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Organisers of Anzac Day commemorations in our local area say they are pleased with the turn-out at this year's services. Locally marches and dawn

services were held in Branxton, Greta & Lochinvar to remember those Australians who have fought and died in wars. The President of the

Branxton RSL sub-branch, Brian Furner OAM, said large sections of the community got involved despite a reduction in the number of veterans

remaining. "Each year it's getting bigger and bigger," he said. "ANZAC Day seems to be growing in significance. This year, crowds were huge; bigger than last year given that it was school holidays. Young and old turned out to honour Australia's fallen soldiers," said Brian. It also seemed that there was a fair dose of patriotism thrown into the mix as well.



Member for Cessnock Clayton Barr MP

The Local Sport Defibrillator Grant Program allocates grants to assist local sporting clubs across NSW in the purchase and maintenance of Automated External Defibrillators

(AEDs). The program provides NSW sports clubs and councils the opportunity to acquire an AED package for their club or sports facility at a reduced cost. An AED package will include an AED, AED familiarisation instruction, a minimum of six years of essential AED maintenance. State Member for the Electorate of Cessnock, Clayton Barr, MP encourages eligible applicants to make an application to the Office of Sports.

“This program makes sports safer for our local sporting groups and their supporters.”

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our local community members” said Mr Barr. Eligible applicants include:  
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 \* State or national sporting organisations on behalf of member clubs located in NSW  
 \* Licensed sporting clubs, providing that the project directly benefits sporting activities  
 \* Sport clubs associated with a school, church or university providing they are an incorporated not for profit club in their own right  
 \* Councils on behalf of sports clubs

\* Councils, sport and recreational facilities owners on behalf of sports clubs  
 \* Service clubs such as Rotary, CWA and Lions, on behalf of sporting clubs  
 Applications are currently open and will close at 5pm on Monday 6 May 2019.

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Locality	Reference	Decision Date	Property Address	Application Description
BRANXTON	008/2019/00000086/001	4-Mar-2019	59 Fleet ST	Carport
BRANXTON	008/2018/00000947/001	21-Mar-2019	1 Cellar Door WAY	Construct New Commercial Complex for Retail and Commercial Uses including Associated Car Parking and Facilities
BRANXTON	008/2019/00000157/001	27-Mar-2019	35 Railway ST	Carport
EAST BRANXTON	008/2019/00000142/001	19-Mar-2019	6 Spring ST	Garage
EAST BRANXTON	008/2019/00000139/001	20-Mar-2019	122 Hillview RD	Shed
EAST BRANXTON	008/2019/00000163/001	29-Mar-2019	66 Hillview RD	Shed
GRETA	008/2019/00000016/001	11-Mar-2019	17 Clift ST	Subdivision One (1) Lot into Two (2) Lots
GRETA	008/2019/00000119/001	12-Mar-2019	47 Kent ST	Shed
GRETA	008/2019/00000126/001	15-Mar-2019	41 Branxton ST	Shed
GRETA	008/2019/00000098/001	18-Mar-2019	2 Ouita CL	Single Storey Dwelling with Attached Garage and Associated Retaining Wall
GRETA	009/2019/00000032/001	25-Mar-2019	20 Leconfield RD	Alterations & Additions to Dwelling + Detached Shed
GRETA	008/2019/00000174/001	26-Mar-2019	44 Popham ST	Garage
LOVEDALE	008/2019/00000017/001	1-Mar-2019	386 Wilderness RD	Temporary event - Polo In The Vines - Three (3) Years
LOVEDALE	008/2018/00000628/001	6-Mar-2019	28 The Ballabourneen	Single Storey Dwelling with Attached Garage
LOVEDALE	008/2018/00000929/001	12-Mar-2019	430 Wine Country DR	Enclosure of Restaurant Terrace
NORTH ROTHBURY	008/2019/00000097/001	1-Mar-2019	4 Moylan VSTA	Single Storey Dwelling with Attached Garage
NORTH ROTHBURY	008/2019/00000091/001	4-Mar-2019	17 Innes ST	Single Storey Dwelling with Attached Garage
NORTH ROTHBURY	008/2019/00000101/001	5-Mar-2019	13 Wethered CR	Single Storey Dwelling with Attached Garage
NORTH ROTHBURY	008/2019/00000138/001	12-Mar-2019	23 Ellerton AV	Two (2) Retaining Walls
NORTH ROTHBURY	008/2019/00000131/001	15-Mar-2019	5 Wethered CR	Single Storey Dwelling with Attached Garage
NORTH ROTHBURY	008/2019/00000149/001	19-Mar-2019	9 Haverty AV	Inground Swimming Pool
NORTH ROTHBURY	008/2019/00000133/001	25-Mar-2019	89 Kesterton RISE	Single Storey Dwelling with Attached Garage
NORTH ROTHBURY	008/2019/00000132/001	25-Mar-2019	41 Tooze CCT	Garage
NORTH ROTHBURY	008/2019/00000136/001	27-Mar-2019	5 Enright DR	Single Storey Principal Dwelling & Detached Single Storey Secondary Dwelling
POKOLBIN	008/2019/00000118/001	4-Mar-2019	1686 Broke RD	Construction of a farm building
POKOLBIN	008/2018/00000658/001	7-Mar-2019	515 McDonalds RD	Agricultural Produce Industry (Cheese Factory) with Ancillary Retail Premises
POKOLBIN	008/2019/00000056/001	8-Mar-2019	31 Paperbark DR	Two Storey Dwelling with Attached Garage Associated Retaining Walls and Swimming Pool
POKOLBIN	008/2018/00000830/001	25-Mar-2019	1693 Broke RD 1727 Broke RD	Installation of 20 Tourist & Visitor Accommodation Units and Construction of Associated Vehicle Access & Carparking
POKOLBIN	008/2019/00000148/001	27-Mar-2019	1 Fig Tree CR	Swimming Pool & Associated Barriers
ROTHBURY	008/2018/00000860/001	27-Mar-2019	1432 Wine Country DR	Two (2) Lot Subdivision

# ANZAC DAY ~ 2019

**LEST WE FORGET**  
ANZAC DAY - 25 APRIL 2019



President of the Branxton RSL Sub branch Brian Furner OAM who was MC at the Branxton Dawn Service & march



Commander Neill Bell MCDO (Rtd) who gave the occasional address at the Branxton Dawn Service. CPO Cath Harvey gave the occasional address at the Branxton Main Service



The Rev Nicole Baldwin, PP at Branxton Anglican Church, Commander Neill Bell MCDO (Rtd) who gave the occasional address at the Branxton Dawn Service & Brian Furner OAM who was MC at the Branxton Dawn Service & main march

day. Thank you Pete & Sharon Bridle:- "Congratulations to the Branxton RSL Sub Branch for hosting the 'Wonderful' ANZAC Day commemorations once again.

who have fought for our nations in the past & also at present. The main march saw a 'flyover' of 3 Tiger Moths in formation, a re-enacted light horseman, military vehicles, our 'ANZAC's', the fire brigade & police all looking resplendent. Then the commemoration ceremony; the 'last post' bugler, the songs ~ spine tingling! Just the best day; well done Branxton RSL Sub Branch"



We are so proud & thankful for what Australia & NZ are today because of the efforts of the respective service personnel

## ANZAC DAY - THE COMMUNITIES DAY

A day when our leaders, national, state and local call upon the people to gather at the shrine, cenotaph or memorial to mourn, honour and remember those who paid the supreme sacrifice to keep our great country free.

To remember also those who are still serving and those who returned home damaged both physically and mentally.

Branxton Sub Branch RSL conducted a successful

ANZAC Day programme, including the Dawn Service, the Morning Service and March. All were well attended. OUR THANKS go to the community of Branxton for it's support and participation. OUR THANKS also go to those participating in the various activities on the day. A letter arrived at The News office the following day & I think it says it all about the services & the

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### A strong voice for Hunter

Joel Fitzgibbon is our strong voice in Canberra. As part of the Labor team he will:

- ✓ **Fix our schools and hospitals.** Restore funding cut by the Liberals and Nationals, to ensure every community has access to quality schools and hospitals.
- ✓ **Ease pressure on family budgets.** End the Medicare freeze and give tax breaks to workers, not the top end of town.
- ✓ **Stand up for workers.** Reverse cuts to penalty rates and crack down on abuse of labour hire, casualisation in the workforce and 457 visas.
- ✓ **Invest in cheaper, cleaner renewable energy.** Creating new jobs in the Hunter and maintaining our status as the state's energy powerhouse.
- ✓ **Build a strong economy that works for us all.** Make the top end of town pay their fair share, so we can build new infrastructure and give workers a fair go.

# STEVE'S RANT

## ANIMAL FARM.

Watching on television the ACTU political rally in Melbourne with the boof-head of Daniel Andrews prominent amongst the group and hearing the demands these people were making of the federal government put me in mind of the 'Animal Farm' story where the pigs have asserted their authority over the rest of the farm animals by declaring ... 'all animals are equal but some animals are more equal than others' A comment on the hypocrisy of the Stalinist communist regime in Russia during the 1930's when Stalin maintained his declared leadership by liquidating his rivals and forming a supporting cabal of fellow thugs by granting them special privileges. This is an old and proven method of dictatorship which is alive and well in the world today i.e., Zimbabwe, Iraqi under Saddam Hussain, Syria, Venezuela, Burma, Fiji, Cuba, Sudan and many more regimes which may appear to be elected but of course are either rigged, totally corrupt or in the hands of war lords such as Somalia. It is the privileged few who get to rule and by the nature of these privileges they will tend to protect this all costs & usually at the expense of

the poor bloody proletariat, 'hoi polloi' or common tax payers. I do not suggest for one moment that this could apply to Australia but there are degrees of privilege in every society, call it class, wealth or access to services or cultural events that distinguish between rural communities and city folk, the unionised worker in a closed shop; workers in government service who have the certainty of tenure and very generous entitlements not enjoyed by the private sector, home owners and renters and the inevitable poor who have for whatever reason, missed out. The list of differing groups is long and the risk of alienation between them is high when stirred up by the likes of "Get Up". The unions and political parties with not much regard for the future of Australia. The Labor Party believes that it can play "GOD" in this situation by privileging groups that add up to the majority of votes. Simple arithmetic I guess and you cannot blame Bill Shorten for doing what ever it takes to become PM. However, there are questions about this that must be asked, ethical, economic and about the security of our future welfare. Is it ethical to have

policy which is designed to divide the people between those on the public tit and the self-employed, self-financed and private sector? In my opinion this is a cynical exercise in 'divide and conquer'; effective but dubious at best. What of the economics of this? Where does the money to pay all these public servants, teachers, uniformed disciplined forces, pensioners and the provision of services come from? Private enterprise and those who pay tax. The Labor party's policy of spending other people's money reduces the overall activity of the county and therefore the available tax dollar. Interest payment on the country's debt will become an ever-greater percentage of our recurrent expenses and industries that had their business plan dependant on affordable power, loyal and skilled workers and public policy that promoted their business will shut down their operations in Australia or move their production off-shore.

How can a bankrupt country provide for the future welfare of its people? Quite simply it cannot and if you take the time to look at and fully comprehend the folly of Labor plans for the future, if we are silly enough to vote for them or the Greens, our country is stuffed. So, if the worst happens make provision now to pay down your debt and try to squirrel away your money and assets so that the receivers cannot get their hands on it. And we haven't even mentioned Labor's proposal to stop further development of coal mining, our biggest source of foreign trade balances, their assault on the housing sector which is the single biggest employer in the country and the further empowerment and privilege to the union thugs, the Labor parties 'Protean

Again, a great disappointment to the electorate who had enthusiastically dumped Labor but were alarmed to discover that they had voted a disparate bunch of totally unknown characters to the senate. As the opinion polls tanked for Tony Abbott, we had the narcissist Malcom Turnbull usurping the elected Prime Minister and go on to lead a totally directionless outfit. It is little wonder therefore the electorate is disillusioned by

federal parliament. BUT things have changed dramatically since Malcom Turnbull withdrew from the leadership of the Liberal Party. He and the other rats have disserted the ship and it is vermin free to a greater degree than it has been since the Howard years. We now have a clear choice between ScoMo and Whinging Billy. "So, it has come to this" as Ned Kelly said as he was taking the thirteen steps to the gallows. As it can be said of Bill Shortens

vote buying attempts. He and his henchmen and women will say anything and promise anything they think we are mugs enough to swallow and that will pander to the 'Chattering Class'. But when questioned on the detail there is precious little substance to anything they say. On the other hand, the consequences of their socialist policies and open-ended promises are totally against the common people of Australia who wish to have a stable society where a person can strive for achievement in anything they like and enjoy the rewards of their work. Where they will not be hounded for having views based on the 'Judeo Christian Heritage' which is the basis of our lucky country and democratic system. By stampeding over states rights and the principle of individual property rights and expectations of freedom of speech, religious belief and the right to privacy, these clowns wish to impose their

The first ANZAC Day services I attended were those held at the Dubbo War Memorial. In the mid 1960s these were attended by a few hundred people but this years commemoration saw a couple of thousand and it is getting bigger each year. Cheers, Mike

communist - ideology on every part of our lives. To do this they aim to impoverish the nation by taxing employment, energy, the ability of the country to feed itself ... and closing down the very industries and exports which pay for our bread and butter. How are they going to do this you ask? It is the stated policy of the Labor Party To reduce carbon dioxide emission by 45% by the year 2030. They propose to achieve this by switching the Nation's energy supply to 50% renewable sources.

This is not possible as any engineer or technically competent person will tell you. At best a pipe dream but more truthfully a straight out lie. By making it mandatory that after twelve months casual staff must be made permanent; The workforce will be reduced to the rump of highly skilled and qualified people whose potential productivity warrants their continued employment, and the self-employed if there remains anybody with the cash to employ them. The balance of the population being totally dependant on handouts from a fast-shrinking national purse or the privileged few with government jobs. So, what you get with Whinging Billy Shorten is what you see. A very uninviting humourless union operative who wants to throw other people's money away. What you get with Scott Morrison is an invigorated Liberal Party with a plan. (A bureaucrat with a plan ???)

Make it your business to look at what's on offer from each of the parties before you vote, and vote below the line for members of the senate. Don't vote the party line / look at individuals you can trust to do the right thing by the Australia.

Steve Lind, North Rothbury NSW

## GÉNÉRATION



Generations

-The Silent Generation are people born before 1946.  
 -The Baby Boomers are people born between 1946 and 1959. -Generation X are people born between 1960 and 1979.  
 - Generation Y are people born between 1980 and 1995.  
 Why do we call the last one generation Y? I did not know, but a cartoonist explains it eloquently above!



with Mike Lowing

ANZAC Day again, locally, drew large crowds to Dawn Services & the later marches. I attended the Dawn Service at Brantxon & I estimated over a 1000 people in attendance. The service itself was about the spirit of ANZAC, with its human qualities of courage, mateship, and sacrifice which continues to have meaning and relevance for our sense of national identity. Over the years we have



YOU ARE SO IMPORTANT- THE CONCEQUENCE OF YOUR VOTE A commonly held view these days is that both major political parties are not worth voting for and hence the swing to minor parties and independents. But there is a logical reason for this disenchantment. First; the Labor Party suffered the disfunction of the Rudd, Gillard, Rudd governments exacerbated by the global financial crisis and the total ineptness of the then Treasurer Wayne Swan. After the excitement of Rudd's accession to the Prime Ministership and the anticipation of a new way forward, only disappointment resulted. When Julia Gillard was forced to make a deal with the 'Greens' and those two dopey independents to retain Government after the 2010 election, we had the disaster of the carbon tax and the instigation of the useless NBN as Tony Windsor cheered on. The resulting immense spending commitments of that Government

are still reverberating through the economy to this day. The Rudd Gillard Rudd Government was voted out, rightly so, in the 2013 election by a landslide victory to Tony Abbot. All should be fixed every-one thought. No!!!! Australia faced a \$47 billion deficit for the 2013-14 financial year alone and \$123 billion of accumulated Labor deficits to 2016-17. A hostile Senate prevented the Abbott Government from doing anything to reform the economy or anything else. The exception of course was stopping the boats, getting rid of the carbon tax, and trade agreements with Japan, South Korea and, ultimately, China, meaning better deals for our exports.

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## Branxton preschool awarded \$5,000 volunteer grant



It was all smiles at Branxton Preschool when Federal Member for Hunter Joel Fitzgibbon visited to congratulate the community organisation on receiving a \$5,000 grant under the latest Volunteer Grants Program.

Branxton Preschool is a community not-for-profit organisation supported by its management committee which is made up of a group of motivated parents who assist with running events with the sole aim to fundraise for the preschool and give back to the preschool community. The investment will go towards the purchase of new marquees which will be used at community events, celebration days, market stalls, fundraising functions and will provide shelter for outdoor events.

“The Branxton community is tight knit and generous and that is reflected in the time and energy Branxton Preschool’s volunteers dedicate to making the community organisation a richer place,” Federal Member for Hunter Joel Fitzgibbon said.

“I hope this investment helps in a practical sense to support the incredible work of the preschool’s staff and volunteers.

“Community preschool facilities like Branxton Preschool provide inclusive and nurturing environments for learning which is so important for the early development of children.”

Branxton Preschool is one of 41 volunteer organisations in the Hunter electorate to share in \$145,395 under the Volunteer Grants program. The Volunteer Grants Program aims to support the efforts of Australia’s volunteers. The grants provide small amounts of money that organisations and community groups can use to help their volunteers.

Above photo (L-R): Darby Thomas, Elijah Collier, Alicia Carmody, Cruz Johansen, Alfie Thomas, Harrison Carmody and Joel Fitzgibbon. Back – left Jessica Thomas (President) and Natalie Caslick (Director)



Cruz Johansen & Joel Fitzgibbon

## Life Membership honour for long-serving councillor for service to mining-related councils of NSW



Former mayor of Singleton and long-time sitting councillor John Martin’s decades of service to the Association of Mining and Energy Related Councils of NSW has been recognised with Life Membership awarded at last week’s ordinary council meeting.

Association of Mining and Energy Related Councils of NSW Chairman Cr Peter Shinton and Executive Officer Greg Lamont were at the meeting to make the presentation.

The Association represents a diverse number of NSW councils with an interest in mining, energy and the developing coal seam gas (CSG) industries.

Cr Martin was informally involved in the Association stemming back to 1983 and served as a delegate between 2008 and 2016 including as a member of the executive committee, helping to write the guidelines that would pave the way for voluntary planning agreements.

He said he was particularly proud that Singleton and Muswellbrook councils were the first to receive Royalties for Regions funding, although “it hadn’t happened as much as he’d like since then”.

“The Association is an important organisation because it is a voice of local government on mining and now energy to our government departments about matters such as Resources for Regions, and the improvements needed for industries so far as councils are concerned,” Cr Martin said.

“It gives council a voice to the government on mining and energy-related issues as they directly relate to the people in our community.

“For me, the presentation and life membership means that it’s for our council, because I didn’t do any of this work for myself – I did it on behalf of our council. We’ve made a lot of forceful representations over the years and had a few successes, and a few that

didn’t get up too well.”

In presenting the award, Cr Shinton said he acknowledged Cr Martin’s outstanding contribution to the Association, describing him as an “absolute gentleman, full of credible information”.

“The life membership honour was in recognition of John’s efforts in making a significant contribution to the success of the Association as the peak body in NSW, empowering and advocating on behalf of councils of

NSW that are impacted by mining and energy developers,” he said.

“It gives me great pleasure to bestow this badge, certificate and plaque in the recognition he deserves from his peers as a distinguished member of our Association.”

Photo above: Cr John Martin (centre) with Association of Mining and Energy Related Councils of NSW Chairman Cr Peter Shinton (left), and Executive Officer Greg Lamont.



Office of Environment & Heritage



### 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
- Mount Royal National Park
- NPWS managed land adjacent to Black Creek, North Rothbury

**Ground baiting will commence on the 01/05/2019 and cease by 01/07/2019**

**A 1080 aerial baiting program for wild dog control will be conducted within Manobalai Nature Reserve commencing between 01/05/2019 to 14/05/2019**

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. 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.

## REFLECTIONS

*“Do you love me? ... Feed my lambs. Tend my sheep. Feed my sheep.”*

Christ is risen. Alleluia!

After Jesus was raised from the dead, he appeared to his disciples several times ... the third time by the Sea of Tiberias. Peter was with six other disciples and decided to go fishing. After working all night without success, Jesus spoke to them and told them to “Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” [John 21.6] It was not until so many fish were caught that they couldn’t haul in the nets that the beloved disciple recognised that it was Jesus who had spoken to them on the shore.

Jesus prepared a meal of fish and bread for his disciples. Preparing a meal, is a generous act of love which speaks deeply about Jesus’ love for his disciples. Jesus is showing us by example how we are to love and serve others ... just like he did when he washed his disciples’ feet at the Last Supper. It is so much more than simply preparing a meal though, and it is later in the passage that the three questions to Peter are asked, ‘Do you love me?’ [John 21.15,16]

Peter declares his love for Jesus, who commissions him to ‘feed my lambs ... tend my sheep ... feed my sheep.’ [John 21.16, 17] May we too hear Jesus ask us, ‘Do you love me?’ ... and may we have the courage to answer ‘Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.’ May our love for Jesus be evident in our lives, by our active love and service to our brothers and sisters.

Peter, the fisherman is now commissioned to be a shepherd. In this encounter, Jesus tells Peter, the other disciples with Peter, and us what we are to do if we love him. We are to feed the young of the faith. We are to care for, protect and encourage all members of Jesus’ flock. We are to continue to feed, nurture and teach the faithful. This is Peter’s commission and it is ours. We are to love and serve our brothers and sisters, so that all people may come into a deeper and closer relationship with Jesus. We, with Peter, are entrusted with a great privilege, and with that privilege comes great responsibility. We are called to show our love for Jesus by loving others as Jesus loved us all. Are we willing to love as we have been loved?

*Every Blessing, Reverend Nicole*

# Members say ...



Bob Pynsent, Mayor Cessnock City Council

ANZAC Day 2019 was an important day for not only our community but for every community across Australia. A Councillor was present at every ANZAC Day memorial held last week in recognition of the importance of ANZAC Day to every resident. Council acknowledges the significance of the RSL Sub-branches in our local government area and thanks them for their dedication to organising memorials. Special mention to a school leader from Kearsley Public School, Zaria Webber who spoke at the Cessnock service on 'what ANZAC Day means to me.' The connection with the younger generations is so important to the future of ANZAC Day. The support of the Girl Guides at a number of services is appreciated by our community. Lest we forget.

Youth Week 2019 has now come to an end. It was wonderful to be able to attend a number of events and see our young people enjoying themselves. A particular highlight was witnessing young people at the Create with Power Tools event at Bunnings Cessnock. This workshop was a great demonstration of the importance of partnerships for community events. Youth Week 2019 was made possible by such partnerships. Thank you to all the community organisations and groups for contributing to this important community event. It certainly made for lots of options for our young people over the school holiday period. Stomp Festival 2019 was also a great success seeing not only tourists but locals enjoying everything this wonderful region has to offer. It is quite amazing to have our main street packed with the Hunter's best wineries, breweries and distilleries. The music and market stalls bringing to life our main street offering something for everyone. Well done to the Cessnock Chamber of Commerce. This event now in its fourth year and is only getting better.

Council was excited to announce Millfield will have its own skate park. A workshop is being held today at the Millfield Community Hall from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. The pre-design workshop is a forum for residents to share their own ideas and assist in

the design process. It would be great to see young people getting along and sharing their ideas. Congratulations to Mount View High School who is one of seven schools nationally, to be chosen to participate in an exciting Entrepreneurial Learning in Action program. This year the program will teach 21 of our young people the skills and help develop the attributes, needed to solve real world agricultural problems using an entrepreneurial mindset. It will be a great pleasure to attend the program launch next week.

Cheers, Bob



JOEL FITZGIBBON MP  
Member for Hunter

Last week we commemorated ANZAC Day. It was a time to remember, thank and pay tribute to all those who have served in the uniform of our Navy, Army or Air Force. We pay particular thanks to all those who paid the ultimate price or were permanently wounded or suffer mentally as a result of their experiences. We spent the last four years commemorating the Centenary of ANZAC. In 2015 we reflected on the Gallipoli landings and the carnage and sacrifice that followed. In 2016 we turned our minds to the Western Front and the horrific battles of attrition on the Somme and elsewhere. The year 1917 was possibly the most tragic in our military history and in 2017 we reflected on the many shocking battles in France and Belgium: on the lives lost at Bullecourt, Messines, and in the third battle of Ypres.

In 2018 we turned our thoughts to the last big German offensive and the change in momentum as the long stalemate began to give way in our favour. Of particular interest for the Upper Hunter, we also remembered the Light Horse, the battles of the Middle East and the charge on Beer-sheba. Of course 2018 also marked the 100th Anniversary of the Armistice.

While continuing to remember all battles and campaigns including our most recent deployments, ANZAC DAY presented an opportunity to also thank those who work, and have worked hard, to make sure we remember and properly commemorate the Service and sacrifice of our brave. I thank our local RSL Sub Branches and Auxiliaries for

leading the way with commemorations right throughout the Hunter electorate. Lest we Forget the deeds of those who served and those who keep their memory alive.

It's a troubling fact that 1 in 2 Australians will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime. It represents the greatest burden of disease in Australia and touches the lives of every Australian family. This year, more than 145,000 Australians will be diagnosed with some form of cancer. As a community, we want to make sure people who are faced with this significant health challenge are given the best opportunities for treatment and recovery. The true reality of the challenges faced following a cancer diagnosis were brought to the fore when I was speaking to a local woman recently who shared her story with me about her family's journey with cancer. Her mother had sadly passed away from ovarian cancer and her aunty is battling the same insidious disease. They were diagnosed within two weeks of each other in 2017. She spoke about the immense stress placed on her family financially by out-of-pocket costs associated with her mum's treatment and the negative impact this had during the end of her life.

The out-of-pocket costs for patients generally come in the form of specialist consultations and scans which take place throughout the cancer treatment, not just at the stage of diagnosis. These costs can add significantly to hardship and financial burden of a cancer diagnosis, particularly given most cancer patients require a multiple follow-up consultations with specialists during their cancer journey. The many of us who as politicians have argued for a greater investment in helping cancer sufferers avoid out-of-pocket costs are delighted Labor has made such a large commitment to help those who are suffering enough without worrying about medical bills.

Every Australian deserves quality health care when and where they need it – your bank balance or your post-code should not be barriers to whether you get access to the health care.

Cheers, Joel



Sue Moore, Mayor Singleton Council

As the Federal election campaign shifts into a debate about Australia's direction on

climate change, and with both major parties pledging vastly different ambitions for cutting greenhouse gas emissions, it cannot be helped that the conversation also extends to the future of coal.

Singleton's "one engine" economy is well-noted, with 65% of regional output coming from mining. Indeed, Australia itself remains heavily reliant on coal exports.

But regardless of who wins at the polls on 18 May and what policy they pursue, if there is to be a national movement away from the reliance of coal and coal-fired energy, Singleton also needs to be on a course where our local economy is not reliant on one particular industry for our wealth and prosperity.

I have mentioned previously that Council is developing the Singleton Council Socio-economic Development Strategy 2019-2021, to outline our socio-economic principles, priorities and actions with the goal to maintain Singleton's importance to the economic prosperity of NSW – with or without mining.

But with climate change and the role of coal set so high on the national agenda, both the Federal and State governments owe it to communities such as Singleton – which have helped to drive the State and national economies – to support them to be vibrant, sustainable and resilient to industry transformation. Council's Federal Advocacy agenda calls on all candidates in the seat of Hunter to commit to supporting mining-affected regions, namely:

in partnership with the State Government, fund a program to address social issues associated with mining dependent regions; and in partnership with the State Government, provide dedicated resourcing and funding aimed at making a future Singleton economy resilient and diverse.

It is our view that a fully funded program spanning 10-plus years aimed at, but not limited to infrastructure, education, training, social support and idea development is required to assist our community to transition away from the single engine mining economy.

By doing nothing, it will appear the Federal and State governments have exploited areas like ours for our natural resources, without compensation for the

people who have carried the load for the benefit of other areas – including Canberra.

This federal election may not only be a tipping point for the national direction on climate change, but the future of Singleton. I hope both levels of government are considering what the impacts will be for mining-affected communities, and what they must do to ensure communities like ours flourish into the future.

Cheers, Sue



Member for Cessnock Clayton Barr MP

## Raising the BARR WITH SO MUCH ONLINE HATE, I WORRY FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

In my previous column, in this space, two weeks ago, I noted the amount of online hate that had been sent my way during the Election campaign. I noted in that column and for the record that the nature and volume of hatred, anger and general disrespect for a fellow human being, which comes through social media, took its toll on me; a middle aged, self-confident and reasonably successful person. Which got me to thinking about how hard this whole

social media thing must be for our young people who are really just trying to find their way through the difficult teenage years and early adult-hood.

What I am most struck by is the willingness for people to write things online that they probably wouldn't dare say to you in person, in public. This is surely much the same for young people and their trials and tribulations with friends and enemies and school etc. The many online knocks and criticisms must be incredibly hurtful and damaging.

Sadly, schools have long been places where bullying has taken place. There has been plenty of work go into efforts to remove bullying from schools with various levels of success or failure, but there is no perfect school playground on this front. But what is more worrying is the online stuff that our young people just cannot get away from – day or night. It used to be that when kids came home to the family house, the mum or dad or carer could pretty much guarantee their safety and well-being. This is no longer the case as the reach of the social media literally leaves no safe place anywhere in the world if there are haters out there looking to load hate on you.

The language of hate is something that I have written about on a number of occasions. We all have to make every effort to ignore those who speak in the media to generate the emotion of hate amongst us a people. Ideally we will build positive relationships with each other

where we can be honest and respectful and exchange ideas and opinions in a way that does not cost someone their self-worth and self-esteem. Please keep an eye out for the young people that move in your world and try, if you can, to be willing to have a conversation with them about dealing with online hate before it becomes a problem for them.

Cheers, Clayton

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## PUBLIC EXHIBITION DRAFT RATES SUBSIDY POLICY

At its meeting of 17 April 2019, Council resolved to place the draft Rates Subsidy Policy on public exhibition from **Wednesday 1 May 2019 to Wednesday 29 May 2019**.

The draft documents will be placed on public exhibition for 28 days in order to seek public comment, as required by sections 402, 404 and 405 of the Local Government Act, 1993.

The policy is designed to enable Council a framework to ensure that Council is acting fair, reasonable and in a transparent manner for all ratepayers of the Local Government Area.

The draft document can be viewed at the following locations:

- Council's Administration Building (Customer Service Section);
- Cessnock Public Library;
- Kurri Kurri Public Library;
- Council's website at [www.cessnocknsw.gov.au](http://www.cessnocknsw.gov.au)

Written submissions on the draft documents should be addressed to the General Manager and will be accepted up until 5.00 pm **Wednesday 29 May 2019**.

Submissions are NOT kept confidential. Council releases submissions when a request is made in accordance with privacy laws and the relevant provisions under the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009.

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# Pharmacist Advice

## Antibiotic resistance

Many bacterial infections are treated with antibiotics. Sometimes the bacteria change to protect themselves against the antibiotic. When this happens the antibiotic no longer works. This is called antibiotic resistance and is a serious global problem.

Bacteria, not humans or animals, become antibiotic-resistant. These bacteria may infect humans and animals, and the infections they cause are harder to treat than those caused by non-resistant bacteria.

Antibiotic resistance leads to higher medical costs, prolonged hospital stays, and increased mortality. The world urgently needs to change the way it prescribes and uses antibiotics. Even if new medicines are developed, without behaviour change, antibiotic resistance will remain a major threat.

Behaviour changes must also include actions to reduce the spread of infections through vaccination, hand washing, practising safer sex, and good food hygiene

### Why is antibiotic resistance a problem?

Antibiotic resistance happens when bacteria survive and continue causing infection despite treatment with an antibiotic – the bacteria are no longer sensitive to that antibiotic.

Because the antibiotic no longer works against the resistant bacteria:

- infections take longer to heal
  - infections can get worse and lead to more serious problems
  - infections are more likely to spread to other people and because bacteria are resistant, the antibiotic may not work for other people, further spreading the problem
- You might think it best to use another antibiotic to which bacteria aren't resistant. However, it may not work as well, and it could have side effects. Also, bacteria may eventually become resistant to this antibiotic too.
- For these reasons, antibiotic resistance is a major threat to human health. There is concern

that in time, there'll be bacterial infections that just can't be treated.

### How do bacteria develop antibiotic resistance?

Bacteria can change their genes after being exposed to an antibiotic. This allows them to survive antibiotic treatment. Then, when they multiply, they make more resistant bacteria. This is how antibiotic resistance develops.

**What are 'superbugs'?**  
 'Superbugs' are bacteria that are difficult to treat because they are resistant to several different antibiotics, and especially those that treat other resistant bacteria. Superbugs such as methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) and multi-drug-resistant strains of Escherichia coli (E. coli) are becoming more common,

infections **Scope of the problem**  
 Antibiotic resistance is rising to dangerously high levels in all parts of the world. New resistance mechanisms are emerging and spreading globally, threatening our ability to treat common infectious diseases. A growing list of infections – such as pneumonia, tuberculosis, blood poisoning, gonorrhoea, and foodborne diseases – are becoming harder, and sometimes impossible, to treat as antibiotics become less effective.

Where antibiotics can be bought for human or animal use without a prescription, the emergence and spread of resistance is made worse. Similarly, in countries without standard treatment guidelines,

and can be a real problem in hospitals.

### What causes antibiotic resistance?

The more bacteria are exposed to antibiotics, the more chances they have to change and become resistant. When you use antibiotics when not needed or don't take antibiotics properly – such as missing doses or not completing the course – you give bacteria opportunities to become resistant.

### How can I help prevent antibiotic resistance?

Antibiotic resistance can't be totally stopped, but it can be slowed down by sensibly using antibiotics. You can help by:

- \* not taking antibiotics for a cold or the flu, including cough and sore throat; viruses cause most colds, and antibiotics don't work against viruses
- \* telling your doctor you only want antibiotics when necessary – such as for serious bacterial infections such as pneumonia
- \* taking your antibiotic as prescribed, and completing the full course
- \* never saving antibiotics for the next time you're sick
- \* never taking antibiotics prescribed for someone else having good hygiene practices to avoid spreading

antibiotics are often over-prescribed by health workers and veterinarians and over-used by the public. Without urgent action, we are heading for a post-antibiotic era, in which common infections and minor injuries can once again kill.

### Key facts

- **Antibiotic resistance is one of the biggest threats to global health, food security, and development today.**
- **Antibiotic resistance can affect anyone, of any age, in any country.**
- **Antibiotic resistance occurs naturally, but misuse of antibiotics in humans and animals is accelerating the process.**
- **A growing number of infections – such as pneumonia, tuberculosis, gonorrhoea, and salmonellosis – are becoming harder to treat as the antibiotics used to treat them become less effective.**
- **Antibiotic resistance leads to longer hospital stays, higher medical costs and increased mortality.**



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Losing a pet can be a traumatising experience for families. Making sure your pet is microchipped can be the difference between life and death. Every year animals go missing from their homes due to inadequate fencing, theft or extraordinary escape artist skills. Whilst there are ways we can prevent our companions from getting loose inevitably hundreds of animals became lost last year in the Cessnock Local Government Area and many of those that weren't microchipped never found their way



home. Cessnock City Council is inviting dog owners of the Cessnock LGA to come along to one of their microchipping days to microchip your pet, update your pet's details

and have a chat with our rangers. Best of all its absolutely free! Microchipping is a permanent method of identification and it's every owner's best chance of being

reunited with their furry friend. In an effort to decrease the number of pets that become permanently lost Council has increased the number of microchipping days. This year Council's

Ranger team will

be offering microchipping days at a number of local parks across the Cessnock LGA. The first days will be held during May and for the first time this service will be offered September.

Cessnock City Mayor, Councillor Bob Pynsent said the free microchipping day are always popular.

"We are proud to be offering residents with more opportunities to keep their mates safe. Pets who are microchipped have a better chance of being reunited with their owners, don't put it off."

In May you can catch up with our Ranger team in the following locations:

- \* Wednesday 8 May Kurri Kurri Aquatic and Fitness Centre carpark
- \* Monday 13 May North Rothbury Huntlee fenced Dog Park
- \* Monday 20 May Cessnock Sportsground
- \* Tuesday 28 May at Weston Maybury Peace Park

The microchipping days are open to all dog owners who are residents of the Cessnock LGA. However due to the locations not being suitable microchipping cats, cat owners are encouraged to contact Council to arrange an appointment on 02 4993 4100. For more information on microchipping your pet visit [www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au/community/animals/Microchipping](http://www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au/community/animals/Microchipping).

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- 1 carrot, chopped
- 1 celery stalk, chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, finely chopped
- 1 1/2 cups red wine
- 3 tomatoes, chopped
- 3 fresh thyme sprigs
- 7cm strip orange rind
- 2 dried Masterfoods Bay Leaves
- Mashed potato, to serve
- Steamed green beans, to serve
- Salt, to season

### Method

**Step 1**  
 Heat half the oil in a large frying pan over medium-high heat. Add beef. Cook, turning occasionally, for 5 minutes or until

browned. Transfer to the bowl of a 5.5-litre slow cooker.

#### Step 2

Heat remaining oil in pan over medium heat. Add onion, carrot, \ celery and garlic. Cook, stirring occasionally, for 5 minutes or until softened. Transfer to the slow cooker.

#### Step 3

Add wine, tomato, thyme, orange rind and bay leaves to slow cooker. Stir to combine. Cover with lid. Cook on low for 6 to 8 hours (or on high for 4 hours), removing the lid halfway through cooking.

#### Step 4

Remove and discard thyme, orange rind and bay leaves. Season with salt and pepper. Serve with mashed potato and green beans.



# The Central Hunter Business Chamber is pleased to announce: Meet The Candidates



Just a gentle reminder to get your tickets for the 'Meet the Candidates' breakfast – The local business chamber has gone to a considerable effort to have all the

candidates in the one room at the same time. "As you are aware the federal election has been called, I had already prepared for the calling and had arranged a 'Meet the Candidates' breakfast at Crowne Plaza on the 6 May 2019 from 7-9 am." "With the election being a hotly contested event and with many issues affecting business in the Hunter; things such as power

security and pricing, tax compliance and general business conditions. It will be an amazing opportunity to have business owners and operators asking pertinent questions," said Brett Wild President of the local business chamber. The format will be that each candidate will have a few minutes to introduce themselves, questions will be supplied by attendees writing then on cards and

placing them in a barrel provided – these questions will be drawn randomly and each candidate given an opportunity to answer the questions. Breakfast will be served as a hot table service meal – fresh fruit and pastries will be on each table and tea and coffee served by Crowne Plaza Staff. The Candidates are: The Hon Joel Fitzgibbon - Labour current incumbent

Josh Angus - National Party  
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Alternatively, the calendar of events is available in Greta Museum, 96 High Street, Greta, open Wednesdays & Saturdays 11am – 3pm.

Upcoming Greta events will also be advertised on the outside of the Greta Museum door and Greta Bakery noticeboard. Some events will need to be booked ahead, so don't miss out!

## The laws relating to Anzac Day

Anzac Day is the solemn day of remembrance of the Australian Defence Force personnel who have served, fought and died for their country. As we commemorate Anzac Day 2019 we look at some of the laws surrounding the day.

While the tradition of Anzac Day is different for every-one one popular tradition which often comes later in the day following the Anzac Services and march is the game of two-up. In World War I, Australian soldiers played the game in trenches and on troop ships. The game was also played to celebrate the return of the soldiers. The game became a pastime on Anzac Day and the two-up has a strong association with Anzac Day. Despite this two-up remained illegal for many years. Over the last 30 years every Australian state and

territory has re-written gambling laws to legalise two-up on Anzac Day, with some conditions. In most parts of Australia two-up remains illegal on every day of the year except the anniversary of the Gallipoli campaign, with a



few exceptions such as Victory in the Pacific Day and Remembrance Day in New South Wales. There are also some places where the game is legal all year such as Broken Hill which has a special licence. Two-up remains illegal for the rest of the year because it is an unregulated form of gambling. Even when the game is being played Anzac or another commemorative day the *Gambling (Two-Up) Act 1998* sets out at Section 7:

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benefit is, for the purpose of participating in the game, given or sought for the right to enter the premises on which the game is to be conducted, and (b) no payment or other benefit is given or sought for the right to participate in the game (otherwise than by the placing of money by way of a bet), and (c) no commission on, percentage of, or fee for, bets or winnings is given or sought by any person, whether or not a participant in the game.

Another law relating to the commemoration of Anzac Day is restricted trading hours which means that all non-exempt shops must be shut on Anzac Day until 1.00pm. Businesses of certain kinds are automatically exempt, such as hotels, bars and certain small shops. Other businesses are required to apply for an exemption. Anzac Day is also a declared public holiday.

*Cheers, Kerri*

commissioner would ensure professional standards are upheld, while also supporting the drive to increase education and customer satisfaction throughout the industry,” Executive Charmain at Raine & Horne Group, Angus Raine, says: “The property industry and property market is the backbone of the State’s economy, being the largest employer and the biggest contributor to wealth accumulation for consumers. As such we require a dedicated Property Commissioner to reflect the importance of this vital industry.”

“With some easy black brackets, we erected this recycled timber shelf,” says Michael. The DIY solution provided extra storage, but also created interest in the space and provided a place for the new owners to display keepsakes. “Open shelving with exposed brackets really lends itself to a classic Queenslander aesthetic,” adds Carlene.



A rug is key to zoning your space



An outdoor room is easily created with some soft furnishings.

In this master bedroom, Carlene wanted to create a cosy atmosphere by embracing an Australiana-inspired colour palette of rich earthy hues, and she fell upon this idea by taking cues from one single source of inspiration: a print of iconic Uluru. “I found this incredible print and allowed it to dictate the colours of the whole space. Some of which I perhaps wouldn’t have considered pairing together had I not seen that they could work so well in the print,” says Carlene. If it’s not a print that inspires your space, Carlene suggests creating a mood board in the pre-styling process. “A mood

board is so important for you as a designer for refining your vision and keeping you on track with your chosen theme.” **A durable and delightful outdoor room** With decorative wood panels and proximity to lush greenery, this front porch was packed with heritage charm. This meant it needed no more than a few gorgeous touches to bring it to life. The duo added character-filled outdoor wicker furniture with durable, weather-proof fabrics, cushions and an outdoor rug to cosy up the space. “Choose fabrics designed for outdoor use – even if the space has cover. It’s washable and resistant to fading and stains,” says Carlene.

**“The tip here is to treat outdoor areas an extension of the interior,” adds Michael.**



## Leading real estate heads support removal of property services from NSW Fair Trading

Following the Liberal Government’s re-election in NSW, REINSW is continuing to campaign for the appointment of a dedicated Commissioner for the property services industry. The Institute has received support from real estate leaders in the State, including Dan White of Ray White, Tony Brasier at PRDnationwide Real Estate, Stephen Ellis at Knight Frank Australia, and Raine&Horne’s Angus Raine. REINSW CEO Tim McKibbin, says: “We’re thrilled that industry leaders are supporting our call for a dedicated Commissioner for

Property Services. We all recognise that major changes are needed within the industry and it’s important to band together.” Dan White, Managing Director of Ray White, says: “The appointment of a dedicated Property Services Commissioner in NSW is long overdue, we support the REINSW efforts to make this a reality. Property is the most significant financial transaction most Australians will ever engage in and has inherent risk.

“With more extensive legislation than all of the other comparatively straightforward industries currently regulated by NSW Fair Trading combined, consumers need and deserve strong and consistent representation by a specialised department that can protect consumers and support the industry.” Chairman and Managing Director of PRDnationwide Real Estate Tony Brasier, says: “The property industry is a major contributor to the NSW economy. We support the REINSW in its efforts for a dedicated Property Commissioner. As the existing structure and responsibilities within OFT [The Office of Fair Trading] are extremely broad, the real estate industry needs a focused resource that can address the many issues impacting the industry and consumers.” Knight Frank Australia CEO, Stephen Ellis, says: “Knight Frank supports the REINSW’s call for property services to be removed from Fair Trading and the appointment of a dedicated Property Services Commissioner. Given the significance property transactions have on consumers, an experienced

## Room-by-room tips to add character

By Katie Skelly  
**Michael and Carlene Duffy just completed an interior transformation on a character-filled Queenslander. Here, they reveal styling tips in every room for making the most of a home’s architecture.** From sold, to styled! We’ve had a blast following renovating duo Michael and Carlene Duffy as they transformed this empty Queenslander into a character-filled home over three action-packed weeks. As they look back on the styling journey, they’re revealing the room-by-room tips that had the most impact on the space. **A character-filled kitchen and dining area** True to the cottage-like nature of Queenslanders, this quaint kitchen seriously lacked storage. As modern storage ideas would have stuck out like a sore thumb in this zone, the renovating duo opted for a solution more in line with the home’s architecture.

The adjoining dining area featured original ornate window shutters that brought tons of personality to the space, but something more was needed to ground the zone and create a second point of intrigue. Michael and Carlene opted for a fluted glass pendant light with matte black hardware. “I would say it’s a slightly more modern take on a classic light,” says Carlene of this perfect pick. **A small but mighty living room** Michael and Carlene have a knack for creating extra space seemingly out of nowhere, and their styling of this cosy living room is no exception. By taking accurate measurements of the room, they ensured they purchased furniture in proportion to the rest of the space. “We’ve seen people make the mistake of getting excited and buying furniture before they’ve worked out where it’s going to go,” says Carlene, adding: “Good planning

means mapping out your space before going shopping.” Hanging art is a great way to add character and personality to your home, but in smaller rooms, hanging frames on every wall can actually box you in and make the space feel smaller. Michael and Carlene’s solution? The humble gallery wall. A gallery wall is a great way to pull the eye to one area, plus, it’s a great way to mask Unsightly technologies, says Carlene. “Let’s face it, the TV is a bit of an eyesore and positioning a gallery wall behind it does well to pull some focus.” **A moody bedroom** While it makes sense to keep a neutral colour palette in the common areas of your home, your bedroom should be a reflection of you and your personal style – no matter how loud or quirky.



**House of the Month - April 2019**  
1 Olivier Place, North Rothbury has been picked as this month's winner. It is our choice as the best presented house of the month from North Rothbury, Huntlee and Hanwood. Congratulations on your beautiful home!  
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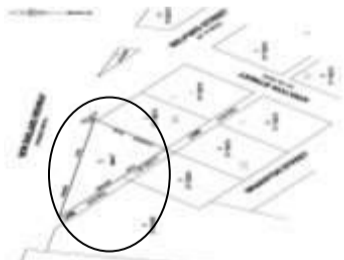


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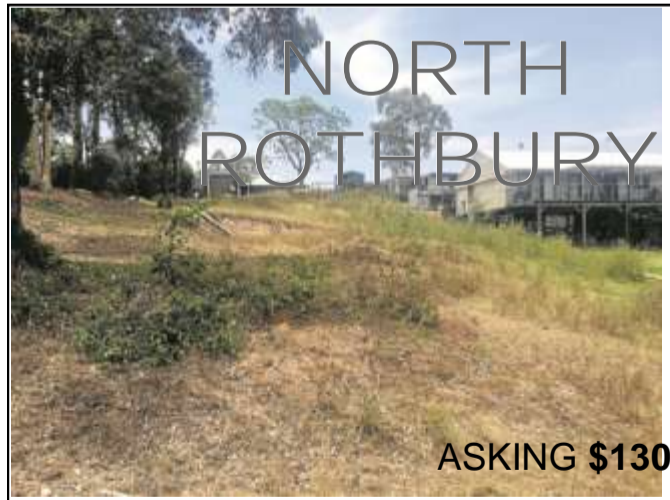
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## Report

### SCHOOL'S BACK

Please drive carefully



April 2019 and finished last night (11.59pm on Sunday 28 April 2019). Traffic and Highway Patrol Commander, Assistant Commissioner Michael Corboy said while the numbers of people detected speeding and drink driving have declined, the Easter and Anzac holiday break featured too many stories of good people making bad choices when they took control of a vehicle.

“Driving is a privilege, not a right and there were some people we detected across the holidays who need to accept this and know they will be held accountable for their actions,” Assistant Commissioner Corboy said. 19 people lost their lives in crashes on NSW roads during the school holidays. Some examples of inappropriate behaviour on NSW roads during Day Five of Operation Go Slow include: **Prestons:** About 1.16am (28 April 2019), a 49-year-old man travelling north on the M7 at

Prestons left the road and hit a concrete barrier. He has travelled onto Cowpasture Road and stopped at a service station. Witnesses attempted to stop the driver but he drove off on the incorrect side of the road. Police were able to stop the vehicle soon after. The driver returned a positive road side breath test and a subsequent breath analysis returned an alleged reading of 0.191. The 49-year-old was issued a Court Attendance Notice for the offence of driving with a high range PCA. He will appear in Liverpool Local Court on Wednesday 22 May 2019 **The Lakes:** About 3.50pm yesterday, a 48-year-old man was driving a Toyota RAV 4 south on The Lakes at Forster. A random breath test returned a positive reading. A subsequent

breath analysis returned a reading of 0.196. A check of his driver's licence revealed it expired. The male was issued a licence suspension notice and his driver's licence was confiscated. He was charged with driving with a high range PCA and having an expired licence, He will appear before Forster Local Court on 22 May 2019. Key statistics (cumulative total compiled since Wednesday 24 April 2019) Statewide - Total infringements issued (not speeding): 7342 Seatbelt infringements: 548 Speed infringements: 4643

Breath tests: 239,336  
Drink-driving charges: 261  
Lives lost: 7  
Reported major crashes: 145  
People injured: 145  
Northern -  
Total infringements issued (not speeding): 1261  
Seatbelt infringements: 41

Speed infringements: 867  
Breath tests: 34,889  
Drink-driving charges: 65  
Lives lost: 2  
Reported major crashes: 81  
People injured: 43  
Lives lost: 2  
Reported major crashes: 81  
People injured: 43  
Southern -  
Total infringements issued (not speeding): 850  
Seatbelt infringements: 42  
Speed infringements: 979  
Breath tests: 43,323  
Drink-driving charges: 65  
Lives lost: 1  
Reported major crashes: 47  
People injured: 30  
Western -  
Total infringements issued (not speeding): 466  
Seatbelt infringements: 58  
Speed infringements: 535  
Breath tests: 16,852  
Drink-driving charges: 33  
Lives lost: 2  
Reported major crashes: 32  
People injured: 13

Monday, 29 April 2019  
11:25:33 AM  
Seven people lost their lives on NSW roads during the Anzac weekend yet fewer people were injured in crashes when compared to the same time in 2018. Operation Go Slow, the state's Anzac long-weekend road safety operation, started at 12.01am on Wednesday 24



## Branxton Lions new B B Q.



Photo: (L to R) Branxton Lion Dr. Alan Beckley & from Bunnings, Vicki Griffin, + Branxton Lion Ken Meany

Singleton Bunnings donation of a B B Q to Branxton Lions to replace an existing worn out one was greatly appreciated. Branxton Lions would like to thank Bunnings Singleton for their great support. The photo shows activities organiser Vicki Griffin handing over the BBQ to vice President Ken Meany and Secretary Alan Beckley. Branxton Lions club has regular BBQs and raffles also a trivia night in our local area, funds raised in the last 12 months was \$10000.00 to help the needy and charities. Branxton Lions Has a great bunch of men and woman having fun while they raise the money. Anyone interested in joining Branxton Lions to continue this rewarding work, we meet at the Branxton Golf club at 4 pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month. For information Please call Allan on 0426261948 or Ken on 65747027  
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**Thank You!**



We welcomed another new member, Jennifer Power, and also a visitor, Dianne Gray, at our pre Easter meeting. Once more we proved again that fun, friendship and laughter

Branxton VIEW Club held a very successful donna-lou Fashion Parade. Sincere thanks to all those wonderful friends who supported this day. We were able to raise much needed funds to help our Learning for Life schoolchildren through the Smith Family program. Advance notice that our Spring/Summer Fashion Parade will be held on 25th September, 2019.

are a great recipe for happiness. Expert egg and spoon race contenders were at first unsure whether their REAL eggs produced from an egg carton were breakable or not! - especially when they had to put a spoon in their mouths to hold the egg. No mess was made on the floor-the eggs were hard



boiled!  
A great array of Easter Hats paraded by our ladies attested to their creative talents and

yes-they did receive chocolate eggs. Minds were tested with an excellent Easter Trivia paper provided by our President. Next meeting we welcome a guest speaker from the Department of Fair Trading who will cover topics such as Planning ahead for Seniors, avoiding scams, consumer rights and also a question time. Everyone is most welcome to attend at Greta Workers Club on Thursday, 9th May. Come around 11.30 if you wish to join us for lunch or 12.45 pm to hear our guest speaker. Bookings for lunch can be made with our secretary, Bethany on 0419 429 364. Visitors most welcome!

A little thought for the season- Judge nothing and you will be happy. Forgive someone and you will be happier. Love everything and you will be happiest.

Peace and love to everyone,  
*Judy Spillard*



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# Make your submission to NSW Government's Inquiry into Ice



Bob Pynsent, Mayor Cessnock City Council

Cessnock City Council will make a submission to the NSW Government's Special Commission of Inquiry into the Drug 'Ice' (crystal methamphetamine). The decision to launch the Inquiry was announced in November last year and considered the following:

- the nature, prevalence and impact of crystal methamphetamine ('ice') and other illicit amphetamine type stimulants ('ATS')
- the adequacy of existing measures to

target ice and illicit ATS in NSW

- options to strengthen NSW's response to ice and illicit ATS, including law enforcement, education, treatment and rehabilitation responses

In March 2019 the Special Commission published four Issues Papers and has invited the public to make submissions on these findings. Cessnock City Mayor, Councillor Bob Pynsent said Council made it a priority to make a submission and highlight

the issues specific to this area.

"This is a dangerous drug and we know it's tearing apart people's lives. In putting this submission together it became clear there are a variety of issues around treatment options for those seeking assistance."

"We've spoken to numerous individuals, families and local community service providers who shared their knowledge and experiences. One theme became quite clear, that there are limited treatment

options available and a number of barriers to accessing existing services."

Hunter New England Local Health District provided Council with information that has also assisted in understanding the scale and impact of Ice in the Cessnock Local Government Area. Council is reminding residents that they can also make a submission. All submissions must be lodged by 7 May 2019. To find out more visit [www.iceinquiry.nsw.gov.au/make-your-submission/](http://www.iceinquiry.nsw.gov.au/make-your-submission/).

## Daily Thoughts



"If you think education is expensive, try ignorance!" **Andy McIntyre**

"My Dad used to say 'always fight fire with fire', which is probably why he got thrown out of the fire brigade." **Harry Hill**

"One never needs their humour as much as when they argue with a fool." **Chinese Proverb**

"No, he's pretty dumb. He's in all the same special classes I am." **Bart Simpson**

"A computer once beat me at chess, but it was no match for me at kick boxing." **Emo Philips**

"Never trust a computer you can't throw out a window" **Steve Wozniak**

"There is nothing more frightful than ignorance in action." **Johann von Goethe**

"When my grown children complain about the way they were raised, I always tells them that we did the best we could with what we had to work with." **Anon**

## The lazy way to work; 'Park and Ride'

With a federal election around the corner and just gone through a state election a key phrase that you're hearing about a lot is "the cost of living power prices." Fuel prices, day to day expenses of keeping a roof over your head, fuel in the car and food on the table. With this in mind, a local transport company and Huntlee have partnered together to reduce the cost and viability of a Park and Ride service from Huntlee Estate to the Newcastle CBD. Over 100 people are using the park and ride service that is available at McDonald Jones Stadium but unfortunately, Newcastle City Council has now put this service under review so it may have an uncertain future. We don't want that for the people of Branxton, Greta, North Rothbury or Huntlee Estate who work in the Newcastle CBD and have to make their way into town every day for work. So Huntlee Estate put forward a research and viability study on running its own service into town. The study concluded that due to the lack of train availability, especially in the afternoon when there are no trains at all, the trains were not a viable transport option. Cars also are a difficult solution for transport because of the difficulties of finding parking in Newcastle or paying \$8.50 per day plus fuel, maintenance and other costs of running private vehicles. The conclusion was to implement a specialised, localised bus service that delivers the people of Huntlee and surrounding areas an affordable, easy transport option. Huntlee Estate has partnered with Newcastle Connections to provide an affordable, hassle-free park and ride bus service to and from the Newcastle CBD. The Express Bus - Huntlee costs only \$20 per day return, departing at 7.30am every morning and returning at 5.15pm every afternoon. The owner of Newcastle Connections, David Harding, has said "I'm really excited about the new Park and Ride service for Huntlee. We're looking forward to offering a stress-free relaxed way of getting to work and home again every day. By all means please check the website that we have custom built for Huntlee that details the drop-off and pick up routes through the Newcastle CBD. [www.expressbushuntlee.com](http://www.expressbushuntlee.com) I also look forward to speaking with any other people who require transport north south east or west."

So if you want to minimise the ongoing costs of living, rising fuel prices, and a stressful drive to work, check out the website and if it fits for you, make a booking.

The service commences on Monday 6th May.

## New Board Members Central Hunter Business Chamber

Following the recent AGM listed below are the new board members – congratulations and welcome.

**President** – Brett Wild

**Vice President** – Nicole Gibson

**Secretary** – Helen Scott

**Treasurer** – Julie Bridgfoot

**Community members** – Tony Gates, Nicole Standen, Kellie Payne



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TOP END WEDDING

FROM THE MAKERS OF THE SCIPPHERS

## Movie Night

**DATE: SATURDAY, 4TH OF MAY**

**TIME: 3PM NIBBLES/CHAMPAGNE**

**4PM MOVIE**

\$20

Top End Wedding is directed by Wayne Blair (The Sapphires), starring Miranda Toppo and Dailyn Lee.

The story centres around an interracial couple encouraging the bride to betroth an aboriginal man as they plan a short but intimate wedding in Darwin.

We also show the vibrant untold stories of the Tjwi compared to the oblige property of the Katherine Gorge taken by Eric Murty Liu.

Crowned in Darwin they are greeted by Laurent's Father who has been ditched by Daphne who is on a journey of self discovery.

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# Dr. Alan Beckley; a brilliant career



Dr. Alan Beckley with spouse Diane on graduation day

On 27 April, local Branxton resident, Alan Beckley was awarded a PhD – Doctor of Philosophy - by Western Sydney University at Parramatta Campus. The subject of his dissertation was: *Examining human rights and ethical practice in Australian policing: A New South Wales Case Study*. Obtaining the PhD had been a lifelong ambition for Alan who is the Secretary of the Lions Club of Branxton. "It has taken six years of part-time study to achieve this award, but the experience has been worth it," said Alan. He had a photograph taken with two of his PhD Supervisors, Dr. Michael Kennedy and Dr. Irena Veljanova, who he thanked for their help during his research study. He said that "you are never too old to learn" while pointing out that he has just celebrated his 71<sup>st</sup> birthday. He thanked his wife, Diane, for all her help and support and said he was looking forward to their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in September this year.

Alan moved to Australia in 2010 and was proud to be granted Citizenship two years ago at a ceremony in Singleton. Alan provided a history of his career as a police officer in England:- In 1971 Alan joined Surrey Constabulary and was subsequently promoted to Sergeant. In 1978, he transferred to West Mercia Constabulary in the rank of sergeant and was promoted to inspector in 1980. In 1985 he gained a bachelor's degree in Law (LLB) studying part-time at Wolverhampton University. He was seconded to National Police Training between 1985-7 and upon returning to West Mercia Constabulary, he was promoted to Chief Inspector. Through a competitive interview, he obtained a place on the FBI National Academy 160<sup>th</sup> session as an international candidate at the Quantico (Washington DC) training facility from which he graduated in March 1990. In 1994, he completed research on behalf of the Police Research Group (UK

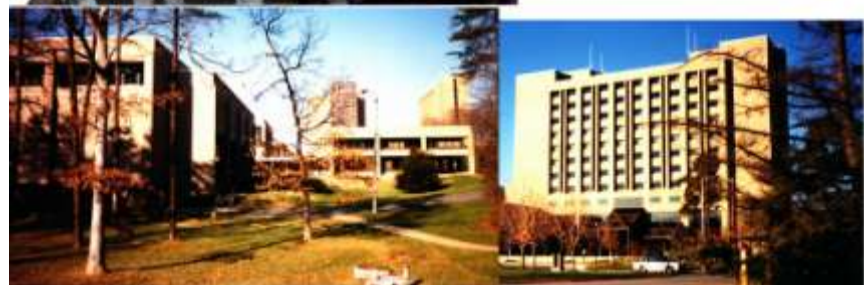


Home Office) on the role of police officers managing major and critical incidents and professional standards relating to those situations, which was subsequently published as a book. Alan's work was recognized by an award from the then UK Secretary of State for the Home Department, Mr. Kenneth Clarke. Alan has been a published author over many years, having written several books, book chapters, and many articles on the subjects of policing and legal issues. His first book, *Operational Policing: Liabilities & Entitlements* (1997) dealt with, among many other things, human rights and police professional standards. He put his previous studies to good use when he was awarded a master's degree in Law (LLM) from Wolverhampton University in 1997. Alan then went on to study police ethics at the University of Teesside and, in September 1999, was awarded the (post-graduate) Certificate in Professional Policing having followed an approved programme of study in police ethics. During his police service, Alan's police experience and legal knowledge was utilized during the introduction of the *Human Rights Act [1998]* in England and Wales when he worked on a national working group (the Association of Chief Police Officers of England, Wales and Northern Ireland [ACPO] Working Group on Human Rights) and with ten separate police forces to implement the important changes in the law and to police policies, practices, and procedures.

The work of the ACPO Working Group led 'Liberty', the leading civil liberties organization in the UK, to comment that the police service was the best-prepared organization in the UK in its responses to the new rights-based law. Alan wrote several books in 2000 and 2001 on policing, ethics, and human rights both as a sole author and in partnership with other authors. Subsequently, between the years of 2000 to 2008, Alan worked in 15 different countries around the world, where police professional standards and police ethics were in question, on behalf of the UK Government and European NGO official bodies. The projects focused on human rights, police ethics, and police professional practices and introducing democratic policing systems into post-conflict and ex-Warsaw pact countries prior to their accession to the European Union or changing their political systems towards democracy. This work took the form of training senior police officers in these important areas, inspecting police policies, practices, and procedures and advising on enhancements to pre-existing systems. Also, Alan completed several projects where he contributed to writing the law on police in post-conflict countries in the former Republic of Yugoslavia (FRY). In 2003 Alan was awarded a second master's degree through University College, Worcester which was a Master of Science (MSc) in Educational



FBI National Academy, Quantico, Washington DC



Management and Leadership. Following his retirement after 30 years in the UK police service, during the years 2001 to 2009, Alan worked as a part-time private management consultant and part-time university lecturer for several universities. The subjects he taught at the universities dealt with policing professional standards, comparative policing studies, police ethics, comparative legal studies, corporate governance in the private sector and management and leadership principles in the public sector. In 2010, Alan was commissioned by the Geneva Centre for Democratic Control of the Armed Forces (DCAF) to write a booklet for the Anti-Corruption Toolkit for Police Forces on 'Capacity Building'; it was published in 2012. In 2009 Charles Sturt University at Bathurst were seeking senior staff with specific specialist knowledge and understanding in policing topics. The recruitment campaign was broadcast in England as there was a difficulty in recruiting suitable staff in Australia for these positions; Alan was recruited following a successful interview and commenced work in July 2010. Alan was specifically recruited for his knowledge and understanding in the areas of police ethics, policing and society and operational policing, leadership and management. He has subsequently taught in all these areas while

employed by Charles Sturt University, both in Australia and in Indonesia and India. Alan was appointed to the *Australian Research Council Centre of Excellence for Policing and Security* (CEPS) and completed various work with that organisation including helping to organize an international policing conference on human rights in Canberra in 2013. In 2013, Alan changed his employer to Western Sydney University where he carried out various roles in the Office of Widening Participation, which was a non-academic position. He was appointed as an adjunct research fellow of the School of Social Sciences and Psychology, also participated in several policing/criminology conferences along with education conferences. Prior to retirement in 2016, he was teaching, by distance learning, a year three, under-graduate module: Unit 102369 Governance in Policing. He is still teaching as a part-time lecturer on this online course for two days per week. He also contributed to teaching courses organized by Western Sydney University for police officers in the Maldives. Currently, Alan is appointed as the Australian correspondent for the international online policing magazine, *Policing Insight*, where he contributes a topical article monthly. Alan's knowledge and understanding in the areas of policing, human rights,

police ethics, and police professional standards has been built up over decades and during his time as a serving police officer in the United Kingdom between the years 1971 and 2001. He has also completed international work in the police sector for example: **India:** Program Director - between 14 February and 8 April 2011 Alan was the Program Director for the Indian Police Service Mid-Career Training Phase III Program for senior police officers in India. Subjects delivered personally: Police Leadership and Police Professional Standards **Switzerland** (international): Alan was commissioned by the Geneva Centre for Democratic Control of the Armed Forces (DCAF) to write a booklet for the Anti-Corruption Toolkit for Police Forces on 'Capacity Building'. **United Arab Emirates (UAE) and USA:** Emergency Management and GIS Command and Control Technology for Abu Dhabi Police working in conjunction with Lockheed Martin – police decision making and human rights. **Commonwealth of Australia:** working with the Australian Federal Police on their Police Development Project 2011 – 2012 – human rights and police ethics **New South Wales:** Working with New South Wales Police Force to train senior and executive police officers on decision making processes and emergency management. **Queensland:** Working with Queensland Police Service on their policies for Gifts and Benefits - police corruption prevention. **Victoria:** Working with the Office for Police Integrity on critical incident management and decision making – police integrity. Congratulations on your latest achievement & your brilliant service career.

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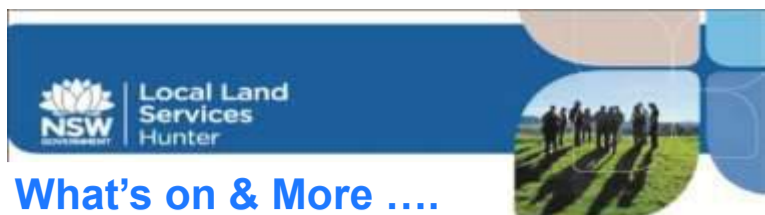
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**What's on & More ....**

**Supporting Upper Hunter landholders to improve the health of local waterways**



riparian and grazing management, soil health and large scale biodiversity connectivity. Information on the incentives available can be found on Hunter Local Land Services website.

Hunter Local Land Services and Glencore are working with landholders in the Upper Hunter to improve the health of Halls Creek and its catchment. The program follows on from other successful partnerships in the Wybong and Glendon Brook catchments. The area included runs from the Liverpool Ranges to Sandy Hollow, encompassing Halls Creek and its tributaries. Landholders will be supported to improve their land management practices through whole farm planning, extension activities, capacity building and funding for on ground projects. Hunter Local Land Services Project Officer Adam Bush said the catchment has been identified as a priority area. "Under our Hunter River Management Plan, Halls Creek has been highlighted as an area for increasing woody vegetation to improve stream bed and bank stability," said Adam.

"This program will provide funding to address this key natural resource management issue, that will benefit the sustainability of local properties for landholders as well as increasing the area's biodiversity. "We will also focus on increasing the resilience of native vegetation, increasing vegetation connectivity, reducing pest and weed invasion and improving pasture management across the catchment area." The program will include training days such as farm mapping and drone operation skills for producers, the development of local best management practice case studies, the establishment of a focus group to build capacity of local landholders and the funding of on ground projects that improve the health of the catchment. On-ground works will be delivered across priority areas of the Halls Creek catchment with a focus on projects that improve

This project has been funded by Glencore through their Community Investment Program and will run until mid-2021. "Glencore is pleased to continue to support Hunter Local Land Services as it implements a range of initiatives to help local landholders improve the health of Halls Creek and its catchment," said Craig Strudwick, Community Relations Manager for Glencore's coal business. "Glencore puts significant effort into minimising our own environmental impacts on the land we mine and we actively seek to support additional projects that can deliver important conservation work in the regions in which we operate." For more information please contact Adam Bush, Hunter Local Land Services Project Officer on 6540 2415.



**Detailed Cattle report for Gunnedah**

*Last reported 23rd April 2019*

There was a further reduction in numbers, due mainly to holiday disruptions. There were limited supplies of grown steers and heifers, with cows and young cattle making up the bulk of the offering. The quality was very mixed, tending to plain. Well finished cattle were scarce, restricted mostly to the cows. There was less than the full compliment of buyers in attendance, the regular processors were all operating. Market trends through the young cattle varied. Both quality and breed were factors. Only the better quality steer vealers to restock remained firm, while the plain quality and condition steers were cheaper. Well finished heifer vealers to the trade sold to a dearer trend, with strong premiums for condition. Plain quality and condition heifers sold to cheaper trends, while there was some breed related price change. The plain quality nature of the yearling steers contributed to cheaper trends, while none of the regular feedlots operated, with restockers and opportunity feeders competing. The few good quality medium weight yearling heifers remained firm, while the balance sold to cheaper trends. There were insufficient grown steers and heifers to quote. The well finished medium and heavy weight cows sold to a dearer trend of up to 17c/kg. The plainer condition cows showing improved yield potential also sold to a dearer trend, with the balance firm to cheaper.

**Detailed Cattle report for Scone**

*Last reported 23rd April 2019*

The Easter break contributed to low numbers of cattle, with high percentages of the younger drafts in prime condition and high yielding. There were good runs of vealer steers to suit the restocker orders, with approximately 16 cows in the penning. The market trends were variable. The over 200kg vealer steers to the restockers eased 16c and received from 200c to 260c/kg. The heifer portions were limited in supply and these made from 200c to 224c/kg. Yearling steers to the lot feeders decreased 20c, making from 202c to 220c, as the heifer portion also to the feeders sold from 200c to 220c/kg. The high yielding prime conditioned younger cattle to the butchers remained firm to 10c dearer, with prices making from 230c to 334c/kg depending on the yield. Grown heifers to the processors received 212c/kg. Cows struggled in the competition, with some processors absent, as prices were 9c to 20c/kg cheaper. The plainer 1 and 2 scores made from 94c to 164c, as the better covered 3 and 4 scores sold from 153c to 198c/kg.

**Detailed Cattle report for Singleton**

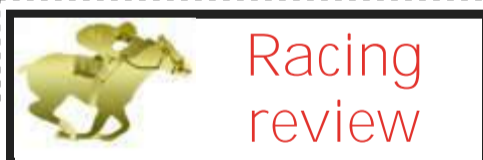
*Last reported 24th April 2019*

The first sale for a fortnight produced a fair offering of mixed quality cattle, the majority younger and suitable for the restockers and feeder orders. The prime conditioned younger cattle were limited in supply, while cows were also scarce in the pens, with only 33 offered. The market trend overall was cheaper. The over 200kg vealer steers to the restockers eased 30c, making from 180c to 242c/kg. The same weight heifer portion also returning to the paddocks, declined by 12c, and received from 138c to 214c, with the heavier drafts to the feeder orders making from 210c to 212c/kg. The yearling steers were mainly crossbreds, with prices topping at 238c, averaging from 226c to 236c/kg. Yearling heifers were affordable, with the majority selling to restockers and lot feeders, and made from 178c to 208c/kg. The prime conditioned younger cattle to the butchers were lower yielding this week, with the best topping at 292c/kg. Cows sold firm for the plainer end, with prices from 120c to 172c/kg, depending on weight and cover. The better finished heavy weights eased 10c, to make from 175c to 190c/kg.

**Detailed Cattle report for TRLX Tamworth**

*Last reported 15th April 2019*

Numbers decreased by over half, with cows most affected, penning just over 500, as opposed to the 1,800 yarded last day. There were some very good heavy vealers penned, however drafts of plainer quality cattle saw averages mostly cheaper. With the exception of a major processor, all the regular buyers attended and operated. Vealers saw a generally cheaper trend for steers, 14c/kg back. Feeders also sold to cheaper trends of 9c/kg. Vealer heifers to the trade sold to slightly dearer trends of 14c/kg. The averages for medium weight yearling steers to feed on saw substantial decreases, while the heavier classes were as much affected, going to cheaper trends of 13c/kg. Quality changes saw light heifers sell to cheaper trends of up to 30c/kg. An isolated sale saw a pen of heavy heifers reach 294c/kg. Grown heifers sold to the trade slightly dearer. Light plain cows experienced decreases of 40c/kg. Cows to feed on saw no comparison to last sale. Medium weight cows saw cheaper trends of 18c, while 3 and 4 score cows were also cheaper, up to 12c/kg. Bulls were up to 20c/kg cheaper, with exporters still operating.



**Arrowfield Stud sets The Autumn Sun's service fee**

Arrowfield Stud has announced the service fee for the brilliant galloper The Autumn Sun's debut season at stud. The Autumn Sun will replace his sire, the recently-deceased Redoute's Choice, on the Arrowfield roster where his fee has been set at \$77,000 (inc GST) for his debut season. Dundee's success this season has resulted in his service fee more than doubling from \$27,500 to \$66,000 (inc GST) for the 2019 breeding season. Dundee is the sire of the Champagne Stakes winner Castlevecchio as well as the dual New Zealand Group I winner Yourdeel and the South African Group I winner Atyaab. Snitzel is the most expensive stallion on the Arrowfield roster but stays at \$220,000

after serving 172 mares at that price last season. Not A Single Doubt's fee

will rise from \$99,000 to \$110,000 in 2019 after the stallion posted 12 stakes winners in 2018/19, including the recent Group I winner Kenedna. International stallions Maurice, Shalaa, Real Steel and Mikki Isle will join the

local sires on the Arrowfield roster this season as well as Group II winner and Group I - placed Showtime, who won the PB Lawrence Stakes (1400m) at Caulfield earlier this season.





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## Sophisticated online scams right now that the average person falls for...

By EMMA WITMAN

Online scams prey on internet users' sympathy, fear, and greed.

Some internet scams, like phishing and the dreaded "Nigerian prince" email, have been around for decades, but are growing in sophistication. We compiled 11 of the biggest scams on the internet today. As the internet continues to expand into every aspect of society, online scams are only growing in sophistication.

From phishing schemes to fake ticket vendors, online scams prey on different facets that drive us, like sympathy, fear, and greed. What online scams all have in common is that they prey on their audiences' naiveté and ignorance. Some of the most elaborate scams are circulating the corners of the internet right now, from the front page of YouTube to right in your inbox. Here are some of the most sophisticated online scams on the internet.

Phishing has major consequences for the victims. One of the most widespread online scams is phishing. In 2016, depending who you ask, phishing at most derailed Hillary Clinton's presidential bid, and at the least, revealed her campaign manager's delightful recipe for creamy risotto.

Phishing, when successful, tricks the user into unwittingly handing over their passwords to the scammer, often through professional-looking emails purporting to be from trustworthy businesses. The endgame is generally acquisition of personal information, like credit card and social security numbers. According to the Anti-Phishing Working Group, nearly 100,000 attempts of phishing are reported each month worldwide.

Recently, phishing has been weaponized to varying degrees of sophistication with a key technique: impersonation. The trick was enough to convince one employee at Gimlet Media, which runs the everything-internet podcast "Reply All," to open an email from his "coworker." Except the sender was not his coworker, but a hacker attempting a work-sanctioned phishing test on the company's employees. Familiarity fraud is an online tactic people have to be especially wary of on social media, where friends' pictures and handles are rife for imitation. Duplicate accounts fish for personal information under the guise of intimacy. **The Nigerian prince scam is one of the oldest on the internet.**

The Nigerian prince scam is one of the oldest scams on the internet. The scam rose to prominence in the 1990s, and is referred to by the FBI as "Nigerian Letter" or "419" fraud. The premise is simple: You get an email, and within the message, a Nigerian prince (or

investor, or government official) offers you an opportunity for lucrative financial gain.

The catch? Pay a small portion of the amount up front, or hand over bank account information and other identifying information so that the transfer can be made. Of course, you lose that "seed money," never receiving a dime in return. According to a 2018 Wired article, the conspiracy has risen in sophistication, netting millions in scam money and minor celebrity status for the Nigerian email schemers who commit the fraud.

"It's malware and phishing combined with clever social engineering and account takeovers," James Bettke, a counter threat unit researcher at the security firm Secureworks, told Wired reporter Lily Hay Newman in 2018.

"They're not very technically sophisticated, they can't code, they don't do a lot of automation," he added. "But their strengths are social engineering and creating agile scams. They spend months sifting through inboxes. They're quiet and methodical."

**Ticket fraud leads to consumers buying fake sports and music tickets.**

Another popular online scam is ticket fraud, in which consumers are tricked into buying fake tickets for sporting events, concerts, and other events. Scammers usually target high-profile events that are likely to sell out so they can take advantage of increased demand. Often, the tickets they send customers have forged bar codes or are duplicate copies of legitimate tickets. Other times, consumers won't receive any ticket at all after they pay up.

More than 10% of millennials have been victims of ticket fraud, and the Better Business Bureau recommends customers take several precautions before buying tickets online.

**Some people have been messaged by celebrity impersonators.**

A variation on the phishing game is when online scammers masquerade as celebrities and influencers. In January, YouTube star Philip DeFranco had to warn his 6 million-plus subscribers of one such scam.

"If you have gotten a message from me or any other creator on YouTube that looks something like this, that is very likely someone trying to scam you," DeFranco said in a video posted to his channel. The faux DeFranco slid into targets' YouTube messages, promising "gifts" via the click of a hyperlink. The scammer's real endgame: identity theft for financial gain through a classic online phishing scheme.

More than 150 YouTube users on the community page said they fell for the ploy. "We're aware and in the process of implementing additional measures to fight impersonation," a YouTube

employee wrote in response to complaints of scam. "In the meantime, we've removed accounts identified as spam."

The company also said users could block any account spamming them and that the perpetrating channels can be reported through its reporting tool.

Other times, people feel scammed by the real influencers.

It's one thing to be duped by an imaginary celebrity. But there's also a trend of feeling swindled by the IRL influencers.

One viral Twitter thread accused Instagram influencer Caroline Calloway of using her online image to scam attendees out of \$US165 to attend her "creativity workshop."

And angry mobs incensed by the fiasco that was Fyre Festival — an event so botched it warranted not one, but two documentaries — directed much of their ire at the event's celebrity influencers.

The defrauded cited a lack of transparency as to what the influencers were paid to hawk the festival to their millions of followers online, although not everyone agreed they deserved the blame to begin with.

**But sometimes the influencers themselves can get scammed.**

One variety of online grift victimizes the influencers themselves with identity-fraud tactics common to phishing. Earlier this year, a scammer posing as entrepreneur and investor Wendi Murdoch used email handles and other techniques so convincing, social media stars were tricked into buying their own flights to Indonesia and paying for fake photography permits as part of the scam.

The victims, influencers and travel photographers among them, got bilked out of thousands of dollars in the process. The FBI and New York Police Department opened investigations into the scam in 2018, according to The Hollywood Reporter. Also assisting is the corporate investigations firm K2 Intelligence, which tracked the scam's pivot from celebrities to influencers. "For a long time, they were going after people in Hollywood. [Now, they're] routinely targeting influencers — Instagram stars, travel photographers, people who do stuff that involves them travelling all over the world," Nicoletta Kotsianas, a director at K2 Intelligence, told INSIDER in January.

"It's about convincing some people that there's someone else, and manipulating them, being into that, and world-building around the whole thing," she added. "They're making some money off it, but it's really about the ride along the way."

**Ransomware held a whole city hostage in 2018.**

Some of the most insidious online scams involve ransomware. In a ransomware attack, hackers install malware onto a

computer or system of computers that restricts a victim's access to their files.

Payment, often in the form of bitcoin, is demanded to undo it. Atlanta's government was hobbled by a ransomware attack in 2018, and wound up costing the city more than \$US2.6 million to recover from, according to a Wired report. The hackers behind the scheme "deliberately engaged in an extreme form of 21st-century digital blackmail, attacking and extorting vulnerable victims like hospitals and schools, victims they knew would be willing and able to pay," Brian Benzckowski, the head of the criminal division of the Justice Department, said in November. It's no wonder the menacing form of attack has made it into a "Grey's Anatomy" plotline.

**Fake ransomware traps can be equally damaging.**

At their worst, ransomware scams exploit the victim's sense of security and privacy. And in one terrifying variation, attackers claim via email to have hacked a webcam while the target watched porn. The cam-hacking claim, which is bolstered by parroting the user's password in the email, is means for blackmail: Send us bitcoin, or we send all your contacts the footage.

The reality? Pure manipulation. The scammers don't have dossiers of footage. They never even hacked you. How? Because the password they flaunted wasn't hacked, but harvested, gleaned from publicly available databases of leaked passwords and emails.

So there's no need to cover your laptop's camera. For now.

**GoFundMe fake-outs take advantage of people's generosity.**

Another thriving online grift is the GoFundMe sob story fake-out. One notable example came in a feel-good story from 2017 about a couple raising \$US400,000 for a homeless veteran who had lent them his last \$US20. As prosecutors discovered, the trio had concocted the entire story, and not only do they face a mix of federal and state charges, but GoFundMe refunded the donations of all 14,000 contributors.

Another example of strategic storytelling in the art of crowd-sourced scamming: A black college student who raised money from Republicans on GoFundMe after claiming her parents disowned her for supporting Trump.

The narrative was suspiciously convenient — because it was a hoax. Although she quickly returned the money she raised, she also exposed how easily you can take advantage of people's generosity.

**Pump-and-dump schemes can artificially inflate the value of a currency.**

Cryptocurrency is often the form of payment in online scams, but in one scheme, the crypto itself is the fraud.

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# MOVIE REVIEW



## AVENGERS: ENDGAME

**SYNOPSIS:** Adrift in space with no food or water, Tony Stark sends a message to Pepper Potts as his oxygen supply starts to dwindle. Meanwhile, the remaining Avengers -- Thor, Black Widow, Captain America and Bruce Banner -- must figure out a way to bring back their vanquished allies for an epic showdown with Thanos -- the evil demigod who decimated the planet and the universe.

**STOP PRESS:** It is the first film ever to top \$1 billion in its opening, before adjusting for inflation. It grossed \$350 million in North America & \$1.2 billion worldwide according to studio estimates last Sunday.



**After the must-see showdown that was 'Infinity War,' the Russo brothers deliver a more fan-facing three-hour follow-up, rewarding loyalty to Marvel Cinematic Universe.**

By Peter Debruge

The culmination of 10 years and more than twice as many movies in the Marvel Cinematic Universe, "Avengers: Endgame" promises closure where its predecessor, "Avengers: Infinity War," sowed chaos. That film — which revealed that the cookie-cutter uniformity of all those MCU movies had been part of an unprecedented master plan — infamously wrapped with a snap: a gesture that, when performed by a supervillain armed with the six Infinity Stones, was capable of wiping out half of all life in the universe.

Audiences have had a year to mourn the loss of Spider-Man, Star-Lord, and Black Panther (whom they'd only just met two months earlier), and to nurture theories as to where directing siblings Anthony and Joe Russo might steer things from here. Maybe all those characters weren't really dead. Maybe the remaining Avengers just needed to travel inside the Soul Stone to get them back. Or maybe "Avengers: Endgame" would have to resort to that most desperate of narrative cheats — time travel — to undo the damage caused by Thanos (the purple-skinned, multi-chinned baddie so compellingly performed by Josh Brolin).

The element of surprise and the thrill of discovery are everything in these movies, so every attempt has been made to minimize spoilers. Yes, "Avengers: Endgame" is the most expansive film yet, and yes, it strives to provide emotional catharsis for several of fans' favorite characters. It's even safe to say that "Endgame" shifts the focus from extravagant, effects-driven displays of universe-saving — manifold though they remain — to the more human cost of heroism, which comes at great personal sacrifice.

That said, readers should also be warned that "Avengers: Endgame" hinges on the most frustrating of narrative tricks, and that no meaningful analysis of the film can take place without delving into some of the choices made by the Russo brothers and screenwriters Christopher Markus and Stephen McFeely. If "Infinity War" was billed as a must-see event for all moviegoers, whether or not they'd attended a single Marvel movie prior, then "Endgame" is the ultimate fan-service follow-up, so densely packed with pay-offs to relationships established in the previous films that it all but demands that audiences put in the homework of watching (or rewatching) a dozen earlier movies to appreciate the sense of closure it offers the series' most popular characters.

To the extent that it has all been leading up to this, no franchise in Hollywood history can rival what the Disney-Marvel alliance has wrought, although "Avengers" would not be what it is without the three-films-over-three-years scope of Peter Jackson's "The Lord of the Rings" trilogy, the coming-of-age continuity of Warner Bros.' eight-part Harry Potter saga, or the 21st-century shift of serialized television to expansive, ensemble-driven narrative. Each of those experiments in cumulative, multi-part storytelling served to test just how far audiences would go to follow characters they love over time. But nothing — not the horror of Han Solo frozen in carbonite, nor the shock of James Bond's wife murdered at the end of "On Her Majesty's Secret Service" — could prepare fans for the Snap, and the pain of watching half the heroes they'd gotten to know turned to dust at the end of "Avengers: Infinity War." The opening scene of "Endgame" revisits that unbearable moment from the point of view of Clint Barton, aka Hawkeye (Jeremy Renner), who sat out the previous battle to spend time with his wife and kids, such that the agony he feels in watching them vaporized by the Snap will come to stand for what all living things must experience as they witness their friends and family disappear.

Meanwhile, Tony Stark (Robert Downey Jr., looking frail) and Thanos' daughter Nebula (Karen Gillan), now begrudgingly "good," are drifting somewhere out in space when they encounter Captain Marvel (Brie Larson) hovering outside their cockpit. That's not quite how a "Captain Marvel" end-credits vignette teased her joining the Avengers — which involved a pager signal sent by her human ally, Nick Fury (Samuel L. Jackson) — but

"Endgame" has so much ground to cover in the span of three hours that it breezes past introductions and treats her arrival as a fait accompli racing to its first confrontation with Thanos, who has banished himself to a remote garden planet with his gauntlet.

That showdown doesn't go at all as audiences might expect, but establishes that whoever holds those six all-powerful Infinity Stones can achieve pretty much whatever they want simply by snapping their fingers — with one major problem: Thanos has destroyed the stones. That means the universe is stuck like this unless someone invents time travel.

Spoiler alert: Someone invents time travel — which feels like a skill so far beyond the reach of modern science that maybe it should've qualified as a superpower and, if memory serves, might even have been among Doctor Strange's abilities, except that the super-wizard (played by Benedict Cumberbatch) was one of the casualties of "Infinity War." Before surrendering his Infinity Stone, Doctor Strange projected himself forward in time to view all possible outcomes of the Avengers' uphill battle, reporting back that of those 14,000,605 alternate futures, only one resulted in victory over Thanos.

"Infinity War" may have gone badly for the Avengers, but the odds are pretty good that "Endgame" will yield that one possible happy ending, even if it means permanently having to say goodbye to certain characters — or at least, to certain actors in those roles, as we have already seen creative reboots of Spider-Man, Hulk, and the X-Men at other studios. And now that Ant-Man (Paul Rudd) has demonstrated the potential for time travel at the quantum realm — a solution teased over the end credits of his last outing — the Avengers are free to buddy up and jump through time to collect the Infinity Stones before Thanos can get to them, at which point they can make their own gauntlet and snap things in and out of existence.

The Russo brothers dedicate an inordinate amount of time to convincing the heroes that the mission is worth trying, which may have worked in "The Magnificent Seven" but asks us to accept that, after shoving two or three of these Marvel movies down our throats a year, somehow everyone has sat idle for half a decade, crushed by depression and defeat.

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Back in the chaotic dying days of the Whitlam-Cairns-Connor government, Canberra was buzzing with Rex Connor's grand plans for nationalisation of the mining industry, a national energy grid and gas pipelines linking the NW Shelf to the capital cities, all to be funded by massive foreign loans arranged by a mysterious Pakistani named Khemlani. Malcolm Fraser staged a parliamentary revolt. The economy slumped.

A British observer at that time was asked who was the greater Prime Minister - Harold Wilson or Gough Whitlam. He replied:

*"Any fool can bugger up Britain but it takes a real genius to bugger up Australia."*

Australian politicians are again showing real genius. Now, we have incredible tri-partisan plans to cover the continent with a spider-web of transmission lines connecting wind/solar 'farms' sending piddling amounts of intermittent power to distant consumers and to the expensive battery and hydro backups - all funded by electricity consumers, tax-assisted speculators and foreign debt.

We are the world's biggest coal exporter but have not built a big coal-fired power station for 11 years. We have massive deposits of uranium but 100% of this energy is either exported, or sterilised by the Giant Rainbow Serpent, or blocked by the Greens.

Australia suffers recurrent droughts but has not built a major water supply dam for about 40 years, and the average age of our hydro-electric plants is 48 years. And when the floods do come, desperate farmers watch as years of rainwater rush past to irrigate distant oceans.

Once, Australia was a world leader in exploration and drilling - it is now a world leader in legalism, red tape and environmental obstructionism.

Once, Canberra and the states encouraged oil and gas exploration with geological mapping and research - now they restrict land and sea access and limit exports.

Once, Australia was a world leader in refining metals and petroleum - now our expensive unreliable electricity and green tape are driving these industries and their jobs overseas.

Once, Australia's CSIRO was respected for research that supported industry and for doing useful things like controlling rabbits and prickly pear and developing better crops and pastures.

Now CSIRO panders to global warming hysteria and promotes the fairy story that carbon taxes and emissions targets can change the world's climate. Once, young Australians excelled in maths, science and engineering. Now, they are brain-washed in gender studies, green energy non-science and environmental activism.

Once, Australians were proud of our history, our ancestors and our achievements - now we are supposed to feel guilty and apologise.

Once, Australia had a big coastal fleet carrying passengers and goods and catching fish. Now our roads are clogged with cars and freight and we import seafood.

Once, the opening of a railway or the discovery of oil, coal, nickel or uranium made headlines.

Today's Aussies harass explorers and developers, and queue at the release of the latest iPad.

As Australia's first people discovered, if today's Australians lack the will or the knowledge to use our great natural resources, more energetic people will take them from us.



Viv Forbes

Viv Forbes was raised at Wheatvale near Warwick in Queensland, the son of a long line of pioneering dairy farmers, and attended Wheatvale State School and Warwick State High School. He won an Open Scholarship to the University of Queensland and obtained a degree in Applied Science. Since graduation he has studied

economics, politics, climatology and financial analysis. He completed National Service training and spent several years in the Australian Citizen Military Forces.

He has spent his life working in exploration, mining, farming, infrastructure financial analysis and political commentary. He has worked for government departments, private companies and now works as a private contractor and farmer.

In all of these adventures he has been supported by his wife and partner, Judy. Judy descends from the pioneering Bell family of Sarina and was head stockman on her father's beef cattle property near Nebo Queensland when they met, many years ago. They have two children and six grandchildren.

Viv has also been a guest writer for the Asian Wall Street Journal, Business Queensland and mining newspapers. He has also been a principled political commentator, gadfly and candidate for the Australian Senate.

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... Investment schemes were always destined to flourish online. By using the web to mass target would-be investors, a schemer can commit the Securities and Exchange Commission no-no of artificially "pumping" up the value of stock to the masses in order to then "dump" the stock on a falsely inflated return. According to The Outline, thousands of people gather online on apps like Discord and scheme to pump and dump cryptocurrencies (known as "s-coins" and "scamcoins" to those duped by the ploy):

"[The] ethos is simple: Buy low, sell high. The implication is that investors outside the pump group will see the rapidly rising price and rush to buy in, anxious not to miss the next Bitcoin-style gold rush," Paris Martineau of The Outline wrote.

**And fake news can fuel the problem.**

The online manipulation gets even weirder. According to BuzzFeed, spreading fake news online is one of the "pump" tactics used by scammers to pilfer naive fawns in the highly unregulated forest that is cryptocurrency.

"There are frankly a lot of groups that have now centered around misinformation," Laz Alberto, a cryptocurrency investor and editor of the newsletter Blockchain Report, told BuzzFeed reporters Ryan Mac and Jane Lytvynenko in 2018. "It's obviously illegal, but there's no regulation and they have gotten away with it."

A cryptocurrency founder was even himself the target of a fake news hoax in 2017, when news spread that Vitalik Buterin, cofounder of the cryptocurrency Ethereum, had died in a car crash. The fake reports of Buterin's death caused Ethereum's valuation to plummet in the market - and later rebound - when the very-much-alive Buterin debunked.

I have never had any problems with Cessnock Council, despite its oft bad reputation, until I spoke to the 50 year old Nazi on the front desk. Would somebody please give her something to sweeten her up or, for God's sake, get her off the front desk; first impressions are lasting ....

Please stop using our country roads as a speedway to the mines! Zooming 10, 20, 30 or even 40 kms over the speed limit is not OK. Shame on the person who killed our beautiful pet dog and just left her where she was hit.

To Cessnock Council or Singleton Council (not sure) for their playground in North Rothbury. We were travelling from Sydney back to our home in Muswellbrook & stopped there to use the toilet facilities (clean!). We stayed & let our children have some fun. What a great facility for a small village! (Ed. Cessnock Council).

To Cessnock Council for not attending to the removal of obstructing 'For Sale' real estate signs on footpaths in Branxton. I did ring CCC but they are still there. They will cause an accident if not removed.

Can Cessnock Council PLEASE empty refuse bins at the Branxton RV Park. Over Easter & last weekend it was disgusting!

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### Dates for your diary >

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 SAT 11 May — Landcare is holding a Wildlife Discovery Workshop at the Hunter River Reserve at Greta starting at 9.30am. (Landcare is also holding the Brilliance of Australian Flora and Birdlife Workshop on Sunday 31st March at 9.30am at Elderslie Hall).  
 SUN 12 May — Mothers Day  
 MON 13 May — FREE pet Microchipping at North Rothbury Huntlee fenced Dog Park. Sponsored by Cessnock City Council.  
 TUE 14 May — B/G CWA Mthly Mtg — Old St. Brigid's Staff Room, Station St., Branxton, 9.30am, Morning Tea following. Visitors and New Members welcome. Contact Marie Shearer 0402015850 for any information.  
 MON 20 May — FREE pet Microchipping at Cessnock Sportsground. Sponsored by Cessnock City Council. The microchipping days are open to all dog owners who are residents of the Cessnock LGA. However due to the locations not being suitable microchipping cats, cat owners are encouraged to contact Council to arrange an appointment on 02 4993 4100  
 THUR 23 May — Cessnock Prostate Cancer Support Group meeting. 3pm Cessnock Leagues Club. Topic- Playing a DVD presentation about advanced stages of Prostate Cancer. All welcome- Cost FREE. Contact Bary 49904554 Rose 0457073852.  
 TUE 28 May — FREE pet Microchipping at Weston Maybury Peace Park. Sponsored by Cessnock City Council. The microchipping days are open to all dog owners who are residents of the Cessnock LGA. However due to the locations not being suitable microchipping cats, cat owners are

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 FRI 7 Jun — 'Back to Greta' 'Back to Greta' is an all-day event. Includes: morning tea with the Mayor at the Library, a trip to the camp site and a visit to Greta Museum. For information about the event contact Kimberly O'Sullivan. To RSVP for the event call the Library directly: (02) 4993 4399.  
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 TUES 11 JUNE — Branxton Greta CWA Mthly Mtg — Old St. Brigids Staff Room, Station St., Branxton, 9.30am, Morning Tea following. Visitors and New Members welcome. Contact Marie Shearer 0402015850 for any information.  
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 TUES 10 SEP — B/G CWA Mthly Mtg — Old St. Brigids Staff Room, Station St., Branxton, 9.30am, Morning Tea following. Visitors and New Members welcome. Contact Marie Shearer 0402015850 for any information.  
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 SAT 7 DEC — North Rothbury Tidy Town Twilight Markets 4pm - 8pm  
 TUES 10 DEC — B/G CWA Mthly Mtg — Old St. Brigids Staff Room, Station St., Branxton, 9.30am, Morning Tea following. Visitors and New Members welcome. Contact Marie Shearer 0402015850 for any information.

# Things You May Not Know About

with Neridah Kentwell

..GRETA, Branxton & surrounds

## Liz Matt's (nee Lodo) Experience of Coming to Australia and Greta Camp

### 'Migrant Girl'

I was born in Coberg, Germany in 1947. In 1950 my father Joseph Lodo and my mother Maria Lodo were accepted to migrate to Australia. We travelled by train from Germany to Naples, where we boarded the 'Nelly' ship to travel to Australia. The six-week journey was very hard as the children and women were separated from the men, my mother was also pregnant as were many other women, and many were vomiting, with rampant diarrhoea. My mother said the less sick women minded the sicker ones. There were also lots

of little children suffering with these conditions and the smell was not something to be desired. When the Sydney shoreline was finally spotted, everyone shrieked with delight, prayed, and hugged each other, they were so pleased they had made it to Australia. We were transported by bus to Bathurst Holding Camp, then moved to Parkes, then Cowra, and finally Greta Migrant Camp where our family lived until 1960, when it was closed. My experience of Greta Migrant Camp was just wonderful, there were so many children of different nationalities. My friends were Russian, German, Ukrainian, Greek, Italian, Hungarian, Polish and so

many others – we really were multicultural at the time, although we did not know what it was, we just lived and enjoyed it. Being the oldest in the family I had to go to the kitchen to get the meals and bring them back to the barrack. To carry the food I had two large tins, with wire as handles, to carry the milk or soup in, and a couple of pots for the potatoes, meat and vegetables. Being small, and having to carry it all, there were times I tripped and the whole lot would slop on the ground. I would pick the containers up and go back to the kitchen, and the women would be very kind and wash everything and give me a new lot of food for my family. We had a shower block that was divided by tin into cubicles for privacy, with tin hand basins where you also washed the dishes and pots as there was no water in the huts. The toilet block was separate with also a tin division between each toilet, and you carried your own toilet paper. The laundry was a long hut with concrete tubs, and coppers in between where you



needed to light the fire to boil the clothes to clean them. On the opposite side

there were many clothes lines to peg the washing out, after using the scrubbing boards that everyone had, along with good old Sunlight Soap, and rinsing and squeezing out by hand. Linen change was every Friday when you bundled all your sheets and pillow cases up and went to the linen change room to get a fresh lot, along with one toilet roll per person. Generally, life was good for all of us children as it was one big camp and you didn't have to pack up and go home. There was always someone to play with, whether it was marbles, tippel and Jane, and playing hide and seek in the scrub where

you could never find anyone, as well as many more games. Saturday was always movie time at the YMCA hall, which cost sixpence to watch a movie and threepence for a bag full of lollies or a coke at the canteen next door. With no television then, the movie would begin with a serial, ending with an exciting episode that would be shown the next week, which made you hate to miss out on it. My memories will always be of a special place. For other stories and photos from the Greta Camp (or to add your own), as well as see the calendar of events this year to celebrate the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Army Camp and the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Migrant Camp, call into the Greta Museum. It is at 96 High Street, Greta (in the former Greta Council Chambers) open on Wednesdays & Saturdays from 11am to 3pm. Enquiries call Neridah on 0427657150 or go to gretamuseum@gmail.com

# Report

## Man charged with stealing ATV quad bike – Mount Vincent

Tuesday, 16 April 2019 12:27:39 PM

A man has been charged by police investigating property offences near Cessnock. In the early hours of yesterday morning (Monday 15 April 2019), a Honda ATV was stolen from a premises on Sandy Creek Road, Mount Vincent. Around 8am the same morning, a number of witnesses reported seeing the vehicle being driven into nearby bushland before becoming bogged.

Police will allege when witnesses approached, a 23-year-old man threatened them before fleeing the scene. Officers from the Hunter Valley Police District were called and searched the area with no success. Later that day, police attended a home on Alpine Avenue, Cessnock and spoke with a 26-year-old woman. A man then allegedly fled from the roof cavity of the home, and police initiated a foot pursuit. He was arrested at a nearby home and charged with break, enter and steal, intimidation, trespass, malicious damage and breach of bail offences.

Key Statewide statistics (Cumulative total – started on 18 April 2019): Total infringements issued (includes seatbelt and helmet offences): 10,177  
Seatbelt/helmet offences - 832  
Speed infringements: 6386  
Breath tests: 315,157  
Drink-driving charges: 291  
Lives lost: 3  
Reported major crashes: 401  
People injured: 130

## Man charged with stealing ATV quad bike – Cessnock

Saturday, 13 April 2019 05:28:06 PM  
Police are investigating a carjacking at Cessnock. About 4.30am today (Saturday 13 April 2019), two men, aged 30 and 24, were sitting in a Ford Territory on Ironbark Lane, Cessnock, when they were approached by two unknown males, armed with an axe, bat and a knife, who forced them from the vehicle and threatened them, demanding property. They were given some property before fleeing the scene in the Territory.

He was refused bail to face Maitland Local Court today (Tuesday 16 April 2019). More charges are expected to be laid. Police are appealing for any witnesses to the incident to contact Crime Stoppers and Cessnock Police.

Key Southern Region statistics (Cumulative total – started on 18 April 2019): Total infringements issued (includes seatbelt and helmet offences): 1337  
Seatbelt/helmet offences: 81  
Speed infringements: 1299  
Breath tests: 64,558  
Drink-driving charges: 59  
Lives lost: 0  
Reported major crashes: 36  
People injured: 12

## Operation Tortoise

Operation Tortoise, the state's Easter long-weekend road safety operation, started at 12.01 am on Thursday 18 April 2019 and finished last night (11.59pm Monday 22 April 2019). Traffic and Highway Patrol Commander, Assistant Commissioner Michael Corboy, said the Easter enforcement campaign had been highlighted by a number of poor choices being made by drivers. "Even though there have been declines in the number of people detected drink driving and travelling above the speed limit, we are still hearing of examples such as the one from Ourimbah," (A driver has lost 28 demerit points in one incident after her Holden Captiva was stopped at Ourimbah as a part of Operation Tortoise) Assistant Commissioner Corboy said. "Three people lost their lives on NSW roads across the Easter break. This is the same as last year. "When you combine that with the fact 6000 people were detected travelling above the speed limit – those thoughts should be incentive enough to turn anyone off acting like an idiot on our roads."

The victims reported the incident and the older man was taken to Cessnock Hospital suffering minor injuries. Officers from Hunter Valley Police District commenced inquiries into the incident and are asking for any witnesses or anyone with information that could assist the investigation to come forward.

Key Western Region Statistics (Cumulative total – started on 18 April 2019): Total infringements issued (includes seatbelt and helmet offences): 747  
Seatbelt/helmet offences: 62  
Speed infringements: 717  
Breath tests: 26,131  
Drink-driving charges: 23  
Lives lost: 2  
Reported major crashes: 38  
People injured: 27

## Key Northern Region statistics (Cumulative total – started on 18 April 2019):

Total infringements issued (includes seatbelt and helmet offences): 1754  
Seatbelt/helmet offences: 72  
Speed infringements: 1222  
Breath tests: 41521  
Drink-driving charges: 70

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# FLICKERFEST 2019

28<sup>th</sup> International Short Film Festival! National tour: January - May 2019

'KAPOWERFUL SHORT FILMS HEADING TO HUNTER VALLEY!'

IRONBARK HILL BREWHOUSE HERMITAGE ROAD POKOLBIN | SATURDAY 4TH OF MAY | 5PM

Images (L-R): The Lost Sound, All these Creatures, Desert Dash

Celebrating its 28<sup>th</sup> year in 2019 Flickerfest remains Australia's leading Academy® Accredited and BAFTA recognised short film festival, ensuring that we continue to present A-list short film programmes recognised amongst the best in the world with films hand-picked from the festival's 2,700 entries. The Flickerfest 10 day festival competition took place in Bondi in January and now highlights from the festival are on tour across Australia.

Flickerfest is excited to be bringing its National Tour back to the Ironbark Hill Brewhouse, with a delightful diverse and award winning range of shorts, which have been captivating audiences across the country. Accompanied by the opportunity to taste some amazing wines and delicious food. Don't miss this rare chance to see our incredible Australian talent on the big screen.

**Hunter Valley Screening Best Of Australian Shorts - Saturday 4th May - from 5pm | \$20 (films only) / \$55 (incl. films, wine tastings\*, food & Souvenir Wine Glass)**  
\*Tasting of 3 local wines, 1 platter of food e.g. pizza, cheese plate, beef burger, chicken burger.

Highlights of The **Best Of Australian Shorts** programme screening on **Saturday 4th May at 7pm** include Hunter Valley's local talent Steffie Yee's **The Lost Sound**. Steffie grew up in Brandon and went to school at Lochinvar and Maitland. This short animation is inspired by the poem 'On C' by Hiromi Itô, a woman looks at the matrilineal inheritance of linguistic tones in her family, mourning the parts of languages that have become extinct through semantic evolution. Charles William's **All These Creatures**, winner of the Palme d'Or at Cannes in 2018 and Best Editing in an Australian Short Film at Flickerfest 2019 and fantastical animation **Della Mortika: Carousel Of Shame** by the mother - daughter pair Marisa and Geraldine Martin took over 7 years to make, winners of the Best Australian Animation award at Flickerfest 2019! **Desert Dash** a wonderful creative comedy by Gracie Otto also features. When a feisty heroine gets the opportunity to 'level up' there is no choice but to win. **Game On**! Also screening is the delightful indigenous drama from the NT **LINBOLS**, by Grant Thompson, the first short film in the traditional language of Ngandi. Comedian & actor Paul McDermott makes a return to Flickerfest, with his beautifully crafted & haunting animation **Ghostbear**, which looks at the world's disappearing species. Legendary actor Jack Thompson stars in **Home** "Two men from town watch over a family whose lives are about to change forever".

Steffie Yee will be in attendance to introduce her film.

**WHAT:** Flickerfest 2019 - Best of Australian Shorts  
**WHERE:** Ironbark Hill Brewhouse Hermitage Road Pokolbin  
**PRICE:** Best of Australian Shorts: \$20 (films only) / \$55 (incl. films, wine tastings\*, food & Souvenir Wine Glass)  
**WHEN:** Saturday 4th May | Wine Tasting and Food from 5pm Films start 7pm  
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Branxton Kids Flickerfest Festival Director and filmmakers from the programme are available for interview. Please contact Branxton 0499 469 462 to arrange.



**Branxton Public School**



The Easter Bunny visit

Our Week 10 Performance Assembly was an opportunity for our musically talented students to perform for our school and community. Thank you to the families and friends who came along to support our students and to the teachers who helped them prepare.

The annual Easter Hat Parade was a great event. Plenty of colour and spectacular crafty efforts on show. Thank you to the P&C and school community for supporting the event and helping to raise funds towards our school technology.

Congratulations to Kinder Emus and 1-2 Frogs for winning the Scarecrow competition in the final week of school. They were awarded some seeds and pots to grow something special over the holidays.



1-2 Frogs Scarecrow

The last day of term was our PBL Assembly and Reward afternoon where students were rewarded for their efforts to consistently uphold our expectations of Respect, Responsibility and Personal Best. Well done to girl's netball and soccer teams who played at the end of term. Both were successful in progressing through to the next round. Thank you to Mr Tattis and Ms Magann for coaching the teams.

Our P&C Trivia Night was a fantastic night! Lots of fun and laughter throughout the evening which raised over \$4000 towards our technology needs. Thank you to the Golf Club, the sponsors and our community for supporting the event, which is sure to become a regular feature on the P&C calendar. Don't forget to look at the many excellent photos by Mrs Goodyer on our Facebook page.

**Dates for the Calendar**  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May – ANZAC Day Assembly 10:30am

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

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There is a strong demand for residential rental accommodation in the local area & our office needs more properties to sate the current demand. If you are contemplating renting your property please contact either Helen or Mike on 4938 3300

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**DO YOU REMEMBER?**

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Local history for generations to come



Back Row (L-R): Principal Will Callinan, Greta Historian Val Randall, Principal John Walker. Front Row (L-R): School Capt. Dean Maher (St Mary's Infants Greta), School Capt. Kaylee Ayscough (St Mary's Infants Greta), Tanja Hartigan (Year 2 Greta Public School) & Nathan Brown (Year 2 Greta Public School)

On the 7th May 2003, a presentation was made to both Greta schools from "The News" & local Greta historian, Val Randal. Val Randall donated two copies of "Greta Town & its People -150 Years" on CD & "The News" has given two CD copies of the "Greta & Branxton Gazette 1892/3". Both copies will be available to all students through their computer networks.

A copy of the Gazette will also be donated to Branxton Public School.

FROM PAGE 18~ Movie Review

**AVENGERS: ENDGAME**

Still, the five-year flash-forward — a trick borrowed from the "Battlestar Galactica" playbook — allows for significant, and in some cases amusing, changes to Iron Man, Hulk (Mark Ruffalo, who'd had trouble transforming when last we saw him), and Thor (Chris Hemsworth, still plenty sarcastic but looking the most different). But here's the thing about using time travel to solve their problems: As soon as screenwriters open the door to that device, then any sequel can undo whatever came before. Here, War Machine (Don Cheadle) makes the suggestion that they go back and strangle Thanos in the crib, which the film treats as a joke, and yet, it sounds like a better idea than the "time heist" they have in store. Alternately, they could wait for Thanos to hijack all six Infinity Stones and then jump in and prevent him from using them.

Frankly, there are 14 million better ideas out there, but this one is designed to yield the maximum number of surprising twists, amusing confrontations, and bromance-y bonding moments between mismatched partners (like Thor and the Bradley Cooper-voiced space raccoon Rocket). The plan also allows the surviving Avengers to revisit scenes from the earlier films, watching their younger versions — as well as fallen comrades — from another angle, and in two very different cases, facing off against his or her past self.

To the film's credit, it's not the casualties, but the chances these heroes have to go back and say things to those they've lost that resonate as the most emotional scenes in "Endgame": Iron Man, Thor, and Captain America (Chris Evans) each get such opportunities, any one of which would've been worth the price of admission. Still, all that time travel creates a host of paradoxes that will keep the geek debates raging for years: What happens if your "former future" kills an earlier, alternate version of yourself? If every change creates a "branch reality," what kind of outcomes are in store for the universe in all those new paths? And why, if one has all six Infinity Stones in his possession, is snapping even required to set one's wishes in motion?

By this point in the franchise, audiences have come to expect a top-of-the-line experience: iconic costumes and sets, stunning visual effects (including convincing computer-generated characters, like Thanos and Hulk), cinematography that alternates smoothly between epic clashes and nuanced character moments, and rousing music that underscores both the peril and the sheer importance of it all. Like "Infinity War" before it, "Endgame" delivers these elements at a higher level than Marvel's less expensive — and considerably less expensive — lone-hero installments. But there's something considerably less elegant to the storytelling this time around.

If "Infinity War" built inexorably to an "inevitable" conclusion (as Thanos arrogantly describes his victory), that was made possible by the filmmakers' daring choice of positioning their villain as a deeply unconventional protagonist: It was Thanos who undertook the "hero's journey" of that film, wildly outnumbered by the Avengers in his quest to amass the Infinity Stones. Here, the equation is reversed, with a surfeit of heroes now splitting up to repeat more or less the same mission, with only one adversary to oppose them (even with the Avengers' ranks reduced by half, there are still too many to keep straight, while the prospect of reviving any of the fallen only makes it more unmanageable).

It works because the creative team has taken note of what audiences want (Black Panther! Captain Marvel!) and what the culture at large is asking for (more diverse representation all around), crafting brief but impactful moments along the way. If these Avengers movies are like massive symphonies, then the conductors have taken care to give nearly everyone a standout solo, however short — or, in the minute that played best at the film's premiere, a group shot that gathers all the female Avengers, and proves that had Thanos' snap wiped out just the dudes, the remaining women would've been awfully formidable on their own. However satisfying — and necessary — these vignettes may be, is it still art when a movie seems so transparently reverse-engineered according to audiences' appetites, or does that make "Endgame" the ultimate pop-culture confection?

After nearly two and a half hours of hardcore comic-book entertainment — alternating earnest storytelling with self-deprecating zingers designed to show that Marvel doesn't take itself too seriously — "Endgame" wraps all that logic-bending nonsense with a series of powerful emotional scenes. Whereas all the casualties suffered at the end of "Infinity War" felt suspiciously like a gimmick that would be undone in this film, these meaty character moments illustrate the spirit of personal sacrifice certain individuals consciously make on behalf of the team, and the universe at large.

Time and again, "Endgame" makes the point that family matters, whether that means biological ties — as Iron Man, Hawkeye, Ant Man, and Thor have experienced — or those forged by duty. The final takeaway from this decade-long journey is that heroism isn't defined by bravery or super-abilities, but by what one gives up for the greater good. Among the many frustrations of the Snap was that it robbed so many great characters — and gazillions of anonymous creatures throughout the galaxy — of proactively making that choice. "Endgame" isn't exactly a do-over, but it builds to an infinitely more satisfying conclusion.

**Production:** A Walt Disney Studios Motion Pictures release of a Marvel Studios presentation. Producer: Kevin Feige. Executive producers: Louis D'Esposito, Victoria Alonso, Michael Grillo, Trinh Tran, Jon Favreau, James Gunn, Stan Lee.

**Crew:** Directors: Joe Russo, Anthony Russo. Camera (color, widescreen): Trent Opaloch. Editors: Jeffrey Ford, Matthew Schmidt. Music: Alan Silvestri.

**With:** Robert Downey Jr., Chris Evans, Chris Hemsworth, Mark Ruffalo, Dave Bautista, Chadwick Boseman, Josh Brolin, Don Cheadle, Benedict Cumberbatch, Winston Duke, Karen Gillan, Dana Gurira, Tom Holland, Scarlett Johansson, Brie Larson, Gwyneth Paltrow, Michelle Pfeiffer, Robert Redford, Jeremy Renner, Paul Rudd, Rene Russo, Tilda Swinton, Tessa Thompson, Benedict Wong, Laetitia Wright.

# In The Garden

## FIVE SIMPLE HOME GARDENING TIPS AND TRICKS:

Growing a garden at home is a fun and rewarding way to care for the environment. If you live in a small apartment in the city, don't be discouraged – with an urban garden you can still practice sustainable consumption by growing your own fruits and veggies from the comfort of your home.

Download our free guide, *How to grow your own urban vegetable garden* and master the simple steps to create an urban garden from scratch.

**Tips for looking after your garden at home**  
Whether gardening is a newfound passion or an old hobby, these gardening tips will help you care for your home garden and keep your green patch blossoming.

### 1. Prune your garden regularly

Prune your garden to control the size of your plants, so they don't grow too large and crowd out

other plants. Pruning also stimulates healthy new growth, which will improve the quality and size of your harvest.

### 2. Climbing plants

For climbers and other plants that enjoy the ascent, install a trellis system to keep them off the ground. When left to sprawl on the ground these plants, such as tomatoes or cucumbers, can be prone to rotting or other damage. Trellising can be as simple as using metal or wooden stakes, and loosely tying the plant to the stake using ribbon or string to keep them upright. You can even recycle old t-shirts by tearing them into strips, which you can use as plant ties.

### 3. Companion planting

Certain plants grow well together because they need similar sunlight, soil and water conditions. And some plants, when situated next to each other, can even stunt each other's growth. Companion planting involves pairing complementary plants next to each other, to improve the health and yield of your garden. For example, leafy greens like kale and lettuce absorb a lot of nitrogen from the soil, whereas legumes, such as peas and beans, restore nitrogen to the soil. So if you pair these groups together, they can create a balanced environment where both plant groups will thrive.



### 4. Crop rotation

To get the best harvest, rotate your crops so that you don't grow the same plant in the same bed of soil over successive seasons. This will keep the plants from

depleting the nutrients in the soil and reduce the build-up of pests and diseases. It's easy to do this: if you group similar plants together, such as garlic and onions, which both belong to the Allium family, after one year, move them to another bed of soil that hasn't seen Allium plants for at least three years.

### 5. Keep your soil healthy

Healthy plants need healthy soil. Use a spade to turn your soil, keeping it loose and free of clods, which is better for moisture retention and drainage. You can also use organic-based fertilizers, such as compost, to enrich your soil with nutrients. There's no need to buy chemical fertilizer if you can recycle kitchen scraps and garden waste into an organic compost. You can also use mulch in your garden. Pea or sugar cane straw are excellent for mulching as they will decompose slowly and feed the soil. Mulching helps to keep moisture in the soil, decreases weeds and keeps a stable temperature for the soil.



### Here's why you need a garden at home!

Gardening can be hard work! But the benefits of a home garden make gardening worth the effort.

#### Allows for a healthy diet

A home garden gives you the ability to know exactly what produce is going into your meal, where it came from, the method of cultivation and how it was grown.

#### It allows you to save

A home garden is a long-term investment. Your only requirement is to find a little space, but this is soon paid off in fresh veggies and fruits. This is one benefit you will notice in your pocket!

#### Benefits to the body

Moderate physical exercise is good for your cardiovascular system. Planting, nurturing and collecting your crops are a good work out for the body, and we hear it's great for the soul too!

#### Balance your mind

Green hobbies allow an escape from tedious daily activities that generate stress. Studies have confirmed that gardening at home is beneficial to mental health. In the hustle and bustle of city life, it's hard to stop and take a minute to find yourself. By cultivating a garden, you are cultivating your mental health.

#### Great family activity

Gardening is an enriching activity for the family. So make sure to get the whole family involved in the creation of your urban garden. In



the process, you can also educate the little ones about responsible consumption.



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<b>FRI 3RD</b>	<b>COWBOYS vs TITANS • 6pm</b> <b>SHARKS vs STORM • 7.55pm</b>
<b>SAT 4TH</b>	<b>SAMMI &amp; THE JETS</b>
<b>FRI 10TH</b>	<b>WESTS TIGERS vs PANTHERS • 6pm</b> <b>SEA EAGLES vs BRONCOS • 7.55pm</b>
<b>SAT 11TH</b>	<b>JADE HOLLAND BAND</b>
<b>FRI 17TH</b>	<b>PANTHERS vs WARRIORS • 6pm</b> <b>BRONCOS vs ROOSTERS • 7.55pm</b>
<b>SAT 18TH</b>	<b>V-DUBS</b>
<b>FRI 24TH</b>	<b>SEA EAGLES vs TITANS • 6pm</b> <b>KNIGHTS vs ROOSTERS • 7.55pm</b>
<b>SAT 25TH</b>	<b>THE AFTER PARTY</b>
<b>FRI 31ST</b>	<b>EELS vs RABBITOHS • 7.55pm</b>

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**Branxton Veteran Golfers**  
*Results 11-4-19*  
Stableford

Div 1 Winner R Yandle 30 pts (c/b) R/u L Hunt 30 pts 3<sup>rd</sup> G Anderson 29 pts  
Div 2 Winner A Hackett 31 pts (SOD) R/u R Showman 30 pts (c/b) 3<sup>rd</sup> J Atton 30pts Ladies Winner J Harris 28 pts R/u M Hunt 22 pts 3<sup>rd</sup> C Caldwell 21 pts  
NTPs Ladies C Caldwell Gents R Yandle  
Members draw - Not won  
Another glorious Autumn day for our merry band of golfers, to come out and enjoy pleasant weather for a round of golf on the "Ultimate 9" golf course at Branxton, on the fringe of some of the best wineries across the country.  
Congratulations to Alan Hackett on winning his division and achieving the "Score of the Day" and a well done to all other winners and placegetters.

*Results 18-4-19*  
Stableford

Div 1 Winner R Yandle 36 pts (SOD) R/u P Anderson 34 pts 3<sup>rd</sup> T Seamer 33 pts  
Div 2 Winner J Atton 32 pts R/u K Thomas 31 pts 3<sup>rd</sup> R Showman 30 pts (c/b) Ladies Winner R McCarthy 31 pts R/u C Caldwell 24 pts 3<sup>rd</sup> J Harris 23 pts  
NTPs Ladies R McCarthy Gents P Anderson  
Members draw Not won  
Nothing like a top Autumn day to bring out the best in our Veteran Players, as the scores will attest. It was quite crowded at the top. Congratulations to Roger Yandle on winning his division and achieving the "Score of the Day" – Two in a row Roger, what next?? A 'hat trick' maybe. A well done to all other winners and placegetters.

*LN Bootes, Hon Sec*  
**Hunter Valley Golf Club**  
**Sunday 24th March**  
Michael Stewart hs won the Weekly Challenge with a solid 40 points from Scott Armstrong who survived a countback to 2nd spot with 39 points. Ball winners were: Mick Barrett 39, Drew Dewar 38, Rob Bradford 38, Matt Lorenz 38, Lloyd Barrett 37, Ken Blackett v37, Luke Johnson 37 ND Tim Poteris 36 c/b. Nearest-the-Pin to Matt Lorenz (3rd)  
**Tuesday 26th March**  
Paul Smith produced one of his best with 43 points to claim top spot in the Tuesday Stableford from Pacific Dunes visitor Jaylin Lilley with 42 points and Singleton GC's Andrew Campbell in 3rd on countback with 41 points. Ball winners were: Eric Smith 41, Scott Armstrong 39, John Stewart 39, Steve Piggott 39, Gary Arnold 39, Shannon Bluhm v36, Jason Cowburn 36 and Dan Taylor 36 c/b. Nearest-the-Pins went Steve Piggott (3rd) Gary Arnold (10th) and Jason Cowburn (17th)  
**Wednesday 27th March**

Melita Watson has won the Ladies Stableford event with 34 points from Sharon Blackett 33 and Isabel Skeates 3rd with 31 points c/b. Ball winners were: Kerrie-Anne Skinner, Jill Slatter, Mary Fortey, Dianne Oakes and Dale Hamilton.  
Nearest-the-Pins went to Brenda Mannix (3rd) Melita Watson (4th) Jenny Chambers (8th) and Dale Hamilton (17th)  
**Thursday 28th March**  
John Stewart's good form continued with a win in the Vets Stroke round with 65net from Kevin Smith 67 and Wayne Burgess 3rd with 69. Ball winners were: Scott Walker 70, Steve Piggott 72, Steve Rawlings 72, Doug Wand 72, Graeme Flynn 73, Gerry Irwin 73, Ken Harris 74, Dave Fury 74 and Darrell Preston 75. Nearest-the-Pins went to Bruce Chambers (3rd) John Stewart (10th) ND Greg Amlah (17th)  
**Saturday 30th March**  
Rain kept many at home in the Medley Stableford with only the most hardy taking to the course. Andrew Zok won the day with an excellent Par round of 36 points in the tough conditions, Adrian Kent took runner up with 32 points with Stephen Zok collecting 3rd with 30 points. Balls were awarded to Mathew Cluff and Steve Piggott. The sole Nearest-the-Pin went to Mike Carter (3rd)  
**Sunday 31st March**  
Blake Currington from Kurri GC received the Judges nod to win the Weekly Challenge after he and Jarad Hofman had 41 point returns. Ball winners were: Le Hieu 39, Justin Lawrence 38, Todd Jolly 37, Phousang Sihapayna v36, Justin Field v35, Ian Smith 35, Joshua McPaul v35, Jason Buckley v34, Lloyd Barrett 33 and Mathew Cluff v33 c/b  
**Tuesday 2nd April**  
Mark Fullbrook has won the Tuesday Stableford on countback from Scott Ling after both returned 39 points, Graeme Flynn 3rd with 37 points. Ball winners were: Dean Morison 36, Craig Rhodes 36, Brent Janssen v36, Bab Prentice 35, Lindsay Self 35 and Paul Smith 34 c/b. Nearest-the-Pins went to Graeme Flynn (3rd & 10th) John Stewart (4th) Wayne Barber (8th) and Dean Morison (17th)  
**Wednesday 3rd April**  
The 2nd Round of the Golf NSW medal has been won by Karen Baillie with 79 net from Dale Hamilton 80 on countback to Jill Ramsden in 3rd also on countback. Ball winners were: Robin Dunlop, Melita Watson, Christine Tancred, Kerrie-Anne Skinner, Sue Williams and Di Atton  
**Thursday 4th April**  
Bobby Logue showed an instant liking to the Hunter Valley Golf Club layout with 43 points to claim the Vets Medley Stableford with Ken Springbett runner up with 39 points and Ian Cuttriss 3rd with 38. Ball winners were: Bruce Chambers 37, Wayne Cown 37, Wayne Berry 36, Dave Fury 36, Wayne Drayton 36, John Harrison 36, Steve Piggott 36, Don Bradley 36 and Mark Barrow 35 c/b.

Nearest-the-PinsGraeme to Graeme Flynn (3rd) Bobby Logue (4th) John Carmody (10th) and Wayne Drayton (17th)  
**Saturday 6th April**  
Sub Par scoring featured in the Monthly Stroke round with a 4 way countback needed to fill the placings in A Grade where Wayne Barber got the nod from Angelo Wood who both had 69 net, B Grade and the Medal to Peter Puerta with 65 net from Keith Chappell 69 and C Grade to John Barbour with 69 net from Mike Carter 70. Ball Winners were: Craig Sharp 69, Nathan Sweeney 69, Robert Shields 70, Luke Johnston 70, Grant Bruce 70, Todd Mitchell 70, Alex Lascelles 71, David Matt 71, Bruce Chambers 71, Mark Eddy 72, Mick Barrett 72, Ken Harris 72, Ken Springbett 72 and Luke O'Donnell 72 c/b. Nearest-the-Pins went to Ken Harris (3rd) David Matt (4th) Adrian Kent (8th) Wade Attewell (10th) and Jeff Morton (17th)  
**Sunday 7th April**  
Visitors have dominated the Weekly Challenge with Maitland GC member Kain Jones winning the event with 42 points from Stonecutter's Ridge GC member Justin Field on 40 and Bobby Logue in 3rd place with 38 points. Ball winners were: Nathan Pearson v36, Michael McNab 36, Matt Lorenz 36, Phillippe Byron 33, Grahame Mankelov 33, Mark Makin 33 and Tim Poteris 33  
**Tuesday 9th April**  
Gary Arnold has produced a blinder to claim the Tuesday Stableford easily with a magnificent 46 points with Mark Barrow 2nd with 40 and Dave Fury 3rd with 38 points. Ball winners were: Steven Kane 37, Greg Ireland 37, Jason Cowburb 37 Ian Smith 37, Lindsay Self 37, Rex Talbot 37, Elric Biddulph v36, Peter Payne 36, Chris Taggart 36, Garry Clarke 35, Col Bradley 35, Graeme Flynn 35, Rick Turnchini 35 and Dan Taylor 34 c/b. Nearest-the-Pins went to Mark Barrow, Col Bradley, John Stewart and Peter Payne  
**Saturday 12th April**  
The first use of the course following the autumn coring has resulted in solid winning scores with A Grade to Adrian Kent with 42 points from Ken Harris 40 on countback, B Grade to Ken Springbett with 42 points from Paul Bullock 38 on countback and C Grade to Dean Blair with the 'round of the day' 45 points from Craig Smith with 43 points. Ball winners nor NTP's have been released at this time. Next weeks event will be a Blue Tee Medley Stableford.  
**Sunday 14th April**  
Kurri GC visitor Joshua Udbinac has claimed the Weekly Challenge with a solid 41 point return from Shawn Parish on 38 points. No other details have been published at this time.  
**Tuesday 16th April**  
Tony Pham from the Dune GC (Vic) has had a clear win in the Tuesday Stableford with 43 points from Lloyd Barrett 39 and Ian Newell 3rd with 37 points. Ball winners were: Marian Nguyen v36, Gerry Irwin 36,

Lindsay Self 36, Bob Prentice 36, Rick Turnchini 35, Graeme Flynn 35, Garry marsden 35 and Chris Taggart 34 c/b. Nearest-the-Pins went to Lloyd Barrett (3rd) Graeme Flynn (4th) Paul Smith (8th) Col Bradley (10th) and Wayne Barber (17th)  
**Wednesday 17th April**  
Melita Watson has posted a rare 39 point sub Par round in the Ladies Stableford for the win from Dianne Oakes 36 on countback to Leesa Robinson 3rd. Ball winners were: Lorraine Clack 35, Zelma Powell 33, Sue Williams 33, Brenda Mannix 33 and Karen Baillie 33. Nearest-the-Pins went to Dale Hamilton (3rd & 10th) and Karen Baillie (4th & 8th). Next week the Ladies will play an Individual Stableford.  
**Thursday 18th April**  
Michael Watson claimed the Vets Stableford with a solid 41 pints from Graeme Flynn 40 and Howlong GC visitor Phil Day 3rd with 39 points. Ball winners were: Diane Day v38, Kevin Smith 38, Wayne Cowan 38, Ray Boyd 38, Garry Hedges 38, Wayne Berry 37, Steve Piggott 37, Steve Rawlings 37, Wayne Drayton 37, Greg Ireland 37 and Ian Newell 36. Nearest-the-Pins went to Steve Piggot (3rd& 17th) Rex Talbot (4th) Wayne Drayton (8th) and Garry Clarke (10th). David Blackburn has won this weeks raffle. John Stewart was the Misty Glen Wines player of the moth for March. Next week the Vets will play American Stableford  
**Saturday 20th April**  
The Blue Tee Challenge has proven tough once again with few able to beat Par. A

Grade went to Steve Piggott on countback to Shannon Attewell after both posted 35 points. B Grade to Mitch Attewell with 39 points from Paul Bullock 38 and C Grade to Kerrie-Anne Skinner with 39 on countback to Mathew Merlo. Ball winners were: Christian McArdle 37, Peter Attewell 37, Mick Barrett 37, Ray Newton 36, Jill Ramsden 36, Chris Skilton v35, Alex Lascelles 34, Shawn Parish 34, Ken Springbett 34 and Andrew Barrett v34 c/b. Nearest-the-Pins went to Adam Pratten (3rd) David Peel (4th) and Jill Ramsden (8th). Next week's event will be a Medley Stableford.  
**Branxton Golf Club**  
*Saturday, 20 April 2019*  
**SATURDAY COMP**  
**STABLEFORD**  
Field: 51  
Grades A Rodney Wilton 39  
Grades A Edward Barrett 38  
Grades A Stephen Kearney 38  
Grades B Robert Hale 39  
Grades B David Kinch 37  
Grades B Geoff Jones 36  
Grades C Kerrie O'Connell 38  
Grades C Micheal Carling 38  
Grades C Col Hughes 37  
NTP 2/11 A 2nd Isaiah Wolfenstan 60cm  
NTP 4 C 4th Lennard Porter 300cm  
NTP 9/18 B 9th Mick Martin 254cm  
NTP 13 A 13th Joshua Tracey 391cm  
Balls ~ 15 Distributed down to score: 32  
Rod Wilton has enjoyed 2019 showing some of the form he displayed in his more youthful days by winning Saturday's A Grade Stableford with an excellent 39 pts. Local Veteran, Eddie Barrett, fresh from his week

away on the Gold Coast with the Branxton crew was runner up with his 38 pts with Steve Kearney third with the same score. Bob Hale hit his best form for some time, winning B Grade with the day's equal best stableford score of 39 pts, Robert is a passionate Wests Tigers supporter so it is quite appropriate that when Tiger roared at Augusta in the US Masters, our own Tiger won at Branxton!  
Dave Kinch and Geoff Jones were pleased with their days finishing in the minor placings. Kerrie O'Connell showed how it was done by winning C Grade with her creditable 38 pts, defeating Mick Carling on a countback with Col Hughes third with his 37 pts. The shot of the day belonged to Isaiah Wolfenstan on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, with his tee shot finishing only 60 cms away. 32 pts was needed to win a ball. 20 Branxton players returned on Thursday from a very memorable Gold Coast Golf Trip, with many stories to tell. The only comment I can really make is, "what happens on a golf trip stays on a golf trip!" Suffice to say that Mark Moylan won the spoils with the best overall score for the week, making his trip a little less expensive.  
*Saturday, 27 April 2019*  
**STABLEFORD**  
Field: 49  
Grades A Greg Noble 39  
Grades A Edward Barrett 38  
Grades A David Kinch 38  
Grades B Neil Bridge 40  
Grades B Gary Walsh 34  
Grades B Paul Bush 33  
Grades C Trent Mcgee 38  
Grades C Mark Davey 35  
Grades C Mick Lutovac 31  
NTP 2/11 C 2nd Lennard Porter 212cm

NTP 4 A 4th Edward Barrett 320cm  
NTP 9/18 B 9th Kelvin Mather 20cm  
Greg Noble won Saturday's A Grade with a very impressive 39 pts, just ahead of local super veteran Eddie Barrett with 38 pts with Dave Kinch's 38 pts good enough for third place. Eddie's round included a nearest to pin on the 4<sup>th</sup> showing his prowess with his short game. Neil Bridge recorded the day's best stableford score in winning B Grade with his 40 pts, well clear of runner up Gary Walsh's 34 pts and Paul Bush with his 33 pts. It was good to see "Barney" back in action after being laid up last week with a virus— apparently picked up on the Branxton to Gold Coast trip. Trent McGee won C Grade with his 38 pts, again well clear of the field with Mark Davey runner up with 35 pts and Mick Lutovac's 31 pts. The shot of the day was easily won by Kelvin Mather on the 9<sup>th</sup> with his tee shot finishing only 20 cms away. The DSR for the day was a 70, indicating that the course was quite difficult on Saturday. Next Saturday is a very interesting event, a team's event, 6x6x6, with various scores tallied up for three different sections of the round—every 6 holes—quite challenging when one of the sections includes the stableford scores of all three players—the pressure will be on. This will be followed by the long drive competition which was recently cancelled due to wet weather. Each grade, including veterans, is included, so everyone can show their wares and have a chance.

**DO YOU REMEMBER?**

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**Winners are Grinners!**



*PHOTO:* Our local champions, at back L-R, Tegan Bard, Kristy Harris, Nocole Smith, Rebecca Thrift, Leah Thomas, Kerri-Ann Clark, Annie Bolton & front, Elisa Nevin & Haley Folpp. The photo was taken just after their 'back-to-back' win.

Our local netball team has won their 'grand final' for the second year running. The girls went into the semis with only one loss for the season. Most of the team have been together since they played in the under tens with only a few changes along the way. Under the guidance of their coach, Sue McGregor, the team has shown some great skills, but, as Sue said the most important thing is, they are great friends. The team has two representative players, Kristy Harris (Goal Keeper) & Haylie Folpp (Goal Defence). The team was adamant that their success is because of their coach Sue & they would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her time & the effort she put into their team throughout the season.

**CONGRATULATIONS TEAM!!!**

# BRANXTON GRETA VINEYARDS

## Greta – Branxton United Cricket Club Presentation/Awards 2018-19

The Greta/Branxton United Cricket Club's annual senior's presentation/Awards night was held at the Royal Federal Hotel on the night of Friday 12th April. With a healthy crowd of 80 in attendance, awards were received by the following:

**Rookie of the Year** Ethen Spliet-Miller  
**Most Promising Junior** Connor Thomson  
**Dixie Duggan Memorial** Sam Hines (Fourth Grade) 6-11 off 7  
**Best Bowling Performance in the Club** vs Wine Country at Miller 2 – 20.10.18  
**Keith Thomas Perpetual** Brett Bridge (First Grade) 120 (56 balls)  
**Best Batting Performance in the Club** vs Wine Country at Miller 1 – 24.11.18  
**Brian "Yakka" Yates Memorial** Connor Thomson 282 runs at 31.33  
**All Rounder Award** and 23 wickets at 11.78  
**"Axsentieff Family" Encouragement Award** Ben Miezis  
**Adrian Stafa Memorial "Team Player" Award** Doug Engel  
**"Bertie Ironmonger" Outstanding Performance** Greg Andrews (First Grade) 102no off 74 balls vs Supporters at Baddeley 1 to guide his team to victory with Greta/Branxton 8-75 chasing 184. 27.10.18  
**"Chris Charnock Perpetual" Most Valued Player** Martin Shearer  
**"Kevin Bridge Memorial" Most Valued Clubperson** Martin Shearer  
**First Grade**  
 Batting Aggregate & Average Nathan Holz 328 runs at 65.60  
 Bowling Aggregate & Average Martin Shearer 38 wickets at 9.89  
**Second Grade**  
 Batting Aggregate & Average Connor Thomson 282 runs at 31.33  
 Bowling Aggregate Connor Thomson 23 wickets  
 Bowling Average Anthony Brunson 17 wickets at 9.35  
**Third Grade (Blue)**  
 Batting Aggregate Ben Lahey 242 runs  
 Batting Average Ryan O'Donnell 226 runs at 45.20  
 Bowling Aggregate & Average Jarrad Wilkinson 16 wickets at 19.31  
**Third Grade (White)**  
 Batting Aggregate & Average Jamie McNamara 469 runs at 52.11  
 Bowling Aggregate & Average Jamie McNamara 20 wickets at 16.80

**Fourth Grade**  
 Batting Aggregate & Average Blake Campbell 233 runs at 33.29  
 Bowling Aggregate Sam Hines 30 wickets  
 Bowling Average Correy Stone 26 wickets at 8.50  
**Hundred Club** Greg Andrews (First Grade) 102no vs Supporters at Baddeley 1 – 27.10.18  
 Joey Butler (First Grade) 117no vs Peden's Hotel at East End – 10.11.18  
 Brett Bridge (First Grade) 120 vs Wine Country at Miller 1 – 24.11.18  
 Nathan Holz (T20 Tier 1) 108no vs Mulbring at East End – 5.1.19  
 Jamie McNamara (Third Grade White) 100 vs Bellbird at Jeffery Park – 10.11.18  
 Andrew Wright (Third Grade Blue) vs Laguna at Laguna – 1.12.18  
**First Grade Player's Player** Martin Shearer  
**Second Grade Player's Player** Connor Thomson  
**Third Grade (Blue) Player's Player** Ryan O'Donnell  
**Third Grade (Blue) Captain's Choice** Steve Wilkinson  
**Third Grade (White) Player's Player** Daniel Minchin  
**Fourth Grade Player's Player** Correy Stone & Daniel McCann  
**Cessnock District Representatives Senior:-** Joey Butler, Nathan Holz, Martin Shearer, Greg Andrews, Patrick Andrews  
**Junior Presentation**  
**U/12's**  
**Batting Aggregate** Jesse Wright 120 runs  
**Batting Average** Charlie Wilton 111 runs at 55.50  
**Bowling Aggregate & Average** Jesse Wright 9 wickets at 16.11  
**Coach's Award** Braydon Wyborn  
**Most Improved Player** Nathan Kedwell  
**U/14's**  
**Batting Aggregate & Average** Harry McNamara 179 runs at 19.89  
**Bowling Aggregate & Average** Harry McNamara 12 wickets at 9.92  
**Coach's Award** Ian See  
**Most Improved Player** Riley Hawes

# The NewsSPORT



Connor Thomson receives the "Best All Rounder" award from life member Roslyn Shearer.



Ben Miezis receives the "Axsentieff Family" Encouragement award from Dave Axsentieff.



Correy Stone accepts the "Dixie Duggan Memorial" Best Bowling Performance award on behalf of winner Sam Hines from life member Jamie Millard.



Joey Butler accepts the "Keith Thomas Perpetual" Best Batting Performance award on behalf of winner Brett Bridge from life member Keith Thomas.



Rookie of the Year winner Ethen Spliet-Miller with life member Brian Thomas



Most Promising Junior winner Connor Thomson with life member Peter MacKenzie



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