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Draft program released for coming Greta Army Camp & Greta Migrant Camp Anniversary Celebrations

Preparations for the up-coming 2-day Anniversary Celebrations for the Greta Army Camp & Greta Migrant Camp, hosted by the local business chamber, are well advanced with a draft program completed.

The 'CELEBRATING GRETA ARMY & MIGRANT CAMP 1939 - 1960' anniversary celebrations is to be held on Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th November on the original Army/Migrant Camp site. "We are celebrating the 80th Anniversary year of the Greta Army Camp which was the largest training establishment in Australia during World War 2, training well over 60,000 men for service in the AIF," said Brett Wild, President of the local business chamber. "The camp starting being built in

November 1939, and received the first soldiers of the 2/11 Battalion of the 6th Division AIF on the 15 November 1939."

"The camp was also used to train troops that were deployed as Occupation Forces in Japan after the war."

In 1949 the camp site was transferred to the Department of Immigration and became the home of over 100,000 migrants fleeing worn torn Europe and looking for a new home; the camp closed in 1960. The ownership of the site reverted back to the Dept of Defence and was finally sold at public auction in 1980," said Brett.

"The event will be an amazing opportunity not only to celebrate the sacrifice and dedication of those veterans but will also enable us to educate the public

about a part of history regarding Greta and the how the camp also became home to 100,000 migrants that called Australia home.

"Additionally the migrants that called Greta home went to work on the Snowy Mountains River Scheme, BHP in Newcastle, the outback of Queensland, New South Wales working on the rail lines.

"The cane fields in Queensland also benefited by the influx of the migrants. They were proudly known for their work ethic," said Brett

Also, there will be ethnic dancing and food on site, with market stalls, kids zone, helicopter rides.

Saturday 9 November: Open address HOPEFULLY by His Excellency the new Commonwealth Governor General - General David John

Hurley, AC, DSC, FTSE

- Parade of vehicles troops, bands, etc.
- Re-enactor displays,
- Fly-over's of aircraft, C130 Hercules, Tiger Moth and MRH90 throughout the day,
- Food and cooking displays,
- Band marching playing tunes between other displays this would be from say 11am - 4.00 pm / 5.00pm
- Mock battle runs with tanks and artillery & Mass Pipes and Drums to finish the day
- Sunday 10 November:**
- Parade of vehicles troops, bands, etc.
- Re-enactor displays
- Fly-over's of aircraft, C130 Hercules, Tiger Moth and MRH90 throughout the day,
- Food and cooking displays,
- Light Horse Display,
- Band marching playing tunes between other displays this would be from say 11am - 4.00
- Mock battle runs with tanks and artillery & Mass Pipes and Drums to finish the day.

Currently the organisers are registering those who which to take up a stall space for both days. If you would like more details please call Brett on 4938 3710.

Cessnock City Council's 2019/20 Dollar for Dollar Grant Scheme is now open!

Community groups within the Cessnock Local Government Area (LGA) can now apply for funding under Council's 2019/20 Dollar for Dollar Grants Scheme.

The Grant Scheme is about supporting community, cultural, sporting and environmental projects that improve and enhance community life in our LGA.

Council believes in investing in the community and recognises the invaluable contribution that community groups make to our social well-being, economic advancement, environmental improvement and the development of a vibrant community.

Council currently offers four Dollar for Dollar Grant Schemes:

- Sporting Facilities
- Community Facilities
- Community & Cultural Development
- Sustainable Communities - Tidy Towns

Council has \$20,000 available within the Sporting Facilities Dollar for Dollar Grant Scheme and \$20,000 in the Community Facilities Dollar for Dollar Grant Scheme to distribute to sporting and community groups. All applicants for Sporting and Community Facilities grants must contact Council's Recreation & Community Liaison Officer Kate Hicks on 4993 4234 prior to lodging an application.

Council has \$25,000 available within the Community and Cultural Development Dollar for Dollar Grant Scheme to distribute to not-for-profit community, arts and cultural groups. All applicants must contact Council's Community and Cultural Engagement Officer Jo Miller on 4993 4258 prior to lodging an application.

Council has \$10,000 available within the Sustainable Communities - Tidy Towns dollar for dollar grant scheme to distribute to not-for-profit community environmental groups to undertake projects that make 'on the ground' improvements to the local environment, encourage community pride and promote a positive community image. All applicants must contact Council's Sustainability Officer Tricia Donnelly on 4993 4239 prior to lodging an application.

Applications close 5pm Friday 6 September 2019. The Guidelines and Application Form are available at www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au/community/grants/council----



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Nominations are now open for the City of Cessnock Hall of Fame!

Nominations for the City of Cessnock Hall of Fame are now open. The City of Cessnock Hall of Fame celebrates local individuals and families who have a strong association with the local government area and have attained noteworthy distinction in their field of endeavour. Inductees are honoured for their tremendous achievements and contributions. There are six categories of recognition:

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

Previous inductees to the City of Cessnock Hall of Fame include Arthur Francis CSC, OAM for his commendable military achievements and Uncle Les Elvin for his distinguished efforts in the education and art in the Aboriginal community of Cessnock.

Cessnock City Mayor, Councillor Bob Pynsent said this is an opportunity to recognise exceptional individuals in our community. "I encourage everyone to take a stroll around our Hall of Fame at the Cessnock Performing Arts Centre and learn about those who have been inducted. We are truly home to some special and talented people." To find the guidelines of entry and the nomination form please see <http://www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au/halloffame>.

Cessnock City Council opposes cost shifting by NSW Government

Cessnock City Council has criticised the NSW Government, following a report by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) into local government election costs. The draft IPART report makes recommendations resulting in the cost of next year's local government election rising significantly for local councils. It's anticipated for Cessnock City Council to engage the NSW Electoral Commission to conduct the 2020 local government election it would cost \$465,000. This represents a cost increase of over 61% since the 2016 election. Cessnock City Mayor, Councillor Bob Pynsent called this a cost shifting exercise by the NSW Government that is unacceptable. "Local government continues to experience high levels of cost

shifting at the hands of the NSW Government. This decision directly impacts the pockets of our local residents." "Our Council opposes this decision to transfer the operational costs of the NSW Electoral Commission to the local government sector. This puts our Council under significant financial strain and unfortunately makes rate rises more likely." Council will make a submission in relation to the report's findings. This will include highlighting the uncertainty around the ability and costs associated with engaging a third party to conduct the 2020 election. To view the report visit www.ipart.nsw.gov.au.

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The public are hereby notified pursuant to Section 101 of the Environmental Planning Assessment Act, 1979 (as amended) that the following applications have been granted consent during the period from 1 June 2019 to 30 June 2019.

Locality	Reference	Decision Date	Property Address	Application Description
BRANXTON	008/2019/00000273/001	12-Jun-2019	52 Russell ST	Use existing premises for the purpose of a Transport Depot (Up to 8 Bus Vehicles) including associated landscaping
BRANXTON	008/2019/00000279/001	14-Jun-2019	LOT: 1 DP: 1232751 Railway ST	Construct Rail Infrastructure New Rollingstock Condition Monitoring Facility
EAST BRANXTON	008/2019/00000292/001	6-Jun-2019	18 Yates ST	Single Storey Dwelling with Attached Garage
EAST BRANXTON	008/2019/00000102/001	13-Jun-2019	16 George ST	Storage Shed and attached Carport
ELLALONG	008/2019/00000082/001	18-Jun-2019	137 Dry Creek RD	Convert Existing Building to a Dwelling to Create Detached Dual Occupancy
GRETA	008/2019/00000072/001	3-Jun-2019	3 Lewis ST	One (1) Lot Into Two (2) Lot Torrens Title Subdivision and Construction of a Dwelling on Vacant Lot
GRETA	008/2019/00000353/001	19-Jun-2019	8 Horne CL	Single Storey Dwelling with Attached Garage
LOVEDALE	008/2018/00000763/001	12-Jun-2019	15 The Ballabourneen	Subdivision of land to create 3 Lots from 2 Existing Lots
NORTH ROTHBURY	008/2019/00000272/001	6-Jun-2019	33 Harkin RD	Exhibition Home
NORTH ROTHBURY	008/2019/00000294/001	7-Jun-2019	74 Kesterton RISE	Retaining Wall
NORTH ROTHBURY	008/2019/00000145/001	11-Jun-2019	31 Kinnavane RD	Subdivision of One (1) Lot Into Two (2) Lots
NORTH ROTHBURY	008/2019/00000293/001	13-Jun-2019	7 Jolley RD	Single Storey Dwelling with Attached Garage
NORTH ROTHBURY	008/2019/00000315/001	19-Jun-2019	7 Emerton RD	Single Storey Dwelling with Attached Garage
POKOLBIN	008/2018/00000918/001	6-Jun-2019	327 O'Connors RD	Construction of a New Restaurant (attached to the existing Winery and Cellar Door) and a New Front Entrance Gate
POKOLBIN	008/2019/00000308/001	27-Jun-2019	22 Paperbark DR	Two Storey Dwelling with Basement, Attached Garage, Associated Retaining Walls & Inground Swimming Pool
ROTHBURY	008/2019/00000335/001	19-Jun-2019	778 Old North RD	Concrete Swimming Pool

Free tree giveaway 2019

Have you built a new home during the 2018/2019 financial year? Did you know you can get up to six free plants for your property from Cessnock City Council?

There is a range of trees and shrubs available from ground covers like Creeping Boobalia through to shrubs including Murraya, Bottlebrush and Grevillea, which can reach three metres in height.

Application forms are available from Council's Customer Service Officers, Vincent Street, Cessnock or via Council's website at www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au.

Completed application forms must be received no later than 5pm Friday 23 August 2019.

Any enquires regarding the application for supply of trees and shrubs should be directed to Councils Vegetation & Civic Spaces Coordinator, Lyall Green, on 4993 4100.



Stronger Country Community Funding Round Three

Cessnock City Council will submit several applications for the Cessnock Local Government Area under the Round Three of the NSW Government's Stronger Country Communities Fund (SCCF). Round Three of the SCCF has a clear focus on youth and Council has embraced this opportunity to seek funding for projects that will have a clear benefit for young people.

Funding will be sought for the construction of a regional skatepark at Mount View Park, Cessnock. It would incorporate concrete flow style bowl, street style course, seating ledges, viewing deck, trees, pathways, car parking, lighting, drainage and picnic facilities. The project has a price tag of \$1.6 million.

The application also includes Council seeking funding for Cessnock Pool and the installation of a splash pad. This would feature slides, fountains, tipping buckets and a whole lot of fun for all the family. Council has already secured \$242,355 in funding for the project under Round Two of SCCF, however the entire project is costed to \$1 million.

Council will apply for funding to install a commercial kitchen at the Cessnock Youth and Outreach Services Centre (CYCOS). The installation of a kitchen will be of huge benefit to our younger residents as it will enable for the delivery of education programs focusing on healthy eating and increasing life skills. The cost of this project is estimated to be up to \$80,000. An application will also be lodged seeking grant funding for much needed upgrades to facilities at Birrale Park, Kurri Kurri. This would include the demolition of existing amenities and replacement with a fit for purpose facility with toilets, change rooms, referee rooms, a first aid room, storage and kiosk. The upgrade estimated to cost



around \$800,000.

Cessnock City Mayor, Councillor Bob Pynsent said it's important Council takes every opportunity to apply for grant funding.

"Council continues to look for opportunities to boost funding in our community. This is a step in the right direction to provide better facilities for everyone in our community and in particular for the youth of Cessnock."

Council will lodge the applications by 27 September 2019. For more information please visit <http://www.nsw.gov.au/strongercountrycommunities>.

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STEVE'S RANT

The essence of good Government; stay out

In last weekend's Australian newspaper, the opinion columnist Peter Van Onselen criticised the Federal Government for not having a list of policies to pursue over the next three years. What he and the Labor party under Albo do not realise is that Australians don't want an interfering federal government trying to ram so called progressive policies down our collective throats. We are not geese being prepared for foie gras.

It seems the Morrison Government has got it right. Australians, the average punter as it were, wishes only to be able to get on with their lives, careers or dreams and just have government keep the country ticking over calmly whilst being able to react to emergency situations. Without inventing new policies to keep the luvvies happy there are plenty of problems facing this country which a little bit of bipartisan co-operation in each level of government can address. But first the business of federation needs to be sorted out and the separate responsibilities between state and federal governments firmly agreed to. The hopeless duplication of so many government functions in this country has given the states, rightly so, a bad reputation for doing, among other things, dodging responsibly and or shifting funds between different portfolios to buy votes or kick a can down the street and blaming the federal government for problems which are clearly of their

own making. Likewise, the federal government using the dysfunction of state governments to expand the reach of the 'Federal Bureaucracy' into areas of our personal lives. The classic example of this is making federal laws in relationship to human rights, gender bending, hate speech, religious freedoms and other touchy-feely crap which is outside the constitution and used by different identity groups to shut down open discussion on things they object to. These matters are best resolved by common law. Could we just remove the Federal Government Departments of Education, Health, Energy and Primary Production and let the States deal with these matters as they traditionally and competently did before 1972. This would sheet home the responsibility of these most important public functions to where they belong and make state governments accountable. If you lived in a state that became, in your mind dysfunctional, you can move to a state which reflects your expectations. Just because you have always barracked for the Reds or the Blues should be no bar to your leaving the state of your birth. Just as there are more ethnic Greeks in Melbourne than there are in Athens. Be flexible.

So, the pressing problems facing federal parliament are in order of priority; remove the duplication of responsibilities between state and federal parliament so that ducking and weaving cannot occur; implement the Bradshaw

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water diversion scheme; commence planning for and implement a national nuclear industry; upgrade the order for new submarines to be nuclear powered; commence a programme to remove legislation which hinders the rights of individuals and delays private enterprise development. Of course, there is the drought, reconciliation with our indigenous peoples and the business of returning jihadists terrorists. But these only require bipartisan support and a couple of sitting days in federal parliament to fix. What state governments must do is fulfil their responsibilities as outlined above within their budget, with particular emphasis on providing cheap energy.

One further point, what percentage of the Department of Veterans Affairs budget is set aside to hire top lawyers in order to fight veterans claims for disability and compensation? So far it has been millions. How can it be fair that the Department can spend public money (our money) to defeat the claims of veterans but there is no money to provide the veteran with an equal level of legal representation. Is suicide their only option? And why when so much of taxpayer's money is spent trying to defeat people who no longer have the will to fight and why is a Royal Commission into veteran suicide too expensive for the Commonwealth?

Cheers, Steve



with Mike Lowing

I have met Mark Hughes only the once & it was prior to his diagnosis with brain cancer. I asked him why he retired so young as an elite rugby league player & his answer put into perspective for me how tough the game is at that level. He said it's a hard & tough game & that the injury toll was catching up & it hurt when he played. But his biggest physical challenge was yet to appear.

He was diagnosed with brain cancer in 2013. After his diagnosis he, & wife Kirralee, formed the Mark Hughes Foundation (MHF). Their mission was to raise much needed funds for research & to create awareness and to support brain cancer patients and their families. The foundation has gone from strength to strength & locally, just last month, the local Wildcats Soccer Club held a very successful fund raising weekend for Mark & Kirralee. Their main avenue for fundraising, inter alia, is the sale of 'Beanies for Brain Cancer' &, to date, it has raised over \$3million; a remarkable achievement on its own. The support they have

received is amazing. Just last week I received a missive from the NSW Police who had organised more than a 100 police to join the 'Beanie for Brain Cancer' awareness campaign. The rostered officers wore official police beanies during their shifts at six Sydney NRL games in Round 19. A great initiative from Commissioner Mick Fuller. Brain cancer is the leading cause of cancer death in children, and adults aged under 40 in Australia, yet alarmingly very little is known about brain cancer, its causes or how it is treated. That is why the Mark Hughes Foundation was formed so that research can be carried out to decrease mortality rates and decrease the incident of brain cancer in Australia. Brain cancer research receives very little funding; only 3% of federal government funding. Go to the below website if you would like to help. donate.markhughesfoundation.com.au/donate/ Cheers, Mike

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The visits from a volunteer can be tailored to fit in with the client and their family. This organisation is funded by Hunter Area Health and controlled by a Management Committee made up of people from the community. Our AGM this year will be held on Wednesday 18th September at 1pm in the Dangar Conference room at Singleton Hospital. Our Treasurer is retiring from the position at the AGM after 2 years in the role.

We are now in a good financial position and would like to see a finance savvy person take on the role to keep us this way.

Our monthly Management Committee meetings run for approximately 1 hour – currently on the first Wednesday of each month. The Coordinator is available to assist the Treasurer to compile the monthly report to the Committee. Our service uses MYOB and is audited annually. Please contact the Coordinator 6572 2121 or 0407 072 610 if you would like more information



EDITORIAL

Cessnock Councils retiring GM Stephen Glen

While Local Government councils in Australia are defined by the work of their staff, they all need a figure-head and a leader to act as the face of the entity, and to shape their elected councillors decisions & strategy. That's where a good leader comes in. We are very fortunate in our area to have three very competent GM's; David Evans in Maitland, Jason Linnane in Singleton & Cessnock's Stephen Glen. Unfortunately, Cessnock City Council's General Manager, Stephen Glen has announced his resignation

after more than five years in the position. Stephen came after a prior very forgettable GM & was a breath of fresh air from day one. Mayor Bob Pynsent got it absolutely correct when he said of Stephen *he has led Council with integrity and excellence, with community needs at the forefront of his mind. His knowledge of local government and extensive experience has ensured Council is in a strong position.* Enjoy a your retirement after a job well done.



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Miller Park home of the Wildcats - facility upgrades for all user groups to benefit!

Greta Branxton Football Club take great pride in their home ground at Miller Park, Branxton.

It has been the clubs home since their beginning, 51 years ago. The club certainly started with humble beginnings with a handful of players and 1 field.

Fifty one years on the club has 2 main fields, 9 mini roos fields, a great clubhouse facility with team change rooms, toilets, canteen & storage and is growing every year with over 450 players this season.

Greta Branxton Football (Soccer) Club is passionate about their grounds and improvement of facilities for all of their members. The club has many plans in place, in conjunction with the councils master plan of Miller Park.

The first step of club plans was to upgrade the front area of the club house. This has recently been completed with improved drainage and a completed concrete area in front of the

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building and along the left hand side. This work was completed by Greta Braxton Football Club with \$19,000 of their own club funds as well as a \$15,000 NSW State Governments, Community Building Partnership Grant. President Luke Thrift said 'This has been a huge improvement for our club and its facilities that the committee have been working on tirelessly in the background. Players and spectator

experiences are now improved here after rainy days where they can now keep feet dry & not need gum boots just to walk to a field, after windy days the dust is not blowing up into peoples faces as it previously was, it has improved wheelchair access to all of the facility especially to the disabled toiled and has improved the canteen facility with dust not blowing up towards canteen & BBQ cooking areas, with people having a much better experience even standing around grabbing a bite to eat and watching a game. The club have had many community members ask, and to clarify, it is council who have added the picnic table behind the facility, the rest of the upgrade has been council approved but football club driven and funded while working with council for approvals that fit within the masterplan guidelines. The club is not stopping here. Greta Branxton Football Club have plans for seating along field fencing, grandstands & under cover wet weather areas, lights & irrigation upgrades as well as lighting

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on junior fields & further irrigation as well as upgrades and Improved carparks & fencing. Wildcats Stage 2 plan is already underway! A stage that so many of the community will greatly benefit from. The Football Club & Little Athletics have joined together for facilities improvement and have been short listed for the 'My Community Project' Grant with NSW

government to build an ALL WEATHER UNDER COVER AREA over the new concrete area at Miller Park. This will give us 'all weather areas' down field 1 side of the building & out the front of the canteen area, with an all weather shelter covering half of the new concrete area. It will be a great under cover sheltered area for everyone at Miller Park on rainy days, protection in

thunderstorms & protection from the sun & heat in the extremes of summer. Soccer, Summer 6s, Little Athletics, Touch Football, School Sports Carnivals and many sporting groups WILL ALL BENEFIT!!! Greta Branxton Football Club Secretary Lauren Fairfull said "Whether it be a school athletics carnival, our own football training afternoon or game day, an athletics meet, or touch football game day; We all have large groups of children where we need to get

them out of the heat before or after sports, have them under shelter while a storm passes, or even moving spectators and players out of the drizzle while games still go ahead so everyone doesn't end up wet and cold. This will be a great addition to our town facility if we get the go ahead." President Luke said "We need help from every single club member and their individual members, families and friends (living in the Cessnock council area) to jump on below and vote for our grant, so this shortlisted project can get enough votes to win! The projects with the most votes get the go ahead! 'It's a big chance to improve Miller Park here guys & It takes only a couple minutes to help and complete your vote. You just need a MyServiceNSW Account & your medicare card to vote. It's now up to you now to help improve your facilities at Miller park! Even community members who don't use the facility now may have little children and will be there for many years to come in the future."

You can click on the Greta Branxton Football Club Facebook page & find the video with our club president Luke showing more details of the project & the importance of voting.

Here's the link to vote if you want to help improve these facilities:

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/improving-nsw/projects-and-initiatives/my-community-project/>
The Greta Branxton (Soccer) Football Club are working hard to create a state of the art facility in our town that everyone will be proud of and enjoy using and they would live your help

Nominate now for 2020 'Women of the year'

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Our local state members are encouraging residents to highlight the brilliant women in their personal and professional lives, with nominations now open for the 2020 NSW Women of the Year Awards.

So many women pour their heart and soul into their careers, families and volunteer work, strengthening and enriching our community. These women are inspiring role models for all young women and girls in the Upper Hunter electorate.

Women can be nominated in seven award categories:
NSW Premier's Award Woman of the Year
NSW Aboriginal Woman of the Year
Community Hero Award

Rex Airlines Regional Woman of the Year Award
Harvey Normal Young Woman of the Year Award
NSW Business Woman of the Year Award

First State Super Lifetime Achievement Award
Nominations for 2020 close on Friday 25 October 2019. For further information or to submit a nomination please visit:

www.women.nsw.gov.au.

Winners will be announced at an Awards ceremony at the International Convention Centre Sydney on Thursday, 5 March 2020, ahead of International Women's Day.

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"One's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions" - Jesus

On the surface, the request of someone in the crowd for Jesus to tell his brother to divide the family inheritance seems like a fair and reasonable request. It is age old dispute ... who gets what of the things and of the wealth left behind by a deceased person. Rather than being a referee of this dispute, Jesus states the obvious "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions" [Luke 12.15] and then He tells a parable to make His point clear. Jesus tells a parable from common experience that we can relate to, but it is not simply a story. The parable invites us, even challenges us, to actively think about and reflect on the story, the circumstances and the outcomes, and to make our own responses to the story before us. Interpreting the parable places the responsibility for our responses directly in our own hands. The man in the parable owned land that produced in abundance. Not having enough space to store the produce and being preoccupied with this, the man decided to build bigger and better storage facilities, so that the produce could be stored for future years. Feeling good about his decisions and his planning for his future, the man decides that he can now relax and enjoy life because he has taken care of his future. But there is no need of future plans because his life is cut short thus leaving his possessions and provisions for others. All the future planning and storing up of wealth provided no security for this man. Without a relationship with God, this man has nothing. Possessions are temporal and the preoccupation with accumulating and increasing them prevents us from attending to our relationship with God, which is eternal and life's true and lasting treasure. Jesus encourages us to live for God and have faith that our security lies in our relationship with God rather than in the treasures of this life. As Jesus says, "one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." [Luke 12.15] This week, I invite you to consider where your treasure is and to deepen your relationship with God, the true treasure.

Every Blessing, Reverend Nicole

Members say



Bob Pynsent, Mayor Cessnock City Council

Behind the Mayors desk

Last week marked Cessnock City Council's General Manager, Stephen Glen's last Council meeting. It was an opportunity to formally recognise and acknowledge the hard work of Mr Glen in the role for the last six years. Stephen secured the role in 2013 and led the Council out of a tumultuous time, his greatest achievement included seeing Council being deemed 'Fit for the Future'.

This period of financial sustainability also saw a more positive staff culture. Staff service awards were commenced and staff achievements were recognised regularly. Improvements were introduced across Council to increase efficiency and services delivered to the community. A can do attitude was adopted that has resulted in record grant funding being secured by Council. On behalf of the residents of the Cessnock Local Government Area I thanked Stephen for his dedication and wished him all the best in his retirement.

Cessnock City Council is getting involved in Local Government Week. This is running from 20 July to 4 August and aims to increase the community understanding of Council's roles and responsibilities. This year's theme is "Your Council" and Council is excited to share a program of events for the community to enjoy and celebrate everything local government.

The much loved and anticipated School Leaders' Breakfast is on again this year. This year's special guest speaker, Damian Thomlinson will present to students. He'll be talking about his powerful story of strength, survival and life after the military. Our libraries are also getting involved holding many events, to find out what's on visit libraries.cessnock.nsw.gov.au.

Some exciting additions to our celebrations include a free e-SAFETY presentation on Thursday 1 August at Cessnock Performing Arts Centre from 9:30am to 11am and a panel with Council's Finance Team about all things rates and finance. For

residents wanting to find out more about the Cessnock Waste Management Centre, a behind the scenes tour was offered at 10am Monday 29 July and 2:30pm Tuesday 30 July.

If you would like to see the program of events visit www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au/community/events-ceremonies/lgw2019.
Cheers, Bob



JOEL FITZGIBBON MP
Member for Hunter

How long does it take to plan and design a town bypass? Not as long as it has taken in the case of Singleton surely. One sure way to delay spending money is to delay a project and that is exactly what the NSW Government has been doing with respect to the Hunter's worse traffic nightmare. The Muswellbrook Bypass has been even longer in the making.

The Commonwealth Government has no technical body like the RMS. It relies on State Governments to determine priorities and to design the solutions. The Federal Government can't assist in the funding of projects that don't yet exist. Out of frustration with the failure of the NSW Government to progress the Singleton bypass, prior to the recent federal election I persuaded my own team not wait any longer and to promise \$250 million upfront in the hope of making the NSW Government give more urgency to the Singleton project.

Each morning I wake up to the ABC's local pre-6am news local traffic report and the RMS spokesperson usually begins their overview by reporting on the Singleton situation. The irony is that the traffic congestion is caused largely by the economic activity the coal mining industry provides, the same industry which puts so much money in to the NSW Government's coffers. It's past time we were given a Singleton Bypass.

In good news for the area's mobile network coverage issues, Telstra proposes to install mobile base stations at McCully's Gap near Muswellbrook and at Howes Valley under Round 4 of the Mobile Blackspot Program. Inadequate mobile coverage and data speeds are a significant issue for people living, working and travelling in the Hunter. The new mobile towers will go some way to improving services for residents.

Feedback on the proposed sites of the base stations can be given at <https://www.communications.gov.au/what-we-do/phone/mobile-services-and-coverage/mobile-black-spot-program>

My office can provide advice and assistance with Federal Government agencies including: Centrelink; Immigration; Veterans' Affairs; Child Support; National Disability Agency; Medicare; Australian Taxation Office and Aged Care matters.

I can also arrange for a congratulatory message to be sent to people celebrating their 50th, 60th and subsequent milestone wedding anniversaries as well as for 90th and subsequent milestone birthdays.

There are a number of ways you can stay in touch with what I'm up to around the Hunter and in Parliament House. You can contact my office or connect with me on social media. Facebook- Joel FitzgibbonMP Twitter- Fitz-Hunter Instagram- FitzMP
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Cheers, Joel



Clr Melanie Dagg - Deputy Mayor & Cessnock City Councillor representing Ward 'C'

You may have read recently that Council was successful in obtaining grant funding to commence the revitalisation of Branxton's main street. More than \$400,000 has been allocated for improvements along the northern side (IceBox side) of Maitland Street, which will include pavement upgrades, tree planting and street furniture. This will then link to a new formalised carpark at Branxton Oval and upgrades around John Rose Avenue and the Rotunda. Works will commence shortly, and I'm really excited to see the final product.

Plastic Free July may be coming to an end but that's no reason why you can't stop making more sustainable choices when it comes to single-use plastics. Plastic litter is not just an eyesore in the community, but it's a waste of resources and poses a problem for Councils and the waste management sector endeavouring to reduce the amount of rubbish going into

landfill. Most importantly, it becomes a problem for future generations to combat, so we all have a responsibility to reduce the waste we generate. If you would like to reduce your waste consumption there are five easy disposable items you can replace as a first step: water bottles, takeaway utensils, coffee cups, straws and plastic bags. If you'd like more information on how you can be part of the solution and reduce your plastic waste, go to www.plasticfreejuly.org

Last week I attended a community meeting at Heddon Greta, at the request of the Heddon Greta Residents Action Group, to discuss the very real planning and traffic problems they are facing. The meeting was attended by more than 200 people as well as Council representatives and the State Member for Cessnock, Mr Clayton Barr. The issues are complex and cover a number of levels of government going back about two decades, but the desired outcomes are obvious and this was a wonderful example of the community working together with their Councillors and State Member to ramp up lobbying efforts of State Government Departments.
Cheers, Melanie



Member for Cessnock Clayton Barr MP

Raising the BARR THE TRUTH IS OUT – THE MASS FISH KILLS WERE CAUSED BY HUMANS, NOT DROUGHT

Late in 2018 and early in 2019 our news was filled with reports of the mass fish kills out on the Darling River. Who could forget those incredible images of more than 1 million fish floating on the surface of a river in massive distress? Some of those fish were more than 50 years old and had survived everything that nature could throw at them, but couldn't survive the humans. And don't lose sight of the fact that a massive number of these fish were an endangered species. A report issued early last week has revealed that the cause of the massive fish deaths can be directly linked to the current NSW Government plans for water use. The water use plan, ironically called a water sharing plan, has in every sense allowed the river to be pumped almost completely

dry by big irrigators. The water use plan allows a small number of farmers to use massive pumps, that were previously banned, to take as much water as they can store in their own dams, an activity that was also previously banned, even when the water levels of the river system are incredibly low.

In simple terms, the fish died because the river wasn't flowing and the river wasn't flowing because the Government gave the green light for it to be sucked dry. Now many of you reading this column would say "you don't need to be a rocket scientist to figure that out" and you would be 100% correct to be thinking like that. But, this Government have repeatedly said that the massive fish kills were an act of nature caused by the drought. Blaming the drought was a lie when it was first used and the many times that it has been used since. Far less visible, but equally devastated by the decision of Government to allow the river to be pumped dry, are the snails, freshwater mussels and frogs. In looking to the future and wondering about the ability of the river to recover when rain finally does come, the report released last week is not optimistic. You see the Government have also made allowances for the majority of natural rainfall to be caught by on-property dams before it even gets to the river. So a future rain event cannot, by rule and by definition, quickly or easily assist the environment in trying to recover from what has already happened.

It is incredibly important to note that the number of farmers that have benefitted from all of these rule changes is as small as 2-3. The number of downstream farmers that are being devastated by these rule changes are in the thousands. And the number of citizens of NSW in small communities along the river affected by this insane new set of rules and water licencing are in the tens of thousands. The Government actually need to admit that they got it wrong and apologise, but "sorry" and "I was wrong" are 4 words that you far too rarely hear from the mouths of politicians.

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

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www.claytonbarr.com.au
Cheers Clayton



Sue Moore, Mayor Singleton Council

It's been 10 years since the first paver went down on the Wambo Coal Singleton Hall of Fame to recognise the achievements of people with a strong association with the Singleton local government area, yet this area has been supporting the successes of people from all cultures for centuries.

Noteworthy, of course, is the arrival of John Howe and his exploration party comprising two Aboriginal guides and the 32-year-old son of a convict, Benjamin Singleton, who emerged from the scrub at Whittingham to proclaim "as fine a country as imagination can form" a mere 199 years ago. As they traversed what would become known as the Hunter River through to Wallis Plains, they perhaps foresaw the importance of the settlements that would come along the way - such as Branxton and Greta - as they noted the abundance of arable land and rich natural resources.

Benjamin Singleton, the man noted as the founder of the township of Singleton and whose name would also be given to the local government area encompassing many towns and villages significant to the settlement of the Hunter Valley, may well have been the first European to stake his success from the bend in the river and quite literally put Singleton on the map. And in doing so, he may well have continued the foundations for a Hall of Fame long before it was officially established. So it's fitting that the 10th year of the Wambo Coal Singleton Hall of Fame will be a curtain raiser for the Back to Singleton 2020 bicentennial commemoration in March next year, because it's a great way to recognise the people and the families who have excelled in their field of endeavour - and in doing so, carried on the pioneering spirit that has brought people to Singleton for thousands of years. But we need your help to nominate those people who deserve their place and their paver on the Hall of Fame walk between Singleton Council's Administration Building and Singleton

Library. Nominations open this week and close on Friday 6 September, with a special induction ceremony to be held on 20 November 2019. Nominations may be made for people of any age who have achieved State, national or international acclaim in the categories of Art, Science and Education; Community Service; Sport; Public Service; Business, Industry & Tourism; and Meritorious Family.

For more information or to download a nomination form for the Wambo Coal Singleton Hall of Fame, or to find out how you can be involved in Back to Singleton 2020, visit www.singleton.nsw.gov.au
Cheers, Sue



Cr Ben Mitchell - Maitland City Council-West Ward

A Winter Warmer Wonderland

Maitland's Riverside carpark is set to be filled with the wonderful aromas of freshly ground coffee beans and rich melted chocolate with the return of The Maitland Aroma Coffee and Chocolate festival on the 10th and 11th of August.

Featuring expert chocolatiers, talented baristas and the best of the Hunter's winemakers it is the perfect way to ward off the winter chill. This festival of the senses sees the riverside come alive, allowing rugged up visitors and locals alike to enjoy some of the most indulgent products from across the entire Hunter Region and beyond as local entertainers take to the stage to create a light, celebratory atmosphere. Last year's event was hugely popular with over 16,000 people in attendance.

Former MasterChef contestants Reece Hignell and Steph De Sousa will be hosts of the Flavour Stage this year.

The MasterChef duo will be running demonstrations, with Steph hosting on the Saturday and Reece on the Sunday. Aroma will also feature an array of delectable chocolates, mouthwatering desserts and some of the best coffee produced by regional coffee roasters. Maitland Aroma has also expanded its music program to four performance areas and will be hosting a range of styles. Activities can be found for the young and old, with interactive coffee art, cork coaster making, a pop up library and more. The Levee Shared Zone will also be a hive of activity and will feature vintage cars
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Meningococcal disease

MENINGOCOCCAL DISEASE CAN BE DEADLY



1 in 10 PEOPLE WHO GET IT DIE

UP TO 2 IN 10 SUFFER FROM PERMANENT COMPLICATIONS

- brain damage
- kidney damage
- deafness
- limb loss

Common Symptoms



TYPES OF MENINGITIS & THEIR CAUSES

BACTERIAL MENINGITIS: commonly caused by Streptococcus pneumoniae (pneumococcal) bacteria which causes ear and sinus infections but can also be caused by the Haemophilus influenzae type B bacteria, Listeria bacteria and the meningococcal bacteria.

VIRAL MENINGITIS: commonly caused by enterovirus, but herpes simplex virus, and viruses causing mumps, measles, rubella and chicken pox can also cause viral meningitis

FUNGAL MENINGITIS: caused by a fungal infection and can mimic bacterial meningitis, but is uncommon

Reference: <http://www.healthxchange.com.sg/healthy/living/childrenhealth/Pages/Meningitis-Symptoms-and-Treatment.aspx>

RLX agrees to Lease Singleton Saleyards



Regional Livestock Exchanges (RLX) has agreed to terms with Singleton Council for a long-term lease of the Singleton Regional Livestock Market (SRLM), which became effective on the 1 July 2019.

Anthony Egan, Council's Director

Corporate and Community Services, said it was an advantageous outcome for the Singleton community following the major upgrade of the site.

"Singleton Regional Livestock Market is an important economic and historic

facility for the local community and Council is committed to ensuring the facility provides the best value not only for sales agents and buyers, but the people of Singleton," he said. "The lease arrangement with RLX provides the potential to reposition the SRLM in the marketplace to attract new agents and increased stock levels in order to grow the business, while at the same time retaining community ownership of an important historic and economically strategic asset." The SRLM facility will be rebranded as part of the transition process and will trade as the Hunter Regional Livestock Exchange (HRLX) becoming the eighth facility in the RLX national portfolio. RLX is Australia's largest owner and operator of livestock selling facilities with livestock sales across its sites exceeding \$1 billion annually. "Our mission is to deliver value to our clients on all levels by striving to provide industry best practice in livestock presentation and marketing to maximise returns for our clients", said Garry Edwards, Managing Director, AAM Investment Group, the operator of the facilities. "The RLX business focuses on developing regionally significant, modern facilities within strategic locations and as such we believe this facility in the Lower Hunter has the potential for real growth". "We are looking forward to working with the local livestock agents and the agricultural community within the region as a whole on a range of improvements that will benefit all users for years to come".

Mr Egan said RLX had been granted access to the site to begin initial transitional activities. "Council assures the agents and buyers who regularly trade at the Singleton sales that they won't notice anything but positive improvements to operations after 1 July," he said. RLX is collaboratively working with Singleton Council to ensure that the transition of management of the facility will be as seamless as possible with the first stage of improvements to the facility scheduled to commence in July. The RLX portfolio currently includes sites at Rockhampton (QLD), Inverell (NSW), Tamworth (NSW), Carcoar (NSW), Wodonga (VIC), Ballarat (VIC) and Camperdown (VIC).

■ Photo above: Singleton Regional Livestock Market

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Ingredients

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 1/2 cup beansprouts, trimmed
 1 small red capsicum, thinly sliced
 1/3 cup fresh mint leaves
 1/2 cup fresh coriander leaves
 1 lime, juiced
 1 tablespoon fish sauce
 12 x 22cm rice paper rounds (see note)
 Sweet chilli sauce, to serve

Method

Step 1
 Combine chicken, cabbage, beansprouts, capsicum, mint, 1/3 cup coriander, 2 tablespoons lime juice and fish sauce in a large bowl.

Step 2
 Place 1 rice paper round in a medium bowl of

Vietnamese rice paper rolls

lukewarm water for 15 seconds or until just soft. Place on a clean tea towel or paper towel.

Step 3
 Arrange 1/4 cup of the chicken mixture along the centre of rice paper round. Fold ends in and roll up firmly to enclose filling. Repeat with remaining rice paper rounds and filling. Serve with sweet chilli sauce and remaining coriander.

Notes
 You will need 1/2 cup shredded cabbage. Rice paper rounds are a staple of Vietnamese cuisine. Made from rice starch, they're a healthier alternative to deep-fried spring rolls, and are gluten free. Variation: You could use cooked prawns or cooked pork fillet instead of the chicken.

Nutrition
 880 kJ Energy, 3g Fat Total 1g Saturated Fat 3g Fibre 17g Protein 44mg Cholesterol 525.47mg Sodium 2g Carbs (sugar) 28g Carbs (total)

If you are concerned that you or someone you know has meningococcal disease, see a doctor, call 000 or go to your nearest Emergency Department immediately.

Meningococcal disease is a serious, often fatal illness

- Up to 10% of people with meningococcal disease die, even with rapid treatment.

- It can affect anyone, but is more common in children under 5, and people aged 15-24.

- Symptoms usually present suddenly and can get worse very quickly. Vaccination is the best way to prevent the spread. Symptoms of meningococcal disease

Meningococcal disease has many symptoms, which can be similar to other illnesses like the flu. Symptoms can vary but may include:

- sudden fever
- nausea
- vomiting
- abdominal pain
- headache
- neck stiffness
- joint pain
- dislike of bright lights
- irritability

a red-purple rash that doesn't disappear when pressure is applied (a rash does not always appear or

it may occur late in the disease) In young children, symptoms may also include:

- irritability
- difficulty waking up
- high-pitched crying
- rapid or laboured breathing & refusal to eat

Who is at risk of meningococcal disease? Meningococcal disease can affect anyone, but it is more common among children under 5 years old, and adolescents and young

- people who travel to areas where meningococcal disease is more common or to mass gatherings such as the Hajj
- people with no working spleen or who have certain other medical conditions.

Act fast if you suspect meningococcal disease

- Up to 10% of people with meningococcal disease die, even with rapid treatment.

Up to 20% may end up with significant long term effects, including limb or digit amputation or skin scarring. People infected with meningococcal disease can become extremely unwell, very quickly, often within hours



adults aged 15-24 years old. People at slightly greater risk of meningococcal disease include:

- close contacts of people with meningococcal disease (who may also have been exposed to the same carrier)
- people who smoke, or are exposed to tobacco smoke
- people who practice intimate (deep mouth) kissing, especially with more than one partner
- people who have recently had a viral upper respiratory tract illness (like a cold or the flu)

of the first symptoms appearing. Patients with meningococcal disease need urgent treatment with antibiotics, in hospital. Treatment will usually begin before the diagnosis is confirmed by tests.

If you think you or someone you know could have meningococcal disease, seek urgent medical advice. If you've already seen a doctor but symptoms continue to worsen, consult your doctor again or go to the Emergency Department.

Australia's best crime and thriller authors to visit Cessnock

Cessnock City Library is proud to collaborate with HarperCollins to present an unmissable crime writer roadshow on 3/8/19: 2-4pm @ Cessnock Library. 'Homegrown Thrillers' is a panel discussion with four of Australia's best crime and thriller authors. Authors Wendy James, Nicola Moriarty, Sarah Barrie and Anna Snoekstra will discuss their latest thrilling crime novels at Cessnock City Library. The conversation will be facilitated by local author, Tea Cooper.

- Wendy James - *The Accusation* is a thriller about the abduction of an eighteen year-old girl in a regional town.
- Nicola Moriarty - *The Ex* explores the baggage we carry from our past relationships and asks how well can you ever really know someone.
- Sarah Barrie - *Devil's Lair* is set in a dramatic Tasmanian landscape for fans of *The Dry*.
- Anna Snoekstra - *The Spite Game*: high school grudges and revenge wrapped up as a thriller.

Each of the authors new release books and some previous titles will be available for sale and signing at the event.

Bookings essential. Book online under 'Events & Bookings' at libraries.cessnock.nsw.gov.au, through the event listing on our 'Cessnock City Library' Facebook page, or by calling Cessnock Library on 4993 4399.

What: Homegrown Thrillers Tour featuring Wendy James, Nicola Moriarty, Sarah Barrie and Anna Snoekstra in a panel discussion facilitated by Tea Cooper. **Tickets:** <https://bit.ly/30LtVzH>



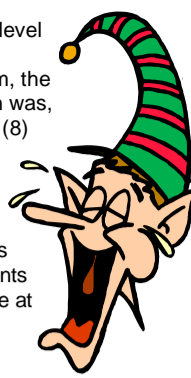
Lyn Unicomb, at right, drawing the raffle with Lion Member Enri Winter.

On the 20th July Branxton Lions held a raffle in Branxton at the IGA store, raising money for the local charities. The raffle was drawn by Lyn Unicomb from IGA. The winners were, 1st Marcel Stanton. 2nd Carol Strong of the local Croquet club. Prizes

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Ken Meany Publicity officer

In a college level advanced biology exam, the last question was, 'Name eight (8) advantages of Mother's Milk'. This final question was worth 70 points or zero, none at all. One male student in particular, was hard put to think of eight advantages. However, after some serious contemplation, he wrote this answer:

- 1) It is a perfect formula for the child.
 - 2) It provides immunity against several diseases.
 - 3) It is always the right temperature.
 - 4) It is inexpensive.
 - 5) It bonds the child to the mother and vice versa.
 - 6) It is always available as needed.
- ...and then, the student was struck dumb for two more answers so in desperation, and only just before the bell rang to indicate the end of the exam, he wrote:
- 7) It comes in two quite attractive containers, and
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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 nature of property

This week we consider another High Court decision, the case *Victoria Park Racing and Recreation Grounds Company Limited v Taylor* (1937) is a leading case of the High Court on determining whether property rights exist, and protecting claims in property for the purposes of tort law. In 1937, the High Court was faced with a question about the nature of property. Obviously, there was property in land and goods. There was also property in intellectual ideas, such as inventions and the expression of literary, artistic and musical works. But could there be property rights in a spectacle. Victoria Park Racing and Recreation Grounds Company Limited conducted race meetings at its racecourse in a suburb of Sydney where it charged admissions to people who placed bets on the races. The racecourse was surrounded by a very high fence. Taylor, who had a house and front yard adjacent to the course, allowed the radio broadcasting station 2UW to

construct a five-metre high platform on scaffolding from which someone could see into the course and broadcast, with the help of binoculars, the races and information about horses posted at the ground. This facilitated unregulated off-track betting. Attendance at the ground plummeted. The company applied to the Supreme Court of New South Wales for an injunction against Taylor arguing it had property in the spectacle and copyright in the information and nuisance. Privacy and non-natural use of property were also cited as grounds. It was common ground that the mere construction and use of the raised platform constituted no breach of building or zoning regulations or of the betting and gaming legislation or indeed of the regulations governing broadcasting. The injunction was denied, and the decision was appealed to the High Court. The High Court held there can be no property rights in a spectacle and uncollated information in signs on the

ground was not copyright. Any profit made from a premise is made so by charging entrance to an area. A person should not have to divert their eyes from something as you walk past; there was little difference in this case. There was no proof that nuisance had been brought upon the race track, as it is not shown that the broadcasting interferes with the use and enjoyment of the land or the conduct of the race meetings or the comfort or enjoyment of any of the plaintiff's patrons. Off-track betting was subsequently brought under State regulation in New South Wales by the *Gaming and Betting (Amendment) Act 1938*, and the *Parliament of Australia* later passed the *Broadcasting and Television Act 1956*, prohibiting television stations (but not radio stations) from televising "the whole or part of a sporting event or other entertainment held in Australia ... in a place in which a charge is made for admission, if the images of the sporting event or other entertainment originate from the use of equipment outside that place". Radio stations were not included, as they had previously reached an agreement on the matter with the racecourse owners.

- Providing mandatory terms that cannot be modified or excluded from fixed-term tenancy agreements of 20 years or more
- Increasing the limit on the monetary jurisdiction of the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NCAT)
- Providing an option for a five-year fixed term in the standard form of agreement to encourage landlords and tenants to consider longer term leases
- Updating the standard form of residential tenancy agreement and condition report
- Expanding the list of offences under the Act for which penalty notices may be issued and increasing the penalty amount that may be imposed
- Simplifying clauses to make it easier to read and to improve consistency

Housing finance numbers show cautious optimism

The May 2019 Lending to Households and Business figures released today by the Australian Bureau of Statistics show the number of loans for housing, excluding refinancing, continues to decline, but at a slower rate, according to the Real Estate Institute of Australia (REIA). "Overall the figures for May 2019 show, in trend terms that the number of owner-occupied finance commitments, excluding refinancing, decreased by 0.5 per cent – the twenty first consecutive month of decreases and the lowest since August 2012," says REIA President, Adrian Kelly. "The value of investment housing commitments, excluding refinancing, decreased by 1.5 per cent in May. This is down 27.8 per cent from a year ago and is at its lowest level since March 2009. "The number of loans to first home buyers increased by 0.8 per cent and is the highest since November 2018, while the proportion of first home buyers as part of the total owner-occupied housing finance commitments increased in May to 18.8 per cent from 18.2 per cent in April. "While the total number of finance commitments for May show a continuing, but modest, decline it needs to be remembered that the Federal election was held in the middle of the month with considerable uncertainty regarding the outcome and concern about changes to

property taxation and its impact should there be a change in Government. "With the post election boost in confidence in the real estate market as evidenced by higher levels of enquiry, two cuts in interest rates and changes in APRA's requirements May will most likely mark the bottom of the lending cycle."

NCAT increases access to conciliators

REINSW has been advised that NCAT has amended the sitting patterns for group lists. From 1 June 2019, NCAT has allocated a separate conciliator to a greater number of sittings in South and Greater Western Sydney, as well as the Hunter region. NCAT Consumer and Commercial Division Registrar and Director, Pauline Green, says the majority of matters are listed for first hearing in a group list where a number of matters are

listed together before a Tribunal Member. If both parties are present, they are encouraged to resolve their dispute through conciliation. If conciliation is unsuccessful, or if only one party appears, the matter will proceed to hearing. With a greater number of sittings featuring a conciliator, more parties will have the ability to resolve their disputes in conciliation and avoid proceeding to hearing. Additionally, Green states the venue change from East Maitland to Kurri Kurri will accommodate increased sittings for Courts at East Maitland and provide greater accessibility for parties involved. REINSW Property Management Chapter Committee Board Representative, Lyn Kimball, believes this can only be an improvement on the existing scenario, but notes that it appears the opportunity is mostly available to Sydney Metro suburbs. "Having this service available in more regional centres would be of benefit to both parties," she says.



RTA draft Regulation consultation underway

The draft *Residential Tenancies Regulation 2019* (NSW) is now open for public consultation. The closing date for public and industry submissions is next Friday, 2 August 2019. The Government's Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) – which accompanied the proposed Regulation explains the objectives and rationale of the proposed regulation and its impacts – poses 41 questions, one of which addresses the commencement date and its appropriateness. The Regulation provides the administrative detail to support the operation of the *Residential*

Tenancies Amendment (Review) Act 2018 (NSW) (the Amendment Act), which was passed in October 2018. NSW Fair Trading has proposed that provisions in the Amendment Act and the new Regulation are expected to commence on Monday, 2 December 2019 but that this date is subject to stakeholder consultation through the Regulatory Impact Statement process. REINSW is working on a submission that will respond to the proposed draft Regulation. NSW Fair Trading states

the proposed draft Regulation has been prepared to support the changes to the Amendment Act, implement the majority of recommendations of the statutory review and modernise the provisions within current Regulation. NSW Fair Trading's website sets out some of the changes in the draft Regulation, which include:

- Expanding the list of material facts that landlords or their agents must not knowingly conceal from a prospective tenant to include drug crimes
- Prescribing the manner and the period for landlords to carry out repairs to a smoke alarm, and prescribing the conditions under which a tenant may replace a battery in a smoke alarm
- Establishing a list of minor alterations that a tenant can carry out, where it would be unreasonable for a landlord to withhold consent, and specifying which alterations may be carried out by a

"As with the statutory review of the *Residential Tenancies Act 2010* (NSW), REINSW is focussed on achieving fair and equitable outcomes for all stakeholders," says REINSW CEO, Tim McKibbin. "Over one-third of NSW households rent their homes. Therefore, it's important that the proposed Regulation meets the needs of tenants and landlords/ investors, as well as the agents who manage the properties." Currently, reforms relating to domestic violence as set out in the *Residential Tenancies Amendment (Circumstances of Domestic Violence) Regulation 2018* (NSW) – which commenced on Thursday, 28 February 2019 – are the only reforms derived from the

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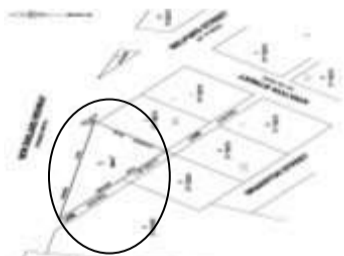


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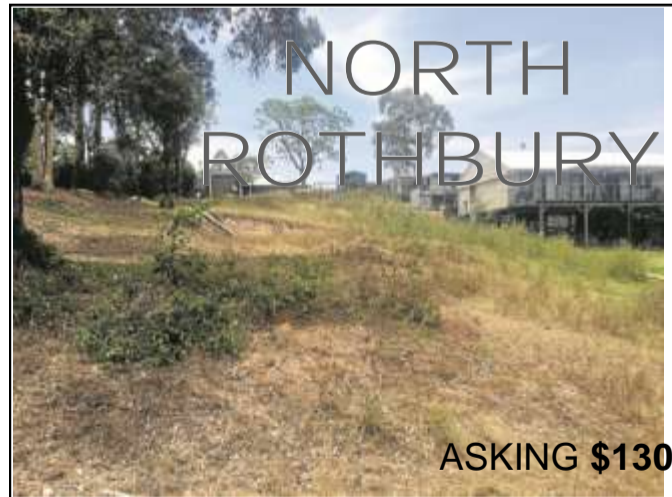
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Festival of Events in the making to bring people back to Singleton in 2020

As Benjamin Singleton would have celebrated his 231st birthday on 7 August, Singleton Council is encouraging individuals, community groups, organisations and businesses to get involved in the bicentennial of the arrival of the European exploration party to Whittingham in 1820. Overseen by the Singleton Bicentennial

Commemorations Working Group, Back to Singleton 2020 is a whole-of-community commemoration focusing on the history of St Patricks Plains as well as what people love about living, working and playing in Singleton. The official weekend of events will be held on Friday 13 and Saturday 14 March 2020, with a community street

party in John Street on Friday night and a community festival at the Civic Precinct on Saturday afternoon. A formal event will be held in the Civic Centre on Saturday night. Mayor of Singleton and chair of the working group, Cr Sue Moore said the vision was for a program of events over the weekend and throughout the year to



cover the entire local government area. A Back to Singleton 2020 Event Prospectus is now available to assist individuals and groups to start planning their own events and get involved. "We're looking to sporting clubs to host a home game or preseason match that weekend, or your community organisation to hold a concert, a reunion or a historical display," Cr Moore said. "We'd also love businesses to get into the spirit and pubs and clubs to think about a historical theme for their entertainment, or to organise a special menu or event to reflect on the history of Singleton and the opportunities for our area into the future. "You don't have to concentrate your theme on early pioneers – you could focus on any historical era, century or decade related to the Aboriginal or European inhabitation of Singleton." The bicentenary marks the exploration party led by John Howe and including two Aboriginal guides, Myles and Mullaboy, as well as Benjamin Singleton, who came upon the Hunter River at Whittingham on 15 March 2020, bestowing the name St Patricks Plains and proclaiming "as fine a country as imagination can form". Cr Moore said the commemorations were designed to bring people from all cultures together to mark the significance of the Singleton local

government area to Aboriginal and European settlements, and its continued historical and economic importance to NSW. It's also not too early for locals to plan to be tourists in their own town for the weekend, or for former residents or visitors to plan a trip back to Singleton for the occasion. "With less than a year to 2020, we're encouraging all community groups, venues and businesses to start planning their own events for Back to Singleton 2020," she said. "And let us know at Council so we can include it in our event program and promotion, so that people can start planning their weekend – and indeed their year – of commemorations to include a trip back to Singleton." The Back to Singleton 2020 Event Prospectus is available at www.singleton.nsw.gov.au or contact Council on 02 6578 7290 for a hard copy to be mailed to you. Anyone is invited to submit an Expression of Interest by 31 October 2019 for their event to be included on the official Event Program and in promotional material for Back to Singleton 2020. You will also receive an Event Host Kit and an exclusive invitation to the Back to Singleton 2020 Event Launch later this year. ■ Photo above: Mayor of Singleton, Cr Sue Moore at Benjamin Singleton's grave.

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\$4.25 State funding announced

Mayor of Singleton, Cr Sue Moore says motorists and the local economy will benefit from today's announcement of \$4.25 million to improve Singleton roads. Deputy Premier John Barilaro was in Singleton to fulfil his commitment to find an alternative source for the NSW Government's half of the \$8.5 million Singleton Roads Upgrade program, after Council's application was unsuccessful under the Resources for Regions program. Joined by the Member for Upper Hunter Michael Johnsen MP to announce the funding, Mr Barilaro said the shovel-ready roads program was a credit to Council to make an immediate economic

impact for the benefit of the local community. Cr Moore said it was a relief the Roads Upgrade program was now a certainty. The four projects included in the program are: Glendonbrook Road rehabilitation, Elderslie Road Bridge Approach upgrade, Cessnock Road Bridge widening & Moses Crossing Bridge Approach upgrade "These are improvements that will improve the efficiency of the road network and safety to benefit farmers as well as miners who use these roads every day," Cr Moore said. "Council was sorely disappointed this project missed out under Resources for Regions, and we are pleased the Deputy Premier delivered on his promise to find an alternative source for these important road projects. "We have also had

ongoing discussions with Mr Barilaro regarding the future of the Resources for Regions program and look forward to seeing the outcome of the review to the program in the near future. "Council's commitment is to the people of Singleton, and we are working hard to make sure our community is appropriately recognised for the economic contribution we make to the state of NSW." General Manager Jason Linnane said design work would commence straight away now that funding had been secured to deliver the four projects under the Roads Upgrade program. "Council has already committed \$10.42 million to roads in this year's Capital Works program, and we are always looking for additional means to deliver more for our community," he said. "The funding announced today by the Deputy Premier is a significant boon for us because it means we can now add these roads to our works program for the benefit of everyone who drives on our local roads in Singleton."



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The Aboriginal People Who Once Lived Here

While we have been celebrating the anniversaries of the Greta Army Camp and the Greta Migrant Camp this year, and the great contribution that the residents of both made to our local area, we also need to spare a thought for the first inhabitants here, not just in NAIDOC week.

The Aboriginal people did not have an easy time when the first immigrants arrived from the United Kingdom and made their way north and west, to take up land in the Hunter Valley. The Hunter River Reserve, which was first gazetted as Greta Common in 1889, would have been a Wonnarua camp site originally, good for fishing and protection from the elements. They lost their traditional land, the land they felt they belonged to and were custodians of (rather than owned), and were pushed away from the prime food sources such as the Hunter River where they harvested their fish, along with the meat that lived on the ground on either side. The people in this area were named the Wonnarua tribe by Robert Millar around 1897, and is also spelt Wonnaruah/ Wannerawa/ Wonnarua, although some prefer to be known as Kooris. Wonnarua country was around Branxton, Greta and North Rothbury in the Cessnock City Shire, east to Paterson in the Dungog Shire and Maitland, as well as the Singleton Shire and further north and west.

Explorers and settlers noted how the Aboriginal people used fire, appropriately timed, to promote the growth of young, sweet grass which attracted the kangaroos for them to kill for food. They also used fire to flush out other animals such as possums to eat, control wild

fires, kill unwanted insects and clear the undergrowth for walking tracks - this is called firestick farming. The Kooris travelled around the area to known resources and moved on when the resources started to get low, although never completely depleted, so that the plants and animals could regenerate. Other than using fire, the boys were taught how to track their prey, first learning how to tell if they were freshly made tracks, and mimic bird and animal calls to encourage the animals to move in closer. The Wonnarua were a paternalistic society, much the same as the first settlers, but the women of the tribe worked hard to keep everyone fed by gathering roots, seeds and fruits, much like the first white women in their slab huts cooking for the family over hot fireplaces. The Koori women would also fish with hand lines using bark canoes on the Hunter River, unlike the men who preferred to spear the fish. The women's canoes were constructed by cutting a long ovoid shape in the bark of a river gum (Eucalyptus camaldulensis) or Kurrajong tree (Brachychiton populneus), carefully peeling off and tying the ends together with Kurrajong rope then sealing them with grass tree (Xanthorrhoea spp.) resin, which is waterproof and is exuded from nodules on the trunk. The trees survive the bark cutting because they are not ringbarked, i.e. not cut all the way around, so that the trees can still get food and water brought up from their roots.

Local Aboriginal mythology (dreamtime), or spiritual belief, is that the 'Father of All', Baiame (Baile or Byamee) was their most important ancestor, creator and law-maker, who came down from the sky to 'create rivers, mountains, plains, and every living thing.'

There is an obvious similarity to Christian stories from the bible as they are both spiritual. The amazing beliefs and history of the First Peoples are depicted in rock paintings and oral history, much like the first Europeans in the area had their books and other written material.

A rock painting of Baiame in a cave at Milbrodale, south of Singleton, is now a State Heritage listed site and Aboriginal Place. It depicts a man over two metres tall with arms that spread five metres across the sandstone wall, and is over 3000 years old. He does not have a mouth because he talks from the heart. The cave is accessible from Welsh's Road, although on private land, with a timber and packed-earth stairway to the site. As the Wonnarua maintained a strong cultural identity, despite the strongly disruptive influence of European contact, the Wonnarua still use the cave as a sacred place for ceremonies and to teach the young people their culture. Obviously, this must be respected if visiting. The Wonnarua also believe Baiame created Kawal (Ka-wal) to watch over their people, embodied in the wedge-tailed eagle, so when they see one of these eagles, they know they are being cared for. This is much like some Europeans' belief of having angels watching over them, and for others their ancestors' protection sign might sometimes come in the physical form of butterflies. When the Wonnarua were unable to access their food because they were pushed out of their traditional hunting and gathering grounds, they became dependent on the white people for food. The early European paternalistic society treated them like children as if they had no real way of looking after themselves, simply because they could not see they were different in how they existed; the Europeans also had no right to simply take over the land. The Wonnarua's health degenerated when they could no longer eat fresh food and keep fit from their customary

walking. The introduction of tobacco and alcohol further helped to damage their well-being. James Wilson-Miller wrote the book 'Koori: A Will to Win'; his mother was Wonnarua Elder Kathleen Miller who was born in York Street, Singleton in 1929 and died recently in April 2019 in Singleton Hospital. Children were stolen by the so-called Aboriginal Protection Board, and even earlier, often over two generations or more, with an example in James's own grandmother's seven children, which included his mother, and which understandably produced inter-generational trauma from the unjustifiable experience under the 'assimilation' process. The boys were sent to Kinchela Boys Home at Kempsey where the manager used a stock whip and they were robbed of their childhoods. The girls had a similarly bad experience at Cootamundra Girls Home. Kathleen is now commemorated in the newly built section of Singleton TAFE, the Connected Learning Centre, by a huge painting titled 'Aunty Kath's Connection to Country'.

There is also now a culture site at the old St. Clair Aboriginal Mission land, located in Carrowbrook between Muswellbrook and Singleton. The St Clair Mission was created from 60 acres situated on an earlier Wonnarua traditional camping ground. The mission came about at the time the government decided all Aboriginal people needed to be rounded up and kept together, presumably for their own safety. It was established by Reverend White in 1893, when they farmed the land and were also, fortunately able to use traditional ways of subsistence. In 1905, a Baptist missionary named Retta Dixon, who had formed the Aborigines Inland Mission, took control of the St Clair Mission, at the same time establishing the Singleton Children's Home there. All mission schools only taught to third grade level so they only qualified

for labouring jobs, something always in high demand, but they very rarely had the opportunity to better themselves. In 1918 the Aborigines Protection Board took over the St Clair Mission and renamed it Mount Olive Reserve, then enforced strict rules by the manager, forcing people out who did not comply with these rules. The missionaries were told to go in 1920 and the reserve and Home were closed to Aboriginal people in 1923, leaving them homeless again. For the first half of the 20th century the government and religious groups continued to control the Kooris' lives. Change only really started to happen after the 1967 Referendum, when citizenship rights were recognised which in turn led to Land Rights legislation in the 1970s and 1980s. They still need support in their fight for equal rights. A 'Welcome to Country and Acknowledgement of Country' acknowledges the traditional owners of this land and as they revitalise their cultural practises it will help them to continue to heal and strengthen their Aboriginal identity, which is still so vital in contemporary society. As so many people are now interested in their family history, we need to respect all of the rich heritage and expression of our local First Peoples, as well as other nations who live here. Wonnarua people adapted to the changing conditions of the land to survive and their ancient beliefs and customs have a lot of wisdom for others to learn, especially in regard to how to cope with our hot dry climate and its sudden floods.

When the Hunter Expressway was completed in 2014 with at least 122 Aboriginal sites discovered in the early examination and building process. They showed local occupation dating back to 5000 years ago and the Wonnarua Nation Aboriginal Corporation (WNAC), which was established in 1999 and is based at Singleton, was involved in the consultation process. The ABC reported in 2014 that tens of



■ The Hunter River Reserve (Photo by Neridah Kentwell)

thousands of Aboriginal artefacts were found, many belonging to the Wonnarua. During the process of erecting the expressway, some of the local names were given to bridges and rest stops along it, with an example in the bridge over Black Creek being called Kukundia-murra Bridge which means 'bring water'. One section of Anvil Creek has a bridge named Becan (Platypus) Bridge, for the platypuses that once occupied the area, and a local rest area for the expressway is the Wattaka Rest Area, which translates to 'campsite'. Just as Camp Road, Greta is the site of the

Greta Army and Migrant Camps, there is also a tract of land in Camp Road that the Roads and Maritime Service own that some are hopeful will have a museum to display the recovered artefacts, for all to see, from the earliest residents there. With thanks to Laurie Perry of the WNAC for some of the information in compiling this article. For more information on the Wonnarua Kooris, and other important history in the area, please call into the Greta Museum, open Wednesdays and Saturdays 11am -3pm, 96 High Street, Greta in the former Greta Council Chambers.

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by Michael D. Lowing

I hope I'm not alone by admitting this but I'll pick a book up and start reading & then realise, sometimes after a few chapters, that I have already read it. Initially I thought it was age and memory but I have come to realise that I somehow categorize my reading into memorable & forgettable.

Forgettable broadly fall into fiction eg., John Grisham aka ... a hundred stories and all mostly forgettable.

A few of my memorable's are Richard Bachs' Jonathan Livingston Seagull, Peter Careys' True History of the Kelly Gang, Harper Lees' To Kill a Mocking Bird, A Fortunate Life by A.B. Facey and anything written by Ernest Hemingway (read his articles written as a very young journalist working for the Kansas City Star), George Orwell, Bill Bryson & Carl Hiaasen's; an eclectic list I realise.

I must admit that I have never read any Rowling's Harry Potter or Tolken's Hobbits and Rings... maybe I should.

Where am I heading with this; Karen Newburns' Never to be Eight.

I must admit I needed to read it twice; first reading I saw it as a safe haven to empty the well of her sorrow by pouring tears of

ink onto paper.

I waited two weeks before reading it again.

On second reading I realised that it was I who was emotionally trapped by the sheer nature of the chronology of the unfolding family tragedy.

The death and loss of a child is frequently called the ultimate tragedy.

Mostly written in the first person, through her son's eye's, it takes us on a roller-coaster almost from the day he was born.

'Never to be Eight' is the story of Karen's son, Luke Owen Newburn. Luke was born in November 1985 and died in January 1993, at the age of seven, from a childhood cancer called Neuroblastoma.

Luke's story focuses on his short journey in life and explores, in his voice, what it may have been like for him (as a child) facing a terminal illness.

At the age of five, while sitting in the Children's Hospital at Randwick he

asked his mother if he would ever reach the age of eight. She told him she didn't know - many months later he told her he wouldn't reach that age; he would always be seven. 'Never to be Eight' investigates and delves into the conversations Luke had with his family and friends and the intimate details of his life so that the reader may take a glimpse into a child's world that is about to fall apart.

I do admit that it was hard read; not because it was dreary, boring or otherwise but because it is a hard and exhaustive journey making you delve into the 'what if' it was our son & family. On the authors side it is a courageous feat & worthy of a much broader audience. It is memorable.

Publisher: Zeus Publications, 2019



ABOUT the author

SHE left school when she was fifteen and went to live in Newcastle with her grandparents, so that she could study administration at a local Tech. College. After graduating, at the age of sixteen, she managed to find work as a secretary at a Camera House, in Hunter Street, Newcastle. After three years of working in Newcastle's CBD she left that position and travelled to Perth, Western Australia and worked there for several months. When her partner and she left Perth, they moved to Burnie, Tasmania for six months. Karen worked at the local Post Office in Burnie for several months before the contract ran out. Steve, her partner and Karen married in Burnie and decided to return to Newcastle to begin a family and find more regular work.

After the birth of their daughter they returned to work with Australia Post, in Newcastle, however, when their son was born two years later Karen became a stay-at-home mum for several years. However, she was always interested in life-long learning and education, so she continued to attend night time courses at the local TAFE, so she could keep up with the changes in technology in the workplace.

After years of renting they finally moved into their own home in Metford, near East Maitland, New South Wales in the early nineteen eighties. At that time they had two children and within twelve months they were expecting their third child.

Luke was born in 1985 and was diagnosed (at six weeks old) with bi-lateral cataracts; however, by 1991 at the age of five, he was also diagnosed with terminal cancer. Before Luke became sick Karen was still working in temp office jobs around Maitland.

However, it wasn't until Luke died that she finally returned to full-time work. As Karen said ... it was a daunting task to return to the workforce. Her life was shattered, but they had financial commitments and two other children to think about, so when karen was asked to return to the Lands Department at East Maitland for more temp work, she accepted.

After some time she finally landed a permanent position with the Lands Department and was appointed a Lands Officer/Personal Assistant to the Manager of the East Maitland Office.

Her life had been tipped upside down and returning to work was a help financially, but not fulfilling in any other way. She had to find something else, so she went in search of herself. This was when she decided to utilise her extra income and invest in various night-time courses in Alternative Therapies. After seven years of study and by the year 2000 I obtained a Diploma in Holistic Counselling. I am still registered and insured as a Counsellor with the Australian Counselling Association (ACA), specialising in grief and loss. In 2001 she resigned from the Department of Lands in East Maitland and moved to the Sunshine Coast, Qld. That was to be their 'Tree Change' and they have been living in Doonan on the Sunshine Coast for nearly eighteen years.

Their other two children followed them and still live in Queensland, as well.

In 2008 Karen embarked on more study, enrolling in a Bachelor of Arts Degree with Central Queensland University (CQU) and in 2016 she graduated with a BA, with First Class Honours, majoring in 'Creative Writing'. She writes across most genres and has attended many writer's groups, workshops, and book launches over the years.

Karen is also a member of the Queensland Writers Centre, in Brisbane & ran the Redwood Writers' Group for over six years and also belongs to a local book club in the Noosa area. Karen love stories & as she said we all have a story and she is always fascinated where our lives may take us, either by choice, or not; after all life happens.

After Luke died she had written many short stories about his cancer and the conversations he had with the family and many others. When Luke was sick he always asked me to write what he said down. "I had journaled these conversations over the years and by 2007 I had a full manuscript called Never to be Eight, finished and edited ready to pitch to publishers. Unfortunately, no major publishing house was interested in the story of Luke. I was asked, many times, to change the point of view of the book, but I refused," Karen said.

This brings us to 2019 and Never to be Eight was finally published in April this year by Zeus Publishing on the Gold Coast. "I knew at the beginning of 2018 that Luke's story had to be told and a series of events led me to Zeus, so that finally Luke's story could be shared with others."

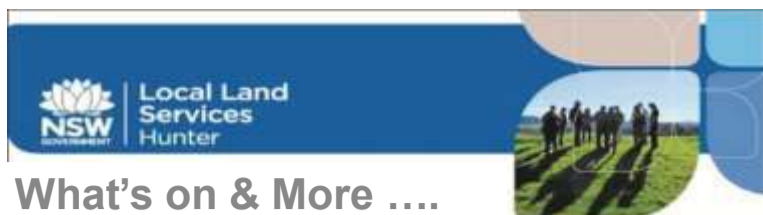


An Engineer dies and goes to Hell. Dissatisfied with the level of comfort, he starts designing and building improvements. After a while, Hell has air conditioning, flush toilets and escalators. The engineer is a pretty popular guy. One day God calls and asks Satan, "So, how's it going down there?" Satan says, "Hey things are going great. We've got air conditioning and flush toilets and escalators, and there's no telling what this engineer is going to come up with next." God is horrified. "What? You've got an engineer? That's a mistake - he should never have gone down there! You know all engineers go to Heaven. Send him up here!" Satan says, "No way. I like having an engineer on the staff. I'm keeping him." God says, "Send him back up here or I'll sue." "Yeah, right," Satan laughs, "and where are you going to get a lawyer?"

The New York Times Best Sellers Combined Print & E-Book Fiction (21 July 2019)
1. WHERE THE CRAWDADS SING (43 weeks on the list) by Delia Owens
2. SUMMER OF '69 (3 weeks on the list) by Elin Hilderbrand
3. THE RECKONING (21 weeks on the list) by John Grisham
4. EVVIE DRAKE STARTS OVER (New this week) by Linda Holmes
5. BACKLASH (2 weeks on the list) by Brad Thor
6. CITY OF GIRLS (5 weeks on the list) by Elizabeth Gilbert
7. SOMEONE TO HONOR (New this week) by Mary Balogh
8. BEFORE WE WERE YOURS (7 weeks on the list) by Lisa Wingate
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10. COTTAGE BY THE SEA (6 weeks on the list) by Debbie Macomber

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What's on & More

HENDRA VIRUS CASE FINALISED IN THE UPPER HUNTER

Hunter Local Land Services is urging Hunter and Mid Coast horse owners to implement good biosecurity practices after a Hendra Virus diagnosis in our region recently. This was the first confirmed case of Hendra Virus in our region. The property near Scone has now been cleared of any movement restrictions, after completing a 21 day monitoring period. Hunter Local Land Services District Vet Jane Bennett has thanked the landholders and local industry for their cooperation. "It is important unusual animal deaths and diseases are reported, so we can help protect and maintain Australia's strong biosecurity standards," said Dr Bennett. "Suspected Hendra Virus cases are particularly important to report in order to protect the health of people and horses that have been in contact. "Both the local property owners as well as private vets and the equine industry have been very understanding and supportive of the process, following the confirmation of Hendra Virus in one horse, that died in June."

There have been no further cases in the region since the initial death, and we want to reassure local horse owners they can carry on their regular activities. It is important to maintain good biosecurity practices and consider their vaccination schedule.

Hunter Local Land Services worked with the Department of Primary Industries and NSW Health to assist the property owners in managing the situation. Hunter Local Land Services also undertook meetings with equine vets and thoroughbred breeding industry leaders to review vaccination protocols in the region and best practice safety practices in dealing with suspected Hendra Virus cases. Vaccination of horses is the most effective way to help manage Hendra Virus. It is also recommended horses are not fed or watered under trees frequented by Flying Foxes and horse owners keep an eye on any visiting colonies and try to keep horses away from these populations.

BRINGING FIRE BACK TO COUNTRY IN THE UPPER HUNTER

Hunter Local Land Services is working with local Aboriginal communities to bring traditional burning practices back to country.

The Cultural Burn Mentoring Program will run over the next three years, in partnership with nine Local Aboriginal Land Councils and Traditional Owner groups, Firesticks Alliance Indigenous Corporation and Tocal College. The program is supported through funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Program, NSW Government's Catchment Action NSW and Department of Education and Training.

The program will initially see 22 Aboriginal students complete Conservation and Land Management training, where for the first time cultural burning practices have been included as key modules of the training program.

Hunter Local Land Services Aboriginal Community Officer Jess Wegener said this module will increase community understanding of cultural burn practices and connection to the land.

"It is such an amazing opportunity to be able to build confidence in using Traditional Aboriginal practices to reconnect with culture," said Jess.

"Hunter Local Land Services has been working with communities over recent years to develop this unique program and reinvigorate cultural burning practices locally.

"This new module and expanded program builds on our previous smaller cultural burns and training opportunities, and we are looking forward to working with the participants on this new expanded program by offering them each a small training scholarship."

Last week the students met in the Upper Hunter, to commence the mentoring program, with support from Hunter Local Land Services, Firesticks Alliance Aboriginal fire practitioners, Tocal College, Wanaruah LALC and the NSW Rural Fire Service-Hunter Valley.

Students gained skills in on site monitoring, land assessments and developing cultural burn plans with local elders and practitioners, to initiate the cool burn process.

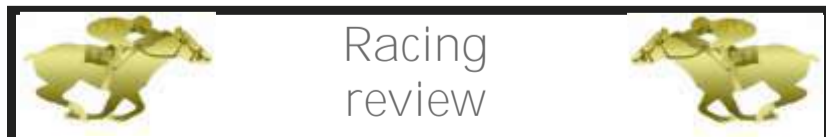
Several sites were selected on both public and LALC lands for the initial training, with some cultural burns conducted, and post burning these will be monitored over coming years, and applied with additional burning as needed. Additional sites in the lower Hunter will be included in the program in coming weeks.

"Over the next three years we will be adding more sites to the program, and we will mentor the students along the way," said Jess Wegener.

"We are keen to set up demonstration sites in Box Gum Grassy Woodlands in the Upper Hunter to understand how fire can benefit this native vegetation, including suppressing weeds and encouraging native ground-cover and tree regeneration, which could be a potential tool for local farmers"

Box Gum Grassy Woodlands are typical on the Merriwa plateau, and are listed nationally as a threatened ecological community.

Hunter Local Land Services is running a project through the Australian Government's National Landcare Program, to manage and protect this significant vegetation by working with farmers, Aboriginal communities and Landcare through to 2023.



Melbourne Cup hero Subzero fighting off colic

Subzero, the winner of the 1992 [Melbourne Cup](#) who has become arguably more famous in retirement, is recovering from a bout of

colic. The 30-year-old was saved by vets in recent days with the Victorian Equine Centre saying he had suffered a severe bout

of colic. The striking and much-loved grey has been constantly attended to by his best mate, Graham Salisbury.



Detailed Cattle report for Gunnedah

Last reported 23rd July 2019

There was an increase in supply across most categories. Cows and yearlings made up the bulk of the offering with an increased number of vealers. The quality of the offering was generally good, with very few secondary cattle penned. Condition also showed an improvement, with large numbers showing the positive effect of green oats crops and supplementary feeding. The full field of regular buyers attended. With oats crops improving, restocker activity increased. Market trends through the young cattle were mainly dearer. Vealer steers to restockers sold to a dearer trend, up to 19c/kg. Combined with a lift in quality, price changes were greater. This was also the case on the heifer portion, where trends were similar. Light weight yearling steers to restockers sold to dearer trends. Medium and heavy weight feeder steers saw a firm to 7c/kg dearer market trend, the heavy weights showing little but breed and quality related price change. Heavy trade steers sold to a cheaper trend, with reduced competition. There were strong gains across the board for yearling heifers to restock and feed. Trade heifers remained firm. Reduced competition saw heavy grown steers sell to a cheaper trend, up to 12c/kg. The well finished heavy heifers were up to 4c/kg cheaper. It was a very strong cow market for the most part, although some of the heavy weights were a little cheaper, with competition not as strong in places. The best of the high yielding cows remained firm. Heavy bulls up to 5c/kg dearer.

Detailed Cattle report for Scone

Last reported 23rd July 2019

Numbers lifted, compared to the previous week and also increased compared to the expected numbers, with the higher prices the contributing factor. The majority were younger cattle, with the bulk suitable for the restocker and lot feeder orders, as the prime conditioned pens were also offered. There were approximately 220 cows in the penning, with an extra southern processor entering the competition. The market trend was dearer. The over 200kg vealer steers returning to the paddock gained 13c, making from 248c to 316c/kg. The same weight heifer portion remained close to firm and sold from 240c to 284c/kg. Yearling steers to the lot feeders improved 15c for the lightweights and were 4c dearer for the medium weights, with prices ranging from 250c to 324c/kg. The yearling heifers to feed lifted 15c, making from 272c to 308c/kg. The prime younger cattle to the butchers topped at 322c/kg. The limited supply of the heavy weight grown steers suitable for the processors reached 280c, as the heifer portion topped at 270c/kg. Cows improved 8c, with the plainer 2 scores receiving from 227c to 239c, with the better covered medium weights ranging from 233c to 255c/kg. The well-conditioned heavy weights ranged from 236c to 266c, while the best heavy weight bull reached 260c/kg

Detailed Cattle report for Singleton

Last reported 24th July 2019

Numbers increased, with the bulk penned younger cattle, while the breed and quality was good. The vealer steers were reduced in number, with the majority of the younger drafts suitable for the restockers and feeder orders. There was a fair selection of the prime conditioned pens available, with some very high yielding pens offered. Cow numbers more than doubled for approximately 175 head in the penning. The market trend was firm to dearer. The over 200kg vealer steers to the restockers gained 4c and sold from 238c to 316c/kg. The heifer portion remained firm, making from 220c to 280c/kg. The yearling steers to the lot feeders improved 5c, and these received from 280c to 314c/kg. The better end of the yearling heifers to feed sold 7c dearer and ranged from 276c to 288c/kg. The prime vealers and yearlings to the butchers ranged from 290c to 322c, with two exceptional vealer steers topping at 364c/kg. The grown steers to the processors received from 255c to 278c, with those to the lot feeders making from 238c to 288c/kg. The older heifers reached 276c/kg. The plainer cows trended 5c cheaper, while the better finished pens sold 6c/kg dearer. The plainer 2 fat scores made from 190c to 236c, as the better finished heavy weights topped at 269c, with the majority around the 249c to 253c/kg range.

Detailed Cattle report for TRLX Tamworth

Last reported 22nd July 2019

There was an increase in numbers, with an influx of cows and young cattle. The quality of the offering was fair to good. Condition was very mixed, varying from poor to very well finished. The majority of the well finished cattle had access to supplementary feed. The full field of regular buyers attended, along with some extra restocker orders. Demand was strong through the young cattle. Market trends were generally dearer. Some classes were affected by quality. Well finished young cattle attracted strong demand and competition. Light weight vealer and yearling steers to restockers sold on a firm to slightly dearer market trend, with some quality related price change. The medium and heavy weight yearling feeder steers remained firm, with only quality related price change. Yearling heifers to feed sold to a slightly dearer trend, up to 4c/kg. Well finished heifers to the trade sold to a dearer trend, up to 23c/kg. Well finished heavy cattle attracted strong competition from both domestic and export processors. Heavy grown steers were up to 8c dearer, although there was some quality and age related price variation. Well finished grown heifers sold to a dearer trend of as much as 12c/kg, with age and quality accounting for quite a large variation in price. The cow market was very strong through all classes, with a great range in quality, weight and condition. There was a large number of plainer condition cows, forced onto the market by the seasonal conditions. Trends were as much as 18c/kg dearer for the well finished lines and more for the plainer condition 1 and 2 score cows. The better quality heavy weight bulls were up to 10c/kg dearer.

Subzero became Salisbury's clerk of the course's horse on Melbourne's metropolitan tracks before being retired in 2008 and the two have since worked as racing ambassadors for charity. Salisbury has faced a major health battle with cancer in recent years. He had his most recent chemotherapy treatment last week.

The Victorian Equine Centre said on their Facebook page: "Subzero gave us all a scare yesterday (Sunday) when he suffered from a severe bout of colic.

"Mike and Sarah attended him yesterday afternoon, and Graham nursed him through the night, checking on him every two hours. "Fortunately the old boy seems as tough as Graham, who has also had a hard time recently."



Graham Salisbury and Subzero Photo: Victorian Equine Centre Facebook

There was a further update from Salisbury's daughter Nikki. "I am just sharing this post from our vet clinic who

treat Subbie and care for him soo well," she said. "These amazing vets have also saved Subbie's life countless times and once again this weekend

(Sunday and Monday). "We wanted to keep you all in the loop, but Subbie is recovering really well now touch wood."



Warning issued for well designed e-mail scam posing as PayPal

by Matt Dunn ~ Nine News

A well-designed email scam purporting to be from PayPal has been trying to steal the confidential data of users. The scam tells sends a message to intended victims that a new email address has been added to their PayPal and gives them the chance to make it their primary address or to report the email if it has been added by mistake. "If you didn't add this email, let us know right away. It's important because it helps us make sure no one is getting into your account without your knowledge," it reads.

Unsuspecting recipients who click on the "let us know right away" hyperlink are taken to a convincing copy of the PayPal website where they are asked to login using their email or mobile number. After clicking "next" the user is led to a similar page that prompts them to enter their password.

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Never open an attachment that seems suspicious as files from unknown senders often contain malware or virus. Take a close look at the email address of the sender – even if it looks legitimate, there are keys to show it has been forged.

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Google Calendar Scam: Exploits a default feature which gives the ability to add invitations and events automatically to calendar apps unless turned off manually. **NAB email scam:** Customers receive an email painstakingly formatted to look like an official correspondence from the bank, with the body explaining the last BPAY payment has been put on hold. **ANZ email scam:** Disguised to look like it has been sent from an official ANZ email and advises customers their "internet banking access has been temporarily locked". **Queensland Police ATO scam:** Scammers use the trusted phone number of a government department and impersonate an employee to advise the victim they have an outstanding fine or fee that must be paid.

Australia Post scam: Attempts to redirect the victim to a fraudulent Post Bill Pay website where their credit card details could be stolen. **Netflix scam:** Email scam gives the appearance of being sent from the streaming service and advises Netflix has been blocked because of a problem with billing. **ATO email scam:** Exploiting the well-established reputation of the government agency, the email scam tells the recipient the ATO is trying to contact them in regards to an undisclosed matter.

Telstra phone scam: Man hit with more than \$10,000 in charges after scammers opened 10 mobile accounts in his name without his permission or knowledge. **Fake Indian call centre scam:** Telstra customers are being warned over an Indian call centre scam attempting to trick victims into handing over sensitive information that could be used for identity theft.

NBN robocall scam: Sophisticated NBN robocall phone scam has been targeting areas of the country where installations are currently underway.

Energy Australia scam: Email scam uses the large database and established brand credibility of EnergyAustralia to lure victims into downloading a malicious file. **Optus email scam:** An email purporting to be from Optus tells the recipient a document is available for them to download. Once click, their computer is infected.

Valentine's Day scam: Romance scammers actively engage with victims, slowly building an online relationship before asking for money. **Telstra email scam:** Email-based cyber-attack uses Telstra branding to trick customers into clicking a link that can infect their computer with a malicious file used to steal information.

Netflix email scam: Email tells users their account has been suspended in an attempt to trick them into clicking a link which leads to a Netflix-branded phishing page used to steal personal information. **Apple Store email scam:** The phishing scam involves an email purporting to be from Apple Store, which informs customers they have a PDF receipt from a recent purchase.

ATO phone scam: Phone calls claiming to be from the ATO attempt to fool people into handing over money by claiming they are about to be arrested over unpaid taxes. **'SIM swapping' scam:** Hackers can gain access to your bank account, email and social media with just a simple phone call to a mobile operator.

Post-storm roof scam: The men knock on the door of Australians after wild weather and say the roof must be replaced as it's about to cave in. One lady handed over \$156,000 for work that did not need to be done.

Police phone scam: Scammers are posing as police officers to try and dupe people into handing over financial information. **Ransom email scam:** Scammers are sending ransom emails containing terrifying threats designed to frighten people into handing over their

MOVIE REVIEW

The Lion King



From Disney Live Action, director Jon Favreau's all-new "The Lion King" journeys to the African savanna where a future king is born. Simba idolizes his father, King Mufasa, and takes to heart his own royal destiny. But not everyone in the kingdom celebrates the new cub's arrival. Scar, Mufasa's brother-and former heir to the throne-has plans of his own. The battle for Pride Rock is ravaged with betrayal, tragedy and drama, ultimately resulting in Simba's exile. With help from a curious pair of newfound friends, Simba will have to figure out how to grow up and take back what is rightfully his.

The Lion King: Unlively action

Why on earth are a bunch of real animals celebrating the birth of a new apex predator? By Matthew Lickona,



Remember when you were a kid and your parents told you they were going to take you to a movie and you responded by asking, your voice leaping with a combination of hope and trepidation, "Is it a cartoon?" Remember the triple disappointment when they told you that no, it wasn't a cartoon, but that sometimes, live-action movies can be good, sometimes even better than cartoons — triple because you knew that a) they were hopelessly, painfully myopic about what makes a movie "good" for kids, b) something in their tone let you know that even they knew they were peddling lies to you, their beloved child, and c) movies are supposed to be fun adventures, not an ordeal that sometimes turns out better than expected? Judging from Disney's increasingly sad parade of live-action remakes — a spectacle that looks more and more like its '90s string of cash-grabby,

inspiration-free, direct-to-video sequels, only this time with vastly superior production values — it seems you were right way back then. #The trouble with Jon Favreau's "photo-real" — as opposed to "live action" — remake of the studio's animated super-smash hit *The Lion King* is there right at the outset, in the shot-for-shot copy of the opening scene. As the sun rises over the African plains, all the animals who inhabit the pride lands gather at the base of an enormous rock outcropping to pay homage to their future king: Simba, the leonine son of Mufasa and Sarabi. On the one hand, it's impressive as all get out: gosh, but the animals look real. On the other, why on earth are a bunch of real animals celebrating the birth of a new apex predator? Hooray, another set of tearing claws! Huzzah, a new pair of murderous jaws! Which one of us will be lucky enough to provide his first fleshy meal? Yes, yes, the question of eating your subjects came up in the animated version, but here's the genius of animation: it provides just enough of a remove from reality to make the notion of the hunted welcoming the hunter easier to ... swallow. Here and elsewhere, the move to live-action becomes a net loss. #As for the rest of it, I can't imagine that I'm the first critic to have seen this story that's set in Africa



and found his thoughts drifting to that other Africa remake: Weezer's cover of the Toto top 40 hit. People liked it, but I'm convinced they liked it because they liked Weezer, and because they knew the song already, and because it went down easy — not because it added anything worthwhile, or brought any fresh interpretation to the material. That's this version of *The Lion King* all over: there are few, if any, improvements over the original, and there are a number of ways in which it's worse. The transformation of Hakuna Matata from a mantra for carefree living to an expression of nihilist despair is one example. The muddying of Scar's relation to the hyenas is another. But mostly, I was bothered by questions that kept bubbling from the photo-realistic format. How did the sun set so fast? Why doesn't Scar assert his alpha male status and start in with the perpetuation of his bloodline? For that matter, why don't the hungry lionesses just rise up and kill their lone oppressor? Nature is red in tooth and claw; if you're going to try to make it mimic civilization, it's probably best to stick with cartoons.



Graham Freudenberg: speechwriter to Whitlam, Hawke and more

Tony Stephens

**Graham Freudenberg
1934 - 2019**

The Sydney Morning Herald



As a child, Graham Freudenberg day-dreamed of being a politician, perhaps a political leader. When his parents were out, he would recite the speeches of Edmund Burke, the 18th century Irish statesman, author, orator, political philosopher and member of the House of Commons. He gave up such notions on realising how hard good politicians worked and accepting that he lacked the necessary energy and nature. Instead, he became a speechwriter for Labor Party leaders. Writing over 50 years for Arthur Calwell, Gough Whitlam, Neville Wran, Bob Hawke, Barrie Unsworth and Bob Carr, he led the craft of speechwriting and contributed more to his party than did most MPs.

Freudenberg thought of himself as “not just a speechwriter” but midwife at the birth of some great speeches, a political advisor, “the bloke who was there” when history was made.

Norman Graham Freudenberg was born in Brisbane on May 12, 1934, the youngest of three children.

His grandparents were Prussian-born. His father, Norman, was a

stretcher-bearer at Gallipoli, successful commercial traveller, conservative voter and RSL office holder. His mother, formerly Irene Varion Wilson, was a staunch Presbyterian of Scottish descent.

Graham went to Coorparoo primary school and Church of England Grammar. Bedridden with chicken pox at 10, he read Andre Maurois’s biography of Benjamin Disraeli, the English writer who became prime minister. The boy decided there and then to make writing and politics his life. His first speech, just before his eleventh birthday, celebrated VE Day. His mother was his audience.

Graham performed in playlets for ABC school radio programs, once as David Copperfield. This introduced him to a sophisticated adult world and an appreciation of English written to be spoken. Soon he was reading Shakespeare and Shaw. Winston Churchill’s words took him to Gibbon’s *Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire* and Macaulay’s *History of England*.

He became a journalist with the *Brisbane Telegraph* in 1952 and worked on newspapers in Sydney, Mildura and Melbourne before arriving in London in 1956, when he read and listened to Bertrand Russell and was captivated by Aneurin Bevan’s denunciation of the Anglo-French invasion of Suez. Back home in 1957, he joined the Labor Party and Channel 9 in Melbourne. By 1960 he was press secretary with Calwell, federal opposition leader. He developed the speechwriting role, he said, to justify his existence and, in 1965, wrote one of Australia’s great political speeches. The Vietnam war was still popular in the United States and Australia. It was almost inconceivable that the US would be humiliated. But Calwell denounced the war and forecast humiliation. History rewarded the speech, voters didn’t. Labor was thrashed in the 1966 election.

A majority of Australians saw Calwell as a failure but Freudenberg pointed to the speech and the fact that the opposition leader changed Labor’s attitude to non-British migrants, “the greatest single change for good in Australian society in our time”.

Joining Whitlam in 1966, Freudenberg was swept up by the power of the leader’s mind and new ideas. “Whitlam’s personality was so dominant that I was only a vessel into which he poured his political thoughts.” Whitlam’s approach was intellectual and moved by reason; Freudenberg’s was instinctive and emotional. While Whitlam kept reasonably normal hours, Freudenberg worked very late, often playing Beethoven very loud; he moved from Canberra lodgings after neighbours complained about the very early morning Beethoven. He might arrive at the office around 11am with a green apple for breakfast. While Whitlam drank little, Freudenberg drank lots. For many years *Who’s*

Who listed his recreations as “reading, drinking and smoking”, although he later dropped “drinking”.

Yet the two men’s thoughts coalesced. Whitlam’s speech patterns even became Freudenberg’s. Calwell’s anti-Vietnam War speech had drawn on research by Whitlam back to 1954. The “It’s Time” policy speech of 1972 was being written from 1967.

He loved books and musical grandeur. His heroes were in his little home in Woollahra – busts of Voltaire, Shakespeare, Mozart, Lincoln, Beethoven. Yet Whitlam influenced him most of all.

Several speeches for Wran are also seen as masterpieces, especially that for the 1976 campaign which saw Wran lead Labor back to

power in NSW, six months after Whitlam’s crash. Wran provided a new style of leadership and the two men became mates. “You have to live in their pockets,” Freudenberg said of the

relationship between leader and writer.

He said major speeches were team efforts involving advisors and staff. This was more evident with Hawke, who was more likely to go off script. Freudenberg said before the 1987 election policy speech: “If I drop dead, which is quite likely given my lifestyle, there will be a speech.”

A collection of Hawke’s speeches in 1984 were all written by Freudenberg, as was Wran’s introduction. Hawke thought Freudenberg understood the nature and essence of the Labor Party and the challenge in remaining committed to core values while adapting to change.

Freudenberg worked with Carr as premier, later foreign minister. Between times he had moved to Bribie Island, Queensland, and concentrated on books. His 1977 memoir on the Whitlam years, *A Certain Grandeur*, is perhaps the most elegantly written book on Australian politics. He also wrote *Cause for Power*, the official history of the ALP in NSW, and *The Curtin and Chifley Years*.

His one attempt to become a politician came in 1991, when he put himself forward for Labor’s ticket in the Legislative Council election. Sussex St headquarters preferred Eddie Obeid. Changing pace, Freudenberg drafted most of the speeches for the Australian delegation to the International Olympic Federation in 1993, which saw the 2000 Games go to Sydney.

He wanted his 2005 memoir, *A Figure of Speech*, to be an antidote against despair. Although he thought Labor more a state of mind than a set of policies, Whitlam had showed that policies were at the core of the political process – “and a sense of purpose and direction even when things were grim and quite awful, as they generally were”. *Churchill and Australia 1900-1965* won the Walkley book award in 2009.

Freudenberg thought the great political speech was not dead in the 21st century, just struggling to be heard above the 20-second grab. Parliament could still be the greatest forum; any decline in debate was because parliament was not exploited properly. Yet he defended today’s politicians as “better educated and more professional”.

He also defended plagiarism: “Any speechwriter worth his salt will plagiarise the great.” He loved rhetoric but saw his work as craft rather than art, insisting on accuracy and the primacy of content over rhetoric. He knew that the Gettysburg Address was only 268 words but they distilled years of work by Lincoln, revealing “a relentless flow of logic”.

Freudenberg was a member in the Order of Australia and a life member of the Labor Party. He was awarded a Centenary Medal.

Graham Freudenberg’s 1965 marriage to Maureen Dwyer broke after eight years – he blamed himself. He is survived by his long-time companion, Tom Kusano, and his brother Rex and his family. His sister, Ailsa, predeceased him.



● Graham Freudenberg at state memorial service for Gough Whitlam, 2014.

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All contributions welcome

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The speed limit in North Rothbury village is officially 50km. However, the unwritten speed limit is 25 -40 depending on conditions and daylight. This is because the roads are dual purpose; there are no footpaths, pedestrians including children, dog walkers, and large kangaroos use the roads. Also, ride-on-mowers and any other configuration of wheels, legs or whatever. New resident who hit aging Donk the Dog. **SLOW DOWN.** Village mothers have been known to take matters into their own hands. A baseball bat thru the windscreen is not out of the question just because Sally has moved. She'll be back!

To all household pamphlet delivers; the footpath's in our local area are for pedestrians not a rubbish bin for lazy delivers. Put then in the mailboxes as, I assume, is the spot your employer intended; if there is no letterbox or one not sufficiently big enough to take the wad then don't leave one or put it inside the offending yard!!

To the mongrels who attempted to steal my car while we where away on holidays. Even though you didn't get away with the car, thanks to an immobilizer, the amount of damage you did to the ignition was horrendous. With my insurance excess & 'spoiled' no-claim bonus I'm way out of pocket. Hopefully you've left some DNA behind & it's on record as the police are on the job.

To the local Police Area Command who have had two successful "Operation Blitzes" since the 27th June 2019. I was pulled up coming into Braxton on Wine Country Drive last week & had licence, drug & alcohol checks; I passed all!

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Work Wanted: HAVE UTE WILL CARRY. Need something moved? Phone Phil on 0447 381989
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Work Wanted: Lawns mowed, rubbish removal & slashing. Also 'Bobcat' work, trenching & post hole boring & general maintenance & handyman work. Phone Steve on 4938 3601
Work Wanted: HORSE CLIPPING - PERFORMANCE READY. Hunter Valley & Central Coast. Phone Caron 0416 128 701
Work Wanted: Lawns properties, mowing, trimming, removals, maintenance. Paul 0478103814 or 49987567
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Work Wanted: Piano teacher available to give lessons P: Phil Aughey on 0447 381 989
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Dates for your diary The "For your Diary" section of The News is a FREE community service.

Dates for your diary >

THUR 1, FRI 2 & Sat 3 AUG – Lions Club of Singleton annual BOOK SALE @ the N.A.A. Pavilion, Singleton Showground, Bathurst Street, Singleton and will be open from 9am to 5pm on each of these days with one extra hour on Thursday to 6pm. All good quality second-hand items (books, magazines,games,CDs, DVDs etc) will range in price from 50c to \$2! There will be a large Children's Section. Free entry to the Book Sale with free tea and coffee available.
MON 5 AUG – Braxton Public School kindergarten excursion to Hunter Valley Zoo
MON 5 AUG – Braxton Public School - P&C Meeting 6pm in Library
TUE 6 AUG – Braxton Lions Club meeting at Braxton Golf Club @ 4 pm
TUES 6 AUG – North Rothbury Tidy Town bi-monthly meeting. 6:30pm start @ 24 Mayne Street, North Rothbury
THURS 8 AUG – Braxton Public School Education Week classroom visits
THURS 8 AUG – Braxton VIEW Club 31st Birthday lunch and entertainment
TUES 13 AUG – B/G CWA Mthly Mtg – Old St. Brigids Staff Room, Station St., Braxton, 9.30am, Morning Tea following. Visitors and New Members welcome. Contact Marie Shearer 0402 015 850 for any information.
SUN 18 AUG – Braxton/Greta Vietnam Vets Day Memorial Service @ Braxton Memorial Rotunda John Rose drive Braxton Time: 1030am
MON 19 AUG – Braxton Public School - Staff Development Day (no students)
SUN 1 SEPT – Fathers Day
TUE 3 SEPT – Braxton Lions Club meeting at Braxton Golf Club @ 4 pm
TUES 10 SEP – B/G CWA Mthly Mtg – Old St. Brigids Staff Room, Station St., Braxton, 9.30am, Morning Tea following.

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THURS 12 SEP – Braxton VIEW Club meeting
THURS 26 SEP – Braxton VIEW Club donna-lou Fashion Parade
TUE 1 Oct – Braxton Lions Club meeting at Braxton Golf Club @ 4 pm
TUE 5 Nov – Braxton Lions Club meeting at Braxton Golf Club @ 4 pm
MON 7 OCT – Labour Day public holiday
TUES 8 OCT – B/G CWA Mthly Mtg – Old St. Brigids Staff Room, Station St., Braxton, 9.30am, Morning Tea following. Visitors and New Members welcome. Contact Marie Shearer 0402 015 850 for any information.
SAT 9 & 10 NOV – Silky Oak Festival GRETA: SAVE THIS DATE - we are celebrating the birthdays for Greta Army Camp and Greta Migrant Camp hosted by the Central Hunter Business Chamber (Braxton & Greta). This is a public event over two days with military parade, market stalls, ethnic dancing and music, food vans and etc
TUE 3 DEC – Braxton Lions Club meeting at Braxton Golf Club @ 4 pm
TUES 12 NOV – B/G CWA Mthly Mtg – Old St. Brigids Staff Room, Station St., Braxton, 9.30am, Morning Tea following. Visitors and New Members welcome. Contact Marie Shearer 0402 015 850 for any information.
TUES 10 DEC – B/G CWA Mthly Mtg – Old St. Brigids Staff Room, Station St., Braxton, 9.30am, Morning Tea following. Visitors and New Members welcome. Contact Marie Shearer 0402 015 850 for any information.
SAT 14 DEC – North Rothbury Tidy Town Twilight Markets & 90 year Rothbury Riot re-enactment.3pm – 8pm. Call Mike Lowing on 0414 757 826 for further details.



In The Garden

How to test and adjust your soil pH level

Why it is important to know your soil's pH level

The pH level is a measure of acidity that is represented by a value between 0 and 14. Acidic soil has a pH value below 7.0 and alkaline soil has a value above 7.0. Different plants thrive in different soil conditions, and because soil provides many of the nutrients and minerals that plants need, getting the right pH level is important. The wrong pH level will mean that your plants may become nutrient deficient

and struggle to grow.

When to test your soil

It's a good idea to test the pH level of your soil before designing or planting a new garden, creating a vegetable plot or planting varieties of fruit. You should also test when you are disappointed in the growth of your garden or some foliage is starting to show evidence of yellowing. You may even want to consider testing your soil in a few different parts of your garden. You'd be surprised how

much the pH levels can vary. Another thing to note is that if you've already added lime, fertiliser or organic matter to your soil recently, you'll need to wait three months before you get an accurate reading.

How to test for soil pH

To test your soil pH level, a simple and effective way is to use a home testing kit. A good tip when taking soil samples from your soil is to get a sample from just below the surface for an accurate reading.

Another way to test for the pH level is by using an electronic pH meter. They come with a probe that is inserted into the soil that quickly gives you an accurate reading.

Adjusting and balancing alkaline soil pH

After testing your soil, if you have a pH value over 7.0, it indicates you have alkaline soil.

This will mean that your soil is low on nutrients like phosphorus, iron and manganese.

To increase the acidity in your soil, you can add things like compost and manure, leaf matter or clippings from your garden or mulch. However, make sure you avoid using mushroom compost and poultry manures as these will drastically increase the alkalinity. A powdered sulphur may be needed to help if the pH reading is excessively high. Some vegetables like a slightly alkaline soil with a value between 7.0 and 8.0. These include asparagus, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, grapevines, leeks and turnips.

Adjusting and balancing acidic soil pH

If your soil has a pH value below 7.0, it is acidic, which is the case with most Australian soils. This may be a problem as many soil nutrients become more soluble under these conditions and can be easily washed away by rain or watering. Nutrients you may lose include calcium, potassium, magnesium and copper. Another thing to note is that in very acidic soil, bacteria can rot organic matter resulting in plant damage. The easiest way to balance acidic soil is to add lime,



dolomite or poultry manure. There are many vegetables and fruits that will thrive in acidic soil with a pH value below 7.0.

These include blueberries, beans, broccoli, beets, garlic, kale, lettuce, peas, potatoes, onions and spinach

You are invited to
Branxton's 5th Annual
Dress in Pink High Tea
Fashion Extravaganza
 featuring
Sue's Clothing, Rutherford
 With Sarah Farley as MC
 from 2NURFM
Wednesday 16th October 2019
 10.00am
Branxton Community Hall
 Tickets \$20 to be pre purchased
 for Women's Cancer
 Catering by Branxton Greta CWA Ladies
 Helen 0427 047 024

High Tea

SINGLETON COUNCIL ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO General Manager PO Box 314 Singleton NSW 2330

NOTIFICATION OF ROAD NAME PROPOSAL

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 163 of the *Roads Act 1993* and Part 2 of the *Roads Regulation 2008* of the proposal of the following road names:

Proposed Name: SALTBUSH ROAD
LGA: Singleton | Locality: Branxton
 Located within Lot 45 DP 1166072, Starting at Pin Oak Circuit and heading in a westerly direction for approximately 100m

A period of 28 days from the date of publication of this notice is allowed, during which any person may lodge with Council, written objection to the proposed naming. Any such objection should set out fully the reasons for the objection.

All submissions must be addressed to Jason Linnane, General Manager, Singleton Council, PO Box 314, SINGLETON NSW 2330, or email at council@singleton.nsw.gov.au

T 02 6578 7290 E council@singleton.nsw.gov.au W singleton.nsw.gov.au

CESSNOCK CITY COUNCIL

TENDER – T1819-15 PLANT HIRE

INVITATION:
 Council invites any person willing to fulfil the requirements of the following contract to submit a tender by the deadline.

OBTAIN TENDER DOCUMENTS AT:
<https://www.vendorpanel.com.au/publictenders.aspx>

TENDER:
 T1819-15 Plant Hire.

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT:
 2.00pm on Tuesday, 13 August 2019.

PURPOSE OF CONTRACT:
 To provide panel of suppliers for Plant and Equipment, wet and dry hire to support Council's operations. The period of this contract will be Three years with Two x Twelve month extensions based on supplier performance, commencing **1 October 2019**.

PURCHASE PRICE:
 No cost.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION:
 Senior Contracts and Tendering Officer, Mr Craig Wade via VendorPanel online forum.

MANDATORY PRE-TENDER MEETING:
 There is no pre tender meeting

www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au 62-75 Vincent St, Cessnock 02 4993 4100

School News



Branxton Public School

Congratulations to our PBL Award recipients of Week 10. Our reward afternoon was postponed until Term 3 so our Colour Fun activities will be held on Friday (weather permitting).

Mrs Melnik announced the Star Readers for Term 2 in Week 10. Each student who completed the challenge went into the draw and the lucky students drawn were able to choose their own book to take home.

Parents are welcome to join us in Education Week for classroom visits, followed by a picnic lunch. Classroom visits will begin at 10:10am on Thursday 8th August. Students will be able to show their parents and carers some of the amazing things they have been learning throughout the year.



■ Star readers Primary

Dates for the Calendar
 Friday 2nd August – Kindergarten Excursion to Hunter Valley Zoo
 Monday 5th August – P&C Meeting 6pm in Library
 Thursday 8th August – Education Week classroom visits
 Monday 19th August – Staff Development Day (no students)



■ The great HeadShave

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

SINGLETON LIONS MONSTER

BOOK SALE

Lions Club of Singleton will hold their annual **BOOK SALE** on Thursday 1 August, Friday 2 August and Saturday 3 August 2019.

The **BOOK SALE** will be held in the N.A.A. Pavilion, Singleton Showground, Bathurst Street, Singleton and will be open from 9am to 5pm on each of these days with one extra hour on Thursday to 6pm.

All good quality second-hand items (books, magazines, games, CDs, DVDs etc) will range in price from 50c to \$2!

There will be a large Children's Section.

Free entry to the Book Sale with free tea and coffee available.



Central Hunter Business Chamber Brekkie

Tuesday 6th Aug 2019 @ 7.00am – 9.00am

Join us at Crowne Plaza, Lovedale for a delicious buffet brekkie & coffee.

We will be hosting the following chamber speakers:

Branxton - Stuart Ramsay of Hunter Family Spending Planners

Singleton - Sue Gilroy of Cultivate Confident Cultures

Cessnock - Clint Ekert - LGA Customer Service Awards

Our Guest speaker - Barrett Campbell of Balance123 Accounting and Advisory.

Please bring along marketing material, flyers, business cards for promotion at the brekkie

Tickets can be purchased thru Sticky Tickets:-
<https://www.stickytickets.com.au/87669>



RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES TO LEASE

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

BRANXTON & VINEYARDS REAL ESTATE
 P: 4938 3300



"Branxton Gardens" Senior Living, Branxton
 Recent sales

SOLD UNIT 2 **SOLD** UNIT 10 **SOLD** UNIT 12 **SOLD** UNIT 18





The All-In-One Day on 22nd July was colourfully displayed with Papua New Guinea flags (provided by Marie) and lovely table settings which really brightened up Branxton Community Hall for the approx. 50 guests and members in attendance but the homemade pumpkin and chicken and noodle soups (made by Marie and Noeleen) was also a very warm welcome, as well as tea or coffee, if preferred. There was also a Handicraft Display (members work over the last 12 months), Agriculture and Environment Display and also a Papua New Guinea Display set up by Sara Turner, Guest Speaker, for everyone to enjoy at their leisure in be-



■ Declan and Zac Shearer cutting Birthday Cake.

tween lunch and Sara's talk. Edith Shearer very kindly offered to look after the Trading Table for us. It was lovely to have several women from a Papua New Guinea Women's Group who received a lot of interest and attention, which was great. Marie Shearer introduced Sara Turner from PNG Association, Guest Speaker, and we were taken on a wonderful journey of her life in PNG and her life and work in Australia. Thank you Sara for your time and wishing you many more happy years here.

Guests spent the day catching up with old friends and, hopefully, making new ones whilst enjoying the delicious, homemade, healthy lunch. Noeleen Bendeich and Roslyn Shearer have outdone themselves again with the Birthday Cake. Noeleen made the fruit cake and Roslyn iced the cake. A wonderful team effort. It was cut by Declan and Zac Shearer (Declan got the honours due to his 2nd place at State level in Handicraft this year). The cake was cut and sliced and put out for everyone to enjoy, along with the rest of



■ Marie Shearer presenting Sara Turner with Thank You Gift after Sara's wonderful talk.



■ Handicraft Display of members work over 12 months.

the slices and cakes available with tea and coffee. Thank you to all for making it such a wonderful day – the cooks, helpers, kitchen helpers, guest speaker and most importantly, the guests, as it would not have been possible without YOU!

We would happily welcome anyone interested in helping to raise money to help others in need, or assist in any other ways, and also making new friends. Should anyone be interested in joining Branxton/Greta CWA, or like any

information, or attending any of our functions, please contact our Secretary, Marie Shearer on 0402015850 or email branxtongretacwa@hotmail.com Denise McGoldrick, Publicity Officer.



Greta Camp and Maitland Connections

(Hear how Molly Morgan was involved and what followed!)

A Talk by

Alek Schulha

Alek, author and journalist was born at the Greta Camp and has campaigned for many years for a monument at the camp site

Saturday 17th August

1pm at Brough House

73 Church Street, Maitland

An ethnic dancing performance and delicious 1950s afternoon tea follows the talk.

Tickets \$12

Members \$8

Children \$4

Bookings essential at maitlandmuseum@gmail.com or call 49334450



NOTICE FOR EVERYONE WITH A CONNECTION TO THE GRETA CAMP



To celebrate the 80th anniversary of the Army Camp and the 70th anniversary of the Migrant Camp, Greta Museum is asking for YOUR STORY, in the year 2019.

- Only one page is required, so it needs to be summarised. Please also provide a photograph (old or new). The title will be 'My Story of Coming to Greta Camp, by ...'
- All the stories will be stored in the Greta Museum for future generations to learn about the past, in a specific file and filed under whichever name/s you prefer
- One story may be chosen randomly each fortnight to print in *The News*

Send, or bring in, to Neridah at Greta Museum, 96 High Street Greta NSW 2334. Open Wed. & Sat. 11am-3pm or email to gretamuseum@gmail.com (queries: call 0427657150)

Greta Museum

Honours the sacrifices of our local Service People - Come in to see our displays and photographs, about them and many other subjects.

Open Wed. & Sat. 11- 3pm
96 High Street Greta

Come in to INSPECT what's new in your local museum!



(Wood rimmed child-safe magnifying glass that really works)

Greta Historical Museum

96 High Street Greta

Open 11 am-3pm

Wednesdays & Saturdays



NOTICE

Branxton Greta Vietnam Veterans Day Memorial Service

Sunday 18 August 2019

**Branxton Memorial Rotunda
1030pm**

The Branxton & Greta RSL Sub Branches respectfully invite Vietnam Veterans, their families & members of the communities to join them for a memorial service for Vietnam Veterans Day & the 53rd Anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan.

4th E Munzenberger 21 pts (c/b)
5th D Fletcher 21 pts
NTP Ladies J Scobie
Gents R Showman
Members Draw - Won (K Anderson)
The pleasant Winter days just keep rolling along, much to the comfort of our keen group of veteran players. A pleasing number gathered for to-days round with some very good scores being recorded. Congratulations to Robert Brooks on winning the event and a well done to other winners and placegetters. Our thanks again to our Chef, Paul, for another most enjoyable lunch, with both quality and quantity.

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Hunter Valley Golf Club
Sunday 14th July
The Weekly Challenge has been won by Maitland visitor Pete Roderick with 38 points from Adrain Kent who returned an even Par 36.

Tuesday 16th July
Victor Joseph (aka Joe Olsen) with an excellent round of 43 points has won the Tuesday Stableford with John Stewart 39 on countback to Paul Smith also on countback. Ball winners were: Damien Porter 39, Bob Prentice 37, Scott Conti 37, Darrell Porter 36, Bill Williams 36, Mark Makin 34, Thomas Waite 33, Richard Craft 33, James Hogg 33, Robert Logue 33, Jason Cowburn 33, Tracy Morison 32, Graeme Flynn 32, Lindsay Meyn 32 and Wade Frith 31 c/b. Nearest-the-Pins went to Robert

Logue (3rd & 8th) and Damien Porter (10th & 17th)
Wednesday 17th July
Jeanette Irwin has won the Ladies Stableford event on countback after she and Marlene Rooney had 35 point returns, 3rd went to Glenda Williams with 33 on countback. Ball winners were: Melita Watson 33, Kerrie-Anne Skinner 33, Sharon Blackett 30, Isabel Skeates 29, Tony Fisher 28 and Jill Ramsden 28 c/b. Nearest-the-Pins went to Sue Peel (3rd) and Karen Baillie (4th).

Thursday 18th July
Paul Ireland with a solid 40 point round has won the Vets Medley Stableford with Paul Adams 2nd on countback to John McLoughney after both had 39 point returns. Ball winners were: Kerry Bartlett 38, Wayne Cowan 38, Ron Findlay 37, Wayne Drayton 36, Col Bradley 36, Ray Boyd 35, John Stewart 35, David Peel 35, Terry Webb 35, Greg Harder 34, Garry Clarke 34, Peter McIntyre 34, Jeremy Holden 33, Noel Ellenor 33, Bill Freeman 33, John Hogg 33, Bill Davey 33, John Harrison 33, Robert Hannah 33, Ray Newton 32, Ken Harris 32, Phil Marks 32, Bill Mitchell 32, Brian Rooney 32 and Geoff Sweetman 32 c/b. Nearest-the-Pins went to Paul Ireland (3rd) John Stewart (4th) Paul Smith (8th) Colin Somerville (10th) and John Carmody (17th).
The raffle was won by John Carmody with Kerry Porter taking 2nd prize. The Misty Glen Wines Outstanding Performance by

a Vet for July has been won by Donald Bradley.
Saturday 20th July
The minus 3 start made the going tough for the early starters in Saturday's Medley Stableford event with only a hand full of starters in the 80 field beating Par. A Grade went to James Adamson with 36 points from David Peel 35, B Grade to Colin Holden with 42 points from Kurt Daley 40 and C Grade to Peter Attewell on countback from Dean Blair after both had 38 point returns. Ball winners were: Graeme Smith 37, Don Bradley 37, Francois Schmidt v36, Paul Bullock 36, Leon Dureau v35, Matt Lorenz 35, Craig Blake v35, Paul Adams 34, Russ Calderwood 34, Lindsay Meyn 34, Murray Flannigan 33, Peter McIntyre 33, Richard Craft 33, Craig Greatorex 33 and Colin Somerville 33 c/b. Nearest-the-Pins went to Paul Bullock (3rd) Jeff Morton (4th) Brendan Connor (8th) Ken Springbett (10th) and Graham Morris (17th).
Sunday 21st July
The Weekly Challenge has been won by Craig Smith with 39 points on countback to Kurri GC visitor Matt Rabbett.
The Annual inter club Challenge with Wyong resulted in a solid win the Hunter Valley team with a total of 336 points to Wyong 305. Team honors went to Murray Alcock (W) & Adrian Kent (HV) with 73 points with Jason Hyde (W) & Steve Piggott (HV) 2nd with 63 and Dennis Honeysett (W) & Jason Cowburn 3rd with 61 on countback. The day was highlighted by a Hole-in-One by Jason Hyde (W) on the 17th

Tuesday 23rd July
Tom Bell is bound to come under the handicappers eye after returning 45 points for a massive win in Tuesday's event, Brett Janssen from Singleton took 2nd on countback after he and Graeme Flynn returned 39 points. Ball winners were: Brian Hogan v38, Phil Small 38, Jacob Rose 38, Richard Craft 38, Tim Caban 37, Darrell Porter 36, Mark Fullbrook 36, Steve Abel 35, Barry West v35, Ken Scott-MacKenzie 35, Lindsay Self 34, Colin McCullough 34, Robert Hannah 34, Geoff Boyd 34, Karl Zalewski v33, Dan Olsen 33, Bill Freeman 33, Col Bradley 32, Sue Peel 31, Alan Goldin 31, Jodie Dunn 31, Bill Williams 31, Terry Webb 31, Bob Prentice 31 and Dean Morison 30 c/b. Nearest-the-Pins went to Bill Freeman (3rd & 17th) Tom Bell (4th) Jodie Dunn (8th) and Graeme Flynn (10th)
Wednesday 24th July
Jenny Chambers has returned 37 points to win the Ladies Stableford event on countback to playing partner Dale Hamilton with Robyn Dunlop 3rd with 36 points. Ball winners were: Jeanette Irwin 35, Maureen Donaldson 33, Brenda Mannix 33, Sue Peel 32 and Joy Provenzano 31 c/b. Nearest-the-Pins to Dale Hamilton (3rd & 10th). Next week the Ladies will play Par.
Thursday 25th July
The team of R Logue, K Harris, W Barber and R Wilson recorded 11 under Par 60 to claim the Vets 4 Person Ambrose with 54.75 Nett, 2nd went to G Morris, C Somerville, P, Threadgold and D Gellwiler with 55 3/8 Nett, Ball Winners were : K Dick, T Webb, W Williams and G

Wiese 55.5, R Craft, L Meyn, James Hogg and S Piggott 55.75, G Shilko, J Schofield, D Schofield and P Marks 55 7/8, R Hannah, T Bell, P Small and B Freeman 56 3/8, C Bradley, G Johns, P Wetzler and G Boyd 56.5, W Berry, D Preston, J Harrison and R Boyd 57.25, D Archibald, N Barry, P McIntyre 57 2/3, K Bartlett, W Davey, G Donaldson and J McLoughney 57 5/8 and G Hedges, R Higingbottom, G Ireland and G Marsden 57.75.
Nearest-the-Pins went to P Small (3rd & 4th) P McIntyre (8th) G Shilko (10th) D Peel (17th) The raffle has been won by Billy Freeman with Geoff Boyd 2nd. Next week the Vets will play a Medley Stableford.
Saturday 27th July
Peter Huckfelt & Glenn Williams have won the 4BBB Men's Championship with 48 points with Andrew Fensom & Brendan Connor runners up with 47 on countback. The Mixed 4BBB Champions are Kevin Smith & Lorraine Clack with 40 points with Sue & David Peel runners up with 39 points. The Individual event run in conjunction has been won by Greg Harder with 42 points on countback to Scott Jones with Ryan McGregor 3rd with 41. Ball winners were: Evan Powell 40, Glenn Williams 39, Robert Hodge 38, Mike Carter 37, Stephen Zok 37, Paul Bullock 37, Scott Conti 37, Nathan Sweeney 37, Gary Thompson 36, Chris Russell 36, David Peel 36, Peter Milas 36, Wayne Drayton 36, Richard Craft 35 and Bruce Chambers 35 c/b. Nearest-the-Pins went to Steve Piggott (3rd& 4th)

chael Tracey 33
Grades B Errol Munzenberger 37
Grades B John Burgess 36
Grades B Neil Jordan 34
Grades C Dylan Barnes 41
Grades C Jeremy Thomas 38
Grades C dam Wallace 37
NTP 2/11 B 2nd Norm Redgrove 85cm
NTP 4 A 4th Joshua Tracey 246cm
NTP 9/18 B 9th Paul Bush 1cm
NTP 13 A 13th Joshua Tracey 290cm
Balls 15 Distributed down to score: 31
2017 Club Champion Joshua Tracey showed his class once again in winning Saturday's A Grade Stableford Competition with an excellent 36 pts from his one handicap. His round included two nearest the pins on the 4th and 13th— pretty impressive stuff! Dave Matt finished runner up with his 33 pts, just ahead of Mick Tracey with the same score. Errol Munzenberger has found some good recent form with his 37pts to win B Grade a testament to his new found form. John Burgess's 36 pts was good enough for second, with Neil Jordan third with his 34 pts. Dylan Barnes had the score of the day, winning C Grade with an excellent 41 pts, with Jeremy Thomas (38 pts) and Adam Wallace (37 pts) filling the minor placings. The shot of the day certainly belonged to Paul Bush whose shot to the 9th finished only 1 cm from the hole—far too close to be excited—a great shot that deserved a hole in one. 31 pts was needed to win a ball on a day where 69 was the DSR.

Saturday, 27 July 2019
SATURDAY COMP

STABLEFORD

Grades A Darren Maskell 41
Grades A Chris O' Brien 36
Grades A Chris Zawirski 36
Grades B Stephen Ross 37
Grades B Robert Hale 37
Grades B Geoff Jones 35
Grades C Barry Turner 37
Grades C Richard Turnbull 37
Grades C Col Hughes 35
NTP 2/11A 2nd Edward Barrett 103cm
NTP 4 B 4th Errol Munzenberger 400cm
NTP 9/18 A 9th Greg Noble 163cm
NTP 13 A 13th Stephen Kearney 119cm
Balls ~ 16 Distributed down to score: 31
Darren Maskell is in a rich vein of form after another excellent round, winning the A Grade Stableford with an outstanding 41 pts, a score that was 4pts clear of any other player on the day. Chris O'Brien was runner up with his 36 pts, just ahead of Chris Zawirski with the same score. Steve Ross won B Grade with his 37 pts, defeating his playing partner, Robert Hale on a countback, with Geoff Jones third with his 35 pts. Barry Turner's 37 pts was good enough to win C Grade, also on a countback from Richie Turnbull (who also played with Bob Hale and Steve Ross—a hot group on the day), with Col Hughes third with his 35 pts. The shot of the day belonged to Eddie Barrett on the 2nd, with his shot finishing only 103 cms away. 31 pts was needed to win a ball on a day where the DSR was a 69.

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Branxton/Greta Swimming Club Blitzes them!

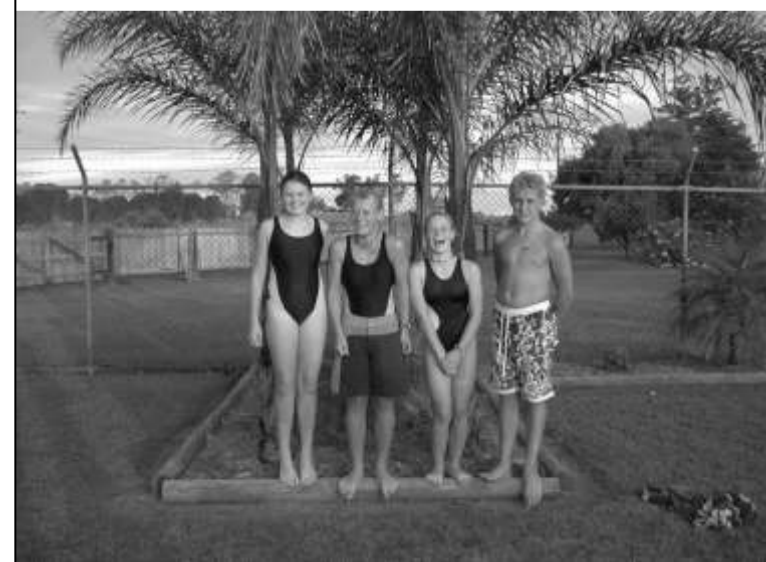
Already this year members of the Branxton Greta Amateur Swimming Club are showing the opposition how to win a race. Twelve year old April Leggett, 14 year old Jacob Hamilton & 15 year Amba Leggett all from Singleton High School & 12 year old Ashlee Anderson from St. Francis Xaviers, Singleton, all came out victorious in their school swimming carnivals.

They all gained first place in their age groups for 50m freestyle, breaststroke, backstroke, butterfly and a 100m freestyle.

April, Ashlee & Amba came first in their age relay and April also came first in the 15 years relay & broke records in 50m and breast stroke and 100m freestyle, making her the 12 years Girl Champion.

Ashlee came first and also broke a record in the 200m individual medley and broke records in the 50m breaststroke, backstroke & butterfly claiming Senior Girl Champion for her school. Jacob gained second place in his age relay, second in the 16 years relay and first in the 4x50m open age medley. In the Champion of Champions sprint for 12 to 17 year olds, Jacob came third. He also broke records in the 50m freestyle, breaststroke, backstroke and butterfly and 100m freestyle and 4x50m medley relay making him 14 years Boy Champion.

All are very impressive results and these young people deserve our heartiest congratulations on a job well done.



Above: (L-R) Ashlee Anderson, Amba Leggett, April Leggett & Jacob Hamilton

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LOCAL TENPIN BOWLERS IN STATE JUNIOR TEAM

Jessika Everingham of Branxton and Lisa Kotz of Luskintyre gained selection into the **1999 State Team** with consistent high scores in the recent NSW Presidents Shield roll-offs at Port Macquarie.

Over two days they bowled 28 games and once again proved themselves to be capable Tenpin bowlers as they both made the top seven to become part of the **State Team**. The whole point of the 28 games over one weekend is to prove the endurance and ability to perform under pressure.

For Lisa this is her second year and for Jessika it is her fifth year in the team. Jessika has made another cue by being named **Captain** of the team by the coach Dot Hughan of Port Macquarie.

This caps off a great year for the girls, Lisa won her first masters at Kempsey (Mid North Coast Championships) and broke the record for all events at the Country Championships. Jessika had her ninth masters win at Grafton, her next event will be the Youth International to be held in Sydney in January 1999.

The girls will be expected to bowl with the team in a number of tournaments next year the first being Maitland Championships in March, NSW Championships and Challenge Shield in Sydney at Easter, Lismore Championships in May, the Mid North Coast championships in June and the Australian Junior Championships in Salisbury, Adelaide, SA in July. The major tournament as a team is the Junior Interstate Tournament (Presidents Shield) which will also be held at Salisbury, Adelaide, SA in July. This tournament is held over three long days of non stop bowling against the elite bowlers from every state, territory and zone. Our girls are the defending champions of this tournament and hope to do as well in 1999.



■ Above: (L-R) Lisa Kotz & Jessika Everingham

Anthony Bowler (8th) Colin Holden (10th) and Hieu Le (17th).
Next week's event will be the Monthly Stroke rounds.
Branxton Lady Golfers
10/7/19 - Stableford
Winner: Kerrie O'Connell with 30 points
Runner-up: Robyn Hoffman with 29 points
Nearest to the pin: Jan Scobie
17th July 2019 - PAR
Winner: Jen Salna – Square (c/b)
Runner-up: Ruth McCarthy - Square
Nearest to the pin: Trish McMillan – winning the nest of balls with 12 in it – 149cm
Branxton Golf Club
Saturday, 20 July 2019
SATURDAY COMP STABLEFORD
Field: 51
Grades A Joshua Tracey 36
Grades A David Matt 33
Grades A Mi-

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FISHING CLUB RESULTS TALLY 2019

	24/02/2019	17/03/2019	19/05/2019	12/06/2019	21/07/2019	Total (pts)
Mark Dever				142.7		142.7
Troy Fields			56.5	25.6	36	118.1
Steve Nevin		78.2		13		91.2
Anthony Fields				37.6	16	53.6
Tom Fields			35		15	50
Mick Edwards		45.9				45.9
Jason Salna	14.15		25.5			39.65
Tyson Nevin		37.2				37.2
Fee Jacobs				21.6	14.5	36.1
Judy Masters		12.5	15			27.5

The Tatts Hotel July open fishing weekend had four weigh-ins and we had a lead change in the women's and juniors.

Fee Jacobs continued her dominance over her husband and took the lead with 14.5 points (36.1 total for the year) in the Women's.

Tom Fields (15pts) shot him into the lead in the juniors and 'The Fields' brothers both registered points in their quest to chase comp leader Mark Dever in overall points.

FISHING CLUB INDIVIDUAL PRIZES LEADERBOARD

FISH	FISHERMAN	WEIGHT (KG)	WEIGH IN DATE
Flathead	Fiona Jacobs	0.36	10-Jun
Whiting	Judy Masters	0.15	17-Mar
Tarwhine	Troy Fields	0.5	19-May
Tailor	Troy Fields	0.65	21-Jul
Mahi Mahi	Steve Nevin	1.59	17-Mar
Bream	Mark Dever	1.63	10-Jun

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