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what's on



Racing at Merriwa – the time of your life!

Saturday 22nd April 2017 will see the annual Merriwa Cup blast into action. The once-a-year race meeting is arguably one of the longest-established “bush” race days in the country, and the hard-working race club committee volunteers pride themselves in presenting a fabulous country racing experience.

Quite unique is the actual layout of the venue – racegoers can picnic, socialise and view the races from within the racecourse itself! Sky Channel TVs provide coverage of other metropolitan TAB races, and there's plenty of bookmakers offering punters the challenge of a “flutter”.

Fashions on the Field is a social highlight of the afternoon, with the guys and gals of all ages keen to show off their style and fashion along with the Calcutta conducted on the Merriwa Cup race.

The CWA cafe and bar facilities provide nourishment during the afternoon, or you may like to bring a picnic to enjoy.

Gates open 11am, with local racing action due to kick off around 1pm.

For all enquiries contact 0418 238 475

Image courtesy Merriwa Race Club.

Thousands raised for chopper



The inaugural Schools Challenge event, launched at this year's Kurri Coalface Pedal Charity Ride, has helped raise \$22,500 for the Rescue Helicopter.

Now in its third year nearly 300 of the region's mountain bike and riding enthusiasts registered for the event held on Sunday 2 April. Competitive track events started and finished at Pelaw Main Public School with 200 entrants pre-registering for their rides and another 98 signing up on the day.

Developed in conjunction with the Kurri Mongrels the program included a 60 km dash, 60 km general ride, 40 km and 20 km, along with the popular 10 km family ride.

IMAGE: Kurri Mongrels.



PROGRAM INFORMATION THURS 13th April to WED 19th April

Vin Diesel is back in **THE FATE OF THE FURIOUS (M)**
SMURFS (G) **DANCE ACADEMY (PG)** **CHIPS (MA15+)**
THE LEGO BATMAN MOVIE (PG)

Scarlett Johansson is **THE GHOST IN THE SHELL (M)**

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What's new and recommended on the shelves of your library?

Are you looking to discover new writers, and genres you may not have tried before? Make sure you sign up for the Upper Hunter Regional Libraries Librarians' Choice e-newsletter.

This month Wilbur Smith, Meredith Appleyard and Stephen Leather all feature among the reviews. You can also share your recommendations on twitter @mbkshirelibrary or post a review on the library catalogue.



ALL GEARED UP FOR THE ABERDEEN QUILT AFFAIR: Sue Aird from the Aberdeen Library, Diane Wamsley from Upper Hunter Museum of Rural Life with organiser, Elizabeth Birch.

Unique quilt displays

Aberdeen's upcoming Quilt Affair isn't just a chance to check out some wonderful works of art, you can also get some tasty food and good coffee.

The Aberdeen Men's Shed has their own support behind the local quilt expo which will take place on April 30. The men of the shed will be sizzling up a storm to make sure your belly is nice and full while you check out the quilts at St Mark's Church Hall, Aberdeen RSL, Aberdeen Library and Rose Garden. Cafe Mobilita will supply the coffee. Check out the markets in the garden, quilt sales, fabrics, plants, cards, baby wear and gifts. The Men's Shed will help out with maintenance around the home for pensioners, building furniture to sell such as picnic tables, and making letter boxes. Anyone is welcome to join the shed with no obligation to pick up the tools.

For further information on the Aberdeen Quilt Affair contact Liz Birch on 6543 7770 or look up Liberty Rose on Facebook.



Aberdeen Quilt Affair An event not to be missed 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.
- BBQ and refreshments by Aberdeen Men's Shed; fantastic food & morning tea/coffee by Cafe Mobilita will be available

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Art Prize



Ride for Cancer - Relay for Life

Merriwa's Ride for Cancer and Relay for Life has returned with a bang, raising over \$20 000 in just one night. More than 130 riders saddled up their horses for an early morning start on April 1.

They rode off over the hills for a trail ride in the most perfect of weather conditions with rivers flowing, green pastures, fat cattle and smiling faces were abundant. People and horses alike had a well-earned rest by lunchtime which took place at Brindley Park Woolshed. Poets Bob Skelton AKA The "Minmi Magster", Greg North and Arthur Wright entertained the crowd who also enjoyed exploring the historic woolshed and watching a few sheep being shorn while filling up on a barbeque lunch cooked by the local Rotarians before saddling up again for the final stretch back into town. The horses got a rest when the ride came back to town, but the humans moved on to the Relay for Life opening ceremony.



Angela Woods from Coolah cut the ribbon and lead the survivors and carers walk around the track. The auction was again well supported by local and neighbouring businesses, with so many fantastic items raising close to \$8,000. The night concluded with fun and laughter while sitting around the bar and fire baskets listening to the beautiful voice of Tara Naysmith.

The event wouldn't have been possible without a huge amount of community support.

The committee extends a warm welcome to interested people who would like to become a part of Relay for Life in Merriwa.

Images are courtesy of Stay-n-Play Photography.

All systems to pass 'GO'

Singleton is hot property with the launch of the official Singleton Monopoly board.

The 6m x 6m square board has been designed to be a fast-paced interactive gaming experience with people moving around the board in place of the traditional metallic Monopoly game pieces. The giant monopoly board was part of youth week celebrations which just wrapped up.

For more information about this year's local Youth Week events, please contact the Singleton Youth Venue on 6571 4687 or email youthvenue@singleton.nsw.gov.au

Image: Singleton Council Youth Worker Hayden Moore and Team Leader Youth Services Sam Higgins are getting ready for the official Singleton edition of Monopoly during Youth Week.



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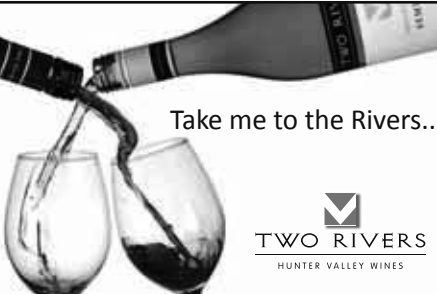
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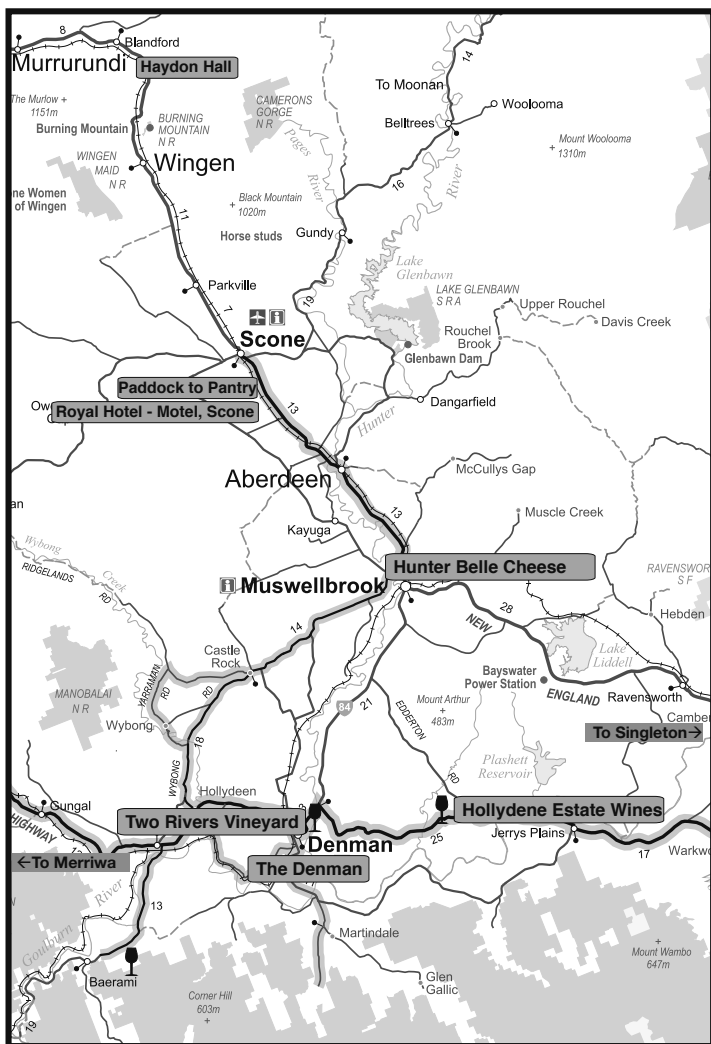
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EPA funds joint Wood Smoke Reduction Program

Singleton Council and Muswellbrook Shire Councils have received joint funding of \$84,000 from the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) to undertake a 2017 wood smoke reduction campaign commencing this month.

As a result, Singleton and Muswellbrook councils have rebate programs in place for both flue cleaning and wood heater replacement. For a limited time, Singleton and Muswellbrook councils are offering a \$50 rebate when you get your flue cleaned professionally, as a clean flue allows your wood heater to burn more efficiently, producing more heat with less smoke. Both councils are also offering a \$1500 rebate to replace your wood heater with a less smoky form of heating, such as air conditioning.

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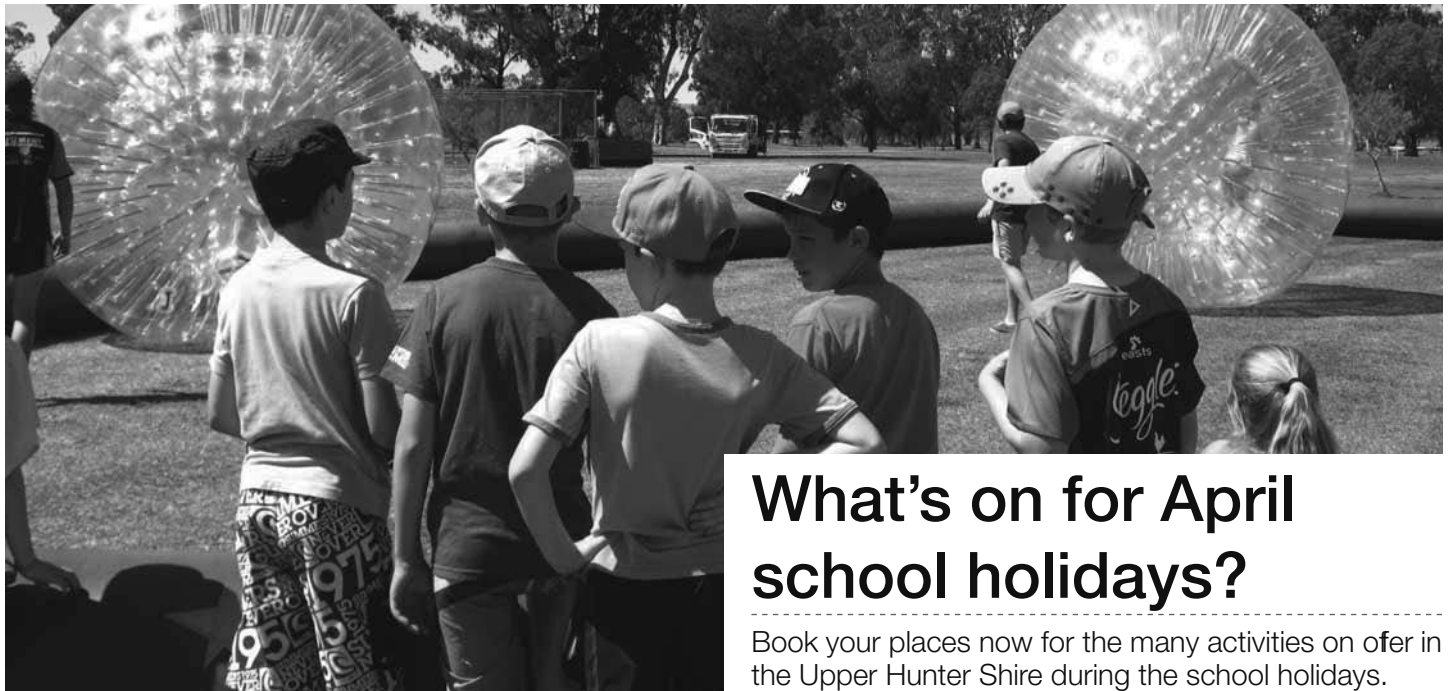
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What's on for April school holidays?

Book your places now for the many activities on offer in the Upper Hunter Shire during the school holidays.

There is a day of big inflatables fun and the Big Friendly Giant movie, arts and crafts at the libraries, activities at the Youth Centres and a packed SOOSH program. All the details are included in the Upper Hunter Shire Council 'What's On' guide for all the great activities available during the school holidays.

'What's On' is distributed to most school students in the Upper Hunter Shire, but if it has disappeared at the bottom of the school bag, it can also be viewed online at upperhunter.nsw.gov.au

BLOW UP BONANZA: Youth Sports Fun Day with inflatables. Image is courtesy of UHSC.

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2017 Newcastle & Hunter Rugby - A GRADE
Round 2, Saturday 22 April

Hamilton v Maitland - Passmore Oval, 3.00pm

Wanderers v Singleton - No.2 Sportsground, 3.00pm

Nelson Bay v Southern Beaches - Bill Strong Oval, 3.00pm

University of Newcastle v Lake Macquarie Roos - Bernie Curran Oval, 3.00pm

The Waratahs v Merewether Carlton - Waratah Oval, 3.00pm

For further information & results: www.nhru.com.au

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Round 1, Saturday 22 April

Pirates v Scone

Narrabri v Barraba

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Inverell v Tamworth

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Plans for highway service station refused

Singleton Council has refused a development application for a highway service station on Bridgman Road, Singleton because it is not "in the public interest".

A report to a recent Extraordinary Meeting recommended the proposed development for a service station, take away food and drink premises and two ancillary shops be approved.

However, councillors resolved it be refused for a number of reasons, including the proposal was not suitable in a high-hazard floodway; was inconsistent in the agricultural production zone; posed the potential for increased traffic congestion; and was not in the public interest based on the draft Singleton Community Strategic Plan 2017-2027.

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Putting Australia on the ballet stage

Robin Haig of the Australian Ballet will be the second guest of the year for Scone's chapter of the Australian Decorative and Fine Arts Society on Tuesday April 18 at the Scone Arts & Crafts Hall - 5.30pm for a 6.00pm start.

ADFAS Scone provides for its members a yearly programme of illustrated lectures given by overseas and Australian lecturers chosen for their communication skills and expert knowledge in their fields.

New members are always welcome. Contact scone@adfasc.org.au for further information.



IMAGE: The Singleton Crafters group is preparing for the Guinness World Record attempt on 30 April.

Crocheting to Bush Festival

Planning for this year's Singleton Festival is being fine-tuned as the community comes together for its biennial celebration of all things food, wine, art and music in the heart of the Hunter Valley from 29 April to 14 May.

A new look has been unveiled for the festival in 2017, with a packed program of events that will include a world-record crocheting attempt and a "Day of the Dead" on the trail of Singleton's infamous bushrangers, Joe and Jimmy Governor (complete with visit to Joe's gravesite). And to demonstrate that art can indeed be found everywhere, there'll be events in some of Singleton's historic pubs and an art exhibition at the Burragan Recycling Shop at the Singleton Waste Management Centre.

The full program is available at www.wearingsingletonfestival.com and for more information, contact Singleton Visitor Information and Enterprise Centre on (02) 6578 7560.

MUSWELLBROOK CINEMA MOVIE REVIEW



THE FATE OF THE FURIOUS

RATED (M) 141 mins

Now that Dom and Letty are on their honeymoon and Brian and Mia have retired from the game-and the rest of the crew has been exonerated-the globetrotting team has found a semblance of a normal life. But when a mysterious woman seduces Dom into the world of crime he can't seem to escape and a betrayal of those closest to him.

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The Gum Ball 2017 program announced

With just one week until The Gum Ball, the grand show has announced its full program, including playing times. Alongside the stellar music line-up is a smorgasbord of entertainment.

Friday, April 21 will be headlined by Canadian turntable wizards The Funk Hunters and Saturday night will be headed up by garage rockers The Peep Tempel and legendary genre-benders Regurgitator.

There will also be a roster of acts that punters of all ages can enjoy. Comedy duo Kiki and Pascal, a hit at last year's Gum Ball, will return to present a wild slapstick porch program, with special guests, including acclaimed magician and TV regular Liam Power and anarchic clown Chris Lynam.

Reptiles will slither back with Dr Crunch's Reptile Show. And there's sure to be wide-eyed wonder when the Shark in a Bus rolls into Dashville (a travelling shark museum that includes a five-metre great white shark), plus circus troupe Psycus, puppetry acrobatics and free puppet-making workshops with The Screaming Tribe plus much more.

The Gum Ball will offer the Sunday Wind Down in 2017. An optional night of camping and music.

In addition organisers have included a Lifeline store which will run a special pop-up fancy dress shop, catering for those who forgot to pre-order their outfit for the famed Op Shop Bop pageant.

With ticket sales nearing full capacity, organisers are urging people to jump in and grab a ticket before sold out.

For the full Gum Ball 2017 program and timetable visit dashville.com.au/program

VANCOUVER, CANADA NATIVES: The Funk Hunters (pictured above) are putting soul back into electronic dance music and will headline the Gum Ball on Friday 21 April.



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