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 <p>FIFTY SHADES DARKER (MA15+) 118mins Thu, Fri, Tue & Wed 11.30am, 1.30pm & 9.30pm Sat & Sun 9.00am, 4.15pm & 6.30pm</p>	 <p>THE GREAT WALL (M) 103mins Thu, Fri, Tue & Wed 9.15am Sat & Sun 1.50pm</p>	<p>COMING SOON Kong - Skull Island : Logan A Cure For Wellness : Boss Baby Beauty and the Beast : Smurfs The Lost Village The Lego Batman Movie : Ghost in the Shell</p>

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SUMMER SATURDAY

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Saturday from 12pm – 6pm





Image: ABC personality and antique valuer Tom Thompson is returning for the Upper Hunter Shire Collector's Roadshow as part of the Seniors Festival.

Collector's Roadshow

Following the success of the first Upper Hunter Shire Collector's Roadshow in 2016, it is back for the 2017 NSW Senior's Festival on Monday and Tuesday 6 and 7 March.

Many treasures were revealed in last year's Roadshow including valuable art and jewellery, original land grant maps, war memorabilia and an original Albert Namatjira painting.

Well-known ABC personality and antique valuer Tom Thompson is returning, in addition to Peter Carlin of Haydon Hall, Murrurundi and a new face this year, Jackie Bayne from Dungog Antiques and Collectables.

Collector's Roadshow is a collaboration between Upper Hunter Shire Council, Murrurundi Arts Council, Merriwa Senior Citizens and Pensioners Association, CWA branches in Merriwa and Murrurundi, and Senior Citizens Scone.

Pencil in the dates so you don't miss these free events:

Merriwa CWA Rooms Bettington Street: Monday 6 March, 10am - 3pm

Scone Senior Citizens Oxford Street: Tuesday 7 March, 9am - 11am

Murrurundi White Hart Hotel luncheon - Talk by Tom Thompson, Tuesday 12noon

Murrurundi CWA Rooms Mayne St: Tuesday 7 March, 1pm to 5pm

'Run for Olivia'

Upper Hunter Shire Council is hosting a family fun run and markets for International Women's Day on Saturday 11 March in memory of Olivia Inglis.

Check-in is at the Bill Rose Sports Centre at 7.30am for the 4km walk or run. Entry fee is \$5 per person or \$10 for a family. Live music, a bungee run, pamper sessions and raffles are all part of the fun. Register at Upper Hunter Shire Council Administration Centres, Scone Sports Store and Scone Visitor Information Centre.

For further information contact the Scone VIC on 6540 1300.

March events at the library



BOOK LAUNCH: Pat Collins pictured with her new book, *The Wondrous World of Weeds*. Photo by Ross-lyn Saunders.

Muswellbrook herbalist Pat Collins will launch her new book *The Wondrous World of Weeds* at Muswellbrook Library as part of International Women's Day celebrations.

This year's theme is #BeBoldForChange, hoping to help forge a better working world – a more gender inclusive world. The celebrations kick off at 11am on Wednesday March 8. The library has a huge range of other activities planned throughout March including Harmony Day, Story Time and Rhyme Time events.

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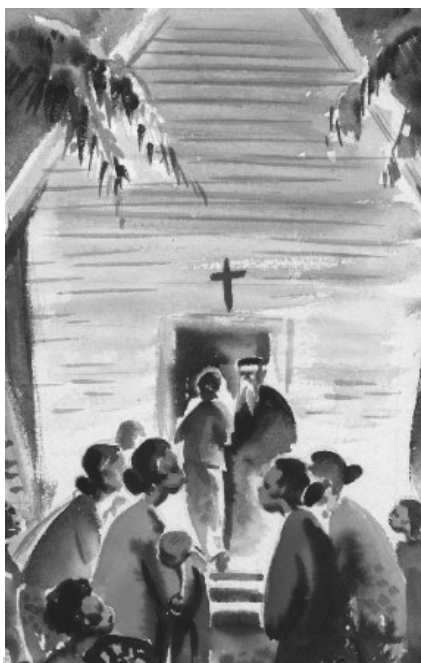
Upper Hunter Shire Council and emergency relief agencies are encouraging those who want to assist with the fire recovery effort in Cassilis to make financial donations, not donations of household or perishable goods.

Those who have surplus household goods should consider holding a garage sale and donating the proceeds to the appeal. Money is the most useful donation because it provides flexibility to meet immediate needs and choice for victims of the fire. People wishing to donate good quality fodder should call the NSW Local Lands Services on 1800 814 647.

A drop-in information centre is operating at Cassilis Community Hall with representatives and information from Council, emergency, government and charity agencies. Farmers needing assistance with fodder, livestock assessment or emergency water and reporting of damage should call the Department of Primary Industries hotline on 1800 814 647. For information on personal hardship and distress assistance, contact the Disaster Welfare Assistance Line on 1800 018 444.

Volunteers who wish to assist with rebuilding fencing should contact Blaze Aid who have set up camp at Cassilis Bowling Club. For more information visit www.blazeaid.com/cassilis-nsw-fire-2017 or blazeaid.cassilis@gmail.com. There are a number of appeals available including the Upper Hunter Mayoral Bushfire Appeal to assist residents impacted by the bushfire.

Financial donations can be made at any of Upper Hunter Shire Council offices or by direct deposit: BSB: 032 619 Account: 128688 Reference: BUSHFIRE



Artist book workshop in March

Have you ever wanted to make your own artist book? Join Janice Hanicar and Julia McNaught, exhibiting artists with the 8 Artists group, as they guide you in the practice of bookmaking and binding.

Janice and Julia will demonstrate and guide participants in making their own hard-covered concertina book, as well as binding a small book using Coptic stitch binding. The workshop will take place between 10am and 2pm on Saturday March 4 at Muswellbrook Regional Arts Centre.

Bookings are essential. For further information and to reserve your place contact the centre on 02 6549 3800.



New exhibition set to go

The 44th Annual Muswellbrook Art Prize is opening at the Muswellbrook Regional Arts Centre at 6pm on Saturday 11 March 2017.

This year's theme is Heth: Norman Hetherington - Artist at War. There is free entry on the night with refreshments courtesy of Hollydene Estate Wines, Hunter Belle Cheese and Pukara Estate.

The exhibition will be open until May 7 at Muswellbrook Regional Arts Centre.

Image above: Heth: Norman Hetherington - Artist at War.

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Janelle McCloy,
Morton Bay Fig, graphite.



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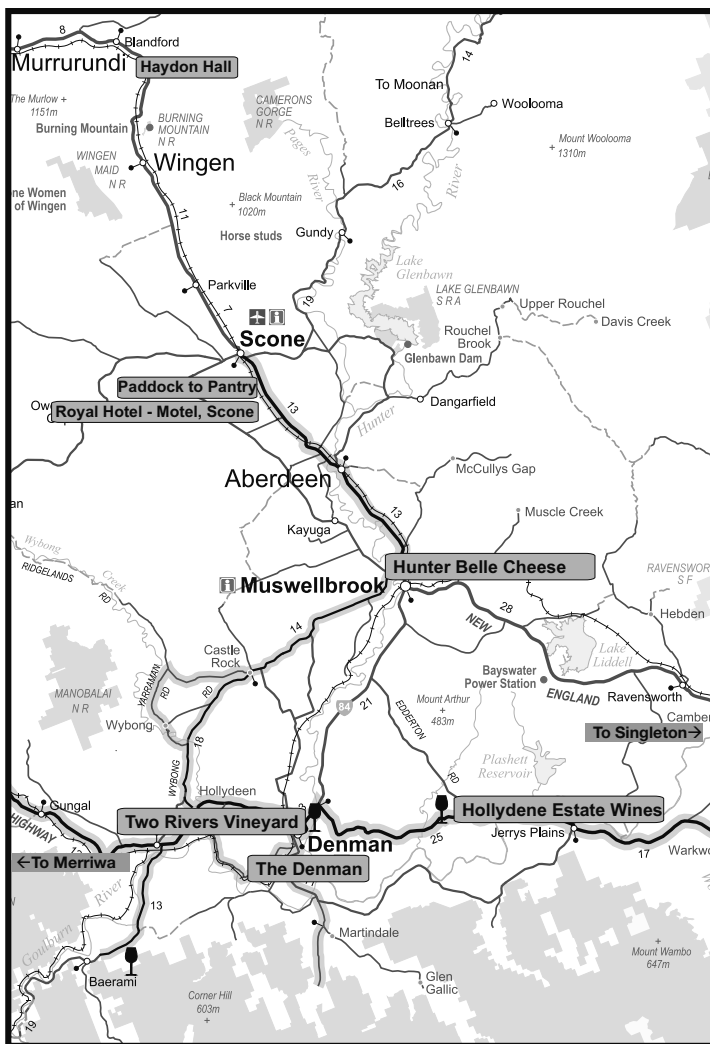
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New lethal feline virus

By Dr Rachel Nugent (pictured).

Feline Panleucopaenia virus had been thought to be eradicated in Australia as there had not been a case diagnosed for 40 years. Unfortunately there have been 2 outbreaks of this killer disease - one in Melbourne and more recently in Sydney.

What is it? The virus is closely related to Parvo virus, a disease unfortunately well known in the Upper Hunter. It acts in a very similar way; environmental contamination by poo from an infected animal is eaten (or groomed off a coat) and the killer virus begins to spread throughout the body.

Who is most at risk? Most cases have been in cats under 6 months, but pregnant queens are also at risk of abortion, or having whole litters of sick kittens.

How do I protect my cat? It sounds simple to stay away from sick animals but Feline Panleucopaenia virus is extremely tough and once a place is contaminated it is dangerous for months to years and is very resistant to disinfectants, the only ones to have some effect are industrial strength bleach and F10.

Vaccination Plan: Kittens can be vaccinated at 4-6 weeks at the earliest. We then recommend booster vaccinations at 8-10 weeks with a final vaccination at 14-16 weeks.

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Taking part in Clean Up Australia Day

The Upper Hunter is supporting the 27th annual Clean Up Australia Day on Sunday 5 March 2017. All residents are invited to come along to help out, bring the kids and enjoy a barbecue or morning tea.



Those who register and take part in Clean Up Australia Day activities will receive a voucher for a free drop-off that day (5 March) at an Upper Hunter Shire Waste Depot, of up to a trailer load of household waste.

Free waste disposal will only be available to Clean Up participants who hold a voucher for that day.

Rubbish bags will be available, but please bring along a pair of gloves and a water bottle, and wear sensible shoes, sunscreen, a hat and sunglasses. There are meeting points in Scone, Murrurundi, Muswellbrook, Denman and Merriwa.

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Service your scooter in Scone

Scone Neighbourhood Resource Centre is able to assist in the maintenance of motorised scooters.

Every three months staff organise a technician to come to the rear of the Neighbourhood Centre office to maintain motorised scooters, electric wheelchairs and walkers. The technician can also bring any necessary parts such as tyres or batteries to your appointment. The Scone Neighbourhood Centre has a motorised scooter should you wish to 'try before you buy', or if you are short-term in need of support.

Should you wish to book in for appointments for a service or find out additional information on how to hire a scooter please phone 6545 2562.

WHEELS GREASED: Scone Neighbourhood Centre manager, Lee Watts with Lleyton Googe following the completion of his scooter repair.

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LOGAN

(MA15+) 137 mins

In the near future, a weary Logan cares for an ailing Professor X in a hide out on the Mexican border. But Logan's attempts to hide from the world and his legacy are up-ended when a young mutant arrives, being pursued by dark forces.

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Disability inclusion access – have your say

Upper Hunter Shire residents are invited to give their views to help create a Disability Inclusion Action Plan. The plan helps inform the decisions local governments make around making society more inclusive for people living with disabilities.

An example could be how we can make the physical environment more liveable by developing more accessible toilets or improving paths of travel between facilities and services in our town centres. There is more to consider than just the physical environment. Attitudes and behaviour towards people with a disability have often been described as the single greatest barrier to full access and inclusion. Everyone is invited to have input, but those with firsthand experience of living with a disability or caring for someone impacted by physical or mental disabilities are particularly encouraged to give feedback.

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Caiti Baker – Gum Ball



SULTRY VOCALIST: Caiti Baker (pictured) will bring the house down at the Gum Ball 2017.

The sultry vocals of Caiti Baker will drift through the autumn air at Dashville's Gum Ball in April.

Caiti Baker previously journeyed to Dashville as the voice of electro-soul duo Sietta, and now returns in the pursuit of her own solo sound. Baker writes songs about what she knows and feels, sings with her soul and unashamedly performs the hell out of them. But that will all be obvious when you hear her music and watch her perform, which will have you either dancing or chilling with a grin on your face.

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Spanish Flyz at the Workies

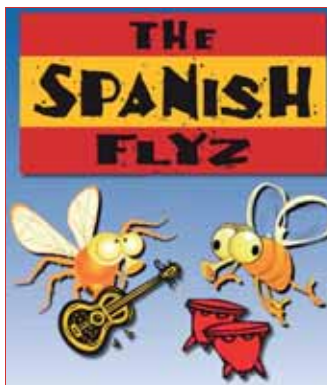
Delightful duo the Spanish Flyz are bringing their musical delights to Muswellbrook.

The duo is made up of Brent Larkham on guitar and vocals and the lovely BB Luca on percussion and harmonies.

This duo has recently relocated to Australia from Spain and will be performing at Muswellbrook and District Workers Club on Friday 3 March live and free on the main stage from 8.30pm.

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