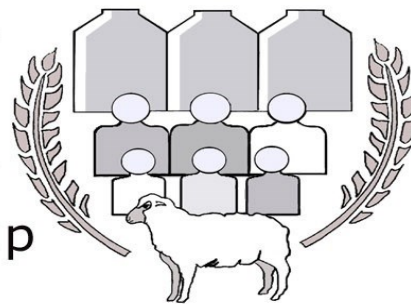


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BIRTHS:

Congratulations to Nicola Martin and Keegan King on the arrival of Sunny Flynn.

Sunny is the grandson of Peter and Jill King of Lah and Lindsay and Sonia Martin of Brim. He is also a Great grandson of Mavis and Lance Wardle and Muriel Martin.

Congratulations also goes to Eve and John Delahunty on the birth of their 4th son Lou Haintz. He is the brother of Harry, Fraser and Gus and grandson of Bernard and Simone Lindsay.

ELAINE QUICK CELEBRATES HER 80TH BIRTHDAY



There was an open invitation to those interested in celebrating Elaine Quick's 80th birthday with her at the Brim Sports Centre in February.

A good number attended including her children Kevin, Dianne and Sharon and their families, locals from the area as well as other relatives and friends travelling from further afield.

The afternoon concluded with afternoon tea and Elaine cutting her birthday cake.

A big thank you to all who contributed to the

Right: Four 80 year-old ladies: Maxine Mitchell, Elaine Quick, Heather Atwell and Carole Sanders.



Left: Elaine and Alan Quick.



Below: Elaine with her children Dianne, Sharon and Kevin with former Infant Welfare Nurse Nita Ingelton.

Below: Dianne and some of her family.



NEW YEAR EVE CELEBRATIONS

Celebrations to mark the end of 2024 and the beginning of 2025 at Redda's Park was again organised by the Brim Lions Club.

Activities began in the afternoon with a raft race using rafts made by groups of 4 people which then competed in a race using two members of the team to sail it from one side of the creek to the other. Both the raft race and construction of the rafts were considered in results.

Winners of the race were the Awesome Clawsome— Clinton, Tenille and Kynan Jonasson and Natalie Crisp in their raft 'The Claw' winning a 4 person 6 hour Off-shore Charter with cabin accommodation at Beachport SA.

Second, was Brinsmeade— George Sibley, Anton and Selwin Kloeden and Dave Vanderhorst in 'HMAS Brinsmeade' who won a catered barbeque for up to 8 people at Redda's Park.

Third prize and winner of Kingcrome tools was Susan, Brad, Will and Charlie Martin in their raft 'Mincarlie Magic'.

Celebrations continued into the night finishing with a fireworks display across the creek.



Winners of the raft race (from left): the Awesome Clawsome, 2nd: Brinsmeade 3rd the Martins. (right)



Below: Other rafts that Competed



BRIM LIONS CLUB NYE PARTY

Sometime after the raft race some of those present entered a yabby race which was sponsored by Jonno and Johnno. Some were lucky enough to find their own yabbies while others bought one in the auction prior to the competition. The winners on the day were: 1st: Mac Somers, 2nd: Devon Boyd, and 3rd: Ollie Holland. The winners each received a gift voucher of varying amounts from Jonno and Johnno and some lollies. Mac also received a trophy for winning the event.

The yabby race raised \$340 for the Brim Lions Club.

The Lions Club provided a barbeque meal for those wishing to purchase their evening meal. A coffee van was also parked nearby.

Squatter Coffey was also present, bringing a few ponies for those who wanted to have a ride.

The evening concluded with an impressive fireworks display arranged by David Ward and Phil Zanker.

Below: Ready to race



Left: Aaron Zwar auctioning some yabbies with the help of Bayden Jenkinson.

Right: The competing yabbies.



Left: Some keen yabbies on their way to win the race.

Right: Some winning yabbies.



Left:

Riding the horses.

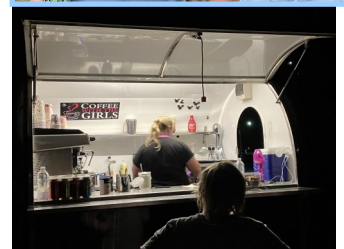
Below: Music by Jeff Woodward and Darren Wardle.

Above right: Owners of the winning yabbies with Max Golder and Aaron Zwar: Devon Boyd, Mac Somers and Ollie Holland.



Right: Matthew Pumpa visiting from the USA talking to Kelvin Gouin.

Right: The coffee van



AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

Warracknabeal again celebrated the Australia Day celebrations At the Warracknabeal Racecourse and hosted by the local Rotary Club.



Again some featuring in the awards were connected with the local area.

Guest Speaker on the day was ex West Coast Eagles and Gold Coast footballer Matthew Rosa. 01 Matthew is currently the General Manager of List and Recruiting at the Essendon Football Club. Matthew presented his address through an interview with Rotarian Ian Penny asking the questions.

The Citizen of the Year award went to former Willenabrina resident Dianne Marchment (daughter of Glen and Margaret Gebert). Dianne has worked hard for the local area as well as owning her own accountancy business. She has actively supported many community groups including the Golf Club and Community Garden. She also been involved in Take A Break childcare, Y-Fest, and a number of other groups in the Warracknabeal area.



Congratulations Dianne.



Brim Kellalac Sheep Hills cricketer Barry Schilling was this year named the 2025 Sports person of the year. Barry has been an active supporter and player of both local Cricket and hockey in the area for many years. As well as volunteering his time, he has taken on leadership roles such as president, coach and umpiring for the teams he is involved in. Well done Barry!

As part of the awards ceremony, the Rotary Club presented a cheque of \$1,000 to the Wimmera Whippets—an all abilities football and netball group. The cheque was accepted by Merryn Baxter—daughter of Kerrie and David and granddaughter of Max and Lynne Woodward, formerly from Brim East.



Left:



Award winners from left: Ava Koschitzke (Young Achiever of the Year), Barry Schilling (Sportsperson of the year), Dianne Marchment (Citizen of the year) with guest speaker Matthew Rosa.

Right: The Rosa family—father Col, Matt and Otis, Hayley with Mia, Lenny, grandparents Graham and Marion Addinsall



HORSHAM'S CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Former Brim Eagles Football Player Gavin Morrow was this year named as Horsham Rural City Citizen of the year.

Gavin said he was honoured to receive the award. Gavin believes his family support assisted in him receiving it.

Gavin co-founded the Healthy Minds Group in 2009, raising over \$100,000 for the Fiona Elsey Cancer Research Institute. He has been a board member and the chair of the fundraising Committee.

Gavin and his wife Jodie have also been foster carers for the last four years.

Gavin is also an advocate for mental health awareness through initiatives such as the Wimmera Football league's Checkmate Round.

Gavin, through his work as dealer principal of the Morrow Motor Group (awarded the best in Victoria in 2023) has sponsored a number of sporting clubs, school and community groups as well as recently partnering with Monash University to provide free mindfulness courses for those in need of them.

On Friday March 29, Gavin, along with his brothers Wade and Shannon left on a three day trip to raise money for the Fiona Elsey Cancer Institute in the state event Drive to Survive, with their ultimate goal to help find a cure for cancer.

Six other teams joined them on the 1,500 km drive. The trip was successful in raising more than the \$20,000 dollars they had hoped for. Well done to all team members.

Congratulations Gavin and all the best for the future.



Above: Gavin and wife Jodie

Morrow family members Tayla, Jodie, Riley and Ollie, Gavin, Barbara and Tanya.

Wrong side of the road

A group of friends were having a few drinks in a bar. One of them announced they were planning a trip to America. A concerned friend said "I wouldn't do that, they drive on the wrong side of the road". Another friend chipped in "Yeah I tried it last night and its bloody dangerous"

NEWS IN BRIEF

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:

Congratulations to **Colleen and Chris McPherson** who have recently celebrated their 20th Wedding Anniversary.

BIRTHS:

Congratulations To **Paige and Ben Murphy** on the arrival of their third son **Reggie Lindsay**. Reggie is a brother for Harry and Fletcher and grandson for Sonia and Lindsay Martin. He is also a great grandson for Muriel Martin and Mavis and Lance Wardle.

Brooke and Matt Fitzgerald welcome with love their daughter **Aubrey**. Aubrey is a granddaughter for Gay Seebom and niece for Jack. She is also a great grand daughter for Muriel Martin.

DEATHS

Our Sympathies go to the families of those who have passed away since the last newsletter.

Our sympathies go to the family of **Noela Wardle** who passed away in Horsham at the end of January. Noela was the wife of Tex Wardle and mother of Noel (dec), Darryn and Craig and their families and sister to John (dec), Kenneth, Gary and Ray (dec). Deepest Sympathy to you all and your families.

The Erhardt family of Annie, Barry, Darcy and Jess, Morgan and Jess and their children lost Annie's father **James White** early this year. Our sympathies go to you all.

Former Brim resident for many years, **Dot Quick** passed away in Warracknabeal. She was the wife of Max (dec) and mother of Rodney, Nola, Kay, Jenny and Wendy. Our sympathies go to them and their families.

Our thoughts also go to the family of **Phyllis Leach** who died in March this year. She was the mother of Charmaine Fisher, Jan McKenzie, Kaye Jess and Jackie Mavromatis and a grandmother and great grandmother of their children and their families.

Condolences to the family of **Tom Evans** who lived in Brim with his family before moving to Warracknabeal, was a teacher at the Warracknabeal Secondary School for some years. He is survived by his wife Bernadette, children Mick, Trish and David and their families.

Former Brim Hotel owner **Trevor Barker** passed away in Bendigo recently. Our thoughts are with wife Shirley and children Belinda, Krystal and Tate.

Former resident of Brim East **Shirley McKenzie** (nee Taylor) died in March after a long illness. Shirley was married to Trevor and had two sons Brad and Leigh. Deepest sympathy to you all and your families.

Judy Mann, sister of Peter Hewitt (Brim East) has also passed away recently. We offer our sympathies to the family.

Former Brim Primary School Principal **Graham Osborne** turned 90 on February 25th but unfortunately lived less than 3 weeks after, before he passed away. He is survived by his 6 children Owen, Peter, Richard Libby, Judy and Fiona and their families. Deepest sympathy to you all.

Former Brim publican **Leo Bester** passed away recently in Warracknabeal. Leo was the husband of Heather, father of Mark, Sharon, Leo and Kelli and step-father of Sheridan and Brett and Hayley. Our thoughts and sympathies go to you all and your families.

NEWS IN BRIEF

MESSAGE FROM TEX, DARRYN AND CRAIG WARDLE

Tex, Darryn, Craig Wardle and their families would like to thank everyone for the many flowers, cards and condolences on the passing of Noela Gladys Wardle.

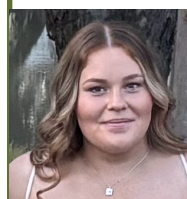
Following is the details of what those from the WSC and other places connected in some way with Brim and district are doing in 2025.



Levi Keam is currently working on the family farm and hoping to go to America to work on their harvest.



Sam Goodwin has begun an apprenticeship as a diesel mechanic with Emmetts in Warracknabeal.



Ella Holland has begun studying nursing at ACU in Ballarat



Jack Evans is studying Engineering at Deacon University Geelong.



Nash Kreegher has commenced a Bachelor of Arts degree at Latrobe University. He hopes to become a teacher or Archaeologist.



Jordan McPherson is currently working at IGA in Warracknabeal.

Amaylie Coutts (daughter of Alicia [nee Wardle]) has commenced work with Allied Health in Ballarat.

Shae Gouin (daughter of Warren and Katherine) is studying Veterinary Science at Latrobe University Bundoora.

Cooper Appledore (son of Scott and Cheree) is enrolled at Victoria University, Footscray studying Physical Education and Sports Science.

Molly Stewart after completing her degree as a veterinary nurse, has commenced work with Living Legends—a place for retired race horses.

Lachie Stewart is having a gap year on the farm.

Delta Wardle finished her psychology degree in South Australia and has now joined the South Australian police force.

Ashley Hunter (son of Daryl and Melita) has completed his university courses, graduating this month with a Bachelor of Civil Engineering (with honours) and a Bachelor of Commerce and is working at DEECA in the city (Dept of energy, Environment and Climate Action).

Sarah McPherson has completed her teaching degree and is currently a Casual Relief Teacher in Ballarat.

Kiarni Stewart has now moved back to Victoria from Queensland and is working as a physiotherapist with Barwon Health in the Geelong.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Jack Quick dances in America



Former Brim East resident and Warracknabeal Secondary College student, **Jack Quick**, recently attended the 2025 Dance Worlds which ran from April 25 to 28 at Disney World in Orlando, Florida, USA.

Representing the Melbourne-based dance company, Pacific Elite Dance, Jack competed with his team, Sirens, in the Open Co-Ed Hip Hop division.

During the semi-finals, Pacific Elite Sirens was 13th place in the division, and also the highest scoring Australian team. Progressing to the finals, the team ultimately placed 12th in the world.

Jack has been dancing for the majority of his life and has been competitively dancing for almost 10 years. He initially started tap and jazz classes in Beulah, before attending classes in Warracknabeal where his love for dance flourished further.

When he moved to Melbourne to study university in 2017, Jack began representing Deakin University for hip hop dancing at state-wide and national competitions.

After graduating from university and commencing full-time work in the automotive journalism industry, Jack yearned to continue dancing and joined Pacific Elite Dance as a result.

Jack is the son of Peter and Rosie, and grandson of Theo and Sandra Quick.

THE 2025 ANNUAL BRIM/WARRACKNABEAL GET TOGETHER IN NOOSA QLD

This will be held on Friday July 18th at the Noosa Surf Life Saving Club at 12 noon. Anyone interested in attending can contact Gerard Jess on gwjess11@gmail.com.

ALL WELCOME

A group of concerned citizens held some meetings in Brim in the latter half on 2024 to help residents to become aware of the alternative view of the use of farmland to develop such things as wind towers, powerlines and mining.

Calling themselves the **Wimmera Mallee Environmental and Agricultural Protection Association Inc**, the group has expanded with attendees travelling from areas such as Charlton, Horsham, Woomelang, Birchip and the Hindmarsh Shire.

Due to the increased number attending, the meetings are now held each month at the Community Centre at Anzac Park in Warracknabeal.

The Chairperson of the group is Ross Johns and Secretary Janet Addinsall.

For anyone interested in attending, meetings are usually held on the last Monday of the month commencing at 7pm.

Congratulations to **Sue Russell** who has received a life membership of the Warracknabeal Ladies Restrooms. Sue has been a member for 18 years and was Secretary from 2012 to 2015 and assistant secretary from 2015 to 2021. She has also been involved in Public Relations.

Well done Sue!

BRIM MEMORIAL BOWLING CLUB

From January 29th to February 19th, the Brim Bowls Club conducted a 'Trade Triples' competition.

Fourteen teams entered the fun filled four weeks event. Each team was encouraged to have no more than one regular bowler in its team.

Each week the event commenced with a barbeque tea.

The event was generously sponsored by W.G. and S. F. McPherson—a big thank you to them!

After the four weeks, the winning team was 'Triple Threat' consisting of Gwenda Torney, Mat Crisp (who filled in for Graham Atkin on the last night) and Shane Wardle with 122 points.

Second prize went to 'Ticko's Team' - Sam and Jarrod Tickner (Sam filling in for Richard on the last night) and Steve Pope with 101 points.

Third place went to the 'Keam Team' with 99 points.

The encouragement award over the four weeks went to the 'Boyd team' of Aaron, Gail and Stewart Boyd.

Thank you to the Brim Active Group who sponsored the barbeque over the four weeks.

Thank you to all who joined in and made this a wonderful success.



Above: Winners 'Triple Treat' Gwenda, Shane and Mat
Second place: 'Ticko's Team' Steve, Jarrod and Sam
All photos include Chris McPherson and James McFarlane.

Encouragement award - winners the 'Boyd Team' Stewart, Gail and Aaron.

SPORTING ROUND-UP

The 2024/25 sports competitions have now concluded, with the **Brim Tennis team** finishing 5th on the ladder and unfortunately just missing the finals.

The **Brim Kellalac Sheep Hills cricket team** finished 3rd on the ladder in their new competition, but sadly lost in the semi final to Homers.

The **Under 16 Warracknabeal Wildcats** competed in the Portland Basketball Tournament and were undefeated winning the competition. Congratulations to Tyson Garlick, Tyler Preston and Evan George for being part of the team.

The **Under 18** team were second in their division. Cooper Preston, Charlie Martin, Dane George and Hayden Polack were part of this team.

In the **local girls' basketball competition**, In the **Under 15's**, Mackenzie Roche was part of the Olympics side who were runners-up. The **Under 19** premiership team of Katz included Lauren Jenkinson, Georgia Evans, and Adah Hunt. Lucy Holland was part of the runners-up Cubs side.

The **boy's competition** saw Cubs winning the **under 15** competition with Hudson Roche, Bayden Jenkinson and Evan George featuring. Katz were the runners-up with Seth Roche and Zac Preston in the team. Gazelles won the **Under 19** game with Seth Keam and Hayden Polack as part of the team. Cooper Preston was a member of the runners-up Olympics side. Well done too, to coaches of teams Ella Holland, Jordan McPherson, Cooper Preston and Teagan and Chris Roche.

WILLENABRINA CWA

Willenabrina CWA began 2025 by hosting the Central Wimmera/Mallee CWA Group Conference.

In March they supported the 'Fat Farmers' rural health initiative screening of the movie 'Just a Farmer' by providing a light meal following the screening.

Two members also assisted at the CWA stand at the Wimmera Field Days.

The first meeting for the year was in February. The theme for this meeting was 'Valentines Day' with the craft competition being a Floral Heart or a Romantic Poem. The theme for their roll call was 'Best Date Ever'.

International Officer Jill King then gave a comprehensive insight into life, culture and food in Sri Lanka which is the Country of study for 2025.

The March meeting featured Warracknabeal's 2025 Citizen of the year Dianne Marchment as guest speaker. She spoke about her journey leading up to opening her own Accounting Business and the challenges she faced in running the business. The roll call for the day was Favourite Chocolate.

The March competition winners for the Easter Bonnet or Basket were: 1st Elaine Quick, 2nd Judy Lynch and 3rd Kirsty Keys.



Jarrold and Kaycee Tickner recently gave birth to twin sons Jasper Paul and Archie Richard. Unfortunately Archie was born with a critical heart problem and died a few weeks later. Our sympathies go to you both, to Jasper and your families.

The twins were the grandsons of Richard and Trish Tickner and great grandsons of Athol Tickner.

The Beulah CFA recently awarded service medals to some of their members. Congratulations go to Alan Smith (55yrs), Chris Smith (41yrs) and Narelle Gibson (31 yrs).

In the Junior Cricket Competition, Oliver Holland won a club trophy for his fielding expertise. During the season he took two catches, one stumping and was involved in two runout dismissals. Well done Oliver!

HOLLAND HUMOUR

Pronouns: The school teacher was wanting to to catch a child a bit slow on the uptake, so she asked him to name 2 pronouns. The kid replies "Who, me?"

Public Servants: 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.

Two husbands: Two husbands were in the bar talking about their wives.

"My wife is an angel," remarked the first gentleman.

The other then said, "Gee you're lucky. My wife is still alive."

Retired: The ability to do what I want, when I want As long as my wife agrees.