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obligation to implement for at least 10 years, so that is part of the process," he said. As part of the ongoing translocation process *Persoonia*, known as Geebung in eastern

A highly endangered species of plant found only on 29 hectares at North Rothbury has been successfully propagated by the NSW Royal Botanic Gardens North Rothbury *Persoonia* Conservation Program. The species, unknown to the public 15 years ago, was centre stage in the opposition to the proposed Huntlee 'new town development by 'The Greens'.

'The Greens' suggested that the species was unable to be propagated and that once it's natural habitat was gone it would become extinct. When development approval was finally given a condition of consent was that the developers provide an environment within the development to protect the species.

Project director Stephen Thompson said LWP Property Group has undertaken a 10-year action plan to protect and conserve the plant. "We've been liaising with the Royal Botanic Gardens about some translocation programs that will ensure the future survival of the persoonia," he said.

"We also have a 'Persoonia Park' that we have set aside to keep some of those persoonias safe in perpetuity. "We have also dedicated 750 hectares of land, right here in Huntlee, for conservation." Mr Thompson said the developer is also working closely with the Royal Botanic Gardens.

"The management plan really lasts forever, but we have an

Australia, are notoriously difficult to grow and many are rare or endangered. Several species also have potential for horticultural development. At the Australian Plant-Bank, they are focusing on the reproductive biology of eastern Australian *Persoonias* by developing techniques to improve germination success. Plants are also being propagated from cuttings and tissue culture as an alternative to seed germination.

Staff at the Australian Botanic Garden Mount Annan have recently discovered a Bowerbird that has been sneaking into the nursery and eating the fruit from plants of the *Persoonia pauciflora*. Having been unable to find the culprit for the last year, staff finally got lucky and caught the bird on a wildlife camera with a fruit in its beak.

Persoonia pauciflora are notorious because their seed is difficult to collect and germinate. Staff at the Australian Botanic Garden are currently investigating factors, including climate and pollination that may influence the production of viable seeds in a number of *Persoonia* species. From the perspective of the research program, the Bowerbird can be seen as a nuisance because they are using this seed for scientific experiments. Yet it offers a unique insight into the mutual relationship between plant and animal. Fruit predation by animals has been documented throughout the plant kingdom. For *Persoonia*, there remains uncertainty surrounding the amount of fruit from a given species that is consumed by animals over one season. Does the consumption of fruit by birds and other animals lead to viable seeds that are more likely to germinate as they are encased in a nutrient-rich substrate in their scats? Given the North Rothbury *Persoonia* are currently only found in an area covering a mere 29 hectares, a relationship such as the one caught on camera could help ensure that the species recruits at a level that maintains current population numbers, or perhaps even an expansion



Volunteers getting ready for action at Persoonia Park on Saturday 7th May, 2016

New Persoonia National Park

of its distribution. Indeed, Bowerbirds are well known to co-habit the same area in North Rothbury (we have one male who has lived in our garden for the past 4 years with his 'bower', anything purple & his 3 lady bower bird friends).

FIRST EXHIBITION & VOLUNTEER PLANT AT PERSOOIA PARK They came from whence we did not know, but, once they were assembled, briefed and signed in, they got to work.

At the invitation of the NSW Royal Botanic Gardens North Rothbury *Persoonia* Conservation Program, a group of about 30 to 40 volunteers gave up three hours of their time for a *Persoonia* planting programme on Saturday at 11 am on the 7th of May. Like Hume and Hovell it was BYO picks and shovel. The volunteers were given a safety briefing, participated in a quarantine procedure and then witnessed a demonstration planting. All this took about thirty minutes after which the action started. Surprisingly the group, without any prompting, soon divided the duties into a team effort. Some digging the holes, other carrying water and the

green fingered planting and back filling. The operation lasted all of 1 1/2 hours and was rounded off with a superb luncheon and a visit to the 'Mother of All' *Persoonia Pauciflora* plants.

It was a productive day for all concerned and the lessons learned were:-

- * We now have a new National Park north of Wine Country Drive which will form the base conservation area for the North Rothbury *Persoonia*,
- * The Royal Botanical Garden Authority has been able to propagate *Persoonia Pauciflora* from both the seed and cuttings,
- * Further research is to be conducted for the fascinating little plant, and
- * there are many varieties of *Persoonia* which are native to Australia and NZ only. The common name for this species is Geebung although in Western Australia they are also known as the Snotty Gobble. The families taking part in this activity were further rewarded with their own plants to grace their garden. Over 120 plants were planted by the volunteers' so stay tuned to this project as future work is planned.

Photo above: the 'Mother of All' *Persoonia Pauciflora* at the new conservation park.

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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 April 2016 to 30 April 2016.

Locality	Reference	Decision Date	Property Address	Application Description
EAST BRANXTON	008/2016/00000181/001	14-Apr-2016	12 Spring ST	Awning
GRETA	008/2016/00000200/001	20-Apr-2016	25 North ST	Garage
GRETA	008/2016/00000168/001	28-Apr-2016	20 Orient ST	Awning and Deck
NORTH ROTHBURY	008/2016/00000152/001	8-Apr-2016	22 Dunnett AV	Single Storey Dwelling with Attached Garage
NORTH ROTHBURY	008/2016/00000156/001	11-Apr-2016	6 Hoban RD	Single Storey Dwelling with Attached Garage
NORTH ROTHBURY	008/2015/00000464/001	28-Apr-2016	1794 Wine Country DR	Phased Development: Construction of Fifteen (15) Dwelling Houses and Community Title Subdivision
POKOLBIN	008/2015/00000618/001	1-Apr-2016	85 Gillards RD	Phased Development: Phase 1: Dwelling & Conversion of Existing Dwelling to Secondary Dwelling and
POKOLBIN	008/2016/00000131/001	7-Apr-2016	25 Peppertree DR	Buggy Garage
POKOLBIN	008/2016/00000135/001	14-Apr-2016	3 Peppertree DR	Single Storey Dwelling with Attached Garage
POKOLBIN	008/2016/00000169/001	18-Apr-2016	398 Marrowbone RD	Demolition of an Existing Dwelling
POKOLBIN	008/2015/00000612/001	22-Apr-2016	2090 Broke RD	Expansion to Tourist Recreation Facility (Hunter Valley Gardens): Function Centre (Temporary Marquee), Ferris Wheel, Slide and Two Carousels.
POKOLBIN	008/2016/00000171/001	28-Apr-2016	21 Paperbark DR	Single Storey Dwelling & Attached Garage
ROTHBURY	008/2016/00000112/001	7-Apr-2016	1472 Wine Country DR	Swimming Pool, Tennis Court & Landscaping

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

Expressions of interest

Cessnock City Council is currently seeking expressions of interest to lease retail space and office within the Hunter Valley Visitor Centre.

This opportunity brings with it several advantages:

- * More than 100,000 visitors per year
- * Prominent position at the entrance to the Centre
- * Motivated building manager seeking a sustainable and successful tenure

In providing a lease for the Hunter Valley Visitor Centre's retail and one office, Council's objectives are to:

- Engage a Hunter Valley Service Provider to provide wine tasting services
- Contribute to the long term viability and sustainability of the Hunter Valley Visitor Centre complex
- Establish collaborative support for of the Centre
- Support local employment

Terms of the lease are to be negotiated with a suitable applicant. The EOI period has been extended to COB 27 May 2016.

Please contact Economic Development Manager Jane Holdsworth to obtain a copy of the EOI documents or to discuss this opportunity further.

Jane Holdsworth

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Hunter Valley Wine & Tourist Association appoints GM & announces major festival



Chairman of the Hunter Valley Wine and Tourism Association, the Hon. George Souris, is delighted to announce that Ms Jo Thomas has been appointed to the role of General Manager – Destination & Digital Marketing with the Hunter Valley Wine and Tourism Association. “Ms Thomas comes to us with significant experience within the wine, tourism and events industries, which spans over 20 years. Most recently she was Marketing Manager at Golden Door Australia and previously the Marketing Manager for Tourism Hunter,” said Mr Souris. “Jo has worked in senior marketing and management roles, and is familiar with the challenges that face a not

for-profit organisation. Her experience encompasses the implementation of the Visitor Economy Report and the formulation of a Regional Destination Management Plan. This will assist the Association in leveraging future funding opportunities for the benefit of members and stakeholders in the whole tourism industry in Hunter Wine Country.” Ms Thomas said her initial focus will be on destination marketing, media communication, e-commerce strategies and membership growth & renewal for the coming year. It is also important for the Association to keep a strong focus on all wine and tourism operators and venues, big and small, together with

the Villages of the area and the numerous tourism attractions in the Singleton and Cessnock local government areas,” Ms Thomas said. Mr Souris said the HVW&TA feels Jo’s background in brand and destination marketing coupled with her knowledge of Government and industry will be invaluable to the Association in its role representing Hunter wine and tourism. “On behalf of the HVW&TA Committee, and members, we welcome Jo as part of the HVW&TA team and invite members to call in and say hello when she commences with us on Monday, 23 May,” said Mr Souris. The HVWTA has also announced a major food and wine Weekend Festival in September, said the

Chairman, George Souris. The Weekend will bring back the very popular **Semillon and Seafood** festival which is a brand the HVWTA retains and will assign to the Semillon & Seafood Committee headed by Arthur Wollen. The weekend 16/17/18th September 2016 will centre around a Festival Fairground at Roche Estate in Pokolbin on Saturday 17th (10am – 4pm). Roche Estate is the home of Tempus Two, Meerea Park, The Barrel Room Function Venue, Oishi Restaurant, Goldfish Bar & Restaurant, Hunter Valley Smelly Cheese Shop. The event will be host to numerous stalls on the lawn of various seafood together with stalls of the Hunter’s many Semillon wines. The event will be supported by **Semillon and Seafood** Dinners on Friday night 16th September 2016 at various restaurants and wineries in Hunter Wine Country. There will be vouchers redeemable for a discount at Cellar Doors on Sunday 18th as well as Lunch promotions. Mr Wollen said Hunter **Semillon and Seafood** is a celebration that incorporates a variety of events and activities including winemaker dinners; Semillon and Seafood tasting classes and seminars; celebrity chef cooking presentations; interactive demonstrations and stall exhibits, as well as a variety of live music and entertainment.

“The Hunter Valley is the oldest and foremost winemaking region and is recognised around the world, particularly for producing the ‘world’s best Semillon’,” he said. Mr Souris said the HVWTA saw the opportunity to reinforce and promote the Hunter Valley as producing the best Semillon in the world (as heralded by critics) coupled with a natural accompaniment of seafood. “It is also an opportunity for tourists to sample the various tourism highlights on offer such as golf, hot air ballooning, the Village trails, Wollemi National Park and many more in the Cessnock and Singleton local government areas.” “Being just an hour and a half from Sydney and within the hour from Newcastle, the Central Coast or Port Stephens, **Semillon and Seafood** was bound to make its mark on both the local and international tourist,” he said. Mr Souris said the **Semillon and Seafood** Committee comprised Arthur Wollen as Chair, Julie Pettit, Kate Rooney, Helen Brittliff and Greg West.

The HVWTA will promote the sponsored weekend on all its on-line and digital platforms and in the media.

Photo at left: HVW&TA Chairman George Souris with Ms Jo Thomas at the entrance to Hunter Wine Country on Hermitage Rd.



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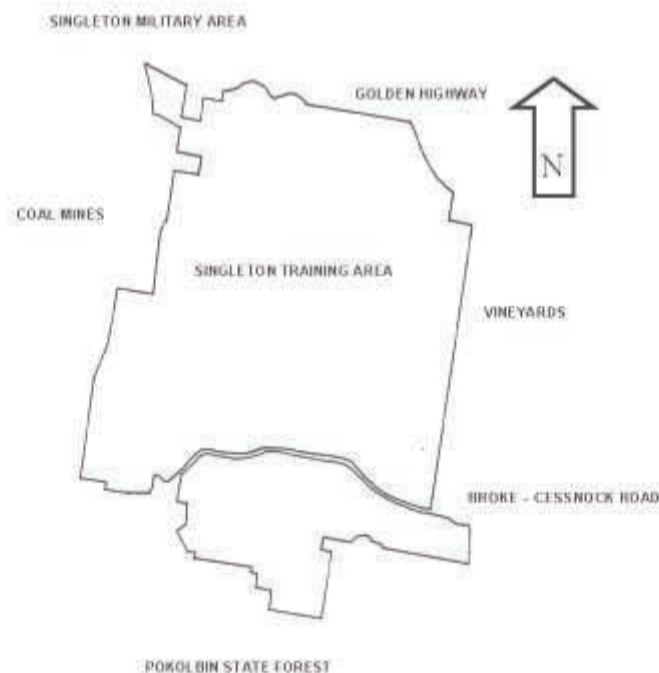
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What's Happening & other matters

(MOTO) transactions are more likely to result in chargebacks. As a business, you can protect yourself by:

- * Requesting additional customer identification to confirm the person making the transaction is the authorised cardholder.

with **Mike Lowing**

I was horrified when I read a recent article about 'card fraud' in Australia. It said that 'card fraud' topped \$2.1 billion last financial year in Australia, more than doubling since 2011. It went on to say approximately 96 per cent of those losses were recovered as many customers successfully disputed transactions and had fraudulent charges reimbursed.

This is done through a chargeback process, and if your business has not taken the right steps to validate a transaction you could find yourself out of pocket. If a cardholder does not recognise or agree with a transaction, they can report it to their bank.

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* Making sure you confirm account details so you don't charge the wrong person. Avoiding duplicate processing.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) reported just over one million Australians experienced card fraud, and an additional 600,000 fell victim to some other financial scam.

Although the number had increased overall since 2011, the ABS reported evidence which suggested people were becoming savvier at recognising scams as "the proportion of people who responded to a scam decreased from 2.9 per cent in 2010-2011 to 2.4 per cent in 2014-2015."

You can avoid a scam by protecting your personal data.

- * Shred personal documents.
- * Keep your personal details personal - don't share them all over the internet and social media.
- * Double check all documents and emails and trust your gut. If something doesn't seem right, it's probably not.

In response

I know Joel MP is keen to keep his seat in Parliament now that his electorate has new boundaries and I can appreciate his letters to you as well as his articles in **Members Say**, is to broaden the reach of his message. However, Joel's letter is very misleading if not downright deceptive. First let's look at the dental health question. Since the introduction of fluoride into our water the rate of dental decay in NSW has plummeted. Recently it has been increasing again due to poor dietary supervision of children, and adults for that matter. Hygiene is the responsibility of individuals and the parents or guardians of children. It is not the responsibility of the tax payers. Remember no more than 50% of the electorate pay any net tax. Appealing to that 50% with further handouts may be considered good election winning policy but is irresponsible and not in the national interest. Nor is it the right of the Federal Government to misuse tax payers money. To do this is simply vote buying. It is also interfering in State Government business which runs the school dental programme and provides dental treatment at regional hospitals. For those who can remember before and just after WW2 in the 1940's young people's 21st

birthday present was a full set of dentures. We have come a long way since then. Unfortunately modern dietary habits are undermining the benefits of fluoride and good hygiene. The Nanny State is not responsible for an individual's bad habits. Now look at the 57 billion supposedly cut from the hospital subsidies. This is a myth stemming from the 'Gillard - Swan' years where commitments were being made over the next ten years to increase Hospital Funding by this amount. In simple terms 5.7 billion per year until 2023. It was never funded, no provision was ever made to fund their commitments and the country can't afford it anyway. The same deceitful promise was made about Gonski. We know that past huge increases to Education Spending during the Rudd - Gillard produced no improvement in education outcomes for students. In fact standards have gone backwards. Despite the facts our Dear Leader of the Labor Party promised more horrific spending on education at all levels. He said this policy would produce an immediate 2 1/2 % growth in productivity to the economy. Primary and

secondary education does not make any profit!! What really saddens me is that Tanya Plibersek endorses this tripe. I thought she was one of the shining lights of the Labor Party and too intelligent to fall for Bill Shortens nonsense. But we live and learn despite the education system. Finally Joel's statement to the effect that the Liberal Government only ever sees health as a source of budget cuts is not true. It was not true even before the last coalition budget and it certainly isn't since Health was given incremental increases this month in the budget. I just wish secondary school children

were taught clear thinking and logic. Do not accept politicians broad brush announcement without careful thought. As for the 'Greens' they are so far from reality that their naivety is almost as bad as that shown by the Independents swill in the Senate. We don't need this. Think before you vote.

Steve Lind, North Rothbury



QUIZ

QUESTIONS

1. What sits on Bennelong Point?
2. What horse won the 2014 Melbourne Cup?
3. In what year did the Syrian Civil War begin?
4. What South Australian volcano contains the Blue Lake?
5. *Better Call Saul* is the prequel to what US television program?
6. Which geologic period followed the Jurassic?
7. The Disney animated film *Frozen* was inspired by which Hans Christian Anderson tale?
8. Who is Reginald Dwight?
9. What is the highest selling album in history?
10. Which planet in the solar system has the largest number of moons?
11. Which Australian states and territories field at least one team in the AFL?
12. What is scrod?
13. In which state is Mount Kosciuszko?
14. Australia has offshore detention camps on which three islands?
15. How many members of Monty Python are still alive?
16. What novel introduced the concept of "Big Brother"?
17. What is the smallest species of dog in the world?
18. Not including the upcoming *Avengers: Age of Ultron*, how many films are presently in the Marvel cinematic universe?
19. Order these services from oldest to youngest: Twitter, Gmail, Instagram, Facebook.
20. Who was Australia's longest living prime minister?

Answers Page 30

This day in history ~ 17th May

May 17th

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Australian Explorers

1770 - Lieutenant James Cook discovers and names Queensland's Glass House Mountains

Australian History

1893 - Austrian Archduke Franz Ferdinand, whose assassination sparked WWI, arrives in Australia for a tour marked by hunting parties and barbecues

World History

- 1902 - Archaeologist Spyridon Stais discovers the Antikythera mechanism, believed to be an early clockwork mechanism from circa 87 BC.
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years score record just falling short by 524. 2016 saw 48,629 & the previous years record breaking attempt of 49,152; a great effort & thank you to all the CWA members & volunteers. The Land Newspaper Cookery

held on the second Thursday of each month) both ladies were presented with cheques from The Land Newspaper by Meredith Hunter, Cookery Officer. If you would like more information about Lower Belford CWA Branch please contact Jill Bowman, President on 4930 4824 or Agnes Meeney on 6574 7027

Photo below: (L_R) Barbra Steel, Meredith Hunter & Jill Bowman



At the recent state conference held at Cowra, from the 2nd to the 5th May, over 500 CWA ladies attended. The information supplied about the CWA was very informative especially this

Competition with CWA results are as follows:
2nd Barbara Steel (Lemon Sour Cream cake).
3rd Jill Bowman (light Fruit cake)
At our last meeting held on the 12th May (meetings are

Mayor opens new housing for those in need



"Today's opening will go a long way to reducing the shortage of affordable housing we see in the Cessnock local government area," Cr Pynsent said. Now in its 31st year of operations, Pacific Link manages more than 60 homes for families and others at risk of becoming homeless in the Cessnock region. "Our core

and developed by Pacific Link to help meet the urgent need for additional community and social housing—with two of the four new units designed to suit the needs of disabled tenants if required. Pacific Link is a not-for-profit, government-approved, Tier 1 housing provider that currently manages more than 1000 properties throughout the Hunter and Central Coast of NSW. Last month it received Australia's top peer-group award for "Excellence in Tenant Engagement and Social Inclusion" at the national PowerHousing annual awards in Melbourne. "We would especially like to thank Mayor Pynsent, and Council's General Manager, Mr Stephen Glen, for their invaluable support and assistance in supporting this development," said Pacific Link CEO, Keith Gavin.

Not-for-profit housing provider, Pacific Link Housing, has completed the development of four new units to provide housing for some of those most in need in Cessnock. The addition of the four new homes opened by Mayor Bob Pynsent and Pacific Link Chairman, David Bacon, follows a recent report by the Samaritans which found there were no affordable

and appropriate rental properties for people on parenting payments, people with a disability, single aged people or young people on benefits in Cessnock LGA. Speaking at the opening this week, Cessnock City Mayor Councillor Bob Pynsent said he was pleased to see help provided to those in the community struggling to keep up with the rising cost of housing.

business of housing the most vulnerable operates in an efficient and compassionate manner," said Pacific Link Chairman, David Bacon. "The provision of housing with appropriate support services is essential to help tenants overcome disadvantage and, where possible, live independent lives." Built at a cost of \$1.3 million, the new project has been fully funded, planned

Photo: At the opening, from left, Keith Gavin CEO Pacific Link, Council General Manager Stephen Glen, Mayor Bob Pynsent, Pacific Link Chairman, David Bacon and board member Stephen Brahams

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If you're taking your dog to the park or for a walk make sure you leave no trace of poop behind and dispose of your poop bag in the nearest bin. Off-leash areas have bins emptied regularly by Council for your convenience.

Keeping livestock in residential areas is not recommended and will most likely result in annoyed neighbours.

If you are thinking about getting non domestic animals, here are some handy facts for you to consider.

1. To keep livestock, you must have appropriate fencing or you neighbours will be asking who let the cows out?
2. NSW legislation has strict guidelines for keeping chickens in residential areas. Some chicken coops require a Development Application to be lodged. Contact Council for more information or visit www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au
3. Roosters look nice but don't produce any eggs and are noisy. Do your neighbours a favour and don't keep roosters in residential areas.

4. Please remember Council does not permit the keeping of pigs in residential areas. All pigs including miniature pigs belong on a farm 60 metres away from any dwelling.

If you have a question on keeping livestock on your property please contact Council Rangers.

Another quick reminder to choose safety over convenience when dropping your kids off at school. Don't park in a no stopping zone or a bus zone, it is critical in keeping school students safe during pick up and drop off times.



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Term 2 has commenced and we have been lucky enough to get our new shed completed over the holiday break. We are so excited about the extra storage space and secure shed we now have to store our outdoor equipment in. A huge thank you to Clayton Barr for his support with our application for the Community Building Partnership Grant. Our (FEEL Study) Fostering Effective Early Learning professional development continues and the

Educators continue to support the children within our daily curriculum. Together we have been exploring early Literacy, Numeracy and Science within the preschool. Sustained Shared thinking is the key and we are so proud of the amazing partnerships between the children, parents and educators that ensures a connection between home and preschool and engages and extends onto the children's love of learning each and every day. We had the Reptile Show



come to Preschool last week and also have the Living Safely with Dogs program later in the term. Uncle Perry will also be in to visit and help us celebrate NAIDOC week on last week of term. This important connection with our Aboriginal heritage and the connection with the

Wonnarua people is invaluable and something we feel very passionate about sharing with all children within our preschool. This visit will entail cultural dance, playing the didgeridoo, exploring Aboriginal art and explaining the flag to our children. We look forward to Uncle Perry coming in. We also have a NAIDOC gift for all Preschool children to



take home!
SAD NEWS: Recently the Furner family donated a beautiful book to Preschool. This book was written by a fellow Early Childhood Teacher who had been diagnosed with terminal cancer. Her name is Lyndsey Clark. We then bought another 2 books to donate to both of our local schools to put in their library. This is the least we could do to support a fellow teacher and her family. Sadly, Lyndsey lost her fight at the end of last month and we just wanted to send our love to her family, co-workers and the Early Childhood community. Your legacy will live on x

We will be celebrating our 30th year of Preschool next year and look forward to sharing further connections with our local community as we begin to plan our celebration. Keep your eye out for more details soon..... We encourage local businesses to jump on board and be a part of this celebration. We are currently at capacity within our Preschool however if you would like to know more about Preschool or would like to place your child on our waiting list for next year please contact the office on Ph: 49381990.

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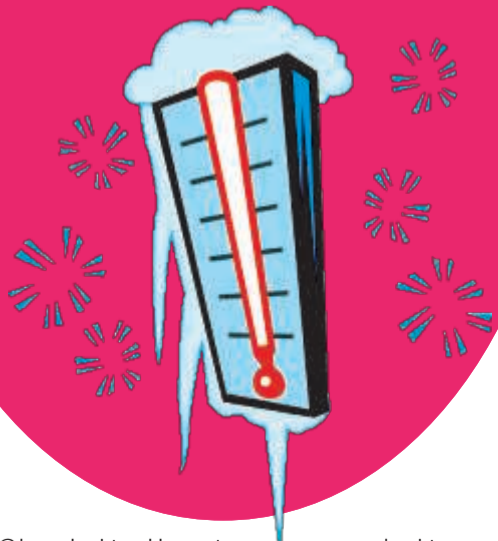


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RAISING THE BARR YOU HAVE LOST YOUR RIGHT TO BE PRESUMED INNOCENT

I swear to you, I don't make this stuff up. I feel like I am writing the same story over and over again – the story of our rights being taken away, piece by piece, through Legislation in NSW Parliament.

Disappearing this week was the right to be presumed innocent until proven guilty. Frighteningly, I was stirred to re-read George Orwell's *Nineteen Eighty Four* and wonder to myself how the 'Thought Police' had arrived here in NSW. I also paused to reflect on a more recent (although quite old now) movie called 'Judge Dredd', starring Sylvester Stallone.

The two pieces of Legislation that I refer to are called *CRIMES (SERIOUS CRIME PREVENTION ORDERS) BILL 2016* and *CRIMINAL LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ORGANISED CRIME AND PUBLIC SAFETY) BILL 2016*. In essence, what these changes mean is that if the Police or a Judge is convinced that you might be involved in a crime or you might have already been involved in a crime then you can be given "orders" about where you can or can't go. It even includes the possibility that if you are charged, the case goes to Court and you are not found guilty, that you can still be deemed likely to have committed the crime/offence and as such be given "orders".

So what is an "order"? Well, a person under an "order" can be told where they can and cannot go, almost without limit, and with no ability to appeal. A person can be told to stay away from an area or stay in their own home. A person can be prevented from attending an event, seeing family and friends or travelling interstate or overseas. Consider this example, the Police might think it "likely" that there will be a serious criminal event at the rugby league match, and, that on the balance of probabilities, the crime will be committed by a Newcastle Knights fan. They could place an "order" on all persons wearing a Knights jumper and prevent them from attending. The concerns for serious criminal activity might be about a red haired person or an elderly white man; these same "classes" of people could be prevented from attending.

I am sure that you will agree that these are quite extraordinary powers. And that, there will be countless innocent people caught up in these powers. There can be no doubt that our good honest Police will use these powers sparingly and well. But imagine if someone like Roger Rogerson had these powers. To understand the many and varied ways that these powers could be used, think about your own workplace and how many different interpretations of the "rules" of your workplace there are. Think about a school and how many different "styles" of teaching and teachers that there are. Think about our taxes and how different people take a different approach to what they can/can't do when it comes to tax returns. Well, these powers, in the hands of 16,000+ Police officers across NSW will have various uses. Can anyone imagine a young adult white Anglo-male being banned from attending church on Sunday? Can anyone imagine a young adult Middle Eastern male being banned from attending mosque on Friday?

R.I.P. JOHN KAYE, MLC
Last week, the Honourable Dr John Kaye, MLC died after a short battle with cancer. Although John was a Member of The Greens in the Upper House, he often had quite a bit of Labor in his views and to that end we would agree on many things. I had the good fortune to work with John on a few fronts, including Committees. We sometimes agreed and sometimes didn't agree. Regardless, John was always honest with me and his handshake was his word. He had a polite and humble manner about him, always

playing the issue and never the person. In this nature John would ask the most difficult questions of Ministers and Premiers and he would pursue the detail of an answer to the very end, managing all of this with his good nature and respect for his fellow MP's. John will be incredibly hard for The Greens to replace, not just because of his knowledge and history, but mainly because he was just such a fundamentally good man.

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For enquiries regarding the State Government or its departments, or to put you in contact with someone who can, please contact my office. My office can be contacted by phoning 4991-1466, by email to cessnock@parliament.nsw.gov.au or call into 118 Vincent Street (PO Box 242), Cessnock 2325.

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

Understandably, everywhere I go I'm asked who will win the July 2 election. It's a hard question!

It's a bit like asking who will win the Melbourne Cup eight weeks out, too many things can change including form by race day. There are some things we do know. Labor currently has only 55 seats in a House of Representatives of 150. That means it needs to win 21 seats to reach the magic 76 to govern in its own right. But it's a little more complicated because of the recent re-distribution.

As a result of those boundary changes, two seats currently held by the Coalition are "notionally" Labor. That means that if you applied the booth-by-booth results from the last election to the new electorates in question Labor would have won them both. One of those electorates is Paterson right here in the Hunter. The other is Barton in Sydney.

So the real target for Labor is now 19 seats. To win that many seats Labor needs a national uniform swing of 4 percent. That's a big ask. To put it into perspective, Kevin Rudd enjoyed a swing of 5.4 percent in 2007 delivering him an additional 23 seats. In 1996, John Howard also pushed through the 5 percent barrier to pick up 29 seats. In 2013, Tony Abbott only had a 3.6 percent swing but it delivered him 18 seats.

These historical results not only give us a sense of the scale of a 4 percent swing, they also demonstrate that similar uniform swings can deliver different results because it all comes down to what's happening in individual electorates. To provide another example, in 1998 Kim Beazley secured a 4.6 percent swing, won 50.98 of the primary vote and an additional 18 seats but lost the election. In other words, the vote overall came up, but didn't grow enough in enough electorates.

This is the problem with relying on "national" figures. The polls which tell you most are those which are taken in the individual seats the Opposition party must win. These are the electorates the television broadcast will focus on most on election night.

But I suspect the swings in the coming election will be less uniform than in the past. I describe it as the 150 by-elections phenomenon. Once there was a thing called a "safe seat" but no one believes in them any longer. Certainly, no one can afford to take their seat for granted. Just ask Barnaby Joyce in New England!

I believe some of the seats Labor is hoping to win will fall short and others we were less optimistic about will be won. That makes the election even harder to predict. So maybe you should turn to Sportsbet where the coalition is \$1.33 to Labor's \$3.25. Labor is not concerned about being the "underdog"! More than ever, we believe policy will matter most.

The election is only weeks away and if you're eligible to vote you don't want to get caught off guard and find yourself unable to vote. Of course if you haven't changed address and have voted before your enrolment should be fine. But if you were too young to vote last time and haven't enrolled, you need to do so. You must be an Australian citizen. If you are 16 or 17 you can still enrol now so that you'll be able to vote when you turn 18.

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MICHAEL JOHNSEN MP Member for Upper Hunter

NSW GOVERNMENT GRANTS TO HELP PRESERVE MILITARY HISTORY

With last weeks ANZAC services fresh in our minds, I would be urging our Upper Hunter communities to apply for individual grants up to \$60,000 to preserve important pieces of local military history and put them back on display. The \$1 million funding package is available to upgrade or install war memorial plaques and refurbish community halls used by veterans groups.

The NSW Government is committed to conserving and improving important military history that will ensure the Anzac legacy lives. We anticipate that local RSL sub-branches, community groups and councils will apply for projects to ensure Australia's servicemen and women continue to be remembered.

Examples of how the grants could be used include plaques at places of historical significance in the state's wartime efforts, or restoration and display of honour roles with the names of men and women who fought and died in war. I know there's so much important military history in our suburbs and towns that has fallen into disrepair or been targeted by vandals and is in danger of being lost.

The NSW Government is committed to preserving and displaying our military history, so that the bravery and sacrifice shown by so many in the past can be seen and reflected upon by generations to come.

The allocation of \$1 million is from uncollected gaming prize money and will be administered by Liquor & Gaming NSW in consultation with the NSW Branch of the RSL of Australia and the Office of Veterans Affairs. It is anticipated applications will open in May and an independent panel will assess the projects and make recommendations to Govt.

Further details including how communities can lodge expressions of interest for funding will be published on the Liquor & Gaming NSW at www.liquorandgaming.justice.nsw.gov.au The funding is in addition the NSW Community War Memorials Fund which provides grants of up to \$10,000 to help repair, conserve and restore war memorials across the state, so during the Centenary of the Anzac (2014- 2018), we need to ensure that our war memorials continue to stand proud and strong, so I encourage the community to apply for these NSW Government grants.

31 INCIDENTS OF ILLEGAL HUNTING IN THE UPPER HUNTER

Last week saw two vehicles, firearms and hunting bows have been seized during a NSW Department of Primary Industries' (DPI) Game Licensing Unit and NSW Police operation conducted in the Upper Hunter. On ground surveillance and vehicle patrols on public and private land, combined with aerial surveillance using drones were used to detect unlawful activities, with 31 incidents of illegal hunting identified.

Whilst the vast majority of hunting taking place in the Upper Electorate is completely lawful, recently unlawful activities detected included hunting deer without a game licence, trespass on private property and use of a firearm without a firearm licence.

During the three-day operation, two motor vehicles connected to game offences were seized, as were a number of hunting bows, a firearm and ammunition. Hunting equipment including binoculars and spotting scopes, clothing, knives and other items with an estimated value in excess of \$15,000 were also seized.

The significant support the Game Licensing Unit and NSW Police received from the local community, including many landowners, was a major factor in the success of this operation. Future compliance operations are planned for the Upper Hunter area including areas around Scone, Willow Tree and Murrumbidgee as part of a State-wide campaign to ensure that people hunt safely, legally and ethically in NSW.

Reports can be made anonymously by calling the report line 1800 SHUT IT and including the time, date and place of the alleged offence as well as particulars about any vehicles and individuals involved.

Further information about game hunting is available at DPI's website www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/hunting or call the Game Licensing Unit's Customer Service Team on (02) 6391 3750.

When it comes to illegal hunting, the local community's assistance is so important in reporting illegal hunters through the 'Shut the Gate' program and I thank our community for their support.

BOOST FOR UPPER HUNTER ELECTORATE TRAVELLERS WITH OPAL TOP UPS ON THE GO

The Opal card has, for rural and regional travellers to metropolitan areas, help revolutionise public transport, so I welcome news that rural and regional customers who occasionally use an Opal card to travel on the transport network can now top up on the go thanks to the new and improved Opal Travel mobile phone app. The new version of the app has a number of features that make it even easier for Opal customers in the Upper Hunter Electorate to get around.

This is great news for the people of the Upper Hunter who travel to Newcastle or Sydney and their surrounds, as you can now locate one of the 2,100 Opal retailers to top up or you can simply top up within this innovative new app.

The new features of the Opal Travel 2.0 app enable customers to:

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- Easily check those additional Opal cards linked to a single profile so the kids, or family members, are ready to go. Customers can download the free Opal Travel app via the Apple App and Google Play stores.

The new app, developed by Transport for NSW in partnership with Outware Mobile, also improves the experience for special access customers by offering a voice screen reader compatible feature, as well as information on wheelchair accessible services.

The launch of the app comes as the NSW Government announced its commitment to trial a contactless payment with credit and debit cards in 2017, offering customers another easy to use and convenient option for travelling.

With this new app, travelling with Opal just got even easier for residents from rural and regional NSW. Customers can plan their travels, check their balance, and top up their Opal cards to be ready to travel on the day. For more information on the App and the Opal card itself, visit the Opal website at <https://www.opal.com.au/>.

Contact: My Email address; upperhunter@parliament.nsw.gov.au, phone numbers; 6543 1065, Fax 6543 1416; postal address P.O. Box 493, Muswellbrook 2333.

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

It was with great sadness Kathy and I attended the funeral of Col Brown on Monday 9 May 2016. Col always put his community first being a member of the Kurri Kurri Rotary Club for nearly 42 years. His unselfishness and personal commitment to helping people was certainly an inspiration to our community and he will be sadly missed. Last Tuesday evening I was proud to announce 12 local students as winners of the 2016 Mayoral Academic Scholarships at the Cessnock Performing Arts Centre in front of family members, special guests, former winners, Councillors and Council staff.

Congratulations to the deserving recipients of the 2016 Mayoral Academic Scholarships: Kasey Williams, Jessica Connelly, Daniel Snedden, Louise Prater, Georgia Eddy, Ben McDonald, Ashley-Kate Howlett, Madeline Benson, Abbey Larsen, Sarah Donn, Matthew Hughes and Damien Alley.

Each student received \$2,500 to assist in reaching their potential and to make meeting the cost of education a little easier. Previous winners have gone on to achieve amazing things in their respective fields and it is great to be able to offer a helping hand to cover expenses such as textbooks or travel.

Thank you to this year's sponsors Austar Coal, CDLC Support Inc., Cessnock Retired Mineworkers Association, Cessnock Rugby League Supporters Club, Donaldson Coal, Hunter Resource Recovery, Kurri Kurri Retired Mineworkers Association, Kurri Kurri Rotary, The Rotary Club of Cessnock Inc. and Solo Resource Recovery.

These valued sponsors continued support is essential for the success of the Mayoral Academic Scholarships. Since 2002 we have awarded 190 students a total of \$475,000 for the betterment of our local students' futures. Thank you to the students who applied for the 2016 scholarships and I encourage all of our applicants to reapply next year. For a full list of winning students please visit www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au/council/mayor/scholarships

Last Saturday 14 May 2016 Council's Administration Building car park on Cumberland Street was transformed into a microchipping hub. Residents from across the Cessnock local government area came to receive a free microchip for their registered pets. It is a great service for the community where Council Rangers hope to make the cost of being a responsible pet owner easier for families. Microchipping your dog or cat is one of the most important things you can do for your pet and Rangers aim to see every dog and cat in the local government area identifiable. Thank you to Hunter Animal Watch who also offered reduced rates for pensioners/health care card holders who wished to have their animals desexed.



Photo above: Bruce Wilson and Mayor Bob Pynsent presenting \$2,500 to Jessica Connelly, recipient of the John Knipe Memorial Hospitality and Tourism Scholarship.

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Certificates. Mrs Val Wild, Group International Officer, judged the posters and was very impressed. The First Prize Poster will go into our Group International/Cultural Day at the end of July. Will let you know how you go. Thank you all for being so patient since



it was such a windy day. We have been asked to host the Cancer Biggest Morning Tea this year

but for anyone who has missed the notices or been away, hope to see you there supporting a very worthy cause whilst having a good

Denise McGoldrick, Publicity Officer

Photo: Greta Public School Poster winners

time and wonderful food. Noeleen and Leanne (delegates) attended the NSW CWA State Conference in early May (this year held in Cowra). Our Branch won 3rd Prize for most entries in the Land Cookery competition. Great achievement for a small Branch. Congratulations to all the members who cooked. Congratulations also to Noeleen who received a Highly Commended for a Baby Set in the Handicraft Section and to Declan Shearer who received a Highly Commended for the Crunchy Topped Lemon Loaf and Cornflake Cookies in the Junior Section. It was voted at the State Conference that monies for Medical Research for 2016/17 would again go to Lyme Disease Research and treatment.

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Australia has one of the highest reported incidences of food allergies in the world, and the numbers are growing at an alarming rate with one in 10 babies born in Australia today forecast to develop a food allergy. Food allergy is an allergic response to particular foods or food additives. Many food intolerances are actually allergies. Unlike food allergies, intolerances do not involve the body's immune system. Food intolerance symptoms include headaches, bloating, wind, nausea, mouth ulcers or hives, and can occur several hours after a food is eaten. This week we are celebrating Food Allergy Week. An allergic reaction can quickly become life threatening and people can die from food allergy. It's up to all of us to be allergy aware - to know how to minimise the risk of a reaction, to know what to do if a reaction happens, and to understand and support family, friends and colleagues living with food allergies. Allergy & Anaphylaxis Australia (A&AA) is a charitable, not for profit organisation whose aim is to improve awareness of allergy in the Australian community. They do this by sharing current information, education, advocacy, research, guidance and support.

The signs and symptoms of a food allergic reaction may occur almost immediately after eating or most often within 20 minutes to 2 hours after eating. Rapid onset and development of potentially life threatening symptoms are characteristic markers of anaphylaxis. Allergic symptoms may initially appear mild or moderate but can progress very quickly. The most dangerous allergic reactions (anaphylaxis) involve the respiratory system (breathing) and/or cardiovascular system (heart and blood pressure). Common signs and symptoms of food allergy:

- * hives, welts or body redness
- * difficult and/or noisy breathing
- * swelling of the face, lips, eyes, throat or tongue
- * vomiting, abdominal pain, diarrhoea
- * tingling of the mouth
- * difficulty talking and/or hoarse voice
- * wheeze or persistent cough
- * runny or itchy nose (rhinitis).

Your local pharmacy is your health destination. Pharmacists and pharmacy staff may suggest antihistamines. Ask about any possible side effects (e.g. drowsiness). If the allergy has caused a rash, your pharmacist may recommend an anti-inflammatory cream, such as hydrocortisone cream. Anaphylaxis is preventable and treatable. Knowing the triggers and avoiding them is the first step in preventing an allergic reaction. Removing allergens from the house makes life much easier for the allergy sufferer; however this isn't always possible, particularly if the allergen is egg or milk, often staple, healthy foods for most of the family. Always

read food labels on purchasing foods and then again when about to eat them. If you do have the allergen in your home, try these tips:

- * wash contaminated kitchen utensils in hot soapy water or in the dishwasher
- * use disposable paper towelling to wipe surfaces where the allergen has been used to avoid contaminating your everyday sponge or dishcloth
- * if egg allergic, use a sealed labelled container in the fridge to contain foods like mayonnaise, eggs, Pavlova, left over quiche, or muffins
- * use a labelled basket in the fridge and/or pantry for foods that are safe for the person with a particular food allergy to eat. Place it on the top shelf of the fridge so other foods cannot spill into it
- * use separate oil for cooking food for the person with a food allergy.

Your doctor may recommend you carry an injectable dose of adrenaline with you at all times. Adrenaline is used in severe reactions and can be a life-saving measure. The risk of developing food allergies is greater if you have a family history of allergic conditions. If you or your partner has an allergy, your child has a 30 per cent chance of inheriting the allergic gene and therefore could develop eczema, asthma, hay fever or a food allergy. If both parents have a history of some allergic condition, your child has a 40 to 60 per cent chance of having a child with some form of allergy. It is important to speak to a health professional about any concerns you may have is important. If you or someone you care for has a reaction to any food, seek medical advice. If you are worried about a serious reaction, call an ambulance or go directly to hospital.

More important than learning how to recall things is finding ways to forget things that are cluttering the mind." ~ James Waddell Alexander

"A fellow told me he was going to hang-glider school. He said, "I've been going for three months." I said, "How many successful jumps do you need to make before you graduate"? He said, "All of them." ~ Red Skelton

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Congratulations to the 2016 Mayoral Academic Scholarship winners

12 winners of the 2016 Mayoral Academic Scholarships were announced last night at an official presentation at the Cessnock Performing Arts Centre in front of a large crowd of sponsors, Councillors, scholarship applicants and their family and friends.

Some were completely surprised, and others beaming with pride, as each made their way onto the stage to accept a cheque worth \$2,500 to assist with their academic studies. Council received applications from students across the local government area for the 2016 scholarships and the successful applicants were chosen through an interview selection process. Most students applied for the scholarships to assist with university fees, travel costs to and from university and TAFE and text book expenses.

"I believe the scholarships not only help students financially to achieve their academic goals but provide them with important recognition they are on the right track," said Cessnock City Mayor Councillor Bob Pynsent.

"Since the inception of the academic scholarships in 2002, we have been able to

assist 190 students with a magnificent total of \$475,000 in grants."

The deserving group of scholarship winners are listed below:

Austar Coal, Mining Technical/Engineering—Matthew Hughes

Donaldson Coal, Mining—Kasey Williams

Donaldson Coal, Medical and Health—Louise Prater

Hunter Resource Recovery, Post HSC—Sarah Donn

Hunter Resource Recovery, Undergraduate—Madeline Benson

John Knipe Memorial, Cessnock Rugby League Supporters Club

Tourism and Hospitality—Jessica Connelly

Cessnock Retired Mine-workers Association, Mining—Ben McDonald

Kurri Kurri Retired Mine-workers Association, Local Government—Georgia Eddy

Solo Resource Recovery, TAFE—Daniel Snedden

The Rotary Club of Cessnock Inc. Building and Associated Trades—Damien Alley

Kurri Kurri Rotary, John

Clarence Memorial Arts—Abbey Larsen
Cessnock District Learning Centre, Nursing—Ashley-Kate Howlett

Photo above: Congratulations to the 2016 Mayoral Scholarship recipients (L-R) Kasey Williams, Jessica Connelly, Daniel Snedden, Louise Prater, Georgia Eddy, Ben McDonald, Ashley-Kate Howlett, Madeline Benson, Abbey Larsen, Mayor Pynsent, Sarah Donn, Matthew Hughes and Damien Alley.



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The Nappy Collective returns to local libraries

Do you have leftover, unused disposable nappies lying around? Donate them between 6 and 20



May 2016 to Cessnock or Kurri Kurri Libraries.

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There are 400 collection points in 39 cities around Australia taking part in the initiative this year—including Cessnock and Kurri Kurri!

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Nappies are a basic healthcare need and lack of sufficient nappies can lead to an array of problems for disadvantaged families.

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Seeking community views on pedestrian access and mobility plan



Cessnock City Council is calling on the community to provide feedback on the draft Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan (PAMP), currently on exhibition until 8 June 2016.

With significant population growth projected for 2031, Council saw a need to undertake planning of a long-term strategy and action plan for pedestrian facilities within the Cessnock local government area.

Cessnock City Mayor Councillor Bob Pynsent hopes Cessnock and surrounds will have access to safe, convenient and connected pedestrian routes for the community to enjoy.

“Walking is not only a great way to keep fit and healthy, it is one of the most efficient modes of transport in and around the city centre,” Cr Pynsent said.

Based on the population growth between the 2006 and 2011 Census, it is projected Cessnock City local area’s population will grow at least another 30 percent by 2031.

The identified priority works program will form the basis of Council’s 10 year Pathways Construction Program (identified in the PAMP) and will assist Council in seeking external funding opportunities as they become available.

“Solid pedestrian infrastructure will cater for the population growth expected in the coming years, serving our local community and the local tourism industry.”

The recommendations detailed in the draft PAMP are based on a comprehensive document review, pedestrian facilities audit, community and key stakeholder consultation, industry trends analysis and consideration of local environmental, economic and social influences. Cr Pynsent says input from residents is crucial and urges the community to get involved during the exhibition period.

Visit www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au/community/exhibition to view the draft strategy document. Hard copies are also available at the Council’s Administration Building and Cessnock and Kurri Kurri libraries.

☒ Photo above: Local school students utilising pedestrian pathways in Kurri Kurri.

Council applies to remove 40 trees from Park

Singleton Council has lodged an application with the Office of Environment and Heritage to remove 40 of the 83 trees in Burdekin Park in Singleton. The application follows a resolution of Council to undertake whatever is necessary to make the park, located on the New England Highway, safe for the community. Council closed the park on 3 March after a large colony of little red flying foxes took up residence in the park’s heritage trees, which has been home to a colony of protected grey-headed flying foxes since 2000.

The sheer weight and number of the “little reds”, estimated to be about 20,000 at their peak, has caused significant damage to the trees and resulted in large limbs falling to the ground.

An assessment of the trees by an arborist in April identified 40 of the 83 trees were dead or dying beyond saving, 12 will require pruning of the canopy, 9 need pruning to remove hanging branches and dead wood and a further 7 trees will require extensive pruning. Only 15 trees were identified as requiring no action. Singleton Council General Manager Jason Linnane says an application for the tree removal and pruning has been lodged with the Office of Environment. Council is also preparing a development application.

“We want to be in a position to remove the trees as soon as possible after the little reds have moved on from the park,” he says.

“Little reds are highly nomadic and follow their flowering food source, found on Spotted Gum. The above average autumn temperatures means the flowering season has lasted longer than usual, resulting in the little reds hanging around longer than anticipated.

“If there have been any positives from this unprecedented event, it’s that the grey-headed flying foxes have been all but driven out of the park by their little red cousins, meaning Council is in the best position it has ever been in to implement deterrent measures.”

Mr Linnane says once the trees have been removed, Council hopes the community will work with Council to use non-violent methods to discourage the flying foxes from returning to the township.

“This may be the best opportunity we have ever had to rid our town of the flying foxes,” he says.

“While we recognise their protected and vulnerable status, and their contribution to biodiversity, our community has lived with the noise, odour and destruction of our heritage trees for long enough.

“It will be up to the community to tell us how they want Council to treat the park in the event our application is approved and the trees are removed. We will be inviting the community to participate in this process as part of a review of the plan of management for Burdekin Park.”

Mr Linnane says brochures containing information about the flying foxes and Burdekin Park were being letterboxed to all households in the Singleton township next week.

“In addition, we are seeking feedback from those residents who live in close proximity to the park and are most affected to tell us what practical assistance they think could improve their current situation,” he says. “We appreciate how difficult this issue has been for our community and we appreciate their ongoing patience as we work with state and federal representatives to achieve legislative change.”

Cultural development richer thanks to dollar for dollar grants



☒ Photo: Local community-based radio station 2CHR received funding for replacement studio chairs. (L-R) Presenter Warren Parsons with Council’s General Manager Stephen Glen.

14 local community based organisations have been successful in Cessnock City Council’s latest Community Cultural Development Dollar for Dollar Grants Program, sharing in a total of \$25,000.

Local community based organisations involved in arts and cultural activities within the Cessnock local government area (LGA) were invited to apply for

the annual program in February 2016.

Cessnock City Mayor Councillor Bob Pynsent congratulated all recipients and said the funding is critical to the survival of many of these community-based organisations and their associated events. “This year’s deserving recipients range from Wollombi Sculpture in the Vineyards to Kurri Quills

Writer’s Group and the Branxton Greta Community Chamber of Commerce Umbrella Festival,” Cr Pynsent said.

“The grants are provided on a dollar for dollar basis, that is, up to a maximum of 50 per cent of the cost of the project or improvements to facilities.”

Applications are accepted from organisations based outside the Cessnock LGA

for projects of benefit to residents, but priority is given to locally based organisations.

All successful projects are to be completed by 31 December 2016.

Further information on Council’s dollar for dollar grants is available from

www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au/dollarfordollar

Vinnies CEO Sleepout

On the 18th June 2015, 1300 CEOs slept out in the cold. Experiencing for one night what over 100,000 Australians experience every night.

This year’s Vinnies CEO Sleepout is being held on 23 June in Sydney, Wollongong and Newcastle.

Every dollar raised by the Vinnies CEO Sleepout helps provide crucial assistance to people experiencing homelessness, with the aim of breaking the cycle of homelessness permanently.

The Vinnies CEO Sleepout is the biggest source of funding for the charity’s work to end homelessness in the state, with business and community leaders fundraising to sleep rough for one night.

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General Manager

Singleton Mayoral Scholarship recipients announced

The winners of the Singleton Mayoral Scholarship program were announced by Singleton Mayor John Martin at a special presentation at the Singleton Visitor Information and Enterprise Centre last month. There were four winners of major scholarships each receiving \$2000 and two winners of the minor scholarships each receiving \$500.

Scholarships can be spent in a variety of ways to facilitate further education and study including fees, resources, travel and accommodation. More than 70 applications were received across six categories in 2016. The winners, their categories and areas of study are:

- Patrick MacPherson – University – Bachelor of Design/Architecture
- Ethan Vinson – Vocational - Automotive Electrical Trade Certificate
- Abbie Caelli – Appren-

ticeship - Automotive Administrations

- Claire McHattie – High School – Higher School Certificate
- Tiffany Hayward – Agriculture – Certificate IV Veterinary Nursing
- Lauren Howard-Hickey – Hospitality – VET Hospitality

The Singleton Mayoral Scholarship Program has awarded more than \$140,000 in scholarships since its inception in 2009 and celebrates both academic achievement and community contribution. Singleton Mayor John Martin says he was impressed by the high calibre of applicants this year. "The scholarship winners embody the very best that our community has to offer and

we are proud to support them in their academic endeavors," he says. "I congratulate all of our deserving winners and wish all of our applicants the very best with their studies." Major sponsors of the scholarship program expressed pride in being involved in this program. Mount Thorley Warkworth General Manager Mark Rodgers says since its inception, Coal & Allied has had an association with the mayoral scholarship program, which encourage

and support local students to pursue their career pathways. "The presentation itself provides an insight into the career aspirations of our young people and it leaves you inspired by their achievements," he says. Ashton Coal Manager Environment and Community Digby Short says "Ashton is proud to support such an important scholarship program that recognises the valuable contribution of individuals making a positive difference within the Singleton community".

Bloomfield Collieries' John Richards says it is a long standing policy of The Bloomfield Group to support the advancement of youth in the region. "The Singleton Mayoral Scholarship program is a perfect vehicle for our company to achieve that goal," he says. A spokesperson for Hunter Resource Recovery says corporate Australia needs to support the youth of our community by providing the building blocks for a positive future and assist those most deserving to help make a more positive impact upon their community. "Those who are studying

now may become the next corporate CEO and we hope that the cycle of giving and support would continue." Blackwoods prides itself as being the first in industrial supplies and safety, supporting the Australian industry for more than 138 years. "You can rely on Blackwoods' unwavering commitment to supporting the surrounding Hunter region and Singleton community," a spokesperson says. The Singleton Mayoral

Scholarship is an annual program open to all Singleton Local Government Area residents intending to study that year. Applications for the 2017 program will open at the end of 2016.

Photo above: From left, Paul Campbell (Blackwoods), Singleton Council General Manager Jason Linnane, Claire McHattie, Patrick MacPherson, Abbie Caelli, Lauren Howard-Hickey, Singleton Mayor John Martin, Rohan Vinson on behalf of Ethan, Gary Bailey (Bloomfield Group), Mark Rodgers (Coal & Allied) and William Farnworth (Yancoal). Absent – Tiffany Hayward



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Robbers entered a bank in a small town. One of them shouted: "Don't move! The money belongs to the bank. Your lives belong to you. Immediately all the people in the bank laid on the floor quietly and without panic. This is an example of how the correct wording of a sentence can make everyone change their view of the world.

One woman laid on the floor in a provocative manner. The robber approached her saying, "Ma'am, this is a robbery not a rape. Please behave accordingly." This is an example of how to behave professionally, and focus on the goal.

While running from the bank the youngest robber (who had a college degree) said to the oldest robber (who had barely finished elementary school): "Hey, maybe we should count how much we stole.?" The older man replied: "Don't be stupid It's a lot of money so let's wait for the news on Television to find out how much money was taken from the bank." This is an example of how life experience is more important than a degree.

After the robbery, the manager of the bank said to his accountant: "Let's call the cops and tell them how much has been stolen." "Wait? said the Accountant, "before we do that, let's add the \$800,000 we took for ourselves a few months ago and just say that it was stolen as part of today's robbery." This is an example of taking advantage of an opportunity.

The following day it was reported in the news that the bank was robbed of \$4 million. The robbers then counted the money, but they found only \$1 million so they started to grumble. "We risked our lives for \$1 million, while the bank's management robbed three million dollars without blinking? Maybe it's better to learn how to work the system, instead of being a simple robber." This is an example of how knowledge can be more useful than power.

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How to: Protect yourself from rental scams



The convenience of online rental listing puts options at your fingertips, but there are some important things to watch out for.

Anywhere there are listings and reviews online, unfortunately there are usually scams.

Rental listings are a popular target for scammers.

Prospective tenants are used to having personal details at the ready for applications, expect to be asked some questions, and ultimately, expect to hand over some money.

Scammers shouldn't scare you off the Internet (there are plenty offline too). You just need to know how to guard against them and what to look out for.

Rental scam warning signs

*** If it sounds too good to be true, it almost definitely is.** Look for advertised prices well below the rest of the market, the promise of water views, full furnishings and any other combination of benefits for an impossible cheap rate.

*** The landlord is overseas.** This is an immediate a red flag. Though it may on

occasion be true, it should be treated as suspect for safety's sake.

*** You're asked to hand over**

money before anything else happens. If you're asked for a viewing fee, a holding fee to secure a property, or any other kind of upfront fee (usually in the form of an electronic transfer), stop immediately. This isn't standard practice and is deeply suspect.

*** You're being offered lots of excuses as to why you can't view the property.** Just like that landlord who is overseas, something doesn't add up. You should be able to go through all the usual channels without hindrance.

*** There's something off about the photos in the listing.** They may be low quality images (blurry, pixellated, or only one distant shot). They may be stock images or taken from other websites. If you think you've seen a picture before, trust your instincts and run an image search on Google. Sometimes

pictures show outdoor environments that don't match up with the cities they're advertised in (palm trees where there should be skyscrapers). Look *very* closely.

*** Text within images.** If an image has text superimposed, or is nothing but text itself (such as an email address), raise that red flag again. This is highly unusual and very suspect.

*** The words in the ad may be clumsily composed and sound unprofessional.** While agents can occasionally be accused of exaggerating, they know how to describe a property well, and have a certain style of writing. A fake listing looks and feels different.

Look for repetition elsewhere. Cut and paste the content of the listing (including the address and any contact details) into a search engine. If it's a popular scam, you'll likely find it elsewhere. It may be mentioned on blogs or amateur scam watch sites (you should always check

with official sources like **SCAMwatch** as well).

How to protect yourself against fraud

- **Organise an inspection for the property.** As SCAMwatch advises: "A drive by is not enough. With these types of scams, the property may genuinely exist, but it is owned by someone else." If you press this point it may dissuade the scammer from pursuing you.

- **Keep copies of any emails** Keep all correspondence you exchange with the landlord or representative you are dealing with in case you need to provide these to the authorities.

- **Do thorough online research about the property.** Search the name of the person or company involved. If they do not have an online presence (or one that looks like it was hastily cobbled together), you'll affirm

your suspicions and can stop the conversation before it progresses any further. Remember that even fancy, professional looking sites and profiles can be fake. Check other review sites for those names or for similar activity.

- **If you are checking references or recommendations, do so independently.** Do not rely on contacts provided by the landlord, owner or representative.

- **Lay your own groundwork with money and finances.** Do not consent to a money transfer. This carries a high risk. If conducting an online transaction on the listing website, ensure it uses the latest in website security.

Never, ever hand over money or information to someone you don't trust. Trust your instincts – it's better to be safe than sorry.

No landlord or agent can fault you for doing your due diligence.

What to do if you've been targeted by a scam

If you suspect – or know – you've been scammed, report it right away. Contact the ACCC's Infocentre on **1300 302 502** or SCAMwatch (via their **report a scam** page). This may help the authorities track down the culprits and will help warn others against the scam. The more people that report a scam, the more likely it is the scammer will have to change their tactics.

- **Pass on everything you can recall about the incident.** Take a screen grab of the ad if you can (if it's still live and online) and advise the authorities of anything you've told the scammer.

- **Report it to the website you found it on.** There may be a report button on the listing, otherwise send them an email or call. They will

usually have a plan for dealing with these types of listings which includes taking it offline and investigating further. Don't let other users of that website fall victim too.

- **Advise the authorities if necessary.** If you have given anyone your personal or financial details, advise the authorities immediately, and contact your financial institutions to alert them your accounts have been compromised. You can usually prevent any further charges from occurring and cancel cards or accounts so no one can withdraw funds or access their contents.

- **Contact the transfer service provider if you've moved funds.** If you sent money through a wire service, contact the service *immediately* and ask them to stop the transfer.

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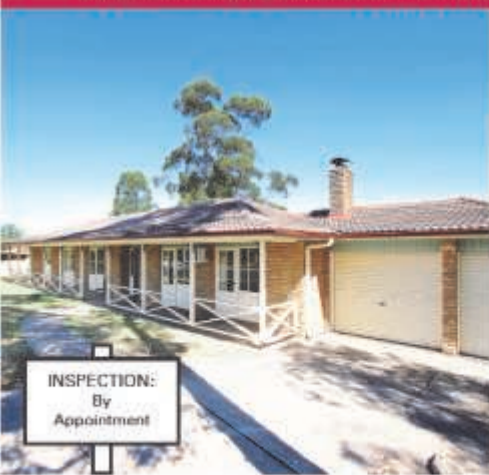
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 New inside and out, still has new home insurance. Bedrooms have ceiling fans & built ins, main with walk in robe & ensuite. The kitchen is a highlight with ceaser stone benchtop, dishwasher, 900mm gas cooktop and 900mm oven plus large walk in pantry. 2 large living areas. Ducted air conditioning. Plenty of room for shedding or pool.
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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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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



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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.

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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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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

PRICE \$320,000



BELFORD

Vacant Land with building approved
Lot 1 DP 1205549
Well over half an acre of good level block.

PRICE \$160,000 ONO



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

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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

Features Include:-
4 Bedrooms, Balcony / Deck, Bath, Built in wardrobe, Dishwasher, Floorboards, Fully fenced, Internal Laundry, Pets allowed.
Enjoy the rural peace & quiet!

\$420 per week



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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!

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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

Cost-effective renovations that will make the biggest difference to your home

Elicia Murray Writer

How do you get the biggest bang for your renovation buck? We consulted the experts to discover the most cost-effective renovations that could make the biggest difference to your home.

From minor additions to big-ticket structural changes, here's what they had to say.

Install a skylight
Let there be light. Skylight, that is. Georgia McKay, a project manager at Buildwise Projects in Melbourne, says adding a skylight – or window to a northern wall – can make a huge difference to a dark room or hallway. “There are some very fancy skylights available, but if you go for a basic model, it costs about \$700 to \$800,” McKay says. High-end models can cost more than \$4000.

Let there be light. Skylight, that is. Photo: Andrew Burges Architects



Rip up the carpet

Suzzy carpets are out. Timber floors are in. “Polished floors are really nice and clean – and they’re great if people have pets,” McKay says. Expect to pay from about \$30 per square metre to sand and polish floorboards. If there aren’t timber floorboards under the carpet, consider overlay flooring. “You can go from very ordinary-

looking floors to a real wow factor. And rugs work really well.”

Repair the roof

It’s not the sexiest job on the renovation wish list, but McKay says roof repairs can have an enormous impact. Ensure the gutters are in order, the insulation is effective and there are no structural defects. “People go and do all these fancy things inside the house,

then the roof leaks. I always say, start at the top, then work down,” she says.

Reconfigure living spaces

Outdated or dark living spaces can leave you feeling boxed in, says Richard Misso, creative director at The Stylesmiths, which offers interior design services in Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane. The solution? Ask a builder if

non-structural walls can be removed to open up the living areas. It could cost as little as \$1500. “The end result will add some serious value to the way you live,” Misso says.

Create an ‘entertaining’ unit

Let’s face it, even the most impressive televisions are just big black voids when they’re switched off. Organising your family room by installing shelving

and cabinets to hide technology when not in use will “give your home a sense of maturity and elegance”, Misso says. Expect to pay from about \$2000 for a built-in entertainment unit.

Add an extra bedroom

When it’s time to put your home on the market, an extra bedroom can make a big difference to your bottom line. Rob



Williamson, a project manager at Elliot Projects in Sydney, says a 20-square-metre extra bedroom could cost as little as \$40,000 – depending on the complexity of the job. “Sometimes it can go in the attic. You can shuffle rooms around a bit and make another room or extend out the back or underneath, depending on the block,” Williamson says.

Build an en suite

As anyone who has ever lived with a toilet-training toddler or shower-hogging teen could attest, sharing a bathroom is the pits. If the plumbing is in the right position, it could cost as little as \$15,000 to add a very basic en suite, Williamson says.

Boost the street appeal

“First impressions count for a lot,” says Danny Cobden, director of Sydney

real estate agency Cobden & Hayson. He recommends landscaping the front garden and making the sure the front facade looks tidy. “Often an economical makeover of the front garden and facade can completely change the look of a property and serves to maximise street appeal,” Cobden says.

Refresh paint and fittings

A lick of paint can go a long way towards giving a tired space a fresh look. Cobden suggests repainting internal walls and ceilings, as well as replacing any dated light fittings and handles on doors or cupboards. “This will have the effect of creating a new look very economically,” he says.

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Set in a quiet 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.



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Price: \$315,000

- 3 bedrooms main bedroom has en-suite
- Open plan design living/ dining area
- Outside covered area
- Double lock up garage with internal access
- Other features include; split air conditioning, gas, water & remote control doors on garage

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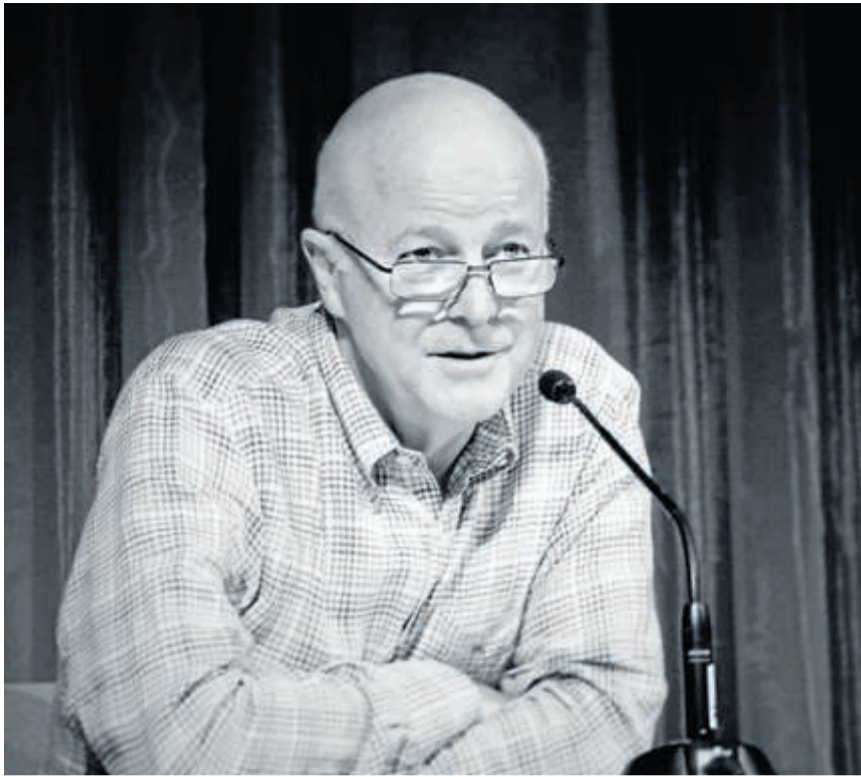
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which Arabella also triumphs, the central focus of this book is the case of a security guard who shot a ride-along colleague. Obviously the outcome depends on whether or not Curry can prove that the victim, now wheelchair-bound, is lying about the actual events of the night in question. While a lot of evidence-putting and cross-examining goes on, there's nothing baffling or overly 'legal' for the lay reader to deal with and the resolution works out as expected, while cleverly presented.

The point of this series isn't immediately obvious. It's not crime fiction in the sense that a crime is committed and an investigation ensues. It's not even legal crime fiction where the case hinges on the prosecutor or the defence counsel proving/disproving/establishing a case. While there is the personal element, it's also not necessarily a series about the developing relationship of two people. Rather, this is a series about how the Defence always triumphs because of either the incompetence of the prosecutor or the judge, or through some clever interpretation of whatever law is involved. Perhaps because it's not necessarily trying to be anything in particular it's quite good fun, in a self-congratulatory, aren't-we-clever sort of a way, as long as the tone and the style don't get up your nose – which readers will be able to gauge from about the second paragraph. But don't expect to find Rumpole and Hilda lurking under the covers. It might come from a similar vine, but it's a very different fruit.

About the Author **Stuart Littlemore QC** is an Australian barrister and former journalist and television presenter. He is best known for his time as writer and host of the Australian Broadcasting Corporation's (ABC) *Media Watch* program, which he conceived and presented from its inception in 1989 to 1997. His broadcasting experience began in the late 1960s when he worked as a television current affairs journalist for the BBC in London, and then the ABC, firstly on *This Day*



Tonight and then on *Four Corners*. In the 1970s and 1980s, he played a television reporter in the film "The Money Movers" and the TV series "The Dismissal" and made guest appearances in the 1990s on the comedy series, *Frontline*, playing himself as the host of *Media Watch*. Following *Media Watch*, he had a short-running

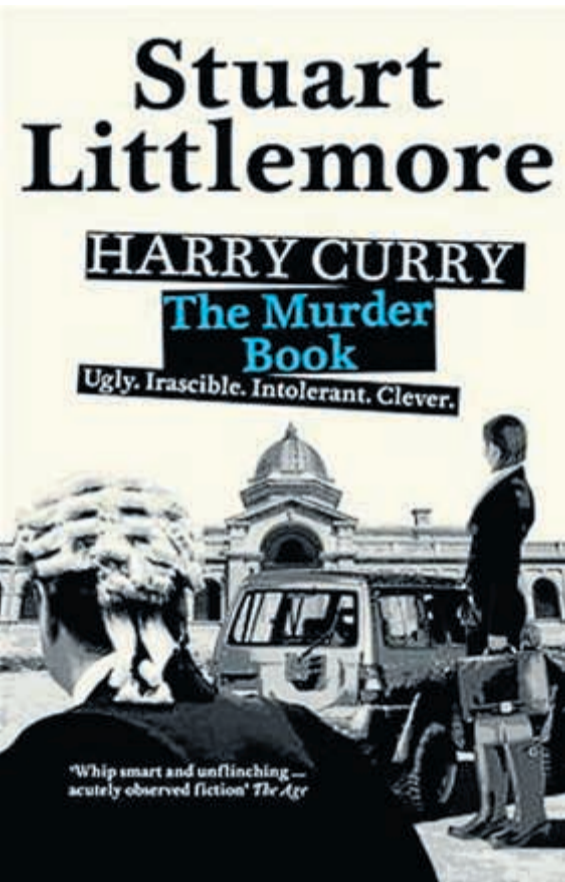
discussion program, *Littlemore* (2001). He published a book about his media experiences entitled *The Media and Me* in 1996. In 2011 he published his first novel, *Harry Curry: Counsel of Choice* and in 2012 the second book in the trilogy, "Harry Curry: the Murder Book" appeared. He was educated at the Scots College, and later

studied law at the University of New South Wales, winning the ALSA Championship Moot in 1978. **Career** In his legal practice, Littlemore specialises in media law and criminal law. He has lectured in journalism and politics at three Australian universities, and been awarded a number of fellowships, including ones from the Australia Council, Deakin University, and the University of Tasmania. As a lawyer Littlemore has spoken publicly about how he feels

it is a professional challenge to knowingly get the guilty acquitted at trial. In an interview in October 1995 on Channel 7 when asked by host Andrew Denton if he could defend "someone who you yourself believe not to be innocent", Littlemore's response was "Well, they're the best cases. I mean, you really feel you've done something when you get the guilty off. Anyone can get an innocent person off. I mean, they shouldn't be on trial. But the guilty – that's the challenge." Littlemore represented Mercedes Corby, the sister of Schapelle Corby, in her defamation action against Australian television broadcaster the Seven Network which was decided in her favour. He also represented Pauline Hanson in her defamation action against News Ltd., after *The Sun-Herald* and *The Sunday Telegraph* published (and later retracted) nude photographs that they claimed showed a young Ms Hanson. A settlement was reached between the parties out of court. In 2012, Littlemore represented former NSW Labor politician Eddie Obeid in hearings before the Independent Commission Against Corruption.

Photo above: Author & barrister Stuart Littlemore QC

The Murder Book



It's not really surprising that Stuart Littlemore, well-known legal counsel, would attempt Australia's answer to Rumpole of the Bailey in a series based on cases where the Defence (in the guise of Harry Curry) rides to victory on the back of some cunning goings-on in the trial courts of NSW. However Curry's partner Arabella Engineer is no 'She Who Must Be Obeyed' and certainly not one to worry about the state of the chops as Harry quietly drinks his Chateau Cardboard in celebration of another stunning victory. Instead, Engineer stands firmly in her own place in court, albeit guided in strategy by Curry as his own legal career veers from minor infraction to bush-based defending from the farm. This final instalment adds impending parenthood, the complicated partnership-versus-marriage question of the modern couple and the concomitant complications

of a very traditional potential mother-in-law. All of which Curry must 'win' while simultaneously holding up his end in South Coast courtrooms. While it's reasonable that a barrister might regard a barrister as a hero, there are points at which the reader could very well wonder what the real crime is here – the actual offence or the level of puffery that can be applied to the art of defending the lesser criminal classes. But if readers are willing to stick their tongues firmly in their cheeks and go along for the ride, there is some self-deprecation buried in this book – usually in the person of instructing solicitor and long-time friend David Surrey: 'Listen carefully, girls,' said Surrey, 'this may be the only time you ever hear Mr Curry talk about a case he lost.' (He didn't ...) In a storyline that's fleshed out with lots of small victories and cases in

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Saturday 28 May

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➤ The Place: Community Centre, Charlestown Square (2-4pm)

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Police Report

Break and Enter/Branxton:

At 01:55am on Tuesday 03 May 2016 Unknown person/s have gained entry to the stated location being the IGA at Branxton by forcing the ground floor side main door by unknown means.

Once inside offender/s have entered the store, however after triggering the alarm they have then run out. The offender/s have not stolen any property. Further enquiries being conducted by Police.

Break, Enter and Steal/Rothbury:

Between 09:00 and 15:00 on Saturday 30 April 2016 unknown person/s have stolen property from the house and attached shed at the location being Old North Rd, Rothbury. Jewellery, IPAD, watch, and cash have been stolen from inside the house.

The offender/s have also gone into an attached shed through an internal unlocked door and have stolen a chainsaw from the shed.

Around 4 pm on Monday 2 May, 2016, the Victim has used the online find my iPhone application to try and locate her stolen iPad. After activating this function it has pin pointed the location of the iPad to be at a residence in Hunterview.

The Victim has contacted Police who have attended the location. Police have spoken with the lawful occupier of the residence, a female, aged 27 herein referred to as the Accused. Police have applied all mandatory LEPRA safeguards before cautioning the Accused in relation to the stolen property.

The Accused has given Police consent to enter her premises wherein they have located the Victims stolen iPad and Panasonic digital camera lying in plain view within the living room area of the house. The Accused was again cautioned in relation to the property. She declined to be formally interviewed in relation to the matter.

She has received a Future Court Attendance Notice for Goods suspected stolen in/on premises and is to appear at Singleton Local Court on the 16th June 2016.

Male attacked by Bull/Putty:

Deceased: Male, aged 72 from Putty. Location: Putty Valley Road, Putty.

On Monday the 2 May 2016, the Deceased, was doing some work on the fence and water tank at his property, on Putty Valley Road, Putty. During that time, it appears that a bull on the property has attacked the Deceased, hitting the man's chest and stomach with its head several times.

About 1:30pm on that date a neighbour was driving past and noticed the gate open and the Deceased's ute. The neighbour went to speak to the Deceased and located him near his vehicle. Ambulance and Police were notified.

The premises were attended by RFS who destroyed the bull. On arrival Ambulance personnel announced life extinct.

Hunter Valley Detectives arrived on scene.

Newcastle Crime Scene Section were notified and in attendance.

Government contractor notified and the Deceased was conveyed to Newcastle Morgue for post mortem examination.

Stolen Boat/Belford:

Between 13:00 on Thursday 05 May 2016 and 14:00 on Sunday 08 May 2016, vessel, BJ828N - WHITE QUINTREX RUNABOUT, was parked and secured at the stated location being Old North Rd, Belford. Unknown person/s have stolen the vessel by unknown means and method. The vessel was on board the trailer at the time.

The trailer had a trailer lock on it at the time of offence. Between 13:00 on Thursday 05 May 2016 and 16:00 on Friday 06 May 2016, unknown person.s have entered the stated location being Old North Rd, Belford via the ground floor side window which was closed, but unlocked. Offenders have stolen a hedge trimmer, blower and chainsaw.



Last week the Hunter Valley welcomed a high powered delegation from China's Wanda Province on a familiarisation tour.

Mr Hong's delegation of travel agents were in the Hunter investigating direct air routes from Wanda Province to Williamtown. The airline already flies direct to the Gold Coast.

The delegation also had an extensive tour of the Hunter where they were exposed to great wine and food, the famous Hunter Valley Gardens, golf and other attractions including hot air ballooning, Village trails and boutique accommodation.

These familiarisations are of critical importance to the Hunter. Airlines and travel agents have the power to deliver tourists and help support the local economy, suppliers and operators.

China is Australia's number one source of tourism and is growing strongly.

Hunter Valley Wine & Tourism Chairman, Mr Souris said the delegation was interested in seeing as much of the Hunter as possible.

Three Hunter Valley hotels have been named amongst the best hotels in Australia as voted in the recent TripAdvisor Travellers' Choice awards, positioning the Hunter Valley amongst the most awarded regions in the world.

In the 'Small Hotels' category, Splinters Guest House was rated number 3 and Spicers Vineyard Estate number 6. For 'Best Service', Spicers Vineyard Estate was rated number 3 and Golden Door Health Retreat Elysia was rated number 10. Finally, in the 'Luxury' section, Spicers Vineyard Estate took home the trifecta, being ranked second place across Australia.

"We are very proud of our Hunter Valley properties," said Chairman of the Hunter Wine and Tourism Association, George Souris. "It's a great honour for them and the Hunter Valley, to be recognised amongst some of the best hotels in the country."

The prospectus for Hunter Valley Wine & Food Festival went out during the beginning of January

and we are excited by the high quality of events which will this year be taking place over the May and June period. It is set to be bigger than ever and looks to encompass such events as the Upper Hunter Wine & Food Affair, Lovedale Long Lunch and the Hunter Valley Wine Festival.

Before we sign off for another week, The Hunter Valley Wine & Tourism Association has gone through our list of members and have liked each of them on Facebook.

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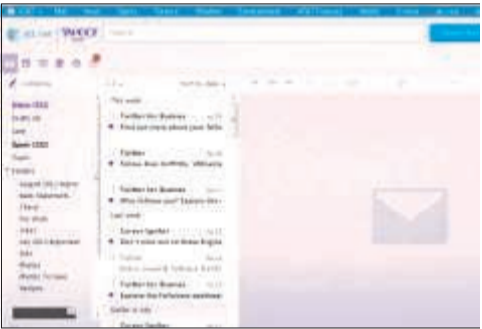
A reader opened a question with my least favourite sentence around here, "This is a stupid question, but how do I get into the cloud site to see if I have e-mail there?" It's not stupid to ask a question about something you need to know. In fact, this is a question that could benefit a lot of people.

Many people get their e-mail via an e-mail client like Outlook and never visit the webmail interface of their account online. In fact, I missed a very important e-mail about a job interview once because it was stuck in the Spam filter of my ISP and never downloaded to my PC. I checked Outlook's spam and junk boxes regularly to see if anything I actually wanted had been filtered out, but not online.

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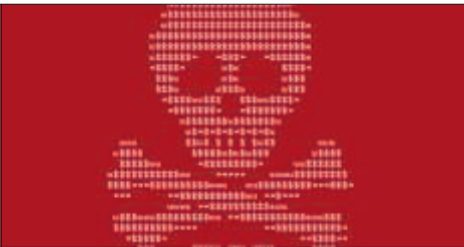
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Ransomware Attacks Are Getting Worse: How To Fight Back

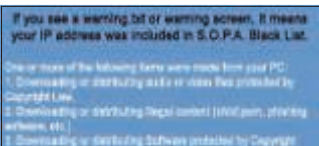
Ransomware attacks are increasing in frequency and in severity. Ransomware is particularly dangerous malware that locks down your PC and sometimes even destroys important files if you don't pay up. Organizations like hospitals are being held hostage as crooks lock down their patient records and demand payments in Bitcoin electronic currency before unlocking the files.

So far in 2016, victims have included medical centres in Texas, California, Kentucky, Washington D.C., Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, Indiana, Germany, and New Zealand.



Police Departments in Massachusetts and Maine, as well as the Pima County, Arizona Superior Court. School districts in South Carolina, Mississippi, and Texas have also faced attacks along with public utilities in Michigan.

Many desperate organizations have paid the attackers, though often far less money than they originally demand. In fact, law enforcement and security advisors are warning people not to pay, even though it seems like the easiest option. Instead of helping, you can actually make yourself an even more attractive target. These untrustworthy criminals will likely hit you again and raise the ransom price next time.



Most ransomware attacks are launched when employees mistakenly open something that looks like a legitimate document to them or are redirected to a

malicious site and tricked into downloading the ransomware.

As with many things in life, the only sure cure is prevention.

1. Back up all important data regularly. If you lose a particular PC, so be it. But you'll still have your valuable data available to restore to a new machine.

2. Keep your anti-virus software and malware protection updated. If you're using software that has an update available, take it. Yes, it may be a pain to spend the time updating, but that's better than not being protected against a ransomware attack.

3. Educate yourself and be cautious. Watch what you click and where you go. In fact, it's not a bad idea to do away with attaching documents to e-mails. Instead have designated shared folders either on the network or in cloud storage where items are shared and people know to go there to look without sharing any links. If you have a business or are part of an organization, make sure everyone knows the rules for safe computing. If you must share links or attachments, have a standard protocol of what the message will say so users can tell that it's genuine.

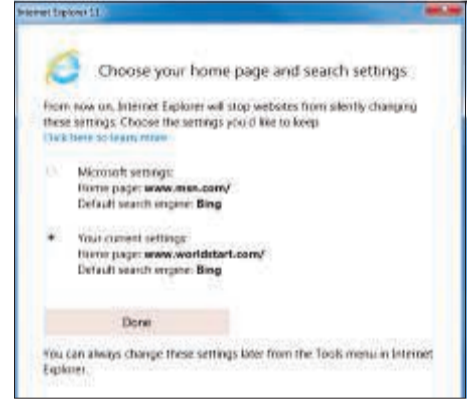
If your PC is attacked, it's time to call in a professional. If you're a home user, find a reputable computer tech. If you're at work, immediately contact the person who handles IT. Make sure you warn everyone else in the office about what's happened.

Internet Explorer Fights Browser Hijacking

Internet Explorer is stepping up its game to prevent browser hijacking by adding a feature that's already part of the Microsoft Edge browser. Many of you have had the experience of opening your browser and finding that your homepage or default search engine has changed. This is usually because you've downloaded something that came with a sneaky stowaway that later hijacked your browser and your search engine.

Removing these items is a royal pain. You have to not only delete sneaky toolbars from your add-ons but also reset your default search providers and your homepage. Seriously, fixing this mess can take HOURS!

I opened up Internet Explorer on Monday and saw this pop-up.



Internet Explorer wanted confirmation that my choices for a homepage and a search engine were what I wanted them to be. From this point forward, Internet Explorer will not allow a third-party program to change these settings. This can effectively end a lot of browser hijacking. That certainly doesn't mean you shouldn't be very careful when downloading, but it's good news.

How Do I Save My Data?

A reader needs some help with getting files off a dead computer. "I have an internal hard drive in a computer with integrated video which went bad and a monitor will no longer work with that machine. What's a good way to transfer the data on that drive to a new computer?"

The best solution would have been that all of your important files were already backed up on a regular backup you make to an external drive or the cloud. Sorry, but I have to get that in. Prevention folks!

If that's not the case, the simplest way would be to walk your dead machine down to a computer store and have someone there transfer it for you. The tech can remove your old hard drive, plug it in to an adapter cable and pull the data off.

If you feel comfortable enough taking your dead PC apart, you can remove the old hard drive and attach it to an adapter cable or put it into a hard drive enclosure designed for turning old internal hard drives into external drives. Your new PC will then treat your old hard drive like any external hard drive and you can transfer files at will.



The Law Report



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published as "Uncommon Law". There was a TV adaptation. Most of his spoof cases had a serious point- they exposed aspects of the law which Herbert thought needed change: copyright, divorce, defamation, liquor licensing, the police as "agent provocateurs" and rules of the road being some of the recurrent theme.

Two of these spoof cases pointed out the foolishness of the appeal system. You had to appeal from a single judge to the court of appeal even if the court of appeal was bound to "follow" a House of Lords decision. Herbert said why not leapfrog straight to the House of Lords? Years later his procedure was adopted in England, it would be a good idea if it were adopted in Australia too.

There are really two issues to be decided in Mr Willer's leapfrog appeal. The first is whether an action for malicious prosecution is available in the context of civil proceedings. The second is how binding or persuasive are Privy Council decisions- most of the judges of which are also judges of the British Supreme Court. I will let you know.

In this series I've used malicious prosecution as an example of how and why the judge made law changes over time and of how the different courts interact. But I want to conclude with another reason why Mrs Cuneen would be unlikely to have succeeded in a claim for malicious prosecution, one which she would undoubtedly know and would by itself be a good reason why she never brought an action. And one which you'd hope the media commentators who speculated about Mrs Cuneen bringing an action would know too. To be successful in an action for malicious prosecution the claimant must prove the action was indeed malicious. A very recent example in New South Wales shows this. The case refers to the family only by initials -so shall I.

On 10 May 2012 HD's daughter suffered a broken nose and other facial injuries. That night she told her friend that her father did it. The next day the school deputy principal saw her in the playground. Her injuries were obvious despite her attempt to cover them with makeup. The deputy principal spoke to her, and got her to hospital for treatment and later reported the case to the police. After speaking with the daughter, her best friend, and school and hospital staff, the police charged her father (HD) with assault. A week later the daughter changed her story saying that the injury was an accident- that she'd been behind a door when her father abruptly opened it. The police dropped the charge.

The father brought an action against the police and the state government for malicious prosecution. He failed in the District Court, his appeal to the Court of Appeal also failed. The main reason he failed was because he could not show that the police did anything wrong. "Malice" in a malicious prosecution case requires the prosecutor's sole or dominant purpose to be other than proper invocation of the criminal law. AD couldn't show that the police had not honestly and reasonably concluded that the material available to them warranted charging him. When I read the case summary I wondered just how much "HD's" legal bill was. Even if his lawyer was a friend and working for free, the government's costs in the court of appeal was surely out of all proportion to any money AD might have expected to get if he had been successful.

To return to Mrs Cuneen and ICAC, ICAC was 'tipped off' about the alleged phone conversations in which Mrs Cuneen was supposed to have told her son's girlfriend to fake an illness by the Federal Police who were conducting wire taps as part of another investigation. The phone conversation as "overheard" by chance. I can't see how ICAC was malicious in acting on information given to them by another law enforcement agency. I can see that ICAC could and probably would have been criticised if it had not investigated the matter.

The Privy Council

My last article was a little off the subject - it didn't deal with malicious prosecution nor with the Privy Council and how that body can still affect our laws. Rather I tried to show the relationship between courts within the one hierarchy.

The Privy Council is outside the Australian and the British hierarchy but its decisions can be persuasive. How persuasive its decision on Mr Paterson's claim for malicious prosecution is about to be seen in England. Mr Gubay was a successful British businessman; he established a chain of supermarkets and later another chain of health clubs. Mr Willers was Mr Gubay's right hand man from 1986 until his dismissal in 2009. Mr Gubay controlled a host of companies. Mr Willers was a director of one of them Langstone Pty Ltd. Langstone funded and indemnified the liquidator of another company Aqua Design and Play Limited to prosecute an action against the former directors of Aqua for wrongful trading. The action against Aqua was abandoned shortly before trial, meaning that Langstone became liable for costs of £1.95 million. Then after Mr Gubay dismissed Mr Willers, Langstone brought a claim against Mr Willers alleging breach of directors' duties. Mr Willers denied all liability and sought an indemnity from Mr Gubay, whom he joined into the action as a Third Party, Mr Willers, claimed Mr Gubay was the sole effective decision maker and it was in fact Mr Gubay who had directed Mr Willers to bring the action through Aqua's liquidator in the first place.

Two weeks before Langstone's action against Mr Willers was due to be heard in a 5 week trial, Langstone discontinued its action and was subsequently ordered to pay Mr Willers' costs. Around a year later, Mr Willers brought a claim against Mr Gubay claiming damages for the tort of malicious prosecution of civil proceedings. Mr Gubay applied to strike out the claim on the basis that there is no action for malicious prosecution of civil proceedings known to English law. A "strike out" action is often brought when there is a legal issue which means the claim cannot succeed.

Mr Gubay's strike out succeeded. The judge said she was bound to follow the House of Lords decision in Mr Gregory's case which I wrote about some time ago - that there was indeed no such action.

Mr Willers appealed. His appeal 'leapfrogged' the English Court of Appeal straight to the Supreme Court. This unusual procedure is used only where there's a decision of the Supreme Court or the House of Lords (which was replaced by the Supreme Court) on the point, (here the House of Lords ruling against Mr Gregory) and when the appeal concerns a point of law of general public importance. All the parties and the Supreme Court have to agree to the "leapfrog". Nine Supreme Court judges heard the appeal but their decision has been delayed, Mr Gubay has died but his estate is still defending the case.

The leapfrog procedure is an example of fact following fiction. It was first proposed by A P. Herbert an English lawyer who switched to being a writer. He'd been a soldier in

Gallipoli and later on the Western Front in World War One. (He was one of two officers to survive in his battalion after one battle in 1916) His novel based on his war experiences "The Secret Battle": with an introduction by Winston Churchill is said to have changed the treatment of shell shocked soldiers (today we call shell shock "Post traumatic shock disorder").

Herbert later became a member of parliament advocating law reform- one of the bills he brought to parliament was written in verse. But one of his main claims to fame was writing spoof law cases in the English magazine Punch which were - later

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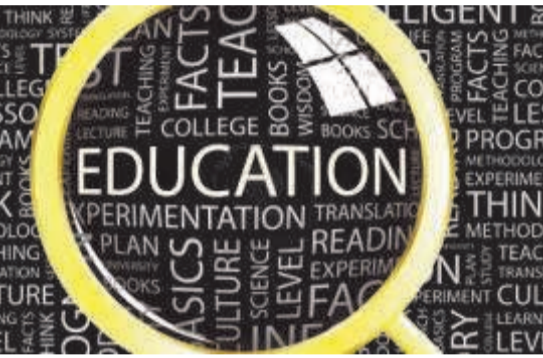
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More training for coffee making than property sales



An overhaul of education and training standards for the real estate profession must take place to help prevent illegal activities, according to the Real Estate Institute of New South Wales.

REINSW President John Cunningham said trust account fraud, misleading and deceptive conduct, underquoting and a lack of knowledge about property and the laws relating to its transaction are simply unacceptable behaviours.

"On the surface real estate sales and management appear to be very simple," Mr Cunningham said.

"However it is in reality a very complex and multilayered process that requires a high level of knowledge and diverse skills to carry it out in a professional manner.

"Most people would expect that an agent has been properly trained and has the required qualifications to fulfil their obligations.

"The sad truth is that for the past 10 years the education standards delivery especially in NSW have been watered down and in the interest of increased competition abused by many course providers that are allowed to continue operating.

"It actually requires more training to become a barista than a real estate agent," Mr Cunningham said.

"You would expect an agent to understand how the property they are dealing with was built; its age; what the zoning is; if there are any easements, building or height restrictions; and what special conditions are in the contract, to name just a few issues.

"Professional agents can answer all of these questions, but not every agent will be able to because of the low level of training in the industry.

"The Real Estate Institute of New South Wales has been fighting for the past 10 years for better training and qualifications, and government cannot ignore the issue any longer.

"Inadequate real estate agent training needs to be addressed to achieve better consumer experiences and outcomes. Both the NSW Government and NSW Fair Trading must act on our recommendations for reform.

"Professional agents and consumers demand it, and now is the time to deliver it," Mr Cunningham said.

Facebook auction one of the first for Australia

A Sydney apartment will be auctioned live on Facebook and video app Periscope in one of the first auctions of its kind in Australia.

The property on 3/9-19 Nickson Street is being sold by Raine & Horne Surry Hills on 21 May 2016.

Buyers will be able to watch it being auctioned from 10am on the Facebook page of Jason Ballo, Principal of Raine & Horne Surry Hills, and on the live video streaming app Periscope.

All you need to do to watch it online is visit www.facebook.com/ballo23 where you will see a video of the property which you can click on to enlarge.

Or after downloading the Periscope app to your phone, you can search for 'jasonballo' to view it on there instead.

Bidders who choose to watch the auction online will need to be registered on the day at the property, so they would need someone to be at the house to place the bids on their behalf.

Jason, who conceived the idea, said: "This historic auction is a preview of where real estate technology in Australia is

headed.

"It will help make auctions accessible to everyone, from those who may not be able to attend because they have a young child, are going on holiday to Bali, or are on business in Hong Kong."

He added that it will also help buyers narrow down their selection and help sellers reach the right audience by targeting serious parties.

James Pratt, Director of Auction Services, Raine & Horne said: "We're starting to introduce new technology like this to help real estate agents reach a bigger audience by making auctions more accessible.

"It will also benefit buyers by enabling them to view a house without leaving their office or home, which in turn saves them time.

"In the past, if you couldn't be at an auction but your partner was there, usually you would only be able to listen through their phone, but the downside is you couldn't see what was going on.

"Now, by being able to watch you'll be able to see how much interest there is in the room, which makes it more transparent for the buyers."

The one-bedroom, one-bathroom apartment, which comes with a lock up garage, last sold in 2005 for \$332,000; the auction price guide for the property is \$700,000.



RBA cuts interest rates to 1.75%



The Reserve Bank of Australia has cut interest rates by 25 basis points to a new record low of 1.75 per cent at its May 2016 meeting.

REINSW President John Cunningham said the RBA's decision followed low inflation data.

"The RBA has acted after the consumer price index rose less than expected in March. All eyes are now on the banks to see if they will pass on the full 25 basis point reduction.

"It is 12 months since the RBA cut interest rates to the previous low of 2.00 per cent and since then the banks have independently moved rates higher. The banks now have a duty to pass the full benefit onto consumers.

"Now is a good time to borrow money to purchase a property as the cost of capital is the best it has ever been," Mr Cunningham said.

The official cash rate has fallen 300 basis points since November 2011, with the RBA cutting interest rates twice in 2013 in May and August and at its February and May meetings last year.

The RBA will next meet on Tuesday, 7 June 2016

New underquoting laws apply to the sale of NSW residential property from 1 January 2016 to give clearer rules for agents around the quoting of property prices.

Underquoting

NSW Fair Trading defines an underquoting offence as follows:

"The underquoting reforms are designed to stop real estate agents understating property prices. An agent is committing an underquoting offence if they state or publish a price for a property that is less than their reasonable estimate of the property's likely selling price contained in the agency agreement with the seller. This practice of underquoting can cause interested buyers to waste time and money on inspecting properties, getting reports and attending auctions based on misleading estimates of the selling price."

There is no better love potion than a coffee. When a man drinks the coffee made by you he will become forever yours." ~ *Sophia Loren*

"I never laugh until I've had my coffee." ~ *Clark Gable*

"If it weren't for the coffee, I'd have no identifiable personality whatsoever." ~ *David Letterman*

No man can be called friendless who has God and the companionship of good books." ~ *Elizabeth Barrett Browning*

"Life is a spell so exquisite that everything conspires to break it." ~ *Emily Dickinson*

"Never do things others can do and will do if there are things others cannot do or will not do." ~ *Amelia Earhart*



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MOVIE REVIEW

FLORENCE FOSTER JENKINS



Eddie the Eagle is uncomplicated. Eddie knows he's never going to be a serious competitor as a ski-jumper but manages to do just well enough to get to the Winter Olympics, achieve an ambition and amuse others with his antics. He's not deluded, he's having fun — and the recent film about him happily embraces that story. The joke is with him, not on him.

The case of Florence Foster Jenkins is more puzzling. Born in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, in 1868, she appears to have been a genuine child prodigy as a pianist but, after her wealthy father refused to pay for further musical studies, she eloped in her teens with a man called Dr Foster who, allegedly, infected her with syphilis.

After their separation she supported herself as a pianist and teacher in New York but, perhaps suffering a hand injury, switched to singing, supported in this by her common-law second husband, a British actor called St Clair Bayfield, whom she had met in 1909. Later that year her father died and, after a court-room battle, she inherited a substantial estate, which enabled her to become an influential music and arts patron in New York, founding her own "Verdi Club". She gave her first song recital in 1912, when she was already in her forties, and carried on for 30-odd years more.

Small problem: she couldn't sing. Not at all, really. She couldn't hold a note. She had almost no sense of rhythm or pitch or intonation, nor much grasp of the many languages she attempted. As her surviving recordings prove (available on a Naxos CD waggishly titled *Murder on the High Cs*, a David Bowie favourite), she sounded like a very unlucky banshee — or maybe just a regular cat being protractedly tortured by a fiend.

Yet, protected from the bad news by Bayfield, Florence genuinely seems to have believed she was good, perhaps until near the very end of her life.

Simply bad singing is neither enjoyable nor particularly funny but Florence Foster Jenkins projects a crazed self-belief that makes her hilarious and even exhilarating to hear. It's the enormous distance between what she obviously believed she sounded like and the evidence of your own ears that's so funny.

In her own lifetime she seems to have been popular, primarily as a joke or a camp fad, although she may not have been aware that this was why people wanted to hear her until the very end, when a sold-out concert at Carnegie

Hall in 1944 was greeted with gales of laughter and derisive reviews. The extraordinary costumes in which she posed so proudly (as, for example, the winged "Angel of Inspiration") don't suggest much self-doubt either.

So this surely has to be more of a laughing at, than a laughing with, story? Or perhaps, if taken another way, it is a sad one, since it may have been tertiary syphilis and the toxic treatments then available that lay behind her ineptitude, perhaps even giving her tinnitus that prevented her hearing herself. Should we admire her courage in pursuing self-fulfilment, if not her actual singing? "People may say I couldn't sing but no one can ever say I didn't sing," she could and did boast.

Or then again, perhaps this is a not so admirable tale of how money permits the rich to indulge their fantasies of being talented too and ensures they are cynically indulged by their acolytes and dependents? Whatever. All these qualms are swept away in this new biopic, the debut feature script of TV screenwriter Nicholas Martin, directed by Stephen Frears. It's all broad humour and big-heartedness, out to entertain and amuse. Although made in Britain (the Hammersmith Apollo standing in for Carnegie Hall, a Park Lane hotel for the Ritz-Carlton in New York), it is sumptuously mounted by costume designer Consolata Boyle and production designer Alan Macdonald and glamorously filmed by cinematographer Danny Cohen, making for a fine spectacle all round. If it has a moral, it's no more than that love conquers all and critics can be really mean.

Florence Foster Jenkins is played by Meryl Streep, wearing a fat suit and, as always, committing herself wholly to the part in a way that transforms the performances of those around her. As we know from her last film, *Ricki and the Flash*, Streep can sing for real — and here she uses that talent to sing for real really badly. The performances were recorded live and they are amazingly good impressions of the true horror of FFFJ's original. However, grotesque as she is prepared to look and badly as she is prepared to sing, Meryl Streep is still Meryl Streep, one of the great stars, 19 times Oscar-nominated, with irreducible charisma. That changes things. FFFJ wanted to be a star but was a joke. With Streep, the starriness is real and you are always aware that she is once more giving a terrific performance right there in front of you — and that changes the balance of the film, making it pleasurable rather than painful, but perhaps less true to the perplexities of the case.

She is wonderfully supported by Hugh Grant as her not quite husband, St Clair Bayfield, dubiously aristocratic and — as an opening scene in which he delivers a soliloquy from Hamlet at the Verdi Club reveals — a pretty hopeless ham himself. Not quite the gent, not wholly a con though, wrinkly but distinguished, Bayfield seems genuinely devoted to

Florence, truly in love with her in some improbable way — although living elsewhere, in an apartment paid for by her, with his much younger girlfriend, Kathleen (swishy Rebecca Ferguson). "Ours is a very happy world," this flake insists. It's Grant's best part for years, great casting. To help Florence prepare for performing at Carnegie Hall, a pianist is recruited, tiny, nervous Cosme McMoon, brilliantly played by Simon Helberg, best known for the TV series *The Big Bang Theory*, here showing a remarkable ability to play the piano at a high level and act at the same time. His first rehearsal with Madame Florence is a hoot, as he struggles on, his face betraying shock, disbelief, incomprehension, dawning horror and then sheer desperation. Only as he leaves the apartment does he break down in helpless laughter.

When McMoon balks at performing with Florence publicly, at Carnegie Hall, worried for his own reputation, his own ambitions, Bayfield makes the big speech: "You think I didn't have ambition? I was a good actor but I was never going to be a great actor. It was very hard to admit that to myself, but once I had I felt free from the tyranny of ambition. I started to live! Is ours not a happy world, Cosme? Do we not have fun?" And fun is about the limit of the ambition of this film too. Fair enough. Fun it is.

Yet it is worth noting that, as luck would have it, the story of Florence Foster Jenkins was made into a much more serious film last year, *Marguerite*, directed by Xavier Giannoli, which translates her story to France in the 1920s but is otherwise faithful enough. Catherine Frot deservedly won a César for playing "Marguerite Dumont" and the story takes her more seriously altogether, suggesting that her amateur dramatics and frightful warblings are a poor substitute for her husband's love — and that her delusions eventually cost her both her sanity and her life.

Coincidentally, Stephen Frears's previous film, *The Program*, a drama about cycling cheat Lance Armstrong, was also closely preceded by another film on precisely the same subject, *The Armstrong Lie*, a documentary by Alex Gibney that had good claim to reveal more too. However Frears brings to his films an easy fluency, an expansive way with his cast, good production values and a determination to entertain. Attainable ambitions

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FIRST PUBLISHED in THE NEWS Issue No 149 4th Dec 2003 page 40 **ONE** of my best mates is a chap by the name of Ed White. Ed is the youngest of seven children. He grew up on his family's

property, "Belltrees", near Scone. When Ed's eldest brother Anto was born, his parents had to decide where Anto and any other offspring would be schooled. They did some research and then took a few days to visit a few boarding schools in Sydney. They were quite impressed with what they saw and with one school left, Michael and Judy White had pretty well made their minds up on which scholastic institution young Anto was to be placed. To cut a long story short, Michael and Judy happened to lose their way whilst trying to find the main administration building at this particular school. They drove around and around until they spotted two boys playing tennis on some distant courts. Quite puzzled by the enormity of the school grounds, Michael stopped the car and slowly stepped out to try and catch one of the boys' attention so as to acquire some directions. One of the young boys spotted them, dropped his tennis racquet halfway through a game and proceeded to run across two other courts, through a gate and around the enclosure to where the White's were standing.

"Good afternoon, Sir" the breathless boy enthused as he straightened himself, "I noticed you were lost, can I be of any assistance?"

Michael turned to his wife with a huge grin on his face.

That little boy sent one of the most well known and historic dynasties through one of the most exclusive schools in Australia, with the next generation already attending.

The point of the story? First impressions. A first impression is not a 'gut feeling'. A first impression is processed before you draw on any reasonable evidence for or against. It is an extremely rapid assessment of something or someone based on your perceived outlook of the world around you. Most of the time you will be completely unaware when you have drawn such a quick conclusion on something even though most people will make several each day.

A first impression can change your life forever. I remember the first time I ever laid eyes on Holly. I was blown away. I did not introduce myself or even speak to her that day. In fact, I did not see her again for about eight years. That first impression remained with me like it was yesterday, however. It still does. Now we're married.

Another of my very good mates from school has become an extremely talented actor and his ego has soared with it. The first time I met him he was a shy, withdrawn country boy who was constantly home-sick and that's the same person I still see. The great thing is, that all the fame and bullshit put aside, he knows that is how I still perceive him and our friendship is solid because of that.

I'd better relate this article back to wine, my favourite subject. Without confusing marketing with first impressions, how many times have you waltz into a bottle shop to grab a bottle of wine and as you quickly scan the packed shelves full of all sorts of different labels, one just springs out at you and you immediately pick it up and turn it to read the back label and get a price. Yep, that's about right, this one will do. Sold!

Maybe you put the bottle down because it was just a few more dollars than you were willing to pay or you thought your decision was made too hastily, so you spend the next 45 minutes picking out other wines only to settle on one unconvinced, then once opened become disappointed only to wish you had bought the first one. The question is, are first impressions valid? A first impression on something does not change. Your view on the matter may change in a short or long period of time but the first impression will be forever in your archives. Think of the events in your life which have stemmed from a first impression. Amazing stuff, really. It's not fate, it's just life. Life is something you do when you're waiting for something to happen. Most of it is all pretty well face value stuff, it just becomes interesting, challenging and finally complicated the more we read into it. Just like where I seem to be going with this article!

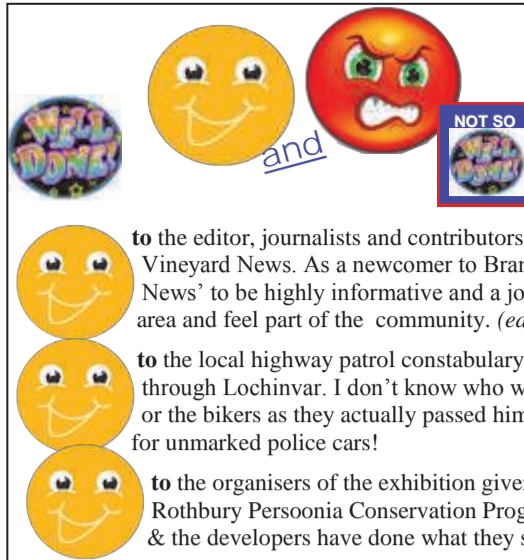
Last issue I regrettably predicted that the World Cup rugby final would be played between New Zealand and France. Rest assured I was certainly not alone on this one but how wrong was I? The reasoning behind my prediction actually stemmed from a first impression. In February of this year I watched the first Super 12 game of the season. The Auckland Blues were playing and their superb five-eighth Carlos Spencer was jogging around the paddock with the greatest of ease sporting a cocky kind of smile while setting up tries, here, there and everywhere. By half time I wasn't just impressed, I was almost speechless. I turned to the crew I was viewing this rugby union televisionial feast with and exclaimed "The Auckland Blues will win the Super 12's, New Zealand will win the Bledisloe Cup, the Tri-Nations and finally the World Cup. Carlos Spencer will be player of the year and completely dominate every time he runs on the field. Period."

It wasn't a prediction at all. It was a first impression. I watched 40 minutes of a provincial side in a preliminary comp game and from that concluded all the above. The ironic thing is that I still believe the All Blacks were the 'talent' side this year and still totally believe that "King Carlos" was the best player. Just like love, first impressions maybe, just maybe a little blind at times. You'll never know I suppose.

Michael White had a 30 second conversation whilst asking directions from a little boy whom he had never laid eyes upon and then proceeded to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars over a three decade period to educate his kids as a result of that. Now that's an impression!

P.S. All I can say is that I was present at the semi-final game between the Wallabies and the All Blacks and any team who could beat the All Blacks this year is the best team in the world. To all the Wallabies and to Eddie Jones, you are true legends. That's not a first impression. It's a last!!

Cheers, Andrew.



to the editor, journalists and contributors of this newspaper The Branxton Greta Vineyard News. As a newcomer to Branxton only 3 months ago I have found 'The News' to be highly informative and a joy to read. It has helped us to settle in to the area and feel part of the community. (ed. Thanks Helen)

to the local highway patrol constabulary who booked two speeding bikers speeding through Lochinvar. I don't know who was more surprised, the highway patrolman or the bikers as they actually passed him & then sped away. Maybe there is a need for unmarked police cars!

to the organisers of the exhibition given by the NSW Royal Botanic Gardens North Rothbury Persoonia Conservation Program last weekend. It was a real eye-opener & the developers have done what they said they would do!



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The "For your Diary" section of The News is a FREE community service.

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Tue May 17 - 7:30pm Icebreakers Carers Support Group Meeting. Greta Workers Sports & Recreation Club Auditorium
Tue May 17 - Greta Public School Assembly
Fri 20 May - Branxton Public School 'Walk safely to School' Day.
Sat 21 May - Branxton Rodeo 3pm - 9:30pm. Plenty of food & refreshments.
Fri 27 May - Australia's Biggest Morning Tea hosted by Branxton Greta CWA. Branxton Community Hall 11am - 1:30pm Fee \$10 All welcome. RSVP brantongretacwa@hotmail.com or P: 0402 015 850
Sat 28 May - Bridal Parade @ St John's Anglican Church
Mon 30 May - Branxton Public School "Questacon" Science Show
Tue 31 May - Greta Public School Assembly
Thur 2 Jun/ Fri 3 Jun - Stage 1 Tocal excursions. Branxton Public School
Sat 4 Jun - Sat 4th June Branxton Wine Country Cat Club is holding their first Pedigree and Companion Cat Show at Branxton Community Hall. Public Welcome from 11am to 3:30pm Come and see over 100 Cats and Kittens from your long haired Persians to your Orientals, Burmese Bengals British Abyssinians Companion Cats and many more! Watch and listen to the Judges talking about the breeds as they judge. Talk to the owners and Breeders on the day. Raffles, Lucky door prizes. Entry fee \$2 Pensioners/Singles \$5 Families
Mon 6 June - Branxton Public School P & C Meeting. 6pm Library
Tue 7 Jun - Branxton Lions Club meeting 4pm Brxt Golf Club
Tue 14 June - Greta Public School Assembly
Tues June 14 - Branxton/Greta CWA Mtg, St Brigid's old School, Station St., Branxton, 9.30am, Staff room. Enquires to Deirdre 0417277589 or Deeanne 0429636925
Sun 19 Jun - St Brigid's Markets in the old school grounds
Mon 20 June - 11 - 12 Support group meeting followed by lunch. Greta/ Branxton Health & Mental Wellbeing Support Group
Tue June 21 - 7:30 - 8:30pm Icebreakers Public Forum followed by Carers Support Group Meeting. Greta Workers Sports & Recreation Club Auditorium
Tue 28 June - Greta Public School Assembly
Tue 5 July - Branxton Lions Club meeting 4pm Branxton Golf Club
Wed 6 July - Night Time Bingo @ Greta Workers Club from 7.00pm
Tue 12 July - B/G CWA Mtg, St Brigid's old School, Station St., Branxton, 9.30am, Staff Room.

Sun 17 July - St Brigid's Markets in the old school grounds
Mon 18 July - 11 - 12 Support group meeting followed by lunch. Greta/ Branxton Health & Mental Wellbeing Support Group
Tue 19 July - 7:30pm Icebreakers Carers Support Group Meeting. Greta Workers Sports & Recreation Club Auditorium
Tue 19 July - B/G CWA Birthday Lunch, venue etc. TBA.
Sat 19 July - Trivia Nite at Branxton Golf Club hosted by Branxton Lions Club
Tue 2 August - Branxton Lions Club meeting 4pm Branxton Golf Club
Tue August 16 - 7:30 - 8:30pm Icebreakers Public Forum followed by Carers Support Group Meeting. Greta Workers Sports & Recreation Club Auditorium
Mon 15 August - 11 - 12 Support group meeting followed by lunch. Greta/ Branxton Health & Mental Wellbeing Support Group
Sun 21 Aug - St Brigid's Markets in the old school grounds
Sat 27 Aug - Annual Op Shop Fashion Parade @ Branxton Community Hall from 2.00
Tue 6 Sept - Branxton Lions Club meeting 4pm Branxton Golf Club
Sun 18 Sept - St Brigid's Markets in the old school grounds
Mon 19 Sept - 11 - 12 Support group meeting followed by lunch. Greta/ Branxton Health & Mental Wellbeing Support Group
Tue September 20 - 7:30pm Icebreakers Carers Support Group Meeting. Greta Workers Sports & Recreation Club Auditorium
20-22 Sept - New South Wales Wine Industry Awards at Cessnock Leagues Club
Wed 5 Oct - Night Time Bingo @ Greta Workers Club from 7.00
Wed 12 Oct - Rags to Riches High Tea for Women's Cancer @ Branxton Community Hall from 11.30am
Sun 16 Oct - St Brigid's Markets in the old school grounds
Mon 17 Oct - 11 - 12 Greta/ Branxton Health & Mental Wellbeing Support Group meeting followed by lunch.
Tue October 18 - 7:30 - 8:30pm Icebreakers Public Forum followed by Support Group Meeting. Greta Workers Sports & Recreation Club Auditorium
Tue November 15 - 7:30pm Icebreakers Carers Support Group Meeting. Greta Workers Sports & Recreation Club Auditorium
Sun 20 Nov - St Brigid's Markets in the old school grounds
Sun 2 Dec - Twilight Market (4.00pm to 8.00pm) - Proceeds to Prostate Cancer & Beyond Blue
Sun 18 Dec - St Brigid's Markets in the old school grounds
Tue December 20 - 7:30 - 8:30pm Icebreakers Public Forum followed by Carers Support Group Meeting. Greta Workers Sports & Recreation Club Auditorium



 **Branxton Public School**



☰ Cross Country ribbon recipients

Peer Support training took place in Week 2 and in Week 3 our Year 6 Peer Support Leaders took their groups for the first lesson. They did a wonderful job with the 'getting to know you' activities. It was lovely to see the students from Kindergarten to Year 5 working together. Cross Country ribbons were presented at the Primary Assembly in Week 2. Congratulations to the recipients. Our Cross Country team competed in the Zone Cross Country in Week 3. All gave their personal best. Thank you to Ryan Nolan from Ryno's Demolition and Asbestos for sponsoring our new rugby league jerseys. They look fantastic and the students are looking forward to wearing them in their next game.

The P&C Committee has been finalised and consists of President Penny Faustini, Vice President Kerrie O'Brien, Treasurer Leigh Lovell and Secretaries Allison Moore and Mel Nemeth. Congratulations and thank you for giving you time and energy to make our great school even better. In other P&C news, Entertainment Books are for sale from the school office or online for \$60. Great value! Thank you to the parents who helped to wrap over 400 gifts for the Mother's Day Stall. The stall was a great success with excellent helpers for the shoppers on the day.

Plans are being made for a retirement dinner for Mark & Maria Oувrier at Restaurant Cuvee in June. They would like to share this event with community members both past and present who have played a significant part at their time in Branxton. Please phone the school office for further details. Save the date! BPS students and staff will be presenting "The Boscars" concert on Thursday 15th September.

Dates for the Calendar
 Friday 20th May – Walk Safely to School Day
 Monday 30th May – Questacon Science Show
 Thursday 2nd June & Friday 3rd June – Stage 1 Tocal Excursions
 Monday 6th June – P&C Meeting 6pm in library

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The years gone by

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Coalfields United Australian Football Club reunion



A large number of former CUAFC members held a reunion last weekend at the NAFL Grand Final at the Number 1 Sportsground in Newcastle. From all reports the day was a great success with many travelling long distances to be there. A great number of friendships were renewed and it appears that it may become a regular event. Laurie Ockwell from Greta did a great job in organising the day and was well rewarded by the large turnout.

The years gone by

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Swimmer of the Week



SAM RUSSELL



Age: 10
 Favourite swimming stroke: Freestyle
 Hero: Matt Rogers (Cronulla)
 Favourite food: Baked Dinner
 When I grow up I want to: be a doctor

Congratulations Sam!

The years gone by

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Happy birthday Elizabeth



Elizabeth Drinan of "Wahgunyah", Glendonbrook, celebrated her twenty first last Saturday evening with a party attended by a 100 family & friends. The party was set in the beautiful grounds of the family home. Elizabeth's sister Kate flew back from England for the occasion which saw the family together for the first time in two years. Happy birthday Elizabeth!

☉ At left: Elizabeth Drinan with parents Anne & John last Saturday evening. About a 100 family & friends helped Elizabeth celebrate her 21st.



Greta Public School

ZONE CROSS COUNTRY – After weeks of training, congratulations to all students for their participation in our school cross country last Friday at Tocal! Our team of 20 students competed with many personal best times broken. Congratulations to everyone who participated – we are awaiting confirmation, but we anticipate that some team members have qualified for Regional Cross Country. Special congratulations to top 10 placings for;
 Noah - 1st in 8/9yr Boys! Well done, Noah!
 Pyper – 2nd in 8/9yr Girls
 Skye – 2nd in 11yr Girls
 Lewis – 4th in 10yr Boys
 Kodie – 10th in 8/9yr Boys



■ All Zone Cross Country Team students demonstrated their Personal Best!!

HUNTER DANCE FESTIVAL – Congratulations to both the Junior AND Senior Dance groups who were successful at audition for inclusion in the Hunter Dance Festival! We will be performing at Wests Newcastle with the Senior Dance Group performing on Tuesday 26th July and the Junior Dance Group performing on Thursday 27th July. Tickets for the show are \$18 and will be available from Wests Newcastle from 25th June – first in best dressed for seats! Professional photos will be available for purchase at the performance. Congratulations to all our wonderful dancers at Greta Public!

SCHOOL CHAPLAIN – Penny Jackson joined us on Friday last week in her role as School Chaplain and met with all of the classes. As with most visitors to the school, Penny remarked on how beautiful the school is and how friendly the children are (or was that how friendly the school is and how beautiful the children are??) We welcome Penny to Greta PS.

'SPORTS IN SCHOOLS' – Students enjoyed having a free 'taste' of the Sports in Schools program last week. Notes were sent home which explained the fundamental motors skills and social skills program, conducted by Instructors from Sports in Schools, using a range of unique and specialised equipment. Only students who have returned their notes and \$14 payment will be participating from next week on Monday afternoons.

2017 ENROLMENTS – Although we have just commenced Term 2 it is timely that we start looking at Kindergarten enrolments for 2017. We would appreciate it if you or anyone you know that has a child that will be seeking enrolment with us next year could contact our office on 49387331 as soon as possible.

ICAS EXAMS – Once again Greta Public School will be giving our students the opportunity to sit the ICAS English and Maths Exams. The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) is an independent, quality skills-based assessment program which rewards and recognises achievement. The cost of each exam is \$8.00. Entries close 15th June and forms are available at the school. See Ms Rummery for more information.

TARONGA ZOO EXCURSION – Did you know that Taronga Zoo is turning 100 this year? Our whole school is going to visit Taronga next month to help them celebrate!! Notes have been sent home with details on our visit, so send in your permission notes and money. We are all so excited!!

PLAYGROUND MARKINGS – Artist, Lex has been bringing colour and life to our concrete surfaces with his fantastic artworks, playgrounds games and handball court markings. They really add some life to the playground areas. Lex has also very kindly donated two books that he illustrated to our school.

P&C NEWS
SCHOOL DISCO

The P&C will be holding a Disco on Friday 3rd June in the school hall. The theme is "State Of Origin". Details were sent home in last week's newsletter.

5 CENT CHALLENGE:

The P&C 5 cent challenge is on! Collecting your 5c pieces from now, bring them in to the classroom and place them in the Class Collection Jar. Final day for collection is Friday 24th June and the class who raises the most money is treated to a create-your-own pizza afternoon on Thursday 30th June. There's some wonderful – and wacky – pizza suggestions from students!! So let's get collecting.

PIE DRIVE:

The pie drive order form will be attached to the newsletter on Thursday 19th May and will need to be returned by Friday 10th June. Pie orders to be returned to the school on Tuesday

21st June.

Dates to Remember

Greta Play2Learn (weekly Playgroup) in the school hall – Thursdays 9:30-11:30am
 School Assembly Dates: 17 May (K/1 item), 31 May, 14 June, 28 June



■ Teamwork in sport



■ Aiming for our goals...



■ Congratulations Skye Adam!! 4th Place 11yr Girls at Zone!!



■ Congratulations Noah McNamara !! 1st Place 8/9yr Boys at Zone!!



● Keeping it in the family! Pyper and Lewis Jacobs. Pyper achieved 2nd place in 8/9yr Girls and Lewis came 4th in 10yr Boys!



■ Just enjoying the day!!!

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St Brigid's Markets

Sunday 19th June 9am until 2pm

Helen 0427 047 024
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Redoute's Choice Australia's top Group1 source

ARROWFIELD'S wonderfully consistent Danehill sire Redoute's Choice had his progeny's Group1 score and overall list of stakes winners added to when his daughter Abbey Marie broke into black type at only her third start when she took the Schweppes Australasian Oaks over 2000m at Adelaide's Morphettville on Saturday. Unbeaten, the Michael Kent (Cranbourne) trained filly has only been racing for six weeks and is probably the fastest of the Redoute's Choice 29 Group1 winners, a record for an Australian produced sire, to attain this level of excellence. Twenty-four of them gained their Group1 successes in Australia.

Saturday's win lifted Redoute's Choice's aggregate of individual stakes winners to 132, 86 of them in Group races. All have been sired at Arrowfield at the northern end of the Segenhoe Valley, ten minutes drive east of Scone. Inbred 4x4 to His Majesty, a Ribot Group1 winner and champion American sire, the latest Redoute's Group1 winner, Abbey Royal, was bought out of the Arrowfield consignment to the 2014 Easter sale by Dermot Bloodstock Ireland for \$300,000. She is a sister to 2007 foaled Absolutely, a winner of only one race, but at the top level the AJC Australian Oaks.

Now in Japan, the Teeley Assets bred Absolutely, in her 16 start career also showed ability with a second in Adelaide's Australasian Oaks. The dam, Catshaan, ran 14 times four sprint wins on prominent Victorian country tracks. She was a half-sister by shuttled Storm Cat sire Catrail (USA) to Kinshasa No Kiseki, a dual Group1 winner in Japan, and to the dam of She's Clean, a Redoute's Choice winner of ten races up to 1400m and Gr 3.

Abbey Martin's grandam Keltshaan (USA) was an unraced half-sister to Groom Dancer, a Group1 winner France, and a granddaughter of Lady Berry, a winner of the Prix Royal-Oak (French St Leger).

2016 Kentucky Derby winner better than American Pharoah

ALTHOUGH runner up Exaggerator was making up ground on him close to the post, the favourite, Nyquist, still recorded a commanding victory when he landed the \$2million Kentucky Derby over ten furlongs (2000m) by margins 1 ¼ lens and 3 ¼ lengths at Churchill Downs on May 7.

It was an effort that saw Nyquist, a bay son of the Grey Sovereign male line sire Uncle Mo (by Indian Charlie), maintain his unbeaten record, one embracing eight appearances, the last six Group1, and suggest he may be as good or better than 2015 Triple Classic Crown winner American Pharoah (Pioneer of Nile). The sires of Uncle Mo and American Pharoah are little known outside America.

Their champion 2015 Champion Juvenile, Nyquist in earning US\$4.9million has included in his successes the Del Mar Futurity (by 3 ¾ lens), Best Pal 2YO Stakes (5 ¼ len), Breeders' Cup Juvenile, San Vicente Stakes (1 ½ lens), Florida Derby (3 ¾ lens) and Kentucky Derby.

He is the only named foal of Seeking Gabrielle, a winner of one modest race by the good Storm Cat racehorse and sire Forestry and from the Seeking the Gold Group1 2-year-old winner Seeking Regina. Inbred 5x5 to Northern Dancer, Nyquist is one of only two Group1 winners under the first six dams.

His sire Uncle Mo, himself a Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner and champion at this age, is based at Coolmore's Ashford Stud in Kentucky. He came out to the

Hunter Valley stud in the last four years, supplying over 200 foals to date and looking after 193 mares in 2015, but his sensational early success in America has ruled him out of a 2016 visit.

Exaggerator, a Santa Anita Derby winner and runner up to Nyquist in the Kentucky Derby, has two Australians in his breeding. One of them, Noholme, is in the pedigree of his sire Curlin, a Smart Strike (by Mr. Prospector) winner of the Preakness Stakes, Breeders' Cup Classic and Dubai World Cup, and third in the Kentucky Derby.

The other, Strawberry Road, appears as the sire of Exaggerator's maternal grandsire Vindication. He also won the Breeders' Cup Juvenile and was the champion 2-year-old of his year.

Derby third Gun Runner is by Candy Ride, a Mr. Prospector male line Argentinian who set a new track record in winning the Group1 Pacific Classic (10 fur.) at Del Mar and who is a major North American sire, and from Quiet Giant, a Group 2 winner by Giant's Causeway. The latter is a Storm Cat superstar European racehorse and American sire who left nearly 300 foals from visits to Coolmore Hunter Valley in three years, 02-04.

Gallopette, the sixth dam of Gun Runner, was the fourth on the bottom line of the pedigree of Success Express (USA).

Eight of this year's Kentucky Derby twenty runners are by sires also used in Australia, namely Uncle Mo (3), Giant's Causeway (2), Street Cry, More Than Ready and Bernardini.

Two Darley Australia visitor, Street Boss (USA) (Street Cry; Northwood Park, Seymour, Vic, 2009, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15) and Bernardini (USA) (A.P. Indy; Kelvinside, Aberdeen HV; eight seasons 2008-2015) supplied first and third in the Kentucky Oaks, respectively.

A \$30,000 yearling, the Oaks winner, Cathryn Sophia, has won five of six starts, including two other stakes, one of them, a Group 2 at Gulfstream Park, by seven lengths. She is the first foal of Sheave, an unraced daughter of Mineshaft, an A.P. Indy Horse of the Year at four. The bottom line goes back to 1923 Kentucky Oaks winner Untidy.

POWER ALERT: *A former Australian bred and raced performer who ran well on the Kentucky Oaks program was Power Alert, a 6-year-old gelding who finished third under top weight in the Group 3 Twin Spires Turf Sprint over five furlongs. It was a race which he won in 2015 in new track (turf) record time of 0:55.17. Sired at the Lamont's Koorringal Stud near Wagga Wagga NSW by Alert (Arg), a grey son of More Than Ready's sire Alert, and bred by J. Power using Gold Locket, a mare by an earlier Koorringal sire, Lochrae (by Scenic), Power Alert was shipped off to America at three in mid 2014 after four country wins from 13 outings, including the Wellington Boot (2yo). He was trained at Wagga Wagga by Trevor Sutherland for his breeder and Mrs A.M. Power. Power Alert has competed a further 11 times to date since transferring to America, recording five wins, all at five furlongs (1000m) and on major track. Besides the 2015 Group 3 sprint at Churchill Downs, he has won three Listed events.*

Detailed saleyard report



Saleyard report - cattle

Singleton report date 11 May 2016

Yarding 810 ~ **Change 130** (Comparison Date 4/5/16)

Numbers lifted and quality was mixed, with the vealers suitable for the restockers well supplied. The yearlings maintained similar numbers, week-on-week, as the grown steers and heifers were limited in supply. Cows more than doubled compared to the last market and the usual buyers competed in a dearer market. The vealer steers to the restockers lifted 8c, as the medium weights sold from 304c to 338c/kg. Vealer heifers to the backgrounders and restockers gained 11c to 20c, with the medium weights ranging from 270c to 311c/kg. The yearling steers trended 4c to 8c dearer, with the lighter end making from 300c to 319c/kg. Restocker competition was solid for the yearling heifers, as the best reached 307c/kg. Prime conditioned younger cattle to the butchers lifted 4c to 8c, with the highest yielding heavy vealer topping at 344c/kg. The milk tooth heavy weight steers to slaughter reached 300c, as the older heifer portion ranged from 240c to 245c/kg. Cows improved from 4c to 5c, as the plainer 2 scores averaged 184c/kg. The better finished 3 and 4 score heavy weights made from 204c to 213c/kg.



Scone report date 10 May 2016

Yarding 1186 ~ **Change -69** (Comparison Date 3/5/16)

Quality was fair to good, as numbers eased, with the bulk yarded the younger vealers and yearlings. There was a good percentage in prime condition and suitable for the butchers. There was a good yarding of cows, with the older steers and heifers limited in supply. The usual orders competed in a dearer market. The over 200kg vealer steers returning to the paddock lifted 12c, making from 250c to 344c and averaging 328c/kg. The equivalent weighted heifer portion to the same orders improved 9c, to range from 279c to 307c/kg. Yearling steers to the restocker and lot feeder orders trended firm to 11c dearer, with the medium weights to the restockers averaging 313c, after topping at 326c/kg. The yearling heifers also trended dearer to lift averages around 8c/kg. Prime conditioned younger cattle to the butchers gained 6c, as the best reached 338c/kg. The grown steers and heifers were too few to quote, with the cows remaining firm to 4c/kg dearer. The plainer 2 score medium weights averaged 188c, with the better covered 3 and 4 score heavy weights ranging from 198c to 212c/kg.



TRLX Tamworth report date 9 May 2016

Yarding 1577 ~ **Change -187** (Comparison Date 2/5/16)

There was only a small lift in numbers following last week's rain reduced penning. Cows were well supplied and there was a fair supply of both vealers and yearlings. Well finished grown steers and heifers were in limited numbers. The quality of the yarding overall was fair to good, while there was a limited supply of well finished cattle. The usual buyers were in attendance. Market trends through the young cattle were generally firm to dearer with quality playing a role in price change. Vealer steers to restock averaged 2c to 5c/kg dearer with odd sales more. The heifer portion to restock were up to 20c/kg dearer. Medium and heavy yearling steers to restock and feed sold on a firm to slightly dearer trend with quality lifting some averages and dropping others. Heifer yearlings to restock and feed saw most trends remain firm. Well finished heifers to the trade sold to a dearer trend, up to 15c/kg. The limited supply of well finished heavy grown steers were firm to a shade cheaper. Restocker activity and a lift in quality saw plain condition cows sell to a dearer trend. The well finished cows to processors were up to 2c/kg dearer. There was a large penning of bulls with a great range in weights. Lightweights sold to a cheaper trend, while heavyweights were firm to dearer.



Cattle set sail for Indonesia as 250,000 permits are released for second trimester

By Matt Brann

The live cattle trade to Indonesia is back on track with permits released for the second trimester and cattle already setting sail from Darwin port.

The Indonesian Ministry of Trade on Monday evening signed off on the Ministry of Agriculture's recommendation for 250,000 cattle to be imported over the next four months.

Stuart Kemp from the Northern Territory Livestock Exporters Association said it was good news for the industry.

He said Australian exporters had acted quickly, with the Bison Express loaded overnight with about 3,000 head.

"Exporters are now able to fill orders with those permits and the first vessel is sailing out this morning," Mr Kemp said.

"The Bison Express was loaded yesterday evening and has just departed for Indonesia."

Mr Kemp said it had been an up-and-down year so far in terms of cattle numbers exported via Darwin port.

But he said he was expecting the next four months to be more consistent.

"A lot of those cattle for Indonesia [during the second trimester] will come out of Darwin," Mr Kemp said.

"We saw over the wet season, January and February in particular, a lot of cattle went out of Queensland and it was fairly quiet here in the NT.

"March was busy, but April was well down."

"April numbers through the Darwin port were down close to 70,000 head on last year.

"So this next four months will mean a fairly consistent flow of cattle through the port of Darwin."

From a high of \$3.90 a kilogram paid for some cattle at the start of the year, live export prices (ex-Darwin) have eased considerably and are now below \$3 a kilogram - which historically is still exceptionally good money.

Mr Kemp said there were no indicators to suggest the price would be going up or down during the second trimester and "only time will tell".

Another three live export ships are due into Darwin over the next week.

PHOTO: Cattle consigned for Indonesia prepared for loading at the Darwin port. (Carl Curtain)



Federal budget mixed news for Hunter winemakers



C but may cost some medium-sized wineries jobs resulting from a reduction in the WET Rebate, said Chairman of the Hunter Valley Wine and Tourism Association, George Souris. "I have had a number of discussions with Ministerial staff and also with Minister Ann Ruston to be assured the proposed changes to the WET Rebate will, however, remove bulk and unbranded

Minister consider that these 2019 measures to address the bulk and unbranded problem be brought forward. Mr Souris said there would be an immediate effect from 1 July 2017 reducing the WET rebate from \$500k to \$350k and from 1 July 2018 reducing to \$290k, whereas tightened eligibility laws will not come into effect until 1 July 2019 giving the supermarkets and the unbranded bulk suppliers, a free run until then. "The NZ producers will continue to enjoy the rebate under the Free Trade Agreement and will continue to flood the Australian market. The Government has advised that the NZ producers can only legally be excluded

from the WET Rebate regime if the regime is abolished." Mr Souris said the requirement after 1 July 2019 for a producer to own a winery or have a long term lease over a winery will severely affect the Hunter if left in its raw state. "In the Hunter, there are many small producers who have their wine made by neighbouring and other wineries and then sell their wines from their own Cellar Doors." "Equally there are legitimate businesses that are the winemakers for those grape growers" "The Government has promised me, and the broader industry, it will consult on the definition of

a winery." "I am pleased to say I asked Minister Ruston to visit the Hunter as soon as possible to discuss these matters and she has accepted my request." "The Hunter is characterised by these small producers who contribute to the boutique wines market that we are famous for. These multiple Cellar Doors at legitimate growers' establishments are the essence of the special character and vibe that has made the Hunter the No 1 destination for international wine tourism." Mr Souris said that these were the immediate reactions from the local Hunter wine industry and as more details emerge from last night's Federal Budget, further statements will be made.

"I have consulted Ministers O'Dwyer and Ruston's Offices and have strongly put the case that legitimate and genuine small and medium growers and winemakers should not be unintentionally disadvantaged when the Government formulates its legislation to define what is a winery and should ensure its legislation is aimed at dealing with large bulk wine merchants and

re-labelling enterprises that have been enjoying an illegitimate free ride." "I feel confident the Government is of equal mind." Mr Souris said, finally, the Ministers have assured me the \$50m marketing initiative will be partly available for wine tourism and I expect the HVWTA will be making applications for assistance in due course.

© The Hon. George Souris Chairman of the Hunter Valley Wine & Tourist Assoc.

Last week's Federal Budget announced changes to the WET Rebate regime aimed at improving its integrity

wine producers from eligibility for the rebate from 2019. I've requested that the



22 May. The Most Holy Trinity. Solemnity. Gospel: John 16:12-15

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

The opening sentence of today's gospel touches something very deep in human experience. Jesus tells his disciples: "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now." In John's gospel, Jesus is depicted as sensitive to the anguish of his friends and to their limited capacity to absorb the enormity of what was happening to him and to them. There was only so much they could "bear" as the inevitability of Jesus' death dawned on them. They will come to understand who he is and what he has taught them, but only through the power of God's "Spirit of truth" who will guide them into "all the truth". As we think back on our own lives and tell stories of the past, we realize how little we understood of what was happening in our world and in our own lives at the time of the events we recount. We become wiser with the knowledge of hindsight, even if we never fully understand. As Christians, we credit any insight and understanding we may have to the power of God's Spirit at work in our lives. We believe in the Triune God and, along with the whole Earth community, we are caught up into a wonderful dynamism of Trinitarian life. No one image can capture the mystery of God's dynamic Trinitarian existence. Since God is neither male nor female, it is important to remember that the traditional male language of Father, Son and Spirit is one way of imaging the Trinity and is not to be absolutised or taken as a literal description of God who is three in one. Perichoresis, a Greek term suggestive of dancing or of figures interweaving, is one of the earliest and probably one of the most striking images used to explain this Trinitarian life of God. The life that is in God is three and yet one in a totally harmonious dance of equals. The wonder is that we are invited to join the dance. Trinity Sunday is the day that we set aside to celebrate who God is in Godself and who God is in relation to everything that exists. We celebrate the nearness of the Triune God who draws us as participants into the dance of life and love. The Spirit of truth guides us "into all the truth". We continue to listen to the Spirit so that we might understand more fully the "things that are to come" and the relatedness we are called to live. The dance of Trinitarian love casts out hatred and enmity and wanton destruction. It calls us to live in harmony with one another and with the whole of the Earth community.

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SPORTS RESULTS



Branxton Veteran Golfers

Results 5-5-16
"Pairs Trophy" – Stableford
 1st K Anderson & B Brooks 60 pts
 2nd G Gazzard & R Showman 58 pts
 3rd R Wilton & E Porter 55 pts
 4th G Anderson & G Beeton 53 pts
 5th L Bootes & I Haris 52 pts
 NTPs Ladies M Hunt Gents J Atton
 Members draw - Not won
 A glorious Autumnal day greeted the 46 players, who were taking part in the "Pairs Trophy" event. After careful choosing of partners, the players enjoyed the round of golf in pleasant playing conditions. The Veteran Golfers voted a big 'THANK YOU' to Sean, our greenkeeper and his team of volunteers who, keep the course in good condition. Congratulations to Keith Anderson and Robert Brooks on winning the event and a well done to the placegetters.

Branxton Veteran Golfers

Results 12-5-16
 Stableford
 Div 1 Winner P Tracey 31 pts R/u E Munzenberger 29 pts (c/b) 3rd M Ryan 29 pts
 Div 2 Winner A Hackett 32 pts (c/b) (SOD) R/u S Condran 32 pts 3rd C Salzwedel 31 pts
 Ladies Winner R McCarthy 31 pts R/u N Craig 25 pts 3rd J Scobie 23 pts
 NTPs Ladies T Martin Gents G Noble
 Members draw - Not won
 A cool and very windy day greeted the 41 hardy players assembled for a round of golf. Warm clothing was the order of the day. - Ah!! Winter approaches. Congratulations to Alan Hackett on winning his division and achieving the 'Score of the Day'. And a well done to all winners and placegetters
LN Bootes, Hon Sec
Branxton Lady Golfers
 Results: 4th May 2016
 A Stableford was played with three players ending up on 33 Points.
 Jan Scobie
 Robyn Hoffman
 Jen Selna.
 Jan Scobie was declared the winner after a count back with Robyn Hoffman run-

ner up.
 Nearest to the pin was Carol Miller.
 Last Monday 9th May, the final pennant match was played. Branxton played Scone and had a 4/1 win. A big thankyou to all Ladies who played pennants this year.
 Results for 11th May which was a Stroke event and Round 3 of the Monthly Medal.
 Winner was Robyn Hoffman with 68 nett.
 Robyn also Birdied the 9th and took out nearest to the pin.
 Runner-up was Jan Scobie with 72 nett
 Third was Jen Salna with 78 nett
 Least putts went to Jen Salna with 30 and runner-up Nikki Craig with 31

Hunter Valley Golf Club

1st May The Weekly Challenge has been won by Louis Sneddon from Singleton Golf Club from Clint Evans from the Merewether Golf Club
3rd May The Tuesday Stableford went to Michael Webb on a 3 way countback after all on the Podium returned 38 points, Col Bradley took second with Grahame Sheldon third. Ball winners were: Chris Taggart 37, Michael Watson 36, Scott Archibald 35, Eric Smith 35, Rick Turchini 35, Ken Air 34, Wayne Drayton 34, Bob Prentice 34, Greg Ireland 33, Peter Wilson 33, Nathan Sweeney 33 and Dale Maclinshaw 32.
 Nearest-the-Pins went to Brad Bell (3rd) Nathan Sweeney (4th) Ken Aird (10th) and Gerry McLaughlin (17th)

4th May The Ladies played the 3rd round of the Golf NSW Medal and Jenny Chambers produced 'the round of the week' smashing the field by 10 strokes to record 64 net, runner up was Carol Horton with 74 and 3rd to Janelle Jurd with 75 net. Ball winners were: Zelma Powell, Lorraine Clack, Dale Hamilton, Kerry Choromanski, Karen Bailie and Lynette Russell.
 Next week the Ladies will play Stableford
5th May The Vets wrapped up their 2016 Championship rounds this week with Ray Hodson claiming the Scratch Title with a combined total of 55 points across the 36 holes and Keith Dunlop maintaining his consistent

form to claim the handicap Title with 77 points from his 2 rounds, congratulations to both guys and to all who competed. The daily competition winners were: Dale Maclinshaw 41 on a countback to Keith Dunlop with Paul Ireland 3rd with 40 points. Ball winners were: David Peel 38, Greg Ireland 3, Grahame Sheldon 37, Mary-Anne Maclinshaw 36, John Harrison 35, Ian Newell 35, John Carmody 35, Ken Aird 35, Barry Newell 35 and Gerry Irwin 34. Nearest-the-Pins went to Garry Marsden (3rd) Greg White (4th) Keith Dunlop (8th) Michael Watson (10th) and Ray Hodson (17th). Next week the Vets will play Quota.

7th May David Preece claimed 'round of the day' and A Grade in Monthly Medal Stroke event on Saturday with 67 net, runner up was Neil Day with 69 on a countback, B Grade went to Nathan Saxby with 70 net on a countback to Brad Pringle and C Grade to Tony Butler with 69 net from David Kennedy with 70 net. Ball winners were: Angello Korlevic 69, Nathan Sweeney 70, Colin Mills 71, Stewart Oxley 71, Nathan Nancarrow 71, Graeme Flynn 71, Bruce Chambers 71, Julie Van Den Berg 71, Glenn Hamilton v72, Mathew Merlo 72, Brian Doherty 72, Justin Preece 72, Jaye Stevens 72, Hieu Le 73, Tony Lamb 73, David Peel 73, Mark Harry 73, Matt Killick 73, Ken Smith 73, Nick Nancarrow 73 and John Brown 74 c/b. Nearest-the-Pins went to Michael Armstrong (3rd) Dean Morison (4th) Russell Calderwood (8th & 10th) and Glenn Hamilton (17th).
 Next weeks event will an Individual Medley Stableford.

BRANXTON GOLF CLUB –SAT 7TH MAY STROKE – MONTHLY MEDAL

MEDAL WINNER Tom Foster 68 Nett
 A GRADE WINNER Greg Noble 69 Nett
 A GRADE RUNNER UP Riley McClung 70 Nett
 A GRADE THIRD Troy Mc Caw 70 Nett
 B GRADE WINNER Richard Crooks 69 Nett
 B GRADE RUNNER Greg Gillard 69 Nett
 B GRADE THIRD Ed Garland 70 Nett
 C GRADE WINNER Mick Lutovac 73 Nett
 C GRADE RUNNER UP Lester Bootes 73 Nett
 C GRADE THIRD Micheal Carling 73 Nett
 BALL COMP to 75 nett NTP'S
 Greg Gillard 143cm
 Reece Caldwell 92cm
 Kyle Mounser 203cm
 Robert Hale 253cm
 Local Branxton school teacher, Tom Foster, showed his "class" in

winning Saturday's Monthly Medal with an excellent 68 nett, a score which indicates that all players had trouble playing to their handicaps in this stroke event. Greg Noble, a member of this year's Seniors Pennants team, continued his very consistent play this year by winning A Grade with his 69 nett, just ahead of local junior Riley McClung with a 70 nett and Troy McCaw with the same score. Richard Crooks, another member of this year's strong Senior Pennant team, won B Grade with a 69 nett, just ahead of Greg Gillard's 69 nett and Eddie Garland's 70 nett. The C Grade winners all recorded the same nett score of 73, with Mick Lutovac winning on a count back, just ahead of local super vet, Lester Bootes, and the ever consistent Michael Carling. The shot of the day belonged to Reece Caldwell's shot to the 4th which finished less than a metre from the pin. A 75 nett score was needed to win a ball. Club Captain, Murray Johnson (also a member of the Senior Pennants team) won his ¼ final match in the singles knockout after an epic battle with Greg Noble—finally winning on the 21st hole. That makes a long walk back to the club house after the game. All players who are still in the knockout need to organise their matches so this competition can continue smoothly.

BRANXTON GOLF CLUB –SAT 14TH MAY STABLEFORD

A GRADE WINNER S Kearney 39 pts
 A GRADE RUNNER UP T Foster 37 pts c/b
 A GRADE THIRD J Sheedy 37 pts
 B GRADE WINNER P Mackenzie 42 pts
 B GRADE RUNNER UP R Hale 41 pts
 B GRADE THIRD R Geissler 39 pts
 C GRADE WINNER R Turnbull 39 pts
 C GRADE RUNNER UP C Hughes 38 pts
 C GRADE THIRD S Wood 36 pts
 BALL COMP to 34 pts
 NTP'S
 G Anderson 90 cm
 D Kinch 138 cm
 N Jordan 222 cm
 S Wood 178 cm
 2016 Senior Pennants Captain, Steve Kearney, showed his class by winning the A Grade stableford competition on Saturday with an excellent 39 pts from his single figure handicap. His playing partner, and Pennants team mate, Jim Sheedy, finished third with 37 pts, just behind local legendary school teacher, Tom Foster with a similar score. P. Mackenzie won B Grade with a wonderful 42 pts, edging out the enigmatic

Bobby Hale, whose 41 pts included 3 birdies on his way to a round of 80 off the stick. R.Geissler's 39 pts was good enough for third place. Robert Hale's playing partner, Richard Turnbull returned to form to win C Grade with a fine 39 pts, just ahead of Col Hughes' 38 pts and S. Wood's 36 pts. On a magnificent sunny autumn day, 34 pts was needed to win a golf ball. The shot of the day belonged to Gary Anderson, whose shot to the second finished only 90 cms away- a shot similar to his name sake, world darts champion, Gary Anderson. Neil Jordan hit a magnificent shot to the very difficult 13th, a majestic 6 iron which floated over the bunker before finishing only 222 cms away. From all reports, Steve Ross's lesson with our golfing guru, Marcus, is paying off judging by his elegant shot to the last hole, just missing the nearest the pin.



RESULTS

The under 7's had a home match this week against Medowie at the Hunter Valley Gardens. All the boys had a magnificent game showing that the hard training is now paying off. We played 5 a side this week with both teams being short on players but that didn't stop them from scoring some great tries and being strong on defence. Oscar, Nate & Sam all crossed the line this week, with Oscar and Nate scoring a try each and Sam sneaking in two! The game ended in a 7 all draw. The boys showed great teamwork this week.
Pokolbin Red's Report May 1st
 The under 7's had a superb

match against Southern Beaches at Gateshead. The boys put on a great display of fancy foot work and amazing ball skills. Oscar Speedy Coleman lived up to his name with some great runs, and tremendous tagging. Sam I can't stop smiling Walker scored not one but two outstanding tries on the run, and was fantastic on defence. Nate Jousting Jury crossed the line in spectacular style late in the game securing a 7-7 Draw. The boys are working well as a team, and all their hard work at training is paying off. Special thanks to Southern Beaches for hosting us and for the sausage sizzle after the game.
 This weekend we played the large Easts side. With only 13 boys available we need to knuckle down and work hard. With the help of a couple of players from the opposition the boys did this played a great game losing
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Branxton Lady Golfers score great wins by Peree Dagg



The Branxton Lady golfers have been hitting the mark in their team efforts over the past few weeks.
 On Tuesday 24th April, Branxton hosted the Newcastle –Hunter District Ladies Golf Association Country Cup. This is a 3 person aggregate nett event with each of the 30 clubs in the district eligible to enter a team. 26 teams accepted the challenge which is played on a different course each year. Branxton were the defending champions having taken out the event in Denman last year. The locals were successful with an aggregate of 224 nett. Branxton was represented by

the following team: Carol Miller 73 Nett, Jill Thomas 76 Nett & Vicki George 75 Nett. The locals won by two shots from teams from Murrurundi & the Oaks (Cessnock) on 226 aggregate nett.
 Branxton has a fine record in the event having won for the first time in 1968 and also in 1986, 1987, 1998, 1999, & 2006
 It was then on to the club pennant event. On Monday 7th May Branxton Pennant team defeated Sugar Valley 3/2 in the final of the 3rd Division Pennant series, going through undefeated. Members of the winning team: Melita Watson, Adele Curry, Carol Miller, Jill Thomas & Vicki George. Three of the members backed up from their Country Cup win. Branxton contest the N-HDLGA 3rd Division Pennants determined on the size of the club membership. Teams who contest this division are Sugar Valley, Singleton, Tanilba Bay & Beresfield. The 5 person team event sees players participate in match play with no handicap. The team features a mix of experience levels. Adele Curry played pennants for the first time in this tournament. Carol Miller, Jill Thomas and Vicki George are experienced players but have not been a member of a winning team previously. Melita Watson is the only member who remains from previous winning teams. The Branxton ladies won the Sunday Morning Pennant series in 1968 and 1969, Monday Pennant Series (7 players) in 3rd Division Pennants in 1993, 1994, 1996 & 1999 and were elevated to 2nd Division. It was difficult playing in this division because although some of our players recorded many wins, we did not have the depth of players that the larger club had. The club returned to Division 3 in 2004 also having to field 7 players. It was reduced this year to 5 players and made it much easier for all clubs to field full teams each match.
 Congratulations to the Branxton lady Golfers on their winning achievements.

@ Photo above: The ladies proudly displayed their new Pennant Shirts (L-R) Carol Miller, Melita Watson, Adele Curry, Vicki George and Jill Thomas

SPORTS RESULTS

other. Once they stop with silly mistakes there will be no stopping them.

May 7th
Under 9's played a Friday night game under lights against Southern Beaches. The side showed a cohesiveness and a never say die attitude that we hadn't seen before.

It was a tough game and the defense was put to the test time and again. Newcomer Eli making his presence known with an impressive try saving tackle. Tyson deserves a mention for making some amazing runs, getting us close but sadly not over the line. Truth be told, every player

made his mark on the game, tackling, running and working together. Well done boys on a great effort.

Under 10s travelled to Gateshead to take on Southern Beaches on Friday night. The Reds had been working hard on positional play at training all week and they impressed with good back line position at times. The Reds let in two soft tries early in the game to be down 12 to nil after five minutes. Man of the Match Jayden Gontier ran hard all night making valuable metres for his team. Jayden made one

impressive 50 metre run, getting tackled just metres short of the line, however strong support play by Jack Wills allowed Jack to cross the line to post the first points of the game for the Reds. The game was strongly contested in the forwards with the Reds working hard to secure ball. Strong tackling by Bayley Davidson and Zac Cox lifted the Reds and they crossed the line again through a fast running Alec Gough to be in the game at half time. The Reds scrum was nearly half the size of the Beaches scrum, however through good technique the boys held their own, a special mention must go to the front row combination of Angus Walker, Isaiah Hueston and Cal Barr. In the dying moments of the game the Reds crossed for their third try thanks to a hard running Gontier. Final score 24 to 17 in favour of the Beaches but the Reds did themselves proud.

Under 12's had a tough day at Gibbs Bros. Oval Merewether today with only 12 boys available due to injury and other commitments, the only saving grace was that Merewether also had 12. With boys playing in different positions or not sure where they were playing we found ourselves down 19-0 after 10 minutes. Kane Mewitt playing only his first ever game of rugby offered to move to the front row and this changed the game completed. he showed strength in both attack and defence which allowed us to finally have some ball going to the half time break at 19-12. In the second Laine Meyers playing lock and Zac Harris in the centres led the way with Zac creating many opportunities out wide. Ash Parkinson ran straight and hard all day and helped us to a 47-26 victory, our first of many for this year. Well played boys, onward and upward from here.

FROM PREVIOUS PAGE in the end 33-19. William Nothnagel showed all the boys how to tackle with some great low tackling, while Cairo Matheson made some exciting runs down the sideline after receiving perfectly timed passes from Charlie Russell on his inside. Laine Meyers

played his best game the year dominating the breakdown. The most exciting moment came just before half time when Billy Norris took an intercept on half-way and and out passed the defence down the sideline to score his try of the season. Really proud of how all these boys play for each



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PJRC Report 14th May 2016

Under 9's Pokolbin Reds played Maitland White this week at Hunter Valley Gardens. Whilst the score was in the Whites favour, it was a much improved performance this week, with a great defensive effort by the boys. With plenty of busting runs by play makers Tyson O and Lochie E supported by the whole team.



Their skills on game day are coming together and we look forward to some more great games. Man of the match was Lochie E. Under 10's had a Bye this weekend. The Under 12 Reds encountered a numberless Wanders team. The boys showed great courage with four key players out due to injury, Charlie R, Aidan E, Zac F, Ethan O. Flawless defence from Henry M kept the Wanderer's at bay with one being a held up try. Kane M showing the wanders how to run the ball and only a few games under his belt is showing to be a great asset to the Reds.

William & Thomas N with strong hard running was very tiring on the Wanders team as the brothers punched through the defence making meters with every touch of the ball. Ash P & Zac H played out of position proving they are great all-rounders. Cairo Matheson is showing promise of being a second row forward. Seth K showed some great talent with quick short balls from the ruck for Angus M to guide the back line. Billy N & Laine M as always the quite achievers protecting the ball & their team mates. Eden S proved he had a big heart after getting back up to face the Wanders after being collected with a high tackle. Conner C represented himself in usual fashion getting the job done with some solid tackles giving the wandering something to think about. Tom P was put into a gap & with open space went over for two tries with Ash P converting one.

Special thanks to the new additions to the U12's with their first game for the Red's, Jordan E, Jesse M & Michael F not only did they play their first game they showed great promise and are welcomed. The end result 12 / 15 Wanders way was nothing not to be proud of as each lad gave 100% effort.



First Grade results
Sunday 15th May 2016
played at Greta Oval

Greta Branxton
Colts 34
Denman Devils 0

CURRENT LADDER

POS	TEAM	P	W	D	L	PTS	BF	RF	BE	RE	PF	PR	PK	FTS	FTL	FTD	FTM	FTS%	FTL%	FTD%	FTM%	
1	Seaton-Thompsonville	4	4	0	0	32	290	46	220	483	32	12										
2	Muswellbrook Rams	4	3	1	0	23	202	110	12	185	10	10										
3	Abbotsford Tigers	4	3	1	0	23	198	110	75	129	32	4										
4	Singston Greyhounds	4	2	1	1	13	102	146	44	48	11	4										
5	Greta Branxton Colts	4	2	1	1	13	146	94	48	11	4											
6	Denman Devils	4	0	0	4	0	31	275	340	111	0											



RESULT Pokolbin Reds V East2.
14/5/16 ~ Good win by the Reds against East 2 at Dangar Oval, 15-12 in a hard fought game. Well done! (Below, ladder at end Round 6)

Newcastle Zone - Divisional

RANK	TEAM	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	B8	B9	B10	B11	POINTS
1	East 1	5	5	5	4	6	5						28
2	Coors-HB1	5	3	5	5	5	5						26
3	Coors-HB2	5	4	4	4	4	5						23
4	Muswellbrook	5	5	5	5	5	5						21
5	East 2	0	5	5	5	5	5						16
6	Clayton	5	5	5	5	5	5						16
7	Westons	5	2	1	1	0	0						15
8	Singston Rams	0	5	1	5	2	0						13
9	Pokolbin	0	4	0	0	0	4						8
10	Carl Harbert	0	1	0	0	0	0						4
11	Southern Lakes	0	0	4	0	0	0						4
12	Orlins	0	1	0	0	0	0						1



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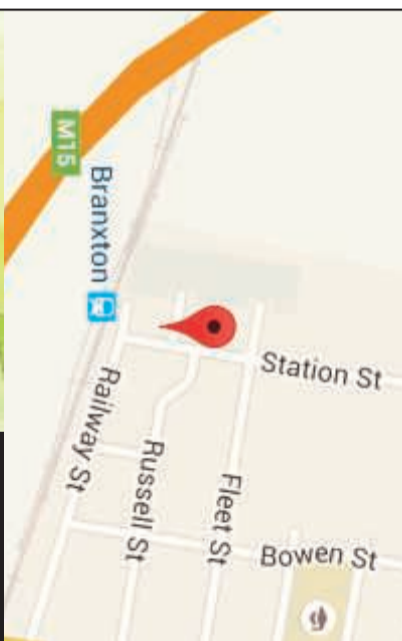
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