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Saturday 15th October 2016

Our magazine - named after Cockfighter Creek - So named in 1820 by John Howe and B. Singleton because one of their horses called Cockfighter was bogged here on their return trip from Wallis Plains (Maitland) to Patrick Plains (Singleton)

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FROM THE EDITOR

MANGOOLA: CLEAN CUT AFTER OPEN CUT?

Despite the strident spray of invective from the media's shockjocks and some political quarters, the Broke-Bulga-Fordwich-Milbrodale campaigns against coal seam gas and immoderate expansion of established workings have never been based on wholesale hostility to mining per se. The Hunter Valley Protection Alliance and the Bulga Milbrodale Progress Association are on the record in this connection: we accept the premise that the mines have been around for a while, long before many of us lodged our claims, and will continue to operate into the foreseeable future. But when that future looked grimly darkened by the prospect of unreasonable excursions into private property, accompanied by threats to environmental health, the battle lines had to be drawn.

That doesn't mean that COCKFIGHTER should ignore genuine efforts to tackle issues which we of the BMPA confront on a daily basis, such as promised rehabilitation of spent mining sites. With the extent of Rio Tinto's Mount Thorley spread and what this entails, nobody could question the public agitation over the costing and efficacy of future remediation: we are more likely to be left with a Ground Zero void of immense area. The mines pay a bond to the State Government to ostensibly cover the expense for pit rehabilitation, but with such a cosy duopoly involved (particularly regarding the scandalous consensus overruling our major court wins), it's unlikely little political attention will be paid to this.

So, it ain't all bad: it is with great pleasure that our little rag pays homage again to no-fear-or-favour scribe Louise Nichols for her coverage of the rehabilitation efforts of Glencore's Mangoola mine near Muswellbrook. Situated near Wybong in the Upper Hunter, Mangoola is a newcomer, having started seven years ago between the Hunter River and Wybong Creek. Louise Nichols' story for the Hunter Valley News - abridged here - paints a reassuring picture of what mining companies can do—with the right amount of integrity and dedication:

For Mangoola operations manager Tony Israel it's a no-brainer to do as much as possible because it makes sense economically and environmentally.

Rehabilitation is not a dirty word at Mangoola. In fact, it's the complete opposite with all the staff at the mine extremely proud of how much rehab is carried out

and how impressive the finished product looks. "At Mangoola we have some of the highest area rehab targets of any mine in the state and this year are planning to undertake about 100 hectares of rehab," Tony Israel said. "We rehab on the pit edge which means the equipment used to progress the mine can then be used to shape the rehabilitated landform—a big saving utilising the heavy machinery at the same time...it means we can quickly see if our plans and methods are working...to minimise the visual impacts of the mine and lessen dust, so doing it immediately just makes so much more sense."

One of the tests is seeing succession growth in the ecosystem—plants naturally regenerating. Once the mine company can prove this, their rehab is given a tick and they can receive back part of their bond monies...another first for Mangoola is its use of natural landform rehab methods based on the Geofluv software, meaning that the treated land looks natural with dips and rises, gullies and other features—unlike some rehab land which is a shaped mound with a flat top, looking very unnatural and man-made.

Environment and Community manager Nathan Lane said, 'It's a multi-disciplinary approach at the site involving mine engineers, surveyors, planning environmentalists and horticulturalists...everyone is working to achieve the best outcomes...and we can do rehab 100 metres from the pit.'

Once the land is shaped by Geofluv, the site is planted with most of the seed collected from the mine's neighbouring 3000 hectare bio-diversity offset lands. To minimise noise and visual impact on neighbouring landholders, the mine operates different daytime and nighttime dumps. When completed, rehabilitation will consist of 700 hectares of grasslands and 600 hectares of woodlands.

Thanks to Louise and to Mangoola for this summary—and for other developments minewise, read elsewhere, particularly for Judith Leslie's arresting summary (originally featured by The Newcastle Herald) of the BMPA's ongoing struggle against Rio Tinto. Upcoming, the Elvis revival gig at Bulga is something you shouldn't miss...hope he knows 'A U.S. Male' (who bought his woman her ring at a second-hand sale) and hope you bet on the winners who made the NRL and AFL Grand Finals an exercise in successful underdogging—just like the HVPA and BMPA!!

(Tom Jackson)

October 2016

September Rainfall 77 mm
TOTAL to date 536 mm

Diary Dates

Bulga Community Centre:

Bingo not running in October - Resume in November first Monday of the month at 6:30 Dates for 2016 are 7th November and 5th December everyone welcome

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| 15th October | Tribute to Elvis - Bulga Community Centre |
| 20th Oct | Pokolbin Pride - LGBTI Festival |
| 22 Oct | Jazz, Swing, Blues, Ballads and Beyond - Sacred Spaces |
| 29th Oct | Jazz in the Vines |
| 12 November | Folk in Broke Broke |
| November (all) | Sculpture in the Vineyard Wollombi Wine Trail |
| 26 November | Community Christmas Party Bulga Hall |
| 10 December | Outdoor Cinema Grays Inn garden Wollombi |
| 12 December | Community Christmas Party Wollombi |
| 31 December | New Years Eve fireworks Wollombi Tavern |

Other dates to add to your calendar

October

- 8th - Opera in the Vineyards
- 15th - Rock Symphony in the Vines
- 20th - Pokolbin Pride (LGBTI Festival)
- 29th - Jazz in the Vines

November

- 5th - You am I, Something for Kate & Spiderbait
- 19th - The Return of the Sugar Man Rodriguez
- 26th - Baby Animals,

December

- 3rd - Garbage, The Temper Trap, The Preachers & Adalita

February

- 11th - Simple Minds & The B-52's
- 18th - Bruce Springsteen & The E-Street Band

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Iconic Lizard Rock from the front door of Stomp! Wines cellar

A wine tour company called....

‘A WINE TOUR IN BROKE’

The ‘new’ discovery is Broke Fordwich. A very important wine growing region (supplying over 20% of the Hunter’s grapes) it has now become a popular destination for wine loving tourists, holiday makers and wedding groups. Even in the busiest times the area is so rural and widespread it is



All of the venues encourage customers to relax in an orchard setting and outdoor amenities. Here, Ascella wines offers a group of tourers the expansive garden setting next to their organic vineyard

still looks and feels quiet and serene.

Until a few years ago, visitors staying in the region were taken to surrounding areas on wine tours. The local Broke Fordwich Wine and Tourism Association (BFWTA) saw a need to encourage wine tour operators to include the thriving boutique cellar doors in Broke Fordwich on their itinerary and looked around for operators to take the concept on.

BFWTA committee members Paul Burgess and Margueriette Henneberry and owners of the famous Cockfighter Tavern in Bulga put their money where the mouth was and invested in a 12 seater bus to service the Broke Fordwich region.

Searching for a name they decided ‘A Wine Tour in Broke’ was more than apt.

When needed Paul uses larger busses for

bigger groups.

“We were running the Cockfighter Tavern at the time and already had a courtesy bus to pick up from accommodation houses in Broke and surrounds. The first few tours were a lot of fun but unfortunately, by the end of the full day wine tour people just

wanted to take a nap or rest back at their accommodation. We wanted them to come back to the Cockfighter Tavern for dinner and more fun. So we decided to only offer half day tours so people were just in the having fun mood.

We started running Karaoke on Saturday nights for our partying wine tourists. It was an absolute ball. The wine tour bus turned into the courtesy bus to run them home at the end of the night,” Paul said.

For family reasons Paul and Margueriette then leased the Tavern and moved to Newcastle. Margueriette is at Newcastle University and Paul is running the growing wine tour business picking up in Newcastle, Maitland and the Broke Fordwich region.

Broke Fordwich is still the main source of business for the tour company. The tours cover cellar doors in Bulga to the north all the way down to Paynes Crossing in the south. Paul ensures that all cellar doors are included, over time, on at least one of his tours. Using smaller busses means that often groups can dictate the pace and thereby design the tour to suit.

Its not all standing at the counter waiting to be served. Customers of ‘A Wine Tour in Broke’ get to hang out in the surrounds typical of the boutique Broke Fordwich cellar doors. - All of the venues encourage customers to relax in garden settings and outdoor amenities.

A full day tour includes stopping of at one of the local restaurants where the guests can buy *a la carte* meals. The tour also includes spending time at non-wine destinations such as the gourmet olive shop Pickled and Pitted

“We thoroughly enjoy bringing wine tourists to this picturesque part of the Hunter Valley and have noticed that a lot of people who have been to the Hunter Valley previously, are looking for a different experience, that is, less crowded, personable, meeting the owners, more relaxed and very picturesque,” Paul said.

“We are growing as a business and will be needing additional suitable qualified tour bus drivers. We run approximately two buses most Saturdays as well as midweek private tours,” he added.

Paul can pick up groups from Singleton, Cessnock and Newcastle to bring them to sample the high quality wines of Broke Fordwich.

A growing trend is for work groups, birthday parties and ‘hens’ group to hire the tour exclusively and spend the day enjoying the scenery, the wine and food that is available in Broke Fordwich.

For more information contact Paul:

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POOLES ROCK - 'RETURNS' TO BROKE FORDWICH

Broke Fordwich is an important part of wine history in the Hunter. One of the first regions to achieve international recognition as a registered sub-region (1997), Broke Fordwich has been supplying wine grapes for over 150 years.

In recent years the region developed a special place for a property just outside Broke as entrepreneur David Clarke carefully nurtured a vineyard named after the monolith on the property - Pooles Rock. David turned the name into an internationally recognised label.

Driving past Pooles Rock a common sight is a car pulled over to the side of the road and tourists photographing the huge boulder on the property.

David Clarke, a founder and former chairman of Macquarie Bank and McGuigan Wines, built a significant wine empire embracing some prime Hunter vineyards and the Poole's Rock, Cockfighter's Ghost and Firestick brands.

David was an active anti-gas mining activist.

In 2011 David Clarke lost his long battle with cancer at the age of 69 and the Agnew Wine Group made a friendly takeover of the Poole's Rock, De Beyers Road vine-



Sign of the times one of the 3 original signs returned to their rightful place

yard and winery, the Cockfighter's Ghost vineyard and the Poole's Rock, Cockfighter's Ghost and Firestick wine brands.

The Clarke family retained the original Poole's Rock vineyard next to the Poole's Rock monolith at Broke, but the estate later sold the property to AGL Energy.

The first thing AGL did was to remove the famous signs on the front of the property.

This was a bitter blow to the community who had been fighting hard to stop gas mining in the region. The blow was made more injurious because of

David's stance against gas mining.

Fortunately, the Hunter Valley Protection Alliance, led by Stewart Ewen, was famously successful in routing AGL's attempt to mine the wine region. AGL withdrew its plans for Broke Fordwich and put its local properties up for sale.

In May of this year, Pooles Rock was sold. Online information reveals AGL sold for over \$700,000 *less* than they paid for it.

The yet to be identified new owner is planning to offer the luxury homestead as holiday accommodation and continue to run the vineyard.

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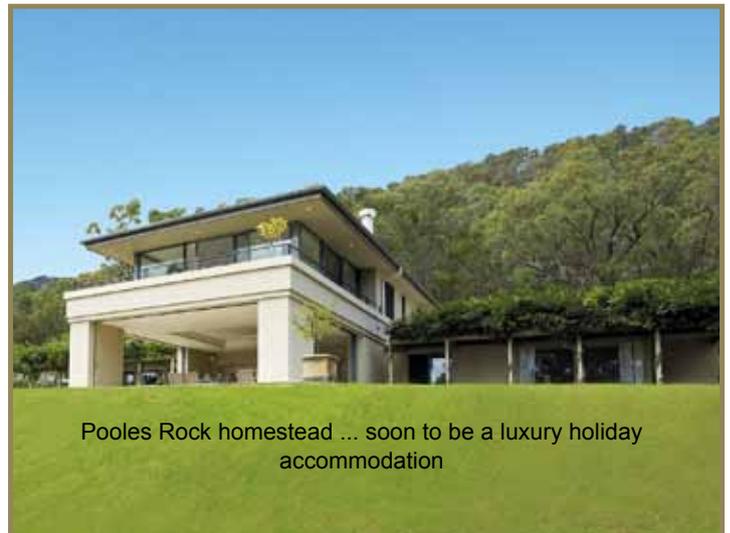
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SA storms - Political grandstanding while thousands suffer

An unprecedented power outage across South Australia has stopped production at major miners BHP Billiton and OZ Minerals and left one steelmaker struggling to prevent molten steel from hardening and damaging its factory.

The statewide outage has sparked political calls for an inquiry into the power sector and questions over the state's reliance on renewable energy. Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull said it was a "wake-up call" to ensure energy security.

Although power has been restored to 90 percent of the state after Wednesday's statewide blackout, caused by severe storms, industrial areas north and west of the state capital Adelaide and the steel city of Whyalla are still without power.

Whyalla steelmaker Arrium Ltd said it had a blast furnace and four ladles full of molten steel and desperately needed to restore power.

"The situation is quite serious and a lot will depend on what happens in the next hour or two," said a company spokesman.

The outage has halted more than 300,000 tonnes of annual copper production capacity and knocked out the state's only lead smelter.

In the city of Port Pirie, the 185,000-tonnes-per-year lead smelter run by Nyrstar NV will be out of action for up to two weeks, the company said on Thursday.

The blackout of the country's fifth most populous state, with 1.7 million people, not only disrupted miners and steelmakers but closed ports and halted public transport.

"Let's focus now and take this incident as a real wake-up call...lower emissions is very important but it must be consistent with



Power experts said the blackout was unavoidable regardless of South Australia's energy supply

energy security," said Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull.

Coal-fired power plants dominate the country's power sector resulting in Australia being one of the world's biggest carbon emitters on a per capita basis. Renewable energy has struggled to increase its footprint in recent years due to scepticism over climate change amongst some of the country's leading politicians.

South Australia, a major wine producer and traditional manufacturing hub, is one of the few states with a heavy reliance on renewable energy. Wind power provides roughly 40 percent of the state's electricity supply.

Renewable energy questioned

"Questions have to be asked: Is their over-reliance on renewable energy exacerbating their problems and the capacity to have a secure power supply," Australia's Deputy Prime Minister Barnaby Joyce, a climate change sceptic, told Australian Broadcasting Corp radio on Thursday.

South Australian independent Senator Nick Xenophon said an inquiry should examine whether the power failure could have been avoided if more gas-burning power plants had been on standby.

Power experts said the blackout was unavoidable regardless of South Australia's energy supply

The blackout happened after strong winds destroyed major powerlines, causing a surge across the grid. The network and links to neighbouring Victoria, from which South Australia can access power, shut down to prevent damage to infrastructure.

"For the Prime Minister to use the storm as an opportunity to slowdown the uptake of renewables is reprehensible," Greens politician Adam Bandt told Reuters.

Australia's renewables have been under political pressure in recent years. The government had planned to cut funding to its renewable energy agency by a A\$1.3 billion, in an effort to plug a major budget shortfall, but was forced to reduce the cut to A\$500 million in September to gain parliamentary support.

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Politicians like Barnaby Joyce and indeed even Malcolm Turnbull, are happy to expose themselves as climate change denialists. To be a denialist means rejecting scientific evidence - not to mention ignoring retreating glaciers and increasing extreme weather events. This is like saying electromagnetic waves don't exist - they can't be seen but scientific evidence assures us that they do - that and the fact that whenever we turn on a TV we get sound and vision.

Understandably those in our community who lack the intellectual and educational minimum to apply common sense to problems will continue to believe the easy answers - no matter how wrong they are.

But politicians such as Joyce and Turnbull are not devoid of intellectual and educational attributes - so why do they act as if they are?

The answer is simple - compliance with lobbyists requests to slow down the transfer to renewable energy and thereby give the multinationals time to move investment and capital commitment in order to avoid fiscal disasters.

A too-quick turn-over to renewables has to be avoided to ensure a smooth transition.

A quick look at future directions of most major coal mining giants shows a solid commitment to diversity - mainly in the production of renewable energy.

But in the meantime the play goes on with politicians going against their own knowledge and understanding and propping up the last days of coal-fired energy.

In the meantime immense collateral damage takes place - with small communities and the planet being the victims.

The village of Bulga is an innocent bystander caught in the crossfire of government and corporate aggression.

Winners of several court based decisions, the community of Bulga celebrated each win only to have the goal posts changed to ensure the coal miner succeeded in their unlawful take-over of the region.

To re-cap - this is re-printed from The Newcastle Herald October 3:

“Bulga is a small but not insignificant village, first settled in 1820. Descendants of the first settlement families still live here. Their family names are on the tombstones of the tiny St Mark's Church and inscribed

on the pillars of the war memorial gates. The community is vibrant and connected with a strong attachment to the area. The countryside and wildlife are truly stunning.

Bulga first came to public attention in Australia and the world in 2013 when we won a landmark appeal in the NSW Land and Environment Court to stop the extension of Rio Tinto's Warkworth and Mount Thorley mine.

In 2003 Warkworth Mine Limited was granted approval to extend the mine until 2021. This approval was conditional on an “offset” that required Rio Tinto and the NSW government sign a Ministerial Deed of Agreement to protect Saddle Ridge and land towards Bulga from mining as a conservation zone.

Conditions of this deed bound Warkworth mine to create a new “non-disturbance

buffer against unnecessary noise”.

As the price of coal rose due to demand from China, Rio Tinto lodged an application for the Warkworth Extension Project, proposing to open-cut mine through Saddle Ridge and the Warkworth Sands Woodland, towards the village of Bulga.

The Bulga Milbrodale Progress Association lodged a merits appeal against the approval in the NSW Land and Environment Court, where the approval of the Warkworth Extension Project was overturned judging that the impacts on biodiversity and the Bulga community outweighed any benefits it would bring to NSW. The Supreme Court upheld the Land and Environment Court's ruling against the mine expansion.

Rio lodged an application for substantially the same project.

A PAC Review recommended approval for

There is no acknowledgement of the gross affront to our lifestyle.



ACTION: The people of Bulga are continuing their activism to raise awareness of the plight of their village and the long-term impact of mining. Picture: Han Nguyen

area” (NDA) to be protected in perpetuity. “Open-cut mining to be excluded”. The area to be protected contained Aboriginal artefacts, European heritage (part of the Great North Road) and a unique ecological community, the now “critically endangered” Warkworth Sands Woodland. The coal beneath the ridge was not considered economic to mine. The deed was duly signed by Warkworth Mine and the Planning Minister.

The EIS for this approval stated “Saddle Ridge will continue to provide considerable visual screening to the majority of Bulga throughout the mining extension (to 2021) and “the presence of the ridge will act as a

the mine, but recognised the severe impacts by warning that Bulga might have to be “relocated”. The Planning Department and Rio insisted impacts would be negligible.

In November 2015 after a high profile campaign by the Bulga community, and thousands of submissions against the project, it was approved.

We, the people of Bulga, are left stranded on unsaleable properties. Properties that were once havens of tranquility already sit on the edge of an industrial hell-hole and it can only get worse. There is no acknowledgement of the gross affront to our lifestyle.

This government has sacrificed peace-loving citizens on an ill-informed quest for “progress”. When Rio (or any future buyer) walk away from this mine there will be a void almost 1500 acres in area and 1000 feet deep.

Bulga has fought long and hard, we love our homes and our community and we deserve to have been given the full protection of the legal system we justly utilised.

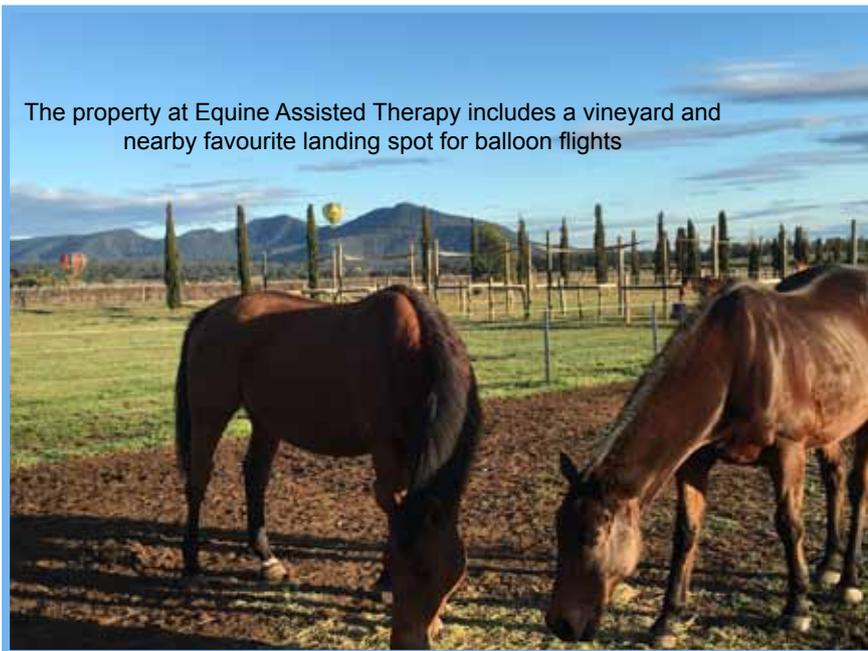
All we are saying, is give Bulga a chance.

Judith Leslie

21 Sep 2016

COMING HOME Return to Fordwich and bringing Equine Assisted Therapy

The property at Equine Assisted Therapy includes a vineyard and nearby favourite landing spot for balloon flights



Equine Assisted Therapy has been around since the early 1960's. However it's only in recent years that it has gained recognition for its benefits in developing self-awareness and personal growth, as well as supporting better management of stress, anxiety and depression. Brenda Tanner the founder and managing director of Equine Encounters Australia, a nationally recognised and certified practitioner of Equine Assisted Learning/Therapy, has finally come home to Fordwich and is running programs from her property.

Seen on CH9 Today Show and CH7 News (for the programs she runs with Returned

Veterans), Brenda says that, "This special mode of therapy helps clients re-build trust and self-confidence, as well as promote a renewed outlook on life. The bond between horse and human is very special: they don't judge us they simply mirror what they're authentically experiencing when we're with them – effectively they help us look behind the mask we share with the world. My work and the work of my team is to help our clients slow down, step into the moment and become more of their thoughts and behaviours in order to examine what they're actually experiencing and where necessary

help reframe these to be more positive and supportive"

As fully qualified practitioners Brenda and her team use a range of Equine Assisted Learning/Therapy techniques, guided Mindfulness and a lot of real life experience to help support their clients.

Although Equine Encounters Australia is known for its work in PTSD recovery, they also run amazing Corporate Leadership programs and Personal Awareness Days to help develop the skills and resources of groups and individuals.

On 29th October Brenda will be running one of her highly successful 'Women's Wellness Day', here in Broke. The one-day program is designed to help you to slow down, relax, step into the present and reconnect with yourself. Participants will spend a day in a beautiful corner of the Hunter Valley, interacting quietly and softly with her herd of horses and sharing time with other like-minded women.

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For more information, call Brenda on 0422058365

Or Visit the website:

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"The bond between horse and human is very special, they don't judge us they simply mirror what they're authentically experiencing when we're with them"



Brenda - at the front gate of her beautiful property in Fordwich on the banks of Cockfighter Creek





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Wild Dogs - an on-going scourge

Local Land Services Biosecurity Officers are gearing up for another season of pest animal control with coordinated ground baiting, trapping schools, drone monitoring and other actions planned.

Each spring Local Land Services undertakes pest animal control programs across the state. We partner with other NSW Government agencies, industry bodies and local wild dog associations to conduct a range of activities including ground baiting, trapping schools, funded trapper programs, GPS tracking, and monitoring with motion cameras.

Over the coming months, landholders are encouraged to join together with their neighbours and local wild dog associations to take part in ground baiting programs being coordinated by Hunter Local Land Services.

There are also a number of wild dog trapping schools being conducted in the Manning Great Lakes and Lower Hunter and a funded trapper program will be run through the Hunter Valley Combined Wild Dog Association, with funding from the Australian Government's 2015-16 Pest and Weed Drought Funding program.

Hunter Local Land Services will also be doing some trials in the Upper Hunter with drones, fitted with thermal imaging cameras, to assist with detection and monitoring of pest animals and other animals in inaccessible areas.

The Hunter Local Land Services region

has secured three grants through the Australian Government's 2015-16 Pest and Weed Drought Funding program for measures to support wild dog control efforts across affected areas in our region.

Each year pest animals and weeds cost our country's farmers around \$4 billion in livestock losses, disease controls, and weed management costs, as well as impacting on natural resources environment, agricultural productivity and the value of rural properties.

Acting Prime Minister and Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources Barnaby Joyce and NSW Minister for Primary Industries Niall Blair recently announced the allocation of the \$3 million 2015-16 Pest and Weed Drought Funding program to tackle some of the most serious offenders.

A total of 23 projects across NSW received funding through the program, which aims to support farmers with practical on-ground assistance, advice and support.

In the Hunter, Manning Great Lakes Landcare will receive \$29,400 for proactive, coordinated



feral animal control in Manning / Great Lakes Hunter Region; Bulahdelah and District Wild Dog Management Group will receive \$9,591 to help implement a new operational model to monitor and cull wild dogs; and Hunter Valley Combined Wild Dog Association will receive \$10,500 for a funded trapper program. **Find out more about these and other actions planned for your area through your local Biosecurity Officer or by calling 1300 795 299.**

BULGA COAL

GLENCORE

Bulga Open Cut and Bulga Underground Operations Community Consultative Committee Expressions of Interest

Expressions of interest / applications are sought from interested persons to fill a vacancy for a community representative on the Bulga Coal Community Consultative Committee (CCC). The purpose of a community consultative committee is to provide a forum for open discussion between representatives of the company, the community, the council and other stakeholders on issues directly relating to the mine's operations, environmental performance and community relations, and to keep the community informed on these matters. CCC membership is voluntary and the Bulga Coal holds two meetings a year at the Bulga Coal offices.

The community representative will be selected to represent neighbours and the local community. In selecting the community representative, preference will be given to candidates who can represent the concerns of a variety of interest groups.

Selection criteria:

- willingness to contribute constructively
- experience and ability to provide feedback to the community and stakeholder groups
- current residence in the local area and/or awareness of local and other relevant issues.

Applications for the vacancy should be made in writing addressing the selection criteria and include details of interest in the position and the qualities that would be brought to the position as a community representative.

Applications should be addressed to:

Mr Ralph Northey, Bulga Coal, PMB 8, Singleton NSW 2330.

Applications close: Wednesday, 19th October 2016.

The successful applicant will be selected and approved by a representative from the Department of Planning and Environment and the Singleton Council.

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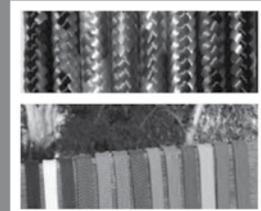
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Cochrane Street, Broke NSW 2330

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OUR WILDLIFE

Australian Owlet-Nightjar. (*Aegotheles cristatus*) To 25 cm.

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