

Eugowra NEWS

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A Lions Club project for the community we serve

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Congratulations Jodie

A large crowd gathered at the Bowling club to see Jodie Greenhalgh receive the citizen of the year award from the Australia day ambassador. Jodie, who is one of the instigators of the acclaimed Eugowra murals project, was a very popular winner.

Jodie has been honoured for her outstanding work as a volunteer in Eugowra, being involved in a wide range of activities. Along with Christine Whitty, Jodie was one of the forces behind a community-driven plan to revitalise the town and boost its tourism profile.

Eugowra became the hub of art activities in the Central West in May 2012 when 35 artists descended on the town to launch the large scale murals project which has brought Eugowra's rich bushranger history alive, as well as depicting the town's sawmills, working draught horses, colonial life, pioneering women, school life, rural work and Aboriginal themes.

The centrepiece is a 33-metre long mural on the newsagency and supermarket wall depicting the Escort Rock robbery on 15 June 1862, which was the largest of its kind during the gold rush era.

Jodie is also the honorary secretary of the Eugowra Harness Racing Association, which hosts the Canola Cup – now a major event on the harness racing calendar.

With record nominations and prizemoney of more than \$90,000, the event received exposure throughout Australia and attracted a leading New Zealand commentator to Eugowra to call events over the two-day meeting.

Jodie was heavily involved in celebrations of the sesquicentenary of the Escort Rock hold-up and one of

the chief organisers of a highly successful Mother's Day function on the banks of the Mandagery Creek.

She is also an active member of the Eugowra Public School P&C Association and finds the time to operate Jamace Graphic Design which last year was named best home-based business at the annual Cabonne Daroo Business Awards.

More Australia day stories on page 4 and pictures on page 18.



from the editor

Welcome to our first edition of the Eugowra News for 2013. I have enjoyed a break from the News for the past month. It is a pretty time consuming voluntary task. It would be nice to have some new contributors for the new year so please consider joining our group of regular contributors. I would really like a regular contributor from the town as I don't live in town and work in Orange so I am really not around very much.

It seems a long time ago now but the Carols by the Creek were a great success. Many thanks to Jeanine Gibby for her outstanding organisation. The Park by the creek is such a great venue for community events we hope to make this an annual event.

As I am writing this it has started to rain, the first decent rainfall for many weeks, lets hope it continues and reduces the fire risk in our region. There have already been two fires in the area, both quickly brought under control thanks to the skill and dedication of the Rural Fire Service.

Australia Day was celebrated at the Bowling Club, community and council awards were presented by the charming Countess Natalie. Jodie Greenhalgh is the citizen of the year. Jodie is a real inspiration to me, I love her "can do" attitude. Imagine what our community would be like if more members got in and did things instead of complaining and criticising.

We look forward to continuing to developing the News in 2013, you can now read the news online and follow us on facebook.

Enjoy the news,

Anne



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The Eugowra Australia Day Committee organised a full program of activities at the Bowling Club. Bob Roach was Master of ceremonies and welcomed the official party including Countess Faber-Castell, Mayor Ian Gosper and youth ambassador Sarah White. The countess is the marketing and communications manager for international company Faber-Castell, one of the world's oldest and largest manufacturers of pens and pencils.

Countess Natalie Faber-Castell gave an interesting address, firstly acknowledging the traditional owners of the country, the Wirradjurri people. She spoke of her families history of community service and the Australian spirit of supporting the underdog. Countess Natalie said she had felt very welcomed in Cabonne and had noticed the large proportion of people involved in community work.



Cathy Eppelstun and Elaine Cheney led an Australia Day prayer service.

The Youth Ambassador Sarah White also made an address speaking of her achievements and dedication to community.

Eugowra Community Awards were presented by David Hyde. The first recipient was Tony Townsend who was recognised for his many years of dedicated service to many community organisations. Tony has been a member of the show committee and RFS for fifty years. Tony gave a gracious acceptance speech noting that he had enjoyed all of his voluntary activities.

Christine Whitty also received an award. Christine was one of the instigators of the Mural project and has contributed her expertise and enthusiasm to the community of Eugowra.

An award was presented to Dianne Smith and Danny Townsend from the Eugowra Newsagency and Supermarket. Dianne accepted the award on behalf of herself and Danny and spoke of their enjoyment of their business.

The Community Event award went to the Sesquicentenary Celebration. Ray Agustin accepted the award on behalf of the committee. Ray paid tribute to the many volunteers and their spirit which had made the day possible.

The Mayor of Cabonne Council announced the council awards of Citizen of the year, Jodie Greenhalgh and community group of the year the Sesquicentenary Committee.

Following the formalities guests enjoyed a delicious high tea.

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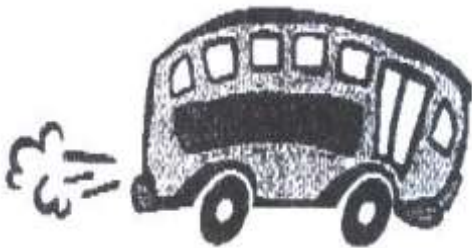
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Notes from the Happy Gardener



Happy New Year to everyone. I hope it will be filled with much happiness and good health for each of you.

As I write this, already one month of our "new year" has almost gone and what a hot month it has been.

We always know and expect the temperature will often rise to the mid and highish 30 degree mark during our Australian summers but when it goes above that we will all agree that it can be more than a little hard to tolerate.

Summer is always a most challenging season with often the loss of colour and vitality in our gardens. I find that it is the hot winds which have certainly been testing my enthusiasm as I look at plants with sad, scorched and burnt foliage and blooms on so many of what are usually very hardy plants.

All we can do is to keep mulching, erect wind barriers to protect small and the most vulnerable plants, water slowly and deeply and hope for their survival. Hopefully some nice falls of rain will arrive before too long to refresh our gardens and also ourselves.

I think it is really far too hot to plant anything unless you really have to, but (in the cool of the mornings) it is a good time to catch up with other jobs such as:

Cutting back long trailing shoots to three or four buds on Wisterias to encourage flowers next spring.

Dead head roses. Water deeply and slowly.

Watch for sap sucking and scale insects, treat with a white oil based spray. (not in the heat of the day)

Keep renewing fruit fly traps.

Check clivias, belladonna (Naked Ladies) and crinums lilies for lily caterpillars.

Spray citrus trees with white oil to control citrus leafminer. (not in the heat of the day)

Bronze orange bugs can cluster together on the trunk and foliage on all citrus. Using gloved hands pick them off and place into a paper bag. Destroy and dispose of in the garbage bin. Also check the underside of leaves for eggs.

Take care when doing this as these bugs may squirt a nasty fluid as a defence mechanism.

A few plants which have been taking the heat and wind without much trouble are the following:

Daylilies, Salvias, Liriope, Society Garlic (a common cottage garden variety) Oleanders, Bougainvilleas.

At this time of year when the lovely stone fruits are available, if you have the room in your garden you may think about growing one or more of these trees (in the winter) and of course picking your own fresh fruit from your own tree is always a simple pleasure.

Our climate with hot summers and cool winters is ideal. Choose a growing site in full sun where the soil is free draining.

Prepare the site well in advance of planting by digging, fertilising, watering and mulching.

Purchase and grow bare rooted trees in winter or very early spring. It can be a good idea to grow varieties which fruit early in the season to try to avoid the time when fruit fly is at its most prevalent cycle.

Apricots are one of hardiest stone fruit trees which can handle a fairly wide range of conditions.

Plums are another good fruit tree but because most are self sterile two trees are required to produce fruit.

So for now, it is time to mostly just keep things going and also it is time sit, relax, reflect in our gardens and maybe do some planning for when the weather conditions have improved.

Happy gardening and I hope you have enjoyment in your garden.

Jenny



Caring for the Land

With Nina Hooper



Hello Eugowra.

Well what a season we are having!

Who would have thought that after last Summer – so mild and damp – that we would be just twelve months later sweltering in a succession of 40 degrees plus days.

I don't know about you all but when things get to 44 as they have a few times now, I kind of get a bit over summer.

I hope too that we have seen the last of the fires for our area – there have been some tragic stories from other parts of Australia.

I guess this is all part of what our amazing country is like, but it does certainly test our resolve when we are under a constant barrage of heat.

Central West Landcare is well and truly off and running for the year – it seems like we hardly even slowed down!

First off the rank is to thank all of those people who contributed “green tips” for the rewrite of the Green Thumb Guide – a little booklet we did a few years ago outlining some of the ways in which people can do the right thing by the environment in their own household.

We should have the new version ready to go in March, so keep an eye out for that – it promises to be a really handy little booklet.

Speaking of handy information, Landcare Australia's magazine, Landcare in Focus, is now available for reading in the waiting rooms of many Parkes and Forbes businesses and in the Parkes and Forbes Libraries.

If you think that you might like to have this handy publication on display at your business then just give us a call on 0268624914 and we will get it to you!

Most of you by now would have heard all about the upcoming merger of the extension arm of the DPI, the Catchment Management Authorities and the Livestock Health and Pest Authorities into Local Land Services.

The machinations of this continue and there has been a lot of feedback gathered on issues such as boundaries, resulting in some changes being made.

The new draft boundaries and the schedule for the upcoming community consultation meetings can be viewed at

<http://haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au/locallandservices>

Here at Landcare we think its really important to be involved in how the LLS shapes up, as it will be a crucial partner for Landcare as we move forward.

Partnerships are so crucial to us in the not for profit sector, and it is great to have an opportunity to be involved in the development of this new agency.

Make sure you check out the nearest location of your LLS consultation which looks like Grenfell at the Grenfell Bowling Club, Cross St, on February 12, from 3-6pm – you will need to RSVP on the website.

Do you think you might be Interested in improving water management on your property?

At this time pretty much all of means all of us are – water conservation really is front of mind.

The initial meeting for interested participants to discuss workshop topics and locations for the Harnessing Water project will be held on 31 January at 12:30pm at the CWLL office.

For further information of course give us a call.

Until next time check us out on Facebook – Parkes Landcare is our handle – or head to www.parkeslandcare.org.au

And look forward to seeing you at an LLS meeting – your input is crucial.

NEWS FLASH

Community Landcare Grants (replacing the Community Action Grants or CAGs) are now available from the Federal Government for smaller projects between \$5,000 and \$50,000! Head to the website to apply – don't forget that you can get help from your local catchment officer or Landcare Support officer to put together your application.

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Cabonne: How things came to be

By Mike O'Callaghan

Do you have an enquiring mind? Do you look at how things are and wonder how they came to be? I do. One day I wondered how Cabonne Council came to have authority to govern the way public assets are built and managed in Eugowra. I made a determined effort to find out using all the state resources publicly available. I thought you might be interested to read the story, which begins way back before federation just six years before the great gold escort robbery.

Following the granting of self-government to colonial New South Wales in 1856 there was immediate clamour in outlying settlements for local government. As the settlers were predominantly of English town or village origin they longed for the neatness, certainty and order of streets. It took the new parliament 11 years to bring forth the Municipalities Act (1867). Then, although some form of settlement at Molong had existed in the 1840's, it took a further 12 years for the Municipality of Molong to be proclaimed in 1879, following petition by 70 future ratepayers, as a certain 5 mile square containing the existing settlement within it. The making of streets became the first priority and, once the streets had been laid out and cleared for traffic, keeping them clear of straying stock became the next priority. The new council fell to the task of creating order out of chaos always along the lines of the tried and true English town model. It was at the height of the Victorian era. Practically every person in the land, having come from class-ridden England, was infected with the desire to gain in status relative to his fellows by having more land, more stock, a larger dwelling, a bigger business, authority over more people, or, over more important matters, than the next fellow. It was a mindset. The existence nearby of a settlement named 'Belgravia' after what was then and still is absolutely the most fashionable and desirable locality in London gives us the flavour of people's thinking and motivation at the time.

By the time of federation of the colonies in 1901, municipalities of Bathurst, Orange, Blayney and Manildra had all been incorporated as isolated pockets of land in the vastness, with the intervening land being taken up with farms or simply regarded as land that needed to be traversed in order to get from one municipality to another. But, with federation and associated thoughts about government in general being the topics of the moment, a renewed clamour arose for the establishment of greater order in the countryside particularly with regard to the maintenance of roads and food hygiene as practised outside the municipalities insofar as it may affect the health and comfort of the residents within them. This gave rise to the Shires Act (1905), which decreed that every square foot of land in the State that did not already lie within a municipality was to lie within a shire. Thus, in 1906,

(i) Amaroo Shire was created with its seat at Cumnock and its land abutting the western boundary of the Municipality of Molong and extending northwards and westwards over a large area as far as Peak Hill;

(ii) Boree Shire was created with its seat at Cudal and its territory extending southwards and westwards to include Canowindra and Eugowra.

Shire councils were elected in Cumnock and Cudal and began to carry out their statutory duties in their areas. They were both overwhelmingly rural in character, but, having due regard to the health and safety of the residents of their small towns, who were mostly workers on the surrounding farms and their families, the councils oversaw the development of their towns fairly. This situation prevailed satisfactorily until after the 2nd World War. In the Shire of Boree the council had on it roughly equal representation from Cudal, Eugowra and Canowindra. They formed three groups. In votes on council, any two groups could combine to defeat the third. I have heard it said that the Canowindra group often made overtures to the Eugowra group with a view to systematically defeating the Cudal group to favour each other's village in turn. But, apparently, the Eugowra group resisted that, believing that the more honourable course was to back Cudal – as they were the seat of the shire – in the expectation that they would reciprocate by favouring Eugowra against Canowindra. Sadly, that almost never happened with the spoils usually going to Cudal itself.

Back at the time of federation, the extent and pace of development in Orange had been such that there were in existence the Municipality of Orange and the Municipality of East Orange. In 1906 the Shire of Canobolas was established as a large area surrounding and abutting on to both municipalities. It first lost land to the growing Municipality of Orange in 1925 and then again in 1942. In 1946 it lost land to Lyndhurst around Blayney and to the Turon Shire near Bathurst. In 1949 Canobolas suffered further loss to the Municipality of Orange.

Towards the end of the 1940's Molong Council agitated, no doubt motivated by thoughts of their own aggrandisement, to take over the whole of the neighbouring Amaroo Shire. The state government of the day saw fit to accede to this and, accordingly, 31 December 1950 was the last day of life for Amaroo Shire, which was amalgamated with Molong Municipality to become a new shire called – wait for it – The Shire of Molong. The clear implications of this were that the new shire council would be responsible for maintaining order and the health and safety of the residents of the whole of the much enlarged area – using the much enlarged revenue base to do it. But, what happened? As the years unfolded, the town of Cumnock, formerly the thriving and busy business hub and seat of the Shire of Amaroo, fell from grace, was neglected and descended to just another rural village.

When we come to the 1970's, only a small portion of Lyndhurst remains – most having been lost to the Shire of Blayney; Canobolas has been reduced by urban expansion to a tiny rump of what it once was - its village of Guyong having been left to wither and disappear. But,

Boree Shire is fully functional with its seat at Cudal, maintaining Eugowra and Canowindra mostly on a reasonable and equitable basis. Molong Shire is a different story. The council there remains fixated on enhancing their own prestige and the facilities of their council seat Molong village while treating their vast territory with benign neglect and pacifying the rural residents with platitudes and excuses.

A Boundaries Commission laboured from 1973 to 1976 over the question of what to do with these local government areas. No doubt they were subject to persuasion by the then Molong council, based on their experience and self-proclaimed success in having managed as a shire since 1951, that they should take over and manage the whole lot.

However 31 December 1976 was the last day of life for the shires of Molong, Boree, Canobolas and Lyndhurst. From 1 January 1977 the then Molong Shire, Boree Shire and a part of the then Canobolas Shire and part of the then Lyndhurst Shire were all to form a new shire. In the matter of the name of the new shire there is no doubt that the old Molong Shire Council favoured the name "Molong Shire" for it. That would have reaffirmed their presumptuous feelings of superiority and "right to govern and plunder" which was pandered to in the demise of Amaroo. However, reason and fairness had a small win with the choice of the entirely new name "Cabonne". But the burghers of Molong succeeded in establishing that the seat of the shire would be in their town. It continued a pattern that had long been emerging. Within a few years Cudal had suffered the same fate that Cumnock had suffered after the demise of Amaroo Shire – to lose its status as hub of a shire and become just another rural village.

Throughout the 1980's aldermen both of municipalities and shires together with mayors of municipalities and presidents of shires had been mixing with one another at local government conferences and the like, where the hubris of the city based representatives, founded only upon what they saw as more demanding responsibilities and larger budgets, irritated those from the country and gave rise to feelings of inferiority and resentment. So, with the Local Government Act (1993), in keeping with the drive for "political correctness" of the day, the term "alderman" was abolished in favour of "councillor"; the term "shire president" was abolished in favour of "mayor"; the term "municipality" was abolished and councils were given leave to decide how their particular entity of local government was to be called. Rural based entities were not to be obliged to call themselves "shires". So when Cabonne Shire attempts to hide the fact that it is a predominantly rural based entity by referring to itself only as "Cabonne Council" it does so without contravening the letter of the current Act. But, it is obvious that it does so in order to play down its responsibilities in respect of its far flung rural lands and villages. Councils in greater Sydney are generally more honest – e.g. "Strathfield Municipal Council", "Hornsby Shire Council", "Sutherland Shire Council".

The above history may all be verified by recourse to the State Archives. There is a pattern in what I have shown, which I feel anyone with a brain will be able to see.

Over the years rural land has all too often been taken under the control of an urban-based council. Such rural land and small rural towns as have remained with any council that had an urban seat have been used as a source of rates revenue which is used to enhance the amenity of the council seat disproportionately with respect to any reasonable measure. Such councils are infected with the same mental bias in favour of their own locality, and with disdain for more distant parts under their purview, as is displayed by those who govern from Macquarie Street, of whatever political colour.

There is in Cabonne Council library a document called "100 years of local government in Molong" written for the Molong centenary year 1979, the inward focus and Molong-centricity of which can only be described as extreme. It typifies the prevailing mind-set in treating Molong as if it is gloriously independent and without responsibilities other than itself. No doubt it was received with rapture by the then council because it affirmed their world-view. In my experience, it is useless to point out to them that Molong is just one of many villages in the Shire of Cabonne, albeit distinguished by being the seat of the shire and having the largest population. Their minds are too seriously infected by their Molong-centric ideology to understand and react appropriately to what is being said.

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The committee of our dog club would like to give Ann Bray a big THANK YOU for her kind donation of the sale of one of her Labrador puppies towards the erection of the permanent sheep yards, we are very happy with her generous donation. We have now enough money to go ahead and purchase the panels we need. A big thank you to everyone that helped us reach our goal.



To the Editor

"Nangar Valley" fire on the 12/12/2012

On behalf of The Langby Family and myself we would like to say thank you to all the people that volunteered their time and resources in helping us on that hot day in December.

Our thanks goes out to those in the RFS who came to my aid and stopped what could have been a major catastrophe. I would also like to say thank you to the ladies that brought sandwiches and cool drinks for everybody that was there on the day.

I would also like to give a special thanks to our neighbours who stayed with me long into the night and the next day to finally put everything out .

Once again a great big thank you to everyone especially to our volunteer fire fire fighters for without their help we could all be in a lot of trouble.

Thanks to everyone
Simon Moore

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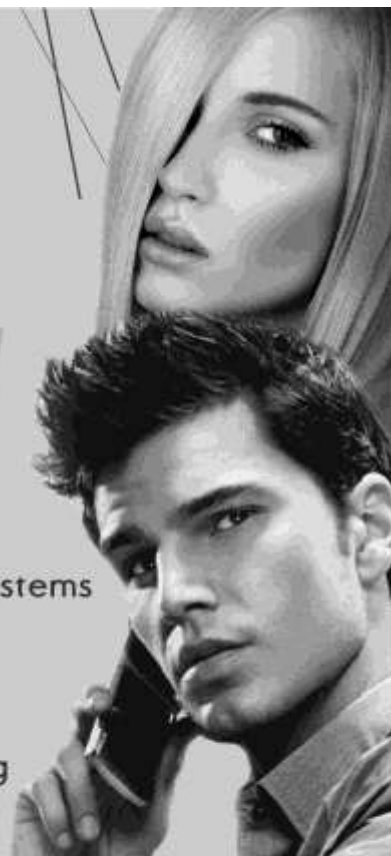
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February Recipe



Macerated Strawberries with Mascarpone



At the restaurants we make the most of the season and serve strawberries in abundance.

Ingredients

- 400g seasonal, ripe strawberries
- Juice and grated zest of 1/2 an orange
- 55 g caster sugar
- 100g-mascarpone cheese
- 2 tsps. balsamic vinegar
- 1/2 vanilla pod scraped and seeds reserved
- 2 pinches or freshly ground black pepper

Remove the stalks from the strawberries and then cut them in half lengthwise or into 4 if they are large. Take half the strawberries and place them in a bowl along with the vinegar, orange juice and zest, 30g of the caster sugar and the black pepper. Toss the strawberries through and then leave them to macerate for about 30 minutes in a warm spot such as near a cooker or oven. Whisk the mascarpone with remaining 25g of sugar and the vanilla seeds. Divide the fresh strawberries between the serving plates and then the macerated strawberries along with the flavoursome marinating juices. Finish each plate with a scoop of mascarpone and then serve.

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Eugowra Lions News

The Carols by the Creek was our final event for the year of 2012 as this replaced our Christmas party and presentation night. As the Eugowra Carols had not been held for a few years we thought this was a good opportunity to present the carols again in a new format as "Carols by the Creek."

A big thank you to Jeanine Gibby who organised the carols and was MC on the night. I am sure you will agree that Jeanine unearthed a great deal of local talent for the evening.

The Carols were well supported by the community. Santa was a welcome sight for the children. I was a bit disappointed though as I thought he might have left his "sleigh" for me.

I would like to thank all those who helped on the night, setting up, on the barbecue and packing up. Thanks also to Cabonne council and the CWA for their donations.

The Lions club made donations to the local schools on the night.

Our next event is seniors day on the 18th of March at the Bowling Club.

Once again we would appreciate some assistance from the community.

Membership of our Lions club is at a critically low level, although we always seem to get sufficient volunteers to help at our functions the Club actually needs to have members in order to continue.

I would like to invite you to give me a call or come to a meeting if you have any ideas as to how our club can build its membership and survive to serve the community of Eugowra into the future.

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FEBRUARY 2013 NEWS

Happy New Year to all our students and their families. We hope that everyone survived the heat waves and we look forward to getting back to school and hearing of everyone's holiday news. It's time to get those feet back into school shoes and catch up with friends at School.

END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS

To back track on last year; congratulations on all our students for their hard work during 2012 and the wonderful Aussie Bush Christmas concert they performed on the Prize Giving night. Everyone seemed to enjoy the evening of 13th December in our Community Hall - well done children and parents again for the great costumes that the children wore; these really made the atmosphere of celebrating the unique Australian Christmas celebrations.



Liam Heinzel, Michael Martin & Lachie Adams

Below: Primary students singing the Joeys version of the 12 Days of School.



Dena Moore, Belle Wallace and Annalise Gavin and the cooks and grannies.

The gorgeous Kindergarten elves: Sienna Carver, Lainey Myers, Eve Moore,



Below: Years 1, 2 & 3 with their Aussie Jingle Bells



Kirbie Mongan, Celeste Gavin, with their Santa; Ash Gates.

Congratulations to the following recipients on the major awards for the year;



Christian Living Award: Lachie Herbert,
Cabonne Citizenship Award: Brodie Adams,
Sports Awards: Katie Townsend & Jake McCarthy,
SRC All Rounders: Belle Wallace & Ruby Dywer,
Gundamain Literacy Award: Katie Townsend,
Attendance Award: Brodie Adams,
View Club Literacy Encouragement: Baylie Tulloch, April Harvey and CWA Bursary: Ryan Huckel.



On the last day of school, 2013 captains; Katie and Jake opened the 2012 Year 6 gift to the school; A new mat for the front door. Thank you Brodie, Lachie, Maddy and April. **By now the children**

will have settled in to their new classes for Term 1 2013 and we look forward to a new and exciting year at St Joeys.

Thanks go to all those who helped support the evening and helped make it a great success.



December 2012 Meeting

The **RAS Showgirl judging** will be held in Eugowra on 23 February 2013. The CWA will cater for approximately 30 people for morning and afternoon tea at St Joseph's Community Hall. Details will be organised at the February meeting.

CWA members will **cater for a clearing sale** on 16 March. Details will be arranged at the February meeting.

Janet Noble has been busy organising a **bus trip to Grenfell and landra Castle for Saturday 23 March** departing the Rooms at 8.15am. The bus and morning tea will cost \$35.50. Additional costs will include the tour of landra Castle (\$15), lunch (Albion Hotel), Sculpture Garden (\$5), Endemic Garden (free) and O'Brien's Hill (free). Members are welcome to bring their husbands and friends. Any community members who would like to join us should contact Janet Noble (6859 5225) please.

Secretary Frances Anderson was successful in securing a **kitchen utensil grant** and has purchased the new items for the CWA Rooms. Thanks to Frances for her efforts.

Margaret Swift and Wendy Carey will attend the **CWA International Study School** at Armidale from 1-3 February. The country of study for 2013 is Morocco.

Ryan Huckel from St Joseph's School and Cheyenne StokesHicks from Eugowra Public School were awarded **scholarships** to assist them with the costs of schooling for 2013.

Come Join Us

An invitation is cordially extended to Eugowra ladies to join us for our **next meeting at 6.30pm for 7.00pm on Friday 8 February** at the home of Kay & Max Jones, 36 Oberon St (RSVP to Kay on 6859 2321). Come along and enjoy a glass of bubbly and some nibbles and see what great times we have and how we help our community. Members are asked to bring a plate of finger food.



Christmas Craft Display
 Members enjoyed an outstanding display of Christmas Craft by Wendy Drady and Noela Lane at the last meeting for 2012 held at the Rooms on 14 December. Wendy and Noela's display of some of the items they have made over the years was delightful and ranged from patchwork wall-hangings to Christmas tree ornaments and everything in between. Members had a lovely time looking at the display before they enjoyed a shared lunch of Christmas treats after the meeting. Wendy Drady and Shirley Heinzel (left) and Noela Lane and Rosemary Fraser (right) with some of the items.



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On the 23rd of this month the Zone Showgirl Final Judging is taking place here in Eugowra, with 23 towns from across central western New South Wales being represented. 23 showgirls will be judged at the St Joseph's Catholic School rectory, starting at 8am. They will be interviewed for 15 minutes each on their local area, show society, general knowledge and current affairs. At 12:30 pm, there will be a luncheon with all three judges and the girls in attendance at the St Joseph's hall. Judging will finish between 5:30 and 6 pm.

At 6pm, the evening event at Eat Your Greens will commence in a marquee with approximately 300 guests in attendance. Our special guest speaker, Tottie Goldsmith, is a media personality. She was a founding member of "The Chantoozies", hosted the TV show Sex/ Life and has had many guest appearances in TV shows such as Neighbours, Underbelly and Blue Heelers. Tottie will make the evening memorable as she will interview each of the girls on stage. The dinner will include a three course meal with complimentary pre-dinner drinks supplied by Rosnay and a complimentary bottle of wine on each table. We have some great lucky door prizes organized for the evening. Anyone that is interested in coming to support Eugowra is welcome to do so. Tickets will be available at the Rural Transaction Centre and are \$ 70 per head.

To support our evening, we will be holding a raffle starting this week. First prize is five nights accommodation at the Bentley Waterfront Motel Sussex Inlet. Second prize is a hot air balloon flight and champagne breakfast for two with Balloon Joy Flights Canowindra. Third Prize is a 2010 signed Casey Stoner championship winning framed poster. Tickets are \$5 each and will be available at Head On In and the Supermarket. These are fantastic prizes, so be sure to not miss out. The raffle will be drawn on the night of the 23rd.

The Eugowra Show society would like to thank the following local businesses for their support: Jodie at Jamace Graphic Design, Amanda at Head on In, Eugowra Granite, Barry Herbert and Bird Pastoral Company. Our major sponsor for the evening is Suncorp. We really appreciate the time and consideration these businesses have given us, without them the event would not be anywhere near as successful.

If anyone is keen to help with setting up or would like to buy tickets for the night, please contact me on 0427521659 or visit the Rural Transaction Centre.

Cindy Herbert.

\$50,000 FOR CROWN RESERVE IMPROVEMENTS IN EUGOWRA, PARKES, RAWSONVILLE AND GAREMA

Deputy Premier and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services Andrew Stoner along with Local Member for Dubbo Troy Grant announced \$50,000 for improvements to Crown reserves across the local region.

Projects to be funded include:

- \$16,000 to refurbish the Pavilion kitchen, which has been severely damaged by termites at the Eugowra Showground
- \$8,000 to upgrade electricity supply poles and hardware at the Parkes Showground
- 19,000 to refurbish the kitchen and install new floor coverings in the supper room and kitchen at the Rawsonville Recreation Reserve and Hall
- \$7,000 for maintenance and repairs of the historic Garema Hall, including guttering, external doors and windows.

The funding is part of the Government's \$16.9m Public Reserves Management Fund Program.

"The purpose of the Public Reserves Management Fund Program is to support the development, maintenance and protection of Crown land reserves across NSW," Mr Stoner said.

"The grants and low interest loans offered to Crown reserve trust managers will be used to make improvements to infrastructure and amenities as well as purchase much needed equipment.

Mr Grant said he was pleased to see important community assets benefit from the funding.

"Crown reserves are wonderful assets valued by local communities and their ongoing success is vital to sports, clubs, business and tourism in regional towns."



LHPA surveillance role - local and emergency diseases

Written by Kasia Hunter, Lachlan LHPA District Veterinarian (Condobolin)

One of the primary roles of the Lachlan Livestock Health and Pest Authority and LHPAs across NSW is disease surveillance and reporting. District veterinarians routinely carry out in-the-field investigations into animal health issues on properties with the aim of obtaining a diagnosis and developing a treatment or prevention plan for the affected animals. The information from these on-farm investigations is collected and analysed so that regional trends or changes can be identified and where possible improvements or mitigation measures can be implemented. This vital role ensures that trade is maintained and livestock productivity is enhanced.

LHPA disease surveillance data provides valuable and useful information for local farmers, such as determining the prevalence of conditions like Johne's disease, footrot and lice in your area. District vets also have a very good understanding of local parasite epidemiology and can provide advice on suitable drench programs for your livestock. Your local district vet can also advise if seasonal diseases are starting to appear in your area, for example Three Day Sickness in cattle.

The LHPA disease surveillance role is of particular importance with regard to emergency animal diseases. Emergency diseases are diseases which do not normally occur in Australia (e.g., Foot and Mouth Disease, Rabies, Mad Cow Disease), new diseases or diseases which occur sporadically in NSW or Australia but can cause significant 'outbreaks' in animals (e.g., Anthrax, Hendra Virus). Emergency animal diseases have the potential to severely impact on trade, human health, livestock production or the environment. LHPA vets and rangers are trained in dealing with emergency diseases and form part of the frontline response in these events.

Most emergency animal diseases are classified as 'notifiable' animal diseases in NSW. Therefore there is a legal obligation under NSW law to notify authorities as soon as possible if these diseases are suspected. Further information can be found on the LHPA website (<http://www.lhpa.org.au/livestock-health>).

A few diseases are notifiable in NSW even though they already exist (are endemic) in other areas of Australia. These are diseases which NSW aims to prevent becoming established in our state, for example Brucellosis in pigs (caused by *Brucella suis*) or Cattle tick (*Boophilus microplus*) infestation. Some other diseases are notifiable even though they already exist in NSW because there is a control program in place for these conditions, because of their potential to spread to humans, or because livestock (or their products) have to be certified in terms of disease (e.g., Johne's disease).

The recent outbreak of Avian Influenza H7 (Bird Flu) on a poultry property in Maitland NSW is a prime example of the important role the LHPA and Department of Primary Industries (DPI) play in disease surveillance and response. Tracing was carried out to determine any potential risky movements of vehicles or personnel on or off the property which could have had the potential to spread the disease. No further outbreaks have been reported to date confirming the importance of a prompt and thorough response in minimising the potential spread of such contagious diseases.

Producers also play a valuable and important role in disease prevention. Therefore if you notice unusual disease symptoms, abnormal behaviour or unexpected deaths in your livestock, immediately contact your local LHPA district vet.

NSW Farmers

Last year James Whiteside, Chief Operating Officer at Incitec Pivot attended a meeting at Billimari organised by Canowindra District Council. In response to questions about security of supply of anhydrous ammonia in the future, James offered to return & give an update as more information became available.

A meeting has been organised by NSW Farmers Canowindra DC. It will be held at the Canowindra Services Club on February 12, 2013, starting at 7.30 p.m. Peter Sullivan who is now the Product Manager for nitrogen will also be in attendance to discuss the anhydrous situation this season.

For further details or to RSVP, contact Frances Anderson, Canowindra DC Secretary on (02) 6859 2202 or at anderson201@bigpond.com.

Painting the Town!

EUGOWRA VIEW CLUB



After the great success of last years mural weekend planning is well underway for Eugowra's Most Wanted 2013. We are expecting double the number of artists, 60-70, some from as far away as New Zealand. The amount of wall space painted will also be doubled. This year we are hosting the Letterheads meet, which sees signwriters from all over get together and run various classes. Including the Gilding class which will leave Eugowra a very beautiful attraction.

The weekend is shaping up as very eventful. As well as the Murals there will be a Hot Rod, Classic Car and Bike Show and of course the Mothers Day luncheon by the Creek.

The Committee is working hard to get all of this to happen. They plan to broaden the appeal of the event to suit all ages and tastes. At the present they need assistance from the community, accommodation is needed for the artists, donations and general enthusiastic help. Lets all get behind this great event.

If you can assist in any way contact Jodie Greenhalgh on 68592525

Eugowra Evening VIEW Club members were joined by ladies from other organisations in Eugowra, and also VIEW Club members from Blayney and Forbes, for a delightful High Tea at the home of Lyn and Hugh Ellis of "Kiembah".

Members voted to hold the Hugh Tea in place of the regular Christmas dinner which they have held in previous years.

With the beautiful setting, delicious food, wonderful company and entertainment by the very talented Sophie Munro, what more could anyone ask for. It was a very enjoyable afternoon, and members expressed many thanks to Hugh and Lyn for making their lovely home and extensive gardens available to the VIEW ladies.

The event was such an outstanding success that a substantial sum of money was able to be donated to the Smith Family for their work with helping children in need.

The events for members to look forward to in 2013 will commence with the February dinner with guest speaker Elaine Plicka, who will speak on a Cancer Council program, 'Look Good – Feel Better'. The dinner will be held at The Central Hotel at 6-30pm for a 7-00pm start on Monday February 4. This meeting will also be the AGM with the changeover of office bearers and membership fees are also due.

New members are always welcome- just phone Andy on 6859 3525.

Margaret Swift, Val McGrath, Jenny Anderson, and Barbara Thompson ,seated, Lyn Ellis standing at the back at the VIEW Club High Tea



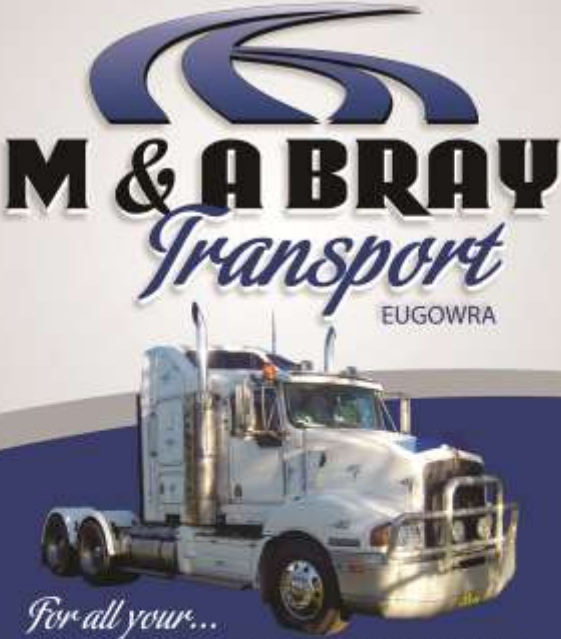
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The fire started near the roadside around 4pm on a day of searing temperatures and hot winds. The fire was about 8 klms from Eugowra. It quickly spread east through timber country coming close to the home of Marc Wheeldon.

The fire burned out 229 hectares before being contained. Fortunately the fire was contained before spreading to the nearby Nangar National Park.

As all the RFS brigades had their units ready to go due to the state-wide potential fire alert. 26 tankers were quickly in action, they were supported by two bulldozers, five graders, two fixed wing airplanes and a water bucket helicopter.

Mr. Bruce Noble who is Group Captain of the Nangar Group, spoke of the tremendous cooperative effort of everyone involved. There was a bulk water tanker at the scene to refill the tankers, the SES set up lighting and volunteers organised food and drinks. Mr Noble said it was a magnificent effort.



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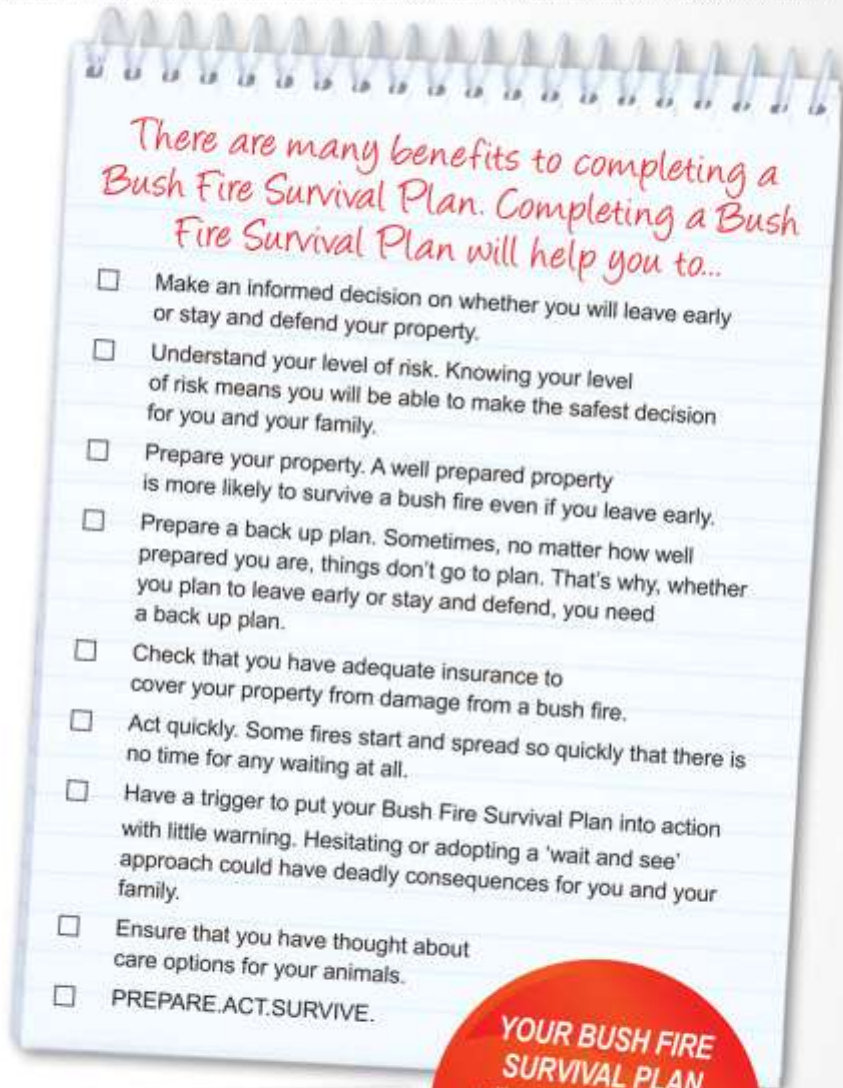


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Four Fit Ladies Fundraising for Arthritis

Marissa Callaghan and Rowena Macrae from Coonamble, with Sally Wallace and Jane Atkinson from Canowindra, kicked off a fundraising awareness campaign for Arthritis NSW in November 2012. The ladies decided to raise funds for Arthritis NSW 'Cycle for Disability' by riding a push bike from Vietnam to Cambodia in November 2013, and are the only team to have signed up from rural Australia!

Arthritis NSW supports people of all ages living with arthritis and other musculoskeletal conditions. Arthritis NSW is a non-government health charity that seeks to improve the quality of life of those affected by arthritis and other musculoskeletal conditions. For further information, please visit the site: www.arthritisnsw.org.au/, or visit the Four Fit Ladies Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/FourFitLadies

For Jane Atkinson, the reason behind the fundraising is a personal one. Jane was diagnosed with Psoriatic Arthritis and Ankylosing Spondylitis in February 2010. Both are diseases where your immune system mistakenly targets one's own body, and causes inflammation of the joints and spine. There is currently no cure for these auto immune diseases. Their goal was to kick off 2013 with a bang by seeking 25 donations of \$25 in 25 days!

Since the beginning of January they have blitzed that, raising a team total of over \$4,000, out of a total \$5,585 raised for this Arthritis NSW. With that as an incentive the team is encouraging our community to help them reach their target of \$12,700. All funds raised going directly towards Arthritis NSW, and amounts over \$2 are tax deductible!

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Marissa Callaghan , Sally Wallace, Jane Atkinson and Rowena Macrae

EUGOWRA SHOWGIRL COLUMN

I hope the Eugowra community all had a very safe and merry holiday break. Although the recent bushfire on the Canowindra road was concerning, the way our community sprang into action was fantastic.

The past couple of months have been rather busy in the lead up to the showgirl final. On the 19th and 20th of January I was fortunate to travel to

Dubbo for a Department weekend with other showgirls from across the state. I hope to put the valuable skills I learnt into practice during the showgirl final and later in life, but I certainly won't be practicing with my heels on out in the cattle yards. I had a great weekend networking with other showgirls that attended, including several from our zone. They are all fantastic ladies with a vision to ensure that country shows are a thing of the future, not the past. I look forward to seeing some of them again on the 23rd of February.

I have also recently spent a week at Cumnock both learning and assisting at their annual Australian Stock Horse Youth

Camp and Adult Clinic. It was an excellent experience and I thoroughly enjoyed learning from respected industry members, despite the heat. The children also really enjoyed the week and I had a great time working with them. For anyone that has not previously experienced these camps, I would highly recommend them.

I have made progress towards completing my veterinary degree over the holidays with a month in various clinics across the area, learning from the vets and vet nurses. I have learnt much more than I could have imagined and have really enjoyed working with real cases in various situations. James Herriot was certainly right when he said that there were many things they do not teach us in the books.

I am really excited for the upcoming zone final, I can't wait to showcase all the fantastic things our town has to offer. The evening event is going to be the highlight, I hope to see many of you there supporting our community.

Finally, as mentioned in my previous column, I will be running a Junior Judging workshop in Peak Hill this month. The date has now been set for Saturday the 9th of February. If you are between the ages of 12 – 23 and are interested in attending, please contact me on 0488 564 474.



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6 Grevillea Ave EUGOWRA

\$ 175,000

- Immaculate 3 bedroom home plus sleepout/office
- Reverse Cycle A/C's, open fireplaces
- Modern kitchen, generous lounge and separate dining room
- Double lockup garage/workshop, carport on huge block (2 titles)



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26 Pye Street EUGOWRA

\$ 140,000

- Neat 3 bedroom home
- Great location, short walk to all amenities
- Double garage with shade house
- Established trees and shrubs ensuring privacy



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Lot 2 Broad Street EUGOWRA

\$ 345,000 Vendors keen to sell

- Beautiful 3 bedroom home, designer kitchen, gorgeous light filled open plan living/dining room opening onto a wide verandah that overlooks and inground salt water pool and entertainment area.
- To the rear of the property is a covered entertainment area, and a huge 4 bay lock up garage/workshop.
- Huge elevated lot that features natural bush rock and easy care gardens



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44 Oberon Street EUGOWRA

\$ 139,000

- 4 bedroom, 2 living areas
- Light filled kitchen/dining room
- Reverse Cycle A/C and 2 gas heaters
- Property has been freshened up throughout
- Huge block with rear lane access
- Single garage and rain water tank



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38 Cooper Street EUGOWRA

\$ 110,000

- Gorgeous 1 bedroom cabin, new kitchen, new bathroom and generous living area
- Positioned perfectly amongst beautiful natural rocks on a 1246sqm block with rear access from Camp Street, where there is plenty of room to build another residence.
- All the hard work has been done.