

DATE December 2024

BIRTHDAYS:

Jack Thewlis 90 **GET WELL:**

Barb Donnelly Steve Donnelly Allan Crane Valda Hunter Wavell McPherson Derek Picken

APOLOGY:

For those who received a printed copy of the last newsletter, I apologise for a number of mistakes which were able to be corrected on the emailed version. Firstly the newsletter was the November newsletter, not July and the issue number was 146 not 145 (actually there have probably been more than 146 copies as I think that mistake has been made before!

I also had Charlotte McPherson written down as Jessica. Very Sorry Charlotte! And I will put a double D in Maddison next time too.

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Please call Nadine on 0407 574 252 or Coll on 0400 904 262 for more details and to register your interest in the event of the season!

REDDA'S RAFT REGATTA - WHAT TO KNOW

So how is this event of the season going to go down you ask? Well, let me fill you in!

Recruit your team of 4. Think long and hard about this, it's important! Your team mates need to be a combination of physics professors, MacGyver and Ian Thorpe circa 2000. They also need to have a stomach of steel - who wants to be reeling in snapper and tuna for 6 hours, having a great time while old mate over there is releasing enough burley to sink the Australian Naval fleet....

Rafts need to be marshalled at the Brim Creek Boat Ramp by 1:30pm. This will give our esteemed high profile judges a chance to peruse your skills and future job prospects in what you have created. Racing will start at 3pm.

Each judge will give you a score that will be tallied with your speed of light time across the creek. They will be focusing on Structural Integrity, Water-Worthiness and Visual Allure, so make sure there is someone on your team channeling Brad Mondo or the guys from Queer Eye to give it that pop!

Just remember, <u>ALL</u> rafts need to be removed from the area and taken home as a trophy by the building team.

REDDA'S RAFT REGATTA RULES

- Teams are to made up of 4 persons. 2 team members to be on the raft to sail it across the creek. Buoyancy vest must be worn by both sailors. First prize accommodates for 4, but the charter can take up to 8 people. If taking more than 4 persons, it can be arranged at your expense.
- Raft occupants must not be under the influence of alcohol. Alcohol consumption in the marshalling area is not permitted.
- 3. At least 1 raft occupant must be 16 years or older.
- 4. Raft MUST be F&FF Fish and Frog Friendly the race will be held on the public waterway, and there are environmental factors to take into consideration. No chemical drums that may damage the ecosystem of the creek and surrounding areas permitted. Wetter and adjuvant drums are allowed.
- 5. The raft must have structural integrity. If it looks like it may fall apart while in the water, the judges can deem the vessel 'not water-worthy' and may disqualify the team from the race.
- 6. Lifeguard & lifeboat will be in attendance, should the need arise.

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- 7. No outboard, inboard, electric motors or engine driven pumps to be used to power the raft. Must be man (or woman) powered across the creek e.g. Pedals, fins, row etc.
- 8. Disclaimer must be signed by all team members before entry is accepted.
- Judges & time keepers' decision is final.

BRIM CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Brim Christmas party was held on December 8th at the Brim Recreation Centre. Those attending enjoyed a two course meal prepared by the Floss Smith and the Jeparit Tennis Club.

Below: Photos on the night, those attending, caterers, bar staff, drawing the door prizes and special visitor SANTA



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A young bloke took on the job of a census taker in rural and remote Australia. He came across a dilapidated shack on a long isolated corrugated road. After a few knocks on the door a hermit emerged. "What do you want?" said the hermit. "I'm here to find out how many people live in Australia" said the young census taker. "Well" began the hermit, "you've travelled a long way for nothing, because how the hell would I know!"

Why DON't Public Servants look out the window in the morning? Because if they did, they'd have nothing to do in the afternoon.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Congratulations to former Willenabrina resident and Brim Primary School pupil Roger Aitken who has been elected as a councillor for the Hindmarsh Shire. Roger is the son of Gary and Beverley Aitken who now live in Horsham.

Warracknabeal Rotary Club will again host the Australia Day celebrations at the Warracknabeal Racecourse. Beginning at 8am with breakfast, the official program starting at 9am. Guest speaker for 2025 will be ex Brim Eagles footballer and past Brim Junior cricket player Matthew Rosa. Matthew began playing football with the Brim juniors at 13 years of age, winning the under 16 Best and Fairest in 1999 and later the Brim Junior Sports Person Award. In 2004 he was drafted to the West Coast Eagles and became a life member of the club after playing with them for 10 years.

In 2016 he transferred to the Gold Coast Suns before retiring after playing 207 AFL games. Currently he is the AFL talent and operations manager at the Essendon Football Club. Mathew is the son of Col and Leanne Rosa and grandson of Graham Addinsall formerly of Brim East.

Congratulations to the team of **Robert Smith and Co** who were recently named Victorian and Australian CRT Business of the Year. For the first time this award has been named after a recently retired Greg O'Neil who managed a group of independents for 40 years. Owners Andrew and Gaye Golder travelled to the Gold Coast to attend the gala Dinner on November 19th. The team in Warracknabeal also includes David Holland formerly from the Brim district. W. G .and S. F. McPherson have also won this award in recent years.

On the first of December the Warracknabeal Swimming Pool held a district 12 encouragement sprint meet. Clubs from around the district were represented. On the day three local family teams competed in a relay event. The winners on the day were the Keam team of Josiah, Levi, Seth and Eljah. Two other local teams competed. They were the Roche team with Keshia, Peter, McKenzie and Georgia Gelligen and the Credlin team featuring Aiden, Ollie, and Isaac Credlin and Colby Anderson.

Well done to all three teams.

Congratulations to Zarli Angel who has been selected as a member of the Under 17 Wimmera Mallee Netball team to compete in the state titles which will be held in Frankston from March 8th to March 11th. Zarli, who plays tennis with Brim and was part of last years Brim premiership team. Along with the team, four girls have been chosen to be training partners for those selected. It is pleasing to see Airlie Garlic has been named as a training partner. Well done Airlie!

WILLENABRINA CWA

At their annual meeting in November Willenabrina CWA elected Kirsty Keys as their new president. Gwen Coates was elected secretary and Julia Hausler was again assigned to the position of Treasurer. Congratulations to all office bearers.

Judith Lynch won the best bloom for the day from Heather Atwell and Carol Clarke.

Points were awarded for the competitions at each meeting throughout the year with Elaine Quick the overall winner from Judith Lynch (2nd) and Heather Atwell (3rd).

Looking ahead, Willenabrina will host the February conference of the Central Wimmera Mallee CWA Group and are hoping for another enjoyable year working together.

BRIM TENNIS RESULTS

The Brim Tennis Club played Dimboola on November 23rd and lost 1 point, 4 sets 81 games to Dimboola's 4 points, 8 sets and 87 games. Considering the number of games each team won there were some very close matches which just went the way of Dimboola. Best players for Brim on the day were Zarli Angel and Levi Keam who both won two sets.

The match on November 30th was washed out, so there was no result.

On December 7th Brim played Arkona and won 5 points 14 sets 128 games to Arkona's 7 sets, 68 games 0 points. Jonti and Luke Hunter were playing for Arkona. They are the sons of Russell and Grandsons of Valda and the late Keith Hunter.

Tennis is now finished for 2023 and Brim will play their next match on February 1st.

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On November 23rd the **A-grade** side defeated Homers at Brim. This was meant to be a two-day game finishing on November 30th, but because of rain mainly in Horsham, all matches were cancelled on the second day. Homers batted first and made 90 with Charlie Dean taking 4 wickets for 37 runs and Lachie McGinnis 3 wickets for 27 runs.

Brim then began their innings and finished the day with two out for 122 runs.

In the second two-day game played on December 7th and 14th, A-grade played Colts. Colts batted first and were all out for 110 on the first day with Dale Stephan taking 5 wickets for 24 runs.

Brim KSH began batting on the first day and were 2 for 56 at the end of the day's play. They continued batting on the 14th and finished with a score of 136 with 6 wickets down. Top scorer for the innings was Jeremy Preston with 76 not out.

The **B-grade** team played Quantong on November 23rd and at the end of play were 8 wickets down for 77 runs. As with A-grade the second day of the match was cancelled. Top scorers for B-grade were Barry Schilling 21 and Jaiden Cooksley with 20 not out.

In the match played on December 7th and 14th, BrimKSH played Horsham Saints. Brim batted first and was all out for 30 runs with the top run maker being Sam Tickner with 7 runs. Horsham Saints were 0/ 132 at the end of the day. The Saints continued batting on the second day, declaring on a score of 1 for 237. Barry Schilling took the only wicket in the innings.

Brim then began their second innings and narrowly avoided the outright making 59 runs with 9 wickets down.

The last match before the summer break was a one-day game on December 21st. Results of this match will be reported in the next newsletter.

Thank you to all who have contributed items of interest, photographs or special milestones to this newsletter in the past year, your contributions are always welcome and valuable to the production of this newsletter.

Also a big thank you to those who have helped getting the editions ready for posting. Thanks also to Warren Gouin who manages the emailing of the newsletter.

ART DISPLAY

The Horsham Regional Art Gallery at 80 Wilson Street is currently displaying the artwork of Gary Vaughan until February 23rd. The display is on the first floor and features framed artwork as well as an assortment of projects in wood.

Below are some of his works:

Left top: the Lah silosTop right: Vaughan farmBottom Left: TreesMiddle: Design on woodBottom right: approaching Warracknabeal







The Brim and Warracknabeal district have been saddened to hear of the passing of Rod Schilling recently. Rod has been a member of the Brim Memorial Bowling Club for some years and contributed regularly to the running of club bar.

In his working life as a builder he has been a valuable member of the team who worked on the construction and maintenance of the Brim Sports Centre.

Our sympathies go his daughters Kylie and Lauren, grand children Amber, Zac and Leah and the rest of the Schilling family.

A graveside funeral is to be held at the Warracknabeal Cemetery at 9.30 on Monday the 30th of December.