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Dawn Services, March & Main Service times for Branxton & Greta on page 3



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SECTION 101 NOTICE, ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT ACT, 1979, APPROVED DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS AND COMPLYING DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATES

The public are hereby notified pursuant to Section 101 of the Environmental Planning Assessment Act, 1979 (as amended) that the following applications have been granted consent during the period from 1 March 2016 to 31 March 2016.

| Locality | Reference | Decision Date Property Address | Application Description |
|----------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| EAST BRANXTON | 008/2016/00000075/001 | 15-Mar-2016 21 Poplar Level TCE | Garage |
| EAST BRANXTON | 008/2016/00000107/001 | 16-Mar-2016 9 Church ST | Carport |
| EAST BRANXTON | 008/2016/00000142/001 | 22-Mar-2016 39 George ST | Garage |
| GRETA | 008/2016/00000044/001 | 30-Mar-2016 13 Filey ST | Shed & Retaining Wall |
| LOVEDALE | 008/2015/00000643/001 | 10-Mar-2016 430 Wine Country DR | Crowne Plaza: Alterations & Additions and Swimming Pool |
| LOVEDALE | 008/2016/00000065/001 | 10-Mar-2016 90 Wilderness RD | Dwelling Additions |
| NORTH ROTHBURY | 008/2016/00000040/001 | 3-Mar-2016 68 Triton BLVD | Single Storey Dwelling with Attached Garage |
| NORTH ROTHBURY | 008/2016/00000071/001 | 3-Mar-2016 9 Abberton PWY | Single Storey Dwelling with Attached Garage |
| NORTH ROTHBURY | 008/2016/00000088/001 | 3-Mar-2016 6 Rampling AV | Single Storey Dwelling with Attached Garage |
| NORTH ROTHBURY | 008/2016/00000102/001 | 11-Mar-2016 9 Ainsworth CR | Single Storey Dwelling with Attached Garage |
| NORTH ROTHBURY | 008/2016/00000091/001 | 16-Mar-2016 8 Hoban RD | Single Storey Dwelling with Attached Garage |
| NORTH ROTHBURY | 008/2016/00000119/001 | 16-Mar-2016 7 Ainsworth CR | Single Storey Dwelling with Attached Garage |
| NORTH ROTHBURY | 008/2016/00000126/001 | 16-Mar-2016 5 Hoban RD | Single Storey Dwelling with Attached Garage |
| NORTH ROTHBURY | 008/2016/00000121/001 | 18-Mar-2016 8 Kinnavane RD | Single Storey Dwelling with Attached Garage |
| NORTH ROTHBURY | 008/2016/00000138/001 | 31-Mar-2016 18 Dunnett AV | Single Storey Dwelling with Attached Garage |
| POKOLBIN | 008/2015/00000619/001 | 1-Mar-2016 525 Marrowbone RD | Additions & Alterations to Cellar Door Premises |
| POKOLBIN | 008/2016/00000034/001 | 3-Mar-2016 68 Peppertree DR | Single Storey Dwelling with Attached Garage |
| POKOLBIN | 008/2016/00000132/001 | 22-Mar-2016 3 Foxtail Lane | Inground Swimming Pool |
| POKOLBIN | 008/2015/00000640/001 | 31-Mar-2016 1693 Broke RD | Subdivision Boundary Realignment |

Copies of development consents are available at Council's Customer Service Centre for public inspection, free of charge, during the Council's ordinary office hours

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Stephen Glen
General Manager

ANZAC DAY HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS

The following arrangements will apply for the Anzac Day Public Holiday.

Council's Administration Office, Vincent Street, Cessnock

Closed on Monday 25 April 2016 and will re-open on Tuesday 26 April 2016 at 9.00am.

Cessnock & Kurri Kurri Libraries

Closed on Monday 25 April 2016 and will re-open on Tuesday 26 April 2016 at 9.00am.

Ranger Services

A Council Ranger will be on-call for Anzac Day, Monday 25 April 2016 normal services will return on Tuesday 26 April 2016. *In an Emergency please call the Police.*

Cessnock Performing Arts Centre

Closes at 5.00pm on Friday 22 April 2016 and will re-open at 9.00am on Tuesday 26 April 2016.

Kurri Kurri Aquatic Centre

Will open from 1.00pm until 4.00pm on Anzac Day, Monday 25 April 2016.

Waste & Recycling Collection

Normal waste collection service on Anzac Day, Monday 25 April 2016

Recycling service as normal on Anzac Day, Monday 25 April 2016.

Cessnock Waste & Re-use Centre

Open as normal on Anzac Day, Monday 25 April 2016.

Greta Transfer Station

Open as normal on Anzac Day, Monday 25 April 2016.

Cessnock Airport

For all enquiries regarding Cessnock Airport please contact 0401 107 557.

Visitors Information Centre

Open from 9.00am to 4.00pm on Anzac Day, Monday 25 April 2016.

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PUBLIC EXHIBITION 2031: A VISION FOR THE FUTURE COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGIC PLAN

At its meeting of 6 April 2016, Council resolved to place on Public Exhibition the Draft 2031: A Vision for the Future, Community Infrastructure Strategic Plan. The Plan discusses a range of community facilities owned by the Council or managed by Council as Reserve Trust Manager. For example public libraries, community halls, community centres, youth centres, cultural facilities and early childhood centres. The Plan considers community facility needs within the Cessnock Local Government Area up until the year 2031.

The Public Exhibition period will be from Wednesday 13 April 2016 to

Wednesday 11 May 2016. The documents can be viewed at the following locations:

Council's Administration Building (Customer Service Section);

Cessnock Public Library;

Kurri Kurri Public Library;

Council's website at www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au

Written submissions should be addressed to the General Manager and will be accepted up **until**

4.00pm Wednesday 11 May 2016 via email council@cessnock.nsw.gov.au or post to: The General Manager, PO Box 152, CESSNOCK 2325.

REGULATION OF TRAFFIC NOTICE

Council seeks consent for temporary regulation of traffic.

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| For: | Family Funday by LWP Property Group Pty Ltd |
| Closures: Time & Date: | 10.00am to 2.00pm Sunday 12 June 2016 |
| On: | Parnell Road, from Triton Boulevard to Gollan Avenue, and Dunnet Avenue, from Triton Boulevard to Gollan Avenue, and Relf Lane, Hoy Lane, Burr Way and Tutt Way, North Rothbury |

APRIL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AT YOUR LIBRARY

Bookings essential, numbers strictly limited

| Activity | Date | Location & Time |
|--|--------------------|--|
| Happy/Sad Story time Ages 2-6 | Tuesday 19 April | Cessnock Library 10.00 am – 10.45 am |
| | Wednesday 20 April | Kurri Kurri Library 10.00 am – 10.45 am FREE |
| Movie & Craft After-noon Ages 5-12 | Tuesday 19 April | Cessnock Library 3.00 pm – 5.00 pm |
| | Wednesday 20 April | Kurri Kurri Library 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm FREE |
| Gift Making Workshop Ages 5-12 | Thursday 21 April | Cessnock Library 10.00 am – 11.00 am |
| | Thursday 21 April | Kurri Kurri Library 2.00 pm – 3.00 pm \$3.00 |
| Bowls from Books Papier Mache Ages 5-12 | Friday 22 April | Cessnock Library 10.00 am – 11.00 am \$3.00 |

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Kurri Kurri Library 4937 1638
STEPHEN GLEN
GENERAL MANAGER

A sign of safety for local school zones



general road safety. Police and Council Rangers are often confronted with drivers that are not aware they are committing an offence, Council Road Safety Officer Warren Jeffery said. "Unfortunately breaches of the road rules are strict liability offences and ignorance of the law is no excuse," Mr Jeffery said. Council has gained support from schools to ensure the prominent display of school zone signage, supplying 14 schools with aluminium backed, graffiti proofed, coloured signs at each school's main pedestrian entrance. "This campaign is so positive with schools and Council working together to ensure the roads around our

schools are safer for students." Cessnock City Mayor Councillor Bob Pynsent said. "With the support from local schools and residents we can achieve road safety around schools by observing the road rules." Speeding, parking and other road offences in school zones carry heavier fines and loss of demerit points. Road safety around schools is a major priority for Cessnock City Council and our local school communities. Interested schools can contact us on 02 4993 4300 or email council@cessnock.nsw.gov.au

Photo: Cessnock City Council Officers presenting new school safety signs to Bellbird Primary School's Principal Luke Hubbert. (L-R) Warren Jeffrey, Luke Hubbert, Ranger Kurt Livens.

ANZAC Day~ Greta & Branxton RSL program

GRETA ~ The Day will commence at 5.30am with the Dawn Service at the Cenotaph, followed by a Gunfire Breakfast at the Old Courthouse. The March will commence at 9.30am leaving the corner of the New England Hwy and Nelson St, and finishing at the Cenotaph. The Main Service being held at the Cenotaph at approximately 10am. Battery powered tea-light candles and hand held Australian flags will be available at a table adjacent to the Rotunda prior to the Dawn Service, for a gold coin donation. The flags will also be available at the

Old Courthouse prior to the March, still for a gold coin donation. **BRANXTON** ~ Dawn Service will commence at 0530 (5:30am) at Rotunda John Rose Avenue. **March** will step-off at 11:15am for 11:30am from Cnr Maitland Street & Elderslie Road. **Main Service** 11:30am at Rotunda John Rose Avenue. All community organisations, as are all ex-service personnel, are invited to attend & march with the Branxton RSL Sub-branch

Cessnock City Council in collaboration with local schools has launched a new signage campaign aimed at informing motorists of the

road rules and penalties in school zones. In accordance with Council's *Road Safety Strategic Plan 2014 -18*,

access to road safety information will keep school communities informed on speeding, parking, crossings and

Aquatic Centre concept investigation underway

Cessnock is one step closer to receiving a new aquatic centre, after the first issue of the draft Cessnock Aquatic Centre Feasibility and Design Report was endorsed by Council last week. The Feasibility and Design Report considered three facility options comprising low, medium and high level embellishment. Conceptual business modelling demonstrated that the medium and high embellished facilities would outperform the low embellished facility and should be considered for detailed business modelling and further concept development. The new facility would

include either a 51m indoor or outdoor pool, 25m indoor pool, warm water therapy or hydrotherapy, a learn to swim pool, a spa, sauna and leisure water/water play area. Both options also include car parking and club facilities such as meeting rooms. Cessnock City Mayor Councillor Bob Pynsent said six sites were considered for the new aquatic centre, with the preferred site being Turner Park on Aberdare Road, Aberdare. Options to relocate current user groups of the Turner Park site will continue to be investigated. "Whichever facility option

Council adopts as the new Cessnock Aquatic Centre, the community should be excited about this project," Cr Pynsent said. "We will now progress with a detailed business model, further concept development and final feasibility and design for both medium and high embellishment options for the community to consider." Current financial modelling based on the next 10 years showed that it is more effective to build a new facility than to keep funding repairs and maintenance of the existing Cessnock Pool. The Feasibility and Design Report has considered

likely funding options for the proposed centre, including external opportunities such as the National Stronger Regions Fund and NSW State Government Sports and Cultural Fund Grants. It is expected that the draft aquatic centre feasibility and design for medium and high level embellishment will be on public exhibition in mid-2016 to allow the community to provide comment on each of the proposals.

North Rothbury Tidy Towns commended for clean-up



A good turnout, on Saturday 9th April of NRTT members, made short work of mowing & cleaning the eastern side of Wine Country Drive through the hamlet. The footpath is now walkable & safe from rocks & potholes. "It looks a picture", said NRTT secretary Pat Ables. Well done!

NOTICE Branxton Lions Club



The club wishes to advise with deep regret that they are unable to host AUSTRALIA's BIGGEST MORNING TEA. We thank all those business houses & members of the community for supporting the event over the last 15 years. Sign: The Sec



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What's Happening & other matters

with Mike Lowing

report concerning a driving offence on the New England Highway at Belford last Thursday. The report stated that a 49-year-old man was clocked doing 231kmp &

showed a photo of the police radar machine showing the recorded speed! The photo also showed that the offence occurred at night. Because of the very dry conditions kangaroos are also a serious problem & hitting one at that speed could well & truly endanger anyone that was behind him or coming towards him. According to the NSW RMS website the fellow would have received a fine of \$2306 (Rule 20 Exceed speed over 45 km/h 14A \$2,306) & have his drivers licence suspended for minimum of 12 months. As I said this is a very serious offence; not 45k's over but 131 & he receives the same treatment as someone done for doing 46k's over the speed limit! Surely he should be charged with negligent driving as well.

Some good advise has come my way via our local police command. *Don't get hooked - scammers are phishing for victims through new Australia Post scam!* A circulating fake Australia Post email is suggesting that a parcel could not be delivered to the email recipient. It urges the user to click a link to 'Get Shipping Label' before bringing it to Australia Post outlets. *If you receive this email DO NOT CLICK THE LINK! Doing so could result in your device being infected with ransomware. This will lock your device and ask for a ransom to be paid before files can be decrypted. If you come across this email delete immediately and make a report to Scamwatch via <http://www.scamwatch.gov.au/>*

Last Saturdays Newcastle Herald had a disturbing



This weekend sees a public holiday on the Monday to commemorate ANZAC Day. All local RSL Sub branches (Branxton, Greta, Singleton, Cessnock & Maitland) have organised their Dawn Services & march.

Elsewhere in this edition are all times for Dawn Service & marches. I also think it is a 'double de-merit' points long weekend. I always attend one of the Dawn Services at either Branxton or Greta &, every year, am amazed at the numbers of people who attend & each year it gets larger. Enjoy the long week end & drive safely if you are heading away. Cheers, Mike

QUIZ

- There are only nine questions. This is a quiz for people who know everything! I found out in a hurry that I didn't. These are not trick questions. They are straight questions with straight answers...
1. Name the one sport in which neither the spectators nor the participants know the score or the leader until the contest ends.
 2. What famous North American landmark is constantly moving backward?
 3. Of all vegetables, only two can live to produce on their own for several growing seasons. All other vegetables must be replanted every year. What are the only two perennial vegetables?
 4. What fruit has its seeds on the outside?
 5. In many liquor stores, you can buy pear brandy, with a real pear inside the bottle. The pear is whole and ripe, and the bottle is genuine; it hasn't been cut in any way. How did the pear get inside the bottle?
 6. Only three words in standard English begin with the letters 'dw' and they are all common words. Name two of them.
 7. There are 14 punctuation marks in English grammar. Can you name at least half of them?
 8. Name the only vegetable or fruit that is never sold frozen, canned, processed, cooked, or in any other form except fresh.
 9. Name 6 or more things that you can wear on your feet beginning with the letter 'S.'

ANSWERS ON PAGE 12

Letters to the Editor

Humanly
I am writing in regards to your headline story "Concerns grow for personal safety as large & wild feral dogs numbers increase" on the cover of the 5th April edition. While the front cover photo certainly showed the size of the canine it certainly did not convey that the animal was being handled kindly, one can only assume both in life and in death. While I completely appreciate that feral pests require careful management I also emphasize that they also deserve respect and to be treated humanly at all times.
M. Fell, Branxton NSW
Cuts to child dental scheme
Over 11,000 families in the Hunter electorate will be affected by Malcolm Turnbull's cruel move to axe the Child Dental

Benefits Schedule. The scheme provides eligible children with up to \$1,000 in dental treatment every two years. Yet many parents still remain unaware the scheme exists, with the Abbott/Turnbull governments failing to promote it. After deliberately hiding the scheme from parents, the Turnbull Government is now using that lack of promotion as cover to scrap a scheme its own Health Department has described as a "success". Last week I visited a dental practice in Singleton to hear first-hand the impacts of scrapping a benefit of enormous value to local families. This latest attack will be a real setback for low and middle income families in Hunter. I am very concerned that this out of touch Government wants to take away a scheme that makes going to the dentist as easy as going to the doctor for over 11,000 families in the

local area. This is just the latest in a series of unforgivable decisions when it comes to dental care in Australia. Dental waiting lists are getting longer and longer because they have cut \$390 million from adult public dental services across the nation. On top of that they have axed \$225 million from Labor's program to build dental clinics in regional Australia and nursing homes. This is all in addition to the \$125.6 million already cut from the Child Dental Benefits Schedule. These cuts will have devastating impacts in the region. Families take their children to dentists because they know that getting on top of dental problems early on can make a massive difference to a person's life. This latest attack comes on top of Malcolm Turnbull's \$57 billion cut to our hospitals, the freeze on Medicare rebates for GPs

and his \$650 million in cuts to bulk billing incentives for x-rays and blood tests. Now Malcolm Turnbull has the teeth of kids in his sights, confirming yet again that the Liberals only ever see health as a source for Budget cuts.
Joel Fitzgibbon MP
Member for Hunter
Reconciliation Challenge
I remind schools in the electorate of Upper Hunter to register their interest in the Schools' Reconciliation Challenge for 2016. This year, students will be encouraged to create artworks and short stories that reflect the 2016 theme: *Always was, Always will be.* The Schools' Reconciliation Challenge is a platform for students to express their creativity and is an opportunity to have their voice heard on issues that are important and challenging to discuss.

This year is the first time that students have the choice between two mediums; artworks and short stories. The Challenge aims to use art and writing as vehicles to engage students in the reconciliation process, assist educators to teach their students about Indigenous issues in an informed, meaningful and culturally sensitive manner and to foster respectful relationships between schools and local Aboriginal communities. I encourage all our local school students in Upper Hunter that are in years five to nine to submit either an artwork or short story that they feel engages with their thoughts on reconciliation. The competition is open until 10 June 2016. Competition entry forms and further details can be downloaded from

the website: www.nswreconciliation.org.au/schools-reconciliation-challenge/
Michael Johnsen MP
Member for Upper Hunter
Will the pollies tighten their belts?
The PM again trots out the well-worn phrase that "we must live within our means". Does this mean \$4000 helicopter rides are a thing of the past? That we will dispense with the ludicrous idea of paying politicians \$273 a night to live in their Canberra homes when Parliament is sitting? When it comes to largesse,

politicians make the rules and lead the way. Is it any wonder they are held in such low regard by the majority of taxpayers Name & Address supplied but withheld at request of writer.

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'Diamond Anniversary' for Joy & Lester

JOY & Lester Bootes have plenty to give thanks for this Thursday as they celebrate their Diamond Wedding Anniversary; 60 years together, a remarkable achievement for them both. Congratulatory letters from HRH Queen Elizabeth, the Governor General, the Prime Minister, the Premier, the Cessnock Mayor, local state & Federal MP's Clayton Barr & Joel Fitzgibbon take pride of place in their East Branxton home. With family scattered over the country the couple had to compromise & have had a family celebration prior to the actual day. "Getting our mob together is very difficult but we did

manage to have a family dinner on the 12 April, out in the vineyards, which was a wonderful day," said Joy. Joy & Lester were married at the Methodist Church in Orange on the 21st April 1956 after meeting at a local dance. Lester, who was in the 6th Mounted Rifles, was stationed in Orange at the time of their meeting. Joy married into the transitory life of a regular

soldier & enjoyed every minute of it. Lester, who served in Vietnam, had 25 years as a regular soldier & then 10 years as a member of the CMF. These days it's golf & tennis for Lester & Joy. They have two children,

Noel & Karen and three grandchildren.

They intend to spend the anniversary day, as Joy said, 'just being together'.

Congratulations to you both on a wonderful innings.



≡ Above: Joy & Lester at home looking forward to their anniversary



≡ Above: 21st April 1956



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VIEW Guest Speaker – 14th April, 2016

At the Branxton VIEW Club the interesting and informative guest speaker for April was Judy Lynne

from North Rothbury. Judy, who was born in America, has led a most interesting life firstly as a ballet dancer, dancer in stage shows and movies shows including West Side

Story, and on TV. After completing a university Arts Course she majored in acting, radio and TV, and her minor was journalism. After moving to Australia in 1971 she worked

for Channel Nine as a reporter on “Current Affair”, reading the weather etc., for 10 years. She worked alongside greats such as Mike Willisee and Brian Henderson.

During this time she took a hot air balloon ride, and ended up as a Hot Air Balloon Pilot and married her instructor.

In 1980 together they started “Balloon Aloft” which they owned and operated, along with a B&B, until 2014. Judy and her husband, Peter, now live part of the year in an apartment in the



Swiss Alps, touring Europe, owning a barge and travelling the canals of Europe, enjoying their tree farm in Tasmania and spending time here in the Hunter Valley. Many thanks Judy, for a most enjoyable journey

with you and your travels. The guest speaker for the next meeting which will be held on the 12th May will be VIEW member, Joan Nightingale, talking on her recent holiday to Singapore and Indonesia. Everyone is most welcome to attend,

please phone Secretary Bethany Oldfield on 4938 7597.

Photo above: VIEW Assistant Secretary, Evelyn Thrift, guest speaker Judy Lynne and VIEW Treasurer Yvonne Bell.



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After school Code Club launches soon at Cessnock Library

Cessnock Library is launching a new venture for tech-savvy youngsters, with free after school Code Club on offer from Tuesday 26 April 2016.

Code Club Australia is a free, volunteer-led nationwide network who believe it is not just enough for children to know how to use technology, learning to

code is now an important skill for living in a digital age.

Library Services Coordinator Rose-marie Walters said children should understand they are in charge of the computer, and can (and should) make it do what they want - not the other way around. “Learning to code does not just mean kids can become developers; it strengthens their problem solving skills

and logical thinking, and supports key academic subjects such as science, maths and technology,” Ms Walters said.

“Code Club is about fun, creativity, and learning through exploring.” Code Club projects teach children how to program by showing them how to make computer games, animations and websites. Cessnock Library will be running two Code Clubs

during the coming school term, beginning on Tuesday 26th April:

Tuesdays 4pm to 5pm for children aged 8 to 12
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"The future you shall know when it has come; before then forget it." ~ Aeschylus
 "You can say any fool thing to a dog, and the dog will give you this look that says, 'My God, you're RIGHT! I NEVER would've thought of that!'" ~ Dave Barry
 "A man running for office puts me in mind of a dog that's lost—he smells everybody he meets, and wags himself all over." ~ Josh Billings
 "Hope is the last thing that dies in man, and though it be exceedingly deceitful, yet it is of this good use to us, that while we are travelling through life, it conducts us in an easier and more pleasant way to our journey's end." ~ Francois de la Rochefoucauld
 "He is happiest who hath power to gather wisdom from a flower." ~ Mary Howitt

Members say



Bob Pynsent, Mayor Cessnock City Council

time and many individuals, community groups and local businesses worked together to deliver these great events. Thank you to the Cessnock Youth Entertainment Committee, the Youth Week planning group and the Seniors Week Advisory Committee for all of their hard work also. I hope our local seniors and youth enjoyed the events and activities on offer. I am sure many of you have made new friends or acquaintances and I encourage you to stay involved in any activities or groups you may have connected with as many of these service providers are running fabulous activities all year round.

'Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm'
Ralph Waldo Emerson

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK



What a huge success Seniors Week was this year, and what a thriving seniors community we have! Over 40 activities were on offer for our local seniors ranging from tai chi to harp workshops and taxidermied animal displays. Our Seniors Festival Grant funding assisted immensely in making sure we could promote the events and offer extra transport. There are so many people I would like to thank for their involvement. To our sponsors Abermain Bowling Club, Bellbird Workers Club, Cessnock Wine Country Lions, Lions Club of Cessnock, Rotary Club of Kurri Kurri and Rotary Club of Wine Country. I thank you all for your ongoing assistance.

The Seniors and Carers Expo was one of my personal highlights. Thanks to Hunter New England Health and Coalfields NeighbourCare, the Expo brought local providers together under one roof to assist people in knowing what services are available to them. It was also great to see the stall holders talking to each other and sharing resources and information. Alison Davey was a fitting Seniors Week Ambassador and I was grateful Alison made the effort to attend so many events throughout the week.

The visit to Old Brush Studio would not have been so successful without the help of our volunteers from the Lions Club of Cessnock and the Cessnock Men's Shed. Thank you also to Robert and Gail Bignall for once again offering their magical venue for our visit. It is such a relaxing and tranquil setting for our seniors to enjoy and was a truly unforgettable day out.

By all reports, our Youth Week events were also well attended. The week kicked off with our big breakfasts at local high schools, and there was a nice crossover with a joint outdoor cinema event showing an inter-generational comedy for both Seniors and Youth Weeks at East End Oval.

The My School Rules cooking competition was a great success. Thanks to local chefs Sophie Hedges and Adam Hawkins who gave up their time to share some of their culinary expertise with our students. At Take the Stage, a great job was done by Sam Russell and Jimmy Bradly MCing, photographer Caitlin Ivan and Bayley Klienman back stage, with judge and mentor Anna Weatherup a real inspiration to our young performers.

Again, so many people volunteered their



Member for Cessnock Clayton Barr MP

Raising the BARR STEEL MANUFACTURING IN AUSTRALIA – STRATEGIC OR IRRELEVANT

There will be different views about the need to support a steel industry in Australia. In this past week the Arrium business has announced its own financial difficulties. Arrium is one of the last remaining producers and suppliers of steel products in Australia. Over the past year, there has been an active campaign in the Illawarra to save one of the other last remaining steel producers, Bluescope Steel. So where does this all leave us as Australians? Fact: you can't build roads, rail and major buildings without steel. Steel and concrete are far and away the main products in major projects, accounting for, on average, 80% of material. This all means that without steel we are unable to progress and develop. Those that want to go backwards, please raise your hands.

In NSW, the Government often self-promote the infrastructure projects that they are spending billions and billions of dollars on. And well they might, given that this is coming at the expense of our education services and health services and is being funded by the State's fire sale of everything! This begs the question: if we have major projects under construction then are we not using record amounts of steel? And if we are using record amounts of steel, how can the steel industry be struggling? Fact: Major projects in NSW are being built using inferior imported steel because it is cheaper and comes from a steel-flooded market. Examples of the lower standard steel include one recently constructed wall along a major highway, falling over because the cheaper imported steel gave way. Another example is the discovery that cheaper imported steel being used on the new entertainment centre in Sydney was hollow in the middle and full of water to give it the necessary weight to make it seem legitimate. It strikes me that the ability to manufacture steel is in the interests of every developed and developing nation in the world. Not everyone can do it because not everyone has the ingredients or facilities. We in Australia have everything in place to secure our

steel future and our developed future. Sounds worthy of investment to me. And it isn't a bottomless pit of money – steel can and will be profitable. Currently the Arrium business is profitable in all but one of its branches. And this is in the face of international manufacturers flooding the market with poor quality steel to drive down the prices, in a last nation standing fight (similar to the oil war at the moment and similar to the aluminium war that has just about killed Australian aluminium). The other incredibly important thing that needs to happen is the priority of Australian steel in our own, taxpayer-funded projects. This can be done and should be done. In Victoria and Western Australia this has been made mandatory on some projects. Indeed, in NSW, the Government's own procurement/purchase policies identify many factors that would prioritise Australian steel. The trouble is that they are ignoring their own policies. When will we actually start fighting for Australian industry, Australian jobs, Australian wealth and prosperity?

THE BRAIN – INTERESTING FACTS AND TAKING CARE OF YOURSELF?

Did you know that the Brain only accounts for 2% of our total body weight but uses 20% of our daily energy and creates 20% of our body heat? It works hard! So it is little wonder when you have had a "brain-busy" day, or stressful time, that you get tired (and hot!). This makes sleep very important. It gives our brain time to sort things out. Good luck – hope that you are sleeping easy.

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Cheers Clayton



JOEL FITZGIBBON MP Member for Hunter & Shadow Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

By now parliament will have both convened and adjourned. The extraordinary two-day session was one with few precedents and included all the ceremonial procedures usually reserved for the first parliamentary session after an election. At the time of writing I'm contemplating the prospect of the Senate's Black Rod banging on the Reps doors to summon us to the Senate Chamber, it's sure to feel like we are all in some sort of British situation comedy. Proroguing the Parliament was opportunistic and very expensive for taxpayers. Next week I'll give my appraisal of events.

Debate over the Tribunal which was established to regulate freight charges for independent truckies has been deliberately politicised. The Tribunal appears to have over-reached; some of

the new rules seem silly. But it's no reason to over-react by abolishing the Tribunal. Rather, the Government only needs to intervene to fix the unnecessary complexities. There can be no doubt there is a link between competitive rates and road safety. Drivers employed by the big companies are protected by workplace laws and work for no less than the award. Owner drivers are not. Owner drivers often live in a dog-eat-dog world where they have to bid low to secure work for their truck. Often they're at the beck and call of head contractors. This can lead to drivers setting unrealistic travel times etc. The Tribunal has ruled that charges can't go below what it has deemed to be a safe rate. If the rates apply to all owner drivers and company drivers are being paid at the award or better, then theoretically, no one should be disadvantaged; everyone should be on the same playing field. But I've spoken with independent operators and there is no doubt there are problems that need to be fixed. But let's not throw the baby out with the bathwater. I certainly won't vote to have no oversight. We know the historic outcomes of a totally unregulated system and I'm not prepared to be partly responsible for the next fatality.

Next Monday is Anzac Day, the day we focus most on those who have served our nation in the uniform of the Navy, Army or Air Force. I thank in advance all those RSL Sub Branch and Women's Auxiliary Members who will ensure the success of the day.

Let us all pause to remember and thank in particular, those who gave their life or still carry the scars of war, whether physical or psychological. Lest we Forget!

I am always keen to assist with issues or questions relating to Federal Government departments or put you in contact with someone who can, so please ring, write, visit the website or call in.

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MICHAEL JOHNSEN MP Member for Upper Hunter

2016 YOUNG REGIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM NOW OPEN

I would strongly encourage our local youth aged 18-25 years old to apply for the NSW Government's Young Regional Scholarship program, which the NSW Government has created a scheme exclusively for regional youth. This program is enabling the next generation of arts professionals based

in regional NSW to fulfil their creative ambitions. Our community has a fantastic array of young artistic talent and I urge people to apply now for this potentially career-changing opportunity.

I want our young artists to connect with arts organisations and seek training opportunities so they can reach their potential and develop their careers. The NSW Liberals & Nationals Government is committed to supporting art and culture throughout regional and remote NSW. The NSW Liberals & Nationals Government is investing in artistic talent throughout regional NSW to ensure the community is supported with a diverse and thriving arts and cultural scene.

Local artists and arts workers can apply from any art form, including dance, design, digital arts, history, Aboriginal arts, literature, music, theatre, screen and the visual arts. The scholarships are available to fund activities including mentorships or internships, residencies, short-term courses and workshops, travel and the creation of new work. For the purpose of this scholarship, regional NSW is defined as Local Government Areas outside the metropolitan and metropolitan fringe of Sydney, Newcastle and Wollongong. Applications close on 27 June 2016. For more information or to apply for a NSW Young Regional Artists Scholarship visit: www.arts.nsw.gov.au.

PARLIAMENTARY HEARING ON CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

As many of you may know, I serve on the Parliamentary Committee on Children and Young People, and last week I was in Sydney for two days whilst the Committee held a public hearing on the subject of the Sexualisation of Children and Young People.

The purpose of this public hearing is to inquire into and report on the sexualisation of children and young people, with particular reference to the sexualisation of children and young people in electronic, print and social media and marketing, public places, electronic, print and social media and marketing as well as consider the impact on children and young people of growing up in a sexualised culture.

As a father and grandfather I know the importance of these issues facing young families, and why we must do our best to ensure that our children and young people receive exposure to positive influences as they are growing and maturing, influences that are educational but always mindful of their welfare.

I would appreciate hearing from my constituents with regards to your opinions and any concerns you might have on the sexualisation of children and young people, so that when I attend committee meetings I can convey the views of our Upper Hunter electorate communities.

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Maitland Council response to merger proposal



Peter Blackmore, Mayor Maitland City

At the Maitland City Council Meeting on Tuesday 12 April, Council adopted its formal submission in response to the Maitland Dungog merger proposal. This submission was formally lodged with the Local Government Boundary Commission. Maitland Mayor Cr Peter Blackmore OAM says, 'I would like to emphasise to the community that Council's position remains that Maitland would continue to be a strong stand alone entity and that this model best meets the

needs of both Council and the community. 'In spite of this position we are still faced with the possibility of a merger with Dungog. It was in the interest of our community that Council undertake a genuine consideration of this proposal, and I can assure you that we have done this. If a merger were to proceed, Council

must have a voice in this process in order to best represent Maitland. A successful merger will only be possible if Maitland and Dungog councils, our communities, and the State Government all work together'. Council's submission highlights that a merger, in the form proposed by the State Government, will not resolve the challenging circumstances faced by Dungog Shire Council and its community. Maitland City is Council is in a strong financial position and has clear plan for the future,

whereas tough conversations about Dungog's service levels, infrastructure backlog and revenue situation would need to be held with the Dungog community. Council's General Manager David Evans says, 'Over the last few years Council has had some difficult conversations with our community about future service levels and fundamental revenue challenges. Together with the community we have formed a plan to continue to improve services across the city to meet the expectations and needs of a growing population. 'The merger proposal places Maitland in a difficult position. Council is sympathetic to challenges faced by our neighbour Dungog, and it is clear there are connections between our two communities. However, as Council's submission illustrates, these challenges will not be resolved simply by

underpinned by the seven year special rate variation approved in 2014, a merger with Maitland. 'Without additional Government funding and changes to rating in Dungog, the proposed merger, as it currently stands, would not allow the merged Council to appropriately address the resulting revenue issues and challenge of improving service levels in Dungog', said Mr Evans. The delegate leading the public inquiry, Dr Ian Tiley, will now examine the merger proposal and responses provided by Council and the community. He will then provide a report and recommendations to the Minister for Local Government and the Local Government Boundaries Commission.



Harold Johnston Mayor Dungog Shire Council

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tion, although this is an area of extensive research. Each case of Parkinson's disease is unique, with everyone exhibiting varying symptoms. For example, not all people get tremors and for some, rigidity is the key symptom. Parkinson's Australia lists symptoms as: tremor, or trembling in hands, arms, legs, jaw, and face rigidity, or stiffness of limbs and trunk bradykinesia, or slowness of movement postural instability or impaired balance and

Parkinson's Disease
Parkinson's disease is a disorder of the central nervous system (CNS), and it is one of many neurological conditions. Its cause is a loss of nerve cells in the brain, from a variety of reasons including age, hormones, and injury. Individuals with Parkinson's disease have insufficient levels of the chemical dopamine. Without dopamine people cannot perform many of their normal daily activities at an expected speed – their movements become slower and it takes longer to perform any task. According to Parkinson's Australia the disease affects approximately one in three hundred people. Most people who get Parkinson's disease are in the age group of fifty or over. However young people are also affected, with one in twenty people living with Parkinson's disease under the age of forty. One hundred thousand Australians are currently living with Parkinson's disease. Scientists and researchers have not yet been able to find a cure Parkinson's or slow down its progres-

the disease progresses, and dopamine production is reduced, it is quite common for people to require higher doses of medicine and therefore experience side effects. The objective is to obtain maximum mobility with minimal side effects. Your local pharmacy is your health destination. Clearly, one of the key aspects to managing Parkinson's disease is medicine management. Medicine must be taken at the correct time to allow for absorption time and the attainment of therapeutic levels. Factors such as diet also need to be considered when taking medicine. Pharmacists are medicines experts and can assist you to gain the maximum benefit from the medicine, while keeping side effects to a minimum. Your pharmacist can help with advice and counselling – discussing what the medicine is for, what benefits should be expected, possible side effects



Muhammad Ali who was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in 1984.

and their management, drug interactions and how to keep an accurate record so information can be given to the doctor at each visit. Pharmacies also offer professional services which can help people living with Parkinson's disease maintain their independence. For example, home delivery and medicine management services such as dose administration aids (DAAs). Your local pharmacy can also be a point of contact to avoid social isolation and depression – hallmarks of living with Parkinson's disease.

They said it

"Be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbours, and let every new year find you a better man." ~ Benjamin Franklin
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"An intellectual solves a problem. A genius avoids it." ~ Albert Einstein
"Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until they speak." ~ Steven Wright
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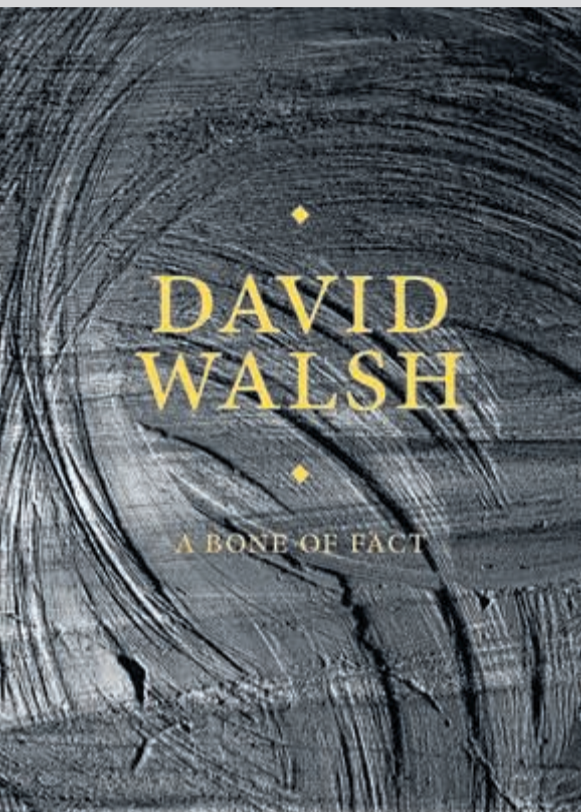
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DAVID WALSH ■ A BONE OF FACT



David Walsh - the creator of Mona in Hobart - is both a giant and an enigma in the Australian art world. A multi-millionaire who made his money gambling, David has turned a wild vision into a unique reality; he is in turns controversial, mysterious and idolised. *A Bone of Fact* is his utterly unconventional and absorbing memoir, about which he says: 'By some great good fortune (mine, not yours) you hold in your hands my story, credible I think, but not extraordinary (despite what those avaricious publishers might have you believe). I have captured your attention: maybe you have some resonance with Mona, or maybe good graphical design partly seized your day. To extract 55 bucks from you I need to say something clever, but I can't think of anything. So I'll seduce you with a tale of another, cleverer, writer. Stanislaw Lem, noted Polish science fiction author and notorious smartarse, once told an American colleague that his new collection of short stories would be published in a paper bag. This conjured a mental picture of the stories being selected by lucky dip. The idea that my life story could be told that way, without a disabling manifesto, is appealing. Unfortunately Mr Lem had actually said paperback' (his meaning concealed beneath his thick accent), a wholly ordinary practice to deliver extraordinary stories. My story lacks Mr Lem's magical reality and

philosophy, and it also lacks a paper bag. You should buy it anyway, if you are at least mildly curious as to why I want you to give me more money, even though I'm already rich. But if you happen to read Polish you could probably do better reading Lem. Incidentally, Polish is one of the few words that changes its pronunciation when you change the first letter from upper case to lower case. If you are in Natal or Nice you can probably think of another. But surely, if you are in Natal or Nice you have better things to do than lurk in bookshops. Get out of here, but take me with you. I promise to treat you nice. But not so nice that you'll need to go to a natal clinic.'

About the author
David Walsh AO (born 1961) is an Australian professional gambler, art collector and businessman. He is the owner of the Museum of Old and New Art (MONA) and Moorilla Estate. Walsh grew up in a Roman Catholic family in the Glenorchy district of Hobart, Tasmania, Australia, the youngest of three children. He attended Dominic College, The Friends' School and the University of Tasmania, where he briefly studied mathematics and computer science in 1979. Walsh made his fortune by developing a gambling system used to bet on horse racing and other sports. Walsh describes himself as a "rabid atheist". He has been married twice, the second time in March 2014, to artist Kirsha Kaechele. He has two children from different relationships. In 2001, he founded



David Walsh is a mathematician, gambler and gallery owner from Hobart.

the *Moorilla Museum of Antiquities* on the Berriedale peninsula in Hobart, which closed in 2007 to undergo \$75 Million renovations. It was re-opened in January 2011 as the Museum of Old and New Art^[6] or MONA. MONA won the 2012 Australian Tourism Award for best new development and is a major Tasmanian tourist attraction. In July 2012, Walsh was involved in a dispute with the Australian Tax Office, which demanded he pay \$37 million from the profits of his gambling system. The dispute was "entirely resolved" in October 2012. In December 2013 Walsh gave a revealing interview on his personal philosophies, his quantitative approach to gambling, and the role of chance in his life to The Australian Financial Review's contributing editor Christopher Joye. He has stated that he subsequently developed a new chapter in his 2014 memoir based on the ideas that were formulated during this dialogue. In October 2014 Walsh's book *A Bone of Fact* was published. The publisher

described it as Walsh's "utterly unconventional and absorbing memoir". On July 20, 2015, Walsh's partner Kirsha Kaechele gave birth to their child Sunday Walsh. In the 2016 Australia Day Honours, Walsh was made an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) for 'distinguished service to the visual arts through the establishment of MONA, and as a supporter of cultural, charitable, sporting and education groups.

Ernest Hemingway Quotes

"The world breaks everyone, and afterward, some are strong at the broken places.

"The best way to find out if you can trust somebody is to trust them.

"I love sleep. My life has the tendency to fall apart when I'm awake, you know?

"There is no hunting like the hunting of man, and

those who have hunted armed men long enough and liked it, never care for anything else thereafter.

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down memory lane as blown-up Toyota Balls crowd-surfed overhead.

Hailing from an outback town where a visit from Col Joye served as the ultimate entertainment my exposure to live concert arrived late in life. "Thirsty Merc", I confess I'm decades too old for your bounding energy. Admittedly being unfamiliar with your lyrics & the necessity for ear plugs did hinder my appreciation of your talent!

Fortunately I was in the minority

Chris Isaak; vocalist, guitarist, songwriter, entertainer - the crowd was yours! It was impossible to have feet & mouth in neutral - like 'Alice in Wonderland' you led us deeper into your glittering world. Wearing your pale blue sequent suit, backed by seasoned musicians, the 8,500 strong audience

followed your every move. Perched on the edge of our seats we were introduced to your latest album along with your much loved 'oldies'. Your rendition of an Elvis love song & Roy Orbison's 'Pretty Women' bought tears to many eyes. A 'heart shaped world' could not produce a more

dynamic support act than James Reyne. Despite the loud distorted vibration caused by excessive volume, your voice was strong & clear. A sliver of moon was visible in the pastel aftermath of sunset as the audience sang along to 'Boys Light Up'. Richard Clapton also introduced songs from his new album plus a trip

Magical setting, orderly crowd & perfect weather; one could not help being lifted by the electric atmosphere, wonderful entertainment & a near perfect experience.



a new community. We were able to express our concerns at the government's latest financial decisions regarding community based early learning programs and

We celebrated the Easter break with our annual Easter Raffle. Thank you again, to all those who supported us with donations and ticket purchases. These raffles are our major funding for the year to provide for running costs. Without your support we could not continue. So a genuine Thank You. Raising just over \$300 with this raffle, it was a great success. Congratulations to those who won the lovely prizes. We have also had a visit from another VIP, the Easter Bunny. He was kind enough to pop down every day in the week leading up to Easter and the children were surprised with egg hunts along with gorgeous arts and Easter crafts to create.

As we now break for school holidays, we would like to remind everyone that we will not return until the Tuesday 26th April 2016. We have playgroup

With a recent visit from the Hon. Joel Fitzgibbon MP accompanied by the CEO of Playgroup NSW Karen Bevan, We have all been buzzing with excitement here at Branxton Playgroup. The visit was a huge success and we were able to really express and display the value of Playgroup as a community service. Mr Fitzgibbon was able to witness the personal connection that families have with playgroup first hand. We have

display the real need for funding and support to continue. Mr Fitzgibbon has publicly announced his support and was quoted saying " I am a strong supporter of the playgroup movement and I remain committed to ensuring our children get the best possible start in life so they can grow up to be happy and healthy adults" his simple statement sums up the hopes we all have for our future generations. We are very honoured by this visit



Photo above: Ellen Gibson, Haley Soper, The Hon. Joel Fitzgibbon MP, Rachel Furner with baby Oliver and Karen Bevan CEO Playgroup NSW

Williams Bridge to be restored for another 100 years

Detour via Cessnock is in place for the duration of the replacement works

Williams Bridge on Paynes Crossing Road, Wollombi has now been dismantled and removed to make way for the new reinforced concrete bridge over Wollombi Brook. Work has commenced on site, with the bridge replacement expected to be completed and open to traffic on 29 April 2016, weather permitting.

Council's Design Delivery Manager Katrina Kerr said significant deterioration of the bridge had resulted in the implementation of a five tonne load limit and a 40km/h speed restriction. "A decision was made to accelerate Williams Bridge for replacement due to the restricted access—particularly for emergency vehicles to this remote area. New reinforced concrete elements for the replacement bridge have been precast in quality controlled conditions to ensure a 100 year lifespan for the new bridge", Ms Kerr said.

The new bridge elements will be transported to the site and craned into position. This construction method allows for the 33m long bridge to be erected in minimal time. A full detour via Cessnock is in place for the duration of the replacement works to ensure affected residents have access to their properties during the works.

Visitors and residents are advised to follow temporary signage and allow additional travel time.

For a full program of current works, please visit www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au/community/roads/projects



On its way! A detour via Cessnock is in place for the duration of the replacement works.

grandparents, with grandchildren who have returned to the same hall they attended with their own children, we have mums who play with their babies who once attended the same group, we have new first time mums and dads who cherish the adult interactions and support found at playgroup along with the families who are new to our ever growing town, Often leaving loved ones and family support units behind they rely on services such as Playgroup to be able to integrate into

and wish to thank Mr Fitzgibbon and his party for making such an effort and we would also like to thank Karen Bevan for attending and the passion, competence and professionalism she portrayed in delivering this important message across to Mr Fitzgibbon.

Mon-Thurs 9:30 - 11:30 am in the hall next to the pre-school in Branxton. Your first two visits are free, so we would love you to come down and say "Hi". If you'd like more information please call Rachel Furner on 0407015704. Branxton Playgroup.



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Great victory for 'Victory'



Local breeders Anthony & Tricia Pauling from Paulgren Park have had an extremely successful few weeks. Their home bred stallion "Paulgren Park Victory" at just 4 years old took home 4 champions from 4 led classes and claimed 3 Supremes at the recent Sydney Royal Easter Show. This was *Victory's* first Royal Easter Show under saddle & he won two of his ridden classes. Returning home for just one day of rest they attended The Australian Arabian Nationals where they won Australian National Champion Arabian Riding Pony Stallion under saddle.



The following week they were off to The Sydney CDI Dressage there they claimed 'Runner-up' in the Young Pony 4 year old Championship. The first of Victory's foals to be shown, a yearling gelding named "Paulgren Park Mr Victorious", won his class at the Sydney Royal Easter Show. He's obviously following in his dad's footsteps. Anthony and Tricia said they are very lucky to have the talented young rider Summa Crockett ride and train their horses under saddle. "Summa forms a great bond and trusting relationship with our young saddle horses, the results speak for themselves," said Tricia. Victory's dam is "Centaine of Marceau" & was sired by "Karlamia Manhattan". "Centaine of Marceau" (dec) their 'Matriarch' mare has produced several Sydney Royal champions, Australian Champions & Grand National winners. "Her progeny continue to do her proud everyday," said Tricia. *Victory* will enjoy a little time off before returning to the competition arena and fulfilling his busy breeding commitments later in the year.

☰ Photos
Top above - Anthony & Tricia Pauling from Paulgren Park with Victory.

Middle above - Summa Crockett who rides and trains their horses under saddle.

At right - Anthony with Victory at the Sydney Royal Easter Show



All non-microchipped pets are invited!

Cessnock City Council welcomes all non-microchipped pets to the Administration Building car park in Cumberland Street, Cessnock for a free Microchip Day on Saturday 14 May 2016 between 9am and midday.

Microchipping your dog or cat is one of the most important things you can do for your pet and Council Rangers are aiming to see every dog and cat in the LGA identifiable.

In collaboration with Hunter Animal Watch, Council Rangers have been working hard to arrange this positive initiative.

"This has always been a popular event for residents and we expect a big turn out again this year," Cessnock City Mayor Councillor Bob Pynsent said. "It is a great service to the community and we hope to make the cost of being a responsible pet owner easier for families."

Over the last four years Council Rangers have microchipped more than 1000 pets and Ranger Team Leader Kurt Livens hopes people take advantage of this free service.

"By law pet owners must have their dog or cat microchipped by 12 weeks of age, at the point of sale or when they are given away," Mr Livens said.

Hunter Animal Watch is also offering reduced rates for pensioners/health care card holders who wish to have their animals desexed if their animals are microchipped on the day—conditions apply.

Rangers will be available on the day to answer any questions, so arrive early, have your dog or cat microchipped for free and receive a free show bag filled with goodies.

If you are attending the day to take advantage of the free microchipping, please note all dogs must be on a lead and all cats contained in a cage or carry basket.

For more information please call us on 02 4993 4300 or email council@cessnock.nsw.gov.au



☰ Photo: Ranger Lyndall Smith with Kahn the Rottweiler at the Administration Building car park in Cumberland Street, Cessnock.

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Answers To Quiz:

- The one sport in which neither the spectators nor the participants know the score or the leader until the contest ends: Boxing.
- North American landmark constantly moving backward: Niagara Falls. The rim is worn down about two and a half feet each year because of the millions of gallons of water that rush over it every minute.
- Only two vegetables that can live to produce on their own for several growing seasons: Asparagus and rhubarb.
- The fruit with its seeds on the outside: Strawberry.
- How did the pear get inside the bottle? It grew inside the bottle. The bottles are placed over pear buds when they are small, and are wired in place on the tree. The bottle is left in place for the entire growing season. When the pears are ripe, they are snipped off at the stems.
- Three English words beginning with dw: Dwarf, dwell and dwindle.
- Fourteen punctuation marks in English grammar: Period, comma, colon, semicolon, dash, hyphen, apostrophe, question mark, exclamation point, quotation mark, brackets, parentheses, braces, and ellipses.
- The only vegetable or fruit never sold frozen, canned, processed, cooked, or in any other form but fresh: Lettuce.
- Six or more things you can wear on your feet beginning with 'S': Shoes, socks, sandals, sneakers, slippers, skis, skates, snowshoes, stockings, stilts.

Five tips to kick-start a bookshelf purge



Cleaning is easy, I just bust out the vacuum and go to town. The harder part is decluttering, specifically when it comes to my book collection. Because while I don't really have an emotional attachment to all of those old dresses I toss out each year, books are another story. Voracious readers will understand my pain. Despite my best efforts to not buy any more physical books, by the end of the year I usually have stacks

of them piled up around my already-overcrowded bookshelves. But I'm once again cleaning house and that includes my book collection. Based on some hard-earned experience, here are a few tips for how to keep those bookshelves under control:

Be honest with yourself
Are you really going to read that book your uncle gave you 10 years ago that you spilled coffee on once and is now all brown and sticky and kind of smells

weird? Probably not. And do you really need that novel you read when you were 15 that was maybe about witches and wasn't very good but there's a chance you might like it again in another 20 years? No. Look at your bookshelf and have a truly honest conversation with yourself about what should stay and what should go.

Libraries are the best places on earth
I do not understand why people aren't just bursting

into song about the joys of libraries as they walk down the streets. FREE. BOOKS. All you do is show up and you get rooms upon rooms of free books at your fingertips! Sure, you have to remember to return them, but my library lets you renew your haul digitally with a click of the mouse. And when I'm too lazy to walk the three blocks to the actual building (this happens more than I'd like to admit), I still have access to digital files that I can

upload to my iPad.

Libraries have saved me millions of dollars over the years, not to mention all the extra free space in my apartment.

Toss those mass-market paperbacks

Any lover of genre fiction has stacks upon stacks of mass-market paperbacks lying around their house.

It's just so easy to pick up a title or two while in line at the grocery store or stuck at the airport. And while I always enjoy a quick romantic read, these easily-frayed paperbacks are not in it for the long haul. Plus, they're an odd shape, and they don't look so great stacked next to your hardcovers. Mass-market books are like the candy of literature: sweet and perfect in the moment, but it's just not worth holding onto the wrapper. Keep the ones you cherish (I'm looking at you, "Bet Me"), give the rest away to friends or even leave them in a box on the sidewalk. Let other people worry about where to store all those chunky little novels.

Invest in E-books

I get it: Some people love the smell and feel of a new book. But when you're a serious reader, it just isn't practical to only have physical books. I freaked out when I got my first Kindle, and bought about \$400 worth of e-books in two days. That's a whole other problem, but you get my point. E-books are a great way to hold onto titles for years and years without worrying about clutter or whether or not you're going to have to carve a path to the bathroom made entirely of hardcovers.

Turn books in decorations

I am not a big proponent of destroying books, even for art. But there's no reason you can't turn that stack of hardcovers into a makeshift side table, or stack some on your dresser and put a decorative candle holder on top. I have books tucked all over my house, arranged by colors or bookended by pretty glass bottles. Books can be the best way to decorate, in part because they always make me happy when I look at them.

Don't feel too guilty about that to-be-read pile

There's one pile I don't touch that often and it's my to-be-read pile. And sure, it's probably the biggest pile in the room. But only really special books end up in that stack; those titles

I'm dying to read that I just don't have time for yet (because of all the other books I'm dying to read). I'll decide whether or not to keep them after I give each book a shot, but for now, this pile stays. Here are two on it right now that I swear I'm getting to soon:

Fire Touched: A Mercy Thompson Novel by Patricia Briggs (Ace Books)

I've read every Mercy Thompson book and I love, love, love them all. This is the latest of the nine novels, following the adventures of coyote shapeshifter Mercy and her soulmate Adam, the werewolf Alpha. The book came out last month and it's been sitting on top of my bookshelf ever since. But this is one I will absolutely read (and probably keep!).

The Great Hunt: The Eureka Duology by Wendy Higgins (HarperTeen)

I'm a sucker for young adult fantasy retellings and for well-crafted love stories. I've only heard great things about Higgins' latest, which is based on the Grimm Brothers' tale *The Singing Bone*. This book promises brooding hunters, terrifying beasts and a deep romance that will have readers swooning. As soon as I finish my current read, I'm diving headfirst into *The Great Hunt*.

By Rachel Carter

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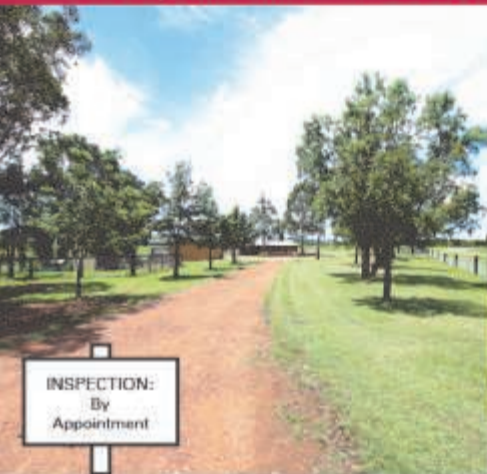
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'Country Living'

- Brick and Iron home
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- Main bedroom with ensuite
- Open plan living
- Separate dining
- Functional kitchen
- Entertainment patio area
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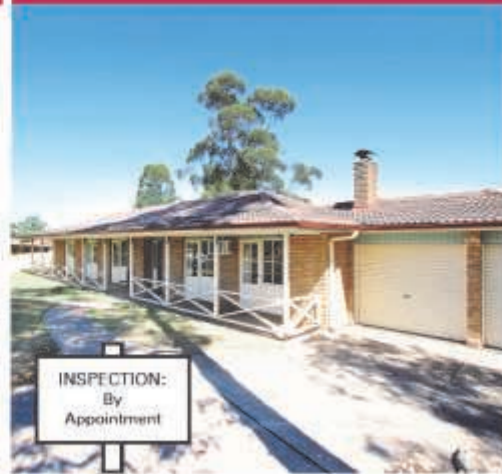
'Great Family Home'

- 4 Bedrooms
- Main with ensuite and built-in robes
- 3 Good sized bedrooms all with BIRs
- Modern bathroom with separate WC
- Open plan air conditioned kitchen and living rooms
- DLUG with internal access and auto doors
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- Corner block
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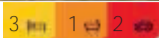
'Family Home With Swimming Pool'

- Main bedroom with BIRs, ensuite, ceiling fan & air conditioning
- 2nd & 3rd Bedrooms with BIRs & ceiling fans
- 4th bedroom/study with ceiling fan
- Large lounge room with wood burning fire place, ceiling fans and air conditioning
- Separate dining area
- Timber kitchen; family room off kitchen
- Undercover entertainment area that runs the full length of the rear of the house
- In ground pool with spa
- Land Size: 904sqm

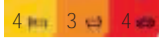
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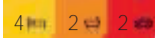
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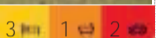
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Storage/Sheds on 1 Acre
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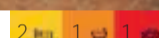
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4 bedrooms, three with built in robes, large block & great shed. The combined lounge & dining room has RC/AC & polished pine timber floorboards throughout. The colourbond garage also has plenty of storage cupboards and a second shower and toilet. This garage could easily accommodate 2 large vehicles as well as storage space.
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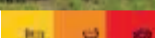
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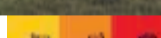
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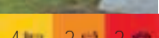
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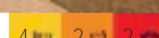
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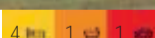
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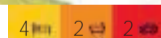
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East Branxton
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Street Appeal
Modernised 4 bedroom family home on corner block. Renovated throughout with great kitchen in sort after area awaits your inspection. Single garage with plenty of storage space. Timber deck and pergola for entertaining guests and fully fenced yard to keep kids and animals safe.
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Whittingham
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Large 3 bedroom cottage with built-ins ... a kitchen to die for! Large living area including a glorious Queensland Room. Lock up garage. Leafy & peaceful backyard. A must to inspect Great investment or first home!

PRICE \$340,000



North Rothbury

Sophisticated!!!!

Jewel Box Bush Cottage
"Airy" & "Open"

This wonderfully fully renovated weatherboard cottage is set on a very large fenced block in the small hamlet of North Rothbury. Features include:- new bathroom, renovated kitchen, new decking front & back (both covered from summer evenings westerly sun), very large block, original floor boards renovated to near perfection, 2 bedrooms, 4 minutes to Hunter wineries & restaurants & 2 minutes to Huntlee New Town proposed commercial centre & other facilities.

The home has a number of decor/design features that make this cottage a unique experience.

A must to inspect

Offers over \$305,000



Branxton

Family home well loved and cared for

Spacious living areas plus a large Queenslander at rear.

A good sized carport.

3 bedrooms which includes built-ins in two. Ensuite plus sunroom in main bedroom.

All this on a large fenced block & lovely gardens

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ASKING \$390,000

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NORTH ROTHBURY

Just move in ~ no work to be done!!!!

Perfect family home in the popular village of North Rothbury. Features include:-
Open plan lounge/dining with 4 large bedrooms all with built-ins. Ensuite to main bedroom & walk-in robe. Air conditioning. Double garage plus large rumpus room or entertainment room.
Dishwasher. Large fenced block with house facing north.

PRICE \$420,000



GRETA

For the astute investor
Approx. 2000sm (half an acre)
58 High Street, Greta

An older style 3 bedroom cottage is situated on this large, approx half acre, block. This is one for the savvy investor/developer or renovator.

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EAST BRANXTON

Modern Villa ~ first home buyer or investor
In a sought after area n Branxton ~ two bedroom villa

Quality inclusions Features Include ~ Internal Laundry, Modern Bathroom, Modern Kitchen, Quiet Location, Balcony / Patio / Terrace, Built in Wardrobes, Close to School, Close to Shops & Close to Transport

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BELFORD

Vacant Land with building approved
Lot 1 DP 1205549
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BRANXTON Senior Living

This heritage designed 2 bedroom strata unit has an ensuite to the main bedroom, a lock-up garage & your own private courtyard. It is totally landscaped & also feature security gating. The site surrounds Branxton Medical Centre, is a 2 minute walk to the main shopping & amenities area, is just 5 minutes drive to the famous Hunter Valley Wineries, resorts & golf courses.

PRICE \$265,000



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PRICE POA



- 2023m2 block
- 3 bedrooms
- Large rear deck

WINGEN

Village living at its best

Located in the hamlet of Wingen which is 10 minutes from Scone in the Upper Hunter Valley "Rose Cottage" offers great access to the show-ground to exercise or have fun with your horse or dog. The house is situated on a generous block & includes freshly painted bedrooms, modern bathroom, timber kitchen, open plan living, front verandah & large rear deck. New reverse cycle air conditioner installed & room for extensions, school bus to primary & high schools. The property is fully fenced with a separately fenced yard ideal for the kids pony or menagerie of other small farm animals.

PRICE \$220,000



LOWER BELFORD

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Enjoy the rural peace & quiet!

\$420 per week



GRETA

This self contained studio apartment has uninterrupted panoramic & peaceful views over the Hunter river. Sleeps up to 8. If you want peace & quiet with the best views the Hunter Valley has to offer then this is for you. The decor is immaculate & the position just perfect!

\$350 per week

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BRANXTON

A couple of minutes to town
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LOT 1

4 Hectares ~

Picturesque block of land on the edge of town. Why not enjoy the peaceful rural lifestyle with all the conveniences of town living.

PRICE \$520,000



LOT 3

5.337 Hectares

Large 3 bedroom homestead with 3 large living areas with plenty of outdoor living & entertainment areas & great verandahs. Also double free standing garage.

PRICE \$830,000



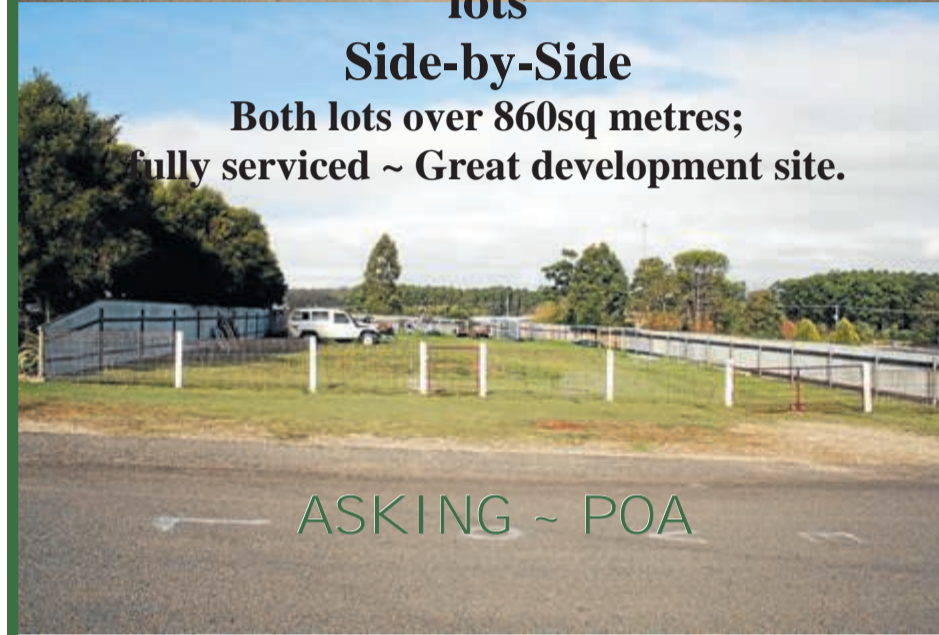
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EAST BRANXTON

Features include:-

Balcony / Patio / Terrace, Bath, Block 1145sm, Built in Wardrobes, Close to Schools, Close to Shops, Close to Transport, Fireplace(s), Formal Dining, Formal Lounge, Garden, Internal Laundry, Large Fenced Block, Lovely Queensland Room, Modern Bathroom, Modern Kitchen, Quiet Location, Views.

Formal lounge & dining with split system air conditioning & slow combustion fire. Modern kitchen, expansive Queensland room with spa. Three good sized bedrooms. All this on a 1145sm fenced block!

PRICE \$370,000



EAST BRANXTON

Lovely family home
3 Bedroom family home with good built-ins in two.
Separate dining & living room with neat kitchen which includes granite bench tops.
Other features include:-
Combustion fire & air conditioning, lovely decking at rear, free standing garage.
All this on a very large fenced block.
Absolutely nothing to do just move in!

PRICE \$330,000

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For Sale

11 Tulloch Street, Branxton
Price: \$298,000

- 3 bedrooms - 2 bedrooms have built-ins
- Open plan design - living & dining area
- Modern kitchen
- Split system air conditioner
- Single enclosed/ secure carport
- 9x6 meter approx. Shed with rear street access
- Land Size 539sqm



For Sale

4 Tulloch Street, East Branxton
Price: \$249,000

Set in a quite location within short distance to local parks, pool, golf course & sporting fields this property offers huge potential. Features include: 4 bedrooms, lounge, kitchen/dining combined, bathroom, single carport, covered patio plus land size of 538sqm.

Vacant land

Lot 773 - 21 Wyndham St, East Branxton

Price \$169,000

- Civil work to commence construction and works to be complete by approx. August 2016
- New vacant land positioned in East Branxton
- 798sqm approx - land size
- 5.5 meter approx. heavy duty driveway
- R2 Zoning - low density residential
- Sewage, town water and power
- Massive (13m3) OSD (on-site storm detention) tank
- Building entitlement

Vacant Land

Lot 772 - 21 Wyndham St, East Branxton

Price \$169,000

- Civil work to commence construction and works to be complete by approx. August 2016
- New vacant land positioned in East Branxton
- 727sqm approx - land size
- 5.5 meter approx. heavy duty driveway
- R2 Zoning - low density residential
- Sewage, town water and power
- Massive (13m3) OSD (on-site storm detention) tank
- Building entitlement



For Rent

54 Cessnock Street, Branxton
\$320 per week

- 3 good size bedrooms
- Open plan design living/dining area
- Modern kitchen with dishwasher
- Modern bathroom - separate bath & shower
- Rear access to backyard - Single lock up garage plus double carport



For Rent

3 Vineyard Haven Parade, Branxton
\$360 per week

Featuring 3 bedrooms all with built-ins. The combined lounge and dining area is a good size and has a split system air conditioner. The kitchen is modern in style with gas stove and dishwasher. Outside is a fully fenced backyard, covered patio area and a double lock up garage.



For Rent

737 Elderslie Road, Elderslie
\$380 per week

- Picturesque rural views
- Four bedrooms - main with ensuite and built-in
- Rumpus/play room
- Lounge room and separate dining area
- Timber kitchen with a large walk in pantry
- Large screened entertainment area
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SUNDAY 24th APRIL
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BRANXTON'S FAVOURITE CHEF
WEDNESDAY—SUNDAY
LUNCH & DINNER

HAPPY HOUR

**GRETA &
MILLER PARK**
THURSDAY 4—6 pm
\$3.30 SCHOONERS



Discovering your Family's Past

with Neridah Kentwell

Television shows like *Long Lost Family* (with hosts Anh Do and Chrissy Swan) make popular viewing, but inevitably not everyone wants to go on television to find their lost loved ones. Researching on social media through the internet (such as Facebook or Ancestry) makes it a lot more possible to find someone today. In some ways, however, it isn't as easy to find a more recent relative's details as it is to find someone deceased over a century ago. This is because there are laws in place to protect the living's privacy, which are useful for those who don't want to be found. Fortunately, most people want to see their families again.

The NSW Births, Deaths and Marriages have definite rules for Family History searches. Births have to be over 100 years ago, marriages over 50 years ago and deaths over 30 years ago, to be available to the general public. Less than this period means a certificate can only be applied for by a close relative, or for legal reasons by a solicitor, and details of the event need to be known. Having said that, Investigators of missing people do have a variety of resources

they can use. One of these is the Australian Business Number Look Up site – www.abr.business.gov.au, for the possibility that the missing person may have been in business, even if they no longer have it. The potential for misplaced loved ones to be still on the electoral roll to vote can also be used. This is achieved by going to your Australian Electoral Commission's local electoral roll office and searching for the name through all the states of Australia on the office's computer/s. Greta's local one is at East Maitland, 13 Mitchell Drive, and allows 20 minutes on at a time if other people are waiting to use the single computer. A good source of old addresses is the potentially appropriate area's out-of-date telephone directories, sometimes available in large libraries such as the National Library in Canberra. If you can't visit and you know what year you want, an interlibrary loan may be possible through your local library. If a name change is most likely, such as if a woman had married, the old address may reveal the new name, found by either ringing the old number or cross referencing with electoral rolls.

The website *Find & Connect* (www.findandconnect.gov.au or 1800 161109) can help people looking for former child migrants, children's homes, adoptions, Salvation Army Homes and so on, while still protecting the current living's privacy. There are also non-profit organisations like the Salvation Army and the Australian Red Cross who will help you look for a missing person.

Another way to go is the registered international business, https://www.adopted.com, on which you can register for free, and pay for later to gain more features, such as being able to leave a message and view others' profiles. They are also big on protecting an individual's private details such as email, phone etc.

So don't give up on finding your loved one, even if you don't want to be a TV star, and if you would like some local help from an experienced researcher (who charges reasonable rates), contact Neridah on 0427657150.

You can also email me at neridah.kentwell@outlook.com.au or call into the Greta Museum

James Pritchard won the tender to build the Greta Public School in brick, to house sixty pupils. After it was built attendance rose rapidly and in 1889 there are said to be 300-350 children enrolled, although not all came. The school inspector recommended a wooden classroom be built to house sixty more, which was built in July 1890, with perhaps James Pritchard again in charge. In 1919 the number of students enrolled were again up to 300 pupils, so more classrooms were added. The Catholic School was erected in 1901 and again in 1955. More work was done on it starting in 1976 up until 1980. The Army Camp construction started in 1939 and ten years later became the Migrant Camp, with both building endeavours requiring many trades people on site. Coopers – for anyone in the early wine industry, the need for handmade wine casks was essential. Frederick Milner was one of these people, no doubt making them for the Wyndhams at their estate around 1864. Coopers also made barrels, butter churns, tubs and buckets. Usually an assistant was required, a hooper, to supply the metal hoops that kept the wood pieces together. Butchers and fishmongers – were necessary services to help keep the town fed. John Jones is an example of a butcher from around 1882, as is William George Bampton from around 1889, and Thomas A Filmer in 1896, all of Greta. McCoskers had a butchery in the 20th century with the slaughter house at the top end of Sale Street.

Anvil Creek's fish monger, Jonathon Barber, supplied his form of protein back in 1893. Cabinet makers and carpenters – although not essential to a small town, and they would have had to travel further to find enough work, John Roche, cabinet maker of Greta, listed in 1883, would no doubt have produced some fine furniture for the town's people and probably outfitted a few businesses as well. George Ward as a carpenter in 1892 would have also done his fair share in building the town's needs.

Council jobs – The obvious ones are the mayor and aldermen, of which there were a number over the years of the Greta council, which operated from 1912 and whose building is now the Greta Museum. Greta Council also supplied the usual essential services which included street cleaners and maintenance work. Two of these work men from Greta were Mr. Lodge and Mr. Rawley.

Pound keeper – Animals had to be kept under control even in small towns and Greta's resident pound keeper was William Firman Cox in 1900.

Doctors and Surgeons – vital for the treatment of so many, although all too often a last resort because of the cost (in the days before Medicare), John Creslyn Williams was resident surgeon in Greta in 1886. In 1920 Greta was blessed with doctor, William Low. Dr. Scott also helped keep the town well around this period.

Opticians – important for many, Robert McPherson was

Greta's resident optician in 1919, saving a long trip elsewhere.

Carriers – For moving furniture, goods and anything else too heavy or extensive to carry using a horse and cart, John Wright filled this need around 1887. Carriers would also have provided the occasional lift for people.

Transport workers – other than the train Greta had its own bus services, including W.F. Hedley, who ran a service from 1925 to 1927. A Mr. Ford and L Blackwell also had bus runs, apparently taking over from Mr. Hedley in 1927. Mr. Ford became the sole owner in 1945. Some of the runs stopped due to mines being closed. In 1977 the Fords family had nine or ten buses in their fleet, thus providing work for a number of other drivers. The company was sold in 1979 by the proprietors Harold and Vic Ford. Blacksmiths and saddlers – other essential services for a town of horses. Those needing horse shoes and tools and other iron fixtures and fittings, as well as pots and pans, even ploughshares went to Robert Cousins of Greta and Edward Gallagher of Anvil Creek in and around 1888 and 1889. Leather goods, especially saddles and harnesses, came from James Joseph Blake in 1916. Other blacksmith workers included a young Lodge in the early 1900s.

Tinsmiths – were needed to make water tanks, bullnoses for verandas, honey tins and milk cans. Thomas G. McColl was one such person in Greta in 1926.

Storekeepers – The basic but essential role of shopkeeper for general groceries and other essentials was filled in 1889 by William Leaver (Leaver's Fruit and Vegetables) and Robert McEwan. William Wallace Studdert was a Greta grocer in 1891 as was Charles Gilroy in 1894, along with George Heritage in 1895. Although he may not have had a shop of his own, fruiterer William James supplied Greta with fresh fruit and vegetables, in season, by taking them around the streets in his horse and cart. Other shops included Ford's Smallgoods, Harper's, Speight and Teasey's, McKinnon's, Taylor's, Mrs. Teasey's Paper Shop, Mrs. Briscoe's Haberdashery, and Walton's Produce. Albert Pryor was a storekeeper in Greta in 1892 then the Pryor Brothers (drapers, grocers and general merchants) had their emporium in Greta, selling nearly everything required in the late 1800s. Joseph Bercini and James Harrigan also came from Branxton carrying their goods on a two horse dray and a tilt cart, and supplied a large area. By 1899 the Pryor Brothers had their own vehicle in the form of a three horse wagonette and competed for sales with the other travelling salesmen. All accepted fresh produce, such as eggs and butter, as barter for their goods. The Pryor Brothers collected fresh bread to sell from the baker's cart on route.

Cordial factory workers – Gibson and Brothers Cordial Factory was another place for people to work when it operated. The cordial factory in

Greta became popular for its locally made, wide variety of cordials. More of its history can be found at the Greta Museum.

Tailors – Greta had its own tailor in 1942 as Joseph Francis Scully.

Railway Staff – James Gleeson was a Greta railway porter in 1889. The railway line that runs through Greta is on the main northern line. The station was opened on 24th March 1862 as Farthing Station, named after the first coal mine owner in the area (who also became a local magistrate on retirement – see above). The station's name was eventually changed to Greta in 1878, because the railway station was on the Greta Colliery property.

Post office workers – The first Greta area post office was started in 1873 after a petition from the people in Anvil Creek village. It was opened in September 1874 in a small room on the Greta railway station platform and Alexander Taylor was appointed telegraph station master. After that there was a long history that is best kept for another day, or discovered by reading the Greta book and the post office history in the Greta Museum.

Postmasters and postmistresses of Greta also included James Clark O'Hara, Sydney Drewe, Montgomery Sheppard, R. Galloway, Mary Ella Jackson, Frances Quinn, H. Jackson, A.J. Tunney, Eliza M. Donne, Eliza M. Martin, F.W. Chave, Sylvia Haywood, PA Smith, J. M. Moriarty and V.W. Walsh in 1970. Contractors were Thomas E. Jackson and Mary Ella Jackson in 1905-1907. Mail delivery was done by Thelma Heywood on horseback between 1941 and 1945, which was then taken over by her father, Alfred Heywood, after he was discharged from the army. As most people

know the current Greta Post Office is now incorporated into the Greta Newsagency and the historic building next door, with the old post office boxes still retained, (though unusable) is the bakery named the Bakers of Greta.

A further fact worth noting is that there was also a small post office in North Greta, servicing the people of Leconfield between 1897 and 1915 which started as Leconfield Post Office. It was one room of a private house and eventually closed due to lack of patronage. There were really only a few farms in the area at the time as well as the Leconfield Coal Mine (which opened in 1889 and closed in 1959). The Receiving Office Keeper (R.O.K.) received an allowance each year and these people included Janet Bennie, A. A. Joass and Cecilia Pilton. In 1907 it became North Greta Post Office and J. Beckett became its R. O. K. after which L. Haddow took over until its closure.

Dairymen – Morgan's Dairy provided milk to the area, originally from a horse and milk cart carrying cans, complete with tap, which would then be used to fill their customers' jugs, billy cans and saucepans. There was also the Leconfield Milk Factory that provided work for at least fifteen men which included J. Beckett and Mr. Pilton.

Ice man – Mr. Newton supplied ice to the town, before all had refrigeration, sometime in the early 1900s.

Greta has a rich history and much more can be seen and read at Greta's own historic museum, open every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month, between 11am and 3pm. Greta Museum is in the former Council Chambers, High Street, Greta. Or ring to make a time to come in by phoning Neridah on 0427657150.

Things You May Not Know About

with Neridah Kentwell

.....GRETA



While coal mining was a large employer of Greta's inhabitants, other occupations also needed to be filled to keep the town running smoothly. Sadly many of the crafts and trades they had in the early days have almost disappeared due to the cheapness of mass factory production across a wide range of goods.

Inns and Hotels with Licenses – in the immediate area included the Anvil Creek Hotel, Horse and Jockey, Railway Hotel, Harpers Hill, Prince of Wales, Tattersalls, Sir Hercules Robinson (Anvil Creek), Sportsman's Arms (Greta), Prince of Wales Hotel, Cricketers Arms Hotel, Phillip's Family Hotel, Family Hotel, Miners Rest Inn (Greta, near Branxton), Greta Inn and Guests Hotel. The Tattersalls Hotel is the only one left at

Greta with none at Anvil Creek town as the tiny village that was near Greta no longer exists. William Phillips of Greta was a hotel keeper in and around 1889.

Police - With so many hotels police were needed to keep order after some had imbibed more than they should and became strotty. John Dunshea of Greta did this duty around 1885, as did Constable Ritchie. The police station wasn't built until later so they had to make do, often just with tents.

Magistrates- Also necessary to carry out the law once people had been arrested. An early magistrate was William Farthing, the first coal mine owner in the district. He took his new position up in his retirement. Thomas Lindsay, also of Anvil Creek, was a magistrate and a

justice of the peace around 1857. The former court house we see today wasn't built until 1890 so other premises would have had a double use to accommodate the occasional trial. Bakers – Robert Allen arrived to bake for Greta around 1917. Later, bread was baked at Leconfield by 'Doughie' Allen and Andy Brown then, after the building burnt down, back in Greta. The partners in this latter venture were happy to supply bread seven days a week, if necessary.

Teachers – Of course a necessary part of educating the young children of the area. Greta Public School began in 1878, after a request for more accommodation was sent from the School Board to the Council of Education in 1876. Up until then the school had been paying rent to the Wesleyan Church for the space they used during the week. There was also an Anvil Creek Private School around in that period, as well as a Catholic School which started in the existing St Mary's Church in July 1886. The heads of the schools were, of course, also employed. The Migrant Camp School that came later in 1949 also required teachers. When the Greta Play Group fought to start a preschool and was given the restored former police station in Water Street in the 1980s, pre-school teachers were required. A further pre-school has since started in Nelson Street providing more jobs for the area.

Building Trades People – Although all the tradespeople used may not have come from Greta, building jobs would have been needed to be filled for Greta houses and business buildings.

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Police Report

Southern Sector:

Stolen Vehicle/East Branxton:

Between 17:00 on Saturday 02 April 2016 and 12:00 on Sunday 03 April 2016 vehicle Z33196 - 2014 BLACK OTHER BOX TRAILER, was parked and secured at the stated location being Dalwood Rd, East Branxton. (Camper trailer).
Unknown person/s have stolen the vehicle by unknown means and method.

Mid Range PCA/Singleton:

Around 12:50 am on Saturday 2 April, 2015, the accused, aged 39 from Singleton Heights drove motor vehicle an orange ford focus in an westerly direction along Gardner Street, Singleton. When about 30 metres from the intersection of Bridgman Road, the Accused was stopped for the purpose of a mobile Random Breath Test. The Accused underwent a roadside breath test, which proved positive. She was arrested, cautioned and conveyed to Singleton Police Station. The accused submitted to a Breath Analysis which returned a reading of 0.094 grams of alcohol in 210 litres of breath.

The Accused was then issued a Field Court Attendance Notice for the matter Drive with middle range PCA – 1st office. She is to appear at Singleton Local Court on the 26th April 2014.

MVA/Broke:

Driver 1: Male, aged 32 from NEMINGHA, 2340
Injuries: Severe compound fracture to left ring finger, cuts, abrasions. Lost consciousness at time of incident.
Unit 1: Orange and Black KTM Super Duke motorcycle
Damage: Full panel damage, broken brake line, broken mirrors. Towed from location.
About 10.20am on Sunday 3rd April 2016 Driver 1 was travelling west on Milbrodale Road, Broke at approximately 100km/h on motorcycle. In front of him was Witness 4, and behind him were Witnesses 1, 2 and 3.

About 120m west of the intersection of Adams Peak Rd a small creature (possibly a rabbit or fox) has run in front of Driver 1 from the left side of the road across to the right side of the road. Driver 1 has attempted to take evasive action and has swerved his bike to the right to avoid hitting the animal and in doing so it is believed that his wheels have gone through a patch of gravel causing the bike to wobble uncontrollably and Driver 1 to be ejected sideways from the bike and onto the roadway. Driver 1 has been rolled and tumbled a considerable distance along the roadway before coming to rest on the left side of the road on the grass verge. The motorcycle has continued to slide along the road on its left side before coming to rest on the right hand side of the road

This entire incident was witnessed by the Witnesses 1, 2 and 3 who were behind Driver 1 who all provided this version of events. These three witnesses stopped immediately to render aid to Driver 1. Driver 1 temporarily lost consciousness, suffered a severe compound fracture to his left ring finger.

Police attended the location. Police obtained the details of all persons present. Police observed there to be approximately 23 metres of gouge marks along the northern side of the roadway that travelled in a westerly direction to where the motorcycle had finally come to rest. Police did not speak with the rider as he was clearly in shock and was being treatment by paramedics already on scene. Driver 1 was conveyed from the location via Ambulance to John Hunter Hospital, Newcastle for treatment.

Drive whilst suspended/Singleton Heights:

The accused in this matter is a male, aged 28 from Singleton. About 10.00am on Saturday the 2nd of April 2016, the accused was the driver of a black Mitsubishi Triton utility which he drove in a westerly direction along Wakehurst Crescent Singleton Heights towards the intersection of Blaxland Avenue. Police stopped the vehicle and requested the accused to produce his drivers licence. The accused was subjected to breath test which returned a negative result. Police conducted checks on the accused in relation to his licence status and found that the accused was currently suspended due to fine default which started on the 2nd March 2016. Police advised the accused that he would be receiving a Future Court Attendance Notice for Drive licence suspended under s66 Fines Act – 2nd Off. The accused is to appear at Singleton Local Court on the 26th May 2016.



The Hunter Valley is expecting 3500 visitors directly related to the FIM Asia Super-moto Championship round to be held at Newcastle Foreshore Park on 3rd and 4th September this year and for a further two years following.

The promoters, Asia Supersports (other rounds will be staged in Indonesia and Malaysia) and locally Graeme Boyd were financially supported by Destination NSW and Newcastle City Council.

The Hunter RTO partnered the announcement on Wednesday by the NSW Minister for Tourism and Major Events Stuart Ayres.

For the Hunter Region, it is another opportunity to promote the event and extend the stays of our visitors in the Hunter.

Competitors, their teams, officials and all support staff will be in the region for at least three days beforehand.

During the racing, and especially when it is over, stays in the Hunter and in Wine Country, taking in the wines, restaurants, golf and resort stays, village tourism and attractions in the Cessnock and Singleton areas including Branxton, Broke, Jerrys Plains, Kurri and Wollombi, and other attractions such as the Wollemi National Park, Lake St Clair and so on are expected.

Chairman of HVWTA, George Souris attended the launch and took the opportunity of promoting the Hunter region to the large entourage of Indonesian, Malaysian and Singaporean officials in attendance.

One must never underestimate the value of tourism in creating jobs and economic well being.

At the launch of the Super-moto, the Lord Mayor of Newcastle said that for every night there were 18,000 visitors staying in all sorts of accommodation including private residences in the LGA and spending a minimum \$1million a day locally.

Only a few weeks to go until Hunter Valley Wine & Food Festival kicks off in the Hunter Valley. The festival showcases the region's unforgettable wine and food culture with more than 70 epicurean events and activities during May and June, so you're sure to find something to suit your palate.

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Plus, Chef's Plate meals offer foodies the chance to enjoy a set price meal with a glass of wine at some of the region's top restaurants.

The month of May will kick off with some great signature events including Margan's White Label Lunch on the 7th and 14th of May, Lovedale Long Lunch on the 14th & 15th of May, Behind the Barrels Winemaker Dinner at Bimbadgen on the 21st of May, the Epicurean Club dinner at the Vintage on the 26th of May, and a series of intimate fireside dinners at Hunter Resort each Friday during May and continuing on in June. For more information on what you can experience in the Hunter Valley during May & June, visit winecountry.com.au

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may change a fundamental fact about PCs – that they get slower over time.

That's due to what's called bit rot. Bit rot comes from registry bloat. Every time you open a Windows Win32.exe program your registry gets larger and continues to fill with data, until it becomes bloated and slows down your PC.

This won't happen with universal apps (just a reminder: programs and apps are the same thing. They're applications that run on a device. When we talk about PCs, we sometimes refer to "desktop apps" those are programs that only run in a desktop environment.)

Microsoft promises that these apps won't slow down your PC, that means your PC will stay faster for longer. And they've even come up with a way for developers to convert old-style Win32.exe programs into new universal apps. A converter called Centennial promises to let developers take old-style apps and change them into the new-style apps in just a few minutes.

Turn Off Windows 10 Nag Screen

Getting tired of Microsoft constantly nagging you to update to Windows 10? There's a way to turn it off. Now, I'm all for upgrading to Windows 10, I really like it. But perhaps you have software or hardware that isn't compatible or you just aren't ready to upgrade. In my case, I have a PC that I plan to keep on Windows 7 for the purpose of writing tech tips for that system. Now there's a free tool called Gibson's Never10 that will stop the nag screen, but also allow you turn the Windows 10 update back on if you decide you're ready. But don't worry, it doesn't mean you won't ever get Windows 10, just that the update is disabled for now.

This utility works for both Window 7 and Windows 8.1. Never 10 does not install any software of its own. It performs a system edit for the user. This program is signed with a new DigiCert SHA256 certificate. Because the certificate is new and Microsoft hasn't seen it before, it currently makes Microsoft nervous. Consequently, you will be "protected" with a "SmartScreen" warning. Just click "More info" and "Run anyway", since the file is properly signed and safe to run.

Scroll down and click the Download now button. Do keep in mind that the free upgrade to Windows 10 is only available through the end of July. So if you temporarily disable, thinking you'll do the upgrade later, please make a note for yourself so you don't forget and miss out on your free upgrade. In addition to being a really nice operating system, upgrading to Windows 10 can add an extra 5 years of security support to the life of a Windows 7 PC

If It Were My Home

This site lets you compare what it would be like to if you were born in a different country than your birthplace.

When you arrive at the site it will try to auto-locate what country you are in. If it gets it wrong, click the select another country link in the blue banner. If it you have been correctly located by the site, all you have to do is click on one of the countries in the Country listing beneath that blue banner to do a comparison. For example, it knows I'm in Australia, so I can click on France in the country listing to do a comparison. You can also get to this by Country Comparison on the black navigation strip at the top of the page.

If you scroll past the country listing, you can check out the County of the Week section beneath it. There you can learn about whatever country is being highlighted and click the red Compare button beneath to compare your location to the featured location.

Once you're on the comparison, you'll find a listing of things that will be different between both companies. If you click on them, they will load more information about the statistic. The statistics are colour coded red and green for negatives and positives. Scrolling past those statistics you'll find the More About whatever country you're viewing section. Beneath that you'll find Reading About the country you're currently on. In that area you'll find a listing of books you can read about the country.

This is an interesting way to think about how your life could have been vastly different if you had been born somewhere else.

<http://www.ifitweremyhome.com/>



FBI Can Only Hack 5C iPhone

The USA FBI was able to hack the iPhone belonging to the terrorists behind the San Bernadino massacre by purchasing a tool from an outside company after Apple refused to help them get into the phone.



However, the agency says the only model it knows how to get into is the iPhone 5C. In a separate case, the US government is still trying to get Apple's help to unlock an iPhone that belonged to a drug dealer.

Apple had previously helped the government get into locked phones involved in criminal cases, but a couple of years ago, changed their minds and refused to help for any reason.

Google Giving Away Free Photo Software

Google is giving away the Nik Collection of photo software. These well-thought-of digital editing products are available for Windows or Mac. This bundle originally cost around \$500, then the price was dropped \$149. The tools work with Adobe Photoshop CS4 through CC 2015 and with Adobe Photoshop Elements 9 through 13.



Now you can download it completely free. Even better, if you already purchased the Nik Collection this year, you'll get a full refund from Google!

Microsoft Tests New Premium Outlook

Microsoft is currently testing a \$4-a-month Premium version of Outlook.com that offers ad-free e-mail as well as the option to use custom domain names. That means that a business or individual can have a custom e-mail address like "@cynmackley.com" and assign other people e-mail addresses that would be managed by Microsoft. Gmail offers business users a similar service.



Currently, users can have add -free Outlook.com for \$20 per year, but the custom domains are a feature that could be very appealing to business users.

The subscription is currently in the trial phase and only those who are invited can participate. Before the panicked comments and e-mails start, this is not an indication that Outlook.com will stop their free ad-supported e-mail service. Only that they're adding potential new features to the ad-free premium accounts.

Microsoft: Universal Apps Mean Faster PCs

We've talked before about Microsoft's plan for universal apps. These apps will work across all types of devices from PCs to tablets to phones to game consoles. Among the universal apps headed to a device near you are social media heavyweights Instagram, Facebook, and Facebook Messenger.

Besides allowing you to easily transfer documents and other data seamlessly between devices, these new apps

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Mrs. Cuneen & other

The reason that Mrs. Cuneen would not be able to bring a claim for malicious prosecution against ICAC even if she wanted to - see my last article - is that she was not charged with a criminal offence.

ICAC doesn't itself charge anyone with offences. When Mr Greiner set up ICAC he was very clear - ICAC was to be like a Royal Commission. You may recall from the just concluded Royal Commission into Unions that the Commissioner can recommend charges be laid, but has no power to charge anyone himself. And ICAC is like that.

The basic reason is ICAC and Royal Commissions are meant to enquire into things, so they have investigators, they are not bound by the rules of evidence, people cannot refuse to give evidence on the basis that it would incriminate themselves (though any such evidence can't be later used in a criminal trial against that person). Courts are different. Before a matter starts in court the investigations are complete - usually the person charged gets in advance of the hearing a copy of all the evidence the police intend to use. Courts are bound by the rules of evidence

They have a different function to a Royal Commission. All this has been made very clear by a High Court decision earlier this month. The Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commissioner is the Victorian counterpart of ICAC. It is investigating some allegations that police assaulted women in the cells at Ballarat police station. It issued witness summons requiring some police to give evidence. At about the same time the Victorian Police Commissioner suspended those police from duty.

The police officers who allegedly assaulted the women took action to prevent the Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commissioner from proceeding. They said - putting it very simply - that their right to a fair trial would be affected - first because the Commission hearing would generate publicity. And second because the Commissions compulsory examination would as their lawyer put it make a fundamental alteration to the process of criminal justice "by requiring that person to assist in his or her own prosecution".

The police officers lost at every level. The Act setting up the Commission removed the privilege against self-incrimination even though each policeman might be charged with an offence. It also provides (just like the ICAC Act) that any evidence so obtained can't be used if charges are laid.

And as the High Court said the Commissions role in examining witnesses in this case is "to obtain material not presently available to it in order to advance the objective of maintaining public confidence in the police force." In the nature of things, such information may be expected to include information which may be incriminating of the examinee.

More broadly the Commission or ICAC's objective is maintaining public confidence in the government. Courts on the other hand exist - in criminal proceedings - to decide if people are guilty of offences and if they are to punish them.

An action for malicious prosecution is a claim for damages by the person who has been wrongly prosecuted for a criminal offence. The basis for the action was seen to be that the person who brought the criminal prosecution has abused the coercive powers of the state.

The law recognises that anyone, who without justification sets in motion the criminal law against a defendant, is likely to cause serious injury to the victim. The victim is likely to suffer humiliation (to

be wrongly 'named and shamed') to suffer damage to his reputation. And that damage is hard to compensate. My older readers may remember the "Mr Bubbles" affair where police wrongly charged the owners of a Sydney preschool with child sex offenses. The owners of the preschool alleged the police officer in charge of the investigation demanded a bribe of \$30,000.00 to drop the charges. They reported the matter to other police. Eventually the charges were withdrawn but the damage was done, they lost their preschool and their home. There was a Royal Commission.

The president of the Kindergarten parents' and friends' association, a qualified psychologist, believed none of the children at the preschool were abused. Rather she agrees with an overseas expert called to testify at the Royal Commission that "the children had unwittingly been told a story which grew with each telling, and conformed more to the adults' interests" than anything that actually occurred. In other words, a mass fantasy. And when you think about it Little Red Riding Hood and many other fairy stories if taken literally are rather ugly.

The owners of the preschool brought an action for malicious prosecution, eventually, (I believe because there is no report of the action) it was settled on undisclosed terms.

But except in the USA there has never been such an action available for people who have been sued in a civil action.

It's not even available where someone is the subject of a "disciplinary action". This was reaffirmed in England a few years ago. Mr Gregory was an elected member of Portsmouth City Council. The council removed him from all the committees on which he sat following disciplinary proceedings against him for breach of the council's code of conduct. Mr Gregory successfully applied for judicial review. In effect the court found he had not broken any of the council's codes of conduct.

He then began an action claiming damages for malicious prosecution against the council.

The case went all the way to the highest English Court - then the House of Lords - which refused to extend the action to such actions - which are almost half way between a criminal action and a civil one. The House of Lords denied his claim ruling that malicious prosecution was not available.

But the law may be changing- indeed in parts of the British Commonwealth it has changed.

Even in Mr Gregory's case Lord Steyn (one of the judges) said

The traditional explanation for not extending the tort to civil proceedings generally is that in a civil case there is no damage: the fair name of the defendant is protected at trial and judgment of the court. The theory that even a wholly unwarranted allegation of fraud in a civil case can be remedied entirely at trial may have had some validity in Victorian times when there was little publicity before the trial. However realistic this view may have been in its own time, it is no longer plausible. In modern times wide dissemination in the media of allegations in litigation deprive this particular reason for restricting the tort to a closed category of special cases of the support of logic or good sense

And in a more recent case from Jamaica the Privy Council decided that as the reasons behind restricting actions for malicious prosecution to criminal prosecutions no longer held good the law should be changed.

And I shall write about that - and an English appeal where the English law may be changed next time.

Cheers, Peter



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Government reforms to pre-purchase inspection reports



Real estate agents will soon need to disclose pre-purchase inspection reports to potential purchasers when they request a contract for sale.

The reforms were announced by Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation, Victor Dominello, who said it would reduce duplication of inspection reports, promoting peer-to-peer services that offer discounts to consumers.

Amendments to the Property Stock and Business Agents Regulation 2014, will require agents to provide buyers with contact details of the party who conducted the inspection reports, which will be done when the potential purchaser requests a contract for sale. The register will also need to indicate which firms enable peer-to-peer sharing discounts, although it is not the responsibility of the agents to maintain a register sharing discounts - or undertake any marketing on behalf of the inspectors.

Under the new laws which are due to come into effect before July, agents will also be required to update their disclosures after each new report is completed. REINSW CEO Tim McKibbin said: "We are working with the NSW Government and report providers to assist members with these new obligations as effectively and efficiently as possible."

One of the aims of the new reforms is to give prospective homebuyers in NSW greater access to discounted pre-purchase inspection reports. Minister Dominello said: "Building and pest inspection reports can cost anywhere from \$200-\$600 each, which represents a significant outlay for potential buyers."

"This reform is a practical demonstration of the NSW Government's commitment to embracing the collaborative economy. We want to encourage market disruptors whose business models rely on delivering better consumer experience and greater transparency, to flourish."

"This policy is the first of its kind in Australia and forms part of the NSW Government's broader reform of the real estate sector."

"Having start-ups and disruptors compete in the property market and offer inspection reports is reflective of our 21st century economy. It also increases competition and reduces the price of these reports for potential buyers."



Sale and lease provisions for properties with swimming pools from 29 April 2016

All properties with a swimming pool or spa pool being sold or leased on or after 29 April 2016 will need a valid certificate of compliance or a relevant occupation certificate.

Where a certificate of compliance cannot be obtained, the seller will be able to transfer the responsibility to obtain a certificate of

compliance to the buyer. The transfer will be realised through the attachment of a certificate of non-compliance to the contract for sale.

- The buyer will have 90 days from the date of settlement to rectify defects listed in the certificate of non-compliance and obtain a certificate of compliance. After 29 April 2016, the following will be prescribed documents if the contract relates to land on which there is situated a swimming pool:
- a valid certificate of compliance issued under the *Swimming Pools Act 1992*,
- a relevant occupation certificate and evidence that the swimming pool is registered under the *Swimming Pools Act 1992*,
- a valid certificate of non-compliance issued under the *Swimming Pools Regulation 2008*. **These provisions will not apply if:**
- the contract relates to a lot in a strata scheme (within the meaning of the *Strata Schemes Management Act 1996*) or in a community scheme (within the meaning of the *Community Land Development Act 1989*) and that strata or community scheme comprises more than 2 lots, or
- the contract is an off the plan contract (within the meaning of section 66ZL of the *Conveyancing Act 1919*).
- When leasing a property with a swimming pool, the landlord agrees to ensure that the requirements of the *Swimming Pools Act 1992* have been complied with. The landlord agrees to ensure that at the time that this residential tenancy agreement is entered into: the swimming pool on the residential premises is registered under the *Swimming Pools Act 1992* and has a valid certificate of compliance under that Act or a relevant occupation certificate within the meaning of that Act, and a copy of that valid certificate of compliance or relevant occupation certificate is provided to the tenant. **These provisions will not apply if:**
- the swimming pool is situated on land in a strata scheme (within the meaning of the *Strata Schemes Management Act 1996*) or
- in a community scheme (within the meaning of the *Community Land Development Act 1989*) and
- that strata or community scheme comprises more than 2 lots.
- A certificate of compliance can be obtained from the local council or an independent accredited certifier who is registered with the Building Professionals Board. Contact details for accredited certifiers are available on the Swimming Pool Register website.
- Allow plenty of time to obtain a certificate of compliance - anecdotal evidence suggests that around 95% of pools fail at the first inspection.
- Many councils have advised that it can take up to 90 days before a pool becomes compliant. You can check if a property with a swimming pool has a current certificate of compliance by accessing the NSW Swimming Pool Register online and selecting "Look up Pool".
- Enter the street number, street name (do not type in road, street, lane etc.) and the suburb.
- Select "Find Property" and the address will appear if the property has a valid certificate of compliance

Changes to agreements

REINSW is currently updating the Residential Tenancy Agreement (FM00401) to reflect the swimming pool changes in both the paper and electronic formats (REI Forms Live). Check back here for updates on when they have been updated



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MOVIE REVIEW

The Daughter

The Daughter review: an Australian film not afraid of emotion

by Ben Neutze

Theatre director Simon Stone's debut feature film *The Daughter*



Theatre director Simon Stone's debut feature film *The Daughter* stands out in Australian cinema for one big reason: it's a tear-jerking contemporary drama which trades in huge emotions and wears its pathos on its sleeve, while still taking itself deadly seriously. It's a pretty brave move in the self-conscious arena of Australian drama (both on stage and on film), where the moment anything reaches a particular emotional level, we rush to offset it with irony or humour.

There are no such attempts in *The Daughter*, which was inspired by Stone's own acclaimed stage adaptation of Ibsen's *The Wild Duck*, written with Chris Ryan, for Sydney's Belvoir Theatre 2011. Stone serves as both writer and director for the film version.

Walter (Geoffrey Rush) is the head of a wealthy family who has owned a timber mill for over a century. That mill has been at the centre of a small rural community's economy and as Walter makes the decision to close the business, families begin to desert the town.

Henry's (Sam Neill) family is intricately connected to Walter's family. Even though Henry spent several years in prison and has never reached the same level of financial success, his clan looks to be a happier and tighter unit. His son Oliver (Ewen Leslie) has just lost his job at Walter's mill, but he's happily married to Charlotte (Miranda Otto) and has a beautiful, intelligent and resilient

daughter in Hedvig (Odessa Young).

But all of that is shaken when Walter's son Christian (Paul Schneider) returns home from a 15-year absence for Walter's wedding, bringing with him some dark secrets.

Stone stumbles slightly in the first part of the film, in which exposition and relationship development seem to sit separately — you're acutely aware of the purpose being served by each line of dialogue, and can feel some of the wheels turning. Stone doesn't worry too much about scene structure — instead, he cuts out the juiciest part from the centre and serves it up before quickly moving onto the next chunk. It gives the film a surprisingly frantic pace, when it could do with some breathing space at the beginning. There's also exciting work from cinematographer Andrew Commis, even if it looks like Stone has been a little too enthusiastic to use all of the tools at his disposal in a new medium.

But by the time Stone kicks into gear halfway through the film gains an intensity as it drives full throttle towards tragedy. There are outstanding performances from relative newcomer Odessa Young as the eponymous daughter and Ewen Leslie as her father. Leslie is arguably the best Australian actor of his generation, and he just seems to live on the screen. Every time he appears in a film, it seems odd that he hasn't had more international success. Miranda Otto also brings an extraordinary mix of fear and strength while American Paul Schneider shines in a rather difficult role. Geoffrey Rush and Sam Neill don't have the most rewarding parts, but these

two statesmen of Australian film are at the heart of *The Daughter*.

Their conflict, many years ago, was the first small tear that eventually ripped these two families apart.

I was reminded of a Patrick White quote "... because we are un-dramatic, too boring. The average Australian can't tell one anything without making it sound pointless. Such a chronic shapelessness can build novels, but the drama will hardly flourish in it".

White was speaking largely about theatre, but our film industry has also often found comfort in a kind of anti-drama. And it's a large part of why adaptations of classic works have been so popular on Australian stages lately — we're less cynical and suspicious of an Ibsen plot than we are about a new work with hugely dramatic twists and turns.

Stone is a refreshing force because he's a shameless showman. For all the artistic integrity of the film, it mostly exists to make the audience feel something, rather than think too much (even with its subtle jabs about power and class). And judged from the loud sobs that could be heard throughout the theatre when I saw it at its world premiere at the 2015 Sydney Film Festival, it definitely achieves that goal.

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HUNTER VALLEY GROUP 21 RUGBY LEAGUE UPDATE at 19/4/16

Competition Ladders 2016

2016 Group 21 A Plus Contracting 1st Grade Competition

First Grade

| | Team | P | W | L | D | B | FF | F | A | PD | % | PTS |
|---|----------------------|---|---|---|---|---|----|-----|----|-----|--------|-----|
| 1 | Scone Thoroughbreds | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 110 | 48 | 62 | 229.17 | 6 |
| 2 | Muswellbrook Rams | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 78 | 22 | 128.21 | 4 |
| 3 | Singleton Greyhounds | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 58 | 60 | -2 | 96.67 | 4 |
| 4 | Aberdeen Tigers | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 92 | 58 | 34 | 158.62 | 2 |
| 5 | Greta Branxton Colts | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 44 | 84 | -40 | 52.38 | 2 |
| 6 | Denman Devils | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 22 | 98 | -76 | 22.45 | 0 |

Reserve Grade

| Pos | Team | P | W | L | D | B | F | A | % | PD | PTS |
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| 1 | Singleton Greyhounds | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 59 | 26 | 226.92 | 33 | 6 |
| 2 | Scone Thoroughbreds | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 84 | 46 | 182.61 | 38 | 4 |
| 3 | Aberdeen Tigers | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 74 | 52 | 142.31 | 22 | 4 |
| 4 | Murrurundi Mavericks | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 4 |
| 5 | Merriwa Magpies | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 86 | 86 | 100.00 | 0 | 4 |
| 6 | Greta Branxton Colts | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 34 | 51 | 66.67 | -17 | 0 |
| 7 | Muswellbrook Rams | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 126 | 39.68 | -76 | 0 |

Under 18's

| | Team | P | W | L | D | B | FF | F | A | PD | % | PTS |
|---|----------------------|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|-----|--------|-----|
| 1 | Singleton Greyhounds | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 86 | 24 | 62 | 358.33 | 6 |
| 2 | Muswellbrook Rams | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 66 | 12 | 54 | 550.00 | 6 |
| 3 | Denman Devils | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 52 | 54 | -2 | 96.30 | 2 |
| 4 | Greta Branxton Colts | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 18 | 72 | -54 | 25.00 | 2 |
| 5 | Scone Thoroughbreds | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 10 | 70 | -60 | 14.29 | 2 |

Leaguetag Competition

| | Team | P | W | L | D | B | F | A | % | PD | PTS |
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| 1 | Scone Thoroughbreds | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 140 | 22 | 636.36 | 118 | 6 |
| 2 | Murrurundi Mavericks | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 94 | 10 | 940.00 | 84 | 4 |
| 3 | Muswellbrook Rams | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 108 | 32 | 337.50 | 76 | 4 |
| 4 | Greta Branxton Colts | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 56 | 66 | 84.85 | -10 | 4 |
| 5 | Merriwa Magpies | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 40 | 125.00 | 10 | 2 |
| 6 | Singleton Greyhounds | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 78 | 74 | 105.41 | 4 | 2 |
| 7 | Denman Devils | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 144 | 13.89 | -124 | 0 |
| 8 | Aberdeen Tigers | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 168 | 5.95 | -158 | 0 |

Results of Round 3

First Grade

Aberdeen defeated Greta Branxton 56-0

Reserve Grade

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League Tag

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| 2.00pm | 12.30pm | 11.15am | 10.15am |
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| Muswellbrook v Greta Branxton | Muswellbrook v Greta Branxton | Muswellbrook v Greta Branxton | Muswellbrook v Greta Branxton |



Pets and Patrols with Ranger Kurt

Are you a senior citizen or have a pension card? If you answered yes, your pet may be eligible for Cessnock City Council's free desexing program.

The RSPCA receives more than 125,000 animals every year and many of these unwanted animals are the result of unplanned breeding.

There are many reasons why desexing your animal is a good idea. There is evidence desexed animals can in fact live longer! Desexed animals are generally less likely to get diseases and illnesses associated with breeding.

You'll also see behavioural changes in your pet. Problems such as roaming, aggression and urine marking will be a thing of the past. Males will have lessened levels of aggression and in females it prevents false pregnancy. Reducing the desire to roam to find a mate will also reduce the risk of your pet attempting an escape, which could result in a traumatic accident such as being hit by a car.

Thanks to the funding from the Office of Local Government, Council Rangers are

still running the desexing program aimed to promote responsible pet ownership in the local government area. We have partnered with the RSPCA to assist the community to make sure your cat or dog are not having unexpected kittens or puppies.

If you would like more information on this great service visit www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au or call 02 4993 4300.



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No English Dictionary Has Been Able To Adequately Explain the Difference Between These Two Words

In a recent linguistic competition in London and attended by, supposedly, the best in the world,

Samdar Balgobin, a Guyanese man, was the clear winner with a standing ovation which lasted over 5 minutes.

The final question was: How do you explain the difference between COMPLETE and FINISHED in a way that is easy to

understand? Some people say there is NO difference between COMPLETE and FINISHED.

Here is his astute answer. When you marry the right woman, you are COMPLETE. When you marry the wrong woman, you are

FINISHED. And when the right one catches you with the wrong one, you are COMPLETELY FINISHED!!!

He won a trip around the world and a case of 25 year old Scotch

JUST WHEN I THINK I'VE HEARD THE "BEST JOKE" EVER, ALONG COMES ONE LIKE THIS!

A young lady heard that baths in milk would

make her beautiful. She left a note for her milkman to leave 25 gallons of milk. When the milkman read the note, he felt there must be a mistake.. He thought she probably meant 2.5 gallons. So he knocked on the door to clarify the

point. The young lady came to the door and the milkman said, "I found your note asking

me to leave 25 gallons of milk. Did you mean 2.5 gallons?" The blonde said, "No, I want 25 gallons. I'm going to fill my bathtub up with milk and take a milk bath so I can look young and beautiful again."

The milkman asked, "Do you want it pasteurized?"

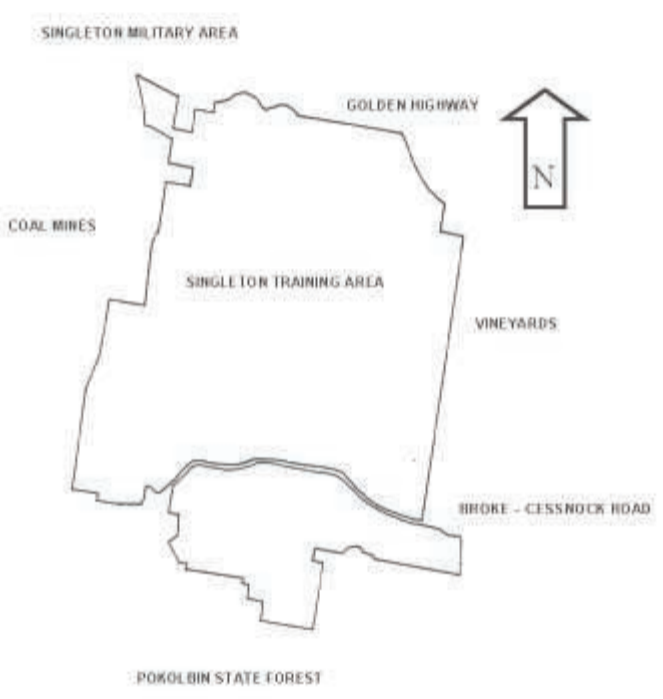
The blonde young lady said, "No, just up to my shoulders. I can splash it on my eyes."



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They're Back! Those wonderful Church Bulletins! Thank God for the church ladies with typewriters. These sentences actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services:

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Next Thursday there will be try-outs for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

A couple who work at the circus go to an adoption agency. Social workers there raise doubts about their suitability. The couple produces photos of their 50 foot motor home, which is equipped with a beautiful nursery. The social workers then are doubtful about the education that the child would get. "We've arranged for a full-time tutor who will teach the child all the usual subjects along with French, Mandarin and computer skills." Then there are doubts about raising a child in a circus environment. "Our nanny is an expert in paediatric welfare and diet." The social workers are finally satisfied. They ask, "What age child are you hoping to adopt?" "It doesn't really matter, so long as he fits in the cannon."

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Blood On The Track

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King of country racing black type material

CLEARLY INNOCENT, the 4-year-old Not a Single Doubt gelding who claimed the title of NSW 2016 Country Champion when Tommy Berry skillfully piloted him on the inside of the field to win the \$400,000 The Country Championship Final (1400m) by 2.5 lengths at Randwick on Saturday, on his last three runs looks black type material.

Now successful in six of eight starts, he has captured attention in four unbeaten appearances since early February, scoring at Mudgee (2.0 lengths), at Scone twice, the North Western Divisional Qualifier (1.3 lengths) on February 21 and a 1100m event on March 22 (0.8 lengths), and then the Championship Final on Saturday.

The March 22 effort saw him cruise up from the tail in the closing and lope to the line, while Saturday's win, one which also followed an impressive burst along the rails, was even more meritorious because of the calibre of the field and he was recovering from stone bruised foot.

Another good advertisement for the horsemanship of his trainer, Scone based Greg Bennett, Clearly Innocent races for her breeders, elite Scone broodmare farm Cressfield, but is out of No Penalty, a Patrick Hogan bred Zabeel Sydney winner sold for \$16,000 in foal to a December 3 service to Street Boss (USA), a Street Cry shuttler, to Premium Bloodstock, WA in Sydney in 2013. The foal, a filly, was produced for Yarradale Stud, Gidgegannup, WA, was in the catalogue for this year's Perth yearling sale, but withdrawn.

None of the other three runners from the 2000 foaled No Penalty have won, but she has plenty of good relations, including Gimmick, a Sir Tristram three-quarter sister who won the Reginald Allen at Randwick and produced Linky Dink, a filly by the Danehill SAJC Goodwood Handicap winner Keeper who won the Group 1 TJ Smith (1600m) at Eagle Farm in 2009. Trio, a Deputy Governor half-sister to No Penalty, is the dam of Sale of Century (by Prized), a winner of the Rosehill Guineas and third in the Caulfield Guineas.

Winx adds to pantheon of Doncaster heroines

WINX'S overpowering win at Randwick in the \$3million 2016 The Star Doncaster, arguably the world's top handicap at 1600m, showed this 4-year-old Street Cry (Ire) mare up as a very worthy newcomer to the pantheon of females who have won this event since it was established in 1866.

Her predecessors have included More Joyous (2012), Sunline (2002), Emancipation (1983), Maybe Mahal (1978), Citius (1966), Cuddle (1936) and Wakeful (1901). Two of these mares, Sunline (48 starts, 32 wins) and iconic Wakeful (44 starts, 25 wins), were inducted into the Hall of Fame in

2002.

Sunline and Winx, the winner of the Cox Plate by 4.8 lengths last spring, are the only two females to win the Cox Plate and Doncaster double. Actually, the remarkable mare Sunline won both races on two occasions each.

Another Hall of Fame inducted female to win the Cox Plate twice was Flight in the mid 1940s, but her best Doncaster effort was a second placing in 1944. Flight won 24 of 65 starts.

Raced out of the Chris Waller stables by Magic Bloodstock Racing (Peter Tighe, Richard Treweeke and Debbie Kepitis), Winx may end up with a better record than all these great mares. So far she has contested 19 races for 13 wins and over \$6.6million in earnings and there appears much greatness to come.

Obviously tough and sound, this big bay mare has won all her last nine outings, appearances as favourite progressively in the Sunshine Coast Guineas-G3 (1.8L), Queensland Oaks-G1 (3.5L), Theo Marks-G2 (0.2L), Epsom-G1 (2.3L), Cox Plate-G1 (4.75L), Apollo-G2 (1L), Chipping Norton-G1 (1.5L), George Ryder-G1 (1.5L) and Doncaster-G1 (2L). Most her wins have shown her a class above her opposition.

The only female to win Randwick's two big 1600m events, the Epsom and Doncaster, Winx was the second leg of a stakes double for her dam at Saturday's \$10million The Championship as a half-brother, the Waterhouse trained Snitzel colt El Divino, dead heated with Godolphin's Medaglia d'Ore colt Astern in \$200,000 Widden Kindergarten Stakes-G3 (1100m).

El Divino, a 4.8 lengths winner at Gosford on debut on March 17, and Winx are from Vegas Showgirl, a tough good class New Zealand sprinting filly by the Success Express sire Al Akbar and from Vegas Magic, a winner to 1400m by Victorian Northern Dancer importation Voodoo Rhythm.

El Divino has been retained by his breeder, John Camilleri's Fairway Thoroughbreds, Hunter Valley, but Winx was sold through Coolmore at the Magic Millions January Gold Coast yearling sale to Magic Bloodstock for \$230,000. A brother to El Divino and half-brother to Winx was sold for Camilleri by Segenhoe Stud, Scone to Gai Waterhouse Racing/J. Blaxland NSW on the opening day of this week's Easter Yearling Sale.



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Saleyard report - cattle

Singleton report date 13 April 2016

Yarding 775 ~ **Change** - 106 (Comparison Date 6/4/16)

Due to the cheaper prices attained at the regional selling centres this week numbers slipped and quality on average was plainer. The younger cattle made up the bulk in the penning, with grown steers and heifers scarce, as cows percentage wise were well supplied. The usual buyers competed in a cheaper market. Vealer steers to the restockers slipped 16c, as the medium weights ranged from 260c to 312c, with the heavier drafts averaging 293c/kg. The vealer heifers to the same orders lost 11c, with the cheaper prices allowing greater percentages to sell to the processor orders, at an average of 268c/kg. Yearling steers were reduced in number and prices made from 260c to 299c/kg. Yearling heifers to the restocker orders lost 8c, making from 244c to 288c/kg. The prime conditioned younger cattle to the butchers reached 314c/kg. The grown steers to the feeder orders sold close to firm, ranging from 240c to 263c, with the heifer portion to the restockers making 250c/kg. Cows trended 12c cheaper, as the plainer 2 scores averaged 173c to 180c, depending on weight, with the better covered 3 and 4 score heavy weights making from 180c to 192c/kg.



Scone report date 12 April 2016

Yarding 1457 ~ **Change** 159 (Comparison Date 5/4/16)

Consignments lifted and quality was mixed, with the majority of the cattle starting to show the effects of the continuing dry weather conditions. The younger cattle made up the bulk in the penning, with grown steers and heifers limited in supply, as the cows were well represented. The usual buyers competed, however the market trend was cheaper throughout all categories. Vealer steers to the restockers lost from 5c to 13c, as the medium weights ranged from 240c to 316c, with the heavier drafts topping at 303c before averaging 295c/kg. The vealer heifers to the same orders slipped 19c, with the medium weights averaging 280c, with the best at 298c/kg. Yearling steers to the restockers and lot feeders sold 6c to 10c cheaper, making from 270c to 311c/kg. The heavier end sold to solid competition, with quality improving, week-on-week. The light weight yearling heifers to the restocker orders trended 15c cheaper to range from 259c to 305c/kg. The prime conditioned younger cattle to the butchers sold well, as the best reached 325c/kg. The heavy weight grown steers to slaughter sold from 260c to 275c, with the heifer portion reaching 265c/kg. Cows also sold to a cheaper trend of 6c to 12c, as the plainer 2 scores averaged 173c/kg. The better covered 3 and 4 score heavy weights ranged from 180c to 202c/kg.



TRLX Tamworth report date 11 April 2016

Yarding 2412 ~ **Change** -305 (Comparison Date 4/4/16)

There was a reduction in numbers. The quality of the penning was very mixed and comprised large numbers of young cattle, with both vealers and yearlings well represented. There were limited supplies of grown steers and heifers with cows making up the bulk of the export section. Both quality and condition reflected seasonal conditions with limited supplies of well finished cattle throughout. The usual processors were in attendance along with an extra Southern buyer and also one from the North. Reduced domestic feeder competition on yearlings, while there was an extra export feeder operating. Restockers were not as active while overall demand for all classes was down. The extra competition may have reduced price falls in some classes however a lack of demand saw most classes sell to cheaper trends. Vealers to restock and feed saw market trends 2c to 11c/kg cheaper with some quality related price changes also. The limited supply of well finished vealers suitable to the trade remained firm. Medium and heavy yearling steers to feed sold to a cheaper trend of 2c to 6c/kg with the heavy feeders least affected. Heifer yearlings to restock and feed saw a cheaper trend of 4c to 7c/kg and more in places with quality variations contributing to price change. Well finished yearling heifers to the trade sold to a cheaper trend despite limited supplies. There was little but quality related price change in the heavy grown steers with the extra competition contributing. The cow market saw trends cheaper, up to 13c/kg. There was quite a variation in both quality and condition in the cows with the well finished heavy weights showing a drop in yield potential.



At the close of Thursday's markets:

- The **Eastern Young Cattle Indicator (EYCI)** finished on 555.25¢, declining 1.50¢/kg cwt on where it finished the previous day
- **Trade steers** were back 7¢, to 297¢/kg lwt
- **Medium steers** were steady, on 286¢/kg lwt
- **Heavy steers** were back 5¢, at 277¢/kg lwt
- **Medium cows** were back 4¢, on 194¢/kg lwt
- **Feeder steers** were back 1¢, on 299¢/kg lwt



Prices up but not much traded in US imported beef market 14/4/16

There were upward movements in the US imported beef market this week, but they appeared to be more due to pressure from sellers pushing up rather than end users chasing product. Steiner Consulting Group reports that the 90CL imported cow beef indicator was 1.5US¢ higher this week, on 191US¢/kg CIF (up 2.0A¢/kg, to 553.2A¢/kg CIF). The weekly report also indicates there was not much actual trading done for late spring and early summer (US season) delivery.

The market still appears to be factoring in expected lower prices through the US summer into buying decisions. This is driven largely by fed cattle futures moving lower as a result of the high number of feeder steers being made available early in 2016. In addition, the USDA increased its forecast for US beef production in the latest *World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates*. The forecast is now for a 4.8% increase in 2016 beef production, to 11.29 million tonnes cwt (the previous forecast was for a 3.6% increase, to 11.16 million tonnes cwt).





It may have been a bleak day, weatherwise, but guests didn't seem to notice once they entered through the Yurt which had been erected in the doorway (thanks Marie, Helen and others). It looked great. A Yurt is the Mongolian's version of a mobile home. Guests were welcomed by delicious chicken/vegetable or pumpkin soup (made by Noeleen and Maree) or tea/coffee, whichever they preferred. Whilst waiting for everyone to arrive, guests caught up with friends they hadn't seen for a while and browsed at the wonderful handicraft display, the display of Mongolian costumes that Marie had arranged (thank you Marie) and also at the great posters by Greta Public School (will publish the results after the school holidays). We were also delighted to discover that one of our new members, Goodrem, is a very talented Artist and displayed some of her paintings (one had won 2 prizes) which were enjoyed by all. Although we didn't have a guest speaker, the International Officer (me)



gave a brief overview of the history and lifestyle of the Mongolian people. Val Wild, Group International Officer, also volunteered to talk about her trip to the International Study School which is held in Canberra every February which was much appreciated and very interesting (thanks Val). Before lunch, we deviated from International for a short time to take pleasure in asking the Group Secretary, Dianne Innes to present Abbey O'Toole with a cheque for \$500 being an education grant which Abbey informed all present that she would use it to pursue a career in nursing through the Open Foundation. The CWA and Branxton/Greta wish Abbey all the best for her future. Should anyone else wish to know more information about how to apply for an education grant, please email branxtongre@tacwa@hotmail.com



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The delicious hot lunch that followed was well worth the wait (and hopefully made up for the lack of a guest speaker). I would like to thank all members and helpers for their assistance in preparation for the day and also on the day. Team work at its best. On behalf of the Branch, thank you to all who attended on the day. If you enjoyed it as much as we did, then you had a good

time, and that's what we want to achieve.
Denise McGoldrick
International/Publicity Officer.

@ Top photo: Val Wild, Group International Officer, Helene Linsley, Group Handicraft Officer and Branxton/Greta members attending on the day.
@ Photo above: Dianne Innes, Group Secretary, presenting Abbey O'Toole with \$500 Education Grant.

REFLECTIONS

Reflection on the Gospel - Easter 5C (John 13:31-35) - Veronica Lawson RSM

The literary context for today's gospel reading is Jesus' final meal with his disciples. Jesus has washed the feet of his foot-weary table companions, and has thus provided an example of what it means to love. What he has done for them, they are to do for one another. In other words, no form of service is too menial for a Christian disciple, and privileged exemption from service of others has no place in gospel living or in gospel leadership. Pope Francis has witnessed powerfully to this from the beginning of his papacy and in diverse ways over the past three years. Jesus is troubled in spirit (v. 21) at this meal. There is a sense of foreboding in this statement. He knows that membership of the group is no guarantee of fidelity or of sustained goodness. All are capable of betrayal and Judas, who has been one of his closest companions, is about to hand him over to the authorities and ultimately to death. Another, Simon Peter, after protesting undying loyalty will proceed to deny him three times (vv. 37-38). Though troubled and no doubt disappointed by the failure of his friends and the dire consequences for himself, Jesus continues to teach the way of discipleship. The betrayer's departure from the meal, Jesus informs them, signals the imminent arrival of the moment of glorification. Events have been set in train that will culminate in God's victory over evil and death. But this is not the end of their association with him. He will leave them very soon and they are to continue on the way of discipleship. His legacy to them is "a new commandment" - to love one another just as he has loved them. If they do that, everyone will know they are his disciples. To love as Jesus loved, however, is no small thing: it is to be willing to give one's life for the sake of "the other".



This new commandment to love one another is also Jesus' legacy to us, the successors of those early disciples. Loving care of the broken-hearted, of the war-ravaged and displaced, of the sick and the weary; providing shelter for the homeless; attentiveness to those grieving the loss of loved ones or of livelihood; a restorative gesture or word; a change in lifestyle or a tree planted in the interests of planetary survival - these are some of the ways of love and of discipleship. In our times, we have come to realise that "the other" embraces the more-than-human and that love of all God's creation is part of the new commandment.

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Greta – Branxton United Cricket Club Presentation 2015-16



Photo above: Current life members were presented with their blazers on the night. from left Keith Thomas, Roslyn Shearer, Steve Wilkinson, Peter Bridge, Jamie Millard and Mark Bercini. Absent: Mick Byrnes, Chris Charnock, David Hodges, Garry Kedwell, Greg Makin, Peter MacKenzie, Ray Sealy and Brian Thomas.

Bowling Aggregate & Average Phil Aughey 18 wickets at 14.38
Third Grade
 Batting Aggregate & Average Sean Wright 488 runs at 44.36
 Bowling Aggregate & Average Ayden Wilkinson 22 wickets at 13.09
Fourth Grade (White)
 Batting Aggregate Ben Hogan 250 runs
 Batting Average Daniel Minchin 231 runs at 33.00

Bowling Aggregate James Shoulders snr 29 wickets
 Bowling Average Jesse Minchin 28 wickets at 10.18
Fourth Grade (Blue)
 Batting Aggregate Jamie McNamara 356 runs at 25.43
 Batting Average Neil Bird 269 runs at 29.88
 Bowling Aggregate & Average Jamie McNamara 30 wickets at 10.97
Hundred Club Barry

Richards 101no vs Bellbird at Carmichael 1 – 5.3.16
Hat Tricks Nil
First Grade Player's Player Greg Andrews
Second Grade Player's Player Bryce Element
Third Grade Player's Player Sean Wright
Third Grade Captain's Choice Steve Wilkinson/Dave Wright
Fourth Grade (White) Player's Player Ben Hogan
Fourth Grade (Blue)

Player's Player Jamie McNamara
Cessnock District Representatives Senior:- Josh Dagg, Greg Andrews, Brent Watson, Brock Charnock, Nathan Holz, Barry Richards, Andrew Bercini.
Life Membership presented to Steve Wilkinson (see back page for all details)



Photo Above: Peter Bridge (right) presents the "Kevin Bridge Memorial" Club person of the year award to Sean Wright



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Greta – Branxton United Cricket Club Presentation 2015-16



The Greta/Branxton United Cricket Club's annual presentation was held at the Royal Federal Hotel on the night of Saturday 2nd April. With a healthy crowd of 70 odd in attendance, awards were received by the following:

- Rookie of the Year** Hayden Regan
- Most Promising Junior** Patrick Andrews
- Dixie Duggan Memorial**
- Best Bowling Performance in the Club** Jesse Minchin 7-21 off 6 vs Denman Hotel fourth grade at Miller 1 - 5.3.16
- Keith Thomas Perpetual ~ Best Batting Performance in the Club** Barry Richards 101no vs Bellbird first grade at Carmichael 1 - 5.3.16
- Brian "Yakka" Yates Memorial**
- All Rounder Award** Jamie McNamara (fourth grade blue) 356 runs at 25.43 and 30 wickets at 10.97
- "Axsentieff Family" Encouragement Award** Mitchell Bird
- Adrian Stafa Memorial "Team Player" Award** Sam Dagg

Photo above: Mark Bercini (right) presents the "Chris Charnock Perpetual" Most Valued Player award to Greg Andrews

"Bertie Ironmonger" Outstanding Performance Alex Walkling (third grade) 83no and 3-12 off 5.4 vs Supporters at Miller 2 - 19.12.15

"Chris Charnock Perpetual" Most Valued Player Greg Andrews

"Kevin Bridge Memorial" Most Valued Clubperson Sean Wright

First Grade
 Batting Aggregate & Average Greg Andrews 349 runs at 38.78
 Bowling Aggregate Brock Charnock 23 wickets
 Bowling Average Brent Watson 18 wickets at 12.44

Second Grade
 Batting Aggregate & Average Darren Holz 222 runs at 31.71

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Steve Wilkinson receives 'Life Membership' of the Greta/Branxton United Cricket Club

Long serving club member Steve "Wilko" Wilkinson received a much deserved life membership at Greta/Branxton United Cricket Club's annual presentation held at the Royal Federal Hotel on the night of Saturday 2nd April. Steve began with the club back in the 1996-97 season, and from then on has played 20 consecutive years up until present. He joined the committee at the start of the 2002-03 season, and then with his accounting background took on the treasurer's role with great professionalism from the start of the 2003-04 season through to 2005-06. As a player Steve started out in third grade, and after deputizing under then skipper Peter MacKenzie he took on the captaincy role at the start of the 2002-03 season, continuing this role for the following three years. At the start of the 2008-09 season he took on the fourth grade captaincy role and recruited family members which saw seven of the eleven players each week with the surname Wilkinson. He continued on as fourth grade skipper for a further six years, and after four previous failed attempts at winning a title he finally got the monkey off the back with his maiden premiership in 2014-15.

As a captain he has always been very fair, his motto is to have fun and everyone gets a go. He is always the first person at the ground and the last to leave every week.

As a player he was and still is a hard hitting batsman with an unbelievable eye, even at the ripe age of fifty. He is always supportive of the younger kids coming through the grades, offering advice where need be. According to present third grade skipper Sean Wright he still has the reflexes of a cat and is as sharp as ever in the field. Steve still bowls the odd over and still has the honourable record of taking at hat-trick against Supporters back in the 2008-09 season.

The club has been privileged to have such an honest, hard-working, passionate and loyal member over such a long period of time.

Well done Steve, thoroughly deserved.



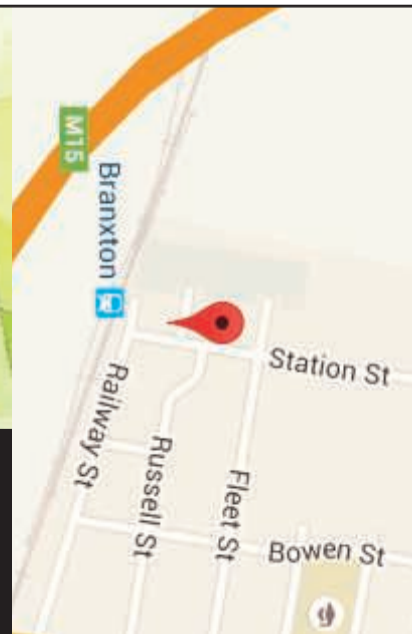
Above: Steve Wilkinson, the newest Life Member of the Greta/Branxton United Cricket Club.



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