



February 2024

Broken Hill Flying Patrol

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

2023 REVIEW



As 2023 came to a close there were a number of gatherings to be involved in, end of school celebrations. I was able to attend 3 of these Clare, Pooncarie and School of the Air.

It was a big celebration at Pooncarie where there was a graduation from Preschool with 8 children heading to Kinder in 2024 and starting school with 6 of those student to attend Pooncarie. This brings the school enrolment to 8.

Clare School was another I was able to attend for their end of year celebration, and there will be a 2 new students in 2024 increasing the school enrolment to 10. The students presented me the terrific card at the top of this page.

It will be great to meet them all in 2024 when I visit for SRE (scripture lessons) together with the other 4 schools that I attend.

I was invited to attend the end of year celebrations of School of the Air as all the families gathered for the various activities during the week, including the Year 6 dinner, assisting Santa with his visit to the school and presenting a 'Pastoral Care' award for both a Primary (yr 4-6) and Infants (yr 1-3) awards.



CORRECTIONAL SERVICES CHAPLAINCY

Due to previous Correctional Services Chaplaincy when the Ivanhoe centre was in operation I was asked to consider offering Chaplaincy services to Broken Hill correctional facility, visiting 2 hours each week at the centre.

I visit on a Monday between 10am and 12 noon. Each week there is generally a gathering of between 6 and 10 of us in the activities room for conversation and a Chapel service. The service consists of a Bible reading usually from the lectionary of that week and 3 or 4 questions relating to the reading and life. This produces

great discussion. We then close with prayer. It is printed for the men to take with them and they often comment that they reread the service during the week. I was requested to be part of the Correctional Services Remembrance Day service which is held at the centre on the 24th November annually.



CHURCH SERVICES BROKEN HILL

Each month I will lead worship at Broken Hill Uniting Church. In the lead up to Christmas during the Advent season I conducted the first service of Advent – focused on hope. As part of this service there was a segment to remember those who are no longer with us.



HANGAR

During the first week of January, there was a windstorm on a Friday afternoon at the airport with wind gusting to 109 km/h. This wind hit the hangar and caused the destruction as seen in the photos, the 4 sliding doors at the entry were blown off with one found 200 metres away. One plane was damaged with the Patrol plane escaping unscathed to which we give thanks to God.



LOOKING AHEAD 2024

This year marks 10 years since Jennie and I arrived in Broken Hill. The year ahead is looking busy with many events including gymkhanas, school events, SRE school visits, chaplaincy with Police and Correctional Services, and regular church services.

Thank you for your continued support of the Broken Hill Patrol as it serves those in the Far West of NSW.



*Thank you,
David
Pastor David Shrimpton*

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