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Pditorial.

I was just rereading last December's Editorial and I could just about copy the beginning word for word.

Weird weather (last year we had the big storms and rain), I had a fire permit that I couldn't use because of the winds, (have one sitting on the desk unused because of wind) and I have trees and branches down again and I still haven't cleared up the mess from last year.

And people say the weather patterns are changing!!

It is nearly Christmas and there is a lot going on in the area this month, with all the local groups and associations having their Christmas parties and organising New Year dos.

Not sure what is in store for me this year as the kid hasn't mentioned coming up and I really don't want to go to Sydney after my last trip down. My nerves are still shot.

St John's Anglican Church, Dyers Crossing will be sadly having it's last Children's Christmas Tree Service as it is closing some time next year.

St. Thomas' Presbyterian Church, Krambach is having Carols in Leo Carney Park at Krambach on Sunday 23rd December from 7:00pm.

Bunyah Community is having their Christmas BBQ Party on Friday 21st.

Nabiac Social Club is holding its Christmas Raffle at Nabiac Hotel with tickets on sale Friday nights until 21st.

Details of these and other events can be found in this issue.

You will see a lot of new ads in this issue as well. Nabiac and surrounding areas seem to be getting a lot of new people moving up and trying their luck with new businesses.

As always, time to thank the advertisers for joining our little "rag" and hope they get a lot of work from their ads, my fabulous "reporters" who keep you in touch with what is happening in the area regarding local land care groups, working groups and general items of interest and especially for filling the columns so that I don't have to find the jokes, you all seem to enjoy, to fill the empty gaps.

I wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas and may the New Year bring peace and good health to all

My thanks to NSW Office Technology who printed the cover pages this year and have spent many hours here when ever I scream for help when the copier dies just as I am about to print.

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•	Blackhead Bazaar	(1st Sun)	2^{nd}	8am to 12 noon
•	John's River Country	(2nd Sat)	8^{th}	9am to 1.30pm
•	Wingham Community	(2nd Sat)	8 th	
•	Myall Quays	(3rd Sat)	15 th	9am to 1pm
•	The Hub Taree Showgnd	(3rd Sat)	15 th	8am to 12 noon
•	Krambach	(3rd Sun)	16 th	8am to 2pm
•	NABIAC	(Last Sat)		8am to 12 noon
•	Old Bar	(Last Sun)	30^{th}	7am to 1pm
•	Pacific Palms	(Last Sun)	30^{th}	9am to 1pm
•	Forster Town	(2nd Sun)	9^{th}	8am to 2pm
•	Halliday's Point	(1st Sun)	2^{nd}	8am to 11am -?
•	Town Head (e	very Mon)		8am to 2pm
•	Mt. George	(4th Sat)	22^{nd}	8am to 2pm
•	Forster Farmers Marke	t (3rd Sat)	15 th	8am to 12 noon
•	Bobbin Community		th	9am to 2pm
•	Tuncurry Markets	(4th Sat)	22^{nh}	8am to 1pm
•	Burrell Creek	(2nd Sun)	9 th	9am to 12.30pm

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

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HAIR What December is here already!

This year has almost ended and I'm sure a lot of you feel the same as we do here at the salon; where has the

year gone? Life seems to be so busy for everyone.

Fiona, Cassie, and I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our clients a wonderful and safe Christmas with your family &

friends and a big thank you for your continual support over this last year; we look forward to seeing you all back in the salon in 2019. Have a happy and safe New Year.

The salon will be

CLOSED from <u>TUESDAY 25th DECEMBER 2018</u> and RE OPENS WEDNESDAY 2nd January 2019.

Christmas Gift Vouchers are still available for Hair and Beauty. **BEAUTY**

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Merry Christmas to you all, be safe and be happy and look forward to seeing you in 2019!

From Shaz, Fiona, Cassie. Xx

Foot note: While working in the salon I overheard a client say to one of our staff, what a funny name CPR was for a hair product? The name stands for C-Condition, P-Protect, R-Revive Founded in 1963 by John Donnelly, Vitafive/CPR is a 100% Australian family owned company. As we celebrate our 55th birthday in 2018, we send our heart-felt gratitude to all our loyal & new customers. It is your continued support & love of our products that inspires us to become better each day. All of our products are Natural, sustainably sourced ingredients. No harmful sulfates, parabens, no added salt. Never tested on animals. Cruelty free. The Shampoos are sulphate free, our colours provide nourishment, softness & shine along with anti fade colour protection. Jojoba oil, olive oil, argan oil, peppermint oil, soy protein, wheat protein are just a few ingredients. And best of all is 100% Australian owned family business!

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Wonderful meeting of Creative Minds at *Ghislaine Lai*'s home in Minimbah last weekend, and finalising 2 exhibitions coming up!

We are excited to be installing 'INSPIRED' – our second exhibition - at The Krambach Hotel. Owner Garry Muller has been fabulous and we now have white walls and a gallery hanging system to display some great local artists' work. It is opening on Sunday 2nd December and the artwork will be on sale if you need that special gift for someone at Christmas. Pop into the pub for a look and a drink. Thanks to Sandy Kiely for her most excellent promotional skills!

From 15th – 29th January we will be exhibiting at **GLAS** (**Great Lakes Art Society**), **Forster** with our exhibition '**NO LIMITS'**. So, if you're heading over to the Coast in that time, please drop in to view our new work and that of GLAS members. The gallery has recently undergone a total transformation and is now a contemporary art space well worth a visit.

Having exhibitions and deadlines are excellent for Artists as it gives us something tangible and exciting to aim for. With over 35 members now from Wootton to Belbora to Tinonee, Nabiac, Firefly and beyond, we are excited to be considering how we may best contribute to our region in the Arts area. Many of us have had experience in Community Arts and Community Arts Health, as well as diverse backgrounds in business and environment. We have worked alongside those planning Community projects and events to provide an extra dimension to the outcome. We have also worked with all age groups from children to youth to adults and the elderly encouraging their artistic expression in many rural and farming communities.

Stay tuned for the winner of the People's Choice Award at the 'BOTANICAL' Exhibition at the Greenhouse Café, Nabiac. Meanwhile for those who are artists and passionate art supporters, we'd love you to join our Facebook page. Just look up Artists of Wallamba and request to join. It's a space to share our work, inspiration and ideas. If you aren't a Facebook person then please join us at our meetings from time to time, and benefit from a great community of like-minded creative people.

The next meeting of Artists of Wallamba will be our Christmas Meeting on December 16th at the Krambach

Hotel. Bookings essential so if you'd like to join us please call Carmel Spark on 0419 273 849 or Kate Landsberry on 0402 287 244 for more details. We'd love to welcome artists and art supporters and guarantee creative company, delicious food and warm hospitality!



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HALL MEETINGS: Monday following the Krambach Markets each month at 3.00pm. Next meeting on Monday 17th December, 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.

Krambach Hall (School of Arts Inc.) has spaces available and is looking for more Stall Holders. One table costs \$11.00, two tables are \$16.00 and 3 tables are \$22.00.

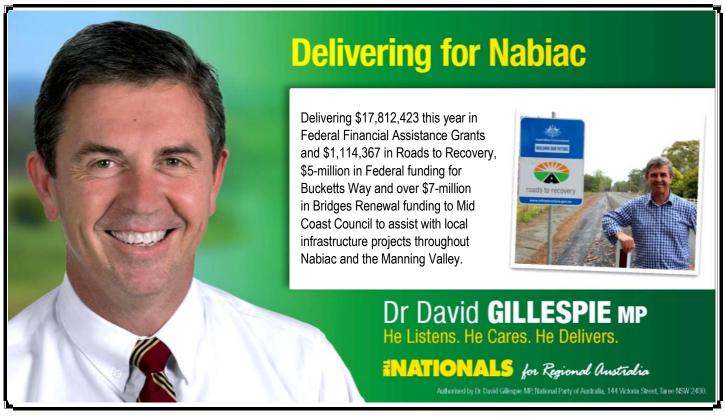
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Local History - The Wallamba — Another in a series of historical articles gleaned from the archives of the "Northern Champion" 1931 by Bob Mann

WOOTTON NOTES: It is with a great deal of pleasure and a general feeling of satisfaction that we are able to report a splendid main road leading from Booral to Taree via Bulahdelah, Wootton and Nabiac. For some time now the Stroud Shire Council has been interesting itself in the road and our local councillors must feel proud to see the good results of the councils work. As the road means a saving of 17 or 18 miles on the main road to Gloucester it is not to be wondered at that tourists are quietly learning of this road and are readily travelling it.

A motor accident which might easily have had more serious results, befell Mr Lawrence Mudford and Mrs W. Newman of Wootton on Friday night. With a bus laden with groceries they were on their way home from Newcastle and, when about 6 miles this side of Raymond Terrace, the lights suddenly fused at a nasty bend in the road. The bus instantly capsized on the side of the road. Groceries flew in all directions. The two occupants made hasty efforts to free themselves from the wreckage of broken glass \$& etc. Mr Mudford was fortunate enough to escape without a scratch but Mrs Newman found her face and one leg badly cut and bruised necessitating her removal to the Raymond Terrace Hospital where several stitches were inserted. While extending to Mrs Newman our sympathy in her misfortune we, at the same time, are pleased to know that she is mending quickly.

Organisers of the popular girl carnival and dance, Mesdames *Mudford*, *Smedley* and *Gilmore* with (Mr Smedley assisting), were proud of their effort on Saturday last and twenty five pounds were the net result and will help to swell the finds of our popular girl, *Hazel Mudford*, in the Church of England popular girl competition to be concluded on Saturday night next. We wish Hazel the best of luck.

The energetic efforts of the members of the Parents & Citizens Association resulted in several new seats being made and placed in the local school ground on Saturday last for the benefit and comfort of the pupils. Actions of this kind are always appreciated and the community benefits.

Fourteen candidates sat for the primary school final examinations at the local school on Tuesday last and three of the fourteen sat for the bursary examination and three for the High School.

DYERS CROSSING BRIDGE: At Monday's meeting of the Manning Shire Council a letter was read from the Hon *Walter Bennett* in which he said, when at Dyers Crossing recently his attention was directed to

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the bridge near the butter factory there. It was in a dilapidated and dangerous condition. The logs on which the surface planks rested were in an advanced danger of collapsing. He would be glad if the council could devise a scheme for the replacement of the structure, by a high level bridge before a serious accident took place. The bridge provided access for a large number of settlers in the surrounding district. Cr. Breckenridge moved that Mr Bennett be asked to do his best to get funds for the bridge. Only for flood drift under the bridge it would have gone long ages ago. Seconded by the President who said prior to the last election Mr Bennett asked the council for estimates and plans for a bridge. The engineer supplied the information within 12 hours and they were going to have a bridge at once. The council had fought the main roads board as far as they could to get a bridge at the Butter Factory. The Board wanted the bridge yet further up the river, although all the butter had to go over at Dyers Crossing. Mr Bennett must know the position. He had the figures and the electors in the locality said if the council gave them plans and specifications Mr Bennett would get a bridge. They should tell Mr Bennett that he had had the plans for two years.

NABIAC DECEMBER 1931: The many friends of Mr Harry Croker will be pleased to hear that he is able to get about his work once again. The fact is that Harry had an argument with one of his denizens of his pig run and secured rather a nasty bite on the leg. Anyway he had a week or two of quiet reflection in bed as a result. One of the local wags said that the pig was up for sale at Harry's place.

The two chief topics of conversation at present are the weather and politics, with cricket a good third. The weather for the past week has delighted everyone as the fall of rain has been a generous one and feed should come apace and fresh records of production be established. If this is so it will counterbalance the fall in butter prices.

Nurse *Haden* of the local private hospital is at present an inmate of Mayo where she underwent an operation for appendicitis. Her many friends will be pleased to hear that she is making good recovery.

Mr J.T. Milligan, in company with his two sons Messrs J.J. and E.W. Milligan, took a trip down the South Coast renewing acquaintances of many years. Incidentally we may say that the Misses Milligans visited the sale of Sir Samuel Hordern's Jersey Stud and secured some of the excellent stock offered. These will be a great addition to the Bulby herd.

The minister, teacher and friends of the Church of England Sunday School held their annual Sunday School picnic at the showground during the month. This picnic day is greatly appreciated and enjoyed by the children.



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WALLAMBA CWA REPORT

1 t was back to the Showground Hall Foyer for the November 13th meeting of Wallamba CWA chaired by President *Margaret Weller* who welcomed 11 members.

Members paused for a minutes silence to mark Remembrance Day then to remember departed friends *Jean Spokes* of Gloucester CWA Branch, *Mary's* friend *Bev Palmer* and *Frank Streliene* friend of members *Merle*, *Jill* and *Margaret*.

Merle brought along the thought this month and it was "Blowing out someone else's candle, will not make yours shine brighter". December's will be provided by Margaret.

Since our October meeting several members had attended the MNC CWA Group Conference which was held at South West Rocks and brought back all the reports on the various activities, including updates on International Studies, Handicraft, Ag and Environment and Cultural as well as Cooking for which CWA members reputation is well known. Following the conference the MNC Group now has a new Executive in President in *Delma Robson*, Secretary *Topsy Roberts* and Treasurer *Julie Greaves* and we wish them well in their new roles.

Our correspondence included a request for support of Coolongolook Public School for their End of Year Presentation Day in December and this was discussed by members and as has been the practice of past years, a donation will be made to all three local schools, namely Coolongolook, Nabiac and Krambach, to assist them with prizes for the students.

Members were asked to discuss the By-Laws of the Group and these have been looked at and voted on.

Our 2019 World Day of Prayer material has arrived and the service for next year has been organized by the Christian Women of Slovenia and the Nabiac Service will be hosted by St. Paul's Anglican Church in March. More details to follow in the New Year.

A Certificate of Appreciation had been received from the organizers and students for the Branch's support of the recent Deaf Camp for Deaf Students. President Margaret mentioned it had been a great camp enjoyed by all and mentioned that Quota Forster (of which she is a member) also supports the organization.

In Treasurer Mary's report, the Branch had received thanks from HO for their donation of \$200 to the CWA Disaster Relief Fund. Many thanks to the Nabiac Hotel Social Club who have again supported the Wallamba Branch with a \$200 donation which is very much appreciated and will be distributed at a later date.

International Officer *Penny Britton* spoke about some changes to competitions in this area, saying there will not longer be an International Book competition but that this has been changed to a 48 page Travel Journal on the country of study, which for next year is Papua New Guinea. The International Dressed doll will still take place as will the Handicraft on the country with Primary School invited to do a Powerpoint presentation. Dates for Wallamba's International Day in 2019 were discussed and we are looking at either 21st May or 18th June but this has to be confirmed by the new Group International Officer *Fran Adams*.

Handicraft Officer Merle reminded us all about bringing along our aprons to the December meeting that are needed for next year's competition. Merle is enjoying her time on the State Handicraft Committee and had recently attended the latest meeting in Sydney. On a light note Merle brought along a poem, "Grandmother's Apron". It

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was an historical run down on how handy the apron was in the life of a mother and housewife – a far cry from the modern mum (I think!). An article produced in the latest 'Women's Weekly' on people making knitted octopus toys for premature babies to cuddle was very interesting.

With Koala's our Fauna subject for the coming year, Ag & Environment Officer Jill had plenty of information to share with us including the visit of *Prince Harry* and wife *Meghan* who got to cuddle a koala. Our own area has been spotting a few of these lovable and unique Australians and it was brought us as to what are the correct ones (trees?) to plant to help feed these furry friends. It is hoped we might be able to invite *Christine McLeod* of Taree's "Koalas In Care' to give us a talk on this topic.

Our Cultural segment heard Penny speak about attending the U3A's "The Silvertones' Concert under the direction of *Pam Archer* OAM and she and her dad had enjoyed it immensely. Member Pam also mentioned that the same group had performed at the Wingham Remembrance Day Peace Concert in the Wingham Town Hall and were excellent.

President Margaret is now the 'carer/owner' of a Guide Dog called Rudolph which she has 'adopted' for a donation of \$15 per month and can watch his progress from a puppy to a full working animal.

Ruth recently travelled to Iluka and told us about visiting the local CWA Branch who runs a craft group from their own Branch house and she showed us some photos that she had taken.

Mary has been busy with attendance at several shows, the Russian Ballet at the Glasshouse in Port Macquarie and the brilliant production of Taree Arts Council's 'Les Miserables' as Mary was one of the dressmakers of the various costumes worn in the production.

A number of the ladies were entering the cooking competition and jam making at the upcoming day to be held at Wauchope on Tuesday 27th November, I believe a couple of placings including a 1st were taken out by the ladies. Well done to those who entered.

The menu and invitations for the Christmas luncheon to follow the December 11th meeting were next discussed and it should be a great festive luncheon once again. Invitations are being extended to our local organizations and we hope that some of them are able to join us again this year.

Finally it was time to wish member Penny Britton a happy birthday for November 13th and Sec Pam presented her with a card on behalf of the members.

Business over, the meeting was closed at 12noon when members then enjoyed a bring and share lunch during which time we were joined by Margaret's husband *Bruce*. We were treated to a quick demonstration by Margaret as to how to make a Lotus Flower from a serviette - that kind of worked out.

On behalf of President Margaret and the members I would like to take this opportunity to thank the hard work of Lyn Reid who puts together this great little newspaper and wish her a Merry Christmas and hopes she gets to enjoy a few weeks break with family and her four legged friend.

Pam Muxlow

Secretary/Publicity Officer Wallamba CWA Branch



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NEWS FROM BUNYAH

We held a Remembrance Day Service at our
Cenotaph commemorating 100 years since the end of
World War 1. The Service was conducted by Bunyah resident
Grahame Watson, Ex Army Major, and also involved other
Ex Army personnel. It was well attended by local residents
including school children and morning tea followed the Service.

We also held an **'Open Day'** of our Hall which was part of the **Mid Coast Council's 'Showcase of Halls'** taking place throughout November. The aim was to give people a look at our Hall and find out what their local Hall can offer them by way of events, hiring, activities, sport, education and socialising. We also had a **Musician Kevin Don,** who played throughout the day. The rain came and possibly kept more people away, however it didn't dampen the spirits of those who came along to enjoy a Sausage Sizzle, great cakes, coffee/tea and good company.

The Final Quarterly Meeting of the year for our Hall Committee, was held on Thursday 29th November, 2018; everyone is always welcome to attend and participate in all discussions.

A Community Christmas Party will be held on Friday 21st December, 2018 commencing at 6.30 pm. The BBQ will be up and running by 6.30 pm - please BYO Meat, Drinks & Nibblies. A Donation of \$5.00 per family would be appreciated. We have also booked Musician Kevin Don to play throughout the evening. Come along and bring your Visitors and let them share in the joy of a 'Bunyah Community Christmas'! See Flyer alongside this News.

Many thanks and Seasons Greetings to our **Editor Lyn Reid** who is always so supportive in our community. Enjoy your break Lyn and every good wish for the coming year.

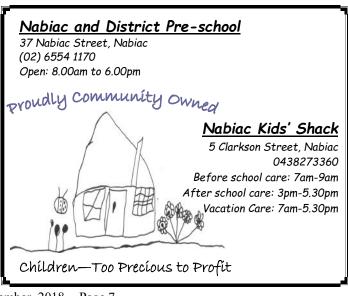
Christmas Greetings & New Year wishes to everyone both within our community and beyond.

Neryl Simpson









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QUI LTI NG NEWS

Our second 'Airing of The Quilts' was on Sunday, November 4th; the heat of the day before made us quite weary as we worked to string lines around the verandah and under the trees, and to price things for the stall. We were all busy worker bees.

Sunday dawned with a few spits of rain, and a few anxious faces - but it came to nothing. The display looked amazing - quilts all around the house verandah, pool fence and clothes line and hanging under the old apple gum.

We had a steady stream of visitors (\$75 raised from gold coin donation entry fee) and were pleased that the craft stall made more than \$500, and lunches and morning tea added another \$450 to the coffers! We also sold 3 quilts and were very pleased to receive a \$300 donation for a roll of wadding. (Thank You, Ross)

In total \$1,606 was raised - so more than 5 rolls of wadding can be purchased, which will keep us going till about Easter.

This year 428 quilts have been donated, so far, still another month of the year to go!

We received some lovely appreciation certificates from "Days for Girls" hands up Congo for donated quilts, and also from the Community Foundation of NW Sydney for our support of several Women's Refuges.

After the display was over we had a flurry of distribution of quilts:-

13 to a Gosford Nursing home

12 to the Palliative care wing of the Taree Hospital

Blankets of love and cot quilts to the Maternity ward at Taree.

12 quilts, several crocheted rugs and Trauma Teddies to the Police Domestic Violence unit

And 10 to a women's Refuge.

We have had a great year, our cupboards are very full, we have had some awesome donations of wonderful fabrics, in fact all the ladies are like kids in a lolly shop when it comes to select fabric for a new

We have worked on several group projects this year. It is good to learn a new technique and not have to make all the blocks necessary for a whole quilt. It is interesting when the Monday group interprets a pattern in cool colours, and the Wednesday group does it in warm shades.

Our Orphanage of left over blocks is bulging as are many of our shelves. So we need more sewers. All you need to bring is your sewing machine, we have fabric! We sew at Belbora, 2516 The Bucketts way on Mondays and Wednesdays. Ring Anne on 6550 2605 if you are interested.

Best wishes for a safe Festive Season and a healthy happy New Year.

Jenny Fletcher Secretary





Cancer RAFFLE

Council In the past I have hosted a "Girls night in" in October to raise money for the NSW

Cancer Council. Being older - and more tired- and not inclined to cook or clean, another plan was needed. My house is in a perpetual state of CHAOS - can't have anyone over syndrome!. So my solution this year was to raffle a large quilt 5'4" x 6'4" as first prize and ask for donations from local Nabiac businesses for gift vouchers. The result was overwhelming.

THE NABIAC HOTEL donated \$100 worth of vouchers won by Glen McLean, Colleen Sorrensen and Terri Day.

THE OLD BANK CENTRE donated \$50 worth of vouchers won by Wendy Watson and Glen McLean (isn't he tinny?)

THE MODERN MOTORS Rego Check was won by Shaz Mullen and family.

BRIDGET from the Nabiac Nook donated vouchers for her SOY CANDLES won by Julie Williams and Sandy Howden.

The gift vouchers from ROBB & CO went to Jason from Circle of friends and Chloe Osborne.

The voucher from NABIAC PHARMACY was won by Elaine Lucre. Pam McDonald was the lucky recipient of the \$25 voucher from VINTAGE MAGNOLIA.

The voucher from NABIAC HAIR AND BEAUTY was won by Michelle Pascoe.

Cherie Paterson will enjoy her selection from EARTH BODY &

Ken, from Circle of Friends, won the voucher from GRIFFOS MEATS.

Bob and Cheryl won the voucher from CIRCLE OF FRIENDS. Cricket Godbolt won the prize from McLEANS OYSTERS. Sandy Howden was a dual winner as she also received the voucher from THE CURIOSITY SHOP.

The Bowen Therapy was won by Julie Williams (yes there were 450 tickets in the box and some people got 2 prizes)

The quilt went to Diane Standen and she was thrilled.

Thank you Breeannah Morris for helping draw the tickets.

The Raffle raised \$876 and there was a \$40 donation from Sunny at FOODWORKS.

Thank you to all who helped raise the money whether through prize donation or ticket purchase.

Jenny Fletcher (glad that it is all over!!)







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Every time the bulk bin is emptied, we pay the bill.

Please sort your donations and put dirty and broken items in your home bin.

Community Garden News

Bill is busy constructing the garden beds out of donated roofing iron and Phil will soon be putting in the watering system. We have promises of fruit trees and vegetable and herb seedlings. We are discussing the location of the new garden shed. Artists of Wallamba are talking about placing some sculpture in the garden.

Next meeting is our AGM at 7.30pm on Thursday 13th December. Agenda includes some changes to the Constitution and the election of office bearers and committee members for the coming 12 months.

The broad purpose of the Neighbourhood Centre is to assist the local community in obtaining and maintaining our services, and facilities. The Centre provides an Incorporated Association for the Op Shop, Village Futures Group, Community Technology Centre, Nabiac Landcare and Aub Ferris Sports Complex Redevelopment. The Centre has 3 tenants - the community Preschool, Petra's Kitch Karuah Great Lakes Landcare.



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From it's beginning, Nabiac Landcare's primary focus has been caring for the bush reserves within the Nabiac village. Although we do propagate and plant trees and shrubs, it's a lot less labour intensive to help the bush heal itself.

Currently we are doing follow-up weeding at both Bullock Wharf Reserve and Lillypilly Bend.

One task has been the clean up of an extensive area of honeysuckle vine interspersed with a bit of very thorny roses and blackberry for added excitement. All three are very 'sneaky' sending long runners through the mulch and grass that take root and spread the infestation. We could spray but this would leave the area open to annual weeds which can get out of hand rather rapidly.

We have also kept up the Madeira vine patrol, particularly along the Wallamba River. Each flood event brings down material that can take root (often very slowly) and then grow very rapidly when conditions are right. It only takes an aerial tuber the size of a pea to start a new infestation.

Our AGM and Christmas party will be held at the Bullock Wharf boat ramp picnic area on the 12th of December. Please contact us if you wish to attend. The Group will then have a break until the end of January. However, don't be surprised if you see some of us back in the bush in our spare time before then.

Nabiac Landcare work each Wednesday (weather permitting) 8-9am to 11am, followed by morning tea at the picnic tables at Bullock Wharf. Membership is only \$2.00 plus an occasional donation to the morning tea fund and new members are always welcome. Give us a ring if you are interested.

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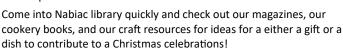






Between the Pages Nabiac Library News

Welcome to our last edition of Nabiac Library News for 2018. It is hard to comprehend that Christmas is only a few weeks away! We will all be preparing and looking for ideas for those last unusual handmade Christmas gifts; or the recipes for Christmas feasts.



Christmas is often a time for travel and holidays away from home. Before you go pop in to the Library and stock up on talking books and music CD's for both adults and children; to amuse the family while travelling.

THE SUMMER READING CLUB (SRC) is back and kicks off from 7th December. SRC is - an Australia wide program which encourages young people to read lots of books during the holidays. There are prizes to be won and fun activities to get involved in and it is a great way to keep kids reading over the holidays with incentives such as prizes, activities and a party at the Manning Entertainment Centre to grand finale all based around the theme Curious Creatures. Kids can register now at www.summerreadingclub.org.au then pop into your library after 7th December to pick up a reading kit and start reading!!

JANUARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITY PROGRAMS

In January once again our libraries are offering a jam packed holiday program full of craft, upcycling, boot camps, VR and those beeswax wrap workshops are baaaccck! The program will be launched on Friday 7th December so you will be able to visit

midcoastlibraries.com.au to see the program and book your tickets, or pick up a program at your library branch.

NABIAC LIBRARY will be hosting two holiday Craft days for children in January. Details will be available and bookings can be made after Friday 7th December as detailed above.

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NEW VOLUNTEER! A big welcome to **Linda**, our new volunteer at Nabiac Library! We are pleased to have you join our friendly team and look forward to sharing shifts with you at some time.

Finally to all our wonderful members! Thanks for sharing all your great reading experiences and friendships over the year. We do love having you enjoy our delightful and personable country Library. Wishing you all a safe and happy festive Season with loved ones and we look forward to seeing you all again in the New Year.

NABIAC LIBRARY CHRISTMAS HOURS:

We will close from 11:00am Thursday 20th December and will be re-opening at 9:00am Thursday January 3rd.

WE WISH YOU ALL A SAFE AND JOYOUS CHRISTMAS AND A HEALTHY AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Krambach Garden Club News

There was no meeting for November due to our Christmas party being held a week later than usual. Our party was held at Kings Creek Retreat on December 3rd. Santa paid us a visit with his special helper and handed out gifts to all members and of course there was the usual singing of Christmas carols lead by our special guest George Hoad.

There is no meeting in December and our next meeting will be on January 28^{th.} This will be held at *Jill* and *Brian O'Riley's* home, Easton Creek Road, Kings Creek. This will be a twilight meeting at 5.30pm followed by a sausage sizzle and the competition colour will be of your choice. Remember 5 stems only; again the swap table will be available to exchange your excess plants and produce. A great way to enhance your garden.

For more information about our happy group of gardeners why not come along in January with your chair and enjoy the friendship of others. Contact Jenny on 0400 105 333 or Val on 6554 9651.

Wishing you all a happy and safe Christmas and we look forward to seeing you again in January 2019.

Till next time

Happy Gardening

Val





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Minimbah Rural Fire Brigade is starting to get busier as the year rolls on, and we suspect that is the case for most people. When we were called to a Motor Vehicle Accident (MVA) south of Nabiac recently, we were expecting something on the highway, but it turned out to be on private property. Mission accomplished and the accident victim was transported to hospital. The Salt Ash fire was a doosey, and a strike team from Mid Coast District responded to that, but California is a little out of our reach.

One has to wonder the circumstances regarding the 87 fatalities and 500 (as this is written), still missing in the Californian bush fires.

Are there similar warnings issued as we have here? Are they leaving too late? Do they have some sort of plan in a disaster? No doubt there will be **some** answers down the track, but it beggars belief that such huge numbers are a fact.

We, too, have had some big property losses in recent times, but the percentage of fatalities appears to be much lower. Are we better at handling these sort of incidents? It can't be all luck. Worth thinking about certainly but the message for us surely is be prepared. Get the kids involved in making and practicing a plan; they may be smarter than you think. When the plastic patio chairs are melting, you've left it too late.

Certainly there are far more people involved in the disaster than in OZ, but how is it possible to have that many people still missing with some never to be found.



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Our 2018 Community Christmas Party is being held at the Fire Station on Saturday 8th December, and everyone is invited. Once again it will be a lunch time barbecue and if you are planning to attend, for catering purposes, would you please RSVP to Verena on 6554 1492 no later than Wednesday 5th.

Minimbah RFB shares the **Driver Reviver** roster at **Wang Wauk** with several community groups, therefore offering everyone the opportunity to provide a valuable community service, and also to collect some much-needed donations. Our next "gig" will be on Sunday 23rd December. If Santa needs a break and a free cuppa while he is out and about, he is more than welcome to call in, as are all other travelers.

We thank Lyn Reid for the opportunity to use the Across the Fence as a vehicle to stay in touch with our community. We extend to you all, our wish for a Happy Christmas and a safe, peaceful and prosperous New Year.

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Nabiac Second chance Op-shop came from very humble beginnings, growing into a booming business with choice clothes, linen of all descriptions, even lovely bridal gowns, and Christmas decorations and T-shirts. Our new bigger shed, under one roof, has furniture, glassware, books, suitcases, toys ... you name it ... we have it! The shop is booming thanks to volunteers and generous people emptying out their cupboards.

Initially, *Petra*, the gingerbread lady, kindly gave us all the clothes from the little shed out back which she had previously been running her gingerbread business was growing so fast that she happily handed it over to us for our new shop at the front of the building. Some days we didn't have a customer, as back then 'Op Shops' still had a bit of a stigma attached to them — now there is no shame. These days RECYCLE! RECYLE! ...is the way to go.

A few years ago the building had a complete renovation. What a challenge! Everything had to be removed, and as we didn't have any storage room (no big shed then) we gave the Lions Club at Hallidays Point most of our goods. They returned our gesture with a \$500 cheque! ... very generous.

Volunteers are always welcome ...HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT VOLUNTEERING? We recently had a volunteers meeting which was very beneficial to our hard-working men and women.

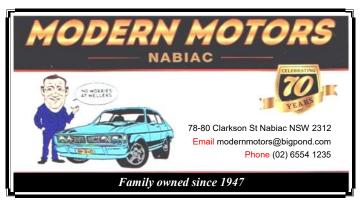
Opening hours are 9am - 12 noon, Monday through to Saturday.

We will be **CLOSED** for **3 weeks** over the Christmas period, starting from the **22**nd **December**.

Just a reminder, that if you're on Facebook, please LIKE and FOLLOW us @ Nabiac Second chance Op-shop.

Thank you again for all your support, help and donations. May the festive season see you and yours happy and safe.





🌠 Modern Motors Christmas Letter

Modern Motors Nabiac would like to wish all our client a wonderful Christmas and exciting New Year.

We wish to advise that we will be closed from Saturday December 22nd to Monday January 7th January 2019

Time to book in for your registration inspection if due during this period, if your not sure call in and Wendy will check for you.

Safe travels during the Silly Season.

David, Wendy, Craig and Mitch



Nabiac Village Futures Group

It's been a busy month for our group. We met for an hour with Mayor David West and senior staff from MidCoast Council regarding planning for parking and slowing traffic in our downtown area. A decision was made for Council to apply for funding. We also discussed rehabilitation and water flow of the Creek area in the middle of town.

We also have been meeting with **Nabiac RSL Sub Branch regarding design changes for Memorial Park.** Our community has an opportunity to better showcase this Memorial Park as a quiet reflective area with its unique locally designed monument.

Artists of Wallamba (Carmel and Kate) joined our November meeting to discuss display space for artworks.

Next meeting is Wednesday 5th December 7.30pm at Neighbourhood

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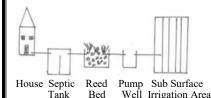
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Swimmer's ear is an inflammation or infection of the canal between the eardrum and the outer ear. This condition can be triggered if you regularly get water in your ear, such as when you go swimming. A wet ear canal makes it easier to get infected. Your risk also increases if the water is not clean.

Damage or irritation to the ear canal can also increase your risk. An irritation can occur from – scratching inside your ear, cleaning your ear canal & wearing hearing aids. Swimmer's ear can also develop if you have a fungal infection or allergic reaction to something in your ears, such as ear plugs, medication or shampoo.

Symptoms to look out for –

- Ear pain
- Itchiness
- Trouble hearing
- Tenderness when you move your ear or jaw
- Noises inside the ear, such as buzzing or humming

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We'd like to take this moment to thank our valued customers for their support through 2018 and wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

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Paul & Sandy

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Many folks buy something at the bake house and spend a little time at the park relaxing. Very informative and a credit to the op shop volunteers who provided the majority of funds, to Stuart Weller for the sign information and Liz Rees, John Butterworth and Bunnings for the garden work. Well done.

B.W.

Humour in Uniform

A friend of mine was standing watch one day in his ship. The captain, passing by, noticed some oil on the deck. He asked where it had come from, and my friend said he would check. He slid under some machinery and after inspecting the leak slid out and replied "It's coming from the BRT, sir."

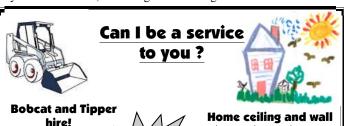
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My friend answered, "That Big Round Thing." Mrs R Driskill

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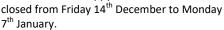
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Turnip, cut into pieces
Leek, washed and sliced

2 cups Beef stock

3 tsp Arrowroot (still available in supermarkets, a bit like cornflour)

METHOD

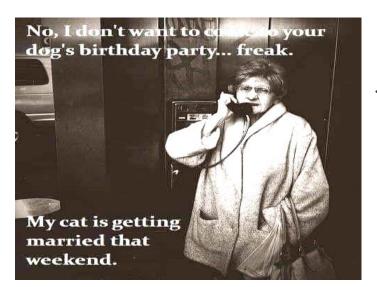
Cut pork in half if desired. Combine curry, ginger, garlic, thyme and salt. Rub into pork and place in an ovenproof dish.

Place the vegetables around the meat and pour over the stock.

Cover with a lid and bake in a moderate oven until meat is tender.

Carefully pour the stock into a saucepan, stir in blended arrowroot and cook until boiling and thickened. Pour over meat in dish and serve.

Simple!





If you still have time to make one, here is a fruit cake recipe, also old.

SOLDIER'S CHRISTMAS CAKE

INGREDIENTS

250 g Seeded raisins, chopped

250 g Sultanas

250 g Currants

125 g Glace Cherries, chopped 125 g Chopped mixed peel 125 g Blanched almonds, chopped 2/3 cup Brandy or orange juice

2 cups Plain flour ½cup Self Raising flour

½cup Self Pinch of salt

1/stsp Nutmeg
1/stsp Cinnamon
1 tsp Mixed spice
250 g Butter
11/scups Brown sugar

2tbsp Dark jam or marmalade

4 Eggs

METHOD

Mix the seeded raisins with the sultanas, currants, cherries, mixed peel and almonds.

Sprinkle with the brandy or orange juice

Sift the flours with the salt and spices. Beat the butter and brown sugar until light and fluffy. Add the jam and beat again. Add the eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition.

Fold in the fruit and flour mixtures alternately. Mix thoroughly. Spoon into a deep 20cm round cake tin, lined with two layers each of aluminium foil and greaseproof paper.

Bake in a moderate oven for 30 minutes. Reduce heat to moderately slow and cook $2\frac{1}{2}$ - 3 hours. Test with a fine skewer before removing

MAH JONG

A group of local people have just started playing Mah Jong once a week in the Nabiac Neighbourhood Centre.

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Please see an important Q Fever update from our District Vet team.

We would love your support to share the word about these clinics, so we can ensure producers get access to the best value vaccines.

Q FEVER VACCINATION OPPORTUNITIY FOR HUNTER

Hunter Local Land Services is working with local health providers to help producers access Q Fever vaccinations.

Q fever is one of the most prevalent diseases spread from animals to people in Australia with around 500 human cases per year, caused by the bacterium Coxiella burnetii.

District Vet Kylie Greentree is concerned livestock producers and their families might not be aware of the risks caused by this illness.

"Some people show no symptoms but others with Q-fever may develop flu like symptoms, headaches, muscle aches, fever, sweating, endocarditis," said Dr Greentree.

"Up to 15-20% of sufferers' progress to a chronic illness with chronic fatigue that can be debilitating for years, muscle pain, depression, hepatitis, pneumonia and heart failure which can be fatal.'

Q Fever can spread from any animal including cattle, sheep, goats, wildlife and even dogs and cats.

The bacteria can survive in the environment for years and with current dusty drought conditions the organism could be stirred up and spread kilometres in the wind.

Human infection usually occurs by inhaling the organism, but infection also occurs with direct contact with infected animals or drinking unpasteurised milk.

"In recent weeks we have heard of new cases of local producers being affected by Q Fever, and we want to encourage landholders to consider vaccination," said Dr Greentree.

"Farming is one of the occupations with a high risk of contracting Q fever.

"We are the only country in the world with a vaccination available to prevent Q fever in humans and the vaccination is safe and the most effective way to prevent Q fever infection in high-risk occupations."

To be vaccinated is a two-step process involving pre-screening and vaccination.

Hunter Local Land Services has been in discussion with several doctors surgeries around the region to get reduced vaccination costs for local producers.

Some initial pre-screening clinic dates have been made available for this week in Wingham and Maitland.

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Kind regards,

Penny Evans | Communications Officer **Local Land Services**

As a butcher is shooing a dog from his shop, he sees \$20 and a note in his mouth, reading: "10 lamb chops, please."

Amazed, he takes the money, puts a bag of chops in the dog's mouth, and quickly closes the shop. He follows the dog and watches him wait for a green light, look both ways, then trots across the road to a bus-

The dog checks the timetable and sits on the bench. When a bus arrives, he walks around to the front and looks at the number, then boards the bus. The butcher follows, dumbstruck. As the bus travels out into the suburbs, the dog takes in the scenery. After a while he stands on his back paws to push the "stop" bell, and then the butcher follows him off. The dog runs up to a house and drops his bag on the step.

He barks repeatedly. No answer. He goes back down the path, takes a big run, and throws himself (Whap!) against the door. He does this again and again. No answer. So he jumps on a wall, walks around the garden, barks repeatedly at a window, jumps off, and waits at the front door.

Eventually a small guy opens it and starts cursing and shouting at the dog.

The butcher runs up screams at the guy:

"What the hell are you doing? This dog's a genius!

The owner responds, "Genius, be damned. It's the second time this week he's forgotten his key."

REPLACEMENT WINDOWS

Last year I replaced all the windows in my house with that expensive double-pane energy efficient kind, and today, I got a call from the contractor who installed them.

He was complaining that the work had been completed a whole year ago and I still hadn't paid for them. Hellloooo,.....just because I'm blonde doesn't mean that I am automatically stupid. So, I told him just what his fast talking sales guy had told me last year, that in ONE YEAR these windows would pay for themselves! Helllooooo? It's been a year! I told him.

There was only silence at the other end of the line, so I finally just hung up. He never called back. I bet he felt like an idiot.



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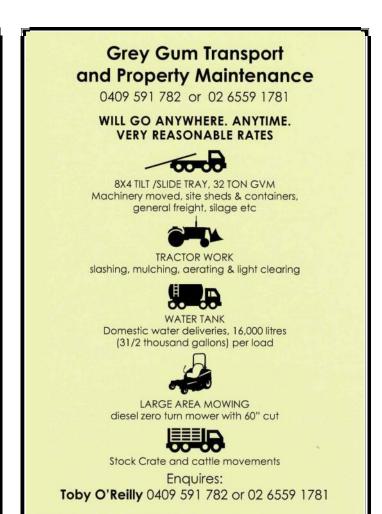
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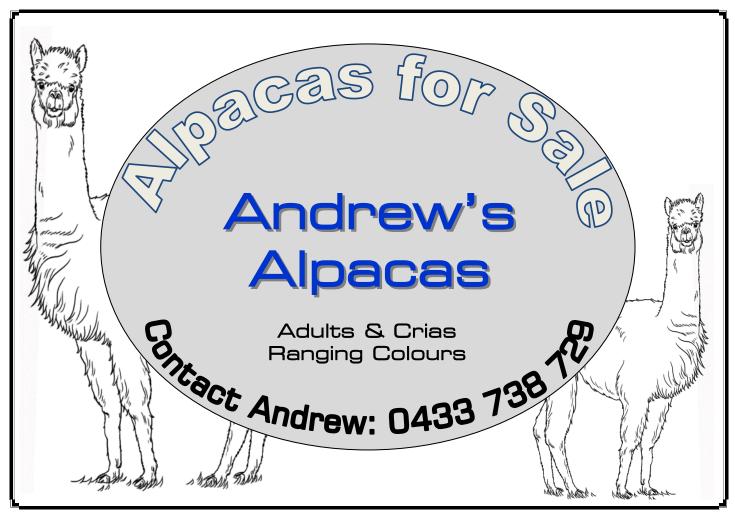
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Some species of piranha are vegetarian, and live entirely on river weeds





It's Christmas

Enjoy the jokes—they took longer to find than the paper did to format

I am a bus driver for high school kids. It is Christmas time and the kids all gave me cards and presents. Now I'm thinking, "Man, I must be a good driver and the kids even like me." I opened the cards when I got home. On the inside of one card it said: "Thanks for not killing us yet. We really appreciate it."

As a little girl climbed onto Santa's lap, Santa asked the usual question, "And what would you like for Christmas?" The child stared at him open mouthed and horrified for a minute, then gasped: "Didn't you get my E-mail?"

A lady dropped her handbag in the bustle of holiday shopping. An honest, little boy noticed her drop the handbag, so he picked it up and returned it to her.

The lady looked into her handbag and commented, "Hmm.... That's funny. When I lost my bag there was a \$20 bill in it. Now there are twenty \$1bills."

The boy quickly replied, "That's right, lady. The last time I found a purse, the owner didn't have any change for a reward."

As goofy George had a habit of giving his wife strange Christmas gifts, she was not surprised when he came one night carrying a tiny, branchless tree. Attached to a lone limb was a shotgun shell.

"All right, George," said his wife, truly stumped this time.
"What is it?"

"Why, honey." George smiled, "it's a cartridge in a bare tree"

A few years ago in December we were delivering holiday goodies to some neighbors during a blizzard. When we arrived at the home of two sisters well into their nineties, we were surprised to see them pulling their car out of the garage. We asked where they were going in such a storm and they seriously responded,

"We're going to visit the elderly."

"Oh God," sighed the wife one morning, "I'm convinced my mind is almost completely gone!"

Her husband looked up from the newspaper and commented, "I'm not surprised: You've been giving me a piece of it every day for thirty years!"

Walking up to a department store's fabric counter, a pretty girl asked, "I want to buy this material for a new dress. How much does it cost?"

"Only one kiss per yard," replied the smirking male clerk.

"That's fine," replied the girl. "I'll take ten yards."

With expectation and anticipation written all over his face, the clerk hurriedly measured out and wrapped the cloth, then held it out teasingly. The girl snapped up the package and pointed to a little old man standing beside her.

"Grandpa will pay the bill," she smiled.





An old man and woman were married for years and years even though they hated each other. When they had an argument, screams and yelling could be heard deep into the night. Repeatedly a threat was heard from the old man against his wife.

"When I die I will dig my way up and out of the grave to come back and haunt you for the rest of your life!"

It was believed that the old man practiced black magic and was responsible for missing cats and dogs and strange sounds at all hours. He was feared and he enjoyed the respect it garnished.

The old man died abruptly under strange circumstances and the funeral had a closed casket. After the burial, the wife went straight to the local bar and began to party as if there was no tomorrow.

The gaiety of her actions were becoming extreme when her neighbors approached in a group to ask these questions:

"Are you not afraid? Concerned? Worried? that this man who practiced black magic and stated when he died he would dig his way up and out of the grave to come back and haunt you for the rest of your life?

The wife put down her drink and said, "Let the old guy dig. I had him buried upside down."

The little old lady seated herself right behind the bus driver. Every ten minutes or so she'd pipe up, "Have we reached Oriskany Falls yet, sonny?"

No, lady, not yet. I'll let you know," he replied, time after time. The hours passed, the old woman kept asking for Oriskany Falls, and finally the little town came into view. Sighing with relief, the driver slammed on the brakes, pulled over and called out, "This is where you get out, lady."

Is this Oriskany Falls?"

"YES!" he bellowed. "Get out!"

"Oh, I'm going all the way to Albany, sonny," she explained sweetly.
"It's just that my daughter told me that when we got this far, I should take my blood pressure pill."

Sitting on the side of the highway waiting to catch speeding drivers, a State Police Officer sees a car puttering along at 22 MPH. He thinks to himself, "This driver is just as dangerous as a speeder!" So he turns on his lights and pulls the driver over. Approaching the car, he notices that there are five old ladies - two in the front seat and three in the back-wide eyed and white as ghosts. The driver, obviously confused, says to him,

"Officer, I don't understand, I was doing exactly the speed limit! What seems to be the problem?"

"Ma'am," the officer replies, "you weren't speeding, but you should know that driving slower than the speed limit can also be a danger to other drivers."

"Slower than the speed limit? No sir, I was doing the speed limit exactly ...Twenty- two miles an hour!" the old woman says a bit proudly.

The State Police officer, trying to contain a chuckle explains to her that "22" was the route number, not the speed limit.

A bit embarrassed, the woman grinned and thanked the officer for pointing out her error.

"But before I let you go, Ma'am, I have to ask... Is everyone in this car OK? These women seem awfully shaken and they haven't muttered a single peep this whole time," the officer asks with concern.

"Oh, they'll be all right in a minute officer. We just got off Route 119."



Two young boys were spending the night at their grandparents. At bedtime, the two boys knelt beside their beds to say their prayers when the youngest one began praying at the top of his lungs.

"I PRAY FOR A BICYCLE...I PRAY FOR A NEW NINTENDO...I PRAY FOR A NEW VCR..."

His older brother leaned over and nudged the younger brother and said, "Why are you shouting your prayers? God isn't deaf."

To which the little brother replied, "No, but Gramma is!"

Grandpa was celebrating his 100th birthday and everybody complimented him on how athletic and well-preserved he appeared.

"Gentlemen, I will tell you the secret of my success," he cackled. "I have been in the open air day after day for some 75 years now."

The celebrants were impressed and asked how he managed to keep up his rigorous fitness regime.

"Well, you see my wife and I were married 75 years ago. On our wedding night, we made a solemn pledge. Whenever we had a fight, the one who was proved wrong would go outside and take a walk."

Three aspiring psychiatrists from various colleges were attending their first class on emotional extremes.

"Just to establish some parameters," said the professor, to the student from the University of Texas,

"What is the opposite of joy?"

"Sadness," said the student.

"And the opposite of depression?" he asked of the young lady from Harvard. "Elation."

"And you sir," he said to the young man from Texas A&M, "how about the opposite of woe?"

The Aggie replied, "Sir, I believe that would be giddy-up."

Doctor to patient being prepared for an operation:

"We're going to have to knock you out. Would you like anesthetic or a peek at your bill?"

A father brought his son into the doctor because the boy had a matchbox car shoved up his nose.

All the while the doctor was trying to remove the car, the father kept saying "I don't know how he did it!"

Finally the doctor removed the car, and the father and son left.

A few hours later, the father came back with the matchbox shoved up HIS nose. He told the doctor, "I know how he did it!"

A man was playing around one Saturday morning and chipped a tooth, so he went to a dentist to get it fixed. After waiting quite a while he got in and got his tooth fixed. When the dentist was almost done, he asks to the man,

"Would you do me a favor, please? I'll take \$20 off your bill if you do."

The man shrugs and figures why not.

The dentist says "Just scream like you're in extreme pain?"

The man is a little confused and asks "Sure, but why, it wasn't that bad?"

The dentist says "There are about 10 people in the waiting room and I don't want to miss the big game this afternoon

Shakey went to a psychiatrist. "Doc," he said, "I've got trouble. Every time I get into bed, I think there's somebody under it. I get under the bed, I think there's somebody on top of it. Top, under, top, under. You gotta help me, I'm going crazy!"

"Just put yourself in my hands for two years," said the shrink. "Come to me three times a week, and I'll cure your fears."

"How much do you charge?"

"A hundred dollars per visit."

"I'll sleep on it," said Shakey.

Six months later the doctor met Shakey on the street. "Why didn't you ever come to see me again?" asked the psychiatrist.

"For a hundred buck's a visit? A bartender cured me for ten dollars."
"Is that so! How?"

"He told me to cut the legs off the bed!"

NOTE: It is tick and snake time again and as my new kitten has



already had 2 ticks, be diligent and check your pets even if you have use a spot on or collar on them.

I have also had another visit from the python, back to scratch his skin off between the railings

on my bedroom verandah.

Had a lovely chap come out to check the attic and make sure it wasn't visiting permanently. He is available 24/7 and reasonably priced. His name is

Brendon and his number is 0434 490 133

An artist asked the gallery owner if there had been any interest in his paintings on display at that time.

"I have good news and bad news," the owner replied.

"The good news is that a gentleman enquired about your work and wondered if it would appreciate in value after your death."

"When I told him it would, he bought all 15 of your paintings."

"That's wonderful," the artist exclaimed.

"What's the bad news?"

"The guy was your doctor..."

A little boy, at a wedding looks at his mom and says, "Mommy, why does the girl wear white?"

His mom replies, "The bride is in white because she's happy& this is the happiest day of her life."

The boys thinks about this, and then says, "Well then, why is the boy wearing black..."

A wife went to the police station with her next-door neighbor to report that her husband was missing.

The policeman asked for a description.

She said, "He's 35 years old, 6 foot 4, has dark eyes, dark wavy hair, an athletic build, weighs 185 pounds, is soft-spoken, and is good to the children"

The next-door neighbor protested, "Your husband is 5 foot 4, chubby, bald, has a big mouth, and is mean to your children."

The wife replied, "Yes, but who wants HIM back?"

In a Catholic school cafeteria, a nun places a note in front of a pile of apples, "Only take one. God is watching." Further down the line is a pile of cookies. A little boy makes his own note, "Take all you want. God is watching the apples

It's game 7 of the NBA finals and a man makes his way to his seat at center court. He sits down and notices that the seat next to him is empty. He leans over and asks his neighbor if someone is sitting there.

He responds, "No, the seat's empty."

The first man exclaims, "What?!? Who in their right mind would have a seat like this for the NBA finals and not use it?"

The neighbor responds, "Well the seat is mine, but my wife passed away and this is the first NBA finals we haven't been together."

The first man responds," I'm sorry to hear that. Wasn't there anyone else, a friend or relative, that could've taken that seat?"

The neighbor responds, "No, they're all at the funeral."

A football coach walked into the locker room before a game, looked over to his star player and said, "I'm not supposed to let you play since you failed math, but we need you in there. So what I have to do is ask you a math question, and if you get it right, you can play."

The player agreed, and the coach looked into his eyes intently and asks, "Okay, now concentrate... what is two plus two?"

The player thought for a moment and then he answered, "4?"

"Did you say 4?!?" the coach exclaimed, excited that he got it right. At that, all the other players on the team began screaming, "Come on coach, give him another chance!"

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REAL KULTCHA

And here we all are heading at what seems like breakneck speed, towards another Christmas and I'm still trying to get over last Christmas! Does anybody else have the feeling that time is really flying?

Had an e-mail from a reader (let's call him *MP*) who was concerned by the reference I made to soccer in my last rant. Sorri MP, but soccer is just not my bag. That hundreds of parents herd thousands of their ankle-biters onto soccer fields and then also volunteer to supervise the game in this neck of the woods is to be commended but it's just not my thing. For your sake and for the sake of the editor of this internationally acclaimed newspaper I'll try to modulate my comments about the game but please, miracles are rare.

It dawned on me recently that just about all Australia's sports teams have a nickname: The Kangaroos, The Wallabies, The Matildas, The Boomers, The Cockroaches and The Canetoads! So prevalent is the trend my wife's nephew plays in a soccer team made up of medical folk and their team is called *The Docoroos*! It'll come as a surprise then when you consider our men's cricket team doesn't have one though the ladies team does, The Southern Stars. I know it's a tough job but somebody's got to do it so I'll have a shot at the task. A name? It has to have an Australian flavour of course, and have something to do with what or how they perform in their selected sport. (Insert an hour's thinking time here) Yep, I've got it! I hereby name the Australian Men's Cricket team The Galahs. You heard it here first. What else can I say – over the last year or so they've run the full gamut of results - lost to South Africa, sandpapergate, a series loss to Pakistan and now they're at home facing South Africa (again) and a resurgent India! Want to bet against them living up to their newly minted nickname this summer?

And before anybody else writes (please MP, not another e-mail) I'm certainly not calling for Smith or Warner to be reinstated: in my book they're both gorn for good! It's an old saying with *The Galahs*, it's easier to get in than it is to get out and I know members of the team are playing in Sheffield Shield matches at the moment and they're doing pathetically. In case you haven't been checking, both Smith and Warner have also been batting pathetically. My solution? We're rebuilding at the moment and setting up for the next World Cup so why not select some younger players and stick with them! Failing that select several of *The Southern Stars*, they're doing quite well at the





moment!

I notice *The Wallabies* (for those of you who were late in, they play Rugby though I prefer to call it *cross-country-wrestling* and I've sworn a blood oath not to watch it ever again) are having a bit of a torrid time of it during their current overseas trip. Yes, they did beat the Italians a few nights ago but that win has to be seen in context and I'd imagine a comparable team here in Oz might be the Cundletown Jets Under 10's (if such a team actually exists). They were beaten by Wales (I think, but who's really paying attention) but they began their tour playing *The All Blacks* (that's New Zealand) in Japan. That game was the third in this year's *Bledisloe Cup* (some called the game *Slaughter House Three*) and I really am at the point of wondering why the ARU bothers. We beat Italy! Whoopee, doesn't everybody? It would have been a much cheaper trip if they'd have played *The Mitchell Island Old Boys*!

Spent several days watching the Australian Open Golf tournament from Sydney and it was of a surprisingly high standard. Watching it on TV however, was ruined by the constant jabbering of *The Dribblers*. I lost count of the number of times one of them would chirp up and say something like, "His tee shot is fading to the right." The TV picture I was watching has water on the right and I'd think, "Oops, hope that ball can swim!" They'd then flick to another camera to show a ball bouncing along the edge of the fairway hard up against (I think) The Southern Cross Freeway! Where's the water? Yep, *The Dribblers* got their view wrong again and I was tempted to turn the sound off. Where do they get them?

And what was my favourite couple of sights recently? Well, I play golf and it was great to see a hole-in-one in the Oz Open. I'd like to say I've nearly done it but in truth the closest I've ever come is when I miss hit a chip and the ball was only about 2 metres from the hole. Sadly, those 2 metres was straight up and the ball continued for another 30 metres before coming to rest in a patch of Sahara Couch! The other? Well, The Oz Open Tennis will take place in January and *The Fed* will be here. Saw him play a backhand in a match in Europe t'other night and it was a dream to watch. Can't wait for January. I've already booked my seat in front of the idiot box.

Talk at you later,

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Irish Car Accident

A farmer named Paddy had a car accident. He was hit by a truck owned by the Eversweet Company..

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'Didn't you say to the police at the scene of the accident, 'I'm fine?' asked the solicitor.

Paddy responded: 'Well, I'll tell you what happened. I'd just loaded my fav'rit cow, Bessie, into da...'

'I didn't ask for any details', the solicitor interrupted. 'Just answer the question Did you not say, at the scene of the accident, 'I'm fine!'?'

Paddy said, 'Well, I'd just got Bessie into da trailer and I was drivin' down da road..... '

The solicitor interrupted again and said, 'Your Honour, I am trying to establish the fact that, at the scene of the accident, this man told the police on the scene that he was fine. Now several weeks after the accident, he is trying to sue my client. I believe he is a fraud. Please tell him to simply answer the question.'

By this time, the Judge was fairly interested in Paddy's answer and said to the solicitor: 'I'd like to hear what he has to say about his favourite cow, Bessie'.

Paddy thanked the Judge and proceeded. 'Well as I was saying, I had just loaded Bessie, my fav'rit cow, into de trailer and was drivin' her down de road when this huge Eversweet truck and trailer came tundering tru a stop sign and hit me trailer right in da side. I was trown into one ditch and Bessie was trown into da udder. By Jaysus I was hurt, very bad like, and didn't want to move. However, I could hear old Bessie moanin' and groanin'. I knew she was in terrible pain just by her groans.

Shortly after da accident, a policeman on a motorbike turned up. He could hear Bessie moanin' and groanin' too, so he went over to her. After he looked at her, and saw her condition, he took out his gun and shot her between the eyes.

Den da policeman came across de road, gun still in hand, looked at me, and said, 'How are you feelin'?'

'Now, wot da hell would you say?'







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Forster - Tuncurry

Don't believe what you see in the main stream media about the property market.

The Nabiac region has had a significant increase in property values in the last 12 months. The increase is predominantly being driven by demand from Sydney, Newcastle and other metropolitan areas. Many are finding Sydney life far too demanding and hectic. The quality of life for many people is now becoming a key driver of purchasing decisions.

Although there are not as many buyers in the market, when they do turn up they are generally keen to purchase.

The region's unique blend of coastal and hinterland lifestyle and sense of community is what people are looking for and our area offers that community feel.

Nabiac farmers market, monthly shows, Nabiac cattle sales, Wootton Community network, Krambach markets, with other markets every weekend, arts and craft centre just to name a few.

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In just 6 months there have been 41 properties sold with a combined value of over \$20M. Demand is still strong and we at LJ Hooker Forster Tuncurry believe it is still growing.

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If you are wondering about the possible value of your property or achieving a great sale price give us a call to discuss the local property market. Demand is strong and we are happy to have a confidential discussion.

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with heavy clay soils. Clay soils can be tricky, hard and compacted, they have terrible drainage and can make gardening work extremely difficult. Clay gets a bit of a hard wrap though; its full of nutrients and minerals and with a bit of patience and time can become beautiful rich soil.

There are no real short cuts to improving clay soil but you have options that don't include time with a shovel. To improve your soil you need to improve its structure so always remember to do your OMs (Organic Matter)! Continually applied organic matter over years coat the clay particles stopping them from sticking together and compacting, in turn improving drainage and creating habitat for microorganisms. Your microorganisms do the rest of the work, coating clay particles with gooey exudates to stop them sticking and unlocking nutrients and minerals for your plants. Added Calcium and or Gypsum can also help with this.

I've found cover crops or green manures are great for an unused garden bed – particularly over winter. You can buy bulk mixed packets of cover crop seeds, spread them and keep them watered over the season. They help suppress weeds and add carbon to your soil with their roots. When the season is coming to an end, cut off the tops, eat them if you can and mulch really well to let the root systems break down in the soil. I did this over winter and in just one season worms have moved in and the soil has darkened in colour!

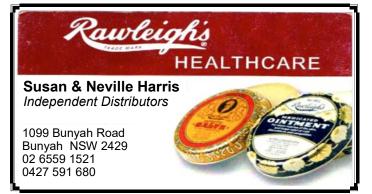
If you're ready to go and want to use your space straight away 'No Dig Beds' - essentially a compost pile you plant into — are a great option. Create your layers, starting with cardboard or newspaper and finishing with a mulch. Create small pockets where you want your plants to go and fill them with a good quality soil mixed with some worm castings if possible. This will provide food for your plants while the layers around them breaks down and start to release more nutrients. You can play with your layers, using what you have and experiment with what works for you, though a quick google search will give you plenty of diagrams.

Another option is Soil conditioners – There are some plants that not only don't mind being planted in clay soil but they send its tough roots down through the clay soil to help break it up. Pidgeon Peas are a great option. They can trap nitrogen in the soil as they are a legume, have beautiful insect attracting flowers and the seeds are edible like a lentil!

Lastly, if you actually like time on a shovel you can always bury scraps and green waste in holes and trenches. It's labour intensive but faster than other options.

So, don't be afraid of your clay. It's full of riches that just need to be unlocked and if you have any clay related questions you can email me at **freerangechange@gmail.com**

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The centre offers many services including internet use, printing, scanning, photocopying and faxes and IT training.

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Courses are offered to beginners and advanced users, so come along.

Some of the services and courses on offer at the moment are:

Monday Morning: Photocopying and Faxing

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<u>Wednesday Mornings:</u> Suzie will help with the basics, emails & internet searches

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Friday Mornings: Photo copying and faxing

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hristmas is a JOYful time, but we so often get caught up with the stress of shopping, spending and organising. In the past I've been guilty of considering escape by camping up on the back mountain for two weeks - alone. However I do love the real Christmas; it's the ads and general commercialisation that gets to you.

We've all heard about the Christmases of yesteryear, when children were excited to get presents like an orange in their stocking, a dress length, nice hanky (pre tissue era) and one toy. Oh for the simple Christmas

Once I read of a family who couldn't afford presents so decided to give each other something of their own. The little girl gave her doll to her two year old brother because he liked it but, because he was a boy, she first took off the doll's pink dress – you could say he 'barely'

Being happy is a decision we can make - every day - and it will have an overflow effect on those around us. Choose to be JOYful because a JOYful heart does good like a medicine and is healing to the soul - not to mention the arteries, immune system and our longevity. It can begin to heal our pain and disappointments.

At this time of the year there are many things to enJOY such as Christmas services, carols, giving and receiving gifts and getting together with others.

On the first Christmas the angels brought tidings of great JOY.

A joyful heart does good, like medicine.

The counsellor

Humour in Uniform

While our submarine was under way on manoeuvres, the officer of the watch glanced up and noticed that the No. 1 periscope was in the raised position. Shouting down the conning tower, he ordered, "Quartermaster, house the scope."

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Any enquiries please phone *Robert - 0400 310 357.*

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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^{nd} Sunday of the month at 11:30am. Families & children most welcome

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

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

St Isidore's Catholic Church, Nabiac

December Mass time is Saturday 15th at 6.00pm January Mass time is 19th at 6.00pm

St Bernadette's Catholic Church, Krambach

December Mass times are: - Saturday 1^{st} at 6.00pm, Saturday 8^{th} at 6.00pm, Saturday 22^{nd} at 6.00pm, Monday 24th at 6.00pm (Christmas Eve), Saturday 29th at 6.00pm

January Mass times are - Saturdays the 5th, 12th & 26th all at 6.00pm

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

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