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what's on

ShowTime FMX always a crowd pleaser



HIGHLY-EXPERIENCED: Don't miss the Bengalla ShowTime FMX performance on Saturday 1 April at the Upper Hunter Regional Show. Image is courtesy of Sophie at Vivid Imagination.

Don't forget to saddle up for the Upper Hunter Regional Show kicking off on Friday March 31.

Two action-packed days are in store with rodeo, displays, rides, food and music all on the entertainment bill. The Bengalla FMX Motorcross display on Saturday night is sure to be a highlight. ShowTime FMX specialise in performing freestyle moto x shows at a wide variety of large-scale events around Australia. The team was formed in 1999. Since then, they have cemented their position as the most spectacular main arena act in the country and with an average of 200 performances a year they are the most experienced freestyle moto x team in Australia.

For further information visit the Upper Hunter Regional Show's website.

Mental Wellbeing Forum presentation

Singleton High School is hosting a whole community parent forum focused around mental health.

It doesn't matter if you're a parent with a child enrolled at the Singleton High School or a community member interested in learning more about topics of mental health and wellbeing; everyone is welcome at this event.

Batyr Forum's offers a range of perspectives on the topics of mental health and wellbeing of young people from a variety of experts and speakers. Participants will walk away with a greater understanding of mental health and how they can improve the wellbeing of their children while at school. The program discusses how the participants can approach a conversation with their teen or child, including what works and what doesn't work from a young person's perspective.

The forum will take place on Wednesday, 5 April 2017 from 5:30pm- 7:30pm at the Singleton High School Library.

For more information or to make your booking, please contact Singleton High School's Student Support Officer, Reina Stalker at 6571 1199 or email reina.bielsastalker4@det.nsw.edu.au



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what's on

Country comes to town

The Upper Hunter Conservatorium of Music will host its first ever country music concert when Country @ The Con rocks the Atherstone Room in Campbell's Corner, Muswellbrook on April 7th 2017.



(Above left) Troy Kemp: Golden Guitar winner; CMC Award winner and winner 2017 Frank Ifield Golden Spur Award. (Above right) Damien Baguley from the multi-award nominated Viper Creek Band.

The brainchild of local radio presenter and country music aficionado, Stephen Cenatiempo, Country @ The Con will feature the tallest man in Australian country music, multi-award winning singer/songwriter Troy Kemp and Damien Baguley, the front man from ever-popular country rock outfit, Viper Creek Band.

The pair will present an intimate, interactive, acoustic performance which will see the artists sing their songs, tell the stories behind those songs and engage with the audience in a unique musical experience with a few surprises thrown in for good measure.

Best known as one-half of the hottest duo in Australian country, McAlister Kemp, Troy Kemp has recently embarked on a solo career that has seen him nominated for both Golden Guitars and CMC awards as well as being named as the 2017 winner of the Frank Ifield International Spur Award.

Damien Baguley is the lead singer of the Viper Creek Band which was also nominated for both Golden Guitars and CMC Awards this year. Damien is no stranger to the Upper Hunter, with the Newcastle-based artist calling it his second home.

Upper Hunter Conservatorium of Music Director, Dr Wendy Brooks said: "The Conservatorium is both proud and excited to host this country music concert, which we hope will appeal to many locals, who may not be otherwise involved in the life of the Con."

"The addition of country music is the first of a series of events designed to expand the Conservatorium's musical offerings, and demonstrates a desire to embrace, teach and present all styles and genres of music," Dr Brooks said.

Tickets are on sale now at the Upper Hunter Conservatorium of Music or at trybooking.com

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Hope Recovery Tour



He might be known as the Riverina Kid, but these days William Crighton calls the Hunter Valley home. Crighton is set to release a limited edition 7-inch vinyl and digital single called Hope Recovery on March 31. There are only 300 copies in existence and many have already sold.

To get a copy, buy a ticket to one of his shows using the ticket link in the blog post online at www.dashville.com.au. He'll back up what is sure to be a stellar release with a tour along the East Coast of Australia, throughout May and June which will take his live performances to a new level. Hope Recovery sees Crighton collaborate once again with producer and drummer Matt Sherrod of Crowded House. He'll play at 48 Watt St Newcastle on May 7.

Image: WILLIAM CRIGHTON: "Uniquely penetrating storytelling." Gareth Hipwell - Rolling Stone.

Tocal College celebrates 2017 graduates



Tocal College recognised the hard work and achievement of its graduates on Friday 24 March 2017 at its Paterson campus.

DPI Director of Education and Tocal College Principal, Darren Bayley said it was inspiring to see so many students graduate this year.

"Tocal College produced 499 graduates in 2016 and had 3,199 participants in its skills training program across 83 locations in NSW. This number is up on previous years and is due to the demand for an increasingly-skilled workforce in agriculture and land management" Mr Bayley said.

Tocal College is a leading provider of training in agriculture and associated industries. Mr Bayley said, "Graduates are drawn from across NSW and we are pleased to celebrate their achievements at a graduation ceremony where our students can attend with their families and receive their nationally-recognised qualification".

Graduates received awards in agriculture, horse breeding, conservation and land management and biosecurity emergency response.

Intersection in line for improvements

Confusion amongst motorists associated with a slip lane at the intersection of Bridgman Road and Blaxland Avenue in Singleton has prompted further changes to the intersection.

The works follow ongoing monitoring of the installation of a give-way sign and associated line marking to address a number of near-misses stemming from confusion over who had the right of way at the end of the slip lane. Council has investigated a number of options to address all of the issues at the intersection to allow for better traffic flow, and will move to change the slip lane to a designated left turn lane. To allow this to happen, the existing traffic island will be removed and line marking will be altered slightly. Once these changes have occurred, drivers turning left into Blaxland Avenue will have priority over those turning right.

Singleton Council has tentatively scheduled works at the intersection for June 2017.

No changes to services at Merriwa Landfill

After sixteen years the former Merriwa Landfill management contractor, Roger Greentree has finished working with Upper Hunter Shire Council.

Mayor Wayne Bedggood thanked Mr Greentree for his work.

"The working relationship between Council and Mr Greentree has been a long-standing contract and his management and the operational skill of his staff has been appreciated by Council," Cr Bedggood said.

"Mr Greentree and his staff were popular with the local community and provided a professional service in operating the landfill."

The contract ended on Monday 6 March 2017 and Council put in place temporary arrangements including the appointment of casual staff to operate the landfill. There will be no impact for the community on the services, opening hours, fees and charges at Merriwa Landfill.

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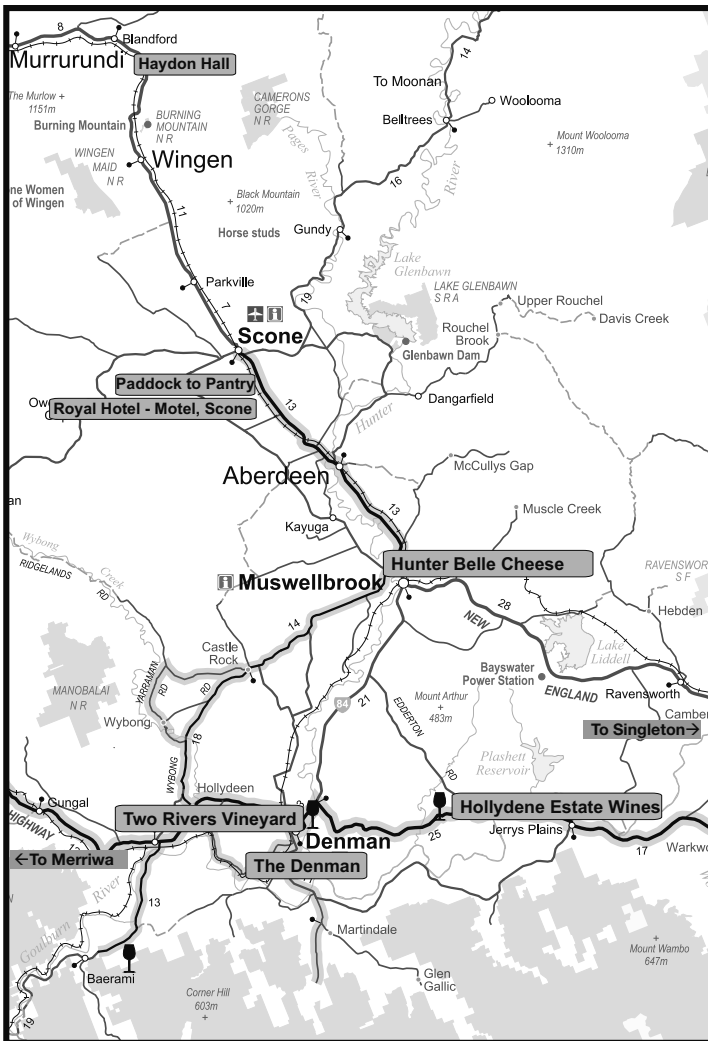
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Survey on flying-foxes



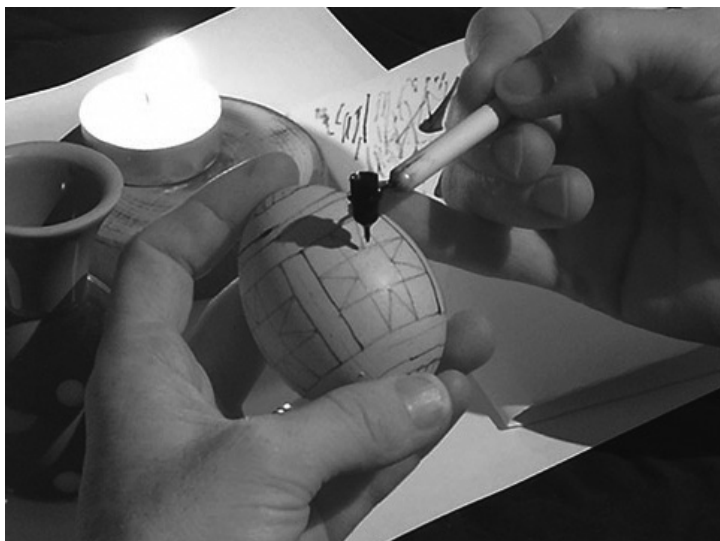
Image: From late 2014, several thousand flying-foxes have at times set up a camp in Aberdeen along a section of the Hunter River close to a campdraft area. Upper Hunter Shire Council installed signs in the area with information about safety precautions. Residents' views on the flying-foxes are being sought in order to create a camp management plan for the Shire.

In recent years, flying-foxes have established temporary camps at St Andrews Reserve, Aberdeen and other locations throughout the Upper Hunter.

Now Upper Hunter Shire Council is working to develop a camp management plan for the shire and wants to hear from local residents. The aim is to minimise the impacts on the community, while conserving flying-foxes in their habitat.

As part of the development of this plan Council is asking residents to complete a survey about the flying-foxes which is available on Council's website or www.flyingfoxengage.com/Aberdeen

Flying-foxes are important because they help pollinate plants and spread seeds, making sure our native forests and bush survive. They do this over much larger distances than birds or insects. They are wild animals, with each species forming one large population that travels large distances to find food, and suitable habitat to live in.



Learn the art of Pysanky

Discover the traditional art of Ukrainian egg decorating in this FREE Easter workshop @ Muswellbrook Regional Arts Centre - 10am to 1pm, Saturday 8 April 2017.

Pysanky writing is a Ukrainian art form steeped in tradition. A meditative process of design, writing with wax, and layering dye baths endows the artist with a myriad of possibilities for unique and stunning results.

Learn the process of pysanky writing through this hands on workshop - use a kistka to 'write' your design upon eggs in wax, apply a colour scheme from the many coloured dyes provided, and take home a completed masterpieces to cherish or give to loved ones.

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Camera Workshop - Take 2



ENTHUSIASTIC: Pictured are the participants from the first camera workshop for 2017 organised by the Scone Neighbourhood Centre.

The Scone Neighbourhood Resource Centre is organising another camera workshop following huge demand for the first one they held this year.

The workshop is aimed at those wishing to learn how to take better pictures and have a better understanding of their camera. Candice O'Neill from CJO Photography will cover a range of topics including; what do the buttons do? Shutter speed, aperture, how to take photos of stars, sunsets, sports and so much more.

Bookings are essential with the class to be held at the Scone Neighbourhood Centre 130 Liverpool Street on Saturday 24th June, 9am – 3pm with a fee of \$85.00. Phone 65452562 for an enrolment form or email reception@snrc.com.au

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Ghost In The Shell

Rated (M) 107 mins

In the near future, Major (Scarlett Johansson) is the first of her kind: A human saved from a terrible crash, who is cyber-enhanced to be a perfect soldier devoted to stopping the world's most dangerous criminals. When terrorism reaches a new level that includes the ability to hack into people's minds and control them, Major is uniquely qualified to stop it. As she prepares to face a new enemy, Major discovers that she has been lied to: her life was not saved, it was stolen. She will stop at nothing to recover her past, find out who did this to her and stop them before they do it to others. Based on the internationally acclaimed Japanese Manga, "The Ghost in the Shell." Written by Paramount Pictures

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Heading to the Upper Hunter Wine & Food Affair?

Are you planning on visiting the Upper Hunter Food and Wine Affair this year?

After 13 years, the Upper Hunter Wine & Food Affair continues to deliver outstanding wines, yummy foods and great entertainment. The Singleton Volunteer Support Group for the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service is once again running a bus to the event. All proceeds raised from the bus trip will benefit the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service. The bus picks up from Maitland, Greta, Branxton, Singleton and Singleton Heights. Bus tickets cost \$30 per person, entry to the event is \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids. A tasting glass with tokens costs \$5.

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Another sweet one for the Gum Ball



HAUNTING: Freya Josephine Hollick - powerful vocals - a voice unlike any other will be well-versed at the 2017 Gum Ball.

Victoria's Freya Josephine Hollick is an act not to miss at this year's Dashville Gum Ball.

Hollick is an old-timey, country, folk singer/songwriter from the Victorian Goldfields. Freya has written and performed for many years in many different styles, though has always had her roots in folk music, coming to earlier 20th Century folk, blues and country music through a hunger for knowledge of how and from where modern music evolved. Freya's voice has been described as haunting, as both powerful and fragile, it is truly a voice unlike any other, and one that is of another time. We highly recommend listening to her stunning 2016 debut record - The Unceremonious Junking of Me. After last year's sell-out event, be quick to grab tickets to this wondrous musical weekend escape on 21st-23rd April 2017.

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