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# Broken Hill Flying Patrol

*A ministry of the Uniting Church in Australia, Synod of NSW & ACT*

## VISIT TO BEULAH



I was invited to be the guest speaker at the Beulah (Victoria) Uniting Church Fellowship Mission Day, folk came from Warracknabeal Uniting and Lutheran Churches, Southern Mallee Parish Churches at Hopetoun and Rainbow with the local members from Beulah and Brim in total there were 50 people in attendance at the event.

We had some fun as I described to the ladies' key points in flying a plane and the emergency equipment carried to ensure the safety and comfort of the passengers this included the workings of a life jacket, travel john (self-explanatory), sick bags and of course the thermos for a cuppa.

There was much laughter and many questions in relation to the Patrol and the Uniting Church in Broken Hill.

## SCRIPTURE IN SCHOOL

During each school year I endeavour to attend the small schools in the far west to conduct SRE. Using the GodSpace material I present a lesson each term at these small schools. The time with the students includes a time of singing, a Bible story and an activity sheet, with the lesson concluding with further singing and a prayer. With each visit I usually stay for at least half a day spending time chatting with the teachers during recess or lunchtime, listening to the students read or assisting with sport, or just hanging out.



## ANZAC DAY



Once again I was asked to assist at the local ANZAC Day ceremonies, this included the 6am and 11am services at the town Cenotaph. Each year there appears to be more and more people gathering to remember family members and share in this community occasion. This year there was a visiting RAAF retired member who addressed the crowd.

Prior to each service members gathered at the local RSL prior to marching along Argent street to the Cenotaph a smaller number at the 6am march, however for the 11 am service each of the schools are represented with a contingent of students and teachers marching and then representatives lay wreaths at the appropriate time.

A request was made to attend and address the students at School of the Air for their ANZAC ceremony

## EXCURSION WITH SCHOOL OF THE AIR

During term 2 I was able to accompany the stage 3 students who attend School of the Air on their excursion to Sovereign Hill Ballarat, during our time at Sovereign Hill the students dressed up in period costume and went back in time to the 1800's and attended the Wesleyan school, learning to write with a nib and ink, discovering the history of Gold in the area, the expectation of work and hours of work. The students had a great time arriving back in Broken Hill at the end of the week exhausted after a bus trip to and from Ballarat.



# GYMKHANA'S IN THE FAR WEST

There are many Gymkhana's that are scheduled on the calendar during the year and starts during the Easter weekend and continue throughout the year. Unfortunately every now and then due to the unpredictability of the weather, rain can cause a disruption this was the case for one of these events recently, with rain the weekend before and cold weather for the week the track did not dry out enough for the event to take place and due to further events that are booked it is not possible to postpone the event to another time and so the event is cancelled for the year hoping it will be better the next year.

For me it is an opportunity to set up the Donut frier, making and selling donuts to those in attendance. This is a great fundraiser and also a great way to catch up with people as they call past.



*Thank you,  
David  
Pastor David Shrimpton*

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