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REMBRANCE DAY

11th Hour of the 11th Day of the 11th Month

Lest We Forget

They shall grow not old
As we that are left grow old.
Age shall not weary them,
Nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the
Sun and in the morning
We will remember them



In Flanders fields the poppies grow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.



Once again, it is time for us all to reflect on the tragedies of war and the horrific cost in the form of the lives of our loved ones who didn't return or came back forever scarred.

We have still not learned anything from all of these battles and losses: maybe in years to come our children will solve the problems and will not have to fight to keep our way of life as we know it, safe.

So, on Saturday 11th at 11am, take a moment to reflect and pay homage to all those who have paid the heavy price for what we all take for granted - our freedom. Don't let them have died in vain.

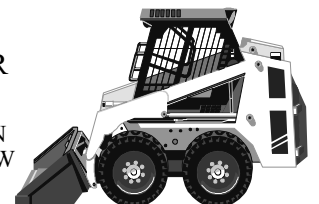
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Editorial,

The rain was welcomed with open arms at my place, but the gale force winds, downed branches and shredded leaves it left behind were definitely not. My tank is full to overflowing (really need to get a 2nd one as watching all the overflow just run into the orchard was a bit sad), and the dams have just about refilled.

I was lucky to not have any hail damage here, but I understand some areas were very badly hit with rather large hail stones. We just can't win with the weather at this time of year.

Spring "sprung" in the form of summer weather to begin with and now it is back to very crisp mornings and nights and hot days. Consequently I now have a head cold. Good all through winter when you usually get sick, but sick in the warmer weather? You go figure!!

Remembrance Day is fast approaching and there are details on page 5 of a Service being held at the Memorial Park, Nabiac, starting at 10.30am for those wishing to pay their respects.

Forster is having another of their Lakeside Music Festivals on Saturday 4th - you will have to check last month's issue for details as I wasn't sure if this issue would be out in time for another ad for it.

There is a huge "garage" sale/pre property type sale on 18th just down the Pacific Highway. Sounds like he has something for everyone, including some antique objects and furniture besides the usual tools, farm machinery, etc. Worth a visit, maybe catch a bargain!

The "Sinfonia Mid North Coast" is coming to Nabiac Showground Hall on Sunday 19th. The music is Australian themed and from their article on page 15, also composed by Australian artists. Sound like a good afternoon. Might even manage to get down there myself.

For all of you water lovers, Cindy has started her water aerobics at Nabiac pool again. Three mornings a week, and, astoundingly, she DOESN'T charge a fee! Not many like her about. She is a *Keeper*!

From what I understand, fire permits are available for "PILE" burns, but there is a new catch. The pile has to be inspected before the permit is granted! Assume this is because of the unpredictable weather patterns at the moment. Can appreciate that our local 'firies (?)' have had a pretty hectic couple of months and just want to make sure they don't have it as bad in the next few months.

Once again, my plaudits to them all for giving up their time - for free - to go out and risk their lives putting out fires, most of which were "little fires that got out of hand, sir!"

More new and BIG ads this month and, again, a shortage of articles. Apologies to the advertisers whose ads are concentrated on one page but I just wasn't up adding another four pages like last month and having to find enough joke/stories to fill the blanks.

Maybe it will sort it self out for December's issue.

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING NOVEMBER, 2017

Markets & Events.

• Bulahdelah	(1st Sat)	4 th	8am to 1pm
• Blackhead Bazaar	(1st Sun)	5 th	8am to 12 noon ?
• John's River	(Sat)	11 th	9am to 1.30pm
• Wingham Community	(every Sat)		
• Myall Quays	(3rd Sat)	18 th	9am to 1pm
• The Hub Taree Showgnd	(3rd Sat)	18 th	8am to 12 noon
• Krambach	(3rd Sun)	19 th	8am to 2pm
• NABIAC	(Last Sat)	25 th	8am to 12 noon
• Old Bar	(Last Sun)	26 th	7am to 1pm
• Pacific Palms	(Last Sun)	26 th	9am to 1pm
• Forster Town	(2nd Sun)	12 th	8am to 2pm
• Halliday's Point	(1st Sun)	5 th	8am to 11am
• Town Head	(every Mon)		8am to 2pm
• Mt. George	(Sat)	25 th	8am to 2pm
• Forster Farmers Market	(3rd Sat)	18 th	8am to 12 noon
• Bobbin Community		— th	9am to 2pm
• Tuncurry Markets	(4th Sat)	25 th	8am to 1pm
• Burrell Creek	(2nd Sun)	12 th	9am to 12.30pm

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

Burrell Creek Hall has Bingo 1st Monday of the month @7:00pm

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WHEN you have left articles there to be collected

Contributions should be submitted - in writing - by the 25th of the month for inclusion in the following month's edition.

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We are a registered collection point here at the salon so please don't be shy, anyone can help this fantastic cause. You may start your collections now so your bag is full of goodies. Remember the Yellow coloured tie around the handle if you wish for your donation to go to a Teenager ☺

#itsinthebag XMAS DRIVE

The "It's In The Bag" Christmas charity campaign idea came to us when we realised that Christmas is a time for everyone to feel a little happiness. There are plenty of charities catering to the needs of children at Christmas, but the same can't be said for those women who put the needs of others before their own.

There are 85,000 homeless women who need your help this Christmas. Many have fled domestic violence or experienced extreme poverty. We wanted to make them feel special. You can help. It's simple and it makes a big difference in a woman's life.

#itsinthebag

You have the power to make life better for a woman or girl experiencing homelessness or poverty this Christmas. Donate to our Christmas collection "It's In The Bag". Provide pads and tampons, personal hygiene products and everyday luxuries to homeless women, women at risk or women experiencing domestic violence. It's simple. First of all, choose a handbag you no longer use. Then, fill it with items that would make a woman feel special, pop in a thoughtful note or Christmas card and show her someone cares. Show her that she matters because everyone deserves to feel that way.

Next time you're at the shops, collect a few items for your Christmas handbag. No matter how you celebrate Christmas with your family, this will be the most meaningful and appreciated gift you give this year.

What goes in the bag?

Your handbag can be packed full of useful things and little luxuries for someone experiencing homelessness or in crisis. So what do homeless women need? Chances are, she needs the same personal care and sanitary items you need. Especially relevant items are those little things you need everyday, from your toothbrush to your hairbrush. Because nobody should go without life's little essentials!

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Krambach Garden Lovers News



Another good attendance at our meeting held at **Shellie** and **Barry** home in Hillville; with 2 visitors our attendance was 44 and we also welcomed 2 new members. Welcome **Robyn** and **Jackie**, we hope that you will enjoy the fellowship and friendship of our group.

Many thanks to our members who so kindly cooked up some delicious cakes and slices for our morning tea, it's very much appreciated and enjoyed by all.

After a look around Shellie's garden it was off across the road to see **Kathy's** garden. It was nice to see just how much her garden has grown since we visited there about 4 years ago. Thanks again Ladies for allowing us to visit your lovely gardens.

Our swap table overflowed with so many different types of plants etc. so no one should have gone home without something new for their gardens which should be looking good after the rain. To those who have suffered hail damage we trust that your garden will soon be looking a picture of colour once more.

The display of fruit and vegies was interesting and pleasing to see, it's nice to have fresh vegies straight from the garden, they taste so much better.

The next meeting will be our Christmas Party held at Kings Creek Retreat on November 27th; all members and their partners are welcome. Santa and his helpers will be there to hand our gifts. This year it's a garden or Christmas theme to the value of \$15-20 and, of course, we will be singing the much loved Christmas Carols led by **George Hoad**, President of Garden Clubs of Australia.

There will be no competition or swap table at this meeting.

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

Happy gardening

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The Nabiac Landcare **Annual General Meeting** will be held on **Wednesday 13th December at 11am** at 3 Clarkson Street. The outgoing President, Secretary and Treasurer are all retiring after many years of service to the community.

Light rain has seen lots of grass slowly emerging within the burnt areas of bushland, nature's wonder! However, weeds also love this weather and the group is working around the Village on elimination of the prolific and flowering camphor laurel, privet, honeysuckle, wandering dew and lantana.

With summer just around the corner when we are all outdoors for barbeques, picnics or just having fun in the bush or by the river, be aware of spreading plant disease on returning home. Some plants can be worse than Bindies!!!! **"Arrive Clean, Leave Clean"**, a booklet from the Department of Environment, outlines a few tips to help prevent the spread of invasive plant diseases and weeds while in the bush. These threaten our native plants, animals and ecosystems. It is so easy to brush past a plant and pick up spores on your clothing. The booklet is definitely worth a read (See Mr Google).

Lastly thank you to everyone who donated towards our Lilly Pilly bend project. We are no longer seeking funds at this stage so thanks again for your support.

Nabiac Landcare work each Wednesday (weather permitting) 8-9am to 11am, followed by morning tea at 3 Clarkson Street. Membership is only \$2.00 and new members are always welcome.

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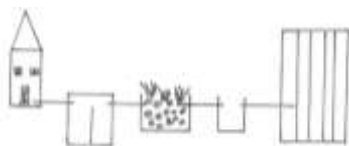
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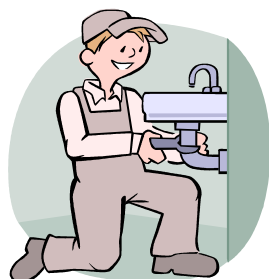


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HALL MEETINGS: Monday following the Krambach Markets each month at 3.00pm. Next meeting on **Monday 20th November, 2017.**

Volunteers and Committee members welcome to join.

HALL MARKETS: 3rd Sunday of the month. 8:30am to 1pm

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NABIAC R.S.L. SUB-BRANCH

Remembrance Day is just around the corner. NABIAC RSL Sub branch will be holding a service at the NABIAC Memorial Park on the 11th of November starting at 10.30 all are welcome.



Armistice day (Remembrance Day) signifies the end of World War 1 with the signing of the Armistice at 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918. It was signed at Compiegne, France; this saw an end to fighting on the Western Front. On this day we pause to remember those who sacrificed their lives in all wars and conflicts.

The 31st of October was the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Beersheba which was the first and largest Australian Light Horse charge in history. To signify this battle there has been the re-opening of the Light Horse Memorial at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra.

This November also signifies a major step in Australian history in the Second World War, the 75th Anniversary of Kokoda. In 1942, the Battle for Kokoda took place and on the 2nd of November Australian forces recaptured Kokoda from the Japanese with the help of the Fuzzy Wuzzy Angels.

Jennefer Trott-Peton
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Krambach Hall Supper Dance Report

A great time was had by all at the recent Krambach Hall Supper Dance. There was lots of old time dancing and singing to the music of **Barney Carle** with an ample supper which Krambach is known for.

This will be repeated again on New Year's Eve starting at 8.00 pm - entry is \$10.00, including supper, so why don't you all come along and have an enjoyable evening with friends and neighbours - hope to see you there



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Courses are offered to beginners and advanced users, so come along with your questions. Courses cost \$5.00 a lesson, plus a \$5.00 Annual Membership Fee.

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Wednesday Mornings: Hanna is available for general help.

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WALLAMBA CWA REPORT

October is the month of the AGM and this meeting preceded the general monthly held October 10th at the Showground Hall Foyer and was attended by 11 members including new member *Coral*

Gabriel, President

Iris chaired the meeting opening with the National Anthem, CWA Motto and CWA Prayer and then all reports were presented and moved.

The election of office bearers was conducted by 2nd Vice President, *Norma Flood*, with the following re-elected to the executive and individual categories as follows.

President – Iris Cummings,
1st Vice President – Margaret Weller,
2nd Vice President – Norma Flood,
Secretary – Pam Muxlow,
Assistant Secretary – Penny Britton,
Treasurer – Mary Webber,
Assistant Treasurer – Jill Hammond,
Catering Officer – Norma Frieden,
International Officer – Penny Britton,
Assistant International Officer – Pam Muxlow,
Handicraft Officer – Merle Barber,
Assistant Handicraft Officer – Janette Jones,
Agricultural and Environment Officer – Jill Hammond,
Cookery Officer – Margaret Weller,
Cultural Officer – no specific member to head up this segment and all members will help out during the year.
Publicity Officer – Pam Muxlow,
Auditor – Kerry Clout,
Patron – Betty Bird,
Delegates/Councillors – Penny Britton, Merle Barber, Jill Hammond, Margaret Weller, Pam Muxlow, Iris Cummings, Mary Webber and Janette Jones.

Our meeting place date and time will remain the same i.e. Wallamba Showground Hall Foyer 2nd Tuesday of the month, except January, commencing 9.30am for 10.00am start.

The AGM was closed at 11.00am and this then followed by the monthly meeting when members paused to remember the passing of *Pam Bithrey*, wife of *Gordon* a former Nabiac resident, *Bill Murray*, brother of *Mrs Jeanie Paterson*, *Jan Roy* of Krambach, *David Nightingale*, *Norman Williams* a friend of member *Penny Britton*, *Lyn Chave-Jones*, a relative of *Pam Muxlow*, *Shelia Bull* member *Norma Frieden*'s friend and USA Musician/Rocker *Tom Petty*.

Margaret Weller brought along the thought which was *"Kind words can be short, and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless"*.

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Jill Hammond will bring along November's thought.

Several ideas were put forward as fundraising efforts but nothing has been finalized and more discussion will be held over the coming months with maybe something happening in 2018.

Members *Merle Barber*, *Penny Britton*, *Jill Hammond*, *Margaret Weller* and *Pam Muxlow* are to attend the 2017 Mid North Coast CWA Group Conference this year being hosted by Kendall CWA Branch at the Kendall Services Club on Monday October 30th. Hopefully will be able to report on it in the December issue of *Across the Fence*.

Details have been released on the studies for 2018 – Country of Study – **Poland**, Fauna is **Owl**, Flora is **Orchid** and Foe is **Alligator Weed and Deer**.

Handicraft Officer *Merle* brought along a collection of Christmas decorations which members had made at the monthly craft classes conducted by *Merle* and we were asked to vote on our favourites so four could be selected for the Branch Project next year.

Penny has started looking for information on Poland already and brought along a DVD about a Zoo Keeper's Wife set in Poland in 1939 who helped Jewish people to escape the atrocities of the Nazis. *Penny* also looked up the Alligator weed on the smart phone and spoke about it and also *Pam* mentioned a weevil using to eradicate *Salvinia* weed in NT billabongs.

Cookery Officer *Margaret* has started to 'stir the mixing bowl' asking members to participate in 2017-2018 cookery competitions which begin in November and looking forward a huge number of entries this year.

A very proud Great Aunt *Iris Cummings* spoke of her great niece *Kylie Westaway* publishing her second children's book titled "Why Can't I be a Dinosaur" and showed us the review from a current Sunday paper. Member *Penny*, who also volunteer's at the Nabiac Library, is looking at approaching the library to purchase a copy to put on their shelves.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 12 noon with members then enjoying a bring and share lunch and lots of fellowship and friendship.

A reminder to all members, and those ladies who would like to know more about CWA, that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 14th at the Wallamba Hall foyer commencing at 9.30am for 10.00am start.

Hope to see you there and don't forget if staying for the lunch afterwards please bring a small plate of goodies to share.

Pam Muxlow

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NABIAC & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB BRANCH

As part of the new forming Nabiac and District Lions Branch (currently a sub branch of Halliday's Point Lions Club) one of the first projects we are undertaking is to "*Share The Dignity*" with the "*It's In The Bag*" Christmas Drive.

We all have the power to make life better for a woman or teenage girl. Share the Dignity with women and teenage girls who are experiencing homelessness, poverty and or domestic violence. Fill a handbag that is no longer used with sanitary items and items that will make a woman or teenage girl feel special and SHOW HER THAT SHE MATTERS.

Nabiac Hair & Beauty is our inspiration for this project and they are a registered collection drop off point at Shop 2-25 Nabiac Street, Nabiac so drop your filled handbag off between the 18th of November and the 2nd of December 2017 and "Share the Dignity".

Nabiac and District Lions Branch is also working on our first fundraiser, a community calendar for 2018. The calendar will be distributed to 1,000 homes in the area free of charge. It will include local services and community clubs information on the back and will be advertising the incredible local business's in the Nabiac and District area. Being the first fund raiser for our club it will give us, as the new Nabiac and District Lions Branch, the opportunity to do what we do best as Lions and that is to support and serve our community. For any local businesses interested in advertising for 2018 Calendar please contact us to discuss the matter further.

Lion Sue - 0418 607 292 or

Simone at Bellewood Saddlery 0419 374 623



St John's Ladies Guild Spring Luncheon Report

On the day 90 people sat down to Lunch. We had a wonderful Trading Table and many thanks to everyone who contributed to it with Jams, Cooking, Pickles, Eggs, etc.

A beautiful Guyra Crystal Necklace donated by Kevin Layton for a Raffle Prize made the ladies all wishing to win.

The Models did a wonderful job of displaying the Fashions from Noni B Taree. Many thanks to you all for your mannequin skills and especially to Noni B for supplying the clothing without which there would have been no Parade.

The Guild would like to thank everyone who helped us in any way on the day. The Kitchen Ladies, Jeanie for the Flowers, Helen on the mike, all the men folk, Peg and Julie and also Kevin and Shirley Layton.

Helen Martin (Sec)

A quick reminder:-

Dyers Crossing's St John's Anglican Church's Children's Christmas Service and Christmas Tree date is Sunday night December 17th, 2017.

More information in the December issue of Across the Fence.

Helen Martin



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Things have slowed down a bit after the torrid times of September and early October when we had 47 calls on our time in just 30 days. Although we have had 29 this month it feels as if we are having a spell. The usual fires and MVA's. Of course we are not the only Brigade feeling like this, all brigades have had the same experience. Sure we have had rain but it is still summer and we have a way to go yet.

We are most appreciative of the generosity shown by our locals. A Facebook post by an unknown contributor had a substantial amount of bottled water delivered over a period to our station. This was very humbling and totally unexpected. Also dropped off was an amount of non-perishable energy bars - these have already been put to good use. It also shows that the public appreciate the efforts of **ALL** volunteers whose aim is to make life more comfortable for others. Thanks heaps to those generous unknowns who made the effort. We go through a lot of H2O.

A couple of interesting events this last month. Got called to a southern service centre where a customer selected forward instead of reverse and drove into a pit containing a very large diesel storage tank. (Full). Just the boot lid visible to us on arrival. No damage to the tank but some to the vehicle and the driver's ego.

At the same venue, ten days later, a Benz driver tried to pass, *on the left*, a B double turning into the facility. This took the side out of the car and resulted in the escape of a small amount of oil. The **"Do Not Overtake Turning Vehicle"** sign was clearly visible on the tanker.

The **BIG** news for us is the arrival of a new tanker. Some may think it looks the same as our previous truck which we have had for 15 years and has done great service. Not so. This has rear passenger seats that do not resemble the previous "milk crates" as mentioned by one member, is far more comfortable than the previous vehicle and full of safety features we have dreamed about for yonks. Electric hose winders will make life so much easier for the women & those of us who are "vertically challenged" and have struggled with the manual winders fitted to the older vehicle.

It also has an automatic transmission, a first in our RFS district which includes the area bounded by Gloucester, Wauchope, Taree and Great lakes. NABIAC is, according to F/Com, one of the busiest Brigades in this district, (we attend on average 100 calls a year) and a testament to those few who make the effort. The new vehicle is valuable asset to our village and broader communities. Thanks also to those in charge who think we deserve it.

Permits are again available, (pile burns only). Please be patient, there are a lot of calls on the permit guys so it may take a while for them to get to your request. Please remember we are **ALL volunteers and don't get paid**, so the time we spend on Brigade activities comes out of our usual living.

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

WANG WAUK was visited by a heavy rainstorm on Good Friday which raised the creek and river to an extent that was never known before. In the morning the river started to rise and kept rising until midnight. On Saturday morning it was found that the bridge on the main road, at the Post Office, over Brushby Creek was gone and a culvert at Mr J. T. Worth's (?) on the Wang Wauk - Cocumbark road over Bulby Creek was washed away and much damage done to the farms and crops. Mr James Salter (jnr.), his wife and family had to leave their home for several days. Wang Wauk was indeed isolated with no phone or mail communications and all traffic was suspended. The river was crossable on Monday, but more rain came and the river was again uncrossable from Tuesday till the following Friday. On Tuesday morning Messrs. J. Carter and W. Holden were on their way to Nabiac for supplies. They crossed the river but found they could not get any further so returned home. Their horse and sulky and the men were carried downstream. Mr J. Carter was exhausted when he got on shore having swam in a heavy overcoat. Mr W. Holden freed himself of his coats and kept the sulky as long as possible hoping it would guide the horse to shore, but the horse was drowned. The place has a most dilapidated appearance, but the traffic has resumed again through Mr T.H. Williams' property until the Manning Shire Council fixes up a temporary bridge on the main road.

Note: This is another story of the deluge that caused the greatest flood in the history of the Wallamba River.

NABIAC, MAY, 1927: Miss Winnie Newell was entertained at "Bapaume", on Thursday evening last, prior to her Departure for Sydney where she will be a student at the Metropolitan Business College. The function took the form of a social evening and eulogistic references to the departing guest were made by Mr Eb. Everingham, Mr James Stevens, and Mr Magennis after which Miss Newell was the recipient of a purse containing a sum of money as a small token of the esteem in which she was held. Miss Newell, who is the daughter of Mrs L.J. Newell of Koribar, has taken a lively interest in musical and society affairs throughout the district in connection in which she has rendered valued and highly appreciated assistance and she will carry with her the sincere wishes of her many friends for a brilliant career and a bright and prosperous future.

SCHOLASTIC: Miss R. Taylor, teacher at Bucca Wauka school, has tendered her resignation to take effect from June 1st. The residents of that locality have arranged to entertain Miss Taylor at the residence of Mr Val Weismantel on Wednesday May 18th in recognition of her valuable services as a teacher which are highly appreciated.

MANNING SHIRE COUNCIL: At the recent Council meeting the following was discussed:- Nabiac - Krambach Road. Record flood rains caused much damage at the crossing of Nabiac Creek on the Nabiac - Krambach road; the old crossing was scoured to a depth of

about 4 feet and the road covered with logs and rubbish. The construction of a temporary crossing was necessary at a cost of about £10 pending the carrying out of a permanent one at an estimated cost of £150. The hill above the Tipperary road junction is considerably scoured and requires reforming and repairs to water table and renewal of gravel. Reforming cost - 60 chains at 15/-, £45. Renewal of gravel - 100 yards at 6/-, £30. Total £75. Avalon Hill - reforming 40 chains at 15/-, £30. Renewal of gravel - 150 yards at 6/-, £45. Total £75. Total for road, £310.

Tipperary Road:- The culvert at the 4 mile has been washed away and a temporary crossing has been fixed up. The renewal of the culvert in timber is estimated to cost about £30 and general repairs to the 6½ miles of road will cost about £15 per mile for reforming where scoured out and for renewal of gravel. Total for road £130.

Bucca Wauka Road:- There is about 11 miles of road which will require about £10 per mile for general repairs - total £110.

Bulby Road:- The general repairs on this road will cost about £100.

MANNING SHIRE COUNCIL MEETING, JUNE, 1927: At a meeting of the council held on Monday 20th June, the following information re the Nabiac Creek Bridge was released. *The crossing at the Nabiac Creek was so far completed that it was opened to traffic on Tuesday the 14th inst. The only work remaining to be done is the provision of a stone apron on the downstream side which should be finished early next week.*

JULY, 1927: SECRETARY WANTED. In this issue of the Manning River Times Mr J. W. Startin, President of the Wallamba District Agricultural and Horticultural Society, invites applications closing with him on July 30th from persons willing to act as Secretary. Applications should state the salary required for the show only and for the show and carnival.

AUGUST, 1927: Miss Gladys Pelley's friends in the Wallamba and Manning River Districts will be pleased to learn that she is now convalescent after the trying experience of having to be still on her back at home for almost 14 weeks. The result of a sulky accident some two or three years ago. The effect of the accident did not make itself felt until recently when it was found necessary to seek medical advice. Miss Pelley's own patience and philosophy, had a lot to do with her complete recovery and she is truly deserving in the knowledge that she will soon be strong and well in her health again and Miss Pelley herself says that all the thanks for her recovery are due to the care and devotion of her people who ministered to her wants with untiring cheerfulness and also to the advice and skillful attention of Dr Stokes and Dr Richard of Nabiac respectively.



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A reminder that our **Annual General Meeting** is on **9th November at 7.30pm** at the Neighbourhood Centre, Nabiac. Residents of Nabiac and the surrounding area and the volunteers who work in the Second Chance Op Shop are welcome to attend.

AGENDA

Present the Treasurer's Report
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

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Between the Pages

Nabiac Library News



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN NOVEMBER!!!

Nearest 10.30-11.30am STORYTIMES to Nabiac are:-

HALLIDAYS POINT LIBRARY - Fridays 3rd, 10th, 17th, & 24th November at Village Shopping Centre in High Street,

FORSTER LIBRARY - Wednesdays 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd November at Breese Parade,

TAREE LIBRARY - Thursdays 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th November at 242 Victoria Street.

For pre-school age children (3-5 years) held during school term time with stories, songs and craft.

WRIGGLE, GIGGLE, READ - Stories, rhymes and craft for 0-2 years.

HALLIDAYS POINT LIBRARY - Wednesdays 1st & 15th November 10.30am-11.30am

TINY TURTLES - FORSTER LIBRARY Stories, rhymes and craft for 0-2 years Thursdays 2nd & 16th November 10.30-11.30am

Mobile Device Special Interest Group @ Forster Library Thursdays 9th & 23rd November 2-4pm. Need a hand to use your tablet or smart phone?

Knitter Knatter @ Forster Library Friday 24th November 10am-12pm A very sociable and charitable monthly event in the library.



International Games Week @ Nabiac Library

MidCoast Libraries will join over a thousand libraries around the world during International Games Week 29th October until 4th November, as they transform their libraries with play. Like many other libraries

across the country and around the world, MidCoast Libraries will bring out board game favourites for everyone to enjoy. Customers are also welcome to bring their own games.

When:

- Monday, 30 October 2017 | 03:00 PM - 05:00 PM
- Tuesday, 31 October 2017 | 09:00 AM - 05:00 PM
- Thursday, 02 November 2017 | 09:00 AM - 11:00 AM
- Saturday, 04 November 2017 | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

If you are interested in seeing which libraries around the world are involved then have a look at this map

<http://games.ala.org/igw-map-and-your-library/>

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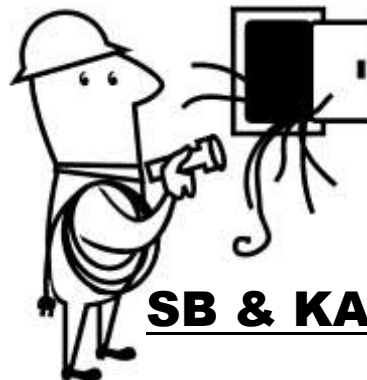


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We will also be launching the *inaugural inter-branch Puzzle Off!* The libraries that will be taking part are Taree, Forster, Gloucester, Wingham, Hallidays Point, Harrington, Nabiac and Tea Gardens. This will involve each library completing a puzzle of the same style with the same amount of pieces over the week of International Games Week and the first library to finish the puzzle will be given the title of **2017 MidCoast Libraries Puzzle Master**. Game rules will be posted soon.

We are going to keep the games and can bring them out for school holidays. The games we hope to get include snakes and ladders, Yahtzee, a card game and Jenga, plus the competition puzzle. Please invite your family and friends to come along and start playing.

Author event: "Steps to Survival" by Denise Sweeney @ Forster Library

Monday, 27th November 2017, 10:30 am to 11:30 am Forster Library, 4-12 Breese Parade, FORSTER

Denise's books shares her story of survival against a rare and aggressive type of endometrial cancer and the strategies she used (self-talk, compartmentalisation, visualisation, relaxation, visual cues, mindfulness and a graded activity schedule). Denise will also talk about the risk factors and symptoms associated with gynaecological cancers, to help women become aware of any unusual changes in their bodies so they can seek medical advice sooner.

Book will be available to purchase on the day.

Free event Contact MidCoast Libraries 6591 7256

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Bush fires can, and do, travel at 25 km per hour, especially with a decent wind behind them. That's way faster than people. Embers fly many kilometres ahead. Even if you live a few blocks back from the bush you are not safe. Tuncurry was proof that embers will jump rivers and roads. Flying embers will find the weak spots around your home, such as dry leaves in your gutters, or long dry grass in your back yard. Yes, there were a lot of fire trucks attending the Tuncurry and Aerodrome Road, NABIAC fires, but do the maths ... There will never be as many trucks as there are houses. Don't make it easy for a fire to take hold.

Please Prepare your Bush Fire Survival Plan.

Now that the dust has settled, fire permits are once again being issued, but that may change if the weather gets nasty again. During the fire danger period it is essential that you have a permit before you burn. It goes without saying that fire permits do come with strict rules which must be adhered to. Don't risk a fire, a fine or a fight with your neighbours. Your local Fire Control Centre can provide information.

Do the right thing and give them a ring.

Tuncurry 6539 7700

Taree 6591 2900

On **Saturday 2nd December** our Brigade will be hosting a Christmas Barbeque for Members and their families and friends. That includes all neighbourhood families. We will be at the Fire Station (**681 Minimbah Road** for those new to the area), and will be gassing up our new Barbie at around 11.00am. Everyone is invited – all we ask is that, for catering purposes, you **ring Verena on 6554 1492 by Wednesday 27th November** to let her know you are coming. Just bring your own drinks and if possible a salad, desert or some finger food to share. Last year some new "locals" came along and met us, so if you are new to the area, don't be shy. Come and meet the Volunteers who form your local Rural Fire Brigade. Because being a Member of the NSW Rural Fire Service is a very worthwhile and fun thing to do, we will encourage you to join our Brigade, but we won't hound you about it.

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By **Laura Pennington**.

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Item of interest.

Subject: Taree council **Date:** 6 October 2017 at 8:23:39 AM AEDT
Krambach

- Project type Road reconstruction
- Project value \$1M
- Project schedule Due for completion March 2018

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Australian Landscapes in Words and Music

Your regional community orchestra, Sinfonia MNC, is running a series of concerts in November titled Australian Landscapes. The Kantabile and Company of Voices choirs will feature too. **John Kellaway**, who is one of Sinfonia's patrons, former head of Newcastle Conservatorium and head of brass at Central Coast Conservatorium, will join us again as a player and to share the conducting with **Heidi Lambert** and **Iain Pole**.

The programme is focused on Australian music ranging from the new to the well known. From music you may wish to sing along with to music that has not been performed before but is about Australia and/or by Australians. We have three world premieres in one programme.

The Man From Snowy River which is three times Australian. The music was composed by **Bruce Rowland** who has personally given Sinfonia permission to perform the music. It was written for the iconic film, which was inspired by the poem by **Banjo Patterson**. Bruce Rowland was so pleased to be approached directly for permission to perform his work that he adjusted the arrangement to suit our regional orchestra to play. Several of our regular guest players will help boost the sound which requires five French horns, piano, harp and electric bass.

Goodnight to Fraser Island by **Robert Allworth** is an atmospheric piece that paints a soundscape of sunset on the island. Think mosquitoes, sandhills and shadows, semi-tropical heat.

Reflections is an unpublished work by the late **Mike Butcher** - a "Pom" who became thorough-going Australian serving in our defence forces and who contributed broadly to music education in more than one state. Mike Butcher's deep roots in brass bands comes through in the rich sonorities of this piece.

Iain Pole, Assistant Conductor, was commissioned by Sinfonia to write a piece, which he has titled **Gestalt**, as a tribute to our late violin/viola player and inaugural member, **Shirley Smith**, who sadly passed away suddenly last year. Some Nabitac "locals" may well remember Shirley, who taught local children violin from her home "just up the road" from Nabitac.

Miguel Guthridge, this year's **James Hannah-Sinfonia Scholarship** holder, who you may have heard playing von Weber's Clarinet Concerto in June, has written **Luttuoso** which he will perform on cello with the orchestra.

And because it's nearly Christmas the choral second half will feature two songs you know and also four Australian Carols by **William James** and **John Wheeler**.

You will not know our other Christmas song but probably will be able to sing it by the end of the concert. **Merry Be You All** was written by **Jon Seccombe**. It was arranged by **Peter Stephenson** of Turnaround Studios with assistance from **Heidi Lambert** for the percussion parts. Jon Seccombe has kindly given Heidi permission to present the song here in November. It will be performed in London for a Christmas event in December.

Come experience live orchestral music in one of our very Australian venues.

Australian Landscapes concerts: Nabitac Showground Hall, 2pm, Sunday 19th November
Laurieton School of Arts, 2pm, Saturday, 25th November
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1 tsp	Vanilla extract
1 ½ cups	Plain Flour
1 tsp	Cream of tartar
½ tsp	Baking soda
¼ tsp	Salt
1 ½ tsp	Cinnamon
1 tsp	Ginger powder
¼ tsp	Allspice
¼ tsp	Clove powder

FOR ROLLING:

¼ cup	Sugar
1 tsp	Cinnamon

INSTRUCTIONS:

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C).
Fit two cookie sheets with a silicone baking mat or parchment paper, set aside.

Mix ¼ cup sugar and 1 tsp cinnamon in a small bowl and set aside. This is for rolling the cookie dough in before baking.

In a mixing bowl cream the butter and sugars together. Add egg, then vanilla, and mix well. Scrape down the sides as needed.

In a separate bowl, sieve together the flour, salt, cream of tartar, baking soda, cinnamon, ginger, allspice, and cloves to remove any lumps.

Add half the flour mixture to the butter mixture on low speed, then add pumpkin puree, and add the rest of the flour mixture. Scrape down sides as needed. Dough should be thick.

Scoop 2 tablespoons of dough at a time and roll into a ball. Do this will all the dough. Now roll the dough balls into the cinnamon sugar mixture, and line 2 inches aside from each other on the cookie sheet (they spread out as they cook). Use the palm of your hand to press lightly on the top of the cookie, this will help even baking.

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"Smithers, old man, tell your new CO about yourself."

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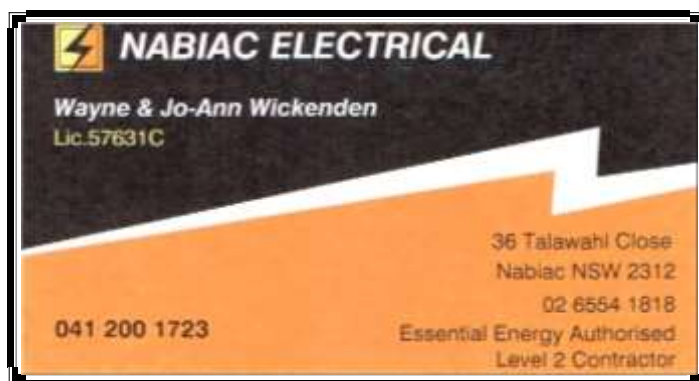
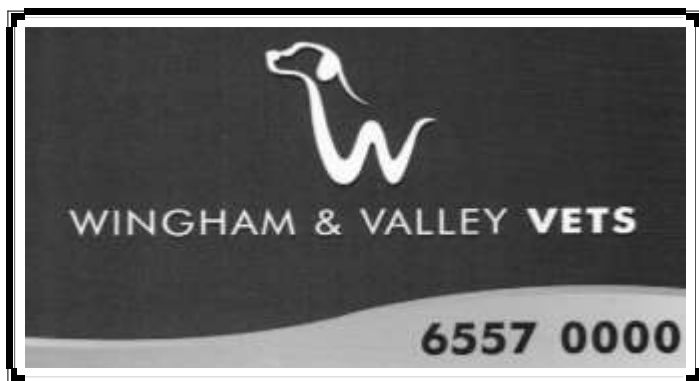
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WEEDS.....an interesting account from a local on Council requirements.

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The Midcoast Council is there to help identify weeds and provide advice, amongst other things, and has a program of inspections. As a result of these inspections a landholder may be advised to control weeds identified or may be required to undertake a directed program of weed management. The range of options available to the council will be sympathetically agreed or defined in relation to the weed types or the extent of the problem. The recommendation is to develop a Weed Action Plan or a Biosecurity Plan to be able to demonstrate to the Inspection Officer that you are managing any issues in your land. Such plans are largely generic and minor adjustments can show you are active in controlling weeds. The council website can be a first point of exploration (www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/Environment/Trees-Plants/Weed-Management).

The NSW Biosecurity Act (2015 No24) which replaced the Noxious Weeds Act (1993), under the NSW Biosecurity Strategy 213-2021, in the Act (Part 22 Division 2 Section 371 & 372) defines that a local authority's functions are to appoint a weed control officer to prevent, eliminate, minimise, manage biosecurity risks posed by weeds, and develop, implement, coordinate and review weed control programs, and to inspect the biosecurity risk posed by weeds in relations to the land for which it is the authority.

The Midcoast Council is a member of the Hunter Regional Weed Committee convened under the Local Land Services North Coast (<http://northcoast.lis.nsw.gov.au/biosecurity/weed-control>). The Committee has developed a Hunter Regional Strategic Weed Management Plan 2017-2022 in which they define the implementation and governance of weed control in the region. The Midcoast Council has developed Noxious Weed Property Inspections Fact Sheet which provides information to Landholders about the inspections the Council undertakes under the Act.

The Strategic Weed Management Plan is worth a good read as it provides quite some detail about what are the different types State & Regional Priority Weeds (Appx 1 Pg47-54 [State] & Pg55-63 [Regional]). Weeds are listed under the following headings along with targeted outcomes & strategic regional responses:

- Prevention: *currently not found in the region, pose significant biosecurity risk and prevention of the biosecurity risk posed by these weeds is a reasonably practical objective.* Lists 16 species including: Chilean Needle Grass & Serrated Tussock.
- Eradication: *present in limited distribution and abundance in some parts of the region. Elimination of the biosecurity risk posed by these weeds is a reasonably practical objective.* Lists species like Giant rat tail grass & Gorse.
- Containment: *widely distributed in parts of the region. While broad scale elimination is not practicable, minimisation of the biosecurity risk posed by these weeds is reasonably practicable.* Lists species like Glory Lily & Groundsel Bush.
- Asset Protection: *widely distributed in some areas of the region. Their spread should be minimised to protect priority assets.* Lists Giant Parramatta grass & Blackberry.

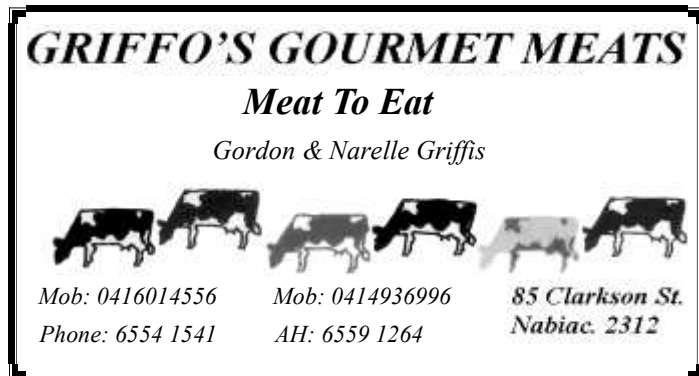
One curious aspect of the Weed Management Plan and the listed species is that the Soda Apple species is not listed in the above plan nor in the Midcoast Council's *Plants declared noxious table* available from their website. There is a long list of plants in the table and it indicates in which of the original three council areas (Gloucester, Taree or Great lakes) these may be found.

If you have received a letter from the council and were wondering what weeds they might be looking for you may refer to the above table or the Plan appendices. These lists may, however, not be a complete guide to all weeds, and in this the council visit may give you an opportunity to clarify if that plant you are noticing is a controlled -as in Gazetted- weed or not. Of course, in your Weed Action or Biosecurity Plan you will have identified the ways you will patrol for weeds on the land you are responsible for.

A Weed Action or Biosecurity Plan, which can be presented to the council as a demonstration of our care and control of weeds may typically have some details of aims, plans and definitions as well as a map of the property showing areas of management activities and a list the actions taken: date, plant focus, action, season, herbicide, results. Plans need to be regularly reviewed and will have a lot of generic details and can be easily adapted for a particular property. The Council may be able to show you an example.

My inspection was planned and I stand ready with my gumboots and plan in hand keenly awaiting the Council officer. I think we'll wander down along the creek and over the hill skirting the blackberry and lantana invading from the road. I'm sure I'll learn a lot.

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Please RSVP to KGLL President, Robyn Lamond, robyn.lamond@gmail.com to RSVP and for Committee nomination forms. Afternoon tea will be provided.

KARUAH CATCHMENT LANDCARE GROUP MEETING

Monday 6th November, Stroud Hotel, 7pm-9pm

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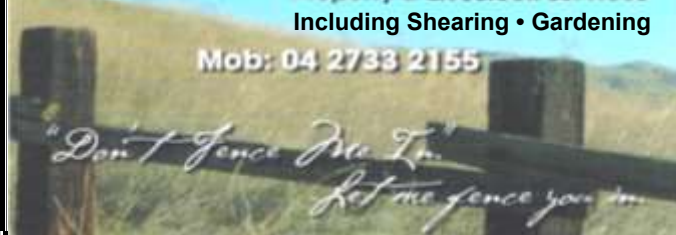
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It's been a long, hard winter: not the weather you fools, the footy season! But it's now over and all the clubs are looking seriously at what happened to their season and what can they do to improve their chances of winning next year? There are a couple of standout issues already. *Cooper Cronk* has moved to Sydney to live with his fiancée and has told his manager he'd be prepared to play for a couple more years if the right deal came up. The word is the *Chooks* are breathing heavy for him but at the time of writing no deals had been done. Also, *Garth Brennan* (Garth Who?) has been signed as the *Titans* new coach to replace *Neil Henry* who lost out in a battle of egos with *Jarryd Hayne*. The word is Garth was a police prosecutor and a beat cop before he took up coaching seriously so you'd have to think he can negotiate and if not, he'd better be carrying a big truncheon (like a mattock handle). And just so you know I'm up to speed (*of course, I wouldn't have to be moving very fast to be out in front of you lot*) but I have a copy of the 2018 ARL draw and let me give you a couple of observations. The *Sea Pigeons* will face only one (1) top eight team (from this year) in their first six matches and the *Chooks* will face only two top eight teams in their first 10 matches! There's no justice – the silver tails are still being looked after!

Down south the AFL has just completed their transfer period and a number of high profile players bounced around in the hope they can land in a premiership winning team while the clubs hope their hiring/firing can help them put together a good team. If my information is correct, the AFL draft is about to start and for those of you who haven't managed to stay awake around this time each year, the draft is where players (generally younger but not always) coming into the sport are assessed and the clubs that finished at the bottom of the comp this year get first pick of the new meat! Of course, clubs can (and do) trade their picks with other clubs for players on another club's roster. It gets complicated and I have to admit upfront, I'm not fully across the process. In truth what I've just written is pretty well the total of my knowledge. Will however, the mighty *St Kilda* manage to make some clever trades and good picks to set them up for 2018? Who knows? Every player is only an injury away from the hospital ward and if a club has too many in that, then it's an early arrival at the Loser's Pool!

Let's talk about the *Galahs*. I don't really want to but with the Poms due here shortly (possibly without their best player because he's a knuckle dragging lunatic) and after the results achieved during the tour



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of Bangladesh and India (which could best be described as an unmitigated disaster) we could be looking at a thrashing! At the time of writing *The Southern Stars* (the Australian Women's cricket team) have beaten their Pommy counterparts in the first one-dayer and by the time you read this they'll have played another two one-dayers at Coffs Harbour and be preparing for the first Test at North Sydney Oval on 9th November. If they do well (as I confidently expect they will) I'd like to suggest we play *The Southern Stars* against *The Pommy men* because I just don't see *The Galahs* being competitive against any international team unless it was Malta or the Japanese – and I'm a bit leery regarding the latter.

I don't know if you've been following the issue but last year a player in the NFL (American football) "took a knee" during the playing of the National Anthem. By that I mean when the anthem started he dropped onto one knee rather than stand with a hand on his heart – which seems to be the accepted way of doing it. The fellow said he'd done it to demonstrate against racism in the US. At the time there was a bit of flak but it cooled down. Now however, the Hew Hess of Hay has a new President and he has – in his inimitable fashion – taken on the many more players (usually of Afro/American race) who have "taken a knee" so far this new season. If there's one thing I've noticed as I watch the NFL games I record, there are a lot of Afro/American players in the NFL and the owners have sided with them. Question: are the owners siding with their players because they also believe there is a lot of racism in the US or are they just protecting their investment because they've got a lot of money tied up not only in the franchise and the players but the stadiums as well? Trump has now started a petition so his supporters can show their patriotism by signing it. Another question: how would you feel if members of the Kangaroo team in the upcoming Rugby League World Cup "took a knee" during the playing of Advance Australia Fare in protest against something they felt was wrong in Oz? Essay of no more than 500 words should be forwarded to the editor.

Talk at you next month,
Hillside Critic



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The following fish were weighed in:

Lauchlan Harvey - estuary

4 x bream - 1.82kg

Brendan Harvey - estuary

2 x flathead - 0.67kg

Darrell Harvey - blue water

2 x snapper - 0.82kg

1 x flathead - 0.34kg

Bill Crick - blue water

4 x trag - 4.87kg

1 x flathead - 0.80kg

1 x pigfish - 0.35kg

Paul Lawson - blue water

5 x trag - 7.60kg

1 x pearl perch - 0.43kg

Paul Kneller - blue water

1 x hairtail - 1.46kg *Club Record

Ray Pascoe - blue water

8 x flathead - 2.48kg

Luke Williams - blue water

1 x kingfish - 11.20kg *Club Record Juniors

1 x flathead - 0.43kg

1 x morwong - 0.57kg

Ethan Williams - blue water

1 x flathead - 0.32kg



The weekend was a success despite the weather. Members enjoyed the convenient location and variety of fishing options and as a result caught a wide range of fish.

Fishing weekends are held on the third weekend of every month with the weigh-in taking place at Nabiac Hotel at 2.30pm on the Sunday.

We welcome our recently joined members and invite anyone interested in joining to contact Michelle Pascoe on 0400 651 288.

Anne Kneller

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DONK (DE OLDE NABIACT CLUB)



Yep we were at the Taree Show and had a great day. Didn't see much of the show although the racing piglet's next to us were very entertaining. We also had a great number of visitors which makes the effort of setting up and running our display worthwhile. Never ceased to be amazed that the majority of people (less than say 50 y/o) who ask "what does that engine do? run on"

Of course, years ago there was no electricity (and maybe again soon?) to drive pumps, milking machines, anything that electric motors now do and to explain gently that this was how we lived is, at times, met with some disbelief.

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Jane

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Congratulations to all the office bearers who were elected in this years AGM.

A huge welcome to *Daniel* and *Krystal* who already have some outstanding ideas.

The 2017/2018 committee consists of

David Weller:-	President
Andy Harper/ Daniel Wilson:-	Vice Presidents
Michelle Gordon:-	Secretary
Melinda Berry:-	Treasurer
Bec Harper/Wendy Weller:-	Registrar
Krystal Wilson:	Canteen Co-coordinator
Tanya Kauter:-	Uniforms

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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, Nabiac

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(St Bernadette's note NEW TIMES all Saturdays!

St Bernadette's Catholic Church, Krumbach

November Mass times are: - Saturday 4th at 6.00pm, Saturday 11th at 6.00pm, Saturday 25th at 6.00pm
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