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December meetings for Scone Race Club

Scone Race Club is gearing up for a bumper Christmas season with three race meetings in December.

The Community Christmas Twilight Party Race Day kicks off on 14th December with an eight race program. Entertainment for the children will kick off at 4pm with Santa dropping in for a special visit with goodies to give out for the young and not so young at heart. A live band gets under way at 6pm so reserve your location trackside for some great fun with a bus to get you back to town.

On 29th December the annual Family Fun Race Day continues with great racing and with the added attraction of piglet racing which will see great entertainment for all ages. Proceeds from the piglet races will benefit the Westpac Helicopter Rescue Service. Supporters for this event are being sought by way of sponsorship and we encourage you to ring the Club on 6545 1607 to get behind this great concept. The function centre will be open with a buffet lunch available and children's activities continue with a water slide, face painting and an obstacle course.

December race meetings kick off at 11:30 and there is free entry for all.

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Image: Hannah White, Lara Dawson, Georgia Hinde, Patrick Tillemans, Patrick Gilbey and Kayley Kennedy (absent) will be embarking on the Young Endeavour journey in April 2019.

Never give up on the adventure of a lifetime

Six lucky young people will be experiencing the Upper Hunter Shire Young Endeavour voyage in 2019, thanks to the generous support of sponsors.

A celebration was held 22 November 2018 at Scone Race Club where all 19 nominated young people were acknowledged, sponsors were thanked and six names were drawn out of a bucket.

Congratulations Hannah White, Kayley Kennedy, Lara Dawson, Georgia Hinde, Patrick Tillemans and Patrick Gilbey who will be embarking on this adventure in April 2019.

"Never give up" is a good motto for Young Endeavour, and before even setting foot on the ship, Patrick Gilbey, 23, has learnt that lesson. This was his eighth time nominated for the Young Endeavour scheme, while his twin brother had been drawn on his first try, 8 years ago.

Mayor Wayne Bedggood congratulated all the young people who were nominated.

"To get to this point you are all obviously held in high regard in your local community, schools and sporting groups. You should all be very proud of being selected for this opportunity.

"Upper Hunter Shire Council are proud to be part of the Young Endeavour Youth Scheme and we look forward to sailing into our 20th year in 2019.

"Council's Young Endeavour Scheme not only gives young people the unique experience of an ocean voyage on a tall ship, it challenges and inspires them, it builds their confidence and determination and it develops leadership skills.

"Since 1998 the Upper Hunter Shire Young Endeavour Scheme, along

with support from the community, has offered what many describe as 'a voyage of a lifetime' to over 80 young people from throughout our shire area.

The Councillors and I look forward to hearing about the young people's adventures when they present at a Council meeting after they return.

"The idea of offering voyages on the Young Endeavour was developed from a youth forum as a way to give young people from the country an opportunity to challenge and develop themselves in a way they would never normally encounter.

"Upper Hunter Shire Council proudly supports this unique youth development program & I take this opportunity on behalf of Council to thank the sponsors who have generously donated towards this worthy cause

Momentum Ensemble

Upper Hunter Conservatorium of Music is a hive of activity as Christmas nears. Student recitals are being given; end of year reports are in the mail; and rehearsals are well under way for our participation in the Glencore Upper Hunter Christmas Spectacular.

An exciting finale for our year will be a free concert by the Australian Youth Orchestra's Momentum Ensemble, to be held on December 8 at 6:30 pm.

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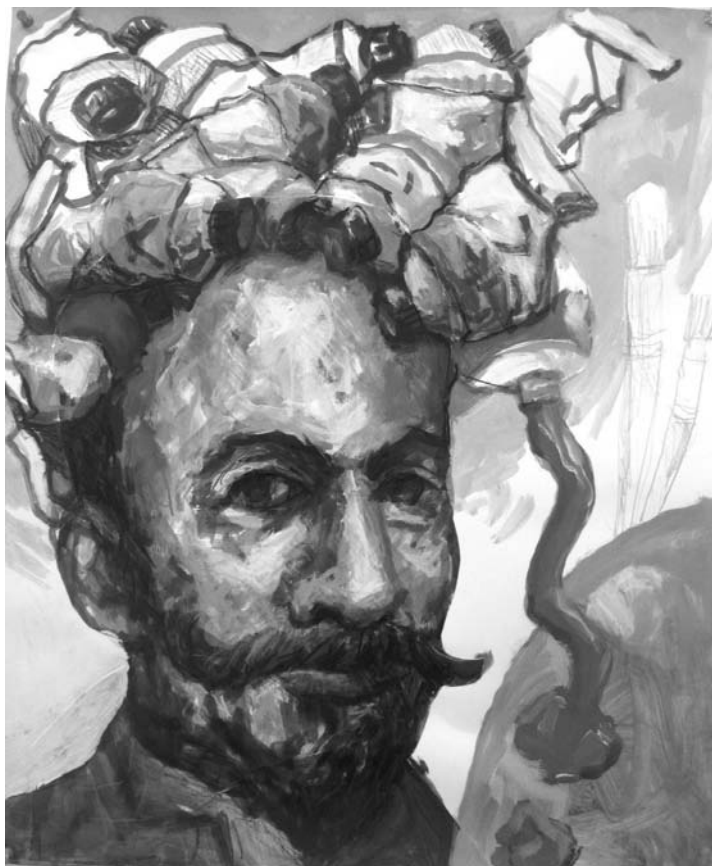
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Murrurundi Twilight Markets

The Murrurundi Twilight Markets are on again in 2018, commencing at 6pm, Saturday 15th December.

Businesses include: Adawn, Aarlwen Canvas Goods, Boho Banjo, Boho Things, Darcy & the Fox, Dooleys Foodworks, Emporium on Mayne, Fox's Store, King's Collectables, Nelliebelles, Stone & Co, Take a Break Cafe, Vintage Pop Up, Murrurundi Visitor Information Centre and Murra Country Markets in the Park.

So head to Murrurundi to get yourself some great Christmas specials.

Annual Community Christmas Carols

The Strathearn Village annual community Chirstmas carols will be held Sunday 9 December in Stafford Street Scone.

Commencing at 6pm the Scone Lions Club BBQ and Strathearn staff will be offering tea/coffee, cold drinks and slices.

From 7pm, carols will commence led by the Scone Singers with electric candles available - \$2 donation.

Bring your picnic blanket or a comfy chair and join with the residents of Strathearn Aged Care Facility to celebrate the festive season.

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**Naomi Norris,
The Water is Home 2018,
acrylic on canvas.**



Merry entertainment is on Santa's list for an even bigger and better Christmas on John Street



Image: Mayor of Singleton, Cr Sue Moore and General Manager Jason Linnane check out the decorations ahead of Christmas on John Street.

The decorations are going up as Singleton prepares for the Hunter's biggest community Christmas party with Christmas on John Street to have jingle bells ringing on Friday 7 December 2018.

A big night of entertainment, music, food and fireworks is on everyone's list, and Santa will be checking it twice with free photos at a special "Santa's grotto" in a new addition to the program for this year.

The big unwrapping of Riverside Park at 4.30pm will kick off the merriment.

Then the Singleton Town Band will lead a procession to the live stage area featuring performances by: St Catherine's School Choir; dance groups and local bands; roving performers; market stalls and food trucks. There will be children's entertainment including a jumping castle, face painting, animals from Oakvale Farm and activities by Singleton Youth Venue and OOSH. The event gets underway at 5pm.

Fireworks will have everything merry and bright to cap off the

night at 8.30pm.

Road closures will be in place to facilitate the event at: John Street between York Street and William Street; Pitt Street between John Street and Laurel Lane; Castlereagh Street between John Street and Laurel Lane; Burns Lane between John Street and the mall access road and John Street between William Street and Elizabeth Street – for 15 minutes from 5pm to 5.30pm

Mayor of Singleton, Cr Sue Moore said Christmas on John Street was one of the highlights of the year.

"I'd go so far to say there isn't any other community Christmas party that can match the spirit of Singleton," she said.

"It's often hard to build on successful events, but Council's events team has outdone itself this year with some fabulous new initiatives including free Santa photos at Santa's grotto near Pitt Street – thanks of course to the Rotary Club of Singleton.

"I love seeing people come out for Christmas on John Street, and especially the smiles on everyone's faces. It's a great occasion for people to celebrate the most wonderful time of the year, as well as everything that's great about Singleton."

General Manager Jason Linnane said events such as Christmas on John Street epitomised Council's role in the community.

"People told us they wanted a community that is vibrant and connected and nothing demonstrates that better than Christmas on John Street," he said.

"The fact this event has become a regular feature on our community calendar speaks volumes and Council staff have been in planning for months to make sure this year is bigger and better than ever. I'm certain no one will be disappointed."

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Gift certificates are also redeemable at our Murrurundi Concept Store.

Big Brown Dog Christmas Hampers



The 2018 Big Brown Dog Christmas hamper is a carefully curated selection of sweet and savoury treats, presented in a beautiful mini sized African basket.

This year, resident chef Cathy Armstrong has lovingly created delicious Christmas cake, shortbread fingers, Turkish delight and a Christmas relish.

DIY hampers are also available on request.

Email infomurra@michaelreid.com.au for more information.

Burning Mountain walk

You would expect a fire sizzling below ground for 5,500 years to have some fairly dramatic effects on the vegetation, and the remarkable phenomenon of Burning Mountain is reflected in the plants and animals adapted to life around it.

As you set out from the carpark on a moderate walk to the head of the coal seam, expect to pass through eucalypt groves and other types of Upper Hunter woodland. Plenty of dead trees and hollow logs provide homes for lots of wildlife.



As the fire moves one metre every year, the landscape changes: red gums grow along subsidence cracks, and later you'll come across narrow-leaved stringy bark, tea trees, and stunted grey gums. There are loads of birds in the area, too, so bring the binoculars if birdwatching is an interest.

Anybody interested in the story of what's going on below ground won't be disappointed either: information panels along the track unpack the story of Burning Mountain, including its science and fascinating Aboriginal heritage. A viewing platform is located at the climax of Burning Mountain walk, providing a safe vantage point to view the exhaust vents and rocks transformed by extreme temperatures.

For more information: www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/burning-mountain-nature-reserve/burning-mountain-walk/walking

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The *Michael Reid Murrurundi Art Gallery* strives to showcase a selection of the finest contemporary Australian and Aboriginal art. Visit the gallery to browse its most recent exhibition and enjoy a hot drink from the *Big Brown Dog's* speciality tea & coffee selection.

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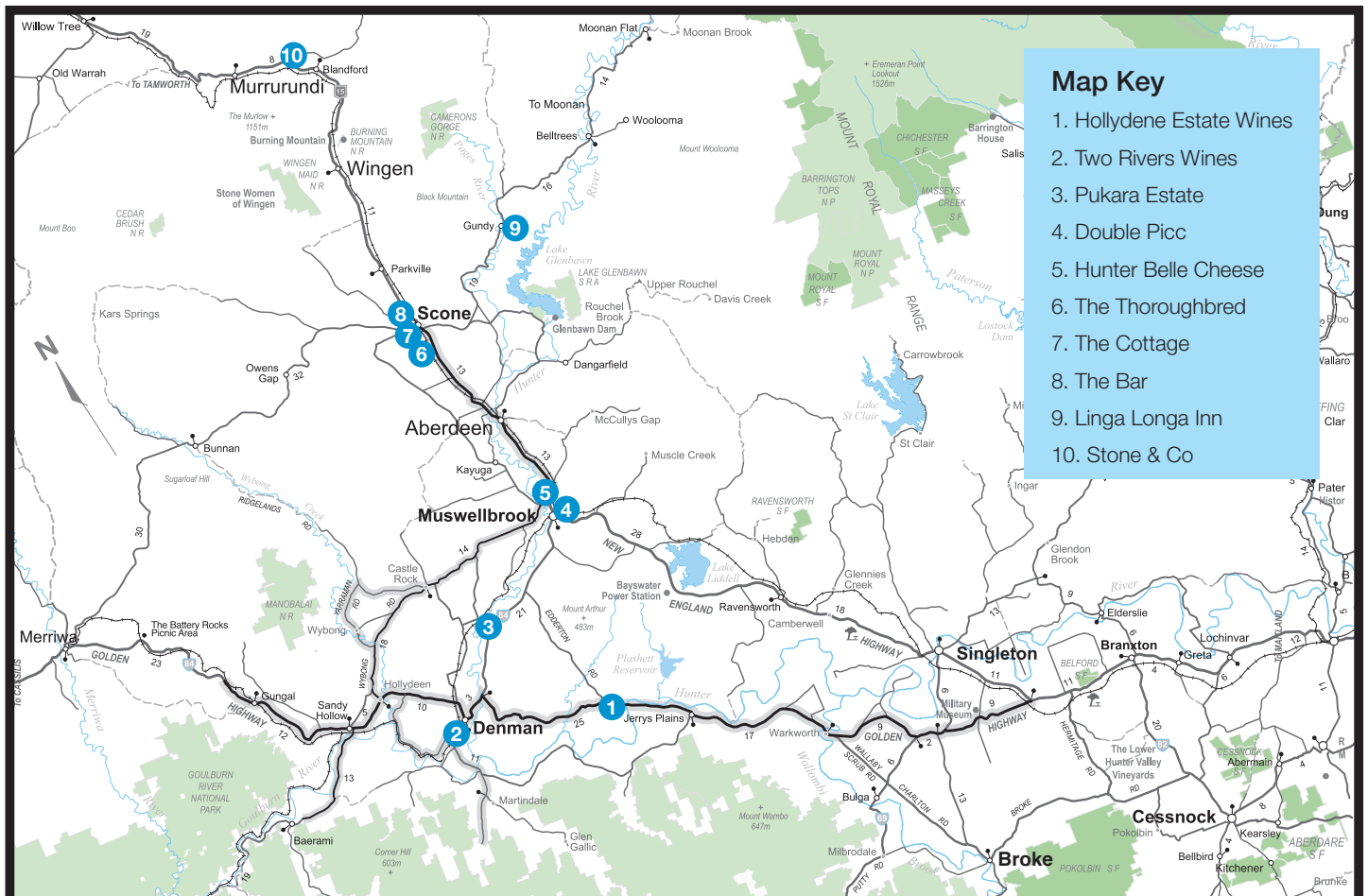
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Stone & Co diversify

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The cafe stocks boutique local coffee and cook Gemma Elliot creates a huge range of treats ranging from raw treats to traditional cakes and slices. Gemma also cooks gluten free, lactose free and vegan delights. All meals are house made so why not pop in for a light meal or all day breakfast? High teas are also available by appointment for that special occasion.

While you're at the cafe check out the beautifully restored old tattersalls building which houses Stone & Co and browse the range of unique gifts and homewares. The store is also a great inspiration for repurposing old furniture and it stocks chalkpaint to make your DIY project easy and beautiful.

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Heat stroke in your pets By Dr Rebecca Ryan (pictured)

Heat stroke is common in dogs and can be lethal. We tend to think of dog suffering from heat stroke as being dogs that are left out in the sun in 40 degrees without shade or water. Fortunately, this is very rarely the case.

As a dog owner, it is important to know whether your dog is prone to heat stroke, how to prevent it, and what to do if it happens.

Dogs don't have sweat glands like we do so they cannot rely on sweating to cool down. Instead, dogs rely on evaporation of saliva from their airways to cool them down. To do this effectively, 'the airway needs to be nice and open. One of the most common cases of heat stroke we see are flat faced dogs or "brachycephalic" dogs. Brachycephalic breeds include pugs, bulldogs, English mastiffs, Lhasa apsos etc.

These dogs have an excessively long soft palate, which hangs down over the airways, narrowing the airway and making it difficult for them to cool down. Often they also have very narrow nostrils, which reduces the amount of air that can enter the airway.

There are surgeries we can do to correct these problems and help to protect your dog from heat stroke. By the same token, very old dogs sometimes have changes to the lining of the airways which means they cannot

cool down as effectively. Older dogs and brachycephalic dogs should not be exercised in temperatures over 25 degrees and should be inside in air-conditioning in temperatures above 30 degrees.

Clinical signs: Early signs of heat stroke include excessive wide-mouth panting, bloodshot eyes and bright red gums.

This will progress to collapse, and potentially seizures and death. If you notice any of these signs in your pet, you need to cool them down immediately. The most effective way of doing this is covering them copious amounts of room temperature water and fanning them. If out hunting or working stock, dams or water troughs are great to cool them down. Avoid any further exercise.

Common mistakes: Never use ice water to cool your dog down. This causes the blood vessels in the skin to constrict and reduces blood flow to the skin surface. This actually causes their core body temperature to rise. The other common mistake is laying a wet towel over them.



This traps the heat in around the body and can also cause the body temperature to increase. If your dog is collapsed or seizing they should be taken straight to the vet where we can give medication to stop them seizing and cool them down quickly.

If you have any questions about how you can prevent heat stroke in your dog, please don't hesitate to call Pet Medical on 6541 1555. Pet Medical also have a 24/7 on call vet to treat your dogs in cases of emergency. To contact the veterinarian after hours, please call this number.

help our pets

beat the heat!

This summer's heat can be very dangerous for our pets. Please take these steps to keep them comfortable and protect them from heat stroke.



- Never leave your pet in a parked car.
- Limit exercise during a heat wave.
- Remember that fans don't help a dog because they sweat through their paws!
- Provide ample shade and water.
- A cool treat like peanut butter popsicles will help cool dogs inside and out.
- A cooling soak in a tub or with a hose can also help.
- If you see signs of heatstroke (heavy panting, glazed eyes, rapid heartbeat, difficulty breathing, fever, lack of coordination, vomiting, profuse salivation) apply ice packs or cool water to head, neck and chest and take your pet to a vet ASAP.

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Aberdeen's Golden Oldies for Golden Oldies - Christmas luncheon

The Upper Hunter Museum of Rural Life Inc. takes pleasure to invite you to their Annual Christmas Luncheon to be held on Tuesday 11 December, 11.30am at Aberdeen Sports and Recreation Club Auditorium.

The three course luncheon will be followed by the usual screening of a film that we hope will be enjoyed by all.

A donation of \$10 is requested to cover costs. Tea and coffee will be provided. As numbers are limited, early bookings are essential. Contact: Daphne 65 438 356.

Christmas pet photos

To all you cats and dogs out there – Santa is coming to town!

Book to have your photo taken with Santa and get microchipped - all for \$10.00.

Santa will be at the Muswellbrook Shire Council Administration Building on Wednesday 12th December.

Booking essential, call Annette on 6549 3753.

Cats from midday to 2.00pm; Dogs from 2.00pm-4.00pm.

All funds raised will go direct to your animal friends at the Muswellbrook Animal Shelter.

Yoga on the Grass at Hollydene Estate



If you are looking for balance and love being in nature, practising yoga outdoors is one of the best ways to truly experience the benefits of yoga and it's mood boosting results. Held Saturday's from 8am-9am, running November 10th to December 15th. \$15pp - pay online or on the day.

Join us at Hollydene Estate to experience the beauty of the Upper Hunter winery & equine surroundings; being the only cellar door nestled between two of Australia's most prestigious horse studs Coolmore and Darley, Yoga on the Grass allows magnificent views of the rugged hills of Wollemi National Park, showcased by the surrounding vines of the estate.

Class is structured for all ages and levels, with a mix of Yin (seated style Yoga) & Yang (Vinyasa, Anusara, Hatha). Our goal is to find mediation to movement and balance with breath.

After class, the Vines' Restaurant will be open at 9:00am for breakfast, chai and coffee, should anyone wish to stay for further relaxation. Savour the views while you savour the flavour of their premium wines, with cellar door opening at 10am daily.

BYO yoga mat / towel; limited mats available for use.

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Sunday Sketchers Workshop at MRAC

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For further information call (02) 6549 3800.

Dalwood Estate Markets

Dalwood Estate is pleased to welcome visitors back to Dalwood Markets, on the second Sunday of every month.

There will be many talented local stall holders on the day featuring food, fashion, homewares and much more, including fine wine. So come on down and check out the amazing local talent at Dalwood Estate.

For more information: www.eventfinda.com.au/2018/dalwood-estate-markets/hunter-valley/dalwood

Wallabadah New Years Day Races

Tuesday 1 January 2019

Wallabadah New Years Day Races is one of the longest running race meets in the country, having been held every year since 1852. A traditional bush racing experience and a great day of family fun. There is a jumping castle and face painting for the kids and Rodney the Clown will be roaming about spreading smiles and laughs. There is a bar and food stalls as well as ice-cream to keep you cool.

Doll up and enter the Fashion of the Fields Competition or participate in the Stick-Horse Race - a big hit at its inaugural 2018 run. Head along and enjoy the thrill of a country race meeting.

For more information:

www.facebook.com/Wallabadah-Jockey-Club-Inc-329019487237251

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'We LIVE Here' gift cards available

'We LIVE Here' gift cards, a joint initiative of Muswellbrook and Upper Hunter Shire Councils, are now available to be purchased and used to buy goods and services at participating local businesses.

The cards help keep money in our local area assisting many businesses that have felt the financial impact of the drought, and allowing charities to give financial support to farmers and others in need who can decide how they use it.

The cards can be bought at: Upper Hunter Shire Council offices; Upper Hunter Conservatorium of Music; businesses including Brook Outdoors, Melanie's Matthews Family Jewellers, Scone Chemist, Scone Outdoors, Scone Discount Pharmacy, Scone Visitor Information Centre (VIC), and online at www.whyleavetown.com/upperhunter

Individuals, businesses and charities can purchase the cards and distribute them to as they choose.

'We LIVE Here' cards make an excellent Christmas gift for a neighbour in need, hard-to-buy-for relatives, or as a way for employers to thank their staff.

Recipients can use the cards at participating local businesses.

Over fifty retailers across the two Shires have already signed up and will be displaying the 'We LIVE Here' sign in their windows. You can also find participating businesses online at www.whyleavetown.com/upperhunter

Businesses – big and small – are still welcome to join the free 'We LIVE Here' initiative by contacting Council offices. After they register, their EFTPOS machine is activated to accept the cards.



The cards can be loaded with funds from \$10 to \$1000, can only be loaded once (no top ups) but can be used multiple times or spent all at once. They expire after three years. Purchasers can check card balances online or by phone, and registered cards can be replaced if lost.

Similar cards are being used in 20 towns across NSW since their inception in Narrabri in 2007 through the Why Leave Town company.

Murrurundi pool season passes half price

When the Murrurundi pool opens this month, 2018/2019 season passes will be half price.

The cost to Council to open and run the Murrurundi pool for the shorter season will be around \$155,000. This doesn't include the costs of transporting water, which is required this year due to water restrictions.

The Murrurundi Royal Hotel offered to supply a water truck and driver, an offer Council gratefully accepted. Council is paying for the water. The water carting began as soon as their truck was available.

Council is aware of reports of community fundraising towards the pool costs, centred around the Royal Hotel. Those funds have not come to Council and are not expected to contribute to the \$155,000 cost to run the pool.

Council has also been in discussion with Godolphin who have also offered to contribute towards the pool costs.

As in previous years, those who use the Murrurundi pool will contribute to its running costs through entry fees, as they do at Scone and Merriwa pools. Council's costs to run the three pools is around \$550,000 per season.

Season passes for Murrurundi Pool will be available this season at half price – and can still be used at the Shire's three pools when the season pass is purchased after the Murrurundi pool is opened: Pensioner Pass access to all pools \$ 45.00; Adult Pass access to all pools \$ 75.00; Family Pass access to all pools \$142.50 and Child Pass (2 to 16 yrs includes) access to all pools \$ 52.50.

Single entry fees (all pools): Carers for Learner Swim Classes: Free; Companion Card Holder: Free; Casual Entry: \$4.40; Spectator: \$2.00; School Sport: \$2.60; Pensioner: \$2.60 and Non-swimming chaperon for child up to 12: Free

Glencore Upper Hunter Christmas Spectacular

The Glencore Upper Hunter Christmas Spectacular is a free live concert featuring Damien Leith, Charlotte Rhiane, John Morris, The Upper Hunter Conservatorium of Music Orchestra, Mass Schools Choir, Towns Choir and Muswellbrook High Stage Band performing all your favourite Christmas carols.

On Saturday 15th December, Muswellbrook Race Course opens from 4pm with markets and activities available with entertainment to commence from 5.30pm. Come along and enjoy a free Christmas concert and help support local charities and vendors.

There will be market stalls and plenty of food available for purchase on the night. Feel free to bring along a picnic for your family and friends. There is NO BYO alcohol, but don't forget your picnic blanket and insect repellent!



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St Joseph's Aberdeen Christmas Pageant

Each year the St Joseph's Aberdeen Christmas Pageant is organised by the school to cater for the Aberdeen community and the broader community of the Upper Hunter.

It has been going since 1990 and usually attracts about 3000 people to the front oval of the school in Segenhoe Street.

One of the main reasons why the Pageant was started was to provide a social and community building activity for Aberdeen. Back then, the meatworks was nearing the end of its life and there were no major events in the Upper Hunter to mark the Christmas holiday season.

One reason why St Joseph's High School was established at Aberdeen in that Aberdeen is a central point for all the communities of the Upper Hunter and the school serves the whole of the Upper Hunter, not just the local community.

The school is able to draw on the resources and families of the whole Upper Hunter to build its success as a school in academic, sporting and cultural activities.

It can also conduct large-scale events such as the Pageant, which would not be possible for a small community acting alone.

Why does the Pageant continue after all these years?

Firstly, it is the students' Pageant. They want to perform, they want to be part of the event in whatever role, they want to celebrate with their friends, and they want it to continue.

Secondly, it is a genuine team effort, where many hands make light work. Even though other high schools do not undertake such projects at the end of the busy academic year, Aberdeen teachers volunteer for jobs and roles, and work harmoniously on the Pageant, building up our community.

Thirdly, the Pageant does meet a real need in the Upper Hunter Community. As a region it is a mixture of the best traditional rural values and experiences, and new arrivals brought in by mining, vineyards, and tree-changing lifestyles.

There is a lack of social infrastructure and a thirst for community and identity.

The St Joseph's Pageant is one of the few events in the Upper Hunter, which allows large numbers of young people, together with their friends and families, to come together on neutral territory to celebrate positive values.

The Pageant will be a great evening of entertainment that is open to the whole community, not just the students and families of St. Joseph's. It continues because of the positive voluntary efforts of students and teachers.

You are invited to do yourself a favour and come along on Wednesday 12 December and be part of the fun.

Christmas Lights Spectacular



On until Saturday 26 January 2019

Christmas Lights Spectacular is back in an even brighter and more traditional style. Santa has now finished adding his final touches to the scenery, so get ready to join Hunter Valley Gardens in the merriments and be filled with Christmas spirit as you explore the Southern Hemisphere's biggest and most breathtaking display of over two million lights.

The gardens will be lit up with even more features and Christmas delights, and most importantly, more lights than ever before.

Christmas Lights Spectacular will welcome several new additions, including Santa's Workshop, complete with Santa, his elves, photo opportunities, and letters to Santa (for which parents can arrange a response from Santa himself!).

Please note: For safety measures, the Super Slide is for children over 120 centimetres tall, and is weather dependent along with the inflatables.

Christmas Lights Spectacular tickets are on sale now. Day and night passes are available.

For more details on Christmas Lights Spectacular, tickets and the full program please visit the website.

For more information:

www.huntervalleygardens.com.au/event/christmas-lights



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Gum Ball announces first round artist line-up for 2019

Dashville, the team behind the annual Gum Ball music festival in Lower Belford, Hunter Valley, is pleased to reveal another diverse musical line-up for what will be its 14th instalment. This follows the announcement that the family friendly camping festival will expand by a day in 2019, incorporating Anzac Day on April 25.



The line-up of The Gum Ball 2019 again brings together Oz music legends with a fresh crop of future stars and international gems. From America to Mexico, the first artist roster has something for everyone.

Heading up this first round announcement is the towering titan of Aussie rock and his new outfit, Tex Perkins & The Fat Rubber Band. As the voice of the mighty Beasts of Bourbon and The

Cruel Sea, Tex has scrawled his name into the annals of Australian music. Headlining opening night on Thursday (Anzac Day), Tex and his new band, which features guitarist and collaborator Matt Walker (Lost Ragas), rolls around that signature swampy blues rock for which Tex is best known - expect a bit of new music and some classic Cruel Sea tunes.

Sampa the Great is one of the most important artists in the country. Small in stature but giant in voice, the Zambia-born Botswana-raised singer,

rapper and poetic lyricist tackles big issues and ideas with her hybrid of hip hop, soul, traditional African and pop.

Magic Dirt (pictured) are one of Australia's most loved rock bands of the past 20 years. Fronted by the legendary Adalita, who rocked the stage solo back in 2014, Dashville is stoked to have the band along as they make a gallant return from a long hiatus.

Rounding out the first announcement is ARIA-nominated genre-bending songstress Mojo Juju, ultimate party trio Philadelphia Grand Jury, re-emerged pop genius and documentary subject Van Duren (USA), a special reformation by beloved theatrical prog wizards The Hauntingly Beautiful Mousemoon, Australian surf-rock royalty and soundscape stylists, Tamam Shud, gifted songsmith and storyteller Perry Keyes, enduring rocker, Nick Barker & The Heartache State, Mexican ska stalwarts Los Kung-Fu Monkeys (MEX), 12-piece soul and hip hop collective

The Regime, hard-rock behemoth, Battlesnake, dub-jazz instrumentalists Midnight Tea Party and the Dashville return of Hunter-based psych-rocker William John Jr.

The Gum Ball returns on Anzac Day, Thursday, April 25 from 2pm and runs until midday on Sunday, April 28. There are many, many more artist announcements ahead, alongside our line-up of performers, food and market stalls. Tickets are on sale now through new ticketing partners Humanitix, with booking fees going to help Reachout.com

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