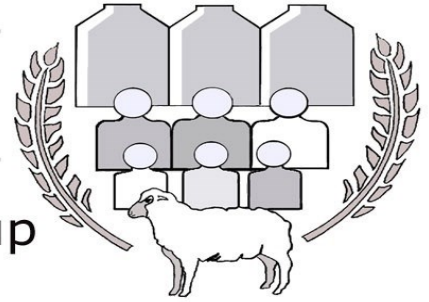


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NEWSLETTER

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EVENTS:

BIRTHDAYS:

Richard Tickner 60
Peter McFarlane 50
Manique Cox 30

ENGAGEMENT:

Congratulations to Justin Appledore and Shelby Eckermann on their recent engagement .

BIRTH:

Congratulations to Daniele and Harley Wilson on the arrival of Mia Grace. First grandchild for Julie and Greg Pearson.

GET WELL:

Anne Gull
Bev McConville
Bob Fisher
Geoff Crisp
Peter Martin
Alan Quick
Trevor Gillespie



The Brim Active Community Group wish you all a very Merry Christmas and hope you can enjoy it with both family and friends.



CHRISTMAS PARTY CANCELLED!



The Brim Active Community Group wish to advise everyone that they have decided to **cancel the Annual Christmas Party** due to the COVID Virus and isolation requirements. Sorry for any inconvenience due to this.



NEWS IN BRIEF

Lightning strikes twice in Crymelon Fire brigades were called to Angip Lane on Wednesday November 11th when lightning struck a powerline. Fortunately little fire damage was done due to locals being close by being able to extinguish any flames before they could take hold. The powerline fell onto the road and had to be rejoined. On Sunday November 15th, lightning struck again. This time it was off the Lah Road on Henderson's property (formerly McConville's). Crymelon Fire Brigade arrived promptly after the fire was reported, and three other Brigades also arrived on the scene. The fire burned around the house yard and up to the neighboring fence. Fire brigades prevented the fire from damaging the crops on all sides of the fire. Little structural damage was done. **Above:** Damage around the house on Henderson's



Brad in Grand final win: Brad Atkin, who is currently living in Western Australia, was one of few locals able to play Australian Rules Football this year. He played for the Mosman Park Football Club and was part of the premiership team. Congratulations Brad. Mosman Park football team competes in the Western Australian Amateur Football League in Perth.

Apology: In the October newsletter, Graeme Scherger was named in the 1971 Brim School photo, but it was Alan pictured. Apologies to Alan and the Scherger family.

2021 School Captains named The Warracknabeal Secondary College have named their school captains and Vice captains for next year. Congratulations to Molly Stewart who has been named school captain and to Josiah Keam and Kaeli Kreeger who are two vice captains. We wish you all the very best for the coming year.

The Brim Unity Church has recommenced services. Church services on the first, second and fourth Sundays of the month will commence at 9.30 am. The third Sunday will alternate between 9.15 (December) and 11 am. On the fifth Sunday there will be combined service at 10am alternating between Warracknabeal, Beulah and Brim. The only service in Brim for January will be on January 24th at 9.30.

Need help due to Covid 19? The Rural Outreach Program Intake Officer can assist to guide you to the most appropriate service in your area. Phone: 1300 688 732 or 5585 9803.

New Year's Eve: The Brim lions club understands the COVID 19 climate in which we are in and the complexities it presents. Our Club would love to host the annual New Year's Eve party at Redda's Park in 2020. The venue along with all the relevant personnel have been booked, however at this stage it is highly likely that the event will not go ahead. Our club intends to make a final decision in late December, giving as much time as possible for a positive out come.

Brim East Fire:

On November 19th a fire started on Peter Martin's farm due to a header picking up an ironstone rock. An aerial water bomber and helicopter were engaged in fighting the fire along with 8 fire brigades. Another 4 were called, but not required. Crops of vetch and canola and a little barley were destroyed when the fire burnt through 300 acres. Firefighters were able to get it under control 250-300 metres from the home of Gwen and Boyce Holland.



PROTEIN POWDER

Former Brim local Phil McFarlane who is a director of Eat Group and Australian Plant Protein have forwarded the following information about the company:

Employment opportunities:

We have employed 22 people to date and site 1, Line 1 is now in full production here at 18 Carine Street, Horsham

- We are about to commence construction of Line 2 here and will employ an additional 20 by December 2021.

There are plans for a second site due to commence in early 2021 (employment forecast will be circa additional 100 people)

Crops favoured for protein powder:

Faba beans. The isolate powder produced has 90% protein, 5-6% fat, 0.5% carbohydrates, 0.13% sodium and 2-3% ash

Both yellow lentils or red lentils —produce 88% protein with similar amounts of fat, carbs, sodium and ash in the isolate powder as in the faba beans.

Production:

Pulses are harvested, stored, de-hulled, split and cleaned before being sent to be processed.

In processing the pulses, the protein is extracted or isolated in a powder form that is shelf stable and packed ready for distribution.

Uses

Food and beverage manufacturers then incorporate the protein as a key ingredient in a variety of products such as protein bars, meal replacement products, baked goods, protein shakes, egg white replacement, snack foods, non dairy drinks, dairy alternatives and meat alternatives.

ANOTHER FIRE!

On Saturday November 28th, a fire broke out on the Stewart family farm at Lah West. The fire was started by a header and burnt around 800 acres of land, most having been sown to crops.

Fifteen firefighting units, including 2 aerial fire bombers and a spotter aircraft attended the fire.

The fire spread rapidly north along Dunns Road towards the Lah West Road and was almost contained before tankers had to go and refill. At this stage the fire was able to re-ignite, and it jumped the Lah West Road and headed further north. Crews were able to contain the fire in the first paddock north of the Lah Road.

The fire took around one and a half hours to be brought under control.



BILL MILLER'S STORY

Bill Miller moved to Brim more than 30 years ago living with his then partner Yvonne and their two children. He was born in Geelong in July 1927—as the world was sinking into the Great Depression years. His father was losing a long battle with tuberculosis, so by the time Bill was 2, he was fatherless. Just months after he lost his father, his mother too was diagnosed with TB.

Due to this, Bill's family was in a desperate financial position and with his mother often placed in sanatoriums due to illness, Bill and his sister became wards of the State. They were also required to have frequent X-rays to ensure they too were not suffering from TB. They remember enduring doses of Mutton Bird - the State of Art medicine of the day as a protection against the disease.

Bill attended school at Geelong South State School and then the Geelong Junior Technical School, he was a bright student, but had to leave school at an early age due to financial problems. He then had to find work and become the breadwinner of the family.

Later Bill took an interest in motor cycle racing and travelled to England as did a number of Aussie enthusiasts as the racing industry was developing there much faster than in Australia. He chose to make his English debut in 1950, which ended up being the worst year for accidents for many Australians who took chances while riding to compensate for their lack of both experience, and speed on their inferior old machines.

That year Bill was successful in being placed 10th and 5th in two important races featuring a number of expert riders. This success was short lived, when, in 1951 during practice Bill lost control and crashed at 90mph badly injuring a leg which effectively finished his racing career.

He stayed in England a few more months, fixing cars with his leg in plaster, but as the leg did not improve sufficiently, he returned to Australia with two pounds in his pocket.

Back in Australia, Bill got work with the Ford Motor company working on a lathe with his leg still in plaster. After 19 months he was able to have the plaster removed, but it took several operations and a bone graft before the leg could work properly again.

Bill married and had 7 children. He also began to have an interest in aviation. He flew with a friend to all parts of Australia. This gave him quite a bit of experience in the aircraft. So he decided he wanted to learn to fly, Bill enrolled in a flying training course at Grovedale, and after a few lessons, decided to buy his own aircraft—an Ausler J5B.

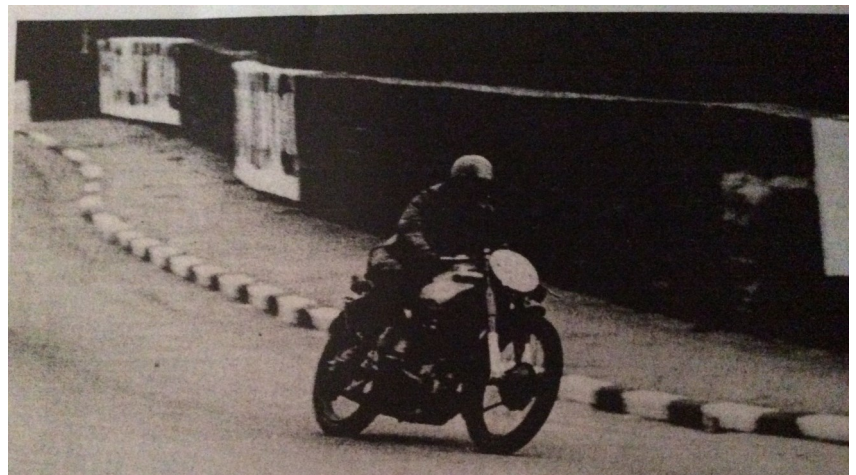
As there was a shortage of instructors at Grovedale, Bill became impatient, and decided to join the Aero Club at Ballarat where he could get more reliable instructions. moving to Ballarat for his instruction, meant he had to switch lessons from Cessnas to Victars, and he was able to do a solo flight in May 1964.

About this time a new flight training centre was opened at Bannockburn, so, to save on travelling, Bill joined.

In May 1968 he obtained his restricted licence. He has since taken on maintenance of aircrafts and rebuilding a Blinman aircraft that had earlier been in an accident.

Bill has now retired and lives in King Street Brim.

Right: Bill Miller racing his motor cycle in a British T.T. event in 1950.



BRIM MEMORIAL BOWLING CLUB RESULTS

The first round of the Brim Memorial Bowls Men’s Championship started on November 7th..

In the first round Rod Schilling defeated Les Pattern and Daryl Tepper defeated Brian Wardle.

The second round saw Lindsay Martin defeat James McFarlane, Rod Schilling defeat Glen Gebert, as well as Daryl Tepper defeating Graeme Addinsall and Shane Wardle defeating Buddy Witney.

In the third round, only four players remained with Rod Schilling beating Lindsay Martin and Daryl Tepper the winner over Shane Wardle.

The standard of bowling in the Championship was very good over the rounds, particularly over the last two rounds. During the final of the Championship, spectators witnessed some excellent bowling with Daryl Tepper running out the winner.

This is the 6th time Daryl has won the Championship in Brim—an excellent effort! Congratulations Daryl.



Above: Runner-up Rod Schilling (left) with Men’s Champion Daryl Tepper.

Above right: Daryl Tepper with his winning card.

The ladies held their annual handicap 100-up event on Saturday November 4th. Despite it being a windy day, it was quite a pleasant day for bowling.

The winner of the 100-up event was Charmaine Fisher with Mavis Wardle as the runner-up.

Right: Winner of the Ladies 100-up Charmaine Fisher (left) with runner-up Mavis Wardle (right)



WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

DIXON FAMILY:

Greg and Denise have lived in Horsham for 6 years now.. They have three children, Joanne, Jonathon and James.

Denise is working at the Terry White Chemmart Chemist in Horsham and **Greg** is enjoying playing bowls, generally 3 times a week.

Joanne works at Sunnydale Retirement Village, Horsham. She has 3 children Chloe 19, Kolber 16, and Bailey 11.

Jonathon and his partner Stacey have 1 child Poppy 8, Jonathon works as a farm labourer for Jeff Roll at Kenmare.

James and Grace have 1 son Oliver 2, and another child due in April. James works at the Grains Institute in Horsham.

GILLESPE FAMILY :

Trevor has lived in Brim for 12 years. His 5 year transition to retirement is complete in his eyes (although others may have a different opinion). He now has lots of his own projects to finish as well as hoping to do some travelling.

Trevor has 3 daughters and 1 son (Hood family descendant) and 2 step sons (Hood descendants). With your's, mine and ours', there is a headcount of about 20 grandchildren including 2 adopted grandchildren.

The eldest, **Faye**, lives in Bacchus Marsh and has 2 adult daughters, and 1 son at High School.

Tania lives at Nanneella near Rochester and has 3 adult sons and 2 adopted daughters. Jas and Katrina both attend Rochester High School with Jas winning a Young Citizen award at last year's Australia Day celebrations.

Kelly lives in Fawkner and has a son in Primary School.

Ryan lives in Melton and works in Melbourne. He has a son in Primary School and a daughter ready to start school in 2021.

Stepson Jason is a naturopath in Melbourne and hopes to move to Queenscliff soon. He has a son in Primary school and a stepdaughter.

Stepson Matt lives in Cairns and has 2 adult daughters.

Matt manages a store for R & J batteries.



Above: Nan Hood celebrating her 90th birthday at the Brim Sports centre June 1990 with some of her descendants'

GOLDER FAMILY:

Betty lives in Warracknabeal . She and her late husband Keith have 4 children.

Trevor lives in Warracknabeal. He commenced schooling at the Brim Primary School in 1960. He enjoys his horses.

Ruth and her partner Rob live in Horsham. She started at the Primary School in Brim in 1963. She works at Horsham Tyre and Battery. She has 3 children—Josh, Trista and Jamie.

Heather is Vice Principal at the Aberfeldie Primary School in Essendon. She began her schooling in Brim in 1966.

Vicki is married to Adrian Castven and they live in Grovedale. They have 2 sons—Shawn and Dean.

Vicki began school in Brim in 1971. She now works at Coles while Adrian is employed at Ford in Geelong

Alison Gretgrix

Alison is married to **Harvey** Monssen and they live in Canadian, a suburb of Ballarat.

Alison began her schooling in Brim in 1962.

Alison and Harvey have 2 children.

Luke, 40, is married to Kara and they live in Melbourne

Sandi is 35 and lives in Ballarat.

Both Alison and Harvey have retired, but love working in the garden as their hobby.

BRIM TENNIS

The Brim tennis team has played two and a bit matches in the last five weeks. On the 21st of November Rainbow forfeited to them, and the following Saturday all tennis was cancelled due to the hot weather.

On November the 7th, Brim travelled to Jeparit for their match. The local paper reports that Jeparit won the mixed 3 sets, 45 games to Brim 3 sets ,43 games. The Jeparit men won 2 sets, 46 games to Brim 4 sets, 41 games. The Jeparit ladies were too strong for Brim winning 4 sets, 49 games to Brim 2 sets, 33 games.

The overall score was a Jeparit win 9 sets 140 games, 3.5 points to Brim 9 sets, 117 games, 1.5.

On November 14th Brim played Dimboola at Dimboola. Brim comfortably won the mixed doubles 4 sets 43 games to Dimboola 2 sets 27 games. However the good form didn't continue in the men's and ladies' competition. Dimboola men won 4 sets, 45 games to Brim 2 sets, 42 games while Brim ladies lost narrowly 2 sets, 40 games to Dimboola's 4 sets, 40 games.

The final result was Dimboola 3 match points, 10 sets, 112 games to Brim 2 points, 8 sets, 125 games.

December 5th was the last game for the year, and Brim played host to Arkona. Brim were leading narrowly in the Mixed doubles 2 sets, 36 games to Arkona 2 sets, 31 games when rain stopped play.

The points were then split with each team receiving 2.5 points.

Ex- Brim resident Russell Hunter and his two sons were playing for Arkona.

STEPHEN COON

Brim and Warracknabeal Legend Stephen Coon has retired from the Woodbine Garden service after more than 31 years as an employee.

About 18 months ago he was also selected along with Merrin Baxter to be an extra in the film 'The Dry' which is to be released soon. The two of them along with Lah resident Jill King were asked to be part of a scene in front of the Minyip Hotel where they had to walk past in the background.

Jill is the Drama teacher at Woodbine and chose Stephen and Merrin to represent Woodbine in the film.

Merrin is the daughter of Kerry and David Baxter of Warracknabeal and Granddaughter of Lyn and Max Woodward formerly of Brim East.

Jill is not sure if the scene will end up on the cutting-room floor or not, but hopefully it will be in the film. They had to perform their tasks for the film 15 times before the producers were satisfied.

While they were there, they met the stars of the film, watched other scenes being filmed as well as being able to have lunch with those in the cast and behind the scenes.

It was a wonderful experience for all three of them

Local resident Joan Goad was also an extra in the film in the scene after the one Stephen, Merrin and Jill were in.

Congratulations to Stephen on both his effort in his work and on the experience he had with the filming of 'The Dry.'



Picture From Left: Merrin Baxter, Lead actor Eric Bana, Stephen Coon, Jill King and director Robert Connolly.

BOYCE'S JOKE OF THE MONTH

An old "Geezer" became very bored in retirement and decided to open a medical clinic. He put a sign up outside that said: "Dr.. Geezer's clinic. Get your treatment for \$500, if *not* cured, get back \$1,000".

Doctor "Young," who was positive that this old geezer didn't know beans about medicine, thought this would be a great opportunity to get \$1,000. So he went to Dr. Geezer's clinic.

This is what transpired:

Dr. Young: "Dr. Geezer, I have lost all taste in my mouth. Can you please help me?"

Dr. Geezer: "Nurse, please bring medicine from box 22, and put 3 drops in Dr. Young's mouth."

Dr. Young: "Aaagh !!?This is gasoline!"

Dr. Geezer: "Congratulations! You've got your taste back. That will be \$500."

Dr. Young gets annoyed and goes back after a couple of days figuring to recover his money.

Dr Young: "I have lost my memory, I cannot remember anything."

Dr. Geezer: "Nurse, please bring medicine from box 22 and put 3 drops in the patient's mouth."

Dr. Young: "Oh, no you don't? That's gasoline!"

Dr. Geezer: "Congratulations! You've got your memory back. That will be \$500."

Dr. Young (after having lost \$1000) leaves angrily and comes back after several more days.

Dr. Young: "My eyesight has become weak? I can hardly see anything!"

Dr. Geezer: "Well, I don't have any medicine for that so, here's your \$1000 back" (giving him a \$10 bill).

Dr. Young: "But this is only \$10!"

Dr. Geezer: "Congratulations! You got your vision back! That will be \$500."

Moral of story? Just because you're "Young" doesn't mean that you can outsmart an "old Geezer!"

KIDS CORNER

What did one tonsil say to the other tonsil?

Let's dress up! The doctor is taking us out

What do you give a sick bird?

Tweet-ment

What do you give a sick pig?

Oink-ment

Why did the doctor lose his temper?

Because he didn't have any patients!



BLAST FROM THE PAST

HARVEST TIME



Above: Early days of harvesting



Above: A bit later in 1900s



Above: 2020 harvesting



Above: December 2013



Above: Today

BRIM KELLALAC SHEEP HILLS CRICKET CLUB

Brim/KSH A-grade travelled to Donald to play their opening match of the season on November 7th. Brim defeated Donald 8 for 123 to 69.

Top scorer for Brim was Isaac McPherson with 61 and the best bowlers were Charlie Dean and Lachie McGinniss.

B-grade Played St Marys at home winning 3 for 142 to St Marys 6 for 138. St Marys batted first with Aaron Boyd taking 3 of the 6 wickets taken. Top Batsman was Ashley Wright with 74.

Marnoo defeated Brim/KSH on November 14th, 5 for 166 to 149. Best Batsman for Brim was once again Isaac McPherson with 33.

B-grade lost to Hopetoun 5/166 to 4 /147. Ethan Schilling top scored with 45 and Sean Wright took 3 wickets.

On November 21st both A and B grades played Jeffcott.

A-grade lost 75 runs to Jeffcott 8 for 185. Top scorer again was Isaac McPherson with 20 while the best bowlers were Charlie Dean and Lachie McGinniss with 2 wickets each.

B-Grade won their match with a score of 8 for 104 to Jeffcott 83. Top Scorer was Ashley Wright with 31 runs. Four bowlers each got 2 wickets.

The A-grade played St Arnaud on November 28th.

Top scorer was Royce Bennett with 36 runs with Brim making 114 runs. St Arnaud then batted and made 6 for 116. The best bowlers were Lachie McGinniss and Chris McPherson with 2 wickets each.

Sorry I couldn't find the B-Grade results.

On December 5th, Brim/KSH a-grade had a bye while the B-grade match was washed out due to rain.

THOSE DISPOSING OF CHEMICAL DRUMS PLEASE NOTE

Drum Muster Those who take their empty chemical drums to the recycling station on the Brim- Willenabrina road, please ensure that the **DRUMS ARE THOROUGHLY WASHED BEFORE DEPOSITING THEM**. The recyclers only accept drums that have been cleaned and **without lids**.

Contact Brian Preston if you have any queries.

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