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*News from the Wallamba Watershed is a 'Frogs Bottom' Production*



## TIM GETHING

We bade farewell to Tim Gething on May 1st, after a long battle with his health. A lovely gentleman who was quietly involved in many of the local land care causes. He was instrumental in the establishment of the Community Technology Centre (CTC) in Nabitac and taught there for many years

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## Editorial,

Winter certainly knew when to start this year and right on the first day came in cold and damp.

I have actually lit the fire and am competing for space in front of it with Tilley, who thinks it is her domain and lies spread out at its base, making it a tad awkward to shove another log on when necessary.

If it wasn't for having to get this edition out, I would think it an ideal time to curl up with a book, listen to the gentle sound of rain on the tin roof and the crackle of burning wood in the fire, cat at my feet—and wasting a day reading.

I have just returned from a 3 week "holiday" with my brother which was planned as a lazy driving trip down south to see the autumn leaves, via Canberra (hole of a town, not worth the 3 visits I have made there in my lifetime), onto Victoria, along the Great Ocean Road and into South Australia and then back up, possibly via the Flinders Ranges. All done for a brother to show his little sister parts of Australia that she has never seen.

Tilley Cat spent her "holiday" in kennels at Beautimbers (MidCoast Boarding Kennes) with Steve and was fortunate to be joined by another holidaying cat which kept her company.

Our couple of thousand kilometres plan ended after the first week; in Canberra - when snow fell on the mountains, rain and freezing weather set in and was forecast for at least another week. So we headed back to the greater metropolis of Sydney and home to his place because, since his accident a couple of years ago, he can't cope with the cold and wet. You can sight see in the cold, but not in the cold and wet.

You all know what happened next. We got home and the weather cleared up, didn't it??

Didn't waste the break as I caught up with old friends and the kid and my 100 + year old aunt, who was unfortunately in hospital after a bout of pneumonia.

So now home and back to the grindstone.

Lots of missing articles again. The schools seem to be either too busy to report anything or school life is dull at the moment.

There are some interesting shows on at the Manning Entertainment Centre, short details on the back page for you to look over.

Huge congratulations to the Bunyah Hall ladies. They have outdone themselves again with last month's Biggest Morning Tea. My hat goes off to them and to all of the locals who help make it happen and to everyone who attended and made it successful.

From the sounds of reports, NABIAC kids have now got a nearly completed new playground and soon to be installed bike path so that little ones can ride safely off the road. Well done & thanks to the Op-Shop for financing it.

End of year is looming, so that means busy tax reports to do. There are a couple of tax people advertising in this edition you could use.

Until next month, keep warm

Lyn and *Tilley Cat*

## WHAT'S HAPPENING JUNE, 2018

### Markets & Events.

|                          |             |                  |                  |
|--------------------------|-------------|------------------|------------------|
| • Bulahdelah             | (1st Sat)   | 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | 8am to 1pm       |
| • Blackhead Bazaar       | (1st Sun)   | 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | 8am to 12 noon ? |
| • John's River           | (Sat)       |                  | 9am to 1.30pm    |
| • Wingham Community      | (every Sat) |                  |                  |
| • Myall Quays            | (3rd Sat)   | 16 <sup>th</sup> | 9am to 1pm       |
| • The Hub Taree Showgnd  | (3rd Sat)   | 16 <sup>th</sup> | 8am to 12 noon   |
| • <b>Krambach</b>        | (3rd Sun)   | 17 <sup>th</sup> | 8am to 2pm       |
| • <b>NABIAC</b>          | (Last Sat)  | 30 <sup>th</sup> | 8am to 12 noon   |
| • Old Bar                | (Last Sun)  | 24 <sup>th</sup> | 7am to 1pm       |
| • Pacific Palms          | (Last Sun)  | 24 <sup>th</sup> | 9am to 1pm       |
| • Forster Town           | (2nd Sun)   | 10 <sup>th</sup> | 8am to 2pm       |
| • Halliday's Point       | (1st Sun)   | 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | 8am to 11am -?   |
| • Town Head              | (every Mon) |                  | 8am to 2pm       |
| • Mt. George             | (Sat)       | 23 <sup>rd</sup> | 8am to 2pm       |
| • Forster Farmers Market | (3rd Sat)   | 16 <sup>th</sup> | 8am to 12 noon   |
| • Bobbin Community       |             | — <sup>th</sup>  | 9am to 2pm       |
| • Tuncurry Markets       | (4th Sat)   | 24 <sup>th</sup> | 8am to 1pm       |
| • Burrell Creek          | (2nd Sun)   | 10 <sup>th</sup> | 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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Some may not be aware but this equipment has been supplied and paid for by the local Neighbourhood Centre for the benefit of the village, so it is local money that made this facility possible.

A credit to the village and one can only hope that it is respected and not damaged by those who probably don't read this newspaper.

Bruce Weller



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**A**nother beautiful Autumn day for our meeting held at the home of *Michelle and Trent Jackson*, Dyers Crossing, with 50 members in attendance and 5 visitors, 2 of whom have now joined our happy group of gardeners. Welcome *Bruce and Judy* - we hope that you will enjoy the friendship of our members which now numbers over 70.

Many thanks to all those who so kindly brought along such delightful cake, etc. for morning tea which was enjoyed and appreciated by all.

We had a guest speaker at our meeting today; **John Butterworth** gave us a very informative talk on how to design a garden taking into consideration what to plant where, your view and how you are to use the garden. John is a Landscape Architect who has planned gardens for different projects and is currently working on one at Diamond Beach.

Our members and guest enjoyed walking around the garden especially admiring the different Chrysanthemums and watching the chickens roaming around the yard.

Next months meeting will be held at the home of *Christine and Peter Heffernan* in Nabiack. This garden shows off the outstanding talents of Peter and Christine and a visit here leaves all visitors overwhelmed. Christine will be giving us a demonstration and talk about Bonsai.

Green is the colour theme for our next meeting so check out your garden for green plants, fruit and veg's or foliage.

Why not come along with your chair, have a cuppa and chat with our friendly group of people.

Information on our group can be obtained from

*Jenny* on 0400 105 333 or *Val* on 65549651

Till next time happy gardening and stay warm

*Val*

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**Volunteers and Committee members welcome to join.**

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We have just celebrated *National Volunteer Week* when Mr. Ray Williams, the NSW Minister responsible for volunteering, announced that “**more than 2.1 million volunteers contribute an estimated \$5 billion of value to local communities in NSW each year.**” Gee it feels good to be amongst those figures. **That's what volunteering is all about!**

If you are thinking of joining our Brigade to be amongst these amazing figures, or have a general query or comment, please email our Brigade on [minimbahrfrb@hotmail.com](mailto:minimbahrfrb@hotmail.com)

Proudly our **Brigade has a Junior Member**. The RFS is very mindful of the protection and wellbeing of their Volunteers, particularly their youth, and now requires all Brigades with Junior Members to have a Youth Co-ordinator. To ensure we are “playing by the rules”, two of our Members have just attended a Youth Participation Workshop.

Our Brigade is going through a few changes at the moment. Well it is really the scheduled dates of meetings that is changing, but only for June.

**Minimbah Rural Fire Brigade will be holding their Annual General Meeting at the Fire Station, 681 Minimbah Road, Minimbah, on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2018 commencing at 4pm.**

Our regular General Meeting will be held on the same day, at 3pm. The community is welcome to attend.

'Tis the time of the year when we have a very smoky outlook. Landholders are making the most of the current conditions to clear their properties of fire fuel. Traditionally the bush fire danger period commences on 1<sup>st</sup> October, however, because of the drier conditions last year, the authorities started it earlier which caught many of us by surprise and unprepared. May we suggest you get cracking now with your clean-ups and private hazard reduction burns, but please remember to prepare properly before you light up, and also let the RFS and your neighbours know about your plans at least 24 hours in advance.

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## WALLAMBA CWA REPORT

May has been a busy month for members of Wallamba CWA Branch, firstly with the State Conference being held at Armidale which was attended by Branch delegates Penny Britton and Merle Barber who both hold MNC Group Office Bearers positions as well as Branch positions. The ladies came back with a great deal of information on what was put forward in motions and results from competitions which were finalised at the Conference.

Congratulations go to member Merle Barber who took out First Prize at State Level for her magnificent bead worked Nepalese Snow Leopard - well done Merle. Merle is now on the State Handicraft committee and learnt so much as to what is involved at this level during the conference.

Notification has been given that the 2019 Conference will be held at Albury again in May.

Home again from the conference, it was time for Penny, in her position of MNC CWA Group International Officer, to be busy attending the *International Days on Poland* of Branches within Group and these have included Forster, Bonny Hills, Port Macquarie Day and Evening and not forgetting Wallamba's own day on Poland.

Wallamba's Day on Poland was a colourful and interesting day with some very tasty food dishes cooked up by the ladies and an informative slide show/commentary by **Susan Hazcek**, a local lady who had married a Polish man, who, with his family, had immigrated out to Australia many years ago.

The tables were brightly decorated with white tablecloths, red runners and red & white serviettes, the colours of the Polish flag, topped off with potted white and dark red chrysanthemums giving a truly stunning effect.

Some 40 guests together with the 11 members enjoyed the day. Unfortunately none of our local and State Politicians were able to come and experience the hospitality of Wallamba CWA.



Branches to visit included Eungai-Stuarts Point, Port Macquarie Evening, Gloucester Evening, Bulahdelah, Forster, Wingham, and Taree together with ladies of Wallamba Show Committee and Garden Club and several guests of our members.

A delighted Wingham CWA member, **Lyn Deaman**, won the huge fruit and vegetable tray whilst **Donna Kemp**, from Gloucester Evening, took home the lovely cheese board and knife set.

A total of \$104 was raised from the Coins for Friendship Bowls and this will aid the work for women and children in less fortunate countries through the work of Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW).

May's meeting, held the week before the International Day on Tuesday May 8<sup>th</sup>, was a busy one with discussions on the Conference and the planning for the International Day taking up much of the meeting.

President **Iris Cummings** welcomed 12 members to the meeting at the Wallamba Hall Foyer and after the opening formalities, members paused to remember friends departed including Mrs **Lorna Dee** (Forster) **Geoffrey Lamborn** (Forster), **Kay Hoad** of Wingham CWA, **Kelli Young** (Tinonee) **Narelle Gregory** (Forster) **Tim Gething** of Nabiac CTC and **Phillip Strong** (son of the Late Dr Joan Redshaw & her husband Major Strong).

**Mary Webber** provided the thought: *"The difference between school and life? In school you're taught a lesson and then given a test. In life you're given a test that teaches you a lesson!"*

Another big day coming up on Tuesday June 26<sup>th</sup> will be the Group Agricultural and Environment Day being hosted by Taree CWA at St. Joseph's Primary School Taree commencing at 9.00am and attendance names & numbers will be worked out at our next meeting to be held on Tuesday June 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Jill Hammond**, our branch Ag & Environment Officer, spoke about the Flora subject we are currently studying - Orchids - and gave details on them from her late husband **Frank's** *"Big book on Orchids"* saying there are some 20,000 different species world wide.



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MNC CWA Group President Margaret Breust from Eungai-Stuart's Point Branch with Wallamba CWA International Officer Penny Britton – all smiles on

Happy birthday wishes were extended to members *Pam Muxlow* for her day on Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, to *Janette Jones* for her day on May 30<sup>th</sup> and early birthday wishes to *Margaret Weller* for her day on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Hope all three have a very happy birthday with lots of lovely things going on for them.

Congratulations to one of our newer members, *Coral Gabriel*, who informed us she had become a great grandmother – welcome to the new addition.

Members are reminded that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday June 12<sup>th</sup> at the Showground Hall Foyer commencing at 9.30am for 10.00 am start with a 'bring and share' lunch provided for those to enjoy over friendship and chatter.

### Pam Muxlow

Sec/Publicity Officer

Wallamba CWA Branch

Wallamba CWA members ready to enjoy their International Day on Poland at Wallamba Showground Luncheon Room

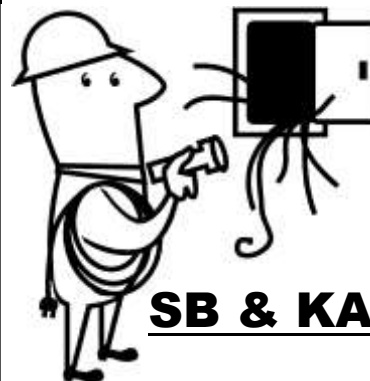


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The tables in the Supper room groaned with the amount of goodies all beautifully cooked and presented by the Tennis Ladies and several other generous people who had offered to do some cooking and provide sandwiches. We certainly needed it all and sincere thanks to those people and also the Tennis Ladies who work so hard on the day (and beforehand) making sure our guests enjoy their 'Bunyah' BMT experience.

The kitchen had 100 mugs & cups and were in continual wash-up mode, but everyone was patient and convivial; the 'washer-uppers' have dish-pan hands, but they are stoic!

**Cathy's Crafty Crew**, our partners in this event, sew all year round making the Quilts, bags, anything that can be sewn or crafted – they do it and do it well, including jams, pickles & spreads and everything is sold at way below their value. **Their sales this year of \$3,136.00** was a record for them.....Congratulations!

Our Raffles raised **\$2,319.00** another record toppled! Our thanks & appreciation to all of our Donors who were mentioned on the day as each respective prize was drawn. All Donors have been personally acknowledged by letter, email or phone; a list appears at the end of this News.

The Raffle sellers on the day are over-run with demand and don't raise their head until the last ticket is sold. Well done to you ticket writers and a big thank you!

**Donations at the Door were \$1,493.00; Sales within the Hall \$499.00 and Plants \$229.00.**

Our Plant collection commences in Spring with cuttings and then along the way, we receive plants from other Gardeners. Bulahdelah Garden Club donated a large number of plants which was much appreciated.

The **Dolphin Quilters of Old Bar** made a stunning colourful Quilt for our Raffle which was won by **Marg Smith**. They have been making us a Quilt every year for the last 10 years and the making is started within a month of the last BMT finishing. They also sell /buy 200 Raffle

Tickets each year; they have been and continue to be, great supporters of our event. Thank you Quilters for being on this journey with us!

The **Annie Rose Academy of Dance & Kate's Tappers** returned for the third year to entertain our guests with Jazz Ballet, Tap Dancing and musical song & dance. The Dancers enjoy coming to Bunyah and demonstrated this with special T-shirts made for the occasion, by our Wardrobe Mistress **Heather Rimmer**, with 'I Love Bunyah' done in sequinned material. Kate sells \$150.00 plus in Raffle tickets for us each year. Thank you so much **Bev**, Kate & Dancers for your performance and support on Bunyah's biggest event of the year!

If you would like to have your own '**I Love Bunyah**' T-shirt (the 'Love' being a heart), they are **\$8.00 if you provide your own T-shirt or \$15.00 including T-shirt.**

Email me on [bunyahhall@ipstarmail.com.au](mailto:bunyahhall@ipstarmail.com.au)

A first time participant was the '**Nightmoves**' **Rock'n'Roll Band** who set up on the tennis court where people took advantage of the great music and danced, while others sat and enjoyed the music and the sunshine. Positive comments were received about the Band and we hope they join us again.

**All funds raised from this event goes to the NSW Cancer Council Sydney** for distribution as they deem. The Bunyah Tennis Group do NOT take any money from the funds we raise, all food provided on the day is donated by the Tennis Group themselves and other generous individuals who offer to cook or make something.

Our sincerest thanks to all of you who have supported us in any way at all, we really do appreciate every little thing that people contribute, everyone has a part in this fantastic result.

I invited Prime 7 News to attend (having tried 3 times over previous years) and after quoting our 20 year record and the number of people who we attract, plus the fact that we are the Highest Fund Raisers on the North Coast; they came and were suitably surprised and I think, impressed. If you missed the Prime 7 Mid Coast Taree News on 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2018 you can see it on our Facebook page **Bunyah Public Hall**; please visit and leave us a comment or Like.

**Bunyah Hall Committee** held their Quarterly Meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2018 and two neighbours of the Hall, **Don & Maureen Ralph** attended with the prospect of becoming committee members. They are both active within our Hall groups, social activities and are already contributors in many positive ways.

An **Art Group** has been formed by **Ron Hindmarsh & Jillian Oliver** for Service members of the RSL & Retired Police Officers. My husband, **Dennis Simpson**, is a member of this group which meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday morning from 9.00 a.m till 12 noon at the Hall behind the church in Bent Street Wingham. They are holding an Exhibition of their Artwork in conjunction with the Manning Winter Festival, at the Taree Arts & Crafts Centre opposite the Fire Station in

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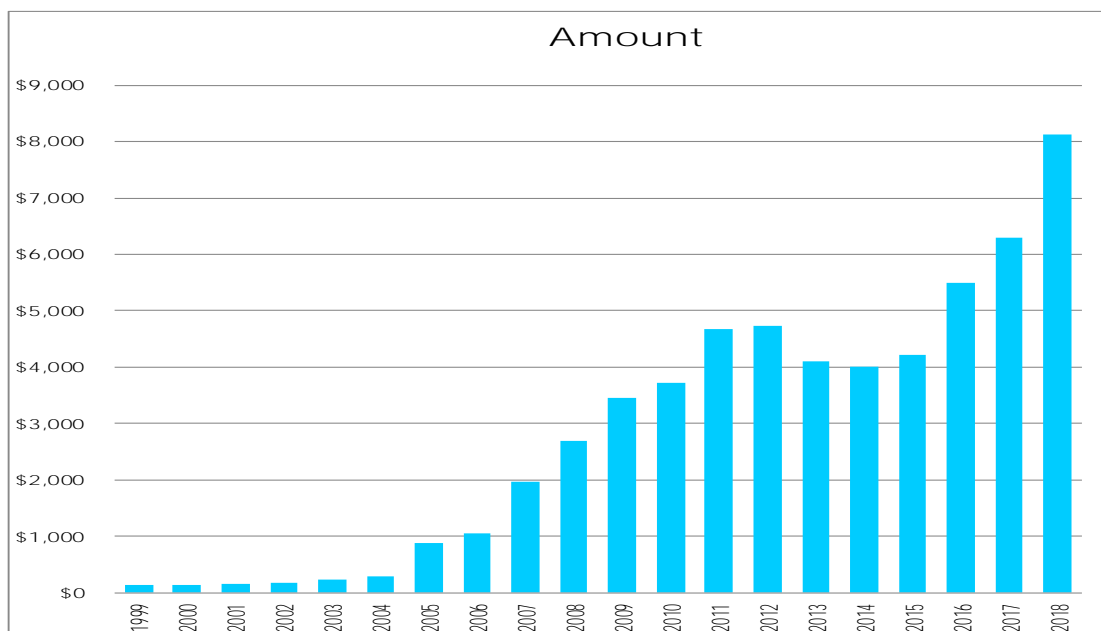
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Taree commencing 1<sup>st</sup> June, until 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2018. Some of the Art works are for sale, please go along and support this group, entry is free.

**The Mid North Coast Patchwork & Quilters** which covers all groups from Gloucester, Forster up to Port Macquarie, Telegraph Point and west to Wauchope, and all places in between, met at the Winning Post Function Centre, Taree Racecourse for their annual Meeting and Quilt Display on 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2018. Many, many beautiful Quilts were on display and 239 Ladies were in attendance. Due to its location, the dress for the day was to be 'A Day at the Races' with beautiful outfits, complete with hats. A parade of ladies chosen as 'Best Dressed' and the winner was moi! Just had to share that!

Neryl Simpson

|    | Year | Amount  |
|----|------|---------|
| 1  | 1999 | \$142   |
| 2  | 2000 | \$141   |
| 3  | 2001 | \$154   |
| 4  | 2002 | \$167   |
| 5  | 2003 | \$238   |
| 6  | 2004 | \$300   |
| 7  | 2005 | \$884   |
| 8  | 2006 | \$1,046 |
| 9  | 2007 | \$1,974 |
| 10 | 2008 | \$2,700 |
| 11 | 2009 | \$3,450 |
| 12 | 2010 | \$3,716 |
| 13 | 2011 | \$4,683 |
| 14 | 2012 | \$4,735 |
| 15 | 2013 | \$4,100 |
| 16 | 2014 | \$4,000 |
| 17 | 2015 | \$4,214 |
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## Nabiac Library News



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▲ **Tuesday, 5 June 2018 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm**

▲ **Location: Hallidays Point Library, 87 High Street, Hallidays Point, NSW 2430**

Midcoast Libraries Declutter Workshop is Free, you can register online.



**Sandie Docker**, local author of Coffs Harbour, will talk at Forster Library about her book **The Kookaburra Creek Cafe**. One small town. Three lost women. And a lifetime of secrets. Heart-warming and

charming fiction – the multi-generational story of three women in the small Australian town of Kookaburra Creek.

Afternoon tea provided.

▲ **Tuesday, 19 June 2018 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm**

▲ **Location: Forster Library, 4 - 12 Breese Parade, Forster, NSW 2428**

Have you been to our library lately and not found what you are looking for? You can fill-in a **request for purchase form** for the book, talking book, DVD, magazine to be purchased and reserved for you to borrow.

Just a reminder, library members may borrow 20 items and the loan period is three weeks, with options either on-line or by phone or in person, to renew borrowing for a further three weeks if needed. Come find whatever interests you. Our friendly volunteer staff is happy to help.

Our latest jigsaw puzzle is finally complete, and yes, two pieces were missing, BUT together we met the challenge, enjoyed the fun, teamwork and socializing ☺☺ Thankyou everyone. We're beginning a new challenge, a circular jigsaw puzzle with lots of colourful beetles. All are welcome to join the fun and help.

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## What's been happening at

Nabiac & District Preschool...

### Mother's day Afternoon

On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May we celebrated the special women in our lives. We invited all the Mums, Nans, Aunties and special friends into preschool for an afternoon of activities and yummy snacks. We love spoiling the people we love!

### Gingerbread Decorating

We had *Petra* visit us this month from *Petra's Pantry*. She brought some delicious gingerbread with her and lovingly showed all our friends how to



decorate their own biscuit. We had so much fun and loooooooved eating our creations. Thank you Petra for coming to visit us.



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## **NABIAC VILLAGE FUTURES GROUP**

**TRAFFIC AND ROAD SAFETY NEWS** - Thank you to *Richard Wheatley* (MidCoast Council) who recently met with us to discuss a number of issues.



Council have recently resurfaced the roadway in the small section of NABIAC Street, between the War Memorial and the Creek. We'd like to thank Council staff for their quick response to this request. We've also asked for centre white line marking in this section to make an increased emphasis to drivers not to park in this area and Council have agreed to follow this up.

Pedestrian Safety in the shopping /eating/recreational area: Our aim in this area is to increase pedestrian safety without loss of parking spaces. It can be a very busy area at times. We discussed making the area a 40 K zone and other ways to remind drivers to take care.

Concerns about Candoormakh Creek Road Roundabout: Drivers on this roundabout have been experiencing poor visibility due to grass height. Richard will follow this up.

### **OTHER MATTERS**

Showground Lane and NABIAC Street Intersection: We previous raised resident's concerns about this intersection in a letter to Council. This should be an area that MidCoast Council will consider in the new Plan of Management for the NABIAC Showground.

MidCoast Council Draft Delivery Program & Operational Plan - If you wish to have a read of the draft plan and/or make a submission online please follow this link –

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Electric Vehicle Charging Station for NABIAC: There is no further news from the NRMA (who is funding the project) and project partners MidCoast Council.

Dibbs Street Intersection and the M1 (Pacific Highway): We have sent a number of letters to Stephen Bromhead MP, and will continue to report serious incidents on this intersection.

### New Children's Park

It's great to see so many families using the new park. Thank you to the Neighbourhood Centre's Op Shop volunteers whose fundraising (\$30,000) purchased the newly installed equipment. Council have removed the unsafe old equipment from the War Memorial Park and will soon lay the concrete bike track at the new park. The total budgeted cost for the park, track and landscaping is \$80,000. More news to come about a new BBQ.

Our Futures Group members are Kit Carson, Louise Collins, Helen Smith, Bruce Weller, Jim McGovern, Lexie Breese and Christal Pearce. You can find us on Facebook:-

<https://www.facebook.com/nabiac.community/>

### **Louise Collins**

### **WALLAMBA COMMUNITY GROUP—NABIAC SENIORS**

Wallamba Community Group Inc. meets Thursday mornings, at 9:30, in the Foyer of NABIAC Hall, for Bingo.

If you'd like to join us for a nice social get-together, we'd love to see you.

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**Local History - The Wallamba** — Another in a series of historical articles gleaned from the archives of the "Manning River Times" 1929, by *Bob Mann*

**NABIAC - MAY, 1929:** Mr *L.V. Wilson*, acting manager of the Bank of N S W at NABIAC, has received word of his transfer to the city. Mr Wilson will be succeeded by Mr *D.T. McCauley*, who has been acting in the capacity of returning manager at Portland and who has now been definitely appointed to NABIAC as manager of the NABIAC branch. Mr McCauley is expected to arrive during the week. He will be accompanied by Mrs McCauley and daughter. Mr and Mrs *J. McPherson* of Woy Woy, ex residents of the Upper Wallamba, are spending an extended holiday with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr and Mrs *A. McFadyen* of Dyers Crossing. Mr *A.A. Clarke* of Krambach, who had the misfortune to have his leg fractured while visiting the metropolis, is progressing favourably in the Sydney Hospital.

**WANG WAUK - JUNE, 1929:** On Empire Day a picnic was held in the Wang Wauk School when everyone turned out to give the children a real good day. About 10 o'clock the picnic started and about 12 o'clock lunch was served. During the afternoon games of all kinds were played and races of all description were run, every child receiving a money prize and the smaller tots also received a toy each as well. There was a plentiful supply of fruit and lollies. The committee are very thankful to Rev. *G.E. Williams* for coming and addressing the children. Mr Williams said that everyone regretted the absence of our teacher, Mr *A.E. Gorrie*, who is an inmate of the Mayo Hospital where he has been under an operation and all hoped he would soon be back and restored to his usual health and back with us again. Mr Williams then spoke about Captain Cook, Queen Victoria and ourselves. Tea was served about 5 o'clock. A dance brought a most enjoyable time to a close.

On Monday night a surprise party was given to Mr *Walter Worth* in honour of his 21<sup>st</sup> birthday, at his home. Games were indulged in for the first part of the evening and dancing afterwards. After supper was served dancing was again indulged in for a little while and then the birthday cake was partaken of. This was made by the guest's mother, Mrs *E. Worth*, and was a great credit to her. After Walter's health was drunk Mr *Stuart Murray* spoke on behalf of all those present and wished Walter many happy returns of the day. The guest suitably responded and thanked all those for coming along and giving him such a good time and for the nice presents and good wishes. Everyone joined in singing "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow" and Auld Lang Syne brought the happy time to a close.

The Anniversary of the Sunday school is to take place next Sunday afternoon when special hymns will be sung by the children and prizes distributed.

Mrs *A. Mitchell* has received the news that her brother, Mr *Arthur Simmonds* fell from his horse last Friday night and is still in a serious condition.

**WANG WAUK STATE FOREST:** The Hon. *W. Bennett* has been informed as follows, "Dear Sir, Referring to your representation in relation to the request made by the Coolongolook Progress Association, Mr *Harold Higgins* of Wootton - Secretary, that certain

land near the Coolongolook-Bunyah sheep station be thrown open for settlement, I have to inform you that the land in question forms part of the Wang Wauk State Forest which is under the control of the Forestry Commission. That commission intimates that ministerial approval has been obtained to the revocation from the State Forest of an area of about 960 acres adjoining the portions 86-87-89-54-56 & 92 Parish of Curreki County of Gloucester. This area will be included in the next schedule of revocations to be submitted to State Parliament. I am to state that you will be further advised as to when the land will become available for settlement."

**FATAL ACCIDENT AT WOOTTON - JUNE, 1929:** Young Man's Head Crushed. A fatal accident occurred on the timber tramline near Wootton by which a young man, *Claud Newell* of Mayers Flat, was killed instantly. Deceased was about 17 or eighteen years of age. The accident was caused, it stated, by a truck running back and crushing the lad's head. The deceased's father only died recently and the lad and his younger brother were the support of the family.

**WOOTTON - JUNE, 1929:** While cutting sleepers on Friday last, Mr *Albert Cheers* cut his foot badly, completely severing one toe. He was taken to Bulahdelah and admitted to the Alum Private Hospital where Dr *Woodlands* attended to him. He is doing as well as can be expected.

**ACCIDENT AT DYERS CROSSING - JULY, 1929:** While proceeding home from School on Monday evening Master *Gus Schlenert* was the victim of a most unfortunate accident. It appears that the little fellow did not notice an approaching lorry and rushed directly in front of the vehicle with the result that his right leg was fractured and he was otherwise injured somewhat seriously. The driver of the lorry, Mr *M. Ronan*, who did everything possible to avert the accident, at once conveyed the lad to his home where first aid was rendered. Mr *Schlenert* was away from home at the time of the accident and the patient was conveyed to the Araluen Private Hospital by Mr *H.K. Stevens* who happened to be in the vicinity. Medical attention was procured immediately and the latest reports indicate a slightly improved condition.

**WANG WAUK - JULY, 1929:** Mr *Hugh McKnight* has just finished building a new house. It is constructed of dressed timber with weather boards on the outside and fibro cement and panelling as a lining for the inside. At the back a large kitchen is separated from the building.

Mr *John Griffis* has made great improvements to his home having it lined with fibro and has had a kitchen attached to the main building and has also had it lined and ceiled.

Mrs *George Worth* is at present on a visit to Mudgee.

Miss *M. Worth*, whilst returning from the mail on Thursday, had a nasty fall through the girth of the saddle breaking. She has been confined to her bed for several days, suffering from shock and bruising.

Bad colds of a bronchial nature have been prevalent here for some time.

On Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> a basket party dance was held at the residence of Mr and Mrs *A.E. Bennett* when a nice number attended and a very enjoyable time was spent.

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## Mid Coast (NSW) Community Quilters Inc. *Volunteering in the Philippines*

Well it was quite an adventure. We left Sydney on May 4<sup>th</sup> and headed to Manila. We expected a short wait there before departing for Cebu City. Instead of a nice arrival time at the hotel of 9.15 pm it was 2.15 am, and we had a 5am wake up call. Our next flight was to Suriago, where we were met by dancing girls and a drum band. (actually they were for a group of Boy Scout delegates attending a conference there). Our greeters did not arrive (found out later they had been stranded by floods and landslides) and we had no idea of where we were staying! Eventually we were met and taken to a nice resort about 20 minutes outside the city. As our room would not be ready for a couple of hours we had a lovely swim at the pool and a buffet lunch. It was interesting to note on a walk down to the wharf area there was a sign warning of Human Trafficking! (I paid 50 pesos for a lift on a motor bike and side car back up to the hotel) The next morning we met the wonderful Filipino members of our team. Juvie and her husband Jong and 3 delightful girls, Sheila, Kelly and Jessile. Monday morning another early start, off to catch the 7am ferry (motorised with two outriggers) but when we got there at 6am it had left because it was full!! So another boat was located and a price negotiated and we piled in. Two hours later we arrived at San Jose, for an official welcome. It is amazing to see your name on a billboard welcoming you. Then a rather hairy ride to Tubajon, our home for the next 10 days. Off to visit the mayor before going to our base. We occupied the local council chambers! Conditions were simple. Cold water, bucket toilets, and no showers.

We met the 12 lovely ladies we had to teach and they were keen and enthusiastic. We took 7 new sewing machines and 5 reconditioned ones, and 2 new overlockers. The sewing room was very busy and productive. On the Wednesday the group split and the educational side was developed with delegates from all the regional high schools; this program went for two and a half days.

I forgot to mention that the morning we left Suriago the police shot 15 communists, so where ever we went we picked up a security guard to accompany us. The next exciting thing was an earthquake - 5.5 on the Richter scale, epicentre 25 klms south of us, which saw us evacuated into the compound waiting for after shocks, none came. The students elected to sleep outside so we were able to distribute *Wrap with Love* blankets to go with their sleeping mats.

The second week of sewing saw us break away from the Days for Girls and we taught simple garment construction, tops, shorts and dresses and then moved onto bags.

The 12 ladies had a graduation ceremony and received a certificate, their families were invited and there was a display of all the things they had made.

The whole event was well supported by the local government, ministers for Education, Environment and Population and the local Congresswoman was very supportive too.

The last day saw us set off for San Jose once more with a big official function. I don't think I had as many photos taken on my wedding day!! The ladies were able to sell some of the *days for girls kits* that they had made, and so this is the beginning of a great venture for them. The local council has set aside a meeting area for them in the old council chambers, and each lady has been put in charge of a single machine that they are responsible for.

On the weekend we were taken to some beautiful beaches, springs and The Bonsai forest, there are some truly beautiful places to see.

I would love to return and hopefully will be able to do so.

Jenny Fletcher (who is recovering from a dreadful lurgy caught on the plane trip home)



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## Tim Gething Tributes

**T**im Gething contributed significantly to local Landcare for over a decade

**Lindsay Gething** recalls how much Tim assisted her and others in the preparation of 2 publications from Dyers Crossing Landcare, both published in 2005; a cookery book and a tree identification book. Tim took on the massive task of formatting the books which was completed very professionally. *Common Indigenous Trees of the Wallamba Valley and surrounds* remains a valued reference. Both books are still available from the Landcare office in Nabiac.

In 2005, after already serving on the committee of Dyers Crossing Landcare, Tim took on the role of Treasurer and Public Officer of the Landcare network, Karuah & Great Lakes Landcare (KGLL). Under Tim's guidance, in July 2009, with insurance cover and administration becoming a large burden for small Landcare groups, KGLL became an umbrella organisation; one volunteer run, community-based entity. Each sub-group, including Dyers Crossing Landcare, could then focus their energies on whatever issues were of most importance to their landholders. Tim arranged all public liability and personal accident insurance and managed KGLL's legal responsibilities with the Australian Tax Office and the NSW Department of Fair Trading.

From 2008 to 2013 Great Lakes Council and KGLL were given significant funding support for water quality projects in the Wallis Lake catchment. Many of the funded activities had a strong rural focus with training workshops, on farm visits and on-ground works. In December, 2010 the NSW Local Governments and Shires Association awarded Council and KGLL the prize for 'Best Communication, Education and Empowerment'. These funded activities all required considerable financial oversight from the Treasurer, Tim Gething.

Tim's thoroughness contributed significantly to KGLL's accountability for this and other funded projects and kept the financial side of all of the groups fully documented. Tim finally retired from that role in 2013 after 8 years of being our go to person on membership, financial and legal matters.

I am pleased to have known Tim since 2010 when I came to live in the district. My interaction with him increased dramatically when I became President of Karuah & Great Lakes Landcare (KGLL) November, 2012. I really appreciated his attention to detail and prompt responses to my endless questions on just what was involved. Local Landcare remains on a sound footing thanks to the dedicated voluntary support from people like Tim Gething.

**Robyn Lamond**  
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**T**im Gething died on 1<sup>st</sup> May this year. As his wife, I have been asked to write a short account of his life.

He was born in England and moved to Melbourne in 1959 with his family. He went to school in Victoria and then went to the University of Melbourne, where we met.

Early in our marriage, he was offered a position in a computer company. He stayed with the same US-based company for his working life, beginning as a systems analyst and ending as CEO of the Asia-Pacific Division.

After we both retired, we decided to leave Sydney and move to Dyers Crossing. Tim often said that this was the best decision we ever made. He relished living in the district and liked its people and community spirit. He made many friends and used his computer skills in many ways to assist the community. He was instrumental in the establishment of the Community Technology Centre (CTC) in Nabiac and was treasurer for many years. He also ran classes and had many other responsibilities associated with the successful operation of the CTC.

In early 2018, in recognition of his contribution, the CTC was renamed the **Tim Gething Community Technology Centre**. Tim enjoyed sharing his skills with others and providing computer support. He helped many people on a one-to-one basis and established and maintained the websites of the Nabiac Futures Group and the Wallamba District Agricultural and Horticultural (Nabiab) Show. He also provided on-going computer support essential for the publication of this newsletter, "Across the Fence". Additionally, he was active in Dyers Crossing Landcare Group and for many years was treasurer for two organisations: the Nabiab Neighbourhood Memorial Centre and Karuah Great Lakes Landcare Group.

Tim is deeply missed by his family: me, his wife; his son, *David*; his daughter-in-law, *Trilby* and granddaughters, *Amelia* and *Madeleine*.

Furthermore, Tim's goodwill, humour and generosity spread throughout the community and the region. He will be missed by all those whose lives he touched.

*Lindsay Gething*



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We were lucky to have Tim in our community, and *The Tim Gething Community Technology Centre* owes its existence to Tim's expertise, dedication and hard work.

It took several years of planning to get the CTC off the ground, and it wasn't until Tim joined the committee in 2003 and managed the technical side that we were able to eventually open. Not only did Tim take on the technical set-up, but he did the necessary carpentry, painting and furnishing to make the centre user-friendly. Later as Treasurer, he liaised with government departments for further grants.

He set up Internet Cafes at Nabiac Take-Away and at Wootton Brush Turkey Café, at a time when most travellers did not have mobile phones with internet connection.

We had various managers over the years, but Tim, with his ongoing commitment, provided consistency. He also ran weekly Seniors Classes on Tuesday mornings. Tim kept volunteers and clients well informed on advances in technology, on security issues and computer trouble-shooting. Any money he earned from consultancies, he donated to the CTC.

We miss you, Tim; we will miss your cheerful encouragement and enthusiasm.

Jillian & Shelia - CTC

I am adding my own small tribute to Tim.

A selfless man who was willing to give up his time to help anyone when they needed assistance with sorting out their stuff ups on computers, installing new systems and explaining the way programmes worked to slow learners (me).

He did hours of work for the Show Committee every year by keeping our section of the Nabiac Web Site up to date which involved uploading all of the individual show programmes, altering times and dates, adding and removing sponsors' names and links, changing all of the waivers whenever the ASC decided to alter them, keeping all of the Show's forms up to date, etc. and then donating the miniscule fee we paid him, to the CTC.

He talked me into putting Across the Fence on the web page and suffered my continual "I've messed up trying to up load it again" distress calls, until the penny finally dropped and I could do it.

He also was at the end of the phone for anything technical I wasn't capable of sorting out in articles sent to me in formats that I couldn't figure out for the paper.

Tim was always a happy person, nothing was too much trouble for him and I will miss his cheerful "bon homme" and help both for the Show and Across the Fence.

He was a quiet "doer" involved in many aspects of the neighbourhood that I wasn't aware of until now and will be missed by all who had the good fortune to have known him.

Lyn



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## NABIAC CTC IN THE TIM GETHING COMMUNITY TECHNOLOGY CENTRE.

The very sad passing of our "Guru" **Tim Gething** is a great loss to us all. Nabiac CTC is and will continue to operate in the room dedicated to Tim at a morning tea earlier this year. **Sheila, Jillian** and **Alan** will continue with the Help and Assistance on Tuesdays; **Marie** and **Suzie** on Saturdays.

If you use your computer for documents and would like to improve your skills with Microsoft Word, Excel, Powerpoint, Publisher and photo- editing, we can help you.

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Morning tea is always an important part of the morning's proceedings. We look forward seeing you in the near future.

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A female CNN journalist heard about a very old Jewish man who had been going to the Western Wall to pray, twice a day, every day, for a long, long time.

So she went to check it out. She went to the Western Wall and there he was, walking slowly up to the holy site.

She watched him pray and after about 45 minutes, when he turned to leave, using a cane and moving very slowly, she approached him for an interview.

"Pardon me, sir, I'm Rebecca Smith from CNN. What's your name?"

"Morris Feinberg," he replied.

"Sir, how long have you been coming to the Western Wall and praying?"

"For about 60 years."

"60 years! That's amazing! What do you pray for?"

"I pray for peace between the Christians, Jews, and the Muslims. "I pray for all the wars and all the hatred to stop. "I pray for all our children to grow up safely as responsible adults and to love their fellow man. "I pray that politicians tell us the truth and put the interests of the people ahead of their own interests. And finally "I pray that everyone will be happy".

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## IN YOUR PLOT

Winter... and isn't that morning wind getting chilly. Still there is a lot to get done in the garden to keep us active and warm. ☺

In the vegie garden or raised bed we need to get those seedling of cabbage, Brussel sprouts, carrot, cauliflower, celery, garlic, kale and onions planted out and new seedlings of peas, sweet peas, parsnips and silver beet sown in trays and kept under cover for planting out in about 4 – 6 weeks. Have your evert thought of planting spinach in with the flowers, it makes a useable green foliage filler??

For a bit of colour plant some pansies, snapdragons, marigolds or cornflowers. Alyssum can be grown in pots and placed in gardens as high relief of contrast, or in the bed as a border of white, mauve or pink carpet.

Next thing is roses. Love them or hate them now is the time to buy and plant bare rooted ones. A trip to one of our local nurseries will show you what is available and which ones grow well in our neighbourhood. If you are unsure of the colours, garden tags often fade, note the particulars and look up the images on the Internet. This will give you an opportunity to see the plant in maturity as well and enable you to envisage it in your garden.

If that's not enough to keep you warm remember that autumn leaves make great mulch so get raking. Then of course there is the pruning of those deciduous trees. Remember when you are pruning any plant that the direction of the bud you are cutting to is the direction of the new shoot. So if you want your plant to spread prune for the ones pointing out or conversely if the plant needs thickening prune for ones pointing in.

Some pruning allows you to open a plant up to get the sunlight and air in and help combat fungus problems that are more prevalent in winter. It only takes 8 hours of a plant sitting with moisture on it for spores of fungus to take hold. Spray with appropriate fungicide to get rid of it quickly.

Hydrangeas need your attention now too. Cut them back to the fat double buds for the best blooms next season. Natives that have finished flowering will also benefit from a light prune but steer clear of pruning any plants that have now set their buds for spring/ summer.

Do any of the edging or borders need sprucing up or replacing? Any areas that will benefit from a general clean up?

I am sure there are, so get out and start digging.

Ps. Quick tip: Keep indoor pot plants away from heaters. Mist their foliage daily and stand pots on saucers with moist sand. They tend to dry out quickly with heated rooms. I have just had to rescue two of mine as I have had the fire going and didn't think about the pots on a shelf just next to the flue. One has already got dried leaves and is shrivelling and it was only over three days of heat - hopefully it will recover.

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## ANOTHER TERROR DOG TAKEN DOWN BY PROFESSIONAL CONTROLLERS

A wild dog that has terrorised Upper Hunter farms for eight years has finally been controlled, thanks to the work of professional wild dog controllers. The dog frequented farms between Wallabadah and Murrurundi, killing and wounding countless sheep.

Landholder Peter Forsythe runs a sheep property at Chilcotts Creek, he said he was astounded to learn the dog had been removed by professional controller Ben Johnsen.

"I just fell to bits, I couldn't believe our luck when I heard they got him - I had that dog trapped once seven years ago, and he got away, he's probably killed hundreds of my sheep since then maybe thousands," said Mr Forsythe.

"I have lost 300 sheep to wild dogs in the last three weeks alone and you just can't believe the impact it will have removing an old dog like this.

"He was clever, he knew where all my traps were, he walked right past all the baits, so I can't thank the professional controllers enough for this."

The Professional Wild Dog Controller Program is a partnership with the Hunter Valley Combined Wild Dog Association, Australian Wool Innovation, Hunter Local Land Services and local industry partners including Glencore, Bengalla, Yancoal, the National Parks and Wildlife Service and Forestry Corporation.

The \$1million program over four years helps landholders access professional controllers for specific reactive and strategic control programs. Currently three controllers have removed more than 50 problem wild dogs from known hotspots in the Upper Hunter.

For landholder Peter Forsythe, the important thing now is to stay on top of the wild dog population.

"That one dog we tracked on a motion camera travelling more than two kilometres on the day we caught him, they can do a lot of damage in that time," said Mr Forsythe.

"With the drought conditions in our region we have all been backed into a corner, we have nowhere to go for lambing season with our stock, so we have to work together to remove these wild dogs to give our livestock the best chance.

"I have been trapping on my place for 10 years trying to get rid of these dogs, but we all need to work together - we can't relax, we need to keep at them and it's programs like the Professional Wild Dog Controller Program that are really helping make an impact."

Remember to report all wild dog sightings and incidents to your nearest Hunter Local Land Services Biosecurity Officer. Sheep and Cattle producers in the Upper Hunter who would like to take part in the Professional Wild Dog Controller Program need to be a member of their local wild dog association to apply. Landholders can contact Biosecurity Officers **Richard Ali 0429 722 944** or **Jonathan Randle 0429 342 995** for more information on the Professional Wild Dog Controller Program, or to join in local baiting programs for wild dogs. **Penny Evans** = Hunter Local Land Services

A man goes to see the Rabbi. "Rabbi, something terrible is happening and I have to talk to you about it."

The Rabbi asked, "What's wrong?"

The man replied, "My wife is poisoning me."

The Rabbi, very surprised by this, asks, "How can that be?"

The man then pleads, "I'm telling you, I'm certain she's poisoning me, what should I do?"

The Rabbi then offers, "Tell me what. Let me talk to her, I'll see what I can find out and I'll let you know."

A week later the Rabbi calls the man and says, "Well, I spoke to your wife. I spoke to her on the phone for three hours.

You want my advice?"

The man said yes and the Rabbi replied,

"Take the poison."

*Smith climbs to the top of Mt. Sinai to get close enough to talk to God. Looking up, he asks the Lord... "God, what does a million years mean to you?"*

*The Lord replies, "A minute."*

*Smith asks, "And what does a million dollars mean to you?"*

*The Lord replies, "A penny."*

*Smith asks, "Can I have a penny?"*

*The Lord replies, "In a minute."*



Three friends from the local congregation were asked, "When you're in your casket, and friends and congregation members are mourning over you, what would you like them to say?"

Artie said: "I would like them to say I was a wonderful husband, a fine spiritual leader, and a great family man."

Eugene commented: "I would like them to say I was a wonderful teacher and servant of God who made a huge difference in people's lives."

Al said: "I'd like them to say, "Look, he's moving!"

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CAN ANYONE HELP OUT AND ANSWER THESE QUERIES??

An ex local has sent this to me hoping one of the readers of the paper will be able to answer his queries.

If you can, could you email me the answers so that I can forward them to him please??

*"Recent times, I've been looking at the early history of the Wallamba. One thing that's got me puzzled; the Upper Wallamba Co-op Dairy Society Ltd, established 1905 at Dyer's Crossing (after much huffing and puffing from the locals at Tuncurry and Nabitac); produced "Banksia" brand butter, initially in wooden kegs, later in wooden butter boxes.*

**Question:** how was the butter transported to market in Sydney?

*by coastal shipping from local shipping port to produce agents - Foley Bros, Producers Distributing Society (PDS) etc., produce agents along Sussex St, Darling Harbour, Sydney ? - that part seems logical;*

*but how they got the butter to a shipping port is a conundrum - there is no mention of this aspect in the local newspapers of the period (search by Trove search engine of the National Library of Australia, Canberra); initially by horse and dray, later by motor lorry to shipping port. After the completion of the railway as far as Taree in 1913, transport to the rail head at Taree or Wingham?*

**WHICH SHIPPING PORT?**

*possibilities:*

- 1) transport by horse and dray (pre motor lorry) to the old wharf at Tinonee
- 2) transport by horse and dray to Bullock Wharf, transhipped to Tuncurry wharf by drougheer (seems unlikely, with the double handling)
- 3) transport direct to Tuncurry wharf.
- 4) transport to Australian Dairy Co wharf at Glenthorne/Purfleet?

*Bill Deer briefly ventured into cream separating at Fairview (later renamed Avalon, later Paff Hill) (ca 1899); cream was sold in Sydney! after being carted by horse and dray to Tinonee and shipped to Sydney by coastal steamer.*

*The Australian Dairy Co. established two central creameries on the Wallamba in 1898, one at Bullock Wharf, Nabitac and the other at "Cloverly Farm", Lower Wallamba - (probably at J J Milliken's farm on the western side of the river opposite Failford (parish of Wang Wauk 23 & 24); it was variously recorded as being near Failford, the Big Swamp (Frogella) and near Darawank Creek. Cream was delivered twice weekly to the central butter factory at Purfleet. The two creameries operated until 1900/01 when the insufficient supply of milk and the use of "on farm" cream separators by the local farmers*

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*caused their closure.*

**Another question:**

*Peter's Creameries PL (subsidiary of American Delicacy Co Ltd, Redfern) acquired Upper Wallamba Co-op Dairy Society Ltd at Dyer's Crossing in about 1940 and converted it from a butter factory to a milk receival depot.*

*When did Peter's stop producing at Dyer's Crossing? - about 1940 or in the late 1940's?*

*I was wondering if you would put these questions to your readers?*

*Looking forward to your response*

*Name supplied*

A pastor's wife was expecting a baby, so the pastor stood before the congregation and asked for a raise. After much discussion, they passed a rule that whenever the pastor's family expanded;...so would his paycheck.

After 6 children, this started to get expensive and the congregation decided to hold another meeting to discuss the pastor's expanding salary. A great deal of yelling and inner bickering ensued, as to how much the pastor's additional children were costing the church, and how much more it could potentially cost.

After listening to them for about an hour, the pastor rose from his chair and spoke, "Children are a gift from God, and we will take as many gifts as He gives us."

Silence fell over the congregation.

In the back pew, a little old lady struggled to stand, and finally said in her frail voice...

"Rain is also a gift from God, but when we get too much of it, we wear rubbers."

Because they had no reservations at a busy restaurant, my elderly neighbor and his wife were told there would be a 45-minute wait for a table.

"Young man, we're both 90 years old," the husband said. "We may not have 45 minutes."

They were seated immediately.

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### ARE YOU DOING YOUR BIT TO CONTROL CATTLE TICK?

Hunter Local Land Services District Veterinarians are reminding producers to practice good farm biosecurity following the detection of cattle tick and tick fever on the NSW Mid North Coast at Kendall.

Around 70 head of cattle have died as a result of tick fever across several properties.

Several properties in the area are now undergoing a NSW Department of Primary Industries supervised cattle tick eradication program. This includes tracing of cattle movements and monitoring and treating cattle to eradicate the tick and tick fever. A number of additional properties also have movement restrictions in place until it can be proven cattle tick has not entered those properties.

Quarantining new or returning stock onto your property and providing suitable livestock health treatments to rid the animal of pests, disease and weeds is an effective method to stop issues crossing your farm gate said Dr Lyndell Stone, District Veterinarian with Hunter Local Land services.

"Issues like this are a reminder to all producers that we must be vigilant with our biosecurity practices to prevent bringing diseases, pests and weeds onto our farms," said Dr Stone.

"Holding new cattle in a yard and treating for internal and external parasites as well as vaccinating for key diseases is really a "must do" if you want to protect your stock and your farm.

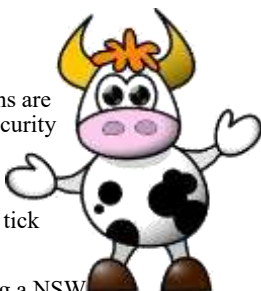
"There are a range tickicides and anthelmintics that treat for cattle tick as well products for other external parasites that may be a problem in different seasons, a combination drench is also a good choice for internal parasites and liver fluke."

Dr Stone said regular monitoring and maintaining stock proof fencing is also essential.

"While cattle are in your quarantine yard or small paddock, they should be inspected daily for any signs of disease or pest infestation and only let out with other stock and access to the wider property when you are confident they are healthy and not harbouring diseases, pest or weed seeds," Dr Stone said.

"Cattle tick is endemic in parts of Queensland, but fortunately is only very rarely identified in the southern parts of the North Coast of NSW, and these cases are then eradicated."

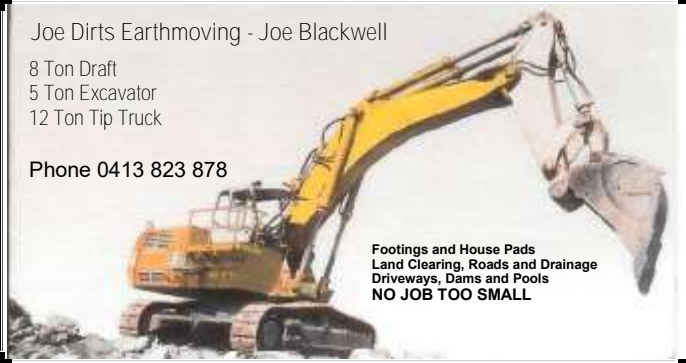
Cattle tick can carry a protozoal parasite that is injected into cattle when ticks attach and feed. The parasite causes fever, depression and



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anaemia. Affected animals may stagger, show nervous signs and have red coloured urine (redwater).

Hunter Local Land Services can help with tick identification to distinguish between cattle, paralysis and bush ticks. The key to identifying cattle ticks is its pale coloured legs and leg position.

"Investigating unusual illness in livestock and safeguarding agriculture is a key role of the District Vet team" said Dr Stone.

"But, we rely on producers to work with us and report unusual illness, exactly as the producers have done in this instance.

"Early reporting of an issue gives us the best chance of containing and eradicating a disease threat."

Please contact your nearest Local Land Services office if you have any further questions about identifying ticks or biosecurity on your property on 1300 795 299.

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#### **INGREDIENTS**

- 1 tsp Oil
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1/4 tsp Madras Curry Powder
- 200g Orange sweet potato, peeled and chopped
- 1 small Green apple, peeled and chopped
- 1 cup (250ml) chicken or vegetable stock

#### **METHOD**

1. Heat the oil in a saucepan, add the onion and curry powder and cook over medium heat for 3 minutes, or until the onion is soft.
2. Add the sweet potato, apple and stock to the pan. Bring to the boil, then reduce the heat and simmer, covered for 10 minutes, or until the sweet potato is soft.
3. Remove from the heat, place in a blender or food processor and blend until smooth. Return to the pan and gently reheat. Season with salt and pepper and serve with crusty bread.

Note: always fry off the curry powder to avoid a raw spice taste.

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Some settled very quickly, joined in the village fun  
The P&C, the fire brigade, the swimming pool got done.  
So many varied groups need help, all volunteers we are  
The place would soon grind to a halt, if no ones mans the Bar.  
But in the background some resist, their ideas not the same  
They think entitled we must be, where can we lay the blame.

We have a need, we want some change, we feel this is the go  
We care not for how it's usually done, those methods are too slow  
We want it now, this way, for free and hurry up you must  
For we are far more important than those that are but dust  
Yes built this place they might have done, but so far back in time  
Things changed they have, we know it's true we want things with  
more shine

Locals now they call themselves and puff their chests with pride  
When they do not know who Digby was or even that he's died  
So take a minute, spend some time, look where you could give aid  
A local is one who volunteers, don't expect to get paid  
What goes around will come right back, that's proven to be true  
So come and help with something soon and a local will be you.

BS Patterson.

She hurried to the pharmacy to get medication, got back to her car  
and found that she had locked her keys inside. The woman found an  
old rusty coat hanger left on the ground. She looked at it and said, "I  
don't know how to use this. " She bowed her head and asked God to  
send her some HELP.

Within 5 minutes a beat-up old motorcycle pulled up, driven by a  
bearded man who was wearing an old biker skull cap. He got off of  
his cycle and asked if he could help.

She said: "Yes, my daughter is sick. I've locked my keys in my car. I  
must get home. Please, can you use this hanger to unlock my car?"

He said, " Sure." He walked over to the car, and in less than a minute  
the car was open.

She hugged the man and through tears said, "Thank You, God, for  
sending me such a very nice man."

The man heard her little prayer and replied, "Lady, I am NOT a nice  
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## REAL KULTCHA

When you follow two football teams (that's **FOOTBALL**, not soccer) in two different codes then there's always a chance you'll come undone. That's the position I find myself in at the moment. In Sydney, *The Mighty St George* (*The Heavenly Cohort* with the big red V) are, at the time of writing this Internationally Acclaimed sporting rant, sitting equal atop the ARL ladder with two other non-entities. **BUT**, if the stars align this afternoon and they dismember *The Raiders* (which is only fair, given the mayhem Canberra has visited upon the Nation of late) then they will sit alone, ahead of pack, at the top of the ladder, and that's as it should be.

Down south (No, not in Canberra, a bit further down) *The Mighty St Kilda* have not been doing so well. **"Tell us something we didn't already know!"** Hoy, that comment was uncalled for! We are not on the bottom of the ladder – yes, we are close but *The Blues* (Carlton) and *The Lions* (Brisbane) are adrift in the nether reaches of the ladder and appear now to be doomed to see out the season there located! By the time you read this, St Kilda will have just been pitted against *The Tigers* (there's an outside chance of a win there) but *The Lions* will have just been fricasséed by *The Swans* and *The Blues* will have been liberally basted by *The Cats* so, at worst, we'll still be just out of the eight.

In other sporting news, I note Justin Langer has been appointed the new coach of *The Galahs*. I think it's fair to say he will have the total support of CA as he (and they) begin the rebuild of the side after the sandpaper incident. Tim Paine I'm sure, will be a great assist, if he can maintain his fitness. The calendar is a full schedule of events – a home Test series against India this year together with a World Cup and Ashes series in England next year. In and around those will be a number of One Days and 20/20 matches and as he's already said he intends to coach in the three formats, he'll be a busy little puppy.

I have to admit I haven't followed Netball as closely as I probably should have but I was impressed by the competition in The Commonwealth Games. How *The Poms* got up to beat *The Diamonds* for the gold I don't know. I'm tempted to suggest the Australian Super Netball competition is the world benchmark in the sport so I just hope they can recover and set themselves for the next Commonwealth Games.



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Should he? Shouldn't he? It seems he is. Yep, Todd Carney has been cleared to play Rugby League again and (if the creeks don't rise) he'll have played his first game with *The Bears* (North Sydney) just before you read this. There is a heap of conjecture doing the rounds as to who he might then move up to should he prove capable of playing in the top league. I always liked watching him run as his action was so-o-o-o smooth and it seemed so effortless.

There's pandemonium in Rugby circles however, and it isn't going to die down anytime shortly. To begin with, it seems no matter what they do, Australian sides get belted every time they play in New Zealand. For example *The Tahs* (that's *The Blues* or the NSW side in the Super Rugby Competition) led at halftime by a massive 29 zip against *The Crusaders* at Christchurch Stadium. You'd think it was time to break out the bubbly but no, *The Crusaders* (like, it seems, *The Cane Toads* are able to do when playing against *The Cockroaches*) came back in the second half and beat *The Tahs* (it's a rugby thing to reduce the name and probably has a bit to do with their inability to remember anything after being in a maul or scrum) by a couple of points. Just to add insult to injury, *The Reds* (that's the Queensland side and no, it's not short for anything but you'll notice it also has just 4 letters – I rest my case) lost to *The Sunwolves* (that's the Japanese side in the comp) by an eye-watering 63 – 28 points. And if that wasn't enough, there's a World Series Rugby comp going on. It's based in Perth and around *The Force*, which was kicked out of the Super Rugby comp a year or so ago. Twiggy Forrest's behind it and he's arranged for seven invitational teams to play at the new nib Stadium in Perth. The first game had *The Force* playing *The Fiji Warriors* in front of over 19,000 fans and Twiggy's saying he'll have a comp of eight teams next year from the Asia-Pacific region. And then, just when they thought it couldn't get any worse for the game (publicity wise, that is) Israel Folau posted on Instagram, an anti-gay comment. All hell broke loose (which was the basis of his comment) because, as a country, we've just endorsed same-sex marriage, haven't we? Don't get me wrong, he can say what he likes (he comes from a very strong Christian background in the Pacific) but lots of folk didn't like it and the ARL seemed to be at a loss on how to handle the fallout.

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FISHING REPORT WEEKEND 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> MAY 2018

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The following catches were recorded:

### Blue Water

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1 x Flathead – 0.50kg

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- 2<sup>nd</sup> Bubbly & Chocolates, \$65 Gift Voucher for Jane Goodsell at Earth, Body & Soul – **Jim McGovern**, NABIAC
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Himalayan Salt Lamp – **Carolyn Crowther**, Coolongolook
- 4<sup>th</sup> Bottle of wine - **Madge Marsh**
- 5<sup>th</sup> Bottle of wine - **Kerrie Woods**
- 6<sup>th</sup>: Bottle of wine – **Vilma McMahon**

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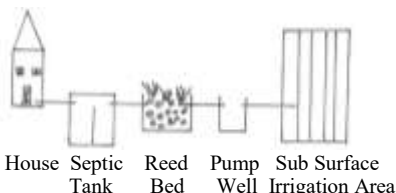
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## News From The Pews

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

### St John's Anglican Church, Dyers Crossing

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

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**March Mass time is Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> at 5.00pm \***

*\* Note earlier times*

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