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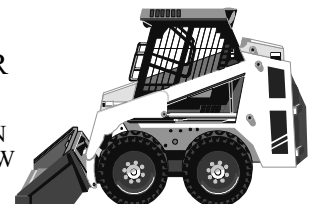
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Editorial

I have to start by apologising to Kev Leyton for misspelling his name on the **Krambach Country Music Report** last month. *Don't know where my mind was, Kev, sorry.*

Also apologies to Tony Mills for covering half of his ad with WFC 's address and in my late night stupor not noticing that I had done so.

Didn't enjoy doing this month's edition. With so many missing articles and more new ads I couldn't cut the pages back and fit everything in so have spent the last 6 hours trying to find suitable jokes as fillers. It takes longer to do that than it does to do the paper.

Krambach Hall has found new people to run the kitchen on Market Days so I hope they do well.

Congratulations to the folk who won the Krambach's Country Day Raffle. Very useful prizes.

Haven't had a report as yet on how the Fashion Parade for the Dyers Crossing Ladies Guild went or the Krambach Hall Supper Dance.

Krambach Hall has been busy this last few months with events.

The fires over the past few weeks have been dreadful with great losses of pasture at a time when there was little growing anyway with the lack of rain. I hope there was no loss of animal life and that the fires are just about out.

For the second time since moving here I actually packed the car ready to do a flit if the word came to go. When it comes down to what you REALLY think you need to save, it can be whittled down to very little that is not replaceable. Some clothing, photos, a couple of precious keepsakes, jewellery and the computer because it has everything on it, the cat and the frog.... My life fits into my car with room to spare!!!

Thanks to the local volunteer fire brigade men and women, it fortunately didn't come to me having to go.

A lot of people tend to take our volunteers for granted and one neighbour, some years ago, even expressed to me that "they get paid for it, it is their job" after he set paddocks alight on a windy day and they got out of control. I was a tad rude to him expressing that they were not.

Hopefully we will get a bit more rain this week. It is doing an "English Mist" here as I type and it is lovely and calm. Those gale force winds of last week have left me with so much rubbish on the grounds I am going to be raking for a month.

I hope the kids all enjoy their holidays and that the Year 12 students are cramming for that big LAST exam and it passes them successfully onto life in the big world they will be entering.

Trust my reporters will all be back on deck for the next edition with lots of interesting news for us before Christmas hits.

Enjoy the days 'til next month
Lyn & my new mate, *Tilley Cat*

WHAT'S HAPPENING OCTOBER, 2017

Markets & Events.

• Bulahdelah	(1st Sat)	7 th	8am to 1pm
• Blackhead Bazaar	(1st Sun)	1 st	8am to 12 noon ?
• John's River	(Sat)	14 th	9am to 1.30pm
• Wingham Community	(every Sat)		
• Myall Quays	(3rd Sat)	21 st	9am to 1pm
• The Hub Taree Showgnd	(3rd Sat)	21 st	8am to 12 noon
• Krambach	(3rd Sun)	15 th	8am to 2pm
• NABIAC	(Last Sat)	28 th	8am to 12 noon
• Old Bar	(Last Sun)	29 th	7am to 1pm
• Pacific Palms	(Last Sun)	29 th	9am to 1pm
• Forster Town	(2nd Sun)	8 th	8am to 2pm
• Halliday's Point	(1st Sun)	1 st	8am to 11am
• Town Head	(every Mon)		8am to 2pm
• Mt. George	(Sat)	28 th	8am to 2pm
• Forster Farmers Market	(3rd Sat)	21 st	8am to 12 noon
• Bobbin Community		— th	9am to 2pm
• Tuncurry Markets	(4th Sat)	28 th	8am to 1pm
• <u>Burrell Creek</u>	(2nd Sun)	10 th	9am to 12.30pm

These dates are from the council web site so could be subject to change

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WHEN you have left articles there to be collected

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With High School Formals just around the corner now is the time for all High School students to plan and think ahead by making an appointment for their special occasion with the end of year school formal.

Cassie, our Beautician, has been extremely busy with Spring in the air. Please check out our Facebook page {Nabiac Hair & Beauty} for her very generous specials every week along with booking for Formal makeup {special packages available} please make your appointments. 65 541585

We all have limited spots left for the Christmas week as our wonderful clients have booked ahead so they don't miss out on having their hair done, so please if you are thinking the same, phone the salon so we can secure your place. Gift Vouchers for Christmas are available now for all your hair and beauty services. ☺



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A much cooler day for our meeting held at the home of Peter and Christine's in Nabiac, with 61 people in attendance, 15 from Gloucester Garden Club, and other local visitors our meeting was very well attended.

A delightful sausage sizzle followed our meeting cooked to perfection by Peter and his assistant Col. Many thanks to all our members who so kindly brought along some wonderful and delicious cakes, slices, etc. for morning tea, it is very much appreciated. Jan's very large and delicious sponge filled with cream and jelly disappeared off the plate before your eyes.

The display of red flowers made for a very colourful show especially after such hot and windy days previously.

Also the garden club will be having a stall at the School Boot Sale on October 15th, all money raised on the day will be donated to the school, so if you have excess plants etc. and would like to donate them to this worthy cause bring them along on the day or drop them off at Col and Val's home 22 Cocumbark Lane. If you have an hour or so to spare your assistance on the day would very much be appreciated.

The next meeting will be a combined one held at the homes of Kathy Songbird and Shelly Frost, Merrylands Rd, Hillville on October 30th; the competition table will be a little different this time as it is fruit and or vegetables up to 5 items.

For more information about our club contact Jenny on 0400 105 333 or Val on 6559 1245.

Till next time happy gardening and hope for that much need rainfall soon, stay safe from the fires and take care in this hot weather.

Happy gardening

Val

Krambach School

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With the lack of water and accompanying warm weather we are seeing some of the more robust weeds re-establishing in areas previously cleared. The group have been busy monitoring and clearing new growth in several spots. Some weeds impact on our native animals by overtaking and removing the animal's natural source of food. Wildlife corridors can also be affected.

A large majority of environmental weeds are escapees from domestic gardens and sometimes the simple removal of the seed heads can limit spreading. Privet and Mickey Mouse (ochona) are beginning to flower, if these are in your garden and you don't want to remove them, prune before they seed. Also, watch out for berries on murraya (Mock Orange) and asparagus fern. Bag the fruit/seeds and place in the RED bin. Of course we should never dump general garden waste over the fence or in bushland; your green bin is for this!

It is sad to see wind damage to several old Lilly Pillies at Lilly Pilly Bend. Hopefully we will have some young trees to replace these but it will take a long time.

Beware! Snakes, spiders and ticks are beginning to appear so we all need to be vigilant when working in the garden or the bush. Prevention is the key!

Nabiac Landcare work each Wednesday (weather permitting) 8-9am to 11am, followed by a delicious morning tea at 3 Clarkson Street. New Members are always very welcome

Lexi Breese

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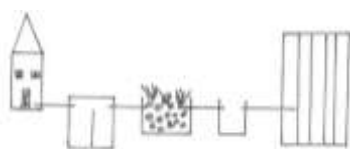
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WALLAMBA CWA REPORT

Wallamba CWA's September meeting was a little different from the norm as they took their meeting to Estia Health (Alma Place) on Wingham Road, Taree to include our Patron, *Betty Bird*, who is currently a resident.

Mid North Coast CWA Group President Mrs *Margaret Breust* had travelled from her home at Eungai-Stuart's Point to be with the members as it was to be a special occasion with several special presentations being made during the morning tea which preceded the business session.

It was Margaret's pleasant duty to present *Betty* with a **LONG SERVICE BADGE** for her many years of service as a CWA member, first starting with the Moorland Branch back in 1961 then having a break before moving to Firefly and re-joining at Wallamba in 2000 and has been a dedicated member since, holding a number of Branch and Group positions during this period.

A second **LONG SERVICE BADGE** was presented by Margaret to our Vice President, Mrs *Norma Flood*, who joined Wallamba Branch in 1996 when living at Firefly and is still an active member even though she and husband John have moved to Forster to live.

A third and special presentation, which had been kept a close secret by Secretary *Pam* and Group President *Margaret*, was the **CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION** for 43 years service & membership by current President *Iris Cummings*. Iris was completely awe struck with the recognition – having no idea she was to receive it – and was deeply humbled.

Congratulations to all three ladies on your awards and achievements as well as dedication to the organization.

Secretary *Pam* had prepared citations on the endeavours of each of the ladies and these were read by Group President Margaret as she made the presentations.

Not only were Norma and Betty recipients of Long Service Badges but they were asked to cut a special birthday cake – a Donna Latter Chocolate Cake made by member Margaret Weller – as Norma's birthday was the following day Wednesday 13th September and Betty's was Tuesday 19th September. Birthday balloons and flowers added to the atmosphere of the sitting room at Estia and further congratulations were extended to member Margaret Weller as she and husband Bruce were celebrating their 55th wedding anniversary on

Friday September 16th. Congratulations to all on the wonderful milestones in your lives.

The business side of the meeting was significantly shortened as the presentations and morning tea had been a little longer than expected but nevertheless most enjoyable.

Merle brought along the thought which she had found on the back of a yoghurt tub and it seemed most appropriate for today as it was **"Two hours spent with family and friends is worth 15 hrs of doing chores"**. Margaret to bring the thought for October's meeting.

Discussion followed on the allocation of funds raised at the International Day on Nepal and it was decided as follows:- ACWW International Work - \$100, Fistula Hospital Fund - \$100, Doctors without Borders - \$100, Salini Dutt Memorial Clinic in India - \$100 with \$95 going to Coins for Friendship.

Invitations this meeting included the 2017 Mid North Coast Group Conference being hosted at Kendall Services Club by Kendall CWA Branch on Monday October 30th commencing at 9.00am. Guest Speaker will be Mrs *Dorothy Coombes*, National President of CWA of Australia.

HO advised that CWA of NSW membership is due next month and is \$14.50 per member.

An invitation was also received from the Ladies Guild of St. John's, Dyer's Crossing for their Annual Luncheon and Fashion Parade on Friday 22nd. Unfortunately this year the ladies were not able to attend due to other commitments.

The ladies have been asked if they can help cater with some of the food for a local wedding but more details have to be obtained before confirming their acceptance.

Members are reminded that the next meeting to be held Tuesday October 10th, 2017 will be the **53rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE BRANCH** and will be held at the Wallamba Showground Hall Foyer commencing 10.00am and will be followed by the normal monthly meeting. Please bring a light lunch to share and enjoy over fellowship and chatter. All members and intending members are invited.

Pam Muxlow

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Patron Betty Bird (in chair) with fellow Wallamba CWA members (L to R) Norma Flood, Ruth Dawson, Mary Webber, Janette Jones, MNC CWA Group President Margaret Breust, Jill Hammond and Merle Barber



Right → Wallamba CWA member Betty Bird reading the citation that accompanied her Long Service Badge presentation – Granddaughter Marley Bird & great grandson Jayden Shute watching on.

Left ← Norma Flood and Betty Bird cutting their birthday cake during Branch meeting at E stia Health, T aree




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In conjunction with many other brigades, we have managed to save much valuable property, a very satisfying feeling.

A cloud for us at the beginning of the month when we attended a fatal MVA on the southbound lane of the Highway where a vehicle managed to enter the southbound in the opposite direction. A mystery and still being investigated.

In all we have attended a total of 46 incidents (including patrols) in the month and is a credit to those few who have made themselves available.

So where to from here? Official weather forecasts, and my friends "feeling in my water" forecast, predict no worthwhile rain before Christmas. IF his water is correct, we are in for a torrid time, and will need to be pedantic as to how we conduct ourselves before rain. A suggestion or two. Listen to the weather forecasts and abide by the "no fire" days. **DO NOT LIGHT UP** unnecessarily. ABC radio has great up to date information on all conditions. You must have a permit for **ANY** fire outdoors and at the moment these are limited to 3sq metres. **These can be also cancelled at any time and at times, not available.** Penalties are not a thing to be trifled with as RFS and Police are taking a much stronger view on irresponsible behaviour than in the past. There are several cases pending, you will read about some of them.

Last summer we attended a couple of fires caused by blokes (always blokes) using angle grinders or welding in areas where it was inevitable that trouble was only a spark away. Anything causing sparks, heat, slashing, is a potential for disaster through one careless act. Several hundred hectares of grazing country has been lost in the four days as this is being written in the Tipperary area alone and is still not extinguished. The old aerodrome suffered the same fate, losing about 2,000 hectares. All of these events have been caused by human intervention. The highway surface looks lush at the moment in comparison

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Local History - The Wallamba — Another in a series of historical articles gleaned from the archives of the "Manning River Times" 1927, by Bob Mann

WALLAMBA NEWS, APRIL, 1927

MANNING SHIRE COUNCIL: - ENGINEERS REPORT. Main Road 10 - Jenson's to Nabiac. The road along the flat is in a very bad condition at present. Many big holes are being eroded in the gravel by passing cars during the heavy rain of last week. I would like the council to give approval to the expenditure of about £30 for filling these pot holes and covering two of the culverts with gravel. - Adopted.

Re Carey's Road. A further inspection of this road has been made and I find that no further work has been done. I called at Mr Carey's, but he was away. I left a note for him on his return asking that he complete the work as soon as possible

DISTRICT DELUGE: Extensive Damage Near Nabiac: An esteemed correspondent at Nabiac sent along some additional particulars of the flood as it effected the surrounding district. At one point of time the water rose at the rate of 5 feet an hour. Krambach Creek broke over and flowed into the creek running into the town. In Mr D. Hancock's shop the water was 2 feet deep and did damage to the extent of between £200 and £300. Mr J.T. Magennis' back store and garage were flooded and they had considerable trouble in getting the lorry out. Goods were washed out of the back store and carried some distance away to a fence. Owing to the damage to telephone lines it was hard to get accurate information from many of the farmers. The chief damage was to the livestock, maize and fences.

The following is a rough estimate of damage sustained :- E.L. Everingham - timber & etc. £400, D. Hancock, mercer £200, J.T. Magennis - store £60. From crops and fences:- A. Croker £100, H. Croker £50, G. Holstein £75, R. Campbell £150, Carey & Everingham £200, S.G. Wright - fences & boat shed £150, Mrs McKinnon - fences, stock & plant £250, J.G. Nixon - corn, pigs and fences £80. The damage sustained by the Australian Botanical Products Ltd., Messrs. Salter, C. McKinnon and J.N. Nixon is not yet available. Those mentioned are believed to be the heaviest losers, but the following have also lost considerably—Messrs. A.W. Beisler, A.J. Bowers and E. Rouland and a host of others who have not yet been into town, but it is practically that every settler on the river has been a loser.

Bridges and culverts were washed away. Mr W. Blanch, in trying to cross the Nabiac Creek, was washed from his horse and had to swim for it. Dr Rickard and the Rev. Paton had a narrow escape while attempting to cross a culvert near Mr J. Dunn's farm on the Taree road when the car was steered off the road to save it from destruction. The Rev. Paton was thrown out but escaped unhurt. When the flood was at its highest only the roof of the receiving shed at Nabiac was visible and the rise of another few inches would have put the machinery at Everingham's mill under water. The Log punt and drogher had steam

up and were floating out of danger over the mill wharf. As it was known that Mr J.J. Nixon was away in Sydney and that Mrs Nixon and family were alone, Lieut. Bowers and Mr Cecil Everingham launched a boat and braved the raging torrent to get to their assistance. They are to be congratulated on their plucky act for the swiftness of the current and debris made the venture a very risky one. Mr S.G. Wright's motor launch was washed away, but it was recovered practically undamaged. Mr G. Spooner was also a heavy loser in stock.

At Bangwahl Creek near Failford, Mr J.F. Smith lost 12 pigs, his buggy and three acres of corn, between 300 and 400 pumpkins and about £100 worth of fencing. At Mr Elle Gorton's about 17 visitors from Newcastle were compelled to take refuge in their dairy, the water being inside their house.

Note: The district deluge referred to resulted in the biggest flood in the Wallamba's history taking place. The damage and destruction that occurred in Nabiac area extended the full length of the river down to the sea to Tuncurry. Some farmers in the lower part of the river received greater losses than those of the Upper Wallamba. At Darawank one farmer lost over 80 head of livestock only one or two head being saved.

The writers father, who was a resident of Nabiac, witnessed the heaviest fall of rain that he would ever see in his lifetime and he lived to reach the age of 87.

One resident of Nabiac could confirm this. At 11 am on the Easter Friday (April, 1927) he placed an 8 gallon cream drum out in the open and at 4 o'clock the can was overflowing. Some people claimed that so much rain must have been the result of a "cloudburst", a term used in the early days to describe rainfall that was above normal. On the Good Friday afternoon when the downpour took place the writer's father, who was engaged in the butchers trade, had to journey out to a slaughter house in Worcester's Lane to pick up a carcass that had been slaughtered for the butchers shop where he was employed. Just after he left on his journey to Worcester's Lane and in the short time that he took to reach the slaughter house and load the carcass, so much rain fell that on his journey back to the shop some of the streets had become submerged with water and at one stage the water in the streets would be up to your knees.

What a shame to think the rainfall hadn't been recorded and how many litres in today's measurement would 8 gallons be. It would have been over 8 gallons recorded because you would have to allow for the water necessary to fill the neck of the cream can too before it overflowed.



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- Present the President's report
- Receive reports from the following subcommittees
 - Nabiac Village Futures Group
 - Nabiac Second Chance Op Shop
 - Nabiac Community Technology Centre
 - Aub Ferris Sports Complex Redevelopment
 - Nabiac Landcare

Elect a new committee - President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and 3 other committee members

Appoint a public officer

Residents of Nabiac and the surrounding area and the volunteers who work in the Second Chance Op Shop are welcome to attend.

Louise Collins

Secretary
Nabiac Memorial Neighbourhood Centre

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Between the Pages

Nabiac Library News



What a hot, dry Spring we are experiencing, with temperatures reaching into the high 30's; hot westerly winds and no sign of rain. Bushfires are burning up and down the coast, including in our local area. This combination has led to many people suffering asthma or similar symptoms. Spring is also the time to look at a body 'spring clean' for optimum health. Nabiac Library has a number of books and DVD's that can guide you and your family to achieving better health and management of asthma, arthritis and allergies; as well as diabetes and general health. Please do come and visit us at the Nabiac Show-ground. We will happily guide you to our resources for health and well-being.

Nabiac Library needs YOU!

Due to some of our volunteer staff no longer being available to keep our much loved Library open for its advertised hours, we desperately need some new volunteers; particularly for the Thursday 9-11am shift. We must have 2 people on duty to open. Please help! It is an easy process. Call into Nabiac Library when we are open and pick up a Volunteer Kit. We will help you complete the required paperwork and then our lovely Coordinator *Yasmine* will give you a training session. After that the rest of the volunteer staff will be there to assist. Any Centrelink people out there, looking for a few additional hours.. please consider.

We farewell two of our loved volunteers: *Kathleen* from our Monday afternoon shift has retired from Library volunteering to enjoy more time with family and loved ones and *Debbie* from our Thursday morning shift is now studying full-time. We wish both well in their pursuits, but we will miss them. We do hope they will still drop in from time to time.

Our dear friend *Judy*, who has been a dedicated Library volunteer for many years, has had a few setbacks in life lately, but her indomitable spirit and positive thinking is still there! Our thoughts and love are with you *Judy* and *Ted*. Many of our customers and staff ask after you both, so be assured you are loved and in our thoughts. If there is anything we can do to make life easier, just let us know.

We would like to welcome our latest volunteer *Cathy*. Cathy has recently moved into our Nabiac local area from the Central Coast and her previous experience working in Libraries has proved to be an advantage. Cathy is thankfully working in some of our recent vacancies. You may catch up with Cathy on a Monday, Thursday or even Saturday!

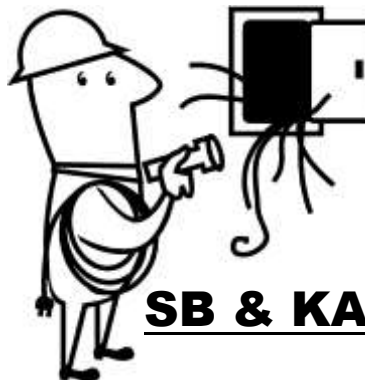
We also welcome back *Julie*, who was our local volunteer Library Coordinator after *Kath Westwell* retired. Julie has been working in Forster Library for a number of years, but is now retired and available for emergency fill-ins at Nabiac. Great to see you back with us Julie

WE STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS!!!

It may look like we have enough volunteers to cover shifts; but we desperately need permanent volunteers to ensure our local library remains open. **PLEASE HELP!**

Homework Help

Sadly Homework Help has finished at Nabiac Library on Monday afternoons for this year.



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This was a volunteer service offered by two retired school teachers; *Elizabeth*; a High School English and Music trained teacher with many years experience overseas. The second teacher *Penny* has Primary and Special Education qualifications, including Literacy, Reading Recovery and Deaf Education here in NSW.

Due to a lack of participants we have decided this is a service that is no longer relevant.

We would like to thank and farewell our only participant, *Grace*, in 2017, who has now moved schools. We loved working with you Grace and hope you come to visit us. Thank you for coming each week, learning about spelling and maths and sharing our study of Nepal!

We would love to keep Nabiac Library Homework Help Alive

If you are interested in supporting your children in learning, and would like some experienced teachers to work with them we can do this. It does not have to be about daily homework from your local school; we can offer tutoring, practise, project support; just ask!

Please call into Nabiac Library on Monday after 3pm if you are interested. Our volunteers will let us know, and we will start the program again.

School Holiday Program: Events for kids at our Midcoast Libraries

There are a heap of great activities happening around the Midcoast Libraries these school holidays. For details and bookings go to midcoastlibraries.com.au and look for the September School Holiday Program link or go to the calendar of events. Here's a summary.

- The movie *Beauty and The Beast* will be showing at Hallidays Point Library Tuesday 3rd October from 2pm-4.30pm. Booking Essential.
- Board Games and Bingo for Kids are available at varying times at Hallidays Point, Taree and Harrington Libraries.
- Scrapbooking Workshop at Forster Library Wednesday 4th October @ 10.30-11.30am. Booking Essential.
- Creative Painting (\$10) Tuesday 3rd October at Taree and Friday 6th October at Wingham. Both workshops run from 1PM - 2.30PM. Booking Essential.
- Pond Detectives at Hallidays Point Library Wednesday 4th October 10.30-11.30am. Children must be accompanied by an adult and booking is essential.
- Fun with Furies at Hallidays Point Library Thursday 5th October 10.15-11.15 am. Run by local Rural Fire Service Officers. Booking Essential.

And here at Nabiac Library we have a great jigsaw for adults and children to help complete.

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MINIMBAH MATTERS

Minimbah Rural Fire Brigade was there and so were crews from all points of the Mid Coast District, with the understandable exception of Lord Howe Island. Yes, Lord Howe Island, together with the huge areas contained within the former Councils known as Great Lakes, Gloucester, Greater Taree and Hastings, come under the control of our very capable District Manager.



We of course refer to the fire which was first reported, and responded to, in Aerodrome Road, NABIAC on Monday 4th September. As was well reported by the media, on the afternoon of Wednesday 13th, North Tuncurry was under serious threat.

Crews from as far away as Tea Gardens in the South, Barrington in the West, and Port Macquarie to the North responded. These were supported by Aerial Water Bombers and the Tuncurry Fire Boat, and their joint efforts meant that no homes or lives were lost. Often heard but rarely seen, though certainly appreciated in a situation like this, are the people in the Incident Centre who do all the "planning, manning and communicating". Just after 5pm that evening, an Emergency Warning was issued and residents were advised to seek shelter. In other words, it was not safe to attempt to leave.

These fires are currently being actively patrolled. To all those who helped save "our patch", we offer our sincere thanks.

Drive into Tuncurry from the North and on your right you will see how close fire came to homes. On your left you will see nothing but burnt trees. It's a similar situation along Aerodrome and Elliotts Roads.

This is why we keep pleading with you to

Please Prepare your Bush Fire Survival Plan.

On your way into Tuncurry you will notice the **Fire Danger Ratings** Sign. Do you understand what the Fire Danger Ratings mean for you? Likewise, do you have an understanding of the **Bush Fire Alerts** that may be issued? These are both on a "need to know" basis and you most certainly do need to know.

You can find all this information at www.rfs.nsw.gov.au While you are there, why not click on the **myfireplan** tab? It contains a series of short simple but informative family friendly videos. The **Fires Near Me** app is well worth getting also. Your local Fire Control Centre can also offer information. **Tuncurry 6539 7700 Taree 6591 2900**

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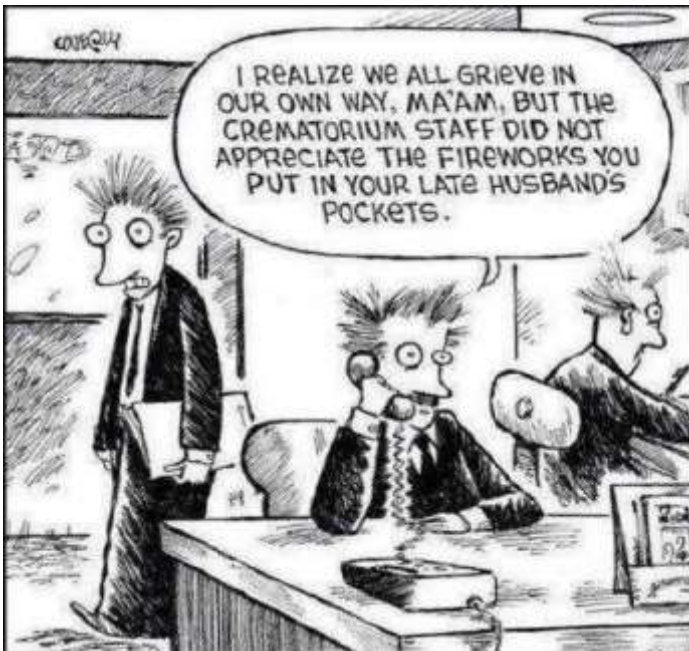


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A boy is selling fish on a corner. To get his customers' attention, he is yelling, "Dam fish for sale! Get your dam fish here!"
A pastor hears this and asks, "Why are you calling them 'dam fish.'"
The boy responds, "Because I caught these fish at the local dam."
The pastor buys a couple fish, takes them home to his wife, and asks her to cook the dam fish.
The wife responds surprised, "I didn't know it was acceptable for a preacher to speak that way."
He explains to her why they are dam fish. Later at the dinner table, he asks his son to pass the dam fish.
He responds, "That's the spirit, Dad! Now pass the damd potatoes!"

Two guys are walking through a game park & they come across a lion that has not eaten for days. The lion starts chasing the two men. They run as fast as they can and the one guy starts getting tired and decides to say a prayer, "Please turn this lion into a Christian, Lord." He looks to see if the lion is still chasing and he sees the lion on its knees. Happy to see his prayer answered, he turns around and heads towards the lion. As he comes closer to the lion, he hears the it saying a prayer:

"Thank you Lord for the food I am about to receive."



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Behind him, a short distance back, were about 200 men walking single file.

The man couldn't stand the curiosity. He approached the man walking the dog and said, "I am so sorry for your loss, and I know now is probably a bad time to disturb you, but I've never seen a funeral like this. Whose funeral is it?"

"My wife's."

"What happened to her?"

The man replied, "My dog attacked and killed her."

He inquired further, "But who is in the second hearse?"

The man answered, "My mother-in-law. She was trying to help my wife when the dog turned on her."

A poignant and thoughtful moment of silence passed between the two men.

"Can I borrow the dog?"

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'Did God send you, too?' asked the child.

'Yes, Dear,' the mother replied.

'What about Grandma and Grandpa?' the child persisted.

'He sent them also,' the mother said.

'Did he send their parents, too?' asked the child.

'Yes, Dear, He did,' said the mother patiently.

'So you're telling me that there has been NO sex in this family for 200 years?'

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Three contractors are bidding to fix a broken fence at the White House. One is from Chicago, another is from Tennessee, and the third is from Minnesota.

All three go with a White House official to examine the fence.

The Minnesota contractor takes out a tape measure and does some measuring, then works some figures with a pencil. "Well," he says, "I figure the job will run about \$900: \$400 for materials, \$400 for my crew and \$100 profit for me."

The Tennessee contractor also does some measuring and figuring, then says, "I can do this job for \$700: \$300 for materials, \$300 for my crew and \$100 profit for me."

The Chicago contractor doesn't measure or figure, but leans over to the White House official and whispers, "\$2,700."

The official, incredulous, says, "You didn't even measure like the other guys! How did you come up with such a high figure?"

The Chicago contractor whispers back, "\$1000 for me, \$1000 for you, and we hire the guy from Tennessee to fix the fence."

"Done!" replies the government official.

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Operator: 'Where did you get that number from, sir?'

Customer: 'It was on the door to the Travel Centre'.

Operator: 'Sir, they are our opening hours'.

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Caller: 'Can you give me the telephone number for Jack?'

Operator: 'I'm sorry, sir, I don't understand who you are talking about'.

Caller: 'On page 1, section 5, of the user guide it clearly states that I need to unplug the fax machine from the AC wall socket and telephone Jack before cleaning. Now, can you give me the number for Jack?'

Operator: 'I think you mean the telephone point on the wall'.

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Lesson 1.

A man is getting into the shower just as his wife is finishing up her shower, when the doorbell rings.

The wife quickly wraps herself in a towel and runs downstairs.

When she opens the door, there stands Bob, the next-door neighbour.

Before she says a word, Bob says, 'I'll give you \$800 to drop that towel.'

After thinking for a moment, the woman drops her towel and stands naked in front of Bob, after a few seconds, Bob hands her \$800 and leaves.

The woman wraps back up in the towel and goes back upstairs.

When she gets to the bathroom, her husband asks, 'Who was that?'

'It was Bob the next door neighbour,' she replies.

'Great,' the husband says, 'did he say anything about the \$800 he owes me?'

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The dam had been fixed up for swimming when it was built and he also had some picnic tables placed there in the shade of the fruit trees.

One evening the old farmer decided to go down to the dam to look it over, as he hadn't been there for a while.

He grabbed a ten litre bucket to bring back some fruit.

As he neared the dam, he heard voices shouting and laughing with glee.

As he came closer he saw it was a bunch of young women skinny-dipping in his dam.

He made the women aware of his presence and they all went to the deep end.

One of the women shouted to him, 'We're not coming out until you leave!'

The old man frowned, 'I didn't come down here to watch you ladies swim naked, or make you get out of the dam naked.'

Holding the bucket up he said, 'I'm here to feed the crocodile.'

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Lesson 2

A sales rep, an administration clerk, and the manager are walking to lunch when they find an antique oil lamp.

They rub it and a Genie comes out.

The Genie says, 'I'll give each of you just one wish.'

'Me first! Me first!' says the admin clerk. 'I want to be in the Bahamas , driving a speedboat, without a care in the world.'

Puff! She's gone.

'Me next! Me next!' says the sales rep. 'I want to be in Hawaii , relaxing on the beach with my personal masseuse, an endless supply of Pina Coladas and the love of my life.'

Puff! He's gone.

'OK, you're up,' the Genie says to the manager.

The manager says, 'I want those two back in the office after lunch.'

Moral of the story: Always let your boss have the first say.

Lesson 3

An eagle was sitting on a tree resting, doing nothing.

A small rabbit saw the eagle and asked him, 'Can I also sit like you and do nothing?'

The eagle answered: 'Sure, why not.'

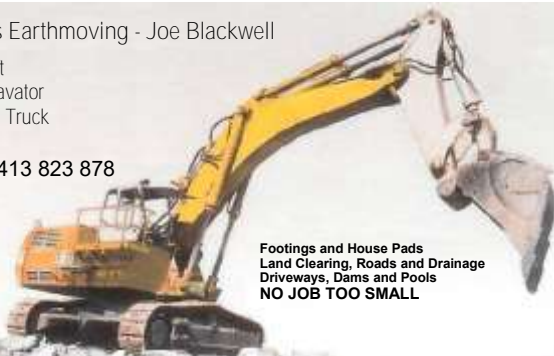
So, the rabbit sat on the ground below the eagle and rested. All of a sudden, a fox appeared, jumped on the rabbit and ate it.

Moral of the story: To be sitting and doing nothing, you must be sitting very, very high up.

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The man below replied, 'You're in a hot air balloon hovering approximately 30 feet above the ground. You're between 40 and 41 degrees north latitude and between 59 and 60 degrees west longitude.'

'You must be an Engineer,' said the balloonist.

'I am,' replied the man, 'how did you know?'

'Well,' answered the balloonist, 'everything you have told me is probably technically correct, but I've no idea what to make of your information and the fact is, I'm still lost. Frankly, you've not been much help at all. If anything, you've delayed my trip by your talk.'

'The man below responded, 'You must be in Management.'

'I am,' replied the balloonist, 'but how did you know?'

'Well,' said the man, 'you don't know where you are or where you're going. You have risen to where you are, due to a large quantity of hot air. You made a promise, which you've no idea how to keep, and you expect people beneath you to solve your problems. The fact is you are in exactly the same position you were in before we met, but now, somehow, it's my fault.'

Another Classic - "Don't Mess With Us Old Folks" Gem

I took my dad to the mall the other day to buy some new shoes (he is 84).

We decided to grab a bite at the food court. I noticed he was watching a teenager sitting next to him. The teenager had spiked hair in all different colours: green, red, orange, and blue.

My dad kept staring at him. The teenager would look and find him staring every time.

When the teenager had enough, he sarcastically asked:

'What's the matter old man, never done anything wild in your life?'

Knowing my Dad, I quickly swallowed my food so that I would not choke on his response; knowing he would have a good one.

And in classic style he did not bat an eye in his response:

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'What did you do at work today?'

He listened intently while George explained in great detail his eight hours of COBOL, binary code and JCL errors.

When George arrived home the following night, once again his father, Colin, was waiting at the front door.

'So,' he greeted George, 'what did you have for lunch today?'



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Lyn's Larder

As it has been so warm already, I thought a dish that is really quick to make and easy to eat would be good for a change.

POTATO & CHORIZO TORTILLA

INGREDIENTS

6 lge White washed potatoes, cut into 1cm cubes

2 Chorizo, sliced

½ cup Olive Oil

1 lge Brown onion, finely sliced

8. Eggs

Mint leaves

METHOD

1. Rub potato cubes well with paper towel to dry. Set aside
2. Heat a large (26cm) non stick frying pan over medium heat. Add chorizo and cook, turning, for 5 minutes or until golden on all sides. Transfer to a bowl and set aside.
3. Reduce heat to low. Add oil, potato and onion, spreading out evenly over the base of the pan and cook gently for 15 minutes or until softened. Remove from heat and drain off and reserve most of the oil, leaving about 2 tablespoons in the pan.
4. Whisk eggs in a bowl and season with salt and pepper. Pour into the pan. Return potato, onion and chorizo to the pan, spreading out evenly.
5. Cook over a low heat for 10 minutes. Increase heat to medium and cook for a further 5 minutes or until base is golden and top is just set.
6. Preheat the grill to high. Grill top of tortilla for 5 minutes or until set.
7. Slide the tortilla out onto a large plate. Invert the pan over the tortilla and holding firmly, flip the pake and pan over and return the tortilla to the pan with the cooked side up.
8. Drizzle a little of the reserved oil around the side of the tortill. Return to the heat and cook for 5 minutes until the base is cooked.
9. Remove from heat and rest for 5 minutes. Cut into wedges and serve garnished with mint leaves.

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2 tbsp. Golden syrup

½ tsp Bi-carb soda

METHOD

1. Sift together flour and sugar, stir in coconut, oats and sultanas. Combine in a saucepan butter, water and golden syrup, stir over low heat until butter melts and add soda: remove from the heat. Stir hot butter mixture into the flour mixture and stir until well combined.
2. Take tablespoonful of mixture and roll into 2.5cm balls, place about 5 cm apart on a lightly greased oven tray and press down lightly on top of mixture. Bake in a moderate oven for 10 to 15 minutes or until lightly golden. Cool on wire trays
3. Makes about 30.

A boy asks his father, "Dad, are bugs good to eat?"

"That's disgusting. Don't talk about things like that over dinner," the dad replies. After dinner the father asks, "Now, son, what did you want to ask me?"

"Oh, nothing," the boy says. "There was a bug in your soup, but now it's gone."

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A BIT OF ANIMAL ADVICE

As the hot weather has hit us and our pets are outdoors playing more, so susceptible to ticks which are now about and snakes which are coming out for a sunbake I thought this might be interesting to read. I took this off the web as I have had a couple of scares when my pooch has yelped and I haven't know if it was a sharp something in the ground or a bite from something. Lyn

A lot of us know the first aid steps to take if a person is bitten by a snake, but do you know what to do if an animal is bitten by a snake? Do you know what signs to look out for to know if your animal has been bitten?

It can be hard to know why an animal is acting sick, unwell or lethargic because unfortunately they can't tell us what is going on. This is when we need to watch them and look for the vital clues and signs of injury, trauma or disease. Snake bites can be fatal so it is important to be aware of the symptoms of a snake bite. These symptoms can be seen soon after a snake bite or develop up to 24 hours after it has occurred.

- * Swelling, irritation or bleeding at the bite site
- * Vomiting
- * Shaking, trembling or muscle twitches
- * Dilated pupils
- * Weakness and/or collapse
- * Drooling
- * Pale gums
- * Blood in the urine
- * Panting or rapid breathing
- * Paralysis

The severity or presence of certain symptoms will vary depending on the type of snake that has bitten the animal and the amount of venom that has been injected.

If your pet is bitten by a snake follow the following steps;

- * Stay calm
- * Do not try to find, catch or kill the snake; this could lead to you getting bitten
- * Keep them as still as possible and carry them to the car
- * If they have been bitten on a limb apply a pressure bandage to the limb (not too tight that you cut off circulation)
- * Get them to your closest vet clinic for assessment

If your pet has been bitten by a snake or even if you suspect that it is a possibility please get them to a veterinarian immediately for examination. Even if there are no symptoms presenting consult your vet for advice as symptoms can develop very quickly and death can occur. The quicker an animal is treated by a vet after a snake bite the better the prognosis.

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So now you know what signs to look for and what to do if your pet is bitten by a snake but I hope that you never have to put the information to use.



Babysitting duties

A boy with a monkey on his shoulder was walking down the road when he passed a policeman who said, "Now, now young lad, I think you had better take that monkey the zoo."

The next day, the boy was walking down the road with the monkey on his shoulder again, when he passed the same policeman.

The policeman said, "Hey there, I thought I told you to take that monkey to the zoo!"

The boy answered, "I did! Today I'm taking him to the cinema."

One day Jimmy got home early from school and his mom asked, "Why are you home so early?"

He answered, "Because I was the only one that answered a question in my class."

She said, "Wow, my son is a genius. What was the question?"

Jimmy replied, "The question was 'Who threw the trash can at the principal's head?'"

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Hunter Local Land Services will hold a series of seasonal condition workshops in early October, to help landholders and managers make good planning decisions as they deal with the dry start to spring.

There has been very little rainfall since early winter across the region and many farm managers are looking for options for feeding and marketing their livestock.

“A dry winter has seen winter pastures not providing the feed for this time of year and older pastures from last season have been depleted and are now of no value to provide sufficient nutrition for livestock,” said Sustainable Agriculture Advisory Officer Albert Mullen.

“Unseasonably warm weather and windy conditions in recent weeks has impacted water supplies and heavier reliance from stock is impacting both quantity and quality of these resources.”

Hunter Local Land Services staff are urging landholders to prepare their properties now and consider their options for managing livestock, heading towards summer.

“Crunch time is now looming for landholders to make staged decisions on dry season management for stock if not already in train,” said Mr Mullen.

“Hunter Local Land Services is holding a round of regional events to provide advice to landholders. These workshops will include advice on feeding, herd strategies, animal health and welfare as well as the long term forecast for beef markets.” Mr Mullen said.

The workshops will feature cattle industry experts, district vets, agronomy and pasture representatives as well as rural financial counsellors.

The information sessions will be held at:

Scone 13 October

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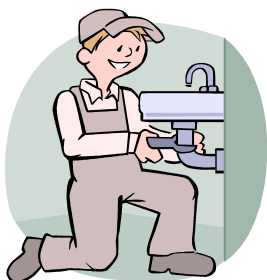
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REAL KULTCHA

I think it's time we had another discussion about *The Losers Pool!!* Yep, that's the place where all the unsuccessful football teams (particularly mine) end up when, towards the end of the season, fans (like me) are wondering what happened, why didn't they click, who signed that dumb half/rover/winger/goal kicker and can I sue the Club Management and/or Coach for promising so much and then see them lay an egg?

Some Coaches (fearing for their jobs no doubt: read last month's rant for a reminder) let fly at the referees and copped massive fines in reply. If you recall (*Why am I saying that: anybody who reads this is a moron and probably can't even remember their own name let alone remember something from last month!!*) I've spoken about the *Loser's Pool* before. So you know I'm up to speed with these matters, the ARL's facility is located on the Central Coast (and that was a sop to Gosford because they weren't given the nod to enter a team in the League at the last expansion), the AFL's is in one of the old Ford assembly buildings on the northern edge of Melbourne (because it was cheap and the AFL hopes it's just a short term thing because surely, if you've played AFL you've achieved one of life's great ambitions), the ARU's is in a disused change room at a "leading Sydney University" (they still live under the deluded impression we all think Rugby is a gentleman's game played only by the educated elite) and as the A League (soccer to the rest of us) think they're all winners anyway, they don't have one!

For several years now the Newcastle Knights have been employed in the ARL facility for the simple reason they've been pathetic and take up residency quite early. The result is they're the only ones who know how the pool cleaner, chlorinator and washing machine work. They're paid by the ARL by the way, but this is not included in the team's salary cap as it is considered to be After Contract Training (ACT) and given the number of blokes that go through the Knight's books, it's not surprising the ARL picks up the tab. I also believe the Knights have instituted a cute (though quite solemn) little ceremony at the front door as they greet each new team and it is whispered (though I don't believe it) they're training up the Tigers to take over should they (the Knights) ever win several games in the same season and look like climbing the ladder. It'll be a cold day in hell before that happens!

I have a confession to make – please be seated and remain silent. I

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have been guilty of watching some Rugby on TV. It was an error of judgement on my part and I know it shouldn't have happened. I have already gone into a corner and given myself an uppercut but felt I should confess my sin. Mind you, it was the game against the Argentinean Pumas and (if my research is correct) it could be said I should be proud to have watched it as that was possibly the first game the Wallabies have won this season! Do I feel proud? No, I feel dirty. The game has lost it's way and continues to dream of past glories and that's about on a par with soccer who (again, if my research is correct) have just lost their last chance of getting to the World Cup in Russia next year. And speaking of soccer, I saw in The Sun-Herald (3/9/2017, p 41) that Paris St Germain bought a player (*Neymar*) for \$A322 million and then followed that up purchasing Kylian Mbappe for \$A270 million! **TWO** soccer players for almost \$A600 million! Australia could just about balance our budget with that kind of money!

On the home front around NABIA (The Kultcha Senter of Oz) our soccer team has just won the Southern All Age Premiership and they did it just after the Wallamba Bulls took out the Lower Mid North Coast Rugby Premiership. Something good is happening around here and now if we could only get a cricket team together, we'd really be on a roll.

And speaking of cricket, we need to talk about *The Galahs*, who are touring the Sub-Continent. They've just managed to scrape a draw against Bangladesh - one Test all. **WE GOT BEATEN BY BANGLADESH!!!!** Yep, we did and a couple of days ago (I'm writing this on 19th September) we lost the first match against India. You want to have a laugh? Smith said after the match everybody had to lift their game. Yeh, yeh, yeh. Yabba, yabba, yabba. I haven't looked at the scorecard but I'm almost prepared to bet Smith didn't do too well with the bat (he was said to have dropped two catches though) but will he be dropped? Don't be silly, he's the Captain and the ACA doesn't do that kind of thing. They'd rather be humiliated than fire a Captain!

From the "What Tha?" file: The Manning River Times carried a *For Sale* notice recently for a Burial Plot in The Great Lakes Memorial Gardens, Taree. There could be a dozen reasons for this but it could also be the owner has decided **not to die!** I like that kind of thinking!

Talk at you next month,

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Wallamba Fishing Club



FISHING REPORT WEEKEND 15th – 17th SEPTEMBER 2017

With favourable conditions on the weekend, a few fishos ventured out to try their luck. Sunday's weigh in was well attended with plenty of fish presented. Good work to all those who participated.

Well done to *Lily* and *Riley*, 2 of our younger members, who both caught a flathead. They now have their first points on the tally.

ROCK AND BEACH

		kgs
<i>Al Harwood</i>	1 x Tailor	0.38
<i>Brett Brown</i>	1 x Tailor	0.28

BLUE WATER

<i>Ben Pascoe</i>	5 x Flathead	2.05
	1 x Leatherjacket	0.38
<i>Ray Pascoe</i>	1 x Teraglin	1.82
	7 x Flathead	3.29
	2 x Snapper	0.89
	1 x Morwong	0.49

<i>Brett Brown</i>	4 x Flathead	2.05
	1 x Snapper	0.38
	1 x Pearl Perch	0.44

<i>Brett Davison</i>	1 x Flathead	0.40
	1 x Squire	0.36

<i>Paul Lawson</i>	5 x Teraglin	8.47
	4 x Snapper	7.02

<i>Bill Crick</i>	5 x Teraglin	7.12
	9 x Snapper	9.90
	1 x Morwong	0.46
	1 x Flathead	0.59
	1 x Pearl Perch	0.38

ESTUARY

<i>Brenden Harvey</i>	1 x Flathead	0.36
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ESTUARY – JUNIOR

<i>Lily Nicolaou</i>	1 x Flathead	0.80
<i>Riley Nicolaou</i>	1 x Flathead	0.30

Next month's fishing weekend will be held at Harrington, 20th – 22nd October. Hope to see lots of members there, let's make it a good weekend. (No weigh in at the Nabiac Hotel that Sunday.)

NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.

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DONK (DE OLDE NABIACT CLUB)



Some members of this group of mechanical misfits attended the Rusty Iron Rally at Macksville early in September. For those who do not know, this is a significant event in the old vehicle and engine calendar and probably one of the largest on the east coast.

There were in excess of 300 engines, all running, cracking corn, pumping water or generating electricity. One item worth watching was a twin row 18 cylinder radial aircraft engine, with propeller, which gathered a large crowd when it was started a couple of times a day. Some 60 trucks and many tractors had also been brought in for the two day event.

A large tractor built in Bulahdelah in the mid 60's by Jenkins and Legge was also worth looking at. These gentlemen won a contract from the Australian Agricultural Company, (an old company active in the area in the 1860's) to clear that hundreds of acres of now grazing land 15kms both sides of the highway south of Bulahdelah. Very large powerful tractors were not available at this time so they built their own.

The rally was a very worthwhile experience. We will also be at the Taree Show on the 7th of October, call and say hello.

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WALLAMBA DISTRICT FOOTBALL CLUB

Northern NSW Football Club of the Year, 2016



What a sporting season it's been for Nabitac and the surrounding district!

On Saturday 9th September at the Taree Zone field the Wallamba FC men's team were crowned champions for the 2017 season of Football Mid North Coast's Southern Zone. It was an exciting game against Wingham, where both teams fought hard. Wallamba's win came care of a great team effort and goals by **Matt Absolom** and **Trent Lamborn**. **Corey Nash** was named Player of the Match. It was a special day for Wallamba FC Life Member and player **Tim Absolom**, who enjoyed the privilege of sharing the Grand Final field with his son **Matt**, and watching Matt score one and set up the other of Wallamba's goals.

The W crowd were amazing. With Wallamba FC coloured streamers, balloons, banners, signs and even biscuits, the supporters couldn't have done more to encourage the men's team and spur them on to a thrilling victory.

We held our end of season celebration for the men's and women's team the night of the men's Grand Final, in the Beer Garden at the Nabitac Hotel. We'd like to say a big thank you to the **Nabitac Hotel**, **P & L McKinnon Building** and **Modern Motors** for putting money on the bar for the two teams. It was a great night spent celebrating a fantastic season with family and supporters.

The Club's Presentation Day was held on Sunday 24th September at the town Cricket Oval in hot, blustery conditions. Despite the weather, we had a great turn-out and all our junior players were awarded trophies. Families stayed for a BBQ and to enjoy catching up with one another.

Special mention goes to the following people:- Club Person ('W') of the Year, **Daniel Wilson**; Coach of the Year, **Noel de Souza**; Women's Players' Player of the Year, **Meredith Walker**; Men's Players' Player of the Year, **Dylan Nash**; Junior Player of the Year, **Aidan Monk** and WFC's Player of the Year, **Dylan Nash** - all well deserved awardees.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to our 2017 season: the Club's

committee, the coaches, the team managers, the parents who volunteered to help out at games and in the canteen, the players, and all the people who came along to the games and supported our Wallamba FC community, from the U6's through to the senior teams. And a huge thank you to all our Club sponsors for their ongoing support. You've all helped contribute to a wonderful season!

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Notice of Annual General Meeting:

Wallamba District Football Club

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on Thursday 26th October, from 5.30pm

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News From The Pews

Nabitac Uniting Church

Services are held every Sunday at 10:15am for fellowship and coffee before commencement of service at 10:30am

Holy Communion is celebrated with the service on the 3rd Sunday.

For information regarding the Uniting Church, Nabitac please contact Margaret **Weller** (6554 1212), Jill **Hammond** (6555 7747)

St John's Anglican Church, Dyers Crossing

A Contemporary Service is held on 2nd Sunday of the month at **11:30am**. Families & children most welcome

Services of Holy Communion will be held at **11:30am** on the 4th Sunday of the month.

A non-denominational Bible Study group meets fortnightly. Ring Peggy **Sawyer** on 6559 1238 for details re times.

St Isidore's Catholic Church, Nabitac

October : Saturday 14th at 6.00pm - note new time!

(St Bernadette's note NEW TIMES all Saturdays!)

St Bernadette's Catholic Church, Krumbach

October Mass times are: - Saturday 7th at 6.00pm, Saturday 21st at 6.00pm, Saturday 28th at 6.00pm - Liturgy of the word.

Could be subject to change - check with Helen **Legg** on 6559 1211

St Thomas' Presbyterian Church, Krumbach

A Family Service is held on the last Sunday of each month at 11:15am. A light luncheon is served afterwards. All welcome. Any enquiries please phone Pastor Michael Deal on 6553 0077.

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