Bob & the Roo Grass Band to Stop Over at Scone

By Sophie Fitzgerald

Folk and country ensemble Bob Corbett & the Roo Grass Band will be making their way to Scone during their Lucky Country Hall Tour next month.

The group consists of Bob Corbett himself, Dave Carter, Sue Carson and Robbie Long with a mixture of exceptional vocal harmonies, guitar, banjo, fiddle, mandolin, dobro and percussion.

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Tickets are Saturday only valued at $270, upgradeable to 2 day or 3 day as desired. Winner will be drawn 16/04/2013. (See ad on back page)

How to enter: Email your entry to publications@huntervalleypublishing.com.au or post your entry to: Hunter Valley Printing, Gum Ball Competition, PO Box 460 Scone, NSW 2337.

What do you like so much about Gum Ball?
Anyone interested in the environment and sustainable natural resource management is invited to submit papers for the 2013 Landcare and Catchment Management Forum being held in Newcastle on 3-5 September.

The Hunter-Central Rivers CMA is hosting the forum - the premier event to showcase sustainability, Landcare and volunteering across NSW - in partnership with local Landcare and community groups, Landcare NSW and the Department of Primary Industries.

Abstracts for papers on the major theme ‘Many hands connecting communities’ or from the following list of sub-themes will be accepted:

- Handling our business (governance)
- Hands on work (on-ground activities)
- Hands on Country (Aboriginal activities)
- Hands online (social media)
- Handling our future (future directions)
- Young Hands (youth).

Presentations can either be twenty-five minute oral presentations or poster presentations which will be displayed for set periods during the forum with an allocated time for presenting author to be available for queries.

Abstract submissions close on 14 April. For more details go to www.landcarecmaforum.com.au or contact John Wilson on 02 4938 4959.
Aberdeen Youth Group Striving for Skate Park

By Sophie Fitzgerald

The Deen City Youth Group has been working hard to fulfill the needs of the local youth as they raise money for the construction of a Skate Park in their town.

In early 2011 the group was initiated by Sheree Gray, Fiona Tickle and several other keen local kids, primarily for the skate park, but also for future projects, beyond the completion of the park. The group is made of twenty core volunteers, but the community is just as much involved, with locals helping wherever they can.

The group of hard-working, impassioned teenagers and children are full of ideas and enthusiasm, all very keen to participate and pitch their suggestions. The park itself will cost approximately $150,000. Anglo American Coal from Aberdeen have generously donated $10,000 and with support aplenty from the community and Upper Hunter Shire Council, they hope to soon have a definite location for the park so they can apply for grants, as it is a crucial component.

The innovation has seen many functions, cake stalls and other fundraising events with the Aberdeen Lions Club. It’s a sorely needed facility in the town, for kids to get outside and socialise, where they can ride scooters, bikes and other equipment. Not to mention keeping them away from the busy highway running through the town and parents having to drive them to Muswellbrook or Scone skate park venues, which have both been successful.

To help out or donate to the cause, be sure to keep an eye out for upcoming events or get in contact with the districts Lions Club to make a direct donation.
Budding Quilt Makers

Pictured: Hunter McGrath & Yan Pring (right) and Kylie Ellis and daughters, Chelsey & Abbey Ellis, (above) participating in the quilt making workshop presented by Aberdeen Neighbourhood Centre. The next workshop is scheduled to be held on Saturday, 13 April under the guidance of Yan Pring. Bookings essential – contact Aberdeen Neighbourhood centre on 6543 8457.

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Heritage Restaurant Welcomes New Chef

By Sophie Fitzgerald

The Scone Colonial Motor Lodge has recently welcomed a fresh new face to their team, Chef Monique Goodworth. The very accomplished local has quite the repertoire of experience behind her, and the Heritage Restaurant staff is very excited to have her on board.

Monique started off her career at TAFE in Tamworth; a notable achievement during her studies was winning a regional gold medal in the World Skills Cooking Competition and silver at national level.

She has also been trained by Gordon Ramsey’s chefs, worked in various locations such as Pokolbin, Hamilton Island, Cairns, Sydney and Melbourne and has utilised this experience, essentially, in the fine dining and modern Australian Cuisine areas.

“Monique is enjoying working in the small family run environment and having full control of the kitchen - including menu planning. She is looking forward to launching her new menu at the Colonial”, said restaurant owners, Peter and Katherine Tullia.

To make a reservation, book accommodation or for any enquiries, be sure to call 65451700 or visit their website at www.colonialmotorlodge.com.au.

Image L to R: Chef, Monique Goodworth and Head Waitress, Melanie Gelland are both very excited in launching the new menu.

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King of the Ranges Scholarship Applications Open

The King of the Ranges is a competition aimed at showcasing the skills of Australian stockmen and women, and helping to preserve the traditional methods of working with animals.

The event also aims to encourage young people to acquire the skills still necessary for working stock and understand the traditional methods, but it was recognised that in today’s environment, while such skills are still essential, there are many other aspects of running a livestock enterprise that young people must learn.

So in order to assist young men and women who are looking to make a career in agriculture and who have an interest in horses and livestock, the King of the Ranges committee in 2010 decided to create a Scholarship that would help with tertiary education needs for them.

The KOTR Scholarship aims to provide an incentive for our young folk to look upon farming as an attractive career for many years to come and with the continuing mechanisation of agriculture and the pressure on family farms, anything that can help to develop paths for young people to get into or stay in the farming and livestock industries is considered by the KOTR Committee to be an essential part of keeping the traditional skills and methods alive.

In the past two years, two outstanding young women have been awarded the $1,500 scholarship and applications are now open for 2013. Any young people between the ages of 16 to 20 years residing in the Greater Hunter or New England North West Regions are invited to apply for the 2013 King of the Ranges Study/Training Scholarship.

Go to www.kingoftheranges.com.au/scholarshipentry to download an application form. Tertiary institutions are encouraged to help students to apply.

For any enquiries please call Ian on 0425 247 658 or contact the secretary.
Group 3 status for $1.9million Scone Cup Carnival

The high quality horses attracted to the annual Scone Cup Carnival each year received new stature last week when the Australian Racing Board released a list of black-type races which have been upgraded to Group 3 or 2. One of the upgrades was the elevation of a jewel for the two-day carnival, the Darley Dark Jewel Classic (fillies and mares), from Listed to Group 3.

Carrying $200,000 in prizemoney and $1,200 in trophies, it is scheduled to be run this year on the second day of the carnival, Saturday 18 May. The Dark Jewel honours the marvelous Star Kingdom broodmare Dark Jewel, bred in the Hunter Valley and a wonderful producer for the Tait family of Jugiong near Gundagai in south western New South Wales.

This year’s Dark Jewel is to be one of a record ‘seven stakes races’ for a carnival outside metropolitan racing. Five others are the $200,000 Emirates Park Scone Cup (1600m) and four at $140,000 each, the Yarraman Park – Horsepower Luskin Stakes (1300m), Coolmore Woodlands Stakes (2YO Fillies,1100m), Arrowfield Denise’s Joy Stakes (3YO Fillies,1100m) and Prydes EasiFeed Ortensia Stakes (1100m).

The other black-type event is the Restricted Listed $400,000 Inglis 3YO Guineas (1400m) and is for horses which went through Inglis Yearling Sales.

The Scone Cup is the sole stakes on the opening day of the carnival, Friday 17 May, and all the others are scheduled for the Saturday - a program that takes the place of Sydney racing on that day. None of the eight races on the Saturday carry less than $85,000 and minimum on the Friday is $40,000. Besides the Cup, the Friday line up also includes the $100,000 Inglis 2YO Challenge (1100m) and a $60,000 Benchmark 65 Country Cup (1400m).

All told $1,890,000 in prize money ($1,330,000 on the Saturday) and $21,400 in trophies will be distributed over the two days.

The two days of racing and two days of Inglis Sales - mares, weanlings, yearlings on Thursday 16 May and Hunter Breeders Select Yearling Sale on Sunday 19 May are the grand finale to the action packed sixteen-day Scone Horse Festival which opens this year on 3 May.

Netball Clinics

Muswellbrook Shire Council in partnership with the NSW Office of Communities, Sport and Recreation are holding a Netball Development Clinic during the first week of the April School Holidays.

Qualified coaches will hold sessions offering a range of enjoyable activities and mini games to develop skills on Tuesday 16 and Wednesday 17 April 2013.

Juniors 7 - 10 years (9.00am to 11.00am)
Youth 11 - 14 years (11.30am to 1.30pm)
Cost: $35.00. Where: Karoola Park Muswellbrook NSW

If you are interested in your child attending, please phone 131302 and have your credit card details ready or fill in an enrolment form and either mail with a cheque or fax with your credit card details. Go online: www.muswellbrook.nsw.gov.au to find enrolment forms.

Group 21 Rugby League

Thiess Services Hunter Valley Group 21 Rugby League 2013 Draw.

Round 1 - Saturday 6 April
2.30pm Singleton v Denman - Under 18s
3.00pm Merriwa v Scone - Reserve Grade
3.45pm Singleton v Denman - Reserve Grade
5.15pm Singleton v Denman - 1st Grade

Round 1 - Sunday 7 April
11.15am Greta Branxton v Muswellbrook / Aberdeen v Scone - Under 18s
12.30pm Greta Branxton v Muswellbrook / Aberdeen v Murrurundi - Reserve Grade
2.00pm Greta Branxton v Muswellbrook / Aberdeen v Scone - 1st Grade

Muswellbrook Hunt, Fish & 4WD Show

The inaugural Muswellbrook Hunt, Fish, 4WD Show will be staged at the Muswellbrook Showground on the 12, 13 & 14 April 2013. A first of its type for the Muswellbrook region with the show set to be a great success.

The Muswellbrook Showground has one hundred and thirty sites mapped out to accommodate exhibitors for all things in the hunting, fishing and 4WD industries. Exhibitors will be entertained by the ‘Australian Travelling Fish Show’ and a 4WD demonstration track and motorbike show.

For further information contact 02 6769 4132 or www.ruralscene.com.au
James Estate Named in Australia’s Best Cellar Doors

James Estate in Baerami has been named one of Australia’s best cellar doors in two categories according to the prestigious WINE magazine produced by Gourmet Traveller in their April / May issue. Not only has the winery been awarded Star Cellar Door for the Upper Hunter but also the Best Additional Experience for the hiking and mountain bike trails.

Graeme Scott, Senior Winemaker at James Estate says that the news has come out of the blue and that the entire team is justifiably proud of the recognition. “WINE magazine has been voted as the world’s best drink magazine so the award carries enormous weight and credibility for the work that we are doing at the winery,” Mr Scott said. “It is made even more special by the fact that we have been awarded this by simply doing what we love”.

The article also speaks highly of the Upper Hunter and the unique differences between the Upper and Lower Hunter wine regions.

The Upper Hunter is often overlooked for the Disneyland of wine adventures to be had surrounding the village of Pokolbin in the Lower Hunter. Spectacular views, historic wineries and vineyards and a more chilled out pace are a welcome respite north of the Hunter equator. James Estate is nestled into a pocket of the Upper Hunter, set on a rise that takes in jaw-dropping views of Goulburn River and Wollemi National Parks. It’s a terrific setting for a winery and cellar door surrounded by the two hundred-plus acres of estate vineyards. The wines are seeing a renaissance of sorts, with increased quality seen at recent tastings, and the cellar door staff are helpful guides through the unusually large number of wines produced under the James Estate label. As an addition, if wine tasting should play second fiddle, there’s a hiking trail and purpose built-mountain bike tracks created by James Estate’s own Graeme Scott.

By Mike Bennie ‘WINE’

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‘Roo Grass’ is the name given to Bob’s style of music and unique sound, not to be described by any well known genres. The fresh take on Australian country and folk music has been performed across Australia and North America. Impressing audiences with a mixture of stories, humour and deep thought, all melded into both traditional and contemporary music.

Corbett himself kick-started his already extensive career after winning the 2012 Toyota Star Maker competition, the most prestigious country music talent search in Australia.

Since his first step, he has managed to produce four award winning albums, carry out four national tours and perform at many major festivals. Bob has scored three Golden Guitar Nominations, had several music videos, many television appearances, not to mention his many other awards.

Bob & the Roo Grass Band’s performance in Scone will be held at the Arts and Crafts Hall on Friday the 12 April at 7.30pm - adults at $25 and $15 for children under 16 years of age. Tickets are available at ‘The Serendipity Collection, Scone’; at the door or on-line www.bobcorbett.com.au

Image: Bob Corbett and the Roo Grass Band