



Yaraka Isisford Branch Update

May Killeen Yaraka Isisford Branch Life Member and Publicity Officer

Anna Brownlie, Olivia Ross, James Brownlie representing LSODE at ANZAC Day Service, Yaraka

The Yaraka Community hosted the customary ANZAC Dawn Service atop Mt Slowcombe. Branch member Susan Glasson was emcee and prayers were led by branch member Matthew Brownlie. The service was followed by a sausage sizzle breakfast.

The Longreach Regional Council was represented by Councillor Nikki Gay at the mid-morning street march which was followed by the laying of wreaths and reading of the Resolutions. Andrew Pegler laid a wreath on behalf of our branch. The Resolutions were read by students from the Longreach School of Distance Education. Lunch was provided by the Longreach Regional Council and was prepared and served by members of the Yaraka Sports and Progress Association Inc.

Sometimes mail services do not always coordinate very well and original documents not scanned copies are needed. Readers will appreciate the photos of Andrew and Wendy "meeting halfway" on the road between Navarra and Trinidad to sign some branch documentation.

Congratulations to Tania Karger who has been appointed Kennedy House Captain at Our Lady's Catholic Primary School in Longreach. She has also been selected for the North West Regional Netball Team and will attend the State Trials to

be held at Caloundra from 29/5/25 to 01/06/25. Tania has made the Central West Touch Football Team and will attend the North West Trials which will be held in Mt Isa in early June.

Andrew and I attend the 125th Anniversary Celebration of the arrival of the first Presentation Sisters in Longreach in 1900. The Bishop of Rockhampton the Most Reverend Michael McCarthy lead a thanksgiving Mass on Friday 28th February. Sadly, there are no PVBM sisters living in Longreach anymore. However, some of the sisters (including the outback's former Flying Nun Sister Anne Maree Jensen) were able to make the journey to Longreach for the festivities.

On Saturday students from Our Lady's Catholic Primary School presented a re-enactment of the arrival of the first sisters on the train. Alan and Sue Smith's rail motor made the whole presentation even more realistic, together with the Longreach Town Band (members of which were also on hand to greet the original sisters back in 1900.) The re-enactment was followed by morning tea, a memorabilia display and entertainment by the students in the covered area at the school. The whole event was a credit to the school and all who took part in the organisation and presentation of the programme.

Heidi Karger (The Cathedral College Rockhampton) has been selected for the 16 – 18 years Capricornia AFL Team and will attend the State Trials to be held in Cairns in June. She was awarded the "Most Determined Lady Player" at the recent Ladies Day AFL round held on 18/5/25 and was a Boundary Umpire for two senior ALF games. Well Done Heidi.



Wendy Sheehan, Yaraka Isisford Branch Secretary signing some documents



Longreach Regional Councilor Nikki Gay, Samantha and Clancy Brownlie ANZAC Day Service, Yaraka



Anna Brownlie, James Brownlie, Olivia Ross and Clancy Brownlie. Vintage Jeep ANZAC Day Parade Yaraka



Jon and Tania Karger at Our Lady's Catholic School 125th Anniversary Celebrations in February 2025



Jaylie Miller, Tania Karger, Taya Miller representing Central West at North West Regional Netball trials



Andrew Pegler and Jon Karger at Our Lady's Catholic School 125th Anniversary Celebrations in February 2025



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