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EVENTS:

BIRTHDAYS:

Evelyn Goad 96
Lorraine Stewart 80
Trevor Gillespie 70
Tania Hill (Wardle) 50
Tim Pumpa 40
Sam Quick 40
Isaac McPherson 21
Casey Quick 18

ANNIVERSARY:

Congratulations to Gwen and Boyce Holland on their 50th wedding anniversary.

DEATH:

The Brim Community extends their deep sympathy to partner Alex and children Lynton, Wesley, Meredith, Nerolie and Ross and to their families on the passing of Heather Brown.

Deepest sympathy too, to Gaye, Andrew, Lachie and Matthew Golder on the passing of Gaye's father David Livingston.

The Brim community mourn the recent death of Gordon Fisher. We extend our sympathies to Gail, Stewart and family, Kevin, Dulcie, and the Fisher family.

LORRAINE CELEBRATES HER 80TH



Above: Lorraine with her birthday cake

Below: With her children Jenny, Scott and David.



Far Right: Lorraine with Sister Marg Quick.

Right: Lorraine's great granddaughter Luella.

Lorraine Stewart celebrated her 80th birthday with a quiet family gathering due to COVID on the Sunday before her actual birthday.

She had a very special surprise guest arrive too, her sister Marg Quick. They had not seen each other for quite a while.

Their brother Barry Harris had passed away not long before her Birthday, from a long battle with cancer. Marg's Birthday was in September so it was quite an emotional day for Lorraine. David and Leanne had replaced the old Garage with a new one, (a little bit bigger than the old one) so it was a christening of the Garage as well as a very quiet pre- birthday family celebration (Due to COVID restrictions and Lorraine not wanting anybody to know her age).

They will now Lorraine!

Most of her family were there and Liam shared some wonderful news that there was another Great Grandchild on the way. Her baby was going to be a Grandfather!



NEWS IN BRIEF

GET WELL: We wish a speedy recovery to all who are not feeling well due to illness or injury, this includes Bob Fisher, Alice Gollan, Lance Wardle and Lisa Gouin.

Newsletter on the web This newsletter and some older editions can now be found on the website brimactive.com. You can also subscribe to the electronic version on this site. Any email addresses will not be shared with others, (other than those involved with the production of the newsletter) without permission.

The printed editions will continue to be available through the post and at Dixon's and the General Store in Brim.

Contributions to the newsletter are most welcome. We thank all those who make a contribution to the newsletter. Without your help this newsletter would not survive. Any comments, contributions or suggestions are also most welcome and will help us to know what interests each of you. An exercise book has also been left at Wavell's Shop in Brim for anyone to write in any news items, comments or suggestions.

REDDAS PARK CAMPING GROUND OPEN FOR OVERNIGHT CAMPERS:

Please pay \$10 per night camp fee by placing payment into an Envelope, then into the red box in the front of the main toilet block. (Spare envelopes can be found near the barbeques.)

PLEASE OBEY CURRENT COVID REGULATIONS:

- Social distancing rules still apply outdoors
- Face masks must be worn by all on camp grounds
- Please maintain cleanliness whilst using facilities

If we all follow the rules; We will all get to have fun!



Christmas Party: The Brim Active Group are unsure whether the Christmas Party will go ahead this year due to the COVID restrictions. If at all possible it will go ahead in December.

Tennis/netball courts: Planning for the new courts is progressing, however work is not likely to commence until February with a likely finish date of August. This will therefore have little effect on the tennis season for 2020/21, but will effect the football season for 2021. There will be three new tennis courts and two netball courts constructed.

Medallist of the Year: Congratulations to Leonie Atkin for her recent achievement, being awarded the Warracknabeal Ladies Golf Club Medallist of the Year. She also won the monthly medal and was runner-up in the stroke event of the day. Beth Preston won the stroke event for the day.

Cricket: The Wimmera Mallee Cricket Association will commence on November 7th. Brim/Kellallac/Sheep Hills intend to field teams in A and B grades as well as juniors.

SIGNS:

In a laundromat: AUTOMATIC WASHING MACHINES: PLEASE REMOVE ALL YOUR CLOTHES WHEN THE LIGHT GOES OUT.

Outside a second-hand shop: WE EXCHANGE ANYTHING—BICYCLES, WASHING MACHINES, ETC. WHY NOT BRING YOUR WIFE ALONG AND GET A WONDERFUL BARGAIN?

10 PEAKES CHALLENGE RIDES FOR BRAD

Brad Martin clocks up 10 Peakes Challenge Rides.

The Peakes Challenge, Falls Creek is a challenging cycling event held in the Australian Alps region of Victoria in March each year.

It was launched by Australians Bicycle Network in 2010, and aims to provide cyclists with one of the world's toughest and most picturesque cycling challenges through Victoria's Alpine region.

It is a 235 km loop ride starting at Falls Creek and riding up Tawonga Gap, Mount Hotham and through Omeo before heading back to Falls Creek.

The back of Falls hits you like a tonne of bricks. With 200kms in your legs, you quickly learn why the first pinch is called WTF corner, and the whole ascent 'The Beast'. It's a steep and relentless climb with little reprieve.

The 2020 Peakes Challenge was one of the toughest rides on record, with low visibility and unpredictable weather pushing many riders to their limit.

However the wind, mist, rain and nearly freezing temperatures didn't stop almost 1,100 riders crossing the finish line.

On the long weekend in March and in trying conditions (an average of 4 degrees), Brad conquered his 10th Peakes Challenge ride.

This year he was joined by local Mark Peters and two

other friends from Melbourne.

"It isn't getting any easier" Brad reflects. "But the sense of satisfaction is always the same. I really enjoy the challenge and the 3-4 months of dedicated training required prior to the event."

This year reminded me how variable the weather can be in the mountains and it was a change of dry clothes and 15 minutes of warmth at the halfway mark that got me through."

Brad's total ride time was 12 hours and his climbing time 4 hours 38 minutes.



Above: Brad after his 2nd ride with Will and Charlie



Left: Brad feeling very pleased he survived his 10th Peake Challenge

CORONAVIRUS ISOLATION CITY STYLE.

Life in Melbourne Lockdown. For Heather Golder—Vice Principal of the Aberfeldie School in Essendon

Who would have thought that 2020 would have turned out like it has? When Pat asked if I wanted to write something about lockdown in the city, I didn't think I would find enough to say. Like this year, how wrong I was. Being a primary school teacher, everything revolves around four terms for me, school holidays, each term has something that schools do every year, such as student reports are written term 2 and 4, parent/teacher interviews term 1 and 3, plans are made around school camps, excursions, special activities, Footy Day in line with the AFL finals, Book Week and I could go on. In 38 years of teaching I thought that I would never be using video link ups with students, parents, teachers and beyond; that would be something for others to do long after I leave the job. So, I write this as it has unfolded around me and my job, a school year like never before.

January – we hear of a virus in China that seems to spread quickly. We are ok, it is a long way away, as not just teachers, but many people, return to work from a summer holiday break.

February – school returns, life is normal for most. I begin a long-awaited renovation on my kitchen and bathroom. We begin to hear that this virus is spreading quickly. Still no need to be concerned. Life goes on.

March – we begin to hear about other countries and Australia contracting small numbers of the virus. Cruise ships seem to be a concern. The kids at school are starting to talk about the virus. The long weekend arrives and I get away to attend the Port Fairy Folk Festival, the buzz around the virus is building and on reflection, I am one of thousands who are lucky to attend one of the last big music events for the year. I see a game of footy; the bushfire appeal match. Within a very short period of time, school is finished a week early, teachers have the last week in March to prepare for something called Remote Learning, teaching via Webex (something I come to know so well and can't wait to stop using, always looking at yourself and others on screens!). Thankfully my reno is finished by the end of term and I can move back in to my place.

April – school holidays, restrictions, a word we begin to hear and in a few months' time in Melbourne, a word we begin to detest. Easter by myself, no trip home to see mum (Betty), family and friends. Term 2 begins and this new remote learning takes hold. I am thankful I have a job as many are now losing theirs. I have a reason to leave home, work. The daily question is, what are our numbers?

May – the end of remote learning and the slow return of students to schools. I now need to interpret a COVID Operational Guide for teachers and students, have a COVID policy for parents, ensure we have a COVID Safety Management Plan in case Work Safe visit, posters up everywhere about social distancing, wash your hands, sanitise, etc, etc, etc. Parents under pressure, their child is anxious, their child won't work for them, their child can't or won't do the work. Parents get a new perspective of what teachers do each day with 25 students.

June – we have all grades back. We end the term believing we will be back to normal for Term 3. I have managed a visit to Geelong to see Vicki and her family in the small window of time when we could move outside of Melbourne. It has been a strange term of school, we have had to work remotely, using online everything, staying home. I look forward to something that looks like a holiday break where I can catch up with friends. The first two days of the holidays I spend in the garden and doing some jobs around the house with the plan to get out of the house after that. Oh no, not for me.

July – day 3 of the school holidays my postcode is labelled a hotspot, I am back in lockdown. Thankfully winter helps, it doesn't encourage you to go outside. By the time the middle of the holidays arrive, further restrictions are put in place, we have hotspots, lockdown in the housing towers, Term 3 will be remote learning again, the kids get an extra week of holidays for teachers and schools to prepare.

Essential workers become a common label. Masks appear but not mandatory. The question of the day is now; have you watched something good on Netflix?

August/September – could there be any more difficult restrictions? Of course, there is, Stage 4. I have the difficult task of telling some parents we can no longer have their children on-site; the list of essential workers becomes refined. I work more days at home, I am talking with parents and students via video chats to help them manage the work, anxiety or refusal to work. We have school assemblies pre-recorded, our annual Footy Day is done virtually. We did manage to get some AFL and AFLW players to send a video message (teachers with connections).

We have to carry a permit to allow us to travel outside of the 5km rule and a curfew (nowhere to go so that is easy). Masks become a fashion accessory, mandatory. I haven't seen friends or family since February/ March, I have missed birthdays, Easter, Mother's Day, friends and family being sick, not being able to attend funerals of friends' parents. I can fill the car with petrol and it takes about 6 weeks before I have to fill it up again. Google tells me the most interesting places I have visited in July, August and September are Taylors Lakes Woolworths and Aldi. I need to stop watching ABC News, but I need to know the numbers, when it gets to 700+ life ever returning to normal, seems unlikely for a long time. It upsets me to see the daily count of elderly who are dying before their time. I am glad regional Victoria isn't held back by the numbers in Metro Melbourne. I have had 4 COVID tests, not because I think I have it, but because I am working with children and their parents deserve to know that I am well. At present, it is 17 weeks (and counting) since I have had a haircut, what a shocker!!! I can't remember when I used actual cash, everything is on card. I am becoming adapt with online shopping and putting together flat packs.

October – unexpectedly it is announced primary aged children will return to school for Term 4. I have never been more excited to be working, schools are lonely, lifeless places without the kids. Restrictions are easing, it looks like I will get a hair cut in a few weeks. 25km means I can see friends at last and maybe, in a few weeks' time I can visit Geelong and Vicki again. I am hopeful Christmas will be out of Melbourne for me. It has been hard; however, the lockdown has made everyone appreciate some of the simple things in life. It may be awhile before normal is back with us. Even though I haven't seen family for so long, I am glad they are not here in Melbourne. Everyone has an opinion, open up businesses, don't open up. My opinion is do whatever it takes for us not to be in this situation again.

Everyone has their own COVID story of what they could and couldn't do, the people they may have lost and those they haven't seen. I know I am very lucky to have a job, to have a family who are well and a bent sense of humour to get me through. I look forward to 2021 and a vaccine!

Heather Golder



Above: Heather Golder



Above: Heather's school Aberfeldie Primary School in Essendon with 400 students

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

DRAGE FAMILY: Graham and Judy live in Warracknabeal. They have 2 children and 4 grandchildren.

David and Narelle live at Lah with their 2 children Amelia and Matilda. Amelia is at the Warracknabeal Secondary school and Matilda attends St Mary's school.

Cameron and Stacey live at Batchica and have 2 children. Will is in year 12 at Warracknabeal and Toby is also in Secondary School. Will hopes to go to university in Melbourne next year.

Graham's sister Dianne is married to Bob and lives in Nicholson. They have two children and 2 grandchildren.

Bob does consignment work with the RAAF, son Adam has 2 sons and works on Logistics in the RAAF.

Daughter Katherine works in marketing in the health area and has worked overseas on lenses for eyes.

She is currently working with artificial skins for burns victims,

GOUIN FAMILY: Kelvin and Pat still live on the farm at Willenabrina. They have 3 children

Justin is married to Cherie and they have 2 children and live at Vincentia near Nowra NSW. Justin trained in the Navy as an aircraft technician in avionics. He is currently working with recruits doing their gap year.

Warren is married to Katherine and they have 3 children and are living in Doreen. Warren works as a Business Development Manager in Digital Pathology and Workflow with Roche Diagnostics.

Brendan lives in Oakleigh East and is Product Development Engineer with RMS Mors Smitt.

Barbara married Godfrey Lowe and they live in Brown Hill, Ballarat. They have 3 children and 6 grandchildren.

Carol married John Brookshaw and they live in Swan Hill. They have 3 children and 7 grandchildren.

John and Lisa are living at McKenzie Hill, Castlemaine. Their children are Nicholas, Bailee and Sarah.

Nicholas is married to Steph and they have 3 children and live in Bentleigh East..

Nick is General Manager at the Olsen Hotel in South Yarra.

Bailee is married to Michael Harrison and lives in Mandurah WA. They have 3 children.

Bailee is a Relationship Officer, Trainer and Assessor with WA IVET (Initial Vocational Education & Training) for the South/West Region of WA.

Sarah is married to Toby Liston and lives at Eddington near Maldon. They have 3 children. Sarah works part time as a nurse with Bendigo Health.

GOULD FAMILY John (Mick) & Gwen Gould sold their farm in 1973. They sold the farm to Jimmy Quick.

They moved to Maroochydore on the Sunshine Coast and John went into Real Estate. John stayed in Real Estate until his death in 2001.

They have 3 daughters.

They all live within a radius of 1.5kms of each other - this includes the majority of their kids too.

Jeanette Michael. Jeanette and Ian moved to Queensland in 1980 with their 3 children.

All 3 children still live in Maroochydore.

Lynlea Slater. Relocated with her parents. Lynlea resides in Alexandra Headland and has 2 children.

Glenn Schindler also relocated with her parents (she was 12 at the time) and also resides in Alexandra Headland. She has 2 children and lives 3 doors from Lynlea.

The majority of the family followed in John's footsteps and are also involved in Real Estate.

Gwen turned 90 in April however, due to COVID her party was postponed. She is looking forward to her 91st birthday celebrations.

She is in good health, lives on her own in a 2 storey home. She says the stairs keep her fit!

JOHNSTONE FAMILY: Brett, Regina, Rebecca, Ruth, Brian (Bob) and Roseanne live in Swann Street Brim.

Brett and Regina have four children: Rebecca 10, Ruth 6, Brian 5 and Roseanne 2.

Brett and Regina are home-schooling their children.

Brett works at Charlton.

Brett is from Beaufort, Victoria and Regina is from Tasmania. The family have been living in Brim for five years.

BRIM TENNIS

Dimboola & District Tennis Association commenced their competition on October 9th.

Teams competing this year are Jeparit, Warrack Gold, Hopetoun, Rainbow, Arkona, Antwerp, Brim and Dimboola.

The Brim Tennis Club played their first match on October 10th against Jeparit at Brim. Jeparit won all 5 points winning 12 sets, 140 games to Brim 6 sets 101 games.

The second match, also at Brim, was against Dimboola. Brim won all 5 points. The mixed team won 3 sets, 31 games to Dimboola 1 set, 20 games. The men won their point 2 sets, 32 games to Dimboola 2 sets, 23 games. The ladies was closer with Brim winning 3 sets, 29 games to Dimboola 1 set, 25 games.

The overall score was Brim 8 sets 92 games (5 points) to Dimboola 4 sets 68 games. .

In round 3, Brim were to play Rainbow at Rainbow on Friday evening, but it was washed out.

On Saturday October 31st Brim played Hopetoun. The match was close all day, but Brim missed out on any points, with Hopetoun winning all 5 points.

In the mixed competition both ended up with the same number of sets, but Brim lost by only 2 games. The men lost to Hopetoun by 4 sets to 2, while the ladies won an equal number of sets, going down only by the games won.

It is pleasing to see good numbers of players willing to play with the Brim team, particularly when quite a few are young players.



Left:

Molly Stewart on the net



Right: Hugh Keam hoping for and ace.

DID YOU KNOW?

A violin contains about 70 separate pieces on wood.

It is possible for your nose to identify and remember more than 50,000 smells!

Papparazzi means buzzing mosquitoes in Italian.

23% of all photocopier faults worldwide are caused by people sitting on them and photocopying their bottoms

BOYCE'S JOKE OF THE MONTH

In school one afternoon the teacher announced that they would have a poetry contest.

"I'll give you the last line," he said, "and I want you to see if any of you can think up the rest of the verse to go with it."

"Now, we'll start off with a last line that goes: "If I can, if I can, if I can." Have you got all of that? Good.

Now, can any of you think of something?"

After a short pause, young Billy put up his hand.

"All right Billy", said the teacher. "Let's hear what you've come up with."

Billy stood up and recited: "When I grow up to be a man,
"I'll visit Germany and Japan,
"If I can, if I can, if I can."

"Very good," said the teacher. "Has anyone else thought of some more lines?"

Little Mary raised her hand.

"All right, Mary," said the teacher. "Go ahead and tell us your verse."

Mary stood up and recited: "When I grow up to be a lady
"I'd like to have a little baby,
"If I can, if I can, if I can."

"Well done, Mary," the teacher said. "Any more?"

"Please teacher, I've got one," said little Johnny.

"Go ahead, Johnny, said the teacher, "let's hear it."

And little Johnny got up and said,

"When I grow up to be a man,
"Forget about Germany and Japan,
"I'll help Mary with her plan,
"If I can, if I can, if I can."



KIDS CORNER

What does a snake learn at school

Why is $2+2=5$ like your left foot?

What object is king of the classroom?

What tool do you need for maths?

Why did the boy eat his homework?

Why did the boy steal a chair from the classroom?



Hiss tory!

It's not right

The ruler.

MultiPLIERS

Because the teacher said it was a piece of cake

Because the teacher told him to take a seat!

BLAST FROM THE PAST

BRIM EAGLES NETBALLERS

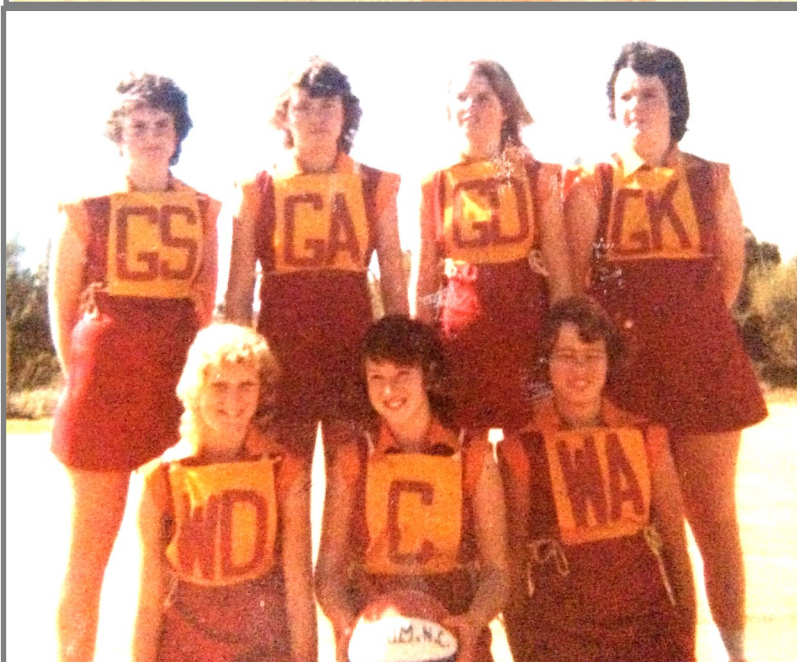
1970 BRIM NETBALL TEAM

From Left: Dianne Howland, Charmaine Fisher, Jeanette Gould, Michelle Witney, Ellen McFarlane, Helen Blackman and Carol Gouin.

**Brim Netball life members:**

Above: Mavis Wardle 1989

Below: Charmaine Fisher and Dianne Pumpa 1998



Above: D grade runners-up 1980: **back left to right:** Vicki Golder, Sharon Marshman, Nerolie Brown, Adrienne Marshman, **front:** Donna Jones, Suzi Heal and Karen Wardle.

Right: Best and fairest winners: **left to right:** Charmaine Fisher, Pauline Rickard, Jenny Stewart and Sue Quick.



BRIM MEMORIAL BOWLING CLUB RESULTS

Brim Memorial Bowling Club held the final of the 100 up event on Saturday October 24th in perfect conditions for this event.

The semi-finals were held the week before with Shane Wardle defeating Lindsay Martin, and Buddy Witney defeating Alan Smith.

The final between Shane and Buddy was a close encounter with Shane ending up the winner of the 100 up event. Final scores were Shane Wardle 123 defeating Buddy Witney 116.

Those who had been previously knocked out of the 100 up competition played a new event to the club— the 50 up.

The players enjoyed the new event which saw Daryl Tepper being the popular winner from runners-up Rod Schilling.

Mens' Pairs were held on October 31st with Shane Wardle and Daryl Tepper defeating Lindsay Martin and Buddy Witney



Winner of 100 up Shane Wardle (Right)
with Runner-up Buddy Witney (left)



Bowlers Playing In the 50 up October 24th



Winners On Oct 31st:
Daryl Tepper and Shane Wardle

'GRANDMA' REMEDIES AND RECIPES

TAKEN FROM AN OLD BOOK TITLED: 'EVERYTHING A LADY SHOULD KNOW'

Baking powder: 4oz (113g) tartaric acid, 6oz (170g) bicarbonate of soda, 1lb (453g) rice flour
Crush tartaric acid (if required), mix all ingredients together and sieve 3 times.

To get rid of ants: 1oz (28g) borax, 1lb (453g) sugar, 1/2 a small teacup of water

Boil all together for 3 minutes, cool, and put on the bottom of an overturned plate or shallow tin lids and place in their tracks. They will eat greedily and die a short distance away, but care must be taken to only put a small amount of borax, or they will not touch it.

Insomnia: Take a good walk, and try boiled or stewed onions for supper; take no drugs; keep the bowels open by a dose of liquorice powder at night followed by a dose of fruit salts in the morning when required.

If anyone is game to try any of these please let us know if they work!