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Australia Day (Article inside)



BIRTHDAYS

Richard Fargher, Carol Ducaine, John Fargher, Edward Fargher, David Henery, David Scicluna, Bill McIntosh, Kathy Finlayson, Susan Pearl, Corbin Danylycha & Eloise Carmichael

Harrison Norton, Kate Bain, Barbara Fargher, Julie Reschke, Henry Slade, Amanda Hilder & Judith Hall

Happy Birthday to anyone else as well

THANK YOU

Australia Day Celebration Blinman

The very successful and enjoyable Australia Day Event was due to many people.

Thank you to

- OCA for the grant funding through National Australia Day Council.
- Hon Geoff Brock MP for kindly attending and driving in the first Survey Peg for the future 'Caravan and Campers' Service Site at the southern entrance to Blinman
- Kristian Coulthard for 'Welcome to Country'
- Jasmine Kimber for her guitar playing and singing
- McIntosh and Henery families and those that assisted them for the setting up of the marquee
- Arthur Coulthard for his guitar playing and singing of Australian Songs
- And a Very BIG thank you to Dave and Caroline Scicluna and staff for the delicious meals
- Karen Cains for taking photos and Facebook posts
- Any community members who helped in anyway

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Minister Geoff Brock MP visits Blinman for Australia Day celebration.

The Blinman community was successful in obtaining a grant from Outback Communities Authority (OCA) to run an Australia Day celebration. This funding came from the National Australia Day Council (NADC) to encourage celebrations and the Blinman Progress Association was able to, at their event, reflect the NADC message of 'Reflect, Respect. Celebrate. We're all part of the story.'

Hon Geoff Brock MP, local member for Stuart and Minister for Local Government, Regional Roads and Veteran Affairs very kindly attended this event.

The evening started with a Welcome to Country at 6.30pm by Kristian Coulthard, Wadna. Blinman Progress Association (BPA) Acting Chairperson, Brendan Reynolds then welcomed Geoff Brock and all our community members and friends who either live in this lucky country or were lucky enough to be in Blinman for the night.

Community members then took a short stroll down to the future "Caravan and Campers' Service Area" site where Geoff Brock kindly drove in the first survey peg.

Outback Communities Authority funding through the Australia Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) Program Phase 3 has seen Blinman receive a grant of \$250,000 to install this service area at the southern entrance to Blinman which, when completed, will include a dump point, parking, filtered water dispenser, waste station and a welcoming town entrance.

Through the LRCI Phase 3 the OCA have also received funding to install public WiFi in Outback Communities to address the increasing demand for reliable communications during periods when the limited existing mobile phone network is over-loaded.

Back at Evans Park in Blinman Geoff Brock spoke on his history of and association with working and living in the Outback. He also acknowledged the increasing pressure on existing infrastructure in the Outback due to the growth of tourism in the Flinders and Outback. The Minister congratulated the BPA on their vision and courage to take on this big project to improve services for visitors to Blinman and the area.

Later in the evening Jasmine Kimber entertained the group with her enchanting guitar playing and singing.

The Blinman Hotel supplied delicious takeaway meals for all in attendance which was greatly appreciated.

Arthur Coulthard, sometimes accompanied by Jasmine Kimber, sang a few Australian songs to add atmosphere to the evening.



From Blinman Heralds Past...

LAST YEAR MARCH/APRIL 2022

- On the cover: Cricket update and photos
- BPA Chair: Brendan Reynolds
- Farewell to Mark Shirley after seventeen years with OCA
- Beryl Gill's ashes interred at Blinman cemetery
- Australia Day event report
- Letter from new Moolooloo owners Reece, Tarina, Julia, Lucy and Bailey Warren
- Onya Eco Camping Park opens March 1st
- Rhett & Caroline Pattison are new owners of Emilia Cottage, formerly Blinman Cottage Eloise Carmichael begins school at Clare
- New fence completed at Blinman cemetery

FIVE YEARS AGO MARCH/APRIL 2018

- On the cover: Photos sent in by Audrey Young of a sports day in Blinman in 1917 held in the main street
- BPA Chair: Sheree Turner
- Blinman Motokhana ad
- Amelia McLean turns 21
- Eulogy for Patti Ellis
- The Miners Crib opens

TEN YEARS AGO MARCH/APRIL 2013

- On the cover: photos and story of the Pink Stumps Cricket Day event
- BPA Chair: Tony Cutri
- Ad for a Mine Tour Manager Relief Worker to work four days per fortnight from April 1st to October 31st 2013

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO MARCH/APRIL 2008

- On the cover: Photo of the 15th Annual Land Rover Jamboree held over the Easter weekend. Tye McIntyre was the overall winner and Jacqui Norton won best female driver
- BPA Chair: Tom McIntosh
- Congratulations to Darren and Kate Bain nee McIntosh on the birth of their daughter Zoe Alice on Feb 27
- Lillian Waterhouse passed away peacefully March 24th 2008
- Port Augusta School of the Air upcoming 50th anniversary celebrations
- Interview with Laurie and Rhonda Pumpa by John Mannion. Laurie was in the 1950s film Robbery Under Arms

TWENTY YEARS AGO MARCH/APRIL 2003 ~ The Blinman Herald was printed monthly in those days

- On the covers: March: Tally of February good rainfall amounts around the area. April: Blinman Mine long awaited site works begin on the new 30m access tunnel.
- BPA Chair: Bill McIntosh
- Congratulations to Emma Fargher of Martins Well on completion of her Bachelor of Nursing degree at Adelaide, Emma has a job at Repatriation House
- Lachlan Fargher has returned home to begin a Hospitality Traineeship at the Prairie Hotel
- John Fargher has returned home to work at Wirrealpa
- Richard Fargher will be studying Mechanical Engineering at University after a year home at Wirrealpa
- Happy 50th Birthday to Darrel Fargher
- Congratulations to Lisa and Keith Slade on the birth of their son Keith Henry Benjamin on Feb 13th.
- Congratulations to Craig and Charlie Reschke on the birth of their son Lane.
- Bushcare Project is about to commence with Lorraine Edmunds secured as part-time project officer.
- Heathgate Resources became the mine tours project's first corporate sponsor with a donation of \$2000 this year with further sponsorship over the next four years
- Library upgrade project is almost complete

FROM THE CRICKET CLUBROOMS

Blinman V Hawker 11th of Feb

Blinman won the toss and chose to bat first. John Henery opened the batting for Blinman for the first time and made a very well compiled 30. Kerwin Moore and Andy Caines kept the run rate ticking along making 40 and 37 respectively. Corey Hilder and David Henery finished off the innings with Corey making 24 and David a very handy 21 not out performance. Blinman made a total of 224 off of 40 overs.

John and Corey opened the bowling and created lots of opportunities but we were unable to use them all despite some great efforts especially from our rookies Jack and Vi.

Hawker were able to chase down the total with 6 overs to spare and win the day.

Blinman V Quorn 18th of Feb

After winning the toss and batting first Tyron Hilder and James Skinner put on a fantastic 131 run partnership to get us underway. Angus Hudson and Andy added some quick runs to get us to 216 after 40 overs with Tyron top scoring on 81 and James with 67.

Tyron and John opened with the ball with chances early. John broke through and Angus picked up another with some tight bowling but Quorn were too strong and chased down the total with 4 overs to spare.

Unfortunately we already know Blinman will miss out on making the Grand Final this year, despite this we are looking forward to a great game up at Copley on the 4th of March to finish of the season.

Once again we'd like to thank everyone who helped in any way to make our home games possible and thanks to those locals who came out and supported the club on the day.

Thanks also to our fantastic sponsors:

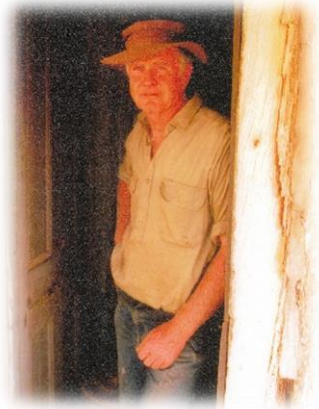
The North Blinman Hotel

Flinders and Beyond Camel Treks

The Miners Crib Bakery and Café



From the *Reflections* of John K Henery



The Road Gang 1950s

The road gang was for our local roads and financed by the E&WS (Engineer & Water Supply). When I first remember they had a small tip truck, a D6 caterpillar tractor, a scoop and a bit later the steel grader that is at Blinman now. Later again a dozer blade was fitted to the tractor. No loader, that job was done by hand. Quite a few men at different times. Mr Dick Okey was the boss and he would work the grader controls. One day grading with Herb Player at the dozer controls, down towards Alpana - the locals had been at Herb for some time to take a sharp hump out of the road when he went past with the dozer. Grading along this day Herb dropped the blade on the steep bank, didn't think about Dick on the grader being towed behind. Well, Dick could have been killed. The dozer and grader pulled up with a bang and Dick got bounced off the footplate up in amongst the controls. Dick was only bruised. Herb got a verbal blasting and didn't drive the dozer anymore.



Another funny (but could have been very dangerous) story, on Horns Camp Hill, Para Road, they were widening a bend and the rock was too hard so they got a jack hammer up and some gelignite to blast the rock. Herb was the powder monkey so after the holes were drilled, Herb would put in the gelignite and detonator, fuse etc.

One of the men pinched more gelignite out of the truck, behind Herb's back, and put in another stick or two. Dick noted the explosion was a bit big. What did you put in that one Herb? Just the usual couple of sticks. Big stones bounced a hundred metres away. Herb got told off again for wasting the gelignite.

From the **Reflections** of John K Henery, continued...

Phillips Electrical Traveller 1950s

This chap was a travelling salesman, visiting the shops in the north to see if they would stock the Phillips portable radios, one of the first early portables with batteries enclosed, still quite large compared to the modern ones. He left the town this night after a few beers at the pub and headed for Parachilna. Well he got into trouble on the 8 mile hill road, much narrower then, a sharp right hand corner, a couple of kms Blinman side of the Angorichina Village. The old Holden got into a slide and over the side he went and without turning over, nose first, down an almost vertical embankment for 40 odd metres, then got hung up in a fence. His only injury was a bruise when a radio off the back seat hit him on the head. He gingerly crawled out, just before the car went a further 40 metres to the creek below, and walked out. Just lucky.

Woolshed dances 1961-2

People were raising money to build a swimming pool at Hawker so for a couple of years held some woolshed dances to help, I think there was a couple at Merna Mora and a couple at Mern Merna. So we all went along, good shows. I remember the last one I went to I took John Branch along, I was only 19 or 20.

Well he got on the turps and so did I. When it came time to go home, we were both the worse for wear. We got going about 3am and out onto the main road, heading for Parachilna, all dirt road then and a very wide one. Anyway that night, in a poor state, the road was too small to fit the VW on so I had to go very slow and carefully, quite odd, must have been the turps. John went to sleep and kept lolling over towards the driver's side. A VW is not very wide. I poked him awake, wouldn't last long, over again, so I stopped, put his tie out the window and wound it up. That kept him upright. The eastern sky was getting light when we got home and the turps had worn off a bit by then.



1962 John's red VW at Alpana homestead

21 Economic Models explained with SHEEP

SOCIALISM

You have two sheep.

You give one to your neighbor.

COMMUNISM

You have two sheep.

The State takes both and gives you some wool.

FASCISM

You have two sheep.

The State takes both and sells you some wool.

NAZISM

You have two sheep.

The State takes both and shoots you.

BUREAUCRATISM

You have two sheep.

The State takes both, shoots one, shears the other, and then throws the wool away.

TRADITIONAL CAPITALISM

You have two sheep.

You sell one and buy a ram. Your herd multiplies, and the economy grows.

You sell them and retire on the income.

SURREALISM

You have two giraffes.

The government requires you to take harmonica lessons.

AN AMERICAN CORPORATION

You have two sheep.

You sell one and force the other one to produce the wool of four.

Later you engage a consultant to analyze why the sheep has dropped dead.

ENRON VENTURE CAPITALISM

You have two sheep.

You sell three of them to your publicly listed company, using letters of credit opened by your brother-in-law at the bank, then execute a debt/equity swap with an associated general offer so that you get all four sheep back, with a tax exemption for five.

The wool rights of the six sheep are transferred via an intermediary to a Cayman Island Company secretly owned by the majority shareholders who sell the rights to all seven back to your listed company.

The annual report says the company owns eight sheep, with an option of one more.

You sell one sheep to buy a new president of the United States, leaving you with nine.

No balance sheet provided with the release. The public then buys your ram.

A FRENCH CORPORATION

You have two sheep.

You go on strike, organize a riot, and block the roads because you want three sheep.

21 Economic Models explained with SHEEP continued

A JAPANESE CORPORATION

You have two sheep.

You redesign them so they are one tenth the size and produce twenty times the wool.

You then create a clever sheep cartoon image called Sheepimon and market it worldwide.

A GERMAN CORPORATION

You have two sheep.

You re-engineer them so they live for 100 years, eat once a month, and shear themselves.

AN ITALIAN CORPORATION

You have two sheep, but you don't know where they are.

You decide to have lunch.

A RUSSIAN CORPORATION

You have two sheep.

You count them and learn you have five sheep.

You count them again and learn you have 42 sheep.

You count them again and learn you have two sheep.

You stop counting sheep and open another bottle of vodka.

A CHINESE CORPORATION

You have two sheep.

You have 300 people shearing them. You claim that you have full employment and high flock productivity.

You arrest the newsman who reported the real situation.

A SWISS CORPORATION

You have 5000 sheep. None of them belong to you.

You charge the owners for storing them.

A UKRANIAN CORPORATION

You have two sheep.

Russia wants them and invades your country to get them.

The Western allies send thanks; your President had asked for TANKS.

AN IRAQI CORPORATION

Everyone thinks you have lots of sheep.

You tell them that you have none. No-one believes you so they bomb the **** out of you and invade your country. You still have no sheep but at least you are now part of democracy.

AN AUSTRALIAN CORPORATION

You have two sheep.

Business seems pretty good. You close the office and go for a few beers to celebrate.

A NEW ZEALAND CORPORATION

You have two sheep.

The one on the left looks very attractive.

Evan's Park the area near Tennis court and playground now has a new lawn planted it is coming on and looking great hand rails have been fitted to the stairs, still more work happening but looking great.

