

Special guests for Cobdogla sportsperson awards evening

The Cobdogla Club is holding its biennial Steve McFarlane Memorial Cobdogla Sportsperson of the Year on Saturday night. The guest speakers are two incredible Paralympians: Steve Porter, gold medallist for wheel chair rugby, and Anthony Clarke, blind world champion judo expert and powerlifter.

I have met Anthony on several occasions, and I found him to be one of the most fascinating and inspirational people I have ever met in my life. It will be a great night, and everyone is welcome.

A funeral service is being held today at the Barmera Cemetery at 11am for prominent Barmera bowler, Merv Webb. The service will be followed by a wake at the bowling club.

Merv, who was a patron of the bowling club, served as president for a number of years, and received life membership in 1993. His son Daryl was club president at the time, so it was a very special occasion.

Merv lost his wife Melva many years ago, and their eldest daughter, Jan Klingbiel, passed away four years ago. He is survived by Daryl, Yvonne and Sharon and their families.

Cobdogla residents were saddened to learn that Hazel Neindorf had passed away in hospital in Adelaide on Friday. Hazel celebrated her 80th birthday at the Cobdogla Club earlier this year, and she and her husband Harold celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary recently.

Harold clocked up 61 years in the trucking business in August, and he told me Hazel was the backbone of the business. She was the agent of Orlando Wines for 23 years, and supervised Harold's business.

She and Harold raised four daughters; Carol, Peggy, Kathy and Tammy, and have eight grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Hazel was a keen netballer, and coached her daughters and grand daughters, as well as a host of other youngsters during a coaching period spanning forty years. She was the patron for teams in the junior outdoor netball association and the Cobdogla and

Barmera netball clubs.

Hazel's funeral service is being held at the Cobdogla Club on Thursday. Harold and Hazel both received life membership at the club. Harold is the patron of the club along with Bob Chamberlain. Harold served as president for 19 years.

Sorry to all the readers who thought the flood reminiscing day was today. Unfortunately at the time of writing last week's article 'next' Tuesday was in fact 'last' Tuesday.

We had 40 people there and it was a very interesting afternoon. Garth Gow, Vonnice Fletcher, Peg Mortimer, and I spoke about our experiences during that time, and a video displayed footage of the flood damage. Children from the St Joseph's Primary School attended and handed around afternoon tea for the guests.

The organisers from the Berri Barmera Flood Commemoration Committee were bitterly disappointed by the lack of response to the Family Fun Night at the Bonney Theatre on Saturday night. So much work had gone into the event, and the committee had endeavoured to include Barmera people in the celebrations with a special activities evening. The numbers were very disappointing, but those who made the effort had a wonderful evening.

The band was great, and the committee put on a wonderful supper. There were games and lots of prizes, especially for those people who dressed up in the fifties fashion of the day. Pat Millington and her brood of grandchildren dressed for the occasion, and took out awards.

The Barmera Street Market attracted a huge crowd on Sunday. A special exhibition entitled 'The River' was on display at the theatre gallery, and Rocky's Hall of Fame was open to the public. The Cobdogla Irrigation and Steam Museum also attracted a very large crowd.

After visiting the market, Yolande and I took her friends, Donna and Kristen, down to the museum, then to Banrock Station, the Overland Corner Hotel and on to the Cobby Club for tea.

Nicole Wilksch and Damien Philp from Berri celebrated their engagement with family and friends at the Country Club at Renmark on Sunday night. Nicole is the eldest daughter of Lyn and Paul Wilksch of Barmera, and Damien is the son of Chris Philp and Julie McCreanor of Berri.

The Barmera YMCA Recreation Centre school holiday program begins today with dodgeball, and roller skating tomorrow. Next week modified indoor tag rugby will be played on Monday, dodgeball on Wednesday, and roller skating again on Thursday. All of the activities run from 9am to 11am and cost \$4 per child per day. Children are requested to bring along water to drink.

The Barmera Library is holding a Fun and Fantasy activity at the library on Tuesday, October 10, from 2pm to 3pm. They will make a magic magnet and a two-headed dragon. There will also be a special guest story teller.



Rosemary's RIVERLAND

with Rosemary Gower



Rohan Williams is doing his GP training at the Berri Medical Clinic. Mr Williams says being a GP brings a great sense of satisfaction.

Country GP support

When Rohan Williams' fourth child decided to make an early appearance, he knew better than most what to do.

The trainee GP was able to put his obstetrics training into practice.

"I had a hand in delivering all of (the children)," he said.

"The fourth was home here on the bed - it was special but not quite what you expect."

Mr Williams has been training in the Riverland for just over 18 months and is currently working at the Berri Medical Clinic. While there is a shortage of doctors in the country, he and his family were happy to make the move to the Riverland.

"I was here five years ago as a medical student," he said.

"I like living in the country. As a GP in the country you get more variety in your work."

"You get to know your clients well and you get to follow through."

"I have colleagues here who have delivered the babies of babies."

"In rural areas it's still part of the GP's role to be involved in obstetrics management, whereas in most metropolitan areas it isn't."

"There's great satisfaction in following up with a patient, and being part of their health now and in the future."

He said the community around them is crucial to his happiness and the happiness of his family.

"If you're happy in the community you're more likely to stay," he said.

"One of the advantages of training in rural areas is the general community and when you come to train they are welcoming and supportive."

Rohan is training through Sturt Fleurieu - a Strathalbyn-based company that specialises in general practice training in rural, regional and metropolitan SA.

He said attracting medical students to rural areas is helped by the Parallel Rural Community Curriculum program where students spend 12 months in the country.

"If they do that and enjoy the exposure I'm sure that's an asset in terms of long term attraction," he said.

"For some people it just fits with their personality to practice in a rural locality. The trick is to pinpoint those people and get them into medical school."

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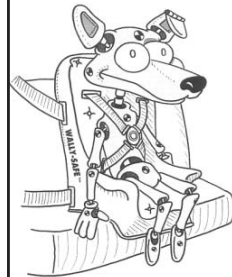
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A further nine people were reported over the weekend by Waikerie and Morgan police for various offences, including riding a motorbike unlicensed, unregistered and uninsured, and riding without a helmet.

Also on Sunday a car travelling along the Sturt Highway near Blanchetown travelled onto the wrong side of the road and collided with the side of a bus.

The female driver was conveyed to the Waikerie Hospital with minor injuries.

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It's a good idea to check that all the seat belts are in top nick too. Especially if your car's seen a few years, the belts may be a bit frayed and 'dog eared' which may make them dangerous.

Teach children to wear seatbelts. Show them by example by always wearing a seatbelt

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