

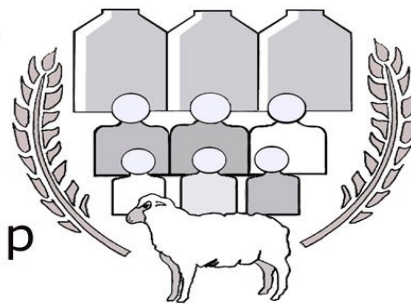
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BIRTHDAYS:

Royce Wardle	96
Gwen Gould	94
Eddie Martin	90
Judy Drage	80
Clinton Wardle	70
Isabel Lindsay	30
Evelyn Lewis	18

GET WELL:

Rodney Quick
Shayne Fisher
Riley Appledore
Peter Martin
Geoff Lovel

BIRTHS:

Congratulations to Kathryn and Cameron Bardell on the arrival of their son **Henry John**. Henry is a brother for Ruby and Phoebe and a grandson for Gaye and Daryl Bardell. Isaac and Jemima McPherson have recently welcomed their first child, a daughter **Neriah Mae** to their family. We congratulate them on her arrival. Neriah is a granddaughter for Mark and Karen McPherson and a Great Granddaughter for Wavell and Shirley McPherson and Brian and Val Wardle. We wish you all the very best.

SPECIAL DISPLAY FOR ANZAC DAY



After considerable time researching into uniforms of those who served during World War 1, Colleen McPherson was able to dress two mannequins in the outfits and name the mannequins after two of those from the Brim area who served in World War 1.

The nurse, Static Soldier Sister **Lettitia Gladwys Moreton (Glad)** was born in Brim in 1891 and lived at Lah before the family moved to Leigh Creek near Ballarat.

The male represented here is Static Soldier Light Horse Trooper **John Campbell Hunter** who was born in Warracknabeal, but grew up in Brim. A number of his descendants still live in the area and some attended the Anzac Day service in the Brim Hall.

Photos on this page show the two mannequins before they were displayed in the hall on Anzac day.

Details of their service records are featured inside this newsletter.

Thank you to Coll for the detailed information on these two people.



APRIL 25TH, ANZAC DAY

The Anzac Day service in Brim went off with a bang of a different sort this year. With booming thunder overhead and the threat of more heavy rain showers, everyone quickly moved inside the Brim Town Hall to begin the service, foregoing the usual presentation and flag raising conducted outside the hall each year.

Once safely inside and out of the weather, newly appointed Brim Anzac Committee Chairman Rod Gardam welcomed the crowd of over 100 people that filled the Brim Memorial Hall and began the Anzac Day Service with the introduction of the Warracknabeal Brass Band, as they set the mood with the hymn The Old Hundredth.

Committee member Pat Gouin read the Lord's Prayer, followed by her husband and fellow committee member Kelvin Gouin reading the Anzac Requiem.

Guest speaker for the event was Mrs. Pam Cupper, co-author of the first modern 'Gallipoli Guidebook'. The audience learnt of Pam and her husbands extended travel throughout Gallipoli and the Western front, specifically to WW1 cemeteries and sites of significance to our Anzacs. Pam also spoke of several local soldiers from Brim and Lah districts, giving insight into both their service and sacrifices made. Mrs Cupper was a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) recipient for her services to education and the preservation of Australia's Military History in 2021.

The laying of the memorial wreaths followed, before a moving rendition of The Last Post filled the Brim Hall, with the hauntingly beautiful bugle notes leading the service into a respectful minute of silence tribute.

The brass band then collectively brought the room back to attention with God Save The King and the Australian National Anthem. They then delighted everyone with one more number before Chairman Gardam introduced Brim Anzac Committee member Colleen McPherson to make a special Static Soldier presentation.

Mrs. McPherson presented to the service two life-size static soldier mannequins, dressed respectively in full World War I Australian Army Nursing uniform and Light Horse Trooper uniform. She then went on to explain the people depicted by the mannequins, were Nursing Sister Letitia Gladwys (Glad) Morton and Light Horse Trooper John (Jack) Campbell Hunter. Both of whom were born in Brim. Mrs. McPherson went on to detail the life and wartime service of Sister Glad Morton before also presenting the life and wartime service history of light horse trooper Jack Hunter.

A presentation made all the more special with Jack's daughter-in-law Valda, some grandchildren and great grandchildren sitting front row in the audience.

The service concluded with a presentation of flowers to Valda for her contribution as past chairperson of the Brim Anzac Committee over several years.



Wreaths laid at the hall on Anzac Day

ANZAC DAY PHOTOS



Left and right: Outside before the service.

Below from left: 1. Guest speaker Pam Cupper and Chairman Rod Gardam.
2. Colleen McPherson speaking on Sister Moreton and Trooper Hunter.
3. The mannequins



Left: Valda Hunter with the assistance of son Russell after being presented flowers in appreciation of her contribution.

Right: Hunter descendants: Valda, Georgia Perris, Russell Hunter, Glenda Keam, Barry Schilling, Trevor and Dan Hunter.



Left to right: representing the Australian Defence force at the Brim Anzac Day Service were: from the navy, Rohan Jennings, Suzi Jennings (nee Heal) (both now retired) and Justin Gouin with Rod Gardam (Butterworth Rifle Company), Bruce Wilson (SAS) and Graeme Massey (Warracknabeal RSL President).

It is interesting to note that the three navy representatives have served for a combined 109 years!

SERVICE HISTORY OF JOHN CAMPBELL HUNTER

John Campbell Hunter, known as Jack, was born at Warracknabeal in 1890, to his parents William Nicholas Hunter and Flora Gould.

Growing up at Brim, he was your typical strapping young Wimmera Mallee farmer, strong and able bodied. His days were spent out in the paddocks under the sun. Work tanned with short brown hair and deep brown eyes, he was a kind hearted lad, with an eagerness to work but also, that keen eagerness that saw so many young men of his kind wish to sign up and take a stand for King and Country.

In 1916, as a young 26-year-old, Jack was working for his uncle, George Gould, on his farm at East Cannum, near Warracknabeal, when he decided it was "his time to join the cause", and so he travelled to Ballarat and enlisted with the Australian Imperial Forces, 27th Reinforcements.

However, it was October and there was harvest to consider as well. With Uncle George's only son Frank Gould already deployed and fighting over in France, young Jack felt he couldn't leave his Uncle in the lurch, his sense of duty and responsibility would not allow that. So he applied for and was granted "Harvest Leave" until the 10th of February, 1917.

The war was not ending anytime soon. After his initial and somewhat "basic" of basic training, he was assigned a leave date, embarked and set sail out of Melbourne aboard the H.M.A.T "Boorara" on the 10th May, 1917 with the 27th Reinforcements.

After weeks at sea, the excitement of a big adventure had faded, as he found himself in tight quarters, with the stench of the unwashed in the air all around him, dealing with everything from seasickness, to lack of food, lack of fresh water, bouts of dysentery and the obvious anxiety and threat of what dangers were waiting for them. Letters and stories had long since made their way home, with the 27th reinforcements all quite aware of what they were likely being sent for.

On the 20th June, 1917 the "Boorara" disembarked at the Suez Canal, with Jack and many of his fellow Anzacs dazed as they were transported by rail, and then marched through alien landscapes that lay before them.

Seemingly endless sand dunes, rocky outcrops and dry barren-like prickly scrub dotted the land. Gone were the lush grazing paddocks and bush blocks of back home. This land was foreign, hot, dusty and left a thirst in a man's throat that could never be quenched.

Jack saw camels for the first time, as they were used by members of the Egyptian Camel Transport Corps to carry water, food and supplies between the camps. On August 1st, 1917 a weathered and weary, Jack joined up with the 4th Light Horse Regiment at the beach camp near Marakeb.

Jack remained fighting as a trooper of the 4th Light Horse regiment throughout the duration of the upcoming Palestine campaign, including many battles to hold and secure defence lines from Gaza to Beersheba.

On the morning of October 31st, the southern Palestine Offensive began, with the attack on the headquarters of the Ottoman III Corps at Beersheba. After an extensive infantry advance attacking from the West, complex arrangements were made for the Anzac

SERVICE HISTORY OF JOHN CAMPBELL HUNTER CONTINUED

Mounted Division and the Australian Mounted Division in reserve to ride between 25 - 35 miles, circling around Beersheba to attack from the East. After intense infantry fighting, the Ottoman trench line on the western side of Beersheba was captured. Then with the advancement of the Anzac Mounted Division circling Beersheba, this cut off the road to the north, preventing Ottoman reinforcements to retreat from Beersheba, as the mounted division launched their attack on Tel el Saba.

The Anzac Mounted Division came in hard against the strongly entrenched Ottoman position, with reinforcements from the 1st Australian Lighthorse before the orders were issued for a general attack on Beersheba by the dismounted 1st and 3rd Lighthorse.

The mounted 4th Light Horse Regiment and the 12th Light Horse Regiment were sent forward, charging within range of the Ottoman scout rifles. A number of horses and troopers were hit and killed, until the horses charged under the range of the guns and the enemy was defeated. The 4th Light Horse dismounted and fought hand to hand, whilst the 12th Light Horse charged through a gap in the defences to gallop on and capture the garrison. Jack survived the Light Horse Charge of Beersheba, but not without injury.

His injury would see a fever take hold at Ras Deiran on the 20th April 1918, at which point he was admitted in to the 14th Australian General Hospital at Port Said, to be treated for trauma to his left leg. After some time convalescing, Jack rejoined the 4th Light Horse Regiment at Solomon Pools on the 6th June and then soon after was sent on to the Signal School at Gaza for a month of further training, before returning to the regiment ranks again at Ludd on the 21st August, 1918. Jack rode with the 4th Light Horse Regiment as they moved north towards the Sea of Galilee, however the trauma to his leg caused him insufferable pain and discomfort. The camp conditions were poor at best and food rations were low. Sleeping on the ground more often than on a cot, Jack's injured and fatigued body began to fail him and he collapsed from debility near Nazareth. Jack was sent on to Gaza and then transferred back to the 14th Australian General Hospital at Port Said on 30th September 1918.

After another period of convalescing, Jack was discharged to the rest camp on 21st October. He regained some of his former strength and rejoined his beloved 4th Light Horse Regiment at Moascar on 3rd March 1919. He travelled with the regiment until his repatriation back to Australia aboard the "Essex" on 15th June 1919, disembarking back on the Melbourne docks on 25th July. Jack was officially discharged on 24th August 1919, and returned home to Brim and to the quiet life of a farmer, that he had left behind.

He raised his family and passed away peacefully in Warracknabeal in 1956, aged at 66 years old. .



SERVICE HISTORY OF LETITIA GLADWYS MORETON

Static Soldier Sister Lettitia Gladwys Moreton was presented in her full WW1 active service uniform.

Lettitia Gladys Moreton, known as Glad, was born at Brim in 1891 to her parents Samuel Henry Moreton and his wife Lettitia Dexter Milledge. Her younger sister Doris was born in 1893. During the family's time at Lah, Glad's mother Lettitia Dexter Moreton, advertised her services as a trained ladies nurse, no doubt assisting with the home birth duties of local Lah and Brim residents.

Glad was educated at both the Lah State School and Brim State school, before the family moved from Lah to Leigh Creek near Ballarat around 1902. Glad soon found her calling, caring for others around her, and training as a nurse in Ballarat, then worked as a Nursing Sister at Bethesda Hospital in Richmond from 1909 until 1914, being highly regarded by those working along side her, as a gentle and kindly woman who was well advanced in her profession and maintained a steadfast sense of empathy and duty, to all patients under her care. It was this innate dedication that saw Glad enlist for service on the 12th June, 1915.

Glad left Melbourne on July 17th 1915, with the Australian Army Nursing Service, embarking on the long and sometime arduous sea journey from Australia to Egypt. During the 6-Week voyage, Glad and the other nurses kept themselves occupied by assisting with vaccinations and operations on board, as well as learning new skills from each other and training the male orderlies.

Glad arrived in Egypt and was then stationed as a Staff Nurse at the 2nd Australian General Hospital, in Cairo and then later as Sister at the 2nd Australian Stationary Hospital in Lemnos. The wounded came in an endless stream, day and night, some barely able to walk, others coming on stretchers, shivering or unconscious through loss of blood. Medical supplies were limited and there was a desperate lack of fresh water, yet Glad worked tirelessly to clean, bandage, care and comfort her patients, many of whom had ghastly wounds or were suffering from the effects of gangrene and disease. During these times she called upon her empathy, her strength and the skills she had gained as a highly regarded Sister, to provide the upmost care and give as much comfort to the men as she could muster. She sent letters home, detailing the horrors of war, the poor hospital conditions and the condition of the men she treated. And she also wrote home with endearing stories of the efforts her and the other nurses would go to, in trying to cheer the soldiers, of Christmas day celebrations, an Anzac day concert, or just of quiet moments of reading, of telling jokes or stories of back home. After the evacuation of Gallipoli, on the 13th July 1916, Glad was then transferred to India, where she was posted for duty at Quetta Stationary Hospital, in West Bengal India (now Pakistan). Conditions were again pitiful and Glad worked long hours amid overcrowded wards full of soldiers in harrowing states and with varying degrees of injury. Sadly, it was here that she contracted enteric fever (or typhoid) for which there was no effective treatment or antibiotics. Sadly, at just 26 years old, this bright, kindly Australian Nurse from Brim succumbed to the disease on 11th November 1916. Sister Glad Moreton has laid at rest ever since in the Quetta Government Hospital cemetery, with her story gone silent; until now ...

NEWS IN BRIEF

BEREAVEMENTS

The Brim and District Community have been saddened by the passing of the following people. Our Sympathies go to the family and friends of those mentioned below.

Former Brim East resident **Noelle Woodward** passed away on the 15th of May. She was the wife of Glenn (dec), partner of Bill and mother and mother-in-law of Barry and Vicki, Shelley and Anthony, and Ian. Our thoughts are with the family which includes seven grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.



Our thoughts are also with Former resident Alan McLean and his family after the passing of Alan's wife **Lynette McLean** on May 23rd. Our thoughts also go to her three children Nathan, Amber and Tiffany, their partners Danny and James and the seven grandchildren.

Former Willenabrina resident **Alys Sturrock** died on the 5th of June. Alys was a resident at the Yarriambiack Lodge Nursing home in Warracknabeal prior to her passing. Alys was the wife of Wal (dec) and mother of Daryl, Janet, Graeme, Neil, and Peter. Our Sympathies go to them and their families. Alys was 97 years old.

Harry Quick, late of Brim East passed away in the Horsham hospital on June 10th, he was 90 years old. His surviving family includes wife Lois, daughter Sherrell, son-in-law Michael and grandchildren Nathan and Frida, and Ryan. His daughter Jeanette pre-deceased him. His only surviving brother is Theo who lives in Queensland. Our thoughts are you all.

During the recent Volunteer Week, Pascall Patterson featured in the local paper. Pascall, granddaughter of Lance and Mavis Wardle and daughter of Jenelle has joined the Horsham SES as a volunteer.

With the aging population in regional Victoria we thank all those who volunteer in some way to keep the communities safe through their participation with such services as the SES and CFA. **THANK YOU ALL!**

 <p>Donna's Pizzeria @ The Brim Hotel</p> <p>Medium Pizza 9" \$18 Large Pizza 12" \$25</p> <p>Thin Bases only</p> <p>Extras Med. Pizza .50c per extra Large Pizza \$1 per extra Garlic Bread \$6.00</p> <p>Thurs - Sun 5pm - 8.00pm ☎ 0423 152 835 Avoid delays by preordering</p>	<p>Lah Pepperoni Tomato, Pepperoni, Mozzarella, Oregano</p> <p>Henty Highway Hawaiian Tomato, Mozzarella, Ham, Pineapple</p> <p>Silo Vegetarian Tomato, Cheese, Mushrooms, Capsicum, Kalamata Olives</p> <p>Mallee Meat Lovers BBQ Sauce, Mozzarella, Ham, Bacon, Pepperoni, Capsicum</p> <p>Yarri Chicken Peri Peri Tomato, Cheese, Roast Chicken Breast, Red Onion, Capsicum</p> <p>New Menu</p> <p>TURN THE PAGE</p>	<p>The Pizza Menu at the Brim Hotel now has ten pizzas on the menu.</p> <p>These are available from Thursday to Sunday pre-ordered or at the pub.</p>	 <p>Donna's Pizzeria @ The Brim Hotel</p> <p>Medium Pizza 9" \$18 Large Pizza 12" \$25</p> <p>Thin Bases only</p> <p>Extras Med. Pizza .50c per extra Large Pizza \$1 per extra Garlic Bread \$6.00</p> <p>Thurs - Sun 5pm - 8.00pm ☎ 0423 152 835 Avoid delays by preordering</p>	<p>Bangerang Mexicana Tomato/Chilli Sauce, Cheese, Hot Salami, Capsicum, Jalapenos</p> <p>Crymelon Capricciosa Tomato, Mozzarella, Ham, Mushroom, Anchovies, Kalamata Olives</p> <p>Beulah BBQ Chicken Mozzarella, Chicken, Mushroom, Red Onion, Danish Fetta, Tangy BBQ Sauce</p> <p>Sheep Hills Lamb Tomato, Cheese, Marinated Lamb, Capsicum, Danish Fetta</p> <p>Pepper Plains Chilli Prawns Chilli Sauce, Mozzarella, Prawns, Cherry Tomato's, Rocket/Spinach, Lemon Pepper</p> <p>New Menu</p> <p>TURN THE PAGE</p>
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With the Beulah pub now closed, a group of Beulah residents purchased a 'bus' which can be used to transport them to places such as the Hotel in Brim.

A Flash looking bus!

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

Brim Unity Church Annual Meeting

The annual meeting on the Brim Unity church, which is combined Church of Christ and Uniting combination was held in April.

All Office Bearers were re-elected for the next 12 months.

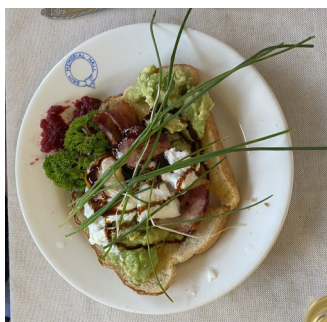
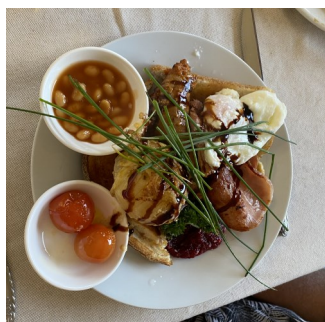
Stewart Boyd holds the chairperson position with Mavis Wardle as Secretary and Bev Appledore as treasurer. Colin Appledore is property officer and Valda Hunter continues as publicity officer.

The church once again held a Mothers Day Breakfast in May for the community with Rod Gardam volunteering to be the chef for the meal.

MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST MAY 11TH 2025

MENU: **Northern Island Big Brekkie**—Pork sausage, bacon, and egg, served with potato, baked beans, tomato and mushroom.
Chocolate Crepes (with a little nip) - Small pancakes topped with raspberries soaked in cognac and finished with grated chocolate.
Avo Smash—Avocado and lemon smash with bacon and poached egg served on toast.

Thank you to all who attended and a special thank you to Chef Rod Gardam for all his preparation and work on the day.



The meals, Left to right: Northern Island Big Brekkie, Chocolate crepes and Avo Smash.

Below: Some of those enjoying the meal and the workers in the kitchen



An article in the Weekly Times on May 7th featured ex-Brim Eagles footballer **Simon Rosa**. Simon, who has lived in the Bendigo area for some time and is the son of Col and Leanne Rosa, and grandson of Graham and Marion Addinsall. He has played with the Bendigo Pioneers and Bendigo Bombers as well as playing for the Peel Thunder side in Western Australian.

This year he has now been named as the coach on the Bendigo interleague side.
 Congratulations Simon.

LIFE STORY OF EX BRIM RESIDENT CLINTON WARDLE



Clinton Wardle was born in Warracknabeal in May 1955. He was brought up on the family farm west of Brim with parents Royce and Lola. He attended the Brim Primary School and the Warracknabeal High School. He has one older sister, Glenda and younger sister Kerrie, both now living in Bargara, Qld. Royce is also now living in the same resort near his girls and their husbands.

Clinton left the farm to take up wool classing at the age of 17, studying in Geelong. He followed that profession and in doing so it was decided to sell the farm, with the family moving to Geelong to live. Clinton was classing around the Western district until he got engaged to Trish and decided not to travel all the time. He worked at the Grazcos wool store for a time, more wool pressing than classing, until a downturn in the wool industry. He had already joined the CFA as a volunteer with the Geelong West brigade, but decided to apply for a full-time position. Clinton and Trish married in March 1977, during a time when Clinton was unemployed, just before he was accepted into the CFA. He did his initial training at Fiskville, near Ballan, and was posted to Norlane. Twelve months later he gained a shift work position in the Geelong central station where he worked for another nine years.

During this time, he and Trish had three sons, Matthew, Nathan and Aaron. Whilst working shifts, Clinton was also working with Tuckers Funerals in Geelong West. For a short time, eight months, he also sold Rainbow Cleaning Systems, a vacuum cleaner that uses water to trap the dirt and dust instead of bags. He also served as a deacon and youth leader in the church at Manifold Heights, Geelong.

After working in the CFA for ten years, Clinton felt a call from God to go into the full-time ministry with Churches of Christ, where he had worshipped in Brim and Manifold Heights. Clinton resigned from the CFA in 1988, sold their home and moved the family to Sydney for four years of study.

Graduating in 1991 the family took up their first ministry at Nowra, NSW. After 3 years they accepted a call to the Hobart City Church of Christ where they ministered for ten years. Following that Clinton accepted a call to the Modbury Church of Christ in SA. Another ten years were spent serving God there before moving to minister for eight years in Berri, SA.

Clinton and Trish retired from the ministry at the end of that term, in 2023, and after six months of recovery, after 30+ years of ministry, and getting their home back in order after the tenants, they took their motorhome and served in four churches in short-term, one month or two-month appointments over the next two years. Retirement was greatly appreciated.

However, in October 2024 they were invited to help out at the Mildura Church of Christ, and the Red Cliffs Church of Christ as part time assistants, as these churches were working on cooperating together. They were assisting the minister, Andrew Tonkin, who had been Clinton's youth pastor in Hobart for 5 years. They began this work in February 2025. This is where they are still at the time of writing this article.

Clinton Wardle

YARRIAMBIACK NEWS

JUNE 2025

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:
30 JUNE 2025

Work With Us

Council are seeking tenders from suitably experienced and qualified contractors for the following works

- **Expression of Interest - Sale of Cast Iron Lace Work**
- **Changeroom Construction & Changerooms Upgrade - Hopetoun Swimming Pool (C363-2025) - Request for Tender**
- **Lighting Upgrade - Netball Courts, Hopetoun Recreation Reserve (C362-2025) - Request for Tender**

Visit our website for more information.

Have Your Say

Draft Council Plan 2025-2029

The Draft Council Plan for 2025-2029 is also now available for community feedback.

Planning Scheme Amendment

The proposed amendment implements the findings from the Yarriambiack Planning Scheme Review 2023.

Media & Communications Policy**Community Engagement Policy & Procedure**

For more information, visit our 'Share Your Feedback' webpage.

Council is temporarily suspending the acceptance of building permit applications as we transition to a new service delivery model from 20th July 2025.

Council will still be accepting report and consent applications, requests for information, and other applications that cannot be processed by private registered building surveyors.



Libraries

Library News

This month at Yarriambiack Libraries!

- Storytime
- Over 170 new titles to coincide with the Premier's Reading Challenge
- After school activities
- Chair yoga
- Local Laws Officer visits
- PLUS all the regular new titles, free BorrowBox access, and of course access to over 951,000 books and titles.

Find more information on these free programs, or get your free membership at yarriambiack.vic.gov.au/Community/Library, or visit your local library.

Mayoral Matters

It has been a month of disappointment and frustration for our community (and Council) with the passing of the Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund (ESVF), and the failure of the State Government to further fund Wimmera Southern Mallee By Five.

In February, after the ESVF announcement, our CEO reported on its tax impact to the Council. The report, presented on 26 February, detailed the shift from the Fire Services Property Levy to the ESVF. Councillors endorsed advocating to the State Government about the ESVF and our role in its collection.

We participated in the Rural Councils Victoria request to provide information on the impact and joined their advocacy and fight against this tax.

We wrote to the Minister for Local Government, the Treasurer and the Minister for Emergency Services outlining our concerns in relation to the tax.

As the delegate for Municipal Association Victoria Yarriambiack Shire Council, I also communicated with the Mayor of Bass Coast Shire to endorse her motion to the State Council for taking direct responsibility for collecting the ESVF.

As of the time this report is being written, we have only just received legal advice, which will guide the council on our next steps and advocacy in regards to this tax.

As I have said, and will continue to say, it is incomprehensible that the people who volunteer and provide their services in rural communities will be some of the hardest hit with this tax.

On 21 May, I issued a media release expressing our deep disappointment that By Five was not allocated funding in the State Government's budget.

Wimmera Southern Mallee children are 40% more likely to be developmentally vulnerable and experience higher rates of preventable hospitalisations than the state average. Three of the five local government areas that By Five covers are ranked amongst the 10 most disadvantaged areas in Victoria (Yarriambiack is one of them). 11 out of 19 towns within the By Five footprint, with populations over 300, have no childcare services.

Without access to quality early childhood education and healthcare, families and communities face long-term social and economic challenges. By Five has implemented a tertiary paediatrics service supporting over 500 rural and remote children in our region with essential paediatric services, reducing paediatric wait times by 75%.

They have created a rural-focused Early Childhood Education and Care model, enabling the partnership with Emerge Early Years Services to reopen childcare in Hopetoun. I was proud to attend the open day on 17 May 2025, where Emerge is close to reopening the childcare. They will soon advertise for staff and are awaiting the childcare subsidy approval. By Five's vision made our partnership with Emerge possible.

They have proposed an innovative service model that ensures high-quality antenatal care close to home. They have coordinated speech therapy, occupational therapy, and psychological services for remote children and education staff in our region. Under Jo Martin's leadership, By Five and its dedicated team are committed to exploring options to keep serving the community and continue their initiatives. We stand with Jo and the By Five team and will continue to fight and advocate for funding.

On a positive note, the 50km speed reduction has been successfully implemented in Cromie Street, Rupanyup. Additionally, funds have been secured through the Department of Transport and Planning to address safety concerns at the Lascelles Street school crossing in Hopetoun. The crossing at the northern end of town will be upgraded with electronic speed signs, standard regulatory signs, kerb out-stands, connecting footpath, and line marking, all expected to be completed by the end of the financial year. We extend our congratulations to the Yarriambiack Team for their efforts in advocating and collaborating with the State Government to enable these projects to come to fruition.

The community of Warracknabeal have observed the creek sediment and weed removal occurring. This is a joint project with the Wimmera Catchment Management Authority. This project saw the removal of sediment in the Yarriambiack Creek, between Werrigar and Wood Street, approximately 3.7km upstream of the Warracknabeal Weir on Rainbow Road and completed Friday 30 May 2025.



And finally, the Draft Victorian Transmission Plan is currently out for community feedback. We encourage our community to view the plan, attend the drop-in sessions and provide feedback to Vic Grid through their engagement channels.

Ratepayers are reminded that the 4th rates instalment was due Monday, 2 June 2025 and is now overdue. Payment can be made at the Yarriambiack Shire Council Municipal Office in Warracknabeal, Australia Post Offices, Post Billpay, BPay, or by mail.

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DEBUTANTS FOR 2025



Above, left to right: Airlie Garlick, Charlotte McPherson and Lucy Holland.



Left: Lucy, daughter of Graeme and Sarah-Jayne with partner Dane George.

Right: Charlotte, daughter of Chris and Coll with partner Tylah McLean son of Nathan, Grandson of Alan and Lynette (dec).



Below left: The McPherson family Colleen, Madison, Charlotte, Christopher and Jordan.

Below right: Airlie with her parents Craig and Alishia.



Another ex Brim resident was also part of the Deb group. Zach O'Connor Partnered Elsa Byron but sadly we haven't a photo of him.



BRIM MEMORIAL BOWLS CLUB WIND-UP NIGHT APRIL 25TH 2025.



Far left: Men' singles champion Daryl Tepper.

Left: Runner-up Lindsay Martin.

Right: Ladies Singles Champion Mavis Wardle runner-up Robyn Quick with President James McFarlane.

Below left: Winners of club pairs Rodney Witney and Glen Gebert with Runners-up Robyn Quick and Shane Wardle.



Left: Buddy Witney presenting RSL glasses to Harry Quick, James McFarlane and Mavis Wardle



Left: Club President James McFarlane presents trophies to those present on the night who had won trophies During the season.

From left: Shane Wardle, Buddy Witney, Mavis Wardle and Glen Gebert. (James is second from the right).

BRIM GOLF CLUB CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to Paul Johns (left) for winning his 7th Club Championship with a scratch score of 257 from 3 rounds of 18 holes.

He won by 2 strokes from Rod Gardam (centre).

Colin Appledore (right) won the handicap Championship also by 2 strokes from Rod Gardam.

We congratulate all three players.

