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## Freeman of the City honour bestowed on Jeffrey Maybury



Cessnock City Council has honoured the late Jeffrey Maybury as Freeman of the City in a ceremony held at Cessnock Performing Arts Centre on the 2nd June. At its meeting on 16 March 2016, Council agreed to posthumously award this special honour to Jeff, for his lifetime of outstanding service to the community. Honorary Freeman of the City is the highest acclamation Cessnock City can bestow upon one of its citizens. Dating from the thirteenth century, the award is an honour of distinction and carries no privileges but is the means by which an individual

is given recognition for an outstanding sense of duty. Few Australians carry this prestigious award and Jeff joins the likes of Marie Davies, Myra Hill, Harold Sternbeck AM and Bruce Wilson OAM on the Cessnock Freeman honour roll. Cessnock City Mayor Councillor Bob Pynsent presented Jeff's family with the award and said Freeman uphold the very highest moral and ethical standards within our community. "Freemen walk softly, but with great determination. They are humble, but stand tall and give so much of

themselves without seeking fame, fortune or acknowledgement," Cr Pynsent said. "It is an honour and great privilege to acknowledge Jeff today for his lifelong contribution to the Cessnock local government area and our people." Jeff was the longest serving Councillor and had been on Cessnock City Council for 35 years. Besides his Council work, he was very active with the St Vincent's de Paul Society, Weston RSL Sub-Branch, Weston Tidy Towns and many other community-focused projects.



≡ Top photo: Anna Weatherup performing at the Freeman of the City ceremony at the Cessnock Performing Arts Centre.  
≡ Photo above: (L-R) son Justin Maybury, Pat Maybury & daughter Karen Jurd at the ceremony.

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

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

Locality	Reference	Decision Date	Property Address	Application Description
BRANXTON	008/2016/00000231/001	5-May-2016	27 Fleet ST	Patio Cover
BRANXTON	008/2016/00000259/001	18-May-2016	11 Thomas ST	Demolition of a Dwelling
EAST BRANXTON	008/2016/00000195/001	25-May-2016	1 McMullins RD	Two Lot Subdivision (of Approved Dual Occupancy)
EAST BRANXTON	008/2016/00000302/001	25-May-2016	26 Middle ST	Garage
GRETA	008/2016/00000250/001	13-May-2016	43 Nelson ST	Single Storey Dwelling with Attached Garage
GRETA	008/2016/00000173/001	27-May-2016	78 Sale ST	Dwelling and Attached Garage
GRETA	008/2015/00000492/001	31-May-2016	4 Nelson ST	Alterations and Additions to Existing Child Care Centre
NORTH ROTHBURY	008/2016/00000223/001	3-May-2016	16 Rampling AV	Single Storey Dwelling
NORTH ROTHBURY	008/2016/00000164/001	4-May-2016	1 Triton BLVD	Signage - Three (3) Temporary Signs
NORTH ROTHBURY	008/2016/00000241/001	4-May-2016	4 Harkin RD	Single Storey Dwelling with Attached Garage
NORTH ROTHBURY	008/2016/00000242/001	4-May-2016	10 Harkin RD	Single Storey Dwelling with Attached Garage
NORTH ROTHBURY	008/2016/00000163/001	6-May-2016	1823 Wine Country DR	Advertising Signage (One (1) Temporary Sign)
NORTH ROTHBURY	008/2016/00000248/001	12-May-2016	12 Harkin RD	Single Storey Dwelling with Attached Garage
NORTH ROTHBURY	008/2016/00000238/001	16-May-2016	27 Harkin RD	Single Storey Dwelling with Attached Garage
NORTH ROTHBURY	008/2016/00000239/001	16-May-2016	7 Gollan AV	Single Storey Dwelling with Attached Garage
NORTH ROTHBURY	008/2016/00000243/001	16-May-2016	14 Gollan AV	Single Storey Dwelling with Attached Garage
NORTH ROTHBURY	008/2016/00000245/001	16-May-2016	11 Gollan AV	Single Storey Dwelling with Attached Garage
NORTH ROTHBURY	008/2016/00000253/001	16-May-2016	2 Haines LANE	Single Storey Dwelling with Attached Garage
NORTH ROTHBURY	008/2016/00000205/001	18-May-2016	116 Washery RD	Single Storey Dwelling with Attached Garage
NORTH ROTHBURY	008/2016/00000252/001	19-May-2016	13 Harkin RD	Single Storey Dwelling and Attached Garage
NORTH ROTHBURY	008/2016/00000277/001	24-May-2016	12 Ainsworth CR	Single Storey Dwelling with Attached Garage
NORTH ROTHBURY	008/2016/00000284/001	24-May-2016	8 Rampling AV	Single Storey Dwelling with Attached Garage
NORTH ROTHBURY	008/2016/00000280/001	25-May-2016	34 Triton BLVD	Single Storey Dwelling with Attached Garage
NORTH ROTHBURY	008/2016/00000281/001	25-May-2016	11 Kinnavane RD	Single Storey Dwelling with Attached Garage
NORTH ROTHBURY	008/2016/00000282/001	26-May-2016	8 Harkin RD	Single Storey Dwelling with Attached Garage
NORTH ROTHBURY	008/2016/00000286/001	26-May-2016	5 Ainsworth CR	Single Storey Dwelling with Attached Garage
NORTH ROTHBURY	008/2016/00000291/001	30-May-2016	15 Parnell RD	Exhibition Home
POKOLBIN	008/2016/00000187/001	2-May-2016	55 Angophora DR	Single Storey Dwelling with Attached Garage
POKOLBIN	008/2016/00000188/001	2-May-2016	5 Barrington PL	Single Storey Dwelling with Attached Garage
POKOLBIN	008/2016/00000219/001	4-May-2016	493 Marrowbone RD	Swimming Pool
POKOLBIN	008/2016/00000208/001	5-May-2016	33 Verdale PRIV	Two Storey Dwelling and Attached Garage
POKOLBIN	008/2016/00000196/001	6-May-2016	1 Bottlebrush CR	Single Storey Dwelling with Attached Garage & Inground Swimming Pool
POKOLBIN	008/2016/00000045/001	9-May-2016	15 Lilly Pilly CT	Dwelling House
POKOLBIN	008/2016/00000046/001	9-May-2016	19 Lilly Pilly CT	Dwelling House
POKOLBIN	008/2016/00000048/001	9-May-2016	17 Lilly Pilly CT	Dwelling House
POKOLBIN	008/2016/00000049/001	9-May-2016	13 Lilly Pilly CT	Dwelling House
POKOLBIN	008/2016/00000218/001	9-May-2016	9 Maple DR	Dwelling Additions
POKOLBIN	008/2015/00000572/001	10-May-2016	1616 Broke RD	Retail Premise (Food and Drink Premises)
POKOLBIN	008/2016/00000235/001	16-May-2016	3 Angophora DR	Single Storey Dwelling with Attached Garage
POKOLBIN	008/2016/00000236/001	17-May-2016	21 Peppertree DR	Inground Swimming Pool
POKOLBIN	008/2016/00000272/001	30-May-2016	11 Maple DR	Inground Swimming Pool

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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GENERAL MANAGER

### DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL

PROPOSAL: Temporary Event "Running Festival"  
LAND: LOT: 23 DP: 1203436, LOT: 2 DP: 790025 2090 Broke Road, 752 De Beyers Road, POKOLBIN  
APPLICANT: Mr P Humphreys  
APPLICATION NO.: 8/2016/275/1  
CONSENT AUTHORITY: Cessnock City Council

Council is in receipt of a Development Application for the abovementioned property.

The Development Application may be inspected during normal office hours at Council's Customer Service Counter at 62-78 Vincent Street, Cessnock.

All comments or objections should be made in writing and addressed to the General Manager within the notification period commencing on Wednesday 15 June 2016 and finishing on Wednesday 29 June 2016 (inclusive).

Any person may, during the exhibition period, make a submission in writing to Council in relation to the Development Application. Where a submission is made by way of an objection, the grounds for objection must be clearly specified. The views expressed in written submissions will be considered by Council before a determination is made. An acknowledgement of your submission will be made no earlier than one (1) week after the notification period ends.

Submissions are NOT kept confidential. Council releases submissions when a request is

made in accordance with privacy laws and the relevant provisions under the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009. When a submission is released by law, Council routinely withholds contact numbers, email addresses and signatures. Should you wish for all personal details or any information that may identify you to be withheld from the public, please advise Council of this in your submission.

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Further information regarding Political Donation and Gift Declarations and the Declaration Form can be obtained from Council's website at [www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au](http://www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au) or from Council's Customer Service Centre.

If the application is approved, a person who makes a submission by way of objection does not have a right of appeal to the Land and Environment Court unless a matter of law arises.

For further information, please contact Mrs Sue Page of Council's Planning and Environment Department on (02) 4993 4122.



# Miller Park Outdoor Gym Ready for Action!

☞ Cessnock Mayor Bob Pynsent, second from right, is joined by representatives from Newcastle Permanent Charitable Foundation, the Samaritans Foundation and the Cessnock Healthy Lifestyle Network to officially open the new facility.



LAST FRIDAY, 10th June, marked the opening of the Newcastle Permanent Charitable Foundation Outdoor Gym at Miller

Park, Branxton. Cessnock City Mayor Councillor Bob Pynsent said this fantastic facility would not have been

possible without the hard work of the Samaritans Foundation and the Cessnock Healthy Lifestyle Network that secured a

\$52,000 grant from Newcastle Permanent Charitable Foundation for the project. The Newcastle Permanent Charitable Foundation

provides more than \$1.5 million in grants each year, totalling over \$14 million to date, for projects and programs which support and assist young people or improve health and wellbeing outcomes for the disadvantaged throughout the Hunter, Mid North Coast, Central West, Central Coast, Northern Rivers and New England regions.

“This is a great example of different community organisations working together for the benefit of the entire community with the help of a very dedicated resident Kate Gray,” Cr Pynsent said.

“I encourage residents to take this opportunity to improve their health as we are all aware of concerning research which revealed 42 per cent of Cessnock City residents are classed as inactive.”

The facility has been installed to encourage active living and help address the high rates of obesity and chronic illness in the Cessnock local government area.

Newcastle Permanent Charitable Foundation Chairman Michael Slater said he was very happy to be involved with such a wonderful community project. “It’s clear this equipment is centered on community needs and will be of great enjoyment to residents,” Mr Slater said.



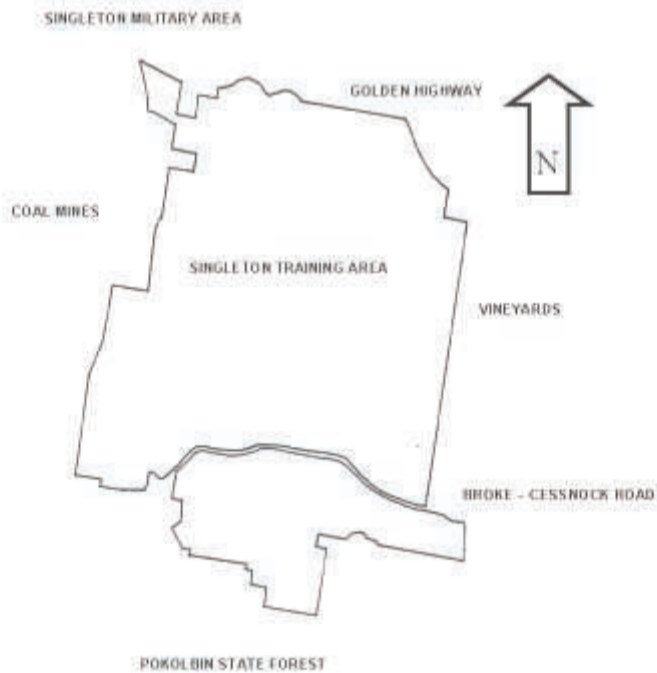
☞ Cessnock Mayor Bob Pynsent (above) & Mike Rabbit OAM, (below) (who is one of 4 board members of the Newcastle Permanent Charitable Foundation), giving the new outdoor gym a workout.



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## DEFENCE FIELD FIRING RANGES

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Directorate of Operations and Training Area Management  
Range Road  
Singleton Training Area  
Singleton NSW 2331.



## JULY HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AT YOUR LIBRARY

Bookings essential, tickets on sale mid June. Numbers strictly limited

<b>Make a Rube Goldberg Machine</b> For ages 8+	Monday 4 July	Kurri Kurri Library 2.00 pm – 3.30 pm
	Monday 11 July	Cessnock Library 2.00 pm – 3.30 pm FREE
<b>Knit a Snake</b> For ages 5-12	Tuesday 5 July	Cessnock Library 3.00 pm – 4.00 pm
	Wednesday 6 July	Kurri Kurri Library 3.00 pm – 4.00 pm Cost: \$3.00
<b>Dreamtime Story time</b> For ages 2-8	Tuesday 5 July	Cessnock Library 10.00 am – 11.00 am
	Wednesday 6 July	Kurri Kurri Library 10.00 am – 11.00 am FREE
<b>Aboriginal Art Workshop</b> For ages 5-12	Thursday 7 July	Kurri Kurri Library 10.00 am – 11.00 am
		Cessnock Library 1.00 pm – 2.00 pm Cost: \$5.00
<b>Traditional Aboriginal Basket Weaving Workshop</b> For ages 10+	Friday 8 July	Kurri Kurri Library 10.00 am – 12.00 pm
		Cessnock Library 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm Cost - \$5.00
<b>Snugglepot &amp; Cuddlepie Story time</b> For ages 2-8	Tuesday 12 July	Cessnock Library 10am – 11 am
	Wednesday 13 July	Kurri Kurri Library 10.00 am – 11.00 am FREE
<b>Tell Me a Story Model Building Competition</b> For ages 5-12	Tuesday 12 July	Cessnock Library 12.00 pm – 1.00 pm
	Wednesday 13 July	2.00 pm – 3.00 pm Kurri Kurri Library 1.00pm - 2.00 pm 3.00 pm – 4.00 pm FREE
<b>Dead Stuffed Things for Kids!</b> For ages 5+	Friday 15 July	Kurri Kurri Library 10.00 am – 11.00 am
		Cessnock Library 2.00 pm – 3.00 pm Cost - \$3.00

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# What's Happening & other matters

One media outlet rightly describing the Park as a 'horror movie scene'. The same is also happening all over the country with Cessnock, our nearest neighbour, taking a substantial hit from the pests.

with Mike Lowing

Apart from the physical



HAVING LIVED in Singleton for many years, many years ago, I have taken a keen interest in the 'bat problem' at Burdekin Park. The park was a passive recreation area standout with its magnificent trees, war memorial, excellent location, Singleton Historical Society building & it also provided a wonderful entry to the town. The devastation that the bat colony has caused to this iconic park would make a grown man weep!

devastation they can also be a public health risk as, unfortunately, Australian bats are the natural reservoirs for a range of viruses that may infect and sometimes even kill humans or other animals. They include: Hendra virus, Menangle virus and Australian Bat Lyssavirus (ABLV) (NSW Dept Primary Industry). Anyway, Singleton has now permission, under licence, to have the ability to remove the trees in Burdekin Park, thereby

arms up and admit defeat, men need to make informed decisions to improve their lifestyle and it's OK to say they have a problem or that there may be something wrong. The old saying 'she'll be all right, mate' just doesn't cut it these days. We create our own destiny by taking advantage of opportunities that arise. Men have got to remember there are health professional and support groups where they can receive information, awareness and support, no matter at which stage of their journey they may be up to. Men, if you have a problem, see your doctor. Men's health week is from June 13-19. *Barry Preston, Cessnock prostate cancer support group*

**Fruit bats**  
IF THE fruit bats think they have problems with the whingy, whining want-want two-legged human

removing the colony & not before time! Robert Monteath, in the Newcastle Herald last week, also pointed out another problem. As said ... The NSW Government is exhibiting draft reforms to the biodiversity legislation that will have a significant

animals now at a population of 23 million, wait until the human rats reach 40 million in number. Our sprawl of McMansions and agriculture means we've lost 85 per cent or so of our forests or bush and so have destroyed our climate, though most want to scapegoat only CO2 emissions for climate ruin. I understand professor Charles Birch [1918-2009] held that a sustainable human population of Australia is 10 million. Already we are sucking our rivers dry and have wrecked our climate, but conservative governments want ever more people and endless housing construction as a pretend economy. The brief and bottom line is: if local councils or philanthropists cannot buy out householders in the vicinity of bat colonies in towns and let the bats stay there, they will be driven to extinction.

adverse impact on the NSW planning system and the Hunter region. "If there are some endangered species on the land (such as flying foxes) then, under the new Biodiversity Legislation that the NSW government is promoting, your council

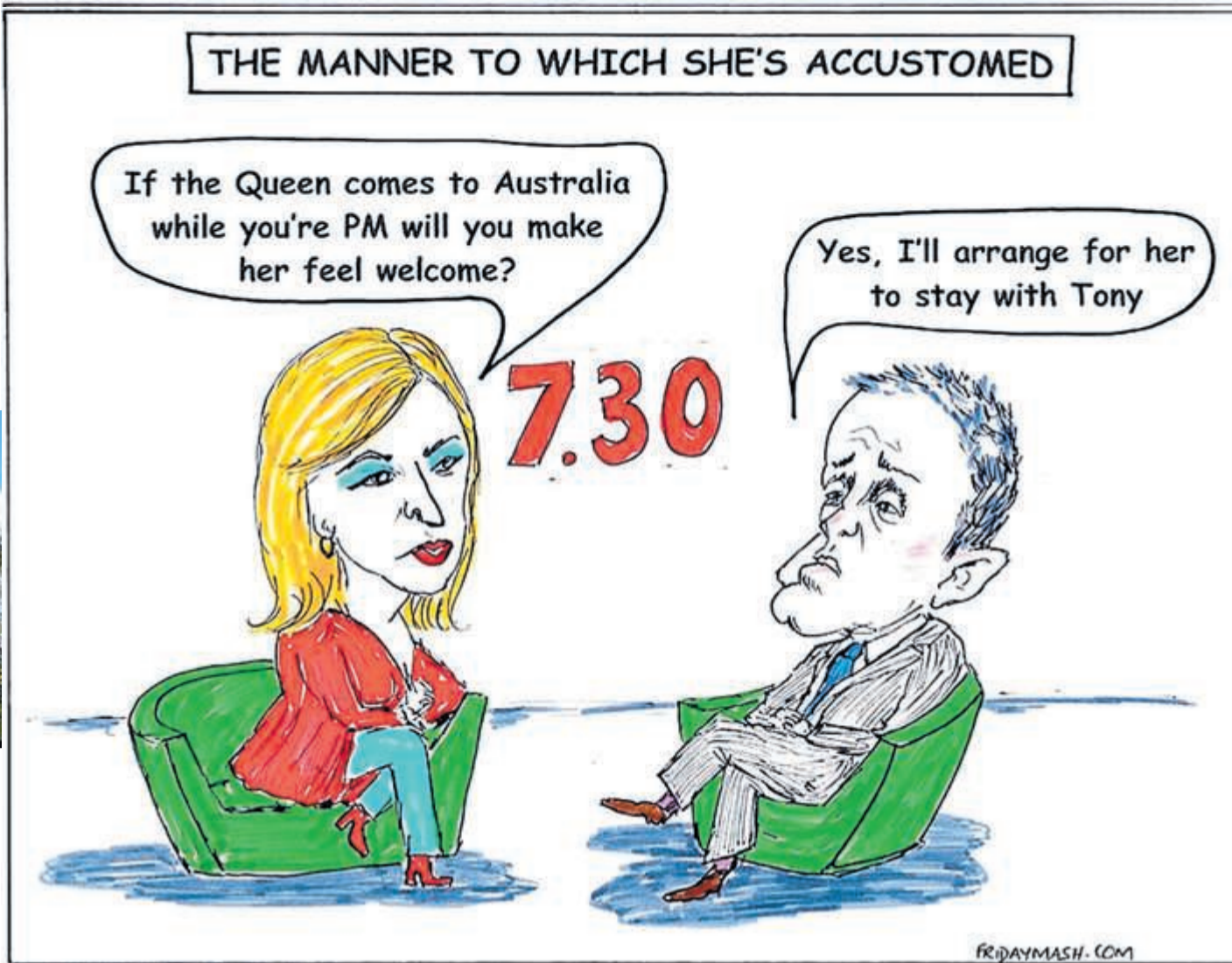
You cannot send them outside of towns where gun-morons use them as target practice. Can a white human animal care about anything except self? Some can but most are useless except at self-serving, unlike fruit bats which serve important functions in nature, what's left of it. Australia, be proud. *Les Hutchinson, South Maitland*

Age proves a barrier I NOTICED the minimum wage is now \$672, and the bleating has started. Some want more, others don't want it increased, and the usual nonsense goes on regarding the pros and cons of the decision. Those complaining should try and live on the Newstart Allowance. Whilst I am thankful for what I receive, I wish people would walk in the shoes of those of us who are over 60. We are too young for the pension, and seemingly too old to be employed.

could refuse your application to build a house and you have *no right of appeal*. "The same situation will apply to farmers who want to develop their farms". So these dirty, filthy, disease carrying pests are, in some species, protected.

The gap between the rich and the not so well off is widening at a rapid rate. We hear daily about jobs and growth, but who is going to get these jobs? Certainly not anyone over 60. I have in recent years applied for jobs I could easily do, and have had experience in the position, but without success. No employer is going to say it is because of my age, but I am a realist. *Robin Carrall, Kurri Kurri*

Give the chaps time Muhammad Ali's behaviour in his youth was appalling and his sportsmanship was questionable, to say the least. He grew into a wise and wonderful elder statesman admired by all. John McEnroe was equally appalling and Lleyton Hewitt, now our esteemed David Cup captain, was less than perfect. The list of ill-behaved footballers is endless, while some of our cricketers were



Apart from the denial of 'natural justice' it is an absolute travesty. Do speak

and make it 'not happen'. *Cheers, Mike*

pretty wild in their youth. Some may go on living a life of shame, but the majority "grow up" into sensible and often outstanding adults. I do not approve of Bernard Tomic and Nick Kyrgios and their antics, especially if they are supported by public money, but it will be interesting to see what they are like in 10 years time. *Name & address supplied but withheld at request of writer*

human race as womankind and not expect a "minority group" (because males are a numerical minority in Australia) to complain. All those who act can be referred to as actresses, single folk as spinsters, killers as murderers because we are all terribly modern and there is no longer any reflection of power in words. *Name & address supplied but withheld at request of writer*

The power of words I am delighted to learn that gendered terms for groups are no longer important. Next time I address a group of people I shall call them ladies, even if they are all men, and they will not raise an eyebrow. I shall be comfortable referring to the

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# Council seeks community views on Disability Inclusion Action Plan

Cessnock City Council is currently developing its Disability Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP) and invites the community to submit suggestions up until Friday 29 July 2016.

The DIAP will provide both Council and the community with a strategic framework to remove barriers for people with disability and enable equal access opportunities. Council invites all members of the community to participate in the development of the plan, including

carers, service providers and people who live, visit and work within the Cessnock local government area with an interest in access and equality.

From June to August 2016 the project team will be consulting with people with disability or those who have experienced a mental health issue to formulate a comprehensive plan of action to improve access and inclusion.

The plan will focus on improving the physical environment, attitudes and inclusion, equal access to

public facilities, access to communication and equal employment opportunities.

"This is a great opportunity for local residents to contribute to a great initiative that will benefit many people in our community," Cessnock City Mayor Councillor Bob Pynsent said.

"It is important we improve all aspects of our physical environment to be easily accessible for all community members," Cr Pynsent said.

"I strongly encourage residents affected by mobil-

ity, access and inclusion to have their say."

Residents are encouraged to share their suggestions by answering the community survey online or in person at Council's Customer Service building.

Alternatively you can place comments on the online interactive map or contact the DIAP project team directly on 4993 4118.

For more information on the DIAP please visit [www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au/community/AccessInclusion](http://www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au/community/AccessInclusion)

**Council seeks community input on the Disability Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP)**

- Are you a person with disability?
- Experienced a mental health issue?
- Are you a carer or service provider?
- Are you interested in access and equality?

To find out more please visit [www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au/AccessInclusion](http://www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au/AccessInclusion) or call the project team on 4993 4118

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Branxton VIEW Club through its many activities has helped to make the Smith Family Learning for Life program, which sponsors disadvantaged Australian school children, a great success story. As at March, 2016 the Learning for Life sponsor-

ships supported by VIEW clubs has helped 1,160 students studying at these levels-984 Primary school, 150 Secondary school, and 26 Tertiary/TAFE. Many of the sponsored students have parents who struggle to provide the basics at home, let alone

school excursions, uniforms, books and other resources students need at school.

Fundraising for our four students makes a lasting and positive difference to their lives and we enjoy the community support when we hold our functions. Many thanks to our wonderful community supporters and to Mike for publishing our activities.

Our 28th Birthday celebrations are set down for Thursday, 11th August, at Greta Workers Club. Everyone is welcome to attend and bookings can be made by phoning Bethany 4938 7597. We promise you a delightful Chinese

Banquet menu and lots of hilarious entertainment. More details to follow next month.

October 6th has been chosen for our popular Fashion Parade, courtesy of donna-lou fashions, so mark this down in your diary for those lovers of fashion at reasonable prices.

Next month, 14th July, CPO Cath Harvey, RAN, is our guest speaker who will talk about Women in the Defence Force. Everyone is welcome to attend -just ring our secretary, Bethany.

New members are always welcome and our President Margaret, pinned the VIEW membership badge on our newest member, Cheryl Schofield. Congratulations, Cheryl,

may you enjoy many happy times with our friendly ladies.

Bethany spoke to us about her working life in Wellington and Rutherford as an AIN and Activities Officer in aged care facilities. She noted the many changes over the years including the introduction of lifters in later years which made it easier to lift and move patients.

Bethany shared many of her

experiences of working with dementia patients and organising suitable activities for residents. Activities such as Bingo, quizzes, Find a Word and pianola music and singing helped residents enhance their memory skills. Bethany also organised exercises to music, bus outings, picnics in parks so that gave the residents relatives and friends an opportunity to join in the fun. Well done, Bethany- a most interesting talk as we are all getting older and much laughter was shared as Bethany answered the numerous questions from the members.

Our thoughts are with those experiencing health issues at this time. May the six words of Kipling bring you peace -"Teach me to delight in simple things". A beautiful sunset, a hug from a friend, the smiles of little children, the special love and companionship of a beloved pet, the joys of birdsong and the special rewards of love and friendship.

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# Members say ....



Member for Cessnock Clayton Barr MP

## Raising the BARR

### BAT FUNDING – A WIN FOR THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE

Getting Government funding to develop a Management Plan for the flying fox problem, is a win for all of the residents that took the time to write to me. As an MP, I rely on residents raising their concerns in writing, whatever those concerns are – it is evidence to the various Ministers that there is a genuine issue, not just a thought bubble in my head. I know that writing a letter of complaint or concern is not everyone's cup of tea. Fortunately, I received almost 100 letters from people frustrated by the bats. Every single one of them, one by one, was forwarded to the Minister's office and the Minister was forced to make a reply, in writing. The funding that Cessnock Council has received to tackle the bat problem is a result of those many many letters. The people of our community have directly affected Government spending. Call it the "squeaky wheel gets the oil" or call it "making the problem (the many letters) go away" or call it whatever you want – the people won! Congratulations and thank you to all.

### NSW BUDGET IN 3 WEEKS TIME

I imagine a whole host of readers immediately jumped past this section, just because of the heading. Budgets and numbers can do most people's heads in. But there is more truth in the Budget than most other things you will hear from a Government and the Budget affect every single one of us – so it is important. In general there will be "record spending" for health and education and almost every other department. There always is. The health budget in 1968 was bigger than it was in 1967; it was bigger in 1985 than it was in 1984; and it will be bigger in 2016 than it was in 2015. In fact, here is a tip – I reckon the health budget will be \$20.8B (up by 5.1%). Why? Because the health budget went up 5.1% last year and the year before and the year before; in fact every year since 2012. Now, that 5.1% in health spending is a really important number. Most health experts will tell that you that cost of providing health services rises by between 7% and 9% each year. This is a mix of many things, but mostly it is due to technology. Even a Government report released last week offers an annual increase in costs for health care of 6.5%. So, those are all a whole bunch of numbers, but what do they really mean and why do I raise them? Well, the truth is that a health budget increase of 5.1% is nothing to be sneezed at, but, importantly, it means that we are actually going backwards in real terms. Whether we are going backward by 1.4% per year or 1.9-2.9% per year can be debated day and night, but the truth is, against every measure, we are going backwards in health care. And this is a worry for all of us, right across our community because generally we rely on brilliant little "cottage" services in health care. I include Cessnock and Kurri Hospitals in my use of the word "cottage". Every health service offered to us, in our area, is smaller and scaled

down compared to a facility like The John Hunter or RPA of Randwick Childrens Hospital. These are all facts. The staff in our health services work incredibly hard, generally with a beaming smile on their face, even though they know our health services are pretty low down the food chain of funding. As an example, our hospitals will get some of their equipment as second hand, from the John Hunter. So any cuts to health funding, or to put it more accurately, if funding doesn't keep up with the rising costs, the cuts to services will be made. The Minister will call it an "efficiency" saving – but how many times can you cut out "efficiency" of at least 1.4%. This year will be the fifth year of "efficiency" savings in our health system. To put it more simply, this year we will reach 7% (5 x 1.4%) of "efficiencies" cuts to our health care. I dip my hat to our incredibly hard working health staff who will turn up to work after the Budget, with a smile on their face, knowing that they will have to do more with less, oops, I mean, be "efficient".

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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](mailto:cessnock@parliament.nsw.gov.au) or call into 118 Vincent Street (PO Box 242), Cessnock 2325.*

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Cheers Clayton



John Martin, Mayor Singleton Council

I was delighted to see works on Burdekin Park commence last week. Five trees were removed and two others were pruned. These initial works were to improve safety concerns and allow for the Museum and toilet block to be reopened. Works were conducted in the day time and monitored by an ecologist in accordance with the licence conditions. The works have been approved through the 5 year licence that was granted to Singleton Council from Office of Environment and Heritage in May 2016. I understand that these works have been a long time coming for our community and I am pleased with the hard work from Council, community representatives and with the funding made available by the Government, which has assisted us in beginning these works. Council and I appreciate that there has been a lot of people in our community affected by this matter and I believe these works are an important step in moving towards future plans for the park. Ryan Avenue Upgrade is all but complete with the road reopening to two-way traffic on Friday 27 May. Permanent line marking was completed last week and 90 per cent of the landscaping work is complete. The new street lights are operational with the old street lights expected to be removed in the coming weeks. The project is about

one month ahead of schedule with an official opening being planned for mid to late June. The Ryan Avenue Upgrade is being delivered by Singleton Council and funded through the NSW Government's Resource for Regions program.

The much awaited new Singleton Gym & Swim opened on Wednesday 1 June. The Gym & Swim facility is open to the public in all areas, except for the Hydrotherapy pool and is a fantastic improvement to the old facility.

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Tenders for the construction of the Hermitage Road Upgrade and Cycleway Project are now open. The detailed designs for the 10.6 kilometre project have been completed and include construction of a two-way cycleway on the western side of Hermitage Road. The Hermitage Road Upgrade and Cycleway Project is a joint venture between Singleton Council and Cessnock City Council. It is being funded by a \$16.734 million grant under the NSW Government's Resources for Regions program, with additional contributions from both councils. Tenders close on 28 June 2016. For more information visit [www.singleton.nsw.gov.au/tenders](http://www.singleton.nsw.gov.au/tenders)

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In lighter news, Singleton Waste Art Sculpture Prize opening night was held at the new recycling building at the waste depot last Friday night. There was a massive \$5000 to be won and I would like to congratulate winners Dale Fitz-Gerald, Ron Sampson, Hope Hardy, Jill Patterson, Brooke Smith, Colleen Gale Children's Services and Rainbows Early Learning Centre and thank all those who made sculptures for the event and showing our community that waste is not always waste and that it can be a useful resource, and also a source of inspiration

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Jan and I also attended the Singleton Branch Country Women's Association lunch to celebrate International, Cultural and Agriculture Environment Day, held at Singleton Senior Citizens Centre on Friday. I would like to offer my congratulations on an eventful day. It was a lovely lunch with some wonderful performances by the Milbrodale Public School.

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I also look forward to attending the Commissioning of the Generator by the Deputy Premier Troy Grant MP at Singleton Diggers Thursday afternoon. The generator will create a fully-operational emergency evacuation centre at the Singleton Heights Diggers and will be of great benefit to our community.  
Cheers, John



MICHAEL JOHNSEN MP, Member for Upper Hunter

### COMMUNITY BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS APPLICATIONS FOR 2016

Applications for the 2016 round of the NSW Government's Community Building Partnership program will open on 13 June 2016, and close just over a month later on 22 July 2016. The NSW Community Building Partnership program supports the improvement of community infrastructure, and creates more vibrant

and inclusive communities by supporting projects that encourage community participation, inclusion and cohesion.

The program offers grants across the State at an individual State Electorate level for community infrastructure projects.

Grant funding of up to \$200,000 is available for every NSW State Electorate. An additional \$100,000 is available for electorates with higher levels of social disadvantage as indicated by higher comparative unemployment rates. The maximum funding available in each electorate is detailed at Appendix 1.

Grants will be open to local councils and incorporated not-for-profit bodies such as charities, sporting, social and environmental groups, so I would encourage our local communities to take advantage of this application process. Should you wish for more information, please do not hesitate to contact my office using the details provided below.

### GRESFORD ROAD BRIDGE RESTORATION STARTS THIS MONTH

Worked has started to repair Gresford Road Bridge across Glendon Brook, which has been closed to traffic since it was damaged in the devastating Hunter storms in April last year.

The NSW Government funded \$865,000 in natural disaster funding to Singleton Council for repairs to the bridge and approaches. Singleton Council awarded the contract to repair the bridge to Diona Pty Ltd. Once the completed bridge is reopened to traffic, motorists will once again be able to travel on a direct route between Singleton and Gresford.

Diona civil engineering contractors will provide rock armour, backfill the bridge approaches and complete diversion work to the creek to protect the bridge from future flood events. Work is expected to be completed by the end of August this year, weather permitting.

Cheers, Michael



JOEL FITZGIBBON prior Member for Hunter & Shadow Minister for Agriculture, Rural Affairs, Fisheries and Forestry & ALP Candidate for Hunter in coming Federal Election

More than 700 people packed Tamworth's Town Hall recently to see the ABC's Q and A program from up close. Collectively - both by their questions and reaction to answers - they made it clear that broadband was a big issue for them.

They are angry and rightly so. Some are angry because the NBN is still some way off in their street. Others are outraged that fibre will never come to their homes. Some say they now have Malcolm Turnbull's fibre-to-the-node NBN and its inferior to their old ADSL2 service. Like many of our own local residents, many in Tamworth were upset that their telephone landline switch from the old network to the NBN network left them without a phone for weeks. Some of them are

in small business and the black hole has cost them dearly.

The NBN will influence the vote of many on July 2. Increasingly people are coming to understand that the fibre-to-the-node project won't provide them with the service they need.

Increasingly a decent broadband service is critical to us for some of the most basic things we need to do. Things like school assignments and government application forms. So many of the platforms we use now - Facebook, Netflix, email rely on a decent internet service.

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The upcoming election has prompted a number of people to ask me questions about our voting systems. When people go the polling booth on election day they do so to do two things; to elect one person to represent their local electorate in the House of Representatives and usually six (half the Senate) to represent their state in the Senate, but on this occasion due to the double dissolution every Senator is up for election.

In the House of Reps the compulsory preferential system that we always use remains unchanged. You'll have probably heard that voting rules for the Senate have changed – this federal election you'll have new ways to decide your preferences on your white Senate ballot paper.

If you vote above the line, you must number at least six boxes from 1 to 6. Place a 1 in the box above the party or group that is your first choice, the number 2 in the box above the party or group that is your second choice and so on until you have numbered at least six boxes above the line. You can continue to place numbers in the order of your choice in as many boxes above the line as you like.

If you vote below the line, you must number at least 12 boxes from 1 to 12. Place a 1 in the box beside the candidate that is your first choice, and the numbers 2, 3, 4 and so on to at least the number 12. You can continue to place numbers in the order of your choice in as many boxes below the line as you like.

Many people believe that the "first past the post" system is fairer so I would like those who believe so to consider the following scenario. Let's say there were just twelve people voting and candidate A received 5 votes, candidate B receives 4 votes and candidate C receives 3 votes. Under first past the post candidate A clearly wins but when you think about, he is supported by only 5 of 12 voters, only just over 40 percent.

So the preferential system works to ensure that the person elected is the candidate who is favoured by more than fifty percent of voters once their preferences are allocated. Of course the party which after the election can command the most number of votes in the House of Representatives becomes the Government and its leader the Prime Minister.

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My office has received numerous calls asking about early voting. Early voting starts on Tuesday 14 June 2016 once the candidates have been declared and the ballot papers are printed. In the Hunter electorate there are a number of pre-poll locations available, although not all of them commence on 14 June.

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 For further information on pre-poll locations and times please call my office on 4991 1022. Cheers, Joel



Bob Pynsent, Mayor  
 Cessnock City Council

**FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK**  
 The Lovedale Arts Festival is in full swing and I had the pleasure of attending the launch. This is a great local event showcasing

products of our region including art, music, food and wine. If you are looking to enjoy some of our region's best produce head to <http://www.lovedalehuntervalley.com.au/lovedale-arts-festival/>.

Celebrations have kicked off for NAIDOC Week and as usual Cessnock has a full calendar of fantastic events running throughout June and July. Last Wednesday marked the launch of NAIDOC week with the opening of the Songline Print Project Exhibition featuring works produced by local Indigenous artists in collaboration with Master Printer James Whittington, Crown Street Press and Cessnock Regional Art Gallery. This is a wonderful opportunity to recognise very talented local artists and I encourage everyone to view the exhibition which is open until July 24. Celebrations finish with the Black Creek Aboriginal Corporation Flag Raising Ceremony and the street parade on July 9. It's sure to be a great family day featuring a number of local indigenous performers and hip hop stars The Last Kinection. I look forward to seeing you all there and hope for another big turn out after last year's roll up. For more information go to <http://www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au/community/events-ceremonies/naidoc>.

This will be the first NAIDOC week the Cessnock Community celebrate without Les Elvin better known as Uncle Les. He will be sadly missed but our community has been enriched by the legacy he has left us. On July 8 the Les Elvin Education Room will be opened recognising the huge contribution he made to

**Residents are being urged to contribute to the Disability Inclusion Action Plan.**

the Cessnock Regional Art Gallery and the broader community. Residents are being urged to contribute to the Disability Inclusion Action Plan. The DIAP is an exciting initiative aimed at removing barriers for those in our community with a disability. As a community we must strive to be more inclusive and enable equal access to opportunities. Feedback from the community is crucial to informing the action plan as those living in the community have the best insight into what needs to be improved. The consultation period runs from June until August 2016 and will be integral to formulating a comprehensive plan to improve access and inclusion. Residents can express their views by completing an online survey or can visit Council and have a chat with Council's

customer service staff. I'm very proud of the development of this plan and expect a very positive outcome for our community. <http://www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au/community/AccessInclusion>.

Last Friday marked the launch of the Newcastle Permanent Charitable Foundation Outdoor Gym at Miller Park, Branxton. This is a fantastic asset aiming to promote happier and healthier lifestyles in our community. Thank you to Newcastle Permanent Charitable Foundation for the grant totalling \$52,000 making this a reality. Recognition must be given to the Samaritans Foundation and Cessnock Healthy Lifestyle network both putting in a lot of work, with Council's support to apply for this funding.

It is with great sadness we hear the passing of Damien Wallace as a member of Council's Events Committee he played a major role in the success of the 2015 Christmas Carols and Australia Day earlier this year. His work in the wider community will be sadly missed particularly the Postie Bike Grand Prix.

*'Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm'*  
 Ralph Waldo Emerson  
 Cheers, Bob

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**Skin cuts and abrasions**

Skin is the largest organ of the human body. It is soft to allow movement, but tough enough to resist breaking or tearing. It varies in texture and thickness from one part of the body to the next. It consists of two main layers – the epidermis and the dermis. The epidermis refers to the surface layer and is made of several sheets of skin cells. The dermis lies underneath and consists of elastic fibres (elastin), for suppleness, and protein fibres (collagen) for strength. Sebaceous glands, hair follicles, nerves and blood vessels are found in the dermis. The two broad categories of skin wounds include abrasions and incised wounds. **First aid for abrasions** An abrasion means that the surface layers of the skin (epidermis) has been broken. Thin-skinned bony areas (like knees, ankles and elbows) are more prone to abrasions than thicker, more padded areas. The scraped skin of an abrasion can contain particles of dirt. First aid treatment includes: \* Clean the wound with a non-fibre shedding material or sterile gauze, and use an antiseptic such as Betadine. If there is embedded dirt, Savlon may be used as it contains an antiseptic and a surfactant to help remove debris. Rinse the wound after five minutes with sterile saline or flowing tap water. \* Don't scrub at embedded dirt, as this can traumatise the site even more. \* Cover the cleaned wound with an appropriate non-stick

sterile dressing. \* Change the dressing according to the manufacturer's instructions (some may be left in place for several days to a week). If you reapply antiseptic, wash it off after five minutes and then redress the wound. **First aid for incised wounds** Incised wounds are caused by sharp objects, such as knives or shards of glass, slicing into the skin. Depending on the injury, underlying blood vessels can be punctured, leading to significant blood loss. A severed artery is a medical emergency, because the muscular action of this blood vessel will pump the entire blood supply out of the wound in just a few minutes. First aid treatment for severe bleeding includes: \* Remove clothing around the site for easier access. \* Apply pressure directly to the wound with your hands to stem the blood flow. \* Cover the wound with a sterile dressing, if possible, and continue to apply direct pressure (bandage firmly). \* Try to raise the injured area above the level of the person's heart. \* Don't remove existing dressings if they become saturated with blood, but instead add fresh dressings over the top. \* Seek urgent medical attention. You may need to call an ambulance if you cannot stop the bleeding, are feeling faint, sweaty or dizzy. **Tetanus-prone wounds** Some wounds are more likely to encourage the growth of tetanus bacteria than others, unless the person is immunised against tetanus. If it is more than five years since your last dose, you may need a booster. You should see your doctor without delay. **Stages of healing** The body begins repairing a wound immediately and the process may continue for days, weeks, months or even years, depending on the injury. The basic stages of healing include: \* The body takes action to maintain a normal state. Blood vessels to the wound constrict, reducing blood loss. Blood

platelets gather at the site to form a clot. \* Once the clot has formed, the blood vessels dilate, allowing maximum blood flow to the site. This causes inflammation. White blood cells start cleaning the site of bacteria, micro-organisms and other foreign agents. \* New layers of collagen are laid at the site. Capillaries are formed to service the new skin tissue. \* Contraction occurs at the edges of the wound to reduce the size of the wound. \* Surface skin cells migrate from one side of the wound to the other, covering the wound with cells to form the new skin. \* Depending on the injury, the site is left with a scar. Generally, scar tissue isn't as strong as undamaged skin. **Treatment for cuts and abrasions** Some wounds are too large for the body to seal without help. Your doctor will decide whether or not a wound requires stitching or gluing. General suggestions to take care of a stitched wound include: \* Keep the site dry and clean. It may be covered with an occlusive thin film dressing, which is waterproof and protective. \* Only apply lotions or ointments to the wound if instructed to do so by medical staff. \* Try not to exert yourself, as physical activity may cause the site to bleed. \* Seek medical advice immediately if the site starts to produce pus, swell or exude a disagreeable odour. **Where to get help** \* Your doctor \* Casualty department of your nearest hospital \* In an emergency, always call 000 for an ambulance. **Things to remember** \* Abrasions and incised wounds require different first aid treatment. \* A deep cut that severs an artery is a medical emergency. \* Skin heals at different rates, depending on factors such as the person's general health, age, diet and whether or not the wound becomes infected.

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# Nominations close for coming federal election

## 8 nominate for new redistributed seat of Hunter

Hunter	1	ROGERS	Ruth	The Nationals	IT Manager/Owner
Hunter	2	HARVEY	John	Independent	Dentist
Hunter	3	FITZGIBBON	Joel	Labor	Parliamentarian
Hunter	4	MARTIN	Arjay Rase	Independent	Researcher / Interviewer
Hunter	5	MORRIS	Peter	The Greens	Retired
Hunter	6	STRETTON	Richard	Christian Democratic Party (Fred Nile Group)	Mechanic
Hunter	7	WARHAM	John	Independent	Min. of Religion/Self Employed
Hunter	8	TROY	Cordelia	Independent	Councillor

EIGHT nominations have been received for the redistributed Federation seat of Hunter for the coming federal election. Nationally the figures are:-

**Lower House**  
\* 150 seats, 994 candidates, average candidates per seat 6.6

**Senate**  
\* 76 seats, 631 candidates, average candidates per seat 8.3

The 994 House candidate is greater than the 849 candidates in 2010, but compares to more than 1,000 candidates from 1998 to 2007 and the record 1,188 in 2013. The electorates with the fewest candidates is Gorton (3), while there are seven electorates with 11 candidates, Grayndler and Lindsay in NSW, Batman, Dunkley and Murray in Victoria, Longman in Queensland and Solomon in the Northern Territory. 631 is a record number of candidates for a Senate election, up from 529 candidates in 2016. Some of this increase is caused by the election being a double dissolution, with many parties standing more than

There has also been a surge in ungrouped candidates in several states.

Expressed as an average number of candidates per vacancy, the numbers decline from 13.2 candidates per vacancy in 2013 to 8.3 in 2016. Only South Australia has seen a substantial decrease in the numbers of groups on the ballot paper. 631 candidates is much greater than the 255 that contested the 1987 double dissolution Senate election, 271 in 1875 and 245 in 1974. There are 151 Senate candidates in NSW in 2016 compared to 50 in 1987.

Locally the old electorate of Hunter will see around 40,000 voters in Kurri Kurri and western Maitland transferred to Paterson – an important development, since it turns the 9.8% Liberal margin there into a notional Labor margin of 1.3% – while 9500 voters at rural areas in the north are ceded to New England. Early voting starts today, Tuesday 14 June 2016, once the candidates have been declared and the ballot papers are printed. In

the Hunter electorate there are a number of pre-poll locations available, although not all of them commence on 14 June.

**14th June**  
East Maitland – East Maitland Church of Christ, Cnr Garnett & Mitchell Drive  
Singleton – Old St Patricks School, Patrick Street  
Charlestown – 4/45 Pearson Street, Charlestown  
Newcastle – 485 Hunter Street, Newcastle  
**20th June**  
Cessnock – Video Ezy & Pizza Hut Complex, 1/10 Allandale Road  
Muswellbrook – 3/77 Bridge Street  
Toronto 3/7 Pemell Street  
Cooranbong – Cooranbong Community Services Hall, 614 Freemans Drive

### Profile of the electoral division of Hunter (NSW)

Date this name and boundary was gazetted:  
25 February 2016  
First election for this name and boundary:  
2016 federal election  
Name derivation:  
Named after John Hunter (1737–1821), second Governor of New South Wales 1795–99.  
Area

Location Description:  
Hunter includes the Muswellbrook Shire Council, Singleton Council, Cessnock City Council (part) and Lake Macquarie City Council (part). The main towns include Broke, Cessnock, Denman, Mulbring, Muswellbrook, Paxton, Putty, Singleton, Widden and Wyee.

First proclaimed/election:  
1901  
Demographic rating:  
Rural – outside capital cities and without majority of enrolment in major provincial cities.

Members:  
\* Conroy, P (ALP) 2013–  
(Note: following the 2016 redistribution the Division of Charlton became the Division of Hunter.)  
\* Combet, G (ALP) 2007–2013  
\* Hoare, K (ALP) 1998–2007  
\* Brown, B (ALP) 1984–1998  
Former Division of Hunter which was abolished as part of the 2016 redistribution

- \* Fitzgibbon, J (ALP) 1996–
- \* Fitzgibbon, E J (ALP) 1984–1996
- \* Brown, R J (ALP) 1980–1984
- \* James, A W (ALP) 1960–1980
- \* Evatt, H V (ALP) 1958–1960
- \* James, R (ALP) 1928–1958
- \* Charlton, M (ALP) 1910–1928
- \* Liddell, F (FT/ANTI-SOC) 1903–1910
- \* Barton, E (PROT) 1901–1903



six candidates. THE NEWS Issue No 232 30th Aug 2007 page 30 10 640 sq km

# Mayor apologises to Councillor Ryan for implying he's a "naked ape"

CESSNOCK Mayor John Clarence has apologised to independent Greens Councillor James Ryan for implying he is like a naked ape, running around town without any clothes on and living in trees. The Mayor's remarks were made during a fiery council meeting on the 1st of August in response to Clr Ryan challenging his leadership. The Mayor acknowledged at last weeks council meeting that he made comments which Clr Ryan found offensive and unreservedly withdrew those comments and asked Clr Ryan to accept his apology. The Mayor further requested that all Councillors withdraw from personal confrontation

during council meetings. The slanging match began when Clr Ryan questioned the Mayor about the business interests of people who donated to the Labor Party's 2004 council election campaign. Herald journalist Paul Maguire received a transcript of the August 1 meeting, allegedly from independent Councillor Ian Olsen, which shows Clr Clarence telling Clr Ryan: "You are always challenging my leadership, however let me say this to you...if you ever get the leadership of this council, and we degenerate down to running around without any clothes in the town, living in trees and eating nuts, that will be a bad thing for the

community of Cessnock." Clr Ryan then reacted: "What you just said was frankly insulting, it was inaccurate, not true in any sense of the word and could not possibly be true. It doesn't reflect well on the office of Mayor that you have taken to insulting people with childlike insults like that." The two Councillors have a long history of differing views, ranging from developments at the Hunter Economic Zone to the Mayoral Academic Awards. Certain people believe the Mayor's comments were unacceptable while others believe Clr Ryan was disrespectful to the chair by questioning the Mayor's authority.



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### 2016 NAIDOC Week Calendar of Events

<p><b>Monday 6 June - Monday 11 July</b> NAIDOC Poster Exhibition 2006-16 Cessnock and Kurri Kurri Library Foyers <b>FREE</b></p> <p><b>Wednesday 8 June - Sunday 24 July</b> "Songlines Print Project" Exhibition A collaboration between local Aboriginal Artists and Master Printer James Whittington, Crown Street Press Cessnock Regional Art Gallery 4991 6619 <b>FREE</b></p> <p><b>Friday 24 June 5.30pm</b> "Tell Me your Story" Exhibition Opening Works produced by families, carers and young people during CatholicCare's Indigenous Art and Culture Program Cessnock Regional Art Gallery 4991 6619 <b>FREE</b></p> <p><b>Friday 24 June 6.30pm</b> Black Creek Aboriginal Corporation NAIDOC Awards A great night of entertainment and an all you can eat Chinese Banquet. All welcome, including children. Lucky door prize and raffles. \$35 adult \$15 under 12 Tix Samaritans Neighbourhood Info Centre 4993 3400</p> <p><b>Thursday 30 June 10.00am - 12.00pm</b> The Kurri Kurri Koori Cook Off Flag raising, Welcome to Country, Koori Cook Off, taste testing of traditional recipes and healthy snacks. Please RSVP to 0458 466 963 Kurri Kurri Hospital, Lang St <b>FREE</b></p> <p><b>Thursday 30 June 5.30pm</b> Art After Hours Guest speaker will discuss works from the "Songlines Print Project". Wine and cheese provided. Cessnock Regional Art Gallery 4991 6619 <b>FREE</b></p> <p><b>Tuesday 5 July 10.00am - 2.00pm</b> Barkuma Neighbourhood Centre Family Fun Day Come along to the Flag Raising Ceremony and help celebrate NAIDOC. A great day of family friendly activities, stalls, entertainment, BBQ. All welcome! Rotary Park, Kurri Kurri 4937 1094 <b>FREE</b></p> <p><b>Tuesday 5 July 10.00am - 11.00am</b> Dreamtime Storytime at Cessnock Library Listen to stories from the Aboriginal Dreamtime, then join us for dot painting Australian native animals. Age 6 and under Cessnock Library 4993 4399 <b>FREE</b></p> <p><b>Wednesday 6 July 10.00am - 11.00am</b> Dreamtime Storytime at Kurri Kurri Library As above Kurri Kurri Library 4937 1638 <b>FREE</b></p>	<p><b>Thursday 7 July 10.00am - 11.00am</b> Traditional symbols in Aboriginal Art Learn about Aboriginal art and its symbols, and create your own masterpiece at this workshop run by local Aboriginal artists. Age 5-12 Places limited, book early. \$5.00 per participant. Kurri Kurri Library 4937 1638</p> <p><b>Thursday 7 July 1.00pm - 2.00pm</b> Traditional symbols in Aboriginal Art As above Cessnock Library 4993 4399</p> <p><b>Thursday 7 July 3.00pm - 6.00pm</b> Up and Up Song writing Workshop Join Tunzi and DJK Dream for a Hip Hop song writing and recording session. Create a song about your experiences living in Cessnock. No experience needed, all you need is yourself and a creative spirit. CYCOS Building 49D Aberdare Road, Aberdare 4991 5372 <b>FREE</b></p> <p><b>Friday 8 July 10.00am - 12.00pm</b> Traditional Aboriginal Basket Weaving Workshop Learn the art of traditional Aboriginal basket weaving with Michelle Earl. Materials and tools provided. Age 10+ Places limited, book early. \$5.00 Kurri Kurri Library 4937 1638</p> <p><b>Friday 8 July 2.00pm - 4.00pm</b> Traditional Aboriginal Basket Weaving Workshop As above Cessnock Library 4993 4399</p> <p><b>Friday 8 July 6.00pm</b> Les Elvin Education Room Opening A special function for the unveiling and dedication of the Les Elvin Education Rooms. Cessnock Regional Art Gallery 4991 6619 <b>FREE</b></p> <p><b>Saturday 9 July 10.00am - 2.00pm</b> Black Creek Aboriginal Corporation Flag Raising Ceremony and Street Parade. A great family friendly day. Hip hop stars, The Last Kinecton, local performers, traditional dancers, a didge player, amusement rides, basket weaving, jewellery making, BBQ, food stalls, market stalls and a raffle. All welcome. TAFE Grounds, Cooper St 0409 858 115 <b>FREE</b></p>
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For more details check the "What's On" calendar at [www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au](http://www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au)

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# Restoration and rehabilitation of Lower Hunter dry rainforest



Hunter River Reserve, Greta

Hunter Councils has been successful in receiving \$99,618 in funding from the Environmental Trust to assist in improving the condition and resilience of Lower Hunter dry rainforest at the Hunter River Reserve, Greta. Cessnock City Council co-wrote the application and are active partners in

the project from both a strategic and on-ground perspective, with Council's weed control staff addressing a number of high priority issues on the site. The three year project will commence from August 2016, with an aim to improve the current state of Lower Hunter dry

rainforest along the entire extent of the reserve. Funded by the NSW Environment Trust, the Restoration and Rehabilitation Program encourages and enables community and government organisations to protect, conserve and restore our valuable natural environment.

Cessnock City Mayor Councillor Bob Pynsent said the area is extremely important as it contains one of the last remaining forests of its kind in the Lower Hunter. "The reserve is a hidden gem of the Cessnock local government area and is highly valuable as it contains one of the

few examples of intact native vegetation along the Hunter River. The reserve includes two endangered ecological communities under the NSW Threatened Species Act along the upper western section," Cr Pynsent said. "This project is needed to protect remnant vegetation from widespread weed infestations within two gullies and reduce erosion along the steeper sections." Bush regeneration and targeted weed control works will be carried out to improve the condition and resilience of Hunter Valley Dry Rainforest within the reserve, Greta and adjacent properties in the Lower Hunter. This project provides the opportunity for extensive partnership and collaboration with local councils, agencies and landowners which will result in positive biodiversity outcomes. For more information about the project please visit [www.environment.nsw.gov.au](http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au) or contact Cessnock City Council or Hunter Councils' Environment Division

## Minister claims 'astounding' says Fitzgibbon

Minister for Communications Mitch Fifield's claims that his inferior fibre-to-the-node NBN roll-out is providing Hunter Region residents with a "good experience" is astounding, said Joel Fitzgibbon MP. "It shows how out-of-touch he is and that his visit was a waste of time. The phones of local federal members are running hot with people saying their old ADSL2 service was better. "The Minister failed to address the hundreds of residents and small businesses who have been without a telephone land line for a protracted period during the switch from the old system to the NBN. The Government can't get away with spin, their NBN is inferior and the roll-out is slow and is causing problems for people everywhere. The people affected know it".

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## Latest figures show Singleton on the rise

SINGLETON'S economy is showing signs of significant recovery according to an assessment of economic data within the Singleton Local Government Area. The figures indicate a 4.2 per cent improvement in Singleton's gross regional product. Three years ago Singleton's gross regional product (total value of all the goods and services sold) stood at \$5.5billion. By August 2015 that figure had dropped to \$3.5billion with a significant amount of this due to the downturn in the mining industry. However, by April this year, the figure increased to \$3.9 billion, with all key indicators forecasting continued improvement. The figures show improvement in almost every aspect of Singleton's economy, except for the mining sector.

Retail trade is up 27 per cent over the past three years from \$89million to \$113million and real estate is showing signs of recovery with a 36 per cent increase from \$307m in 2013 to \$418million in April this year. Singleton Council's General Manager Jason Linnane says this highlights the importance for diversification in our local economy. "There is a real opportunity to drive innovation in the Singleton economy through business collaboration," he says. "Even recently we have seen new retailers open their doors in our CBD, which indicates confidence growth in the retail sector. "Council recognises the significant role local

businesses play in sustaining a viable economy and it is very pleasing to see these aspects of our economy gaining positive and well deserved results."

John Martin, Singleton Mayor



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...  
 Needing to shed a few of those Christmas calories? Walking your dog is a perfect way to do just that. All dogs, young and old, need regular exercise. Taking your dog for a walk improves its fitness, prevents anxiety and increases its overall wellbeing. A big long walk and play not only makes your dog's day; it keeps you fit as well! Why not head down to one of the six off-leash areas in our LGA so that your dog can learn how to play nicely with others.

...  
 If you are walking your dog there are a few important things to remember when in a public space. Dogs must be leashed and if your pet is antisocial it must be muzzled. Keep your dog under control at all times, even in off-leash areas. Before you leave for a walk make sure you have a poop pouch to take care of any mess your dog leaves behind. Let's work together to keep our parks and walkways poop free.

...  
 Don't have a poop pouch! Drop in and pick up your free poop pouch from Cessnock City Council. No one wants to step in dog mess. Council Rangers are in the business of making life with your companion animal as easy as possible. If you have any questions about animal ownership, contact the Ranger Services team for more information.

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# OEH working with Cessnock Council and local community on North Rothbury Persoonia



⊟ Above: planting new *Persoonia pauciflora* at North Rothbury recently & Below, the *Persoonia pauciflora*.

The Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) is working with Cessnock City Council and the local community to conserve the critically endangered North Rothbury Persoonia (*Persoonia pauciflora*). The Persoonia grows only within a small area near North Rothbury within the Cessnock City Council Local Government Area. Recent studies of the North Rothbury Persoonia population have recorded an increase in numbers over the past five years from under 350 mature individuals to around 1,000 individuals, including many juvenile plants. However, these plants only occur at a small number of sites, with most occurring on private property or along road verges.

Sharon Molloy Senior Team Leader Ecosystems & Threatened Species said OEH recently held planting days involving the community and the council to establish new populations of the Persoonia in bushland around North Rothbury using nursery plants in an effort to increase the local population and give the species a better chance of survival.



“OEH undertook a survey of the North Rothbury Persoonia population to assist in understanding the species’ distribution and provide opportunity for seed and plant collection,” Ms Molloy said.

“As a result seed and plant cuttings were collected from as many wild plants as possible to create healthy new populations of the Persoonia to help the species strengthen its foothold in the area and possibly increase its distribution.

“It was great to have the local community involved in the recovery program as we often rely on members of the community to supply information on the plants as they mostly occur on private property.

“Having the community involved in the program will further strengthen the plant’s chances of survival and we welcome their involvement,” Ms Molloy said.

The plants were grown at the Australian Botanic Garden at Mount Annan as

part of a research project to help conserve this species. The Persoonia is also earmarked under the NSW Government’s flagship \$100 Million Saving our Species program to ensure the population’s viability in the long term.

To learn about future planting days contact Sharon Molloy, Senior Team Leader Ecosystems & Threatened Species, call 02 4927 3120 or email [Sharon.molloy@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Sharon.molloy@environment.nsw.gov.au)

# Winners of Singleton Council’s Waste Art Sculpture Prize Announced



Scone’s Dale Fitz-Gerald was thrilled to be named winner of Singleton Council’s Waste Art Sculpture Prize on Friday night.

Dale’s artwork, *The Tree of Life* – a 2016 Representation, was described as ‘magic’ by the judges and the win was a popular one among the artists and guests in attendance at the presentation at Singleton Waste Facility.

The sculpture’s base was a plough disc with more than 500 bronze and silver keys used to create the leaves of the ‘tree’ with the trunk made from an old

wine bottle welded with reinforcement steel recovered from building trash.

Dale says the canopy of the tree, in its confused state, was an expression of the turmoil that the world is in, least of all the turmoil of our natural world as it tries to cope with the pressures of mans’ pollution.

“Man, finally, is making an effort to care better for Mother Earth and this almost failing Tree of Life can be seen to be regenerating with new, strong and beautiful roots, searching downwards to nurturing soil to promote

and sustain yet another cycle of life,” says Dale.

Singleton’s Ron Sampson won second and third place with *Vent Fish*, made from a sewer duct, and *Insect Family*, sculptured from knives, forks and spoons.

Hope Hardy won the adult artwork category with *Utilization and Fishy News*, created by Jill Patterson, won second prize.

Young and very talented Brooke Smith won the youth sculpture prize with her ‘Pop’s Rusty Bits and Pieces’, a sheep created with paper mache and embedded with nuts, bolts and lots of other items she gathered from her grandfather’s shed.

Colleen Gale Childrens Services won the youth art category with their *Rainbow Window* created by objects collected from the homes of the children in care.

Rainbow Childcare Services with their ‘Together We Make It Happen’, a charismatic green frog, won youth art second place. The frog was a culmination of an educational discussion the children had about the importance of a healthy environment for the survival of frogs.

⊟ Photo above: Singleton Mayor John Martin and Councillor Val Scott with Waste Art Sculpture Prize Winner Dale Fitz-Gerald.

### Collateral

An old farmer wanted a loan for \$500. He approached his local banker. The banker pulled out the loan application, asking, "What are you going to do with the money?" "Take some jewellery to the city and sell it," said the man.

"What have you got for collateral?" queried the banker, going strictly by the book. "Don't know what collateral means." "Well that's something of value that would cover the cost of the loan. Have you got any vehicles?" "Yes, I have a 1979 ute." The banker shook his head, "How about livestock?" "Yes, I have a horse." "How old is it?" "I don't know; it has no teeth."

Finally the banker decided to make the \$500 loan. Several weeks later the man was back in the bank. He pulled out a roll of bills, "Here's the money to pay loan," he said, handing the entire amount including interest.

"What are you going to do with the rest of that money?"

"Put it in my pocket."

"Why don't you deposit it in my bank?" he asked. "I don't know what deposit means."

"Well, you put the money in our bank and we take care of it for you. When you want to use it you can withdraw it."

The man leaned across the desk, looking suspiciously at the banker, and asked, "What you got for collateral?"





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# How to: Prepare your home for a winter sale

Serious buyers are always looking for the right property, even in the cooler months of the year. Here are some specific considerations to keep in mind if you're looking to sell your home this winter.

## Lights

Winter days can be overcast, so you need to make sure that you maximise the light in your home – both natural and artificial.

Try these tricks:

- Adjust your window furnishings to maximise natural light.
- Make sure your blinds are open and curtains are drawn.
- Turn on all the ceiling lights and lamps in your home.
- Remove any obscuring objects.

Make sure all windows are extra clean, as they will let in more light than grubby ones.

Also be sure to choose your home open house times carefully, basing them around the amount of natural light available.

## Climate control

You want potential buyers



to feel instantly at ease and there's nothing like the embrace of a warm, cosy home.

Make sure your home is at a comfortable temperature during your open house inspection.

If you have an open fire, put it to good use – a roaring fire is emotive, heats the space and adds atmosphere.

## Soft furnishings

Lightening up the colours of your soft furnishings

will reflect the cooler seasons.

To keep your home feeling warm and welcoming, increase the textures and depth of your accent colours by replacing a few cushion covers.

Place textured throws and blankets around the lounge areas.

Consider adding a rug which can be great for creating zones within an open-plan space.

## Drains & gutter

## maintenance

The last thing you want is embarrassing pools of water forming in front of potential buyers.

Make sure you have all your drains and gutters cleaned so that if there is a sudden downpour, storm water will wash away quickly.

You should be really conscious of moisture and dampness inside your home too which can be a red flag to a potential buyer.

# How to: Apply for a first home buyer grant



If you're a first home buyer you probably know that you're eligible for government assistance, commonly known as first home owner grants. But how exactly does this work? And how much do you get?

Differences across Australia The process is similar across Australia, but there are differences between jurisdictions. In all states and mainland territories, you have two options when applying for a grant:

1. You can lodge your application through an 'approved agent', which is the bank or financial institution

providing your mortgage OR

2. You can download the application form, complete and lodge it yourself with the authorities once you have completed the sales transaction.

You also need to provide the government with supporting paperwork to prove you're eligible, including the contract of sale, contract to build, and proof of your identity.

If you apply via a lending institution, grant payments will usually be available for settlement or the first construction progress payment. If you apply directly

to the government agency, most will pay the grant into your bank account when your purchase is complete.

NSW In NSW, there is a \$15,000 grant for new homes purchased for \$650,000 or less, and a Regional Relocation Grant of \$7,000 if you move from a metropolitan area to a home in a regional area.

There are also exemptions from transfer duty on new homes valued up to \$550,000 and vacant land up to \$350,000, as well as concessions for new homes valued between \$550,000 and \$650,000 and vacant land valued between \$350,000 and \$450,000

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- Hardy plank and iron construction
- Main with WTR, ensuite & air conditioning
- Bedroom 2 has large BIRs & ceiling fan
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- Side and rear yard access
- Land Size: 1,616-sqm

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21 Kent Street, GRETA SOLD \$290,000

3 1 3

'A Great Start'

- 3 Bedrooms
- Large open plan living and dining
- Modern kitchen with new splash back
- Good sized bathroom with separate WC
- Large internal laundry
- Split system air conditioning
- Covered rear wrap around verandah
- SLUG with drive through access
- Separate 2 car garage
- Garden shed; established gardens
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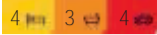
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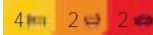




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 Coming from a family with deep roots in the Greta Branxton community, Ben has a lifelong understanding of the community & its people. Through this love of the area, Ben has a great knowledge of the real estate market trends around this area & has had extensive training through the LJ Hooker network. Ben is looking forward to dealing with people to help meet their real estate dreams.  
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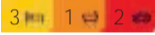
**Greta**  
 4 Nelson Street  
**Storage/Sheds on 1 Acre**  
 This 4 bedroom with study 3 bathroom home has it all. Open plan living with stylish centre piece kitchen containing all the mod cons and ceaser stone benchtops. Floating timber floor boards, combustion fire & ducted air conditioning. Fully fenced 4000m<sup>2</sup> of yard space, with in ground pool and BBQ area for entertaining.  
 Price: \$569,000  
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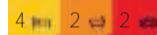
**Branxton**  
 22 Station Street  
**4 Bedrooms/Large Shed on 900m<sup>2</sup>**  
 4 bedrooms, three with built in robes, large block & great shed. The combined lounge & dining room has RC/AC & polished pine timber floorboards throughout. The colourbond garage also has plenty of storage cupboards and a second shower and toilet. This garage could easily accommodate 2 large vehicles as well as storage space.  
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**Comfy Unit**  
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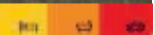
**Greta**  
 28 York Street  
**First Time on the Market**  
 Family home in a pleasant area awaits. Brick & tile with beautifully presented gardens ready for the picking. Air conditioned living & kitchen area makes the house comfortable all year round. Covered timber deck overlooks the large backyard. This home is ideal for the young family or a couple looking to downsize.  
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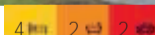
**Whittingham**  
 472 Mitchell Line of Road  
**Rural Property with Town Water**  
 Set on 10.13 hectares offering a 4 bedroom home with ensuite, formal lounge & dining, large dining/family off the kitchen, rumpus plus screened Queensland room. Outside there is a timber pergola with BBQ area & double shed. The property carries 8 cows & calves, has its own cattle yards, a large dam.  
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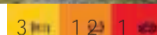
**North Rothbury**  
 42 Lindsay Road  
**29 ACRES**  
 Built-in robes in 3 bedrooms, main offering walk in & private reading room or nursery, combustion fire place & air conditioning to living area, ducted vacuum throughout, storage, spa, verandas, pizza oven, carport, garden shed, 3 dams & shelters for horses.  
 Price: \$699,000  
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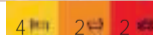
**Branxton**  
 42 Rosehill Place  
**Rural Living With Views Dalwood Acres**  
 Opportunity to purchase 2 acres in the fast moving estate Dalwood Acres, located closely to the Hunter Expressway. This block has access to town water and electricity. Fully fenced and ready to be built upon.  
 Price: \$305,000  
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**Greta**  
 6 York Street  
**Near New with a View**  
 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.  
 Price: \$392,000  
 View: by appointment  
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**Greta**  
 25 Kent Street  
**Tidy 3 Bedroom Home**  
 Bedrooms with built in robes & ceiling fans. Split system air conditioning in living room. Insulated shed has been converted into the perfect "man-cave" set up for the ultimate comfort, making it ideal for entertaining guests or simply yourself. Plenty of room for a pool or more shedding, accessible through a drive through garage  
 Price: \$335,000  
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**Safe Investment**  
 Ideal for Self-Managed Super Funds & those wanting a secure tenant. This property is for sale on behalf of a Defence Housing Australia lessor & has a Defence Housing Australia lease in place. Vis it dha.gov.au to learn the benefits of investing in Defence Housing Australia Property. As a DHA your rent is guaranteed.  
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### LOT 1

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

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

**PRICE \$830,000**

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**NEW ON MARKET**

**First home or investment.**

This family home features a low maintenance brick & tile structure and includes a stylish bathroom, well presented kitchen, separate lounge with slow combustion fire, 3 good sized bedrooms (main with 'walk-in' robe), 2 x garages, fully fenced with many more features.  
**ASKING \$340,000**



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## EAST BRANXTON

### Features include:-

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

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

**PRICE \$370,000**

**MUST SELL!**

**Open to all reasonable offers**



## 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 ~ Open to all reasonable offers**

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## NORTH ROTHBURY

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

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

**PRICE \$420,000**



## GRETA

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

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

**ASKING \$472,000 (Open to All reasonable Offers)**



## EAST BRANXTON

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

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

**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

## WINGEN

**Village living at its best**

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

**PRICE NEGOTIABLE**



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## 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**



## GRETA

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

**\$350 per week**



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## ELDERSLIE



# Lifestyle 100acres

100 acres of beautiful rolling countryside.

Views to die for!

4 bedroom family home featuring open plan living, verandah, large new shed & free standing double garage



**PRICE \$830,000**



## East Branxton

**Everything is BRAND NEW!!!!**

Large 3 bedroom cottage with built-ins ... a kitchen to die for! Large living area including a glorious Queensland Room. Lock up garage. Leafy & peaceful backyard. A must to inspect ..... Great investment or first home!

**PRICE \$340,000 NEG**



## North Rothbury

**Sophisticated!!!!**

**Jewel Box Bush Cottage**  
"Airy" & "Open"

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

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

A must to inspect .....

**Offers over \$305,000**



## Branxton

**Family home well loved and cared for**

Spacious living areas plus a large Queenslander at rear.

A good sized carport.

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

All this on a large fenced block & lovely gardens

A must to inspect .....

**ASKING \$390,000 NEG**

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## NORTH ROTHBURY

### Lovely modern family home

3 minutes to Hunter Valley Pokolbin Vineyards with its wine cellars, shops & entertainment.

Not a thing to do! Three bedrooms with built-in robes in all bedrooms. Spectacular modern bathroom & separate lounge. Other features include modern kitchen, split system aircon, slow combustion fire, beautiful BBQ area with alfresco dining area & large shed. The property also has a lock up garage, landscaped yard & is fully fenced.



**ASKING \$400,000 ONO**



## BRANXTON

**An  
opportunity  
not to be  
missed!**



An opportunity not to be missed! Well maintained family home in premier street.

This is a well maintained 3 bedroom weatherboard family home on a 1320 square metre block.

A combined living lounge room & dining room + large family room will add to your living pleasure.

Modern kitchen & bathroom give some olden day charm with modern living. Fully fenced with a huge back yard which includes a non intrusive 6-bay garage + another free standing garage & fernery.



**ASKING \$399,000**

# Ten things to check before buying a home

**Buying a home is one of the biggest decisions you will ever make so how can you be sure everything will go to plan?**

Here are 10 things to check before you sign the deal.

**1. Research the local area**

“Purchasing a house should never be an impulse buy,” says Bessie Hassan, a money expert at financial comparison website Funder.com.au.

According to recent data from the website, 33 per cent of first home buyers wish they had looked around more before they purchased their property and 22 per cent regret the area in which they bought.

“You should thoroughly research the suburb you’re contemplating. Is there considerable crime in the area? Has the local council employed restrictions that

prohibit you from building extensions in the future? What amenities are available that will cater to your requirements?”

**2. Find out why the property is on the market**

Ask the agent why they are selling, says Anna Porter, principal and senior property adviser at property investment specialists, Suburbanite. “Try to dig into the story a little but do it in a chatty friendly way, not a confrontational way. This might reveal more than you think.”

**3. Make sure your finance is in place**

“One of the pieces of advice I give most often when people tell me they are going to buy a house is to get their finance sorted before they even go on Domain.com.au,” says Ben Munro Smith, licensed real estate agent at McGrath Estate Agents, in

Balmain, Sydney.

“I was once at an auction where the property sold to a young couple who had only seen the home for the first time that week. They had the deposit so could exchange at auction, but they later realised their borrowing capacity couldn’t get them the loan for the full amount. In the end, thanks to the bank of mum and dad, the property sale went through, but save yourself the hassle and call a mortgage broker first.”

**4. Check out the neighbours**

“There is no reason why you can’t knock on the neighbour’s door to have a chat and get their feedback on the area,” recommends Porter. “Remember that you could be living next door to these people for a long time. If they are lunatics, it would be better to know before you move in. A bad

neighbour can really impact your quality of life.”

“Neighbours doing extensions can be a reason for people to move” says Munro Smith. “Sometimes there is a falling out, sometimes it’s a gentle push that it might be time to look elsewhere, sometimes they may just hate the finished product.”

**5. Visit the property at different times**

“I once sold for a client who was selling after only a short amount of time in the property,” says Munro Smith. “When I asked what the reason was for the sale, she confided that she had only seen the property once before the sale, on a Wednesday. She fell in love with it being across the road from a park and had big dreams of walking her dog there on weekends and enjoying the peace and quiet. What she didn’t

realise was that there was children’s sport in the park at the weekends and so the street was bedlam during those times. She never had the chance to enjoy the serenity she had hoped for when she bought it.”

**6. Get legal advice**

“This is simply a must when signing a contract in NSW,” says Porter. “Always get a conveyancer or solicitor to review the contract.”

**7. Get a building report, strata report and pest inspection**

Have a building and pest inspection even if the property is new as not all properties are built to the same quality, says Michelle Amarant, director of Amalain Buyer and Vendor Advocates in Melbourne. “We always recommend a building report for all purchases, even units,” agrees Porter. “This is

because the builder can find issues that owners and tenants may not know exist. Like failing waterproofing or leaks in the roof. If the property occupants don’t know the problem exists, they will not report it to strata and it therefore will not be in a strata report. A building inspector can also lend commentary to issues that could arise in the future from poor design, problems starting to present that could become costly if not fixed or bad workmanship that will deteriorate.”

**8. Check the surrounding zoning**

“This will help you know if a property behind you or next to you is zoned for high-rise units or something else that you may not like to live near,” says Porter. “If you are buying a house in a nice quiet street and next year a seven-storey unit block goes up over the back fence, will that be a deal breaker? The surrounding zoning can give you some indication if this is at all possible in the near future.”

**9. Check for proposed arterial roads**

Finding out if there are any major road proposals for next to or near you is very important, says Porter.

“Imagine buying your dream home, only to find out that a four-lane freeway is being built over the back fence in 12 months. There are a few ways you can find this out. You can check the RTA website, the local council website, call your local council, check the zoning (arterial roads will be zoned differently and you may see a corridor of rezoned homes – this can be an indication of future planning intentions), and in some instances you can see it on online maps like Google maps or Whereis.com.”

**10. Check for environmental hazards**

Always, always, always check for environmental hazards that could impact the property, says Porter. “Known hazards can impact insurances as well as values. If your property is in a known flood zone, land subsidence area or bushfire zone to name a few, this could mean that your insurance may not cover you for these disasters. Or they could significantly premium load your policy to get full cover and that could cost you thousands of dollars extra per year.”

*As Time Goes By*

**A sample of local real estate for sale on**

The news Issue No 63  
23rd March 2000



**1A Reid Street, North Rothbury**

Brand new 3 bedroom home, cathedral ceilings, quality inclusions throughout, patio pergola area at rear. Very private enclosed landscaped yard.

Asking ..... \$122,000



**BRANXTON**

Great Family Home ~ Four (4) Bedrooms (Separate to living areas) ~ Three way Bathroom ~ Lounge & Dining ~ Open Plan Kitchen & Family room ~ Outdoor entertainment area ~ Sparkling inground pool

Asking ..... \$166,000



**GRETA**

Enjoy a low maintenance life style from this stylish modern four bedroom home. Absolutely feature packed including stainless steel kitchen, ensuite, slow combustion fire, double garage, landscapped block.

Inspection Recommended!



**GRETA**

Handy to everything. Three bedroom home features lounge dining. Lovely block of land; needs a tidy up,

**BUT** look at the price!!!

Asking ..... \$73,000



**BRANXTON**

A Classic Cottage with the warmth and charm that makes you feel at home ~ you'll find relaxed living areas, three bedrooms with ornate ceilings, separate lounge with open fire. All this within walking distance to the town centre.

ASKING.....\$112,500



**BRANXTON**

Executive residence of 4 bedrooms, main with ensuite, all with builtins. Lounge/dining through to open plan kitchen/family. All this on 1.5 acres with all town amenities.

Lovely home & worth an inspection.

ASKING.....\$210,000

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6 MAITLAND RD EAST BRANXTON

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**\$4,600**

**SUNDAY 19th JUNE**

**\$2,400**

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Nicholas Martin



## FLORENCE FOSTER JENKINS: The Inspiring True Story of the World's Worst Singer

by Nicholas Martin and Jasper Rees  
 Publisher: Pan MacMillan  
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best-known sopranos, giving a sell-out concert at Carnegie Hall. Florence Foster adored music and as a girl was a talented pianist, but her wealthy father refused to allow her to study in Europe. In retaliation she eloped with Dr Frank Jenkins but the marriage soon foundered, not least because the eighteen-year-old bride contracted syphilis on their wedding night.

*A tragicomic, entertaining period drama about Florence Foster Jenkins (1868 - 1944), a New York heiress, socialite and soprano.*

"People may say I can't sing. But no one can ever say I didn't sing." Despite having no pitch, no rhythm and no tone, Florence Foster Jenkins became one of America's

☺ Florence Foster Jenkins (1868-1944)  
 (photograph by Bain News Service)

good-looking, unsuccessful British actor of vaguely noble pretensions, St. Clair Bayfield, whom she supported financially while he acted as dogsbody and enabler, and who became her common-law husband. Florence had dabbled in singing earlier in her life. Encouraged by the praise she was receiving for her efforts, she decided to start performing herself. To say that she was not naturally gifted as a singer is something of an understatement. Since she also liked to perform in costume, the aural and visual effect must have been stunning. Word got out, and her annual semi-private recitals at the Ritz-Carlton were eagerly awaited. Finally, she decided it was time to share her gifts with the general public and she booked Carnegie Hall. The house was sold out within days

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and scalpers made a fortune. It seems she was unaware of the audience's riotous applause and cries of Brava seriously. It was only when she read the reviews that the truth dawned. She died shortly after of a heart attack, which may have been brought on by her disappointment.

She left behind a group of recordings which have never been out of circulation. Interestingly, the French film *Marguerite* is very loosely based on Florence Foster Jenkins's story.

A moving and erudite read.

Jasper Rees



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## Police Report

### Stolen Vehicle/Branxton:

Between 19:00 on Friday 03 June 2016 and 10:00 on Saturday 04 June 2016 vehicle CPR89Y - 2011 RED HOLDEN COMMODORE SEDAN, was parked and secured at the stated location being Royal Hotel, Branxton. Unknown person/s have stolen the vehicle by unknown means and method.

### Break, Enter and Steal/Mount Thorley:

Between 17:00 on Friday 03 June 2016 and 05:15 on Monday 06 June 2016 At the stated location being Woodland Rd, Mount Thorley, unknown person/s have cut the padlock to the perimeter gate/fencing and have then entered into the yard and have cut the padlock to the front door to the workshop. The offender/s have then attempted to steal from or steal 2 other vehicles.

### Break, Enter and Steal/Dyrring:

Property Stolen: Handbag, Medicare card, Health insurance card, 2 x keycards, cash  
Between 16:00 and 17:30 on Sunday 05 June 2016 unknown person/s have gained entry to the stated location being Dyrring Rd, Dyrring via the ground floor rear door. There is damage to the latch on the door caused by unknown means and method.

Once inside offender/s have moved through the lounge area and stolen the victim's handbag and contents. Offender/s have also stolen a cash tin from on top of the fridge in the kitchen. Cash has also been stolen from a cash container in the bedroom. The premises has not been ransacked. Nil persons home at time of break and enter.

### Break, Enter and Steal/Singleton:

Between 15:45 and 16:15 on Saturday 04 June 2016 Unknown person/s have opened a closed however unlocked ground level front door at the location being Kelso st, Singleton. The offender/s have stolen cash and other property and have rummaged through cupboards and drawers in 2 bedrooms. Further enq currently being conducted.

### Stolen Vehicle/Singleton:

Between 18:00 and 19:00 on Thursday 02 June 2016 vehicle CA15CY - 2014 WHITE HOLDEN COLORADO UTILITY (Tow) was parked and secured at the stated location being Singleton Shopping Centre, Gowrie st, Singleton. Unknown person/s have stolen the vehicle by unknown means and method.

### House Fire/Singleton:

About 7.40am on Wednesday 1 June 2016, the VIC contacted the Fire Brigade as a child had been playing with matches and accidentally set fire to the front bedroom of the house. The child lit the match and accidentally dropped it on the carpet, which started the fire. The child ran and told the victim. The VIC and the children were the only ones in the house when the fire started. They all got out of the house straight away and there were nil injuries.

About 7.45am on the same day, officers from Singleton Fire Brigade attended and extinguished the fire. Police attended and spoke to the VIC. Police confirmed that nobody was injured in the fire. Fire Brigade officers confirmed that there was nothing suspicious about the fire. Damage was contained to the front bedroom of the house. This included damage to the walls, flooring, furniture and window.

### Vehicle fire/Segenhoe:

TIME/DATE: 4.20am - Tuesday 31 May 2016 LOC: Dyrring Rd nr Pioneer Rd, SEGENHOE  
About 4.20am on Tuesday 31 May 2016, police attended Dyrring Road x Pioneer Road, Segenhoe in relation to a vehicle, a blue holden sedan completely destroyed by fire. Police located numberplate and were able to ascertain vehicle identity.

At 7am on Tuesday the 31st May 2016, police contacted the owner of the VOI in relation to the fire. She was informed that her vehicle was located on fire at Derring Rd Singleton. She informed police that her partner had driven the vehicle around 6 pm the night before and broken down at the location it was discovered on fire.



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### 2016 Hunter Valley Legends Awards winners announced

The Hunter Valley's prestigious 2016 Hunter Valley Legends Awards were held on Friday 27 May at Cypress Lakes Resort with 230 attendees celebrating the recognition of the outstanding achievements of those who have made a major contribution to and excelled in the wine and tourism industries. In its 10th year, the Hunter Valley Legends Awards pays homage to its 2016 Wine Industry Living Legend Alain Le Prince who has contributed over 40 years to the Hunter Valley Wine Industry. Congratulations to all our winners including Alain, 2016 Winemaker of the Year Liz Jackson of First Creek Wines, 2016 Rising Star of the Year Belinda Paterson General Manager The Sebel Kirkton Park, 2016 Viticulturist of the Year Paul Harvey, Mount Pleasant Wines and 2016 Cellar Door of the Year De Iullis Wines.

**2016 Clear Image Hunter Valley Wine Show judging begins mid-August**  
The 2016 Clear Image Hunter Valley Wine Show judging will commence in mid-August. In its 43rd consecutive year, it is the premier regional wine show in Australia showcasing medal and trophy winning wines from the Hunter Valley. President of the 2016 Wine Show Committee David Flynn will call for entries in early June and expect over 700 entries based on last year's numbers. The Chairman of Judges is renowned winemaker, judge and local identity Peter James (aka PJ) Charteris and the winners will be announced at the annual awards luncheon on the 19<sup>th</sup> of August at Crowne Plaza, Hunter Valley.

### Hunter Valley Wine & Food Festival

Now into the second and final month of Hunter Valley Wine & Food Festival, June is packed with exciting events not to be missed including the Grazing Blaze at Brokenwood on June 11th, Cork and Fork Cup at the Vintage on June 18th, Cheese Lovers Festival at Sebel Kirkton Park and on the Burning of the Barrel at Glandore Estate on June 25th. For a full list of what's on during the festival, accommodation and more information please visit [winecountry.com.au](http://winecountry.com.au)



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I've had my eye on the site Grammarly for a long

time, but it's always been a pay for service, so I'm delighted that they've released a free version! The free version is Grammarly Editor. It is an automated proofreader that will check your writing for over 250 different common grammatical errors, spelling mistakes, and more! It's available for Chrome, Safari, Firefox, and Microsoft Word.

I've been using it at home on my desktop computer to help catch spelling errors in abstracts that I'm cataloging for work, and I have to say I'm really impressed with the free version.

If you look at the image on the main page, you'll see that it shows words underline in either green or red. That indicates places where Grammarly suggests there is an error. It could be a spelling, punctuation, or grammar error. If you click on it in text the suggested correction for the error, and then if you agree with the correction you can just click and it will autocorrect it. You also have the option of clicking the red circle at the bottom of the document to deal with all the errors Grammarly found at one time. I like this option, because it feels more efficient.

This is a really cool application that will help you improve your writing. Go check it out for yourself today!

### Chromebooks Outsell Macs

Chromebooks look like a laptop, but they are actually Internet appliances that run the Chrome operating system. Really more like tablets in the body of a laptop.



They usually are far less expensive than traditional laptops. And that's leading to booming sales. The devices have actually surpassed Macs in sales for the first time. Around 2 million Chromebooks shipped last quarter compared to 1.76 million Mac shipments. Most of those Chromebook sales are to schools, which purchase them for students to use.

### PC Sales Still Struggling

While rising demand for Chromebooks is a bright spot in the laptop market, overall demand for PCs continues to struggle with demand falling more than 11% compared to last year. PC shipments fell nearly 6% in the first quarter of 2015.

Dell managed to overtake HP as the most popular provider of PCs in the U.S. The company actually managed to show a growth in sales of 4.2% compared to a 14.1% decline for HP.

PC sales have suffered as consumers increasingly turn to smartphones for their personal computing needs.

### Uber Is Checking Your Battery Life

Companies can learn a lot about you from your smartphone. They can even tell if you're willing to pay more for a taxi ride. In a recent interview with NPR, Uber's head of Economic research admitted that the Uber app collects information about the battery level on your phone.



The company has learned through research that people with low cell-phone batteries are more likely to be willing to pay higher prices for rides. (During busy times Uber raises its fare rates to what they call "surge" pricing which can be double or more the regular rates.) Although he promises they don't use that information to raise the price of your ride.

Of course, he wouldn't. What company would ever do a thing like that? What do you think? Would you trust a company not to use that information to take advantage of you?

### Will I Need To Reinstall Office?

I get a lot of questions about Microsoft Office and Windows 10. A reader asks: "I run Windows 7 and Office 2007. When I update to Windows 10, will my Office have to be reinstalled? Thank you for your help and interesting and useful letters to the years."

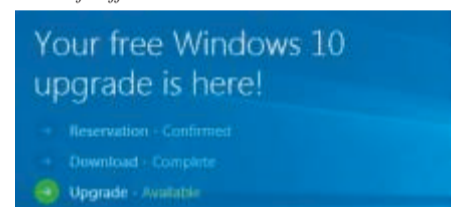


Updating to Windows 10 shouldn't affect programs already installed on your PC (with the exception of things that are part of the Windows 7 operating system like Media Center and the built-in Games pack.)

Programs and files are left undisturbed by the upgrade (some folks have had issues, but the vast majority have not). The only problem you might see if that an older program might not be compatible with Windows 10. In this case, Microsoft says Office 2007 and forward will be compatible with Windows 10. I'd still make sure that all of my important files are backed up before doing the upgrade. They should all be backed up anyway, but if they aren't, this is a good time to do it.

### Is Windows 10 A Resident Program?

A reader wanted to know more about how Windows 10 works. "Is Windows 10 a resident program or is part of it or all of it in the cloud, like the new Microsoft Office?"



While Windows 10 does use a lot of cloud features, the program is installed on your hard drive and can fully function offline. You do, of course, need Internet access to do updates or access cloud storage.

While you can choose to use Office programs in the cloud, you can also fully download all office programs to your hard drive and use them offline. When you activate Office, you don't have to download all of the programs at once, unless you choose to. But once they are activated, they are fully functional without Internet access. You do, of course, need Internet access to run updates and access cloud storage. That's not to be confused with Microsoft's free Office Online. Those are available for free, but you do need to use the programs in a browser.

### iOS vs. OS

A reader wrote in with this question. "I bought an app cam for use with IOS Vista. Found the App download on iTunes which I had to download to get for free. When I tried to download I was told it would not work for any IOS older than Win 7. I am using Vista. Is there a work-around?"



To quote a classic movie line, "What we have here is a failure to communicate." I think you've mixed up the terms iOS and OS. OS is short for operating system. Windows is an OS. So is Android. Actually, iOS is also an OS. iOS is the operating system for mobile products manufactured by Apple such as the iPhone, iPad and iPod. (That's why it's "i" OS). So, you can't have an iOS Windows 7. What you probably need is a device running iOS 7 or later. iOS 7 is a version of the Apple mobile operating system.

An iOS app will not work on a Windows PC. If you want to use a device with a Windows PC, you first need to make sure that it works with a PC and then with the particular version of Windows you're running. Windows operating systems will be identified as Windows Vista, Windows 7, Windows 8.1 or Windows 10

### Will A Factory Reset Fight Ransomware?

A reader's daughter was a victim of a ransomware attack. "My daughter's computer was hi-jacked for ransom. since she is only 9 years old, my e-mail is the main one on her computer and hers is tied into mine. my info has been accessed but what I need to know is I ran her computer back to day 1 as if I were to sell it with all our info removed. did this remove the ransomware?????" You were very lucky that you were able to factory reset her PC. A lot of ransomware would prevent you from doing that. A factory reset that wipes out all of her files should take care of the problem. I say should, because I have heard of bugs crafty enough to rewrite part of the OS and escape a reset. But, fortunately, that's unlikely. I also hope you immediately installed virus and malware protection & scanned it.

## The Law Report



Peter KIRSOP B.A., LL.B., Acc Spec (Prop) of MRM Thompson Norrie Lawyers, Maitland NSW



issue (and I've written about this before) is when an owner uses part of his or her land to the benefit of another part of their land in such a way that had it been two separate lots an independent person would have thought there was an easement over the part used and in favour of the part benefited. The owner then sells the part so benefited. The law implies an easement.

Examples of such a use are a drain on part of the land draining the other part, part of the land being used for vehicular access to the other part, and even the right to use a "garbage room" in a large shopping centre.

These implied easements also prevail against the registered proprietor. Perhaps the best example is one of the first cases to decide this, the Court of Appeal decision in *Beck v Auerbach*.

Before 1911 two houses were built on two adjoining blocks owned by the one owner.

Perhaps because survey techniques were then not nearly as good as they are now, the wall of one of the homes was over the boundary of the adjoining block and pipes and wires overhung still further.

In 1911 the owner sold the block on which was the house which encroached onto the adjoining block which he retained. Soon after the new owner successfully applied to have his block brought under the Torrens system (in those days the only way to 'convert' the title system was by a "Primary Application" a quite involved and expensive procedure - these days there are several other simpler ways).

The original owner sold the block he retained and some time later a later purchaser of this land also successfully applied to have this block brought under the Torrens system.

Both conversions had been done without anyone apparently noticing the encroaching wall, pipes and wires.

60 years later - in the 1980s there was a dispute between the then owners (who by then were many steps removed from the original ones), and the owner of the land who encroached on the other sought and obtained orders that that they had a right to go into and upon the adjoining land to maintain and repair their own home and the right to permit such parts of their own home as overhung the adjoining land in 1911 to continue to so overhang. Both of those rights are easements and had been omitted from the title deed. The title deeds were then corrected by court order to show the easements.

The most interesting comment the judges made from my point of view is that the primary obligation of the Registrar-General is to investigate and to consider the title of applicants seeking to bring land under the Act and that investigation required consideration of the question whether any and if so what easements had been created in relation to the building on the adjoining land and which should be noted on the applicant's certificate of title.

The court continued by saying A proper investigation would have revealed the existence of the easements (for overhang, support and access to carry out repairs)

I say that is the most interesting comment because it strongly suggests that the Registrar General should investigate titles more fully when converting them to Torrens land and not rely on its present practice in just looking at the current deed.

Cheers, Peter

### The benefits of the Torrens Title system

One of my constant themes throughout all the series I have written has been the benefits of the Torrens Title system - a system as the then Chief Justice of Australia wrote - not of registration of title but of title by registration; that is that one does not have title till one is registered.

But there are a few exceptions to this rule that you don't have title unless its registered and the first and most important of them is easements.

The Real Property Act - the act setting up the Torrens system in New South Wales provides that a registered proprietor's interest in land is subject to the omission or misdescription of an easement subsisting immediately before the land was brought under the provisions of this Act or validly created at or after that time under this or any other Act or a Commonwealth Act.

Incidentally, the phrase the act uses to describe an owner "The registered proprietor" again shows the importance of being registered.

The first group of easements that trump a registered proprietor's interest is an easement that existed before the land burdened by the easement was brought under the Torrens title system. I've written about this before, telling you that there are several properties in High Street Maitland where there were easements created by a written agreement (generally a 'conveyance' - the deed used to transfer land that isn't under the Torrens system but sometimes a deed simply creating the easement) before the land was 'converted' to the Torrens system and do not appear on the Torrens title deed.

The reason appears to be that the Registrar General- the government office controlling the title registries - does not normally record these easements on Torrens title deeds when it converts the title which it does these days by a largely administrative process. This in turn is because it does not search back the chain of title deeds to see whether an easement was created perhaps 80 years ago but only examines the most recent deed and then issues a Torrens 'certificate of title' based on that most recent deed.

The problem can be fixed - even when the owner of the land burdened by the easement refuses to assist you. I've done it. You lodge a form - called a Request - asking the Registrar General to register the easement with two other documents. First a supporting 'search' showing the title deed by which the easement was created and every title deed since (these are required to show that the easement was not released in the years between when it was created and when the land was brought under the Torrens system). Second a statutory declaration (or even better two) by independent people who live locally who say that the easement is and has so long as they can remember been in use.

The Registrar General then writes to the owner of the land burdened by the easement telling him or her that unless he or she takes action within a month the Registrar General will register the easement on their land. The action is normally to seek a "declaration" in the Supreme Court that the easement does not exist. I have never seen anyone take that action.

But as I wrote in my series on roads and rights of way last year easements are not always created by a written agreement. They can be created by "implication" by, for example, an owner of land building a duplex on his or her land - such that each house of the duplex requires support for the common wall from the other house (which is usually the case) and then selling one of the houses. An easement for support will arise in favour of both blocks of land. Another and more contentious

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“Not supporting first homebuyers, is to say the least short sighted and creates the risk that our best and brightest will be enticed to other states where the dream of home ownership can be a reality.

“The existing first homebuyer incentives are focused on new dwellings. The strategy being, by focusing demand toward new properties this will correct the supply problem. “Unfortunately the strategy has two major short comings, firstly most first homebuyers buy existing properties as new dwellings are financially beyond their capacity. Secondly increasing demand will not solve the supply problem. “We refer to ourselves as the Premier State, if there is truth behind the words then providing a pathway for our first homebuyers into their own home, is a clear way to demonstrate that the words have substance,” Mr Cunningham said.

**Check your pool is safe before you sell**

By Tim McKibbin – REINSW CEO

New laws now mean that anyone selling a property with a swimming pool must make sure it meets certain safety standards. The regulations were introduced on 29 April and mean that homeowners with a swimming pool or spa cannot sell their house without a valid certificate of compliance, or certificate of non-compliance. It sounds simple, but with hundreds of thousands of pools in NSW and a limited number of qualified people to issue the certificates, it could cause delays in selling your house. It is also shocking to hear that 95% of pools fail their first inspection. So my advice would be to act now and make sure your pool complies because it avoids problems selling your property, and ensures it is safe for you and your family to use.



Invest in your pool safety now to avoid future headaches and ensure your property is ready for sale.

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**Invest to reap rewards**

By John Cunningham – REINSW President

Your home is your biggest asset and so when you come to sell it, you want to get the best possible price. Yet one of the first questions a real estate agent gets asked by property sellers is, how much is it going to cost to sell their house. The question they should be asking is how much do I need to invest to maximise the sale price. This is because a property has no fixed value, no matter where it is located, what it offers or how good its condition is. The eventual sale price will be determined by a number of factors which require an investment if that price is to be maximized. One important factor is presentation. Remember you don't get a second chance to make a good first impression on a potential buyer. It is also important to have your agent produce good marketing to showcase your property to the largest target market. Finally you need your agent to have good negotiation skills to bring the best buyers to the table and to close the sale.



It takes a trained eye to see the difference between an investment and cost when selling your home, but once you discover the difference it becomes very obvious. By carrying out your due diligence you will be able to make a wise decision based on an agent's track record, case studies and market knowledge. Selling your property, unlike selling most other "products", needs to be treated like an emotional experience and service offering, rather than a mechanical process. By this approach, you and your chosen agent will get the best results. Selling your biggest asset needs to be taken seriously and your agent needs to demonstrate that they know what they are doing. You need confidence that they know how to execute the key strategies to get you the best result. You need an agent who can deal with complex problems, find creative solutions and connect with and gain peoples trust. If you get all of this in place, then hiring your chosen agent will be one of the best investments you will ever make.

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**Provide retirees with tax incentives**

The state government must recognise the key contribution retirees can play in the housing affordability issue by providing incentives for the sale of the family home, according to the Real Estate Institute of New South Wales.



As part of a review of its Real Tax Policy ahead of the June 2016 NSW Budget, REINSW has called on the state government to make amendments to stamp duty for retirees.

REINSW President John Cunningham said that unfortunately for many of our retirees, the prospect of selling their existing property and relocating to a property that better responds to their current requirements is subordinated to the cost of the stamp duty involved with relocating. “Stamp duty is seen as money thrown away in the transaction, and for a retiree with minimal income, this becomes an important consideration,” Mr Cunningham said.

“The decision not to sell, has an adverse affect not only on the retiree but also on other property consumers who could and would make better use of the retirees property. This supply blockage distorts construction strategies and puts unnecessary pressure on infrastructure.

“REINSW believes the state government has a number of options to elicit a positive response from retirees, which will increase stock, favourably affect affordability and drive construction of high quality, higher density and more efficient dwellings by developers.”

Mr Cunningham called for the NSW government to provide retirees with a 50 per cent reduction in stamp duty for a residential property purchased to replace an existing residential property up to the value of \$1 million. In combination with this strategy there needs to be genuine and compelling incentives for retirees to relocate to regional areas.

“A reduction in stamp duty will drive an increase in transactions,” Mr Cunningham said.

“The revenue Government loses from he retiree's purchase is more than compensated for, form the revenue earned by the purchase of the retirees property. This is a sale that would not have occurred but for the incentive.

“Meanwhile, encouraging retirees to relocate to regional areas takes pressure off an already strained greater metropolitan infrastructure system,” Mr Cunningham said.

**REINSW tax policy calls for first homebuyer relief**

It is time for the state government to put the interests of first homebuyers at the top of its agenda, according to the Real Estate Institute of New South Wales.

As part of a review of its Real Tax Policy ahead of the June 10, 2016 NSW Budget, REINSW has called for the state government to make amendments to stamp duty for first homebuyers.

REINSW President John Cunningham said our first homebuyers are a class of property consumer that needs assistance.

“Home ownership is not only something that individuals should aspire to, it is also something that government should foster and encourage as a means of building wealth and providing for a persons care post employment,” he said.

Mr Cunningham called for the NSW government to provide first homebuyers with a 50 per cent reduction in the stamp duty on a purchase of a residential property less than \$1 million and provide the ability to pay the stamp duty over time.

**MOVIE REVIEW**

**‘Alice Through the Looking Glass’ Review**

In Disney's Alice Through the Looking Glass, an all-new spectacular adventure featuring the unforgettable characters from Lewis Carroll's beloved stories, Alice returns to the whimsical world of Underland and travels back in time to save the Mad Hatter.

By Rich Cline

This much more light-hearted sequel reinvigorates the franchise after Disney's quirky but murky 2010 reboot of Lewis Carroll's classic, which sent the heroine into Underland (not Wonderland) for a dark adventure that spiralled into a Lord of the Rings-scale battle. Thankfully this time the odyssey remains personal, centred on lively characters rather than overwrought plotting. And Alice's time-travelling quest is both pointed and engaging. After captaining her late father's ship on a global journey, Alice (Mia Wasikowska) returns to

Baron Cohen) and stealing a device that will allow her to travel back to help the younger Hatter. But she also becomes entangled in the early life of the White and Red Queens (Helena Bonham Carter and Anne Hathaway), and the feud that grew between them as young sisters. Meanwhile, Time is terrified that Alice is unravelling the fabric of reality. The emotional nature of Alice's mission adds a surprising layer of suspense to the entire film, while director James Bobin (The Muppets) adds a breezy comical tone to Tim Burton's stunningly visual designs. Some of the more wacky flourishes don't quite work (such as the "sea of



Carter get to bounce off each other much more this time in a riotous collision of their too-happy and too-angry personalities. Depp makes Hatter even more childish and dreamlike than before. And Baron Cohen is terrific as the frazzled keeper of the machinery that keeps everything ticking along. The effects involved in creating each of these



1875 London to bad news: her mother (Lindsay Duncan) has made decisions that take her future out of her hands. As she struggles to respond, she is summoned back to Underland to help her friend Hatter (Johnny Depp), who is emotionally devastated by the fact that his entire family has been killed. So Alice decides to help by confronting Time (Sacha

time" imagery or Time's hand-powered vehicle), but the film more than makes up for these with wonderful character details. This lets the actors relax into their roles while cranking up the surreal touches. Wasikowska is great as the plucky heroine fighting for her right to control her own life, a strong point that's made without preaching. And then there are the colourful figures around her. Hathaway and Bonham

characters, as well as fully animated critters they interact with, are sharp and inventive. The colourful sets and costumes are just as impressive. And the complexity in the themes and characters makes this a remarkably punchy exploration of guilt, jealousy and regret, all infused with a de-ranged sense of humour. 3/5





'Let us celebrate the occasion with wine and sweet words' Plautus

## ..... enjoying the Hunter Wine lifestyle with Andrew Marsh of Marsh Estate Winery, Pokolbin



**This article was first published in August 2005 yet still very relevant as Paul the Postie is still scooting around the Valley .....**  
I'm going to let you in on a little secret. Although my knowledge of our area and the people within it is relatively astute, some of the information

I draw upon is actually passed on to me by an outside source. Throughout my life I have endured hours and hours of mystical gossip whilst sitting in taxis, having my hair cut or whilst passing the time of day with anyone over the age of eighty. I can sit for long stretches and listen intently to a barrage of meaningless yet enthusiastic details of subjects as diverse as why you shouldn't eat meat pies on a Monday to JFK's private life.

In 2002 I lay on a reclining chair listening to an old barber, as he delicately shaved my week old stubble before the Doncaster Handicap at Royal Randwick. He told me 101 stories within the hour and finished by informing me that my anticipation throughout our shaving engagement suggested that if I gambled "sparingly" on the day, I would have a big win. I am not the sort of person who moderates themselves and the word "sparingly" is rarely acknowledged. By the last race I had emptied my pockets of all but a two dollar coin. Out of nothing more than sheer desperation, I placed the two dollars on a mystery superfecta (first six places in order). Guess what? I am neither a superstitious person nor a religious person but I believe you make your own luck. My luck was made as soon as I stepped into the barber shop. The residents of our area have a barber shop guy. He doesn't cut hair or shave faces, nor does he have a shop where loiterers can sit and chat. Some of you may know him, some may not. He's always around yet you may rarely see him. One thing I can assure you, however, he knows us – all of us! Scooting along the roads of Pokolbin and surrounding areas, "Paul the Postie" gives new meaning to the term "wealth of information." I have never met anyone so attuned to what is actually going on in our area. Anything you need to know, whether it be good news, bad news or indifferent news, Paul the Postie has the scoop.

I am in constant contact with Paul the Postie simply by co-incidence. We will catch each other unawares and slow our vehicles to a halt and without formally greeting one another, Paul the Postie rehearses a joke he has heard earlier in the day. His dry wit and the execution of his jokes are reminders of what I love about Australian characters. As I wipe the tears from my eyes, we transgress into the breaking news of the hour. Paul the Postie is a rhetorical genius, semantically structuring his knowledge and opinions while cautiously alleviating any pressure for others to join the conversation. Once we solve the world's problems, we lean into some local gossip.

"How's old what's his name?.....I believe he's selling his vineyard" states Paul.  
"Not that I'm aware of" I reply.  
Paul simply nods as if I'm ten years behind.  
"I believe your dog's sick?" he continues.  
"Only since yesterday.... how did you know?" I reply, slightly aghast. Paul never answers.

"Did you know they're going to tar this road soon?" he says.  
"They've been saying that for years" I respond. Again Paul smiles, ever so slightly, to assure me that he is correct in his assumption.  
"It's going to rain this afternoon" he adds, as he revs his white van ready to push on. I look to the sky and "hhmmphh".  
"Looks pretty blue to me", I say. Later that afternoon it pours. Paul the Postie is like the gatekeeper of our area. He is the link between us and the outside world. His dark sunglasses mask a friendly, almost cheeky persona. He tells a story and his face lights up. Paul the Postie is the kid in the playground with the scraped, bloody knees, dirty hands and his shirt hanging out yet sporting a wicked twinkle which teachers love. A trait some aspire to while others lament. I've seen a lot of Paul the Postie of late, owing to Holly's serious e-Bay problem- minimum three packages a week!

This is not part of the article, I've simply slipped this in as a warning to other unwary husbands who are yet to understand that this e-Bay thing is a complete con – "... But I need them ... and they were only \$800 .... they're normally \$1200 so I've literally stolen them!"

Anyway, some friends of some friends of some friends, uncles, cousins, doctor's ex-wife and her husband moved to the Valley a couple of years ago. I had only recently been introduced to them when I ran into Paul the Postie one morning.  
"You know those new people in Old North Road, don't you?" he sparked.

"Ummm .... Oh, yes .... I've met them briefly" I replied.  
"When you go up there for dinner on Thursday night, make sure you close the gate properly or the letter box gets crushed against the nearby tree from the wind" said Paul, and he zoomed off. Thinking he had made a mistake or had simply gone mad, I picked up the mail and took it inside to a ringing phone. Would you believe that it was these people phoning to see if we would like to join them for dinner on the Thursday night. I laughed and informed them that Paul the Postie had just passed and given the dinner date away, only to hear the reply ..... "Who's Paul the Postie?"

Paul knows that horseracing has been part of the Marsh family tree for no less than six generations. Unfortunately Paul has placed enormous trust in me to find him winners over the years. A Daily Telegraph will be sitting in our letterbox with a small note from Paul, explaining that it is his turn in his local punters club – "could you pick some winners for me – much appreciated!" I scour through the form and pick the value hopes. A few months ago I was at Randwick and had tipped Paul a thing in the 7<sup>th</sup> race. Upon assessment, I realized that it was 9-1 and sweating up in the yard. It was a large field and I changed my mind, swaying towards an 80-1 shot with a very astute jockey on board, in the shape of Darren Beadman. I phoned home to tell Holly to call Paul to get on this thing. "Tell him to put the lot on!" I yelled over the large crowd. Halfway through the race Holly phoned back and said "I can't find Paul's number ....." The 80-1 horse won by half a nose. You make your own luck, Paul made his when he left the newspaper in my letterbox. He hasn't asked for my help since. How does Paul know so much about us? We are his life, after all. He reads our names everyday. He knows where we live, how long we've been there, how old we are, how young we are, our wife's name, our husband's name, our kids and parents names, what type of car we drive, when we're home, when we're away, who our lawyers are, who our accountants are, who we insure with, who we're friends with, who's buying, who's selling – you name it – Paul knows it! Paul's the gatekeeper. He's the "Big Brother" of our area.

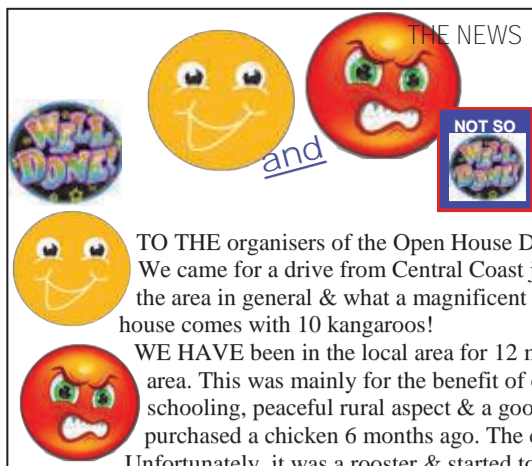
Last week I ran into Paul the Postie along Deasys Road. We came to a halt and I lowered my window.

"There's an Irishman, an Englishman and an American sitting in a bar ....."  
As I compose myself over the following minutes, Paul tells me to watch the kangaroos up the road as they are "bloody everywhere!" He then hands me a rather large looking parcel together with my mail and gets me to sign on the dotted line. I shake the box to pre-empt its contents and realise it is an e-Bay purchase for Holly. I look to Paul for condolence and we exchange a kind of surrendered smile.  
"If only my wife would buy me nice presents" he says.  
"What makes you think it's for me?" I reply.  
"The shape of the package.....it's a dead give away" smarts Paul the Postie.  
"I should be so lucky", I say, shaking the box once again.  
"You make your own luck!" he replies.

I later discover that indeed the package was intended for me. A present. A golf putter with a little note attached- "Learn how to use me now while you have the chance!" I smile, eagerly jump into the car and hasten towards The Vintage to test it out. Half way along the road a kangaroo hops into my path and for a split second I remember Paul the Postie's warning. With the words echoing in my head, I swerve just in time.

In this modern day of anonymity, it is reassuring to have such a familiar, friendly face as our connection with the outside world and we are lucky to have Paul the Postie in our community. Then again.....you make your own luck!

Cheers, Andrew



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All contributions welcome

TO THE organisers of the Open House Displays Homes at Huntlee last Saturday. We came for a drive from Central Coast just to see what it was about & to look at the area in general & what a magnificent surprise it was! It is a hidden gem & each house comes with 10 kangaroos!  
WE HAVE been in the local area for 12 months after deciding to buy & settle in the area. This was mainly for the benefit of our 2 small children (4 & 6 years old); good schooling, peaceful rural aspect & a good community. As part of the rural theme we purchased a chicken 6 months ago. The children watched it grow & loved it. Unfortunately, it was a rooster & started to do what roosters do .. crow.  
Last week we had a knock on the door to see a council ranger who said that there had been a complaint & he had to go. The children were very upset as you could well imagine. To the Complainant; why didn't you come and see us first instead of sending the Gestapo in?

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**For Sale:** 2002 Rover 75. Unregistered. Needs some TLC which I am not prepared to do. Full leather, GPS. Beautiful vehicle. Price Neg P: 0414 757 826  
**Garage Sale:** Sat 18 June at 8 George Street, Branxton. From 1pm. Just some items up for sale: bookcase, 4wardrobes, 2dressing tables, 1 single steel, 1 double steel frame bed with slates, 1 computer desk, 1 blanlet box, 5 draw cupboard, chest drawers half hanging with 7 draws + other sundries.  
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### The "For your Diary" section of The News is a FREE community service.

**Dates for your diary >**

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**Tue 14 June** – Greta Public School Assembly  
**Tues June 14** – Branxton/Greta CWA Mtg, St Brigids old School, Station St., Branxton, 9.30am, Staff room. Enquires to Deirdre 0417277589 or Deeanne 0429636925  
**Wed 15 June** – Greta Public School P&C General Meeting  
**Thur 16 June** – Greta Public School Greta Play2Learn Playgroup  
**Sun 19 Jun** – St Brigid's Markets in the old school grounds  
**Thur 23 June** – Greta Public School Greta Play2Learn Playgroup  
**Thur 23 June** ~ C'nock Prostate Support Group meeting @ Cessnock Leagues Club  
**Fri 24 June** – Branxton Public School Jump Rope for Heart Jump Off day  
**25 June to 17 Jul** – Mercure Resort Hunter Valley Garden – Snow Time in the Garden is a great opportunity for families and friends to get together and experience an icy wonderland over three huge weeks, including the winter school holidays.  
**Sun 26 June** – FUND RAISER FOR MICK CAREY 12.30pm at Blaxlands Inn Pokolbin. Auction will start at 1.30pm. There will be a luck door prize and auction and all proceeds going to help Mick with his recovery after having a freak carriage accident. If you have anything you would like to donate for the auction please either contact Melissa on 0432259867, Terry on 0447783997 or Sandra on 0423474017. RSVP by 19th June.  
**Tue 28 June** ~ Greta Public School 'School Assembly'  
**Thur 30 June** – Greta Public School Greta Play2Learn Playgroup  
**Fri 1 July** – Greta Public School Last day term 1  
**Sat 2 July** – Federal Election/Double dissolution. Pre-poll locations available, although not all of them commence on 14 June. 14th June. East Maitland – East Maitland Church of Christ, Cnr Garnett & Mitchell Drive. Singleton – Old St Patricks School, Patrick Street. Charlestown – 4/45 Pearson Street, Charlestown Newcastle – 485 Hunter Street, Newcastle. 20<sup>th</sup> June Cessnock – Video Ezy & Pizza Hut Complex, 1/10 Allandale Road Muswellbrook – 3/77 Bridge Street. Toronto 3/7 Pemell Street Cooranbong – Cooranbong Community Services Hall, 614 Freemans Drive  
**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 Brigids old School, Station St., Branxton, 9.30am, Staff Room.  
**Sun 17 July** – St Brigid's Markets in the old school grounds

**Mon 18 Jly** – Branxton Public School First day of Term 3 (staff and students)  
**Mon 18 July** – Branxton Public School P&C Meeting 6pm in library  
**Tue 19 July** – B/G CWA Birthday Lunch, venue etc. TBA.  
**Sat 23 July** – Trivia Nite at Branxton Golf Club hosted by Branxton Lions Club  
**Mon 25 July** – Branxton Public School Staff Development Day (pupil free)  
**Sat 30 Jly** ~ 'Brxt Got Talent'. Brxt Golf Club 7:30pm  
**Tue 2 August** – Branxton Lions Club meeting 4pm Branxton Golf Club  
**Tue 9 Aug** – Branxton/Greta CWA Meeting, St Brigids old School, Station St., Branxton, 9.30am, Staff Room.  
**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  
**Thur 1 & Fri 2 Sept** – Branxton Public School Stage 2 Sydney Excursion  
**Tue 6 Sept** – Branxton Lions Club meeting 4pm Branxton Golf Club  
**Tue 13 Sept** – Branxton/Greta CWA Meeting, St Brigids old School, Station St., Branxton, 9.30am, Staff Room.  
**Thur 15 Sept** ~ Branxton Public School "The Boscars" School Concert  
**Sun 18 Sept** – St Brigid's Markets in the old school grounds  
**20-22 Sept** – New South Wales Wine Industry Awards at Cessnock Leagues Club  
**OCT/NOV** – Branxton/Greta CWA Land Cookery/Product Promotion (Blueberries) Day, venue/date TBA.  
**Wed 5 Oct** - Night Time Bingo @ Greta Workers Club from 7.00  
**Tue 11 Oct** – Branxton/Greta CWA Meeting AGM, St Brigids old School, Station St., Branxton, 9.30am, Staff Room.  
**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  
**Tue 8 Nov** – Branxton/Greta CWA Meeting, St Brigids old School, Station St., Branxton, 9.30am, Staff Room.  
**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  
**Tue 13 Dec** – Branxton/Greta CWA Meeting, St Brigids old School, Station St., Branxton, 9.30am, Staff Room, followed by Christmas Lunch.  
**Sun 18 Dec** – St Brigid's Markets in the old school grounds



## Branxton Public School

Nate and Nicole from the Shell Questacon Science Circus put on a very entertaining and informative show for our students in Week 6. They demonstrated many different experiments, making science fun and engaging. All students received a free pass to the travelling



≡ Testing with Nate



≡ Nicole testing the strength of structures



≡ At Tocal Homestead

Questacon show as well. Thank you again to the P&C for making this excellent show available for every one of our students.

Stage 1 enjoyed a wonderful experience at Tocal Homestead in Week 6. Students played old fashioned games like hoops, quoits and knuckle bones (with real bones), carried water and washed in a tub with a washboard, dressed up in olden days clothes, watched the blacksmith and learnt about the history of the Tocal Homestead. We were all very interested in the story of Captain Thunderbolt! Thank you to the parent volunteers for your help on the excursion. Ms Magann's soccer girls played a great game against Bolwarra P.S. in Week 7. They were defeated 5-0 but had many great plays and displayed fantastic sportsmanship. Well done team.

In Week 7 we had a visit from the One Stop Rock Shop. Deano and CJ performed to a very appreciative audience, demonstrating some of the different musical styles that have emerged over the decades. We listened to disco, jazz, reggae and punk music with lots of audience participation. A fun show.



≡ 'One Stop Rock Shop'



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Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June will be our 'Jump Off' day for Jump Rope for Heart. Students have been busy gaining sponsorship for the event as well as getting fit and healthy through skipping. Keep up the great work!

Next term Branxton Public School will be having the Staff Development Day/Pupil Free Day in Week 2 (25<sup>th</sup> July) instead of Week 1 (18<sup>th</sup> July). This is to allow the teachers to attend a writing course which will benefit all our students. Save the date! BPS students and staff will be presenting "The Boscars" concert on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September. The auditioning process has begun and the excitement is building!

### Dates for the Calendar

- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June – Jump Rope for Heart Jump Off day
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July – First day of Term 3 (staff and students)
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July – P&C Meeting 6pm in library
- Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July – Staff Development Day (pupil free)
- Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> & Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September – Stage 2 Sydney Excursion
- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September – "The Boscars" School Concert

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# Local Aboriginal artists exhibit for 2016 NAIDOC week & Singleton celebrates NAIDOC Week 2016

Cessnock City's NAIDOC Week celebrations kicked off last week with the Songlines Print Project exhibition opening as part of the Iconic Prints from Crown Street Press Exhibition, held at Cessnock Regional Art Gallery.

Local Aboriginal artists Saretta Fielding, Justin Ridgeway and Lesley Salem will be exhibiting their works alongside Master Printer James Whittington from Crown Street Press from Wednesday 8 June until Sunday 24 July 2016. In step with the 2016 NAIDOC Week theme *Songlines – The living narrative of our nation* a series of etchings and monotypes were produced during the collaborative project developed in

partnership with Crown Street Press and Cessnock Regional Art Gallery. Officially held from **3 to 10 July 2016**, NAIDOC Week is a celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and provides a great opportunity to get involved in activities that recognise and celebrate our local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community. A full program of activities is scheduled for this year's NAIDOC Week including a special function for the unveiling and dedication of the *Les Elvin Education Room* at Cessnock Regional Art Gallery. Uncle Les was not only recognised as a great artist but a valued role model to hundreds of school students across the region and this education room is

dedicated to his contribution and encouragement of Aboriginal culture in the Cessnock City community. A full program of activities have been planned for NAIDOC Week and are available on Council's website [www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au](http://www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au) 2016 NAIDOC Week is proudly supported by Barkuma Neighbourhood Centre, Black Creek Aboriginal Corporation, Catholic Care, Cessnock Regional Art Gallery, Samaritans, Cessnock City Library and CYCOS.

Upper Hunter NAIDOC Week Awards Working Group would like to invite the community to the first ever Upper Hunter NAIDOC Awards Night. The Upper Hunter

NAIDOC Week Awards Working Group, in conjunction with Wanaruah Local Aboriginal Land Council and Singleton Council will host the event on Friday 8 July. The awards night will celebrate the achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders young and old in all areas of society including education, art, industry, community, sport and youth.

Categories include: Apprentice of the Year, Artist of the Year, Community Contribution Award, Elder of the Year (both male & female award), Professional Achievement, Scholar of the Year Junior (both in male & female), Scholar of the Year Senior (both male & female), Sports person of the Year

Junior and Senior, Volunteer of the Year, Youth of the Year (ages 16-21 yrs old), and Posthumous award. Chairperson, Jean Hands of the Upper Hunter NAIDOC Week Awards Working Group says this is an event not to be missed.

"It is exciting that the Upper Hunter NAIDOC Awards are being held for the first time ever in Singleton," she says. "This project has been something we have been working towards for a while now and we are incredibly grateful to all of the sponsors and working committees who have come on board to assist us in this event."

The awards ceremony, which is an augural event, will kick off from 6.30pm,

at Club Singleton, 50 Pitt Street Singleton. The cost of the ticket is \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door, which includes a three course meal.

Tickets can be purchased at any of the following locations Wanaruah Local Aboriginal Land Council, 19 Maitland Road, Muswellbrook or Ungooroo Aboriginal Corporation, 128 George Street Singleton or by contacting Jean Hands on 0422 780 463 or email at [uhnaidoc@hotmail.com](mailto:uhnaidoc@hotmail.com) NAIDOC is a celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and an opportunity to recognise the contributions of Indigenous Australians. Activities take place across the nation in the first week of July each year and all Australians are encouraged to participate. The whole community is invited to attend and to join in with the celebrations and

activities on the day. For more information please contact Council's Community Development Officer Reina Stalker at 02 6578 7216 or email [rstalker@singleton.nsw.gov.au](mailto:rstalker@singleton.nsw.gov.au). Jean Hands would like to thank all the sponsors that have made this possible Wanaruah Local Aboriginal Land Council, Singleton Council, Muswellbrook Council, Club Singleton, Upper Hunter Drug & Alcohol Services, Ungooroo Aboriginal Corporation, Glencore, Coal & Allied Aboriginal Development Consultative Committee, Integrated Living Australia Ltd., OCHRE Opportunity Hub, Hunter New England Aboriginal Health Unit, Novaskill, Wonnarua Nation Aboriginal Corporation, Singleton High School, Photoworx, Quest Singleton and Singleton Argus.

## Knights help launch Huntlee's first home display village

### Huge crowd



LAST SUNDAY the first builders' display village in the Hunter's first new town in more than 50 years was officially opened, showcasing 14 of Sydney and the Hunter's leading builders. The Grand Opening of the

Home Display Village took place from at 10am. With loads of free food and entertainment, the event had a great carnival atmosphere and from midday some of the Newcastle Knights team were

onsite to kick along the celebrations. "The opening of our first builders' display village is a major milestone for us," said Huntlee Project Director, Stephen Thompson.

"On completion, the display village will feature 25 homes from some of the best builders in the state. At the grand opening, the builders had their teams on hand to answer any questions and visitors were able to take in a wide range of inspiring new home designs.

"This year, Huntlee has become an official sponsor of the Newcastle Knights and we're very pleased to have the team visit us to mark this special occasion" said Stephen. From midday until 2pm, they conducted a free skills clinic for junior players which was well attended.

On arrival at the grand opening, visitors were invited to visit the new Huntlee Information & Sales Centre at the start of Triton Boulevard to collect their 'Huntlee Passport'. They then took the passport



to each of the builders throughout the display village and got it stamped. Once they collected all of the stamps, they went in the draw for a range of great prizes including \$2000 Harvey Norman vouchers, Fitbits and Newcastle

Knights gift packs which were drawn by the Knights on the day. Adding to the fun, the KOFM team conducted an outside broadcast on site until midday. There were gift bags and giveaways for all visitors as

well as free food and drinks and loads of entertainment including: giant inflatable slides and maze for the older children; petting zoo, bubble pond, face painters and jumping castle for the little ones and a DJ from midday.

## New infrastructure funding now available through the community building partnership program

State Member for the Electorate of Cessnock, Clayton Barr, MP has announced that the NSW Government will once again conduct the Community Building Partnership Program in 2016. Applications for funding opened yesterday (Monday 13 June) and will close on Friday 22 July, 2016.

"These grants are open to local councils and incorporated not-for-profits such as charities, sporting, social and environmental groups that are looking to build or refurbish essential facilities for their community. In previous years, the Program has helped local government and charities deliver new infrastructure for schools and community groups, and helped pay for much-needed improvements to local sports facilities, parks and clubs. This is grassroots funding which directly benefits communities," Mr Barr said. Grant applications must have a minimum value of \$2,500 to be eligible for funding under the Program.

"If your organisation needs funding for the building, refurbishment or enhancement of facilities that deliver positive social, recreational, inclusive and environmental outcomes for the community, I encourage you to apply," Mr Barr said.

"There is a high demand for funds through the Program, so please ensure you take the required time and care in preparing your application against the assessment criteria."

The Community Building Partnership Program, first introduced by the Labor Government in 2009 has provided funding to hundreds of community groups, sporting clubs and councils across NSW to build or upgrade local facilities.

Applications can only be made via the Community Building Partnership website [www.communitybuildingpartnership.nsw.gov.au](http://www.communitybuildingpartnership.nsw.gov.au), where potential applicants can obtain additional information regarding the Program and the types of projects that are eligible to apply for funding. Applications will close at 5pm on Friday 22 July 2016.

## 'Branxton's Got Talent' on again

Following the great success of last year's "Branxton's Got Talent", it will be held again at the Branxton Golf Club on Saturday the 30th July at 7:30pm. All proceeds from the event will go to the "Harry's House" charity. Now is the chance for readers with talent to "have a go" and perform your act.

Performers are requested to ring Phil Aughey on 0447 381989 with your proposal.

"Last year's show was a lot of fun and we hope people will come along for a great evening's entertainment" said Phil.

**St Brigid's Markets**

Sunday 19th  
June 9am until 2pm

Helen 0427 047 024  
Julie 0427 381 250

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## Blood On The Track

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### Tycoon of Victorian sires writes more headlines

FEW sires used at stud in Victoria have had a better year with progeny on the racetrack than Written Tycoon, a sire whose 2015-16 Australian earnings jumped above \$9million, when his 4-year-old gelded son Music Magnate took out the \$750,000 Group1 Doomben 10,000 (1350m) on this historic Brisbane track on Saturday May 28.

These earnings, a Victorian record, have been swelled to over \$11million by the successes of twenty of his progeny competing in either New Zealand, Singapore, Malaysia or Hong Kong. Through to the end of May his statistics for the year included 131 winners (120 Aust), 51 others placed, 212 race wins (195 Aust) and \$11,078,080 (\$9,223,659 Aust).

In the national statistics, he is third on the Champion Sires list by money, winners and wins and is unbeatable by earnings in the race for the Champion Australian juvenile title.

His black type contributors in 2015-16 have included eight stakes winners (four at two including one in New Zealand) and four others stakes placed. Group1 winners during the year have been the 2-year-olds Capitalist (dam by Fusaichi Pegasus (USA); four wins, \$3,508,700, won ATC Golden Slipper, Gold Coast Magic Millions 2YO Classic, Wyong Magic Millions Classic, ATC Breeders' Plate), Luna Rossa (More Than Ready (USA); won Manawatu Sires' Produce Stakes) and Doomben 10,000 winner Music Magnate.

A good prospect for more glory in the \$1.5million Stradbroke on rebuilt Eagle Farm on June 11, Music Magnate had not won above Group 3 before, but had indicated that he is an emerging star in the current racing year with three successive wins in Sydney and a tenacious second in the Luskin Star at Scone (May 14) since late September. Trained by Kiwi Bjorn Baker (Warwick) for a tribe of excited owners, he has a career record of six wins, four seconds, a third and \$825,000 from 12 starts.

Music Magnate was foaled in New Zealand for NZ Holdings Ltd, but is the product of the mating in Victoria at Eliza Park of Todman Slipper Trial Stakes winner Written Tycoon, a showy chestnut by the Last Tycoon Australian 1200m record holder Iglesia, with Concert Girl, a non-winner by Coolmore shuttled Danehill Dancer (Ire).

A half-sister to Marrok, winner of the Group 2 Wellington Guineas, and Appeal Process, a South African Group 3 sprint winner, Concert Girl is from Review, an unraced daughter of Chalayer, a top performer up to 2800m by the Luskin Star sire Covetous. In the first three in 14 events, Chalayer included in her efforts wins in the AJC St Leger, Adrian Knox, seconds in the AJC Sydney Cup, STC Kingston Town – twice, thirds VRC Victoria Oaks, STC Canterbury Guineas and MVRC Moonee Valley Cup.

Inbred 4x3 to Star Kingdom, Chalayer was out of Plady King, an unraced Planet Kingdom mare out of Lindsay (Ire), an unplaced half-sister to Gypsy Moss (GB), a Mossborough mare who won five races in Australia for the Foysters of Gooree Park, Mudgee NSW, including the Queensland Tattersall's Cup and AJC Narwee Handicap. She split champions Divide and Rule and Black Onyx in finishing second in the 1970 Stradbroke.

A relation of 1954 English Derby winner and influential sire Never Say Die, Gypsy Moss became a major matriarch. Foyster matings to Planet Kingdom produced Our Planet (won Queensland Derby, Grand Prix, second AJC Derby) and Gypsy Kingdom (won AJC Warwick Stakes, second AJC Doncaster, STC George Ryder).

Also, using Planet Kingdom and Ideal Image, a Vain mare who didn't earn in only two starts, the Foyster's bred Ideal Planet, winner of nine races, including the Doomben 10,000, and second in the VRC Newmarket, AJC Galaxy and MVRC William Reid.

Retired to the stallion yards at Eliza Park in 2007 on a fee of \$8,750 (including GST), but moved several years ago to the Woodside Park Stud at Tylden in Victoria's Macedon Ranges territory, Music Magnate's sire Written Tycoon has had books of 177 and 184 in the last two seasons. He is facing up to another big book in the 2016 season, one for which his fee has been lifted to \$49,500 (inc GST).



appearance in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe.

Named Champion Stayer Europe 2004 and 2005, Champion Older Male Stayer France 2003, Champion Older Male Stayer in GB in 2005 and at the top of the 2005 International Classification (extended), Westerner has been used by Coolmore in Ireland sire for both flat and jumps racing (National Hunt). He is currently in the top ten on the list of leading European National Hunt Sires.

≡ Photo above: Mighty Lucky

### Danehill long distance performer related to Mighty Lucky

ONLY two of the 89 Group1 winners (48 sired in Australia and the others got at Coolmore in Ireland) of dual hemisphere supersire Danehill won at 3200m or further. They were Westerner, a Great Britain produced world champion long distance performer, and the Australian Danestorm, a winner of Brisbane Cup (at that time Group1 over this distance) and runner up in the Adelaide Cup.

Danestorm may have been a serious contender for the Melbourne Cup if he gone round in it. It is a race in which three Australian Danehill Group1 winners who never won beyond 2500m acquitted themselves well. They were Nothin' Leica Dane, the second placegetter at three and fifth at four, Elvstroem, fourth at four, and Ziping, twice fourth.

These Aussies were overshadowed in long distance racing by the deeds in Europe of Westerner, a horse who is recalled because of his relationship to Mighty Lucky, the Fred Cowell Gosford trained 6-year-old gelding who was having his 41st start and claiming his ninth win when he took out the Group 3 Lord Mayor's Cup over 1615m at Doomben on May 28. He had won two successive races at Randwick, December 25 (2000m), Summer Cup-G3 (2000m) and April 16 (1400m), finished a close second in the Hawkesbury Cup-G3 (1600m) April 30 and, on the way to Brisbane, sixth of 16 in the Scone Cup-LR (1600m).

Burdened with 64.0 kgs in each of the Hawkesbury and Scone races, but dropped to 59.0 for the Brisbane outing, Mighty Lucky was bought privately by Cowell off his breeders, Phil and Gayle Greenwood of Tamworth. Earlier manager of the Thurecht's Westminster Stud near Camden NSW, they raised his mother, the non-winning Octagonal mare Buxom Babe, and her brilliant Snippets half-sister High Rolling, a winner of six races, including the AJC Breeders' Plate and Gosford Pacesetter Stakes.

Mighty Lucky's grandam Woman of Valor, is an unraced American bred three-quarter sister by Lyphard (Northern Dancer) to the Pathos, grandam of Jymcarew (Danzero), a Greenwood bred winner of the Canterbury Guineas and Gosford Guineas, and third dam of Jameka, a winner of the VRC Victorian Oaks and Sires' Produce Stakes and runner up in the ATC Australian Derby and MRC Thousand Guineas.

The next dam, Warfever (Fr) (by Luthier), won at Group1 in America and was a half-sister to Waya (Champion American Handicap Mare, 14 wins, four Group1s) and Warsaw, a Listed winner at 2600m in France and grandam though Walensee (Troy Group1 winner at 2400m) of Westerner.

A 1999 Danehill foal, Westerner, won 11 of 28 starts, headed by France's top staying test, the Prix du Cadran (4000m) twice, Prix Royal Oak (French St Leger, 3100m) – twice, Ascot Gold Cup (4000m), York Gold Cup (4000m), Prix Barbeville (3100m) twice, Prix Gladiator (3100m) and Prix Vicomtesse Vigier (3100m). Nine seconds included an

## Detailed saleyard report



## Saleyard report - cattle

### Singleton report date 8 June 2016

Yarding 770 ~ **Change -90** (Comparison Date 25/5/16)

Although the surrounding area received substantial rainfall throughout the week, numbers remained equal and quality was mixed. The bulk was younger cattle with a mixture suitable for the restockers and butcher orders. There was a greater selection of heavy weight grown steers and bullocks, as around 110 cows were in the penning. The usual buyers competed in a dearer market. Vealer steers returning to the paddock gained 14c to 19c, as the medium weights made from 281c to 350c, with the heavier end topping at 337c before averaging 331c/kg. The vealer heifers to the same orders improved 18c, making from 290c to 318c/kg. The limited supply of yearlings to the restockers also sold to dearer trends. Prime conditioned younger cattle to the butchers lifted from 5c to 15c, with the best topping at 352c/kg. Heavy weight grown steers and bullocks ranged from 285c to 313c/kg, depending on age, as the heifer portion reached 300c/kg. Cows gained from 8c to 15c, as the plainer 2 scores averaged 213c, with the better finished 3 and 4 score heavy weights making from 230c to 249c/kg.



### Scone report date 7 June 2016

Yarding 493 ~ **Change -1027** (Comparison Date 31/5/16)

Weather conditions contributed to a smaller yarding and quality was fair to good. Vealers were well supplied, with limited numbers of yearling steers and heifers, while around 57 cows were in the penning. The usual buyers competed in a dearer market. The vealer steers to the restockers lifted 24c, as the medium weights sold from 317c to 353c, with the heavier end averaging 328c after topping at 333c/kg. The heifer portion also to restocker orders improved 30c, as the medium weights ranged from 291c to 324c, with the lighter weights reaching 334c/kg. The yearling steers returning to the paddock gained 9c, making from 308c to 328c/kg. The majority of the yearling heifers were in prime condition and suitable for the butcher orders. The prime conditioned younger cattle lifted 15c to 20c, with the bulk receiving in the 310c to 337c/kg range. The older steers sold to solid competition, with those showing 2 teeth selling up around the 327c/kg to the lot feeder orders. The cows gained from 12c to 20c, as the plainer 2 scores averaged 209c, with the better covered 3 and 4 score heavy weights ranging from 226c to 250c/kg.



### TRLX Tamworth report date 6 June 2016

Yarding 595 ~ **Change -754** (Comparison Date 39/5/16)

With rainfalls of 50mm and more across the district the numbers fell by more than half. A large percentage were light and medium weight young cattle suitable to restock and feed while cows accounted for most of the grown cattle. Despite the low number all the regular buyers were in attendance with demand for all classes high. Restockers were active on all classes of light weight young cattle with steer vealers selling to dearer trend, up 14c to 17c/kg. Heifer vealers to restock were up to 20c/kg dearer. The lower numbers also brought with it a general improvement in average quality which in turn had a mostly positive effect on average price changes. Medium weight yearling steers to feed sold to a dearer trend, up to 8c/kg with increased competition. Heavy yearling feeder steers were firm to cheaper, however much of the price change was breed related. There were strong gains for heifer yearlings to restock and feed regardless of quality. There were dearer trends through the grown cattle with strong price gains for medium weight 2 and 3 score cows in comparison to the heavy 4 score cows.



## RESULTS FOR THE MARCH QUARTER 2016 FEEDLOT SURVEY 1 MLA's Market Information Service

□ The ALFA/MLA quarterly feedlot survey indicated the number of cattle on feed at the end of the March quarter had receded 5% year-on-year, to 914,901 head. Underpinning the decrease was NSW, with 291,312 head on feed (back 6%), and Queensland, with 495,578 head (back 5%). However, the number on feed remained historically high, buoyed by the low A\$, easing grain prices and continued strong international demand for grainfed beef.

□ Grainfed cattle turnoff during the quarter fell to 631,726 head, down 13% to represent 35% of national adult cattle slaughter. Shipments of grainfed beef for the March quarter reached 62,282 tonnes swt and were up 3%, or 1,888 tonnes swt, compared to the same period in 2015 (DAWR).

□ While the A\$ strengthened against the US\$ during the March quarter, averaging 72.18US¢, it remained 8% below 2015. Against the Yen the A\$ averaged 83.27¥ for the quarter, back 11% year-on-year. On the back of increased production, first quarter US grainfed exports was more competitive with Australian product; shipments to Japan lifted 7% year-on-year, to 42,963 tonnes swt, and exports to Korea increased 18%.

□ There was a large volume of Australian grainfed beef shipped to Korea in the first quarter, which jumped 63% from last year, to 13,187 tonnes swt, assisted by the third tariff cut occurring at the beginning of the year, combined with less locally produced Hanwoo product on the market.

□ On the other hand, there was an 18% decline in grainfed shipments to Japan, to 29,208 tonnes swt. Japanese demand was somewhat sluggish due to the reportedly high volumes many traders had at the time and increased competition from the US. Despite the fall, Japan still accounted for 47% of the quarter's total exports.

□ Australian feeder cattle prices for the March quarter remained well above year-ago levels, with the eastern states saleyard feeder steer indicator up 33%, averaging 319.26¢/kg lwt, while the paddock purchased domestic feeder steer indicator increased 32% year-on-year. Grainfed cattle prices did not increase to the same extent, with the Queensland grainfed over-the-hook indicator averaging 535¢/kg cwt during the quarter, up 15% year-on-year.

□ Partially offsetting the high cost of feeder cattle was cheaper feed grain prices, underpinned by high global supplies. Darling Downs feed wheat prices averaged 16% cheaper year-on-year, averaging \$263/tonne for the quarter, sorghum prices declined 22%, to \$228/tonne, while barley prices averaged \$239/tonne, back 21% year-on-year (Profarmer).

### At the close of Thursday's (9/6/16) markets:

- The Eastern Young Cattle Indicator (EYCI) averaged 596¢, up 2.75¢/kg cwt on where it finished the previous day
- Trade steers were firm, on 321¢/kg lwt
- Medium steers were up 4¢, to 320¢/kg lwt
- Heavy steers were up 1¢, on 298¢/kg lwt
- Medium cows were up 5¢, on 229¢/kg lwt
- Feeder steers were up 1¢, on 328¢/kg lwt



## Brendan Fevola to visit

AFL legend and winner of this year's reality television hit show, "I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here", Brendan Fevola, will be in Singleton this month to discuss the highs and lows of his personal life, both on and off the field. CatholicCare Social Services Hunter-Manning has invited the Coleman Medal Winner, now turned radio personality, to speak at a public forum "A Blokes Only Barbecue with Brendan Fevola." The event, which will be free for men to attend, will include a presentation by Fevola as well as complimentary barbecue lunch. "For many years Brendan Fevola had a reputation for being talented on the field,

but reckless off it," CatholicCare Social Services Director, Helga Smit, said. "He was involved in a number of controversial off-field incidents predominantly involving alcohol and/or gambling that led to the end of his AFL career, the breakdown of his marriage, the loss of his family and long periods of depression," Ms Smit said. In fact during his time on "I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here", Fevola opened up about the mental health problems that effectively ended his AFL career. During a discussion with



his fellow contestants, Fevola stated that he has been diagnosed as having ADHD, but no longer takes medication for the disorder as he is "a bit more mellow" now. It was not the first time Fevola had publicly discussed his personal challenges. In an interview

that aired on "The Footy Show" in 2011, Fevola revealed he had lost almost a million dollars gambling, an addiction that almost drove him to suicide. He has also discussed his 60-day stay in rehabilitation, during which time he was sacked from the AFL, but stated this helped him turn

the road to rebuilding his relationship with loved ones and has a steady career in the media industry. "Regardless of whether you are a fan of AFL, Fevola's story is truly inspiring and his determination to rectify his turbulent past is admirable. "CatholicCare is thrilled

things around. "For many, these incidents in isolation would have been troubling enough, let alone combined and with the whole nation looking on," Ms Smit. "Despite this, Fevola has turned his life around and is now well on

Fevola has accepted our invitation to share his story with people in the Upper Hunter. As an organisation that offers counselling and mental health programs, we believe it's important that people know that no matter what you are currently going through, it is never too late to ask for help and improve your life and mental wellbeing," Ms Smit said.

"A Blokes Only Barbecue

with Brendan Fevola" will be held at Singleton Diggers on Sunday 19 June from midday. Entry is free for men to attend the event, which includes a complimentary barbecue luncheon, however spaces are limited and RSVP is essential. To secure your attendance you must RSVP to [esnedden@catholiccare.org.au](mailto:esnedden@catholiccare.org.au) on or before Monday 13 June.

Photo at left: Brendan Fevola



### Gospel: Luke 7:36-8:3

*In a Pharisee's house, Jesus praises the repentance of the sinful woman*

One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment.

Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him—that she is a sinner." Jesus spoke up and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." "Teacher," he replied, "Speak." "A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When they could not pay, he cancelled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?" Simon answered, "I suppose the one for whom he cancelled the greater debt." And Jesus said to him, "You have judged rightly." Then turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little." Then he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" And he said to the woman, "our faith has saved you; go in peace."

Soon afterwards he went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. The twelve were with him, as well as some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, and Joanna, the wife of Herod's steward Chuza, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their resources.

### Background on the Gospel Reading

Before Lent began we were reading Luke's version of the Sermon on the Mount, which is known as the Sermon on the Plain. This Gospel passage is taken from the following chapter of Luke's Gospel. The concern of this chapter, as well as in Chapters 8 and 9, is Jesus' identity as the Messiah, one who is greater than a prophet. Throughout the chapter Jesus has been performing miracles similar to those done by Old Testament prophets. When John the Baptist sent some of his disciples to Jesus to ask who he was, Jesus listed the miracles they had seen him perform and then compared himself with John the Baptist to show that he was greater than John.

In today's Gospel Jesus sits down to eat a meal at the house of Simon, a Pharisee. A sinful woman approaches him, falls to her knees, wets his feet with her tears, dries them with her hair, and then anoints them with oil. A similar scene occurs in the other three Gospels, but in those versions the anointing takes place in Bethany, near Jerusalem, before Passover. In the other three Gospels, this anointing is related to his being proclaimed king by the crowds when he entered Jerusalem. It also related to his being anointed as a preparation for his burial. In Luke the anointing takes place north, in Galilee, early in his ministry.

Simon the Pharisee challenges Jesus, telling him that a prophet would surely know that a sinful person was touching him. Jesus responds by telling a story about the true nature of forgiveness. Two men owe money. One owes an amount that would equal 500 days' wages. The other owes 50 days' wages. Yet the moneylender forgives the debt of both when they ask him. Simon is forced to admit that the one who had the bigger debt cancelled probably loves the moneylender more.

After telling the story, Jesus turns to the woman and tells her that her sins are forgiven. In this scene we see that Jesus does more than heal physical ailments, as prophets of the past had done. He also forgives sins. This leaves the crowd to ask, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" This question is answered in Chapter 9 by Peter when he professes that Jesus is the Messiah and at the Transfiguration when the voice from heaven declares, "This is my chosen Son."

Today's reading ends with the first three verses of Chapter 8. At first they may seem unconnected to the scene that has come before. But they serve to show Jesus' ministry beginning to move from one town and village to another, proclaiming the Kingdom of God, until he eventually arrives in Jerusalem. He is accompanied not just by the Twelve but by a group of women, three of whom Luke names. It is significant that they are linked with the Twelve, and they seem to be equally important to Jesus' ministry. It is the women who provide for the needs of these travellers out of their own resources. Although in Palestinian society women had a much lesser role than men, in Luke's Gospel they are shown as equals.



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## RESULTS GOLF

### Branxton Veteran Golfers Results 2-6-16 Stableford

Div 1 Winner E Munzenberger 33 pts (SOD) (c/b) R/u K Anderson 31 pts (c/b) 3<sup>rd</sup> G Beeton 31 pts  
 Div 2 Winner J Atton 32 pts (c/b) R/u B Hain 32 pts  
 3<sup>rd</sup> R Wilton 31 pts  
 Ladies Winner T Martin 33 pts R/u N Craig 27 pts  
 3<sup>rd</sup> R McCarthy 26 pts  
 NTPs Ladies T Martin Gents K Anderson  
 Members draw - Not won (T Varley)  
 A pleasant start to Winter, a slightly cloudy mild day to welcome the 34 players who had gathered for a round of golf.  
 Congratulations to Errol Munzenberger on winning his division and achieving the 'Score of the Day'. A well done to winners and placegetters, particularly as it was a tight finish in all

divisions.

### Branxton Veteran Golfers Results 9-6-16 Stableford

Winner K Anderon 28 pts (c/b) R/u J Sheedy 28 pts (c/b) 3<sup>rd</sup> R Brooks 28 pts  
 Div 2 Winner P Kelly 29 pts (SOD) R/u P Tracey 28 pts (c/b) 3<sup>rd</sup> W Benton 28 pts  
 Ladies Winner T Martin 26 pts R/u N Craig 22 pts 3<sup>rd</sup> M Hunt 19 pts  
 NTPs Ladies T Martin Gents G Anderson  
 Members draw - Not won  
 A day of mixed conditions, cloudy, sunny and mizzle (pretend rain - somewhere between mist and drizzle) greeted the 33 hardy players who gathered for a round of golf, a convivial glass and fellowship.  
 Congratulations to Toy Martin on a winning "Hat-trick" (26/5-2/6-9/6). Congratulations, also, to Peter Kelly on winning his division and achieving the "Score of the Day". Well done to all winners and placegetters.  
**NOTICE:** Our 'Away Day' to Paterson on Mon 6

Jun 16, which was cancelled due to inclement weather, has now been re-scheduled for **Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Jun 16.** 7.30 am for 8 am Tee Off (Shotgun).

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### BRANXTON GOLF CLUB - SAT 11<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 4BBB STABLEFORD + SINGLE IN CONJUNCTION

4BBB WINNERS Murray Johanson/Cameron Johanson 50 pts  
 4BBB RUNNERS UP Daryl Sheppard / Barry McDonald 47 pts  
 4BBB THIRD PLACE Kel Mather/David Kinch 46 pts  
 4BBB FOURTH PLACE Richard Turnbull / Barry Turner 45 pts c/b  
 SINGLE WINNER Barry McDonald 44 pts  
 SINGLE RUNNER UP-Cameron Johanson 40 pts c/b  
 SINGLE THIRD PLACE-Kel Mather 40 pts  
 2BALL COMP WENT TO C Johanson 318 cm  
 K Howard 89 cm  
 J McGregor 10 cm  
 C Johanson 193 cm  
**EAGLES NEST - T MCCAW 16<sup>TH</sup>**  
 The father and son team of Club Captain Murray Johanson and Cameron Johanson won the \$ Ball event on Saturday with a very impressive 50pts, to qualify for Stage 2 of the NSW 4 Ball championships, with the chance of

qualifying for the State Finals at Bonville, early in October. Their playing partners, Barry McDonald and Daryl Sheppard finished runners up with 47 pts. Kel Mather and David Kinch finished third with 46 pts with Richard Turnbull and Barry Turner's 45 pts good enough for fourth place. Barry McDonald played beautifully to win the singles competition with an amazing 44 pts, a 78 off the stick. Cameron Johanson finished runner up with a beautiful round of 70, even par on a day where the windy conditions made many holes very difficult. His round included 7 birdies as he was 4 under par after 11 holes. His shot making was certainly exemplified in winning two nearest the pins on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> holes. Kel Mather also played very well to finish third with his 40 pts. Undoubtedly the shot of the day belonged to Troy McCaw who eagled the 16<sup>th</sup> hole, although J.McGregor's nearest the pin on the difficult 13<sup>th</sup> was only 10 cms away—a near hole in one—so close yet so far! 39 pts was needed by each team to figure in the ball competition.

### Branxton Ladies

Results for Wed 1<sup>st</sup> June. Stableford Event  
 Winner Jan Scobie with 42 points  
 Runner-up Ruth McCarthy with 40 points  
 Nearest to the Pin Helen Vandenburg  
 Regards Trish McMillan

# As Time Goes By

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## Congratulations Amelia & Lee



Ray & Jenny Wilton Perpetual Trophy winners for 2006 Amelia Neville & Lee Heuston with Ray Wilton (at right).

THE Ray & Jennifer Wilton Sponsored Perpetual Trophy was played in conjunction with Keno NSW Mixed Fourball Championship and was won by two promising juniors,

Amelia Neville & Lee Heuston with 51 pts. It was great to have Ray in attendance and have him present this trophy.



# SINGLETON 2027

Singleton Council has launched an exciting project called Singleton in 2027. It's focused on having conversations with our community about their 10-year vision and aspirations for Singleton. Your feedback will help determine Council's priorities for the next four years.

Over the next six months, we'll be inviting people of all ages and backgrounds to participate in various consultation activities - both online and in person - and it's important you get involved.

Register now on Engagement Hub at [singleton.engagementhub.com.au](http://singleton.engagementhub.com.au) to join the conversation.



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were Pam Snaddon, Dale Hamilton, Robin Woodward, Kerry Choromanski, Isabel Skeates, Leesa Robinson, Mary Fortey and Sue Ellen Borham c/b. Nearest-the-Pin Pam Snaddon. The Ladies Championship is at a very interesting stage after round two particularly in A Grade with Dale Hamilton taking the lead in Scratch from Melita Watson by 2 shots and Robin Woodward one shot further back, Jill Ramsden has opened up a seven shot lead over Mary Fortey in B Grade Scratch and Brenda Mannix is also in a dominant position in C Grade Scratch with a seven shot lead to Lynette Russell. The club wishes all Ladies the best of luck with the final round to be played today.

**2nd June** The Vets Stableford went to Gerry Irwin with 40 points from Wayne Cowen 39 and Geoff Sweetman 3rd with 37 points. Ball winners were: Mak Barrow 36, Barry Newell 36, Ian Newell 35, Michael Watson 35, Ray Newton 34, David Peel 34, Rex Talbot 34, Eric Smith 34 and Gary Arnold 33 c/b. Next week the Vets will play an individual Medley Stableford.

**4th June** A very small field of hardy soles took part in the Monthly Stroke rounds.

Grant Rodgers of Shortland Waters GC with 68 net won the day from Robert Kelly of Bexley GC who carded an even Par 71 net, very good scores on such a bleak day. Next week's golf will be an Individual Medley Stableford.

**5th June** The Weekly Challenge has been won by Jeff Shanahan with a staggering 44 points from an unlucky Mark Brown from Shelley Beach GC with a very good 43 point round.

**7th June** The Tuesday Stableford 1st place was fought out by playing partners Geoff Sweetman and Ben Bradley with Geoff getting the nod after both returned 40 points, 3rd went to Garry Marsden with 37. Ball winners were: David Peel 35, Dan Taylor 34, Paul Smith 33, Ray Newton 32, Gary Arnold 32, Rick Turnchini 32 and Brian Doherty 31.

Nearest-the-Pins went to Brian Doherty (3rd) Julie Van Den Berg (4th) and Rick Turnchini (17th) **8th June** The Ladies played an individual Stableford on Wednesday with Dale Hamilton winning the day with 34 points from Sue Williams 31 on countback to Kerry Choromanski in 3rd place. Balls went to Leesa Robinson, Jenny Chambers, Jill Ramsden, Kerrie Anne Skinner, Carol Horton and Sue Peel. The Ladies will play the 3rd and final round of their Championship this week.

**9th June** The Vets Medley Stableford went to Dave Fury with 38 points from Garry Clarke 37 and David Peel 36 on a countback 3rd. Ball winners were: Ken Wright 36, Peter Munro 35,

Eric Smith 35, Rex Talbot 35, Greg White 35, Doug Wand 34, Grahame Sheldon 34, Wayne Berry 33, Ray Hodson 33, Ken Springbett 33 and Mark Barrow 33. Nearest-the-Pins went to Andrew Hamilton (3rd) Garry Clarke (4th) David Peel (8th) Wayne Berry (10th) and Greg White (17th). Next week the Vets will play a Medley Stableford.

**11th June** Saturday's field were greeted with slightly milder conditions which resulted in some good scoring. A Grade went to David Peel with a 40 point return from Matthew Delfore 38, B Grade to Todd Mitchell with 37 points from Brad Borham 36 on a countback and C Grade to Greg Morgan on a countback to Jaye Stevens after both had 38 point returns. Ball winners were: Hieu Le 37, John Brown 36, John Stewart 35, Brian Doherty 35, Ken Springbett 35, Peter Milas 34, Ben Thorley v34, Ben Bradley 34, Nathan Sweeney 34, Bobby Brown 34, Nathan Nancarrow 33, Mark Faulkner 33, Julie Van Den Berg 33, Brad Jamieson v33, Cade Bradley 32, Brad Duncan 31 and Ken Smith 31 c/b. Nearest-the-Pins went to Greg Morgan (3rd) Ben Bradley (4th) Nathan Nancarrow (8th) and Todd Mitchell (10th) Next weeks event will be a Medley 4BBB Par event.

**Footnote** 2016-2017 membership is now due, early bird payment (prior to 30th June) will receive a \$100 voucher for the "Lovedale"



PJRC Report 4<sup>th</sup> June 2016 The Under 9's hosted Hamilton Hawks at HVG for perhaps their best match of the season so far. Ash has the crowd in a rapture getting points on the board with the game less than 2 minutes underway! This sparked the Reds into a frenzy of runs lead by - but not limited to - Tyson and Lachy E, who both scored tries. The Reds tenacity also evident in defence, with Eli and Lachlan L proving they are lean mean tackling machines. This commitment to the game saw the Reds have far greater possession and control of the game, despite not getting a win in the day. A special thanks must go to Referee Mick Doody who gave his time today, his support for both juniors and the senior club is greatly

appreciated. Under 10s hosted Maitland at a wet Hunter Valley Gardens. The Reds ran up hill in the first half against the big Maitland pack. A very physical game was had and the ruck and maul was where the game was fought. Jesse Shirtcliffe, Nate Wilson and Alec Gough led the way at the breakdown. Maitland posted four tries in the first half exploiting gaps out wide. Man of the Match Oscar Dent was all over the ball at the back of the ruck making man strong runs. The Reds were unlucky not to score in the second half and their intensity in defence lifted in the second half to limit Maitland to one try. Maitland won 27 to nil but the Reds continue to improve, well done boys. Saturday 4/6 saw the under 12's travel to Nelson Bay in the wet, windy & cold conditions. Right from the start the weather seemed to upset our boys and the commitment to the break-

down was slow giving the opposition all the momentum. When Pokolbin did have the ball Tom Page showed just how dangerous he can be. With Seth Koop playing another outstanding game at halfback we showed that with the ball we are dangerous. Short a couple of players due to injury our regular hooker Eden Schreiber showed his versatility playing on the wing and was rewarded with his first try of the year. In the end Nelson Bay won 36-10.

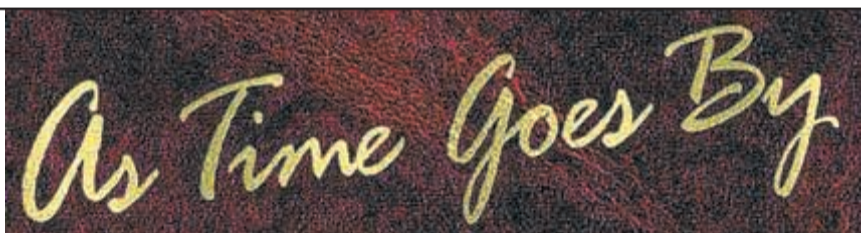
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## Twilight Netball Champions 2006-7



Photo: A Grade and overall Champions - McGillacutties. Back row:- Jake Russell, Shelbee Cummings, Sam Bower, Sam Russell. Front Row:- Eliza Stevenson, Alana Harris, Hannah Connor. Absent:- Ben Russell.

Twilight Netball in Branxton was a huge success again this year, mainly through the efforts of Alison Hall and the continued sponsorship of Macquarie Generation. This season Alison changed the format to allow all teams to play right to the end, instead of a knock out finals series. Each team played every other team once 11 games in all then the teams were grouped into 3 grades A,B and C. Each team then played the other teams in that grade once, the winners being those who won the most games. Therefore week in and week out in trying conditions such as heat, wind, rain and sometimes even with cyclones and typhoons converging over the Branxton Netball Courts 12 teams slogging it out for the grand prize. And after 14 rounds of gruelling games the winners were eventually decided. A Grade and overall Champions - McGillacutties, B Grade winners ~ Zirtec, C Grade winners ~ Young Guns. Congratulations to all who played & to the respective winning teams.



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# The NEWS SPORT



## Langer's Match Report - Pokolbin Reds vs East Maitland, Saturday 28th May

Playing Cooks Hill 1 who is leading the competition at this point and at their home ground would be the Reds hardest game so far this year. When you consider that when Cessnock played the Cooks Hill side at Empire Park they lost 55 to nil, our boys would certainly have their work cut out for them. However we were confident that if the Reds cut down their mistake rate and improved our defence we could do well. Sure enough that's what the Reds team did from the start of the game until the end. In the first half the Reds started slow and let in two soft tries however as the game progressed the Reds gained confidence and with a penalty goal by our full-back and the Reds only just missing out scoring a try out wide, we went into half time with the score only 10-3 in favour of Cooks Hill. The second half was much the same as the first and

with dogged defence and good tactical kicking, the Reds kept pushing the Cooks Hill team who could only manage one try against us. The Reds made several raids at the Cooks Hill try line however couldn't get the ball over the line and with only a few minutes left in the game the score was 17 to 3. Unfortunately at that point the Reds turned over possession which the opposition took advantage of, scoring a last minute try with the final score 22 to 3. Without a doubt this was the best team effort so far. It was a wonderful effort by every player and I believe the Reds have turned the corner. **WELL DONE REDS.**

**Best Players:**  
3 points to Rob Elliott, 2 points to Jack Kirkham, 1 point to Sean Neil  
Player's player was Stuart Garrett  
*Mark Langley (Langers) Coach*

## "Jets" find new owner



THE NEWCASTLE Jets have been purchased by a wealthy Chinese businessman.

The club has been through a traumatic time since the previous owner, Nathan Tinkler, had his licence revoked. The club was then under the ownership of the Football Federation Australia.

The new owner, Martin Lee, has foreshadowed a resurgence in the clubs finances saying that he would like to see it a "break-even" club within two years.

In his first interview in Australia, Lee told the *Newcastle Herald* that he plans to grow the Jets into an international brand and promised to bring marquee players to the club "when the time is right". He also stated that he would like to see the club secure a place in the

Asian Champions League within three years. Lee is the founder, president & major shareholder of the Chinese company Ledman Optoelectronic which is reportedly valued at \$1.4billion.



☺ Pokolbin Reds Juniors on the rampage!

### HUNTER VALLEY GROUP 21 RUGBY LEAGUE

ATE	TIME	Competition Name	HOME TEAM	AWAY TEAM
10/04/16 (Sun)	10:15	(2016 Group 21 A Plus Contracting Leaguetag Competition)	Greta Branxton Colts	Singleton Greyhounds
10/04/16 (Sun)	11:15	(2016 Group 21 A Plus Contracting Under 18's Competition)	Greta Branxton Colts	Singleton Greyhounds
10/04/16 (Sun)	12:30	(2016 Group 21 A Plus Contracting Reserve Grade Competition)	Greta Branxton Colts	Singleton Greyhounds
10/04/16 (Sun)	14:00	(2016 Group 21 A Plus Contracting 1st Grade Competition)	Greta Branxton Colts	Singleton Greyhounds



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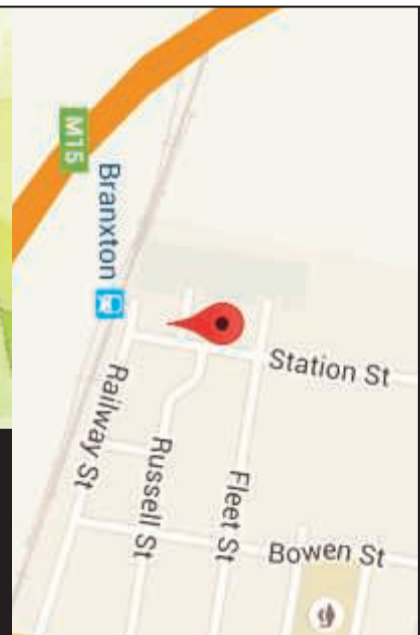
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