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Image: Elizabeth Foote OAM and Muriel King at the 2016 Australia Day Awards ceremony in Scone. Photo is courtesy of the Upper Hunter Shire Council.

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Australia Day celebrations

No matter where you are in the Upper Hunter there will be something fun to do on Australia Day. Muswellbrook and Denman Aquatic Centres are celebrating with free entry all day and family entertainment including a jumping castle and free BBQ lunch at Muswellbrook.

Live music, markets, kids entertainment and even a makeshift beach are all part of Singleton's Australia Day activities this year. The activities will be held on the grassed area between Singleton Council's main car park and the Gym & Swim.

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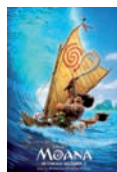
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Australia Day celebrations

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The event kicks off at 8am with a gold coin donation sausage sizzle breakfast served outside the Civic Centre. Singleton Town Band will set the atmosphere ahead of the Civic Ceremony inside the Civic Centre that will feature the citizenship ceremony, announcement of Singleton Citizen of the Year and Singleton Young Achiever of the Year, and the Australia Day address to be delivered by Lisa McGuigan. Aberdeen, Merriwa, Murrurundi and Scone will all hold ceremonies to mark the day, followed by free entry at Scone Pool from midday to 4pm.

For more information check out your local council's website.

Local celebration locations and times

Aberdeen @ 1pm: Ambassador – writer and doctor, Benjamin Veness - awards ceremony and lunch at the Sport and Recreation Club, Jefferson Park.

Merriwa @ 10.30am: Ambassador - farmer and founder of the Mate Helping Mate program, John Harper. Awards ceremony and free barbecue lunch, Merriwa RSL Club Free Merriwa pool entry 2pm to 6pm with games, prizes, free sausage sizzle, and a local DJ playing great Australian music.

Murrurundi @ 11.30am: Ambassador - Greg Donovan, founder of Born to Run which raises funds and awareness of Type 1 diabetes - awards ceremony and games, followed by the Mayor's 7 vs Murrurundi 7 cricket match. 8am Markets open at Wilson Memorial Oval; 10am parade and entertainment including entertainment from accomplished songwriter, Pat Drummond. Free Murrurundi pool entry 1pm to 6pm.

Scone @ 10.30am: Ambassador - writer and doctor Benjamin Veness. Awards ceremony at Scone Council Chambers. Scone Pipes and Drums Band will be playing for the 20th year and Scone Singers will be there. Free Scone pool entry noon to 4pm.

Image: Member for the Upper Hunter Michael Johnsen, Upper Hunter Shire Citizen of the Year 2016, Elizabeth Birch, Australia Day Ambassador Peter Herbert and Upper Hunter Shire Mayor Wayne Bedggood.

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Dance with **BALLERINA (G)** Adventure in **MONSTER TRUCKS (PG)**
Brad Pitt and Marion Cotillard star in **ALLIED (M)**
Hailee Steinfeld in **THE EDGE OF SEVENTEEN (M)**
Jennifer Lawrence and Chris Pratt stuck in space in **PASSENGERS (M)**
Disney Presents **MOANA (PG)** Illumination's **SING (G)**
Bryan Brown in **RED DOG : TRUE BLUE (PG)**

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Bursting with art!

The doors to the Arts Centre opened for the first group of exhibitions of 2017 on Friday 13 January.

Four fresh new exhibitions brought the New Year in with style, presenting works from both the Muswellbrook Shire Art Collection and Max Waters Collection, local Singleton artist group '8 Artists' as well as works produced during a workshop held at the Arts Centre in 2016. 'Face to Figure: From the Collections', '8 Artists: Different Strokes', 'Face to Figure: Workshop Studies' and 'Collected: Max Waters Collection' continue on exhibition until 5 March 2017.



1) Exhibiting artists for the 8 Artists Different Strokes exhibition Hope Hardy, Janice Hanicar, Julia McNaught, Stacey Cox and Anne Bray. 2) Dale Cox with grandparents Elaine and Col Shearer, son and parents of exhibiting artist Stacey Cox. 3) Amanda Hobbs-Haigh. 4) Anita Lawrance, Kim Jenkins and Anne Hutchinson. 5) Leanne Ward with some of her studies from the Face to Figure workshop. 6) Sophie and Charlotte Wells with their grandmother Marie Lunney. 7) Debbie Aurisch and exhibiting artist Stacey Cox. 8) Angie Harris. 9) Donna, Thomas, Caitlin, Aimee, Erin and Cliff Ryan. (Images courtesy Muswellbrook Regional Arts Centre)

Face to Figure: From the Collections / 8 Artists: Different Strokes / Face to Figure: Workshop Studies / Collected: Max Watters Collection

Exhibition Dates > 14 January – 5 March 2017 Opening > 6pm Friday, 13 January 2017

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Janelle McCloy,
Morton Bay Fig, graphite.



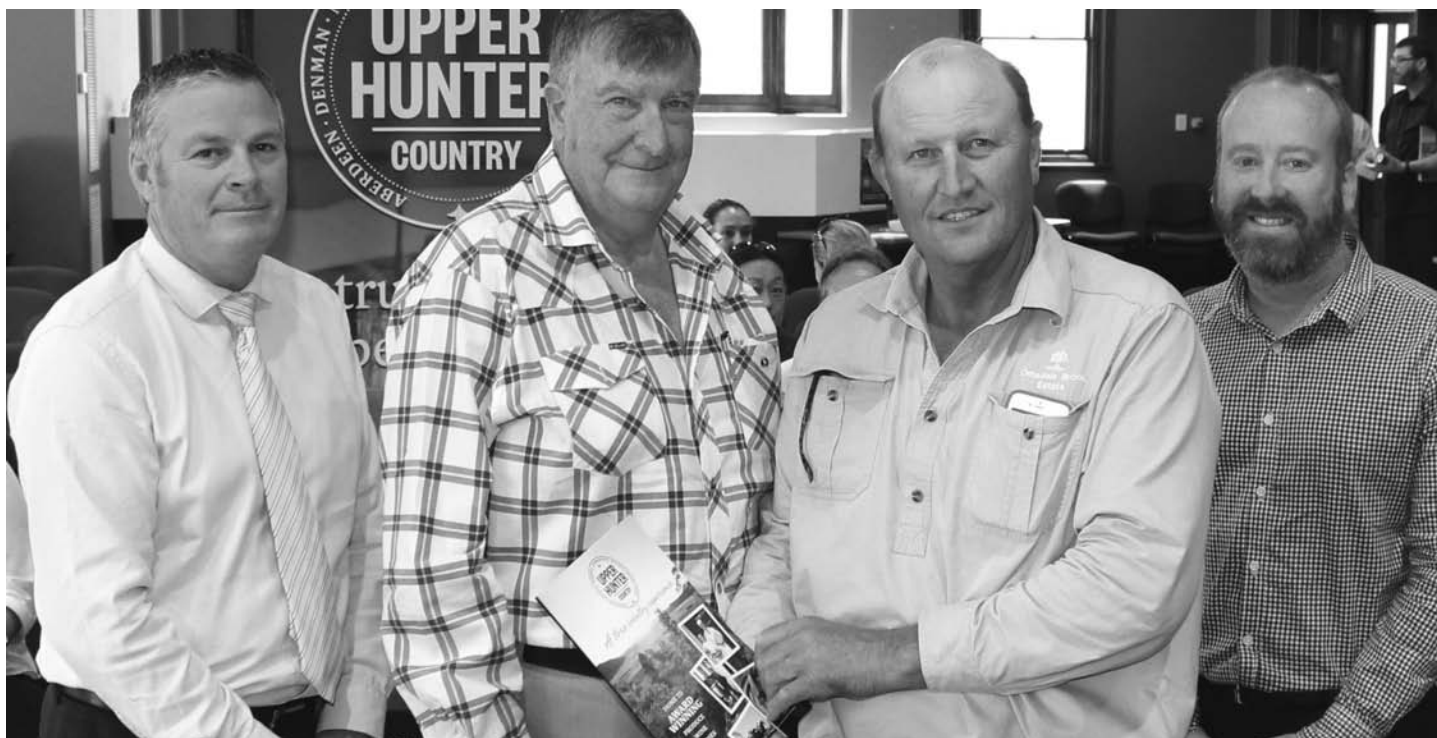


Image: Upper Hunter Shire Council General Manager Waid Crockett, Peter Hale, newly-elected UHCT President Steve Tilse, and Muswellbrook Mayor Martin Rush launch the new visitor guide.

Upper Hunter Country Tourism releases new guide

A stylish new guide for visitors to the Upper Hunter was launched recently. The 68-page booklet promotes events, attractions, and activities from festivals to National Parks, in the Muswellbrook and Upper Hunter shires. It also includes town maps, accommodation listings and a business directory. The guide is available free at Visitor Information Centres and from Upper Hunter Country Tourism members.

Pledges to go under the hammer

Scone Neighbourhood Resource Centre (SNRC) is inviting the community to a night of fun that has been organised to raise much-needed funds for the service. A huge auction showcasing the region's best skills, services and products will be hosted by local auctioneers Jim Callinan, Peter Sawyer and Sandy Warburton.

Funds raised will assist the service to purchase a new building or relocate to another venue so that the SNRC can continue to provide existing services and add new programs for the people in this community. The centre needs more space so it can generate more income by including more services. The centre may have to reduce its operating hours otherwise. Entry to the auction is only \$10.00 with a table of 10 people, \$90.00.

Tickets can be purchased at the Scone Neighbourhood Centre 130 Liverpool Street, Scone or on line at www.snrc.com.au/skills-auction a full list of items can also be found at this web address. The night will be held at the Scone RSL Club on Saturday 18th February commencing at 7pm.

Introducing garden organics collection

A green revolution in waste management will begin in Singleton next month when a kerbside garden organics collection service kicks off in March.

Households in urban areas will receive a lime green-lid garbage bin in coming months. It will be used to dispose of grass clippings, weeds, plants and stumps. The new service is a response to growing community demand for more sustainable waste management options. The new service will transform organic material into mulch and compost that can be used on parks and sporting fields. The first collection will take place on March 6. **For more information about the garden organics service, visit yourorganicsbin.com.au**

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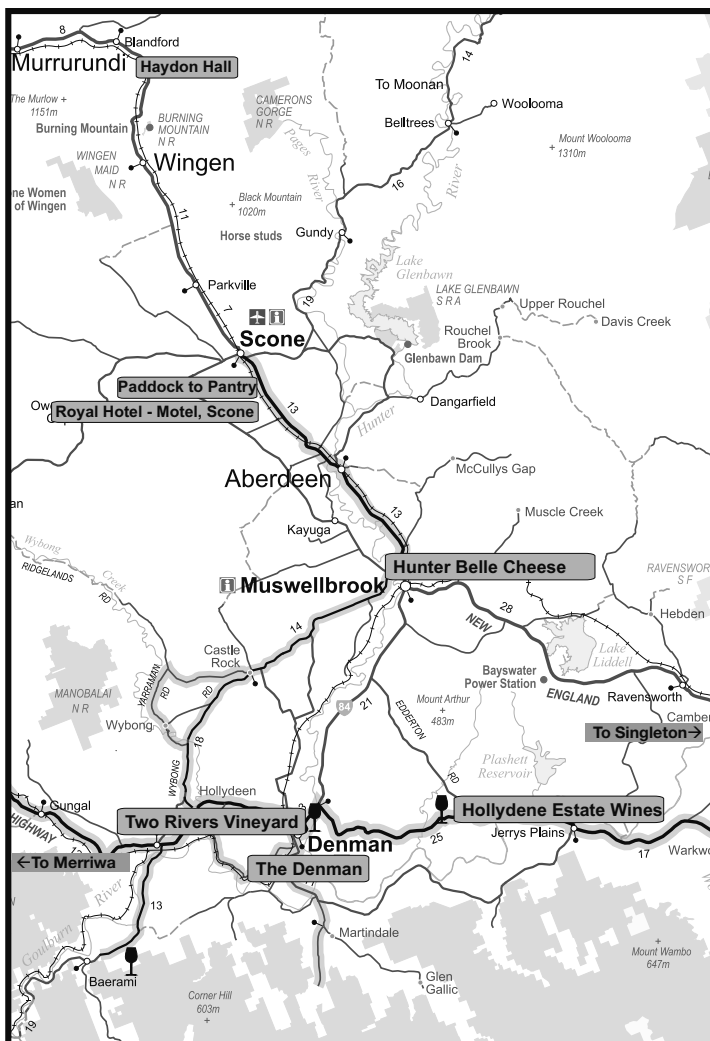
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The total land value of all properties in Singleton has fallen slightly in the last three years. The most recent valuation came in at \$2.6 billion in for 2016, slightly lower than the previous valuation in 2013.

The new valuations will apply to rates levied in 2017/2018.

The Singleton LGA has a total land value of \$2,585,880,180 as at 2 December 2016, down by 5.20 per cent from \$2,727,786,338 from 2013.

There have been decreases shown in most rating categories, including large movement in the Business Mt Thorley and Residential Singleton categories.

The Valuer General will issue notices of valuation to property owners from late January. Land owners have until late March 2017 to lodge objections to their valuation.



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Cowboy Up 1 for the National Finals Rodeo



INTERNATIONAL COUNTRY MUSIC STAR: Eric Lee Beddingfield will wow the huge crowds expected at Cowboy Up 1 in Tamworth this weekend.

Cowboy Up 1 is the newest must-do event at this year's Tamworth Country Music Festival. Cowboy Up 1 is the first event of its kind to be held at Tamworth's AELEC arena during the festival featuring elite Bull and Saddle Bronc Riding plus the fastest ladies on the Barrel Racing circuit.

The show includes a one-and-a-half-hour concert from up and coming international country music recording star Eric Lee Beddingfield. Don't miss the opportunity to support the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service and take in the elite Bulls, Broncs and Barrels and be part of the biggest country music event on the first weekend of the festival.

The event will take place from 4pm on January 21st 2017.

School holiday action



HAVING FUN: Bella Reardon, 9, and Isabel Jack, 10, show their skills at Table Soccer at SOOSH. For more information about Scone Out of School Hours contact 6540 1177. There's also plenty of activities on at the libraries for the school holidays.

Upper Hunter Shire Council has released the 'What's On' guide to all the great activities available during the school holidays.

There are activities at the libraries and the Youth Centres, sports and other outdoor fun, and Scone Out of School Hours (SOOSH) always has a packed program.

Children and young people can learn gymnastics, try twilight tennis and unleash their imagination in the libraries' Summer Reading Club.

To book for these activities contact Council's Sports Participation Officer Nicole Western on 0414 806 074.

To book in to any of the SOOSH holiday programs, contact SOOSH Coordinator Lisa McGrath on 6540 1140.

Government assistance with the cost of care is available for eligible families wanting to book with the SOOSH program.

Show window for Hunter Valley Studs

Hunter Valley Studs have been making their presence felt at the annual Magic Millions sale on the Gold Coast, with eye watering sales and purchases taking place. Coolmore acquired the highlight lot on Saturday night in the half-sister to the loved flashy chestnut Miracles Of Life (Group 1 Blue Diamond Stakes winner) for \$1.2m.

A cracking Arrowfield colt by champion sire Redoute's Choice topped Day Three of the 2017 Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale on Friday.

The colt joined Thursday's top seller, the full brother to Sebring, at the top of the leader board for the auction when he was sold for \$1.3 million. Leading Sydney-based bloodstock agent James Harron purchased the colt.

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Image: Making scratch bracelets at Scone Library were Hannah Jackson, Eliza and Charlotte Nixon with Deputy Mayor Maurice Collison.

Cool at the libraries

Free school holiday activities have kicked off at the libraries in Aberdeen, Cassilis, Merriwa, Murrurundi and Scone until the end of January. The fun includes making mini photo albums, kites, Chinese paper lanterns, tambourines, animal masks, stained 'glass' frames, wooden toy car frames, decorating tealight holders and paper weaving. Book before attending to ensure enough supplies.

Two extra special events will be the Summer Reading Club Party at Scone Library and Story@ the Park at Murrurundi. Children and parents or other carers are invited to come and take part in egg and spoon races, treasure hunts, the parachute game and more.

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