

# THE BLINMAN HERALD

MARCH / APRIL 2024



**Photos taken of the Mine Captains cottage, one with the mine in the background and one with the town of Blinman in the background**

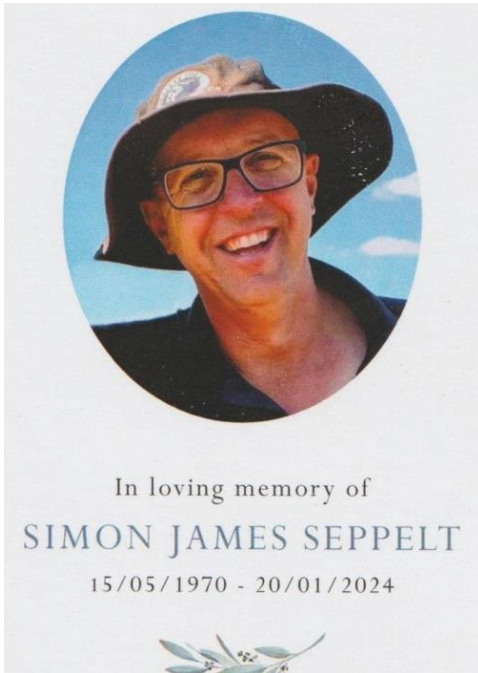


## Happy Birthday

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

## RIP



## Simon James SEPPELT

15/05/1970 - 20/01/2024

Devoted and loving husband of Jo and adored and proud father of George and Molly.

Beloved son of Malcolm and Joylene and son-in-law of John and Lynette (both dec.)  
Loved and cherished brother of Anna and Madeleine and brother-in-law of Ian and Nick.  
The best and most fun uncle of Bethany and Henry, Angus, Sam and Poppy, Jocelyn and Lachlan.

Great friend and good mate to Chanya, Scott, Sam and Will.

*So loved and treasured by us all.*

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# From Blinman Heralds Past...

## LAST YEAR MARCH/APRIL 2023

- On the cover: Australia Day event photos
- BPA Chair: Brendan Reynolds
- Minister Geoff Brock visits Blinman, hammers in first peg for the future Caravan and Camper Service Area
- Cricket update & photos; two losses for Blinman
- Evans Park lawn planted and hand rails installed

## FIVE YEARS AGO MARCH/APRIL 2019

- On the cover: Upcoming Events: Motokhana, 500 Miles of Music, Brush With Art Exhibition, Gymkhana, Blinman Hotel 150 years
- BPA Chair: vacant. Vice Chair Brendan Reynolds
- Alpana reaches 25 years of tourism milestone

## TEN YEARS AGO MARCH/APRIL 2014

- On the cover: 1925 photos of Blinman Hotel
- BPA Chair: Tony Cutri
- Congratulations to Lisa Slade on her University graduation, Bachelor of Commerce
- Vale Steve Kowalick 2.11.1967 – 29.1.2014
- BPA update
- Blinman Church painted by a group of ten St Peters Girls IB Year 10 students
- Cricket Grand final report: Copley V Blinman at Copley, Blinman's sixth Grand final defeat
- Flinders Ranges ICPA members were volunteer table waiters at the Wilpena Under the Stars event

## FIFTEEN YEARS AGO MARCH/APRIL 2009

- On the cover: photos from Blinman Hotel Quiz Night
- BPA Chair: Maureen Cutri
- Back to Blinman preparations ready for the June LWE
- Eulogy for Phil Edwards by Dean Mortimer
- Photos and article by Amy Marshall on the Bush Slam poetry event with HG Nelson
- Blinman Land Rover Jamboree Easter event photos
- Jasmine Reschke came third in both the Open Gospel and Open Female sections of the Pt Augusta Country Music Competition

## TWENTY YEARS AGO MARCH/APRIL 2004 ~ The Blinman Herald was printed monthly in those days

- On the covers: March: Blinman V Copley cricket grand final photos April: Blinman Hotel "Copper Country" photo display pics
- BPA Chair: Bill McIntosh
- Alyce Fels was elected Head Girl at Caritas College Pt Augusta; Jo Fels and Jason Ridsdale announced their Engagement; Philip and Sonya Fels have a daughter, Jessica Claire, making Kaye & Donald Fels first-time Grandparents
- John Fargher was awarded a Wyatt Scholarship and is completing a combined Arts and Science degree at Uni
- Beth Reynolds celebrated her 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday at Booleroo Centre
- Update from BPA
- Cricket reports; a win and a loss against Leigh Creek, with wins against Copley and Hawker
- Blinman V Corny Point annual cricket game report
- Eulogy for Herbert John (Bert) Pumpa, aged 97
- Two dingoes destroyed at Martins Well
- Taste of the Outback event at Blinman Hotel and Wild Lime Café
- Blinman Land Rover Jamboree invitation, with a street party and live music by Coff & Splutters

## Blinman Cricket 2024

13-01-2024

After losing the toss Blinman fielded first and Hawker got off to a strong start before some quick wickets to Josh and some good bowling from Angus and Bailey.

Andy chipped in with a couple of wickets towards the end of the innings with Bailey taking a good outfield catch to bowl Hawker out for 270.

Blinman's innings got off to a great start with Tyron and Josh putting on 86 for the first wicket at a quick rate.

Unfortunately Blinman then lost a series of quick wickets before Kym added 33 valuable runs at the end but Hawker were too strong winning by 120 runs.

Thanks to everyone who came out to play and support the team.

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3-01-2024

After losing the toss Blinman fielded first with John taking a wicket in his over thanks to a great catch from Tom. Hawker then had a good partnership until some tight bowling from Ryan, Harry and Angus. Blinman was able to take several late wickets but Hawker still posted a good score of 274.

Blinman's run chase started well with Corey hitting 10 off the first over but Blinman lost quick wickets before Harry and Angus made valuable middle order runs.

Unfortunately we fell short of the target and Hawker won by 132 runs.

A big thanks to everyone who helped set up and played this weekend and the good crowd that turned out to watch.



# From the **Reflections** of John K Henery



## **Tennis**

*Tennis was reasonably popular when I was a kid; we seemed to be always at a tennis court. Going way back - long, long before my time - there was a dirt tennis court at the old township, that we call South Town now. There's one lonely post sticking out of the ground still there and that's sort of opposite the little doctors' hut. Anyway the court I can remember being used was probably 100 metres south of the police station and somewhere back towards the creek where that old grader is now. It's a bit hard to recall now because when they did up the road, the last major update they had, they shifted the creek more or less, they sort of straightened the road and two or three creek crossings out before you got to the cemetery, and one of these loops was the tennis court. Anyway somewhere in that area, just by the creek, was this single tennis court, and it was a bumpy sort of asphalt surface. A lot of good times I had there, and most people played, except the smaller kids. All of us kids who were big enough to hold a racquet all had a bit of a go and were encouraged to play. And where the new court is now was all vacant area when I first started school, and then it was put to the Progress Association, I don't know the year exactly but in the early 1950s, maybe '51 or '2, to put in a court. There was a very, very keen tennis player that was leasing the Blinman Hotel at the time, and it was possibly his get-up-and-go that got people thinking about a decent tennis court. So they pegged out this land, and it was adjacent to the hall there. It really wasn't big enough for a tennis court and Mr Gordon McIntosh actually gave them, or lent them, there was no formal agreement I believe, about six feet off his block of land that adjoins the hall, and it was barely big enough for a tennis court, on which they put two tennis courts on at those times.*

*Quite a story actually. Trying to save money and do it themselves they - the Progress Association - somehow picked up the information on how to build a tennis court, but it went awfully wrong because they actually used the wrong material.*

## From the **Reflections** of JK Henery continued...

*I think the base material may have been reasonable, but the second load of tar was no good at all and they thought they could use the crushings from the Blinman mine but it turned out it was too dusty and it wouldn't go hard. It was just really, really quite - I don't know what's the word - a disaster, I suppose. Anyway, it was looking like being no good at all so they had it all dug out, the whole double tennis court, and carted away and they started fresh, and the old material, the tar and the sand that didn't mix too well and didn't set properly, was actually carted away by wheelbarrows by some of the women from the town that volunteered. They went out every day and scraped up a few barrow loads and wheeled it over and tipped it in the creek. Then they had to restart the court. They got fresh information of how to build a tennis court and they had to start with two-inch metal, of all things. So out we went to the creek in my uncle's truck, which wasn't a tip truck. Local volunteers, half a dozen men, held working bees as they were called. They went on the truck and there would be a drive out to the creek to get this big gravel. That had to be put through a big huge sieve type of thing, so that they only had the two-inch metal left; no fine stuff. Then they had to shovel it onto the truck by hand. When they got to the tennis court it had to be shovelled off by hand, levelled and rolled and this base was about three or four inches thick. Then they had to have another gravel, quite a bit finer. Probably about half inch. Again, out to the creek. This had to be screened, then shovelled under a screen, load it on the truck and put a layer of tar and a layer of this gravel spread out evenly. This became the second layer, and the same happened again with a finer layer for the top surface. They had to screen it all, sieve it all and shovel it on to the truck, shovel it off and lay the tar,*

Anne Sinclair (Moolooloo) waits to play tennis, 1960 tennis tournament, Blinman



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

*and lay it under the court, smooth it and roll it and roll it and roll it and build a fence around it. It was all done by working bee effort, (no wonder people got sick of working bees). There was a lot more people around then of course but it was quite a feat for this double tennis court, and it proved to be a really good court, a doubles court, and lasted for years and years and years until it got neglected and cracked, until it got too difficult to repair the cracks.*

*By around about 1958 to about 1965 they held a regular Easter tennis tournament. I can't remember the exact numbers of players, but it was pretty big, about 50 or 60 players. It was well supported from Peterborough town ship, and they would come up in force and all the locals that played tennis would all enter. It was a huge event for the town. The tournament started on the Saturday morning quite early and it went right through until Monday to finish the finals. The Peterborough people used to bring a swag and a bit of tucker and would sleep out at the Glenview Homestead at Gum Creek, which still had a roof on and was quite waterproof. The locals would take out a few beds from the shearers' quarters and they would put them in the old Glenview Homestead and Gordon McIntosh would donate that to the Peterborough players. That's where they lived for the weekend. Other people came from other towns too, like Beltana and Copley. I think I played in most of them but my game wasn't to that quality to get very far. If I got through a couple of rounds it was pretty good for me. There would sometimes be a dance on the Saturday night and occasionally on the Sunday night as well, so there was always plenty to do. By the end of Easter you were pretty buggered. I know that one year I played, and Wendy played as well. She was at Broken Hill that year and caught the bus down to Peterborough.*



John Henery and Malcolm White (Angorichina Stn) at the 1960 tennis tournament, Blinman

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

*She arrived there about midnight and I picked her up off the bus and we drove to Alpana and we were up next morning to play tennis at 8.30 and went to the dance and we played tennis on the Sunday and went out on the Sunday night as well. So it was a very big weekend and then I had to run Wendy back to catch the bus back to work. Bugged after that.*

*Not much of a story about the next tennis court, probably in the '70s, or early 1980s. They declared that old court no good and we got some money together somehow and some big working bees and laid a cement tennis court. Two courts plus a cricket pitch, which we cemented back then. It wasn't much good. It was put down pretty quickly and cracked up pretty badly and now the Progress Association has organised a government grant for sport, and we've got this flash new court that doesn't get used much.*



Anne Sinclair (Moolooloo) and Wendy Torr (Broken Hill) watching the tennis, Blinman 1960



# Sticky chicken



## Ingredients

- 4 (fillets) chicken thighs
- 1/4 cup soy sauce
- 1/4 cup sweet chilli sauce
- 1/4 cup crunchy peanut butter

## Method

1. Mix all ingredients, except chicken, in a saucepan over low heat.
2. Pour over chicken and marinate for a few hours.
3. Place chicken onto a tray lined with baking paper and bake at 180C for approximately 30 minutes.

So easy and you can add bit that you might like, honey is good with it as well 😊

Blinman Community would like to wish Samantha, Daniel and Alana Standley all the best for the future.

Quite a few people went out and had drinks and a BBQ with them before they leave from Wirrealpa, we will miss them but are sure to see them in the near future. Good luck on your new adventures.





*St Mark&'s Anglican Church, Blinman*

Come and celebrate Easter on

**Holy Saturday**  
**10.00am, March 30<sup>th</sup> 2024**

with Reverend Jeremy James, Bishop of Willochra

*Everyone is welcome!*

Contact Sally if you would like more information.  
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## Congratulations

Michelle Reynolds and Khael Roeby are proud to announce the safe arrival of another beautiful baby girl, Miss Mabel Valmai Roeby.

Mabel joined us earth side at 3.02pm weighing 8.7lb and 52cm long.

Her big sister Aubrey is a bit unsure about someone else stealing the spotlight but we are confident they will become best mates as the both grow and learn together.

Thank you to everyone who has reached out with their thoughts and love and we can't wait for you all to meet the newest addition to our family.



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Angorichina Connections will be running a passenger service from Angorichina Tourist Village to Port Augusta and return every Wednesday. Angorichina, Blinman, Wilpena, Hawker, Quorn and Port Augusta.

We also provide pick up and drop off for hikers and bike riders.

We can do other days by request.  
12 and 13 seater buses.

Accredited 4wd.

Trailer for bikes etc