

THE BLINMAN

SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER

HERALD

2021

The Official opening is Saturday 18th at 2:30pm

All welcome

ARTISTS OF THE RANGES

Blinman Progress Association

18th September to 10th October

Blinman Town Hall

10am-4pm Daily



This spring, the Flinders Ranges comes alive with art

The arid Flinders Ranges have long inspired artists, filmmakers and musicians travelling through the region to take in the rich colours, peace and timelessness of this ancient landscape.

Flinders Ranges A Brush With Art is an artist led, month long event showcasing a number of solo and group exhibits and workshops scattered across the Flinders Ranges.

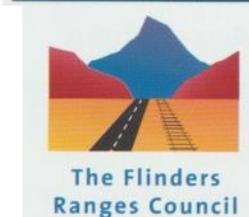
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Keith Slade, Millie Slade, Jasmin Reschke, Corkey Reschke, Thomas & Peter Mcmillan

Sally Fargher, Allen Ireland, Alice McIntosh, Barbara Fargher & Sheree Turner, Carmel Reynolds, Alison McLean, Erna Dykshoorn, Barbara Fargher

And to anyone else having a Birthday

Happy Birthday

Thinking of all those families who have lost love ones

The Blinman Community sends our Deepest Sympathies to you

All at these sad times



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In Loving Memory of

Lesley June Slade
(nee Clarke)

3 May 1950 ~ 11 August 2021



*"Those we love don't go away,
they sit beside us every day"*
- Liane Moriarty

11/08/2021

SLADE, Lesley June

3-5-1950 to 11-8-2021

71 Years Young

It is with great sadness the family notify of the passing of Lesley. Adored and much loved life long partner of Keith. Mother and Mother-in-law of Alison and Jason, Keith and Lisa. Granna to Amelia, James, Hayley, Isabella, Millie and Henry.

Lesley was a fierce, strong and compassionate lady with a commitment and dedication to her family and community that never wavered.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all who cared for Lesley over the past few years.

Forever in our hearts. RIP Granna.

GILL, Verna "Beryl"

Passed away peacefully on Monday August 9th, 2021

Aged 84 years

Devoted wife of the late Reg

Beloved mother of Debbie and Sam

Peter and Anthea David and Amanda

Cherished nana of 6 Great nana of 12

Will be sadly missed

Private Family Funeral

In Loving Memory of



'Beryl'

Barbara Darley (nee Olds)

26/9/1950 to 11/7/21

Born in Wallaroo. Daughter to Harold and Doris Olds.

4th child of 15 children.

Rest In Peace Barb.



To everyone who sent messages of condolences, phone calls, cards, visitations etc on the passing of our beautiful friend, Barbara Darley—thank you.

To those who visited her in hospital, left flowers and messages—thank you.

To Dr Susie, the wonderful Hawker staff (all departments) and the Palliative Care Team thank you for your care of Barb and our family.

All these things have made our journey so much easier—a journey we were not expecting to be on so soon, even though we knew she had cancer.

Barb is at peace now after a rough time.

She loved her years in the Flinders Ranges especially her time in Blinman General Store and also her 34 years in Canada. She made so many friends over the years.

Our thoughts and love are with her brothers, friends and her loved ones in Canada who she so badly wanted to see once more but COVID didn't allow.

We are so fortunate to have such great support and caring from our family, friends, health workers and the community.

Thank you all.

Carmel Reynolds




TO A CARING FRIEND
CARMEL REYNOLDS and
the Reynolds Family
I can never thank you
enough for all you have
done for Barbara.
Thank you for being
her "friend".

A BIG THANK YOU
to all Doctors and Nurses
at Hawker Hospital for your
care and dedication toward
Barbara.
Brother Dick.

A VERY SPECIAL GOODBYE
To Barbara Darley
Sleep Peacefully.
Love you Sis.
See you soon.
Dick

Congratulations to John and Zhaan Fargher on the birth of their Daughter Elle on the 4th June a sister for Iris



Congratulation to Alice Fargher, Eddie Carmichael and Eloise on the birth of you son and brother

James 'jimmy' Ian Carmichael born 13/07/21 3.35kg 52cm



From Blinman Heralds Past...

LAST YEAR SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2020

- On the Cover: photos of snow at Upalinna, Willow Springs, Wilpena and near Hawker
- BPA Chair: Brendan Reynolds
- Best Wishes to Barb Darley on her Special Birthday
- Congratulations to all the families on their new arrivals: George Rex Michael Fargher; Penelope Kate Daley; Peter Richard McMillan
- Wadna Shop grand opening Sat Sep 26
- Eulogy for Florence Ellen Newell

FIVE YEARS AGO SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2016

- On the Cover: Photos of Blinman Gymkhana. A successful day. Andrew Cosi Costello's horse ran 2nd in the Blinman Cup
- BPA Chair: Sheree Turner
- Congratulations to John Fargher and Zhaan Thompson on their recent Engagement
- Congratulations to Warren and Barb Fargher and syndicate owners of race horse Rugged Angel on its recent Adelaide race win
- Launch of the book From the Outback to the Battlefield by John Mannion at Blinman Memorial Hall in November
- Art Exhibition report on another successful exhibition over four weeks, opened by Julie Smith representing SATC, guest artist Jeremy Bilney
- Prairie Hotel's exhibition of Geoff Weaver's Natural Beauty was opened by Proff Gini Lee
- Blinman Cemetery has a new bench seat in the John Branch Memorial Way
- New pavers have been laid at the old tennis court
- Blinman Motokhana event donates \$815.00 to the RFDS
- Blinman Mine Tours are a 2016 SA Tourism Award Finalist and the 4000th tour was conducted on Oct 7th
- Nashville Comes to the Outback, Prairie Hotel Nov 4th

TEN YEARS AGO SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2011

- On the Cover: Variety Bash in Blinman in August
- BPA Chair: Maureen Cutri
- The Blinman Bushies team received a trophy from the Leukaemia Foundation for being the 9th highest fundraiser in South Australia. Team Captain Julie Reschke. Venue Blinman Hotel
- Bill Chambers and The Boys coming to Parachilna for a concert Sep 17
- Leo Sayers coming to Parachilna October 29 for Fossils Rock 2011
- Blinman Hotel Camp Oven Cook Off poster for event Oct 1 & 2
- Blinman Gymkhana coordinator Vanessa Reschke advertised the upcoming event
- Art Exhibitions Blinman Hall and Wild Lime Café and Prairie Hotel
- Memorial motorbike ride for Tony Kirby with over 100 riders stayed at Blinman. Tony, the founder of Side-track Magazine, died of Motor Neuron Disease the year before.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2006

- On the Cover: Photos from Blinman Art Exhibition, opened by Nicky Downer Sep 14th
- BPA Chair: Tom McIntosh
- Congratulations to Vanessa, Dudley and Alex on the birth of their son and brother Nicholas James on August 9th
- Congratulations to Martin Phillips and Lorraine Edmonds on being presented with their Churchill Fellowships by Governor of South Australia Her Excellency Marjorie Jackson-Nelson
- Blinman Church 40th Anniversary service held Aug 27
- Ad for a play put on by Blinman children, organised by Lisa Slade, to be performed at Blinman's Christmas Tree
- Photos from Blinman Hotel Cook Out Back
- Photos from Blinman Art Exhibition
- Photos from Blinman Gymkhana

Variety Bash

The Blinman Hotel catered for lunch when they came through Blinman a great bunch of people raising money for worthy causes

The lunch could not have gone any smoother everyone was doing the right thing with the covid rules and made it very easy.

Well done to the Blinman Hotel its staff and helpers.



From the Reflections of John K Henery



A flood at Gregors Crossing 1961 or 62.

The first big creek after passing the Angorichina Village on the way to Parachilna is called Gregors Crossing. Thunderstorms were around and the creek had run during the night. The creeks had all run down next morning and a lonely traveller was making his way to Blinman. He got as far as Gregors Crossing and got bogged in the silt bar on the eastern bank, so he walked up to the Angorichina Hostel to seek help, came back in an old 1 ton Commer truck; it probably wouldn't have pulled it out anyway. On arrival back he found only a lot of muddy water and the ute was gone. It doesn't take a big storm to make the creeks run when all the land is wet from the first rain. The second flood must have been at least 6 feet deep. Poor chap had lost everything. After all the floods had gone a few people and the Blinman policeman helped him look for things. The ute was an early 50's model Dodge and they were a tough heavy steel chassis and all steel body and parts, very strong. Bits were found all along the creek with a door found about a mile out from the Gap. The chassis was ripped in half with nothing attached to either section. He found a few spanners in the gravel, about all that was any good. DON'T PLAY WITH FLOOD WATER.....

The big wet of 1974 – in 1974 a total of 29 inches of rain fell. To kick things off, in the last week of 1973 a rain depression moved in and delivered 4 inches of quite heavy rain in about 12 hours. Then during January and February we had more rain depressions coming from Queensland and a further 12 inches or more. The roads were closed and a continuous flow of clear water ran from Blinman to The Gap end of the gorge. The Wilpena road cracked up in three places cutting the road for two or three weeks.

Colin Reschke came through from the Gap with a couple of weeks' worth of mail. He had a high trailer towed by his old Caterpillar D4. Well, he got his boots wet coming through the water well over the tracks. The Blinman locals were able to get over three creek crossings and met Colin there to collect the goods. Jeff Gill was carting goods to Blinman then for the pub and store (the old store, the motel now). A fair load for his truck, an 18-20 foot single axle BMC cab over and a four wheel trailer behind. It was one night during February at the Wilpena road on the flat near the Appealinna turn-off that Jeff came to a very sudden stop, so sudden he reckoned his large stomach (and steering wheel) stopped him being put through the windscreen. The road broke through. It was dry on the surface and sloppy about 9 inches down. Well the front wheels went in 3 feet deep up to the headlights and there he stayed for a couple of days. Road transport had a D4 dozer there and it got bogged up to the top of the tracks. After that the road cracked up in a couple of other places and was impassable for a while.

At that time, almost the same day, we bought 400 lambs at Arkaba, booked a couple of double decker trucks and at about midnight they arrived at Alpana. They were able to come around the back road into Oraparinna to get around the bogged truck. We got access to the woolshed to

unload and the leading truck got bogged in our creek and had to unload in the water; what a job. The second truck eventually hauled it out backwards, unloaded it, we lost a couple of lambs. All done just in time for an 8 o'clock breakfast.

All up the east side of the range, Wertaloono etc., received a lot of rain. The further north the more rain. It didn't go far south of Hawker. Sheep were getting fly strike all over, everyone lost a lot of sheep, it was so humid. Grass was growing so tall it wasn't that good. Some valleys were so wet the horses were sinking to their knees. Off you jump and hope they can get out of the bog. 4wds were hopeless in the paddocks.

In May the winter rains started that year, 6 inches over a couple of days. Wendy and the kids and I were in Adelaide and coming home. We thought we could get through but some more rain fell that day and the creeks came down again. Coming via Parachilna a convoy of about 8 cars had to be towed through Commodore Swamp. Dad (Pat Henery) came down the old road to the big gorge crossing. Four cars left for Blinman and he towed us all through. Oratunga creek was ok. The rest of the year we had normal rains, making 29 inches for the year. I would not like to see that again.

Parachilna Gorge in flood 1970s



TOM BARR SMITH TACKLES THE SIMPSON TO BEAT THE BEAST

Hi there,

On the 10th of July 2021 my son and I plus five old friends took off to cross the Simpson Desert in a 2003 C4S Porsche. Yes, a mad cap idea but not bad for an 80-year-old car enthusiast!

Our team of seven are hoping to raise \$100,000 and more importantly raise awareness for research to Fight Motor Neurone Disease.

Almost twenty years ago the Porsche was considered a “Super Car” and designed for highways but not unmade outback roads! Porsche Australia funded the preparation of a similar car and were able to give it much more ground clearance by engineering input from the parent company in Germany. The team will not have that technical assistance, money or expertise behind them.

We will head off from Flinders at the crack of dawn on 10th July to head for an overnight stop at Burra and then to Marree and the Oodnadatta track via William Creek and a night under the stars at Algbuckina Bridge. This enormous wrought Iron Bridge built in 1867 is the only one on the Ghan Railway never to be breached by years of floods. The last pit stop at Dalhousie Springs and onto the Simpson Desert. What an adventure! Out of the desert and to Birdsville where we will meet up with friends who will be flying up to meet us. From here we head through various private properties to Quinyambie, Mulyungarie and on to Cockburn across the Barrier highway between Broken Hill and Adelaide and on to Mutooroo Station and back to Burra.

We are determined not to be bound by a tight schedule for several reasons because we have no idea just how the Porsche without modifications will cope with the sand dunes. It could also be that the dunes are ok but the gibbers on the stony Cordillo country might roll along underneath and create some major dilemma we haven't planned for.

We are on a determined mission to complete this exciting journey and raise funds. The context to this venture is sad. At almost the same time both Neale Danaher, my wife Jenny, were diagnosed with MND. What the legendary Neale has achieved in the intervening time is amazing to all Australians.

That Jenny hasn't been here to help us is a great sadness. She is not here partly because she was amongst the 10% of MND sufferers who tragically have the “familial” gene about which little was known when her mother and her aunt died of it many years ago. All this means that Jenny's children have a 50% chance of getting it as well. The family have been staunch supporters of all Fight MND efforts over the years and are no less so now.

The team needs your assistance desperately as you can imagine and will be forever grateful. This wonderful world will be an even better place, should our collective dollars and scientists bring about a positive result. I am confident it can happen, and thank you in anticipation of your generosity. Please help in any way you can. It only takes a minute of your time and will go a long way to help us reach the target.

For the record we don't mind beating it!

Thank you so much,

Tom Barr Smith



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Where.....BLINMAN HOTEL

When.....Wednesday 8th September 2021

TIME..... from 6 p.m.

- Meals are available, book with Blinman Hotel
- Raffle and Auction
- Rotary Club of Campbelltown raising much needed funds for the
Royal Flying Doctor Service.

CD Available

Easy Potato and Chicken Bake

Ingredients

- 1 barbecued cooked chicken shredded
- 5 potatoes large medium peeled thinly sliced
- 300 ml thickened cream
- 250 g sour cream
- 1/4 cup tasty cheese grated

Method

Par boil potatoes until just cooked.

Layer potatoes in an oven proof baking dish and top with a layer of chicken.

Repeat this process until all potatoes and chicken are used.

Combine cream and sour cream and pour over chicken and potatoes.

Top with grated tasty cheese.

Bake at 180C for 30 minutes or until cheese has browned nicely on top.

NOTES

I use light cream and light sour cream. You can adjust the creamy ingredients to.



Early photo of Blinman



Early photo of the Captains Cottage with Blinman in the back ground

