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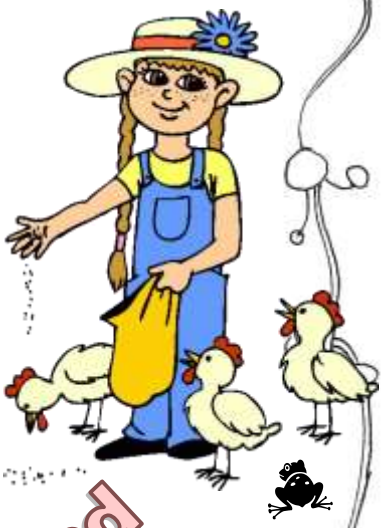

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Editorial,

My little grey cells haven't been functioning well of late. My head does not like cold air and changing weather as I seem to state every month, sorry.

But we really have been going through some weird changes. I was caught in that lightening storm we had on January 2nd, having just left the show ground at 9.30pm after our Show meeting.

Talk about a terrifying ride home - 17 ks in pouring rain, wind and lightening flashes that took visibility from blinding whiteouts as the lightening hit and then to pitch black night. I think I did the whole trip hunched over the steering wheel trying to follow the edge of the road and praying the wind didn't bring trees down again like it did some weeks before. I am still trying to clear the mess in my yard from the prior storms.

I can't really complain as I suffered no damage but my neighbours had heaps with strikes to their electricity and also lost one of their magnificent giant old gums, which was hit by a strike and has died.

The kids are back at school so I expect the parents are all relieved and back into normal routine.

I hope everyone had a great break and that your Christmas and New Year events were fun.

I had a very quiet Christmas. The kid had to stay in Sydney as he had agreed to be "on call" for one of his clients, so I didn't have to do frantic rearrangements of all the show paraphernalia that I normally have spread all over the spare room while sorting out printing, etc. It ends up a bit disastrous most Christmases as I just pick up piles of paper from the room and put it in the office and then can't find things after they leave.

My friends hate to see me have Christmas alone so they normally invite me over for lunch, which is great - I have a lovely meal with great chums and get spoiled by not having to do anything. Way to go! Love them.

More new ads, articles missing, so you get jokes and pictures. I bet that really upsets you all! It has taken me more time to find fillers than it takes to put the main part of the paper together, consequently the paper is late. Just couldn't get it to go together.

Anyone want to do a gardening article or a story or something about pets??? I am open to suggestions.

Show time again and fingers crossed that we either get NO rain or just little short showers that we can cope with. I am retiring as Secretary this year, finally have someone to replace me, and I started with a rained out event and don't want to end with one.

As the show is at the beginning of next month, it will be very unlikely that I will have the paper out before the show, so apologies for that. I will have it out in the week after if all articles are in on time.

See you all at the show, I hope - come and make a day of it.

Lyn & my mate, *Tilley Cat*

WHAT'S HAPPENING FEBRUARY, 2018

Markets & Events.

• Bulahdelah	(1st Sat)	3rd	8am to 1pm
• Blackhead Bazaar	(1st Sun)	4th	8am to 12 noon ?
• John's River	(Sat)	10th	9am to 1.30pm
• Wingham Community	(every Sat)		
• Myall Quays	(3rd Sat)	17th	9am to 1pm
• The Hub Taree Showgnd	(3rd Sat)	17th	8am to 12 noon
• **Krambach**	**(3rd Sun)**	**18th**	8am to 2pm
• **NABIAC**	**(Last Sat)**	**24th**	8am to 12 noon
• Old Bar	(Last Sun)	25th	7am to 1pm
• Pacific Palms	(Last Sun)	25th	9am to 1pm
• Forster Town	(2nd Sun)	11th	8am to 2pm
• Halliday's Point	(1st Sun)	4th	8am to 11am -?
• Town Head	(every Mon)		8am to 2pm
• Mt. George	(Sat)	?th	8am to 2pm
• Forster Farmers Market	(3rd Sat)	17th	8am to 12 noon
• Bobbin Community		—th	9am to 2pm
• Tuncurry Markets	(4th Sat)	24th	8am to 1pm
• Burrell Creek	(2nd Sun)	11th	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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We welcome 2018. New Year brings along some changes and we have so much happening within the salon that we wish to share.

We are so very happy to have ***CASSIE***, our wonderful Beautician, working more hours to meet her client's needs; she has been over-whelmed with the support from our local community and has been very busy. Cassie will be working longer hours from MONDAY to FRIDAYS & Saturdays by appointments.

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Fiona is now working ever second Monday to offer her clients more flexibility, along with the Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturdays by appointment.

Please phone:6554 1585 anytime to make a booking.

Feel free to check out our Facebook page :)

Thank You

On behalf of the Show Committee, I would like to say a big "Thank You" to the ex committee of Krambach Golf Club.

Some years ago the Golf Club raised money and bought a "scooter" for Nabiac Pharmacy to rent to anyone who had the need of it.

It has not been used for some time so it was sold to a customer of the Pharmacy and upon asking the Golf committee what they would like done with the sale proceeds they said "**Give it to the Show**".

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Lyn Reid - Secretary

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An excellent local publication with pictures of weeds in our area is at http://www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/files/assets/public/document-resources/environment-docs/trees-amp-plants/medium-res-garden-escapees-and-other-weeds-of-bushland-and-reserves-2015.pdf
Don't be surprised if some of your favourite hardy garden plants are pictured since some of these become very weedy if allowed to escape into bushland.

The weeds are suffering from the drought as are most of us! This means that using poison for weed control isn't a good idea unless the plant is actively growing. A very good handbook on weed control can be found at http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/ data/assets/pdf_file/0017/123317/noxious-and-environ-weed-control-handbook.pdf

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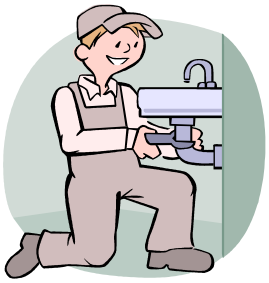

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Once again our first meeting for the year was a great success with 50 members and guest our sausage sizzle which followed the meeting was very much enjoyed by all. Many thanks to the men who cooked the BBQ and to all the great cooks for bringing such delicious and enjoyable cakes, etc.; such variety it was hard to decide just what to eat.

We also welcomed another new member, ***Rosemary***, to our club; we hope that you will enjoy the friendship of like minded people.

The flower display was outstanding so many different flowers and vegies and very pleasing to the eye.

Our next meeting will be held at the church hall at 10 am on February 26th and the **AGM** will follow . Nominations for all positions are now being accepting.

Following this we will have a guest speaker demonstration Wicking Buckets - what's this you may ask - well come along and find out.

Visitors are always welcome. To end the day we will be having lunch so please bring something to share with others.

Our flower competition for February will be orange so come along watch the demonstration and enjoy the friendship and have a bite to eat.

For more information about our great club contact ***Jenny*** on 0400 105 333 or email krambachgl@hot mail or Val on 6559 1245.

Happy gardening

Val

KRAMBACH HALL HAPPENINGS

HALL MEETINGS: Monday following the Krambach Markets each month at 3.00pm. Next meeting on **Monday 18th February, 2018. Volunteers and Committee members welcome to join.**
HALL MARKETS: 3rd Sunday of the month. 8:30am to 1pm
Come and choose from a wide selection of craft, woodwork, hand made cards, fresh produce & plants, bric-a-brac, 2nd hand books & kids toys. Enjoy a hot breakfast or Devonshire tea or coffee. "Lucky Tree" Hall Raffle. New stall holders welcome.
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Wednesday Mornings: Hanna is available for general help.

Friday Mornings: Suzie will help with the basics, emails and internet searches.

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WALLAMBA CWA REPORT

Firstly I must apologise for any distress or surprize felt by the readers of the last Wallamba CWA report – Dec 2017 edition of 'ACF'- in which it stated the passing of Paul Denley, son of the late Jim Denley, when it should have stated Jim Denley, late of Nabiac. I am sorry for the misunderstanding that the misplacement of a word changed a whole meaning. It was my typo and nothing to do with Editor Lyn, who does such a sterling effort with the publication of 'Across the Fence".

December meeting was our last for the year and was held, as usual, at Wallamba Showground Hall foyer on Tuesday December 12th with 12 members welcomed by President *Iris Cummings* when she declared the meeting open at 10.00am after the members had set up the table for the Christmas luncheon which was to follow.

The meeting opened with the National Anthem, CWA Motto and Prayer before members paused to remember the passing of family and friends including our much loved Patron *Betty Bird, Bernie Pearson* of Krambach, *Jim Wootton, Barry Wilks*, Mrs *Patricia Bunt, Ian Barberie* and *Terrie Platts* of Wingham.

Mary gave us the thought for the month and it was

"***Happiness is not a goal: it is a by-product."***

Penny will bring the thought for February meeting.

Correspondence included a number of messages of sympathy on the passing of our Patron Betty from branches within the Mid North Coast Group, which were much appreciated by the Branch.

Thank you letters and certificates were received from the Nabiac, Krambach and Coolongolook Public Schools in appreciation of the Branch's donation towards their end of year Presentation Days.

Members have been advised of the next MNC CWA group meeting to be held at Pt. Macquarie Racecourse on Tuesday March 6th and members attending will be worked out at the February meeting.

Merle gave her handicraft report and emphasised the need for members to have their items in at the February meeting to meet the deadlines as these will be judged on March 6th.

Our International Officer Penny told members that she had invited local couple, *Brendan* and his Polish born wife *Anna,* to speak at the February meeting to help us learn a little more about ***Poland*** -which is the 2018 Country of Study. Five branches have set their dates for International Days on Poland and the 2018 Group International Day will be hosted by Wallamba Branch on August 21st.

Penny told us about some of the Christmas traditions of Poland saying their main Christmas starts on December 24th and they have Christmas Trees and Nativity scenes. Up to 12 different food dishes are served on the Christmas table which represents the 12 Disciples and includes Fried Carp and Beetroot Soup.

Another tradition is to place hay under the tablecloth for a happy Christmas and New Year.

Cookery Officer *Margaret* congratulated member *Ruth* on taking 3rd place with her Orange Marmalade whilst Margaret was also placed 3rd with her Rhubarb and Ginger Jam. Unfortunately *Jill* and *Pam* were both unplaced with their coconut and boiled fruit cakes respectively.

Ag & Environment Officer Jill informed us that the Pomegranate is the 2018 Primary Product and brought one for all to see.

Congratulations to member *Janette* and husband *Barry Jones* on their wedding anniversary on Dec 11th.

The meeting was then closed and several guests had now arrived to join the ladies for Christmas lunch and as usual the members had provided a delicious feast of meats and cold salads which were followed by Christmas Pudding, pavlova and homemade ice-cream all washed down with fruit punch, tea & coffee and Christmas lollies and slices.

CWA members Mary Webber and Merle Barber with guest Maureen Amhling during the Wallamba Branch's Christmas Party.

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We missed *Bruce Weller* as our entertainment this year but wife Margaret filled the position telling a couple of jokes before conducting two Christmas quizzes which got the 'grey matter' thinking with a thrilled President Iris winning a lovely Helen Steiner Rice book of verses.

Member's free will offering under the Christmas Tree, amounted to $120 and this was presented by Treasurer Mary to *Beth Brewster,* representing the Minimbah Rural Fire Brigade, to assist with the purchase of much needed equipment.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday February 13th at the usual venue of the Wallamba Show-ground Hall Foyer beginning at 9.30am for 10.00am when it is hoped we will have our guest speakers Brendan and Anna.

Pam Muxlow
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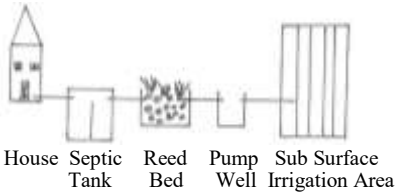

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Another big thank you needs to go to the Nabiac community itself for the funds raised to purchase the new fridge for the Nabiac Cat 1 fire truck, as well as a pallet of water for the four local brigades, being Firefly, Minimbah, Krambach and Nabiac.

Nabiac brigade had a very quite Christmas period, thank you to every-one, with only five incidents and one out of area to assist with the back burn and blacking out of the Masonite Road fires at Raymond Terrace. The smoke down there was that thick you couldn't see your own hand in front of your face.

For anyone who is interested, Nabiac Brigade is also looking for some new members who are available both day and night or weekends; if interested please contact the Captain –

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WHAT'S ON IN WOOTTON

Happy new year to all.

This year we will continue to see monthly community dinners on the last Saturday of the month but some with a difference. ***February*** will have a ***Valentine's*** theme and will be in the Brush Turkey Cafe, ***March*** our usual *bring-a-plate* dinner in the Hall. Later in the year we are planning a trivia night and a games night.

Food swaps on the second Saturday of the month from 5pm in the grounds of the Hall have been very successful with a surprising range of produce even through these really hot periods and are continuing in 2018. These are really relaxed, just bring some home grown produce to share and join us for tea, cake and a chat.

We are looking forward to hosting the next **Holistic Farming** training course with the training undertaken in the Hall and the catering provided by volunteers from the Brush Turkey café.

Advance notice for March 31st. You will all be aware that the next Great Lakes Food Trail is happening on March 31st. The Brush Turkey café is participating as one of the venues on this Trail and the Wootton Hall will be holding a bric-a-brac fundraiser. Spots to set up your bric-a-brac in the hall are available for hire at $10 per area. If you are interested contact Caro on 0408 415 420.

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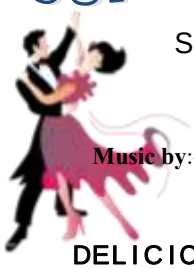

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Local History - The Wallamba – Another in a series of historical articles gleaned from the archives of the "Manning River Times" 1927 –1928, *by Bob Mann*

FAILFORD - DECEMBER, 1927: The speedy little motor launch "Miss Brec", which up till very recently belonged to the enterprising owner, Mr *J. W. Breckenridge* of Failford, was sold by him to Mr *J. Hewson* of Newcastle at a very satisfactory figure and has, since becoming the property of the new owner, given a display of speed at Toronto. The speedy little craft annexed the Albert Cup in Sydney and Geelong and was undoubtedly one of the great attractions at the Cape Hawke Regattas to which there is a possibility of her return for the forthcoming regatta. In all probability Mr J.W. Breckenridge will have built to his order; another speed merchant, Mr *Jack Breckenridge* journeyed to Toronto to initiate Mr Hewson into the intricacies of motor boat racing. Mr J. W. Breckenridge after peregrinating (*travelling*) the Barrier Reef returned home on Saturday morning. He was accompanied by Lieut. *A. Gould*, his son in law.

FAILFORD'S SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC: The teacher, parents and scholars were all agog with excitement on Saturday morning in preparation for the Sunday School picnic which was held at Hallidays Point to which place Mr *Holden's* Services had been requisitioned for the transport of the picnickers. Everything was going pleasantly for the picnickers when the advent of a thunderstorm, accompanied by hail and rain to the extent of 57 points, marred the proceedings and rendered a hasty exit for home a necessity. However, not withstanding the interruption, the children returned well fortified with ozone and other dainty and tangible commodities besides being the proud possessors of a prize awarded for either being speedy or too slow. Much credit and gratitude is due to the teaches for the trouble and responsibility so pleasantly undertaken .

WANG WAUK - JANUARY, 1928: On Christmas eve a very happy time was spent at the residence of Mr and Mrs *Williams*. At 6 o'clock tea was partaken of. About 8 o'clock Santa Claus arrived to the great joy of all present, and gave presents from the Christmas tree. A beautiful assortment of presents was given to the children. Afterwards a plentiful supply of lollies, peanuts and oranges were given round to all present. A dance followed and supper was served to the large crowd assembled for the occasion, by the ladies. The funds for the Christmas tree and etc. were collected by the school children. A dance was held at Mrs *G. Worth's*. Mr *J. Mitchell* took his part as Santa.

Miss *Margaret Worth* is spending a holiday at Tuncurry and Forster and also intends to visit Wauchope.

ACCIDENT: Mr *James Griffis* was on horseback last week when one of his reins broke and the horse bolted into the clothes line. Mr Griffis sustained very nasty injuries to his face

The Wang Wauk Sunday School scholars, together with their teachers, are holding their Anniversary next Sunday January 29th at 2pm in the Soldiers Memorial Hall. The senior pupils are rendering a service of song "The Golden Path" and the junior pupils have a few selected hymns. A good congregation is hoped for the prizes for last year are to be presented.

The local cricket club has started cricket again this season.

Mr *James Mitchel* ,when fixing an axe handle, cut one of his fingers very severely.

Miss *W. Worth* is at present in the Nabiac Hospital with a very bad foot which was caused by a horse treading on it.

Master *Charlie Tagg* was trying out a new axe and cut his ankle very badly. He is at present in the Nabiac Hospital.

Mrs *A. Crisp* and her daughter and brother, Master *Arther Holden* from Lismore, are on a visit to her parents.

Master *Eric Williams* has been spending a few days in Taree.

Mr *Harry Gordon,* at one time a resident of the district, has been on a visit. He has been up north for sometime.

NABIAC SHOW PRIVILEGES - FEBRUARY, 1928: The following was the result of privileges sold at the Nabiac sale. Publicans Booth - Mr *J. T. McIntyre,* Merewether £26; Fruit and Cordial Stall - Mr *J. Foster* £20.10.00; Ice Cream and Fruit Salad Stall - Mr *A. J. Foster* £15.10.00; Luncheon Booth passed in, Oyster Stall - Mr *A. J. Small* £6.00.00.

MANNING SHIRE COUNCIL MEETING: At the meeting held on Monday 6th February, it was stated that all the work on the Wallamba and Tipperary roads has now been completed and the gang diverted to other work.

Coolongolook - March, 1928: A farewell to Mr and Mrs *Carney* was held in the Coolongolook Hall when about 200 people entertained them on the eve of their departure to Taree where Mr Carney is taking up business. The hall was nicely decorated with ferns and flowers. The music was supplied by Mr *C. French* (accordion) and Messrs *French* brothers (piano). Mr *H. H. Woodward* was M.C. and kept the dancing moving and the young folk happy with all the latest dances - one step, fox trot, Charleston, etc. Coolongolook and Wootton friends presented Mr and Mrs Carney with a nice stainless carving set. The presentation was made by Mr *W. Batchelor*. Mr Carney responded. The ladies brought baskets and sat down to a good supper. When the presentation was made all sang "For They Are Jolly Good Fellows". When the tea was over a few more fox trots were indulged in and it was close to midnight when all say "Auld Lang Synge" All wish Mr and Mrs Carney every success in their new home.

NABIAC ELECTRICAL PLANT - MAY, 1928. Mr *D. Hancock*, the enterprising draper of Nabiac, has arranged for the purchase of an electrical plant, which he is having installed at his business premises at Nabiac. The power will be of such magnitude as to be more than adequate for his requirements that Mr *F. Walden* and others in the immediate neighbourhood are entering into an agreement to be also supplied with light from Mr Hancock's plant.

WALLAMBA WAR MEMORIAL - MAY 1928: A meeting of those interested in the credit balance of the bank from wartime efforts was held at Nabiac on Tuesday last, having been convened by Mr *G. A.. Campbell.* Those present discussed the possibility of building a war memorial and a sub committee was appointed to go into the matter to report to a later meeting.

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COMMUNITY CORNER: NABIAC POOL

How blessed are we to have such a wonderful recreational space as the Nabiac Community Pool. It has proven its worth over these Summer holidays with so many people enjoying its beautiful facilities. There are aqua aerobics groups, learn to swim classes, people keeping fit or doing their hydrotherapy exercises and happy families enjoying the various facilities provided. It is disheartening to see and hear about how a select few people have little or no respect for this fantastic resource that has been provided for the Nabiac community. One wonders how many people are actually aware of how much dedication and hard work went into ensuring this facility became the fabulous resource we now have. It all began over 25 years ago when a group of like minded Nabiac citizens decided Nabiac needed a pool and then set about raising the funds to make it a possibility.

This involved amongst other things, Food and Wine festivals, various fund raising activities, applying for a variety of grants, and of course proceeds from the Nabiac Op-Shop. It also involved donations from local community people and businesses. Then, of course there were all the negotiations and applications with council once the targets were getting close to realisation. Much of the actual costs of construction were made a little more achievable by local businesses and citizens donating equipment and labour. It didn't all just happen in one go either. There were a number of stages to the project. First came the amenities block. It then took quite some time and a heap more negotiations before the actual excavations began for the pool itself. That day was cause for celebration!

Originally the plans were for a 25 metre pool, and a wading pool, but that meant increased costs for the running of the pool as it would require a full time lifeguard in attendance, and the cost of providing this was beyond the scope of the project. However plans were put in place for a toddlers wet play area instead. Finally the pool itself was completed and had its first opening on March 18th 2015. You can find photos of this if you Google Nabiac Pool Opening and go to Great Lakes Advocate or Manning River Times.

So I think a "big thumbs up" is needed for all the people who helped make this dream come true. If you would like to know who some of these wonderful folk are, check out the Honour Board at the pool and don't forget to thank them if you see them! The original pool committee had many changing members over the years, and operated with the support of the Neighbourhood Centre, with the Nabiac Op shop being one of the significant fundraisers. Since the final construction and opening of the pool this wonderful dedicated committee has disbanded having achieved their mammoth goal! CONGRATULATIONS!

As you can see from the photo the wet play area was still to be constructed, as was the landscaping around the pool. This came later again as Stage 3 of the project! Then the shade cloth over the play area came later again, through more grant applications and donations of time and labour.

So where to from here?? There have been a number of suggestions as to what could be done in the future to even further enhance the safety and enjoyment of users of the pool. These have included use of a swipe card for entry, paying a user fee, having a permanent lifeguard, having a roster of people to supervise the area, installing video surveillance, having shaded areas and picnic tables, amongst other ideas. Maybe it is time to consider: - do we the community need to have a pool committee once again; to work with the community, the users of the pool and council to ensure its future viability and beauty. Maybe it is time for some civic minded locals and pool users to get together and work out the best way forward. Let's hope it can be done! *Caring for our community*!

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NABIAC MEMORIAL NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE ACHIEVEMENTS 2017

The funds used by the Neighbourhood Centre are those raised by the Nabiac Second Chance Op Shop and grants and funding from other sources, usually MidCoast Council and the State and Federal Governments.

In 2017 the Swimming Pool Committee set up to oversee fundraising and construction was wound up and remaining funds handed to Neighbourhood Centre.

We farewelled *Mary Bush* (Committee member and OP Shop volunteer), and *Tim Gething* (Treasurer). Tim plans to continue with the CTC (Community Technology Centre)

Renovations

Major renovations were commenced in 2016 and continued into 2017. Mostly this is a backlog of maintenance through the times when all funds raised went to the Pool project. We are now spending significant funds on the building. This will be ongoing as the need arises.

Project - Memorial Park

Our application for funding to upgrade the park was unsuccessful. We have committed to fund a walkway across the Park and planting of new trees, in conjunction with MidCoast Council. The next meeting to discuss the Park will be a joint meeting with Council and the local branch of RSL in early February.

Our application to place memorial signage in the Park detailing the significant sites in the area was successful. We have $1,000 grant from the NSW Government and the Neighbourhood Centre is contributing the balance. *Stuart Weller* has written a detailed history including construction of the Memorial, the Honour Rolls at the Uniting and Anglican churches and at the Nabiac Public School. This document also includes information about the Nabiac Airfield in WW 2 and the original plan for the tree planting in the late 1930's. I believe that 4 of those trees remain. As the information is extensive and cannot all be placed on one sign we plan to add some information to the Heritage Walk document on www.nabiac.com

Project - Children's Playground

After some consultation with the kids at the Kid's Shack and Nabiac Preschool, the Neighbourhood Centre are purchasing the new play equipment for the playground to be constructed behind the Tennis Courts. MidCoast Council are building the playground and we hope to have this project completed later this year. More information will be posted on our community Facebook page "Nabiac Community".

When the playground is completed the old equipment at Memorial Park will be dismantled.

Project - Nabiac Tennis Club

We have worked closely with the Tennis Club during 2017 and have agreed to fund 50% of the much needed repairs to the court surface.

Project - Mid Coast Community Quilters

During 2017 the Quilters wrote to request assistance with the purchase of a quilting machine. The donation of $10,000 saw the Quilters take delivery of the new machine and they have continued to provide a venue for sewing people to get together and an opportunity to donate quilts back into the community.

Project - Community BBQ facilities

Our grant application to NSW State Government was unsuccessful . We had planned to construct a shaded BBQ near the pool. We will investigate this further in 2018.

The Nabiac Village Futures Group (as a subcommittee of the Neighbourhood Centre) also worked with Bunnings (Taree) to have the 2 **footbridges painted**, and worked with MidCoast Council regarding the **installation of the RV dump point**.

Plans for 2018

Memorial Park and the BBQ Project will be ongoing.

Project - Wallamba Show

The Second Chance OP Shop are a sponsor of the 2018 Fireworks Display.

Project - Neighbourhood Centre extension

A few years ago we built the Shed out the back to allow us to store donated goods. We have now outgrown the shed and will be increasing the floor space. The DA is currently with Council and we expect to start soon.

Project - Swimming Pool

We are investigating the cost of installing solar heating to boost the water temperature in cooler weather.

Project - Recognition of Joanne Banning's Contribution to the Skatepark

The late *Joanne Banning* fundraised for many years for the establishment of the Skatepark and we have been discussing with her family how we could recognise her contribution. *Ann Newlan* (Committee Member) has been following up.

The next meeting of the Neighbourhood Centre committee will be held at 7.30pm on Thursday 8th February.

Louise Collins,
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Our New quilting machine is rarely unoccupied on our sewing days, we have quilted 95 quilts on it since we received it at the end of August. I wonder who will get to complete the 100th quilt?

We have also received some awesome donations of fabric, so (or sew) if there are any sewers out there with time on their hand and an empty Monday or Wednesday we would love to see you at 516 The Bucketts Way, Belbora. Currently we have a need for cot quilts so we are enjoying playing with novelty and bright fabrics.

Another activity we enjoy are our monthly retreats, usually the week-end of the First Saturday of the month, where we sew to a theme, be it colour (because a shelf of that colour fabric is bulging) or theme. The quilt we have donated to the Wallamba Show Raffle was from our Adopt an Orphan weekend. IF anyone is interested in these activities please give me a call. Jenny Fletcher 6554 1201

Jenny Fletcher

News from Nabiac Kids' Shack.

Welcome back to all our Kids' Shack families and a particular welcome to the new kindergarten children enrolled for 2018.

Our educational program this term has included the celebration of Chinese New Year with art and cooking activities, participation in *Clean Up Australia* (Nabiac) and the children have prepared art works for the Nabiac Show.

The Nabiac and District Pre-school Association (including Kids' Shack) AGM will be held at 5:30pm on 21ST March at the pre-school. All interested families and community members are invited to attend the AGM.

We still have limited vacancies for before and after school with Monday afternoons heavily booked.

If you require before or after school care, occasional 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

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Children—Too Precious to Profit

What's been happening at Nabiac & District Preschool...

Pool Visit

In the last school week of 2017 we headed over to our amazing community pool to celebrate Summer. The children loved our time at the pool and we all had a lot of fun together.

2018 Enrolments are OPEN

We are starting 2018 with a great group of Children. We have welcomed so many new faces to our centre and we are getting to know everyone. If you would like your child to attend our beautiful environment, please give us a call to discuss availability as we are starting to fill up. We do offer a waiting list.

Playgroup has Moved

Did you know Playgroup has moved??? Monday mornings, of the school term, playgroup can be found at Nabiac Kids Shack. This is a great way to get your young ones involved in some social play with peers before starting your child in care. The children feel safe, secure and supported when they are cared for in a loving, caring, and welcoming environment!

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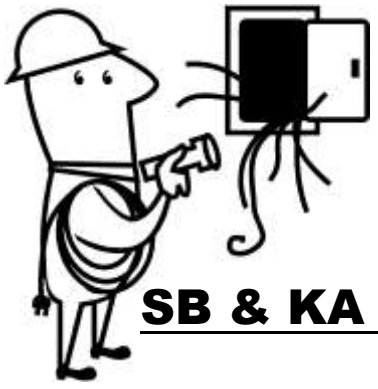

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Between the Pages
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During the holidays I've discovered several authors.

Elizabeth J. Duncan's *Penny Brannigan Mystery* series is certainly different!! Are you Welsh or would like to immerse yourself in the secrets, daily life trials and yes, even murder of people in a small village in North Wales? The main character, Penny Brannigan, is a Manicurist, best friend and business partner of Victoria Hopkins.

Titles in this series:-

1. **The Cold Light of Mourning** (available at Nabiac Library),
2. **A Brush with Death** (available at Taree Library),
3. **A Killer's Christmas in Wales,**
4. **A Small Hill to Die On**,
5. **Never Laugh As a Hearse Goes By,**
6. **Slated for Death** (available at Nabiac Library),
7. **Murder on the Hour**,
8. **Murder Is for Keeps.**

Note: Members may submit a request to purchase book titles not currently owned by our library service, just ask our friendly staff for a request form.

Elizabeth J. Duncan also writes the **Shakespeare in the Catskills Mystery Series**; set in New York, Charlotte Fairfax is a Costume Designer.

Titles in this series:-

1. **Untimely Death** (available at Taree Library),
2. **Ill Met by Murder** (available at Taree Library),
3. **Much Ado About Murder.**

Midcoast Libraries are progressing towards being able to borrow from all branches; for now we can borrow from Nabiac, Bulahdelah, Gloucester, Tea Gardens, Stroud and Forster. Taree, Harrington, Wingham, Hallidays Point, Old Bar require an inter-library loan or a personal visit.

Bailey Cates' Magical Bakery Mysteries - The Honeybee Bakery's clientele receive much more than the pastries, cookies, scones, muffins and savoury sweet goodness they purchase; Katie Lightfoot and Aunt Lucy use herbal witchery e.g. apples for love, peace and happiness, fennel adds courage to relieve or boost their customer's well-being and solve murders too. Definitely an entertaining read!!

Titles in this series:-

1. **Brownies and Broomsticks,**
2. **Bewitched, Bothered and Biscotti,**
3. **Charms and Chocolate Chips** (available Nabiac and Taree Libraries),
4. **Some Enchanted Éclair** (available Nabiac and Hallidays Point Libraries),
5. **Magic and Macaroons,**
6. **Spells and Scones,**
7. **Potions and Pastries**.

Yet another author, **Kate Carlisle** writes the Bibliophile Mysteries, that feature rare book expert Brooklyn Wainwright, whose book-binding and restoration skills uncover old secrets, treachery and murder.

Titles in this series:-

1. **Homicide in Hardcover** (on loan),
2. **If Books Could Kill** (available Gloucester Library),
3. **The Lies That Bind** (available Gloucester Library),
4. **Murder Under Cover** (available Gloucester and Forster Libraries),
5. **One Book in the Grave** (available Bulahdelah Library).
6. **Peril in Paperback,**
7. **A Cookbook Conspiracy** (available Hallidays Point, Gloucester and Tea Gardens Libraries),
8. **The Book Stops Here** (available Gloucester and Hallidays Point Libraries),
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10. **Books of a Feather,**
11. **Once Upon a Spine,**
12. **Buried in Books**.

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Lyn's Larder

Not sure if I have put this one in before. It is very similar to a dish I used to have in a little Thai restaurant in Kings Cross 100 years ago when I was young. The dish was called "Bammi" and I have lost my original recipe but this is very similar.

Singapore Noodles

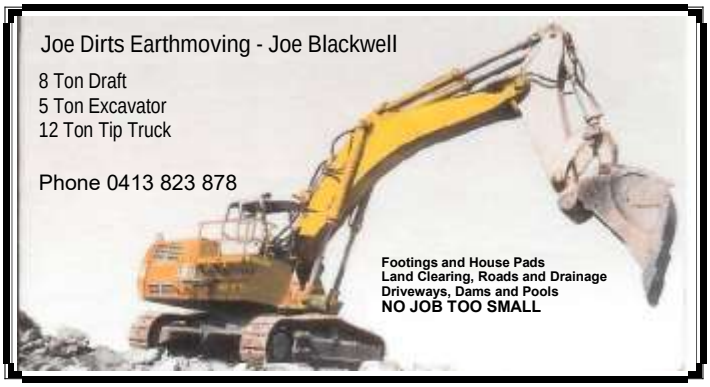
Ingredients

120g pkt	Rice or bean vermicelli noodles
½ tsp	Curry powder
½ tsp	Salt
½ tsp	White pepper
½ tsp	Turmeric
½ tsp	Sugar
¼	Large onion, diced
¼	Red capsicum, sliced
½	Red chilli, sliced (optional)
50g	Char sui pork (tradition Chinese BBQ pork from Asian shops)
1	Spring onion
2-3 tbsp.	Peanut oil
3-4	Green Prawns
1	Egg
	Small handful bean sprouts

Method

1. Soak the noodles in a bowl of cold water while you prepare the other ingredients. Mix the spices, salt and sugar together in a small bowl. Prepare the vegies and the pork and keep in a separate bow Keep the spring onions and bean sprouts in another bowl
2. After all the other ingredients have been prepared, drain the noodles and place them in a dry bowl. Sprinkle the spice mix over the noodles so they are evenly coated with the spices.
3. Into a very hot wok, add the peanut oil and then the prawns. Toss them briefly then crack the egg into the wok. Swirl quickly then add the noodles straight on top and toss to combine. Continue tossing the noodle mix for one minute then add the onion, capsicum, chilli and pork. Toss everything to combine well
4. Add the spring onions and been sprouts and toss until some of the bean sprouts start to collapse. Serve immediately.

The original dish I ate had shredded BBQ chicken in it instead of the pork, so it was easier to make without having to find a shop which sold the pork.



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Minimbah Rural Fire Brigade would like to wish everyone a very Happy, Health and Safe New Year. Since the last edition of this wonderful newsletter, until the past few days, not a lot has been happening in the way of fires. All of a sudden with some hot weather, thunderstorms and perhaps an arsonist, there are some very serious and aggressive fires in NSW. As this is being written, Brigades from the Mid Coast District are helping out with fires in other Districts.

Obviously this is the fire season and the issuing of Fire Permits is assessed and monitored on a daily basis. There are strict conditions applying to them and on days when the Fire Danger Rating is Very High or above, they are suspended.

It is your responsibility to check before you strike a match. You can find out the current Fire Danger Rating by visiting **www.rfs.nsw.gov.au**.

We are in the North Coast Fire District and it is shown of the map as Area 2.

Don't have that technology? You can call

Tuncurry Fire Control Centre on 6539 7700 or

Taree Fire Control Centre on 6591 2900.

To report an **unattended fire**, or other emergency, call **Triple zero (000).**

Our Brigade Christmas barbecue was well attended and great fun. A few new faces were there, one of whom came to our January meeting to join the Brigade.

So starts a promising new year. We meet at the **Minimbah Fire Station** (681 Minimbah Road) at **9.30 a.m**. on **the second Saturday and the fourth Wednesday of each month** so if you are interested in joining us, or would like to see what we do, please either just turn up at those times or call our Captain *Brent on 6554 1082* for some "inside info".

Everyone knows that Fire Fighters don't just fight fires. First and foremost we are a community minded group of volunteers, whose primary focus just happens to be fire prevention and fire-fighting. As part of our community involvement we ran the Wang Wauk Driver Reviver station twice in December. It's not just about a cuppa. It is a complete community service and lots of funny things happen. During an 8 hour shift we answered questions such as "where am I?" and "how do I get to…?", warmed up babies bottles, provided hot water in which to cook noodles, became best mates with the rest area maintenance people, distributed **FireWise** Fact Sheets and provided help and guidance with regards to fire safety. There was even the opportunity for solo travelers to stop for a while and have a good old natter with like-minded people; to compare their dogs and reminisce the good old days. Our newly licensed lady truck driver has proven her versatility and, if there was such a qualification, would now be able to claim a "toilet unblocking certificate". All part of a day's community service. All very interesting, rewarding and worth-while.

Our next scheduled community event is the Nabiac Show on 3rd March, where we have once again been asked to attend as a safety crew at the Demolition Derby and the Fireworks. Hopefully we will see you there.

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The concerts will be held **at Club Forster's Auditorium on Monday 26th March 2018** at 10am and a second concert at 2pm.

Concerts in Taree will again be at **Club Taree's Auditorium at 121 Wingham Road, Taree** on **Tuesday 27th March 2018**, one commencing at 10am and a second concert commencing at 2pm.

The concerts are **FREE** to attend and tickets are restricted to seniors and their carers living in the Myall Lakes Electorate and a gold coin donation at the door would be welcomed, with all proceeds going to the Forster/Tuncurry International Quota at the Forster concerts and the Taree International Quota Club at the Taree concerts.

Those who choose to make a gold coin donation will be provided with 5 tickets in a draw at each of the Forster Concerts. At the end of each concert a draw will take place and the winning ticket will win at the 10am and 2pm concert, dinner for 2 to the value of $70 at the Reef Bar & Grill in Forster along with 2 bottles of Cassergrain wines donated by myself. Extra tickets will be available for purchase on the day at the venue. Total value of each prize is $110. A draw will take place at the end of each of the Forster concerts.

At both the 10am and 2pm Taree concerts for a gold coin donation, there will be a chance to win dinner for 2 at the Taree Sicilian Restaurant along with 2 bottles of Cassergrain wines donated by myself ,again a total value of each prize $110. A draw will take place at the end of each of the Taree concerts.

Concert tickets will run out quickly, so please ensure you pre order your tickets for collection either from **Club Forster for the Forster Concerts** or **Mid Coast Council Chambers, Taree for the Taree Concerts.**

I look forward to welcoming your guests to the concerts in 2018.

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I was sitting in the waiting room for my first appointment with the new dentist and I noticed his DDS Diploma, which bore his full name.

Suddenly I remembered a tall, dark haired, handsome boy of the same name who had been in my high school class some 40-odd years ago.

Could this be the same guy that I'd had a secret crush on way back then?

However, upon seeing him I quickly discarded any such thought.

This balding, grey haired man with the deeply lined face was far too old to have been my class mate.

After he examined my teeth, I asked him if he had attended Morgan Park High School.

"Yes, yes I did. I'm a mustang." He gleamed with pride.

"When did you graduate?" I asked.

He answered, "In 1959, why do you ask?"

"You were in my class!" I exclaimed.

He looked at me closely, then, that ugly, old, wrinkled, bald, fat, grey, decrepit creep asked, "What did you teach?"

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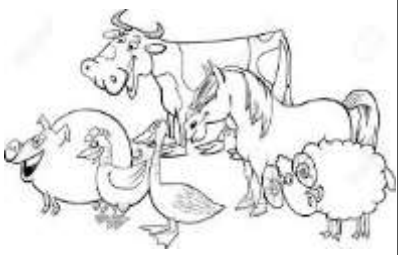

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Show News

It is time again for

Wallamba's Annual Show. Saturday, March 3rd!

As there have been flyers stuck up everywhere from Gloucester, Wingham, Taree, Krambach, Forster, Tuncurry, Dyers Crossing and, of course, Nabiac, there is no excuse to say you didn't know it was coming up and haven't had time to do your entries for the Hall or get your beautiful animals all washed and brushed ready to show off.

After last year's disappointment with the closure on the day due to the soggy grounds, we are hoping for a bumper turnout and oodles of entries in all of the events.

You can kick off with entering the **Horse** events if you are riders. Bring along yours (or dad's) steers to show off in the **Cattle** pavilion. I sure he would forgive you if you took home a blue ribbon. Don't forget you have to have a signed waiver to enter/compete.

The **Goats** will hopefully increase in entries as I have noted in the Karuah Land Care articles that goat and sheep keeping is on the increase. Naturally all animals will have had their inoculations - won't they???

How are your **Chickens** faring with the changing weather? Still can't believe you actually give them a bath and blow dry before showing them. Mine would have pecked me to pieces if I tried it.

Moving on to **Pooches**. We had over 350 entries to the Show Dogs last year and I am sure their numbers are increasing. Great to go down to the bottom paddock and see them pranced around the ring by their owners. Would also give prospective pet owners a chance to suss out what type of dog you would like to have a a companion. There are dozens of breeds shown.

Talking of pooches, this year we are trying something new . We are having a **Dog Jumping** competition, with two categories, large and small, with a $50 first prize and large bags of feed supplied by *Taree/ Wingham Produce* as supplementary prizes.

No experience necessary, just bring your dog - on a lead of course - come to the ring where the Demo Derby is held up near the Showground Lane entry area, at 5:30pm, **sign a waiver - no waiver no entry,** you can download them from the show web site or get one from the office on the day, and see the Steward in charge. Good luck!

Our normal **Pet Competition** will still be on down near the Produce Pavilion at 1:30pm. Remember you have to sign a waiver there too.

All pets must be securely contained, or controlled. We don't want any getting away or hurt. I wonder how many different animals will turn up this year to enter?? *Scotty's Pet Barn* is sponsoring as usual.

Is everyone ready to display their wares in the **Hall**? Lots of busy fingers sewing and knitting, gluing, carving or arranging flowers. We have some new sponsors and awards this year. *Forster Arts and Crafts* have sponsored 5 Stewards Choice Awards in the Embroidery, Knitting, Crochet, Hobbies and Dolls sections, *Rocks Kidz* at Forster has sponsored various classes in the Knitting and Crochet Sections, *Nabiac Bakery* is sponsoring the Bread Class, *Modern Motors* has put up sponsorship towards the Produce Section, and not forgetting their continued sponsorship of various classes by the Great Lakes Art Society, Forster Photos and Framing, the Wallamba CWA Ladies, the Wallamba Show Society Ladies Committee, Tuncurry's Just Patchwork, Taree's Country Pickin's at the Corner, Krambach Garden Lovers, Nabiac Garden Club, KINspirit Iris & Daylily Farm and D & J Wand Pty. Ltd.

Hopefully the **Produce** goods and **Floral** Classes will not be badly affected by the continually changing weather we have been having and maybe, one of our pumpkins will be good enough to travel down to the Sydney Royal as some have done in the past.

The **Children's** programme also has some changes in their prizes. Cindy and Ross Dearing (our new incoming Secretaries - I am finish up as Secretary after this show) decided to encourage the young ones by (Ross) sponsoring a Champion Ribbon and a $25 to go to the best photo in Section 2, and Cindy has put up special prizes of $20 (1st) and $10 (2nd) for Class 33 - patchwork - in the Handwork Section.

On to the entertainment:-

Troppo Bob is coming back with his bag of magic to thrill the kiddies (and some adults)

Griego the Great is returning with his roving slight of hand tricks - watch and see if you can see how he does it.

Joe May will be there with his continual change of clothes to clown, cycle rider, etc and

Quenorie, our lovely fairy face painter is bringing her paint pots and sparkles to make little (and big) faces into fairies or pirates or what ever they chose. She will be accompanied by her fairy friend.

Lots of new Trade stalls have been phoning in for spots, including a masseuse, spicy sauces, fancy door stops, our usual food, ice-cream, jewellery, cakes, show bags, jams, clothes, etc. The list goes on.

Not sure if our Tattooist is coming - haven't heard, but she should be there.

The **Demo Derby** is on at 6:30pm, those interested in entering phone ***Nathan Watt*** - his details are on the nabiac.com.show website.

AND OUR BIG ATTRACTION, nearly forgot, will be **Noah's Thoroughbred Racing Pig(lets).** They will be set up behind the Goat pavilion along the fence on the Showground Lane side.

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will chose someone from the audience to be the '*steward of the race'* to make sure all is kosher, and tickets will be sold to raise money for charity. Times will be announce over the loud speaker on the day.

The carnival will be there but I haven't as yet been informed which rides will be coming. Tickets will be $30 for the DAY.

Entry tickets remain the same, $10 Adults, $30 Family (2 adults & 3 kids), $5 for pensioners (show concession card) and children.

Fireworks will finish the day as usual at around 8:00pm. They have been sponsored this year by the Nabiac Second Chance Op-Shop with a more than generous donation, Nabiac Hotel has been generous as always, and Barberie Machinery and Nabiac Water Carriers have continued their generous sponsorships as well.

I have not included all of our fabulous sponsors here, but will do so in the next issue of Across the Fence.

Just know that you are all VERY MUCH appreciated and your continued sponsorship is extremely valued.

There **WILL be a bar** around next to the Ring Canteen

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Some early history of what we now take for granted. (sorry, could-n't resist it. L)

How The Internet Started.

In ancient Israel, it came to pass that a trader by the name of Abraham Com did take unto himself a healthy young wife by the name of Dorothy. And Dot Com was a comely woman, large of breast, broad of shoulder and long of leg. Indeed, she was often called Amazon Dot Com.

And she said unto Abraham, her husband, "Why dost thou travel so far from town to town with thy goods when thou canst trade without ever leaving thy tent?"

And Abraham did look at her as though she were several saddle bags short of a camel load, but simply said, "How, dear?"

And Dot replied, "I will place drums in all the towns and drums in between to send messages saying what you have for sale, and they will reply telling you who hath the best price. The sale can be made on the drums and delivery made by Uriah's Pony Stable (UPS)."

Abraham thought long and decided he would let Dot have her way with the drums. And the drums rang out and were an immediate success. Abraham sold all the goods he had at the top price, without ever having to move from his tent.

To prevent neighboring countries from overhearing what the drums were saying, Dot devised a system that only she and the drummers knew, It was known as Must Send Drum Over Sound (MSDOS) and she also developed a language to transmit ideas and pictures - Hebrew To The People (HTTP).

And the young men did take to Dot Com's trading as doth the greedy horsefly take to camel dung. They were called Nomadic Ecclesiastical Rich Dominican Sybarites, or NERDS, and lo, the land was so feverish with joy at the new riches and the deafening sound of drums that no one noticed that the real riches were going to that enterprising drum dealer, Brother William of Gates, who bought off every drum maker in the land. Indeed he did insist on drums to be made that would work only with Brother Gates' drum heads and drumsticks.

And Dot did say, "Oh, Abraham, what we have started is being taken over by others."

And Abraham looked out over the Bay of Ezekiel, or eBay as it came to be known. He said, "We need a name that reflects what we are."

And Dot replied, "Young Ambitious Hebrew Owner Operators."

"YAHOO," said Abraham.

And because it was Dot's idea, they named it YAHOO Dot Com.

Abraham's cousin, Joshua, being the young Gregarious Energetic Educated Kid (GEEK) that he was, soon started using Dot's drums to locate things around the countryside.

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The final question was: 'How do you explain the difference between COMPLETE and FINISHED in a way that is easy to understand? Some people say there is no difference between COMPLETE and FINISHED. Here is his astute answer:

"When you marry the right woman, you are COMPLETE. When you marry the wrong woman, you are FINISHED.

And when the right one catches you with the wrong one, you are COMPLETELY FINISHED!"

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Two old guys talking.

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Other guy: "Wow, that's amazing! Imagine, an SUV! What a great gift!"

First guy: "Yup….Socks, Underwear and Viagra!"

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Oh, how times flies when you think there's nothing to do – ever again! And then suddenly you feel the hot breath of **THE EDITOR** on the back of your neck! "It's January already? What happened to December?"

So what did happen over the last couple of months? Well, we played The Poms for The Ashes in five Tests and though the record books will show we beat them, I don't see it that way. *The Galahs* played only just short of pathetically and I'd rather suggest The Poms lost the series because they played a tad more pathetically than our blokes did. In the ODI (One Day Internationals) The Poms have come back with a vengeance and though I haven't been watching the series *The Galahs* have just lost the third game on the trot and that means they've lost the five game series. Just pathetic! And yes, I remember I originally named the Test side *The Galahs* (because they're so erratic and unpredictable – like the bird) but I now realise that, for the most part, it's the same blokes playing so why not just leave the name there!

The child bride and I have been watching quite a bit of the tennis on the idiot box of late and it's been a tough time for the players. Temperatures in Perth, Brisbane and Sydney were bad enough but Melbourne (whose weather is even more unpredictable than *The Galah's* cricketing ability) has been brutal and it's found out any player who's fitness at this time of the year, is sub-standard. I've lost count of the number of players who have wilted in the enclosed venue of Rod Laver or Margaret Court and you could see it written on their faces: ***Get me out of here!*** Who will win? I don't know. Roger seems to be fit but then so do both Nadal and Djokovic. The only thing I can say about the Ladies side is Serena isn't here, Venus was knocked out in the first round, the number one seed looks pathetic (I've just watched her play and beat a stubborn Taiwanese player) and if it was me, I certainly wouldn't be writing home to my mum about the win! There are some very good, hard hitting ladies in the Oz Open this year and I think the winner will be a young unknown and that'll be a good thing.

The Big 4 Grand Slams are Australia (on rebound Ace – I think – and this year in very, very hot weather), the French (is on clay and the game is a lot slower), Wimbledon (is on grass, which is also slow, with highly unpredictable weather – it's either overcast or raining) and the US (which is also on a synthetic surface but nowhere near as hot as Melbourne). Roger won The Oz, Wimbledon and a couple of other events last year but this year could be different.

The American Football is into the Play Offs and I've got about 8 or 10 matches to watch before the Super Bowl in February. It's a tough job, but somebody's got to do it!

We have poor TV reception at our little hovel so have been allowed to sign on to the VAST (Viewer Access Satellite Television) system but it broadcasts out of Melbourne and that's all the main news we get – everything you didn't need to know about Oz Rules! If one of the stars sneezes it's a news item! But last night the headliner was that Perth has just opened their new, billion dollar stadium (to replace the WACA) and the first thing they're going to do is have the AFL Grand Final played over there. It's a pipe dream of course, because I seem to remember the Victorian Government (about 10 years ago) actually legislated in their parliament that the AFL Grand Final **MUST** be played at The G. It'll be interesting to see what comes of it. In Sydney of course, our weird Government seems only interested in knocking down two perfectly good stadiums and building two more to replace them! **What tha!!!** If ever we in the countryside needed any proof that **NSW** does not stand for New South Wales but rather Newcastle/Sydney/Wollongong, well this issue over the two stadiums is it. Time to ramp up the pressure on that Rugby Union loving local member of ours and let him know who votes for him and why we might not if this proposal gets up. The best politician is a scared politician!

I noticed the front page of the SMH this morning reported the passing of Rugby League Immortal, Graeme "Changa" Langlands MBE. I mention that for two reasons: he was an Immortal of the game and he also played for St George. Two greater honours no person can strive beyond. Another death notice you may not have seen was that of Carla Marangoni. "Who was she," I hear you mutter? She was the last surviving medallist from the 1928 Amsterdam Olympics. She was just 12 years old when she represented Italy in gymnastics and won a silver medal. She was 102 when she passed away. Events like these happen all the time – it's called The Passage of Time and it will eventually, claim both you and I.

Talk at you next month,

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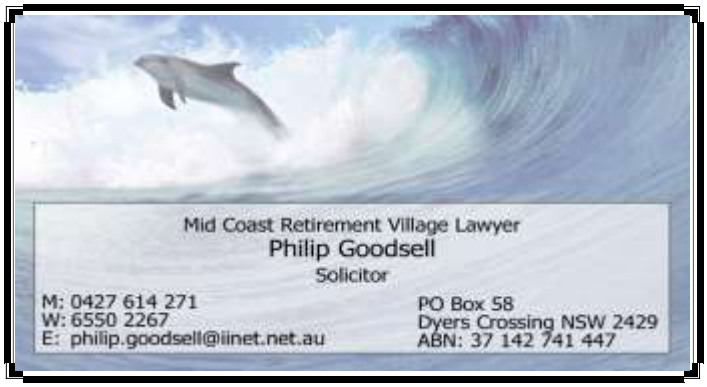

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Karuah Great Lakes Landcare News

Sheep and Goat Group to form after well attended workshop

Great Lakes and Manning small ruminant owners packed the Krambach church hall last month to hear excellent health presentations from District Vet Dr *Lyndell Stone* and goat specialist Dr *Kylie Greentree*, plus a very useful rundown on traceability requirements from HLLS Livestock Officer *Kirstin Bisley*, and a wild dog awareness talk from Senior Biosecurity Officer *Peter Fotheringham*. Prime News sent a TV crew to report on the workshop.

Everyone went home with plenty of further reading, and undertook to form a Manning-Great Lakes Sheep and Goat Group, to stay in touch, and share information and resources. If you would like to join the group and/or get a copy of the electronic resources provided by Lyndell, please contact Joël on joel.dunn@glcr.org.au

Do It Yourself Faecal Egg Count Workshop
Thursday February 15th, Nabiac, 12.30pm – 3pm

Following up our Sheep and Goat Health Basics workshop, this practical afternoon will also be of interest to beef producers. BYO grazing animal poo to put under KGLL's microscopes, and we will run through identifying eggs and a protocol for quantitative egg counts. You can then use this information to inform your worming programs.

Numbers strictly limited. Please RSVP to Joël on 0401 932 533 or joel.dunn@glcr.org.au

Motion sensor cameras available for loan

KGLL have some snazzy motion sensor cameras for members to loan out thanks to our Pests and Weeds drought funding project that made the wild dog workshops possible. These are a great tool for spying on goings on around your property, whether it be surveillance for wild dogs, feral pests, or just capturing images of your friendly local wild-life.

To arrange a loan, please contact Joël on 0401 932 533 joel.dunn@glcr.org.au

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Weed alert

Weed officers are calling on the public to be very careful to avoid introducing exotic water plants to dams and ponds. What may seem like a beautiful and harmless plant may have the potential to completely take over and choke waterways, and to spread to other sites through fragments carried by water birds. A recent inspection at Redhead found a chain of ponds almost totally overrun by multiple varieties of hybrid *Nymphaea* species water lilies and *Pontederia cordata* (Pickerel weed), a plant in the same family as the dreaded water hyacinth. Probably introduced by a well-meaning citizen who wanted to "beautify" the ponds, these plants are now causing severe environmental impact on a public reserve, and threatening nearby waterways.

If you have any concerns about water weed problems, please contact Terry Inkson on 6591 7302.

Master Weed Whackers Manual

Port Macquarie Landcare Group have compiled a very informative "Master Weed Whackers Manual" to share information and practical advice on common problem weeds in our region. It is free for download. *Contact Joel as the link hasn't transferred in copy to the paper.*

Think you're having a bad day? Just remember, it could be worse.....

The average cost of rehabilitating a seal after the Exxon Valdez oil spill in Alaska was $80,000. At a special ceremony, two of the most expensively saved animals were being released back into the wild amid cheers and applause from onlookers.
A minute later, in full view, a killer whale ate them both.

A woman came home to find her husband in the kitchen shaking frantically, almost in a dancing frenzy, with some kind of wire running from his waist towards the electric kettle.
Intending to jolt him away from the deadly current, she whacked him with a handy plank of wood, breaking his arm in two places.
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Minutes of the Wallamba Fishing Club Meeting - Sunday 21st January, 2018 at 3:00pm at Nabiac Hotel, Nabiac

PRESENT: Paul Lawson, Terri Day,Bill Crick, Jane Crick, Wayne Wickenden, Paul Kneller, Rod Thomas, Cameron Thomas, Ray Pascoe, Michelle Pascoe

QUORUM: The chairperson declared a quorum and the meeting proceeded.
APOLOGIES: No Apologies.

MARCH AWAY OUTING: A vote was taken to decide the venue for the March away outing, 16th – 18th March.
It was resolved to be held at Delicate Nobby. This campground is situated on the Point Plomer Road, (turn off at Crescent Head). Even though it is a National Park, its pet friendly. No need to book, just turn up.
This will be a Rock and Beach fish outing.

EASTER ROD RAFFLE: Discussion took place regarding an Easter rod Raffle.
Paul Lawson and *Thommo* will organise the purchase of prizes. Tickets will go on sale at Nabiac Hotel once the rods are on display there.
The date for the raffle to be drawn will be decided after consulting with Matt (the publican).

CLOSURE: Meeting closed 3.30pm.

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Registration Days
Come along to one of our Registration Days to ask questions, measure up for your training shirt and to select shocks and shorts sizes.

Date: Saturday 10th February and Saturday 17th February
Venue: Modern Motors, 80 Clarkson Street, Nabiac
Time: 9am - 12noon on both days

Get fit, make friends and have fun!

We're looking forward to another great season!
Further information available on our Facebook page. Like us for regular updates

More Trivial Things You Might Not Know

If a statue in the park of a person on a horse has both front legs in the air, the person died in battle.
If the horse has one front leg in the air, the person died because of wounds received in battle.
If the horse has all four legs on the ground, the person died of natural causes.

Q..... If you were to spell out numbers, how far would you have to go until you would find the letter 'A'?
A... One thousand

Q.... What do bulletproof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers and laser printers have in common?
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Happy New Year! I hope that 2018 is very good to you all. I must say I am feeling very positive about 2018.

While we all enjoy the summer holiday, having children at home and family up to visit, it can be very tiring and stressful. As well as many techniques to reduce the effects of stress there are many beautiful aromatherapy oils that can be used.

Some therapeutic strategies that enable us to more effectively manage stress include:

* Techniques to calm the mind and promote a more positive mental attitude such as meditation. There is a meditation group open to all, beginners and more advanced, at Earth Body and Soul on a Thursday at 10am. Or taking 10 minutes at the start and 10 minutes again at the end of each day to simply empty your mind, relax your body and sit quietly will have enormous benefits over time. There are many CDs with relaxation meditation available, once again check out Earth Body and Soul.
* Make some healthy lifestyle changes in your life. Look at your diet and make healthy changes by reducing processed food and reducing or cutting out sugar completely. Consider exercise, you don't have to go to a gym, simply walking for 20 minutes three times a week (or more if you can) will make a difference.
* In the short term herbs and vitamins can be beneficial. Speak to a natural health practitioner or pharmacist.

Aromatherapy massage is a particularly valuable tool in the management of stress by combining beneficial effects which include:

* The use of essential oils
* Massage. Aromatherapy is a sensory experience, involving touch and smell, and this is a fundamental aspect of its de-stressing action
* The interaction/discussion between client and therapist

Essential oils de-stress through two routes, inhalation and absorption through the skin. At home you can smell using a vaporiser/atomiser, or by spraying the rooms, or by using a candle and oil burner. You can rub some essential oil on your wrist and inhale or sprinkle some on your pillow at night.

Essential oils to help relaxation, reduce irritability, relieve headache and overcome insomnia include bergamot, Roman chamomile, clary sage, frankincense, my favourites lavender and cedarwood, also rosewood, sandalwood, sweet orange, and ylang ylang.

Essential oils to help reduce tiredness and aches and pains include black pepper, ginger, lemon, lime, peppermint (good for pain relief), and my favourite uplifting/energising oils rosemary and geranium.

Essential oils to help overcome depression, apathy, melancholy and feelings of helplessness include bergamot, mandarin, melissa, neroli, rose and jasmine.

I am available for aromatherapy massage at Earth Body and Soul in Nabiac. Ladies will be treated to a mini facial. An auric energy assessment is also available. The cost is $65. Allow between 1 and 1½ hours. For an appointment phone 0419 604 605.

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Please note your new Daylight Savings Start time

Services are held every Sunday at **9:30am**
Holy Communion is celebrated with the service on the **3rd** Sunday.
For information regarding the Uniting Church, Nabiac please contact Margaret **Weller** (6554 1212), Jill **Hammond** (6555 7747)

St John's Anglican Church, Dyers Crossing

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

February Mass time is Saturday 17th at 6.00pm

(St Bernadette's note NEW TIMES all Saturdays!

St Bernadette's Catholic Church, Krambach

February Mass times are: - Saturday 3rd at 6.00pm, Saturday 10th at 6.00pm, Saturday 24th at 6.00pm.
Could be subject to change - check with Helen **Legg** on 6559 1211

St Thomas' Presbyterian Church, Krambach

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

St Paul's Anglican Church, Nabiac

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Hello everyone ,

Welcome to 2018 , isn't it flying by.

The saying for February is:

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