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Before Cov19 I was asked to do a story about Peter by Joanne McQuire, she thought of Peter as a wonderful neighbour who selflessly volunteers for different needs and projects in the district.

Peter was born in what is now the Bridgetown camp school, but was then Bridgetown hospital, his grandparents and his parents were also in the district and like Peter spent their entire lives in and around Bridgetown.

His family had a farm out along the Boyup Brook Road, which was then gravel road, one of the best changes he has seen in his life has been bituminising of the roads. The gravel roads being bane of their life's, the runts, the loose edges and the pot holes, dust in the summer, slippery sticky mud in the wet, gravel roads were the curse of people living in the country.

Peter has been in the Lions for more than twenty years, during the days when 'Lions Sheep Shearing' was the main fund raising event, through to today when fundraising is easier with the Lions doing Show Parking, Catering for the Blues at Bridgetown and doing Marshalling for the Blackwood Marathon.

In Rotary Peter is an honorary member, Rotary also being a major Fundraiser with the Blackwood Marathon and Tour of the Blackwood Bike Ride.

"I also help out the Bridgetown Trotts, along with my brother we set the fires in 44 gallons at the track on those freezing nights, we had twelve meetings a year back then."

"I was also an Owner Trainer of a couple of trotters, I only had one horse at time but I had some success with 'Alvas Son' and 'Marty Wisp'."

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