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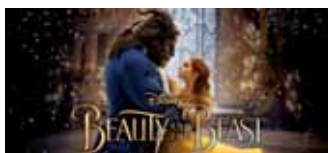
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what's on

Country Championships at Muswellbrook Race Club

This autumn racing season is already off to an exciting start and is only set to get better when The Country Championships are held at Muswellbrook on March 26.

Horses that run in one of the preceding regional races, but are yet to qualify for the final in Sydney on Saturday 1 April 2017, will have the opportunity to contest the \$50,000 prize money on offer for the coveted two remaining places in the Country Championships final. The day will be promoted as a family-friendly race day with plenty of entertainment for the kids while the beautiful shaded grounds will provide a lovely ambience showcasing true country racing.

Gates open at midday at Skellatar Park for FREE entry. For further information visit Muswellbrook Race Club's website or phone 6541 1699.

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Alec Baldwin in **BOSS BABY** (G) Visit Mars in **LIFE** (MA15+)
They're back! **POWER RANGERS** (M)
PEPPA PIG'S AUSTRALIAN HOLIDAY (G)
The great ape returns in **KONG : SKULL ISLAND** (M)
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Out and about at the 44th Muswellbrook Art Prize

Images courtesy Muswellbrook Regional Arts Centre.



Images: (Top L-R) Catherine Croll with her selection in the People's Choice Prize, 'History (Limeburners Creek)' by Peter Gardiner; Martin Cousins and Sheriden Sommerley; Muswellbrook Shire Councillor Michelle Green with her mother Irene Osborne (Middle L-R) Muswellbrook Regional Arts Centre Manager Brad Franks, Adjudicator Ian Howard, Bengalla CEO Cam Halfpenny and Muswellbrook Shire Council Mayor, Martin Rush; Travis De Vries with partner Cloe Fournier and his finalist work 'Entity' (Bottom L-R) Muswellbrook Shire Councillor Jason Foy, Judy Hill and Caralyn Foy; Pamella French with her finalist work 'Reflect' and neices Mimi, Isabelle, Olivia and Tilly; Grant and Laura Nash.

44th Muswellbrook Art Prize: \$71,000 total prize money
HETH: Norman Hetherington - Artist at War

Exhibition Dates > 12 March - 7 May Opening > 6pm Saturday, 11 March 2017

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Bursting out with Bulls, Broncs and Barrels

The Upper Hunter Show will get off to a sizzling start on Friday March 31 with the Bulls, Broncs and Barrels event.

All the action will be in the rodeo ring from 6pm – 11pm. There will be an open bull ride, open saddle bronc, barrel racing, open bareback and more. All the entertainment will be enhanced by live music from Carrot Bowen and country rock band The Lineburners. Two bars and food stalls will also be operating.

For further information visit www.upperhuntershow.com.au or visit their Facebook page.

Image by Sophie at Vivid Imagination.

Hunter Safety Awards



Image: WHS Business of the Year representatives, Mainstream Industries with Hunter Safety Awards founder and major sponsor.

Local family-owned and operated business, Mainstream Industries, were crowned the winners of the 'gold' safety helmet trophy as the WHS Business of the Year, sponsored by Blackwoods, at the second annual Hunter Safety Awards.

All the winners were announced at a gala awards night last Friday evening 17 March at the Newcastle Conference and Exhibition Centre.



Have your say on new Merriwa signs

A draft design for new Merriwa town entrance signs has been put on public display for feedback. Upper Hunter Shire Council is seeking comments from residents by Wednesday 29 March 2017.

The design, drafted by Council's Merriwa Tourism and Promotion Committee and created by Metalscape, reflects the pony club origins, sheep, cattle and cropping in the district.

It is intended that there will be three signs, each about three metres long and 1.4m high installed near the town entrances. The signs are planned to be rendered in 6mm Corten steel with a rust coloured finish.

The draft design can be viewed at Council's Merriwa office, Merriwa Sports Club, Merriwa RSL, and other local retailers as well as Council's website at <http://upperhunter.nsw.gov.au/do-it-online/say-it/draft-merriwa-entrance-statements.aspx>

Feedback should be provided to Sean Constable, Manager Business Enterprise and Tourism by emailing sconstable@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au or simply place your comments in the online form on Council's website.

All feedback will be considered by the Merriwa Tourism and Promotion Committee before the design is finalised.

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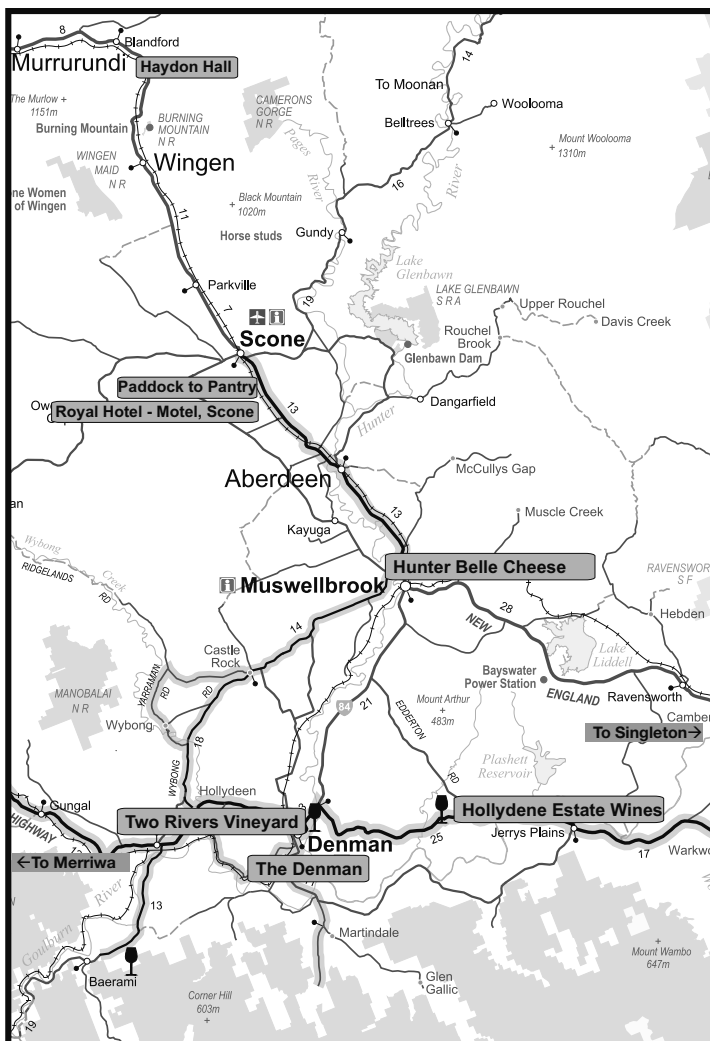
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Mayor Wayne Bedggood, Peter and Cathy Barnett of the Victoria Hotel Moonan Flat and Deputy Mayor Maurice Collison at the handing over of the \$3000 donation to the Upper Hunter Mayoral Bushfire Appeal from the Moonan community.

Moonan donates to Fire Fund

Three thousand dollars has been donated to the Upper Hunter Mayoral Bushfire Appeal by the Victoria Hotel and Moonan community to help affected families rebuild what they have lost.

The money was originally raised during a drought-relief concert in November 2014 which still had funds remaining. Contributions to the funds came from Hester Fraser and sales of her song 'Dust', the Bowden Brothers, and the local businesses and community.

Owners of the Victoria Hotel Moonan Flat, Peter and Cathy Barnett presented the donation to Mayor Wayne Bedggood and Deputy Mayor Maurice Collison **recently**.

Information for those affected by the Sir Ivan bushfire is available on Council's website www.upperhunter.nsw.gov.au under 'Hot Topics'.

April events @ your libraries



AUTHOR TALK: Michelle Morgan will be featured at Muswellbrook Library on Wednesday 19 April @ 11am.

April is set to be a huge month at Upper Hunter Regional Libraries with authors, fairies and bunnies all planning to drop by. ANZAC Day will be commemorated throughout the month with Terry Gill's showcase of military artefacts and memorabilia.

Michelle Morgan will wow the crowd when she speaks about her new novel for the over 12s called *Flying Through Clouds* at 11am on April 19 in Muswellbrook. Fairy Poppilina, the storytelling will 'touchdown' in Muswellbrook to tell some stories on April 13 and the Easter Bunny will visit Denman for an Easter Hat Parade on Wednesday April 12.

For further information contact your local library.

Calling all entries

Entries are now open for the 2017 Scone Arts and Crafts Members' Exhibition.

All exhibitors must be fully paid-up financial members of Scone Arts and Crafts Inc. - no additional charges apply. There is a 20% commission on all sales. Entry forms are due Friday 21 April, with works to be delivered on Saturday 29 April between 10am and 1pm. The exhibition will open on May 5 at 6.30pm. Volunteers welcome.

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The Scone Neighbourhood Resource Centre will continue operating for a further three years as announced by the Minister for Family and Community Services, Pru Goward.

This funding will provide the Scone Neighbourhood Centre with financial security and stability to continue to deliver quality service to vulnerable children, young people, families and communities.

The Neighbourhood Centre will be working in partnership with Upper Hunter Shire Council's community worker Amanda Catzikiris consulting with parents and carers in the area. Both organisations will collate any issues and/or relevant services to provide the best outcome.

MUSWELLBROOK CINEMA MOVIE REVIEW



Beauty And The Beast

Rated (PG) 129 mins

Disney's animated classic takes on a new form, with a widened mythology and an all-star cast. A young prince, imprisoned in the form of a beast, can be freed only by true love. What may be his only opportunity arrives when he meets Belle, the only human girl to ever visit the castle since it was enchanted.

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What do I have to do? Attend 6 group outdoor gym sessions (10am to 11am, on Tuesdays in Murrurundi or on Fridays in Scone), complete outdoor physical activity sessions with support from the smartphone app and attend three assessment sessions (April, June, September).

Where will it be held? MURRURUNDI - Wilson Memorial Oval, SCONE - Bill Rose Sports Complex. Programs will be rolled out in Merriwa & Aberdeen later in the year.

+ Places are limited. Register before 28 March 2017 with Council's Sports Participation Officer, Nicky Western.
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This leads into one of Muswellbrook's biggest race days of the year with the Country Championships Wildcard race meeting on Sunday 26 March. It's going to be an exciting few days!

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