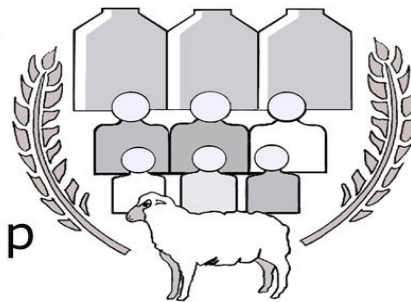


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NEWSLETTER

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EVENTS:

BIRTHDAYS:

Merwyn Wardle 96
John Brennan 91
Lisa Gouin 60
Kevin Hoffmann 50
Jenna Goad 30

GET WELL:

Gordon Fisher
Bev McConville
Alys Sturrock

BIRTHS:

Joel and Sammi Boyd are thrilled to announce the arrival of their first child—Leo Fox on August 22nd. He is the seventh grandchild for Gail and Stewart Boyd and great grandson for Gordon Fisher.

Kathryn and Cameron Bardell are pleased to announce the birth of their first child Ruby Jean on September 11. Third Grandchild for Gaye and Daryl Bardell of Galaquil.

WELCOME:

The Brim community would like to welcome several new residents to the Brim township. We hope you enjoy your life here in Brim.

ROBYN'S CUPCAKE WIN

ABC Victoria's "Virtual Show" Competition

Category: Best decorated cupcake: **Winner: Robyn Perris**



Entitled: 2020 Front and rear...been a crap year.

A light hearted reflection of the 2020 combination of the 'panic-demic' toilet roll purchasing.... and the wearing of a face covering.

The cake (left) and explanation (above) that Robyn submitted to the ABC Victoria's 'Virtual Show' Competition.

Robyn, daughter of Valda and the late Keith Hunter won the senior section of 'Virtual Show' competition run by the ABC in the absence of

many Victorian shows in 2020.

She submitted a photo of a chocolate cupcake, decorated with bit of chocolate icing with some fondant accessories for the top.

Her explanation for her design is as follows:

The whole toilet roll thing...came waaaaay back in first lockdown, toilet paper was running out the door, people scrapping in the aisles for a roll???. Just stupid really.

At the time it was all the talk. Which led into Easter, and we couldn't do our regular Easter catch ups, exchange Easter eggs etc, so I had the idea of sharing a cupcake amongst friends, which for those, I only did the 1 toilet roll. So that's sort of where the silly idea came from...alas now we've advanced to

mask wearing as well. I think the description sums up ideally my cupcake, and as turns out the judge..... saw something fun in it too.

Robyn said she entered on the spur of the moment.

She then decided to put some entries into the Virtual

Horsham Show as well and won the award for the Best Decorated Cupcake (Halloween theme) as well as an honourable mention in the Modern Decorated Cupcake for her burger cake.



NEWS IN BRIEF

Newsletter on the web This newsletter and some older editions can now be found on the website brimactive.com thanks to Warren Gouin for setting this up. You can also subscribe to the electronic version on this site.

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 the general store in Brim for anyone to write news items, comments or suggestions.



Right: Charmaine and Pat working on the newsletter distribution

Netball/Tennis courts. At this stage the tennis competition in the local area for the 2020/2021 season hopes to commence on October 10. If this happens, some Brim home games may have to be played at another venue while work goes ahead on the new courts during the summer months.

Ex Brim resident Phil McFarlane is a director of Eat Group and Australian Plant Protein. This company has a manufacturing plant in Horsham and is soon to start delivering protein powder made from pulses grown in the Wimmera and Southern Mallee. They are the first company to offer an Australian plant-based protein ingredient. They hope to sell their product both in Australia and overseas.

Brim Kellalac Sheep Hills Cricket Club had their AGM on Monday September 21. This was done via Zoom with a good number signing in. The club remain positive that some play will resume sometime, but car pooling may deter some clubs. Mat Crisp (President) and David Holland (Secretary/Treasurer) have been re-elected to their positions. Lachie McGinniss is Vice president and Charlie Dean Assistant secretary/treasurer with Leigh Dovaston being the representative to the WimmeraMallee Cricket association. The club hopes to field two senior and two junior teams this year. Barry Schilling and Sean Wright will help with the junior teams. The club hopes to raise some money through The Toyota Good for Cricket Raffle. Tickets of \$5 each can be bought on-line at <https://toyotagoodforcricket.raffletix.com.au/bkshcc?v=1>. Money goes to the club except for a credit charge of \$1.20.

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.

MEMORIES OF BRIM FROM KEVIN FREEMAN

When I went to school there were 3 teachers, 3 classrooms and 92 students. There was a bakery, a fruit and milk bar, general store and hardware store as well as a hotel and the hotel was a lively place. This was back in the mid 50's.

Thats Life.

Be Happy Brim. ☐☐☐

MEMORIES OF BRIM FROM SUZI HEAL (JENNINGS)

My Grandparents moved to Brim when they bought the Hotel around 1965. My parents, along with their two children Melinda and Stewart, moved with them. I was born in Beulah in 1966.

My first memories of growing up in Brim are when we lived at 21 Swann Street, in the Green House. Mum was out the back in the "laundry", which was a dirt floor shed, doing the washing. She was teaching me to wash the clothes, put them through the wringer, into the cement tub to rinse then back through the wringer again. I certainly appreciate our modern appliances of today, washing took all day!

Well this day, it was a hot summer day and we had a visitor, a snake. I had to run next door to Auntie Jean and Uncle Ralph Crisp for help. He came with a shovel and that was end of the snake.

I had lots of Aunties and Uncles, yet none of them related to me. Its just how it was with adults, they were all Auntie and Uncle out of respect and they didn't want to be called Mr or Mrs. Auntie Jean was wonderful, I used to go to her house a lot and she would teach me piano. I would watch her in the kitchen and the garden, then we would sit on the veranda and sip tea from the saucer.

We soon moved all the way to number 27 Swann Street, the White House with blue shutters. Both houses are across the road from the primary school. The school was essentially two buildings joined together with an office, aptly named the Big and Little rooms. I remember playing shop under the peppercorn trees, where you could "buy" leaves, pink or black peppercorns and rocks. Many a game of marbles were played too. I used to rush to get to school early for a game of cricket, or swings on the monkey bars before the kids from the farms would get there. The small bus would first go to the East kids, drop them off, then go out to the West. Every Monday morning we would stand in two lines smartly at attention, and raise the National Flag and sing the anthem, then inside for "news". Once a week was ABC Music over the radio and we would sing along to "Windy" and "You can't roller skate in a buffalo herd". Can't forget getting the milk delivered to the school for morning recess and placing lunch orders with Mr and Mrs Earle at the milk bar on a Friday.

Mum had a part time job at the Post Office working for the Schergers and later the Dunkleys. I remember going there after school and helping her. When I was older I used to help on the telephone exchange. It's strange that 10 years later I would join the Navy as a Radio Operator. I didn't realise it but many years later, whilst reading/listening to Morse code, the party lines on the exchange were in fact Morse. That's when people shared the same number but only answered if the ring tone was theirs, for example 16N was one long one short ring, 16S was three short rings.

Winters were spent playing netball and football, summer playing tennis, cricket with my brother and swimming in the local dams or when the creek was running, sitting on the weir and finding trees to make Tarzan ropes to swing off and jump into the water. Many a weekend out on the Quicks or Pumpa's farms yabbing and the annual Silver Circle where there were chook chases and egg/spoon races. Simple fun for every family in the community. We were usually raising money for something, new lights on the oval, new footy sheds, upgrade for the hall, something.

When I was 12 we moved into the Brim Pub and I started high school in Warrack. I did a lot of babysitting and a lot work in the hotel. I continued to play netball and was president of the club at 15. If it wasn't for Charmaine Fisher, who actually did all the work, it would not have turned out as well as it did. I played footy in the mini's but as soon as I started to look like a girl, I wasn't allowed to play anymore. How the times have changed, for the better.

It was a great childhood, out all day and only coming home to eat or because the street lights had come on! Thank you Brim, you are a great little town. Brim epitomises the saying 'it takes a village to raise a child'.

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Right: Suzie with Darren Schreck



We moved to Warrack in the early 80's and continued with sport and working in mum and dads pub, the Warracknabeal Hotel. As soon as I turned 17 I applied for the Navy and was accepted on my 18th birthday. 6 weeks later I was at HMAS Cerberus, on the Mornington Peninsula. I was in training for about 12 months then got my first posting to HMAS Harman in Canberra. My primary work consisted of secure networking and lots and lots of typing and distribution of signals. I did shift work, in a communications centre, doing 2 days, 2 nights, 4 days off for a couple of years. Then I moved to Darwin, still doing shift work, but a much larger facility. The communications there was directly with the Ships and I learnt Morse code and did a lot more radio work with the smaller ships in the Navy. This was one of my favourite jobs in the navy. I continued to play a lot of sport travel around the NT discovering the beautiful national parks.

I went back to Canberra where I married my husband Rohan, who is also a sailor. We had our first child, a boy Darren, and bought our first home. A couple of years later, we moved back to Darwin for a different job but still in communications. We only stayed there for a year, but it was long enough for us to have another child, another boy, Michael. On offer of promotion, we moved to HMAS Cerberus. This is where my husband and I fell in love with the lifestyle of a country area as Crib Point and Hastings are small communities, not unlike Brim and Warracknabeal. We decided that this is where we would set roots and raise the kids. Rohan continued to travel with the Navy and I stayed at Cerberus where there was plenty of work for me. I stayed here with the boys and he served on ships, sometimes away for 8 months at a time. It was hard, but we managed with the support of friends and Navy family. We are still living in Crib Point and we are close to retirement. We have been back to Brim and Warrack a few times and it makes me smile every time I think about growing up there.

BRIM PRIMARY SCHOOL 1971



Suzi in Naval uniform



BACK ROW LEFT: Pat Chapple, Terrence Wardle, Darryn Wardle, Heather Golder, Gwenda Torney, Glennis Gould, Brian McConville, Ashley Hood, Don Wallis.

SECOND ROW LEFT: Roslyn Scherger, Leonie Scherger, Lyn Aitken, Gail Fisher, Graeme Scherger, Stephen Appledore, Shane Wardle, Adrian Schmidt.

THIRD ROW LEFT: Paul Newick, Roger Aitken, Andrew Nikkelson, Cindy Nikkelson, Melinda Heal, Stewart Heal, Mark Forsyth, Leanne Quick, Sonia Wardle.

FRONT ROW: Suzi Heal, Sarah Nikkelson and Vicki Golder

ABSENT: Maurice Schmidt, Sue Quick, Mark McPherson

BOYCE'S JOKE OF THE MONTH

FOUR WORMS IN CHURCH

A minister decided that a visual demonstration would add emphasis to his Sunday sermon.

Four worms were placed in four separate jars.
 The first worm was put in a container of alcohol
 The second worm was placed in a container of cigarette smoke
 The third worm went into a container of chocolate syrup.
 And the fourth was put in a container of good clean soil.



At the conclusion of the sermon the minister reported the results:

The first worm in alcohol—dead
 The second worm in the cigarette smoke—dead
 The worm in the chocolate syrup—dead
 And the fourth in the good clean soil—alive!

So the minister asked the congregation: “What did you learn from this demonstration?”

Maxine who was sitting in the back, quickly raised her hand and said...

“As long as you drink, smoke and eat chocolate, you won’t have worms!”
 That pretty much ended the service!



KIDS CORNER

What is a caterpillar?

A rich worm in a fur coat.

What do you get when you cross a worm with a goat?

A dirty kid

What is worse than finding a worm in your pear?

Finding half a worm.

What do worms use to leave messages?

Compost-it notes

CHIP OFF THE OLD BLOCK

Joke from Benjamin Holland (Boyce's grandson)

In a national incident, one of Donald Trump's staff members has burnt down his personal library in a fit of rebellion.

This is a tragedy, as both books were lost in the fire, and he hadn't even finished colouring in the second!

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

CHALKER FAMILY: Tony and Marion now live in Wangaratta. They have two children Megan and Michael. Tony worked for nine years on a farm at Batchica for Alan Bell.

Marion worked as a casual relief teacher mainly at Warracknabeal, Beulah, Hopetoun and Minyip.

Michael lives in Mansfield.

Megan lives in Wangaratta.

Tony and Marion have 3 grandchildren and 2 great grand children.

DUNKLEY FAMILY: Lisa is married to Graeme Arbuckle and lives in Arlington Esplanade Clifton Beach Queensland.

Lisa has two children: Cade and Skye

Lisa's parents Lance and Thelma ran the Post Office in Brim on the corner of Swann Street and the Henty Highway from the beginning of 1974.

ERHARDT FAMILY: Barry and Annie live in Simson Street, Brim.

Barry (known as Bazz) is a farrier and works for Racing Victoria as well as working their farm at Beulah East.

Bazz and Annie have two sons Darcy and Morgan.

Darcy is married to Jess, who is a vice principal at an Ararat School—they have one son Rocket who is 7 months old. Darcy works as a stock agent.

Morgan is engaged to Jess Kelly who is a teacher at Horsham. Morgan has a fencing business.

FREEMAN FAMILY: . Kevin and Nola left Brim in 1982 as the drought forced them to move on.

They moved to Portland where Kevin started work with Lloyd engineers for the first 12 months before moving to the Portland Aluminium Smelter for the next 10 years.

They then purchased a caravan park just outside Bairnsdale on the river. They were there 11 years building up the business before being were made an offer to sell which was too good to knock back. So they grabbed the money and ran (Kevin's words). They took 6 months off, living in a tin can and got bored.

So they decided they wanted to get back into business.

They then bought a motel at Mittagong on the north end of the Southern Highlands in NSW, retiring 5 years ago.

They then moved to Eureka in Ballarat where Nola passed away a few years ago.

Their son Simon is a builder living at Forest Hill with his wife Kate and 3 children. He is doing well.

Sadly, daughter Briony has lost contact with the family.

Kevin's sister Marettee Owens worked at a Private Hospital in Moonee Ponds for 35 years and then at a motel in Traralgon for a while and has now retired and living in Rowville.

His brother Dennis was in the building game for a long time. At one stage he had up to 22 people working for his business. He has a son called Hugh who is 20.

MARTIN FAMILY: Brad and Susan Martin live on the highway at Galaquil, about 10 kms north of Brim.

Brad now works on the farm after coming home in 1993 after working with Telecom in Melbourne. He is also a cycling enthusiast and rides most days on back roads or his bike trainer in the virtual world.

Susan works as a receptionist at the Yarriambiack Medical Centre in Warracknabeal and teaches yoga in Warracknabeal on Tuesday evenings.

Brad and Susan have 2 sons—Will 17, and Charlie 11.

Will hopes to become a teacher and follows the English Premier League (soccer). He is keen on playing soccer too, and hopes to resume playing with the Vic Park Vultures when he returns to Ballarat.

Will is doing VCE at Ballarat Grammar, while Charlie is at School in Warracknabeal.

The family have 3 farm dogs—Lexie, Louie and Luna.

CORONAVIRUS ISOLATION

MARTIN FAMILY:



During isolation Susan has enjoyed spending extra time in the garden and is currently attending to tomatoes and strawberries in her hothouse.

Will has been pruning much of the garden with his soccer ball.

Charlie enjoys remote learning as it allows him to finish school early and he can then head straight to the shed.

When he is not tinkering away in his workshop, he is making bike tracks through the creek or shooting basketball hoops.

He is looking forward to resuming playing with the Wildcats and footy training once 'corona' settles down.



REDDA'S PARK IS NOW OPEN AGAIN



WORLD WAR 2 VETERAN RECOGNISED



On the 75th anniversary of the end of World War 2, all living veterans were recognised with a certificate and medallion. Merwyn Wardle who recently turned 96 was one veteran recognised.

Merwyn joined the RAAF when he was 18 years old, in March 1943 and worked on the Avro Anson aircraft. He trained in Melbourne before working at the base in Mount Gambier. He was then transferred to Darwin for three months before being re-assigned back to Melbourne.

While serving, they were all given an allowance of beer each week. As Merwyn did not drink alcohol, he would sell his beer and buy soft drink with the money.

Merwyn was promoted to a leading aircraftman during his service. He was discharged in September 1945, and returned to the family farm in Brim.

MY DAD

BRIAN JOHNSTONE (Bob) 5 years old:

Dad's name: Daddy **Dad's age:** 44 years old
Dad's favourite food: peanut butter **What Dad's does at work:** vacuum floors
Dad's favourite TV show: Roadkill
What Dad doesn't like: peas **His favourite song:** Joy to the World
My favourite thing to do with Dad: Go out with him
What I love most about Dad: he sometimes takes me to the park.



RUTH JOHNSTONE 6 YEARS OLD:

Dad's name: Yogi **Dad's age:** 44 years old
Dad's favourite food: Lollies **Dad's favourite TV Show:** Roadkill
Something silly about my Dad: He is funny, funny.
What Dad doesn't like: Spicy lollies **His favourite song:** I want to sing
What Dad does at his job: Clean



HARRY HOFFMANN :

Dad's name: Dad **Dad's age:** 50 years old
Dad's favourite food: Curry **What Dad watches on TV :** Footy & Cricket
Something silly about my Dad: He makes me work hard.
His favourite song: Carlton Theme song
What Dad does at his job: Electrical work and farming



My favourite thing to do with Dad: Kick the footy, practising bowling the cricket ball
What I love most about Dad: He's a good Dad.

REBECCA JOHNSTONE 10 YEARS OLD:

Dad's name: Brett **Dad's age:** 34 years old
Dad's favourite food: Peanut butter & pies
What Dad watches on TV: car racing
His favourite songs: Slim Dusty songs
Something silly about my Dad: He tells good jokes.
What Dad doesn't like: peas and screaming
What Dad does at his job: Cleaning
My favourite thing to do with Dad: work on cars with him
What I love most about Dad: He is smart and teaches me lots of things



BLAST FROM THE PAST

BRIM FOOTBALL CLUB

UNDER-16s team runners-up 1990



BACK ROW: Michael Preston, Nathan Quick, Justin Gouin, Warren Gouin, Tim McFarlane, Wayne Preston.

MIDDLE ROW: Brett Campbell, Luke Pumpa, Paul Vaughan, David Holland, Rod Quick (coach), Travis Fisher, Corey McConville, Aaron Somers, Matthew Pumpa, Jade McConville, Matthew Witney, Lindsay Coleman (trainer).

FRONT ROW: Trevor Lewis, Rohan Somers, Andrew Lewis, Jeremy Preston, Graeme Holland, Mathew Crisp, Jeremy Quick, Matthew Coleman.

A BRIM EAGLES PLAYER PROFILE FROM YEARS GONE BY:

Tex Wardle

Occupation:: Farmer

Nickname: JET (Tex)

Weight: 11.5 stone

Height: 5ft 11

Age:58

Marital Status: Wife Noela and sons

Guernsey No: 7

Club debut: Brim 1949

Previous clubs: None because there's none as good as Brim!

Popular coaches: Reg Jaensch

Games Played for Brim: Over 200

A.F.L. Team: Melbourne

Favourite Position: Ruck

Toughest opponent: Jum Fuller

Other Sports played: Cricket, bowls

Other interests: Touring, Cake decorating, collecting rocks

Biggest thrill : Brim Premiership 1987

Biggest disappointment : Not playing in a Granny or coaching one

Superstitions: Boots clean on Saturday morning

Ambition: Brim Premiers 1991,

& staying awake for footy committee meeting!

FOOTY 'OBITUARIES'

*Warning to Nathan At training on Tuesday 'Huebo' was observed kicking goals—impossible you might say, but according to track-watchers he got two out of a possible thirty-five!

*Gate Keeper's are worried about the immediate danger to Max and fellow gatekeepers.

Due to breaches of speed limits on Saturday, suggested limits are as follows:

- 1) You should drive at a speed which allows you to wave or even say hello to gatekeeper.
- 2) The speed at which you are travelling should give the gatekeeper both time and the opportunity to respond if they so desire.

*Obituary Prediction: Fazz if he turns off the hot water again!!

And that ladies and gentlemen, is how a Stimulus package works.

Brim East
Brim West
Dixon
Giddings
Golf Course
Henty
Highway
Kendall
King
Lane
Lehmann
Paine
Road
Simson
Smith
Street
Swann
Wurfel