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## THE TASTE OF TEXAS HITS THE HUNTER

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)

**October Rainfall** 76 mm  
**Since January** 412 mm

## Diary Dates

First Sunday of the Month  
 Community Markets

6th Nov Catherine Vale  
 Community BBQ

1st Dec Broke Village  
 Christmas Carols

2st Dec Bulga Mil-  
 brodale Community Christmas  
 Party

First Sunday of the Month  
 Broke Village Markets

*Other dates to add to your calendar*

14th Oct Opera In The  
 Vineyards 2017

21st Oct Midnight Oil

4th Nov 80's Fest

11th Nov A Day On The  
 Green, Stevie Nicks

18th Nov Live, The Reun-  
 ion World Tour

25th Nov SummerSalt

2nd Dec Yusuf / Cat  
 Stevens

16th Dec A Day On The  
 Green

10th Feb Crossroads in  
 the Vines

24th Feb A Day On The  
 Green

10th Mar A Day On The  
 Green, James Blunt

24th Mar Crossroads in  
 the Vines, Country



**O**ur readers will be delighted that my monthly deluge of drivel has been offset for November by an offering which we have plundered from the cartooning riches of the Sydney Morning Herald. The artist is Cathy Wilcox and we are grateful for her insightful treatment of the Government's energy policies and the religious fervour with which they would wish us to treat them. It's ironic that our national leadership has broadcast its message under the heading NEG—which most of us have linked to something that is opposite to POS, or positive. But huzza to Cathy—well done, or as some might say, take a pew.

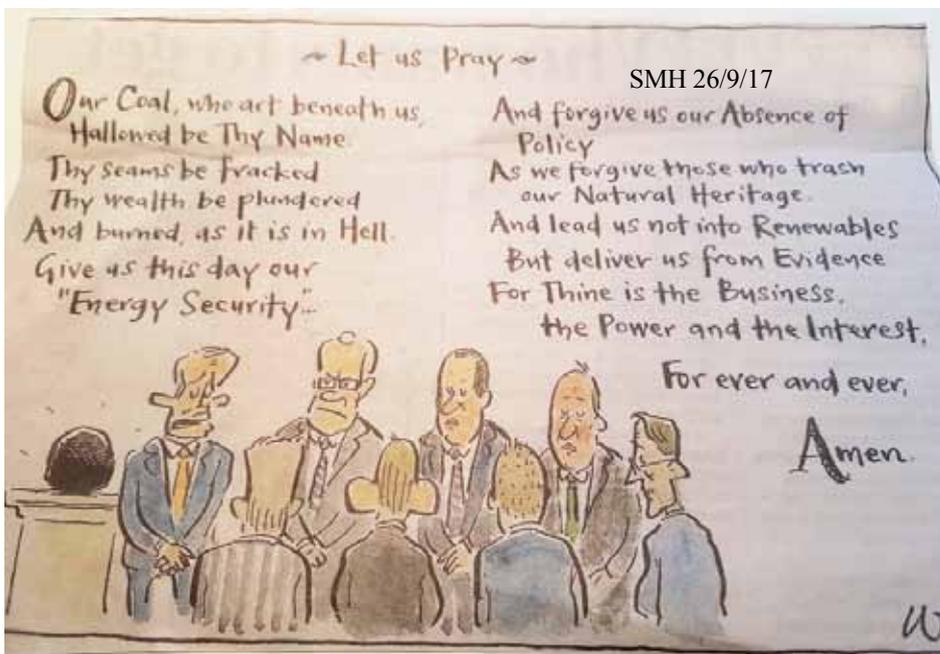
Energy also comes into our mix herein, with a resounding rebuttal of my editorial comments about Chinese manager Feng Weizhong who is all about clean coal. Read Alan Leslie's dismissal of this research—a letter I only wish we could get more of, supporting the view as I do that a good news outlet (whether Press, Radio or Televi-

sion) should upset the audience, stir 'em up and attract opposing attitudes (they don't pay Alan Jones to sweet-talk our leaders, state or federal).

Energy troubles aside, the general trend in these allegedly low-rate-of-inflation days is the battle to counter rising prices in rental or (energy again) gas costs by hoping for relief with, say, petrol slugs; don't hold your breath on this note—and whatever you do, don't expect price watchdogs to intervene. In October, our grocery gargantuan Woolworths kept premium fuel up to and above 156 cents a litre—and the tiny Broke General Store, run independently by a hard-working Indian family, sold premium at seven cents less! Go to Greta and you'd save much more—but where does Woolies rationalise this sort of customer-bashing.

By the way, the Broke Village Store has changed management—more of this as we progress through to the next issue—and through the warmer months.

*(Tom Jackson)*



# FROM THE LONE STAR STATE TO THE HUNTER

Back to Broke... Rob and Randi Thraves have made the trip back to reside in Broke with their young family. The couple purchased a property in Broke in 2009, since then they moved to Texas and then to Mudgee before their return.

On their return, they have brought their thriving Texas BBQ business, Smokin Hot 'n Saucy. You may have seen their big orange bus as it has enjoyed popping up at a few events in the area and hosting some pop up restaurants with the local winery, Catherine Vale Wines.

This is a new business venture for the family. Randi had opened her dream yoga studio, The Yoga Spot, in Mudgee and Rob was working in the mines. His hobby of smoking meat low and slow grew and it didn't take long for everyone to catch on and appreciate his style of cooking. Selling out at the local Mudgee markets, gave them the confidence to move closer to the coast to have access to more events and opportunities.



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Chris Horrocks  
October 9, 2017

"Rob once again the flavour of your beef rib on Sunday was to die for can't get enough of your food awesome job thank you."



Amanda Tassell  
May 15, 2017

"We Booked these guys to cater our sons 21st, And Wow we are so glad we did, The service was on point, nothing was a hassle and OMG the food was so good, Definitely will look at hiring for our next big event."



They've just completed their first year of the new business and are about to launch a few new things to bring more Texas BBQ to the Hunter Valley. They will have a permanent location in the Newcastle area, a custom built trailer to cater weddings and events in the Hunter Valley, and are also launching a drop-off/ pick-up catering menu as well.

They look forward to living and working in the Broke-Fordwich community. Randi Thraves mentioned, "We are very grateful for the support we've received this first year, and are very impressed with the Broke-Fordwich community. We look forward to raising our family here, and making new memories in the area."

Randi is vice-president of the Broke Fordwich Wine and Tourism Association and is on the P&C committee of Broke Public School.



All hands on deck in this family business. Randi and Rob Thraves with their 3 children Ryelyn, Deklyn, and Kenlyn

For more information Rob and Randi can be contacted on 0412 614 166 or visit [smokinhotnsaucy.com.au](http://smokinhotnsaucy.com.au)



# CHRISTMAS PARTY

Bulga Community Hall

Sat December 2nd

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## BROKE FORDWICH REAL ESTATE SPEEDING UP

Real estate is a market force that can leave some buyers and sellers flatfooted. Deciding on the best time to buy or sell is as much a gamble as any market based activity but one sure way of getting a feel of what is happening is to do what most of us do and take a drive around and observe the number of 'for sale' and 'sold' signs.

Over the last 12 months, the Broke Fordwich region - a wide open valley populated

with some of the Hunter's oldest vineyards and new ones - has displayed a remarkable series of successful sales with a shortening of the period between going on the market and being sold. The average 'waiting time' for properties to be sold three years ago was 24 months. Currently, the majority of properties are being sold within 8 months of posting.

Real estate agent, Alan Jurd said recently

that it has been "... the longest and strongest period of record sales activity that I have witnessed in more than thirty years of selling property"

Many of the new owners are buying in the region as investment, finding that buying here gives 'more bang for the buck' than buying in Sydney - with the added bonus of providing the lifestyle enhancement of a country retreat.

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# BULGA COMMUNITY REACHES OUT TO INTERNATIONAL GROUP - 'DAYS FOR GIRLS'

*Days for Girls began in 2008 when Founder and CEO Celeste Mergens was working with a family foundation in Kenya when she began assisting an orphanage in the outskirts of Nairobi. In the wake of historic post-election violence, the population at the orphanage had swelled from 400 children to 1400.*

As she was getting prepared to return to Nairobi, Celeste went to bed with the devastating situation weighing heavy on her mind. In the middle of the night she woke up with a nagging question: "What are girls doing for feminine hygiene?" She ran to the computer and sent an email to the Assistant Director of the orphanage.

He replied right away. "Nothing. They wait in their rooms."

Celeste learned that girls were sitting on cardboard for several days each month, often going without food unless someone would bring it to them. This set in motion her first intervention - disposable pads. But Celeste and her team quickly discovered a major problem - without any place to dispose of the pads, this was not a viable or sustainable solution. It was time for plan B: a washable, long lasting pad.

The first Days for Girls Kits were quite different from the design in use today. Each of the 28 iterations that followed would be informed by extensive feedback, and designed to meet unique cultural and environmental conditions in communities



Days for Girls founder and CEO Celeste Mergens

Today, Days for Girls has reached over 640,000 women and girls in 100+ countries with Kits, each of which will last a girl or woman 2 - 3 years. This translates into over 115 million days of education and opportunity that would otherwise be lost without sustainable hygiene solutions.

A small group of Bulga ladies has been meeting at the Recreation Ground Clubhouse for the last few months creating sustainable feminine hygiene kits for underprivileged women and girls. The group, led by local girl Lua Roser has completed 50 packs to be delivered to girls in an underprivileged country of choice but first there is the task of raising

the money for their delivery. Lua must be trained in how to use the packs and must deliver them and teach the girls how to use them. The group is presently busy making colourful shopping bags and Christmas decorations etc. to help raise money to send to Lua to deliver the kits. A Car Boot Sale at the Recreation Ground on 29th October raised a little more for the cause but there is still have a long way to go to meet the goal.



Some of the Bulga community involved: AnneMaree McLaughlin, Helen Upward, Sue Turnbull, Lua Roser, Shirley Roser

The group will be manning a stall at the Little Expo in Singleton on 2nd December to add to the funds for the delivery. If anyone is interested in joining the group they would be most welcome. They meet from 10 am to approximately 1 pm every Monday at the Bulga Recreation Ground Clubhouse.

throughout the world. What would eventually become clear in the years following Days for Girls' beginning was just how much of a difference hygiene solutions would make in assisting women and girls to break the cycle of poverty and live lives of dignity.

Their plan for the future is to sew hats for ladies with cancer.

## Broke Village Recreation Grounds

### Community access information:

A great spot to enjoy the great outdoors. It offers: free **BBQ with sheltered picnic tables, tennis courts** with lights for night use, **netball court, basketball court, and children's play equipment.** The courts are located at the end of Cochrane Street.

**The Hut at the Recreation Ground is available for the community's use for no charge.**

If you wish to use the facility please make a booking with Wendy on 65781334. The key for the Hut can be picked up at the Broke Village Store with a deposit of \$20.00 which will be returned when the key is returned.



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## Spring Fun at CATHERINE VALE VINEYARD

We would like to invite the community to an afternoon of fun and laughter for all the family!

**Sunday 26th November  
from 2pm to 4pm**

There will be Games and a Treasure hunt for the children and a sausage sizzle all free of charge. Over 18's can also enjoy a free glass of Catherine Vale wine.

*We look forward to seeing many of you at Catherine Vale.*

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## BROKE VILLAGE MARKET

1ST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH  
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## SEARCH FOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AND YOUNG ACHIEVER OF THE YEAR

*The search is on for Singleton's leading citizens with plans afoot for an event worthy of national celebration*

Singleton will celebrate Australia Day on Friday 26 January 2018 in line with the "status quo" of previous years with a packed family-friendly program of entertainment as well as an official program that will include a citizenship ceremony.

But most pressingly, the hunt is on for our leading citizens with nominations open from today for the Citizen of the Year and Young Achiever of the Year to be presented on Australia Day.

Singleton Council's Australia Day Committee is already hard at work planning the event, with a barbecue breakfast to start proceedings and activities including a native plant give-away, face painting and jumping castle on the Village Green outside the Civic Centre.

Committee chairman, Cr Danny Thompson, said the official part of the day would also include an address from Singleton's Australia Day Guest for 2018, Richard Jones from the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service.

"There has been discussion in the news recently about the relevance of Australia Day but we have been working across our community with a range of people and organisations to continue what has become one of the best community days of the year," he said.

"Australia Day has been a very successful event in Singleton in previous years because it brings us all together to celebrate

our community and all the things that are great about living in our local government area.

"The committee is already hard at work on next year's program and we're looking forward to another fantastic day in 2018."

Mayor of Singleton, Cr Sue Moore, said an important part of the day was the announcement of the Citizen of the Year and Young Achiever of the Year.

With nominations open until Friday 1 December 2017, she is encouraging anyone who knows someone who has made a significant contribution to our community to nominate them.

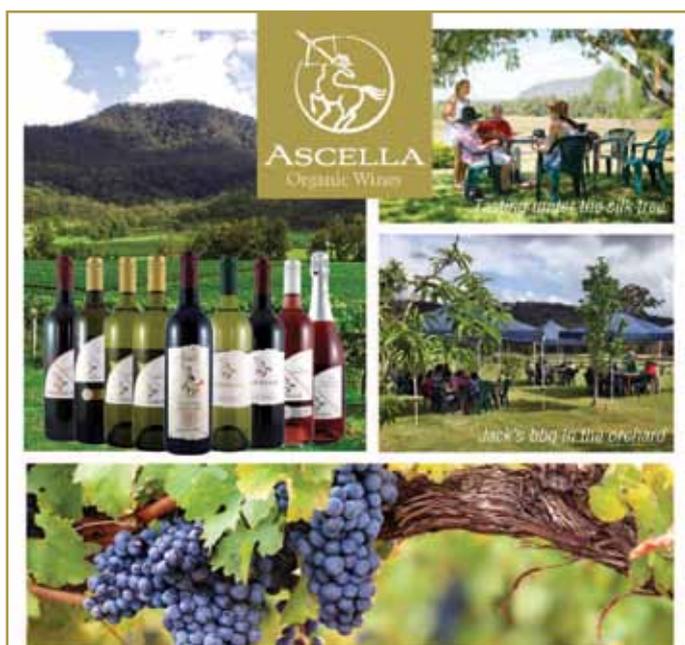
"The Citizen of the Year awards are a great way to recognise someone who works hard for our community and has made a significant contribution to making life a little bit better for others over a period of time," Cr Moore said.

"We are fortunate in Singleton to have so many people who volunteer their time and hard work for a range of causes and for a range of reasons, as well as incredible young people achieving amazing things for our community.

"It's not an exaggeration to say that we would not be the community we are without the passion of these people and I'm looking forward to seeing who will be nominated this year."

All residents of the Singleton local government area are eligible to nominate.

**For more information or to download a nomination form, visit [www.singleton.nsw.gov.au/australiadayawards](http://www.singleton.nsw.gov.au/australiadayawards)**



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# BROKE PUBLIC SCHOOL

## Green Thumbs growing at Broke Public School

**B**roke Public School have a student gardening team called 'The Green Thumbs'. We meet each Monday and Tuesday at lunch time. Miss Mahony is our teacher who helps and guides us with our gardening skills.

The gardens are home to many different things, even a bug or a worm or two! The Green Thumbs grow many different fruits and vegetables, such as cabbages, carrots, beans, capsicum, strawberries, tomatoes, asparagus, herbs and much more.

The garden beds (initially donated by Bulga Coal) were filled with soil, sprinkled with a little water, some fertilizer to help the little seedlings grow and were then left to rest for two to three days before the planting began.

After planting the fruit and vegetables The Green Thumbs watered in the plants so they didn't die of shock. They water the plants every second day and much more in the



summer months due to the heat and less in the winter months.

All the students involved really enjoy Green Thumbs because they get to have lots of fun planting and watering, watching the seedlings grow and develop and then picking them to eat once they have all finished growing. But, most of all we look forward to cooking from our crop, and filling our tummies. An example of a spectacular dish we have cooked is Bok Choy stir fry using different herbs and spices from the garden. It tasted delicious, Yum!!!!

We are excited to see what recipes we can create once our wondrous crops have developed. The Green Thumbs may even grow the world's largest bean or watermelon, who knows what can grow with a little love and care.

"The Green Thumbs love the process of planting, caring for and harvesting the vegetables. They enjoy having the responsibility and trying new vegetables they wouldn't normally eat, like radish"... Miss Mahony

*Story by, Justin, William, Jessica and Ryan*

## SPORTING STARS FLY HIGH

**B**roke Public School is full of amazing students. These students have achieved high results in different sporting fields.

Soon Alex, Jai and Clancy will be soaring high in the sky, showing their touch footy skills.

These talented students have been selected for the Singleton Rep Team. We are proud of their achievements and we wish them good luck as they move forward with their training.

We asked the trio a few questions about their sporting journey...

Q: How did you achieve these goals?

"We practice a lot, we also play touch footy on Wednesday nights"

"We love playing touch footy and we take any chance to play"

Q: What are you most looking forward to?

"We are looking forward to competing in

the State Cup at Port Macquarie in February"

As you can see their achievements show their passion and dedication. All of Broke Public School and our community know you will try your best and do a great job.

Good Luck to the boys and their team.

*Story by: Paige, Cameron and Alik*



## A great night out Bingo

**1st Monday** of the month  
**Christmas Bingo 4th December**

**6:30 Bulga Community Hall**

**Bring a plate to share**

**Enquiries Phil Reid 65745237**



*Broke Village*  
**Christmas Carols**  
**FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER**  
**REC GROUNDS COCHRANE ST BROKE**  
**6:00 PM**  
**SAUSAGE SIZZLE AND DRINKS**      **BYO**      **SANTA & GIFTS**

**To the editor .....**

*Dear Sir,*

I take issue with your editorial about so called "Clean Coal" [October issue]

Firstly, there is no such thing as "Clean Coal". ALL coal is dirty. When burnt, it ALL produces CO<sub>2</sub>, the single biggest contributor to the planet's greenhouse effect and thus the prime cause of global calescence.

What people (and your Chinese man is one) mean by "Clean Coal" is either coal power generation that is slightly less dirty than standard coal power generation, or carbon sequestration.

Carbon sequestration just plain doesn't work. The only plant in the world that was trying to do that in the USA was closed this year, because the operating costs were enormous and it didn't work.

Your editorial's reference to "Clean Coal" means HELE (High Energy Low Emissions) coal fired power generation. It sounds persuasive and the Minerals Council and Federal government spruk it as capable of "halving coal-fired emissions". This comparison is only marginally valid when comparing a super critical HELE plant to a very old brown coal plant, such as Yallourn, however, the emissions are still there.

Less biased reports from various sources generally agree to around a 14% reduction, thus not "clean" just "a bit cleaner" but at 20-30% more cost.

Super critical HELE plants, like the Chinese one described, are very very expensive to build and operate.

It is quite obvious that HELE power will not decrease consumer costs, in fact, quite the opposite, nor will it make a major difference to atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> levels.

Emissions from current coal-fired power stations emit more than 30 toxic substances, including mercury. They're Australia's biggest single source of fine particle pollution and oxides of nitrogen as well as sulphur dioxide. The health costs of these emissions inflict a \$2.6 billion impost on the public purse. This is a serious problem and one that will not be magically solved by a 14% reduction in emissions.

The cost of renewable power is falling rapidly. Solar panels and storage can be put in place very quickly. Coal fired power stations of any sort take years to build and get on line. It is time to relinquish the love-affair with coal and embrace the commercial opportunities and jobs that a renewable economy can offer, as well as improved health outcomes for the people and the planet.

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**Bulga Underground to close 2018**

Mining at Glencore's Blakefield South operation will cease next year. There is only 500 metres to mine of longwall 9 and 780 metres in longwall 1B. Whilst Glencore won't be relinquishing approvals to mine, underground mining will cease in May next year.

Glencore will continue to run its Blakefield North gas drainage wells to supply its 9MW gas fired power station.

# Singleton street decorations Christmas 2017 '...bigger than ever'

The bells have already started jingling at Singleton Council with planning well underway for the annual Christmas on John Street event this year.

All the fun and festivities of Singleton's annual community Christmas party will hit John Street on Friday 24 November 2017, with a packed program of entertainment and activities sure to have even the most ardent Christmas grinch celebrating the most wonderful time of the year.

John Street will become Santa Claus Lane from 5pm as street performers, market stalls and children's entertainment take over the pavement, complete with a main stage and performances by Singleton Town Band, Theatrical Society and roving carols by Singleton Choir.

And of course, there'll be a visit by the jolly man himself culminating with fireworks on the riverbank at Rose Point Park at 8.30pm.

The following road closures will apply to facilitate the event:

**John Street will be closed between York and William Street;**

**Pitt Street between John Street and Laurel Lane;**

**Castlereagh Street between John Street and Laurel Lane; and**

**Burns Lane between John Street and the mall access road.**

The event is being presented in partnership between Council, Singleton Business Chamber and the Rotary Club of Singleton.



Bailys Union Park Singleton 2015 - this year John St will become "Santa Claus Lane"

Mayor of Singleton, Cr Sue Moore said Christmas on John Street had become one of the most anticipated community events of the year and 2017 would be bigger and better than ever to meet ever-increasing expectations.

"It seems to come around quicker every year, and it's amazing to think that we're

only a month out from this year's event," she said.

"Seven thousand people turned out last year and I have no doubt they'll be back for more this year.

"There's an amazing program of live entertainment including circus performers and performances by Singleton Town Band and Singleton Choir, around 100 market stalls and a designated area for children's activities including a jumping castle, slide, face painting and animals from Oakvale Farm Animal Nursery.

"But the best thing about the event is the wonderful festive spirit and sense of community that really takes over John Street, capped off of course by fireworks."

General Manager Jason Linnane said he was looking forward to an even bigger crowd heading into John Street to enjoy the entertainment and festivities in modern John Street.

"Even in this day in age, the main street continues to play a role as the economic and social heart of communities and it's wonderful to see people coming together," he said.

"This event is a great way to showcase the transformation of John Street over the past few years, and a great credit to the Council staff who plan these events and those who keep our Town Centre looking its best not only at Christmas but every day of the year."






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For more information about the weekend visit [www.artsupperhunter.com](http://www.artsupperhunter.com), call Arts Upper Hunter on 6541 4776, collect a brochure from one of the region's visitor information centres or download an izi. TRAVEL app to access an audio guide.

For information on where to stay and eat see [www.visitnsw.com](http://www.visitnsw.com) for a local visitor information centre.

Arts Upper Hunter and The Upper Hunter Arts Trail Weekend are supported by Create NSW, Dungog Shire Council, Muswellbrook Shire Council, Singleton Council and the Upper Hunter Shire Council.

On Saturday night join quiz master Mike Pritchard from ABC Radio Upper Hunter and comedian Ethan Andrews for the Great Arts Trivia Quiz at the Muswellbrook Regional Arts Centre. BYO drinks and snacks.

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## OUR WILDLIFE



Picture - Judith Leslie - Bulga

### EASTERN SPINEBILL. (*Acanthorhynchus tenuirostris*)

This honeyeater has a long curved bill for probing flowers. Males have a glossy black head and wings, a russet collar and a chestnut patch on the throat. Females are duller with a greyish crown. They forage in low flowering shrubs, alone or in loose groups, often hovering beside flowers to sip their nectar, and occasionally snatching insects from the air. Most populations stay in the same area year round. They breed from August to March and usually raise 2 broods in a season. The female lays 2-3 eggs in a cup-shaped nest, attached by its rim to a bushy tree or shrub 1-5m high and incubate them for about 14 days with occasional help from the male. Both parents feed the young. They have a rapid piping call. Diet consists of Nectar, insects. They live in Sclerophyll forests, rainforests, woodlands, parks and gardens.

Elizabeth

Joey's Retreat

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