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Councillor Allan Stapleford elected Cessnock Deputy Mayor



Cessnock City Mayor, Councillor Bob Pynsent has congratulated Councillor Allan Stapleford on being elected as Deputy Mayor for the next year. The election of Deputy Mayor occurred at the first general Council meeting on Wednesday 5 October for the term of office from October 2016 to the September 2017. Councillor Stapleford was elected by Councillors over fellow nominee Councillor Ian Olsen. Cr Pynsent said he looks forward to working with Cr Stapleford for the next year. "This marks Cr Stapleford's third

term at Deputy Mayor, he has done a fantastic job during his previous terms and I know he will continue to do an outstanding job representing our community" Councillor Stapleford said it is a privilege to represent the community "It is a real honour to be elected to represent the people of Cessnock and an experience I have thoroughly enjoyed and look forward to continuing," Cr Stapleford said. Cr Stapleford has lived in the Cessnock local government area for 64 years. He was born at Millfield and lived there as a youngster before moving into Cessnock with his family. He returned to Millfield 16 years ago. The Ward A representative spent many years working in the coal mining industry. He joined Council with the aim of giving something back to the community that has been so good to him and his family. The father-of-two enjoys beef and poultry farming on his small property.

Photo: Deputy Mayor Stapleford

Residents big and small celebrated the replacement of Lomas Lane Bridge



Cessnock City Council held the official opening of Lomas Lane Bridge, Nulkaba following the replacement of the old timber bridge with a reinforced concrete bridge. Cessnock City Council Mayor, Councillor Bob Pynsent said it is fantastic to provide local residents and the community with a piece of infrastructure that will benefit generations to come. "Lomas Lane bridge is an important link for not only residents but for businesses such as the Hunter Valley Zoo". "It is great to mark the opening of the bridge with some of the

residents of the Hunter Valley Zoo and also Mr Magennis who is an ancestor of the Lomas family", Cr Pynsent said. The project was identified under Council's capital works program as the single lane timber girder bridge was no longer adequate due to deterioration over time. Work to install the new 12 metre, single lane, single span reinforced concrete bridge with a 100 year design life and open load limit began in August and finished in early September. Photo above: Mayor Bob Pynsent cuts the opening ribbon with local residents and wildlife looking on.

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The public are hereby notified pursuant to Section 101 of the Environmental Planning Assessment Act, 1979 (as amended) that the following applications have been granted consent during the period from 1 September 2016 to 30 September 2016.

Locality	Reference	Decision Date	Property Address	Application Description
BRANXTON	008/2016/0000408/001	7-Sep-2016	1825 Wine Country DR	Temporary storage premises involving the relocation of an existing structure
EAST BRANXTON	008/2016/0000550/001	14-Sep-2016	73 Yates ST	Single Storey Dwelling with Attached Garage
GRETA	008/2014/0000353/001	6-Sep-2016	9 High ST	Three (3) Lot Subdivision
GRETA	008/2016/0000535/001	8-Sep-2016	23 Clift ST	New Dwelling
GRETA	008/2016/0000303/001	12-Sep-2016	2 High ST	Ancillary Development (Shipping Container)
GRETA	008/2016/0000532/001	15-Sep-2016	11 North ST	Single Storey Dwelling
GRETA	008/2016/0000587/001	23-Sep-2016	25 Anvil ST	Shed
GRETA	008/2016/0000559/001	30-Sep-2016	23 Clift ST	Garage
GRETA MAIN	008/2016/0000486/001	26-Sep-2016	1030 Wollombi RD	Subdivision (Boundary Adjustment)
LOVEDALE	008/2016/0000161/001	13-Sep-2016	25 Lodge RD	Agricultural Produce Industry (Dairy) and Cafe with Ancillary Shop
NORTH ROTHBURY	008/2016/0000512/001	9-Sep-2016	4 Slattery RD	Single Storey Dwelling with Attached Garage
NORTH ROTHBURY	008/2016/0000542/001	14-Sep-2016	8 Bendeich DR	Single Storey Dwelling with Attached Garage
NORTH ROTHBURY	008/2016/0000524/001	15-Sep-2016	14 Abberton PWY	Single Storey Dwelling, Attached Garage & Associated Retaining Wall
NORTH ROTHBURY	008/2016/0000543/001	16-Sep-2016	87 Triton BLVD	Single Storey Dwelling with Attached Garage
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POKOLBIN	008/2016/0000394/001	1-Sep-2016	790 McDonalds RD	Function Centre
POKOLBIN	008/2016/0000491/001	5-Sep-2016	11 Turpentine CL	Single Storey Dwelling with Attached Garage
POKOLBIN	008/2016/0000352/001	6-Sep-2016	171 O'Connors RD	Change of use: Secondary Dwelling
POKOLBIN	008/2016/0000485/001	6-Sep-2016	11 Paperbark DR	Exhibition Home
POKOLBIN	008/2016/0000376/001	20-Sep-2016	57 Ekerts RD	Alterations and Additions to Existing Hotel/Motel Accommodation (Restaurant)
POKOLBIN	008/2016/0000038/001	28-Sep-2016	427 McDonalds RD	Alterations and Additions to Existing Winery
POKOLBIN	008/2016/0000278/001	30-Sep-2016	85 Marrowbone RD	Tourist and Visitor Accommodation & Signage
ROTHBURY	008/2016/0000415/001	22-Sep-2016	1432 Wine Country DR	Subdivision - Two (2) Lots into Three (3) Lots

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

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Stephen Glen
General Manager

COMING TO A STREET NEAR YOU – ROADWORK HILLVIEW ROAD EAST BRANXTON

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STEPHEN GLEN
GENERAL MANAGER

CITY OF CESSNOCK HALL OF FAME CALLING FOR NOMINATIONS FOR 2016

Council is now calling for nominations for the 2016 City of Cessnock Hall of Fame and celebrating the 10th anniversary of the event.

To be eligible for consideration for induction into the Hall of Fame the nominated individual or family must have:

- been born in the local government area (LGA); and/or
- spent a substantial period of their childhood/adolescence in the LGA; and/or
- been a resident in the LGA for a substantial period of time during their period of high achievement.

Guidelines are available providing examples of the types of achievements which could establish eligibility for induction.

There are six categories of achievement:

- Arts
- Business
- Public Service
- Science
- Sport
- Meritorious Families.

Guidelines and nomination forms are available on Council's website at www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au/community/events-ceremonies/halloffame

If you require a hard copy, please collect one from the Administration Centre (62-78 Vincent Street Cessnock) or Cessnock and Kurri Kurri libraries.

Anyone considering making a nomination is encouraged to read the policy and selection criteria before completing the nomination form.

Completed nomination forms must be received by Council no later than **5pm on Monday 31 October 2016.**

For further information please contact
Council's Community and Cultural Engagement Officer
Jo Miller P: (02) 4993 4258 | M: 0427 818 202 E:
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Graeme Connors
4 November 2016



The iconic singer-songwriter and his incredible five-piece band perform a selection of hits, new songs and fan favourites including the #1 Official Country Airplay chart single, *60 Summers*.



Hunt for Hidden Treasure in the Hunter

Cessnock City Council Mayor, Councillor Bob Pynsent encouraged the community to jump on the Garage Sale Trail on Saturday 22 October. "It is a great opportunity to discover a bargain, say hi to your neighbours hosting a sale or to support a local community group taking part to raise funds".

"Finding sales in the Cessnock area is easy thanks to the Treasure Trail on the Garage Sale Trail website, you simply search nearby sales and then add them to your personal Treasure Trail".

"You can use your Treasure Trail to invite friends to join you on social media, navigate using the map function or to simply print a list to take with you", Cr Pynsent said. In the lead up you can start looking for sales in your area and click the 'Add to Treasure Trail' button on any sale you like. If you would rather part with some of your unloved items why not host a sale, there is still time to register. It doesn't matter if you are a shopper or a seller all the information you need is at



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GOLDEN HIGHWAY CORRIDOR STRATEGY ANNOUNCED

Parliamentary Secretary for Regional Roads and Rail Kevin Anderson MP has released the Golden Highway Corridor Strategy which details plans to maintain and improve over 300 kilometres of road connecting the Hunter Valley and Dubbo.

"The NSW and Federal Governments have already committed \$133 million to the upgrade of the Golden Highway, which is an important freight link and one of only three routes north of Sydney where trucks can cross over the Great Dividing Range," said Mr Anderson.

"We expect to see more freight vehicles, some up to 26 metres long, using this road in the coming years. This strategy outlines a range of projects that will make it safer to navigate for both trucks and cars.

"Planned work includes the creation of new overtaking and climbing lanes near Denman, Winery Hill, Ogilvies Hill, as well as between the New England Highway and Putty Road. A number of intersections have also been identified for upgrades, along with the level crossing at Denman.

"Sections of road will be repaired and widened with additional work undertaken to reduce the impact of flooding at Talbragar River, Uarby and Mudies Creek, Whittingham. Three new heavy vehicle inspection sites will also be created."

The Golden Highway Corridor Strategy was developed by Transport for NSW and Roads and Maritime Services, with valuable feedback provided by the community and local stakeholders, including councils.

The full strategy can be downloaded here: www.transport.nsw.gov.au/projects-road-network-corridor-planning.



In 2015, Branxton held the 'Umbrella Festival' in Branxton's iconic main street and local oval. It was a popular event and was enjoyed by both locals and tourists alike.

This year the chamber held 'Branxton's Big Night Out' at the Branxton RSL hall,

which was also enjoyed by all who attended.

'The Umbrella Festival' will not be held this year due to other chamber commitments and funding. At present the Chamber is pursuing a number of avenues for potential funding. With all events, it's important to gain volunteer and community support, without such assistants future events become difficult in their planning and delivery. Amazing to think that our events are largely run by volunteers who freely give up so much of their own time- they do such a great job! - Well Done to those volunteers.

If you are a local business and interested in attending one of our business networking events - our next event is Tuesday, November 8th at 'The Holy Cuppa' from 7.00 am - 8.30am in Greta at the Old Masonic hall. We will have guest speakers from and Singleton Council Jason Linnane and Mark Ihlien as well as local council member Melanie Dagg. Our guest speakers will all be speaking on a broad range of issues that pertain to the future direction of the Branxton Greta area in particular issues that are relevant to all local business owners. So come along, meet some local business people, learn about how to make your business even better, and enjoy a great start to the day!

Better still join the Chamber, participate and help shape the future direction of the Branxton Greta Community. Remember Chamber membership costs are tax deductible and being a member provides a considerable amount of additional benefits.

Kim Barnes Secretary Branxton Greta Chamber of Commerce.

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with **Mike Lowing**

Those of us who shop at Woolworths in Singleton, had best check their fridges and freezers, with the supermarket giant recalling pork, lamb and beef mince sold at this store.

The Food Standards Australia New Zealand released the warning, stating: "Woolworths Limited has recalled Australian pork, lamb and beef mince from Woolworths Singleton due to a packaging fault resulting in the presence of metal fragments." The statement also warned that "food products containing metal fragments may cause injury if consumed" and that "consumers should not eat this product".

In a statement found within the "About us" section of their website, Woolworths have stated:

"Thursday, 13 October 2016: Woolworths is recalling Australian Pork, Lamb and Beef Mince sold from Woolworths Singleton, NSW, on 13 October 2016 with a use-by date 15 October 2016."

"This recall is a precautionary measure as it may contain metal, potentially posing a health risk if consumed." "This recall does not apply

to any other meat products sold from Singleton Woolworths or other Woolworths supermarkets." "Consumers should return the product to their nearest Woolworths supermarket for a full refund." The statement also says, "Any

consumers concerned about their health should seek medical advice."

The weekend before last I went to Carinda NSW (650 k's from here, between Walgett & Coonamble & on the edge of the Macquarie Marsh.

Population 194 in 2007 but less now) for a David Bowie Festival.

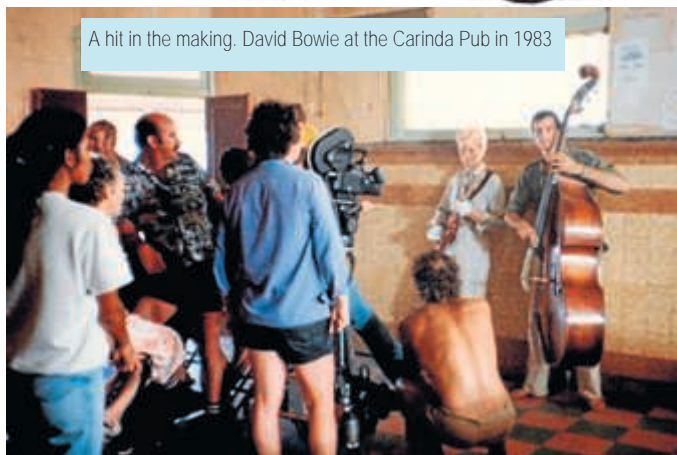
Carinda is famous for two things; the police station & courthouse & David Bowie producing a music video of his great tune 'Lets Dance' in the Carinda Pub in 1983 (Google youtube 'David Bowie—Let's Dance').

Apparently the courthouse & police station were intended for Quirindi NSW but they got the names confused so Carinda has a wonderful Police Station & Courthouse!

In 1983 David Bowie arrived in Carinda unannounced and asked if her could use the Carinda Pub (now 'Georges Carinda Pub') for a music video he wanted to do.

Most of the local population had not heard of him as Slim takes pride of place out that way.

The video was done & the tune became a worldwide hit for him.



This year a local committee was formed to celebrate the occasion; a "David Bowie Festival".

Unfortunately, the 5 year drought out that way finally came to an end with drenching rain & resultant flooding. That didn't help as it was almost impossible to get into Carinda without a 4-wheel drive.

I hadn't been there for 30 years; the pub itself and the immediate township surrounding it feels almost untouched, and it was quite eerie stepping inside the pub, it felt almost like stepping back in time.

I had intended to find a local who was actually there when Bowie did his thing. The closest I got to that was brothers Peter & Chris Veech, local graziers,

who arrived at the pub about an hour after it was done. Both had been to football training that evening.

Despite the lack of people it

was a good weekend.

Cheers, Mike



Local grazier Chris Veech at the Festival in the Carinda Pub. Chris missed the filming by one hour!

Letters to the Editor

Kevin Bell, President. Branxton Greta Men's Shed

Destroying dreams Watching the presidential debate has not only filled me with despair, it has incited within me a deep anger that a man with such a questionable conscience can run for one of the most respected roles in the modern world. His view on women is the kind of opinion that would push us back into a Dark Ages mindset, giving voice to the most hateful views in the world. I find it appalling that the things he says are regarded by his supporters as acceptable, when expressing such views at school would result in expulsion. What Mr Trump doesn't seem to realise is

that the US presidential race is not just about America – the entire world is affected. This issue is so much bigger than just hurting the feelings of a few women – it destroys the dreams of an entire cohort of girls who could become the next generation of leaders. As Hillary Clinton said, "the history of women has been a history of silence", so let's not allow this silence to continue by electing a man who wishes for women to be seen and not heard. Name & address of writer withheld at their request

Exposed Malcolm Turnbull has confirmed that Medicare will never be safe under the Liberals, voting in Parliament against a

guarantee to keep it in public hands. In an extraordinary admission that the Liberals' attacks on our health system are only beginning, not a single Liberal MP was prepared to stand up and vote for Labor's motion in Parliament yesterday to keep Medicare in public hands. Member for Hunter Joel Fitzgibbon said that locals know the impact of this Government's cuts, with out-of-pocket GP costs soaring almost 20% since the coalition was elected in 2013. "The vote against Labor's motion is just more proof the Liberals are committed as ever to gutting our health care system and forcing Australians to pay more for health care," he said.

Yesterday, Liberal MPs voted against:
* A guarantee to keep Medicare in public hands as a universal health insurance scheme for all Australians;
* A guarantee to protect bulk billing so that every Australian can see their doctor when they need to and not only when they can afford to;
* To reverse his harmful cuts to Medicare by unfreezing the indexation of the Medicare Benefits Schedule;
* To reverse his cuts to pathology that will mean Australians with cancer will pay more for blood tests;
* To reverse his cuts to breast screening, MRIs, X-rays and other diagnostic imaging which will mean Australians will pay more

for vital scans;
* To abandon his plans to make all Australians, even pensioners, pay more for vital medicines; and
* To develop a long-term agreement to properly fund our public hospitals so Australians don't languish in our emergency departments or on long waiting lists for important surgery. At least 27 times during the election campaign, Malcolm Turnbull said he would never outsource Medicare – but the truth was revealed yesterday when he couldn't bring

himself to guarantee that it would be kept in public hands. Locals in the Hunter electorate deserve better – they simply can't afford more cuts from this Government, and Labor will continue to fight to protect Medicare and put pressure on the Government to drop each and every one of these cuts. Joel Fitzgibbon MP Member for Hunter



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Members say ...



Bob Pynsent, Mayor Cessnock City Council



Member for Cessnock Clayton Barr MP

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Firstly I would like to congratulate Councillor Allan Stapleford for his election to the position of Deputy Mayor at the first general Council meeting of the new Councillors. Councillor Stapleford was elected by fellow Councillors to be Deputy Mayor for the term of office from October 2016 to September 2017. This will mark Cr Stapleford's third term in the position, his experience, commitment and dedication to community makes him an outstanding representative for our local government area. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with Cr Stapleford and I look forward to another strong working relationship.

Last week was National Mental Health Week which Council marked in conjunction with National Safe Work Month October 2016. Council staff attended a presentation by explosives expert Darren Flanagan who recounted his involvement in the rescue at Beaconsfield Mine in 2006. It was absolutely incredible to hear the story of survival, how it impacted all involved and how it still affects their lives today. The presentation focused on the fact we need to have a work life balance, put family first and look out for our mates. A particularly point that I resonated with was that men often struggle to have conversations around mental health. It is a good reminder we should not be afraid to open up to our mates during tough times and we should feel comfortable asking a mate how they are going.

What a fantastic Relay for Life in 2016. The concept of using the money raised to purchase a vehicle to transport cancer patients to their medical appointments is certainly innovative and is a great asset to our community. Thank you to everyone involved and I congratulate the community on getting behind this worthwhile cause.

Cessnock City Council is inviting the community to nominate people for the Cessnock City Hall of Fame by the end of October. This is the tenth anniversary of the Hall of Fame and it is fantastic we'll soon be welcoming our next inductees.

Nominations are for notable people from the Arts, Business, Public Service, Science, Sport and also Meritorious Families. For more information on eligibility and the varying categories of achievement head to www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au/community/events-ceremonies/halloffame.

I was very sad to hear of the passing of Audrey de Krey, who was a wonderful local resident and gave so much to her local community. Mrs de Krey received the prestigious award of Senior Citizen of the Year in 1999, in honour of her work in our local government area and in recognition of her dedication to community. I'd like to extend my deepest sympathies to Mr's de Krey's family and friends at this time.

Cheers, Bob

Raising the BARR IS THE STATE REALLY FREE OF DEBT? NO, OF COURSE NOT!

If the State had no debt, then a fair question to ask would be "why do we pay \$2Billion in interest each year?" Remember, \$2Billion = \$2,000Million. That equals \$5.5Million just in interest, every single day. If you had no debt on your credit card – then surely you would not be paying interest. If you had no debt on your mortgage – then surely you would not be paying interest. If you had no debt on your car – then surely you would not be paying interest. So why does our Treasurer tell us that we are free of debt? In short – it is political and financial spin. And the broader media have swallowed the bait - hook, line and sinker.

ALAS, SEWER SYSTEM FOR NORTH ROTHBURY GETS POSTPONED FOR 10 YEARS

In the "sexy" world of politics, most often people think of funding for a new bridge, a new aquatic centre, a massive road project, a new school, etc. But the most fundamental things are generally far more important. And nothing is more important, or has changed our society for the better more so, than our modern sewerage system. In making that statement, I recognise that many of our communities and villages live healthily, without connection to our sewer mains. They are generally our historical mining villages and/or farmers, and modern septic tanks make this all reasonably simple and easy. But, it is not a "connect and forget" system. Town folks connecting to our sewer mains would not appreciate this. So, with Huntlee clearly underway and connected to a sewer main of their own, it seemed a bit ridiculous to have the traditional village of North Rothbury not connected. To this end, Hunter Water, Council and I, as your local State Member, all proposed the works at North Rothbury to be done ASAP. Indeed the then Minister made comments about sewerage connections, and mentioned North Rothbury, in Parliament Question Time in 2014. I thought that we had it done. I thought that we had it across the line. Indeed, I remain a little unsure as to why it was not a done deal. I am told that perhaps final Ministerial sign off had not quite occurred.

Fast forward a few weeks, the Minister is sacked, a new Minister installed; the North Rothbury project apparently sits on the desk. Fast forward another couple of months and Hunter Water have their capital works projects (eg connecting sewerage to communities) reviewed by IPART (Independent Pricing & Regulatory Tribunal). The final IPART finding cuts back on the capital works of Hunter Water. This means that Hunter Water will be doing less real projects like sewerage connection at North Rothbury. Ultimately, this means that the good folks of North Rothbury have been put on the delayed projects list and are now looking at a 10 year wait instead of the much hoped for 5 years. I can't tell you how disappointed I am, and can only

begin to imagine how disappointed the North Rothbury community must be, to have come so close, and to have seen the stars align so brightly, only to have it all snuffed out. We will keep working on this timeline.

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

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Cheers Clayton



Sue Moore, Mayor Singleton Council

There's certainly been no easing in to this new term of Council.

Less than a month since the polls were declared, we're already seeing green lights for significant works in our community, not least important water projects at Camberwell and Bulga worth a combined \$6 million as well as design work for the Gowrie Gates.

Council has also made approaches to meet with the NSW Minister for Roads, Duncan Gay, to seek clarity on the preferred route for the proposed Singleton Bypass following a successful Notice of Motion by Cr John Martin at the first meeting of the newly-elected Council.

It's a great demonstration that we, as your elected local government representatives, as well as Council staff already have rubber on the road just weeks after the election, and a great indication that we certainly don't intend to sit on our hands for the next four years.

The water projects in particular will be significant for the people of Camberwell and Bulga, who have been waiting for some time for new and improved water utilities.

I was happy to meet with Upper Hunter MP Michael Johnsen to hear that Singleton Council will receive 50 per cent of the funding from the Government's Restart NSW program towards the Water Supply Schemes at Camberwell and Bulga.

A \$1.312 million grant has been announced for the Camberwell Water Supply Scheme to include a water treatment plant and supply network to provide safe, reliable drinking water to the people of Camberwell. Council will also receive \$1.413 million towards building a water treatment plant and reticulated water supply network for the Bulga community.

We also saw the NSW Government award the detailed design contract for the replacement of a rail bridge over the New England Highway at Singleton, at the location locally known as Gowrie Gates, with \$1.5 million allocated this year to progress planning work.

The new rail bridge will improve road and rail freight access through the Hunter Valley, as well as improve safety with wider sealed shoulders and facilities for pedestrians and cyclists. And we are continuing to advocate for

the much-needed and much talked about Singleton Bypass.

Under one of the first resolutions of our new Council to seek an urgent meeting with the Minister for Roads, I will be part of the delegation including the Deputy Mayor, General Manager and Member for the Upper Hunter who would attend the meeting to request a commitment from the Government about the route for the bypass.

In the reasons behind his Notice of Motion, Cr Martin said affected landowners needed certainty around the proposed route so they could plan for the future of their properties, and quite rightly so.

The people of Singleton also want assurance that this important project is progressing, in whatever form that might be taking at the present time.

All of these projects constitute major progress for the people of Singleton, and will directly impact our lives as we go about our day-to-day activities.

As the elected Council, that is our ultimate goal: to improve our communities and make us feel positive about where we live. In these circumstances, that comes through the role of advocacy and effective leadership.

To that end, I'd like to take this opportunity to publicly congratulate Cr Godfrey Adamthwaite who was elected unopposed as the Deputy Mayor of Singleton for a two-year term, as well as my other colleagues on Council who all took an oath or affirmation of office at our first meeting for the new term on 26 September.

I also extend my congratulations to the 21 new Australians who took the oath or affirmation as they officially became citizens at a ceremony on 5 October.

This is one of the great privileges as Mayor to be part of a significant occasion for those who have taken the momentous decision to identify themselves as Australian.

The people at last Wednesday's ceremony came from a diverse range of backgrounds, including The Philippines, England, India, New Zealand, Zimbabwe, Canada and China, and all traced a path around the globe to Singleton.

Citizenship ceremonies are a wonderful occasion for us all to celebrate what it means to be Australian, and in particular our tradition of democracy where everyone has the right to have input into their community.

That's why, despite the funding announcements we have already seen and the close relationship we already have, the NSW Government should consider itself on notice that my fellow councillors and I will continue to be strong advocates for more infrastructure and more quality facilities for our community.

Cheers, Sue



JOEL FITZGIBBON MP Member for Hunter

HMAS Cessnock was one of many Minesweepers (commonly known as corvettes) built during World War II

in Australian shipyards as part of the Commonwealth Government's wartime shipbuilding program. Twenty (including the Cessnock) were built on Admiralty order but commissioned and manned by the Royal Australian Navy. HMAS Cessnock II was commissioned at Cairns on March 5, 1983, the eighth of fifteen Fremantle class patrol boats built for the Royal Australian Navy between 1980 and 1984. She was also the seventh Australian built Fremantle class patrol boat.

The question is, why was the original Cessnock so named? So far I've not been able to find the answer and I'm hoping readers may be able to help. It's a long time ago I know, but I feel confident someone out there will know something.

My research so far has uncovered a Government decision to name vessels in Her Majesty's fleet after country towns. But even with the assistance of the Parliamentary Library, I've not been able to find out how the towns were chosen.

I've written to and spoken with the Minister for Defence Industry in the hope he may be in a position to assist. He has committed to doing so.

Why am I so curious? The Cessnock RSL Sub Branch wants the Government to give consideration to naming one of the yet-to-be-built Offshore Patrol Vessels Cessnock III. It's an idea I support but I believe solving the mystery of the original naming may also provide a chance to strengthen the argument for Cessnock III.

If you know something, please let me know.

Like most people, I lament the loss of car manufacturing in Australia. As a country, we have a proud history of making and building things. But in a changing world, these things are largely outside our control. We know longer make textiles because we can't compete with countries which pay their workers a pittance. We used to have tariffs but they are a tax on Australian consumers. They also cause us to use our capital and people resources in areas where we are not competitive rather than the sectors where we are better than others.

We can compete on cars, but we lack close-to-home customers. In the early eighties the Hawke Government saw the need to re-orient our car industry towards export. The more cars you sell the lower the unit cost of producing more is. So under the Button Plan, Labor provided export facilitation grants in order to grow the sector's customer base. It worked for a long time but there was an emergence of the big, highly automated production lines in Asia, right near the bulk of the customers. Being close to the customers allows them to do it cheaper, so does there large customer bases.

Australia could keep throwing more and more taxpayers' money at the owners of the local industry but sadly, we would only enter a bidding war with our big competitors. Unfortunately, it's not a battle we can win.

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. Please like my Facebook page Joel Fitzgibbon MP, follow me on Twitter @fitzhunter and check my website www.joelfitzgibbon.com regularly for news. To contact the office, phone 1300 301 753 or post 3 Edward Street, (PO Box 526) Cessnock, 2325.

Cheers, Joel

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BRANXTON GRETA

On Monday, 10th October, Branxton/Greta CWA members held their AGM at Pauline Hunt's home at Broke. All

Office Bearers were voted back into the same positions, except one, which was Agricultural and Environmental Officer, which Pauline Hunt was nominated and agreed to take the position. Once the meeting was finished, all members and Zac enjoyed a lovely morning tea and catch up chat and also enjoyed the serenity of Pauline's lovely garden. Thank you Pauline. Our Branch was asked by Helen Scott to cater for the Pink Cancer Morning Tea, which was held on Wednesday, 12th October. We would like to thank Helen for the privilege of catering for such a worthy cause and for all her consultation through the months of preparation. As the old saying goes "many hands make light work", and with that we would just like to say a BIG THANK

YOU to all the helpers, in the kitchen, serving the food and cleaning up (some from the Cancer Council, Chris Bray, Zac, Ernie and Helen's friend). Even with the help, it was still a big job, one that we were only too happy to do and would do again if Helen asked us. We will leave the rest for Helen to report on, as is her right as Hostess of the Event, but we must just congratulate Helen and the Cancer Council on a wonderful day (as viewed by us from the kitchen). Mr Jim L'Estrange, CEO of The Cancer Council Australia's Biggest Morning Tea, sent a thank you letter to our Branch to thank us for our contribution to their program. "The \$2,200 raised has helped them reach an outstanding \$4.6m in New South Wales and means they can save many more lives and brings them one step closer to beating cancer." Branxton/Greta CWA would like to pass Mr L'Estrange's thanks onto all who attended the Australia's Biggest Morning Tea, held earlier this year and also to the Businesses of Branxton and Greta who also contributed. All monies raised

is important but fundraising for such a worthy cause also gives people a chance to get together and support one another - friends or loved ones who have been diagnosed with cancer and also some who have survived cancer and can give others fighting cancer some hope for the future. Thanks again to a very caring and generous community. On Monday, 14th November, the Land Cookery/Product Promotion (Blueberries) Day will be at the McCauley Hall, Branxton again, as it was such a success last year. Katrina from Your Inspiration at Home will be the Guest Speaker, as well as a Presentation on Blueberries (our Product Promotion for 2016). 10.00am for 10.30am. Morning Tea, Lunch. \$12. Our Cookery Officer, Roslyn Shearer, will be assisting the Judge of the Cookery Competition and then awarding the certificates. Winning cakes are sold so there is the opportunity to purchase



some lovely home made cakes if anyone wishes. Anyone wishing to attend can RSVP to Marie before 31st October with their details (for catering purposes) and with any special dietary requirements on 0402015850 or email brantongretacwa@hotmail.com

This may also apply if anyone would like to be added to our mailing list for invitations to be sent or emailed for any future functions. Denise McGoldrick Publicity Officer.

Photo above: Branxton/Greta CWA members at AGM at Broke.



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Method

Ingredients

- 6 red onions, thinly sliced
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- 1/2 firmly packed cup (110g) brown sugar
- 1/3 cup (80ml) balsamic vinegar
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 12 pork chipolata sausages
- 12 small bread rolls
- Mustard and rocket leaves, to serve

1. Place onion in a deep frypan with lager, sugar, balsamic, oil and 1/2 cup (125ml) water. Bring to a simmer over medium-high heat. Reduce heat to low and cook for 40 minutes or until thick and rich, stirring occasionally to prevent onion catching on the base of the pan. Caramelised onions will keep in an airtight container in the fridge for up to 1 month.
2. Meanwhile, preheat a barbecue or chargrill pan to medium-high. In batches if necessary, cook the sausages, turning, for 6-8 minutes or until cooked through.
3. Warm the bread rolls on a rack on the barbecue or in a low oven, then split through the middle, without slicing all the way through. Fill the rolls with mustard, sausages, caramelised onion and rocket.



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Let's Show We Care

Sometimes we all need a break from our daily chores, but none are more deserving of a break than carers - dedicated, tireless, and often unpaid. Carers make an enormous contribution to our communities as well as our national economy. According to the Carers Australia website, in 2015 there were over 2.8 million unpaid carers in Australia. Over 28% (770,000 carers) are primary carers, which are those who provide the most informal assistance to another individual. Carers are a vital part of

represent 69.7% of primary carers and 56.1% of all carers. In 2012, 38.9% of primary carers reported spending an average of 40 hours per week or more caring, while 19.5% of carers spend between 20 and 40 hours. Carers are unsung heroes, and contribute so much to our collective communities. However, they often face serious challenges. In the Australian Unity Wellbeing Index Survey which was conducted in 2007, carers were shown to: have the lowest collective wellbeing of any population group investigated have an average stress rating that is classified as moderate depression be more likely to experience chronic pain than is normal, and are highly likely to be carrying an injury. According to a 2012 Survey

home. Almost two-thirds (65%) of primary carers in 2012 resided in a household with a low gross household income. The median gross personal income for a primary carer was \$400 per week, and for a non-carer was \$600 per week. Some 55% of primary carers are on a Government pension or allowance, and 54% of primary carers have difficulty meeting everyday costs as a result of a caring role. Many carers are young men and women. In Australia, 150,000 carers are young carers who are under the age of 18 years. These young people may be providing care for a parent, partner, sibling, their own child, relative, or friend. Many of these young carers indicate that caring is a positive experience for them. However, research clearly indicates that when not



of Disability, Ageing and Carers, primary carers were significantly more likely to have a disability themselves - 37% of primary carers have a disability, compared with 16% of people who are not in a carer's role. Carers are also very socially isolated. In 2012, only 47% of carers who provided care for 40 hours per week or more reported participation in at least one cultural or physical activity away from

adequately supported, their own health and wellbeing can be seriously affected. A carer-friendly Australia is one where unpaid carers are recognised and supported during and after their caring role, across all spectrums of society. It is our job to ensure that we have a carer-friendly Australia where everyone, including carers, has a fair go. Cheers, Lee

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Final planning stages

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Centre however the results did not represent value for money for all residents. Residents with items that can be reused such as toys and furniture will be directed to local charity shops and services. The new waste transfer facility will include new resource recovery opportunities for a range of materials including metals, garden organics, electronic waste, paints, oils and batteries.

All materials will be required to go over the weighbridge which is a part of Council's Environmental Protection Authority license requirements. This stipulates all incoming and outgoing waste must be tracked for reporting purposes. Fees for these materials are still being determined and will be at a substantially discounted rate. The disposal of metals will

remain free of charge in accordance with the 2016/17 financial year fees and charges.



The community is reminded the introduction of a third bin for garden organics

including pruning and grass clippings, is scheduled to be introduced in March 2017. Grass clippings will remain free of charge until the commencement of the garden organics service. The redesign will deliver the community with a modern facility which has increased safety, convenience and more recycling/reuse opportunities. Interim measures will be in place during the construction phase and the community will be informed of these prior to commencement of the project.



To remind you all our shed is open Wednesday and Friday 7.30am to 12.00md and the ladies craft group is on Tuesday from 9.00am. Contact phone numbers are Kevin Bell 0467314211, Jim Cahill 0487372654. Kevin Bell. President.

FROM PAGE 6 Members say ..



MICHAEL JOHNSEN MP Member for Upper Hunter

GREYHOUND RACING GIVEN ONE LAST CHANCE

The NSW Government will give in principle support for greyhound racing to have one final chance in NSW, subject to industry agreeing to the strictest regulations in the country to clamp down on animal cruelty. The Government has invited the RSPCA and greyhound racing industry representatives to join a Greyhound Industry Reform Panel, to be chaired by former Premier Morris Iemma, to determine the new regime. The Government will ask the Panel to consider:

- Mandatory life bans and increased jail terms for live baiting;
- Registering greyhounds for their entire lives;
- An independent regulator with strong new powers to ensure accountability; and
- Substantially increased resources for enforcement and prosecution as well as animal welfare.

The greyhound industry's own commitments to having total lifecycle management, controlled breeding, zero tolerance for animal cruelty and eliminating avoidable injury will be the starting point for the Panel's work. Based on the major shift in the industry's attitude and commitments since the announcement of a ban, the Government believes it is fair to give the industry one last chance.

I am well aware of the very real impact the ban would have on our Upper Hunter electorate involved in this industry and its support industries. In August of this year, in the Parliament, I spoke on the viability of the Greyhound racing

industry, but this policy correction ensures that the Industry is the master of its own financial destiny. My reasons for voting for the ban at the time, was to ensure that if it went ahead, a proper supporting transition package was going to help my constituents.

Greyhound racing will now be subject to the toughest regulations in the country. It is now up to the industry to demonstrate its commitment and put this into action to reform for the benefit of all involved. As Member for Upper Hunter, I frequently met with representatives from the Greyhound Industry throughout the debate, and only the other week I visited Coonamble racetrack to meet with members of the Greyhound racing community. The Nationals are dedicated to listening to and respecting community feeling in rural and regional Australia, and I am proud to have been part of this process in the Greyhound debate

Subject to the Panel's recommendations, legislation would then be introduced early in 2017 to repeal the ban and deliver the new regime under which racing would operate.

NSW DEBT WIPED OUT, NSW BUDGET FIRMLY IN THE BLACK

The NSW Government has wiped out the State's net debt and delivered a cash positive result in 2015-16, with the Total State Sector Accounts (TSSA) showing a final surplus of \$4.7 billion in 2015-16 – an improvement of \$1.3 billion since the June 2016 Budget forecast.

The improved surplus compared with the June 2016 Budget forecast was due largely to one-off items including higher realised distributions from investments and actuarial valuations in SICorp. General government sector net debt fell from \$5.5 billion at 30 June 2015 to negative \$57 million at 30 June 2016 – meaning NSW was in a cash positive position for the first time on record.

Our fiscal discipline and asset recycling strategy has allowed us to invest record amounts on infrastructure in rural and regional NSW, while securing our triple-A credit rating. This unprecedented infrastructure program is also supporting our booming jobs market, solid housing construction industry and helping to boost consumer confidence and business investment.

The TSSA comes after Standard & Poor's reaffirmed NSW's triple-A credit rating. Meanwhile, the Audit Office noted the Government's improved financial statement preparation processes have helped to identify and resolve accounting issues, reduce the number of reported misstatements and achieve earlier reporting timeframes.

NSW's Budget is firmly in the black and we are leading the nation on economic and fiscal management, and the Nationals in Government are resolved to providing continuing financial responsibility to the people of rural and regional Australia, and all our NSW communities.

NSW WELCOMES NATIONAL COMMITMENT TO ENERGY SECURITY

The State's energy service

is as vital to rural and regional NSW as it is metropolitan NSW, so after the poor energy policy decisions of the South Australian government, I am pleased to sat that an agreement by Australia's energy ministers to develop a national plan ensuring the nation's energy security and reliability, has been welcomed by the NSW Government.

Whilst there is always room to debate the merits of different efficiencies that can be made in energy supply, there is no room for an energy policy that discriminates against conventional mining. Integrating renewable energy into the grid is a delicate balancing act, one that requires responsible management from governments, and whilst we all agree on the possible benefits of renewable energy, we must ensure the transition to greater renewable energy use does not compromise our secure and affordable power supply for rural and regional NSW.

Last week an emergency meeting was held in Melbourne of the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) Energy Council in the wake of the recent South Australia state-wide blackout, with the nation's energy ministers have agreed to an independent review into the South Australian incident and options for ensuring the reliability and security of the National Electricity Market (NEM).

The national reform blueprint is intended to identify national policy, legislative and rule changes required to maintain the

security, reliability and affordability of the NEM, which is something which the NSW Government has been advocating for some time and I am pleased that this comprehensive review is now about to happen.

Our Upper Hunter electorate has a long history of conventional mining, and the social benefits that flow from it, whilst NSW has a

diverse energy mix of 79 per cent coal-fired power generation, 7 per cent gas and the remainder from renewables, which last year increased by 3.1 per cent. The independent review to develop a national electricity market blueprint will be headed by the Commonwealth Chief Scientist, Dr Alan Finkel AO, with a preliminary

report to be prepared for the COAG Energy Council in December 2016.

The Nationals in Government remain as committed as ever to ensuring that the people of NSW get the best possible energy service, and that the mistakes of other states are avoided.

Cheers, Michael

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Unpaid levies – the new rules

Over 90 reforms are being made to the strata laws on 30 November 2016 in a bid to modernise the legislation, reduce red tape, avoid disputes and support the sector. One of the changes will allow lot owners the right to request an owners corporation agree to a payment plan for any levies in arrears. Faiyaz Shafiq, Senior Lawyer with JS Mueller & Co Lawyers, said that currently there are no legal rights for lot owners to request a levy instalment payment plan from an owners corporation. Although an instalment plan can sometimes be agreed by an owners corporation in appropriate cases. However under the new strata Regulation a lot owner will have the right to

request the owners corporation hold an extraordinary general meeting (EGM) to discuss agreeing to a payment plan for any levies in arrears. As a result of the request the lot owner may have to pay the costs of holding the EGM, although sometimes an owners corporation can approve a plan at an AGM. Faiyaz said: "It's important to note that by holding an EGM it is not guaranteed that the request for the payment plan will be approved. "The entry into a payment plan is a discretionary matter for the owners corporation and it is not a mandatory requirement that such a plan will have to be accepted. "Conversely, an owners corporation in a deserving and genuine case may decide to accept a request for a payment plan provided the owners

corporation is of the view that the plan is more likely to be adhered to." He added that if a request for a payment plan is unreasonably refused the lot owner can take legal action against a refusal and seek orders from a Court of Law or Tribunal forcing the owners corporation to enter into a payment plan.

Chinese auction buyers are among the best

Chinese buyers are leading the way in the property battle at auctions because of their approach and tactics. This is according Channel 9's Current Affairs programme about Chinese buyers at auction. On the show, Raine and Horne Auction Director, James Pratt, said: "The Chinese buyers know what they are looking for and know how to negotiate. "English is not their first language, but their skill level and talent to be able to approach the auction, have tactics and be participating in it has been very good." He added: "It is easy for me as an auctioneer to spot someone who is emotionally invested in the home. "However the Chinese handle their emotions well because they are at the back of the room not giving anything away, so you don't know whether

they are out or they are in." He said that two of the strategies Chinese buyers use are to open the bidding and bid in uneven increments. James explained: "If someone bids \$25,500 it actually gets the auctioneer to stop and calculate the bids slower and gives more charge to the buyer rather than the auctioneer just dictating the terms. "Towards the end if we are going in \$1,000 rises, a Chinese bidder will sometimes come in and put a \$25,000 rise in and blow everyone else out of the water." Chinese buyers are the biggest foreign consumers of Australian property with \$24.3 billion spent in the last financial year, half invested in residential. They are also expected to invest over \$60 billion into Australian housing over the next six years, double the \$28 billion spent in the last six years. Over the last three years, places like Bankstown, Hurstville, and Rhodes in Sydney have been the most popular areas for Chinese to buy. However currently the popular spots are Epping, Ryde

and Eastwood. Monika Tu, owner of Black Diamondz Property Concierge, revealed that her company is finding new ways to connect with Chinese buyers. Because Facebook, YouTube and Google are banned in China, she has built a profile and 35,000 followers on the Chinese social media platform WeChat which enables her to reach many active buyers and sometimes to make a very quick sale. She added: "We posted one property on WeChat on Friday, had an enquiry on Saturday, and exchanged contracts on Tuesday."

New NCAT scenario-based videos



A series of videos have been launched by the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NCAT) to help people prepare for their hearing. The four videos deal with common matters heard by NCAT. These include a home building conflict, the review of a government

agency's decision and the appointment of a guardian and financial manager for a person with a disability. It also includes a tenancy dispute where the judge ruled the tenancy agreement was terminated and the tenant was ordered to pay back the money owed. Attorney General Gabrielle Upton said: "This new online resource will help people understand and prepare for the NCAT's processes and deliver fast and fair justice. "The scenario-based videos dramatise each step of the NCAT process from lodging an application through to case preparation, the hearing and the decision." The videos are designed for self-represented parties, but will assist anyone appearing before NCAT or wanting to learn more about the tribunal's services. In 2015-16, more than 82,000 NCAT hearings were held in over 70 locations across NSW, with 34% of hearings in regional areas. The majority of hearings are less formal than court proceedings and are designed to create an environment where people can put forward their case effectively without legal representation. In January 2014, NCAT replaced a complex network of 22 NSW

tribunals with four easy to navigate divisions – Consumer and Commercial, Administrative and Equal Opportunity, Guardianship, and Occupational. **Roof restoration releases asbestos** NSW Fair Trading are investigating an incident at a property where asbestos was removed outside of the regulations which released asbestos dust into the property. The incident took place at a Fairfield property after the 61-year-old owner responded to an advertisement displayed on a road side trailer offering full roof restorations for \$3,000. However the trader applied water through a high pressure vessel to the asbestos sheeting in the roof releasing asbestos dust into the home as well as the adjoining yard and neighbouring properties. NSW Fair Trading and SafeWork says this incident is a cautionary tale for property owners and contractors. NSW Fair Trading Commissioner Rod Stowe said: "Any home owner wanting to undertake roof repairs or restoration services should identify whether this is likely to involve working CONT PAGE 14

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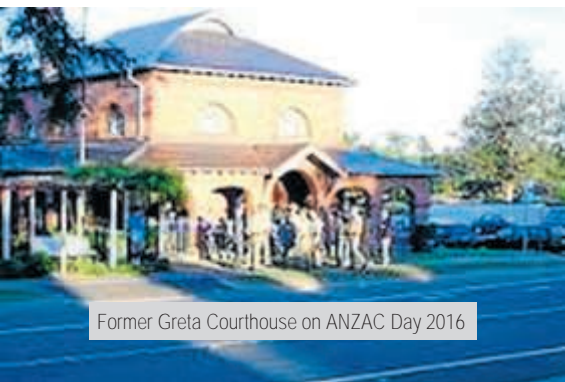


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Things You May Not Know About

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Former Greta Courthouse on ANZAC Day 2016



Minister of Justice, the Hon. A J Gould, who was accompanied by the Hon. Sydney Smith, Minister of Mines and Agriculture. They had been overnight guests of Mr Gould of Singleton and caught the train to Greta where they were met by the Committee arranging the proceedings, headed by the Mayor, Mr T Jones, and several of the Alderman and taken in a 'drag', one of seven vehicles where, after being driven to see the delightful scenery from the Red Hill, were delivered to the courthouse.

After the ceremony the Ministers were entertained at a public banquet in the Council Chambers, prepared by Mr Henry North of the Sportsman's Arms. (Maitland Weekly mercury (NSW: 1894-1931) Saturday December 5 1896, page 4).

Greta Council began life in the ante-room of the School of Arts building in Greta in July 1890, before it had its own home.

The short lived Branxton Greta Gazette newspaper (1881-1892) reported that the inaugural meeting was on Saturday July 19, 1890, with Boyd Bennie elected as the first mayor after the town became incorporated in May 1890.

There were nine seats with eighteen candidates. In this year there were about 1750 residents in Greta. The council began with weekly meetings but by October 23, 1890 they were meeting fortnightly. Despite the fact they met less often they maintained their energy of putting the roads and other amenities in order.

In the Maitland Mercury and Hunter River General Advertiser (NSW: 1843-1893), on Thursday August 7 1890, page 7, a description of the new mayor was given. Mr Bennie Boyd was quite a young man, 34 years of age, a native of Scotland. He became a coal miner after leaving school at twelve years, as was usual in the village of Dreghorn, Ayrshire. In after work hours he determined to get a better education by going to evening classes. He wanted to qualify as a mining engineer, but although he couldn't

complete it, he was still better off from the knowledge he attained. After eleven years in the mines he left Scotland with his brother for New Zealand in 1879 where he found work assisting the affairs of his fellow miners. In 1885 Mr Binnie, with some others, was instrumental in forming a branch of the Amalgamated Miners Association of Australasia in Victoria, where he acted as honorary secretary for two years. Then in 1887 he left and came to Greta where he had since resided.

As an example of the esteem shown for his former work before he left he was entertained to a banquet and presented with a purse of gold sovereigns. On his arrival in Greta he enrolled as a member of the Hunter River Miners' Association and his good advice in the Greta Lodge to both proprietors and workers got him quickly elected as Secretary. Later he was chosen as delegate to the District Board, and was still in this position when elected as mayor.

In 1891, the Council Clerk, M. North put a notice into the Greta Branxton Gazette stating that a Court of Petty Sessions would be held at the Court House, Greta, on 13th May at 11am, for the hearing of appeals against the assessment, and rates, in accordance with the provisions of the 175th Section of the Municipalities' Act of 1867.

It appears some residents were not happy with the assessments of the value of their properties, nor the rates set to be paid.

The town lost a number of residents and rate payers in 1900 when the Greta Colliery Fire occurred with five lives lost and was closed down, at the same time as the Anvil Creek Pit also closed.

In 1905 Mr B Pryor, a local who was considered a shrewd and successful business man, had been Mayor of Greta for four years, with the last three being consecutive. The Council Clerk, Mr Mark North, had formerly worked at the Greta Colliery and was first appointed to the council position in

September 1890.

He resigned in 1894 to go to the West Australian gold rush but returned to be re-appointed as Greta Council Clerk in 1901! (Australian Town & Country Journal (Sydney NSW: 1870-1907) Wednesday 15 February 1905, page 30)

It was not until 30 July 1912, that it was reported that the ceremony for the laying of the foundation stone of the Council Chambers building took place, twenty two years later.

By 1948 the Council Chambers were empty: a journalist from the Newcastle Morning Herald and Miners' Advocate (NSW: 1876-1954, page 3) interviewed Alderman James Proudfoot at the big, solid table they once used. The walls held 'the photographed groups of past councils, a roll of the Mayors from 1890 on, a framed full page report of the first council meeting..., and a picture of HMAS Australia (first flag ship of the RAN 1913-20) in a frame made of teak from her deck after she was sunk.'

In a visit to the Greta Museum you will see none of this has been changed, except that the table is no longer there.

In a newsletter from the late 1980s/early 1990s, for the Home Care service, the Greta/Branxton branch announced that the former Greta Council Chambers had been reopened as a Community Services

Department at Newcastle. W J Enright appeared for the Branxton Progress Association and ratepayers, A B Shaw for Branxton objectors, W J Grieve (clerk) for Kearsley Shire Council and H. Elliott (clerk) for the Greta Municipal Council.

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1939) on the 30th August 1927, page 6 which makes for fascinating reading.

It was as a result of a petition, and carried out at the Branxton Courthouse, under the leadership of Mr Neilley, officer in charge of the Public Works Department at Newcastle. W J Enright appeared for the Branxton Progress Association and ratepayers, A B Shaw for Branxton objectors, W J Grieve (clerk) for Kearsley Shire Council and H. Elliott (clerk) for the Greta Municipal Council.

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Greta Council Chambers and Court House

First – To finish the story of the former Greta Post Office up until the present The Greta Post Office continued to operate in the present bakery site up until 1996, at which time it then closed. A new post office agency for Greta started in April 1997 in the newsagents where the Fish and Chips shop has recently operated from, across the road from Baileys. Then, of course, with the post office still situated in the newsagents, they moved back across the road into the cream brick building that is right next door to where it had been for all those years.

In the former post office building a collectibles business moved in first from between 2000 to 2004. The Greta Bakery began life in the building on January 17, 2005. Before they could start the ceiling had to be lowered about one metre and redone for health and fire safety reasons. The roof may have also been refurbished at the time. If comparing old photos of the post office with the bakery you will see the building goes from having one peak at the roof top to having two. These peaks are only a façade above the normally flat roof.


Now – Greta Court House & Council Chambers It was reported on Wednesday August 9 1876 that 'a large and influential public meeting of the residents of Greta, Anvil Creek and surrounding district was held on Saturday last at P Henrys Hall for the purposes of petitioning the Government to erect a police Court-house at Greta.' They also decided to add a lock-up to their petition request. (Maitland Mercury and Hunter River General Advertiser (NSW: 1843-1893) Tuesday August 8 1876, page 6.) At the same time a similar meeting was being held in Branxton for the same purpose and there was a real rivalry as to which town would be

successful, as it was thought they couldn't both get one as they were so close together, and yet so different.

The first of two deputations to Sydney, was made by Greta followed by Branxton a few days later and included now well-known names such as George and Reginald Wyndham, Thomas Drinan and H. Wilkinson. The Branxton members argued that their inhabitants were more settled than the Greta ones because the latter's depended on the coal not giving out and many would have to become transient if it did. Mr Robertson, Colonial Secretary, stated that while he considered Branxton to be the best place for it, although 'good citizens wanted very little use of the court-house', that someone would be sent to the locality to inquire and then it would be decided (Maitland Mercury and Hunter River General Advertiser (NSW: 1843-1893) Thursday 24 August 1876, page 4).

It appears both were eventually successful as the Branxton courthouse was built in 1880 at the same time as its adjacent police station, after being designed by James Barnet. Greta had to wait to have their courthouse built. In the same year the Singleton Argus and Upper Hunter General Advocate (NSW: 1874-1880) Saturday 15 May 1880, on page 1) stated that because Greta had no court house, Mr (J.N.) Brooke (PM – Police Magistrate) was obliged to hold his fortnightly sittings in the large room at the Redheads Hotel, where the miners' meetings were also held.

The Greta Courthouse was eventually erected in 1896, and was considered at the time to be the most substantial building in town. It was built of brick at a cost of 1500 pounds. Constable A Williams was in charge of the site as well as acting as clerk of petty sessions. It was opened on Thursday evening, December 3 1896, by the



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Branxton VIEW club ladies and their partners and friends visited former member, Dorothy Comer who now resides at Lemon Tree Passage. Dorothy has a lovely unit which is in walking distance to the water and the shops. A delightful lunch was enjoyed at Amalies of Lemon Tree and friends were able to once again meet and greet our popular member, Dorothy. A beautiful bunch of flowers was given to Dorothy along with the promise of a further Friendship Day visit soon.

How wonderful to see October sunshine to grace our Annual Fashion Parade day! Brilliant colours and stylish clothing adorned our elegant models-Joan Nightingale, Evelyn Thrift, Judy Cudby, Margaret Wilson, Cathy Lindsay and Judy Groves. Well done, ladies!

Donna-lou and her assistant watched as the ladies eagerly perused the clothing racks after the parade. A special thanks to all the great supporters who attended; we love to see

you at our functions and may you have many memorable occasions wearing your exclusive Australian made garments. All money raised on the day supports our four Learning for Life students through the Smith Family. The success of such a fun fundraising day is the result of a dedicated band of Branxton VIEW Club Ladies who set up the tables, cooked delicious quiches, amazing cakes, served the food, sold raffle tickets, and cleaned up after the event. A great team effort-take a bow, ladies!

Commiserations to our super secretary, Bethany, who broke her arm. We trust that the healing process will bring that "busy right arm" back on deck soon. At the 10th November meeting members are asked to bring their money for the Christmas Party. New Zone Councillor, Angie Carol will visit the October meeting. New members always welcome. Just phone Bethany 4938 7597. To all those folk who are



Members enjoying a lovely lunch at Amalies of Lemon Tree. The visit to Lemon Tree Passage was to see past member, Dorothy Comer and enjoy a Friendship Day & it was enjoyed by all.



Annual Fashion Parade day!

experiencing sadness or ill health, our thoughts are with you. Helen Keller wrote that "Life is either a

daring adventure or nothing. To keep our faces toward change and behave like free spirits in the

presence of fate is strength undefeatable." Peace and love to everyone
Judy Spillard

opportunity for our local sporting clubs and would encourage local sporting clubs or groups to jump onto the website and have a look if they might be eligible," Mr Barr said. The guidelines and online application form can be found at www.sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/clubs/grants/localsport Applications close at 5pm on Friday 11 November 2016.

Character, the willingness to accept responsibility for one's own life, is the source from which self-respect springs.



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You express the truth of your character with the choice of your actions.
- Steve Maraboli**
Character consists of what you do on the third and fourth tries.
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If you want to make a difference and leave your world a better place, let others know how important they are as you put their needs above yours.
- Jaren L. Davis**

A Helping Hand for Heritage Properties

COMMUNITY HERITAGE GRANTS 2016

Cessnock City Council has announced funding for heritage grants made possible by the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage.

Mayor, Councillor Bob Pynsent welcomed the funding for our local government area which has such a rich history.

"We are fortunate to have over 200 heritage listed items that showcase the strong history of our community".

"The Local Heritage Fund is another way we are working to retain and restore our heritage properties and follow on from the adoption of the Heritage policy earlier this year", Cr Pynsent said. The fund aims to provide financial assistance to owners or managers of heritage items for conservation, maintenance works or Building Code upgrades.

This year, the grant is targeted at the commercial areas in Cessnock, Branxton and Kurri Kurri. Owners of Heritage

properties in these areas will receive a letter from Council.

Council has recently adopted the Branxton Subregional Land Use Strategy and is developing a Master Plan and Strategy for the Cessnock and Kurri Kurri Commercial areas.

There are a number of significant heritage items in these areas that will further enhance the character and overall streetscape in keeping with long term visions for the towns.

Projects which can be funded include:
conservation projects;
maintenance works;
adaptive re-use projects;
interpretive projects; and
conservation management plans.

A complete list of what can be funded is provided in the Local Heritage Fund Guidelines on Council's webpage www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au/community/grants/localheritageplacesgrant. The current round of funding will close on Monday 31 October 2016 and all projects must be completed by the 15 March 2017. Successful applicants may be eligible for up to \$2000 funding, matched dollar for dollar.

Local Sport Grant Program

The Local Sport Grant Program is now open for applications for incorporated, not-for-profit grassroots sport clubs. Clayton Barr, MP, State Member for the Electorate of Cessnock said that the Program will provide \$50,000 to the Cessnock

Electorate. The Program aims to increase regular and on-going participation opportunities in sport and will be awarded in the following four



Member for Cessnock Clayton Barr MP

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* Sport Development.
* Community Sport Events.
* Sport Access.
* Facility Development.
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Roof restoration releases asbestos

.... with asbestos and take all necessary precautions. "Consumers should always engage a licensed asbestos removalist to undertake any demolition or removal work that involves asbestos." SafeWork Executive Director Peter Dunphy said work health and safety laws prohibit using high pressure water spraying of asbestos materials. Anyone who is uncertain if asbestos may be present in their home can contact their local Council or the free asbestos advisory service. Find out more here www.asbestosawareness.com.au

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The Good People by Hannah Kent



village will be superstitious about his deformities. Peg suggests she needs help, so she hires fourteen-year-old Mary Clifford at the hiring fair in Killarney. Mary does her best, but Nora is desperate to bring Michael back to the healthy state she remembers when he was two.

When the local woman “with the knowledge”, Nance Roche sees Michael, she tells Nora he is likely a changeling: she knows how to bring back

Nora’s grandson and banish this unwanted fairy. “Nance knew that the only reason they had allowed her this damp cabin between mountain and wood and river for twenty-odd years was because she stood in for that which was not and could not be understood. She was the gatekeeper at the edge of the world. The final human hymn before all fell to wind and shadow and the strange creaking of stars. She was a pagan chorus. An older song” “Nora saw the boy as Nance saw him then. A wild, crabbed child no heavier than the weight of snow upon a branch. A clutch of bones rippling with the movement of wind on water. Thistle-headed. Fierce-chinned. Small fingers clutching in front of him as though the air were filled with wonders and not the smoke of the fire and their own stale breath” Kent bases her tale on a real life event, so reading the Author’s Note last will avoid spoilers. With her gorgeous descriptive prose, Kent easily evokes the day-to-day village life in early 19th century Ireland. The depth of her research into this period is apparent in every paragraph, but all those little details are woven seamlessly into the story: things like the average diet (potatoes, dairy products, tea and poitin), death rituals, footwear

“The Good People” are cunning when they are not merry. They do what pleases them because they serve neither God nor Devil, and no one can assure them of a place in Heaven or Hell. Not good enough to be saved, and not bad enough to be lost”. The Good People is the second novel by award-winning Australian author, Hannah Kent. It’s 1825, and Nora Leahy lives in a small mountain village near the Flesk River, about ten miles from Killarney. When John O’Donoghue and Peter O’Connor, two men of the village, bring the body of her just deceased husband, Martin

to their cabin, she is understandably distraught. But her very first thought is to ask Peter to take her grandson, Michael, to her nearest neighbour, Peg O’Shea. She knows the cabin will soon fill with neighbours, and doesn’t want Michael seen. Two months earlier, her son-in-law, Tadgh Kelliher had brought news of the passing of her only daughter, Johanna, and left their son, Michael in his grandparents’ care. But four-year-old Michael cannot walk, cannot talk, and screams inconsolably much of the time. Nora is now left to care for him alone, and she knows the



(none), customs, beliefs and common sayings give the tale authenticity. This was an era when religious belief existed side by side with folk belief. Natural occurrences like stillbirth, heart attack, accidental injury, poor milk production or low crop yield were often seen as signs or omens of something sinister; rituals to avoid these were a daily practice.

Kent paints a picture of a village where jealousy, resentment, rumour and superstition lead to a sort of mass hysteria. Each of Kent’s three main characters has very human flaws, even when their intentions are good: “Nora had always believed herself to be a good woman. A kind woman. But perhaps, she thought, we are good only when life makes it easy for us to be so.

Maybe the heart hardens when good fortune is not there to soften it”. Her final evocative paragraph (“The air was sweet and

damp. A morning mist rolled down off the mountains and their purple skins. Hares moved lightly through the heather, white tails scuttling through the dark tangle of brambles before the rowan trees, blossom-white, the clover. The lane was empty before her, and there was no movement in the waiting valley, no wind. Only the birds above her and, in the slow unpeeling of darkness a divinity of sky”) confirm Kent’s deserved place in historical fiction. Kent’s second novel does not disappoint

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Hannah Kent (born 1985) is an Australian writer. In 2011 she won the inaugural Writing Australia Unpublished Manuscript Award for her novel *Burial Rites*. Published in May 2013, it tells the story of Agnes Magnúsdóttir, a servant in northern Iceland who was condemned to death after the murder of two men, one of whom was her employer, and became the last woman put to death in Iceland. Kent was drawn to the idea of writing her story after a visit to the scene of the woman’s execution in a lonely area of Iceland, close to where she stayed for some time as a Rotary student when she was 18. The novel crafts a more ambiguous, sympathetic image of the life of a woman widely regarded in popular opinion to have been ‘an inhumane witch, stirring up murder’. *Burial Rites* was shortlisted for the Guardian First Book Award, and for the Baileys Women’s Prize for Fiction (2014). A documentary about Kent’s experiences in Iceland and writing *Burial Rites* was aired on ABC1 as an episode of Australian Story titled ‘No More Than a Ghost,’ on 1 July 2013. Her second novel *The Good People* (2016) is set in Ireland’s County Kerry in 1825. It is the story of widow’s struggle to find a cure for her grandson who has been struck down by a mysterious inability to speak and who is feared by others in this superstitious community as a changeling. In 2010, Kent co-founded the Australian literary journal *Kill Your Darlings*. She is completing a creative writing PhD at Flinders University.

Calling for Nominations for 2016 Hall of Fame

Cessnock City Council is inviting the community to put forward nominations for the 2016 Cessnock City Hall of Fame by the end of October.

Cessnock City Council Mayor, Councillor Bob Pynsent said this year marks the 10th anniversary of the Hall of Fame and it is a privilege to be seeking nominations for our next inductees.

“Over the past decade the Hall of Fame has recognised outstanding individuals and families in six categories of achievement”.

“Notable people from the Arts, Business, Public Service, Science, Sport and Meritorious Families are all worthy of consideration”, Cr Pynsent said.

To be eligible for induction into Hall of Fame, the nominated individual or family must have:

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- * been a resident in the LGA for a substantial period of time during their period of high achievement.

Previous inductees include Stuart Pike who represented Australia in swimming at the Sydney 2000 Paralympic Games; Kenneth Neate who was a renowned Australian operatic and concert tenor, opera producer and singing teacher; and the Tulloch Family, winemakers over several generations since the 1890s.

Detailed guidelines including examples of achievements needed to ensure your nominee is eligible for induction are available on our website or you can pick up a hard copy at our Administration Centre (62-78 Vincent Street Cessnock) or Cessnock and Kurri Kurri libraries.

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October 2016. For more information visit destinationnsw.com.au

Great Events On This Weekend in Wine Country

Hunter Valley Wine Country 'comes alive' this weekend with some great events on the calendar. Join Winemaker Xanthe for an intimate 3 course lunch prepared by Hunters Quarter, matched to premium Cockfighter's Ghost and Poole's Rock at the Cockfighter's Ghost Budburst Lunch, or watch over 30 Hot Air Balloons take to the skies over the Hunter Valley during the Hunter Valley Balloon Fiesta, or enjoy the best food, wine and music at the inaugural Pokolbin Pride Festival. Spring has arrived and the Hunter Valley Gardens Rose Spectacular 2016 is in full swing this October with over 2 million blooms! Sobels Wines presents Hunter Valley Summer Theatre, along with the Handmade Hunter Markets on this weekend. For a full calendar of upcoming events in your backyard visit winecountry.com.au Cheers, Jo

Compliance, Support and Education, the key for Pets, Patrols and Parking

The results are in after Cessnock City Council asked the community for feedback on the different services the rangers provide local residents. Cessnock City Council Mayor, Councillor Bob Pynsent said to build a safer community compliance, support and education are all important components.

"It is vital our statutory obligations are enforced when required but by also providing support and education to the community it creates an environment where people do the right thing".

"Most people are keen to comply with their responsibilities as a pet owner or road user which is why education is critical", Cr Pynsent said.

The community agreed, with 89% of people who completed the Community Survey supporting education as opposed to enforcement in circumstances where there is no threat to the public.

In contrast when there is a risk to public safety, for example school zones or dangerous dogs, 91% of people said they understood and supported the need for enforcement action when people do the wrong thing.

The Community Survey also showed: over 80% of respondents were aware of the free microchip day;

almost 80% of respondents were aware of parking patrols;

over 70% of respondents were aware of compliance patrols for example dog attacks, unregistered animals, dogs off leads; and

almost 45% were aware rangers undertake investigations for littering and also overgrown vegetation. Overall, the survey demonstrated people have a good understanding of the diverse range services our rangers provide and acknowledge both

enforcement and education programs are required.

The Cessnock local government area covers approximately 1,950 square kilometres and responses were received from Millfield to Weston and Greta to Cessnock.

The purpose of this survey was to listen to our community and the results will help inform our future strategies and policies at Council. We will also be undertaking more feedback surveys in the future to en-

sure our services are meeting the needs of our community.



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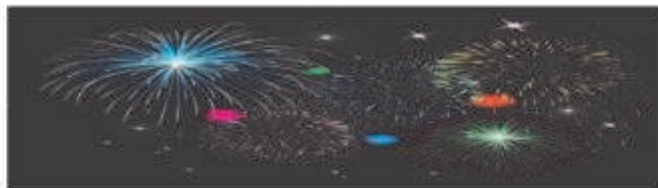
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Will DVDs Last 100 Years?

A reader wrote this in response to a question about transferring 8 mm film. "Perhaps John could have solved his problem by getting his wedding film copied onto an archival quality DVD disc. Expensive, but supposedly guaranteed for 100 years! I have stored a lot on mine, but can't verify the 100 years."



I can definitely tell you that 100 years is really stretching it. Perhaps a DVD kept in optimum conditions and never played might make it that long, but a 10 to 20 year range is more reasonable (less if it is frequently played or kept in heat, damp, or cold). I'd also caution against transferring only to a DVD format that plays in conventional home DVD players. I would choose a current video file standard and ask for the digital file on a flash drive. That way you have the option to keep the file on a hard drive or later have it converted to another type of file if video standards change. There's no guarantee that DVD players as they exist now will be commonly available in 15 years. (Look what happened to VHS.) If you have a lot of precious memories stored on DVDs, I'd also look at transferring those files to other storage mediums as well

Are Fake Friend Requests Dangerous?

In response to my mentioning in our last issue on fake Facebook friend requests, a reader asked. "This happens often on Facebook with different friends. We, after checking if it is really from the friend, advise the friend to post a notice not to accept this request. Is there a danger if it is accepted?"

They aren't immediately dangerous. Accepting a friend request is not the same as launching a virus or granting accesses to your bank account. Nothing is immediately going to happen to your advice.

What normally happens is these people will message you pretending to be your actual friend. Sometimes they want to share a link for you to click on. This can be a link to advertising or to some type of malware.

Sometimes they'll ask for money. Clearly, anyone who needs to pretend to be someone else is up to no good. As a friend, these fakers can look over your Facebook page and learn things about you like the names of relatives, pets, where you went to school, where you work, and if you're dealing with an illness. This type of information can be used to scam you or people you know and also to take better guesses at your passwords and security questions.

Has Google Made The Ultimate Android Phone?

Google is proudly showing off its fancy new Pixel phone. The smartphone is not cheap. It comes with a suggested price of \$749 and aims to compete with the iPhone 7 and the Galaxy 7.



The phone comes in two sizes, the 5" Pixel and the 5.5" Pixel XL and three colours. Choose between black, silver, or blue. It's the first phone to come with Google Assistant built into the phone. Much like Siri and Cortana, Google assistant can search the Internet for you, set appointments, send messages, open apps, and generally serve as a personal assistant in your pocket. Google is particularly proud of the camera. It calls it the best smartphone camera ever. (though I seem to recall Samsung calling the Galaxy 7 the best camera ever and Apple expressing the same opinion about the iPhone 7)

The camera takes 12.3 MP images and uses 1.55 µm pixels and a f/2.0 aperture. Larger pixels mean more accurate colour, while the aperture gives better images in low light. Users will also have unlimited storage for photos and video in the Google Cloud.

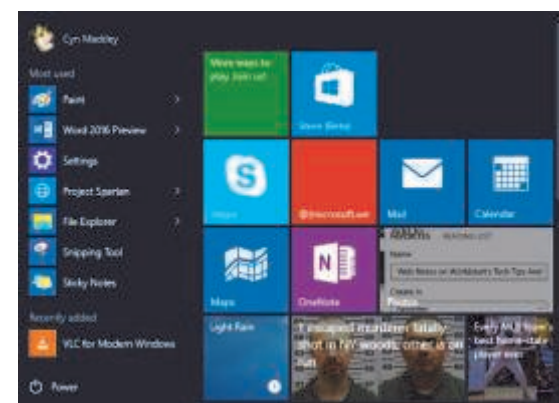
The phone has a glass aluminium body and also features a fingerprint reader for security. Thanks to the QuickSwitch adapter, transferring your info from your old iPhone or Android should be super-fast.

Like the Galaxy 7, the Pixel can also be used with VR goggles for an enhanced gaming and movie viewing experience. This phone works in conjunction with the Daydream View VR headset. Google is offering a free VR headset for those who pre-order the phone.

The only carrier with Pixel available for purchase is Verizon, but you can order the phone through Google and use it with any carrier you choose.

Windows 10 Running On 400 Million Devices

Microsoft says that Windows 10 is now running on 400 Million machines.



The company still has a way to go to reach its target of having Windows 10 on a billion machines by the end of 2017. The company says Windows 10 has a faster adoption rate than Windows 7 did at launch, but Windows 7 still is still the operating system for about 50% of PCs in use.

HP Blocks Third-Party Ink Cartridges

Face it, printer ink can be incredibly expensive. Black ink for an inkjet printer can run close to \$20 while colour ink could cost you closer to \$40.



One way to save money is to buy what's called third-party cartridges that fit your printer. These are sold at a what is usually a substantial discount.

For example, one retailer offers this ink cartridge at a full \$10 less per cartridge than the printer manufacturer's list price.

HP is hoping to put an end to that practice when buying replacement ink for their machines. The company says it's to protect their Ink sales are very important for printer makers. They offer home printers at a low price and make up the cash on the ink. And with the home and business printer business in decline, they need to make up the money where they can. After a recent firmware update, owners of many HP printer models are finding that their printers won't recognize those third-party cartridges. Instead, users get an error saying that the cartridge is damaged.

An ink cartridge is a little more sophisticated than the typewriter ribbons of old. Each cartridge has a special security chip that tells the printer just what kind of cartridge it is. Your cartridge will need that chip or your HP printer won't work with it now.

If you're using refurbished or refilled cartridges that have that chip, they should still work.

After a huge backlash, the company says it will now offer an optional update that will allow you to use third-party ink again

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MOVIE REVIEW

THE GIRL ON THE TRAIN

ABOUT

Based on the best-selling novel by Paula Hawkins, *The Girl on the Train* is an electrifying thriller directed by Tate Taylor (*The Help*) and starring Emily Blunt. Devastated by her recent divorce, Rachel (Blunt) spends her daily commute fantasising about the seemingly perfect couple who live in a house that her train passes every day, until one morning she sees something shocking happen there and becomes entangled in the mystery that unfolds.

Consumer Advice - Strong themes and violence. **Director** - Tate Taylor. **Main Cast** - Emily Blunt, Rebecca Ferguson, Haley Bennett. **Genre** - Thriller. **Running Time** - 112 MIN. **Release Date** - 06 October 2016



While most people tear apart film adaptations for not being anywhere near as great as the novels they are based on, I myself (whether or not I have read the novels) go into them as films, not how closely they come to the novel. When a film is made, changes need to be made to the story and things need to be trimmed out or altered in order to suit a big-screen adaptation.

Not having read the source material that *The Girl on the Train* is based on, I have to say that as a film, it is very, very good. The critics have been complaining that it is extremely dull and that it does not have the same suspense factor that its novel had. I have never disagreed more with critics all year. Here is why *The Girl on the Train* is great, because of its dullness.

Told through many flashbacks throughout the film, it was imperative that the film set up the main characters quickly. Within the first 20 minutes of the film, it is able to display the characteristics of everyone involved, let you form your own opinion, and also reveal the mystery of the film, which is the disappearance of Megan. Rachel, an alcoholic who rides the train every day, analyzing the homes in the area she used to live, she notices affairs developing and secrets behind stories from her past. While drunk, she stumbles in front of a few people under a bridge, one being Megan.

The next morning, the mystery of the woman (Megan) that she had been spying on, begins to unfold. While the writer who adapted this screenplay (Erin Cressida Wilson) is not known for any spectacular work, I admired what she attempted with Men,

Women, and Children, even if it was a mess, and even more so with the film *Chloe*. There is a certain style that she likes to bring to the table, and it worked very well here. Once the first act concludes, answers slowly begin to trickle in. While last year's film *Gone Girl* was a much longer film, its quick dialogue and pacing kept its audience engaged. This is where I feel *The Girl on the Train* may turn off some viewers. When there is a score, it has a presence, but this film is very quiet most of the time with not many exciting moments until the very end. That being said, the way this film plays out makes that okay. The dull and slow pacing of this film made me feel slightly uncomfortable most of the way through, due to its eerie tone. This is what most of the critics are complaining about, but they are missing the great performances throughout. The cast and the mystery surrounding them is what makes it enjoyable to watch. Emily Blunt, Haley Bennett, Rebecca Ferguson, Luke Evans, Justin Theroux, and Edgar Ramirez are all fantastic in almost every scene they are present in. Although I do not think this film will be earning any of them Oscars, this is some of the best performances any of them have ever given. This is where I have a few minor issues. Throughout the film there is an underlying question of what happens to Megan. While it is unclear at first, you may begin to guess who the culprit is behind her absence, but there are far too many twists to get to that point. The film tries to make you think too many things before the big reveal, which was ultimately

effective, but not the greatest conclusion. The last 20 minutes is where this film suffers the most, due to its jarring character alterations. There are a few choices made by some key characters that I would have never expected and I am still trying to decide whether or not I enjoyed the way this film concluded. That being said, my only gripes with this film are toward the end.

The rest of this film is being extremely underrated by almost every critic out there. I have been very excited for this film and when I heard some reviewers completely bashing how dull this film is, I became worried and went into this film expecting something completely different than what I had originally hoped for. That was a silly move on my part, because this is the film I was hoping for.

The Girl on the Train may have a few issues in its conclusion, but it is a very, very good film with terrific performances and a nice underlying mystery throughout. It may take you a while to get used to following Rachel (Emily Blunt), as her character is a train wreck of a human being, but once you understand her mindset, you may just feel the same way about this film that I do. Against all odds and the majority of critics out there, I had a great time watching *The Girl on the Train*. If the current reviews are giving you second thoughts about seeing it, please, I still recommend giving it a shot.



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Wines & Vines

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

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

Andrew is on hols so I have taken the liberty to re-publish an article he had written for paper recently



I have so much going on at the moment, my brain could explode. If I may term the colloquial old favourite "I don't know if I'm Arthur or Martha!" Actually, having a gleamingly sharp review of that statement, hopefully I'm Arthur. I don't think I would make a

good Martha. Wearing dresses and make-up doesn't really suit me, but by Christ I love getting into women's knickers.....Boom.....Ching! (I thought that was quite clever!) Yeah, no.....I'm Arthur!

Now despite this frantic state, I have set aside a brief moment to ponder the sub-topic of human behaviour we know as naughtiness. Just saying the word 'naughty' has me in a state of mental aphrodisia. The concept of naughtiness is rather fascinating and so today I think we should skim across its surface.

It's just that I am sitting with my two little ones, Poppy and Sinclair, and Poppy has just informed me, with lashings of self-propelled enthusiasm, that Sinclair has been naughty. "Daddy.....Sinclair's being naughty!"

"What has he done, Pumpkin?"

"He won't play cubby houses with me!"

"No, sweetie, that's not being naughty. He just doesn't want to play cubby houses at the moment."

Poppy eyes me off, offering a suffocating growl. She then goes over to the toy box, takes out a plastic shovel, walks over to Sinclair and donks him straight on the head. She turns to me as if to suggest that no further punishment is necessary, while poor Sinclair is in the midst of that long drawn out holding of the breath, before streams of tears come flooding out.

"Poppy!" I yell (although she is my little princess and I'm a hopeless fool around her). "Now, that is naughty! Look what you've done to your little friend!" I continue, as I go to Sinclair's rescue, only to have him turn a deep shade of crimson and relinquish ten litres of tears and mucous all over me.

I have to say I find myself in a slight dilemma. Sinclair has been categorically hopeless the entire morning, choosing to decline from any of Poppy's games or potential ventures. She has finally had enough and pleas for my support. In stating a mere and candidly reserved 'as far as I can see' kind of response, she takes matters into her own hands by hitting him with a blunt object to get him involved in something. A pretty standard way to behave, really. Put it this way, when supposedly intelligent adults in positions of political power fail in their persuasion in trying to get the supposedly intelligent adults from other countries to play their games.....they just bloody bomb them! They then create wars which go on for years. Poppy isn't exactly starting World War III by trying to rummage up a bit of fire in Sinclair. So is she being naughty?

Naughty is as naughty does. It's a subjective area. Poppy and Sinclair are generally well rounded kids but they both possess the 'wicked twinkle' in their eyes, which I believe complements their individual characters. But one must be prepared to absorb the appointed execution of that wickedness and administrate the correct proceedings and consequences of which ultimately follow. It makes for interesting times. Give me that any day, however, over having squeaky clean children with no spunk about them at all. So is Poppy naughty? Yes! Is Sinclair naughty? Yes! I wouldn't want it any other way!

Now that being the case, it is interesting to note that whilst many harbour that sentiment, not all are that keen on other people's kids being naughty. Yes, I agree.....an interesting cog in the chain. Sitting with a group of mothers is an experience in itself.

"Did you see that little Danny kid the other day? And his little brother with the orange hair.....Oh my God.....what little s***s! They're obviously bad parents! Those kids are out of control!"

I guess it's a juggling act. All in the eye of the beholder. Just take a minute to think about the last naughty thing you did. Right, you struggled, didn't you? There were very few things, if any, that you thought might be naughty in the eyes of others but straight away you justified the action.

"Hhhmmmm.....when was I last naughty?.....Oh, I know.....I ate half a packet of Tim Tams on Sunday night.

But it was Sunday night.....Sunday night's a good night for relaxing and eating happy food, so that's not naughty." (Gluttonous maybe but not naughty.)

"Oh, I know.....I forgot to feed Mr Fortescue's cat on Wednesday night like he asked." That is not naughty, it is forgetful. Human beings are sometimes forgetful. "I got a bit drunk last night." That's not naughty, that's living. Imagine these minor actions compared to growing up in this household.....

"Adolph, come downstairs at once!"

"Yes, Mummy?"

"I'm only going to ask this once! Did you invade Poland while Mummy was away?"

"Umm.....well it wasn't..... ummm.....!"

"Did you or didn't you?"

"Ummm.....well, sort of.....but the others helped."

"You have done your dash young man! You naughty, naughty boy.....no television for a week!"

"But Mummy....."

"Adolph Herman Harold Hitler.....you get upstairs right this second!"

Ooooooookkaaayyyy.....moving along.

The thing about being naughty is not so much the actual act that is seen as naughty. It is the lying that is involved in covering it up, which unsurprisingly steamrolls the entire situation.

"Marshy?"

"Yes dear?"

"Did you go to the pub the other night when my mother was up?"

"What.....no.....!"

"Last Friday night, you said you had a meeting after work, remember?"

"Ah, yes.....I did."

"Well, Samantha said she saw you at the pub."

"What!"

"So did Rachael."

".....Well, I popped in quickly after the meeting."

"What time was that?"

"Oh, about nine or nine-thirty."

"They said they saw you at five."

"No!"

"Yes!"

"Actually, I think I popped in before and after the meeting."

"So there was a meeting, was there?"

"Yes, there was."

"But you weren't at it, were you?"

"Uuummm.....I can't recollect going, no."

"And instead of coming home to have dinner with my mother, you went to the pub instead?"

"Ummm, well if you put it like that...."

You get the drift. Of course, this was not the transcript of an actual event. It was just used to explain a typical situation. No, the actual transcript of the event was slightly more coarse, with the use of certain colourful expletives I'd rather not print.

So we've made good progress here. Firstly, we've deduced the fact that unless you're a psychopathic, homicidal, genocidal communist invading other countries, you are technically not that naughty. Secondly, other people's kids are far naughtier than your own. Thirdly, learn to lie to cover up your questionable antics and last but not least, uuummm, no just get good at lying.

Anyway, I must go now as my mother-in-law is coming up to stay again. No s***! Ah ha! You are ten steps ahead of me. I have literally five minutes to come up with an excuse to make myself unavailable for the experience. Oh my, I am such a naughty boy.....and it's your fault you're the ones reading this.....you really shouldn't egg me on like that.....

Cheers
Andrew

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You can e-mail, fax or simply drop your @WD or @NSWD into our office:- 12 Cliff Street, Branxton or Fax: 4938 3301 or E-mail: thenews@hotmail.net.au All contributions welcome

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NOT SO

To the off road motorcyclists who are continually riding their bikes in the paddock at the bottom of Frederick Street, North Rothbury. The land is privately owned & the owner is absolutely sick of your continual flaunting of his wishes that you don't use the paddock for your stupid antics such as chasing the kangaroos & causing industrial deafness to all the residents within hearing. Last weekend the Police were called & it will happen every time you return. One great worry is that you will chase the kangaroos onto Wine Country Drive and cause a serious accident of which you could be culpable. If it did come to that I'm sure that there would be many residents who would stand up in court & explain what was happening....go away!

To the local highway patrolman who listened to my explanation for exceeding the 100KPH (only slightly) who preferred to give me an official warning than a penalty. Thank you.

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

Dates for your diary >

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Wed 19 Oct - Sec 355 Committee Public Meeting Branxton Community Hall at 4pm.

Fri 21 Oct - Ch 7 @ 7pm Better Homes and Gardens featuring North Rothbury Rural Fire Service fire station Makeover.

Sat 22 Oct - Kurri Kurri Community Festival. Rotary Park, Lang St., Kurri Kurri

Sat 22 Oct - FREE Mattress Drop-Off Hunter TAFE Cessnock Campus Car Park, Darwin St Cessnock

Sat 22 Oct - Garage Sale Trail Happening in Singleton & Cessnock LGA and across Australia. Register now at garagesaletrail.com.au

Sat 22 Oct - FREE Mattress Drop off. Hunter TAFE Cessnock Campus Car Park

Mon 24th October to Wed 26th Oct - Branxton Public School Stage 3 Excursion to Bathurst

Mon 24th Oct - Stand up Comedy classes: The Power of Comedy. The Mineshaft Function Centre Hall, 111 Wollombi Road Cessnock

Thur 27th October - 5pm 'Art after Hours' Cessnock Regional Art Gallery 16 Vincent Street, Cessnock.

Fri 27th October - Cessnock Prostate Cancer Support Groups next meeting at Cessnock Leagues Cub 3pm to 4:30pm. Guest Speaker is Dana Buzinec from The Newcastle Cancer Council. Subject: An update on Cancer Council new support and transport services for people in the Hunter Region affected by cancer during and after treatment. This information will help remove the stress for those people. So come along and ask question. Meeting are open to all members of the public: Cost FREE. For information: Barry 49904554.- 0457073852.

Thur 27 Oct - Art After Hours Cessnock Regional Art Gallery 16 Vincent St, Cessnock

Fri 28 Oct - Branxton Public School 'Kinder' Excursion to Reptile Park

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

Fri 4 Nov - 8pm Valley Artists presents Ira Levin's DEATH-TRAP Laguna Hall, 3734 Great North Road, Laguna 2325

Tue 8 Nov - Branxton/Greta CWA Meeting, St Brigids old School, Station St., Branxton, 9.30am, Staff Room.

Fri 11 Nov - Armistice Day Service at Branxton Memorial/ Rotunda. 11am. All welcome

Mon 14 Nov Branxton/Greta CWA Land Cookery/(PP Day - Blueberries), 10.00am, MT, Lunch, \$12, Guest Speaker, McCauley Hall, Branxton. RSVP 31/10/16 Marie 0402015850 or branxtongretacwa@hotmail.com

Sun 20 Nov - St Brigid's Markets in the old school grounds

Sun 2 Dec - Twilight Market (4.00pm to 8.00pm) - Proceeds to Prostrate 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

Congratulations to Mrs Michelle Maier who has been appointed as permanent Principal at B.P.S. after relieving in the position for three terms. She is looking forward to working with the students, staff and community to make our wonderful school even better! Congratulations also to Mr and Mrs Dennis who have welcomed a beautiful baby daughter into their lives. We wish them every happiness with baby Emma. The Infants' Sports Carnival was held on the first Friday of Term 4. This year we held it

without sending cash to school.

Dates for the Calendar
Monday 17th October – P&C Meeting 6pm in library
Monday 24th to Wednesday 26th October – Stage 3 Excursion to Bathurst
Friday 28th October – Kinder excursion to the Reptile Park
At Branxton Public School students, staff and community are Respectful, Responsible and achieve their Personal Best.



Volunteers serving our lunches

on our playground which proved to be a great decision. The students ran fast, cheered loudly and participated in all the events with great enthusiasm. Thanks to Mrs Nimmo and Mrs Steele for organising the day and to the many parents who helped out with events and the BBQ for our delicious sausage sizzle lunch.



Ball games in action

Kindergarten Orientation Visits start in Week 4 and we are all ready to greet our Kinders for 2017. Visits are scheduled for Friday 4th November, Friday 11th November and Friday 18th November. We are having a very special day on the 28th of October with the whole school participating in A Day for Daniel. This is a national day of action to raise awareness about child safety and protection. We will begin the day by encouraging our students to walk safely to school and other activities will follow during the school day.



Infants sports day

The P&C are introducing an exciting new system into the school next term called FlexiSchools. This will support the canteen and uniform shop. Parents and carers will be able to order lunches and clothing ahead of time

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 RSVP 18 OCTOBER 2016**

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The goal of education is the advancement of knowledge and the dissemination of truth. **John F. Kennedy**

A man who has never gone to school may steal from a freight car; but if he has a university education, he may steal the whole railroad. **Theodore Roosevelt**

The object of education is to prepare the young to educate themselves throughout their lives. **Robert M. Hutchins**

A library is the delivery room for the birth of ideas, a place where history comes to life. **Norman Cousins**
 A liberal education is at the heart of a civil society, and at the heart of a liberal education is the act of teaching. **A. Bartlett Giamatti**

An education isn't how much you have committed to memory, or even how much you know. It's being able to differentiate between what you know and what you don't. **Anatole France**

Blood On The Track

Formerly Racing & Breeding Brian Russell Bloodstock Media Service

New sire continues Merriwa stud owner's sixty years as breeder

BACK in 1956 the then 28-year-old Arthur Wright made matings at his East Dunlop Stud at Merriwa in western Hunter Valley with El Ziet, an England born Australia raced son of the high grade Bahram sire Persian Gulf and Pageantry, a fourth generation descendant of one of Europe's greatest race females, Sceptre, that resulted in eight yearlings in the catalogue for the 1959 Inglis Easter sale.

They were in the second crop of El Ziet, a winner of 11 races, nine of them, including the Rosehill Cup, at five, a year he started a massive 26 times. He went on to end his racing at six with 16 more outings, including a win in the Merriwa Cup.

El Ziet, nine Stud Book foals from his first season and a dozen from his second, sired South Australian Derby winner Royal Ziet (19 wins, including the South Australian Derby) and Sydney and Provincial winners out of Arthur Wright's mares. Also among the Wright bred El Ziet winners were Hapoah (43 wins), El Plain (36), El Zami (25), Elpen (16) and All Royal (16).

Flash back to the success of El Ziet has been the news sixty years later that Arthur Wright at the age of 88 and still on East Dunlop has made a new sire available for the 2016 season. The tenth sire he has hosted at his stud, he is Brigantin, an American bred Group 1 Cups performer in England (third of 15 Royal Ascot Gold Cup), France (third Prix du Cadran) and Australia (fourth of 16 in the Sydney Cup) by one of the best modern day sires representing the Grey Sovereign male line, Cozzene.

Also a good performer over 1600m and at his best at 2000m-3100m, Brigantin won five races up to Group 2, finished second in eight, third in five and earned \$662,387. His ability saw him first past the post in four of his first nine starts, all in France including two of three outings at two – a head second in the other – and successes at three in the Prix de Lutece -G3 (Longchamp) and the Swiss Derby. He was runner up in three, two of them stakes.

Two appearances, a second (at five) and a third (at four), in the Group 2 Prix Kergorlay (3000m), a French major at Deauville, and his placings in the two top staying races in Europe, the Prix du Cadran and the Ascot Gold Cup, suggested Brigantin was one best stayers of his generation. Prix Kergorlay winners have included two performers who followed up a few weeks later with wins in the Melbourne Cup, Americain (2010) and Protectionist (2014). Americain, a son of Dynaformer anointed World Champion Stayer in 2011, does duty as a sire in America (Calumet Farm) and Australia (Swettenham, Victoria) and Protectionist (by Monsun) shares equal top weight for this year's Melbourne Cup.

Brigantin had the distinction of being weighted four times for the Melbourne Cup, but he failed to get to the post in any of them through setbacks. His races in Europe and here suggested he could have been a formidable contender.

He was a well fancied close third in the Geelong Cup at his Australian debut, but was not seen again for a year. Although he did not win in Australia, he also showed good class with close seconds in the Newcastle Cup and Gosford Cup and a third at Randwick in the Australia Day Cup.

A good looking, good natured bay, Brigantin has a solid pedigree which outcrosses to much of Australian breeding and offers a good balance for speed. For one, he is by a very good American racehorse and sire in Cozzene, a son the Grey Sovereign grandson Caro, also tail male ancestor of 2016 Kentucky Derby winner Nyquist, and from a daughter of Prince John, the third paternal sire of Success Express.

Now deceased Cozzene won ten races, including the American Breeders' Cup Mile in 1985, a year he was named Champion Male Turf Horse. He went onto sire over 600 winners (84 stakes winners, four champions, 14 millionaires) of 2077 races and \$119 million, in the process earned the Champion Sire title in 1994.

Maternally, Brigantin is the best of five winners from six named foals produced by Banyu Dewi, a German bred mare who, after being ranked their second top 2YO filly of 2001, won and Group 2 placed in America and fourth placed in a Group 1 in France.

Banyu Dewi is a half-sister to Banyumanik (by Perugino), a German Older Champion, and is by Poliglote, a Sadler's Wells Group 1 juvenile winner in France, a sire of over 500 winners, including Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe heroine Solemia and of the dams of 200-plus winners, four of them at Group 1 level.

Banyu Dewi has close blood ties with the Sadler's Wells world class racehorse and sire Montjeu as both are from mares by Top Ville, a top French juvenile and Derby winner who sired Group 1 winners for the Aga Khan.

Arthur Wright is standing Brigantin on a low fee, probably the lowest among the eighty sires available in the Hunter Valley, but is happy to consider any reasonable offer. He can be reached on (02) 6548 2394.

Roc de Cambes product a tasty spring hope

ROC DE CAMBES is the name of a fine wine produced in France's Bordeaux region and also of the sire of the Hayes-Dabernig partnership trained He's Our Rökkii, a 4-year-old gelding who showed up as a good prospect for major success in the spring when he lived up to his favouritism and won a 1400m event by 3.3 lengths at Caulfield on Saturday.

Now raced 15 times for six wins, including his last four appearances, two of them Group 3s at Randwick in April, He's Our Rökkii is from the second crop of The Oaks Stud, Cambridge, NZ based Roc de Cambes, a sire got at Vinery, Scone Hunter Valley by Red Ransom (USA) for Karreman Bloodstock Ltd, Qld, foaled in New Zealand and raced in Japan. He ran eight times for four wins, two Listed stakes, 1800m and 2200m, and a Group 1 third (3000m) and fourth (2400m).

Roc de Cambes is one of nine winners from Fairy Lights (Ire), a non winner but half-sister to eleven, four of them successful in stakes. They were from Gay Fantastic, an unraced Ela-Mana-Mou sister to Gay Hellene, a France Group 3 winner and grandam of the John Thompson, Randwick trained stayer Sir John Hawkwood (Ire).

The first three dams of the Roc de Cambes son He's Our Rökkii are Great Britain bred Clerihew (unraced; by Niniski sire Lomitas), Clerio (Group 3 winner by Starcraft's sire Soviet Star) and Lady of the Sea (Mill Reef winner), but the fourth is La Mer

Detailed sale yard report



Saleyard report - cattle

Singleton report date 12 OCT 2016

Yarding 820 ~ **Change 105** (Comparison Date 5/10/16)

Consignments lifted with young cattle suitable to restockers making up the bulk. There were odd pens of well finished young cattle to satisfy trade requirements. There were increased supplies of cows and grown heifers and there were no well finished heavy grown steers. The overall quality of the young cattle was very mixed and there were quite a few light weights penned. Demand for restocker cattle was still strong, however the mixed quality nature of the penning was a factor. The light weight young cattle to restockers sold on a firm to cheaper market trend, with the quality of the steer and a lift in weight taking a substantial amount off the top price from the previous sale. Medium weight yearling steers to restock remained firm for the good quality lots and cheaper for the plainer grades. Trade vealers sold to a slightly dearer trend, with the yearlings close to firm. Grown heifers and cows to process sold to a cheaper trend, while restockers were active on the plainer condition cows and a couple of pens that carried a PTIC tag.



Scone report date 11 OCT 2016

Yarding 898 ~ **Change 35** (Comparison Date 4/10/16)

It was a fair quality yarding with a good selection of well finished young cattle along with good numbers to suit the restockers. The cow quality was mixed and there were limited grown steers and heifers yarded. Not all the regular buyers were operating in a cheaper market. The very best of the young cattle to the trade were close to firm, although a large percentage was up to 30c cheaper, with prime vealers selling from 360c to 386c/kg. Prime steer yearlings sold from 336c to 390c while the prime heifer yearlings sold from 290c to 383c/kg. Good numbers of young cattle to the restockers were 10c cheaper for the steers and up to 25c/kg cheaper for the heifers. The restocker steers sold to 438c/kg. Young feeder cattle were firm to 7c cheaper with the feeder steers selling from 300c to 379c, while the feeder heifers sold to 340c/kg. The few grown steers were also a little cheaper with the prime medium weights selling from 280c to 314c/kg. Grown heifers sold to 290c/kg. Cows were up to 20c cheaper with the 2 scores selling from 170c to 235c while the better 3 scores sold from 212c to 252c/kg. Bulls sold to 248c/kg.



TRLX Tamworth report date 10 OCT 2016

Yarding 1775 ~ **Change 0** (Comparison Date 3/10/16)

Consignments lifted considerably in the 2 weeks since the last sale. The quality and condition of the offering was fair to good and showing signs of improvement as the weather warms and feed supplies improve. Yearlings were well supplied with a few well finished heavy grown steers and quite a few heavy weight cows. There was a full field of processor and feedlot orders as well as strong restocker competition. Market trends compare to the sale of a fortnight ago following the public holiday. Demand from restockers was very high once again with light and medium weight young cattle selling on a firm to dearer trend. There was little change in the market for the medium weight yearling feeders, both steers and heifers. Heavy weight yearling steers attracted increased competition with an odd feedlot not often seen in the yards operating. The market trend was 6c to 10c/kg dearer. Well finished medium and heavy yearlings to the trade also sold to a dearer trend. There was little change in the market for the well finished grown steers and heifers with those categories including some milk tooth cattle. Demand for cows was weaker, resulting in a cheaper market trend. The heavy weight cows were up to 10c/kg cheaper while an improvement in quality may have added a little more. Heavy bulls also sold to a slightly cheaper trend.



Eastern States Daily Indicators Friday, October 14, 2016

CATTLE

c/kg	Friday, October 14, 2016
EYCI	706 00
Trade steer	375 50
Medium steer	327 70
Heavy steer	320 00
Medium cow	249 00
Feeder steer	377 50

(by Copenhagen), an exported queen of New Zealand racing.

NZ Horse of the Year in 1976, Champion 2YO and 3YO Filly and NZ Filly of the Year 1976-77, she won 24 races from 1200m to 2400m, including the ARC New Zealand Stakes, Manawatu Sires' Produce Stakes, New Zealand Oaks, Great Northern Oaks, Awapuni Gold Cup and VATC Coongy Handicap.

She went on to produce seven winners from eleven foals, but nearest to being a quality performer was Cipriani, a Habitat filly who won a Listed event in Ireland.



Feeding pastures for profit

Details:-

Lower Hunter dairy farmers have an excellent opportunity to engage with an industry expert in the field of profitable grazing and improved nutrient management. Phil Shannon of Shannon Farm Consulting, who developed the nationally recognised program *Feeding pastures for profit*, will lead a series of workshops over the next 12 months.

Focusing on business, production and sustainability, Phil will lead attendees through a 12 month cycle, starting with a two day introductory workshop and following up with four one day on-farm workshops over the next 12 months.

Participation in this workshop series is free for dairy farmers and dairy industry service providers but is limited to 15 participants. You must also be available to attend all workshops to participate.

Contact Peter Beale on 0427 007 468 to secure your place.

When 23rd Nov 2016 - 24th Nov 2016

Where Dairy Skills Centre, Tocal Dairy 815 Tocal Road Tocal

Contact Peter Beale 0427007468



SPORTS RESULTS

Four from Five Again

Saturday 15th October saw another successful week for the Greta/Branxton United Cricket Club, once again winning four out of the five grades. The highlight of the day for the club came ironically in the only loss, with former club president Josh Dagg shaking a massive monkey off his back to post his maiden club top grade century in the match against defending premiers

Mulbring at Mulbring Oval. Having been dismissed in the nineties on three occasions throughout his long and prosperous career, the former skipper was not going to let another opportunity slip by as he caressed the four-piece to all parts of the picturesque Mulbring ground, raising the bat in the 37th over to eventually remain unbeaten on 110 out of his team's total of 8-204. His innings

included thirteen boundaries, but unfortunately it was not enough to get his team home as Mulbring surpassed the healthy total in fairly comfortable fashion. Greg "Shorty" Andrews was the only other batsman to show any sort of resistance with 33. Mulbring achieved the target in the 35th over with six wickets in hand. Nathan Holz was the pick of a depleted Blues attack with 3-48 off 7.

Second grade made it two wins from two by defeating Mulbring by 73 runs at Miller Park no.1. Batting first Greta/Branxton compiled a modest 9-146, with Mick Regan the saving grace at number ten with 31no. Darren Holz (28), Trent Fuller and skipper Peter MacKenzie (20 a-piece) and Mitch Fallon (15) were all fairly produc-

tive with the willow. Mulbring were skittled for just 73 in reply, with Hayden Regan not to be out-done by his older brother's performance earlier in the day taking 4-10 off 5. Alex Walkling was the other main wicket-taker with 3-38 off 7.

After a convincing loss in the opening round, third grade got back on track with the return of skipper and new club president Sean Wright. They defeated last year's premiers Laguna by five wickets in a great team effort at Laguna. The home side were restricted to 136 batting first, with Jarrod Wilkinson (4-30 off 8), Paul Walkling (2-6 off 7) and Stewart Ison (2-20 off 3) keeping a lid on things for the Blues attack. Greta/Branxton reached the target in the 36th over in reply after losing five wickets.

Steve Peace (52) continued his good start to the season, batting beautifully for his half century, as did Zac Watkins in his 48 which included his first maximum in senior cricket. Paul Walkling (16) got off to a start, with Dave Seabrook there for the winning runs on 16no.

Both fourth grade teams recorded victories to keep their unbeaten starts to the season in check. Fourth grade Blue defeated Paxton by 48 runs at Miller Park no. 2. Batting first Greta/Branxton made a healthy 9-174, with Jamie McNamara leading the way with 55. Cory Stephenson (28), Kade Bradley (24), Jason Stephenson (20no) and Dion Charnock (14) also cashed in on the good batting conditions. Paxton were dismissed for 126 in reply, with McNamara

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Points Tables

First Grade Greta/Branxton 10, Wine Country 10, Bellbird 7, Mulbring 7, Peden's Hotel 6. **Second Grade** Bellbird 14, Greta/Branxton 14, Peden's Hotel 10, Supporters 10, Mulbring 6, Wine Country 6. **Third Grade** Bellbird 14, Denman Hotel 14, Greta/Branxton 10, Laguna 10, Mulbring 10, Peden's Hotel 10, Supporters 6, Wine Country 6. **Fourth Grade** Greta/Branxton Blue 14, Greta/Branxton White 14, Denman Hotel 10, Paxton 10, Supporters 10, Wine Country 10, Peden's Hotel 6, Bellbird 3. **Club Championship** Greta/Branxton 81.40, Bellbird 69.40, Wine Country 58.60, Peden's Hotel 55.00, Mulbring 47.10.

Kurri Kurri Community Festival



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Kurri Kurri will celebrate "Community Pride" on Saturday 22 October when it hosts Movies in the Park with the showing of the children's favourite "ZOOTOPIA". This event gets underway around 11am with the movie showing at sunset. We are encouraging families to have their children dress up for the occasion. Festival organizers will have food, drinks, stalls, markets and fun things happening, with on stage entertainment starting at 11am. Local band Gasoline Halos will be the last gig before the movie. MC for the Festival is Gavin and Brian Bean "Just Bean Married". The Festival will be officially opened by Meryl Swanson MP and Mayor Bob Pynsent. Local Aboriginal Elder, Judy West will do the Welcome to Country. This will be a great FREE day of entertainment for the whole family. All you need to bring with you are seats and blankets to sit on. **NOTE:** If it rains on the Saturday evening the movie will be shown at Kurri Kurri Workers Club. We invite you to come along and enjoy the fun provided by local schools commencing at 11am. More than 40 Stall Holders will provide food, drinks, arts & crafts, children's rides etc for sale during the day. This is going to be a day not to be missed for the visitors and the local community. Everyone is welcome.

Do not dwell in the past, do not dream of the future, concentrate the mind on the present moment. Buddha

Life isn't about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself. George Bernard Shaw

Life is a dream for the wise, a game for the fool, a comedy for the rich, a tragedy for the poor. Sholom Aleichem

If you live long enough, you'll make mistakes. But if you learn from them, you'll be a better person. It's how you handle adversity, not how it affects you. The main thing is never quit, never quit, never quit. William J. Clinton

Throughout life people will make you mad, disrespect you and treat you bad. Let God deal with the things they do, cause hate in your heart will consume you too. Will Smith



SPORTS RESULTS



the Club Championship are as follows;

- Nett Scores
- 1st Caren Caldwell 72
- 2nd Carol Miller 74
- 3rd Chris Tancred 77
- Nearest the Pin ~ Hely Vandenbruggen
- Putts Carol Miller 29 on a countback

Hunter Valley Golf Club Sunday 2nd October

David Hughes from Stonecutters Ridge GC has won the Weekly Challenge with a solid 39 point return from Paul Davies on 37 points.

Tuesday 4th October

Wayne Cowen returned to form to claim the Tuesday Stableford with 40 points from Keith Leyshon from Tamworth GC who survived a countback from Ian Newell after both had 39 point returns. Ball winners were: Bob Prentice 38, Peter Wilson 36, Ken Scott-MacKenzie 36, Dale Macklinshaw 35, Greg Ireland 35, Garry Marsden 35, Col Bradley 34, Grahame Sheldon 34, Ray Newton 34, Hieu Le 34, Lindsay Self 33 and Dean Morison 33 c/b.

Nearest-the-Pins went to Wayne Drayton (3rd) Dale Macklinshaw (4th & 8th) Lindsay Self (10th) and Rex Talbot (17th)

Wednesday 5th October

The Ladies Stroke event proved to be a tough test for all who contested, Carol Horton did best with a 76 net return from Robyn Dunlop on 79 net. Next week the Ladies will play the 6th Stroke round of the NSW Golf Medal.

Thursday 6th October

The Vets Par event needed a 3 way countback to split the winners with Doug Wand, Graeme Flynn and Geoff Sweetman all recording +3, Doug received the nod from Graeme and then Geoff. Ball winners were: Wayne Berry +2, Dave Fury +2, Wayne Drayton +1, Brian Rooney +1, Phil Durie sq, Wayne Cowen sq, Col Bradley sq, Dale Macklinshaw -1, Ray Newton -1, Christine Harrison -2 and Ray Hodson -2. Nearest-the-Pins went to Ray Hodson (3rd) John Carmody (4th) Dale

Macklinshaw (8th) Rex Talbot (10th) and John Brown (17th). Next week the Vets will play Individual Stableford on Friday.

Saturday 8th October

David Preece and Tracy Morison have taken out the

respective 2016 Mug of Mugs and Girls Goblet played along with October Stroke round. Visitors from Muswellbrook, Toronto, Emerald Lakes (Qld), Coff's Harbour, Wauchope, Royal Canberra, Richmond, Royal Queensland, Taree, Bonville, Shelley Beach, Branxton, Wattle Park (Vic) and Port Kembla helped make up a bumper field for the round. A Grade went to Neil Day with 67 net with David Preece runner up on 68 net, B Grade to the ever improving Jaye Stevens with 68 net from Wayne Thompson on 70 net and C Grade to Simon Nicholson with the 'round of the day' to win the Mug with 66 net. Ball winners were: Tracy Morison 71, Colin Mills 71, Shawn Parish 71, Brad Pringle 71, John Parish 73, Sue Peel 73, Greg Morgan 74, Brian Rooney 74, Rohan Stallworthy v74, Kerrie Anne Skinner 75, Trent Stallworthy v75, Tony Reynolds v75, Bruce Chambers 75, Don Bradley 75, Ken Springbett 75, Josh Leicht v76 and Michael Armstrong 76 c/b.

BRANXTON GOLF CLUB - SAT 8th OCT STABLEFORD

Gary Wilton 40 pts
A GRADE RUNNER UP
Jeremy Matt 39 pts c/b
A GRADE THIRD
Corey Lamb 39 pts c/b
B GRADE WINNER
Stuart Robinson 42 pts
B GRADE RUNNER UP
Errol Munzenberger 40 pts
B GRADE THIRD
Paul Bush 37 pts
C GRADE WINNER
Douglas Muncaster 45 pts
C GRADE RUNNER UP
Daniel Rogers 41 pts
C GRADE THIRD
Peter Mathews 40 pts
BALL COMP
35 pts
NTP'S
T Lamb 140 cm
E Garland 121 cm
S Robinson 162 cm
J Saxby 372 cm
Long-time veteran at Branxton Golf Club, Gary Wilton, showed his class by winning Saturday's A Grade competition with an excellent 40 pts. Gary is well respected by all members of Branxton, with none of us surprised with

Gary's score as he has consistently achieved in A Grade for more years than most of us can remember. Jeremy Matt finished runner up with 39 pts, on a countback from local junior, Corey Lamb, whose score is equivalent to a 2 under 68. Joshua Tracey, although not figuring in the first three also had a sub-par round, a 69 off the stick.

The upcoming Club Championships is now becoming very interesting with some local challenges for our multi winning club champion, Mark Hale. Stuart Robinson won B Grade with an outstanding 42 pts, indicating he is also ready to give the Club Championships a shake. Errol Munzenberger finished runner up with 40 pts with Paul Bush's 37 pts good enough for third. Douglas Muncaster's 45 pts was the score of the day, an unbelievable 9 shots better than his handicap. He finished well clear of the ever improving Daniel Rogers with 41 pts and long-time member and golf trip organiser Peter Mathews with 40 pts. 35 pts was needed to win a ball indicating the benign conditions were enjoyed by all. The shot of the day belonged to Eddie Garland on the 4th, just over a metre away.

BRANXTON GOLF CLUB - SAT 15TH OCT STABLEFORD

A GRADE WINNER
Brendan Bendeich 39 pts c/b
A GRADE RUNNER UP
Jeremy Matt 39 pts
A GRADE THIRD
Michael Tracey 38 pts
B GRADE WINNER
Phillip Carter 42 pts
B GRADE RUNNER UP
William Kennedy 41 pts
B GRADE THIRD
Lee Hunt 40 pts
C GRADE WINNER
Geoff Jones 43 pts
C GRADE RUNNER UP
Douglas Muncaster 41 pts
C GRADE THIRD
Daniel Rogers 40 pts
BALL COMP
35 pts
NTP'S
J Matt 118 cm
S Robinson 196 cm
T Seamer 224 cm
P Baker 573 cm
Brendan Bendeich played beautifully to win Saturday's A Grade with 39 pts, only on a countback from Jeremy Matt who has returned to golf in great form of late, with the ever consistent Mick Tracey third with 38 pts. Mick may be a dark horse in the



NINE BRANXTON/GRETA LITTLE ATHLETES TO REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

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So far this season, we have had some wonderful results with personnel best times broken each week & records broken with some of these being held for a number of years. Some of our athletes have attended carnivals such as Kurri Kurri Tri Zone and the Pentathlon which was held at East Maitland. All athletes who attended these carnivals were very successful. The most recent carnival held was the Zone Championships at Muswellbrook. We had nine athletes give it their best shot over the two days and it is my pleasure to inform the community that nine out of nine succeeded through to the Regional Championships to be held next February (see photo above).

These little champions are; Emma Bellamy (high jump), Daniel Curtis (shot put), Levi Hellewell (shot put), Briana Tillitzki (highjump, 60m hurdles), Ashley Comer (100m, long

jump, 200m plus record), Lachlan Tillitzki (400m, 60m hurdles 200m), Beau Hellewell (100m 200m, long jump), Ashlee Chew (javelin, 400m, discus, 1500m walk) and Ryan Rollason (long Jump, 100m, highjump, 60m hurdles). On behalf of the committee I wish to congratulate these little champs and wish them good luck for regional.

I would like to thank the parents who help out each week, the McWhirter family for their kind donation, our coach Craig for all his support not only for the athletes but the committee as well; Mike, Helen and staff at Branxton Greta Vineyard News for their support. THANK YOU EVERYBODY!

Lastly I wish everybody a happy and healthy Christmas and New Year, I hope Santa is good to all our athletes. See you after the Christmas break on the 16th January.

Helen (President)

upcoming championships as he has been working on his game of late—his 38 pts is a testimony of his ability. The enigmatic Phil Carter won B Grade with an outstanding 42 pts. Phil is the Forest Gump of Branxton as you "never know what you are going to get!" On his day he can play some great golf although this score may put him back into A Grade before the championships—if not, he is going to be very hard to beat in B Grade. William Kennedy continued his good form to finish runner up with an

impressive 41 pts with Lee Hunt's 40 pts only good enough for third. Geoff Jones recorded the score of the day, winning C Grade with 43 pts, just ahead of Douglas Muncaster's 41 pts and the ever improving Dan Rogers with 40 pts. The shot of the day belonged to Jeremy Matt on the 2nd with the ball competition only going down to 35 pts, indicating an excellent day for golf. The club championships begin next week so good luck to everyone.

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The New **SPORT**

Little A's 'Back on Track'

After a challenging off season that saw a complete overhaul of the committee, a cold and blustery evening welcomed us for the return of Branxton Greta Little Athletics at

Branxton-Greta Little Athletics set to become a summer staple for local families. A special congratulations to the first award winners of 2016/17 Sophie and Leighton from the

Russell and also the special guests on the night who came from other local Little A's clubs to lend a hand and ensure we got off on the right foot... what a great example of what Little A's is all about!! If you are interested in finding out more about your local Little Athletics club you can find us on Facebook

Little Athletics Australia

Miller Park on Thursday night Despite the conditions and the fact that it was the first night of the 2016/17 season, a strong contingent of 53 children aged 3-12 arrived eager and willing to be put through their paces. After more than an hour of running, jumping, throwing and more running, the evening was deemed an overwhelming success by all involved with

or why not come down to Miller Park on Thursday afternoon at 5.30pm to see for yourself. Thursday the 20th October will be the second of our free trial afternoon's where children and parents alike can come and participate free of charge. We look forward to seeing you there!

John Hamson
President
BGLA

Colts announce 'Head Coach' for 2017

The Greta/Branxton Colts Rugby League Football Club is pleased to announce the appointment of Joey Griffiths as the first grade coach for 2017.

Griffiths returns to the Colts for his third stint, having played 74 games for the club and having won first grade premierships in 2009 and 2014 where he was co-captain.

As captain-coach the 32-year-old class halfback will instil some much needed direction into the team in 2017, something that was sorely missed this year. He is looking forward to the opportunity of returning back to where he won his first premiership, and he will attract some players in key positions which will give the Colts some depth across the board.

Mark Bercini will once again coach the U/18's, with Reserve Grade and Ladies League coaches to be announced in the near future. Anyone interested in applying for these roles can contact John Gorman on

0428697763.

The club's Annual General Meeting will be held at the Greta Workers Club this coming Sunday 23rd October at 10:00am. All positions on the board are declared vacant, so everyone in the foot-balling community is encouraged to attend to have their say on the direction of the future of the club. More help is required, particularly on the senior side of things, as the Group 21 part of the club enters



The newly appointed Colts 2017 First Grade coach Joey Griffiths

its twelfth season, with the juniors entering its seventh season since being reinstated back in 2001.

Good Start for Local Cricket

On Saturday 8th October the Cessnock District Cricket senior competition commenced, with Greta/Branxton winning four of their five grades. First grade had an early afternoon at Miller Park no.1, accounting for Peden's Hotel by 9 wickets. Peden's Hotel batted first and were skittled for just 72, with Andrew "Stretch" Bercini responsible for the majority of the damage with 5-21 off 5, Mark Peace (2-33 off 4) in his return game for the club, Bryce Element (2-15 off 2) in his top grade debut and Martin Shearer (1-1 off 1) were the other wicket takers. The Blues cruised to victory inside 17 overs in reply,

reaching the target after losing just the one wicket. Josh Dagg remained unbeaten on 36, with Nathan Holz (23no) and Dylan Lipscombe (12) doing enough to record a comfortable victory. Second grade skippered by the new look Peter "Pancho" MacKenzie also started their season off on the correct foot with a convincing 6-wicket victory over Supporters Club at Baddeley 1. Supporters batted first and were dismissed for 86, with a trim looking Mick Regan claiming 4-28 off 5. He received good support from MacKenzie who brought himself into the attack to clean up the tail with 2-4

off 0.5, with Alex Walkling (1-13 off 5) and Pat Andrews (1-14 off 4) taking a wicket each. Greta/Branxton reached the target in the 25th over after losing 4 wickets. Experienced opener and vice skipper Trent Fuller batted beautifully for 41, with opening partner Ben Hogan promoted to second grade this year offering great support with 30. Hayden Regan was the other main contributor with 10no. Third grade were missing regular skipper Sean Wright who was away working in the pits with the Holden racing team at Bathurst, and they unfortunately were the only week one team to be defeated, going down by

123 runs at the hands of Denman Hotel at Baddeley 3. Denman Hotel posted 172 batting first, with Ayden Wilkinson bowling well to bag 5-48 off 10. Brother Jarrad Wilkinson (3-57 off 10), Will Regan (1-2 off 2) and Steve Peace (1-11 off 4) were the other wicket takers. The Blues struggled in reply and were eventually all out for 49, with Steve Peace making 30 of these. In fourth grade Greta/Branxton Blue defeated Denman Hotel by 3 wickets at Miller Park no.2. Denman Hotel batted first and were dismissed for 84. All Blues bowlers delivered tidily, with Aaron Stephenson (4-31 off 10),

Mitch Bird (3-3 off 3), Will Young (2-5 off 3.2) and Dion Charnock (1-22 off 5) sharing the wickets. Greta/Branxton reached the target in the 25th over in reply, not without a struggle, losing 7 wickets along the way. Charnock led the way at the top of the order with 33, with Neil Bird (29no) and Cory Stephenson (12) doing enough to hand Greta/Branxton victory. Greta/Branxton White won their encounter with Supporters by 20 runs at Baddeley 2. Greta/Branxton made 133 batting first, with



Jesse Minchin (28), Kyle Ryan (26), James Shoulders snr (24) and Daniel Minchin (21) all timing the ball nicely. Supporters were all out for 113 in reply, with Kyle Ryan completing a fine all round game with 4-22 off

6. Skipper Shoulders snr took 2-33 off 10, with Minchin brothers Jesse (2-18 off 6) and Daniel (2-14 off 5) also completing fine all-round games. Photo above: former club President Josh Dagg in action last weekend. Full report of Daggys' ton Page 22.