

Monday 22 January 2018

MEET OUR LOCAL LEGENDS FOR THE QUEENS BATON RELAY

The role of Queen's Batonbearer is a great honour to receive, and Narrandera Shire Council is extremely proud to introduce the representatives selected to carry the baton for the Narrandera Shire Community. We encourage everyone to come along this Sunday 28 January and cheer on as each person progresses the Queen's Baton through Narrandera as it makes its way toward the finish line at the Gold Coast.

Lilly Hewitt of Narrandera – 12.54pm

At 14, Lilly has represented New South Wales at a national level twice in recent years for athletics, as well as competing at the field state championships where she won silver medals in hammer throw (2016) and shot put (2017). She has also competed at the field state swimming championships. Lilly coaches other children in athletics, helping them reach field state level championships. She also helps Narrandera Swimming Club with the Learn to Swim Program. Lilly is a fine example of how young people living in regional Australia can achieve great things. She excels at school and she also works part-time. She sets a great example for her community.

Bruce Waters of Narrandera – 12.56pm

Bruce Waters is a Narrandera man who has excelled in all sports, playing cricket, football, tennis, golf, bowls and swimming. Bruce has held many committee positions throughout the years. He played representative AFL football and won district and local sporting awards. He also played and won three grand finals with Narrandera Imperials and is a life member. Bruce played against Collingwood and played 320 local first grade games. Bruce has volunteered in most sports, teaching many juniors how to appreciate and play sports. He continues to follow local sports and plays bowls weekly.

Jack Langley of Narrandera – 12.59pm

Jack is a former student and Captain of Narrandera High School where he was the 2016 recipient of the Victor Chang School Science Award. He is an enthusiastic member of the Narrandera Orchestra, playing the Saxophone at functions including the Anzac commemorations, the opening of the Narrandera Arts and Community Centre, Rotary Club changeover, concerts held at the CRC and the annual Anglican Concert. He also plays the piano and won the under 18 Piano Section Championship at the Leeton Eisteddfod in 2016. Jack took part in a cultural tour of China with Narrandera High School, and visited one of China's foundations involving young people. He is an active debater and public speaker both at school and other functions and in 2016 won the Narrandera Lions Club Youth of the Year Award in both sections, going on to be area runner up at Griffith. Jack has an excellent rapport with everyone he comes in contact with and last year was awarded Narrandera Shire's Young Citizen of the Year 2017.

Keith Shannon of Kamarah – 1.01pm

Keith was born and raised in the Kamara community where he is a farmer. He has been heavily involved in most sports in the local area including Football, Cricket, Tennis, Bowls and Taekwondo. Keith represents the battler, who helps make up the team but still enjoys all the things that make sport such a huge part of a community.

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Rosemary Orr of Narrandera – 1.06pm

Rosemary has played, volunteered, coached and proudly represented teams in many sports for Narrandera including tennis, golf, swimming, netball and hockey. Over the years Rosemary has won local championships for tennis and golf in both individual and team competitions. In 2016 she won Narrandera Sports Person of the Year Award for her golfing achievements, and has won the NSW Sand and Grass Green Championship. She qualified in Genesis Australian A-Grade ladies final and the Riverina Golf fours championship. Sport and volunteering in local sports has always been a big activity for Rosemary's family.

Sharyn Rowlands of Narrandera – 1.09pm

Born in Broken Hill NSW, Sharyn moved to Narrandera in 2001 through her position of Registrar of the Local Courts, a position she has held for 28 years. Having been an active member of various local committees in Broken Hill Sharyn continued her community spirit in Narrandera, joining and participating in many local committees and clubs. Such groups have included: Narrandera Swim Club both as Secretary and a teacher for the Learn to Swim Programs. The P and C committees for both the Narrandera Public and High School and the P & F Committee for St Joseph Primary School. Secretary for the NSW Rural Women's Gathering Committee, a group who held an extremely success event in October 2017 in Narrandera; and the Narrandera Domestic Violence committee. Sharyn has also volunteered as a coach for basketball, soccer and time keeper for the local swimming carnivals over the years while her children played their sports. Sharyn is well recognised for her dedication and contribution to many committees and groups over the last 24 years, as a volunteer, fundraiser, committee member, coach and teacher.

Gerry Daly of Narrandera – 1.06pm

Gerry has been in Narrandera since 2010 where he and his wife Adele took over the local Squash Courts and created the DalyMovement Gym. Over approximately five years the gym built up a following with Boxercise, Spin and a whole range of activities on offer to the wider community including Narrandera High School and Kurrajong Waratah. He now conducts gym activities from home, with his personal favourite being DalyMoves Sessions for the over 50s, which he now run in Narrandera, Lockhart and Ganmain. Gerry has been an active member of various committees, namely the Riverina Rush Multi Sport event from 2011 - 2016. Previous to Narrandera he was an Air Force Physical Training Instructor for over 25 years in bases at Wagga, Williamtown, Darwin and Perth and also served in the Royal Australian Navy for almost 10 years. Gerry has completed many endurance events over the years but the toughest was the Red Cross Murray River Marathon, where he kayaked 404kms over 5 days – completing the event three times with the Air Force Canoe Team where they placed 1st.

Simon Lee of Narrandera – 1.23pm

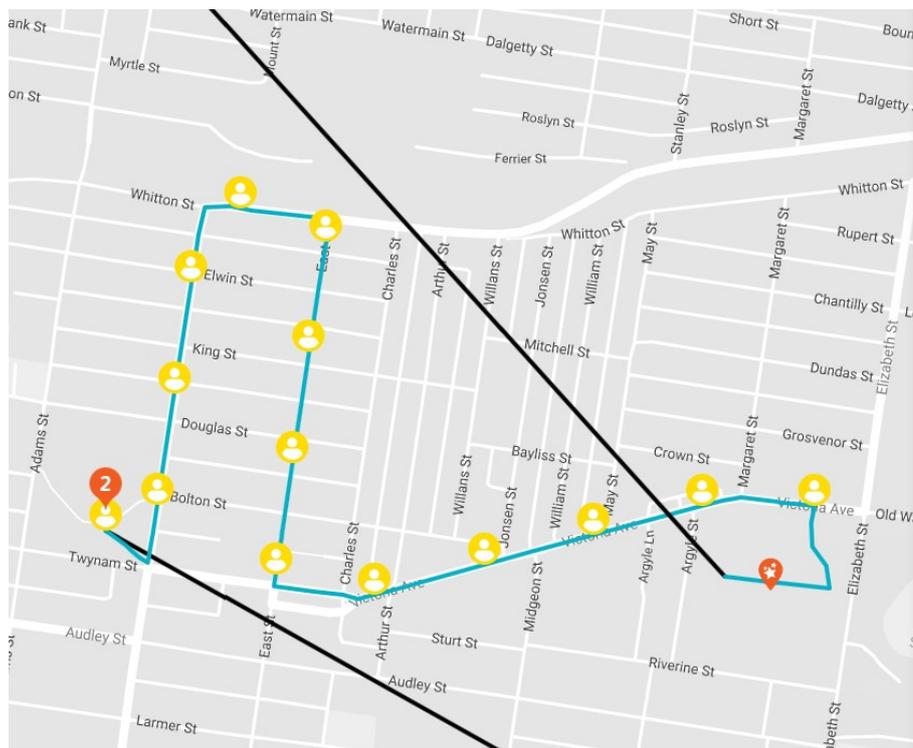
Simon has been a great supporter of sport in Narrandera both by playing and as a coach for Rugby League, swimming, basketball, water skiing, cycling and car racing, while also being involved in administration and on many committees. He has coached local and western league basketball teams, Local and Brophy Swimming, and had involvement in local and representative netball. Simon was an avid member of the Narrandera Live Well Committee that endeavoured to get Narrandera residents involved in a better lifestyle involving diet, fitness and being active in local community groups. He was heavily involved in the organisation of the Riverina Rush sporting carnival, which took in long distance swimming, running events, and cycling and triathlon events. Simon has been a member of the Narrandera Swimming and Lifesaving Club

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Committee for the past twenty years, holding the roll of president for the past ten years. Simon and his wife Sharon were made life members of the club in 2015. Simon was a member of the Narrandera Land Care which was responsible for the replacement of the bridge over the canal at Rocky Water Holes, known to many locals as the Broken Bridge Project. Simon has run a free fitness boot camp for five years from 2011 to 2016 for the local Netball Club and any locals that were interested in attending. He started playing rugby league at five for Narrandera Rugby League Club and finished playing at 35 years of age. Simon coached a number of teams from under 16s to senior grades, playing his whole career for Narrandera Lizards Football Club. In 2012 Simon was awarded Narrandera Shire Council's Citizen of the Year.

Rachael Hyde of Narrandera – 1.26pm

Rachel is employed by Kurrajong Cypress Centre and has been a dedicated and caring worker for 13 years. Her compassion and caring extends far and beyond her workplace, including organising football trips to Canberra and Sydney. She organises sewing classes to give clients the confidence to then go on and make their own items, and to provide a social outlet for them. Rachael's commitment to the Narrandera community shows in her above and beyond approach to everything she sets her mind to. Rachel is the Narrandera Shire's Citizen of the Year for 2017.



Map outline of each Batonbearer's relay section in Narrandera.

Relay schedule

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- 12:59 PM 🧑‍🦲 Jack Langley
- 01:01 PM 🧑‍🦲 Keith Shannon
- 01:04 PM 🧑‍🦲 Kiara Pham
- 01:06 PM 🧑‍🦲 Rosemary Orr
- 01:09 PM 🧑‍🦲 Sharyn Rowlands
- 01:11 PM 🧑‍🦲 Norman Harrison
- 01:14 PM 🧑‍🦲 Keira Wynne
- 01:16 PM 🧑‍🦲 Gerry Daly
- 01:19 PM 🧑‍🦲 Trinity Murphy
- 01:21 PM 🧑‍🦲 Gary Roberts
- 01:23 PM 🧑‍🦲 Simon Lee
- 01:26 PM 🧑‍🦲 Rachael Hyde
- 01:30 PM 🌟 Narrandera Community Celebration

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Sharyn Rowlands



Gerry Daly



Simon Lee



Rachael Hyde

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