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## Governor of New South Wales formally accepts invitation to visit Branxton & Greta

**His Excellency General The Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd) Governor of New South Wales has accepted an invitation to visit Branxton & Greta on Monday 10th September 2018.**

The invitation to the Governor was extended by the chairman of the Branxton Greta Memorial Cycleway Trust of which the Governor is its Patron.

It appears that this is the first time a Governor of NSW has made an official visit to Branxton & Greta. The invitation is to attend a morning tea and Official Luncheon. The morning tea, to be catered for by the local CWA & VIEW clubs, will be held at the Branxton Community Hall & the luncheon at Dalwood Estate Winery. The luncheon will be used as a fund raiser for the memorial aspects of the intended memorial cycleway of which the estimated cost is around \$1.2million.

The morning tea will be for the local community to meet the Governor, at his request, & it is envisaged that the groups invited would be representatives from Branxton Lions, Branxton VIEW Club, Branxton/Greta Men's Shed, Branxton Greta CWA, veterans from Branxton and Greta RSL Sub Branches, local school captains and Girl Guides, local members of the community and representatives

from the local sporting clubs and members of the business fraternity (at the time of going to press the guest list had not been formalised). Chairman of the Branxton Greta Memorial Cycleway Trust, Brett Wild, said that the key to this will be to meet direct descendants of those veterans who enlisted in the Great War to whom the proposed (approximate) \$4million cycleway is to be dedicated.

"As many of you are aware we are intending to construct a Memorial Cycleway between Branxton and Greta to commemorate the contribution of approx. 330 veterans from our community that enlisted to serve overseas in the Great War.

"It is the biggest proposed memorial project to mark the centenary of Armistice Day in Australia.

"The NSW Governor is the official patron of the cycleway project & as you would all be aware the soldiers that served in the Great War were either infantry or mounted troops (light Horse) & the direct connection to both the SOI and 12/16 Hunter River Lances is extremely important," said Brett.

To also mark the occasion the Branxton Greta Memorial Cycleway Trust has enlisted a number of military vehicles as a static display. They are WW2 Willys Jeep x 2, 10 FFR Land

Rover fully refurbished, WW2 Bren Gun Carrier, WW1 Light Horse – Display of Horse and soldier in period dress, G Wagon / School of Infantry – (PENDING) & Bushmaster / 12/16 HRL – (PENDING)

His Excellency General The Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd), is the 38th Governor of New South Wales. He commenced his five year tenure in October 2014.

Prior to his appointment as Governor, His Excellency served for 42 years in the Australian Army, concluding his service as the Chief of the Defence Force. His Excellency was appointed a Companion within the Order of Australia in 2010 for eminent service to the Australian Defence Force, and had been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for his leadership during Operation SOLACE in Somalia in 1993. His Excellency is married to Linda and has three adult children: Caitlin, Marcus and Amelia. He has a wide range of interests in the arts and in sport.

The Branxton Greta Memorial Cycleway Trust has also sent an invitation to Prince Harry to formally perform a 'sod turning' ceremony to mark the official beginning of construction while he is in Australia attending the Invictus Games in October 2018.

His Excellency General The Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd) Governor of New South Wales

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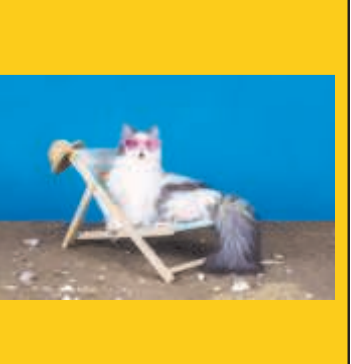


### CATS

2018 Pricing schedule as of 1<sup>st</sup> February (daily price)

**\$16.00**

Purr cat, purr day



## Hot young Newcastle chef hosts pop-up luncheon at Historic Hunter winery

Dalwood Estate in the Hunter Valley will play host to a pop-up dining experience featuring guest chef Chris Thornton of the Newcastle based Restaurant Mason.

Chris has put together a diverse menu filled with his personal faves. Each dish pays homage to a favourite taste combination that he's loved to eat, or equally loved to cook over the years.

The historic Dalwood Estate, formerly Wyndham Wines provides a stunning backdrop for diners to indulge in a three-hour, three course Autumn splendour this June long weekend.

Complete with carefully curated dishes designed to showcase the best of the season and the Hunter Region.

There's lots going on out at Dalwood this June Long weekend with the launch of the inaugural Sunday Markets - an artisan wine and food market which will become a regular monthly Sunday fixture for the estate.

Dalwood is open Saturdays and Sundays from 10am till 4pm for wine tasting, picnic cheese platters, coffee, cakes and offers the unique experience of art expeditions. Here visitors can meander through the Hunter Galleries ART installation, beautiful sculptures scattered throughout the grounds and an indoor gallery with works from local and prolific Australian artists alike on display. **Dalwood Estate** : June Long Weekend Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th June To book call - 0448 106 537



Photo above: guest chef Chris Thornton

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### REGULATION OF TRAFFIC "WINERY RUN"

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 CASUARINA DRIVE & MISSION DRIVE, ROTHBURY  
 SUNDAY 22 JULY 2018 – 05.30 AM TO 1.30 PM**

Council advises that it has received an application from Paul Humphreys to conduct the Winery Run on Deasys Road, McDonalds Road, Vintage Drive, Claret Ash Drive, Casuarina Drive and Mission Drive Rothbury, scheduled for 22 July 2018. Council intends to seek consent from Roads and Maritime Services, pursuant to Division 2 of Part 8, of the Roads Act 1993, for the regulation of traffic, by means of temporary road closures as follows:

Sunday 22 July 2018 – 5.30am To 1.30pm

Council appreciates that the regulation of traffic may affect road users within the immediate and surrounding areas.

**Written submissions relating to the Regulation of Traffic should be forwarded to the General Manager, Cessnock City Council, PO Box 152 Cessnock 2325, endorsed "Regulation of Traffic – Winery Run". The closing date for submissions is 4.00pm on Wednesday 13 June 2018.**

### DRAFT 2018-19 OPERATIONAL PLAN

At its meeting of 2 May 2018 Council resolved to place the Draft 2018-19 Operational Plan on Public Exhibition from **9 May 2018 to 5 June 2018**.

The Draft document will be on Public Exhibition for twenty eight (28) days in order to seek public comment, as required by section 405 of the Local Government Act, 1993.

The Draft 2018-19 Operational Plan details Council's proposed activities for 2018-19 including the Draft Budget, as well as Council's proposed Revenue Policy and Schedule of Fees and Charges.

The Draft documents can be viewed at Council's Administration Building (Customer Service Section), Cessnock Library, Kurri Kurri Library and Council's website.

Written submissions on the Draft documents should be addressed to the General Manager and will be accepted up **until 5pm Tuesday 5 June 2018**.

Any enquires should be directed to Donna Ladmore at [donna.ladmore@cessnock.nsw.gov.au](mailto:donna.ladmore@cessnock.nsw.gov.au) or on 4993 4242.

*Full copies of submissions (including petitions) may be made available to the public including your name and address, unless Council receives a request for personal details to be suppressed.*



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# New signage...

Tourists visiting Hunter Valley Wine Country will now get an even better understanding of our various precincts and what they have to offer as precinct signage is now being installed.

The signs have been designed, fabricated and are now ready for installation. A total of twenty signs will be erected to identify Around Hermitage, Central Pokolbin, Parish of Pokolbin, Lovedale, Mount View and the Wollombi Valley. Cessnock City Mayor, Councillor Bob Pynsent called it a real opportunity to individualise and promote the unique features of each precinct. "We have so much variety in our local government area and these signs will shine a spotlight on what each precinct has to offer to those visiting."

"This project would not have been possible without the input of the community, in particular the chambers of commerce who have worked together with Council officers to finalise the signage." Each sign tells a story about the precinct, bearing a precinct logo, precinct colour and pictograms that represent things to do or see in that precinct. The design was selected after extensive community



consultation. Works are now being undertaken at the various sites and it is expected the project will be completed in June.

The work is part of a \$2.5 million Federal Government grant under the Building Better Regions Fund and NSW Government funding provided under Restart NSW Resources for Regions, which will also see the installation of information bays, city gateway signs, and wayfinding directional signage.

# An invitation to all Vietnam War Veterans

Parliamentary Secretary for the Central Coast and the Hunter Scot MacDonald MLC and Minister for Veterans Affairs David Elliott are inviting Vietnam veterans to apply to attend the 2018 Premier's Reception at Government House, Sydney on the 11th August 2018. Each year, the NSW Premier hosts a reception to thank Vietnam War veterans for their service. It complements similar receptions held for veterans of the Korean War and veterans of contemporary conflicts. "This is an opportunity for veterans to come together, to reflect on the bonds of mateship that held them together during the war and to pay respect to those who

did not return," Mr MacDonald said. "It also enables the NSW Government to pay its ongoing respect for the service and sacrifice of the Australian servicemen and women who served." The Vietnam War was Australia's longest engagement of the 20th century. Almost 60,000 Australians fought in the war and 500 lost their lives. Mr Elliott said he was pleased to honour Vietnam War veterans and their families, particularly during the Centenary of Anzac, which recognises the service of those who have served in the Australian Defence Force over the past one hundred years. "I encourage all interested veterans to apply to attend

this year's reception, held in August in commemoration of the Battle of Long Tan," Mr Elliott said. "While it is open to all, veterans who have not attended past receptions will be given precedence in the ballot draw." Online applications for veterans across NSW

interested in attending are currently open at <https://www.veterans.nsw.gov.au/commemoration-days/2018-vietnam-war-veterans-reception-expression-of-interest/> Applications close 4th June ahead of the ballot on 8th June. Invitations will be sent to those successful in the ballot draw.



## Coming to Broke this June Long Weekend



## Branxton Ladies Open Day Tuesday 12th June

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# STEVE'S RANT

Just a couple of comments. What a captivating programme was the wedding of Ms Markel and Prince Harry. Up close study of those in the chapel was the best 'people watching' opportunity I have ever experienced and made the evening in front of the tele worth putting up with. Hopefully we will be seeing much more of this couple.

In the last issue of the 'The News', Joel opened the Labors Party bidding war for the next Federal Election. The party's constant message will be saving Medicare, saving Education, saving Overtime and Penalty rates and saving the Environment.

In effect the message will be that only a Labor Government will ensure continued existence of Medicare. This despite the fact no other political grouping in Australia has a policy to disband Medicare nor would they be that silly to suggest it. But of course the ridiculous scare campaign seemed to work for them at the last election despite the blatant deception this was. Only Labor can save Education of our children. They tried this last time they were in Government with funding increases and Naplan, but in the last 20 years the outcomes for each level of education has not improved for Australian students and the Third World is powering ahead of us in classrooms we might think only fit for a summer camp in the bush. Increasing funding in Education does not improve outcomes. Only quality teaching and committed parents who monitor what is going on in schools can have the outcomes that we need.

When Bill Shorten bangs on about penalty rates he does not understand how the Australian workforce operates. It's OK for his union financiers to dictate employment rules which create closed shops, privileged opportunities for members and to collude with big companies in screwing the public. But these people are only a fraction of the workforce 50% of who are

the bread and butter of most employees in small business. It suits the employees who may have several jobs and it suits employers so they can match staffing requirements to the pace of the business.

Bill Shortens policy is to make casual employment illegal and impose prohibitive penalty rates for after hours and public holidays; the times when small business is most in need of staff.

As for the environment the Labor Party will demand 50% renewables by 2030 with no plan B for when the wind doesn't blow and when the sun don't shine. This will do nothing to stop climate change and will mean we will all have to purchase generators as standby power supply. Many industries which rely on constant power supply are already installing standby generators. So much for the energy supply.

On Wednesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> May a Labor Party Parliamentarian was lamenting the lack of funding for preschool places for our children. Her main point was the critical importance of early learning? But what is early learning? The three "R"s at the age of three? I don't think so. What she was really on about was child minding for working parents. All very well but this remains the responsibility of parents not the Federal Government. For the sake of all humanity will the Labor Party please stay out of our lives.

Cheers, Steve



with Mike Lowing

For those harness racing aficionados' that have been following the Newcastle Harness Racing Clubs future base they have stated that they have no plan to give up its current facilities to rugby league without the NSW Government providing a suitable alternative, which it sees as its own training and racing centre of excellence. Why would that be of interest



locally?

Well, a good source has told me that if they do get what they are asking it opens the door for Hunter Harness to join Bathurst, Wagga Wagga and Tamworth in gaining a state-of-the-art training and racing hub & they are looking at this local area for its new venue.

I emailed Tony Drew GM Newcastle Harness and asked the question & he replied that ... *at this very moment we await further information as to the progress of the Broadmeadow Entertainment & Sporting Precinct.*

No giveaway there. In an earlier statement Drew said a new site would "ideally be between Cessnock, Maitland and Newcastle and adjacent to the Expressway ... & the ideal situation would be to have a training establishment next to the track." We missed out on the new Mid-Hunter hospital with its bad location decision at Metford; maybe lucky second time around. Here's hoping!



Phone network

After having dug to a depth of 10 feet last year, British scientists found traces of copper wire dating back 200 years and came to the conclusion that their ancestors already had a telephone network more than 150 years ago. Not to be outdone by the British, in the weeks that followed, an American archaeologist dug to a depth of 20 feet, and shortly after, a story published in the New York Times: "American archaeologists, finding traces of 250-year-old copper wire, have concluded that their ancestors already had an advanced high-tech communications network 50 years earlier than the British". One week later, Australia's Northern Territory Times, reported the following: "After digging as deep as 30 feet in his backyard in Tennant Creek, Northern Territory, Billy Smith, a self-taught archaeologist, reported that he found absolutely nothing. Billy has therefore concluded that 250 years ago, Australia had already gone wireless..." Makes me feel bloody proud to be Australian!

## They Said It

Not how long, but how well you have lived is the main thing. Seneca  
 Life is what happens when you're busy making other plans. John Lennon  
 It is better to be hated for what you are than to be loved for what you are not. Andre Gide  
 Very little is needed to make a happy life; it is all within yourself, in your way of thinking. Marcus Aurelius  
 Life is like playing a violin in public and learning the instrument as one goes on. Samuel Butler  
 You've gotta dance like there's nobody watching. William W. Purkey  
 Believe that life is worth living and your belief will help create the fact. William James  
 Do not take life too seriously. You will never get out of it alive. Elbert Hubbard  
 The heart, like the stomach, wants a varied diet. Gustave Flaubert  
 Get busy living or get busy dying. Stephen King  
 I'll tell you, in this world being a little crazy helps to keep you sane. Zsa Zsa Gabor  
 We know what we are, but know not what we may be. William Shakespeare  
 Lighten up, just enjoy life, smile more, laugh more, and don't get so worked up about things. Kenneth Branagh

## JUST THOUGHT YOU SHOULD KNOW

New research from Roy Morgan shows nearly 2 million Australians aged 14+ (9.8%) now use Uber Eats, Menulog/Eatnow.com.au, Deliveroo or one of the many other meal delivery services in an average three months. Australia's younger generations have taken keenly to meal delivery services with 16.1% of Millennials/ Gen Y (aged 28-42 years old) having used a meal delivery service in an average three months compared to only 4.5% of Baby Boomers and just 3.6% of Pre-Boomers. The take up of meal delivery is not just about age, certain communities have really taken to meal delivery – as Roy Morgan's unique geo-psychographic segmentation Helix Personas shows. 22.5% of those living in a Metrotech community use meal delivery services – predominantly young, single, well-educated, inner-city professionals.



CESSNOCK WELL PLACED TO SECURE THE QANTAS PILOT ACADEMY

I call on the NSW Government to get behind Cessnock City Council's bid to host the proposed Qantas Pilot Academy. I have told Parliament Cessnock was the natural choice for Qantas. It has the

aerodrome, it's close to Sydney and it has the appropriate infrastructure to attract the project. I spoke with Qantas CEO Alan Joyce in Canberra about Cessnock's bid last week. It is clear we are in the running but what I learned is that NSW

Government support for our bid will be crucial. The pilot academy will be capable of training up to 500 pilots a year, to help meet the increasing need for skilled aviators in one of the fastest growing global industries.

Time is of the essence, as Qantas want the Pilot Academy up and running in 2019.

We'd be talking about literally hundreds of

trainees each year going through the school; that would be a significant economic boost for any township or local community.

On behalf of the Hunter community, I call on the NSW Government to invest in the additional infrastructure and offer the support needed to ensure we are best placed to secure this valuable economic boost.

Hon. Joel Fitzgibbon MP  
 Member for Hunter

A issue: Australian cricket  
 One issue that has not been considered in much detail is the effect the Australian cheating scandal could have on Test cricket. There is a real danger that it could signal the beginning of the end. Attendance at Tests other than Ashes series has been falling in most countries as the attraction of Twenty20 increases. Will the Australian spectators and viewers lose interest in Tests now that two of the most exciting and skilful batsmen won't be seen for at least a year?

Or will it be because the damage to the spirit of the long-revered game will cause people to boycott the Test team?

Without a sponsor and with no free-to-air coverage, Cricket Australia may find that within a couple of years Test cricket will be extinct. This is the legacy that the lack of respect for the game shown by the Australian cricketers could lead to.

Name & contact details supplies but writer wishes to remain anonymous

The lure of libraries  
 Once upon a time I delighted in visiting my local library not only to borrow a book, but mostly to browse and discover writers and publications unknown to me. "Discovering" was the most rewarding experience, providing great excitement and new challenges. Now you pass through the "active" spaces, the hit list of hot books, and are told if you don't know the book's title or author, you can't be helped. "What happened to all the art books?" I've asked, to be told some are in the stacks, some disposed of, and usually, only those regularly borrowed are on the shelves. How many great books I've read through my chance encounters, richly enhancing my life. What a loss!  
 Mike McGregor, Narrabri

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## Congratulations to the 2018 Cessnock Mayoral Academic Scholarship recipients

The eight recipients of the 2018 Mayoral Academic Scholarships were announced in front of a large crowd last week at an official presentation held at the Cessnock Performing Arts Centre.

This year marked the 17<sup>th</sup> year of the scholarships and each of the eight young people who walked away with a \$2,500 cheque to help with their studies was beaming with pride. Competition was tough this year as Cessnock City Council received many applications from local TAFE and University students who were hoping for extra support for their studies.

Cessnock City Mayor, Councillor Bob Pynsent said it was a fantastic evening and he was proud to see this wonderful initiative grow each and every year.

“Since the inception of our Mayoral Academic Scholarships in 2002, we have helped 210 students and thanks to our sponsors we’ve given an incredible \$525,000 to our promising young people.”

“We believe the scholarships not only help students financially to achieve their academic goals but provide them with important recognition they are on the right track.”

The deserving group of scholarship winners and sponsors are listed below:

- John Knipe Memorial Hospitality and Tourism Scholarship sponsored by Cessnock Leagues Club - **Christie-Lee Orchard**
- Local Government Scholarship sponsored by Kurri Kurri Retired Mineworkers Association - **Marnie Bullen**
- Building and Associated Trades Scholarship sponsored by the Rotary Club of Cessnock - **Samuel Weekes**
- Mining Scholarship sponsored by Cessnock Retired Mineworkers Association - **Brandon Bendeich**
- Mining/Technical Engineering Scholarship Sponsored by Astar Coal Mine - **Jessica Bonnici**
- TAFE sponsored by Solo Resource Recovery - **Wendy Kirby**
- Post HSC Scholarship sponsored by Hunter Resource Recovery - **Ashley Fry**



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Bob Pynsent, Mayor Cessnock City Council

## Mayoral Column 2

that contribute to our community as part of National Volunteer's Week. The week is about recognising and thanking volunteers for the contribution they make to our community. The volunteers involved in Landcare groups, Council's hall and recreation management committees, libraries and Adopt-a Road do an exceptional job. There are many other volunteers who give up their time and contribute to our community. This is also an opportunity to thank them and acknowledge their wonder-

The Mayor and the attendees at the Volunteers lunch which was held on 23 Wednesday at Cessnock Performing Arts Centre.



This Friday we will celebrate the opening of important tourist wayfinding signage, with the information bays completed at both Kearsley and Lovedale. The feedback we have received from the community has been very positive. The signage certainly is eye catching and will no doubt be extremely useful for tourists travelling the Cessnock Local Government Area (LGA). These information bays were funded by a grant from the NSW Government's Restart NSW program. Residents will also see construction being undertaken on four other information bays located at key entry points throughout the LGA to promote our region as a premier tourism destination. To keep up to date with the installation of information bays check out the regular community newsletters at [www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au/community/roads/projects](http://www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au/community/roads/projects). Last week marked the launch of a new campaign focused on responsible pet ownership. The campaign is made up of a series of posters and also social media posts aimed at getting some very strong messages out in our community. Every pet owner has a lot of responsibility and must be aware of these responsibilities. These include ensuring your pet is microchipped, walking your dog on a lead and ensuring your animal is desexed. If every pet owner took these very simple steps it would benefit the entire community. If you want to know more about the responsibilities of being a pet owner visit [www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au/community/animals/lookingafteryourpet](http://www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au/community/animals/lookingafteryourpet). On Wednesday 23 May Council celebrated all of the wonderful volunteers

ful community spirit. My wife, Kathy and I had the pleasure of participating in croquet hosted by the Cessnock Croquet Club. It is a very enjoyable way to socialise and meet new people. The club is currently looking for new members and I encourage residents to consider contacting the club to get involved. Congratulations to the Council's Economic Development team who have been recognised at a state level attracting two nominations for the 2018 NSW Local Government Excellence Awards. The Economic Development team have been shortlisted as a finalist for two outstanding Cessnock City projects. The Cessnock City Youth First Employment Toolkit has been shortlisted in the category of Special Projects and the team's unique business platform Advance Cessnock City has been recognised in the category of Service Delivery Initiative. I would also like to extend my congratulations to the Branxton Greta Business Chamber who have secured an official visit from His Excellency General The Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd) Governor of New South Wales. Securing a visit of the NSW Governor in September is a reflection of the hard work of the Chamber. Cheers, Bob



Member for Cessnock Clayton Barr MP

**Raising the BARR THE NEXT STEP TO GETTING MORE POLICE**  
A terrific meeting was held 2 weeks ago as a show of support for our local Police and the concerns of the community. We all have a job to do. For the community at large, please do continue to report all crime. Feeling frustrated and taking a view that you just "won't bother" won't help us to get more Police. The reports of crime need to show that the demand for Police response is far more than the availability of Police.

If our Police are swamped by calls then they will prioritise the work. No doubt they will place a call for domestic violence higher on the list than barking dog. We have to trust our Police to do the important stuff ASAP and to leave the less important stuff a little bit longer. What this might mean for you is that your car or shed has been broken into, but the Police can't get there straight away, although they will if they possibly can. On the flip side, if you had an intruder climbing through your bathroom window then we should all expect our Police to drop everything and come ASAP.

So please, let's report, report, report and let's show patience, trust and faith. In simple terms, we can't expect more Police if the workload isn't way beyond their current staffing levels. As I have previously written in this column, sadly domestic violence is taking up more than half of the work time for every single Police officer in our area. Take a stand and send a message to everyone in your circle that domestic violence is simply not on!

**MY CTP COMMENTS HAVE TOUCHED A NERVE IN GOVERNMENT**  
Oh dear, the truth about the CTP refunds is uncomfortable for some. I have been accused of telling a "lie" because I wrote in my column 4 weeks ago that the result of collecting less money for CTP insurance will result in less coverage for injured persons. But here's a question, how can you possibly collect less money, but offer more protection? It is a simple, mathematical, impossibility to offer more with less!

Interestingly nobody bothered to challenge my admission to you all that the Government were unfairly taking a \$10 slice out of every refund, and that they were creating unnecessary hurdles between you and your money by making the process more complicated than it needed to be. But as your local MP, here's my guarantee – everything that I write in my column is true, accurate and defensible. I am willing to debate,

anywhere, anytime and in any place the Premier or her Ministers for any claim that I make in my column. I can't make it any simpler than that – if you want to accuse me of misleading or not telling the truth then turn up in a local hall and let's have the debate.

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Clr Melanie Dagg - Cessnock City Councillor - Ward C

It's been a rather busy time at Council lately. On top of my usual commitments, I attended meetings with Hunter Water and also the Association of Mining & Energy Related Councils in Cobar. Whilst there, I was able to travel 600m underground to inspect a gold, lead and copper mine, which was fascinating. I also attended my first board meeting as the local government representative to the Mine Subsidence Board. After some changes made by the state government, the board itself will become defunct at the end of the year and subsidence issues will be administered and funded in a slightly different way. This is of particular interest to the Cessnock LGA, as with only a handful of active mine sites remaining, most of our mining problems are legacy issues. This is an exciting, albeit short, new role. But it's an important one as it ensures local government has a seat at the table when discussing subsidence, which impacts finances, planning guidelines, the physical integrity of private property and public infrastructure and importantly, personal safety.

Currently on public exhibition is one of Council's key plans, its Operational Plan. The OP is essentially a roadmap of priorities for the next 12 months and it's really important we get your feedback on whether those

priorities align with your own. If you are interested in some light reading, head to the website and take some time to consider the draft plan. Community input is key to ensuring Council is delivering for its residents so make a submission today!

**FEDERAL IMPACTS ON LOCAL BUDGETS**  
It's been almost a month since the Federal budget, but it's impact is far-reaching. It was great to see investment in some key infrastructure projects like the inland rail (unfortunately the greater Hunter region missed out), although as a councillor I was hoping there would be movement on the current indexation freeze and prepayment requirements of Financial Assistant Grants for councils. This has a direct impact on our budget, which we will now probably have to adjust when we consider adopting the Delivery Program and Operational Plan. The freeze is equal to an approximately 13% permanent reduction in councils' funding base. This has heavy implications for councils like Dungog for example, who are trying to fund maintenance of a large road network from a very small rate-paying population. Also missing was action to help alleviate the nation-wide recycling crisis affecting local councils as a result of China's National Sword Policy. You may have seen this in the media over recent months. With the right investment in research & development, Australia could solve this problem for itself - we just need leadership! The proposed personal income tax cuts will be a welcome relief after static wage growth for such an extended period of time. If you decide to spend your tax cut rather than save it, try to spend it locally and help out one of our many small businesses.

**SUPPORT ON QANTAS BID**  
Federal Member for Hunter, Joel Fitzgibbon recently spoke in Parliament supporting Cessnock's bid to become home to Qantas' new regionally-based pilot training academy. Should we be successful, it would be an incredible injection to the local economy and a boost to the LGA's credentials. Mr Fitzgibbon spoke with Qantas CEO Alan Joyce about Cessnock being a natural choice for the academy due to its quality aerodrome, close proximity to Sydney, affordable housing market and suitable supporting infrastructure. It's clear that for this to happen, the bid must have the support of the State Government. I welcome Mr Fitzgibbon's support and echo his call to the NSW Government to assist Cessnock in securing this important project.

**WINE COUNTRY DRIVE NIGHTMARE**  
I finished my last column detailing the action we had taken to deal with an incredibly dangerous piece of road at the Hart Road intersection. This week I'm talking about the nightmare that is Wine Country Drive (WCD) at Nulkaba. Anyone who drives that piece of road, particularly at school pick up time, knows the congestion that builds up and unfortunately that congestion leads to frustration and sometimes poor driver behaviour. There has been much too-ing and fro-ing between RMS and St Phillips Christian College, in particular, over the last two years without St Phillips being able to put their plans into action. Whilst WCD is a state road and therefore outside Council's jurisdiction, we have confirmed our support for the school to create a second formalised entrance with necessary road treatments, like a roundabout, which would see no disruption to the flow of traffic and increased safety for families and commuters alike.

You can stay in touch with me on facebook and I can be reached by phone or email to assist with your local government concerns.

Cheers, Melanie



JOEL FITZGIBBON MP Member for Hunter

The events of the past week highlight again that whatever governments do, it must be both in the national interest and reflect the will of the people. The real test for a politician pushing real and meaningful reform is to both persuade the electorate and take people with them. If they can't do that then they either lack the necessary powers of persuasion or their case is too weak. It is more than apparent to me that the Turnbull Government has made no ground in its attempts to persuade the electorate that an \$80 billion tax cut for large corporations is the right priority for Australia at his point in time. Rather, people are looking for relief for the family budget pressures and a greater investment in health, education, training, aged care and child care. Surely Malcolm Turnbull can only flog this dead horse for so long? The time must come when he realises the electorate has spoken.

Assessing the will of the people is not always so easy. Often the electorate is close to evenly split. When this occurs, evidence or science based policy becomes even more important. Take two recent events. Last week the media reported on the most recent survey of the contribution of coal mining to the Hunter's economy. At \$4.5 billion and 11,000 direct jobs, it remains very substantial. Like me, I believe the majority of people in the region remain supportive of the sector. However, we know that to ensure sufficient support is maintained, the community must remain convinced safety and environmental outcomes are being properly managed. That takes constant work and effort from both the industry and government. It's why corporates invest so much to protect their image. Over many decades, a number of economic pursuits or methods have lost community support over time. It's the natural order of things. That time has come for the live sheep trade, the other recent event. By majority, the community has decided the economic benefits of the live sheep trade are outweighed by the animal welfare costs.

There is a lesson in this for all sectors in our economy. Sometimes if a government is too supportive of a sector it does the sector more harm than good over time. Unconditional and unqualified support breeds a culture of complacency, risk and even greed. That never ends well for the industry in question. That in my view is what will seal the fate of the live sheep trade, too much love from former Agriculture Minister Barnaby Joyce. Now we need to phase the live sheep industry out in a way which has a net positive impact on our farmers, jobs and the economy. That means providing the government guidance required to secure more meat processing opportunities here in Australia.

Cheers, Joel



Sue Moore, Mayor Singleton Council

The draft Townhead Park Master Plan, currently on exhibition, paints a bigger picture for the landmark site on the New England



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## Cessnock City Council outdoor staff go orange for Black Dog Institute



Cessnock City Council's outdoor crews are doing their bit to raise awareness and funds for the Black Dog Institute. The community will notice outdoor crews proudly wearing orange high-vis shirts featuring the Black Dog Institute's logo over the next few months. The Black Dog Institute is dedicated to understanding, preventing and treating mental illness. Cessnock City Mayor,

Councillor Bob Pynsent, applauded staff for this initiative and helping start an important conversation in the Cessnock Local Government Area about mental health. "I'm very proud that Council staff are shining a spotlight on mental health by participating in the initiative. We all understand just how prevalent mental health is in our community and that it's something we can talk about openly."

"Research shows men in particular find it hard to ask for help if they are struggling so it is fantastic to see so many males in our organisation getting involved." Council's Director of Works and Infrastructure, Justin Fitzpatrick-Barr said this is the fourth workplace charity initiative. "We have a great workplace community who are always looking for ways to support their broader community. It's warming to see staff getting

involved in these wonderful initiatives." This initiative forms part of an employee giving program where staff can make a donation to the Black Dog Institute. Funds raised will help improve the lives of people affected by mental illness through research into improved clinical treatments, increased accessibility to mental health services and delivery of long-term public health solutions. [www.blackdoginstitute.org.au/](http://www.blackdoginstitute.org.au/)

### PHARMACY ADVISOR



Lee Grundy, Pharmacist & proprietor of Branxton Pharmacy

## WHY DO I NEED A SHINGLES VACCINE?

1. If you've had chickenpox, you are at risk for Shingles.
2. You're at greater risk for Shingles as you get older.
3. Shingles can strike at any time and it can be painful.

### Shingles Vaccination Program

Shingles is a painful blistering rash caused by reactivation of the varicella zoster virus – the same virus that causes chickenpox. A single dose of shingles vaccine is recommended and funded for adults at 70 years of age. Adults 71-79 years of age are also eligible under a five-year catch up program until 31 October 2021.

At the commencement of the program, the interest in the vaccine was unprecedented. Early shortages have been addressed and there is now ample stock available under the program.

### Disease and epidemiology

Herpes zoster or 'shingles' is a localised, painful, vesicular skin rash resulting from reactivation of the same virus (the varicella-zoster virus) that causes chickenpox earlier in life. Shingles can affect any part of the body but the rash classically takes the shape of a belt or band in

the thoracic or lumbar region.

Although usually self-limiting, shingles can lead to post-herpetic neuralgia (PHN), a chronic neuropathic pain syndrome, and other complications.

About 20-30% of people will have shingles in their lifetime, most after the age of 50 years. Older people (particularly those aged over 70 years) are also more likely to have shingles complicated by PHN.

### Who should be vaccinated

There is one zoster vaccine that is registered for use in people aged 50 years and over as a single dose. It is recommended for adults aged 60 years and over who are not immunocompromised.

Zoster vaccine is funded under the National Immunisation Program for persons aged 70 years, with catch-up for those aged 71-79 years also funded until October 2021.

### Who should not be vaccinated

People who are immunocompromised due to disease or medication, pregnant women, and those who have previously had anaphylaxis to any VZV-containing

vaccine or its components should not receive the zoster vaccine.

### Vaccine

The vaccine contains live attenuated varicella-zoster virus. The amount of virus in the zoster vaccine is approximately 14 times greater than in varicella (chickenpox) vaccines.

Vaccination of people aged 70-79 years is estimated to prevent about 41% of the cases of shingles and two-thirds of post-herpetic neuralgia cases in that population. In vaccinated people in whom an episode of shingles occurs, the pain, severity and duration is reduced by 50%.

Protection from vaccination tends to decline with older age at vaccination and the time since vaccination. However, a booster dose is not currently recommended.

Medical therapy (such as analgesics and antivirals) should still be considered for treatment of shingles, regardless of the patient's immunisation status.

The vaccine is safe and well tolerated among immunocompetent individuals aged 50 years and over in clinical trials and

post-licensure studies. Mild reactions at the injection site, such as pain, swelling and redness, are likely to occur in approximately 50% of vaccine recipients.

Cheers, Lee

## HEARD IT THROUGH the GRAPEVINE



with Jo Thomas, General Manager HWTA

### 2018 Hunter Valley Legends and Wine Industry Awards Finalists Announced

The much-anticipated line up of finalists for the 2018 Hunter Valley Legends and Wine Industry Awards has been announced. The Winners will be announced at our Hunter Valley night of nights, held at Ben Ean on Thursday, 24 May. The wine and tourism industries come together at this annual black-tie event to celebrate and honour our Living Legends and all those who help make our Hunter Valley great. The Hunter Valley Wine & Tourism Association is proud to announce the 2018 finalists in the categories of Winemaker of the Year, Rising Star of the Year, Viticulturist of the Year and Cellar Door of the Year and wish all involved the best of luck! A Hunter Valley Wine Legend and Tourism Legend will also be inducted this year and both are in recognition for the significant contribution of individuals to the Hunter Valley Wine and Tourism Industry. It is the first time that the Tourism Legend Award will be announced at these awards.

A record 12 Cellar Doors are named finalists this year of which are judged by Mystery shoppers whilst the Rising Star, Viticulturist and Winemaker of the Year are all judged by industry, media and guest judges. **The 2018 finalists are:**

- Marjan Family Wines | Mount Pleasant Wines | Two Rivers Wines | Vinden Estate Wines
- Audrey Wilkinson | Bimbardgen | Cockfighter's Ghost | Hungerford Hill Wines | Leorate Estate Wines
- Shannon Burges-Moore, De Iulius Wines | Aaron Mercer, Tamburlaine Organic Wines | Kate Sturges, Brokenwood Wines | Anqus Vinden, Vinden Estate Wines | Brett Woodward, Saddler's Creek Wines & Woodward's Wines
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## Pulled pork and spicy slaw brioche burgers

Tasty pulled pork with spicy slaw on a charcoal brioche bun!



### Ingredients

- 480g pkt Coles Australian Pork Ready to Pull Shoulder Apple BBQ Sauce
- 4 Coles Finest Charcoal Brioche Burger Buns, split
- 1/4 cup (75g) whole-egg mayonnaise
- 1/4 cup (60ml) buttermilk
- 2 tablespoons tomato sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon smoked paprika
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- Pinch of cayenne pepper (optional)
- 200g pkt Coles Australian Coleslaw
- 1/2 cup chopped flat-leaf parsley
- Oven-baked chips, to serve (optional)

### Method

#### Step 1

- Preheat oven to 200°C. Prepare the pork following packet directions.

#### Step 2



Meanwhile, place the buns, cut-side up, on a baking tray. Lightly spray with cooking oil. Cook the buns in oven with the pork for 5 mins or until lightly toasted.

#### Step 3

Combine the mayonnaise, buttermilk, tomato sauce, paprika, garlic powder and cayenne pepper, if using, in a medium bowl. Season. Add the coleslaw and parsley. Toss to combine.

#### Step 4

Divide the bun bases among serving plates. Top with coleslaw, pork and bun tops. Serve with chips, if desired.

Vaccinations don't stop at childhood.

## Protect yourself against Shingles





## NSW Police announce state-wide Firearms Amnesty to rid unwanted and unregistered guns

The NSW Police Force, with the support of the NSW Government, will conduct a state-wide Firearms Amnesty following the success of last year's national campaign. During the three-month period in 2017, NSW netted 24,831 firearms and 1898 firearm parts for destruction, sale or registration – more than any other state or territory – prompting another operation to reduce the number of unregistered and unwanted firearms in the community.

Anyone with an unregistered firearm or firearm-related item in their possession will have the chance to legally dispose, or register it, without penalty between 1 July and 30 September 2018. Deputy Commissioner Metropolitan Field Operations Jeff Loy, said there has been continued interest from the community to dispose of unwanted firearms without penalty. "In 2017, we had nearly 8000 firearms surrendered for destruction – including 951 handguns and 5558 shotguns – with about 15,000 handed in for registration and 2100 handed in for sale," Deputy Commissioner Loy said. "This is another opportunity for people to get rid of any firearm or firearm parts without the fear of prosecution."

Deputy Commissioner Regional NSW Field Operations Gary Worboys, said gun theft is a major concern for NSW Police, particularly in regional areas.

"We are working hard to address the issue of firearm theft and it's important we all work together and have the support of licensed firearm owners to make sure people who own guns keep them stored safely and securely," Deputy Commissioner Worboys said.



"Every firearm captured in the amnesty is one we previously knew nothing about and risked falling into the hands of criminal gangs or organised crime syndicates." Firearms and firearm-related items can be surrendered under amnesty arrangements at approved drop-off points, which include licensed firearm dealers, mobile stations, and police stations. Under no circumstances should loaded firearms be taken into public places – including police stations.

Anyone with concerns about handling firearms or safely transporting them, can contact the NSW Police Force Firearms Registry on 1300 362 562 for assistance.

### Police appeal after aggravated break in – Maitland

Thursday, 17 May 2018 11:02:25 AM

Police are appealing for information after an aggravated break and enter in Maitland overnight.

About 3.30am (Thursday 17 May), five people forced entry into a home on Rockleigh Street, Thornton, waking the occupants.

The group – four men and one woman – locked themselves in a room before ransacking it.

When confronted by the occupants, a man and woman fled with property stolen from the home.

A male occupant confronted the men still in the room, when he was struck to the head with a crow bar.

Following a struggle, the rest of the group fled. Officers from Port Stephens – Hunter Police District attended.

A 19-year old man was treated for facial injuries and taken to Maitland Hospital, in a stable condition.

An investigation has been launched and any witnesses or anyone with information in relation to this incident is urged to come forward and contact police via Crime Stoppers.

### Mid Range PCA – Cessnock

About 1.20am on Saturday the 19th of May 2018, the accused a male aged 40 from Aberdare drove motor vehicle a Toyota Prado, East on Aberdare Road, Cessnock. When approximately 10 metres from Scholey Street, the accused has lost control of his vehicle causing it to roll several times.

On police attendance it was noticed that his breath smelt of intoxicating liquor, he had slurred speech, glazed/blood shot eyes, and was crying. The accused underwent a roadside breath test which proved positive. He was arrested and conveyed to the Cessnock Police Station for the purpose of a breath analysis.

The accused submitted to a breath analysis which returned a positive reading of 0.143 grams of alcohol in 210 litres of breath.

The accused was issued with Notice of Suspension and Demand for Surrender of Driver Licence and that licence was confiscated by police. The accused was issued with a Field Court Attendance Notice to appear at Cessnock local court on 13th June 2018.



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## The onerous task of being the jury foreperson

Following hours of deliberations, the role of a jury foreperson is to stand up and announce to the Court the outcome of the jury's findings. They carry the responsibility of delivering the jury's verdict. So what would happen in circumstances whereby the jury foreperson got it wrong?

This scenario arose in a case from the Supreme Court of South Australia in late 2014 and subsequent outcome was ultimately determined by the High Court in 2016. In *NH v Director of Public Prosecutions (SA)* (2016) 90 ALJR 978 the High Court was asked to determine whether the Supreme Court of South Australia had the power to amend or set aside a verdict delivered by a jury foreperson. By way of background, four men stood trial in the Supreme Court of South Australia for the 2012 murder of Christopher Hatzis. The charges arose out of a fatal altercation between the four men and the deceased

in the vicinity of a night club resulting in the deceased being stabbed several times and died from his wounds.

The trial commenced on 7 August 2014. The jury delivered their verdict on 22 August 2014. When it was time to deliver the verdict, the jury foreperson informed the Court that the required majority of at least 10 jurors had agreed on the verdicts. The foreperson made this assertion in the sight and hearing of the other jurors and there was no dissent or action from the other jurors to stop the verdict being announced. Once the jury had been discharged, the foreperson told a Court officer that he had made a mistake. There had not been a majority of 10 or more in favour of a verdict of 'not guilty' in relation to any of the four men. The Full Court of the Supreme Court of South Australia then took steps to quash both the murder and manslaughter verdicts and directed a new trial on the charge of murder. The Full

Court found that the verdicts of not guilty of murder were unlawful, as the required majority has not been reached. The Court found the verdicts gave rise to an abuse of process that enlivened an inherent power to quash the unlawful acquittals. The four defendants appealed this decision to the High Court. The High Court held that neither an innocent error by a jury foreperson in delivering a verdict not acquiescence by other members of the jury constitutes an abuse of process. As a result, the High Court found that the Supreme Court of South Australia did not have the power to amend or set aside a verdict delivered by a jury foreperson in the sight and hearing of the other jurors and where no dissent or correction had been made by them. The High Court found that this verdict had been translated by the trial judge into a perfected judgement or acquittal or conviction.



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### Pumpkin Breakfast Casserole

This Pumpkin Breakfast Casserole is a delicious brunch for anyone who loves baked French toasts, big casseroles, or pumpkin. This recipe is a great morning timesaver as a make-ahead overnight breakfast

- casserole.
- Prep Time** 10 minutes  
**Cook Time** 45 minutes  
**Total Time** 55 minutes  
**Servings** 12  
**Calories** 271 kcal
- Ingredients**
- 12 slices (about 1-lb) brioche bread - cubed into 1-inch cubes
  - 8 medium eggs
  - 1 1/4 cup whole milk
  - 1 can (5-ounce) evaporated milk
  - 1 can (15-ounce) pumpkin puree
  - 1/4 cup granulated sugar
  - 1/2 cup (lightly packed) light brown sugar
  - 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
  - 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
  - 1 teaspoon ground ginger
  - 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
  - 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
- Cinnamon Sugar Topping**
- 2 tablespoons granulated sugar
  - 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- Instructions**
- Grease a 9x13-inch pan. Evenly layer in the brioche bread cubes.
  - In a large bowl, beat the eggs. Add in all the other ingredients and mix well.
  - Carefully pour the mixture over the brioche bread cubes. Gently press the cubes into the pumpkin mixture as needed, so all the bread cubes are sitting in the liquid.
  - In a small bowl, mix together the granulated

sugar and cinnamon. Evenly sprinkle it over the bread cubes.

- Cover and let sit for at least 30 minutes, but preferably let the casserole sit in the refrigerator overnight.
- When you are ready to bake the casserole, preheat the oven to 350°F / 180°C. Bake the casserole in the middle oven rack for 45 - 55 minutes, until the middle of the casserole is set, and the top has browned. A toothpick inserted in the middle of the casserole should come out clean.
- You can also double the recipe and bake 2 Pumpkin Breakfast Casseroles at once. Place one pan on the top rack and one pan on a lower rack. Rotate the pans between the racks mid-way through baking.
- Remove the casserole from the oven and allow to cool slightly before serving. This casserole is delicious served warm, room temperature, or cold. Serve with maple syrup or whipped cream, if desired. Also in store is Jerusalem Artichokes. The benefits are they are high in iron, good source of protein, helps control cholesterol & a great source of fibre and potassium. The new apples in store; Bravo & are a favourite of the staff and customers. If you haven't yet tried them you really should.. *Looking forward to meeting you Lisa*



Real Estate was right in the thick of this environment and the results are still being seen today. The reforms hope to address that by bringing more stringent course content, with increased units for certificate of registration courses and a focus on foundation knowledge that will enable students to then progress their careers in both sales and property management and progress to their licence Cert IV qualification. In fact this career path progression for those involved in the areas of advice and negotiation is singularity the most significant part of the reform package. Anyone desiring to progress their career must within four years of obtaining their certificate of registration complete the balance of units required for the Cert IV. This will result in better trained, more highly skilled and more capable participants in the industry and that is the outcome REINSW set out to achieve. We saw that the better the education, ongoing training, skills and standards the better the performance of our people and the better the experiences and outcomes for property consumers. The reforms will be far reaching including new disclosure requirements and the introduction of the new licence class of Licensee in Charge a new education

stand will be set. This class will require a Diploma qualification and as a result a new course has been developed with the desire to build business skills for business owners. Better run businesses mean better run teams and better consumer experiences and outcomes. This new qualification will also mirror the impending professional standards program to finally create a uniform set of standards for the industry in Australia under a Federal Government recognised Professional Standards Scheme that will see our industry finally achieve professional status. This step could not be possible without the NSW Real Estate Reform package raising the bar to a new Industry wide height to enable the professional standards bar to be raised even higher.

## New code to develop housing options

A new code has been introduced by the NSW Government to 'make it easier to develop versatile, well-designed and more affordable' low-rise medium density housing. The [Low Rise Medium Density Housing Code and Low Rise Medium Density Design Guide](#) aim to allow medium density housing to

be built under a fast track complying development approval system. Minister for Planning and Housing, Anthony Roberts, said: "The need for more high-quality medium sized homes comes as population projections estimate metropolitan Sydney will need another 725,000 homes to accommodate an extra 1.7 million people by 2036. "Low-rise medium density housing is the missing part of the NSW housing stock between traditional free-standing homes and strata-titled apartments. "The Code and Design Guide will encourage the market to provide more diverse housing options by making it easier to build well-designed, quality medium density homes that respect existing neighbourhoods." Proposed two-storey building height limits will ensure the size and scale of complying development is low rise and will fit into established streetscapes. The Medium Density Design Guide aims to improve the design of medium density housing by addressing layout, landscaping, private open space, light, natural ventilation and privacy. The new code will only apply in areas where councils have already permitted medium density housing under their Local Environmental Plan. A three-month deferred commencement period will

apply to the Code and Design Guide to allow councils and industry time to prepare for the new changes.

## Complaints register guideline review

The Complaints Register publishes the names of businesses which have been the subject of 10 or more complaints the previous calendar month, as an incentive for businesses to improve their business practices. REINSW concerns REINSW made a submission to NSW Fair Trading about the Complaints Register before it launched in October 2015. Since it launched the Institute, in association with a number of franchise and marketing groups, also made submissions to the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation Matt Kean. One of the Institute's main concerns was about franchisees, marketing groups or co-operative models who share a brand, which are grouped as one product. This puts the biggest agency groups at an unfair disadvantage and REINSW believes real estate businesses

independently owned and operated should not be discriminated against because they belong to a franchise. REINSW CEO Tim McKibbin said: "It punishes innocent small businesses operating under franchise or co-operative brands who are tarred with the same brush as those which have had complaints made against them, which is completely unfair."



## Reforms signal positive change

**John Cunningham, Immediate Past President, REINSW**  
Some of the most important reforms to real estate practice in over 30 years will be introduced in New South Wales later this year. The overwhelming need for positive change in our regulatory environment was identified over 10 years ago when it was becoming evident that the Federal Government's desire for increased

competition in various industry sectors was starting to have negative impacts. The opportunity to reformat the system by unscrupulous training organisations was resulting in an abundance of providers ripping off the system and producing either incompetent or incapable students with the necessary qualifications but without the necessary skills to do the required jobs.

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# FIRST ACCOMMODATION BLOCKS READY FOR CESSNOCK EXPANSION



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The accommodation blocks for a new 330-bed maximum-security wing of Cessnock Correctional Centre are being installed, six months after construction began in November last year. Parliamentary Secretary for the Hunter Scot MacDonald MLC was among guests who toured the site last week to see the progress as part of the NSW Government's \$3.8 billion investment to increase prison capacity. "Modular cells are being installed into the inmate

accommodation blocks, with more structural steelwork to follow," Mr MacDonald said. "Hundreds of construction workers have been busy carrying out excavation, drainage, earthworks, civil works, erection of walls and steelwork, as well as modification works to the existing operational maximum-security facility. "Up to 280 jobs are being created during construction while around 70 jobs will be created upon completion, which will have a positive effect on the

Hunter economy." Minister for Corrections David Elliott said the expansion will bring accommodation for the increasing prison population and focus on reducing reoffending. "This expansion is in addition to the Hunter Correctional Centre, opened in January, and a separate minimum-security facility to be built on the same complex," Mr Elliott said. "Inmates with Corrective Services Industries will be responsible for manufacturing some of the furniture fittings and equipment to be installed, providing skills which will

help them become job ready upon release." Corrective Services NSW Commissioner Peter Severin said a temporary visits facility is operational while modification of the existing visits building commences this week. "The expansion will see the construction of a health clinic, a sports and exercise area and 4,000sqm programs and industries building, which will provide an outlet for inmates to address their rehabilitation needs," Mr Severin said. The 330 maximum security beds are part of an extra 1,000 beds for the facility.

Under the management of Justice Infrastructure and Assets, Richard Crookes Construction was awarded the contract last year, with the works expected to be completed mid-2019. A minimum-security facility expansion is still in its planning phase.

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The Rotary Club of Cessnock would like to invite you to attend a social gathering on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2018 starting at 6.00pm at the Cessnock Regional Art Gallery, 16 Vincent Street Cessnock. At this event you can meet the members of the Rotary Club of Cessnock and learn how local Rotarians support our community and contribute to helping people throughout the world. Every year our Rotarians run events to support those in need in our community, provide scholarships and leadership training support to local students. There is also an active international component of our local Rotary Club supporting overseas exchange programs and emergency and disaster aid in affected countries.

Please plan to drop in and enjoy meeting the members of our Club. Your presence will encourage them to continue in their efforts to make Cessnock a friendly and enjoyable community.

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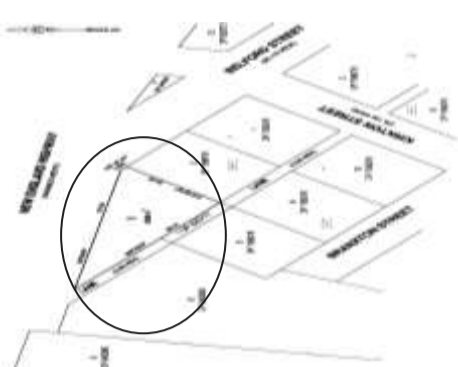


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## Branxton



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10.5m 'American Barn' with 3 equal 3.5m bays & a 3m x 10.5m  
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barn. Barn has ample fluro lighting & GPO's, ceiling fans, instantaneous  
gas Hot Water Service, electric upright stove & oven, small kitchen with  
sink & microwave + pantry. Bathroom with shower, toilet (flush),  
laundry tub. Barn has council occupation certificate whilst building new  
house. Council approved in-situ water treatment plant (enviro-cycle).  
Phone cable installed underground to barn but not connected. DA  
approved new residence (Colonial style 4 bedroom with all plans &  
engineering certificates available). Honda pump on Webbers Creek with  
underground piping to barn. 2 x 30,000 litre fresh water tanks with  
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## East



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of cupboard space. A large Queenslander  
entertainment area looks out to well manicured  
garden & lawn.

ASKING: \$550,000



The Australian Biggest Morning Tea held on Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> May was a challenge all in the Branxton/Greta CWA were happy to accept. The Branxton Community Hall was "PACKED TO THE RAFTERS" with 130 guests from the local communities of Branxton, Greta and surrounding areas with some travelling from as far



■ Maureen Ekin on her 84th Birthday, being given a lovely hand knitted beanie from Colleen and made by Carol.

one of which was the Memorial Walk between Branxton and Greta. Trent from The Cancer Council was kept busy with raffle tickets and talking to guests. The Morning Tea is a time for as many as possible in the community to get together and remember lost loved ones, friends and even survivors of

works well with our Branch and Marie and Helen are to be congratulated for how well everything was organised and the displays and table settings looked wonderful. A HUGE THANK YOU to all who attended or contributed in anyway.



■ Guests catching up and enjoying the lovely morning tea.

Our thoughts and prayers are with anyone living with cancer and also anyone who has lost a loved one or friend to cancer.

*President and members, Branxton/Greta CWA.*

as Newcastle, Maitland, Muswellbrook, Broke, Jerrys Plains and we also received 75 orders from businesses in Branxton, Greta and surrounding areas which were delivered on the morning of the day. There were also several stall holders situated at both ends of the Hall who donated a portion of their takings during the morning. Special mention to Cessnock Rotary for donating ALL the money from their book sales. The total monies raised was \$3,420. It feels great to be part of such a wonderful and generous community. Mr Brett Wild, President of the Business Chamber of Commerce spoke about all that the BCC was planning to do in the community,

cancer to support one another and raise money for Cancer Research in the hope that one day there will be a cure. We would like to THANK all the businesses for their orders (which was a record number this year), and also for the 130 guests who attended on the day (we can't do it without you) and also to Brett Wild. Business Chamber of Commerce, for contributing to our costs for the morning tea. Also a grateful thanks to all our helpers (members and non-members), from setting up the night before, delivering to the businesses, all the cooks of the wonderful slices, cakes and scones and making of sandwiches, helpers on the day and packing up and cleaning up afterwards. The old saying "many hands make light work" is one that



■ Branxton Community Hall packed out for a special day.



■ President and members with delivery driver Ernie and Cessnock Mayor Bob Pynsent.



■ One of the lovely stalls

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### Cessnock

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# Members say ....

Sue Moore, Mayor Singleton Council Highway in Singleton beyond the traditional function of parkland. The draft plan's overarching goal is to capitalise on the park's location and the Singleton Visitor Information and

Enterprise Centre to create a regional destination, serving as a welcome gateway for visitors and enticing those traveler's passing through to stop and stay.

As we encourage everyone to take a look at the plans and let us know what you think, the imagining of Townhead Park in a regional context also gives way to similar consideration of Singleton and the wider local government area itself.

Singleton has always been an important centre for NSW,

primarily because of our rich natural resources in both agricultural and coal production, as well as our location on one of the major transport routes for the eastern seaboard.

But there's no doubt about the significant transformation that has occurred in recent years, most notably the Hunter Expressway and the NSW Government's Resources for Regions program, changing the perception of Singleton and surrounds – including Branxton – from a stop on a journey to the

destination.

The Singleton Town Centre upgrade spurred a transformation that put paid to any "poor country cousin" image, reinvigorating a thriving hospitality and retail hub and luring people up the Hunter Expressway. What we're seeing now is Singleton, the economic lifeblood of the Hunter and indeed NSW, being recognised for what we've always known it was: a lifestyle opportunity for people to raise their families with

country values but without sacrificing city comforts.

And we're not finished yet. Council continues to work with the State Government on a range of issues, including the future of the Resources for Regions program to continue our progress, particularly in the Town Centre, as well as the New England Highway bypass that is poised to deliver even more

change and opportunity for the future.

In the meantime, please let us know what you think of the draft Townhead Park Master Plan. The plans are available on Council's website at [www.singleton.nsw.gov.au](http://www.singleton.nsw.gov.au), Council service centres and Parkview Cafe. Submissions close on 8 June 2018.

Cheers, Sue

## Campaign launched to get locals thinking about 'Our Bushland'

Cessnock City Council is excited to launch a campaign to raise awareness about local bushland and its importance to local species. The campaign has been made possible by funding from the NSW Government through its Environmental Trust. It seeks to educate residents about all bushland, not just the bushland in National Parks. Cessnock City Mayor, Councillor Bob Pynsent said we're talking about the bushland down the street, round the corner and across the road.

"We need to be thinking about all the pockets of bushland located around our community and take action to ensure we are looking after this bushland. This vegetation is home to some very important species and are called biodiversity hotspots by ecologists."

"Critically endangered species, including the Regent Honeyeater and Swift Parrot use our local bushland for food and shelter. The long term survival of these birds is linked to the long term health of our bushland. These birds particularly love it when the mature nectar rich eucalypts such as Spotted Gums flower," Mayor Pynsent said.

Unfortunately, damage by deliberately lit fires, illegal fire wood collection and illegal dumping is detracting from the beauty of our local bushland and reducing its habitat value.

The 'Our Bushland' campaign will also focus on landholders to increase awareness about the importance of the bushland found in their own backyards. The project will provide landholders with information about how they can better manage their land for biodiversity and what assistance is available to assist them including funding.

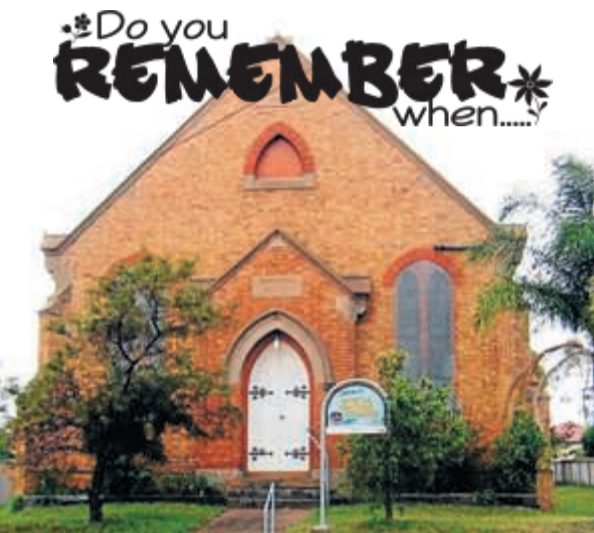
Council in partnership with Birdlife Australia and the Office of Environment and Heritage is delivering a number of events to help the community learn more about local biodiversity including BioBlitzes and information workshops. To find out more visit [www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au/ourbushland](http://www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au/ourbushland).



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## Silence of the Hymns

by Kimbalee Hodges



The Greta Uniting Church to close on 17th December, 2006

THE Twentieth Century has seen some remarkable changes: Two World Wars, the Atomic Age, and the Rise of Terrorism. One Greta landmark has survived them all, but sadly, will be closing later this year.

The Greta Uniting Church, a staple of historic Greta culture, will be closing its doors for the last time in December this year. Dwindling congregation numbers are to blame for the closure. Church Elders were disappointed, but not surprised by the closure. "We have been working on and attending to the Church for nearly 35 years. We can't keep running it forever" Elders Bob and Val Moss stated.

The Church was built in 1890 when members of the Methodist congregation settled in Greta. Following a decrease in congregation numbers in the existing churches, the Greta Chapel became the melting pot of congregations including Wesleyans and Presbyterians, and in the 80's, the church changed its official name to the Greta Uniting Church.

The Congregation will meet for the last time on the 17<sup>th</sup> of December at 11am. To mark the occasion, a full parish service will be held with many parishioners travelling from Singleton and Branxton congregations to mark the poignant event. "It will be a sad day, no doubt. But the time has come to stop" Church Elder Bob Moss said.



Elders Bob and Val Moss

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## Save our selfish souls

Signals on the airwaves of a world for those in trouble needing help, many etched memories as rescuers put life and limb on max as they hurry to the aid of those in plight. Not always the recorded story of a brave few, but very often ordinary people pushing beyond the edge of reason.

'Giving' is the subject that arouses concern for those seeking better outlooks for all the world creatures. While many are convinced of the need to save life, mixed feeling exist for other than human.

A few decades ago water ran clear sweet and drinkable when fishing for herrings with fly and bamboo rod at Dalwood's old low level timber bridge. Squatting on old broken timber of a flood ravaged edge, inches above, feet dangling in the cool, reflected a dream no longer now.

'Nothing stays the same' one wisp of old timer nonsense relates the sad demise of one such loss. Bird numbers survive on less and less forest and great amounts of 'no consequence' scrub vanish.

A hundred exploited years reek hell as the imbalance of fragile landscape speaks for solution and communities find reason to rehabilitate the damage done. Our grandkids that emotive beautiful reasoning asks for worthwhile ways and Landcare warriors applaud any help though few they are.

Painful nettles await the gloves of many rejuvenating streams and rivers, bare mountain crags and wind blown places. Letting water run clean, fish swimming wild and trees flourishing in a landscape of birds and creepy crawlies beside our young, is it a dream? Or just wishful thinking?



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WORKS BURGER & BEER  
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# GRETA WORKERS

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**FRIDAY 1st JUNE**

**KATHY & FEFF**

**FRIDAY 8th JUNE**

**SOLID GOLD**

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*& SUNDAYS*  
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**WEDNESDAY - SUNDAY**  
**LUNCH & DINNER**  
**LUNCH SPECIALS**  
**FROM \$12.00**

### MEMBER'S BADGE DRAW

**WEDNESDAY**  
**30th MAY - \$2,200**

**SUNDAY**  
**3rd JUNE - \$1,100**  
**Must be present to win**

**GREAT FOOD - CLUB PRICES**

# MILLER PARK

### MEMBERS BADGE DRAW

**Thursday 31st MAY**  
**\$1,500**

**Sunday 3rd JUNE**  
**\$5,000**

**Must be present to win**

### HAPPY HOUR

**MILLER PARK WEDNESDAY**  
**4.00 - 7.00pm**

**GRETA THURSDAY**  
**4.00 - 6.00pm**

**\$3.60 a Schooner**

### RAFFLES

*Friday 6.00pm*

*Sunday 6.00pm*

*MEAT TRAYS*

### BLANCHIE'S KITCHEN

**AT MILLER PARK**

**WEDNESDAY - SUNDAY**  
**LUNCH & DINNER**

**WHY NOT TRY HIS MENU?**



*the Louth Park Mob* - 20 short stories of the things they got up to when growing up here in the 1960's. They wondered if you might be interested in seeing a copy and perhaps even attempting a review!

I received a copy &, as you do, checked to see what else they had written & to my amazement I saw that this is actually their sixth publication. Their first foray into popular literature was back in 2005 with "The Louth Park Mob" then followed "Memories Come Flooding Back" 2007, "Blood & Bandages .. The School of Hard Knocks" 2010, "The History of Maitland PCYC" 2012 & "Pride, Passion & the Glory ... Three Clubs, One Tradition" 2015.

All their books are based in and on Maitland with the third about their schooling at St Ethel's which I wasn't aware existed. "Pride, Passion & the Glory ... Three Clubs, One Tradition" 2015 is a history of Maitland Rugby League with a great deal of attention given to the NRL South Sydney club as the majority of rugby league supporters in Louth Park supported them to the point where it was known as "Little Redfern". Back to their latest creation; if you are of 1950/1960 vintage you will enjoy the memories of your youth, through their youth, which is a youth of making your own fun, some mischief, be home for dinner & the Saturday matinee movie's being the pinnacle of the week (two movies with interval, cartoon & local Movietone News). A eudemonic experience for that generation. 20 different yarns which did bring a laugh and a wonder of how they are still alive with some of the mischief they managed to get up to.

In their prelude they describe their youthful environment ... *'On one side of us we had Maitland Park with its sports fields. Trees to climb & even had a (sic) Olympic swimming pool, which we loved on hot summer days. We often swam in the river too, which was dangerous, but a lot of fun. On the other side of us we had the Maitland Showground with its gymkhanas, horse & dog racing, and of course the great Maitland Show, which we never missed. Every house had fruit trees in the backyard and we would help ourselves. Yes! In season we had plums, peaches, nectarines, apples, oranges, mandarins, white grapes & black grapes. We had it all even mulberry trees to pick from. Our favourite fruit was watermelon which everyone loved. And it was only a short ride on our treadlies down Louth Park Road to the best watermelon field ever.*

*We certainly did live in a wonderful Garden of Eden'* Their stories are unique; stealing watermelons, exploring haunted houses and 'investigating' murders just to mention a few.

I asked Mick why they decided to put pen to paper after he explained that English at school for them was not one of their schooling priorities.

"What we like about our books is that the people who never get a mention in anything get a mention in these & once you die the story dies," said Mick.

"We've kept the stories alive."

Paul agreed.

When they had finished their first book they gave it to their now retired high school English teacher who went through the manuscript and marked it with a red pen and made the comment that life's lessons hadn't improved their grammar or their ability to spell correctly!

Robert G. Barrett was, at one stage, Australia's biggest selling author & having met him Mick & Paul remind me of his larrikin streak.

*The Adventures of the Louth Park Mob* is available in several locations including McDonald's Booksellers in Maitland, the Green Hills newsagency and the Cessnock, Singleton & Maitland Visitor Information Centres.

meet the author



Local Maitland lads Paul Doherty and Mick Fairleigh have released their sixth book as 'The Louth Park Mob'.

## The Adventures of the Louth Park Mob



20 short stories about growing up around Maitland, N.S.W. in the 1960's and 1970's

written by - Mick Fairleigh and Paul Doherty

Editing and layout by David G. Sciffer

## Unlikely authors

A couple of months ago I received an email which introduced me to the literary efforts of Mick Fairleigh & Paul Doherty; local lads from Maitland. The email was from the authors editor & layout consultant.

The email read .... *I (David Sciffer) am the Editor/layout/image processor and general dogsbody for a couple of Maitland men (Mick Fairleigh and Paul (Doc) Doherty) who have written and self-published a number of books. The latest, just released, is "The Adventures of*

## Birthday celebration for 90 year old ex-Branxton & now Singleton resident Eileen Emerson

by Mary Scully

Eileen Emerson looked resplendently regal in her gold tiara as she celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on Saturday May 19. Eileen's family and friends who gathered at Singleton Heights Diggers Club were honoured and delighted to share her big day.

Born in Shepparton, Eileen has lived in Singleton for the last five years with husband David Emerson an internationally acclaimed cartoonist and well known local artist. Prior to moving to Singleton the couple lived in Branxton for about fifteen years, first on Elderslie Road and later at the Catholic Presbytery in Station Street. Eileen and David also had a shop in the Queen Victoria Building in Sydney for many years.

Eileen, who is a thoroughly modern nonagenarian, dabbled for a while in a real estate and took up the violin at 79. She also had a stab the Open Foundation at Newcastle University as she was approaching her eighties. Just recently she has taken up the piano and is enjoying the challenge.

She is also an avid reader, mostly of non-fiction, and she's politically extremely au fait.

Eileen was born in 1928 and has had a lifelong love of fellow nonagenarian Minerva Mouse. Minnie, as she's known, made her debut when Eileen was just six months old. Minnie Mouses don't stay long on the shelves of the Singleton op-shops if Eileen spots them. They're housed prettily all over the Emerson abode, competing for space with memorabilia of

Eileen's other, slightly more glamorous, heroine Marilyn Munro.

Eileen's family and friends would like to thank Mayor Sue Moore for dropping in to congratulate Eileen on reaching this milestone. A big thank you also to Clarrie Jones of the Drover's Camp for his poetic contribution. It made her day Clarrie.

Also thank you to the reception, bar and bistro staff for making the day such an astounding success. The food was delicious and the service just great. Well done all of you.



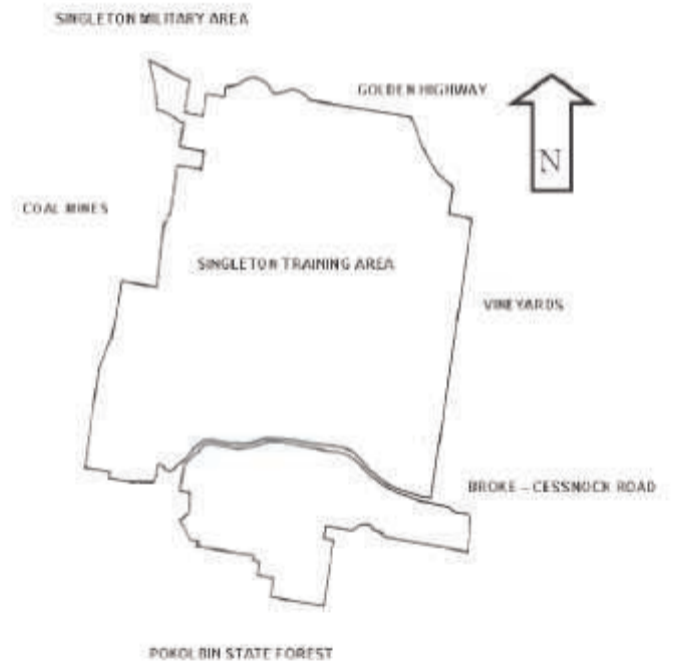
Photo: Singleton Mayor Sue Moore, Eileen & husband David (number 22)



Australian Government  
Department of Defence

## DEFENCE FIELD FIRING RANGES

### WARNING NOTICE



Residents of areas adjacent to Singleton Training Area are warned it is an Army Live Firing Range.

Singleton Training Area is described generally as the area bounded to the south by Pokolbin State Forest, to the east by commercial vineyards and to the west by a combination of rural developments and open cut coal mines. The northern boundary is defined by the Golden Highway which separates the range area from the Singleton Military Area.

Firing practices using live ammunition are conducted continuously on this training area. Low power laser range finders are also used.

Death or serious injury may result from being struck by a projectile. Eye damage may occur when viewing laser beams from within the training area boundary.

Unexploded ammunition is extremely DANGEROUS and should NOT be handled, but should be reported immediately to the nearest Police Station or Army unit. No reward will be paid for the reporting of ammunition which may be located on the training area.

Persons found trespassing on Army Training Areas will be prosecuted.

Enquiries regarding the Singleton Training Area should be directed to:

The Range Control Officer  
Range Control,  
Directorate of Operations and Training Area Management  
Range Road  
Singleton Training Area  
Singleton NSW 2331.





**ARE YOU DOING YOUR BIT TO CONTROL CATTLE TICK**

Hunter Local Land Services District Veterinarians are reminding producers to practice good farm biosecurity following the detection of cattle tick and tick fever on the NSW Mid North Coast at Kendall.

Around 70 head of cattle have died as a result of tick fever across several properties.

Several properties in the area are now undergoing a NSW Department of Primary Industries supervised cattle tick eradication program. This includes tracing of cattle movements and monitoring and treating cattle to eradicate the tick and tick fever. A number of additional properties also have movement restrictions in place until it can be proven cattle tick has not entered those properties.

Quarantining new or returning stock onto your property and providing suitable livestock health treatments to rid the animal of pests, disease and weeds is an effective method to stop issues crossing your farm gate said Dr Lyndell Stone, District Veterinarian with Hunter Local Land services.

“Issues like this are a reminder to all producers that we must be vigilant with our biosecurity practices to prevent bringing diseases, pests and weeds onto our farms,” said Dr Stone.

“Holding new cattle in a yard and treating for internal and external parasites as well as vaccinating for key diseases is really a “must do” if you want to protect your stock and your farm.

“There are a range of tickicides and anthelmintics that treat for cattle tick as well as products for other external parasites that may be a problem in different seasons, a combination drench is also a good choice for internal parasites and liver fluke.” Dr Stone said regular monitoring and maintaining stock proof fencing is also essential.

“While cattle are in your quarantine yard or small paddock, they should be inspected daily for any signs of disease or pest infestation and only let out with other stock and access to the wider property when you are confident they are healthy and not harbouring diseases, pest or weed seeds,” Dr Stone said.

“Cattle tick is endemic in parts of Queensland, but fortunately is only very rarely identified in the southern parts of the North Coast of NSW, and these cases are then eradicated.”

Cattle tick can carry a protozoal parasite that is injected into cattle when ticks attach and feed. The parasite causes fever, depression and anaemia. Affected animals may stagger, show nervous signs and have red coloured urine (redwater). Hunter Local Land Services can help with tick identification to distinguish between cattle, paralysis and bush ticks. The key to identifying cattle ticks is its pale coloured legs and leg position.

“Investigating unusual illness in livestock and safeguarding agriculture is a key role of the District Vet team” said Dr Stone.

“But, we rely on producers to work with us and report unusual illness, exactly as the producers have done in this instance.

“Early reporting of an issue gives us the best chance of containing and eradicating a disease threat.”

Please contact your nearest Local Land Services office if you have any further questions about identifying ticks or biosecurity on your property on 1300 795 299.

**AUTUMN BAITING PROGRAM EXPANDED TO TARGET MORE WILD DOGS**

Hunter Local Land Services annual autumn baiting program for wild dog control is underway across the region. It combines aerial and ground baiting to help landowners remove wild dogs that impact livestock and native species. The program is part of Hunter Local Land Services \$1.4million biosecurity program this year. More than 180 landholders took part in the aerial baiting program an increase of five per cent on 2017, targeting an area from Lostock to Scone. The program covered 755 kilometres, with more than 31,000 baits dropped, often in remote and hard to reach country.

Biosecurity Team Leader Luke Booth said it was a credit to the community so many landowners supported the program, despite the ongoing drought conditions. “We know how tough it is for so many producers at the moment and we are conscious of the added pressure many are under caring for their livestock and properties,” said Mr Booth.

“Controlling pest species is an important part of managing through drought and Hunter Local Land Services is working with landholders to help them remove problem wild dogs and other feral animals impacting their properties.”

“When we all work together across the region, that’s when we can have the most success at removing wild dogs, and given the current conditions are impacting animal health and making some animals vulnerable to more predators it is more important than ever.”

While drought conditions affected the number of producers able to participate in the ground baiting program to back up the aerial baiting, further programs are planned for later in 2018 when conditions hopefully will have eased. Aerial and ground baiting is the base level of control activity and underpins other programs such as trapping and shooting.

“This is a crucial time of year for wild dog control as the animals are most active before winter,” said Mr Booth.

“We have found by changing the type of baits we use for the ground and aerial programs we are able to complete the program more efficiently, with fewer impacts from poor weather.”

“When we get a break in the season we will run more ground baiting programs in the Upper Hunter, to help landholders further suppress wild dog numbers.”

One dog recently controlled in the Wybong district had killed more than 160 sheep in the last 12 months.



**Detailed saleyard report**



**Saleyard report - cattle**

**Singleton** report date 23 May 2018

**Yarding 810 comparison date**  
**Change 70**

Consignments lifted, with the surrounding area remaining dry the contributing factor. The bulk yarded entered the younger categories, with the cows more than doubling in number week-on-week. The cows sold to solid competition, however the younger pens struggled and sold at considerably cheaper levels. The over 200kg vealer steers and heifers returning to the paddock trended cheaper by 30c to 40c, with the heifer portion experiencing the greatest reductions. The steers sold from 170c to 256c, while the heifer portion made from 116c to 200c/kg.

The yearling steers carrying weight were least affected with the price corrections, as the better pens to the restockers and lot feeders made from 190c to 256c/kg. There was little interest in the plainer pens of yearling heifers. The prime conditioned younger cattle to the butchers also trended considerably cheaper, with the higher yielding drafts topping at 318c/kg.

The few better presented grown heifers to the processors averaged 201c, with the best younger drafts topping at 236c/kg. Very plain cows struggled to attract any competition, however the better end to the restockers and processors remained firm to dearer. The better covered heavy weights to slaughter improved 12c, making from 165c to 190c/kg. The best heavy weight bull reached 225c/kg.

**Scone** report date 22 May 2018

**Yarding 1340 comparison date**  
**Change 336**

Due to the surrounding areas remaining dry numbers lifted and the younger cattle slipped in breed and quality, week-on-week. There were percentages suitable for the butchers, however yield was lower. Cows were well supplied, with the majority 1 and 2 fat score, while numbers of the better covered heavy weights going to slaughter were also presented. The younger cattle sold cheaper, as the cows sold firm to dearer. The over 200kg vealer steers and heifers returning to the paddock lost 12c, with the steers ranging from 178c to 270c, as the heifer portion sold from 160c to 230c/kg. Yearling steers to feed and restocker orders slipped 10c, making from 200c to 276c/kg.

The heifer portion also to feeders and restockers lost 8c to make from 170c to 232c/kg. The prime conditioned younger cattle to the butchers topped at 312c/kg.

The plainer lighter cows trended cheaper, while the over 400kg pens improved from 3c to 8c/kg. Restockers paid from 120c to 186c/kg to secure their selections, with the latter being younger PTIC cows. The same weight to the processors topped at 176c/kg. The better covered heavy weights to slaughter lifted 10c, due to these being harder to source, with prices ranging from 167c to 188c/kg.

**TRLX Tamworth** report date 21 May 2018

**Yarding 3118 comparison date**  
**Change 419**

There was a lift in the overall numbers with in excess of 1,200 cows penned. The continued drought and onset of the cold weather forcing producers to make the difficult decision to offload core breeders. Young cattle were also well supplied in what was a very mixed quality penning. There were limited supplies of well finished cattle to suit both the trade and export processors, apart from some of the cows. The full field of buyers were in attendance plus the presence of a southern processor looking for finished cattle but not finding enough to make a start.

The young cattle market saw the better quality cattle hold up well, while the plain and secondary cattle struggled for competition with demand low. The heavy end of the steer vealers to restock and feed sold from firm to dearer. The light and medium weights were cheaper, not carrying enough weight to supplementary feed grain and limited demand from grass finishers. The heifer vealers to restock and feed saw a firm to slightly cheaper market trend. Good quality medium and heavy weight yearling steers to feed sold to a dearer trend, by up to 12c/kg. There was little change in the better quality light and medium weight yearling heifers suitable to feed, while the heavy weights sold to a dearer trend.

There were too few well finished heavy grown steers and heifers to quote. Despite the large offering, the cow market was strong. The plainer condition cows experienced little but quality related price change. There was strong processor demand for 3 and 4 score cows with the market trend for heavy weights up to 20c/kg dearer with condition at a premium.

**Racing review**

**Black Caviar's daughter retired after five starts**

The racing career of Black Caviar’s first foal is over. Connections have confirmed the retirement of Exceed And Excel filly Oscieta due to a few ongoing problems and the upcoming breeding season made it the right time to retire the rising four-year-old. Oscieta won two of her five starts, both over 1000m, on the Geelong Synthetic and Ballarat circuits.

Trained by David and Ben Hayes and Tom Dabernig, Oscieta started as a \$2.10 favourite on debut before running third to the handy Limestone.

Limestone franked that form when she won the Group III Blue Diamond Prelude for fillies at her next start while Oscieta went out for a spell. Oscieta finished more than five lengths from the winner when unplaced at Sandown at her final outing. Black Caviar had another of her progeny in action at Sandown last Saturday when Prince Of Caviar made his debut for the Hawkes Racing outfit in the Ladbrokes Back Yourself Handicap (1200m).

**Justify breeding future clarified**

WinStar Farm has issued a statement to clarify the position regarding the stud rights for unbeaten Kentucky Derby winner Justify. ESPN published a

story on Thursday stating Coolmore had purchased the breeding rights to Justify “in the \$US60 million range”.

This may not be the case and Win Star, which owns Justify in partnership with the China Horse Club, SF Racing, Head of Plains Partners and Starlight Racing, issued a statement on Thursday night to clarify the position.

“We have had numerous inquiries into the breeding rights of Justify, including from Coolmore. Nothing is finalised at this time and won't be in the foreseeable future,” the statement said. “We are focused on the Belmont (Stakes) and his racing career at this time.” Meanwhile Justify was back on the track at Churchill Downs as he prepares for the Belmont Stakes on June 9.

**Upcoming Group 1 Races**

**June 2018**

- Sat 02 Queensland Oaks (QLD) QLD \$500,000 2200m Doomben
- Sat 09 J J Atkins (QLD) QLD \$600,000 1600m Doomben
- Sat 09 Queensland Derby (QLD) QLD \$600,000 2200m Doomben
- Sat 09 Stradbroke Handicap (QLD) QLD \$1,500,000 1350m Doomben
- Sat 23 Tattersalls Tiara (QLD) QLD \$500,000 1350m Doomben

**August 2018**

- Sat 18 Winx Warwick Stakes (NSW) NSW \$500,000 1400m Randwick

**November 2018**

- Tue 06 Melbourne Cup (VIC) VIC \$6,200,000 3200m Flemington



# MOVIE REVIEW

## Solo: A Star Wars Story

You wouldn't miss *Solo: A Star Wars Story* if it didn't come, but it's certainly not spoiling anyone's fun by being here .....



### Everyone in Solo: A Star Wars Story is marvellous

hile it's the second movie from the *Star Wars* "expanded universe" (ie, the ones that have nothing to do with Skywalkers), *Solo* is the first to focus on a character we already know. *Rogue One* introduced us to, and then killed, a gaggle of characters we'd never met before. *Solo: A Star Wars Story* promises to tell us the backstory of Han Solo. How did he meet Chewbacca? How did he get the *Millennium Falcon*? How did he possibly complete the Kessel Run in twelve parsecs? It answers all these questions in a larky, scrappy adventure, but was anybody really asking them? This movie is much more enjoyable if you uncouple it from the main *Star Wars* story. As a deepening of the *Han Solo* character it doesn't particularly work, because it's providing backstory that, in many ways, hurts the *Harrison Ford* version of Solo. When Solo swaggered into the cantina in *A New Hope* an audience collectively

thought, "Who is this guy?" But the question was rhetorical. Only knowing scraps of his backstory makes him intriguing and magnetic; knowing all of it just makes him some guy. If you think of it as an isolated action movie, however, it's a lot of fun. When we find this version of Solo (Alden Ehrenreich), he is a thief on the streets of Corellia. He's working for a Fagin-like, amphibious worm and making plans to escape with his girlfriend, Qi'ra (*Emilia Clarke*). That plan goes awry. Qi'ra is left behind and Han goes off to become an ace pilot and raise some money, by joining a group of bigger thieves-for-hire, so he can return for his love. Along the way he meets his best bud, Chewbacca, and his favourite enemy, Lando Calrissian (*Donald Glover*), and hones his sarcastic persona. Anyone who has followed the film's production will know it was not an easy one. Original directors Phil Lord and Chris Miller (*The Lego Movie*) were ousted well into production (they retain executive producer credits) and replaced with Ron Howard (*Apollo 13*, *A Beautiful Mind*), who did major reshoots. Lord and Miller make films with an air of chaos and constant invention; Howard is a very safe pair of hands, able to tell clear story but lacking much cinematic personality. It would be

impossible, and pointless, to try to identify who directed which scenes, but the combination of the two styles makes for a film with a confused identity. There are fantastically funny character choices, particularly *Fleabag*'s Phoebe Waller-Bridge as a droid dedicated to droid rights, and brief moments of pointless, but amusing, oddity, such as Chewbacca invading Solo's quiet shower time. Then there are uninspired space battles that could have been lifted from any other *Star Wars* movie or video game and sequences that feel gappy, with ideas that start but don't end. Everyone in it is marvellous, especially Ehrenreich, who doesn't give us a Harrison Ford impression – thank God – but a similar loveable arrogance. These characters are great to hang out with for a couple of hours, which is exactly what the whole film feels like: hanging out. It is adrift from the rest of the saga, dramatically weightless, floating about inconsequentially. You're unlikely to read the main *Star Wars* films any differently for watching it. It's the nice plus-one at a party: you wouldn't miss it if it didn't come, but it's not spoiling anyone's fun by being here.

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and it will remove all those unnecessary files from your computer. On a Mac, click on the Applications folder on the bottom of your screen, select Utilities and then click on Disk Utility icon. Select "Macintosh HD" from the menu on the left and make sure the "First Aid" button at the top of the window is highlighted. **CONT NEXT PAGE**



### TAKE SOME GOOD ADVICE

#### 10 sure-fire signs your computer has a virus

Viruses are malicious software – known as malware – that can destroy files, steal personal information and damage your computer.

Here are the top ten signs your PC has a virus.

##### 1. Unexpected pop-up windows

Unexpected onscreen ads are a typical sign of a virus infection. Not only are they annoying, other malware may lurk inside poised to wreck further havoc. Never click on a suspicious pop-up – even if it says 'a virus was detected'. This is an example of rogware, which asks you to pay for a program to remove a fake virus but may in fact allow even more malware to be downloaded.

##### 2. Slow start up and slow performance

If your PC is taking longer than normal to start or programs are taking ages to open, then your PC may have a virus.

If your computer's performance is sluggish, check first that it isn't due to a lack of RAM memory or hard disk space. If not, the culprit may be a virus.

##### 3. Suspicious hard drive activity

An excessively active hard disk where it makes continual noise or constantly spins – even though you're not using your computer nor have any programs running – can be a sign your PC is infected with a virus.

##### 4. Lack of storage space

If you suddenly find yourself devoid of storage space on your hard drive, a virus may be doing its utmost to make your computer unusable.

##### 5. Missing files

Some malware cause problems by deleting files and programs or moving them around. Some may encrypt your files so you aren't able to open them.

##### 6. Crashes and error messages

If programs start opening and closing automatically, your system freezes or shuts down for no reason, or you see odd error messages, then you may have a virus infection.

##### 7. High network activity

If your internet connection is very active even when you're not using it, a virus may be busy sending information back and forth across the internet.

##### 8. Email is hijacked

If friends start receiving emails or instant messages from your social networks asking them to click on an attachment or link, it's likely that a virus is attempting to spread to other computers via your accounts. If so, change your passwords immediately.

##### 9. Browser woes

Your web browser becoming sluggish, your home page changing or being redirected to unusual websites are all warning signs of a computer virus infection.

##### 10. Security attacks

Some viruses are designed to disable your computer's protection. So, if you can't open or install an anti-virus program or your firewall, your computer may be infected.

##### Spot any of these symptoms?

Install and run an anti-virus software program to remove malware. Then set the software to automatically scan your system on a regular basis and keep it up-to-date to protect against the most recent threats. Ensure your computer firewall is turned on to block malware attacks via the internet.

#### 9 essential iPhone and iPad security tips

Your iPhone and iPad may hold confidential personal information, such as your bank account details, emails, photos, videos and websites that you've visited, so it's vital that you take simple steps to keep your data secure.

##### Use a strong passcode

A passcode is the easiest way to protect your device. This four or six-digit code unlocks your iPhone or iPad so you can use it. It might seem a nuisance to type in a passcode every time you use your device, but it takes only seconds. Choose a passcode with care – avoid easily guessed ones such as 1234 or birth years. iOS 9's six-digit passcode boosts security by expanding the number of possible digit combinations to one million.

For extra security, turn on Apple's Erase Data feature (Settings > Touch ID & Passcode), which means the data on your device is wiped after 10 failed passcode attempts.

##### Use Touch ID

Apple's newest devices (iPhone 5S and later, iPad Air 2 and iPad Mini 3) feature Touch ID, which scans your fingerprint to unlock it.

To enable Touch ID, tap Settings > Touch ID & Passcode and register your fingerprint.

##### Remove lock-screen notifications

It's pointless having a strong passcode if your messages and alerts are visible or you can use Siri, Control Centre and Passbook without unlocking your phone.

Go to Settings > Touch ID & Passcode and turn off the options under 'Allow access when locked'.

Turn off access to Control Centre under Settings > Control Centre. Messages and notifications can be turned off under Settings > Notifications.

##### Secure wi-fi connections

By default, iPhones and iPads automatically connect to nearby Wi-Fi networks without your permission. This can leave you vulnerable to fake public Wi-Fi hotspots that connect to your device to steal its data.

It's safer to turn this off and authorise each Wi-Fi connection when requested. Tap Settings > Wi-Fi > Ask to join networks and turn to 'On'.

##### Keep iOS updated

Apple delivers regular updates to its mobile operating system that include security fixes. Set your device to download and install updates when they're available by tapping Settings > iTunes & App Store and under 'Automatic Downloads' toggle the switch next to 'Updates' to 'On'.

##### Avoid jailbreaking

Jailbreaking uses special software to bypass the restrictions Apple places on iOS devices, in order to run unauthorised apps. It's not illegal, but downloading apps that Apple hasn't approved from places other than Apple's App Store runs the risk of breaking your phone, or installing a malicious app that steals your data.

##### Use Find My iPhone and iPad

Find My iPhone shows you where your device is on a map in case it gets lost or stolen.

If there's no chance of recovering your device, you can use Find My iPhone to remotely erase the data it stores.

To turn on Find My iPhone, sign into iCloud then tap Settings > iCloud and turn on Find My iPhone. You'll need to turn on location services by tapping Settings > Location Services > On.

##### Use Apple's two-step verification

Turn on Apple's two-step verification for your Apple

ID account to stop unauthorised access – it requires a code along with your password when signing into iCloud, iMessage and FaceTime and before making purchases via iTunes. This code is texted to your phone.

##### Web browser safety

Check Safari's settings (Settings > Safari) to ensure you're protected when using the web. Block pop-ups and turn off AutoFill – which automatically fills in login details when you revisit a website – to make it harder for criminals to access accounts on your device.

#### Four ways to speed up your computer start

You don't need to be a computer expert to carry out these four simple tasks. You may feel like one, though, when your computer starts up faster the next time you turn it on.

##### 1. Clean up your desktop

It's nice to have your favourite programs easy to access on your desktop, but they can slow your computer start-up significantly when they open automatically. Take a good look at all those files and programs. When was the last time you used them?

To remove the ones you rarely use (on a Windows-based machine), hover your mouse cursor over them one at a time. Right click your mouse and choose "delete". On a Mac, go to System Preferences, select Users & Groups and then click on the Login Items tab at the top of the window. Uncheck the apps from the list you don't need to open by default when you start your computer.

##### 2. Scan for viruses

If you don't have an anti-virus program on your computer, install one now. These five free antivirus programs are used by millions of people: **Panda Free 2015, Avira Avast, Bitdefender & AVG**. Even nuisance viruses like adware can slow your computer down considerably, as they load each time you start your computer and compete for space with other programs and files.

##### 3. Clean up your disk drive

Over time, your computer programs store an enormous amount of data on your hard drive, and you add to the pile every time you send something to the Recycle Bin or Trash.

To clean up your Windows computer, go to All Programs/Accessories/System Tools and you'll find an option called "Disk Cleanup." Run this utility

# Harvey Weinstein's arrest is cathartic. But real victory won't be in court

Jil Filipovic  
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On Friday, police in New York made the first arrest of the #MeToo movement: Harvey Weinstein was arrested and charged with rape, a criminal sex act, sex abuse and sexual misconduct, based on the allegations of two women. For the women and men around the world who have watched and participated in the #MeToo reckoning, this is a cathartic moment.

As much as we've heard that #MeToo is a witch-hunt that has destroyed men, until now, not a single high-profile man accused of sexual assault had faced any criminal charges. (Bill Cosby, a famous man who has gone to trial for allegedly drugging and raping women, was accused before the #MeToo movement began.)

That Weinstein is the first is certainly gratifying, and all the women who have spoken up certainly deserve our thanks today. But the criminal justice system is, for better or worse, not the venue in which the overwhelming majority of these cases are tried.

We should absolutely push to have the criminal system address allegations that are violent and criminal. But we also have to create change else-

where, demanding more from our workplaces, updating the civil system and creating alternate routes to justice for the overwhelming majority of women who will never have their stories heard by a jury.

The evidence against Weinstein remains to be seen. We know these charges are based on the testimony of two accusers, one who is currently anonymous and accused him of rape, and the other, Lucia Evans, who says Weinstein forced her to perform oral sex on him. Investigators have reportedly been interviewing witnesses and combing Weinstein's financial records (ostensibly for evidence of payoffs); it's unclear what, if anything, they've found.

The sheer volume of women who have accused Weinstein of sexual assault certainly bolsters the prosecution's case. But assuming this case goes to trial, that's not what the jury will be weighing; they'll be looking (at least in theory) only at the evidence placed in front of them, and determining if Weinstein is guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

The sad truth is that throughout the history of American jurisprudence, juries and judges have not given the word of a woman equal weight to that of a man. Without physical evidence, or at least robust corroborating evidence, an accusation from a woman - even from two women - has typically been insufficient to even bring a sexual assault or rape case, let alone convict.

This case may be different, especially if Weinstein's financials and emails point to his guilt. It's important that both Weinstein and his accusers get their day in court - regardless of the outcome, it's crucial that women are heard, and also that criminal defendants have the

opportunity to mount a vigorous defense (something that's trickier to do in the court of public opinion). But this is not the norm in sexual assault cases, and it's almost never the norm in harassment cases. Pushing the criminal justice system is crucial feminist work. But so is the less made-for-TV stuff, and there, we're losing badly.

Last week, the US supreme court ruled against employees and held that employers have a right to require private arbitration to settle disputes, rather than going through the court system, and will have to bring those claims individually instead of in a group. This is a huge blow to the #MeToo movement: it means

employers have the right to bar employees from bringing sexual

harassment or even assault claims in civil court, and that a group of employees who were, say, harassed by the same manager, cannot band together and bring a case. It's hard enough already to bring a successful sexual harassment case; this just made it all the more difficult.

Nor is it clear that employers have improved sexual harassment policies in their offices, or that police departments have made changes in how they handle sexual assault and harassment cases. No doubt the prominence of #MeToo has inspired some shifts in more conscientious (or more risk-averse) workplaces, but hard to see systematic shifts. Certainly there hasn't been policy change on a federal level, with a president who has himself been accused of harassment and assault. And while media narratives have improved, with every high-profile accusation, there is still a chorus of worry about a man whose life has been unfairly ruined.

Weinstein's arrest is a decisive milestone in the #MeToo movement's progress. But we shouldn't miss the fact that most men accused of sexual assault and harassment won't be held accountable in the courts. That's why we need a variety of avenues for women to find justice. Hopefully with Weinstein, though, that avenue leads to jail

*This is a gratifying moment. But the criminal justice system is, for better or worse, not where the majority of #MeToo cases are tried*

## What Harvey Weinstein tells us about the liberal world

Thomas Frank

Let's consider the peculiar politics of Harvey Weinstein, the disgraced movie producer. Today Weinstein is in the headlines for an astonishing array of alleged sexual harassment and assaults, but once upon a time he was renowned for something quite different: his generous patronage of liberal politicians and progressive causes.

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### Four ways to speed up your computer start

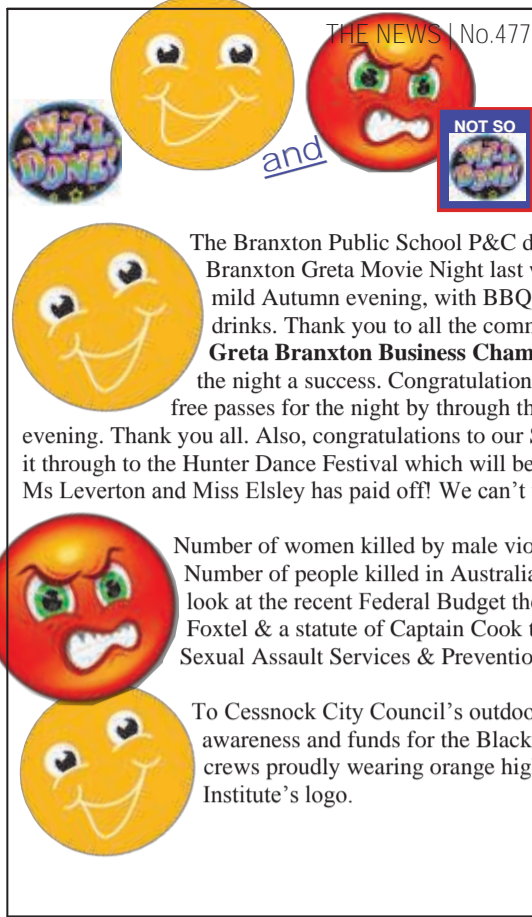
Then, just click on Repair Disk Permissions.  
4. Defrag your computer

Because of the way Mac computers are set up, this is really only an option for those using Windows - in which case it's a good idea to defrag your computer periodically.

You can find the "defrag" tool in the System Tools folder - near where you found the Disk Cleanup utility. Although running "defrag" is usually safe, there are some risks involved. If you lose your power supply in the middle of the process, it can create more problems than it solves.

To be on the safe side, back up your important files before you defrag your computer. For more information on how to do this, check out our guide to backing up data.

In most cases, unless your hard drive needs replacing, a few relatively easy steps should improve your computer's start-up time. But if any of these feel a bit beyond you, a good computer technician should be able to help you out. It's certainly a lot less expensive than buying a new computer and can add years to your computer's lifespan.



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@holkey.net.au All contributions welcome

The Branxton Public School P&C did an excellent job of organising the Branxton Greta Movie Night last week. Over 200 people enjoyed Coco on a mild Autumn evening, with BBQ, face painting, popcorn, lollies and warm drinks. Thank you to all the community businesses and the major sponsors Greta Branxton Business Chamber and Belford Land Corp for making the night a success. Congratulations to Grace, Mckyla & Jenson for winning free passes for the night by through the colouring competition. It was a wonderful evening. Thank you all. Also, congratulations to our Senior and Junior Dance Groups for making it through to the Hunter Dance Festival which will be held later in the year. All that practice with Ms Leverton and Miss Elsley has paid off! We can't wait to see you on stage.

Number of women killed by male violence in Australia since March 28th, 9 ~ Number of people killed in Australia by terrorism since 1979, 8 ~ when you look at the recent Federal Budget they gave more \$ to Rupert Murdoch's Foxtel & a statue of Captain Cook than new funding to Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services & Prevention.

To Cessnock City Council's outdoor crews who are doing their bit to raise awareness and funds for the Black Dog Institute. You will notice outdoor crews proudly wearing orange high-vis shirts featuring the Black Dog Institute's logo.

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Dates for your diary >

**Fri 1 June** - Branxton Public School PBL Assembly & Regional Cross Country  
**TUES 5/06** - - Branxton Lions Club monthly meeting 4pm Branxton Golf Club  
**SAT/SUN 9th & 10th June:** "Smoke in Broke" ~ BBQ, Beer & Wine  
**TUES 12/06** - B/G CWA Mtg. 9.30am, Old St Brigids School Staff Room, Station St., Branxton  
**FRI 15 June:** Branxton Public School Primary Athletics Carnival  
**THUR 21 June:** Next meeting The Free Branxton Anxiety Support Group at Branxton Community Hall. The support group is open to people with Anxiety Disorders and their friends and family. The group is for over 18s and is not suitable for people with Schizophrenia or PTSD. The groups do not meet in January and December. Information on groups at Cessnock, Singleton & Rutherford can be found on the WayAhead website, [www.understandinganxiety.org.au](http://www.understandinganxiety.org.au). For more information call Rachel on 9339 6013 or email [supportgroups@wayahead.org.au](mailto:supportgroups@wayahead.org.au)  
**FRI 29 June:** Branxton Public School Primary Infants' Sports Day  
**TUES 03/07** Branxton Lions Club monthly meeting 4pm Branxton Golf Club  
**TUES 03/07** - B/G CWA ALL-IN-ONE DAY (Birthday, Handicraft, International, Ag/Env). Further Details TBA in 2018.  
**TUES 07/08** - Branxton Lions Club monthly meeting 4pm Branxton Golf Club  
**TUES 14/08** - B/G CWA Mtg. 9.30am, Old St Brigids School Staff Room, Station St, Branxton  
**MON 10/09** - Visit by NSW Governor 9:15am - 3:30pm  
**TUES 11/09** - B/G CWA Mtg. 9.30am, Old St Brigids School

Dates for your diary >

Staff Room, Station St, Branxton  
**TUES 09/10** - B/G CWA Mtg. 9.30am, Old St Brigids School Staff Room, Station St, Branxton  
**SAT 3/11** - North Rothbury Tidy Town Twilight Markets  
**TUES 13/11** - B/G CWA Mtg. 9.30am, Old St Brigids School Staff Room, Station St, Branxton  
**SUN 18/11** - The Branxton Uniting Church will be 100years old on the 18th November 2018 and a celebratory service will be held on that day in the church. Times TBA  
**TUES 11/12** - B/G CWA Mtg. 9.30am, Old St Brigid's School Staff Room, Station St, Branxton  
**New concert dates to add to your calendar**  
**OPERA IN THE VINEYARDS** at Hope Estate, 6th October 2018  
**JAZZ IN THE VINES** at Hope Estate, 24th November 2018  
**SHANIA TWAIN 'Now Tour'** at Hope Estate, 8th December 2018  
**Other dates to remember**  
Saturday 26 May 6:30pm **OPERA BY THE LAKE** - A night of fine food, fine wine and world-class opera in the Hunter Valley. Location: Oaks Cypress Lakes Resort, Cnr McDonalds and Thompsons Road, Pokolbin, NSW 2320  
Sunday 9 September **BROKE VILLAGE FAIR:** The famous Vintage Car Display brings all sorts of vintage and classic cars, motorbikes, trucks and tractors and an amazing array of vintage farm machinery. The kids will love the amusement rides, laser tag and the petting zoo while mum and dad can enjoy the festival atmosphere. Over 60 market stalls. McNamara Park, Broke NSW 2330  
21st & 22nd Sept - **WOLLONBI MUSIC FESTIVAL**  
6th Oct - **OPERA IN THE VINEYARDS**



**At Branxton Public School students, staff and community are Respectful, Responsible and achieve their Personal Best.**



**Branxton Public School**

Over eighty students walked to school with teachers and parents on Walk Safely to School Day in Week 3. It was a lovely way to start the day. Thank you to

Mrs Baker and helpers for providing toast for the walkers when they arrived at school. Mr Breard took a team of softballers to a Gala Day in Week 4. The team performed remarkably well, considering many of them were new to the sport or first timers. Ms Magann's netball team won their recent game against Lochinvar PS. They looked fabulous in their new uniforms thanks to sponsors IGA Branxton, Taylor's Real Estate and Piggott's Pharmacy.



Congratulations to our Senior and Junior Dance Groups for making it through to the Hunter Dance Festival which will be held later in the year. All that practice with Ms Leverton and Miss Elsley has paid off! We can't wait to see you on stage. Our school participated in National Simultaneous Storytime last week. The students and staff were treated to a humorous skit of the book Hickory Dickory Dash, with performance by Mrs Mungoven, Mr Tattis, Grace and Hannah. Thanks to our Librarian Mrs Melnik for organising the event. The P&C did an excellent job of organising the Branxton Greta Movie Night last week. Over 200 people enjoyed Coco on a mild Autumn evening, with BBQ, face painting, popcorn, lollies and warm drinks. Thank you to all the community businesses and the major sponsors Greta Branxton Business Chamber and Belford Land for making the night a success. Congratulations to Grace, Mckyla & Jenson for winning free passes for the night by through the colouring competition. It was a wonderful evening.

**Dates for the Calendar**

- Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Knights Knockout
- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June – PBL Assembly & Regional Cross Country
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June – Primary Athletics Carnival
- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June – Infants' Sports Day

**Bronze Awards** Bronze awards and badges are earned at Kirkton PS when students receive 20 cumulative points on their FLORA cards.

FLORA cards are used as a way to record students making positive choices in the classroom and playground in the areas of friendship, learning, opportunity, respect and achievement. The following students were recognised at our assembly last week for achieving their 2018 Bronze award already: Brayden, Miguel, Alyssa, Zeb, Sophie, Willow and Hunter.

**Assembly Awards** Principal's Award: Sophie—Having a friendly and inclusive attitude in our playground K/1/2/3: Rhys—Super solving of maths algorithms. Hunter— excellent recall of number facts. Jayden – improvement in handwriting. 4/5/6: Zeb— A mature attitude to his learning. Taylor— A responsible attitude to his learning. Congratulations to these students



**WALK TO SCHOOL SAFELY**  
Apart from being a lovely morning for a walk. The emphasis the importance of road rules and safety to all of the students that joined us.



Well Done to all of our Parents and Students who turned up to one of our two locations. Our thanks must also go to the Wollombi Road Providore and Miss Tina for their kind donation of delicious fruit.



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# The heart of the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service



At the heart of every organisation are people. For the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service, it is the people we serve, those who work with us and those who support us. Our community is as diverse as it is valued. Last week was National Volunteers Week and we highlighted our unbelievably generous volunteers. Since our early beginnings, volunteers have been integral to our operations and in 2018,

they remain an important part of who we are and what we do. There are more than 1,000 people throughout Northern NSW who wear a red shirt and are part of 37 Volunteer Support Groups, who generously give their time to raise awareness and funds that help to ensure nobody will ever have to pay to be assisted by the Westpac Rescue Helicopter. Volunteers stand alongside our partners in NSW Ambulance and

NSW Health, our supporters in the corporate sector and the community, to help us provide the best possible aeromedical search and rescue service in Australia. Our volunteers make an immense contribution to the Service every day. You might have noticed them in your community proudly wearing red shirts at local events, shopping

centres, op shops, cooking up a storm at sporting grounds or hardware stores, or you might have added a few coins to the tin they were

shaking. While our trained engineers, pilots, aircrew officers and medical teams from NSW Ambulance and NSW Health deliver people to emergency and provide medical care, the work of our volunteers make it all possible. Last week was all about celebrating the work of volunteers throughout Australia, so please if you see a volunteer in your community say 'THANK YOU'. Those two small words really do go a long way in ensuring that volunteers feel valued. Since 1975 our generous volunteers have been fundamental in helping to ensure the Westpac Rescue Helicopter continues to fly as a free service for those in need. On behalf of our staff, the Board and Regional Advisory Committees, I would like to say thank you to every person who has or continues to

volunteer for the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service. If you are interested in volunteering for the Service please visit: [www.rescuehelicopter.com.au/SupportUs/](http://www.rescuehelicopter.com.au/SupportUs/) Volunteers or call

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 <b>FRIDAY NIGHT FOOTY</b>	<b>LIVE MUSIC 8.30pm</b>
<b>FRI 8TH</b> Raiders vs Panthers 6pm Titans vs Rabbitohs 7.50pm	<b>FRI 1ST</b> OUTLAW AVE
<b>FRI 15TH</b> Cowboys vs Warriors 6pm Roosters vs Panthers 7.50pm	<b>SAT 2ND</b> JADE HOLLAND BAND
<b>FRI 29TH</b> Warriors vs Sharks 6pm Roosters vs Storm 7.50pm	<b>SAT 9TH</b> SUN HILL DRIVE
	<b>SAT 16TH</b> SOCCEROOS GAME ON THE BIG SCREEN
	<b>SAT 23RD</b> MISBEHAVE
	<b>SAT 30TH</b> SOUNDABOUT

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## Wild Dog/Fox 1080 Baiting

The NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) will be undertaking 1080 ground baiting for wild dog/fox control in Wollemi National Park, Yengo National Park, [Manobalai Nature Reserve](#), Belford National Park, NPWS managed land adjacent to Black Creek, North Rothbury

**Ground baiting will commence on 01/05/2018 and cease by 30/06/2018.**

These baiting programs are being carried out as part of a broader coordinated control program to mitigate the impacts of wild dogs on stock and wildlife. If you would like to become involved in the cooperative program please contact the Hunter Local Land Services on 1300 795 299.

Domestic pets are not permitted in National Parks or Reserves. Neighbours and park users are reminded that 1080 baits are lethal to domestic pets. Domestic dogs are not permitted in parks/reserves. All areas will have 1080 baiting signs erected at access points to where baiting is being undertaken. In the event of accidental poisoning seek immediate veterinary assistance.

We suggest that working dogs be restrained to ensure that they do not enter the baiting location during poisoning operations, or to muzzle dogs if they are required to work the baiting location during and after poisoning.

**For further information please contact NPWS Wollemi Yengo Area office on (02) 6574 5555**

# SPORTS RESULTS GOLF

## Branxton Veteran Golfers Results 24<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Ladies – Winner and Score of the day – M Hunt 30 Pts C/B R/u – J Harris 22 Pts C/B – 3<sup>rd</sup> – R McCarthy 22 Pts  
Div 1 Winner- G Gazzard 30 Pts-- R/u - I Harris 28 Pts 3<sup>rd</sup> - K Anderson 27 Pts  
Div 2 Winner – R Hebbe 29 Pts C/B -- R/u - J Atton 29 Pts 3<sup>rd</sup> - R Showman 27 Pts  
NTPs Ladies – M Hunt  
Mens – S Dunker  
Members Draw - \$320 Not won  
Great weather and wonderful golf with somewhat difficult pin placings.

## Branxton Lady Golfers Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May

Winner: Caren Caldwell on 35 points  
Runner Up: Carol Miller on 32 points

NTP: Caren Caldwell

## Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May

Winner: Carol Miller on 32 points  
Runner Up: Ruth McCarthy on 29 points

Ball: Caren Caldwell on 27 points

Ball: Robyn Hoffman on 26 points

NTP: Trish McMillan

## Branxton Golf Club Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> May 2018

### 4 PERSON AMBROSE

Sponsored by Phil & Sharyn Baker

62 players

Nett Winners ~ Mick Tracey / Greg Gillard / Josh Tracey / Lee Jackson 54.875  
Scratch Winners ~ Cameron Johanson / Dan Turner / Rob Watson / Mick Simpson 62

Nett R/up Stephen Kearney / Noel Hughes / Col Hughes / Douglas Muncaster 55.875

Nett 3<sup>rd</sup> Patrick Fitzpatrick / Andrew Barrett / Matt Edwards / Gary Edwards 56.25

Nett 4<sup>th</sup> Errol Munzenberger / Ray McGuinness / Chris Zawirski / Ted Zawirski 56.5

Ball Competition: all players who did not win a major prize win a ball

Nearest the Pins: 2<sup>nd</sup>/11<sup>th</sup>: A Grade: Daryl Sheppard

B Grade: Kel Mather  
C Grade: Rob Watson

4<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup>: A Grade: Mick Tracey  
B Grade: Gary Edwards

9<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup>: A Grade: Ray McGuinness  
B Grade: Noel Hughes

C Grade: Col Hughes  
Longest Drives:

A Grade: Cameron Johanson  
B Grade: Ben Porter  
C Grade: Michael Carling

A good field of 62 players enjoyed the Phil and Sharyn Baker sponsored 4 Person Ambrose event, on a beautiful sunny day with excellent prizes on offer. The team of Michael and Joshua Tracey, Greg Gillard and Lee Jackson won the nett competition with an excellent 54.875 score after having a 10 under scratch score. Their score looked doubtful after only parring the first 4 holes but then the fire-works began with 10 birdies in the next 14 holes. The other “gun” team of the day of Cameron Johanson, Dan Turner, Rob Watson and Mick Simpson finished up winning the scratch event with an 8 under 62 (teams cannot win both events). Well done to both

teams! Steve Kearney, Col and Noel Hughes, and Doug Muncaster were worthy nett runners up only a shot behind, with the third and fourth place-getters in close pursuit. Sharyn and Phil ensured all players had a memorable day by awarding all non- winners with a ball, with all grades featuring in the nearest the pins and long drive contests as well. The club is very grateful for such sponsored days, especially by strong club supporters as Phil and Sharyn Baker—as a result a great day was had by all. Our club professional, Marcus, was enjoying watching the last hole as he had an input into the location of the hole—on a nasty down slope at the front of the green, ensuring many teams 3 putted after putting well past the hole—we can all be very pleased that Marcus was entertained all day! All players are also grateful to the army of volunteers who have been working around the course to keep the course in pristine condition, including David Kinch who mowed the greens before playing and Dan Turner who was seen during the week mowing around the greens. Our volunteers, led by Club Captain/President Murray, have started a new, extra putting green near the front of the club with grass donated by Killara Golf Club in Sydney (with many thanks to Cameron Johanson who works there). It will be a great asset to all golfers in the near future!

## Saturday, 26 May 2018

### SATURDAY COMP STABLE

Sponsor: BRANXTON PRO SHOP

Field: 42

Grades A David Hollis 39

Grades A Lee Heuston 37

Grades A Michael Tracey 35

Grades B Lee Hunt 39

Grades B Gary Gazzard 39

Grades B Ed Garland 38

Grades C Barry Turner 38

Grades C Micheal Carling 37

Grades C Geoff Jones 32

NTP 2/11 A 2nd Lee Heuston 58cm

NTP 4 A 4th Michael Tracey 500cm

NTP 9/18 A 9th Troy Felan 107cm

NTP 13 A 13th David Hollis 98cm

Balls 13 Distributed down to score: 31

Dave Hollis produced an excellent round to soundly win Saturday’s A Grade Stableford Competition with his 39 pts which included a remarkable nearest the pin on the 13<sup>th</sup>, finishing less than a metre from the hole. Lee Heuston continued his good form from his low single figure handicap, finishing runner up with a very sound 37 pts, with Mick Tracey’s 35 pts good enough for third. Lee Hunt, fresh from a recent wonderful European holiday, found some of his old form, winning B Grade with his 39 pts, just ahead of Gary Gazzard’s 39 pts on a count-back with Eddie Garland’s 38 pts good enough for third. Barry Turner won C Grade with his 38 pts, just ahead of Michael Carling’s 37 pts with Geoff Jones third with 32 pts. Lee Heuston won the shot of the day, with his tee shot finishing only 58 cms away on the 2<sup>nd</sup>/11<sup>th</sup>. 31 pts was all that was needed to win a golf ball with the cooler starts to the day one reason for the higher scores.

## Hunter Valley Golf Club Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May

Mick Barrett has taken out the

Weekly Challenge with a excellent 44 point round from Patrick King 42 and Lloyd Barrett 38. Ball winners were: Mark Makin 37, Dave Palmer 37, Harvey Mason 35, Aaron Upcroft v34, Matt Lorenz 32 and Grahame Mankelow 32 c/b

## Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May

Rick Turnchini claimed the Tuesday Stableford on count-back to inform Wayne Cowan after both had 42 point returns, 3rd place to Wayne Burgess with a solid 41 points. Ball winners were: Anthony Mudd 40, John Stewart 39, Andrew Cawsey v38, Chris Taggart 38, Garry Marsden 37, Jason Bear v37, Peter Payne 36, Scott Ling 36, Andrew Ling v36 and Dale Macklinshaw 36 c/b. Nearest-the-Pins went to Paul Smith (3rd) Peter Payne (4th & 17th) David Peel (8th) and Rick Turnchini (10th)

## Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May

Di Atton received the judges nod for the win in the Ladies Stableford after she and Lorraine Clack turned in 35 point cards, 3rd went to Isabel Skeates with 33 points. Ball winners were: Sue Peel 32, Ann Grace-Smith 31, Kerrie-Anne Skinner 31, Jeanette Irwin 31, Molly Hamilton 31 and Lynette Russell 30. Next week the Ladies will play Par.

## Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May

Peter Munro stormed home with a 24 point back Nine to claim the Vets Medley Stableford with 41 points from Wayne Berry with 40 and Wayne Cowan 3rd with 39 points c/b. Ball winners were: Ray Boyd 39, Ken Harris 39, Garry Hedges 39, Peter Mathews 39, John Harrison 38, John Stewart 37, David Peel 37, Wayne Barber 36, Bruce Chambers 36 and John Pascoe 36 on countback. Nearest-the-Pins went to Wayne Barber (3rd & 4th) Ray Hodson (8th) John Stewart (10th) and Wayne Cowan (17th). The raffle was won by Rex Talbot. Next week the Vets will play a 4BBB Par.

## Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May

Steve Piggot and Adrian Kent complimented each others game to win the 2 Person Ambrose with 59.75 from Tim & Jodie Dunn with 61.5 with Ray Hodson & Ray Newton 3rd with 62.5. Ball winners were: Wayne Jenkin & John Parish 62.75, Andrew Zok & Craig Sharp 62.75, Wayne Cowan & Garry Hedges 65.25, Dean & Tracy Morison 66.5. Michael Watson & David Irwin 66.75, and Kelvin & Lyn Kelly 66.75. Nearest-the-Pins went to David Peel (3rd) Wayne Cowan (4th) Tracy Morison (8th) Grahame Sheldon (10th) and John Parish (17th). The winner of the Individul Stableford event was Mick Barrett with 37 points. Next weeks event will be a Medley Stableford

## Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May

Mathew Lorenz has taken out the Weekly Challenge with a very Good 43 point round from Maitland visitor Justin Maddock 42 and Cessnock visitor Peter McIntyre with 40 points. Ball winners were: Gary Woodland v39, Mick Barrett 37, Joshua McPaul v36, Brendan Connor 36, Richard Hoare v35, Darrell Hange v35, Jai Kumar v35, Todd Jolly 35, Trent Wrigley v35, Ben Freeman 34 and Doris Hoare v34 c/b

## Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

Lloyd Barrett has smashed his handicap by 12 shots and the field in the Tuesday Stableford to record 48 individual points

for the win, runner up went to Michael Watson with a solid 41 with consistent Garry Marsden returning 40 for 3rd place. Ball winners were: Chris Ford v39, Greg Ireland 39, Mick Barrett 37, Gerry Irwin 36, Ken Scott-MacKenzie 35, David Peel 35, Rex Talbot 34, Paul Smith 33, Wayne Burgess 33, Dale Macklinshaw 33 and John Stewart 33 c/b. Nearest-the-Pins went to Ian Newell (3rd) Lloyd Barrett (4th, 8th & 17th) and David Peel (10th)

## Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

Mary Fortey has come out on top after a countback was required for all placings with 3 tied at -2, Lorraine Clack took runner up with Dale Hamilton rounding out the placings with 3rd. Ball winners were: Jenelle Jurd -3, Sue Peel -3, Jill Slatter -5 and Kay Dunn -5 on count-back. Next week the Ladies will play their 27 Hole Foursome Championship.

## Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May

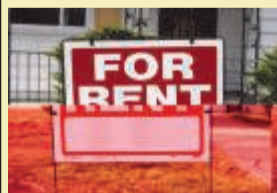
Geoff Sweetman & Dave Fury combined best to take the Vets 4BBB Par event with +13 from Garry Marsden & Doug Wand also impressing with +12, Ray Newton & Wayne Drayton survived a countback for 3rd with +9, great to see Wayne back on the course after an extended layoff with injury. Ball winners were: Peter Attewell & Garry Clarke +9, Ken Wright & Kevin Smith +8, Ken Harris & Peter Munro +8, Steve Piggot & Michael Watson +7 and John Stewart & Graeme Flynn +7. Nearest-the-Pins went to Neville Abbott (3rd), Michael Watson (8th), Doug Wand (10th) and John Stewart (17th). The raffle winner was Garry Hedges. Next week the Vets will play a Medley Stableford.

## Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May

Koindah Waters visitors have taken out top spot in A & B grade in the weekends Medley Stableford event with Coen King winning A Grade with 38 points on countback to Ray Hodson and Bodhi King B Grade with an eye catching 44 points from Mark Makin on 41 and C Grade to John Barbour with the 'round of the day' 46 points, bound to come under notice from the handicapper, with Mathew Merlo runner up with 36 points. Ball winners were: Mick Barrett 39, Peter Puerta 38, Garry Marsden 37, Kevin Smith 37, Clayton Babic 37, Paul Davies 36, David Peel 36, Peter Franks 36, Wayne Jenkin 35, Steve Abel 35, Harry Preece 35, Bruce Chambers 35, Wayne Barber 34, Ian Newell 34 and John Parish 34 c/b. Nearest-the-Pins went to Greg Ireland (3rd) Wayne Barber (4th) Paul Davies (8th) Lloyd Barrett (10th) and John Barbour (17th). Next week's event will be a Medley Stableford.

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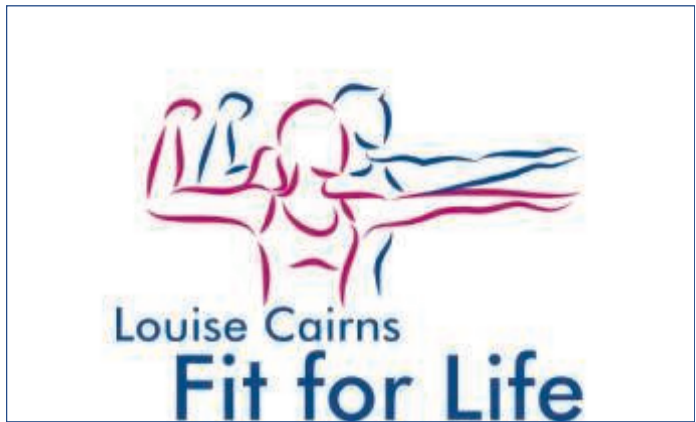


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*“If someone tells you “you can’t” they’re showing you their limits, not yours” Anon.*

Those of you who read my articles regularly will know that I have been training for an ultra marathon in the Blue Mountains. UTA is one of the biggest trail running events in the Southern hemisphere and attracts over 6000 runners plus their supporters to the 4 day event.

This year my intention was to run the UTA50 kilometre event for the fifth time and I had focused my training on that since September last year. But a week or so before Easter my regular running buddy suggested I run the UTA 100 km event instead. With less than 8 weeks of training left my initial reaction was “no way(!)” but my second reaction was one of consideration. If this person, who had been running with me regularly and who had decades of running experience and a few marathons and ultra marathons to his name, and who had mentored others through their first ultras, thought I could do it, maybe I should think that way too. Or at the very least not dismiss it out of hand!

The thing that really influenced my decision was how excited I felt at the prospect of running the UTA100. Just the idea of doing it gave me goosebumps. Also, for the first time since I started running in 2014 I had been running consistently, gradually increasing my speed and the distances I was running. I also knew I had time to devote to the training, something I could not guarantee in future years, and I had a running buddy to support and motivate me during the race. So after a couple of days consideration, I upgraded my entry from the UTA50 to the UTA100.

The next eight weeks would not without their mishaps and concerns. Earlier this year I was diagnosed with Sesamoiditis, an inflammation of the sesamoid bones in my feet. At one stage I was unable to walk without pain let alone run, and by the time I sought professional help I was not sure I would even be able to start in the UTA50 and now I was planning to run 100 km. My podiatrist had prescribed corrective orthotics which had immediately relieved the pain however my feet were still not 100%. I was confident though that the rate at which they were improving would continue and I would be OK.

The 2nd challenge was getting all of the mandatory gear. Thankfully I had friends (some of whom I have only met online) who offered to loan me gear. This saved me the expense of purchasing items I may never use again.

To make sure I was as physically prepared as possible, I asked my running coaches to change my training program to take into account what I would need to do in 8 weeks to prepare for a 100 km race. They both thought I was a bit crazy but “just stubborn enough to get it done”. I also made sure my cross training really focused on strengthening my legs especially my glutes (backside) and quads (thighs) for all the stairs I knew I would have to climb.

Finally, the biggest challenge for me though was mental. I had a logistics plan for the race and I had accommodation booked but I had no on-ground support crew and no idea what condition I would be in emotionally or physically before or after the race. I knew I would be able to rely on my running buddy during the race but before and after, he would have his own family and his own health and well-being to look after. My sister, who had entered the UTA50 at the same time as me, and who supported my decision to upgrade to UTA100 decided a week before the race that she was not going to race or attend the event. So I had to prepare myself mentally for finishing an ultra marathon on a high then celebrating on my own. As tired as I was when I finished I couldn't sleep – I was too amped up on adrenaline and caffeine. So after a shower and a lie down I walked back up to Scenic World to watch everything get packed up and to chat with other runners who were walking as cautiously as I was.

In the end, we finished the 100 km in 23 hours and 1 minute, approximately 3 hours and 1 minute longer than I had hoped (because I really wanted to finish in less than 20 hours). The first 57 kms flew by but a combination of factors slowed us down with “only a marathon to go”. The last 22kms took us 6 hours! It was almost worth it though to watch the sun rise behind the Three Sisters as we made our way up the 951 stairs that are the Furber Steps.

I am eternally grateful go to my friends Ree and Aaron who stepped in at the last minute to be my support crew. They had both run their own events over the weekend but they were still at the two major checkpoints with warm hugs and smiles, filling my pack and reading my motivational quotes out loud to me. Running may be a solo sport but this experience has shown me that it is a team effort.

So many people have played a part. My podiatrist, chiropractor and physio. My running buddy. My family, who never complained about my training. My coaches who wrote a fantastic training program and never told me never. And my friends, including the virtual ones, who followed my progress and cheered me on and sent me messages of support by Facebook, Messenger and the old fashioned telephone.

I have surprised myself with how I feel this week. My legs are tired, and I have had trouble wearing anything other than joggers or slippers on my feet, but I have been able to sit and stand without grimacing, walk up stairs, and ride my horse. I even managed a light jog and I have taken notes and started planning for next year's UTA!!

A friend sent me this note during the week, and I want to share it because it sums up perfectly how I feel.

*Do you realise your life has changed now after doing 100km? No challenges seem insurmountable anymore*

*Mountains are there to be climbed no worries. Steep hills look great to train on and you'll just wonder how many repeats you might do. You just think “yeah I can do that, why not”.*

*Everywhere you go you will look for the tallest steepest mountains and wonder if there's a trail to the top. If not then you might just damn well make one.*

*You will. I know. Because I did and still do. And you will want to share that unbelievable feeling of freedom and wonder with others.*

Bring it on!

### What else is happening at Louise Cairns Fit for Life?

Now the UTA is over I am having a little rest from running before I start training for my next event, Rafferties Coastal run in early July. 6am classes are continuing at Miller Park on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. My Autumn Special (\$99 per month) is still running! As well as three outdoor fitness classes a week, all new clients receive a copy of my Healthy Eating Recipe e-Book, workouts to do at home, and membership of my VIP Facebook Group. I also offer Personal Training sessions in Branxton which include free goal setting and coaching. You can now also book classes on line via the MindBody App, or via my website [www.louisecairns.com.au](http://www.louisecairns.com.au)

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### LADIES TO DOMINATE IN TWO-O-ONE-EIGHT.

2017 was the first time the Greta G.B.O.T.A. branch was without a "FEMALE TRAINER OF THE YEAR" award at our annual presentation night after the retirement of Helen Pullman who dominated the award for a decade. 2018 will see big changes with an influx of lady trainers. Lindsay Davis, Mischelle Edmunds, Gayle Masterson and Anne Foley have decided to join the branch, joining current member Jenny Barnett. Sharee Robertson, Sarah Kedwell and Vicky Keith are also set to join the training ranks. Three other Greta trainers Tracey Miller, Yasmin Ellis and Michelle Lill could see the number of female trainers swell to eleven and end the male domination. Early favourite is Lindsay Davis who had a successful

2017 with 38 winners and 88 placings. Lindsay landed 18 winners at Wentworth Park including ZINKEY who qualified for the Group 1 National Futurity (\$75,000 to the winner) in February. Lindsay could also be a threat to the male trainers in other categories, mainly "METRO DOG OF THE YEAR". Anne Foley only has a small team but has hundreds of winners to her name and can produce a good dog like her black dog DUSTY VALLEY who won 17 races and filled the placings on 18 occasions, his wins were at Gosford, The Gardens, Richmond, Maitland and Wentworth Park. At Wentworth Park he won over the 520m in a good time of 30.09 and the 720m in a very slick time of 42.49. Anne and husband Barry, who picked up all his greyhound knowledge from his better half are hoping they have another Dusty in their kennel. Gayle Masterson like Anne

only has a small team but also knows how to produce a top class galloper. Gayle's life changed in September 2014 when her black dog KNIGHT SPRITE (kennel name OLLIE) won his first start at Wauchope. Ollie won 5 races from 5 starts at Wauchope and 2 wins and a 2<sup>nd</sup> from 3 starts at Taree before venturing to Wentworth Park where he won 10 races. Ollie's highlights included winning the Group 2 Gosford Gold Cup, the Group 2 Richmond Derby, the Chief Havoc Cup at Gunnedah and finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the rich Group 1 Golden Easter Egg at Wentworth Park. Ollie was crowned N.S.W. G.B.O.T.A. "Greyhound of the Year" in 2015 and 2016, the winner of 34 races and \$238,036 in prize money has been rewarded by spending the next few years at stud. (Lucky Bugger) Mischelle Edmunds only entered the training ranks last year but is learning fast with 8 winners and 19 placings to her credit in 2017. The Edmund's first greyhound was MISTON BELLE, (kennel name Star)

a black bitch by TAKE THE KITTY out of KEY EXIT born on Xmas day 2011, trained by Tom Pullman she went on to win 3 races. Star now has her own lounge, TV, pyjamas and run of the Edmond's household. Star's litter brother was Lindsay Davis' champion KEYBOW, the winner of 27 races and \$581,173 in prize money. **MAY WINNERS FEW AND FAR BETWEEN.** James Porter kicked off the month with DOUBLE MACK winning four straight at Richmond and The Gardens, all in the space of a fortnight. The black dog by DYNA DOUBLE ONE out of GODDESS MIST who will turn two next week is trained at Greta by James and is owned by Adam Powell. His latest win takes his tally to 6 wins and 2 seconds from 17 starts. James' other winners included IN THE QUE, ROCKSTAR ROY and BOWLS AND HOLES. Lindsay Davis started the month at The Gardens with another bred by DYNA



DOUBLE ONE, her black bitch DAISIES THE ONE out of KEY MISSILE won over the 600mtrs in the best time of the night. **MUSWELLBROOK CUP.** Last Sunday saw the running of the Muswellbrook Cup, the meeting was run on a lovely sunny day with a large crowd in attendance all enjoying the bar-b-q, a drink and a bet. The Muswellbrook committee should be extremely proud and commended for staging a great day, making everyone feel welcome & presenting a track in excellent condition. The authorities in

the big smoke should take notice of how much these meetings mean to the people in the country, more needs to be put into the bush tracks around N.S.W. Greta was represented in the Cup by MID-NIGHT ON FIRE who drew a bad box and was no match for the winner STATAVON KASEY who won the 565m race in the very impressive time of 32.21s, only a tenth outside the track record. Garry Kedwell flew the flag for Greta with a winning double, CHASING DA TAIL won early in the day

and TINY TARO got punters out of trouble in the last race. **GRETA GBOTA** The next branch meeting will be Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 7pm at GRETA WORKERS CLUB. New members and visitors are welcome, the club restaurant is open for anyone wanting a meal before the meeting and Linda is more than happy to serve you a drink at the bar. **SEE YA AT THE TRACK OR THE BAR, MIDNITE.** Photo: (L-R) Greta Greyhound Girls - Anne Foley, Michelle Edmunds, Gayle Masterson, Lindsay Davis & Sarah Kedwell



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