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2019 My Community Project: Branxton Little A's & Wildcats successful recipients

The State Electorate of Cessnock has been successful in securing \$249,429 in funding for 2 projects through the NSW Government's 2019 My Community Project Program. Established this year, the My Community Project Program received over 61,400 votes across NSW. The Cessnock Electorate had 27 projects which went to public vote with Miller

Park Little A's & Wildcats Facility upgrade and Above and Beyond Community Play Space receiving the most votes to secure funding. The My Community Project Program is all about local projects and local decisions. The program funds projects in each NSW Electorate to help improve the wellbeing of the people and communities.

Mr Clayton Barr MP, State Member for the Electorate of Cessnock said "There were a great range of projects across the Cessnock Electorate. Thank you to all the local organisations and community groups who submitted applications and congratulations to the 2 successful recipients. And thank you to all the community members who took the time to vote for

your favourite projects." The successful projects included a significant upgrade to the facility at Miller Park, Branxton to include an extension of the roof lines to provide shelter from the weather for spectators and participants at Greta Branxton Little Athletics Club and Greta Branxton Wildcats Football Club.

Mr Barr said "This funding will deliver much needed improvements to the Miller Park facility and provide a

protective area for all to participate, enjoy and watch several of our local sports teams." The Above and Beyond Community Play Space will provide a safe place for groups and families to play, build relationships and promote community connection. The space will be inclusive to all members of the community, provide free access to community

barbeques, play facilities and be fenced and secured.

"This play space is a fantastic addition to the Cessnock community. Facilities that are inclusive for all community members enhances the lives of many" said Mr Barr.

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Some birds need your help!

Have you heard of or seen the Regent Honeyeater? Did you know the Regent Honeyeater is critically endangered and there are only 400 left in the wild? The Regent Honeyeater is found only in south-east Australia and the numbers are in decline due to loss of habitat.

The Hunter is home to at least two key biodiversity areas, that

Honeyeater' is an exciting new project under the Australian Government's National Landcare program which can assist with the recovery of Regent Honeyeaters and other threatened woodland birds to our region, that complements another project under this program; restoring Box Gum Grassy Woodlands in the Upper

Revegetation Plan and choosing appropriate species lists, our staff will work with landholders to coordinate site preparation, planting and maintenance with community and volunteers over the next one to two years, to give the plants and trees the best chance of rebuilding habitat. Hunter Local Land Services can

also provide landholders with incentives to protect and enhance remnant native vegetation through fencing, off-stream watering and weed control. "We will also be running a series of related workshops and field days for landholders including demonstrations of revegetation techniques and woodland bird

information days to build relevant skills and knowledge in our community," says Carolyn. Landholders who are interested in coordinating their own revegetation sites or are willing to partner with Hunter LLS for a community planting site on their land can submit an Expression of Interest (EOI).

If you are located in the Merriwa Plateau or wider Cessnock area and are interested in getting involved or would like further information, or to view our Incentives Priority Map, please

complete an Expression Of Interest via <https://hunter.lls.nsw.gov.au/our-region/grants-funding-scholarships>

The "Bringing Back the Regent Honeyeater" and "In Good Hands: Landcare and Farmers restoring Box Gum Grassy Woodlands" projects are supported by Hunter Local Land Services, through funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Program.



White Browed Babbler

provide vital habitat for Regent Honeyeaters and other threatened woodland birds for foraging and breeding within remnant endangered ecological communities, Box Gum Grassy Woodlands and Spotted Gum-Ironbark forests. These key biodiversity areas are the Mudgee-Wollar (Goulburn National Park and surrounds) and the Cessnock Biodiversity area.

To coincide with Threatened Species Day, this Saturday 7 September, Hunter Local Land Services is reaching out to landholders from the wider Cessnock area and Merriwa plateau that are interested in partnering with us to revegetate up to four hectares of their property with the local native vegetation, over the next four years.

Revegetation projects may include developing large scale wildlife corridors and/or shelterbelts.

In the Hunter alone there are 28 woodland bird species that BirdLife Australia has listed in its conservation action plan for protection, due to significant

Hunter," said Carolyn Jenkinson, Project Officer for Hunter Local Land Services Natural Resource Management Team.

"Through these projects we are looking to partner with land managers in the Cessnock area and Merriwa Plateau to restore significant woodland bird habitats on their land.

"To navigate this through the drought and ensure good planning, all projects are supported by a site specific

The Shot Heard Around Australia: 90th Anniversary of the Rothbury Riot

In 1929 industrial conflict erupted in the Hunter Valley coal industry. The economic pressures of the Great Depression hit the industry hard, pitting miners against mine owners, causing widespread community hardship and culminating in fatal violence on 16 December that year. This FREE exhibition explores the lead-up to this day, now known as the Rothbury Riot and charts its enduring consequences. Cessnock Library Foyer: 31 August – 13 September 2019

Results of Greta Tidy Towns Father's Day Raffle 2019

1st prize of \$100 cash - Julie Cook, pink ticket HO9

2nd prize of a Baileys of Greta voucher – Lucy Lodo, orange ticket M25

3rd prize of Greta Pharmacy voucher – Regina Hall, red ticket A19.

With many thanks to all who those purchased a ticket as it helps support Greta Tidy Towns ongoing work in the town.

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Regent Honeyeater

population decline over the last 25 years.

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"The 'Bringing back the Regent

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Council advises that it has received an application from Central Hunter Business Chamber to conduct the Silky Oak Festival on Camp Road, Greta, scheduled for 9 & 10 November 2019. Council intends to seek consent from Roads and Maritime Services, pursuant to Division 2 of Part 8, of the Roads Act 1993, for the regulation of traffic, by means of temporary speed limits and stop/slow controls as follows:

Saturday 9 November 2019 – 6.00 am To 6.00 pm

Sunday 10 November 2019 – 6.00 am To 6.00 pm

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

Written submissions relating to the Regulation of Traffic should be forwarded to the General Manager, Cessnock City Council, PO Box 152 Cessnock 2325, endorsed 'Regulation of Traffic – Silky Oak Festival'.

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Innovation and risky business reaps recognition



Cessnock City Council has been recognised for excellence in risk management at the Statewide Mutual Risk Management Excellence Awards (RMEA) for 2019. Council's Stormwater Infrastructure Risk Management initiative received a highly commended in the Operational Risk category for large regional council / metropolitan councils. Council also received commendations for the Heavy Plant and Equipment Service Improvement Program and the Doing Business with Council initiative in the Operational Risk and Strategic Risk categories respectively. Cessnock City Mayor, Councillor Bob Pynsent congratulated staff on their innovation and commitment to excellence. "These were highly competitive awards involving councils from across the state. It was a fantastic result to see our Council receive recognition for a variety of initiatives that have been rolled out last financial year. Council is committed to reducing risk and improving safety for both the community and our staff. Doing Business with Council initiative has significantly improved communication with service providers in the local community. This initiative has resulted in improved compliance with risk, safety and procurement requirements by suppliers and contractors. Council's Heavy Plant and Equipment Service Improvement Program has enabled verification of operator competence in high risk heavy plant and equipment to nationally recognised standards. Additionally it has increased risk awareness in operators resulting in significantly improved safety culture and service levels. Council's holistic approach to stormwater infrastructure risk management has streamlined the way Council deals with customer concerns, providing the foundations for future asset growth and development of risk management processes for all Council infrastructure. Well done to all staff involved.

New legislation to protect farmers' right to farm

Michael Johnsen MP, Member for Upper Hunter and Parliamentary Secretary for Agriculture, has welcomed news that farm trespassers will face the toughest penalties in Australia including up to three years goal time, while farmers will enjoy the State's first legislated 'right to farm', under a historic piece of legislation set to be introduced by the Nationals in Government. Mr Johnsen said this legislation is all about sending the clearest possible message: enough is enough. "Our community has had a gutful of vile attacks against hard working farming families," Mr Johnsen said. "This ground-breaking piece of legislation, will create a clear deterrent to any would-be vigilantes considering unlawfully

trespassing on farming properties in NSW." The proposed legislation will introduce:

- * The toughest penalties in Australia for farm trespass, including three years jail time and up to \$22,000 in fines. Currently there is no jail time for trespass.
- * New offences and aggravating factors for activities such as trespassing as a group, damaging property and releasing livestock.
- * Legal recognition of a farmer's right to farm, shielding them from nuisance claims.

"These changes would ensure NSW has the toughest penalties in Australia for farm trespass, including new offences that exist in no other State or Territory. "This legislation will also go further, recognising a farmer's inherent right to

farm and providing protections for those facing costly legal action for simply going about their business. "If you're farming legally and have done so for many years, you're not going to cop a nuisance claim and potential legal action just because some folks from the city moved next door and decided they didn't like the sound of your dairy herd." The Bill comes on top of regulatory changes recently

introduced under the Biosecurity Act 2015, which impose further offences and large financial penalties for farm trespass that breaches on-farm biosecurity plans. "The Right to Farm Bill was an election commitment and we are ensuring our promises are met," Mr Johnsen continued. **Key points:** Penalties ~ Penalties for farm trespass will be increased from fines of up to

\$5500, to three years jail time and up to \$22,000 in fines. Trespassers may also face additional biosecurity fines introduced by the Government in July. A new offence will be created for inciting or causing a trespass. New aggravating factors for trespassing in a group, damaging property and willfully or negligently releasing stock. No other State or Territory has an offence for group trespass.

90th anniversary of the Rothbury Riot

In 1929, industrial conflict erupted in the Hunter Valley coal industry. The economic pressures of the Great Depression hit the industry hard, pitting miners against mine owners, causing widespread community hardship and culminating in fatal violence on 16 December that year.



To commemorate the anniversary of the Rothbury Riot, that explores the lead-up to the day, now known as the Rothbury Riot and charts its enduring consequences.

The exhibition will run during Cessnock Library opening hours from Saturday 31 August until Friday 13 September 2019.

Cessnock Library will also host a talk on Jim Comerford, who was a young 15 year old pit boy at the Rothbury Riot. Jim had a long and eventful, sometimes controversial life. He was a long time official in the Miners' Federation: one of the strongest most militant unions. He was best known to the public for his writing of book reviews and stories of life on the coalfields over several decades for the Newcastle Herald. Historian Barbara Heaton has taken on the task of writing his biography and she will be at Cessnock Library to tell us about the process of uncovering Jim's life and the challenges this has revealed.

Library Services Co-ordinator, Rose-marie Walters said "Jim Comerford: Working Class Warrior" describes the social history of the community and cultural life of the northern coalfields which was unmatched in its heyday."

Come and hear Barbara Heaton's fascinating stories at a FREE event at Cessnock Library on Thursday 12 September 5pm to 7pm. Bookings for the talk are essential and refreshments are provided. Book your spot by going here <https://bit.ly/2NBePcT>. Book online at libraries.cessnock.nsw.gov.au under 'Events & Bookings' or by calling Cessnock Library on 4993 4399 or Kurri Kurri Library on 4937 1638. #NOTE

North Rothbury Tidy Town, as part of the 90 year anniversary, is holding a re-enactment on Sunday 15th December 2019 on site (*behind the memorial*) from 3pm until 3:45pm & then will host their very popular annual Twilight Markets. More information will be provided as the date gets closer.

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STEVE'S RANT



I watched Jacinta Price speaking on TV last Thursday night. What a brilliant young lady. She is currently touring the country giving talks to those sufficiently intelligent to be interested in what she has to say. The talks last for two hours and evidently covers considerably ground. She explained that her schedule included Newcastle and Coffs Harbour in the coming days. Surprisingly, however, she has received a letter from the Coffs Harbour Council telling her that she cannot speak there or even go there because she has not sought the consent of the local indigenous mob. As it happens, she is related to a lady in that mob who

has enthusiastically welcomed the prospect of Jacinta addressing her people. What absolute conceit the busybodies of Coffs Harbour Council have demonstrated in assuming to speak for the local indigenous people and assuming they have any authority over another Australian's right to make a public speech. Do these Turkeys think that Jacinta Price is a dangerous or subversive person or are they so convinced of their political correctness that they have a duty to police who comes to Coffs Harbour and that they first must seek the permission of the local mob. What a spurious attempt at *Virtue Signalling* and what better reason does the State



Politicians' expenses
Politicians' expenses is an unresolved recurring issue, generating anger and resentment, towards those temporarily granted agency to, responsibly, administer the realm on behalf of all. There appears a tendency in those so appointed to regard Treasury, as if by divine right, their property, to be plundered in their own self-interest. Frequently, dramatic head-

lines such as "Choppergate probe...", investigating expenditure of fiascos, make pub testers become apoplectic! This egregious bending of the rules resulted in a reimbursement, sans apology. Then there was the MP who ripped off taxpayers to pay for a book launch, claiming such expenses were within entitlements, but, reluctantly, repaid \$9400.



Government have to spend billions of dollars to bypass the bloody joint. But I digress. Unfortunately, this type of *Virtue Signalling* has become ubiquitous among those in our urban precincts who lack the intelligence, understanding or ability for careful thought, bullied by the left into a language which is unintelligible to the rest of us. Giving us paragraph long sentences to describe a druggo, alcoholic or a crim; three words we are not supposed to use anymore in case we offend the druggo, alcoholic or crim. Other examples of this behaviour are exquisitely demonstrated by Sydney and Melbourne councils, the Greens, and the ABC who advocate extreme modification of our lifestyles in order to, supposedly, save the planet.

In fact, there is very little we can do as a nation to reduce global CO2 emissions in the face of the growing economies of China and India and the desire of other third world nations to achieve better living standards for their growing populations. If we interfere with mother earth's climate, she will make the necessary adjustment to bring things back to normal. Too bad if that means another extinction event. Again, I digress. This attitude of superiority by the white man, and let's be clear here it's "WHITE MALES" has had a pernicious and devastating impact in those countries the Europeans have colonised during the last 500 years. Australia, both north and south America, southern and central Africa have had

their indigenous people subjugated, murdered in the tens of thousands, enslaved and subjected to the diseases of Europe and West Asia such that the population of these people and their traditional social systems have been destroyed. It did not occur to the Europeans that a society such as our Aboriginals peoples, which had taken 40 to 60 thousand years to be refined, developed and adapted to the climatic conditions in Australia, could teach them anything about living in Australia. Such was the conceit and ignorance of our first settlers that the beautiful park like landscapes that were encountered west of the blue mountains were there simply to be exploited. How could these primitive people possible have

produced or modified the landscape to create these wonderful pastures. Well they did, as was noted by early explorers, the natural grassland provided the grains. It is only now that the full extent of the complexity and sophistication of Australian Indigenous People's society is being realised. Documentation from early explorers' journals and diaries revealed many villages housing up to a thousand or more. People living and thriving in permanent villages with buildings, some that could hold 40 people, granaries, fish farms, irrigation channels and wells. The Mia-Mia made of sticks and bark as being the only shelters that we learned about in school is BS! I recommend people read

'Dark Emu' by Bruce Pascoe. Then weep. Cheers Steve. Ed. Jacinta Nampijinpa Price (photo top left) is a Warlpiri/Celtic woman from Alice Springs. She has worked as a Cross-Cultural Consultant for nearly 20 years to create understanding between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australia. She is deeply involved within her community as well as communities throughout the Northern Territory.



with Mike Lowing
Some wonderful news for two of our local sporting clubs with the announcement that the Wildcats (soccer club) & the Little Athletics have been successful in the last round of the state funded 2019 My Community Project Program. There were 27 different projects in the Cessnock state electorate vying for funding & of that 2 projects got the nod. The local application was a combined effort viz., the Little A's & the Wildcats. The other recipient is Beyond Community Play Space at Cessnock. The funding for two projects amounts to \$249,429. The grant money secured by our local sports clubs will be spent on a significant upgrade to the facility at Miller Park to include an extension of the roof lines to provide shelter from the weather for spectators and participants. There was an interesting change in protocol with this funding as the community was asked to vote on each project with over 64,000 votes received. The program funds projects in each NSW Electorate to help improve the wellbeing of the people and communities. Congratulations to all concerned. Cheers, Mike

Then mere days ago, obviously fearing to rub shoulders with the hoi polloi, Dutton and Cormann, unapologetically, ensconced their derrieres at a cost of \$63,000, on Defence jets, to make redundant appearances for swearing-in. So, meet Australia's nascent squattocracy, the "new" aristocracy, who akin to the Pharisees, seem to continually remind their lumpenproletariat, that while "nobody is above the law" (Dutton), they alone are blessed by (happy-clappy!) God. Politicians may raise fears for their safety but they should introspect if their behaviour might be contributing! **Albert M. White, Queanbeyan**
Clarity and compassion Scott Morrison is determined to send the Tamil family, which had been

happily living in Biloela, back to Sri Lanka. He claims allowing the family to stay would encourage a flood of boat people. The Tamils were taken from their home in a 5am raid by armed police, which must have been a terrifying experience. This action raised a storm of protest,

especially in Biloela, where the family had been welcomed and well liked. I find it "interesting" the Morrison government's seizure of the Tamil family coincided with a crescendo of protest and the convenient front page report in *The Australian* "Sri Lankan boat surge: sixth asylum

bid halted" (September 2), which came complete with a photograph of the boat. This incident actually occurred on August 5. This episode shows that our government, led by a supposedly devout Christian, is prepared to go to extraordinary lengths to deny entry to

Australia by asylum seekers no matter how worthy their cause - showing no sign of Christian charity or compassion.



Submit a letter to the editor

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24th Annual Memorial Day held last Sunday

~ Federal Labor Leader Anthony Albanese gave occasional address ~



added. He also said that since 1801 the Northern District coalfields have lost over 1800 lives to coal mining .. "and that is just the

The 24th Annual Coal Miners Memorial Day Service was held at the 'Jim Comerford Memorial Wall', Aberdare, last Sunday with the largest attendance ever recorded. Special Guest of Honour, Federal Labor Leader, Anthony Albanese, gave a remarkable & moving Occasional Address stating that Jim Comerford would of hoped that 23 years after the (Jim Comerford) Wall was unveiled the industry would have been done adding names. "But sadly they grow & we give thanks that the ranks do not grow at the remorseless & terrible rate that used to be," he

Northern Districts coalfields." The memorial service also included the adding of one more name etched in the wall; Quinton Moore a contractor who was killed last November at Bengalla Mine. "As Quintons' death so harshly reminds us we are not there yet. We will keep working towards that & I believe that one day we will achieve it," said Albanese.

Photos above: the Jim Comerford Wall

Photos at right: Special Guest of Honour, Federal Labor Leader, Anthony Albanese & Cessnock Deputy Mayor Melanie Dagg



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"Searching for a lost sheep may not make sense until we are that lost sheep"

The Parable of the Lost Sheep (Luke 15.1-7) is a parable that we are familiar with. And there's often a question hanging in the air ... 'Why bother searching for the one lost sheep?' It is a question that is asked all the time, yet if we were the lost one, we would hope and pray that someone would search for us and rejoice when we are found. Searching for the one lost sheep would then make sense to us.

There are so many ways that people can be lost ... through addictions, separation from families, health issues, phobias, anxiety and depression ... to name just a few. When we seek and find those that are lost, we imitate Jesus who searches for us all when we are lost and separated from God by sin. So, I wonder, how is it that we have been lost? and how have we felt when we have been found and our return celebrated?

Jesus challenged the religious leaders of his time to see tax collectors and sinners as family and friends and to celebrate with them at the banquet table. Jesus didn't wait for sinners to find him, but He actively sought them out, welcomed them and ate with them. This caused much frustration and scandal among the religious leaders who avoided all contact with sinners, believing that God had nothing to do with them either. Jesus shows them a different kind of God, one who has unconditional love for all people. This love shines through Jesus and they ways that he seeks, finds and celebrates the lost and outcast. Jesus gives us a pattern for how to treat others.

A shepherd knows that a lost sheep is in danger while alone and because every sheep is valued and precious, he leaves the ninety-nine to seek the one lost sheep. This is not the actions of an exceptional shepherd; any worthy shepherd would do the same. How much more then, will God seek us when we are lost? Every one of us is precious in God's sight.

Our response to this parable should be twofold. One response is to have a greater trust in God's love for us and the ways in which he cares for us. The other is to have a desire to imitate Jesus ... to see those who are lost for any reason as brothers and sisters in Christ and to rejoice when they are found. We too should be actively seeking those who are lost and bringing them home.

It might make little sense if we are one of the ninety-nine for our shepherd to go searching for one that is lost ... but it makes a whole lot of sense if we are that one. Knowing that God will seek us out, search for us and rejoice over us being found enables us to know our value and preciousness as a child of God. When you are lost, may you always be found and brought home.

Every Blessing, Reverend Nicole

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Members say



Bob Pynsent, Mayor Cessnock City Council

It was wonderful to attend the Kullaburra Awards 2019 and celebrate the success and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in the Korreil Wonnai AECG area (Cessnock/Kurri Kurri). We have fantastic Year 12 students achieving in leadership, education and in sport. It was a pleasure for Council to support and sponsor these awards. Well done to all who received recognition.

It is vitally important Council continues to raise issues and advocate for our community. This week we will welcome the NSW Government's Shadow Minister for Local Government, Greg Warren MP to the Cessnock Local Government Area (LGA). Council will discuss a number of items with Mr Warren including the increase to the Emergency Services Levy, increase to costs associated with local government elections and the motion Council is putting forward at the upcoming Local Government NSW Annual Conference.

The motion adopted by Council requests the Minister for Planning, Secretary of NSW Planning and Environment and the Director Regions – Hunter NSW Planning and Environment to undertake an urgent review of the current code of conduct for the Regional Planning Panels. Council is concerned about the change to the code that effectively prevents local councillor members of the Regional Planning Panel from voting on development applications on land their local government area if those Councillors also voted on the rezoning of the same land.

Council will also have the opportunity to address the same issues with the NSW Government's Minister for Local Government, The Hon. Shelly Hancock MP this month.

Council is excited to partner with Golf NSW to grow the LGA's reputation as a great golfing destination. Over the weekend the Vintage Golf Club hosted the NSW

Open Golf Championship Regional Qualifying event. Council has secured this event for a three year period, next year it will occur at Hunter Valley Golf and Country Club and in 2021 it will be hosted at the Kurri Kurri Golf Club. Council is proud to support and secure this event. It is a great opportunity to showcase the Cessnock LGA and the Hunter Valley to many of NSW's amateur and elite golfers.

It was great to join the RSL sub branches of Branxton, Kurri Kurri and Cessnock to commemorate Vietnam Veterans Day - Long Tan Day. I was asked to pay special respects to a fallen serviceman from the township of Greta, CPL Robert Jackson, who was called up as a national servicemen in February 1966 when he was just 20. He joined the Australian Regular Army in 1968 and when to Vietnam as a corporal with 8RAR. Sadly, he was killed in an explosion in Phuoc Tuy Province on 28 February 1970. He was laid to rest in Greta.

Spring Awakening has arrived and is on last Friday from 6pm to 9pm at the Cessnock TAFE Ground. The parade acts as the official commencement of the evening's festivities, departing from Cessnock Performing Arts Centre at 5:30pm and continuing via Vincent Street all the way to the TAFE grounds.
Cheers, Bob



Member for Cessnock Clayton Barr MP

Raising the BARR A UNIVERSITY EDUCATION ISN'T THE ANSWER FOR EVERYONE – BUT IT IS FOR SOME

I have written in this column on many occasions that we, in the Cessnock Electorate, have much to be concerned about when it comes to our long term trends in education. But before I get into the detail (this time), I want to acknowledge some of the insanely wonderful stuff currently happening in our local schools. Congratulations to the many inspiring educators that have blazed new pathways for our next generation. Breaking the cycle of our community disadvantage, career pathways and future prosperity starts and ends with our approach to education. I don't want to

sugar-coat it, or mix my words. People, we have to start loving education and embracing the power of education for our children. Get on board or get left behind!

I have recently pulled together some Census data figures to give a sense of where we are currently at when we consider university education as a pathway. Because let's face it, we have one of the world's best universities right on our door-step, at Newcastle. Our historical response to the idea of university has been "not everyone needs to go to Uni" and this is 100% correct. We have people doing wonderful things in our community that never went to university, but overall, our local balance of those with Uni qualifications and those without Uni qualifications is way out of whack!

Digest this: there are 93 State Electorates in NSW (areas with a local MP) and of those 93, in 2001 we ranked 92 (2nd lowest) for Uni qualifications; in 2006 we ranked 93; in 2011 we ranked 93 and in 2016 we ranked 92. We have only 15% of our population with a Uni degree in 2016, up from 9% in 2001. The state average is 27% of all residents with a degree, so we have quite a long way to go to provide any balance to our community.

Historically, right across the Hunter, our people received little or no training after school, or achieved a trade. They worked hard, made a decent living, bought a house and raised their families on their blue collar wage. It was hard earned money and well deserved. But those jobs have largely disappeared and/or are currently disappearing. Manufacturing is gone and coal jobs are far fewer than they used to be when the work was done more by hand than machine. Desktop computers have taken the jobs of typists and admin workers.

In the future, there are going to be so many people without qualifications out of work, that employers are going to be able to pick and choose and the wages will stay at all-time lows. These wages won't provide enough to the average households to pay bills and put food on the table. The solution is education. To protect ourselves from future poverty we need to get a qualification or a skill, make ourselves a skilled and valued employee on a higher wage and ensure that we don't get left behind. A university education will be the answer to some of these challenges for some people.

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

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Cheers Clayton



Sue Moore, Mayor Singleton Council

With Hunter Water about to follow Singleton and the Upper Hunter to introduce low level water restrictions from this month, it's timely to be conscious of our impact on the environment and conversely, the impact our environment has on us. Our local government area was built on natural resources, with our roots planted in agriculture and now extending into viticulture and coal mining - industries reliant, of course, on the availability of water. But with no end in sight for the drought we are currently experiencing and restrictions in place for how and when water can be used around the home, we find a new angle on the conversation around economic diversification and indeed, the future of our area. The future of coal dominates national and even international discussions. But consideration must be given for those areas literally at the coalface, where decisions made in high rise board rooms actually hit home. And that means impacts for our towns and villages.

Singleton Council is currently renewing our Advocacy Agenda following on from the State and Federal elections this year, but our top priorities haven't changed. We continue to call for a commitment to addressing post-mining land use, economic development and community planning to ensure that as the industry focus changes, our environment can change with it. That means appropriate action now for post-mining land use for the benefit of our natural landscape, as well as a smooth economic transition to ensure the continued prosperity of our community. To that end, we're also committed to following up the Deputy Premier's promise for reforms to the Resources for Regions program, with a fairer allocation of mining proceeds to support infrastructure in the areas that produce them. We want to continue to meet our community's expectations when it comes to a sustainable approach to waste management and recycling, and that means government and industry support for a viable solution to recycling issues in the wake of China's National

Sword Policy. In another example of international decisions that directly impact local communities, leadership is required now to mitigate the impacts of changes to the global market for recycled material so that it can be a resource, rather than landfill. And of course, we are unwavering in our calls for the construction of a bypass of the New England Highway at Singleton, a new police station to better serve the towns and villages of our local government area and more passenger rail services to give our residents greater freedom to access services and facilities in neighbouring Maitland and Newcastle and beyond.

But it's all reliant on government support. There have been a few spots of rain in Council's ongoing campaign to knock on doors in Macquarie Street following positive conversations with the Deputy Premier and meetings most recently with the Opposition Leader Jodi McKay and Shadow Minister for Local Government Greg Warren. But just as we hope for good soaking rain to replenish our dams and farmland, so too the climatic conditions within the NSW Government also mean the difference between grey clouds or sunshine for our area into the future.
Cheers, Sue



JOEL FITZGIBBON MP Member for Hunter

As is always the case, the 24th Miners Memorial Day Service was appropriately solemn and respectful. Attendance appeared even larger this year, possibly because tragically another name was added to the Jim Comerford Memorial Wall this year.

On 3 November last year, Quinton Moore went to work at Bengalla mine as he did every working day. Tragically, he never returned home. Mercifully, the pace at which names have been added to the Memorial Wall has dramatically slowed in recent years, but one is one too many. On Sunday, our collective thoughts and prayers were with Quinton's wife, Shannon, and the family. Labor Leader and special guest Anthony Albanese delivered a powerful and moving speech in support of the work of our coal miners and the need to keep them safe in their workplace. He spoke of the union movement and the important role it plays in demanding the safest of workplaces. I again thank the CFMEU's Mining and Energy Division for its dedication to making the Memorial Day a perpetual event. It plays an important role in reminding us all to be forever vigilant and to never be complacent.

Our mining industry has brought great wealth to our region and our country. It has been and will continue to be a major employer for decades to come. But it has also claimed too many lives, more than 1,800 of them inscribed on the Jim Comerford Wall. They, of course, are those who have lost their lives on the Northern District leases only. It's a chilling number. The Memorial Day is a difficult one for the many who attend to remember their own lost family members, and on Sunday we stood in solidarity with them too.

As bushfires fuelled by the big dry and heavy winds wreak havoc to our north, debate will again emerge about climate change and its impacts. That's not a bad thing, there can be no doubt our weather patterns are changing and we must adapt. Rather than argue about the link between carbon emissions and a changing climate, we should be meeting our international commitments to do our bit in addressing emissions. In doing so, we do not have to do damage to our economy or lose jobs.

There is no inconsistency between our own pledge to do our bit and our determination to continue to mine and export metallurgical and thermal coal. Indeed our relatively clean and efficient coal displaces dirtier and less efficient coal, allowing our trading partners to reduce their own emissions.

Our contribution to carbon pollution is about 1.8 percent of the global total and when we signed the international agreement to act collectively – which both the major political parties support – we pledged to reduce our emissions consistent with the objective of limiting global warming to less than 2 degrees. The problem is we are not keeping faith with that commitment. Indeed, our emissions are increasing. Our emissions come from the transport, agriculture, industrial and energy systems. Smart strategies covering the whole economy should allow us to reduce emissions in sensible and smart ways which don't cause economic pain. But such a strategy Australia does not currently have. Meanwhile, our farmers are asking how much more suffering they have to endure before government acts.

Check my website at www.joelfitzgibbon.com or you can even sign up to my E-Newsletter. To contact the office, phone 1300 301 753, visit www.joelfitzgibbon.com.

Cheers, Joel



MICHAEL JOHNSEN MP Member for Upper Hunter

GAME OVER FOR DEER

I am pleased to advise that farmers and private landholders in NSW will be able to better and more easily control the exploding feral deer population in following a regulation change by the present state government. Deer currently occupy the unique 'game species' classification, meaning a special hunting licence is required to eradicate them.

Under the changes anyone with a firearm licence will be able to eradicate deer on private land, so long as they have landholder's permission. The changes would come as a huge relief and help to address the surging deer population in the Hunter Valley.

Everyone knows the deer population has exploded in recent years and become a significant problem. These feral animals cause significant damage to farming properties and exacerbate the impacts of drought. They also pose a significant risk for motorists.

With numbers soaring across the Hunter Valley, the NSW Government is removing the deer's semi-protected status to allow landholders to better manage these feral animals.

Removing game status will give landholders more flexibility to manage deer and will bring its classification into line with other feral animals such as wild dogs, foxes, rabbits and pigs.

Over the last 10 years the distribution of deer across the State has increased from approximately 8 to 17 per cent. The changes will be made under the *Game and Feral Animal Control Act 2002* and come into effect on 6 September 2019.

Contact: My Email address; upper-hunter@parliament.nsw.gov.au, phone numbers; 6543 1065, Fax 6543 1416; postal address P.O. Box 493, Muswellbrook 2333.

Cheers, Michael

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Pharmacist Advice

Medicines and side effects

TOP 10 DRUGS WITH REPORTED SIDE EFFECTS

Adverse-events reports filed with the Food and Drug Administration. Totals reflect reports filed from January 2004 to September 2011.

DRUG (USED FOR)	USA NO. EVENTS	MOST COMMON COMPLAINT
Enbrel (rheumatoid arthritis)	83,750	injection site pain
Humira (rheumatoid arthritis)	75,049	injection site pain
Chantix (smoking cessation)	47,990	nausea
Tysabri (multiple sclerosis)	40,383	fatigue
Avonex (multiple sclerosis)	37,302	fall
Byetta (Type 2 diabetes)	35,595	blood glucose increased
Remicade (rheumatoid arthritis)	35,021	infusion-related reaction
Vioxx* (arthritis)	34,386	heart attack
Mirena (contraception)	28,069	device expelled
Forteo (osteoporosis)	26,650	fall

*Withdrawn from market in September 2004

Source: AdverseEvents Inc.

Jim Comerford: Working Class Warrior



Cessnock Library will host an Author Talk with Historian Barbara Heaton this Thursday 12 September from 5-7pm about her upcoming Biography on Jim Comerford, titled Working Class Warrior. In our local area and in the mining industry, Jim Comerford was a larger-than-life figure, but who was he really? Barbara's biography delves deep into the life of this contradictory man. Jim Comerford had a long and eventful, sometimes controversial life. He was a long time official in the Miners' Federation: one of the strongest, most militant unions and was present at two of Australia's most important industrial relations events.

Jim was best known to the general public for his writing of book reviews and stories of life on the coalfields over several decades for the Newcastle Herald. Barbara Heaton's biography of Jim Comerford also describes the social history of the community and cultural life of the Northern coalfields which was unmatched in its heyday. Library Services Co-ordinator, Rose-marie Walters said, "Some figures have a larger-than-life presence in a community and Jim Comerford was one of them. Coal miner, Rothbury Riot veteran, union organiser who then became a mining historian, author of the definitive book on the 'northern lockout' and then for decades, a correspondent on industrial matters for the Newcastle Herald."

"We are thrilled that Barbara Heaton will be at the Library to talk about her forthcoming biography of Jim. Her talk here at the Library will give everyone a chance to hear the result of years of research and for locals who knew and remember Jim well to share their memories of him," added Rose-marie. Bookings are essential and refreshments will be provided. Book your spot today via Eventbrite <https://bit.ly/2NBePcT>, online at libraries.cessnock.nsw.gov.au under 'Events & Bookings' or by calling Cessnock Library on 4993 4399.

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Summary

All medicines can cause unwanted side effects. Medicines include prescription, over-the-counter and complementary medicines (herbal preparations and vitamins). If you are worried about any of your medicines, seek immediate medical attention. Active ingredients in medicines can 'clash'. So, taking more than one medicine at the same time can increase the risk of side effects. Tell your doctor about all the medicines you are taking. You may like to have an annual review of all your medications. **Complementary medicines can interact with prescription medicines** About one in five Australians take both complementary and prescription medicines. Active ingredients in these medicines can interact, increasing the risk of side effects. Some medicines have similar active ingredients, that may act in the same way. Other complementary medicines may make the prescription medicine more or less effective. Some combinations that can put people's health at risk include: Echinacea may interact with medications broken down by the liver. Many complementary medicines (including feverfew, ginkgo and chamomile) may increase the risk of bleeding in people taking anticoagulant medicines (such as warfarin) and anti-inflammatory medicines (such as aspirin). St John's wort increases serotonin. If taken with other medicines that increase serotonin (such as antidepressants) it can cause serotonin toxicity. Serotonin toxicity can range from mild to life threatening. Symptoms include tremors, high

temperature and low blood pressure. For advice about complementary medicines, speak with your doctor or other health professional. **Alcohol used with medicines can cause side effects** Drinking alcohol with some medicines can also cause unwanted (and sometimes dangerous) side effects. For example: Alcohol can cause drowsiness or dizziness when taken with (some) antihistamines, antidepressants, sleeping tablets or medicines for anxiety. Alcohol can affect medicines for high blood pressure and travel sickness, and some pain medicines can also be affected by alcohol. Some antibiotics interact negatively with alcohol and some can cause a severe reaction. Symptoms can include upset stomach, skin flushing, headache, a fast or irregular heartbeat, drowsiness or dizziness. Remember that alcohol can stay in your system for several hours after your last drink, so it is important to be aware that interactions can occur long after you stop drinking. Talk to your doctor or other health professional for advice about your medication and drinking alcohol. **What to do if you experience side effects** If you experience side effects when taking medication: In an emergency, call triple zero (000). Note the side effects and consult your doctor or pharmacist if you have any concerns. They may need to adjust the dose or type of medicine you use. Call the **NPS Medicines Line on 1300 633 424** or the **Adverse Medicines Events Line on 1300 134 237** for advice. These phone-line services allow consumers to report or receive advice on side effects. They are not emergency services. **How to reduce the risk of side effects**

To reduce your risk of experiencing side-effects: Take all medicines as prescribed by your doctor. Don't take anyone else's medicines. Learn about your medication. All prescription medicines have an information leaflet called **Consumer Medicine Information (CMI)**. This gives detailed information on the medicine in plain English, including how to use it, side effects and precautions. Your pharmacist can also give you the CMI for your medicine. Speak to your pharmacist if you buy over-the-counter or complementary medicines. They can advise you about side effects and interactions with other medicines you are taking. Be aware that medicines you buy in the supermarket can also cause side effects. Tell your doctor about all the medicines you take, including prescription, over-the-counter and complementary medicines. Have an annual review of all the medicines you take. This is important for older people as they are more likely to experience side effects. A review can take place in a pharmacy or at home. Ask your doctor for more information about medication reviews. Other things you can do to reduce your risk of side effects from medicines include: Ask your doctor if improving your lifestyle could reduce your need for medication. Some conditions can be better managed with changes to your diet and regular exercise. Return unwanted and out-of-date medicines to your pharmacy for safe disposal. This is a free service. Talk to your pharmacist about dosage aids that can help you organise your pill taking. You may be at risk of making mistakes if you take many different medicines at different times. Ask your doctor or pharmacist questions so you understand the benefits and risks of your medicines.

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INGREDIENTS
 800g cream delight potatoes, peeled, quartered
 3/4 cup milk, warmed
 4 (500g total) chicken breast minute steaks (see notes)
 2 large (120g) slices of leg ham, halved
 2/3 cup grated tasty cheese
 1/3 cup plain flour
 1 1/4 cups dried panko breadcrumbs
 1 egg, lightly beaten
 1/3 cup vegetable oil
 Steamed green beans, to serve

METHOD
Step 1
 Place potato in a medium saucepan. Cover with cold water. Bring to the boil. Cook for 15 minutes or until tender. Drain. Return potato to pan. Place pan over low heat. Toss for 1 minute or until excess liquid has evaporated. Remove from heat. Using a potato masher, roughly mash potato. Add warm milk. Mash until smooth. Season with

Chicken cordon bleu

salt and pepper.

Step 2
 Meanwhile, place steaks between 2 sheets of plastic wrap. Using a rolling pin, flatten each steak until 1cm thick. Leaving a 5mm border around edge of steaks, top with ham and grated cheese. Fold steaks over to enclose filling.

Step 3
 Place flour on a large plate. Place breadcrumbs on another large plate. Whisk egg in a shallow dish. Lightly coat chicken in flour, brushing off excess. Dip in egg, then breadcrumbs, pressing with fingertips to secure.

Step 4
 Heat oil in a large non-stick frying pan over medium-high heat until hot. Reduce heat to medium. Cook chicken for 6 minutes each side or until cooked through and golden brown. Drain on paper towel. Serve chicken, sliced, with mashed potato and green beans.

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Out & About

with Mike Lowing

BRANXTON LIONS BUNNING'S SAUSAGE SIZZLE

On the 31st of August Branxton Lions held their 'sausage sizzle' at Bunnings Singleton; the Father's Day weekend. It was raining in the morning but it cleared then the people came out. It ended up a very successful day. They also held a Father's Day Raffle at IGA Branxton on the 23.8.19 & also continued to sell tickets at the Bunnings 'sausage sizzle'. The winners of the raffle were 1st Nicky Jones from Greta, 2nd Roxy Perkins from Singleton, 3rd Elain Staunton from Singleton. The raffle was drawn at Bunnings by Charlotte Smith-Hughes a Bunnings' girl. Branxton Lions would like to thank IGA Branxton and Bunnings' Singleton for their valuable assistance in their fundraising efforts.



Branxton Lions Raffle draw drawn by Charlotte Smith-Hughes from Bunnings




Branxton Lions (L-R) Brian Thomas, Allan Humphries & Dr. Alan Beckley catching their breath at the Bunnings' Sausage Sizzle



Branxton Lions selling raffle tickets at the Singleton Bunnings' Sausage Sizzle

The Annual St Phillips Christian College "Spring Fair" was held on Saturday 31st August 2019 and was an outstanding success ... it gets bigger & bigger every year & is a credit to the school, the staff, students, parents & other helpers. Well done again!




PRIME MINISTER

12 AUG 2019

Mr Brett Wild
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Dear Mr Wild

The Governor General will be giving the 'Opening Address' at the 'CELEBRATING GRETA ARMY & MIGRANT CAMP 1939 - 1960' anniversary celebrations to be held on Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th November on the original Army/Migrant Camp site. Not to be outdone the PM has now thrown his support behind the event.

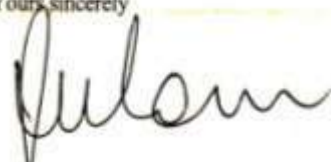
Thank you for your email dated 15 June 2019 regarding support to the Greta Silky Oak Festival celebrations in November 2019.

Veterans and migrants have made valuable contributions to our country and I appreciate the efforts of the Central Hunter Business Chamber for coordinating this festival in their honour.

While you have not received all of the support requested, I understand that the Australian Defence Force has provided capabilities representing the Navy, Army and Air Force. I know that Defence needs to balance its commitments to a wide range of domestic and international activities, and cannot meet all requests at all times.


I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and the Central Hunter Business Chamber volunteers once more for your dedication to commemorating important anniversaries. I wish you all the best for a successful and enjoyable festival.

Yours sincerely




SCOTT MORRISON





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Tuckiar v The King – An Interesting High Court Case

On 28 June 2003, the Chief Justice of the High Court, Murray Gleeson, attended a ceremony in Darwin at the invitation of the Yolngu people, at which the High Court was thanked for righting an injustice against Yolngu clan leader Dhakiyarr Wirrpanda, also known as Tuckiar. The ceremony was for the unveiling of memorial poles inside the foyer of the Supreme Court in Darwin, dedicated to the Yolngu elder and his family. In 1934 Tuckiar was sentenced to death in the Northern Territory Supreme Court for the murder by spearing of Constable Albert McColl on an island off Arnhem Land. McColl had gone to Arnhem Land with a police party to apprehend the Aboriginal killers of the crew of a Japanese pearling lugger. When he was killed, McColl was handcuffed to a wife of Tuckiar. She had recently been raped by two white men and Tuckiar thought she was about to be harmed by McColl. The trial lasted only one day, and the all-white jury took just over two hours to find Tuckiar guilty. Defences of self-defence or provocation were not put. The judge said in summing up: "If you bring in a verdict

of 'not guilty' it means that this man is freed and cannot be tried again, no matter what evidence may be discovered in the future, and that may mean a grave miscarriage of justice. Another aspect of the matter that troubles me is that evidence has been given about a man who is dead, and if the jury brings in a verdict of 'not guilty' it may be said that they believe that evidence, and it would be a serious slander on that man. . . . Tuckiar has told two different stories to two different boys, and both of these stories have been told to you here in Court. Which one is true? For some reason Tuckiar has not gone into the box and told you which one is true, and that is a fact which you are entitled to take into consideration. You can draw from it any inference you like." (at 342-343)

Also, during the trial, counsel for the accused told the court that a matter had arisen causing him embarrassment, but he continued to represent his client. After the verdict counsel said his client had told him that the more damning story of the killing was true. The trial judge said after the trial that

counsel had behaved correctly because if he had withdrawn (the proper course) the public might think an Aboriginal had been left in the middle of a trial without counsel. On appeal to the High Court (*Tuckiar v The King* (1934) 52 CLR 335) by Chief Justice Gavan Duffy and Justices Dixon, Evatt and McTiernan said in a joint judgment: "We think the observations made by the learned Judge upon the failure of the prisoner to give evidence amounted to a clear misdirection and one which in the circumstances was calculated gravely to prejudice the prisoner. . . . In the next place, although the evidence of McColl's good character and moral tendencies was not objected to, it clearly should have been disallowed. The purpose of the trial was not to vindicate the deceased constable, but to inquire into the guilt of the living Aboriginal." (at 345)

They said counsel's conduct was indefensible. He should not have disclosed the confidential communication. Moreover, having continued to appear he should have pursued the possibility of an acquittal or a verdict of manslaughter. In an act of reconciliation, 38 descendants of Constable McColl attended the 2003 ceremony. Cheers, Gemma

EVENTS FOR THE 80TH ARMY CAMP & 70TH MIGRANT CAMP

2019 ANNIVERSARIES



This year there will be a number of events in Greta, Cessnock and Newcastle to celebrate the anniversaries of the camps. To keep up-to-date of what is happening go to:

<http://www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au/community/greta-camp-anniversaries-2019>

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

government. This gives the government plenty of capacity to assist home buyers, particularly first home buyers. Transfer Duty in NSW is payable on the following purchases:

- * property, including your home or holiday home
- * an investment property
- * vacant land or a farming property
- * commercial or industrial properties, or
- * a business, which includes land.

Transfer Duty must also be paid on any land that is acquired without buying it, such as:

- * a declaration of trust
- * a gift, or
- * a transaction effecting a change in the beneficial ownership of a property.

of town where there are dedicated cyber security resources in place. Why would they when they can more easily attack a smaller business with weaker defenses? While larger businesses are potentially more lucrative targets, they're better protected. Smaller businesses tend to be more exposed. Take a moment to think about the sheer bulk of personal information held by a real estate agency & other small businesses. Databases are a veritable treasure trove of details that hackers can potentially exploit for their own advantage. It's not hard to imagine the potential fallout a cyber breach might have on a small business, including the damage it would wreak on your reputation if your clients' personal details were compromised.

world to implement this type of legislation," Mr Weis said. "The new laws won't change the cyber security landscape in the short-term, and attacks will continue to increase in sophistication. What they will do is provide a degree of visibility that we've never had before. "We have reports from major security vendors on the number and severity of Australian data breaches each year, but it's only a small percentage of the actual breaches that occur. The reality is that most businesses don't report breaches because they're scared of reputational fallout. A good example of this is when Uber suffered a massive data breach in 2016 and then paid hackers to keep it quiet."

attention on cyber security, Ms Nicholson said the importance of being prepared will take on a new significance. "Agencies & other small businesses should undertake an information mapping exercise, so they are familiar with the extent of their potential exposure," Ms Nicholson said. "This will help identify potential risk scenarios and inform any investment in measures and processes to reduce risk. "Education is also an essential piece of the puzzle. Survey after survey reveals that one of the biggest causes of data breaches are lost or stolen unencrypted mobile devices. Businesses need to understand how their staff are dealing with data and what potential there is for it to be compromised. Problems arise from unintended consequences, so staff education is key. "Businesses should also have a documented incident response plan in place and have a crisis team ready to roll in the event of a breach." Ms Nicholson said the more prepared a business is for a cyber security breach, the better they can respond. "Businesses need to critically examine their existing information security framework, work out how to improve it and then take action. "Some will undoubtedly say: 'I don't have the budget for it'. My response is: 'Do you have the budget not to do it?' The time and money a business invests preparing for the possibility of a cyber attack will repay itself many times over in the event an incident actually occurs and the fallout needs to be managed."



why isn't the NSW Government revising the Transfer Duty brackets? Despite a softening of the Sydney property market, which has seen the median house price drop to \$945,000 (in the 12 months to February), the transfer duty payable on the median house price (\$41,000) is unaffordable for most purchasers trying to get into the market. The total NSW Transfer Duty revenue for the 2018-19 financial year was just over \$7.5 billion. Data shows that the number of dutiable transactions in June 2019 was 15,964 which is the lowest number of dutiable transactions in NSW in the past 13 years. There is empirical evidence clearly showing that reducing the rate of tax will increase transactions. Then everyone wins including the

Notifiable data breach scheme: what you need to know

It's about time the NSW Government came out in support of property buyers and made significant changes to the punitive rates of tax currently imposed on property buyers. Keeping quiet in the wake of a cyber security breach is now a thing of the past, after laws mandating notification came into force last year. Here's a reminder of what you need to know about the scheme. It's an unfortunate fact that far too many real estate agencies & other businesses take a "she'll be right" attitude when it comes to cyber security. Smaller agencies/businesses, in particular, tend to believe "no one's going to bother to hack us because we're too small". But it's not true. Small businesses like real estate agencies as well as the strata industry are easy targets. Hackers often don't bother with the bigger end

of the full extent of what's happening," Lyn Nicholson, General Counsel at Holding Redlich, said. "This has contributed to the 'it's never going to happen to me' attitude that's so pervasive. In reality, there are two types of businesses: Those that know they've been breached and those that don't know it yet. "With the obligation to notify breaches comes a higher potential for reputational risk, which will effectively force businesses – including real estate agencies – to focus on cyber security. Complacency has to be a thing of the past," the data and privacy specialist said. With the new mandatory data breach notification laws effectively forcing businesses to focus their

Visibility will lead to awareness With increased visibility will come a shift in mindset about the need to address cyber security. "Because there's been no mandatory reporting, people aren't aware of the full extent of what's happening," Lyn Nicholson, General Counsel at Holding Redlich, said. "This has contributed to the 'it's never going to happen to me' attitude that's so pervasive. In reality, there are two types of businesses: Those that know they've been breached and those that don't know it yet. "With the obligation to notify breaches comes a higher potential for reputational risk, which will effectively force businesses – including real estate agencies – to focus on cyber security. Complacency has to be a thing of the past," the data and privacy specialist said. With the new mandatory data breach notification laws effectively forcing businesses to focus their

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\$30,001 to \$81,000	\$415 plus \$1.75 for every \$100 over \$30,000
\$81,001 to \$304,000	\$1,307 plus \$3.50 for every \$100 over \$81,000
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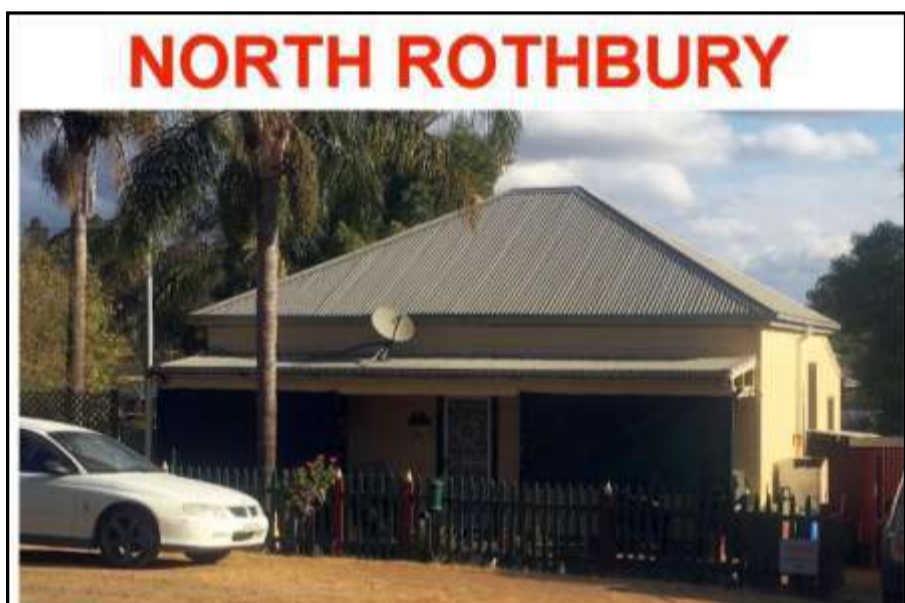
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Hunter Valley properties also surrendered their firearms to Police. Firearm owners face possible legal action if they do not comply with safe storage requirements. Detective Acting Inspector Steve Benson said the safe storage inspections are a huge part of the operation. "We're dropping in on firearm owners and basically doing a safety storage inspection which is we check where the firearms are stored and make sure it complies with current legislation, make sure it complies with their current license status," "It also enables when the police are out there if people in the community want to ask them questions, it might be how to dispose of firearms, it might be that they have concerns about their own license or renewing, they're there to ask those questions," said Detective Acting Inspector Benson. "We have had some recent firearm theft in the Valley so the importance is making sure people check where their firearms are stored, they might not have looked at their storage facilities for a number of years," he added. Firearms stolen from within the district cause problems outside of the Hunter Valley too. Acting Inspector Ryan Froml said there have been numerous instances where a firearm stolen here is used in a crime elsewhere. "I know of numerous instances where firearms

stolen from the Hunter Valley have been used in some fairly serious offences and by some pretty bad dudes outside of this area." "We forget being out here that there is that connection to other offences in Sydney, I know there was a group of guys doing some stick ups further down on the Coast, the firearms they were using were taken from here," he said. Hunter Valley Police will continue to conduct regular safe storage inspections across the district. More information about responsibilities as a firearms owner, including licences, permits; sale and purchase, and safe storage can be found at the Firearms Registry page on the NSW Police Force website: https://www.police.nsw.gov.au/online_services/firearms

Police appeal following ram raid – Hunter region
Saturday, 31 August 2019 12:09:24 PM
 Police are appealing for the public's help following a ram raid in the state's Hunter region at about 4.10am (Saturday 31 August 2019), a manager attended a general store on Wollombi Road, Broke, after a security alarm was activated, and saw that the glass front doors had been smashed. Officers from Hunter Valley Police District were notified who attended and commenced inquiries.

A small amount of cigarettes and lighters were allegedly stolen. Anyone who may have been driving through the area at the time and have captured dashcam footage is urged to come forward.

Firearms and ammunition stolen from rural property
Saturday, 31 August 2019 02:42:37 PM
 Police are appealing for information after firearms and ammunition were stolen from a rural property in the Hunter Valley. Between 11pm on Friday 30 August 2019 and 8.30am on Saturday 31 August 2019, it is alleged seven registered firearms and 500 rounds of ammunition were stolen from a gun safe inside a shipping container located on a rural property on Bell Road, Lower Belford. Detectives attached to Hunter Valley Police District were notified of the theft today (Saturday 31 August 2019) and commenced enquiries. The stolen firearms include: a Remington 223 calibre, a Winchester lever 22 calibre, a Marlin 3333, a Remington 222 calibre, a Rossi double barrel shotgun, a Gamo 177 air rifle and a Pardus 12 gauge shotgun. Anyone who has been offered these firearms for sale, or is aware of them being advertised, needs to contact police or Crime Stoppers. Investigations are ongoing. *Anyone with information about this incident is urged to contact Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000*

Scam warning
 The NSW Police Force is urging the community to remain vigilant when downloading software online after becoming aware of an increasing number of remote access scams. Remote access scams allow third party access to an individual's private computer through the use of legitimate software. Police are aware that current remote access scams are being conducted through the use of a program called "Team Viewer" which is a legitimate software product that allows remote connectivity, desktop sharing, online meetings, web conferencing and file transfer between computers. Scammers have been able to use the program to access people's private or business computers, capturing banking and email passwords for their own personal gain. Cybercrime Squad Commander, Detective Superintendent Matt

Craft, urged the community to be aware of such online activity as everyone is vulnerable to scams. "These types of scams are becoming more frequent as scammers take advantage of new technology,

products and services to convince the community to provide their personal information," Det Supt Craft said. "Police are reminding the public to be wary of online requests to download software.

Hunter Valley Police District officers continuing Operation Armour checking in on firearm owners

The Hunter Valley Police District (HVPD) is reminding everyone they're still continuing Operation Armour throughout the district. It's a statewide operation being conducted in rural areas focusing on reducing, disrupting and preventing firearm theft - there have been many safe storage inspections carried out in the district with plenty more to be done. In July this year, the HVPD conducted 51 property inspections, with majority located in rural locations. During these inspections, 44 firearms were seized from residences where police identified licencing and storage breaches. Landowners at six other



Wild Dog/Fox 1080 Baiting

The NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) will be undertaking 1080 ground baiting for wild dog/fox control in NPWS managed land at

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Baiting location is directly adjacent to properties on

- Hanwood Road and Merewether Close, North Rothbury
- Old North Road, Rothbury
- Sweetwater Road and Squire Close, Belford

Ground baiting will commence on the 08/10/2019 and cease by 09/11/2019

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

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

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

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someone in need, volunteering or fundraising for a good cause. Children in the Electorate of Cessnock are making a tremendous contribution to our community and the Fred Hollows Humanity Award is a great opportunity for them to be recognised", State Member for the Electorate of Cessnock, Mr Clayton Barr said. "I urge parents, teachers and other community members to nominate Year 6 students who demonstrate compassion,

integrity and kindness towards others," said Mr Barr. Previous year's nominees included a boy from NSW who initiated fundraising activities to support the students of a penpal School in Kenya, a girl from the NT who participated in the Leukaemia Foundation's 'World's Greatest Shave' and a girl from TAS for making and selling friendship bands to raise over \$1,000 for a local fundraiser. Gabi Hollows, Founding Director of The Fred Hollows Foundation said "Fred used to say the basic attribute of mankind is to look after each other. He would be so proud to know The Fred Hollows Humanity Award is recognising students who are demonstrating this belief in their own lives". All nominees will receive a certificate and be recognised at a

presentation ceremony later in the year. Each state and territory will also recognise a Junior Ambassador who will be able to extend their humanity by allocating \$5,000, donated by the

award's charity partner Specsavers, to one of The Foundation's programs to end avoidable blindness. Nominations close this Friday 13 September 2019.

To learn more about the Award, or to nominate a young person in the Cessnock Electorate, visit www.hollows.org/fredhollowshumanityaward



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2019 Community Building Partnership Program

State Member for the Electorate of Cessnock, Clayton Barr, MP, has announced that the NSW Government will once again conduct the Community Building Partnership Program in 2019. The program will open from 9am on Monday 2 September, 2019 and applications will close at 5pm on Friday 27 September, 2019. Late applications will not be considered.

"There will be funds available in each NSW Electorate, including the Cessnock Electorate and the program is open to local councils and not-for-profit groups to apply for the funds they need to deliver projects with social, environmental and recreational outcomes" Mr Barr said. "Local sports clubs, charities, school P&C associations, Men's Sheds and Scouts or Girl Guides are just some of the groups that can benefit from the program".

The Community Building Partnership Program, first introduced by the Labor Government in 2009 has provided funding to thousands of community groups, sporting clubs and councils across NSW to build or upgrade local facilities.

The program awards grants to the community to invest in infrastructure projects that deliver positive social, environmental and recreational outcomes, while promoting community participation, inclusion and cohesion. In 2019, there is a maximum of \$300,000 allocated in each electorate. Applications can only be made via the Community Building Partnership website <https://www.nsw.gov.au/improving-nsw/projects-and-initiatives/community-building-partnership/> where potential applicants must read the program guidelines to ensure their club or organisation and the proposed project are eligible.



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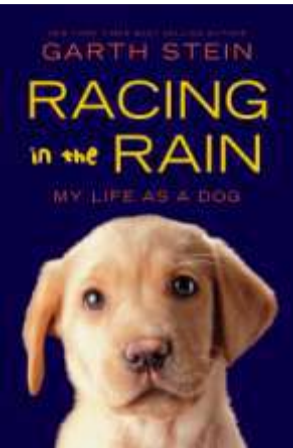
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“In Mongolia, when a dog dies, he is buried high in the hills so people cannot walk on his grave. The dog’s master whispers into the dog’s ear his wishes that the dog will return as a man in his next life. Then his tail is cut off and put beneath his head, and a piece of meat or fat is placed in his mouth to sustain his soul on its journey; before he is reincarnated, the dog’s soul is freed to travel the land, to run across the high desert plains for as long as it would like. I learned that from a program on the National

Geographic channel, so I believe it is true. Not all dogs return as men, they say; only those who are ready. I am ready.” Enzo knows he is different from other dogs: a philosopher with a nearly human soul (and an obsession with opposable thumbs), he has educated himself by watching television extensively, and by listening very closely to the words of his master, Denny Swift, an up-and-coming race car driver. Through Denny, Enzo has gained tremendous insight into the human condition, and he sees that life, like racing, isn’t simply about going fast. Using the techniques needed on the race track, one can successfully navigate all of life’s ordeals. On the eve of his death, Enzo takes stock of his life, recalling all that he and his family have been through: the sacrifices Denny has made to succeed professionally; the unexpected loss of Eve, Denny’s wife; the

three-year battle over their daughter, Zoë, whose maternal grandparents pulled every string to gain custody. In the end, despite what he sees as his own limitations, Enzo comes through heroically to preserve the Swift family, holding in his heart the dream that Denny will become a racing champion with Zoë at his side. A heart-wrenching but deeply funny and ultimately uplifting story of family, love, loyalty, and hope, *The Art of Racing in the Rain* is a beautifully crafted and captivating look at the wonders and absurdities of human life...as only a dog could tell it. **ABOUT ...** **Garth Stein** is the internationally bestselling author of the contemporary classic, *The Art of Racing in the Rain*, the story of a beloved philosopher dog named Enzo who teaches us everything we need to know about being human. A major motion picture starring Kevin Costner, Milo Ventimiglia, and Amanda Seyfried, will hit the big screen this summer. *The Art of Racing in the Rain* has sold more than 6 million copies world-wide, been translated into 36 languages, and spent more than three years on the *New York Times* bestseller list. The novel inspired a Young Reader edition as well as four children’s picture books, and a stage adaptation by Book-It

Repertory Theatre in Seattle. Stein is the author of three other novels—*A Sudden Light*, *How Evan Broke His Head* and *Other Secrets*, and *Raven Stole the Moon*—as well as a full-length play, *Brother Jones* “Brother Jones”, which had its premiere in Los Angeles and was described as “brimming with intensity,” by *The Los Angeles Weekly*. He’s the co-founder of Seattle7Writers, a non-profit collective dedicated to energizing readers, writers and their communities by providing funding, programming, and donations of free books to those in need. In 2010, *The Novel: Live!*, was conceived by Garth, and brought 36 authors together to write a novel in 6 days before a live audience. The benefit writing marathon was streamed live on the Internet drawing a global following, which was an unprecedented experience at that time. Garth has been named inaugural chair of the Author Leadership Circle of Binc—Book Industry Charitable Foundation. Stein earned a B.A. from Columbia University and holds a Masters of Fine Arts in film from Columbia. He’s produced and directed several award-winning documentaries and music videos, and is the winner of multiple literary awards, including two PNBA awards.

Born in Los Angeles and raised in Seattle, Garth’s ancestry is diverse: his mother, a native of Alaska, is of Tlingit Indian and Irish descent; his father, a Brooklyn native, is the child of Jewish emigrants

from Austria. Garth lives in Seattle with his wife and three sons. He got involved with “high performance driver education” in 2001, received his racing license with the Sports Car Club of America (SCCA), and went

on to win the points championship in the Northwest Region Spec Miata class in 2004. He left racing after a serious crash—while racing in the

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F.B.I. Agent Drex Easton has a hunch that the conman Weston Graham is also a serial killer.
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A nanny working in a technology-laden house in Scotland goes to jail when one of the children dies.
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A World War II veteran on parole must find the real killer in a small town or face going back to jail. Ranked 3 last week
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Two boys respond to horrors at a Jim Crow-era reform school in ways that impact them decades later.

Popular legal guide Rest Assured – new edition available for residents

The 6th edition of Rest Assured: A legal guide to wills, estates, planning ahead and funerals in NSW is now available in all NSW public libraries, including Cessnock City Library. Often the first time we think about wills, estates and funerals is when we are dealing with the death of a loved one. So, whether you are planning ahead or want to know about the responsibilities of administering an estate, this easy-to-read guide will give you practical information on the many issues involved. Written by Rosemary Long, an accredited specialist wills and estates lawyer, and Trudy Coffey, Director of Social Work for South Western Sydney Local Health District, it answers questions such as:

- What should you consider when writing a will?
- Who can you appoint as an enduring guardian?
- How do you contest a will?

The book also addresses complex issues such as burial on private land, burial at sea and coroner’s cases. “The State Library can help you prepare for almost anything! We’re pleased to be making this important community resource freely available to everyone in their local public library and online.” says State Librarian Dr John Vallance. You can find this useful book in the collection of legal information resources called the Legal Tool Kit in Cessnock City Library.

The full text of the resource is also available on the Find Legal Answers website:

www.legalanswers.sl.nsw.gov.au.

Find Legal Answers provides quality, plain English legal information for the community of NSW. The Find Legal Answers service is co-ordinated by staff of the Legal Information Access Centre (LIAC) at the State Library of NSW.



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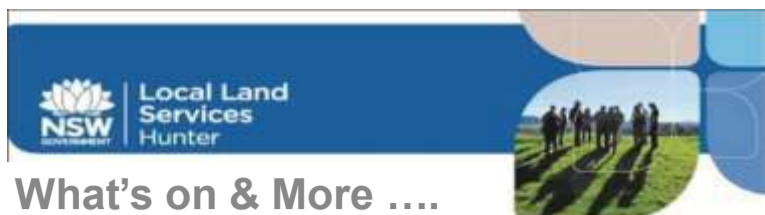
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COMING EVENTS....

NSW Landcare and Local Land Services conference (Broken Hill)

When: 22 Oct 2019 8:00 am - 24 Oct 2019 8:00 pm
 Where: Civic Centre, Broken Hill
 Contact: Major Programs Coordinator Chris McCulloch on 0427 061 164.
 Details: Landholders and community members throughout NSW will have a great opportunity to experience the best of the outback with Broken Hill hosting the 2019 NSW Landcare and Local Land Services conference.
 The conference, which will be held from 22 to 24 October, will highlight some of the great work and achievements by the Landcare community and landholders throughout NSW, while also offering informative speakers, workshops and field trips.
 The theme of the 2019 event is 'Healthy Landcare – Healthy Landscapes'.
 Registration for the conference is currently open and the program is also available on the conference website.

Some interesting facts ...

Who owns Australia's farms? Nation's biggest landholders of 2019

JAMES WAGSTAFF, The Weekly Times
 WHEN it comes to Australian agriculture, scale is king. And nowhere is that trend more evident than in *The Weekly Times'* annual investigation into Who Owns Australia's Farms.
 The study of almost 1000 properties, and their owners, who range from family operators to domestic and international corporate institutions, shows the big continuing to get bigger.
 In fact, when it comes to scale, the 20 largest Australian landholders — headed by the 7.92-million hectare Outback Beef S Kidman and Co — occupy a combined 70 million hectares. That's more than France's 64.4 million hectares and about five times the size of England.
 Foreign interests continue to play an important role in the ownership stakes with offshore interests accounting for about 13.4 per cent, or 52.6 million hectares, of Australian farmland.
 The UK is the biggest investor with 10.24 million hectares followed by China (9.17 million hectares) and the US (2.66 million hectares).
 (Ed. If you go to the following website it will give you a very comprehensive list <https://www.weeklytimesnow.com.au/agribusiness/agjournal/who-owns-australias-farms-nations-biggest-landholders-of-2019/news-story/4109396defc7e1b4b8961e2dc68f0663>)

Australian Thoroughbred News

Half-Sister for Winx



Vegas Showgirl and her filly by Deep Impact - image Segenhoe Stud's Jodie Walshe

By Tara Madgwick - Wednesday September 4
 Segenhoe Stud released happy news on Tuesday with the arrival of a baby half-sister to Australian Horse of the Year Winx,

by the late champion Japanese sire Deep Impact from star broodmare Vegas Showgirl.
 Bred by John and Deb

Camilleri of Fairway Thoroughbreds, the filly was born mid-morning at 11am and was quickly up and walking with her mum.



Detailed Cattle report for Gunnedah Last reported 3rd September 2019

The numbers showed a small increase. There were large supplies of yearlings, they mostly fell into the light and medium weight categories. Limited supplies of heavy and well finished lines to suit processors or export feedlotters. Cows were also well supplied. The overall quality of the offering was fair to good with condition quite mixed. There were some plain quality cattle penned. The usual buyers were in attendance, however there was reduced competition on the better cows. Market trends varied through the young cattle with vealer steers to restockers selling to a dearer trend. Some breed related price change. Conversely the heifer vealers to both restockers and processors sold to cheaper trends. Lightweight yearling steers to restock and feed saw little but quality and breed related price change. The medium weight yearling feeder steers remained firm with an odd slightly dearer sale. Heavy feeders sold to a cheaper trend with breed and quality contributing to price change. Lightweight yearling heifers to restockers saw a firm to cheaper market trend with supply a factor. Medium weights to feed were firm to slightly dearer. The limited supply of well finished heavy grown steers sold to a slightly dearer trend. Reduced competition saw the well finished grown heifers sell to a cheaper trend. There were cheaper trends through the cow market. The plainer condition medium weight cows were down slightly. Quality and reduced competition on the better cows contributed to significant price falls with the market trend as much as 20c/kg cheaper.

Detailed Cattle report for Scone Last reported 3rd September 2019

There were some top pens of well finished trade cattle along with some very good runs of cows coming off crops or grain. There was also the expected numbers of young cattle lacking finish. A full field of buyers were present and competing in a mostly stronger market. Young cattle to the trade were 6c dearer with prime steer vealers selling from 298c to 340c while the prime heifer vealers sold from 276c to 334c/kg. Prime steer yearlings sold from 260c to 326c while the prime heifer yearlings sold to 332c/kg. Feeder steers were 4c dearer while the feeder heifers were firm. The feeder steers sold from 255c to 308c while the feeder heifers sold from 220c to 288c/kg. Young steers to the restockers were 5c cheaper while the young heifers were 2c/kg dearer. The young steers sold from 100c to 294c while the young heifers sold from 110c to 260c/kg. The few grown steers were firm with the prime medium weights selling from 264c to 285c/kg. Grown heifers sold to 292c/kg. Cows were 10c to 15c dearer with the better quality a factor. The 2 score cows sold from 140c to 198c while the better 3 and 4 scores sold from 200c to 265c with the prime heavy weights averaging 247c/kg. Bulls sold to 270c/kg.

Detailed Cattle report for Singleton Last reported 28th August 2019

It was a mixed yarding with a very good selection of well finished cattle to suit the trade buyers along with a fair selection of cattle to suit the feeders. There was also the expected numbers of light young cattle lacking finish, along with good numbers of cows as the selloff continued due to the dry conditions. Young cattle to the trade were firm to 6c dearer, with prime vealers selling from 282c to 324c/kg. Prime steer yearlings sold from 264c to 352c, while the prime heifer yearlings made from 250c to 340c/kg. Feeder steers were 10c dearer, selling from 254c to 312c/kg. Young cattle to the restockers were up to 25c cheaper, with the young steers making from 120c to 298c, while the young heifers to the restockers sold from 59c to 240c/kg. A limited selection of grown steers were 10c dearer, with the prime medium and heavy weights selling from 230c to 286c/kg. Grown heifers were also dearer, selling to 278c/kg. Cows were firm to 3c dearer, with the 2 scores making from 150c to 200c/kg. The better 3 and 4 scores sold from 186c to 246c, with the prime heavy weights averaging 232c/kg. Bulls sold to 210c/kg.

Detailed Cattle report for TRLX Tamworth Last reported 2nd September 2019

There was a small increase in numbers with large supplies of yearlings. Cows were also well represented. The quality of the offering was generally good, however condition varied greatly. There was a reasonable supply of well finished cattle to suit both domestic and export processing orders. There was reduced feedlot competition and increased processor activity with the return of buyers. Demand for young cattle form restockers was reasonably strong with a number of Southern and Western orders in place. Market trends for lightweight yearling steers to restock were firm to slightly cheaper. Despite a little less competition the market for medium and heavy weight feeder steers followed a similar trend. Breed and quality were factors in price change. Quality and increased competition were factors in very strong gains recorded in heavy trade yearling steers. Lightweight yearling heifers to restockers remained firm. Medium weight yearling heifers to feed sold to a slightly dearer trend. Well finished trade heifers were firm to cheaper with some of that quality related. Heavy grown steers sold to a dearer trend, up to 5c/kg, while an improvement in quality accounted for a large rise in average prices. Well finished grown heifers sold to a cheaper trend. The cow market saw varying trends with the medium weights selling to a slightly cheaper trend for the most part. Odd sales to restockers and feeders were slightly dearer. Increased competition on well finished cows resulted in the heavy 3 and 4 scores experiencing a dearer trend of as much as 20c/kg with odd sales of improved quality cows showing a greater rise. Heavy bulls remained firm for the most part.

Now 17 years old, Vegas Showgirl has produced seven named foals, two of which have raced and both are stakes-winners in superstar Winx and Group III winner El Divino, who broke down and was euthanized before he could retire to stud. Fairway Thoroughbreds have retained her last two fillies born in three year-old Courchevel (by Snitzel) and two year-old Covent Garden (by Exceed and Excel) and it is expected this Deep Impact filly will also be retained. Fairway Thoroughbreds sold a stunning Snitzel colt from Vegas Showgirl at the 2016 Inglis Australian Easter Yearling Sale that fetched \$2.3million to top the sale, however Boulder City was retired to stud without a start and will have his first foals this spring for Riverbank Farm in Victoria. He covered 94 mares in his first season.

American Pharoah Leads the Way

By Tara Madgwick - Wednesday September 4
 If you had the impression Coolmore's Triple Crown winner American Pharoah (USA) had been going well of late, you would be right as he currently leads the first season sires list for all sires based in North America.
 His success has been split between both North

America and Europe with his stakes-winners also split between both regions highlighting the versatility of his stock, which have proven in some cases surprisingly precocious, although let's not forget American Pharoah was a Champion 2YO before he was a Triple Crown hero! The first American Pharoah Aussie bred offspring will

be offered at sales in 2020 and he is in Australia now for his third season at Coolmore at a fee of \$66,000.



Leading First-Crop Sires by Winners											
for stallions standing in North America through Monday, Sept. 2											
Earnings represent worldwide figures; stud fees listed are 2019 fees.											
Rank	Stallion	BTW	BTH	GSH	GSH	G15W	G15H	Starters	Wins	Highest Earner	Earnings
1	American Pharoah (2012) by Pioneerof the Nile	3	6	1	2	—	1	35	12	120,500	874,600
	(2012) by Pioneerof the Nile	FYR: 2017	Stands: Ashford Stud KY	Fee: \$100,000						Another Miracle	
2	Constitution (2011) by Tapit	2	2	2	2	—	—	31	12	159,000	783,460
	(2011) by Tapit	FYR: 2017	Stands: WinStar Farm KY	Fee: \$15,000						Amaliti Sunrise	
3	Tapiture (2011) by Tapit	1	1	—	—	—	—	34	11	90,600	477,279
	(2011) by Tapit	FYR: 2017	Stands: Darby Dan Farm KY	Fee: \$7,500						Sky of Hook	
4	Palace Malice (2010) by Curlin	1	1	—	—	—	—	29	10	65,800	417,077
	(2010) by Curlin	FYR: 2017	Stands: Three Chimneys Farm KY	Fee: \$15,000						Crystalite	
5	Commissioner (2011) by A.P. Indy	—	3	—	1	—	—	23	10	64,351	336,721
	(2011) by A.P. Indy	FYR: 2017	Stands: WinStar Farm KY	Fee: \$7,500						Powerfulattraction	



ANGEL HAS FALLEN

When there is an assassination attempt on U.S. President Allan Trumbull (Morgan Freeman), his trusted confidant, Secret Service Agent Mike Banning (Gerard Butler), is wrongfully accused and taken into custody. After escaping from capture, he becomes a man on the run and must evade his own agency and outsmart the FBI in order to find the real threat to the President. Desperate to uncover the truth, Banning turns to unlikely allies to help clear his name, keep his family from harm and save the country from imminent danger.



After surviving two huge terrorist attacks, Gerard Butler's Secret Service agent Mike Banning returns to the big screen in **Angel Has Fallen**, the second sequel to **Olympus Has Fallen** that slightly changes up the premise to offer something different to audiences. It's an entertaining enough action film that tries to emphasize its characters and the struggles they deal with, but ultimately doesn't live up to its potential due to its predictable plot and somewhat confusing action sequences.

In the third outing of the franchise, Mike Banning saves the President from an attempted assassination while the rest of his Secret Service unit is wiped out. Unfortunately, though, Banning is the prime suspect after evidence is uncovered linking him as the mastermind of the foiled attempt. On the run from his own service and the FBI, Banning has to uncover the real people behind the plot while dealing with the physical and mental strain his body has come under after the events of the previous films. Butler delivers a good performance as Banning in **Angel Has Fallen** as he explores the vulnerability to him. There's much less threatening posturing from him in this film as Banning has to face the reality that he's not as spry as he used to be. The personal problems in Banning's life gives Butler room to stretch out more and he does well showing a more human side to the secret service agent. The film tries to deconstruct the aging action hero trope and does so fairly well through him and Danny Huston, though it still doesn't go as deep as it could as it just scratches the surface of Banning's ailments.

Of the rest of the cast, Danny Huston carries his usual charisma in the film as one of Banning's oldest friends. He and Butler share some good scenes early on that establishes their relationship well as both actors work nicely off each other. Adding to Banning's personal problems is Nick Nolte as his reclusive father Clay, a man so scarred by war he abandoned his family and prefers living off the grid in the middle of nowhere. Nolte adds some fun elements to the film as Banning's father and is used to further examine the

various tolls men like them take through their professions, offering himself as a twisted reflection of Banning. Nolte and Butler share some pretty good chemistry together and while the role is one of the more light-hearted points of the time at times, Nolte knows when to pull back and focus on the seriousness of Clay's mental state.

Of the rest of the cast, the returning Morgan Freeman as the now-President Trumbull isn't actually in the movie a whole lot, but Freeman delivers his usual amount of gravitas with the limited screentime he has. Replacing Randha Mitchell as Banning's wife is Piper Perabo, who is paired well with both Butler and Nolte as she adequately picks up the torch and plays a more sizeable role. Jada Pinkett-Smith joins as Helen Thompson, the FBI agent charged with capturing Banning, but she's not given very much material to work with. In fact, the film seems much less concerned with the hunt against Banning than it and Pinkett-Smith almost become a non-issue, especially in the latter half of the story. On that note, the film's story flows well enough, but it progresses much slower than either **Olympus** or **London Has Fallen**. Part of that is to account for the deconstruction of Banning and part of it is because of the nature of the plot.

Unlike the previous films, **Angel Has Fallen** relies less on huge spectacle to move the plot along with the bad guys playing things much more low-key until the third act. Some aspects with the story could have been better fleshed out though, such as the hunt against Banning as the initial conclusion of his guilt comes pretty fast and Agent Thompson looks increasingly more foolish with some of the choices she and the FBI make. Given the fact of Banning's service and actions in the franchise, it would be hard to believe he's responsible for the assassination attempt, but that is hardly brought up at all. **Angel Has Fallen** does attempt to rise above the typical 'save the president' formula as it includes more intriguing aspects to the story. It gets pretty topical at some points as it talks about subjects like election

meddling and paramilitary forces. The change is actually a bit refreshing since the villains add a bit more to the plot, though the commentary on current American or global politics doesn't come close to scratching the surface. It's also predictable as it's very easy to call who is setting up Banning and really plotting Trumbull's demise. The film doesn't keep those cards close to its chest nearly as well as it thinks it does.

Despite the lack of depth in some of the story, the film is still fairly entertaining even with the slow burn it employs. Director Ric Roman Waugh crafts some cool action scenes, particularly in the third act, and uses explosions galore throughout the film. There's one sequence at the midpoint where Nolte sets off explosives for what is likely a solid minute of explosion after explosion. The only weakness of the action scenes is that the choreography and editing could be better. Banning's initial escape, for instance, is so dark and uses a lot of quick cuts that it's very hard to follow. That unfortunately applies to some of the action in the third act as it's difficult at points to tell who is who or what exactly is happening. Considering how well the action was done in **Olympus** and **London**, **Angel Has Fallen**'s action doesn't quite stand up to what it's offering. By changing the formula with the nature of the villains and its examination of Banning's personal struggles, **Angel Has Fallen** tries to elevate itself beyond the typical set-up of the franchise and for the most part succeeds in that regard. Butler gives a good performance as he explores new layers to his Secret Service hero while, in most cases, the supporting cast compliment him well. Where the film doesn't shine as strong is in some elements to the story and action, creating an entertaining if flawed film that doesn't live up to the franchise's best moments. It certainly adds to the franchise and character of Banning, but **Angel Has Fallen** falls short of its lofty goals.

Flickering Myth Rating – Film: ★ ★ ★ / Movie: ★ ★ ★
Ricky Church

New iPhone 11 release date, price, news and leaks



Our mock-up of how the new iPhone might look

By Gareth Beavis
The three new iPhone 11 models will be camera-focused

The iPhone 11 launch date is all but certain: we'll be seeing the phone on the date we predicted – yesterday Tuesday, September 10, according to the Apple invite we got. We're also starting to see some real, solid iPhone 11 leaks. We have an idea of how the upgraded handset will look - and what features Apple will include. If you're not up to speed with what's coming out of the iPhone 2019 rumour mill, then prepare for some disappointment: the new iPhone range looks like it will just be an incremental upgrade. We've got some experience sifting through these rumours - we've been at it for over a decade - and nothing we've picked up suggests anything more than that.

What does that mean? Well, a similar shape and size to previous launches (with three phones mooted for unveiling at the new iPhone 11 launch) but they won't bring amazing changes just

now. If you're interested in what's coming next, then we're predicting 5G, whether the Lightning connector will finally get dropped, and possibly even a foldable phone - but either way, that won't be happening until we see the next iPhone in 2020 at the very least.

Latest story: *A complete specs list has given us a good idea of what to expect from all the upcoming iPhones. Plus, a piece of information included as part of the iOS 13 developer beta shows that Apple might be taking a page from the Samsung Galaxy Note 10 book, as it seems the iPhone 11 could have a live video editing function. This is a great feature that Samsung devices use to great effect, and if Apple were to imitate it, it'd make the iPhone 11 a fun video smartphone.*

Will we get the iPhone 11 'Pro' this year? but as we're not expecting big changes this time around

we doubt we'll get that much of a name change. It would make sense to save it for the cooler elements mentioned above, in 2020. What we do know is that the new iPhone 11 will be the poster-child for iOS 13, and we're pretty certain that we'll be seeing the iPhone 11, iPhone 11R and iPhone 11 Max... what Apple is going to call them remains a mystery though, with there being no obvious next step to the iPhone XS. The main change will be that camera upgrade - we're now fully expecting three sensors on the iPhone 11 and iPhone 11 Max, and just two on the iPhone 11R - but with enhanced capabilities on each model. What is of more interest is whether Apple will be pushing the iPhone 11R (if indeed it does call it that) as the iPhone XR is the phone that's most prominently featured on its homepage - suggesting the cheaper phone could almost be the star of the show this year. There will reportedly be some smart features added for charging, and Apple might finally have added in

something users have been crying out for (?) **New iPhone 11 display: the same or shifting?**

let's get one thing straight... there's not going to be a flexible iPhone this year. While we've seen patents so far, that's as far as the rumour mill is cranking about a bendy Apple device - and that makes sense, given how many issues Samsung and Huawei have had with their bending handsets. So what will the iPhone 11 display look like? Well, the smart money is currently saying that things will remain the same. A rumour has stated that the 5.8-inch display will remain, with the bezels shrinking slightly, although that was an added line to a wider 'leak' that the iPhone will have a central camera - which we don't think will happen.

While some reports say the display size will stay the same size, others think the main iPhone 11 will be larger. We believe that the same 5.8-inch screen will remain on the iPhone 11, as that will be cheaper for Apple to produce than making a whole new size.

Samsung Galaxy S10 5G review: Features | Specifications | The best according to 'finder'

Samsung's Galaxy S10 5G is a beautiful and fast phone, but you shouldn't rush to it just for 5G. When Samsung announced the Samsung Galaxy S10 series, much of the future-looking focus was around the Samsung Galaxy Fold. That left the Samsung Galaxy S10 5G, itself a future-looking handset, somewhat in the background because Samsung pretty clearly intended for the Fold to go on sale first. That's not what's happened, with the Galaxy Fold delayed due to construction issues, and the Galaxy S10 5G is now available on contract terms with Telstra. So should you dive into Samsung's largest phone?

Design

Brilliant Dynamic AMOLED display. Mirror finish picks up smudges easily. Bixby button still feels useless. Headphone jack still present.

Camera

Quad lens provides lots of camera flexibility. Great video quality with live focus options. Easy to use camera app.

Performance

Exynos 9820 isn't quite the Snapdragon 855, but it's fast enough. OneUI is a great Android launcher. 5G isn't fast... yet. Fixed storage on a Galaxy phone feels like a throwback.



Battery

4,500mAh battery provides best battery life of any of this year's Galaxy phones. But it still lags behind last year's models. Fast wired or wireless charging.

Verdict

Great performance and battery life. Design robs it of some premium features. The most affordable 5G phone, for now.

World War II and the Ingredients of Slaughter

The spirit of certitude that dominated the politics of the 1930s is not so distant from us today.



By Bret Stephens

Opinion Columnist

World War II began 80 years ago last Sunday after Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union signed a “nonaggression” pact that was, in fact, a mutual aggression pact. Adolf Hitler invaded Poland on Sept. 1, 1939. Russia’s invasion of Poland, no less murderous, followed two weeks later.



On Nov. 3 of that year, Joseph Goebbels, the propaganda minister, gave Hitler a report of his trip to Poland. “Above all, my description of the Jewish problem gets [Hitler’s] full approval,” he wrote in his diary. “The Jew is a waste product. It is a clinical issue more than a social one.”

For several years many commentators, including me, have written about the parallels between the prewar era and the present. There’s the rise of dictatorial regimes intent on avenging past geopolitical humiliations and redrawing borders: Germany, Italy, Japan and Russia then; China, Iran and Russia now. There’s the unwillingness of status quo powers to coordinate their actions, confront dictatorships, stamp out regional wars and rise to global challenges. The League of Nations then; the G7 now.

There’s the upsurge of nativist rancor, protectionist barriers and every-nation-for-itself policies, along with deep doubts about the viability of liberal democracy and the international order. Father Coughlin and the America Firsters then; Donald Trump and the America Firsters now.

All that, plus three crucial factors: new forms of mass communication, the rhetoric of dehumanization and the politics of absolute good versus absolute evil.

The (relatively) new technology of the 1930s was the radio. “It is the miracle of radio that it welds 60,000,000 Germans into a single crowd, to be played upon by a single voice.” The Times reported in 1936. This was by design. Among Goebbels’s first efforts after the Nazis came to power was to produce and distribute a cheap radio — the Volksempfänger, or people’s receiver — that could bring the Führer’s voice and message into every home.

The radio made possible an unmediated, seemingly personal relationship between leader and subject. It cut out the information brokers —

reporters, editors, spokesmen, pundits and so on — on whom previous generations of leaders had been forced to rely. It turned a nation into an audience and politics into a theater where emotion mattered much more than sense. In “The Nightmare Years,” the CBS correspondent William Shirer recalled being struck by the complete disconnect between the insanity of Hitler’s language and the spellbinding quality of his delivery.

Radio then, like Twitter today, was the technology of the id; a channel that could concentrate political fury at a time when there was plenty to go around. It was also a time when ideology dictated that fury be directed at entire classes of people. The decade began with Soviet propaganda cheering Stalin’s announcement of “the liquidation of kulaks as a class” — a reference to millions of Ukrainian peasants who would die of forced starvation in the

Holodomor.

The political mind-set that turned human beings into categories, classes and races also turned them into rodents, insects and garbage. “Anti-Semitism is exactly the same as delousing,” Heinrich Himmler would claim in 1943. “Getting rid of lice is not a matter of ideology. It is a matter of cleanliness.”

Watching Warsaw’s Jewish ghetto burn that year, a Polish anti-Semite was overheard saying: “The bedbugs are on fire. The Germans are doing a great job.”

Today, the rhetoric of infestation is back. In the U.S., Trump uses it to describe Latin American migrants. In Europe, Jaroslaw Kaczynski, chairman of Poland’s ruling Law and Justice Party, warned in 2015

that migrants carried “all sorts of parasites and protozoa,” which, “while not dangerous in the organisms of these people, could be dangerous here.”

More of this talk will surely follow, and not just from the right. The American left has become especially promiscuous when it comes to speaking pejoratively about entire categories of disfavored people.

None of this would be possible without the third factor: the conviction that an opponent embodies an irredeemable evil, and that his destruction is therefore an act of indubitable good. That spirit of certitude that dominated the politics of the 1930s is not so distant from us today. The unpopular political figures of our day are the people who seem to convey less than 100 percent true belief: the moderate conservative, the skeptical liberal, the centrist wobbler.

This 80th anniversary of World War II is an opportunity to reconsider how the world reached that dark defile, in which some 70 million people died. An opportunity, too, to remember the words of the American judge Learned Hand, on how free and civilized people can come back from the brink.

“The spirit of liberty,” he said, “is the spirit which is not too sure that it is right.”

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To the committees of Branxton Little Athletics & the Wildcats Soccer Club & all their members who, between them, successfully orchestrated a wonderful campaign to gain a NSW state grant to include an extension of the roof lines to provide shelter from the weather for spectators and participants at Miller Park in Branxton.

To the RMS (who were previously the RTA & prior to that the DMR) for making it so difficult to have adequate street lights provided on Wine Country Drive in North Rothbury. Maybe we should get the Branxton Little Athletics & the Wildcats Soccer Club on the job. It appears that you need the residents to all complain before they will come & look at it. Also, the very dangerous electricity pole just inches from Wine Country Drive as you enter North Rothbury from the southern end. I have seen a number of accidents with that pole being the culprit ... two fatal.

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Dates for your diary

THUR 12 Sept – Branxton Public School Infants' Sports Carnival
SAT 14 SEP — “Meet your Local Brigade” @ North Rothbury Brigade Rothbury St, North Rothbury NSW 10am – 2pm. Come & have a coffee and talk to our brigade members about fire safety around your home ... bring all the kids as we will have plenty of children's activities!!
SAT 14 SEP — Stonehurst Long Table Lunch. Time: 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM Location: Stonehurst Cedar Creek, Cedar Creek,
THUR 19 SEP — Cessnock View Club Monthly meeting/ luncheon Supporting 7 Learning for Life students Guest speaker All welcome 10 Cessnock Leagues Club
FRI 20 Sept – Branxton Public School Whole School Performance Assembly
THURS 26 SEP — Branxton VIEW Club donna-lou Fashion Parade
THUR 26 SEPT - As September is Prostate Cancer Awareness Month our Cessnock support group is playing a DVD presentation that will give men an insight on the management and treatment options that is available for Localised and Locally advanced Prostate Cancer including what PSA staging means and questions to ask their Doctor and much more. Our next meeting is 26th September 3pm Cessnock Leagues Club. Public most welcome. Cost FREE. Contact Barry 0457073825-Rose 4990 4554.
FRI 27 Sept – Branxton Public School PBL Assemblies and Reward Afternoon
FRI 27 Sept – Applications close for “Stronger Country Communities Fund 2019” grant applications. Successful applicants will be announced January 2020.
FRI 27 SEP — Wollombi Music Festival - Friday 27 September - Sunday 29 September
FRI 27 Sept – Branxton Public School Last day of Term 3
TUE 1 Oct — Branxton Lions Club meeting at Branxton Golf Club @ 4 pm

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MON 7 OCT — Labour Day public holiday
TUES 8 OCT — B/G CWA Mthly Mtg – Old St. Brigids Staff Room, Station St., Branxton, 9.30am, Morning Tea following. Visitors and New Members welcome. Contact Marie Shearer 0402 015 850 for any information.
TUE 5 Nov — Branxton Lions Club meeting at Branxton Golf Club @ 4 pm
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 (Branxton & Greta). This is a public event over two days with military parade, market stalls, ethnic dancing and music, food vans and etc
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TUE 3 DEC — Branxton Lions Club meeting at Branxton Golf Club @ 4 pm
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SUN 8 DEC — Where Pigs Fly Open Day - Time: 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Location: Where Pigs Fly Animal Sanctuary, Laguna, NSW
TUES 10 DEC — B/G CWA Mthly Mtg – Old St. Brigids Staff Room, Station St., Branxton, 9.30am, Morning Tea following. Visitors and New Members welcome. Contact Marie Shearer 0402 015 850 for any information.
SUN 15 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.
WED 25 DEC — Christmas Day
TUE 31 DEC — New Years Eve
SUN 26 JAN 2020 — Australia Day

In The Garden

Spring gardening tips and ideas

Spring is the best time to get out in the garden. The winter chill has gone, the days are getting longer and your garden is about to burst into life. Bunnings Greenlife buyer Katrina Gatt has some great ideas to get your garden looking its best over the coming months.

Make grass greener

To get your grass going, get out the garden fork and aerate your lawn. In early spring, apply a weed killer to remove broad-leaf weeds and those pesky bindii. Follow up a few weeks later with lawn fertiliser to keep the grass growing strong and prevent new weeds.

If you have some bare patches or want to start a whole new lawn from scratch, now is the time to prepare the lawn to grow grass from seed. When the soil warms up, you'll be able to establish your grass before the heat of summer hits.

Trim and tidy

Prune trees and shrubs to remove any withered winter leaves. Trim your hedges to encourage new growth. If you haven't done it already, summer flowering shrubs like hibiscus and hydrangea should be trimmed now so all their energy goes into producing beautiful blooms.

Leave it any later and you risk cutting off the buds.

Time to plant

Spring is the perfect time to

plant just about anything. The soil moisture is still high and plants can become established before the heatwave hits. To add organic matter and nitrogen to your veggie patch, consider a green manure crop. Once it starts shooting, dig it back into the soil for a naturally prepared bed. For a complete list of what to plant based on where you live, check out our spring planting guide.

Fertilise

Before the growing season gets into full swing, just about everything will appreciate a good dose of fertiliser. Blood and bone and dynamic lifter are perfect for Australian natives. Just throw a handful over every four square metres. Dig compost and manure through the veggie patch and soluble fertilisers to any veggies that you already have planted. Potted plants will love liquid fertiliser for a quick boost and a dose of slow release fertiliser to keep them going. Use specialist fertilisers for roses, citrus and orchids as they contain the particular nutrients these plants need.

Watch out for pests

As the weather warms up aphids become active in the veggie patch or on the new growth of roses. Psyllids can also appear on the new growth of Lilly Pillies and need to be controlled to prevent them spreading. Use a garden insecticide to keep them in check.



Seaweed is a wonderful fertiliser, a great soil builder and an excellent compost activator. All in all, seaweed is terrific stuff for the garden. There's a long tradition of seaweed being used as a fertiliser to improve crop production. For example Celtic and Scandinavian farmers have put it onto their fields for centuries.

Kelp is one of many different types of seaweed. One type is powdered kelp. It is convenient for adding to the garden. And what is it about seaweed that makes it such a good fertiliser? Seaweed contains complex carbohydrates and these really get the soil humming with life. This has two really important functions for the garden. Firstly, it stimulates the microbial fungi in the soil and these assist plants in their uptake of nutrients. They also assist in defending plants from soil borne diseases. So adding seaweed fertiliser helps crop protection, and plant nutrition

Of all the fertilisers, seaweed has the broadest and most balanced range of nutrients, to promote early flowering and cropping and increases the sugar content of fruit. All in all, it's very good stuff.

An extract from seaweed is Algin. It's sold in the shops as agar agar. Add it to water and make a liquid paste. Pour it onto

the soil and it acts like a natural wetting agent. Excellent for sandy soils.

Land plants have cellulose, which thickens their cell walls and allows them to resist gravity, and they can grow upright.

Seaweed is supported by water and has no need for cellulose. In a compost heap, that means seaweed breaks down really quickly. It activates the compost heap. But powdered kelp works just as well.

Seaweed also comes in a liquid form, so spray it on plants and they take in the food directly through leaves. Just ensure it's diluted as recommended, because it's really strong stuff and can burn seedlings and roots. Another benefit of using seaweed fertiliser over time is it acidifies and adds iron to the soil, which is great news if you are growing acid and iron hungry plants

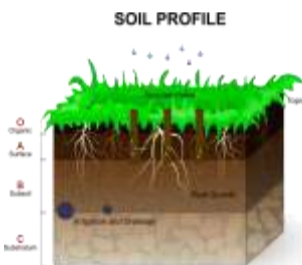
like **gardenias, camellias, azaleas and rhododendrons**. It's great on native plants as well. If you use seaweed fertiliser on native proteaceae,

like **banksias and grevilleas**, just make sure that it hasn't been fortified with phosphorus, because that can do some harm. Seaweed contains natural plant hormones, so it's really useful in preventing transplant shock whenever you move a plant around the garden. It's also useful for improving the

germination of seeds. For example peanuts, which have a large seed, should be soaked for 24 hours in seaweed fertiliser for a good germination rate.

Seaweed also helps to improve the thickness of plant cell walls. This makes them much more resistant to pest and disease attack and also improves frost resistance.

Seaweed is easy to use. Apart from the powdered form and the liquid concentrate buy it in an odourless granular form, ideal for house plants. It's even available in a form that will clip onto the hose and will feed the entire garden. You may be wondering whether it's possible to make your own seaweed fertiliser. The answer is that you can, but it's important to first check with your local authority, because collecting seaweed in many parts of the country is illegal and removing it can damage sensitive ecosystems. But using the normal commercially available products can produce pretty good results.



Some more

quick tips....

1. TAKE CARE OF BUD-DING PLANTS

Does your camellia drop its buds and flowers? As camellias (pictured) initiate budding in summertime, sudden loss of buds and flowers is often a consequence of the plants drying out, particularly when they are growing in containers. Mulch and water deeply once or twice weekly during hot, dry weather to limit this common and irritating problem.

2. HELP POTS TO STAY COOL

Potted plants, especially those in terracotta pots, are vulnerable to overheating. Lightly mulch and, where possible, position them out of hot western sunshine. Remember that standing potted plants in saucers of water encourages root rot and mosquito breeding. Instead, stand them in saucers filled with sand, and keep the sand moist. This ensures roots stay cool and plants remain healthy. If potted plants dry out to the point where re-wetting is hard, soak them in a bucket of water for half an hour, then drain.

3. Magnesium encourages robust growth and the production of energy in plants. Gardenias and roses in particular benefit from supplementary magnesium in summer. Also apply it to cymbidium orchids to help initiate flower buds. Add 1 heaped tsp of Epsom salts to 4.5L of water. Either spray the foliage, or water it in at the roots.

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School News



Branxton Public School

Stage 2 had an awesome time at the Great Aussie Bus Camp. They participated in many fun, challenging and muddy experiences, and there were many weary faces coming off the coaches on Friday. A big thank you to the parents who went along to help students for the three days. The students who stayed at school participated in their own activities at the Barramundi Camp with Ms Leverton and Mrs Gjura. The P&C catered to many happy shoppers with their Father's Day Stall. Thank you to the family members who assisted with the stall. We hope all our dads and father figures had a great Father's Day.



■ Great Aussie Bush Camp



■ Barramundi Camp

transporting them to and from the venue. The Hunter Region Athletics Carnival was held in Week 6. Congratulations to all our participants. Well done to Ella and Kaylem who have progressed to the State Carnival later in the year. It was a great turnout for our Parent Information Evening for our 2020 Kinders. We look forward to meeting the children in Term 4.

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Last week five members of our Junior AECG (Aboriginal Education Consultative Group) attended a leadership day at Mindaribba Local Aboriginal Land Council in East Maitland. Around 50 students from seven different schools attended the day. Patrick, Georgia, Gracie, Seth and Chayse participated in an Acknowledgement of Country workshop-lead by Maitland High School JAECG, a dance workshop with Emily, a yarn with Uncle Tim and workshopped names for the group's awards night and 3 on 3 basketball competition. The students enjoyed the day and we thank parents and family for



■ Barramundi Camp



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From Strength to Strength; The Rise and Rise of the Chelmsford Hotel

How Kurri Kurri local Laura Johnson turned her family's country pub from a hotel facing an uncertain future, to a global brand and multi-award nominated business in just two years.

To some it could look like a case of David and Goliath, as local Kurri pub the Chelmsford Hotel comes up against a list of business giants in three finalist categories of the 2019 Hunter Region Business Excellence Awards.

But chat with hotelier and business entrepreneur, Laura Johnson for a few minutes and you will soon see why the little hotel that could, is certainly destined for greatness.

The hotel is a finalist in the categories of Hospitality & Tourism, Customer Service, and Johnson herself is up for Business Woman of the Year.

"It's very humbling to think that in this area you are seen to be making a contribution that is bigger than yourself," she said.

"I love to be able to help and support other people. I'm still a bit floored to be even nominated as there's some really deserving business women in the final.

"But in saying that, I would like to think I have found the

right balance between business success and being a good human being, and what I mean by that is always making choices in line with my values as a person, a wife, a friend, a sister, a daughter, a mother, and a member of this community."

And her nomination is certainly well-deserved. Two years ago, Johnson and her husband Jay Jay were running a successful transport company, raising four children, and dealing with life's ups and downs. Then Laura received news her brother was ill and the family pub was facing uncertainty.

"Even though I had a full-time job running our transport company, I knew it was up to me to save our hotel," she said.

"Over a two-year period, I have fortunately been able to bring us to the point where we are now able to invest in renovations. This is all while maintaining a marriage, raising four children, and running our

transport company. "In fact, for the past two years I haven't even taken a wage from the Chelly. I just wanted to save it."

The hotel's success can undoubtedly be attributed to Johnson's leadership, values and creativity which together in 2018 saw the creation of Mulletfest, a unique event celebrating the infamous 'business in the front - party in the back', hairstyle.

The inaugural event elevated both Kurri and the Chelmsford Hotel onto the world stage, receiving global media coverage and attracting reporters from all over the country.

"This year was our second Mulletfest event which attracted around 2,000 people to the town," Johnson said. "The flow-on affect from that includes things like our local service-station doing its best Saturday of the year, the cafe down the street doing its best day of trade ever because people who came and stayed overnight had breakfast there. It's created a destination for people and a tourism injection into the local economy.

"It's something our town badly needed and that economic boost does wonders for the community as a whole. "On top of that it's good, clean fun that celebrates kids, families and individuals. It's remained incident free, and to me it was really important that we could create something in line with our values and this year



we also raised money for the Mark Hughes Foundation." While Johnson is humble about her own nomination, she is fiercely proud of her team and the fact that together they have elevated the hotel to be recognised as a finalist among a number of strong Hunter-based businesses. "We are thrilled with all three nominations, but to be a finalist in the Hospitality & Tourism category given the size of the players around us including vineyards, hotels, B&Bs, cafes and restaurants, for us to be represented, especially being a country pub, is a great honour," Johnson said. "Then to also be a finalist in the Customer Service category makes me extremely proud, because we have such diverse service requirements given the varying aspects of our business. "We service customers with off-premise sales in the bottle shop, while our on-premise service includes

everyone from cleaners and gaming staff, to bar and kitchen staff. "But we have an amazing team and they understand so well the importance of customer service and most importantly, the concept of treating others how you would like to be treated. "That is key in our service model and something I have always tried to keep in mind when leading by example. "I couldn't be more proud, and these nominations are for everyone, because I couldn't do what I do without my team. They are like family." The 2019 Hunter Business Awards for Excellence will be held on Friday, 20 September at Cessnock Leagues Club.

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Photo Above: Publican Laura Johnson at this years Mulletfest.

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House of the Month - August 2019

37 Thomas Street, North Rothbury has been picked as last month's winner "House of the Month". It is owned by Mike Hodge & partner Katrina Lidbury. Congratulations on your beautiful home! This month's winners get to select next month's winner, and with all this no-rain everyone should be in with an excellent chance!

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Hunter Valley Golf Club

Sunday 25th August
Bohdan Ling has won the Weekly Challenge with 39 points from Brad Collinson 38, Drew Dewar 3rd with 37 and Richard Craft 4th with 36 on countback. Ball winners were Steve Abel 36, David GrosBernd 35 and Ben Wallis v34 c/b

Tuesday 27th August
Rex Talbot has produced a 'blinder' to claim the Tuesday Stableford with a massive 45 points, 2nd went to Bob Prentcie 42 and 3rd to Bill Freeman with 39. Ball winners were: Scott Ling 37, Bindii Manderson 37, Ryan Wilson 37, Robert Hannah 36, Ian Newell 35, Lindsay Self 34, Phil Small 34, David Peel 34, Paul Smith 34, Linsay Meyn 34, Tom Bell 33, Rod Williams 31, Robert Logue 31, Wayne Cowan 31 and Darrell Preston 31 c/b. Nearest-the-Pins went to Bill Freeman (3rd) and Phil Small (10th & 17th)

Wednesday 28th August
Round 2 of the Ladies Championship has seen Dale Hamilton increase her lead, albeit slightly, to have a stranglehold on the Champions Trophy, Sue Williams and Melita Watson are set to fight out the handicap section with the final round to be played next week. Division 2 has Isabel Skeates leading from Karen Baillie and Leesa Robinson while Glenda Williams, Chistine Tancred and Karen Baillie are all featuring in the handicap event. Division 3 has Maureen Donaldson leading in a tight affair with Toni Fisher and Robyn Dunlop close, the handicap winner should come from the same 3 Ladies. The club extends best wishes to all contesting the Championship, the final rd will take place next Wednesday. The daily Stroke event played in conjunction has seen Maureen Donaldson triumph with 70 Nett from Toni Fisher 72 and Isabel Skeates 73. Ball winners were: Ann Grace-Smith 74, Sue Williams 75, Glenda Williams 78 and Robyn Dunlop 78. Nearest-the-Pins to Robyn Dunlop (3rd) Sue Williams, Leesa Robinson and Christine Tancred.

Thursday 29th August
Solid scoring featured in the Vets Medley Stableford with Graeme Flynn taking top honours in Division 1 with 39 points from Jeff Taylor 38 on countback, Division 2 went to Mark Barrow with 37 and Division 3 to Heinz Kestermann with the round of the day a fine 42 points from Bill Williams with 39. Ball winners were: Mick Gilbert 38, Kerry Bartlett 38, Peter McIntyre 38, John Grayson 37, Jock Kendall 37, Wayne Berry 37, Boss Hogg 37, John McLoughney 37, Greg Burke 36, Robert Hannah 36, Ken

McLaughlin 36, Dave Fury 36, Ken Harris 35, John Carmody 35, Robert Logue 35 and Evan Powell 35 c/b. Nearest-the-Pins went to Bill Freeman (3rd) Wayne Barber (4th) Michael Gilbert (8th) Phil Small (10th) and Evan Powell (17th). The raffle has been won by Kevin Gibson with Peter Attewell 2nd. The Misty Glen Wines Outstanding Performance of the Month has been won by Spot Mitchell.

Saturday 31st August
With the overnight and early morning showers many of the field stayed away opening the door to the hardy who started to feature in this years Championship. A Grade has Shawn Parish in the lead from Shannon Attewell and David Peel 3rd, the handicap section sees Shawn leading from David and Shannon tied with Russ Calderwood in 3rd, B Grade Scott Conti and Peter Huckfelt are tied in 1st with Wade Attewell 3rd, Todd Mitchell is leading the handicap section from Darren Crear with Peter Huckfelt and Stephen Zok tied for 3rd, Peter Attewell is leading C Grade from Luke Johnston and Kevin Smith with the same trio in the same order in the handicap section. Many others are close in all grades making for an interesting final round next week. The Ladies Weekend Championship is being fought out between Tracy Morison (leading) from Julie Van Den Berg and Peree Watson in hot pursuit. The daily Stroke event played in conjunction has Andrew Zok with 70 Nett winning A Grade on countback from Shawn Parish, B Grade to Darren Crear with 65 from Anthony Bower 67 and C Grade to Luke Johnston with 66 from Kevin Smith 69 on countback 2nd. Ball winners were: Stephen Zok 67, Mike Carter 68, Todd Mitchell 68, Scott Conti 68, Jeff Morton 69, Peter Attewell 69, Jeremy Holden 70, Shannon Attewell 71, Luke Johnston 71, Russ Calderwood 71, Graeme Smith 71 and David Matt v72. Nearest-the-Pins went to Garry Marsden (3rd) Sam Provenzano (4th) Wade Attewell (8th) Wayne Cowan (10th) and Paul Bullock (17th).

Note:
Finally the long dry spell has ended with much needed rain arriving Friday. Our green staff have been outstanding in providing the exception surface we play on during this trying time. Several course improvements have been done during the 'no growth' time which will benefit everyone, many thanks to Trapper and his crew. Hopefully some follow up rain will follow to aid their excellent work.

Sunday 1st September
Stephen Gittoes of the Gosford GC has won the Weekly Challenge with 38 points, Tony Krishna with 37 was the runner up. John Knuth took Nearest-the-Pin on the (4th)

Tuesday 3rd September
Garry Marsden has won the Tuesday Stableford with 40 points from Bill Williams with 38 on countback to Simon Nicholson. Bob Manderson 37, Phil Small

36, Paul Smith 36, Tim Caban 35, David Peel 35, Andrew Causey v35, Ian Smith 34, Ian Newell 33, Phousang Sihapanya 33, Bob Prentice 33, Graeme Flynn 33, Scott Ling 32 and Wayne Cowan 31 c/b. Nearest-the-Pins went to David Peel (3rd) Andrew Causey (8th) and Phil Small (10th & 17th)

Wednesday 4th September
The Ladies 2019 Champion is Dale Hamilton with a 54 hole score of 272, Division 2 Scratch Champion is Leesa Robinson with 309 and Division 3 Champion Toni Fisher with 345, The 54 Hole Nett winner was Isabel Skeates with 231 Nett, Division 1 Nett winner Sue Williams with 235, Division 2 Glenda Williams with 232 and Division 3 Robin Dunlop with 234, Congratulations to all the winners and to the Ladies who took part. The Daily Stroke round played in conjunction has been won by Leesa Robinson with 75 Nett from Lorraine Clack 2nd on countback to Melita Watson are both carded 76 Nett. Ball winners were: Robyn Dunlop 77, Glenda Williams 79 and Sue Williams 79 c/b.

Thursday 5th September
Warm still weather turned on for the Vets has aided the scores in the Medley Stableford with Phil Small taking Division 1 with 41 points from Mick Gilbert 40, John Hogg Division 2 with 41 from Darrell Preston 40 and Geoff Wiese with 'the round of the day' 44 to claim Division 3 from Graham Donaldson on 42. Ball winners were: Wayne Cowan 39, John Tancred 39, Garry Failie 38, Evan Powell 38, Ken Roe 38, Larrie Clarke 38, Rod Williams 37, Ken Springbett 37, Kerry Bartlett 37, Ken McLaughlin 37, William Edwards 37, Chris Norman 37, Graeme Flynn 37, John Grayson 36, Phil Wetzler 36, Gary Johns 36, Garry Marsden 36, Gunther Shilko 36, William Davey 36, Lindsay Meyn 35 and Paul Adams 35 c/b. Nearest-the-Pins went to David Gellwiler (3rd) Wayne Barber (4th) Doug Harley (8th) Peter Fisher (10th) and Graeme Flynn (17th). The raffle has been won by Ruff with Paul Smith 2nd.

Saturday 7th September
Strong cold wind greeted the field for the final round of the 2019 Club Championships with some of the leaders handling the conditions with apparent ease. Shannon Attewell has won the title as Club Champion this year with a 3 round total of 237 runner up went to round 2 leader Shawn Parish 241, B Grade went to Scott Conti with 260 with the trio of Bruce Chambers, Stephen Zok and Darren Crear on 265 and Peter Attewell took C Grade with 274 from Luke Johnson on 276. The 54 Hole 'Over the Field' handicap winner is Luke Johnson with 204 Nett, A Grade handicap winner is Shawn Parish with 214, B Grade to Todd Mitchell with 213 and C Grade to Dale Johnson with 215. Tracy Morison has retained her Weekend Ladies title with 283 scratch and Julie Van Den Berg the handicap section with 244 Nett. Congratulations to all of our winners and those who

competed.

The Daily Stroke round played in conjunction with the Championship has seen Trevor Collins win A Grade with an excellent 68 Nett from Shannon Attewell 70 c/b, B Grade to Bruce Chambers with 73 from Jeremie Morton 74 c/b and C Grade to Luke Johnson with the 'round of the day' 66 Nett from Peter Attewell with 69. Ball winners were: Steve Piggot 70, Graham Morris 71, Ron Higginbottom 72, Dale Johnson 72, Garry Ackers 73, David Peel 73, Sam Higgins v73, Michael Gilbert 74, Garry Marsden 74, Stephen Zok 74, Todd Mitchell 74, Scott Conti 74 and Trish Timms v75 countback. Nearest-the-Pins went to Wade Attewell (3rd) Paul Bullock (10th) and David Peel (8th & 17th)

Branxton Lady Golfers
28th August 2019
Stableford
Winner: Ruth McCarthy on 37 points
Runner-up: Jan Scobie on 36 points
3rd: Neridah Busch on 34 points
4th: Trish McMillan on 31 points
5th: Caren Caldwell on 30 points
Nearest to the pin: Robyn Hoffman

Branxton Golf Club
Saturday, 31st August 2019
SATURDAY COMP STABLEFORD
Field: 56
Grades A Mark Moylan 38 pts c/b
Grades A Joshua Tracey 38
Grades A Daryl Sheppard 35
Grades B Mathew Mullaney 36 pts
Grades B John Burgess 35
Grades B Mick Martin 34 pts
Grades C Brett Apps 39 pts
Grades C Michael Carling 38
Grades C Mark Davey 36 pts
NTP 2/11 J Tracey 267 cm
NTP 4 D Sheppard 330 cm
NTP 9/18 J Tracey 129 cm
NTP 13 M Carling 420 cm
Balls 17 Distributed down to score: 30
56 players braved the difficult conditions on Saturday with the welcomed rainy weather ensuring all players used their rain gear for the first time in living memory. The recently cored greens also made scoring very difficult as the greens couldn't be mown on Friday, with the grass actually starting to grow. Mark Moylan played beautifully to win A Grade with his 38 pts, just ahead of Joshua Tracey who played a par round from his 2 handicap—an astounding effort in these conditions. His round also included 4 birdies and two nearest the pins. Daryl Sheppard was pleased with his 35 pts to finish third, on a day where the DSR was a 71 and only 30 pts was needed to win a ball. Matthew Mullaney won B Grade with his 36 pts, just ahead of John Burgess and Mick Martin. Brett Apps recorded the best stableford score of the day, winning C Grade with his 39 pts, with Mick Carling's 38 pts giving him the runner up spot and Mark Davey third with 36 pts. The shot of the day belonged to Joshua Tracey on the last, finishing only 126 cms from a pin that was located just behind the tree—not surprising from this very talented golfer. The

Handskins final was held on Saturday afternoon, with Greg Noble finishing with the most loot with all finalists—Steve Ross, Richard Crooks and Fraser Wilson acquitting themselves well and sharing in the spoils. The club has a new initiative with a Par Three Competition being held during the month of September. It is a nine hole competition with weekly prizes and overall winners decided by the best 3 of 5 rounds at only \$10 a week. Sounds like fun so interested players only need to contact the pro shop for available tee times.

Saturday, 7 September 2019
STROKE MONTHLY MEDAL - STROKE
Field: 40
Winners B Mathew Mullaney 65
Grades A David Hollis 67
Grades A Joshua Tracey 68
Grades A Daryl Sheppard 72
Grades B Fraser Wilson 68
Grades B Stephen Ross 71
Grades B Neil Bridge 71
Grades C Robert Miller 70
Grades C Garry Cuthbert 71
Grades C Barry Turner 71
NTP 2/11 A 2nd Lee Heuston 1.15m
NTP 4 A 4th Joshua Tracey 1.17m
NTP 9/18 B 9th Fraser Wilson 27cm
NTP 13 B 13th Joseph Bereza 2.31m
Balls 12 Distributed down to score: 75
Saturday's gale force winds made golfing very difficult although the winning scores showed that good scores could be achieved. I think anyone who braved those conditions should have been included in the ball competition. Matthew Mullaney won the overall monthly medal with an outstanding 65 nett score --a score good enough to win any stroke event. Dave Hollis has returned to form, winning A Grade with an excellent 67 nett, just ahead of Joshua Tracey, the 2017 Club Champion, who had a nett 68 from his 1 handicap. The quality of his play was reflected with his 1 under par score—one that could easily have been 3-4 shots better with many good putts just missing—it was an outstanding round to watch. Daryl Sheppard was pleased to pick up third with his sound 72 nett score. Fraser Wilson won B Grade with a very pleasing 68 nett score, a round which included a near-est the pin on the 9th, a near hole in one, only 27 cms

away from the pin which proved to be the shot of the day. Fraser has unlimited potential as he is one of the longest hitters in the club and is now learning to manage his way around the course—look out for him in the near future especially in the upcoming club championships. Steve Ross continues to play very solidly, finishing runner up with his 71 just ahead of Neil Bridge with the same score. Robert "Shir" Miller turned back time in winning C Grade with his 70 nett score, just ahead of Garry Cuthbert and the ever-consistent Barry Turner. A 75 nett score was needed to win a ball as only 40 players decided to venture out into that wind.

Branxton Veteran Golfers
Results 29-8-19
'2 Person Ambrose'
1st D Sheppard & B Turner 44 ¼ pts
2nd L Hunt & M Hunt 44 ¾ pts
3rd R Yandle & T Young 46 ¼ pts
4th E Munzenberger & P Anderson 47 ¾ pts (c/b)
5th I Harris & J Harris 47 ¾ pts (c/b)
NTP - Ladies M Hunt Gents G Anderson
Member's draw - Not won
A lightly clouded day, with warm patches of sunshine provided comfortable playing conditions for our veteran members, with shirtsleeves a plenty, providing a tightly contested round. Congratulations to Darryl Sheppard and Barry Turner on winning the event and a well done to all other winners and placegetters. On being advised that our Treasurer, Audrey Brown, is celebrating a birthday, the members acknowledged the occasion with cheers, acclamation and wished her all the very best for the future. Audrey is a long term member of the Branxton Veteran Golfers and is **treasured** by all.


Results 30-8-19
"Away Day" - Hawks
Nest
1st J Scobie 18 pts
2nd K Thomas 17 pts (c/b)
3rd J Harris 17 pts
4th G Scobie 16 pts (c/b)
5th A Hsckett 16 pts (c/b)
A big 'THANK YOU' to the 21 players who gathered for to-day's round and salvaged something of the day, which was shortened to 9 holes, due to the weather conditions. Oh! Well it's not Camelot, where the rain is not supposed to fall until after sundown. However, we do need the rain.

Congratulations to Jan Scobie on winning the round and a well done to placegetters.

Results 5-9-19
Stableford
Div 1 Winner L Hunt 32 pts
R/u R Yandle 31 pts
3rd D Sheppard 30 pts
Div 2 Winner R Chalmers 34 pts (SOD) R/u B Turner 33 pts
3rd K Thomas 31 pts
Ladies Winner T Martin 27 pts
R/u R Friis 26 pts
3rd M Hunt 22 pts
NTP Ladies T Martin Gents P Conroy
Members draw - Not won
A glorious Spring day, spreading it's warmth over the "Ultimate 9" golf course at Branxton, provided ideal conditions for a round of golf, which our participating Veteran Golfers took full advantage. Congratulations to Richard Chalmers on winning his division and achieving the "Score of the Day". And well done to other winners and placegetters. The scores will indicate a closely fought round.
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As Time Goes By

10 years ago ~ Colts Premiers

Last week, the 6th September, was the anniversary of the Greta Branxton Colts Rugby League Club taking out both the 1st (22-16) & reserve grade (18-10) grand finals beating Singleton in both. It was only their fourth year in the senior Group 21 competition. To recap this iconic occasion I have done a précis of the report published on Thursday 10 September 2009.

The Greta/Branxton Colts re-wrote the record books with a 22-16 victory over Singleton in the Group 21 Rugby League Grand Final played at Greta Oval on Sunday.

The win capped a memorable day for the four-year-old club, with over 3,000 fans on show to witness the memorable event. Reserve grade made it a double by defeating Singleton 18-10 earlier in the day.

Player for the day, with his inspirational charges and punishing defence. His famous quote pretty much summed things up when he announced "The tougher it gets, the better we get."

Others to shine for the Colts were Davis, Joe McCormack, Jake Russell and Roy Bell, but there was not a bad player on the paddock for the Colts in what was a memorable team effort.

As mentioned earlier the Reserve Grade team made it a minor/major premiership double with an 8-point victory over the Greyhounds earlier on in the day.

Prop Warren Kirk was named '2NM Man of the Match' and 'Player's Player' for the day, with his



inspirational charges and punishing defence. His famous quote pretty much summed things up when he announced "The tougher it gets, the better we get."

Jake Russell and Roy Bell, but there was not a bad player on the paddock for the Colts in what was a memorable team effort. Celebrations continued on

well into the night at the Greta Workers Club and the Royal Federal Hotel. The premiership wins came just four days after the Colts wiped the floor at the Group 21 presentation

night held at the Muswellbrook Workers Club. Ron Davis was named player of the year, Matt Lantry was named coach of the year, with Davis, Mark Bercini, Aaron Clack and Tim Lantry all selected in

the Group 21 team of the year. Jon Newton won the first grade leading point scorer award, with John Hamson winning the reserve grade leading point scorer award. To the committee, sponsors, match day helpers and to all the fans for making such a memorable day, the Colts once again proved that nothing is impossible if you strive to achieve it. Up the Colts!

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