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WINE REGION

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January / February 2019

**'The Residence'
'Rock Cottage'
and
'Mio Monte'
Three beautiful
accommodation
offerings at
Winmark Wines
Broke Fordwich**



FROM THE EDITOR:

IN THE PALMER OF YOUR HAND, OR RATHER SMARTPHONE

As an old polly-basher, I admit to gross disinterest when it comes to evaluating the motives and the machinations of politicians of all stripes and sizes—Labor, Liberal or Lesser leanings, I couldn't be bothered. But the recent bombardment of your 'phone or computer by the original Come-Back-Kid, Clive Palmer is something that has left most observers slack-jawed, dry-eyed and basically buggered for a reaction.

I thought the unpaid dues for his collapsed Nickel empire up north would have sent him scurrying back to the Never Never of Discarded Politicians much like the Raven, forever- more. But no. Rich from a court decision that earned him squillions in a royalties rift with a Chinese company, the one-time Dinosaur Theme Park entrepreneur and Titanic Two builder is back on the hustings and keen to let you know it. Millions are being spent on newspaper (yes, people still read 'em, thank God), TV and Radio ads, buttressed by an assault on social media like no other. Both labor and the Libs cry poor-mouth over their finance problems for the May 2019 (predicted) election Federally, but the one-time Biggest Man-in-Parliament (he has lost weight but not presence) is determined to stir them up again. Good luck to him and that.

Of course, you can reply to that assault on your particular social media device—and I believe one of the more prevalent inquiries concerns the Commonwealth Government and its chances of regaining the money it paid out to Palmer Nickel's employees for leave and other entitlements when the place went under way back when.

Hey, it's (still) a free country). Welcome to the fray, Clive: you wouldn't exist but for the gnawing discontent in this Wide Brown Land for representatives of the major parties. Many of them of whatever allegiance are destined to wear that unsought -after honorific 'Former' after this year's Day of Judgment for those who lust for the serenity and the seedy self-interest of life on the Banks of the Molonglo, you know, Clive almost looks good.

(Tom Jackson)

VALE

Chris Elsmore - 29 January 2019

Chris with his wife Bindy operated Elsmore's Vineyard. Chris will be sorely missed by the community and winegrowers in the region. Generous with his time, he was a leading figure in establishing the Broke Fordwich Wine Region

LUXURY, VIEWS, VINEYARDS - THE ULTIMATE WINE REGION ACCOMMODATION AT WINMARK WINES

Two years ago Pooles Rock Vineyard, just outside the village of Broke was bought by Karin Adcock and John Winstanley and was re-branded as Winmark Wines. Since taking over the beautiful estate, Karin has added her own brand of entrepreneurial vim and creativity by substantially developing the main buildings and surrounding grounds and gardens. Meanwhile John has worked closely with Viticulturist of the Year 2017 Lis Riley, and Vineyard Manager Dave Grosser in revitalising the Vineyard, rebuilding the infrastructure, pulling out some dead blocks and replanting the sought after Chardonnay, Burgundy Clone Entav 548 and 95 Bernard in Block 5.

The Winmark Private Residence is the main house on the property and stands majestically overlooking the drive into the vineyard.

Beautifully manicured lawns and vineyards blend to create a rolling scene of quiet country living.



.....ACCOMMODATION AT WINMARK WINES



The house, already a substantially luxurious home previously owned by David Clark of Macquarie Bank, has undergone considerable extension and refurbishment.

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The Residence is everything luxurious and glows with comfort offering four well equipped bedrooms all with en-suites, a large living area with adjoining kitchen and a library/ TV room. Furthermore, there is an “Africa room” which offers spectacular views over the property and can be completely open in Summer or comfortably enjoyed on a cold Winters evening, along with a fullsize tennis court, in ground pool and formal gardens.

The tennis court, through the use of a cleverly designed netted curtain opens the court to further use as an entertainment area to include the adjoining contemplative garden and fountain. This beautiful Perennial and Rose garden has been designed by Landscape designer Paul Bangay.

Acres of the property have been developed through plantings and landscaping to provide beautiful views and serene walks.

Karin worked her way up the corporate world via a ‘garage’ start-up that saw her installing Pandora Jewellery in Australia and then subsequently building it into the leading brand that it is today. Karin sold her control in Pandora and has since been involved on board level with various companies in Australian and overseas. She has now decided to dedicate her time to make



‘Biosis’, all 1.5 tonnes of it, has a commanding place on the Winmark property. Constructed in corten steel by David Ball, winner of 2017’s Sculpture by the Sea with his work ‘Orb’.



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Winmark Wines a unique place with a diverse offering.

Karin is enthusiastic about what Winmark will ultimately be able to offer. Ranging from hosting 32 guests across the 3 houses on the estate to hosting Corporate events, Art retreats, Tennis camps, Weddings, product launches and ultimately it will be home to a cellar door which is currently going through approval in council.



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Rock Cottage is nestled at the foot of the mountain and offers spectacular views capturing the vineyard, mountain range and the landscapes.

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The cottage offers 4 bedrooms, 2 bathroom and an additional toilet. An inviting living area with adjoining kitchen and dining room and media / play room with a sofa which can be used as an extra bedroom.

Late January 2019 Winmark acquired Mio Monte which was originally part of the estate in the late 1990'. Mio Monte will now be opened up for accommodation hosting up to 14 guests. It has only ever been available as a couples retreat or Honeymoon location. Winmark is now able to offer this stunning property to the many couples who have visited over the last 15 years and can now return with their families.

Karin is adamant that as the guests arrive they get an ultimate unique experience. "If someone decides to book in at Winmark I wish for them to be indulged and be in for a great treat. We are greeting guests on arrival to ensure they are settled in well and we have a vast array of offerings to ensure the guests have the best experience. It is important to me that people feel we care about them having the best possible stay. People's well being has always been my number one priority in business and we are trying to live that in everything we do at the property.

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The property was previously named Pooles Rock after this unique sandstone boulder at the front of the property

The Broke Fordwich Wine Region is a sub region of the Hunter Wine Region. In the late 1990's winegrowers around Broke, Fordwich and Milbrodale commissioned the establishment of a mapping and submission process that eventually saw the approval of the wine region through the Australian Geographical Indication (GI) system.

In the early 2000's gas mining exploration started in the region threatening to incur permanent damage to the local vineyards. The local community created national news by forming one of the first antifracking groups in Australia.

In order to demonstrate their intentions, AGL (who had the licence to undergo fracking in the area) purchased one of the premier vineyards in the region, Pooles Rock (now Winmark Wines).

The battle for the preservation of the vineyards saw AGL withdrawing - and re-branding itself as a progressive renewable energy oriented entity.

AGL owned the former Pooles Rock property from 2011 to 2016.

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INTERNATIONAL DEMAND FOR AUSTRALIA'S FINE WINE CONTINUES TO GROW

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That is an increase of 5 per cent in volume, but consumers are paying more for it with the value of exports up 10 per cent to \$2.8 billion.

Red wine, in particular, has continued its red-hot growth now making up 76 per cent of Australia's wine exports.

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"So it's a really strong premium story that is getting traction in our major markets and it's where we need to play in the longer term.

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ABC Rural

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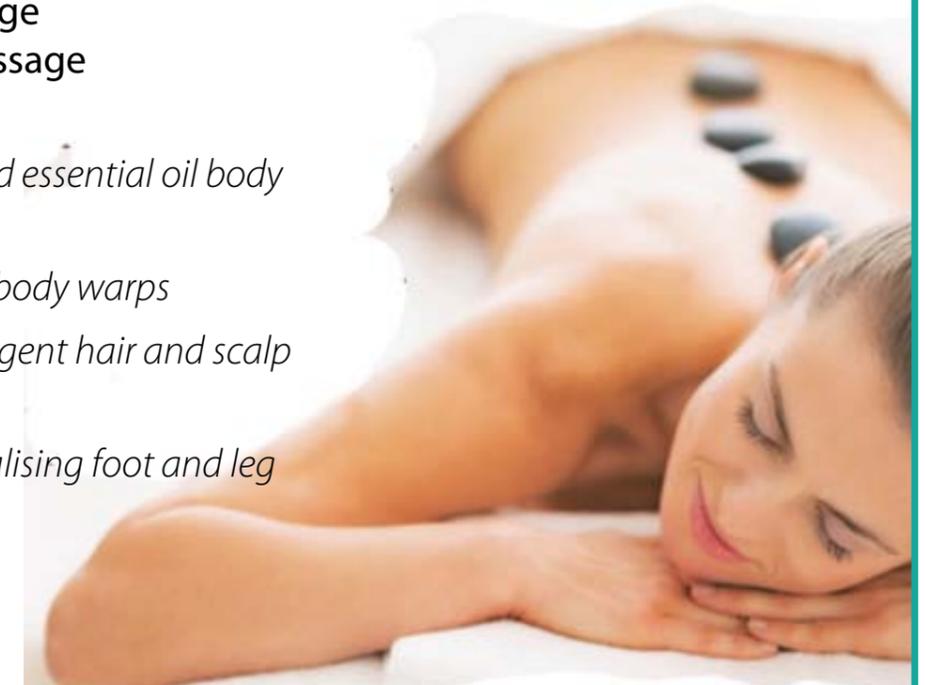
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'PROSECCO-LIKE?': EU DIGS IN OVER FIGHT TO REName AUSTRALIAN WINE AND CHEESE

European trade officials are digging in over a fight about whether Australian producers can keep using household food names such as prosecco and feta, as senior government ministers accelerate a \$100 billion agreement with the European Union despite the stand-off.

Sources confirmed the government had managed to walk back an EU proposal that would have forced Australian producers to use names such as "feta-like", "parmesan-like" or "prosecco-like" to meet demands from Greece and Italy that any new trade deal must guarantee exclusive naming rights to certain local products.

A compromise that could see locally produced items labelled "Australian prosecco" is now a live option, as Trade Minister Simon Birmingham flies into Brussels pledging to negotiate forcefully over



IMAGE The Smelly Cheese Shop - Hunter Valley

how more than 1500 Australian products are treated in the massive trade deal.

"We will work for the best possible outcomes in net terms for Australia," Senator Birmingham said. "That means you have to look at what you may need to agree to that you would not entirely wish to do, just as we expect the EU to provide the type of access that they may not wish to provide."

Some Italian-French inspired Australian made wines such as Moscato, and cheeses including feta, parmesan, mozzarella, pecorino, gruyere and roquefort could all be forced to re-brand if a compromise cannot be reached and the European Union position prevails in negotiations.

Despite the perceived strength of the Australian-made label internationally, the possible compromise position could spark strong objections from local producers wary of losing international market share to European competitors.

Agriculture Minister David Littleproud has spent several days negotiating with his European counterparts over market access. It is understood the trademark debate

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....FIGHT TO RENAME AUSTRALIAN WINE AND CHEESE

was raised ahead of Senator Birmingham's visit.

Both sides are expecting to finalise an agreement before 2021.

A stumbling block in the preliminary negotiations has been Australian producers' own objections to others being allowed to trade off regional specific areas.

King Island Dairy and Bega Cheese use their location as their branding, the key argument made by European producers in the region of Prosecco, where the popular sparkling wine comes from.

Brown Brothers wines, which have seen a 50 per cent growth in prosecco sales year-on-year, accused their Italian counterparts of being "sneaky".

"Commercial expediency would be the most polite way to say it," said executive director Ross Brown from his vineyard in Victoria's King Valley.

Despite being grown for centuries in Italy, Italian winemakers only registered the grape as a protected "geographic indicator" when it started taking off in popularity during the last decade. It now earns \$100 million in Australian sales annually.

A geographical indication, or 'GI', identifies a good from a specific region such as champagne.

"Twenty years ago we brought the grape variety to Australia," Mr Brown said. "It's just so happened that style has had its day in the sunshine and now become quite fashionable."

In a potential Brussels opening for Senator Birmingham, Mr Brown said the industry would be willing to discuss the "Australian prosecco" compromise as both terms often appear on export labels, but only if it could still refer to the grape by the prosecco name, also known as Glera.

"This is a very big investment, there are hundreds of hectares of prosecco," he said. "To start talking about compromise is very difficult for us."

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‘THE PERFECT CRIME’: AUSSIE BUSINESS BATTLES COUNTERFEIT WINE IN CHINA

Following the discovery of 14,000 bottles of fake Penfolds wine for sale in China in November, Wine Australia had to concede it can't keep track of the extent counterfeit Australian wine is being sold in the country.

“We don't have any data which makes it the perfect crime,” says Wine Australia's general counsel Rachel Triggs. “It is extremely hard to work out how much is going on.”



Bottles of counterfeit wine being sold on China's site, Alibaba.

One solution to the problem has been developed by Australian business YPB which has created a specially designed serialised QR code with an embedded covert tracer.

The ProtectCode covert tracer enables wine producers to track and trace every bottle and batch of wine throughout the entire supply chain using a small hand-held scanner.

At the point of sale the QR code is readable by any smartphone and when scanned takes the customer to a quick digital authentication process.

If the wine is genuine they see a screen that says its authentic; if it's fake they are taken to a screen where they can report it back to the wine producer.

John Houston started YPB in 2011 and the business is now listed on the Austral-

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ian Securities Exchange with a market capitalisation of \$11.19 million.

YPB reported a post tax loss of \$4.3 million in August however Houston says the business has significant growth potential with the global counterfeiting industry projected to be worth about \$4.3 trillion by 2022.

“As an industry it is an enormously big problem because there is so much organised crime involved in it and the cost to brands is enormous,” he says.

“Anecdotal stories are that for some products 50 per cent of the wine in China is counterfeit.”

YPB has inked a deal with Accolade, Australia’s largest producer of wine by volume to apply ProtectCode to its Grant Burge range of wines.

“It’s a breakthrough for YPB as it is the largest wine opportunity we have ever had. It will validate the need for this solution in the China market,” Houston says.

Accolade declined to comment on the deal.

Wine Australia conducts around 300 audits a year of wineries in Australia and enforces strict export controls however the sale of counterfeit wine in China is outside its jurisdiction

Triggs says copy cat brands are also an issue in the Chinese market.

“Counterfeit is an exact replica of a wine made but in Australia we have seen brands developed for the Chinese market that clearly aim to confuse the Chinese customer that aim to look like an established winery,” she says. “The brands look similar to an Australian brand but not similar enough for there to be a copyright or trademark issue.”

Triggs says Wine Australia receives calls on a weekly basis from Australian exporters expressing concerns that their brands are being ripped off in China.

She says QR codes are increasingly popular in China and many Chinese consumers expect to see QR codes on wine bottles.

“There are a range of anti counterfeit technologies available to exporters,” Triggs says. “Wine Australia doesn’t support any particular solutions because we see there is strength in diversity.”

By Cara Waters SMH



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AUSSIE WINES AMONG THE FIRST OFF THE RANK POST-BREXIT

London | Australia has become one of the first countries to finish signing off trade deals with Britain that will prevent non-tariff barriers and regulatory hurdles from emerging after Brexit on over \$3.8 billion of two-way trade.

The Australian and British governments on Friday inked two deals that will replicate with post-Brexit Britain all of Australia's existing trade-liberalisation arrangements with the European Union in the manufacturing and wine industries.

The first pact covers wine: under the longstanding EU-Australia Wine Agreement, European governments accept Australian labelling standards, certification procedures and

winemaking practices, which differ from those in the EU.

Australia will now have an identical agreement with Britain, avoiding potentially costly new requirements after Brexit on at



Britain's Trade Secretary Liam Fox and Australian High Commissioner George Brandis signed two deals that will ensure the post-Brexit trading relationship remains intact. IMAGE Kirsty Wigglesworth

least \$470 million of annual Australian wine exports to the British market.

In the manufacturing sector, the new Australia-Britain Mutual Recognition Agreement on Conformity Assessment (MRA) means that a drug, car or medical device can be certified against British standards before leaving Australia for export to Britain – and vice versa.

The goods can thus be tested in-country before export, rather than being shipped first and then tested and certified at much greater cost in the receiving country.

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This streamlines export processes, and prevents certification and approval processes from becoming a kind of “behind the border” non-tariff barrier.

“This agreement will help give UK and Australian businesses, exporters and consumers the certainty

they need to continue trading in confidence as the UK leaves the EU,” Britain's Trade Secretary Liam Fox said in a statement before he and Australian High Commissioner George Brandis signed the MRA in London.

The MRA covers about

one-third of British goods exports to Australia, and is of particular importance in ensuring the continued smooth flow of British-made pharmaceutical and medical products into Australia.

By Hans van Leeuwen
Financial Review

CREATIVE KIDS



NSW Government is helping your cost of living with more than 40 rebates and savings including Creative Kids, which is all about making it easier for school-aged kids (4.5 to 18 years old) to get involved in creative and cultural activities.

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visual arts, coding, languages, literature, music and other creative and cultural activities with our approved list of activity providers.

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<https://service.nsw.gov.au/campaign/creative-kids>

PLENTY OF NEW TRICKS ON OFFER AT SINGLETON SENIORS FESTIVAL

Proving the old adage that it's never too late to learn something new, Singleton Council is encouraging the not-so-old to get involved in the Try-it in Singleton Expo as part of the Singleton Seniors Festival from 18 to 24 February 2019.

Supported by the NSW Government with a mission to get more people involved in some healthy active fun, a fantastic range of activities has been organised to cater to the interests of the over 55s.

The program includes a U3A (University of the Third Age) Taster Day, YMCA Prime Play for over 55s, Singleton Neighbourhood Centre open day for all things financial and legal, golf lessons and a Rock and Roll Dance at Singleton Golf Club.

The festival will culminate on Sunday 24 February 2019 with some gentle exercise and a breakfast barbecue at Townhead Park.

General Manager Jason Linnane said the week-long festivities were a great way for people of any age to learn more about what's on offer in Singleton.

"There's a lot of emphasis on family-friendly events and facilities, but Singleton is also a great place for people enjoying the freedom of retirement or moving onto a new phase in their lives," he said.

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Singleton Seniors Festival committee member Sue George, Council's community Planner David Baker, David Dwyer and Kerry O'Keefe from U3A and Singleton Golf Club golf pro Les Bennett.

.....SINGLETON SENIORS FESTIVAL

"The idea behind the Singleton Seniors Festival is to showcase the activities, organisations and groups available for people over 55 in our community.

"But most importantly, we want to show people that it's never too late to do something you've always wanted to try, and you're never too old to try something new.

"The full program will be delivered to your mailbox, and I encourage you to add the Singleton Seniors Festival to your diary."

Central to the festival will be the Try-it in Singleton Expo on Wednesday 20 February 2019, where community organisations and groups can showcase their activities to active seniors including healthy lifestyle activities, community services and social opportunities, with sites ranging from handcare to home security.

"There's no cost to be involved as an exhibitor, just time from your members who are keen to promote what you do to an enthusiastic audience," Singleton Seniors Festival committee member Sue George said.

"This is a great opportunity for groups and organisations to promote your activity to interested and active seniors who may wish to join your activities, volunteer for your organisation or become involved.

"Conversely, it's a great way for seniors in our community who may be interested in what you do but are unsure of how to go about joining and what's involved."

Registration forms are available by contacting Council's community planner, David Baker via email to

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John Street Stage Two Artist Impression

SINGLETON COUNCIL COMMITS TO CO-FUND STAGE TWO OF TOWN CENTRE UPGRADES

Singleton Council has reaffirmed its commitment to Singleton's Town Centre, resolving to co-fund stage two of the revitalisation project by making provisions in its 2019/2020 loan borrowing program at its final meeting of 2018 last night.

Singleton Council previously secured \$3.5 million for the project from the 2016 Resources for Regions program, but received no further funding in its two subsequent applications in 2017 and 2018.

Mayor of Singleton, Cr Sue Moore said stage two addresses traffic management, contributes to the attractiveness of the town centre and will improve safety.

"Our community have been waiting a long time for stage two of this project to get off the ground, and we are thrilled to be a step closer in achieving the vision of our Town Centre Master Plan," she said.

"As all avenues have been exhausted in securing additional funding without the required co-contribution for the Resources for Regions program, we have made this

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borrowing commitment for next financial year which will allow the commencement of the works whilst utilising the previous grant funding monies.

“We have already seen the renewal of John Street and Ryan Avenue stimulate jobs and community activity in the heart of our town, especially since the opening of Riverside Park a fortnight ago.

“This project will make a significant difference to the people who live and work in Singleton, including improved road safety, property appreciation and wider economic benefits that will contribute to a creative, vibrant, economically diverse and healthy community.”

The \$7 million scope of works includes:

- * Undergrounding of power for the length of the works (Campbell Street dependant on budget)
- * New street lighting using the same light posts as per the John Street CBD Upgrade
- * Tree plantings
- * Street furniture to enhance visual and physical connections
- * New pavement, kerb and gutter
- * New footpath
- * Signage, line-marking and delineation, including a pedestrian crossing across John Street near Riverside Park

The revised scope of works excludes the proposed upgrades to Bailey Union Park, which will be considered as a separate project in subsequent budgets. These upgrade works will not include the installation of traffic signals at the Campbell Street Roundabout as identified in the Singleton Town Centre Masterplan.

The NSW Resources for Regions program delivers funding for improved infrastructure in mining-affected communities.

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CAMPAIGN TO KEEP KIDS SAFE IN SCHOOL ZONES STARTS

Singleton parents are being urged to be on their best behaviour when school returns in 2019, with Singleton Council rangers now on patrol.

In response to increasing community concern about safety around local schools, Council endorsed the Safety Around Schools education campaign at their final meeting of 2018 in order to keep kids safe during the school term.

Council's Manager Development and Environmental Services, Mary-Anne Crawford said the aim of the campaign was to increase awareness, and penalty notices would only be issued by Council rangers as a last resort if all other cautions and warnings were ignored by drivers.

"Council regularly receives complaints about illegal parking around schools, with requests for enforcement to be carried out from both schools and local residents," she said.

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Senior Constable Charles Gannon with Singleton Council Ranger Jessica Mothobi and Road Safety Officer Alison Balding

.....SAFE IN SCHOOL ZONES

"We are urging parents to adhere to signs in school zones when dropping off and picking up their kids, but most importantly to reduce the risk of tragedy occurring.

"This is an extremely busy time of year with kids returning to the classroom, and an exciting time for children starting their school journey.

"But the reality is school zones are busy and being extra vigilant is the best way to prevent accidents.

"And while education provides an important component to the Safety Around Schools program, the issuing of penalty notices is a key deterrent to any driver who unfortunately chooses to do the wrong thing."

Council's Road Safety Officer, Alison Balding said she had visited local schools at the end of 2018 to install educational signage and to speak with school communities about safe driving behaviour.

"It is important that parents, carers, teachers and students fully understand the parking restrictions and speed limits around school zones," she said.

"Most people are aware of the 40kph speed limit, but tend to ignore the parking restrictions which are there to keep our kids safe.

"All of the local primary schools in the Singleton township have indicated that parking compliance around schools has been problematic and a safety concern.

"There are three key elements to improving road safety: education, engineering and enforcement, and Council has a leading role to play in harnessing these elements to improve safety.

"Children are vulnerable road users — they are at risk around roads because of their size, their difficulty in judging speed and distance, and their tendencies for unpredictable behaviour."

The Safety Around Schools program aims to eliminate confusion around where and when parking is permitted, bus zones and reduced speed limits of school zones. These restrictions are integral in providing safe pick up and drop off oppor-

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.....SAFE IN SCHOOL ZONES

tunities, and to minimise confusion where children are crossing roads.

There are increased penalties for breaking the road rules in school zones, which include demerit points and fines. The penalty for stopping in a 'No Stopping' zone in a school zone is \$337 and two demerit points. The penalty for stopping on/near a children's crossing or a pedestrian crossing in a school zone is \$448 and two demerit points.

For more information about school zone safety, visit <https://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au> or contact Council's Road Safety Officer on 02 6578 7290.

A great night out Bingo



1st Monday of the month

@ 6:30 Bulga Community Centre

All welcome

Contact Phil Reid 0438 865 064

Bring a plate to share

Broke Village Recreation Grounds

Community access information:

A great spot to enjoy the great outdoors

Free BBQ with sheltered picnic tables

Tennis courts with lights for night use

Netball court

Basketball court

Children's play equipment.

The Grounds are located at the end of Cochrane Street.

The hut at the grounds 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.



MOBILE PAYMENTS ARE MORE POPULAR THAN CASH FOR CHINESE TOURISTS.

A new report from Nielson and Alipay has shown that 17% of Chinese tourists head to Australia when they travel abroad and they prefer to pay by mobile. Alipay, operated by Ant Financial Group, is the world's largest mobile payment platform and is used by 900 million users globally.

Australian financial institutions have started to recognise the opportunity and provided ways for merchants to offer it here. CommBank announced businesses would be able to accept Alipay through its Albert payment terminal in December 2018 and Tyro has integrated Alipay into two of Heinemann's retail locations.



Nielson and Alipay's report is based on a survey of over 2,800 outbound Chinese tourists, with the findings indicating the decision to offer Alipay is a smart move for businesses. According to the report, 58% of merchants surveyed in Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand said their foot traffic increased when they started offering Alipay and 56% reported increased sales.

When visiting Australia, 68% of Chinese tourists said they made a mobile payment during their trip. They are also budgeting 15% more for spending money, on average \$9,382 per trip. The majority of this will be spent on shopping, including souvenirs, arts and crafts, food and cosmetics. This is followed by accommodation, dining and tourist attractions.

However, Chinese tourists want to spend via mobile rather than cash. When asked how they paid for their recent overseas travels, those surveyed paid for 32% using mobile phones compared to 30% using cash. This was the first year mobile payments overtook cash as the preferred payment method when travelling, which may indicate mobile payments are becoming more widely accepted.

The contribution from Chinese tourism to the Australian economy is large and it is growing. For the year ending October 2018, there were over 1.4 million Chinese visitor arrivals in Australia. In the year ending December 2017, Chinese visitors contributed \$10.4 billion into the economy and this is expected to rise to \$13 billion by 2020.

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Singleton Evangelical Church

is a genuine community of people from all cultures, ages and walks of life. Not just for Singleton residents, but for all those who want to hear God's word and share the amazing impacts of His love. You are most welcome to come along to Sunday Church 9:30am at Singleton Public School, Elizabeth St, or even try one of our smaller groups or Youth Groups.

For more information 6573-4198
or www.singletonchurch.org

COMMUNITY GROUPS AND ORGANISATIONS

Broke Bulga Landcare Group Inc.

C/o President, Wendy Lawson
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Broke Fair Committee

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Broke Fordwich Wine & Tourism

President Jody Derrick
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Broke Rural Fire Brigade

Captain: Paul Myers
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Bulga Rural Fire Brigade

Captain: Adrian Gallagher 6574 5100.
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Broke Community Hall

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Broke Public School

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