundoora next year to finish my studies.

BOYCE'S JOKE OF THE MONTH

A father, passing by his son's bedroom was astonished to see the bed was nicely made, and everything was picked up. Then, he saw an envelope propped up prominently on the pillow.

It was addressed 'Dad'.

With the worst premonition, he opened the envelope and read the letter with trembling hands.

Dear Dad,

It is with great regret and sorrow that I'm writing to you. I had to elope with my new girlfriend, because I wanted to avoid a scene with Mum and you.

I've been finding real passion with Stacey, and she is so nice, but I knew you wouldn't approve of her because of all her piercings, tattoos, her tight motorcycle clothes and because she is so much older than I am.

But it's not only the passion, Dad, - she's pregnant. Stacey says we will be very happy. She own a trailer in the woods and has a stack of firewood for the whole winter. We share a dream of having many more children.

Stacey has opened my eyes to the fact that marijuana doesn't really hurt anyone. We'll be growing it for ourselves and trading it with other people in the commune, for all the cocaine and ecstasy we want. In the meantime, we'll pray that science will find a way to cure AIDS so Stacey can get better. She deserves it!!!

Don't worry Dad, I'm 15 and I know how to take care of myself. Someday, I'm sure we'll be back to visit so you can get to know your many grandchildren.

Love from your son. Adam.

P.S. Dad, none of the above is true. I'm over at Zac's house.

I just wanted to remind you that there are worse things in life than the school report that's on my desk

Call me when it is safe for me to come home.

KIDS CORNER

When does Thursday come before Wednesday?

In the dictionary

Why did the girl take a ladder to school?

Because she went to High School

Why did the teacher wear dark glasses?

Because she had a bright class

Why was 6 crying?

Because 789.

I believe my house is haunted. Everytime I look in my mirror a crazy old lady stands in front of me so I can't see my reflection!



I really think that tossing and turning at night should be considered as exercise.



WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

BARKER FAMILY:

Trevor and Shirley Barker live in Bendigo. They are former owners of the Brim Hotel from 1995-1997. They now own a motel in Dimboola, the only one, and Shirley says the best! Shirley still tells a good joke and has driven many fellas home after a night out at the Hotel in Brim!

Trevor and Shirley have 2 children— Crystal, who is married to Ross and has a son Cooper
And Tate 27, who lives in Melbourne and works as a carer.

BARTLETT FAMILY:

Betty Bartlett lives in Horsham and is enjoying being retired.

Betty was formerly in the Brim Hotel from 1998 to 2005.

Betty's daughter Renae lives in Horsham with her two children Zac and Thomas

Her son Damien lives in Templestowe.

BASEDEN FAMILY:

Paul and Jenny live in Willow Street Forest Beach, Queensland.

They have two daughters

Rachelle is married to Jelbert and is living in Bendigo

Alison is married to Angus and has a daughter. They live in Townsville.

CHURCH FAMILY:

Jo and Kevin (dec) Church. Jo lives in Buderim QLD. They had 5 children—Mary, Mark, Angela, Luke (dec) and Benjamin.

Mark lives in Perth, Angela in Cairns and Benjamin in Buderim.

Ann and Mick (dec) Church. Ann lives in Ballarat (formerly living in Brim) and has four boys - Brendan (dec), Timothy, Dean and Paul.

Tim lives in Canberra and has a son. He works as a solicitor and lawyer.

Dean is also in Canberra and has one son. He works as a consumer at the airport.

Paul lives in Portland working with the shire. He has a daughter and a son.

CLAYTON FAMILY:

Glenda and Frank (dec). Glenda still lives in Simson Street Brim.

Glenda has three children:

Lisa lives in Burnside, Melbourne

Daniel also lives in Melbourne

While Erin lives in the Melbourne suburb of Coburg.

Glenda has five Grandchildren: Ethan, Allison, Bridget, Samuel and Grace.

CLARKE FAMILY:

Carol and Shane (dec) lived in Dixon Street Brim. Carol now lives in Stawell Road Horsham..

They have two children Shona and Aaron.

Shona has a daughter Olivia 16 and lives in Horsham and works at Woodbine and Country Essentials in Warracknabeal.

Aaron works as an insurance agent and lives in Patterson Lakes. He has a one year old son Arlo.

BRIM MEMORIAL BOWLING CLUB

The Brim Bowling Club Annual Meeting was held in the clubrooms on July 14th at 2pm.

President James McFarlane presented the annual president's report for the past year. He mentioned the installation of new synthetic greens, the Men's and Ladies' Pennant and working bees etc.

The offices were then declared vacant and Graeme Addinsall took the chair for the election of Office Bearers.

PRESIDENT: James McFarlane

VICE PRESIDENT: Rod Schilling

SECRETARY: Mavis Wardle

ASSISTANT SECRETARY: Robyn Quick

TREASURER: Anita McFarlane

AUDITOR: Bev Appledore

GENERAL COMMITTEE: All members

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE: J. McFarlane, M. Wardle, R. Witney, C. Fisher, R. Quick

LADIES SELECTION COMMITTEE: C. Fisher, R. Quick

MEN'S SELECTION COMMITTEE: J. McFarlane, R. Schilling, L. Patten, A. Quick

GREENS COMMITTEE: R. Witney, S. Wardle, J. McFarlane, R. Schilling

BAR: R. Schilling

PRESS CORRESPONDENT: C. Fisher



MEMBERSHIP for the 2020/2021 season is \$100

From left: Shane Wardle, Rod Schilling and James McFarlane watching as Harry Quick bowls

2020 SHEARING DURING A PANDEMIC



The Holland Family recently carried out the annual task of shearing their 600 merino ewes on their property at Brim East.

A job that is always arduous and time-consuming was made that much more difficult this season due to the Covid -19 pandemic.

Face masks were used in the shearing shed for the first time.

The shearer along with Graham Atkin, Graeme Holland & Boyce Holland are pictured donning the masks.

BRIM SATURDAY GOLF RESULTS

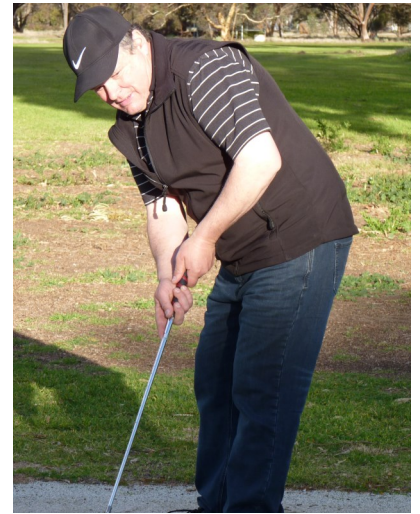
July 4TH : In fine conditions, the men played in a Stableford Competition.

The winner for this event was Paul Johns on 31 points with runner-up being Paul's son Heath.

Nearest the pins: 2/11—Paul Johns, 5/14—Paul Norris

The ladies played a 9 hole secret partner event with Charmaine Fisher and Bev Appledore running out winners from Mavis Wardle and Gaye Seebohm.

July 11th: Nine men enjoyed the conditions and played a secret 9 event— winner on the day was Rod Gardam with runner-up being Paul Johns. Rod was also nearest the pin on 2/11 while Paul Norris was again nearest the pin on 5/14.



Shane Fisher putting to finish the hole



Golfers on the scrape of the 9/18 hole

July 18th: On this day there was a good field of men who played a stableford competition.

The winner of the event was Paul Dean with Rod Gardam runner-up.

Nearest the pin winners were Rod Gardam on 2/11 and Shane Langman on 5/14.

A singles knockout competition saw Shane Langman defeat Paul Norris 1up.

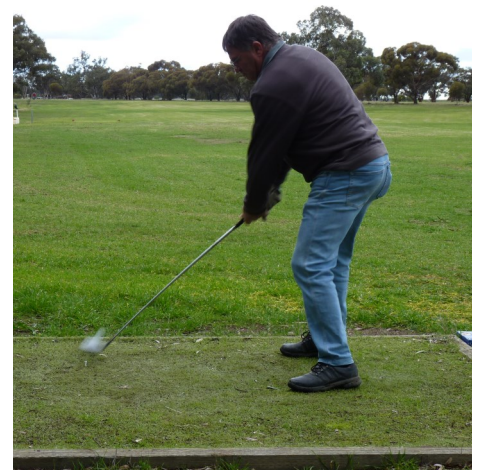
July 25th: In good conditions the men played a stroke round which saw Shane Langman winning the competition with Bailey Watts being the Runner-up.

Shane Langman was nearest the pin on 2/11

Singles knockout matches resulted in Colin Appledore defeating Rod Gardam 3up with 1 hole to go

And Shayne Fisher defeating Kelvin Gouin 2 up with 1 hole to go.

Right: Colin Appledore teeing off on 1/10.



What is the most common remark made by 60+ year-olds when they enter antique stores?

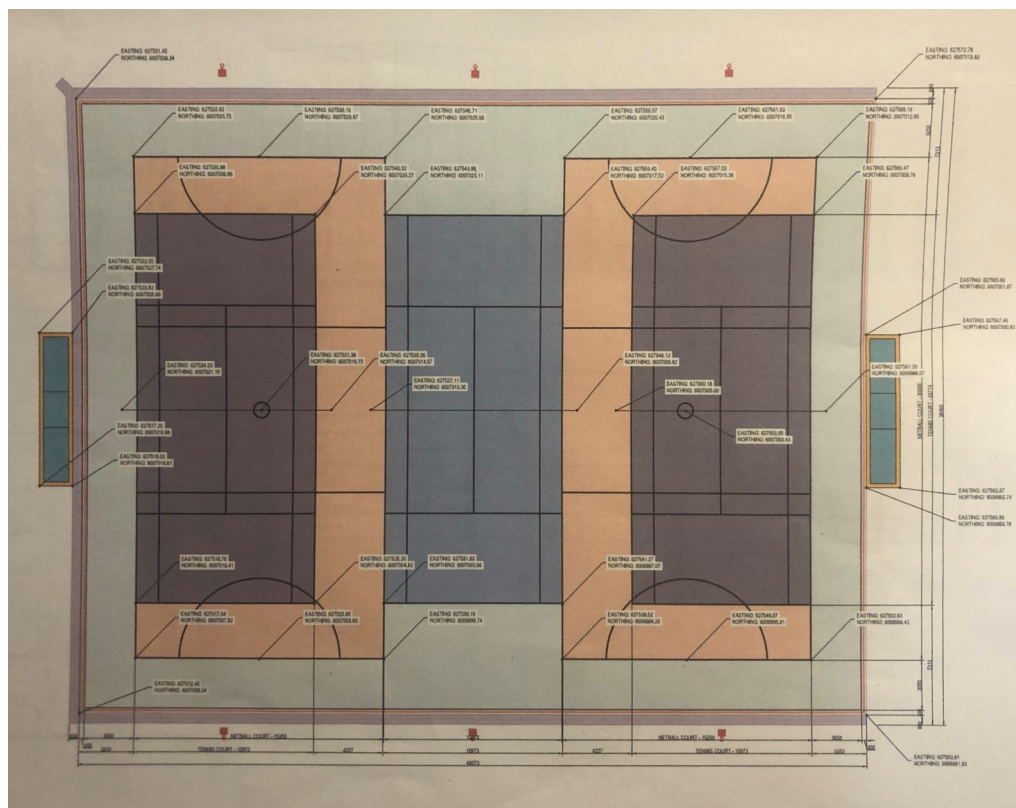
Gosh, I remember these!

Where should 60+ yearolds look for their glasses?

On their foreheads!

NEW TENNIS AND NETBALL COURTS FOR BRIM

The Brim Sports Centre Committee are delighted to announce that their application to the Victorian State Government for a Major Project Grant has been successful. The huge \$775,000 Project will see the proposed complete redevelopment of the Tennis & Netball courts in Brim go ahead after years of ongoing maintenance and headaches.

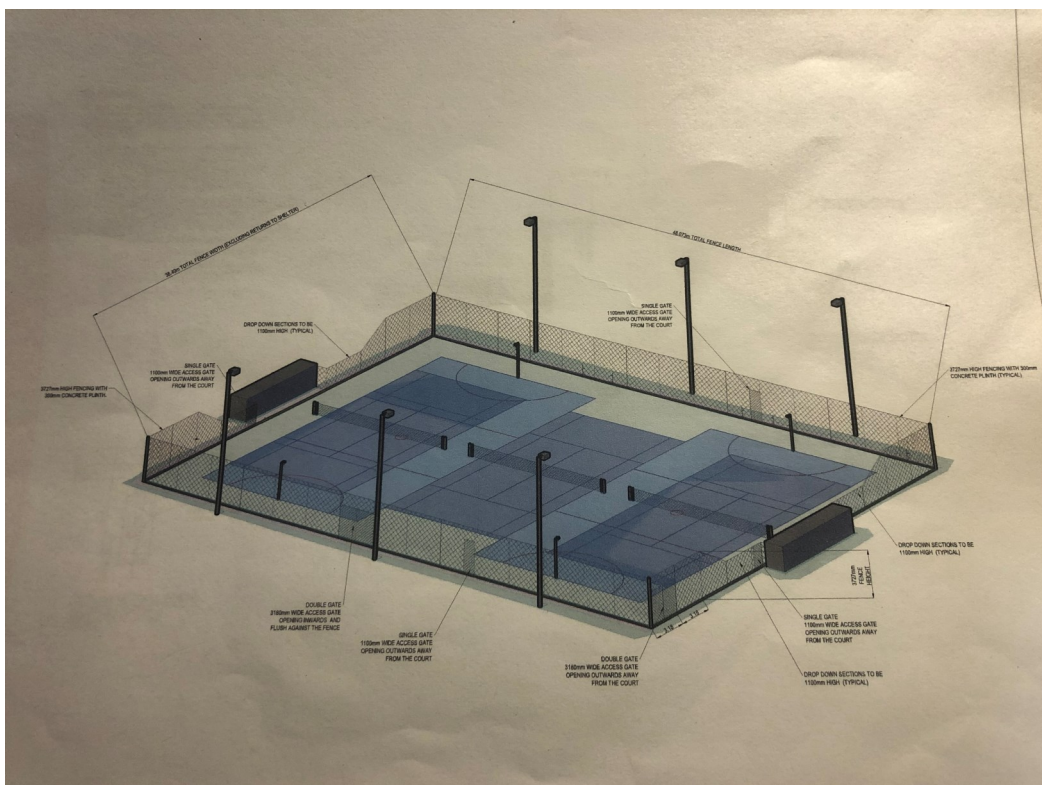


Club Secretary Graeme Holland along with committee member Hugh Keam worked tirelessly through the months of May and June putting together a comprehensive application document. They worked closely in conjunction with the Yarriambiack Shire who included the Brim Project proposal with other major project plans set out for two other towns located in the municipality. The overall Yarriambiack windfall is in excess of \$2m .

Graeme Holland said "The project we are undertaking is to dismantle and demolish our current tennis/netball court including existing fencing and lighting; dig out the current site to an appropriate depth, lay geologically sound foundations eliminating any future surface problems, then construct a concrete slab and Rebound Ace playing surface consisting of 3 tennis courts and 2 netball courts. The project will also include player/admin scoring shelters at each end and finished off with Full LED lighting and fencing. We hope to have the Project completed within the next 9 months.

A big congratulations goes to our Brim Sports & Social Club Committee and the project subcommittee of Chris McPherson, Graeme Holland, Hugh Keam and Mathew Crisp for work that has gone into the project plans.

Watch this space.





BRIM LIONS CLUB

The Brim Lions Club recently held its annual Governor's visit meeting via 'Zoom'. It was a great success. Thanks goes to all our members who made the effort to step behind the computer screen to enable the meeting to take place during the current Covid-19 restrictions.

Cemetery. A working bee was held in July to tidy up the Brim Cemetery. Thanks goes to members Graeme Holland, Mathew Crisp, Mick Lucas and potential future members Ricky Gregor and Ollie Holland. The dead centre of Brim is now looking spick and span.

Papers. The Brim Lion's Club continues to collect papers around the community, big thanks goes to our local junior muscles Charlotte & Jordan McPherson, Ollie & Lucy Holland, Ruby Crisp and Hayden & Cody Polack.

Photo from (L) Cody Polack, Ollie Holland, Hayden Polack, Lucy Holland



Graeme Holland mowing at the cemetery

BRIM SPORTS CENTRE SHADE SAIL GRANT

In mid-2019 the Brim Sports and Social Club applied for funding to install a second shade sail at the Brim Sports Centre.

The sail was recently installed and now the playground has the added luxury of being fully covered for UV protection, much to the delight of the children of our community and their parents.

Thanks goes to committee member Hugh Keam for his work in the application process and overseeing the project.

