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A fitting tribute—'Better Homes & Gardens' do makeover & memorial in recognition of 'Sando's' service to the community

Paul 'Sando' Sanderson gave 19 years of his life doing voluntary service for his local community as a fully trained fire fighter with the North Rothbury Rural Fire Service. Unfortunately, in November last year 'Sando' unexpectedly passed away while on duty fighting a fire at Standford Merthyr. In his 19 years with the North Rothbury Rural Fire Service, and many as its Deputy, he continually bemoaned the fact that the 'fresned' surrounds needed some TLC & in the end he decided that he would do whatever was needed to give it a better look. Unfortunately, fate intervened & he never got to do it. With this in mind & coming close to 'Sando's'

anniversary, compatriot & mate, John 'JR' Ryan decided that it needed to be done. Those that know JR would acknowledge the fact that gardening is alien to his good nature so knowing his limitations he called on Jason Hodges, landscaper with the very popular TV series "Better Homes & Gardens", to see if they could lend a hand. Jason & the team from 'Better Homes & Gardens' accepted the challenge & last week, over just two days, the job was done with a fantastic result. With the help of 20 plus fire fighting veterans & other volunteers they worked tirelessly to complete the work. "I have been doing the TV show for 17 years now & I

have never met a nicer mob. They never once complained about the sometimes arduous mix of landscaping & making a TV show. It can be very boring getting the right shots for the show. They also gave their time unconditionally & I have made some good friends from our venture," said Jason. The show will air on Friday 21st October at 7pm on Chanel 7 &, no doubt, the North Rothbury Fire-shed will be the place to view it for all those that were part of the makeover. As well as the show the Rural Fire Service will also have an official opening of the garden & memorial close to 'Sando's' anniversary.



Photo top clockwise:- 1. The new landscaped memorial garden 2. 'Sando' 3. Memorial plaque 4. Better Homes & Garden landscaper Justin Hodges, second from left with the Sanderson family & John 'JR' Ryan, far left, from the Rural Fire Service & 5. Deena Sanderson gives the newly rejuvenated Fire Bell its first sounding

Deputy Captain Paul "Sando" Sanderson
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Wonderful local gesture to help Far Western graziers



Photo: Off to Bourke. From left Graham Duncan, Fiona Duncan, Peter Bennett & driver Steve Unicomb

INSPIRED by the 'Burrumbuttock Hay Run' local grazier John Unicomb, with some help from many people who emphasize with the plight of the farming & grazing community, have headed to Bourke with 47 round bales of hay to help their country cousins. John, with ample feed on his property & not able to sell the

hay decided that he could donate it to drought affected deserving graziers. Keep in mind he could have easily stored the hay for his own use down the track. So, plan hatched & with willing helpers, they headed off to Bourke last Saturday morning. John, and a few other helpers, headed off earlier in the day as forward scouts because of the

heavy rain that the intended route had received. John also supplied the heavy vehicle & the fuel for the long trip. The hay was dropped off at a depot in Bourke for future use for when it dries up which offcourse it will do. The party will stay a few days to relax & catch their breath at Col Paytons property near Bourke.

with the excess feed that I have. At the end of the day we can't solve any future drought, it is just a goodwill thing that is done by a growing group of volunteers. "Most of our theory behind the whole thing has been that if we can stop one farmer from selling his farm and walking away from it, or worse, we have done our job," said John. The all-up value of the gesture is estimated at around \$7000.

"I couldn't think of a better way to help

Watch Out for Wicked Weeds

Cessnock City Council is asking the community to report unusual plants for identification to help stop the spread of weeds. Recently, Mexican Sunflower (*Tithonia diversifolia*) plants were discovered in the local area. This species which has naturalised itself in South East Queensland and Northern NSW is an environmental weed that needs to be controlled so this does not occur in our area. Native to eastern Mexico and Central America the Mexican Sunflower is a pioneering weed that grows quickly. It can grow in cropland and also form dense infestations in areas of native vegetation having a negative impact on biodiversity and agricultural land. Mexican Sunflower is a robust perennial plant that reaches up to 4m tall. It has large daisy-like flowers that grow in small groups at the ends of long leafy branches. The flowers are 5-15 cm wide and look like sunflowers, but have yellow centres (not black/grey centres like other sunflower species). This plant is a prolific seeder and the seeds are retained until the plant dries in the dry season. The seeds are then spread easily by wind, water and the movement of people, livestock and vehicles. The Mexican Sunflower is very invasive and its dense infestations can also stop young native plants from growing. As part of the Regional Weed Action Program ongoing inspections help detect new weed incursions. Finding and controlling new incursions before they seed significantly reduces future problems. The best form of invasive species management is prevention. For more information or to report a suspicious plant visit: <http://www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au/environment/weeds> or <http://www.huntercentralcoastweeds.com.au/>

Spring Awakening has arrived!

Cessnock City Council is gearing up for Spring Awakening this Friday night, celebrating the start of spring.

Cessnock City Council's General Manager, Stephen Glen said it is going to be a fantastic evening and a breathtaking sight. "There has been a lot of excitement in the lead up to this event as people busily prepare their lanterns."

"The involvement from the community has been overwhelming with locals attending workshops, local artists creating masterpieces and students across the local government area making hundreds of lanterns."

"It will be mesmerising as the parade makes its way from the Cessnock Performing Arts Centre down Vincent Street led by the Cessnock Pipe and Drum band", Mr Glen said.

It all finishes up at TAFE parklands where there will be live music, warm fires, lasers, hot chocolate, roving performers, face painting, the Spring Poem Competition and the *Earthen Rhythms*' drum explosion workshop.

Remember to use the #SpringAwakening when posting to Facebook, Instagram or Twitter. The best snapper has the chance to score a family pass to The Listies 6D or tickets to the Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow next year at CPAC. The parade kicks off at 5:30pm sharp

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What's Happening & other matters

councillor seats are Independents which is vastly different to Cessnock where the ALP, The Greens & Liberals are running candidates in all wards & also for mayor. ABC 1233 radio interviewed an electoral officer from

the NSW Electoral Commission yesterday morning & I did learn something that I was not aware of; if you arrive at a polling booth and you are not on the electoral roll you can still vote providing you have proof of identity & where you live.

Some housekeeping:-
1. It is compulsory for Australian citizens resident in this council (Cessnock & Singleton), 18 years of age or older, to enrol and vote for representatives of their council on **Saturday, 10 September 2016**.

The penalty for not voting is \$55.

2. There is **no absent voting** so you must vote at a polling place or pre-poll venue issuing votes for your local council or ward. Sydney Town Hall will also be a polling place for this council. This means that you can vote at Sydney Town Hall on election day.



You were able to pre-poll vote at Sydney Town Hall from 29 August, if you are eligible.

3. Pre-polling ~ **SINGLETON COUNCIL**
Branxton Community Hall
07 Sep 2016 - 09 Sep 2016
Wed - Fri: 9:00am - 5:00pm
Shop 23, 159 John Street,

Singleton NSW 2330
29 Aug 2016 - 09 Sep 2016
Mon - Fri: 8:30am - 5:30pm
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Sat: 9:00am - 5:00pm & *Sydney Town Hall (same as above)*

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Interestingly long serving Greens Cessnock councillor James Ryan has elected to stand for mayor & mayor only. I suspect his chances of

winning that contest are fairly slim so it will be adiós, adieu, addio, adeus, sayonara, zàijiàn to James. Our next edition will include a full coverage of the results in both Cessnock & Singleton. Happy voting!

Cheers, Mike

Singleton Council: Mayor Candidates

Local Government Elections 2016 - Saturday, 10 September 2016

Surname	Given Names	Candidate Ballot Name	Locality	Party Affiliation or Independent
MCNAMARA	Anthony Bernard	McNAMARA Tony	BROKE	Independent
MOORE	Susan Rosalie	MOORE Sue	ELDERSLIE	Independent
MARTIN	John Alexander	MARTIN John	SINGLETON	

Cessnock City Council: Mayor Candidates

Local Government Elections 2016 - Saturday, 10 September 2016

Surname	Given Names	Candidate Ballot Name	Locality	Party Affiliation or Independent
DOHERTY	Rodney William	DOHERTY Rod	MOUNT VINCENT	Liberal
HARVEY	John Thomas	HARVEY John	QUORROBOLONG	Independent
OLSEN	Ian	OLSEN Ian	CESSNOCK	Independent
PYNSENT	Robert John	PYNSENT Bob	ELRINGTON	Country Labor
RYAN	James Alexander	RYAN James	KURRI KURRI	The Greens



Wine industry remains angry about WET changes. Consultations with Australia's wine industry confirm on-going anger at the Government's failure to consult over its proposed changes to the Wine Equalisation Tax Rebate. In the 2016 Budget, the Turnbull Government

announced two major changes to WET rebate arrangements. It plans to:

1. Reduce the rebate cap from \$500,000 to \$350,000
2. Declare only wine producers with a financial interest in a winery can claim the rebate

The first change is a revenue grab which will hit the bottom line of winemakers hard. The second measure is sold as one designed to prevent rorting but will hit hard

honest grape growers who sell wine under their own label produced by a contracted winery. Like the backpacker tax, the Government has failed to consult and poor policy is the outcome. It's time for this Government to undertake some meaningful discussion with those who are the backbone of our wonderful wine industry. *The Hon Joel Fitzgibbon MP, Shadow Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries And Forestry, Shadow*

Minister for Rural and Regional Australia Spokesperson for Country Caucus & Member for Hunter
Fairness is key test
The moral challenge facing this, and every, government is fairness. The PM should reflect on Teddy Roosevelt's statement, which was so profound it is engraved on his memorial. "The

test of our progress is not whether we add to the abundance of those who have much, it is whether we provide enough for those who have too little."
T. Smith, East Maitland

Sir Winston Churchill quotes "[Photographer: 'I hope, sir, that I will shoot your picture on your hundredth birthday.'] I don't see why not, young man. You look reasonably fit and healthy."
"[Bessie Braddock MP: **Winston, you are drunk, and what's more you are disgustingly drunk.**"]

Bessie, my dear, you are ugly, **and what's more, you are disgustingly ugly.** But tomorrow I shall be sober and you will still be disgustingly ugly."
"I could not live without Champagne. In victory I deserve it. In defeat I need it."



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Broke..... 6579 1491
Greta..... 4015 0000

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Local 'Rat of Tobruk' veteran Bert Ferres & wife Lottie pass away within 24 hours of each other

One of Australia's most decorated Second World War veterans has passed away. Bert Ferres, from Branxton, passed away on Saturday 27th August just 24 hours before his wife Lottie.



Bert was one of few surviving 'Rats of Tobruk'.

Bert received the Military Medal for bravery after the battle of Ed Duda in 1941. The Military Medal is only one of three awarded for bravery, the others being the VC & DCM.

A joint funeral is to be held tomorrow with Australia's best selling author & journalist, Peter FitzSimons, in attendance & speaking. Peter & Bert became good mates after Peter interviewed Bert preparatory to a book that he was writing on the World War II. In last Sunday's Sun-Herald Peter gave a fitting tribute to his friend.

I've already mentioned Bert Ferres in this column a couple of times, but this part bears repeating. See, on the night of November 29, 1941, at the Battle of Ed Duda, on the edge of Tobruk, Bert charged straight at a German machine-gun nest to save his battalion, and was awarded the highly prestigious Military Medal for his efforts. He returned from the war to marry the love of his life, sweet Lottie - who he met at St George Hospital where she was a nurse - and they lived happily ever after, up Hunter Valley way, raising two fine children. Still, it got a bit grim four years ago when Lottie had a stroke. No matter that he was past 90, Bert would muster himself to get on the bus every day to go and see her in the hospital, with unwavering devotion. When I asked him what he did while he was with Lottie, given that she couldn't speak, he replied: "I hold her hand, so she can sleep." Happily, a couple of years ago, they were moved into the same room at Calvary Cooina Nursing Home, Singleton - where they were both looked after like silkworms - and Bert remained devoted as ever. Whenever I visited while passing that way, there would be Bert, sitting by Lottie and holding her hand. "She knows I'm here," Bert would tell me, "and it calms her."

And it calmed Bert. He was never more content than when holding her hand, and notwithstanding his line that "When I die, I want to die like a soldier, with my boots on," in these last few years there was no doubt that while the spirit of the man who made the charge at Tobruk was strong, the man himself was getting ever weaker. Sadly, last Saturday night, Bert died. With no Bert to hold her hand, on Sunday, Lottie died less than 24 hours later. I'm honoured to be saying a few words at their joint funeral on Wednesday. Another great Rat of Tobruk is gone, as is his fine wife of nigh on seven decades. Lest We Forget.

<http://australiansatwarfilmarchive.unsw.edu.au/archive/484-herbert-ferres> for interview with Bert who tells his story.

Sue MOORE for Mayor -- SINGLETON



Please Vote **1** - MOORE for MAYOR

Elected to Singleton Council in 1999 I have now served 17 years as a Councillor including the honour of being Mayor for 4 years. I have gained a wealth of experience and knowledge in Local Government during this time and have also formed invaluable connections with State and Federal Ministers, Mayors and General Managers from adjoining areas. I have a firm understanding of the complicated Local Government rules and regulations. I have a proven record of fair representation to all areas. I have the time, experience, enthusiasm and energy for a 4 year commitment as Singleton Mayor.

Written & authorised by Sue Moore 122 Stanhope Rd Elderslie 2335



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The current nomination form can be obtained either by contacting my office or be downloaded from the website of the NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet at www.dpc.nsw.gov.au/programs_and_services/nsw_government_awards. The nomination form must be filled out and then signed by a referee (e.g. coach or instructor) who is an official representative of the NSW state organisation for which the nominee has been selected to represent NSW. Following the competition, the completed nomination form is then submitted to the nominee's local NSW State Member of Parliament for endorsement and submission to the Protocol and Special Events Branch of the NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet.

Further information regarding the Award can be obtained from the above mentioned website, by email to awards@dpc.nsw.gov.au or by phoning Protocol and Special Events on 9228 5016.

SCHOOL ZONE OFFENCES

A reminder about some of the road signs located around schools and on streets and what the signs mean.

There are monetary penalties and demerit points for disobeying the signs which are issued by Cessnock City Council Rangers and/or NSW Police. If you receive a penalty notice, not knowing or understanding the meaning of the signs is not a valid defence when appealing to State Debt Recovery for the penalty to be reviewed.

No Parking: You have 2 minutes to drop-off or pick up but you must stay in your vehicle or within 3 metres of your vehicle.

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Bus Zone: You must not stop your vehicle in a bus zone unless you are driving a public bus – you cannot drop off or pick up a passenger.

Speed Signs: Must be strictly observed.

School Zone Speed Signs: Must be strictly observed during designated school times, this includes pupil free days as this is still a gazetted school day. Even if your school breaks up early, school zones still apply.

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?

The NSW Office of Environment and Heritage is offering discounts on fridges and TVs to eligible members of the public so that they can be replaced with new, energy efficient models.

To be eligible you must meet the following conditions:

- Be a NSW resident
- Hold one of the following valid concession cards:
 - Pensioner Concession Card
 - Health Care Card or Low Income Health Care Card from Centrelink
 - Veterans' Affairs Gold Card

Own a fridge six years old, or older, and want to replace it OR

Own a plasma or cathode ray tube (CRT) television and want to replace it

The offer is:

- a 40% discount on the cost of a fridge.
- a 50% discount on the cost of a TV.

If you're eligible you can:

Choose from a range of energy efficient fridges and TVs from retail partner The Good Guys.

Have your new appliance delivered to your home and installed.

Have your old appliance removed and recycled.

The program permits the purchase of a maximum of one fridge and one TV per household.

Installation and removal cannot be guaranteed for areas more than 50km from one of The Good Guys stores. To confirm if installation and removal is available in your area, please contact The Good Guys on 1300 601 795

TV installation does not include channel tuning, connecting the TV to other devices or wall mounting. The discounts are being funded by the NSW Government through the Home Energy Action Program. The Program runs until 30 June 2017 and discounts are available only during this time and are subject to Government funding and the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) approval. Applying online does not form a contract between you and OEH.

Applications can only be made online at:

<http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/households/appliance-replacement-offer.htm>

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

You also follow me on my Facebook page "www.facebook.com/claytonbarrmp", go to Twitter and search @claytonbarrmp or check out my website at www.claytonbarr.com.au

Cheers Clayton



JOEL FITZGIBBON MP Member for Hunter

The 45th Parliament met for the first time last week and it was certainly an interesting start. Malcolm Turnbull's Double Dissolution election and his changes to the Senate voting rules were supposed to deliver certainty, stability and a functioning Parliament. It seems they have done anything but. The Senate is a disaster. The non-major party Senators now number 20 and the Coalition has just 30 of the 76 seats. To pass legislation it needs 39 votes and

more often than not, the Prime Minister will be hostage to One Nation. No development last week suggests otherwise.

In the House of Representatives it didn't take long to confirm the Prime Minister's so-called "working majority" was anything but. Labor has said it will be cooperative in the Parliament in order to best serve the national interest. In our view a Royal Commission into the banks and financial services sector is in the nation's interest.

So when the Senate voted in favour of a Royal Commission and sent a message to the House asking us to agree, Labor did all it could to facilitate and support the request.

What we didn't expect was a win but we almost secured one. Indeed we won three of the procedural votes necessary to secure - and possibly win - a vote of the Royal Commission motion. Sadly, the Government ran a "filler buster" (talked and talked to take up time) while it scrambled to get Members who had knocked-off early back to the building. It worked. Around two hours into the debate, the Government managed to cobble together a one vote win. Buckle up; it's going to be an interesting ride!

Royal Commissions have taken on some prominence in recent years. Royal commissions are established under specific legislation that confers specific powers of investigation on them. At the Commonwealth level that legislation is the [Royal Commission Act 1902](#). It was one of the first pieces of legislation introduced in federal parliament by then Attorney General, later Prime Minister, Alfred Deakin. Only the Governor General can establish a Royal Commission and he or she does so on the advice of the Executive (the Cabinet). The Parliament has no power to establish a Royal Commission. The motion which passed the Senate last week and almost passed the House - was simply a call on the Cabinet to establish one. I am always keen to assist with issues or questions relating to Federal Government departments or put you in contact with someone who can, so please ring, write, visit the website or call in.

Why not go the extra step by following me on my Facebook page "Joel Fitzgibbon" or on Twitter @fitzhunter. Check my website at www.joelfitzgibbon.com or you can even sign up to my e-newsletter. To contact the office, phone 1300301753, visit www.joelfitzgibbon.com or post to 3 Edwards Street, PO Box 526 Cessnock, 2325

Cheers, Joel

Cessnock City Council

The Mayoral Debate is over for another year with St Phillip's Christian College taking out the title for the second year running. St Phillip's Christian College and Kurri Kurri High School debating teams were named in the final following the heats in mid-August. The grand final saw the students debate the topic, 'That mental health has changed since the introduction of digital technology'. It was a great topic allowing students to explore an important issue very relevant to their lives as avid users of digital technology.

It was a tight debate however St Phillip's Christian College were named the champions, arguing for the affirmative. Congratulations to each student involved in the 2016 Mayoral Debate, it is a fantastic experience for not only the students but for those in the audience whose own thoughts are challenged by each teams arguments. As many of you know at the start of August Cessnock City Council was named the Best Youth Week 2016 at the NSW Local Government Awards.

While the trophy says Cessnock City Council this accolade was earned by the many people involved including young people, businesses and community organisations. On the August 25 Council held the Youth Week Awards Ceremony to recognise all the wonderful people involved. Around fifty people received an award for their contributions and efforts in making Youth Week 2016 an incredible event for young people. We should all be very proud of what we achieved through working together to create an excellent week of activities and events.

Last week marked the launch of [FlyingfoxEngage](#), an online survey giving the community an opportunity to share their thoughts on how to manage the East Cessnock Flying-fox camp. Not only is it an opportunity for the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage, Department of Industry- Lands and Council to hear from residents but gives detailed information about each of the 20 options under consideration. Residents are encouraged to do the survey which will only take 5 to 10 minutes.

Council is working hard in preparation for the Newcastle Jets and the Western Sydney Wanderers A-league pre-season clash on Saturday September 24 at the Cessnock Sportsground. Tickets are available for sale at [Ticketmaster](#) and from the Hunter Valley Visitor Centre. More details about the Jet's clinic for young footballers will be released on the Jet's website www.newcastlejets.com.au. Spring Awakening has arrived for 2016 with Friday's lantern parade set to be another excellent event. It will be great to see all the lanterns on display which school children have been working hard on over the last couple of months. This is an event which is truly mesmerising and one not to be missed. It starts at 5:30pm, leaving from the Cessnock Performing Arts Centre.



MICHAEL JOHNSEN MP Member for Upper Hunter

State Matters HOUSEHOLDS TO SAVE ABOUT \$140 IN ENERGY BILLS

I am pleased to announce that eligible households should apply for NSW Government Home Energy Action appliance program discounts to replace inefficient TVs and fridges.

The 40 per cent discount on the cost of a fridge and a 50 per cent discount on a cost of a TV are expected to save households an average of \$140 a year on their energy bills. Replacing power hungry TVs and fridges is an easy way to lower your energy bills. Replacing an old and inefficient fridge will save a household up to \$200 a year on its energy bill. Replacing an inefficient TV will also save a household up to \$125 a year on its energy bill. Eligible households must be:

- A NSW resident; and
- Hold either a valid Pensioner Concession Card, Health Care Card or Low Income Health Care Card from Centrelink or a Gold

Card from Veterans' Affairs. The fridge being replaced is six years or older and the TV being replaced must be a plasma or cathode ray tube (CRT) TV.

The scheme could also reduce about 11,500 tonnes of carbon emissions every year, which was like taking more than 2,800 cars off the road, if 20,000 households each used the subsidy to replace one appliance.

The offer is available until the \$4 million program budget is exhausted. To apply for a subsidy, visit <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/households/appliance-replacement-offer.htm>.

For more information regarding this appliance replacement offer please contact my electorate office by phoning 6543 1065 or email upperhunter@parliament.nsw.gov.au

PUT IN YOUR TEN CENTS' WORTH ON DEPOSIT SCHEME

The biggest initiative to tackle litter in the state's history has moved a step closer to reality, with draft legislation on the NSW Government's 10-cent container deposit scheme going out to public consultation.

The scheme, which will mean eligible drink containers between 150 ml and three litres can be returned for a 10 cent refund, is scheduled to roll out across the state in July 2017.

The container deposit scheme (CDS) was now at the stage of consulting with the public on the details.

A draft bill and discussion paper, on public exhibition until Wednesday, 21 September, aims to provide details to the public on how the scheme was proposed to work, including:

- How the scheme will be coordinated
- How the network of collection points will work
- How refunds will work including the potential for contactless (mobile phone) refunds
- How the scheme will interact with kerbside recycling, and Roles and obligations under the scheme

From next year the people of NSW will be able to return most drink containers and receive 10 cents, while playing a part in reducing litter volume by 40 per cent by 2020.

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For further information regarding the Tech Savvy Seniors Program, please visit www.training.nsw.gov.au.

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Break, Enter and Steal/ Branxton:

Between 20:00 on Friday 26 August 2016 and 08:00 on Saturday 27 August 2016 Person/s unknown have accessed the detached garage at the stated location being Fleet st, Branxton by opening a closed but unlocked front roller door.

Inside the offender/s have rummaged through cupboards and have stolen a mountain bike, circular saw and power drill from the garage.

There is nil damage to the premise and the victim was at home asleep inside the house at the time of the incident.

Single Vehicle MVA/ Mitchells Flat

Incident: Single vehicle accident Time: 14.50 Date: 27th August 2016 Rider: Male, aged 82 from Lorn

Location: Mitchell's Flat Road Mitchell's Flat On the 27th August 2016 around 14.50, the rider of the motor cycle was heading in a southerly direction at a stated speed of 30kph upon Mitchell Flat Road Mitchell's Flat.

When approaching a causeway that had 4 to 6

spraining his left ankle. Police investigations have determined that due to the road condition and the rider taking all care at the time of the incident, no infringement would be issued to the rider. The rider of the vehicle sustained a sprained left ankle. Vehicle towed from the scene.

Mid Range PCA/Branxton:

T/D: 0100 Saturday 20 August 2016 LOC : McMullins Road Branxton RE : PCA POI: Male, aged 18 from Maitland. VOI: 4X4 Holden Colorado About 0100 am on Saturday the 20 August 2016 the accused, was the driver of a white Holden Utility with Western Australian Registration travelling south along McMullins street, Branxton.

At the time police were conducting breath tests and stopped the vehicle. The accused was subjected to a road side breath test which proved positive.

The driver was arrested and conveyed to Singleton Police Station.

The accused underwent a breath analysis, that breath analysis returned a reading of 0.086 grammes of alcohol in 210 litres of breath.

The accused was issued a Field Court Attendance Notice for Mid Range PCA and is to attend Singleton Local Court on the 29/09/2016.

MVA/Belford: TIME/DATE: About 09:40 on Thursday 18th August 2016 LOC: New England Highway Belford,



approximately 200m north of Kirkton Road VEH1: White Nissan Dualis DAMAGE: Significant front end damage, damage to driver and passenger side doors DRIVER: Male, aged 72 from Singleton Heights About 09:45 on Thursday 18th August 2016, a White Nissan Station Wagon was travelling northbound along the New England Highway. At this time a witness has observed the vehicle travel across the lane where it has swerved and lost control before leaving the roadway and going in to the edge of a water pond and striking a tree. The rear of the vehicle came to rest in the water and the front of the vehicle suffered significant damage. All air bags within the vehicle had deployed. The witness stopped to aid the driver of the vehicle and at this time he appeared dazed and confused. As a result an Ambulance was called to the location to treat the male. Police on attendance observed the driver to be sitting at the rear tray of the witness vehicle where he was quite alert and talking with a NSW Fire Officer. Ambulance staff treated the driver who stated

that he was suffering some pain in his chest and back as a result of the collision. The driver was conveyed via Ambulance to John Hunter Hospital to treat his injuries. Police contacted the John Hunter Hospital later that afternoon where Nursing Staff stated that the driver had no life threatening issues and was sore in the body from the collision. The driver was staying in the hospital for the evening to monitor his condition. Further enquiries continuing.

Break, Enter and Steal/ Warkworth:

Between 21:00 on Friday 19 August 2016 and 07:00 on Monday 22 August 2016. Unknown person/s have gained entry to the above premise in Wallaby Scrub Road, Warkworth by forcing the lock on the ground floor front door of 3 sheds by unknown means. The first shed had 3 rooms which offender/s entered and the other 2 sheds had one room.

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Eczema (atopic dermatitis)
Atopic dermatitis (commonly known as eczema) is an inherited, chronic inflammatory skin condition that usually appears in early childhood. Patches of skin become red, scaly and itchy. Sometimes, tiny blisters containing clear fluid can form and the affected areas of skin can weep. Weeping is a sign that the dermatitis has become infected, usually with the bacterium *Staphylococcus aureus* ('golden staph'). Eczema is not contagious. Eczema can vary in severity and symptoms may flare up or subside from day to day. If your eczema becomes worse, disrupts sleep or becomes infected, see your doctor. Using moisturisers and cortisone-based ointments can help ease the symptoms. It is also important to avoid skin irritants, such as soap, hot water and synthetic fabrics. Children with eczema have a higher risk of developing food allergies, asthma and hay fever later in childhood. Causes of eczema
Eczema is caused by a person's inability to repair damage to the skin barrier. This is due to a mutation in the gene called filaggrin. Filaggrin is important for formation of the skin barrier. Normally, every cell in the skin has two copies of the filaggrin gene. However, people who are susceptible to eczema only have one copy of this gene. Although you only need only one copy of the gene to form a normal skin barrier, two copies are important for skin barrier repair. **If a person's skin is** exposed to irritants and their skin barrier is affected, a person with only one copy of the gene may

find that their ability to repair the skin barrier is limited. Once the skin barrier is disrupted, moisture leaves the skin and the skin will become dry and scaly. Environmental allergens (irritants from the person's surrounds) can also enter the skin and activate the immune system, producing inflammation that makes the skin red and itchy. You are more likely to get eczema if your family has a history of eczema or allergic conditions, including hay fever and asthma. In most cases, eczema is not caused or aggravated by diet. If you feel a food is to blame, see your doctor or a dietitian for proper allergy testing and dietary advice. While eczema causes stress, and stress may increase the energy with which you scratch, stress does not in itself cause eczema. Management of eczema Most people with eczema find that their symptoms are made worse by common aspects of daily living, such as hot weather, frequent showering, soap, ducted central heating and overheating in bed at night. There are things you can do that may help you to better manage your eczema and reduce the frequency of flare-ups. Always see your doctor or dermatologist for further information and advice. Eczema coping tips – good hygiene Skin affected by eczema is more vulnerable to a range of infections, including impetigo, cold sores and warts. The bacterium *Staphylococcus aureus* may cause a secondary infection of impetigo, and possibly contribute to the symptoms of eczema. Suggestions for washing include:
* Take lukewarm baths or showers, and avoid really hot showers.
* Don't use ordinary soap, as the ingredients may aggravate your eczema. Wash your body with warm water alone. For armpits and groin, use soap-free products, such as sorbolene cream.
* Bath oils can help to moisturise your skin while bathing. When towelling dry, pat rather than rub your skin. Eczema coping tips – reducing skin irritation People with eczema have sensitive skin. Irritants such as heat or detergents can easily trigger a bout of eczema. Suggestions for reducing skin

irritation include:
* Avoid overheating your skin. Wear several layers of clothing that you can remove, as required, instead of one heavy layer. Don't put too many blankets on your bed and avoid doonas.
* Don't use perfumed bubble bath or bath products labelled 'medicated'.
* Wear soft, smooth materials next to your skin, preferably 100 per cent cotton. Avoid scratchy materials, such as pure wool, polyester or acrylic. You could try a cotton and synthetic mix material – this is fine for some people with eczema. Remove labels from clothing.
* Always wear protective gloves when using any type of chemical or detergent. You may want to wear cotton gloves inside rubber or PVC gloves.
Avoid chlorinated pools. If you have to swim in a chlorinated pool, moisturise your skin well when you get out. Eczema coping tips – beauty products Suggestions for the use of beauty products include:
* Remember that even hypoallergenic cosmetics can irritate your skin. Whenever possible, keep your face free of make-up.
* Avoid perfumes, fragranced skin lotions and strongly scented shampoos. When using a new cosmetic, try testing it first on a small, inconspicuous area of skin such as your forearm. If you experience a reaction, don't use the product again. Eczema coping tips – allergies In some cases, eczema may be an allergic reaction to environmental triggers. Some people with resistant eczema may find it helpful to have allergy testing (for example, prick testing for common environmental allergens such as house-dust mites, moulds and grass pollens). Eczema coping tips – avoid changes in temperature Abrupt temperature and humidity changes can sometimes irritate the skin – for example, going in and out of air-conditioned buildings on hot days or heated buildings on cold days. Hard physical activity or exercise that makes you sweat heavily can also trigger the itch of eczema.

inches of water in it, the rider has entered slowly. At some point in time there has been a build up of sludge and moss on the bottom of the cement causeway which has caused the front wheel of the bike to slide side ways and fall from underneath the rider at the time

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On Saturday 30th July an entertaining evening enjoyed by a crowd of over 100 gathered at Branxton Golf Club to help raise money for the Harry Meyn Foundation. Twelve local entertainers 'strutted-their-stuff' in the inaugural "Our Towns Got Talent" show to the joy of the large crowd. The organising committee would like to thank the performers &

those that attended. "The night was a complete success & we raised over \$1000 for the Harry Meyn Foundation," said organising committee member Tony Bercini. "The entertainment was well above expectation & thoroughly enjoyed by everyone who attended." "The night was not a competition but next year we will make it a competition," said Tony.

Flying-fox Camp Survey

Cessnock City Council, in a partnership with the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage, Department of Industry – Lands, launched FlyingfoxEngage last week. This online survey will give the community an opportunity to share their thoughts on how to manage the East Cessnock Flying-fox camp. Cessnock City Council General Manager, Stephen Glen said Council is working closely with agencies, land managers and other stakeholders to develop a management plan for the camp. "FlyingfoxEngage is a decision support tool which will give an indication of the options for management preferred by the community". "We recognise the proximity of the camp to homes, businesses and the primary school has caused concerns within the community, particularly for those directly adjacent to the camp". "FlyingfoxEngage is a quick and easy way for residents to share their views, which will then be considered as a key part of the management plan", Mr Glen said.



The online survey provides stakeholders an opportunity to learn more about flying-fox behaviour, the complexity of each option and strategies under consideration. The survey asks users to rank a series of questions from not important to extremely important and based on the answers generates a tailored list of management options. Cessnock City Council encourages residents to complete the survey which only takes about 5 to 10 minutes. Visit <http://www.flyingfoxengage.com/eastcessnock> to share your ideas.

Found in Greta

The ever popular Saturday Morning ABC 1233 radio 'Treasure Hunt' found itself in Greta last Saturday. The clues were obscurely cryptic, as always, & I never cease to wonder in amazement at the ability of those who participant. Presenter Sarah Shands (with red envelope) found the 'Red Envelope' at Norman Brown Park & then, with more absurd clues, headed to Brokenback Road in Dalwood Acres, Branxton. The chase eventually ended in Cessnock with a technical win with Sarah just a few moments from the Treasure in O'Shea Circuit, Cessnock at midday.



A-Plus Contracting ~ Hunter Valley Mining Charity Rugby League Knockout Competition; a must go!

Saturday 8 October 2016
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Author and presenter Monte Dwyer visits Kurri Kurri and Cessnock Libraries

Cessnock City Council is excited to announce author and presenter, Monte Dwyer will be in Cessnock and Kurri Kurri next month for an author talk. Monte Dwyer was born in Newcastle and has had an extremely successful career as the weather presenter on the ABC which led to his role on the Today show from 1991 to 2002. Throughout his media career he has also been a playwright, an actor, a radio announcer, a newspaper columnist, an author, a musician and a sometime journalist. A career highlight was back in 2007 when Charles Woolley talked Mr Dwyer into driving around the country in a camper-van, sourcing and broadcasting stories for his (then) radio show, 'Across Australia'. His presentation is expected to focus on his travels around Australia, where he may even treat audiences to a song. The event is on Thursday 8th September, 2pm at Kurri Kurri Library and 6pm at Cessnock Library. Books, audio books and DVDs will be available for purchase and signing. Booking are essential with refreshment to be provided at the events. To book your place please contact your hosting library, Kurri Kurri Library 4937 1638, karen.bruce@cessnock.nsw.gov.au or Cessnock Library 4993 4399, library@cessnock.nsw.gov.au.



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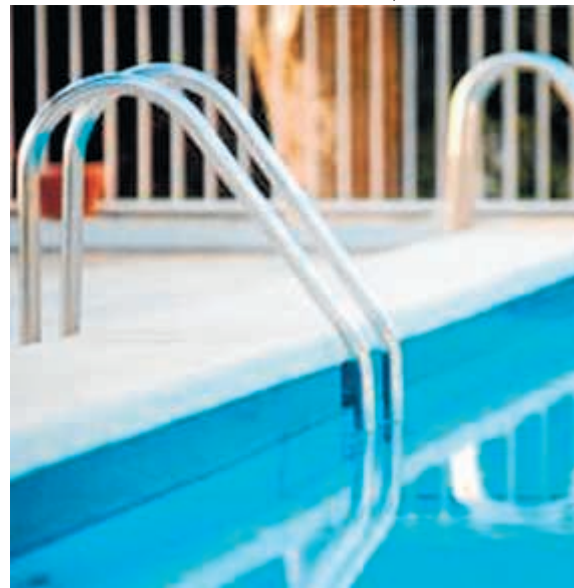
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children around swimming pools, with drowning the leading cause of preventable death in children under five years of age.

REINSW CEO Tim McKibbin said: "It is mandatory as part of the sale of properties with a swimming pool to acquire a certificate of compliance or non-compliance and attach it to the contract



being accepted until 30 August. Youth Off The Streets offers care to young people aged 12 - 22 who are homeless, abused, suffering from addiction or in general need of help.

Damien sits on its Development Committee and decided to organise the event after many years of involvement with the charity. He explained: "I have been involved with Youth Off The Streets for many years and it has made me realise that we take so many things for granted.

"I wanted to create an event of scale, but I knew I couldn't do it on my own and that's what led to the idea of the sleep out. "It is a way for the industry to come together in a powerful act of support. The fundraising format encourages people to set their own goal value and reach out to their own networks for donations. "This year Savills were our number one support team who raised the most money which was fantastic and it

would be great to see more get involved next year.

Swimming pools failing to comply

Over 30% of Sydney properties sold with swimming pools failed to get a compliance certificate, or certificate of non-compliance as part of new regulations brought in on 29 April 2016.

The figure was released in a Sydney Morning Herald article, according to a survey by property specialists Aitken Lawyers on 60 properties. The survey compared properties with pools for sale on Domain against the NSW Government's Swimming Pool Register, and checked each sales contract. The results found 20 properties were non-compliant, and only one had a non-compliance certificate.

The NSW Government decided to enact specific swimming legislation to improve the safety of

"We have been educating agents about this at our REINSW Roadshows and have created a section on our website about pool compliance to ensure the information is easy to access and understand.

"A shocking 95% of pools fail their first inspection and so it is crucial to act as soon as possible to make sure pools comply. This not only avoids problems selling a property, but ensures it is safe to use."

What certificate do you need?

Under the new regulations an agent selling a property with a swimming pool or spa pool must attach to the sales contract one of the following prescribed documents:

- a certificate of compliance a relevant occupation certificate, plus evidence that the pool is registered on the NSW Swimming Pool Register
- a certificate of non-compliance, which gives the new owner 90

days after settlement to have the pool certified as compliant.

If the appropriate documents are not provided, the purchaser may rescind the contract within 14 days of exchange, unless settlement has already occurred. An agent cannot market a property without having a contract available for inspection. The definition of a contract includes all of the prescribed documents inclusive of the certificate of compliance or non-compliance.

Where an agent is leasing a property, a copy of the valid compliance certificate or relevant occupation certificate (as the case may be) must be given to the tenant at the time of entering into the residential

tenancy agreement.

How is a certificate issued?

A certificate of compliance or non-compliance must be issued by a local council or accredited certifier registered with the Building Professionals Board, so there is no form for property agents or owners to download. To obtain a certificate, you can either contact your local council or a private accredited certifier listed on the NSW Swimming Pool Register.

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Cessnock City Council is hosting a free information session for those 'gearing up' to supervise learner drivers. The information session will be held on Thursday 8 September 2016 from 6pm to 8pm, at the Cessnock City Council Administration Building (entry off Cumberland Street). The evening will offer practical advice for parents, grandparents, neighbours and friends who are involved in teaching a learner driver. Topics will include: understanding current laws that apply to L and P licence holders recently announced rule changes for novice drivers completing the learner driver log book understanding the benefits of supervised on-road driving experience tactics for supervising learner drivers low risk driving. Cessnock City Council Road Safety Officer, Warren Jeffery said the workshop aims to take some of the stress out of

instructing learner drivers by answering frequently asked questions. "People will come away understanding the requirements of obtaining a licence and updated knowledge of the road rules," Mr Jeffery said. Cessnock City Council General Manager, Stephen Glen said giving our learner drivers the best possible start will help make our roads safer, not only for learner drivers but for all road users", Mr Glen said. According to Roads and Maritime Services statistics the Cessnock local government area averages close to 700 learner drivers per year. Participants will receive a free information kit to take home and light refreshments will be provided. Places are limited.

To book for the free workshop contact Council by telephone on 4993 4244 or email council@cessnock.nsw.gov.au



We recently went on a walking excursion down to the IGA and Branxton Bakery and wanted to thank the many people we passed and that greeted us on our travels. The children were so excited to be able to do their own shopping. They wrote a shopping list and

went down to purchase some ingredients to have a cooking experience when they returned to Preschool. Along the way the children looked at the house numbers and shop numbers, tried to recognise letters on the shop names, all of which developed

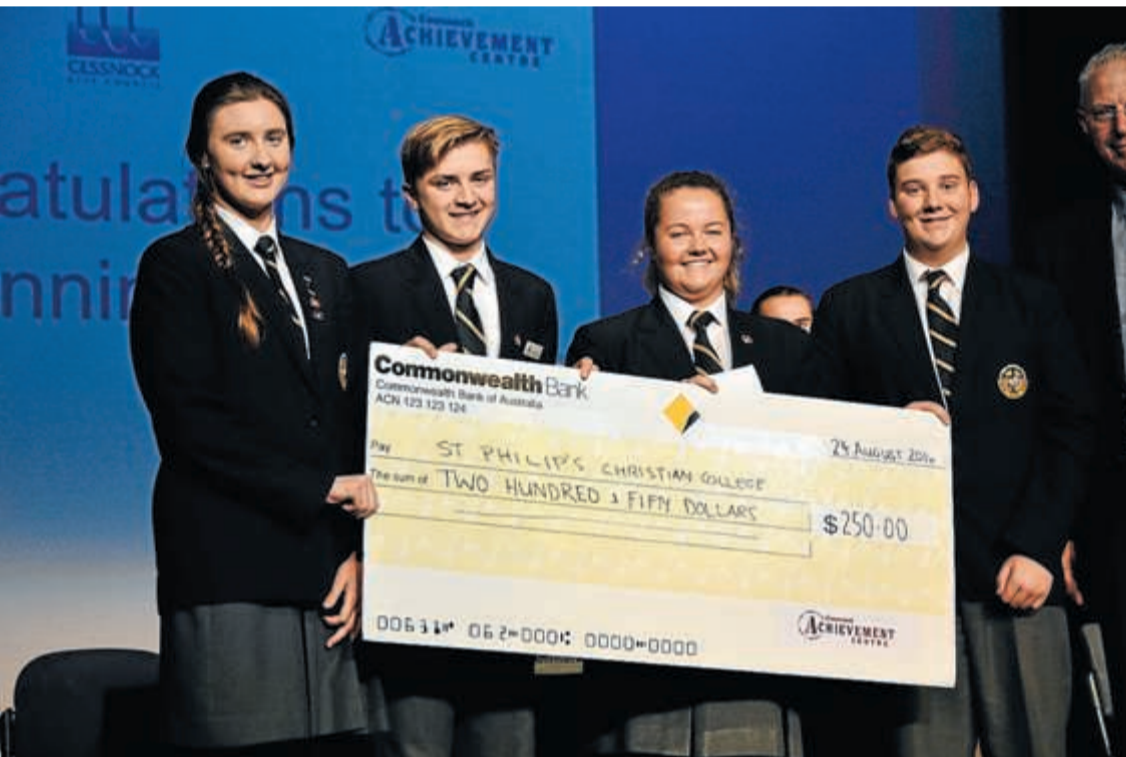
excursion was on the way home we asked the children what they thought the Chinese take away shop was, they weren't sure so Muz gave a hint she read the words "Prawn Chips \$3" The children quickly said CHINESE.

literacy and numeracy skills. Counting, number recognition, letter recognition and the learning possibilities were endless. The priceless part of this entire

Children quickly connect home and family experiences with experiences they are exposed to at Preschool. It is these valuable partnerships that ensure the children feel a strong sense of belong to not only their Family, our Preschool Family but also to their Community. Making meaningful connections with our local community is so important. We are so fortunate to life within a community that embraced these learning experiences and we extend a very sincere thank you to the IGA and Bakery for making us feel so welcome. We can't wait to visit other local businesses soon.

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St Philip's Christian College Back to Back Debating Champions

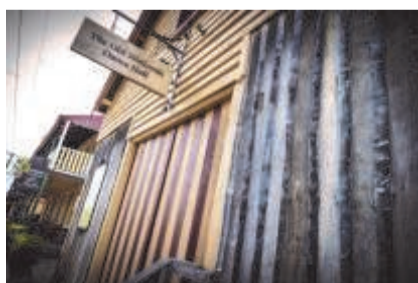


Kurri Kurri High School and St Philips Christian College went head-to-head in this year's Mayoral Debate Final at the Cessnock Performing Arts Centre.

The teams debated the topic 'That mental health has changed since the introduction of digital technology' with St Philips Christian College arguing for the affirmative and Kurri Kurri High School for the negative. The Adjudicators' final decision saw St Philip's Christian College take out the title which included \$250 in prize money for their school. Cessnock City Council General Manager, Stephen Glen said both teams were very well

prepared and the research they had undertaken shone through during each speech. "Each team shared interesting statistics and convincing perspectives on the topic, challenging the audience to really consider their point of view. All the students who participated in the heats and the final should be very proud of their efforts, we are fortunate to have so many young, bright minds in our community", Mr Glen said. The Mayoral Debate has been running for seven years, with local business Rover Motors and the Cessnock Achievement Centre sponsoring the event.

Celebrating Yesteryear



Cessnock City Council is celebrating History Week 2016 and the theme is neighbours, where we'll be looking at the colonial era of the Cessnock LGA District and the importance of community.

Local historian Carl Hoipo and Stuart Gibson will be at Cessnock City Library talking about our early settlers, the first hotels and rural industries that forged the community we know today.

Cessnock City Council General Manager, Stephen Glen said this region has such a rich history and is one of Australia's earliest settlements. "Recently Council adopted a Heritage policy that will guide the maintenance and restoration period properties, helping to preserve the heritage character of the area for future generations to enjoy". "The presentation at Cessnock Library is a great opportunity for the community to learn more about the people, places and jobs that created Cessnock and its surrounds" said Mr Glen.

Event: Cessnock District in the Colonial Era. **Date:** 7 September **Time:** 10am **Location:** Cessnock Library. This event is free but bookings are essential as morning tea will be provided. For further information or to book your place please call 49934399.

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Location: 103 Old North Road – Farley

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Hack in a Flak Jacket Wars, riots and revolutions – dispatches from a foreign correspondent By Peter Stefanovic

This is an edited extract from Hack in a Flak Jacket Malaysian Airlines flight MH17 had disappeared somewhere east of the country's second city, Donetsk, where I'd already spent several weeks that year reporting on a civil war that was raging between the Ukrainian military and Russian-backed separatists. I watched the news unfold on Twitter and various news wires from my hotel desk in Gaza where we'd been reporting on rising tensions with Israel. Planes don't just go missing, so we assumed it had crashed. Also, the passenger liner was on its way to Kuala Lumpur from Amsterdam and so it was highly likely Australians would be on board. Cameraman Luke Wilson and I started packing our bags in preparation to fly to Donetsk, but as we were preparing to walk out of the hotel doors, the Israeli Defence Force made a stunning announcement — it was invading Gaza. This was also very big news but the decision about which story to cover was taken out of my hands. The border between Gaza and Israel was now closed and wouldn't be reopened for days, if not weeks. Luke and I were stuck in Gaza, and in for the long haul. I felt torn. I wanted to cover the plane crash because I knew the region and its players so well, but I also wanted to stay in Gaza for the same reason.

But ultimately, reporting on conflict is my preference. It also irritates me when I can't see a story through. The adrenaline rush that comes with war reporting can be quite addictive. (Winston Churchill once said that nothing in life is as exhilarating as being shot at without a result. I can certainly relate to that after two bullets narrowly missed me while reporting in Libya in 2011.) I never took unnecessary risks — and of course the story was never about me — but I always felt a certain excitement whenever I stepped into a theatre of war. The night following Israel's announcement was bloody and brutal, and all I heard was the long, sustained volley of rockets that launched and exploded minute after minute. The next morning, I received a frantic phone call from our fixer in Gaza, Ameerah. Almost breathless,

she said, "Peter, it's been a very bad night. I haven't slept at all. The Israelis were bombing and bombing and bombing. There is a suburb called Shejaia in the east that has been destroyed. There are dozens of dead bodies still lying on the street. People were killed as they ran away from their homes. It's a massacre. I need to go home and be with my children so I am sending a friend of mine to drive you around today. His name is Omar and he will look after you. It's okay, you can trust him."

What was to come was, quite simply, the most confronting and disturbing day of my life.

Omar picked us up and drove us to the main al-Shifa hospital, which was completely overwhelmed. Outside the ER, ambulance after ambulance pulled up and dropped off the dead and wounded. Most of the people had suffered horrendous injuries, such as missing limbs, broken bones, severe cuts and wounds. It was a very hot day and doctors were pushing and yelling at one another out of frustration. They were doing their best to maintain control in an environment where it could so easily have slipped away.

Resources were absolutely stretched because medical supplies were already low. It was a desperate case of providing attention and resources to only those who could be saved.

I walked around the back of the hospital to see how the morgue was coping. I saw what I would describe as a pile of bodies. Mothers were crying, brothers were wailing, it was an awfully sad sight. It's religious custom for those of the Muslim faith to be buried on the same day of their death and family members were doing their best to make sure that was happening. The bodies were loaded into freezers until they could be

identified. Then they were wrapped in a white blanket, picked up, and taken to a funeral. But it was a day of extraordinary circumstance. There was hardly any more room inside the morgue, so bodies were left in the open. Piles of dead children lay on the blood-stained floor.

The damage was so severe that we heard a ceasefire had been agreed between Israeli and Palestinian authorities. A temporary two-hour break in fighting to allow paramedics to get into Shejaia and pick up the dead bodies or rescue any remaining survivors. I agreed with Luke and Omar that we would go and at least check out things in Shejaia.

Jackets and helmets on. It was a fifteen-minute drive to the densely packed eastern suburbs of Gaza, which had been completely destroyed by war.

The streets were flattened and huge columns of black smoke rose from several areas.

Paramedics were rushing from house to house pulling dead bodies out from underneath the rubble.

I walked past dozens of bodies. One elderly lady, whose clamped hands dangled off the stretcher, had died with a look of fear in her eyes. Half-a-dozen drones circled the sky above. A swarm of them buzzing away.

Luke filmed as fast as he could to try and capture the madness and devastation. Burnt shells of cars, crushed homes and mosques, collapsed trees and powerlines on the ground. It was apocalyptic.

I felt incredibly uneasy, so after about 15 minutes we sped out of there. Not even 10 minutes after we escaped, the ceasefire collapsed, and the death toll continued to climb.

The arithmetic of death was

about 20:1 — 20 dead Palestinians to one Israeli. But civilians in Gaza made up about 75 per cent of the victims. That was a staggering amount. It's no wonder rage bubbled to the surface.

It's always nice to get fan mail, and these were some of the lovely notes I received while reporting in Gaza during the fifty-day war in 2014.

You son of a bitch. Let's hope Hamas hunts you down.

You are a cretin.

Next time the rocket will land on you, hopefully.

You will end up being dragged around the streets tied to a motorbike until you die.

You may not survive.

The messages were delivered to me via Twitter, after I'd observed that a rocket had been fired from a compound across the road from my hotel and was on its way to Israel.

It wasn't an aggressive post, it was just something that I witnessed, and in the interests of balance I perhaps naively reported it. The threats continued for hours.

Someone giving deadly information to enemy while a guest of Gaza is not a journalist but a spy. Spies get shot.

Filthy Zionist pet dog.

Kick this man out of Gaza.

The irony was that I'd been in Gaza for weeks and had covered the lopsided scale of Palestinian death and destruction caused by Israel's military might. In any case, I got the message. I'd never received any death threats before, and when someone says you should die, you tend to take notice.

I took the messages seriously, and began to feel as though Luke and I might be even less safe than we already were.

We had been working 24-hour days in a heated and violent atmosphere.

Without proper sleep and rest, my mind began to play tricks on me.

One evening I was on the balcony of the hotel, in between live crosses to Channel Nine, when I thought I saw a missile heading right for Luke and me. I fell to the ground and raised my voice as if to say Look out!

Nothing happened.

Luke looked at me and laughed. The missile I'd seen was a white bird flapping its wings as it gracefully flew through the air from the ocean to the hotel.

I shook my head. I was going bonkers.

Luke continued to laugh, and then I laughed too. But Luke also told me he knew exactly what I thought and felt because the same thing had happened to him a day or two earlier.

It was definitely time to go. It might seem like it would be a great joy or relief to leave dangerous, war-torn places, but it's actually not such an easy thing to do. I would not be human if I didn't feel the fear that people experienced, the desperation of living in extraordinarily difficult and dangerous environments, the struggle of sourcing clean water and food, or finding an hour of peaceful sleep. So when I say goodbye to new friends like our fixer Ameerah who have put themselves in harm's way to keep me alive, it's hard to just drop it all at the airport. I can leave, they cannot. I live in a country where I am free to do and say what I like, when I like, but they aren't.

For example, all Ameerah's husband wanted to do was visit Jerusalem and pray, but he couldn't even do that. I left Gaza and Israel with a heavy heart, while the local people stayed behind and picked up the pieces, knowing it was highly likely war would resume again, probably in the not-too-distant future.

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Biography

From 2008-2015, Peter was the Nine Network's foreign correspondent, based in London and Los Angeles bureaus.

In 2014, he reported from Gaza City during its 50 day war with Israel. Under threat from heavy artillery and rock attacks, he covered Israel's military invasion and received a prestigious Walkley Award nomination for excellence in Journalism. He also covered the similar 2009 and 2012 conflicts from both sides of the border.

Peter has a passion for conflict reporting, and again in 2014, made several trips to Iraq where he covered the stunning and deadly advances of the so-called Islamic State. He was based in Baghdad and the northern city of Erbil, as militants cut swathes through Iraq and Syria. Also that year, he spent weeks in eastern Europe as civil war raged between Ukraine and Russia.

Peter was a constant presence in North Africa during 2011's historic Arab Spring, which saw revolutions in Egypt, Libya, and Tunisia. He reported from Cairo's Tahrir Square the night Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak was toppled as leader. He was also among the first western reporters to enter Libya for its uprising, which turned into a civil war and resulted in the death of Colonel Moammar Gaddafi.

Peter has been on the ground for many of the world's most recent tragedies and historic moments. The 2015 earthquake in Nepal, the London riots, the massacre in Norway, and many European elections. Showing versatility, he's also covered three Olympic Games, and the royal wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton.

In 2013, he made several trips to South Africa to report on and present prime-time documentaries on the death of Nelson Mandela and the arrest and court appearances of Paralympian Oscar Pistorious.

Peter was posted to London after three years as a United States correspondent. There he covered the 2008 presidential election and first inauguration of Barack Obama.

During this posting, he travelled all over the Americas from Alaska to Rio de Janeiro to Haiti where he reported on the earthquake that killed more than 300 thousand people. He covered the death of Michael Jackson, multiple Academy Award and Golden Globe ceremonies.



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 The Hunter Valley Wine Show is one of the longest-running wine shows in the world. This year the tradition was continued by a team of judges made up of experienced wine industry professionals, including sommeliers, retailers, wine writers and winemakers, including guest judge Matt Walls and chairman of judges PJ Charteris. Seventy Hunter Valley wine producers entered their wines to be judged in this year's show. In total, 59 gold, 108 silver and 208 bronze medals were awarded and 24 trophies were given to wines that were judged to be at the top

of their class. Semillon was the star of the show, with other white varieties also impressing the palates of some of the best in the business, especially the Italian varieties, Fiano and Vermentino, which seem to have found a new home here in the Hunter Valley. **Visit our Facebook Page @huntervalleywinecountry** for more information on the winners.
The Valley is 'Bursting' with Entertainment and Activity During September
 As budburst begins in vineyards across the Hunter Valley, Wine Country becomes a hive of activity with local events gearing up for the warmer weather. The month kicks off with the Spring Festival of Flowers @Hunter Valley Gardens including entertainment, activities, demonstrations, talks, tours and workshops. Wollombi Music Festival kicks off in Spring and is a boutique festival with an eclectic mix of bands on two stages including markets, food trucks and drum and dance workshops. Dashville Skyline, a weekend long celebration of American

and alternate country music, is a must do in September and Hunter Valley Summer Theatre kicks off its first season in an intimate setting at Kevin Sobels Wines with six shows over nine weeks. **For more information on What's On in the Hunter Valley visit winecountry.com.au**
EXPRESSWAY BRINGS THE HUNTER VALLEY VINEYARDS THAT MUCH CLOSER!
 With three Expressway exits – Lovedale Road, Wine Country Drive and Hermitage Road, motorists coming off the Hunter Expressway, are within minutes of the nearest wineries and restaurants. This has had a significant impact on the Hunter Valley's major market of Sydney, and that of Newcastle, which is now significantly closer. Visitors from Sydney now having an uninterrupted drive from Wahroonga in Sydney, to the Hunter Valley's vineyards, making the travel time and effort that much easier and will continue to have an impact on increasing overnight visitation and expenditure in the Hunter

Valley Wine Country area. Well done Clare!!

On Saturday 27th August Claire Fury won the Gourmet Palette Cake Competition taking out the coveted first prize in the cake division at the St. Phillips Christian College, Nulkaba. Claire Fury hails from Pokolbin and at 43 years of age is a first time mum &, to every ones amazement she is completely self-taught. "It was a fun day out; to mix and meet with young families from the school and be a mentor for any young kids who wish to have a go at an extra curricular activity," Claire said. Claire initially got interested in cake making at school age herself and bought a step-by-step photographic book and slowly her passion grew stronger from there. You may remember a few years ago that Claire won the "Singleton Masterchef Cake Decoration Competition", judged by Julie Goodwin herself for her Anzac Cake



≡ Above: Claire & Julie Goodwin her winning Masterchef creations



≡ Above: her winning creations.

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Windows 7 Still The Top OS

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This can be a good option for someone you think might be upset or offended by some of your posts. Or maybe a temporary option for keeping someone out of the loop. But there are cases where you'd like to block all contact with someone. Normally, if you don't want to be Facebook friends with someone anymore, you can simply unfriend that person. This doesn't prevent that person from contacting you at some point in the future and is pretty much a no-hard-feelings kind of deal. Maybe you became friends because you played a game together that you no longer play or because they were a friend of your ex-whatever, and it's just better to say goodbye.

Sometimes that's just not enough. The person is pestering or threatening you and you need to block all contact. That's where **Block users** comes in. Once someone is blocked, they can't see what you post and they cannot tag you or invite you to events, groups or games. They are also restricted from trying to initiate a conversation with you or adding you as a friend. Now if you're both already in the same group or play the same games, this doesn't exclude the other person from that. To block someone, just type their name in the Block users box and click **Block**.

A word of advice here, don't just block someone because you don't like their opinion on something or you're a bit miffed. Be sure you mean it.



If you don't want to block someone completely, you can choose to just block certain types of contact.

If you **Block messages**, they friend won't be able to contact you by chat or my the Messenger app. But they can still do other things that friends do like post on your timeline, tag you, and comment on your posts. Just type the name of the friend you wish to block in the box next to **Block messages from...**



You'll have similar options for blocking app invites and event invites from specific friend. Plus you can block invites from apps and pages.



Understanding these options will help you take control of your Facebook.



Dreams Of Dali

This is a really interesting way to explore Salvador Dali's artwork! You'll load a video and then explore a surrealist landscape like a panorama.

When you arrive at the site, I suggest scrolling past the video and reading the brief bit of text that explains the site and gives you best viewing instructions. I viewed the site in Google Chrome in full screen. Click play to load the video and you'll start exploring a surreal landscape. In order to navigate the landscape, you can use the arrows in the top left corner. They will change the way you are viewing from right to left and up and down. You can also use your map to drag the video around also changing your perspective. The direction you take is on a rail, meaning there is only one path through the video, but I thought it was really interesting to be able to look around in such close detail at the environment around me anyway.

Go try it for yourself today!

<http://thedali.org/dreams-of-dali/>



MOVIE REVIEW

What we did on our holiday (2015) ~ DVD option

ABOUT

Doug and Abi are taking their three children on a trip to Scotland for a big family gathering. They are in the midst of a difficult divorce, and have asked the kids to keep it a secret from their extended family. But as the inevitable feuds kick in, a completely unexpected turn of events involving the children causes further tensions to rise to the surface. And with the repercussions that ensue - hilarious and emotional in equal measure - the family are forced to put aside their differences and work together or else risk losing what they hold most dear.



This blandly titled comedy from the U.K. spends so much setup time being generically clever, it's truly unexpected when, a third of the way in, things heat up in oddball ways. *Gone Girl* Rosamund Pike and *Doctor Who* veteran David Tennant play Abi and Doug, middle-class Londoners on the edge of divorce, forced to get along during a trip to Scotland, for the birthday of Doug's dad. Fortunately, granddad Gordie is played by Billy Connolly, wearing a twinkle, granny glasses, and long white hair. Gordie's party seems ready to be overshadowed by the self-serving grandiosity of Doug's stuffy brother (tube stalwart Ben Miller) and the man's mousy wife (Amelia Bullmore). Then

there's the messy detail of Gordie's long struggle with cancer—something made more poignant with Connolly's own recent Parkinson's diagnosis. The battles between, and within, the main family units are pretty dull, if gamely performed, and Anglo familiars like Celia Imrie and Annette Crosbie help prop up the later, flatter scenes. But as so often happens in real life, this vacation is really for the children. Co-writers and directors Andy Hamilton and Guy Jenkin worked on such Brit -TV staples as *Not the Nine O'Clock News* and *Outnumbered*. The latter series must have taught them how to handle small actors, because the kids here are *phenomenal*. Experienced Emilia Jones plays Doug and Abi's eldest, a tween worrywart who takes notes to keep

current arguments straight; little Bobby Smalldridge is the middle boy, a sweet-faced dreamer unable to lie; and volatile newcomer Harriet Turnbull plays a mouthy pre-schooler who could give most barristers a run for their powdered wigs. Once Gordie gets the children to himself, in waterside locations that turn dour Scotland into a sunny vacation paradise, we're given one funny, heartbreaking, and expertly judged twist after another. For some reason, the movie struggles to return to sitcom whatevs and dropped plot threads for a forced happy ending. But it's the bittersweet stuff you'll remember most fondly when this *Holiday* is over.

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Windows 10 is in the number 2 position, currently running on 21% of PCs. Surprisingly, Windows XP is in third place running on over just 10% of PCs. This is concerning since security support for Windows XP systems ended over two years ago and these devices are vulnerable to all manner of security threats. It looks as if a good portion of Windows 10 converts came from Windows 8.1, with that OS dropping to less than 8% of the market.

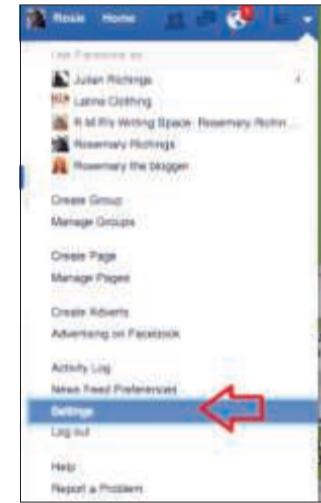
Mac devices make up just around 5% of desktop and laptop computers in use with Linux at 2.33%.

If you were wondering about poor Windows Vista, it's found on just over 1% of computers.

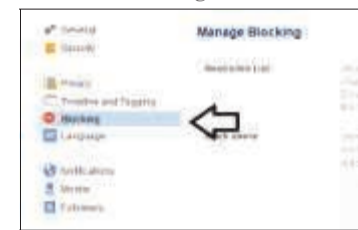
Facebook: Blocking And Restricting

Sometimes there are people on Facebook that you'd prefer to limit your contact with. There are several ways to do it, based on just how much you want to restrict your contact.

All of them involve starting out by clicking the little drop-down arrow to the upper-right of your browser and selecting **Settings**.



Then choose **Blocking** from the column on the far left.

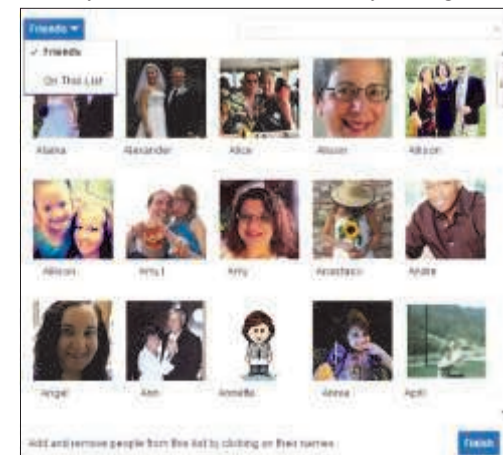


You'll see several options under **Manage Blocking**.

Your first option is a **Restricted List**. The person remains your Facebook friend, but they won't see your posts on Facebook unless they are public or shared on a mutual friend's timeline, or if you choose to tag that person in a post. Click **Edit List** to add a name.



Select Friends from the drop-down menu. You can search for friends by name and add them to the list by clicking on the name.



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

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



As I have mentioned over the years, I always wanted to be a winemaker. At the age of 18, however, I decided to follow another dream that I had wrestled with over time – professional surfing. My love of surfing began at MacMasters's Beach on the NSW Central Coast. My family bought the original cottage on the hill overlooking the beach. It was built by

Captain MacMaster and given the name "Banavie". MacMaster's Beach was our home away from home – still is. Growing up, we were very close to the people of Mac's. As young kids, we were members of the surf club and would supply a lot of the wine for any functions at the club. It was a very small community and we entrenched ourselves within it early in the peace and secured lifelong friendships.

From a very early age the young guys at Mac's were besotted with surfing. We all had Nirvana surfboards which is a local surf company based in nearby Kincumber. By the time I hit my teens, surfing was building momentum and we would spend every spare moment trying to become more radical. The initiation of Simon Anderson's three fin board (thruster, tri-fin) was to change surfing for the exciting new era of the sport.

Surfing is very localised. It is very territorial. Over time, the young guys at Mac's began an unofficial gang simply known as "Mac's Grommets". A grommet is a young surfer. We would band together and watch out for one another. It was all about the surfing yet out of the water our extra curricular activities occasionally got us into a small amount of trouble. Actually, the small amount of trouble only came when we cleverly avoided a large amount of trouble. We are all still great friends to this day and although we still act a little carefree and still think we are live on the edge, do or die surf Nazi's, many of us have careers, wives and kids. Need I say more?

Upon leaving school, I put university on hold to give surfing a go. A stint in Queensland and two years on Sydney's northern beaches was the perfect platform for the training needed to tackle the cut-throat world of surfing. To cut a long story short, my partying throughout this time was going to send me to an early grave and I realised my love of competitive surfing was waning, the more competitions I entered.

It was during the time in Sydney when I was placed in a heat with a guy named Sunny Abberton. The competition was being held at Maroubra Beach at the surf break aptly named 'Dunny Bowl', as it receives all the effluent from the treatment plant.

Sunny was a lanky looking guy who probably became a good surfer through sheer persistence rather than through natural ability. As the siren blew to signal the end of the heat, a boisterous cheer came from the tent marked "Maroubra Boardriders". Sunny had won. As I unleashed my leg-ropes and headed towards the beach, Sunny approached me, stuck his hand out and smiled... "I was lucky to get away with that!" Although I was disappointed, it was after all Sunny's territory and for that I was happy for him. A few years later, after I had come back from university to the Hunter, I entered my final surfing contest to be held at Avoca Beach, not far from MacMaster's. A group of the (much older now) Mac's Grommets had joined Avoca Boardriders yet I was to surf with Sydney club Queenscliff. Heats of four were drawn and I thankfully scored two heat wins in a row to take me through to the final day which was on the Sunday. Me being me, I completely trashed myself at the Avoca Hotel on the Saturday night and barely slept. The following morning I was to surf against a mate from Queensland named Marty, a chap many of you may have heard of, Damien Hardman, and lo and behold – Sunny Abberton. Notwithstanding, I lost the heat convincingly, allowing the rest of the day to view the remaining finals and nurture my hangover - with a 100 more beers!

As far as the rest of us were aware, the Maroubra boys were doing particularly well, compared to times gone past. Suddenly, rumour spread that the Maroubra Boardriders and (Maroubra) South End Boardriders, which were two separate entities, had recently merged. Apparently they had decided to call themselves the "Maroubra Underground" but by the end of the weekend they were simply being referred to by a name which has seen more than its fair share of media spotlight and scrutiny in and out of the water. I am talking of course, of the infamous "Bra Boys!" If you were to venture to Maroubra Beach in Sydney's East, you will carefully view many guys surfing, hanging around the beach or in the local hotel. If they display a tattoo with the number "2035" (which is Maroubra's postcode), they are a Bra Boy. If they display a tattoo referring to a "brotherhood", they are a Bra Boy. If they display a tattoo which simply states in bold letters – "Bra Boys" – that's correct, they are indeed a member of one of Sydney's (and surfing's) more recognised fraternities. The Bra Boys have been touted through the media as almost an outlaw kind of operation. Two incidences have certainly given the media some ammunition in recent years. The first was a fight between several Bra Boys and the police at the Coogee – Randwick RSL Club. The boys were celebrating the 21st birthday party of one of the hottest surfers in the country, Mark Mathews, whilst a sea of local police enjoyed their Christmas party on another floor of the club. Obviously, each side blame one another for the initiation of the massive all-in brawl, which saw

helicopters hovering over the sight of broken glass, bloody puddles and wounded bodies. This particular incident certainly didn't spark a budding friendship between the law enforcers of our society and the "fearless outlaws" of the "trouble making" Bra Boys. Not long after, a local standover man who was notoriously in and out of prison and very well known to police, was found dead off the northern point of Maroubra. Police quickly released a statement that Anthony Hines had been murdered and a full police inquiry was underway. Many of you will remember this ongoing saga in 2003. A few days later, Sunny Abberton's younger brother Jai, surrendered himself to police. Jai admitted killing Tony Hines. He was acquitted of murder and released. Jai's younger brother, Koby, was an accessory after the fact and lied to police to protect Jai. Although not involved with Hines' death, Koby told police he knew nothing about the incident yet clear evidence showed he did.

Koby Abberton is one of Australia's best surfers. He was born and raised in the Maroubra area. He lives, eats, and breathes Maroubra. He is a Bra Boy. Around the top of his torso is a tattoo which sits like a necklace around his muscular physique. It reads "My brothers' keeper". It is a reminder of what the Bra Boys actually are. They are not an outlaw get-up composed of trouble making lunatics, marching through the streets of Maroubra with batons and guns, as many people perceive. They are a brotherhood. A strong brotherhood. Human nature steers us towards being part of a community where we look out for one another and take responsibility for our territories. It can be a place where the strong become stronger and the weak find solace. How ever you contribute, you form part of the infrastructure, an infrastructure as human as eating and sleeping. The Bra Boys are a part of the Sydney surf culture. They look after one another.

Jai Abberton did not escape the murder verdict through lack of evidence. A twelve seater jury deemed Jai not guilty because they learned to understand, through the lengthy trial, that Jai was a protector of humanity, not a killer.

Koby Abberton, the most famous of the Bra Boys, was given a suspended sentence on good behaviour.

In the minds of many, the Bra Boys are a force to be reckoned with. In the minds of the police, they are to be eagerly watched. In the minds of the judicial system, some encouraging signs of understanding and in the minds of surfers across the globe, they are revered. One must wonder whether Jai and Koby Abberton were in trouble in the first place because they were Bra Boys. Another train of thought may be that they were very leniently dealt with because they were. About six months ago, I was sitting in a pub at Coogee with a mate when we noticed Sunny and Koby and a few others walking along on the other side of the road. Just up ahead of them was a busker playing a guitar, with the guitar case opened for donations. Without breaking step, the boys spotted the busker, put their hands in their pockets and emptied handfuls of change into the case. They stood there for a minute and enjoyed the music, patted the busker on the back, and continued on their way. That moment for me clarified what the Bra Boys were about. Next time you're at Maroubra Beach take a good look around. All those guys surfing or sitting around the beach or in the local hotel displaying tattoos dedicated to the surfing fraternity of Maroubra – are Bra Boys. Regardless of the perception of what they are or are not, Maroubra Beach is their territory and they have all made pacts to protect that territory and the people within. I think back to the Mac's Grommets and view a slight resemblance. The old saying "You can't judge a book by it's cover" certainly rings true in many instances I'd hope to think that this may be the case here.

Cheers
Andrew

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All contributions welcome

and Thankyou to Cessnock Council, Gary and his work crew, for the consideration given to the residents living on Dalwood Road whilst working on the footpath in Lions Park. They sure are 'keepers' with the consideration they gave to the users of the park; it was impeccable.

To Steve from Steve's Simple Solutions (found him in your paper) for doing a fantastic job for us; he arrived when he said he would, worked like a 'drovers dog' & presented an account which included a big saving on material which he passed on. Thank you so much ...

To the school & organising committee for putting on such a wonderful St Phillip's College Fete at Nulkaba last weekend. It had everything ~ wood chopping, equestrian, stalls, helicopter rides, great musical entertainment, great food, animals for the little ones & they even managed to put on great weather. Well done to all involved!

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Tue 6 Sept - Branxton Lions Club meeting 4pm Branxton Golf Club

Thur 8 15 & 22 Sept - Kirkton Public School Kindergarten students for 2017 are invited to attend these sessions to begin to familiarise themselves with KPS. 2:30pm - 3:30pm

Wed 7 Sept - Branxton Greta Amateur Swimming Club Registration Day. Miller Park Sports & Recreation Club 9am - 12noon

Fri 9 Sept - Cessnock City Council final day to apply for Sporting Facility and Equipment Dollar for Dollar Grant Scheme. It is advised that all applicants contact Council's Recreation & Community Liaison Officer Kate Hicks on 4993 4234 prior to lodging an application.

Sat 10 Sept - Local Government Elections for Cessnock & Singleton (See page 4 for all polling details)

Sat 10 Sept - Branxton Greta Amateur Swimming Club Registration Day. Miller Park Sports & Recreation Club 2pm - 4pm

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 - Branxton Greta Amateur Swimming Club Registration Day @ St Brigid's Markets in the old school grounds

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Mon 19 Sept - Branxton Public School P&C Meeting 6pm in library

Sat & Sun 17 & 18 Sept - Maitland Garden Ramble 10am - 4pm

20-22 Sept - New South Wales Wine Industry Awards at Cessnock Leagues Club

Thur 22 Sept - Cessnock Prostate Cancer Support Groups next meeting at Cessnock Leagues Club 3pm to 4:30pm. Guest speaker Catherine Johnson from Calvary Mater Hospital. Topic: Healthy living/ Living well after a cancer diagnosis. Our meetings are open to all members of the public. Cost: Free. Tea and coffee provided. More information contact: Barry or Rose- 49904554.

Fri 23 Sept - Last day of School Term

OCT/NOV - Branxton/Greta CWA Land Cookery/Product Promotion (Blueberries) Day, venue/date TBA.

Tue 4 Oct - Branxton Lions Club meeting 4pm Branxton Golf Club

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 1 Nov - Branxton Lions Club meeting 4pm Branxton Golf Club

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 6 Dec - Branxton Lions Club meeting 4pm Branxton Golf Club

Fri 9 Dec - Branxton Golf Club Christmas Spectacular

Mon 12 Dec - Greta Public School 'Angels'

Tue 13 Dec - Branxton/Greta CWA Meeting, St Brigids old School, Station St., Branxton, 9.30am, Staff Room, followed by Christmas lunch.

Tue 13 Dec - Greta Public School Presentation Day 2016

Wed 14 Dec - Greta Public School Y6 Farewell

Fri 16 Dec - Greta Public School End of Year Movie Day

Sun 18 Dec - St Brigid's Markets in the old school grounds



Branxton Public School

Our Bounce Tennis Program has started this week and has been well received by the students. A funding grant from Sporting School has made the program very affordable. James and Kye have been teaching racquet technique and footwork skills and it's great to see everyone



Fathers Day shopping

improving each week. Mrs Mungoven went with over thirty of our students to the Zone Athletics Carnival at Woodberry in Week 5. She congratulated them on their respectful manners, responsible behaviour and for striving to achieve their personal best in all the events they competed in. Mrs Mungoven would also like to thank all the parents, grandparents and caregivers who helped to transport our students, put up the shelters and take them down and generally helped out on the day. Well done everyone. A very big thank you to our school community for the unbelievable effort collecting 5 cent coins for our recent fundraiser. From your efforts and enthusiasm, we raised \$874.30! That money has been deposited into our sport's court bank account. The Year 6 students have begun a Playground Program under the supervision of Mr Foster. Year 6

leaders run games and supervise activities for students at lunchtimes, giving younger students the opportunity to try new activities with guidance. Thank you to the P&C for holding the Father's Day stall in Week 7. There were many happy shoppers throughout the morning and hopefully many happy fathers on Sunday. Thank you to the parents who helped purchase gifts, wrap gifts



Board games & cars



Basketball

and man the stall on the day. We are very lucky to have a committed band of parents who are always willing to lend a hand on special days like this.

Dates for the Calendar

- Monday 19th September – P&C Meeting 6pm in library
- Thursday 15th September – "The Boscars" School Concert
- Friday 23rd September – Last day of term 3



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\$50/PERSON \$90/COUPLE
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Presented by The Rotary Club of Maitland Sunrise and Maitland Regional Art Gallery with the support of Walka Grange Lifestyle Village. This joint community initiative will raise funds for the Art and Dementia program at Maitland Regional Art Gallery.



Maitland Regional Art Gallery is supported by the NSW Government through Arts NSW

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featuring

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Wednesday 12th October @ 10.00am

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Rego Day 2016

We now have online registration. Go to gretabranxtoncc.nsw.cricket.com.au and click on the registration tab then complete the registration form. Or GBUCC's Registration Day will be held on Saturday, 17th September 10am-1pm at Miller Park Cricket Ground for anyone who is not able to register online

Registration fees for this season:
Milo In2 Cricket \$75
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Blood On The Track

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White family's huge contribution to Hunter Valley breeding

FEW families made as big a contribution to the emergence in the 1800s of Australia as a major centre for thoroughbred breeding than the one founded in the Hunter Valley by James White, an Englishman who came out in 1826 and was the overseer for the Australian Agricultural Company, one which originally had nearly half a million acres of coastal country in the Karuah Valley (Hunter Valley) and Manning River region.

James White has permission from the Company to acquire his own properties and he went on to possess a pastoral empire, much of it, including Edinglassie near Muswellbrook and Timor Station in the Murrurundi district, in the Hunter Valley. On his death in 1842, his estate was split equally among seven sons and a surviving daughter, all at that time under 14. The family went on to own other properties in the Hunter Valley, including Belltrees (still in the family) Waverly and Segenhoe in the Scone district, Martindale and Merton, both not far from Denman.

White's eldest son, also named James, at 16 took over the management of the Estate, making his headquarters on Edinglassie. He later established one of the great cradles of breeding, the Kirkham Stud at Cobbity near Camden, and bought Newmarket, the historic stables on what has been for nearly a hundred years, the Inglis Sales centre.

Also, one of the most celebrated racehorse owners in Australian history and chairman of the Australian Jockey Club for nearly ten terms, the Hunter Valley born James White was eulogised in a Sydney Morning Herald obituary following his death at 62 in July 1890 in connection with horse racing thus: "Mr White's name was a household word throughout the Australia colonies, and his upright and honourable career on the turf for upwards twenty years earned for him the esteem and respect of all classes."

This obituary and other reviews on him and the White family dynasty are included within the hundred pages of a new publication, *History of Thoroughbred Breeding in the Upper Hunter Valley* compiled by W.P. 'Bill' Howey, himself a migrant who in his fifty years here has become from his base at Scone an icon. Now retired, he has served as a venerated veterinarian, Scone racing leader, shire councillor and also an author.

Howey has published two books, one on Hunter Valley veterinarians and now the *History of Thoroughbred Breeding*. He has packed much within the covers of the latter, besides the Whites dealing with the contributions to Hunter Valley of Potter McQueen (established Segenhoe in 1823 – now Vinery), personalities George Ryder (Woodlands Stud) and Stanley Wootton other studs including Widden, Baramul, Holbrook (all Widden Valley), Arrowfield,

Yarraman Park, Sledmere, Kia Ora, Cressfield and more recently Newgate Farm (former Brooklyn Lodge), Coolmore (on former Arrowfield) and Dubai owned Emirates Park (Murrurundi) and Darley (Kelvinside, Aberdeen).

Printed by Hunter Valley Printing, Scone, W.P. Howey's *The History of Thoroughbred Breeding in the Upper Hunter Valley* is available at a cost of \$25 plus postage if required from Hunt A Book, 200 Kelly Street, Scone, 2337, phone (02) 6545 9716 or email ian@huntabook.net.au.

Arlington winner attracts bonus for breeders

BRUCE MCHUGH, a former leading Sydney bookmaker and Sydney Turf Club chairman who also has had some good results from breeding and racing, has had much enjoyment in the Sport of Kings down through the years, but one of the most pleasing was the promising victory of Little Arli, a 3-year-old gelding, in a 1000m event at Canberra on August 27.

He is not the breeder or owner, but got satisfaction from the achievement of Little Arli because he is the first of what should be a long list of winners for the first sire he has stood at stud, Savabeel's multiple stakes performed half-brother Arlington.

This imposing looking near black son of the distinguished dual hemisphere used Roberto sire Red Ransom is now a resident at Bruce McHugh's new Tamalee Farm Stud on the fringe of Tamworth in north western NSW. It is his first season at Tamalee Farm, but follows on four by arrangement with McHugh at Nick Posa's Lincoln Farm Stud at Blandford in the northern end of the Hunter Valley.

Arlington had a high fertility of 94.0% 2012 and 91.8% 2013 and already has over 200 foals on the ground including 85 in his first crop from 100 mares returned to the Stud Book. Only one of these is a grey and this is Little Arli, the runner who became Arlington's first winner when successful by half a length (4yo Classic Conquest) and 1 3/4 lengths (5yo Janis) in the eleven runner event at Canberra.

The favourite in the race, his second appearance, Little Arli is trained at Canberra by Ron Weston and John Nisbet for six owners, including his breeder, E.J. Phillips. He has grey colouring on both sides maternally, his dam, Ebony Fair, being by Kenfair, a top Sydney 2-year-old by Kenmare, and from Ebony Tudor, by Grosvenor. The first four dams have all been grey.

Little Arli's sire Arlington is standing this year on \$4,400, but as a celebration of his first winner, bookings are being accepted up to September 15 at half this amount.

Cheers, Brian

Detailed sale yard report



Sale yard report - cattle

Singleton report date 31 Aug 2016

Yarding 560 ~ **Change - 60** (Comparison Date 24/8/16)

Quality slipped and consignments also eased, with the bulk yarded entering the younger categories. There were very few prime younger cattle in the penning, with the export lines also limited in supply. The majority sold to restocker orders and competition was solid throughout. Vealer steers returning to the paddock lifted 20c, with the over 200kg pens averaging 431c after reaching 467c/kg. The vealer heifers also to the restockers maintained firm prices, with the medium weights ranging from 345c to 395c, as the lighter weights reached 427c/kg. The lighter end of the yearling steers gained 10c, making from 345c to 400c, with the remaining weights averaging firm prices to top at 393c/kg. The unfinished yearling heifers sold well, considering the plainer quality, as restockers paid up to 380c/kg to secure their selections. The limited supply of prime condition younger cattle suitable for the butchers improved 10c, with the best heavy weight vealer steers topping at 414c/kg. The older heavy grown steers to slaughter, averaged 290c/kg. Cows improved 4c to 8c, with the plainer 2 scores covering 3 and 4 score heavy weights ranged from 248c to 278c/kg



Scone report date 30 Aug 2016

Yarding 1034 ~ **Change 54** (Comparison Date 23/8/16)

Quality on average was fair to good; however there were some plainer younger cattle in the penning. Numbers lifted marginally, with the bulk offered entering the younger categories and mainly sold to the restocker and lot feeder orders. Export cattle were scarce in the pens. The usual buyers competed, with the market trend on average remaining close to firm. The over 200kg vealer steers returning to the paddock ranged from 380c to 452c/kg. The same weight heifer portion also to restocker orders made from 362c to 389c/kg. The medium weight yearling steers to lot feeders and restocker orders ranged from 350c to 399c, as the lighter end topped at 408c/kg. Yearling heifers to restock and feed ranged from 340c to 384c/kg. The young prime conditioned cattle to the butchers reached 385c/kg. The limited numbers of heavy weight steers to slaughter were generally the younger milk and 2 tooth age, and these made from 320c to 339c/kg. The older heifers to restockers sold from 290c to 332c, as those to slaughter topped at 323c/kg. Cows, due to the reduced penning gained 5c, with the plainer 2 scores averaging 251c, while the better covered 3 and 4 score heavy weights ranged from 257c to 292c/kg. The best heavy weight bull reached 261c/kg.



TRLX Tamworth report date 29 Aug 2016

Yarding 770 ~ **Change -837** (Comparison Date 22/8/16)

There was a sharp drop in numbers as producers look to value add with weight gain and condition in the face of very good seasonal conditions and a correction in the market. Young cattle made up the bulk of the offering with limited supplies of grown cattle. The quality of the offering was fair to good with the condition and weight improving, as cattle come forward off crop and pasture. The lower numbers saw not all regular buyers participate. Market trends varied through the young cattle, cheaper for the most part, while quality variations played a part in price changes also. The lightest of the yearling steers to restock were up to 3c/kg cheaper. Yearling steers just under the feedlot entry weights were also mostly cheaper, however there was an isolated dearer sale. Medium and heavy yearling feeder steers sold to a cheaper trend of 5c to 7c/kg with breed quality affecting price change in the heavy weights. Yearling heifers to feed saw a market trend firm to 7c/kg cheaper, with the better quality forward condition heifers least affected. Trade yearlings were firm with an odd dearer sale. The limited supplies of grown steers and heifers sold to a cheaper trend, with heavy steers up to 11c/kg cheaper. Cows sold to a cheaper trend, however there was an odd better quality cow that remained firm.



Mid Hunter Palliative Care Volunteers

Thursday September 15th 2016

Conference Room, Dangar House, Singleton Hospital

2:30 for 3pm start

Afternoon tea provided

All interested parties welcome

RSVP 6572 2121

By 12th September 2016



A new approach to Johne's Disease in cattle

Producers are now required to manage Bovine Johne's disease (BJD) under a new approach introduced recently across the country.

From 1st July 2016 there is a new risk-based approach to how Australia will deal with Johne's infection in cattle and goats. Rather than controlling the disease through government regulation, producers will be responsible for managing the Johne's disease risk on their property and reducing disease spread.

Under the changes, properties are no longer placed in quarantine, BJD zoning has been removed and it is no longer mandatory to disclose the Dairy Assurance Score when selling cattle from a dairy holding.

The new approach treats Johne's disease as just one of many diseases that producers must manage by applying good biosecurity practices. This will require producers to make informed decisions about the opportunities and risks associated with purchasing livestock.

Farmers must now take greater care when buying stock or accepting agistment stock onto their property in order to avoid introduction of BJD. Cattle from Victoria and dairy farms have a higher risk of being infected with BJD. Buyers should always ask for information about BJD status before buying stock. This information can be found on National Cattle Health Declarations (NCHD). If sellers refuse to provide a declaration, it should be treated with suspicion. This should be considered as part of your 'risk assessment' when buying stock.

Bovine Johne's Disease (BJD) is an incurable disease caused by the bacterium *Mycobacterium paratuberculosis*. Cattle infected with Johne's disease have chronic scours, wasting and eventual death. They do not respond to treatment. Cattle are commonly infected as calves but do not show clinical signs until they are greater than two years of age.

Johne's Disease remains a notifiable disease, which means it must be reported when detected, because it affects access to some export markets.

Local Land Services District Veterinarians will still provide you with advice on Johne's disease. If you believe your stock could be infected with Johne's disease please contact the Hunter Local Land Services District Veterinarian team as soon as possible.

REFLECTIONS

Gospel: Luke 15:1-32

The parables of the Lost Sheep, the Lost Coin, and the Prodigal Son

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. "Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.' So he set off and went to his father.

But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe-the best one-and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. "Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!'

Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

One of the places we see this most clearly is in the way that Luke tells the parable of the lost (prodigal) son. It's a very familiar story. And it's a story about repentance. The younger of two brothers who runs away, squanders his inheritance living a vile life and only after he goes into the depths of depression because he has no money and doesn't know where he's going to live, he decides to go home and be just a slave in his father's house. But when he returns, his father welcomes him with open arms and says, "Let's have a great banquet to welcome you back." Now the older brother who had stayed at home all this time becomes jealous because he had been faithful to his father's wishes and desires. He had been doing what his father wanted all along. It's the younger brother who had squandered everything and gone against his father's wishes. This story is really about Luke's perception of the relation between gentiles and Jews in the household of God. It is Luke's description of the church as being willing to accept both the older brother, the faithful brother, the Jews, alongside of the prodigal son, the gentiles, who had lived a terrible life away from the father for so long but now in the church are being welcomed back with open arms. Luke's vision is of a unified humanity in the church that brings all of God's children back together.



Cessnock LGA welcomes 16 new Australian citizens!

Cessnock City Council congratulates 16 Cessnock residents who became Australian citizens at a ceremony held at the Cessnock Performing Arts Centre last week.

Cessnock City General Manager Stephen Glen had the pleasure of welcoming Australia's newest citizens on Friday as MC of the event.

"It was a fantastic ceremony and a very significant day for people receiving their citizenship, choosing to call Australia home".

"It is an honour to be involved in citizenship ceremonies as they really are a special day for family and friends of the individuals receiving their citizenship".

"Once again the Town Crier Stephen Clarke did a wonderful job as the usher of the ceremony and performing the unique Aussie Barbeque song which always gets a good laugh".

"Mount View High School Student Chloe Brown also did an outstanding job performing Advance Australia Fair and At Last", Mr Glen said.

The 16 new citizens came from countries including Indonesia, Philippines, Britain, Israel and Vietnam.

You can register your interest in becoming an Australian Citizen at a future ceremony by contacting Council on 02 4993 4210.

ROYAL FEDERAL HOTEL
September

Gig Guide

8.30pm
IN THE BACK BAR

FRI 9TH	GRAND THEFT AUDIO
SAT 10TH	HORNET
FRI 16TH	ROCKET
SAT 17TH	MISSY LANCASTER
FRI 23RD	CODE RED
SAT 24TH	ADRIANNA MAC TRIO
FRI 30TH	LOKO

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SPORTS RESULTS



Branxton Veteran Golfers

Results 26-8-16

2 Person Ambrose
1st T Seamer and B Smith 47 ¼ Pts
2nd R Yandle and B Hain 48 ¼ Pts (c/b)
3rd E Munzenberger and K Anderson 48 ¼ Pts

4th T Young and R Chalmers 51 ¾ Pts (c/b)
5th C Christie and M Ford 51 ¾ Pts

NTPs Ladies
M Hunt
Gents J Flynn
Members draw - Not won

Another pleasant Winter's day greeted the 20 players who gathered for a round of golf. The change of date being a major factor regarding attendance. Congratulations to Tony Seamer & Bill Smith on winning the event and a well done to winners and placegetters.

Results 29-8-16
"Away Day" Kurri Kurri Stableford

1st S Condran 42 Pts
2nd J Vassar 36 Pts
3rd P Anderson 34 Pts (c/b)
4th J Atton 34 Pts
5th S Dunker 33 Pts
32 players journeyed to Kurri Kurri golf course, on a glorious Winter's day, to participate in a round of golf. Congratulations to Steve Condran on winning the event and a well done to all placegetters.

Results 1-9-16
Stableford

Div 1 Winner E Munzenberger 30 pts (c/b) R/u T

Seamer 30 pts (c/b)
R Brooks 30 pts
Div 2 Winner P Anderson 34 pts (SOD) R/u P
Hocking 30 pts 3rd
A Hackett 28 pts
Ladies - Insufficient umbers to form a division.
NTPs Ladies
M Hunt
Gents J Flynn
Members draw - Not won

A beautiful Spring day welcomed 33 players who had gathered for a round of golf, a convivial glass and friendship. Congratulations to Paul Anderson on winning his division and achieving the "Score of the Day". A well done to all winners and placegetters.

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Branxton Ladies
This week we played a PAR event
Winner Jen Salna with +5
Runner Up Robyn Hoffman square
NTP Helen Vandenbruggen
The Branxton Ladies Open is to be held on Tuesday 13th September Branxton Ladies Open Day
Tuesday 13th September 2016
8am for 8.30am shotgun start Cost \$20.00
Entries Close September 6th Divisions determined on entries. Stroke, Nett and Stableford in each division. Branxton Cup Overall Stroke Winner.
Jill Thomas Memorial Shield overall net winner. (Branxton lady members only).
One prize per player will apply.
NTPs and Longest Drives in all divisions.
Contact Trish McMillan trishmcmillan@outlook.com for further information
Branxton 2BBB plus singles in conjunction Saturday, 27th August
Mick Tracey 50th Birthday 2BBB Winners
Errol Munzenberger and Eddie Barrett 47 pts
Runners Up: Robert Miller and Gary Walsh 46 pts
Third: John Parr and Wayne Oliver 46 pts
Fourth: Murray Johanson and Lee Hunt 46 pts
5th: Mark Moylan and Paul

Bush 45 pts c/b
Singles Winner: Errol Munzenberger 43 pts
Runner Up: Robert Hale 41 pts
Third: Marcus Ryter 39 pts
Nearest the Pins:
A Grade: 2nd/11th - J. Tracey 205 cms 4th: M.Tracey 55 cms 9th/18th J.Sheedy 26 cms
B Grade: 2nd/11th - I.Barnes 750 cms 4th: M.Johanson 447 cms 13th: G.Gillard: 591 cms 9th/18th: S.Robinson: 192 cms
C Grade: 2nd/11th: D.Mathers 509 cms 4th: D.Mathers 449 cms 9th/18th: J.Parr 52 cms
Longest Drives: A Grade: T.McCaw B Grade: R. Miller C Grade: T. Hunt
Ball Winners were all other players.
Errol Munzenberger had a real day out by partnering Eddie Barrett to win Mick Tracey's 50th Birthday celebratory 2BBB event with 47 pts (happy birthday Mick!). Errol also won the singles event with an outstanding 43 pts, a round in which Eddie would have also enjoyed! The perennial pair of Robert Miller and Gary Walsh finished second with 46 pts; John Parr and Wayne Oliver and Murray Johanson and Lee Hunt also finished with 46 pts, whilst Mark Moylan and Paul Bush finished 5th on 45 pts. Robert Hale showed a glimpse of his ability by finishing runner up with an excellent 41 pts, showing that he is getting ready and primed for the upcoming club championships! Club Professional, Marcus Ryter, showed his class by finishing third with an outstanding 39 pts, only one over par showing that he may finally be recovering from his chronic back problems. I'm sure his partners, Mick and Joshua Tracey also enjoyed his round—there would have been some outstanding golf in that group! Saturday also saw the final qualifying round of the 5 skins competition, with players qualifying for the final by counting their best 3 scores from 5 completed rounds over the past few months. Stuart Robinson won on Saturday with 38 pts, winning 4 bottles of wine. The 5 finalists (ties count) to play on Saturday, 10th September at 1.00 pm for \$580 cash are: A. Roeth 114 pts; R. McClung 110 pts; J. Vasser 110 pts; R. Watson and M. Johanson 109 pts. This could be a lot of fun to watch, as it is a skins event with money won (or lost) on each hole. Coming up on Friday, 16th September is the next Night Golf event, a shotgun start at 6.30 pm with all players asked to dress up in their favourite footy team colours—with a prize for the best dressed. On Sunday, A,B and C Grades played in the Hunter District Championships over 3 courses. I have one report from B Grade from Singleton, where our players didn't fare too well, as the winner had a 76 off the stick – a fair effort in B

Grade. Club Captain, Murray Johanson is now booked in for some putting lessons after having a 4 and 5 putt during his round!

BRANXTON GOLF CLUB –SAT 3RD SEPT STROKE – MONTLHY MEDAL MEDAL WINNER
Errol Munzenberger 68
A GRADE WINNER
Riley McClung 70
A GRADE RUNNER UP
Bryce Element 70
B GRADE WINNER
Chris O'Brien 72
B GRADE RUNNER UP
Noel Hughes 72
C GRADE WINNER
John Martin 70
C GRADE RUNNER UP
Kevin Walton 72
BALL COMP
76
NTP'S
Bryce Element 387CM
Ed Garland 610CM
Robert Hale 85CM
Ed Garland 396CM
Cyclonic conditions greeted the resilient players on Saturday where buggies "bit the dust" all day, and just standing over the golf ball and hitting it proved a challenge. Many players decided to stay at home with the rest of us living proof that playing on any other day will be much easier. Errol Munzenberger was the only player all day to beat his handicap, winning the Monthly Medal with a very creditable 68 nett. A Grade was won by local, promising junior, Riley McClung with a fine 70 nett, just ahead of his playing partner, Bryce Element with the same score. Chris O'Brien's 72 nett was good enough to win B Grade, on a countback from Noel Hughes with John Martin winning C Grade with his 70 nett, two clear of Kevin Walton's 72 nett. A 76 nett was needed to win a golf ball, with the DSR for the day 71—surprisingly low when you consider some of the scores that came in! The shot of the day belonged to the enigmatic Robert Hale, whose shot to the last finished only 85 cms away. Eddie Garland hit some fine iron shots finishing with two nearest the pins on the 4th and 13th—he certainly liked that hole on Saturday. As mentioned last week the "Light Me Up Golf" is coming up on Friday, 16th September. The details are on the club's website under last week's results. It's a 2 Person Ambrose with registration at 5.30 for a 6.30 start. (You have to wait until the sun goes down!) The cost is \$50 per player with all players asked to wear the colours of their favourite footy team.
Hunter Valley Golf Club Sunday 21st August
Hunter Valley Golf Club held the Open Day for 2016 on Sunday with good field greeted by great weather scoring matched the day with Ray Newton, Ian Newell, Wayne Drayton and Mervyn Herbert claiming top spot on a countback to Dale and Jenny MacLinslaw, Ray Hodson and Sue Thornton after both teams

had finished on 89 points, the Singleton team of Debbie Cooper, Ian Collins, Louise and Robert Morrissey in 3rd with 84. Nearest-the-Pins went to Peter Deed (Waratah 3rd) Brendan Mathews (La Trobe 4th) Ross Ellicott (Waratah 8th and 10th) and Josh Fuller (Muswellbrook 17th). Many thanks to all who took part in the day. The Weekly Challenge went to Patrick Statham with a solid 40 points return from Steven Kane on 34 points.
Tuesday 23rd August Lindsay Self has had a return to form with 40 points to claim Tuesday's Stableford from Dale Macklinshaw 37 on a countback from Wayne Drayton in 3rd spot. Ball winners were Ray Hodson 36, Ray Newton 35, Col Bradley 34 and Hieu Le 34 c/b
Wednesday 24th August The Ladies Golf was unfortunately washed out this week, next week's event will be the 4BBB Knockout.
Thursday 25th August Grahame Sheldon enjoyed the soft conditions on offer on Thursday morning to clearly win the Vets Par event with an outstanding +5 round, inform Ian Newell was runner up with +2 and Ray Newton climbed onto the Podium once again with his -1 round. Balls went to Geoff Sweetman, Wayne Drayton and Kevin Smith all on -2. Next week the vets will play Stableford.
Saturday 27th August Fine conditions greeted the Saturday competition players with some good scoring featuring on the day. A Grade went to Coff's Harbour visitor Owen McCosker with 40 points from Nathan Nancarrow 39, B Grade went to Nick Nancarrow with 40 from Don Bradley with 37 points and C Grade was fought out between playing partners

Colin Mills and Brian Rooney with Col getting the upper hand to claim the win. Ball winners were: Chris Paul v38, Ian Hobson v38, Scott Smith 37, Angello Korlevic 36, Bruce Chambers 36, John Vincent v36, Robert Baker v35, Angus Cox v 35, Brad Pringle 35, Grahame Step-toe v34, Steve Kemp 34, Mark Hollis 34, Deanna Hollis v34, Simon Nicholson 34, Ken Smith 34, Dennis Ashford 34, Ben Bradley 33, Chris Connolly 33, Steve Applebee 33, Geoff Herbert 33 and Garry Ashford 33 c/b. Nearest-the-Pins went to Scott Norish (4th) James Harvey (10th) and Steve Kemp (17th). Next week will be the Monthly Mug and Girls Goblet Stroke events.
Sunday 28th August The Weekly Challenge has been won by Scott Ling with 39 points on a countback to Ewen Cameron with Greg Morgan taking the minor placing with 35 points, also on countback. Ball winners were: Jackson Roe 35, Jaye Stevens 35, Paul Collis 35, Josh Knott v35, Wayne Carpenter 34, Mark Fullbrook 33, Phillipe Byron 33, Peter Payne 32 and David Corby 32.
Tuesday 30th August The Tuesday Stableford was another close affair with Rick Turnchini getting the better of Andrew Korlevic after both had 38 point returns, Greg Amlöh took 3rd with 37 points. Ball winners were: Ian Newell 36, Greg Ireland 35, Dusty Lawless 34, Gary Arnold 34, Bob Prentice 34 and Grahame Sheldon 34.
Wednesday 31st August The Ladies contested the Golf NSW 4BBB qualifying round with the teams of Di Atton and Leesa Robinson (+8) and Robyn Dunlop and Lynette Russell (+7) qualified to represent the club at the district playoff

at Singleton on the 10th October. Daily results are yet to be posted. Next week the ladies golf will be on Tuesday playing Par as the greens will be out of action for coring on Wednesday and Thursday.
Thursday 1st September Mark Barrow has won the Vets Stableford with an excellent 41 point round from Kevin Smith 39 and Wayne Drayton 3rd with 38 on countback. Ball winners were: Dale Macklinshaw 38, John Harrison 37, Ray Newton 35, Doug Wand 34, Grahame Sheldon 34, Keith Dunlop 34, Lorraine Clack 34, Ryan Wilson 34 and David Peel 34. Nearest-the-Pins went to Ray Hodson (3rd) and Paul Ireland (17th). Next week the Vets golf will be Friday due to greens coring and will be a 2 Person Ambrose.
Saturday 3rd September The Saturday field was somewhat depleted following Friday and overnight rain which cleared in time to allow the Monthly Medal rounds to go ahead in reasonable conditions. Todd Mitchell claimed the Medal with 71 net on countback. Brendan Smith claimed A Grade with 75 net from Robert Hodge who finished on 77 net, B Grade had John Parish in the runner position to Todd with 72 net while inform Tony Butler won C Grade with 71 net from Jaye Stevens on 74net. Ball winners were: Steven Hall 74, Greg Morgan 75, Wayne Jenkin 75, Bobby Brown 75, Brad Duncan 76, Scott Norrish 76, Mark Faulkner 77, John Wallace v77, Andrew Nichols 78, Colin Mills 78 and Bruce Chambers 78. Nearest-the-Pins went to Alex Lascelles (3rd) Robert Hodge (4th & 17th) Tony Butler (8th) and Russell Calderwood (10th). Next Saturday's event will be an Irish 4BBB

Branxton Ladies Open Day

Tuesday 13th September 2016

8am for 8.30am shotgun start
Cost \$20.00

Divisions determined on entries. Stroke, Nett and Stableford in each division. Branxton Cup Overall Stroke Winner. Jill Thomas memorial shield overall nett winner. (Branxton lady members only).

One prize per player will apply. NTPs and Longest Drives in all divisions.

Entries close **Tuesday 6th September 2016**
Standard conditions of golf apply
Match committee decision is final

Carts can be hired through the pro shop
Ph. 49382155 cost \$28.00 per cart.
If sharing a cart please advise so your tee-off is co-ordinated with your cart buddy.

Lunch available, orders will be taken before play starts.

Enquiries and information:
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Colts Ladies League Tag Grand Finalists



Reserve & First grade will be held on the night of Saturday 17th September at Greta Workers Club, commencing at 6:00pm. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased from the Workers Club or Mark Bercini (0408429710).

Photo - Back L-R Mick Akers (coach), Lisa Nolan, Natasha Pritchell, Maddie Taggart, Shae Ross, Kate Vitnell, Geneva Fuller, Katie Sampford, Codi Deaves, Amy Welsh, Jessica Akers
 Front L-R John Gorman (masseuse/fitness coach), Ashlee Harvey (c), Jessica Cassidy, Jessie Akers, Brooke Carter, Brydie-Lee Forbes, Kimberley Sharp, Kylie Saunders, Caitlin Shoulders, Jackson Cassidy (trainer).

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The Greta/Branxton Colts Ladies League Tag team contested the Group 21 Grand Final played at Muswellbrook's Olympic Park last Sunday, going down gallantly 16-0 to the Scone Thoroughbreds.

Scone had only been defeated on three occasions since the league tag competition commenced in 2014, one of these losses was to the Colts girls in the final round of this year's competition, therefore Greta/Branxton went into the game confident of causing an upset.

Grand final nerves were evident in the early exchanges, with both sides guilty of handling errors. The Thoroughbreds then started to kick into stride, and they attacked the Colts' line on many occasions only to be repelled by some desperate and gritty defence. The scoreboard remained untouched until right on the stroke of half time when Scone scored a converted try to take a 6-0 lead.

The Colts started the second stanza positively, attacking the Scone line for back to back sets but unfortunately coming up empty handed. A Scone try from their winger from deep inside their own half against the run

of play was a real momentum killer for the Colts who now trailed 10-0. Scone came up with an error from the ensuing kick off, with Greta/Branxton going back on the attack. The Colts threw everything at the Scone line but they just would not crack. The knock-out blow was delivered with 7 minutes remaining when Scone's group player of the year Sofie Casson kicked ahead and toed it through again with great skill to score under the posts.

Greta/Branxton's player's player went to skipper Ashlee Harvey, with Brooke Carter, Caitlin Shoulders and Jessica Cassidy among the Colts' best, but it was a great all-round performance from all involved to reach the club's maiden premiership decider in this relatively new competition.

In the U/18's minor premiers Muswellbrook were too strong for Singleton 30-14, in reserve grade a fast finishing Aberdeen upset Singleton 14-6, while in a fiery first grade encounter Scone finally broke a ten-year drought of underachievement by edging out Muswellbrook 16-14.

The Colts Seniors presentation for U/16's, U/18's, Ladies League Tag,

Entry Form

Branxton Ladies Golf Committee

ENTRY FROM _____ Club

Name	GA Hep	Golf Link number	PD	Phone number/email

Please forward entry form with payment to:

Branxton Ladies Golf Committee
 Branxton Golf Club
 25 Cessnock Rd
 Branxton 2335

OR email entry form to: trishmcmillan@outlook.com

Payment can be made online using club name as reference:

Branxton G/C Lady Members
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