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## Get ready to laugh!

Whatever Gets You Through the Night – a new Australian play by Nicky Peelgrane will make its official theatrical debut in Muswellbrook at the end of March.

Originally workshopped in town late last year, the play takes a hilarious look at pregnancy and motherhood. Witness the trials and tribulations of three very different young women as they battle with pregnancy and the post-birth struggles of a new born, their husbands and work-life. The play was written over the course of many years by Australian actor and drama teacher, Nicky Peelgrane. She penned her own experiences and those of others to create this unique and very-relatable piece of theatre. "Have you ever been grocery shopping and witnessed a baby crying, really crying? Ever wondered what is going on inside the mind of the mother as she wheels the baby through the store?"

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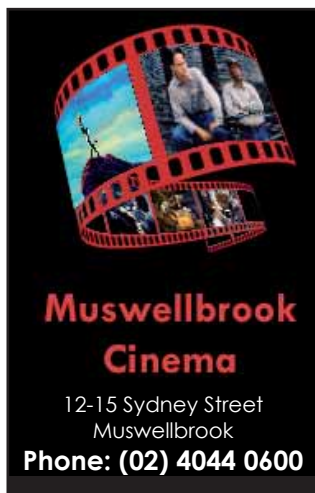


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**PERFORMANCE TRIAL:** Pictured from left to right are Toby Vero, Rachel-Ann Wilcher, Nick Peelgrane (Playwright) Rayna Russo, Cecilia Connell and Larni Christi (Director).

To find answers, come and see *Whatever Gets You Through the Night*, a play about the madness of motherhood," Nicky said.

She also added a health warning for those planning to attend, "Have you ever peed your pants laughing? Learn all about bladder control: you need to see *Whatever Gets You Through the Night*."

The show runs for three nights only at the Upper Hunter Conservatorium of Music at Campbell's Corner so make sure you book in early. Be part of the newest Australian theatrical comedy about three mad Muswellbrook mothers and one disdainful young father."

*Whatever Gets You Through the Night* will be staged at the Upper Hunter Conservatorium of Music at 7pm on Tuesday March 28, Friday March 31 and Saturday April 1.

## Sir Ivan Bushfire Appeal

The town of Merriwa is pulling together to raise funds for nearby farmers affected by the Sir Ivan Bushfire.

100 cattle have already been donated for finishing at Alexander Downs at no cost with funds raised going to victims. Cattle donations are still being taken via Rockwell Livestock and Property. Merriwa Sports Club will host a charity sports day on Sunday March 19. Activities throughout the day will include golf, bowls, a 20/20 cricket match, cake stall, kid's entertainment, live entertainment, lunch and a monster charity auction. Organisers are asking assistance from you in gathering donated items suitable for the monster charity auction.

Country Crooner Jason Owen has vowed to do his bit to help out farmers affected by the Sir Ivan Bushfire appeal. He'll be donating the iTunes sales of his latest album, *Proud*, to the appeal up until March 14.

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## what's on

# Scone Cup holiday – Friday 12 May 2017

To celebrate the Scone Cup, Friday 12 May 2017 is a half-day public holiday from noon in the Upper Hunter Shire, with the exception of the Merriwa district.

As in previous years the half-day holiday will apply to towns and villages including Aberdeen, Blandford, Bunnan, Ellerston, Gundy, Moonan Brook, Murrurundi, Parkville, Scone, Rouchel, Timor and Wingen.

Holiday arrangements for the Scone Cup are possible only with the support of the Upper Hunter community. In October and November 2016, Council sought community views on holiday arrangements including writing to schools, businesses, business groups and banks. With 127 surveys completed by the community, 68% requested the Scone Cup remain a half-day public holiday and Councillors supported this position going to NSW Industrial Relations.

Upper Hunter Shire Mayor Wayne Bedggood said there was a great deal of community consultation to hold public holidays and he hoped the community would support the event.

"We look forward to seeing everyone at the 2017 Scone Cup Carnival which will be held on Friday 12 May and Saturday 13 May 2017," he said.

The Scone Cup Carnival is one of the many highlights of the Scone Horse Festival. It is a two-day extravaganza of high-class racing, fashion and fun with \$2 million in prizemoney as well as Fashions on the Field which has over \$20,000 in prizes to be won.

Council offices including libraries and youth centres will be closed from noon on Friday 12 May 2017.

Upper Hunter Shire waste depots will be open normal operating hours.

The Scone Visitor Information and Horse Centre will be open every day of the Horse Festival with maps, advice and merchandise, from 9am to 5pm week days and 10am to 4pm weekends.

For more information visit [www.upperhuntercountry.com](http://www.upperhuntercountry.com) , [www.sconehorsefestival.com](http://www.sconehorsefestival.com) , [www.sconeraceclub.com.au](http://www.sconeraceclub.com.au) or follow these pages on Facebook.

## Club Manga mania

Muswellbrook Regional Arts Centre holds monthly Manga Workshops for Young People aged 8-14.



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The next sessions are taking place on April 23 and May 14. No need to book. Just drop in! Monthly Manga is free to attend. All materials will be supplied, you only need to bring yourself!

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**Art Prize**



## Community rallies at 'Run for Olivia'

Over \$4600 was raised for the Olivia Inglis Foundation at this month's Scone Country Markets on Saturday through a family fun run and raffles.

Upper Hunter Shire Council Tourism and Events Coordinator Jan Sinclair thanked the more-than 70 Fun Run participants, stallholders and sponsors - McCallum Inglis, Scone Horse Festival, Scone Sports Store, Scone McDonalds, Hunter Thoroughbred Breeders Association, GJs by the Lake, Council and Scone Horse Trials.

Seventy-one participants of all ages took part in the 'Run for Olivia' event.

Secretary of the Scone Horse Trials, Lisa Randle said the funds would go towards safety clips for cross country jumps, through the Olivia Inglis Foundation.

The Foundation is an initiative of the Scone Horse Trials Committee, set up by Equestrian NSW with the support of the Inglis family, in memory of the young rider. Donations can be made online via the Australian Sports Foundation at [www.asf.org.au](http://www.asf.org.au).

One of the most successful fundraisers on Saturday was Ashley Randle of Scone, Lisa's daughter and a student at New England Grammar School, who raised over \$1500 through sponsorships and raffles. The next most successful fundraiser was Marcia Williamson from Dartbrook who raised \$960. Both received prizes for their efforts.

**Fun Run winners were: Male and female open** - father and daughter duo, Kate Lloyd and Shane Lloyd. **Under 12 boys** - Harry Warner. **Under 12 girls** - Sophia O'Sullivan.

The Scone Country Markets also included stalls, live music by the OHs, face painting and ballooning with Sparkles and a Council's Community Services Pamper Parlour.

**Next Scone Country Market day is Saturday 8 April and will have an Easter theme. To enquire about having a market stall email [sconevic@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au](mailto:sconevic@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au) or contact the Scone VIC on 02 6540 1300.**



Images: (top) Starters gun at the fun run. (Middle) Before the Fun Run, Marcia Williamson from Dartbrook lead some of the participants in ten yoga 'sun salutes'. (Bottom) The Scone Equine team that took part in 'Run for Olivia' - Kayla Brewer, Tina Hassall, Anna Mitchell and Keira Hart. Images are courtesy of UHSC.

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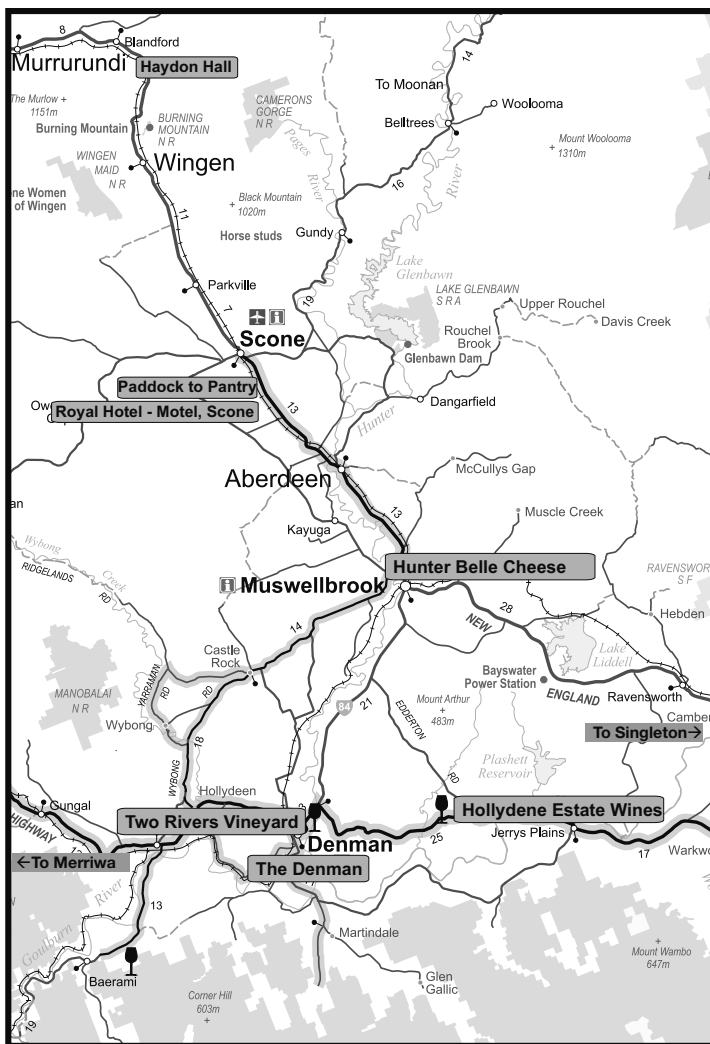
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## Hebden Hall to host Singleton Council meeting

Local decision-making and governance is hitting the road with the next meeting of Singleton Council to take place at the restored Hebden Hall at 5.30pm on Monday 20 March 2017.

It has been a long Council tradition to move away from the regular Singleton Chambers to visit a hall at villages across the local government area on an annual basis, with hall committees nominating to host a meeting each year. Residents also have the opportunity to raise issues local to their village as part of the meeting proceedings. Hebden Hall, located on the corner of Hebden and Scrumlo roads in Hebden, has undergone a \$250,000 refurbishment as the result of a Voluntary Planning Agreement between Glencore and Council with the building handed over to the community in 2014.

Mayor of Singleton, Cr Sue Moore, said the March meeting was a great opportunity for Councillors and senior staff to get more involved in the community and for residents who might not be able to make it to the Singleton Chambers to see local government at work.



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### Fun for all of the family



**TESTING SKILLS:** The Young Farmer's Challenge is offering some great prizes at this year's Upper Hunter Regional Show. Image is courtesy of Sophie at Vivid Imagination [www.vividimagination.com.au](http://www.vividimagination.com.au)

The 2017 Upper Hunter Regional Show is just around the corner, and this year's event will be packed with exciting rides and sideshow attractions for the entire family.

Horse ring events, polocrosse, live music, fireworks, bull broncs and barrels, tug-o-war, Showgirl Contest, Young Farmer's Competition and a demolition derby are all part of the two-day schedule.

The Young Farmer's Challenge is a team event designed to promote excellence in farming and showcase the involvement of youth in agriculture through a display of the skills, equipment and techniques farmers use every day. Emphasis is placed on completing each challenge in the fastest time with the correct technique and safe work method.

The Upper Hunter Regional Show takes place at Muswellbrook Showground on March 31 and April 1.



**SPORT 4 U:** Pictured from left to right are Lara Hedley, Jesse Schumaker, Caitlin Whitehead, Ilisa Whitehead, Harry Schumaker and Maddie Phelps. Image is courtesy of UHSC.

## Sport for all abilities

A guide to sporting opportunities in the Upper Hunter is now available from Upper Hunter Shire Council.

The guide includes dates and contacts for sports including netball, soccer, hockey, rugby league, rugby union, basketball, tennis, cycling, polocrosse, gymnastics, Taekwon-do, Jiu Jitsu and AFL (including a new women's team this season).

Scout and Girl Guide information is also included.

Council is also partnering with Scone Football Club and Scone Gymnastics Club to offer opportunities to children and adults with a disability. Council is offering subsidised places in gymnastics or kindergym classes in term two of 2017 for those with a disability. The Futsal program for adults and children with a disability is returning soon to Scone Basketball Stadium. For more information contact Council's Sports Participation Officer Nicky Western on [sports@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au](mailto:sports@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au) or call 0414 806 074.

Applications have now closed for Council's Sport4U subsidy which assists young people to join sports clubs. Applications will re-open in July 2017. Some sports clubs do offer assistance such as payment plans for families in financial difficulty so be sure to ask.

The four-page sports guide is available from Council offices or on Council's website [www.upperhunter.nsw.gov.au](http://www.upperhunter.nsw.gov.au)

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## Get fitter this winter



Murrurundi and Scone residents aged 55 or over have a fantastic opportunity to get fitter through the eCoFit program which Upper Hunter Shire Council is trialling in the towns. The program will later be rolled out in Merriwa and Aberdeen during spring.

This free program was developed by the University of Newcastle. It's a group-based outdoor gym program with personal trainers and a smartphone App to help you get fit and lose weight. Participants will attend six group-based sessions beginning in April and also complete their own training using the eCoFit App on their phone. The only other obligation is to attend three assessments of how the program is working, which will involve body and weight measurements. These assessments will be held at Murrurundi RSL Hall and Scone Senior Citizens' Centre in April, June and September 2017 and the results will contribute to research by the University of Newcastle.

Places are limited so please register with Council's Sports Participation Officer, Nicky Western by emailing [nwestern@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au](mailto:nwestern@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au) or calling 0414 806 074 before 28 March 2017.

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## Bypass delay

Muswellbrook Mayor Martin Rush has demanded answers about delays on the construction of the Muswellbrook Bypass.

Work was expected to start on the project in early 2017, but RMS recently told Muswellbrook Shire Council they have nothing to present. In a statement Council said, "the RMS could give no explanation as to why the October 2016 consultation did not occur and confirmed that the environmental assessment would not be completed by June 2017. The RMS could offer no explanation as to why it did not keep the business community, Council and the wider community informed of the slippage in delivering the environmental assessment, offered no apology for not doing so, and declined to give a date as to when the environmental assessment would be completed for community consultation."



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Tickets will be \$30 adult and \$5 school student, which includes afternoon tea. For further information phone 6572 2398.



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