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## Council property to be upgraded for emergency accommodation

Upper Hunter Shire Council has resolved to undertake repairs to a Scone house owned by Council, with the aim of making it available as emergency accommodation.

The property was previously rented commercially as a home.

A section at the rear of the block on 145 Liverpool Street, could eventually become additional parking for Council's Scone Administration Centre.

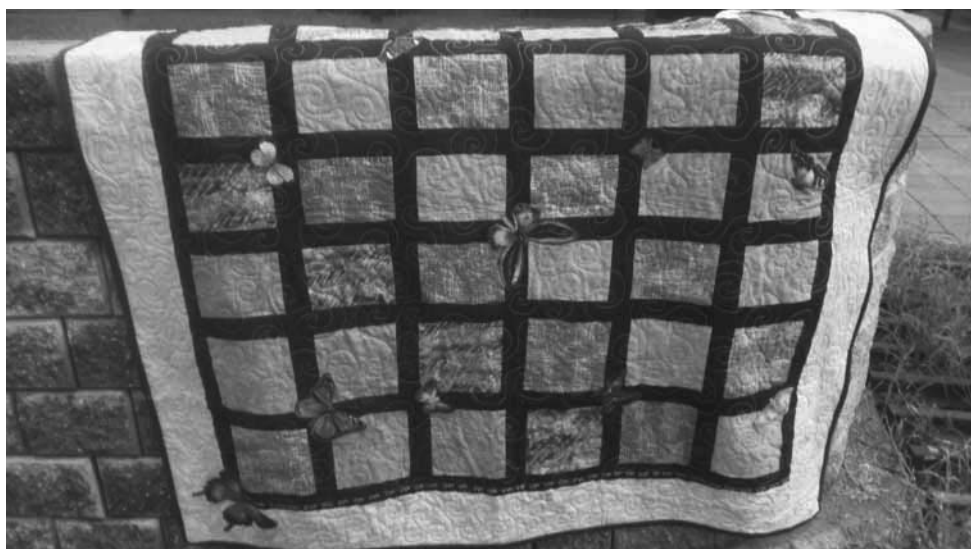
## Stunning exhibition

The Aberdeen Quilt Af fair will be held again on Sunday April 30.

Stunning handmade quilts in every design imaginable will be on show at the St Marks Church Hall and Aberdeen Library. Market stalls, demonstrations, food and drinks will all be available on the day.

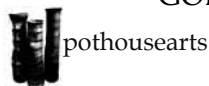
The Aberdeen Men's Shed, Ovarian Cancer Support Group and Aberdeen Museum Group will all be in attendance to raise money for their groups.

Look up Liberty Rose on Facebook for more information.



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## Aberdeen Quilt Affair

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**Sunday 30th April 2017**  
10am – 3pm

St Marks Church & Hall and Aberdeen Library

- Market Stalls will be in the Rose Garden with demonstrations and other stalls in the Aberdeen RSL
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THE LEGO BATMAN MOVIE (PG)  
Scarlett Johansson is THE GHOST IN THE SHELL (M)  
Emma Watson in BEAUTY & THE BEAST (PG)  
BOSS BABY (G) LIFE (MA15+) POWER RANGERS (M)  
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Opening Wed 12 April  
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Image: A strong core of participants took part in the 2016 Sandy Hollow Horse Ride.

## All for charity

It's time to saddle up again for the Sandy Hollow Charity Horse Ride. Last year the ride in conjunction with the Sandy Hollow Motor Festival donated \$25 000 to the Westpac Rescue Helicopter. This year the ride will once again work its way through stunning scenery in the Upper Hunter, with 200 participants expected to compete.

"We are very lucky to have such a wonderful and supportive community. We are only small, but everyone gets in and helps out which is evident from the amount of money that has been raised," said committee president Mick Turner.

The ride will take place on Saturday April 22. Camping is available and there will be entertainment and an auction at the Tourist Hotel after the event. You can purchase breakfast and lunch on the ride.

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## Remembering victims

Scone Neighbourhood Resource Centre is working in partnership with Upper Hunter Homeless Support and the Upper Hunter Shire Council to hold a candle light vigil to pay tribute to women and children who have been victims of family and domestic violence.



On average, 1 woman a week loses her life to domestic violence, and the ongoing effects are felt throughout the family and community.

The candle light vigil aims to bring public awareness to the community of how important the issue is, and to encourage anyone experiencing domestic violence to seek support.

The vigil has been organised for 5:30pm on Wednesday, May 3rd at the Upper Hunter Shire Council forecourt to coincide with National Remembrance Day, where candle light vigils will be held around the country.

The Scone Singers, police and community representatives will attend the event. It's hoped that the community will take a little time from their day to come along and join in remembering the victims of domestic violence. Refreshments will be served.

The community is invited to bring along a non-perishable food item which will go towards stocking the pantry at Upper Hunter Homeless Support.

**For further information contact The Scone Neighbourhood Resource Centre on 6545 2562 or Upper Hunter Homeless Support on 6542 5051.**

**CANDLELIGHT VIGIL:** Manager of the Scone Neighbourhood Resource Centre, Lee Watts (pictured) will partner with the UHSC and UHHS to pay tribute to victims of domestic violence.

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# Art Prize



## Zoo2Zoo

Scone's Mark Heanly says his desire to make a difference in the area of mental health is what led him to take part in the recent Zoo2Zoo ride. Mr Heanly and his brother James joined other riders to make the nine-day 1 304 km trek between Melbourne and Dubbo zoos.

Their group raised \$50 000 for the Black Dog Institute along the way. Mr Heanly says the climb from Leatherbarrell Creek to Dead Horse Gap was a particularly memorable part of the trip. "The vertical climb of 1250 metres over 8 kilometres will be etched in my memory forever! Brutal but so satisfying," he said.

Mark clocked up nine days riding, 56 hours and 16 minutes in the saddle, burnt 29 986 calories and completed 239 617 pedal revolutions. He says he is definitely keen to do it again, but he had another challenge in his sights before then. He plans to climb Mt Kilimanjaro in July before volunteering at the School of St Jude in Tanzania.

**ZOO2ZOO: Brothers in arms - Mark and James Heanly rode from Melbourne to Dubbo in March raising money for the Black Dog Institute and Mental Health.**

## Plans on exhibition

Draft plans determining contributions payable for development in the Upper Hunter Shire, including water and sewer services, are now on public exhibition.

Members have until April 13 to make written submissions. The draft Development Servicing Plan for Water Supply and Sewer covers the provision of water supply and sewerage services to meet the demands generated by new development and redevelopment. The draft Upper Hunter Shire Section 94 Contributions Plan 2017 levies contributions based on demand for facilities generated by new residential development on a number of land zonings in the townships of Scone and Aberdeen and surrounds.

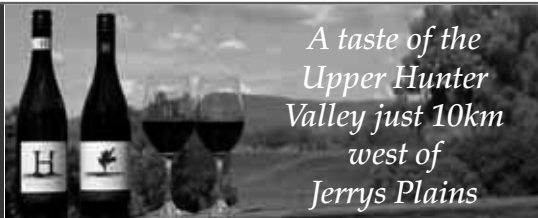
The Plan also sets out contributions from developments towards the cost of road maintenance, from developments which generate frequent heavy haulage vehicle movements towards the additional costs of road maintenance, and developments where insufficient car parking is provided on site.

The draft Plans can be viewed at Council offices at 135 Liverpool Street, Scone, 42 Vennacher Street, Merriwa and 47 Mayne Street, Murrumbidgee or on Council's website <http://upperhunter.nsw.gov.au/do-it-online/say-it.aspx>

Written submissions should be addressed to the General Manager and can be posted to PO Box 208 Scone or email [council@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au)

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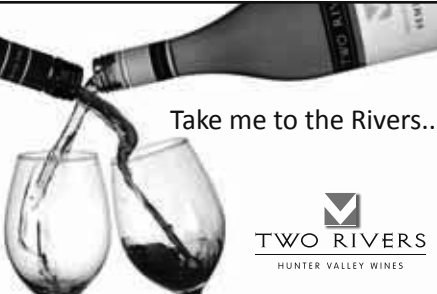
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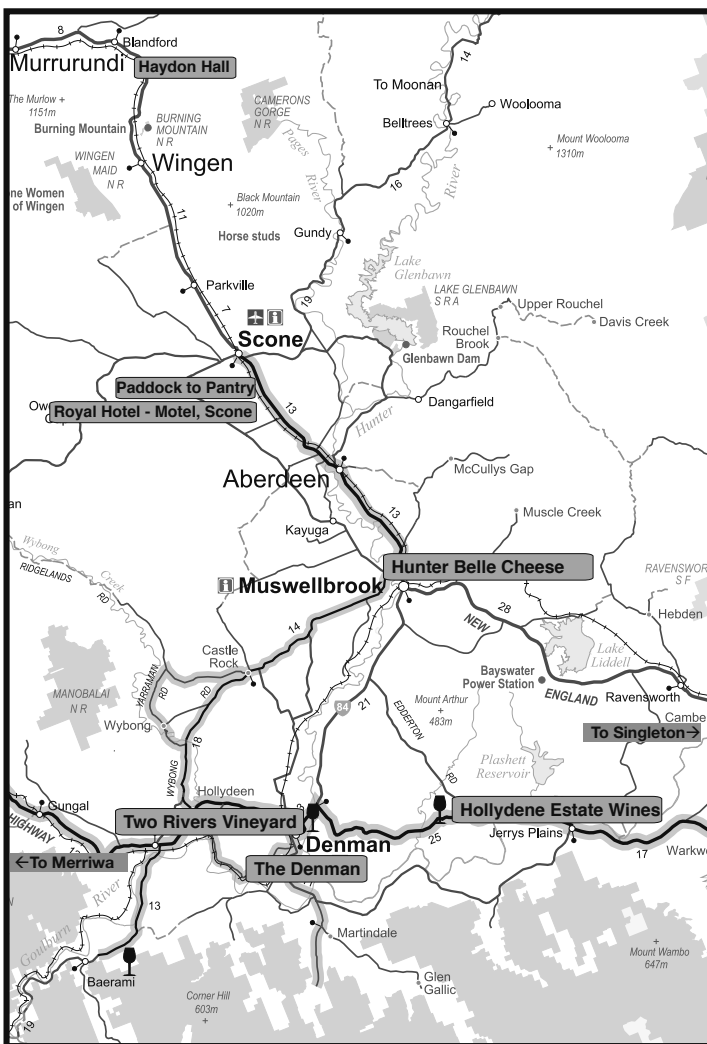
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## Bulga Memorial Gates

The Bulga Memorial Gates will receive some special attention just in time for ANZAC Day after Singleton Council was successful in a grant application from the NSW Government through the Community War Memorials Fund.

Council has received \$3,500 for the removal and replacement of the picket fence that forms part of the Bulga Memorial Gates Honor Roll entry, which has stood at the Bulga Recreation Ground since 1920.

The two stone pillars bear the names of those from Bulga who enlisted and those who paid the ultimate price in World War I, World War II and the Vietnam War.

Council says it will act quickly to ensure the works are completed in time for ANZAC Day services on 25 April 2017.



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### School holidays at your library

Looking for something to do in the school holidays?

Upper Hunter Regional Libraries have a huge range of activities planned to keep young minds entertained and informed over the Easter break.

Easter hat and basket making, autumn craft, story time and ANZAC activities are all on the agenda at the libraries in Scone, Aberdeen, Cassilis, Murrurundi and Merriwa.

For more information log on to [uhrl.nsw.gov.au](http://uhrl.nsw.gov.au)

### SNIP

by Zarli Kew - Head Nurse, Pet Medical.

Pet Medical's SNIP adoption program was born in 2012 when our Director, Peta Gay, realised that I had been re-homing abandoned kittens in my personal time. As a result, Peta Gay and I worked together to create SNIP - a program aimed at re-homing abandoned kittens and promoting responsible pet ownership in our community.

When abandoned kittens first enter our SNIP program they undergo a strict health check and are treated for things such as fleas and worms. We strive to give each kitten the most appropriate home, with the hope that these kittens will be loved for their lifetime. Once our kittens are over 8 weeks old and are ready to be re-homed, they are de-sexed, vaccinated and microchipped by our dedicated vets.

Our SNIP program not only provides these kittens with loving homes but educates our community in the importance of responsible pet care. Pet Medical works together with the National De-sexing Network (NDN), a program providing de-sexing at a reduced cost to pensioners, to run a discount de-sexing month each July. We also hold an annual charity event called SNIP Sunday where our staff volunteer their time to de-sex a large number of cats. All proceeds of the event are put towards our SNIP kitten adoption program.

Pet Medical recently re-homed our 500th SNIP kitten, with 226 of these kittens being re-homed in the last 12 months!

We'd love your support, whether that be in the form of a donation, adopting a kitten, or simply de-sexing your pet and educating those around you of the benefits of de-sexing. If you are thinking of buying a kitten, we encourage you to adopt from our SNIP program, a local rescue group or from the local council animal shelter.

**SNIP:** Zarli Kew (pictured above) of the Pet Medical team educating the community in the importance of responsible pet care.



SNIP just desexed, vaccinated, microchipped and found a loving home for its 500th rescue kitten! With a little help, we could do many more. If you would like to help with a donation to SNIP, please contact us at Pet Medical.



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### Poultry farm expansion?

A rescission motion has been lodged against the approval of the demolition of two existing poultry sheds and construction of four new sheds at Elderslie.

The development application was considered at Singleton Council's extraordinary meeting on Monday, where a majority of councillors voted to approve the plans with amendments to the conditions of consent.

However, the Mayor of Singleton, Cr Sue Moorhead, and fellow councillors Hollee Jenkins and Sarah Lukeman have given notice of a rescission motion, relating to hours of operation and other development considerations.

Council received eight submissions during the notification period. Common issues included the odour impact of the development and the existing and proposed noise concerns due to the operation of the facility.

The rescission motion will be considered at Council's next meeting on 24 April 2017.

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## Views sought on Blandford toilets

Upper Hunter Shire Council is seeking community comment on the future of the public toilet facilities at Norvill Memorial Park, Blandford.



The facilities have been closed due to problems with the septic tank and waste water disposal system, which would cost an estimated \$15,000 to replace. The toilet block is in poor condition generally and maintenance on the facilities is estimated to cost \$30,000 a year.

Murrurundi has four public toilets facilities in Lions Park, Wilson Memorial Oval, Adelaide Street and near the Visitor Information Centre. There is also a public toilet at Burning Mountain, Wingen.

Council has repeatedly urged Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) to install a public toilet at their truck stop at the

southern entrance to Murrurundi. Council could contribute funds to new toilets at the truck stop, if the Blandford toilet facilities were closed.

Anyone with views on the Blandford toilet facility is asked to provide written comment to Council's Director of Infrastructure Services Alan Fletcher, by post to PO Box 208, Scone NSW 2337, email [council@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au) or drop it into a Council office by Friday 28 April 2017.

Image: Blandford toilets – express your view/comment to the Upper Hunter Shire Council by 28 April 2017.

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## 2017 Dog Olympics

Does your dog deserve a gold medal? We all love pets and dog owners can celebrate in Newcastle on Sunday April 23 at the 2017 Dog Olympics.

Rover can compete in musical hoops, frisbee fetch, doggie relay, best trick, celebrity lookalike and creative painting events. There will also be market stalls and a BBQ for two legged attendees. All proceeds from the day go to Hunter Animal Watch.

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## Kia-Ora Music Camp 2017

The Upper Hunter Kia Ora Youth Concert was a great success.

The finale concert at Scone High School was sold out, with over 380 in the audience. It was the culmination of three days of workshops.

The Upper Hunter Kia Ora Music Camp involved over two hundred Upper Hunter students, from nearly every school in the Shire, taking part in three days of performance workshops in several venues around Scone.

Numerous awards were handed out, with Scone's Ella Sinclair taking out the Amazing Voice competition.

IMAGE: Bob Rose from Kia-Ora Estates and Ella Sinclair, winner of the Amazing Voice competition. Photo credit - David Hill.

## Giant gold dragon newest star of Nundle Go For Gold Festival

A giant, gold, inflated dragon is the newest addition to the Nundle streetscape for the town's annual Nundle Go For Gold Chinese Easter Festival to be held on Easter Saturday and Sunday, April 15 -16, 2017.

The Festival, in its 19th year, is supported by Tamworth Regional Council through Destination Tamworth. It attracts 16,000 people to Nundle, a significant influx to the town of 300 people. The Festival celebrates the influence of Chinese and European migrants following the discovery of gold at Hanging Rock in 1852.

Up to 100 market stallholders, Chinese dancers, musicians and pedestrians take over the roads and the scent of exotic spices cooking and coffee brewing waft through the town.

A highlight for many visitors is the colourful, twice-daily traditional Chinese dancing by a troupe of 45 performers from the Australian Yau Kung Mu Association, and Multicultural Communities of NSW.

Live music is an important part of the atmosphere and this year's festival has a strong local flavour with Nundle musicians, Golden Guitar winner John Krsulja, Jeff Gibson, Rachel Webster and Matt Thomson as Born in October, and Brendan Nawrocki, plus Sydney guests Sax Summit, and David Wei and Eva Timms.

The guaranteed-gold opportunity to pan for 20 grams of genuine Nundle gold, including four nuggets, valued at more than \$1000, incites gold fever in the crowd. Children take home a printed miner's licence for the day. Then there's the Woolomin Public School Animal Nursery.

For information see [nundle.com.au](http://nundle.com.au) or call Nundle Visitor Information Outlet on (02) 6769 3026.



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