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Editorial,

Once again the Silly Season is approaching and the weather has been just as silly over the past month.

The winds have been driving me nuts (not a long trip) and you never know if it is going to be calm or blowing a gale.

I had a fire permit for 3 weeks to burn off the leaves and top branches of the trees that came down in the gale a couple of weeks ago, and the pile is still sitting there, the permit has expired because I am over cautious, I suppose, when lighting fires as they terrify me and I need absolutely NO wind blowing before I light the match.

Will have to get another one and try again.

I hope those who suffered damage in the hail storm and following gale are recovering and although a lot of damage was done, I haven't heard that anyone was hurt. A Blessing

I suppose everyone is getting ready for Christmas and holidays. My best wishes to all for a peaceful, safe and happy Yule Tide.

Lots of parties, both Christmas and New Year to attend, I expect, catching up with family and friends who we only seem to see at this time of year.

I have no idea what my family is planning but I assume they will be up for the week between Christmas and New Year to take a break from hectic Sydney. With my two elder grand kids more or less "too old" for Santa, I only have to worry about the 6 going on 20 year old who has everything a kid could want, so I don't know what to get her. Any ideas out there.

More new ads this month. Hopefully they are people whose services you can make use of.

My thanks, as always, to my "reporters" for helping me fill the pages of the paper and the advertisers who make the paper possible, and to the readers who seem to enjoy it. Special thanks to Tim for keeping me sane when I have hissy fits at my inability to get things right.

I really appreciate all the efforts made to keep articles coming in and always look forward to anyone who wants to submit news or anything of interest that can go into it to fill it up.

I am looking forward to my own break from publishing it as it can sometimes be a very frustrating job.

My thanks also to Buckingham's Real Estate for printing the Front cover again. Hope you all like it.

Hope you all have a great New Year's eve.

Enjoy the days 'til next year!

Lyn & my mate, *Tilley Cat*

WHAT'S HAPPENING DECEMBER, 2017

Markets & Events.

• Bulahdelah	(1st Sat)	2 nd	8am to 1pm
• Blackhead Bazaar	(1st Sun)	3 rd	8am to 12 noon ?
• John's River	(Sat)	9 th	9am to 1.30pm
• Wingham Community	(every Sat)		
• Myall Quays	(3rd Sat)	16 th	9am to 1pm
• The Hub Taree Showgnd	(3rd Sat)	16 th	8am to 12 noon
• Krambach	(3rd Sun)	17 th	8am to 2pm
• NABIAC	(Last Sat)	no th	8am to 12 noon
• Old Bar	(Last Sun)	24 th	7am to 1pm
• Pacific Palms	(Last Sun)	17 th	9am to 1pm
• Forster Town	(2nd Sun)	10 th	8am to 2pm
• Halliday's Point	(1st Sun)	3 rd	8am to 11am -?
• Town Head	(every Mon)		8am to 2pm
• Mt. George	(Sat)	? th	8am to 2pm
• Forster Farmers Market	(3rd Sat)	16 th	8am to 12 noon
• Bobbin Community		— th	9am to 2pm
• Tuncurry Markets	(4th Sat)	23 rd	8am to 1pm
• Burrell Creek	(2nd Sun)	10 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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HO, HO, HO. December is here!
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SALON

Fiona, Cassie, and I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our clients a wonderful and safe Christmas with your family & friends and a big thank you for your continual support over this last year. We look forward to seeing you all back in the salon in 2018. Have a happy and safe New Year.

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*This month saw many women give so generously to **Share the Dignity** Fundraiser with #ItsInTheBag Christmas campaign for which we were a drop of point here at the salon for the second year. We were truly overwhelmed with the amount of bags that were handed over by the date we sent this to print, with about 80 handbags filled with gifts and love. Many thanks to the ladies who found the time to give to the most vulnerable woman & teenagers at Christmas time.*

Special thanks to the kind gentleman who donated \$50 so I could buy extra items to fill a bag, thank you M.

Will give final tally of handbags next issue. For the people interested go to www.sharethedignity.com.au and you will read much more.



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Krambach Garden Lovers News



Wow, what a night, even a thunderstorm with torrential rain could not dampen the spirit's of the garden club members from enjoying a night of fun, friendship and food.

Our patron, *Helen*, was emotional and surprised when a birthday cake and flowers were presented to her to celebrate her 90th birthday.

Our special guest *George Hoad*, President of Garden Club of Australia, looking very dapper in Christmas waist coat and bow tie (beautifully made by his mother) presented the certificates to the winners of the flower competition, *Cindy, Sandy* and *Val*. Congratulations to those members.

A big thanks goes to the members who gave up their time to help set up for the evening and to *Sandy* for once again using her talents to arrange the beautiful flowers which were admired by all.

Santa (*Brian*) and his reindeer with the red nose (*Kathy*) and other helpers handed out gift to all the members from under the Christmas Tree.

Many thanks go to *Carla* and *Spud* for the beautiful meal enjoyed by all, no one would have gone home hungry.

Then to finish off the night *George, Kathy, Jeanie* and *Peggy* lead us with the Christmas Carols.

The next meeting will be on January 29th at the home of *Jill* and *Brian*, Easton Rd, Kings Creek; this will be an evening meeting followed by a sausage sizzle. The flower competition will be member choice. All members and guest are welcome to come along so bring your chair and join in the fun.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, may 2018 be a good one for all.

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Val



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Our President, *Harold Huntingford*, and Secretary/Treasurer, *Leonie Bell*, are both retiring this year and we would like to thank them both for their dedication to both Nabiac and the environment.

Harold has been a wonderful role model for all of us over the years and has gained the respect of everyone for his hard work, dedication and willingness to get things done for Nabiac.

Leonie has been inspirational, tirelessly encouraging the local community to keep areas such as Lilly Pilly bend, as places for relaxation and contemplation of nature.

Lexi Breese

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PRESIDENTS REPORT 2017

After twenty (20) years service to Nabiac Landcare, time and age both cause me to take life a little quieter. So as I handover my position as President, I do it with mixed feelings. I am proud of the achievements of Landcare in Nabiac where we worked together as treasured friends. I do hope the group will continue to thrive and achieve useful developments, maintaining our parks in good eco health and show pride in living in a clean, bright and beautiful place.

The highlight of 2017 was the celebration of Lilly Pilly bend bridge repairs (the bridge stood the test of minor flooding) plus improvements to pathways and furnishing/installing seating, as well as creek water testing, tree planting and maintenance of weed control in other areas.

I will be assisting Steve Howard of Midcoast Council with park maintenance, nearer to my new house in Tuncurry. Meanwhile, I wish you all good health, prosperity and productivity into the future.

Harold Huntingford

President

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.

Nabiac Landcare will break over the Christmas period from 20th December and resume in February.

We wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.

Lexi



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Not as many calls as previous months but still keeping the wheels of the new truck turning which is taking a bit of getting used to. What luxury compared to what we have had. Must admit the previous truck, which we have had for 15 years, did an amazing amount of work in sometimes near impossible situations. It has been bogged several times, put off the road on occasion and had melted plastic panels on the doors due to being too close to hot stuff at times. Ah! memories.

Permits are on again of course and a reminder that you must abide by the conditions enclosed. Notify your neighbours; notify F/com in your area (not at w/ends) and the RFS would appreciate a call as well.

In conjunction with Minimbah and Firefly brigades, Nabiac ran a reasonable sized hazard reduction in Pipeclay Creek Rd recently. A good training exercise for those newcomers who are new to the job. They, without exception, had a ball and got their new gear dirty for the first time. Well done crews.

As usual, this will be the last publication until February; we would like to extend a happy family time for the upcoming holidays and safe travelling for those that do so. Please be careful.

Great Lakes Forster com 6558 8800, Taree 6591 2900.

Permits. Jason, 0421 951 757. Brian, 0427 541 072

This will be my last copy for the RFS. I trust you have enjoyed the banter, and hopefully found it entertaining and helpful. Stay safe at all times.

'Ole Smokey

Many thanks "Smokey" for your continual information. Hope one of your "crew" will continue the good work. Ed



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WALLAMBA CWA REPORT

President *Iris Cummings* opened November's meeting at 10.00am and welcomed 10 members including our newest member *Coral Gabriel* and we hope that she will enjoy her time with the ladies.

Apologies were received from our Patron *Betty Bird* and member *Pat Byram*.

Following the opening formalities of the Anthem, CWA Motto and CWA Prayer, members paused to remember departed family members and friends and this month we had Janette Jones nephew Laurie Campbell and also a dear friend, Mary Webber's friend John Harper, Iris Cummings great nephew John Shaw and friend Bob Jones, Penny Britton's great nephew Peter Warner of New Zealand and Paul Denley son of the late Jim Denley of Nabitac (who was a regular guest at our CWA functions when he was alive). To all our deepest sympathy is extended.

Jill gave us the thought for this month and it was

"A friend is someone who thinks you are a good egg, even tho you're slightly cracked or sometimes scrambled".

December's thought will be provided by *Mary Webber*.

Five members, *Penny, Merle, Margaret, Jill* and *Pam* had attended the 89th MNC CWA Group Conference, which was hosted by Kendall CWA Branch at the Kendall Services Club and attended by over 60 members within the group, together with two wonderful speakers, *Dorothy Coombe* Nation President of CWA of Australia and *Wendy Hudson* from Kendall who is a Police Youth & Liaison Officer based at Laurieton and heavily involved with the Kendall Tennis Club. Both these ladies were very dynamic speakers and occupied the dais for the better part of the morning session.

Group Office Bearers presented their reports and these included our own *Penny* as Group International Officer and *Merle* who is the Group Handicraft Officer. *Penny* presented a number of awards for international work on Nepal and *Merle* gave her results for the year on Handicraft.



Pam Muxlow receiving her Citizen of the Year Award.

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Our own *Jill Hammond* won 1st place with her Ag & Environment Poster on the subjects studied throughout the last 12 months. Well done to these ladies for their efforts.

The next big event for the Group was the Council meeting hosted at Macksville RSL and was to be attended by *Margaret Weller, Jill Hammond, Penny Britton* and *Iris Cummings*. This also was to see the first section of the Land Cookery for a number of items, cakes, jams, Christmas Puddings but unfortunately I have since heard that Wallamba didn't have any first place getters, however there were a couple of second and third.

Donations for the Krambach, Coolongolook & Nabitac Public Schools End of Year Presentations were discussed and once again the Branch has given \$25 each to the schools. Many thanks go to the Nabitac Hotel Social Club who generously donated \$200 to assist the Branch with their annual rental for the use of Wallamba Showground Hall Foyer as our meeting place.

Merle reported that she had attended her first State Handicraft Committee meeting and was made to feel most welcome. Several changes are being looked at and these could happen in 2018. 'Paper Craft' will be the technique to be demonstrated/entered at 2018 Show & Tell. *Merle* is asking members to give it a go and have their items for March, 2018 ready to bring to the December meeting so that she can work out what we need for the different sections.

Penny has started researching **Poland**, our country of Study for 2018, and is looking at securing a speaker for our day which at this stage has



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not yet been decided upon (date wise). We were told Poland is the 9th largest country in Europe and shares 7 borders with its neighbours. Member Pam showed off a National Costumed doll which she had purchased during her travels to Poland back in 1970.

Margaret presented her report on cookery and spoke on how the judges had been impressed with cooking entered this last 12 months and Margaret, as mentioned earlier, had taken the entries for the first round of 2017-2018 to Macksville.

Jill, our Ag & Environment Lady, was pleased with the response from members on information forthcoming re Owls, Feral Deer, Orchids and the Alligator weed; are all being studied 2017-2018.

Margaret had some photos of feral deer which have started to appear locally and the bucks are very large.

Congratulations were extended to **Sec Pam** who was named as 2017 Myall Lakes **Citizen of the Year** on Saturday October 28th, receiving her awards from NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian MP. Pam brought along her awards to show her fellow members and was pleased to have President Iris attend the event.

The World Day of Prayer Service for 2018 has been prepared by the Christian Women of Suriname in South America. Unfortunately the set down date of 2nd March clashes with the Wallamba Show so has been put back a week and will now be held at the Uniting Church on Friday 9th March, 2018 commencing at 11.00 am with the service open to all to attend and will be followed by a bring and share lunch.

Our next meeting to be held on December 13th will be our last for the year and will be followed by our usual Festive Lunch and our free will donation this year will go to assist the Minimbah Rural Fire Brigade.

Happy birthday wishes were extended to members Penny Britton for 13th November, Lyn Matthews for 8th November and to Norma Frieden for 9th November. Hope you all had a great time.

In closing this last report for the year, on behalf of President Iris Cummings and her members, I would like to wish all a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous and safe New Year.

Pam Muxlow Publicity Officer, Wallamba CWA Branch



L to R: Environment winners at Group Conference - Kathleen Miller of Macksville, Wallamba CWA Member Jill Hammond, who won 1st with her poster, MNC CWA



MNC CWA Group International & Wallamba Branch International Officer Penny Britton (left) presented Kendall CWA member, Tin Hla Nu Oxenford with her Certificate for 1st with her Branch International Report.

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It's December already. We would like to thank those who came to our Remembrance Day service, - RAAF 44 Wing Williamstown, Reverend Mark Harris, Mrs Kathryn Bell (Mid Coast Council) and of course the school captains Cooper Daniel and Beth Kauter.



What a year it's been for the NABIAC RSL Sub-Branch; we would like to thank those who have helped support us for the 2017 year. More exciting things are in the works for the new year; it is your continuous support that helps us keep our small Sub-Branch going.

The last one for the year, here are some things that happened in the month of December:

2nd of December, 1914 the first Australian military air craft is dispatched for war.

7th December, 1941 Japanese attack Pearl Harbour

12th December 1941 evacuation of Darwin begins

On behalf of the NABIAC RSL Sub-Branch I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! And once again thanks for making 2017 such a great year for us! Let's continue it onto 2018!

Jennefer Trott
NABIAC RSL



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

WANG WAUK: Mr Albert Worth of Wang Wauk while working at Bunyah, had the misfortune to get some steel in his arm. He was conveyed to Nabiac by Mr N. Harwood and has since been under two operations in the Nabiac Hospital being attended by Dr Richard to have the steel removed. He is improving.

NABIAC CHURCH SOCIAL: A highly successful social in aid of Church of England funds was held at the residence of Mr and Mrs C. Bowers, “Mountain View”, on the 12th Ultimo. Dancing interspersed with musical items was enjoyed by the young folk and a euchre tournament conducted by Mr William Baulman was keenly contested by the non dancers. Messrs. C. Temple and C. Tattersal conducted a ping pong tournament in which keen interest was evinced. The music for the dance was kindly provided by Mrs Andrews of Dyers Crossing and Mr Jack Worth and Mr L. Barling. A feature of the entertainment was the old time dances conducted by Mrs C. Andrews. A very pleasant function concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to Mrs Andrews, Mrs Worth, Messrs A.J. Small and Herman Everingham and also a large number of visitors who contributed towards a highly successful evening. An apology was rendered for the absence of Rev. C. Saunders who was called away and was consequently unable to attend.

SCHOOL SOCIAL: A highly successful function in aid of the Koribar School eventuated at the residence of Mr and Mrs George Paterson “Terrigong” on the 10th Ultimo. The weather conditions prevailing were good and the trippers of the light fantastic from almost every part of the district were present. An energetic committee left no stone unturned to ensure a full measure of success and the untiring efforts of Mr and Mrs Paterson’s whole hearted co-operation, which was highly appreciated, was perhaps the predominant of acts in the financial and social success of a most enjoyable evening. The school funds will benefit to the extent of £12.

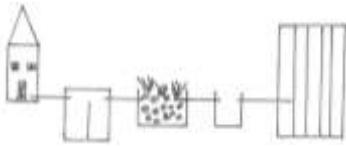
WALLAMBA CHURCH OF ENGLAND - VISIT OF BISHOP. September 1927: The Right Reverend the Bishop of Newcastle visited the Parish of Nabiac last week. On Monday evening September 13th he gave a conformation to twelve candidates at St Albans Church, Forster, the church being filled with a congregation of worshippers. The Bishop’s address was simple and extremely practicable and was helpful to both confirmees and congregation. While in Forster he was the guest of Mr G.L. Perkins. On Tuesday night the Bishop was in Nabiac and gave

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conformation to six candidates. Sickness unfortunately prevented some of the candidates from coming in and was also responsible for a smaller congregation than was expected. The Bishop’s address was again delightfully simple and extremely instructive and helpful to candidates and people alike. It was noticed that the Bishop used the alternative form of service provided in the preposed revised Prayer Book. At the close of the service the candidates, church, officers and friends were invited by the Women’s Guild to partake of refreshments at the Rectory when an opportunity was given to all to meet the Bishop. The Bishop celebrated Holy Communion in St. Pauls Church before leaving for Gloucester.

Nabiac, October 1927

MANNING SHIRE COUNCIL - NABIAC BANK’S FOOTPATH:

At the council meeting held on Monday 19th October discussion took place re the footpath in front of the Nabiac bank. Cr. McKinnon said the council had raised the footpath in front of the bank at Nabiac and water was deflected under the building. The matter should be remedied to prevent flooding under the building. The President said that the ganger Dargaville was to have taken the water across the road but it was not done. The engineer would keep it in mind. Cr. McKinnon moved that the engineer carry it out as urgent work. Seconded by Cr. Bird and carried.

WALLAMBA GENERAL NEWS: Some fine showers have passed over the district during the week and have helped the supply of water in the tanks for household use besides giving a fillup to the herbage. Probably during the month of September the rainfall off and on has totalled upwards of half an inch. There has been some fairly smart local falls in various parts of the hinterland with hail, but these have been patchy. The temperature accompanying the rain has been mild.

DARAWANK, NOVEMBER, 1927: The Darawank School tennis court is completed and the children have commenced playing. The court has an ideal situation, being built on a lawn bordered with flower gardens. Mr Arthur Young has been appointed to the position of Hon Secretary of the official Darawank Parents & Citizens Association. The P & C association are holding a social evening in the local hall on Saturday November 5th in aid of the school picnic fund.

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Our total this year is about 400. We wish all the people who have donated Fabric to us a healthy and happy Festive season and Prosperous new year.

Now changing hats; my second trip to Fiji was enjoyable and rewarding.

I left a suitcase weighing 28 kgs of donated fabrics and accessories (first time I've ever paid excess baggage)

The ladies made aprons, bags, dresses and hats and explored some simple patchwork patterns on cushions and pot holders. It was a pleasure to be part of the team of volunteers.

Jenny Fletcher



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NABIAC MEMORIAL NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE



Our Annual General Meeting was held on 9th November and the new Committee are *Kit Carson* (President), *Ross Dearing* (Treasurer), *Louise Collins* (Secretary), *Hannah Lindbeck*, *Carol Grace*, *Ann Newlan*, *John Baker*, *Mary Webber* and *Grahame Lindbeck*.

The Committee would like to thank *Tim Gething* for his many years in the role of Treasurer. Although Tim has left our Committee he is continuing involvement with the Nabiac CTC (Community Technology Centre).

We would also like to thank *Harold Huntingford*, a long time Nabiac Landcare member. Harold and his van and mower will be missed in our town.

Community Projects supported by the Neighbourhood Centre :-

The new Children's Play Area behind the Tennis Courts is slowly moving along. Council have advised that the old asphalt netball court will be removed this week as they prepare to install new equipment. Our contribution will be towards the purchase of the equipment.

Nabiac Tennis Club will soon commence repairs to the surface of the tennis courts (including the area shared with the Netball Club). We are funding 50% of this project.

Second Chance Op Shop are looking at an expansion of their shed area at the back of the Centre. Extra space is needed to clean and repair donated items, and to store and display items.

The Committee also decided that the **Second Chance Op Shop** would be a sponsor of the **2018 Wallamba Show fireworks display**. \$3,000 will be forwarded to the Show Committee.

Next Meeting – 7.30pm on Thursday 8th February, 2018 at the Neighbourhood Centre

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Between the Pages

Nabiac Library News



Oh my goodness! It is December and Christmas and all it entails is now on our doorstep! Can you believe it? Where did this year go? It is time to put up the Christmas tree, source those decorations and recipes and then find something to entertain the kids, grandkids or even one another for those intervals between parties, carols, BBQ's etc.! Nabiac Library has the answer!

OUR MAGAZINES

We have a number of magazines in our library that will feed your festive brain and give you fabulous creative ideas for food, recipes, decorations and more. This will include Better Homes and Gardens and Super Food Ideas. We also have a range of cookbooks that will help with planning the Christmas menu, and many books with crafty gifts. Please come in and ask!

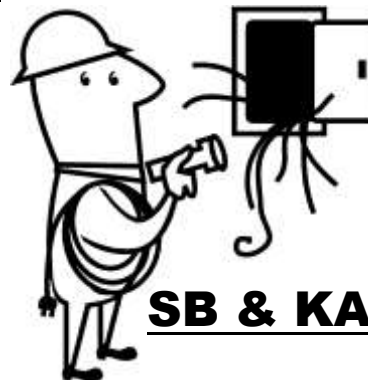
LIBRARY ENTERTAINMENT

Firstly – did you happen to drop into Nabiac Library for International Games Week in November? We had a variety of games and jigsaws available for people to participate in. This included Jenga, Card Games, Jigsaws for children and adults and opportunities for members of the public to bring in games to be played with others. What? You missed this opportunity?!

Guess what?! You can still come in and join us to solve jigsaws or play games or even bring in games to add to our Nabiac Library entertainment over Summer. We will be offering this service for all our local clientele and friends during the Summer holidays. Come and share!

LATEST POPULAR READS FROM NABIAC:

A few people have come into the Nabiac Library requesting the book "A Fortunate Life". This may be because it has been applauded on radio, and rightly so. It is a fabulous autobiography by *Albert Facey* nine months before his death; which chronicles his experiences in Gallipoli in WW1 and his later life. Following on from this are requests for some fiction from *Evan Green*. It seems that Evan Green (an Australian author and journalist) has a number of books about Australia that we, as true Australians, should have a look at! Then again we could shift our sights overseas. Did you enjoy "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo" Millennium Series? Well guess what? Stieg Larsson now has someone else writing his sequels after his death. David Lagercrantz has continued the series with "The Girl in the Spider's Web", followed by the latest in the series "The Girl Who



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"Takes an Eye For An Eye". These books continue on with the story of the heroine, Lisbeth Salander, and her cohorts, including Mikael Blomkvist. Thanks to the popularity of the series this is in high demand. You can log into our Library website to reserve the book or call into our Library at Nabiac and we will do it for you.

<http://library.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/Borrow-reserve-or-renew/MidCoast-Libraries-Great-LakesGloucester>

AUSTRALIAN AUTHOR FEATURE: KARLY LANE

The Mid North Coast Country Women's Association (CWA) recently had local author *Karly Lane* as their key guest speaker at a meeting in Macksville. Karly grew up in the Macksville and Bowraville area and has since returned home to give her children the type of lifestyle she enjoyed, after a life of travelling and living in rural NSW. Karly gave an inspirational talk on how she became an author, and how she sources the context for her books. Karly writes rural fiction set in small country towns, and bases her books on real life historical situations. These include the Light Horse Brigade and the Guy Fawkes brumbies, and WW1 Warrell Creek murders. Karly also does an annual fundraiser event in her local community and this year her focus is on Buy A Bale Help Buy A Truckload to support Rural Aid. For more information go to <http://www.karlylane.com/>

LATEST NEWS FROM OUR MIDCOAST LIBRARY MERGER

We have had many enquiries about this merger, particularly on Nabiac Farmer's Market Day. The latest news we have is that Gloucester Library and previous Great Lakes Library branches have merged; and we can now borrow, return and reserve books from any of these branches. However it is a huge task to merge what most of us know as Taree Library branches and currently these branches are still with Taree Library.

CHRISTMAS WISHES

Thank you to all our wonderful patrons of the Nabiac Library. It is a very special library and we love to provide you with a personal service; where you are number one and we hopefully can find what you want! Wishing all our Nabiac Library friends a wonderful festive season. Please keep visiting us. If you are new in town come in and join us! We are at the Showground!

NABIAC LIBRARY WILL CLOSE at 11am Thursday 21st December and reopen 3pm Tuesday 2nd January. We would discourage you from using the after-hours chute during this time.



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NEWS FROM BUNYAH

Parts of Bunyah were in the path of the cyclonic storm during November and power was out for 3 days. Trees exploded and the aftermath of the damage can still be seen along the roads.

Krambach Hall suffered severe damage with the partial loss of their roof and walls and the Bunyah Hall Committee extends their heartfelt sorrow for your predicament. If we can assist you in anyway to get things going again, please don't hesitate to ask for our help.

Our Quarterly Hall Meeting was held on Thursday 23rd November, 2017 and *Stacey McLoughlin* has now been appointed to our Committee. It is a pleasure to welcome Stacey who brings her youthful enthusiasm and ideas to our committee and community.

All members of our community are encouraged to come along to these Meetings and particularly younger people, who will be the 'Inheritors' of the Hall and its' management. The Meetings are kept to an Agenda and no 'waffling' so all matters are covered within an easy time frame. Our AGM will be held on 15th February, 2018 where all positions are declared vacant, and no-one is pressured to accept a position.

A reminder will appear in February's issue of 'Across the Fence'.

Bunyah Community Christmas Party has been set down for Friday 15th December, 2017, **commencing at 6.00 p.m. Please bring a Plate to share and your own drinks. This is a FREE event.** Santa will arrive on the Bunyah Fire Truck and be available for Christmas Lists from the children. He will have something in his sack for each child. Everyone is welcome. Flyers will be distributed via letter box drop and one appears alongside this News.

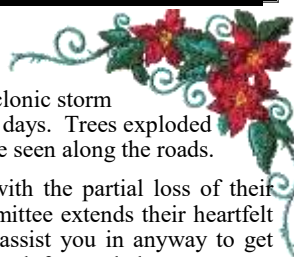
The **Annie Rose Academy of Dance** will hold their Annual Variety Concert **"It's Showtime Folks!!"** on **Sunday 10th December, 2017 commencing 2.00 p.m at Church of Christ Auditorium Victoria Street, Taree** opposite 'Fish, Fish, Fish'. This is the Dance Group who entertained at Bunyah's Biggest Morning Tea over the last 2 years. You will be assured of variety coupled with glitz & glamour of stage presentations. **Tickets are \$10.00 each and children under 12 years are FREE.** Hope to see you there!

Thanks to **Lyn Reid our ATF Editor** who is always willing to lend a hand when asked.

Wishing you and your family a wonderful Christmas and a very good New Year, Lyn.

Also, **Christmas Greetings and New Year wishes** to everyone both within our community and beyond.

Neryl Simpson



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A big hello from all of our staff here at Nabiac Pharmacy. We have had quite a few changes happen here in our beautiful little pharmacy over the last few months.

Firstly, **Jon** who has been our wonderful pharmacist over the last 5 years has decided to pursue new adventures in life and is moving on from being with us.

We wish Jon and Courtney a wonderful adventure filled life together and a big thank you for being an amazing part of our community!

Thankfully we have an Equally Wonderful new pharmacist/owner we would love to introduce to everyone, Mr **Tim Wright**. ☺

Tim has been in our area for quite a few years and has graced our pharmacy previously while Jon was on his honeymoon and each Monday; some of you may remember him as our pharmacist back then.

Tim grew up in the big city of Woolgoolga and has worked as a pharmacist for 15 years and looks forward to helping and becoming part of the community. Tim has just recently been married to his lovely new wife, **Kylie**, and they have also bought a wonderful little man into the world, young **Eddie** ♥.

Tim carries a fantastic world of knowledge with him and a fantastic personality! and we know he is going to be a wonderful part of the team. Pop on in and give Tim a big Nabiac welcome! All of our other staff members will still be here to look after you just the same!

We are looking forward to a fabulous future for Nabiac Pharmacy. As all of our lovely customers also know we have been extra lucky to have the fabulous Steve Cooke as our locum pharmacist for the past few months and it has been wonderful! We have all grown to love him and hope that we will be able to have him in our pharmacy again. That's if our plan to kidnap him fails (hee, hee) but on the serious side we wish Steve the best for his future endeavours!

On wards and upwards - what a great time of the year! Bring on Santa and Christmas!!!!!!

WE WOULD LIKE TO WISH ALL OF OUR AMAZING CUSTOMERS A WONDERFUL, HAPPY, HEALTHY, SAFE AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!

THANK YOU ALL FOR A FABULOUS YEAR AND WE ALL LOOK FORWARD TO ANOTHER AMAZING YEAR WITH YOU ALL.

LOTS OF LOVE from all of the staff at Nabiac Pharmacy! xxxxxx
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Melanie ♥☺



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Please drive safely if your travelling or even staying at home, this time of year brings with it visitors of various abilities when it comes to car control, combined with a lack of knowledge about our roads and streets they can be very..... lackadaisical.

We thank our preferred suppliers for keeping us stocked with quality parts and fluids, the list of different parts that manufacturers are taking advantage of now is mind boggling.

We're having an extended break over Christmas

closing at midday on December 23rd and will be

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I can arrange soil analysis as a part of an overall management plan. This provides a detailed report on what may be added by square metre or acre/hectare to your soil to raise PH and deter weeds.

With slashing long-term dense Lantana, I am always aware that seed underneath the visible layer, exposed to light, can begin to germinate providing new growth which needs to be addressed. As said each property and situation is different and I am happy to meet with you to discuss all needs for weed control. Look forward to hearing from you

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Children—Too Precious to Profit

News from Nabiac Kids' Shack.

Kids' Shack is currently taking enrolments for 2018. Early enquiry indicates we are going to have another busy year. If your child is starting school in kindergarten next year then they can be enrolled for before or after school care, occasional or vacation care.

We will be open for vacation care from Monday 18th December until Wednesday the 20th December and reopen on the 10th of January after our Christmas break.

As a community based, not for profit service we provide OOSH care at the lowest possible rates while still remaining financially viable. Our service is managed by Nabiac and District Pre School Association and our wonderful parent committee work tirelessly for the benefit of the children, families, educators and the community.



Kids' Shack currently has limited vacancies for after school care this term. If you require before or after school care or vacation care for your child (5 – 12 years) please feel free to contact Joy for enrolment information on 0438 273 360 or email nabiackidsshack@bigpond.com

SHOW NEWS

I am in the process of getting the programmes sorted to be distributed later in the month.

We have now got our final prizes sorted for our raffle and tickets will be available probable next week. \$1.00 each.

1st Prize is a Bushman's Akubra Hat from Yarads Mens Wear Forster, 2nd A Quilt from our local quilters, 3rd A Three legged Stool from Manning Great Lakes Woodworkers, 4th \$100.00 Bunnings Gift Card, 5th & 6th 7th are \$50.00 vouchers for meals at Tuncurry Beach Bowling Club, 8th 2 ASC Cookbooks from the Show Committee.

If you have a spare bit of time over the next few months and would like to sell tickets for the raffle the committee would be most grateful.

Remember it is time to start on your handicrafts to get them finished for entry in the Hall.

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MINIMBAH MATTERS

Minimbah Rural Fire Brigade is reflecting on the September fires in our District and is offering you a "little something" to ponder over the so-called holiday season.



'Tis the season to be jolly
And deck the halls with boughs of holly.
It's also called the silly season
We all know that's for a very good reason.

We've worked so hard throughout the year
To not celebrate would be our greatest fear.
Stress levels are up and defenses are down
Please "Don't create problems" we say with a frown.

September conditions were nasty but some didn't care
That Aerodrome Road/Tuncurry fire sure gave us a scare.
Then it got us to thinking - it could happen to us
So our **Bush Fire Survival Plan** we need to discuss.

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Extreme means just that - this is no place to be
I can't defend the house with my dicky knee.
No option: Leave early for **Catastrophic** is as bad as it gets
It's into the car with our grab bag, the kids and the pets.

Our Plan is now ready; we've practiced it too.
The RFS say that's the smart thing to do.
When fire is in our area our **trigger** for action is at **Very High**
So if conditions make a turn for the worse, we are ready to fly.



Nature is against us with **Severe** on the radar
Now's the time to start **packing the car**.
Our road is a bit tricky - it's windy and narrow
If we leave it too late we may be unable to go.

The Fire Brigades are busy with "boots on the ground"
But we all know there's not enough trucks to go around.
The Fire Fighters are very tired for this fire is a doosey
Thank you to the Volunteers who aren't picky and choosy.

Hang on a minute, the sky has gone dark - is that thunder I hear?
Wouldn't it be wonderful if the rain were to appear.
We wait and we watch as the wind changes
The temperature drops and there's rain for our gauges.

Rain has fallen throughout the night; such music to our ears
It seems the fire is now controlled - the Furies have averted our fears.
Blue skies are above us with no sign or smell of smoke
We only hope that "someone up there" isn't playing a joke.

Three days have passed with less action each day
I'll tell you for sure - Christmas isn't the only time to pray.
We felt more in control with our Survival Plan prepared
More alert and ready, and not nearly so scared.

A word to the wise - not just for the festive season,
Prepare your Bush Fire Survival Plan for this very reason.
You'll know where it is, you'll know what to do,
Then I can say Well Done, and Happy Christmas to you.

This message comes with our very best wishes for a very happy and safe Christmas and New Year, and for a bright, productive and successful 2018.

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Selection Criteria can be daunting and need to be addressed in a specific way to get your application through the first culling. With larger companies, many resumes and cover letters are vetted via ATS (Applicant Tracking System), a computer program that selects keywords, skills etc. I am able to thread these keywords throughout your application to increase chances of an interview. Understanding the culture of the company you're applying to can help you get your foot in the door! I have a range of questions often asked during the interview process and work with you on answers that are true to you and demonstrate your fit for the role you are seeking and enjoy working with you to create a focus on the type of work you want, breaking down employment advertisements and then answering them in a way that truly speaks what you offer in this position to the role, the team and the company.

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TEACHER: Harold, what do you call a person who keeps on talking when people are no longer interested?

HAROLD: A teacher

TEACHER: Now, Simon, tell me frankly, do you say prayers before eating?

SIMON: No sir, I don't have to, my Mum is a good cook.

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INGREDIENTS

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| 3/4 cup | Dijon Mustard |
| 1/2 cup | Light brown sugar, plus more for sprinkling |
| 2 tsp | Chopped fresh Thyme leaves |
| 1x 7kg | Cooked and smoked cured ham, shank end |
| 3/4 cup | Pineapple juice |
| 20 | canned Pineapple rings |
| 1/2 cup | Maraschino cherries. |

METHOD

1. Preheat the oven to 350° f (175° c) . Put oven rack in the middle of the oven
2. In a small bowl, mix together the Dijon mustard, brown sugar and thyme.
3. Put the ham in a large roasting pan, fat side up. Rub the ham with mustard glaze. Pour the pineapple juice into the bottom of the pan. Put the ham in the oven and bake for 2 hours, brushing every 20 minutes with the pineapple juice. Remove the ham from the oven.
4. Turn the oven up to 400° f (200° c) .
5. Using tooth picks, decoratively adhere the pineapple rings around the ham and put a cherry in the centre of the pineapple ring. Sprinkle the pineapple rings lightly with the brown sugar. Return to the oven, uncovered, and bake until the pineapples turn a light golden brown. Remove from the oven to a serving platter and let rest for 15 minutes before serving.



Humour in Uniform

Just before Christmas, I was teaching a class of infants in an RAF school. When I asked them what they knew about the Nativity story, they told me all about the shepherds, the wise men and Mary and Joseph.

"And what can you tell me about the Baby Jesus?" I asked, as they seemed to have forgotten Him.

One six year old had his answer ready: "He was wrapped up in squadron clothes."

On my brother's first day in the army, he and other new recruits were being given a tough baptism by their sergeant. "North is in front of you, east is on your right, west on your left. What's behind you?" he roared at one man.

Came the nostalgic reply: "Civilian life."

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Snakes - am I a legless lizard or a snake??



The current weather is ideal for snake movement at the moment and having had a scare myself last week on finding an 8 foot shedded (?) brown skin on my upper balcony, which on closer inspection thankfully turned out to be a brown carpet snake skin, (still gave me a scare as I sleep with the door open and don't now know if the snake is in the roof, or somewhere in the bedroom cupboards) I felt I should put something in the paper regarding treatment of bites.

My neighbour has also had numerous sightings of baby browns on his property and sent me the attached link which is worth looking at.

From reading it myself, it suggests you have on hand a wide bandage to wrap around the bite area from **BELOW the bite** upwards, firmly but not *cut the circulation* off tight, remain as still and calm as possible and GET TO HOSPITAL FAST.

Rather than expand this, look up the site; it is very informative and could just save your or you kid's life.

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I had TV and Internet, and I went to the gym, the pool, and the library.

I was working on my MBA on-line.

I had no bills and no debt.

I even had full medical and dental coverage."

I felt sorry for him, so I asked,
"What happened? Drugs? Alcohol? Divorce?"

"Oh no, nothing like that, "he said.....

"No, no

I just got out of prison!"



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Is your Dog Chewing its way through your things?

I have downloaded this from a web site as I found it informative for new puppy, and older dog, owners.

A lot of people, my kid included, have brought home a puppy for Christmas, *and the rest of its life.*

As his puppy is teething it is starting to chew whatever its little mouth can latch onto so I sent down to him to see if it helps in training.

Is there anything worse than coming home and finding your clothing or your furniture chewed to a slimy mess by your dog, if only because they were **bored**? It's infuriating and what's even worse is that your dog almost never knows what they did wrong.

Sure, there are some cases where a dog can recognize that they destroyed something you care about, but in most instances of chewing, it has very little to do with malice and much more with a lack of boundaries and a desire to be closer to you.

The Motive Behind Chewing

Dogs chew no matter what. They are born with the urge to chew and it's simply a matter of where and what they chew. That said, they will chew on your possessions for a variety of reasons.

To start with, it could be that *you encouraged that behaviour* when they were little. A lot of owners will witness their puppies teething and get them the nearest thing to chew - often an old shirt or shoe.

The problem being of course that, by giving them those old pieces of clothing, you've just taught your dog that it's okay to chew on your possessions when they need a good gnaw. It's impossible to go back in time and stop a dog from chewing on your stuff, but it can be stopped once it becomes a problem.

Another common chewing issue is that your dog simply misses you and goes to the nearest thing they can find to remind them of you - an object that smells very much like you. Other dogs simply enjoy chewing on things, destroying them in a fun, playful manner, *trying to stay occupied.*

Stopping that Chewing Behaviour

There are many ways to limit chewing behaviour. To start with, you can limit your dog's access to the parts of your home. Don't allow them into your bedroom when you're gone, or if you have to, crate train them and put them in a crate when you're gone.

If this is not an option, you need to lay down the law and show them that your possessions are not chew things. You can spray on bitter apple or cayenne pepper to deter the activity, as *well as providing a replacement chew* in the form of a Kong toy or a rawhide.

You can also consider watching your dog while you are at home to undermine the behaviour. Keep a close eye on what they play with and how they play. If you encourage play with their own toys and



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discourage it with your possessions, they will learn pretty fast that there are boundaries they should not pass.

Most of all set those boundaries and *stick to them*. That means not letting them on your furniture without permission, not allowing them into certain rooms, and setting out a number of command words that they can quickly and easily recognize in a pinch.

Dogs are creatures of habit. If you create a habitual environment for them, they will quickly adapt to it and stop their destructive behaviours. But, you need to be as consistent as you expect them to be. Your dog is going to chew on things no matter what you do. It's impossible to stop them and if you try, you'll only confuse them. But, you can very easily get them to stop chewing on things that are actually important to you.

With careful attention and a big dose of exercise, no dog needs to turn into a piranha in your closet, destroying everything you've ever put on.

I highly recommend that you check out the website below which contains one of the best guides to stopping your dog from chewing, barking, digging, aggression and helps you deal with all sorts of behavioural problems:

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1. "You know, stop lights don't come any redder than the one you just went through."
2. "Relax, the handcuffs are tight because they're new. They'll stretch after you wear them a while." *(love this one)*
3. "If you take your hands off the car, I'll make your birth certificate a worthless document"

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THE YOUNG WOMAN who submitted the tech support message below (about her relationship to her husband) presumably did it as a joke. Then she got a reply that was way too good to keep to herself. The tech support people's love advice is hilarious and genius!

The query:

Dear Tech Support,

Last year I upgraded from Boyfriend 5.0 to Husband 1.0 and noticed a distinct slowdown in overall system performance, particularly in the flower and jewellery applications, which operated flawlessly under Boyfriend 5.0. In addition, Husband 1.0 uninstalled many other valuable programs, such as Romance 9.5 and Personal Attention 6.5, and then installed undesirable programs such as: NBA 5.0, NFL 3.0 and Golf Clubs 4.1.

Conversation 8.0 no longer runs, and House cleaning 2.6 simply crashes the system. Please note that I have tried running Nagging 5.3 to fix these problems, but to no avail.

What can I do?

Signed, Desperate

The response (that came weeks later out of the blue):

Dear Desperate,

First keep in mind, Boyfriend 5.0 is an Entertainment Package, while Husband 1.0 is an operating system. Please enter command: I thought you loved me.html and try to download Tears 6.2. Do not forget to install the Guilt 3.0 update. If that application works as designed, Husband 1.0 should then automatically run the applications Jewellery 2.0 and Flowers 3.5.

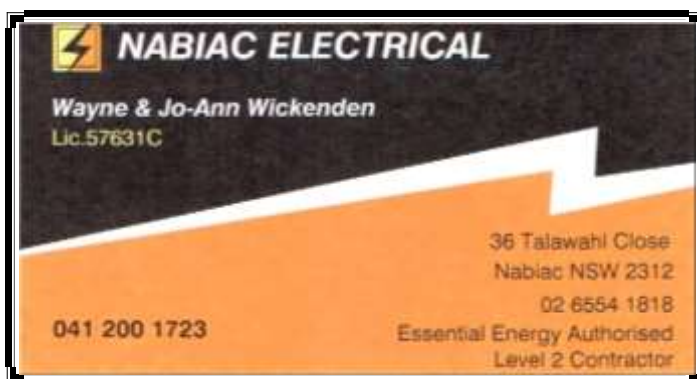
However, remember, overuse of the above application can cause Husband 1.0 to default to Grumpy Silence 2.5, Happy Hour 7.0, or Beer 6.1. Please note that Beer 6.1 is a very bad program that will download the Farting and Snoring Loudly Beta version. Whatever you do, DO NOT, under any circumstances, install Mother-In-Law 1.0 as it runs a virus in the background that will eventually seize control of all your system resources.

In addition, please do not attempt to re-install the Boyfriend 5.0 program. These are unsupported applications and will crash Husband 1.0. In summary, Husband 1.0 is a great program, but it does have limited memory and cannot learn new applications quickly. You might consider buying additional software to improve memory and performance. We recommend Cooking 3.0.

Good Luck!

Glenn

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I don't believe it, less than a couple of weeks and Santa's going to light the fuse on his Datto ute and blaze his way round the world dropping off presents to those that heeded the Prez's advice during the year and were good to their mothers and coal to those that weren't.

I'm tipping there'll be no coal. W's are always good to their mums and W's always pay attention to what their coach tells them.

So my fellow W's you've put in another huge season, more players registered which meant more teams, more kit, more W gear, more coaches more training and more parents participating.

Along the way we've made some new friends, been supported by new sponsors as well as had existing sponsors stay involved and we even managed to pull off a Grand Final Win.

You know what though? I think we can do better, I think that if we try just a little harder we can achieve all what we make what we did this year, just a step in the right direction.

I know we have the committee to create some more W magic, the rest will be up to you.

Stay safe my friends, enjoy this special time of the year with your family, eat an extra slice of Christmas pudding and rest up, for next year is going to be a giant!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Prez.

(aka David Weller)



Police Conversations Continued (American if you haven't guessed)

4. "If you run, you'll only go to jail tired."
5. "Can you run faster than 1,200 feet per second? Because that's the speed of the bullet that'll be chasing you." (LOVE IT)
6. "You don't know how fast you were going? I guess that means I can write anything I want to on the ticket, huh?"
7. "Yes, sir, you can talk to the shift supervisor, but I don't think it will help. Oh, did I mention that I'm the shift supervisor?"
8. "Warning! You want a warning? O.K, I'm warning you not to do that again or I'll give you another ticket."
9. "The answer to this last question will determine whether you are drunk or not. Was Mickey Mouse a cat or a dog?"
10. "Fair? You want me to be fair? Listen, fair is a place where you go to ride on rides, eat cotton candy and corn dogs and step in monkey poop."
11. "Yeah, we have a quota. Two more tickets and my wife gets a toaster oven."
12. "In God we trust; all others we run through NCIC." (National Crime Information Centre)



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REAL KULTCHA

Ah, how time flies! We're now deep into November and still able to watch Rugby League. Mind you, I haven't watched a lot of the games but the games I have seen have been interesting. How about Tonga taking down New Zealand! Who'd thought that would have happened: certainly not the New Zealanders! And the PNG *Kumuls* (what's that mean or refer to?) have also acquitted themselves quite well. By the time you get to see this rant, the Final should be just about to happen and the money says it will be Australia playing the Poms. But then, what would I know?

Someway down the track – and it could be sooner than you might think – talk will begin again on the teams in the ARL. Well, my information is it could be an expansion or it could be a cleaning out of a couple of teams that have become embarrassments to the competition and replacing them with a couple of new teams. Either option is being discussed. This would of course, send a signal to the other teams they've got to perform or they'll be back to the second or third division. Do you think I'm just razzing you: ponder the fate of the North Sydney *Bears* or the Newtown *Jets*? I've raised this possibility now because this Rugby League World Cup has thrown up a couple of potential teams in our neck of the woods that need to be fostered and they'd be the PNG and a team from the Pacific made up of players from (say) Samoa and Fiji. I've been forced (by the rumours I've heard) to think long and hard about this possibility. Rugby is played in both Samoa and Fiji (Fiji won the Rugby Gold medal in Rio last year) but what's their future other than a tilt at a gold medal every four years? If they were able to play as a team in the ARL (rather than have their best players poached by ARL clubs who are too lazy to develop their own juniors) then it would be a plus for the game in both locations.

If an expansion wasn't considered to be viable then a couple of teams would have to go and it doesn't take much imagination to think who that might be – look who finished on the bottom rungs of the table this year! Over arching all of this of course, is the application that is still on the table from Gosford and now Rugby has pulled out of Perth (and the ARU is being sued over that move, I think) so there's a chance for the ARL to go back in there with a team. You heard it here first.

I watched the Australian Women's Team (the *Southern Stars*) play their first 20/20 game on Manuka Oval in Canberra last night and although they have won the Ashes series they didn't play well. In fact (and I just know I'll be hammered by some folk saying I'm being



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sexist) their bowling was pathetic. It appeared to me they were coasting and that's not a good mind-set. They were dropping the ball short and then standing amazed when the batter lofted it for 6! Duh!!! Keep the ball pitched up in the block hole and aimed at the off stump. The Poms did that and surprise, surprise the Oz wickets just continued to fall. There's another game tomorrow and if the coach doesn't read them the riot act they'll be looking at another loss.

The Galahs are about to start the men's Ashes series against the Poms and the team selection has raised some eyebrows. Remember the old saying: It's harder to get out of the Australia team than it is to get in! How many times does a bloke have to fail with the bat before the selectors finally say go find a new line of work! This is *what-his-name's* eighth recall and it's not as if there aren't younger fellows (Boof's kid, for instance) who aren't making runs. And correct me if I'm wrong, but the wicket keeper they've picked doesn't even keep for his State side??? The series is in Australia so give the young kids a go – good hell, they'd have to be able to do better than Smith has done of late and there are a couple of others who should have hung up their bats several years ago as well.

I also heard on the news last night the knuckle-dragging Pom who wasn't selected because of his pub fighting, is now being talked about as coming out to take his place in their team! I watch the Oz TV show *Border Security* and each week there's some poor sod who gets put back on a plane because of something he's done in his own country and we consider him to be an unfit person to be allowed in. Well, if the Poms decide this neanderthal can join the team (because some ambulance chasing writ jockey was able to smooth talk a judge) I'd suggest we forward the footage we've seen on the news of the lunatic belting a couple of punters at an English pub, to our Border Protection Authorities so they can turn him around at our border. Do the Poms still think they can send their convicts out here anytime they like?

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Dad's Old Gun part 2 by David Weller

Back in July I wrote a yarn I called it Dad's old gun. At the time there was a National Firearms Amnesty on and the purpose of the yarn was to urge people to do something about that old gun that they had squirrelled away.

Basically, despite parts being scattered around and probably well hidden, by being in possession of and incorrectly storing of a firearm is a criminal offence.

I got a reasonable reaction to that article with numerous people stopping by for a chat and there was a fairly common theme, the firearm had sentimental value and the owner was concerned about what to do with it.

On some occasions we handed the firearm in, on others we helped with the obtaining the correct firearms licence and the firearm was registered.

On another couple of occasions the firearms were given to a collector and registered immediately.

One of those I would like to tell a yarn about.

This particular firearm is of an Australian manufacture; originally the firearm was made for the Department of Defence to be trained with and used as a Sniper Rifle. The Department of Defence changed their minds at the last minute and put a different weapon into the forces, one that had a magazine, that could be cycled quickly in case several shots were required.

Despite that several servicemen had been trained with and used the firearm. Out in civil street they achieved almost cult status within the big bore long distance target shooters, for the firearm had been designed with accurate long distance shots in mind.

The previous owner of this particular rifle had enjoyed quite significant success with the firearm at competitions and had spent considerable time tweaking the machine to suit his purposes.

Unfortunately life took an unfortunate turn of events and the owner passed away leaving the firearm in the possession of the family.

A member of the family had read my yarn and contacted me about what options were available.

So the firearm has a new owner and has been registered, had a full service, is correctly stored and for the first time in quite a number of years made its way back to the firing range where on Sunday it made a successful return to duty.

It attracted quite a lot of attention from the "older" gentlemen present on the day with comments of "your not an Aussie if you haven't owned one of these" and "I have a couple of those" were not uncommon. I'm hoping the family member who made the hard choice in regards to this firearm reads this yarn. I hope it brings a smile and comfort knowing that it's being cared for, valued once again and that the correct decision was made.

The National Firearms Amnesty has since ended, it was a great initiative that helped a number of people make that final decision about what to do with *Dad's old Gun*.

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DONK (DE OLDE NABIACT CLUB)

Very quiet for this bunch of guys who love the smell of grease in the mornings. Some are working on new acquisitions, some repairing things that went "bump" in the night but all looking forward to Oz day at John Wright Park on the 26th. A big vehicle engine and other stuff on display. Might see you there. A busy show time during March. Nabiac on March 3rd, Wingham on March 10th and Gloucester on March 17th. Not sure if we will make all three but we'll see.

One bloke has bought a heap of Goggomobiles in a weak moment. Well it seemed a good idea at the time! They will start appearing in the Motorcycle Museum shortly along with several other vehicles of reasonably rare manufacture that are already on display.

Wondering, How do you get a greasy old engine under the Christmas tree?

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Karuah Great Lakes Landcare News

KGLL PRESENT AT "TREES IN THE HOUSE"

Landcare NSW invited KGLL's President *Robyn Lamond* and Local Landcare Coordinator *Joël Dunn* to share our story at the second annual Parliamentary Friends of Landcare "Trees in the House" event at Parliament House last month. The event is aimed at building more understanding of Landcare among our State politicians and in turn securing their support for future Landcare programs.

We were very grateful to be one of three Landcare networks across the state to present at the event, giving our Parliamentary representatives a sample of the diverse ways Landcare networks are getting great things done. This is a recognition of the excellent work our members are doing on the ground and of our strong partnerships and good relations with local agencies.

SHEEP AND GOAT HEALTH WORKSHOP

Monday December 11th, Krambach, 9.30am - 1pm

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Enquiries: Helen Martin 6550 2383

Humour in Uniform, (American, circa 1970's

Sentries on duty at our camp in the Southwest had been permitted to shoot any rattlesnakes - numerous in the area - that ventured too near their posts. It seemed, however, that an excessive amount of ammunition was being used for this purpose, so the officer in charge required each man to account for the rounds consumed - by turning in the empty cases and showing what he had shot.

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- 2nd prize orange A 87,
- 3rd prize Orange F 12.

With many thanks to the people who supported us, we hope to run another raffle next year.

The surface of the court needs some running repairs and we are happy to say that the Neighbourhood Committee has offered to help us financially and we are awaiting final inspections.

We have also applied for a grant from SR Grants at NSW Government to repair some of the fencing. We await the results.

It would be lovely to have some more members and more tennis players. Everyone is always welcome.

A Happy and safe Christmas to all.

S. Dixon. President

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News From The Pews

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

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A Contemporary Service is held on **2nd** Sunday of the month at **11:30am**. Families & children most welcome
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December Mass time is Saturday 16th at 6.00pm (followed by Christmas Supper in the Church)

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St Bernadette's Catholic Church, Krambach

December Mass times are: - Saturday 2nd at 6.00pm, Saturday 9th at 6.00pm, Saturday 16th see NABIAC, **Sunday 24th at 6.00pm - Christmas Vigil**, Saturday 30th at 6.00pm - Liturgy of the Word
 Could be subject to change - check with Helen **Legg** on 6559 1211

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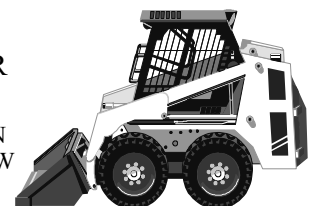
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