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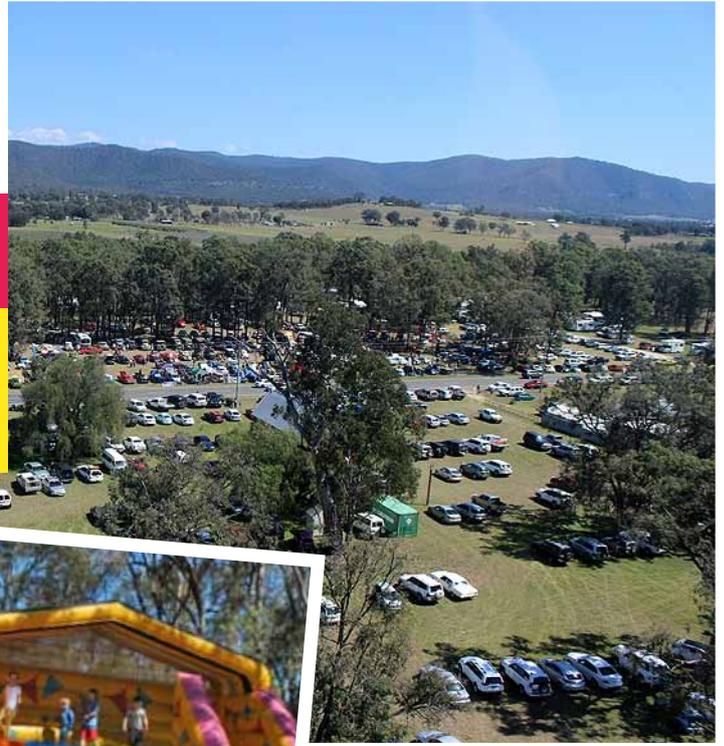
*The tranquil side of the Hunter Valley*

SEPTEMBER 2016

## BROKE VILLAGE FAIR AND VINTAGE CAR DISPLAY

**SUN 11TH SEPT**

**9AM - 3PM McNamara Park**



Also this issue -  
*Humphrey the Donkey - One Year Later*

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)

## From the Editor ...

### SPRINGTIME IN YOUR SOCKIES

Having missed out on Saturday Lotto for some unaccountable reason for the 19,400th time (and counting), I have to confess to a little hypocrisy in labelling this time of the year in Broke-Bulga-Fordwich-Milbrodale a great time to be alive—but let's say, as did Dr Johnston (the legendary English literary figure, not my toe specialist) it beats the hell out of the alternative. OK, chilly nights, but (see above) as long as you have warm feet, you can keep the cold out long enough to prepare to whinge about the heat in two months' time. And to add to that springtime glow of anticipation, the Broke Fair Is merely weeks away.

Read elsewhere about this annual spectacular, and the way in which the Broke Fordwich Wine and Tourism Association has spiced up the occasion with a novel sidelight of its own: a fund-raiser with some very attractive prizes for those who come from near and far to enjoy the best mix of wine, wagons and warblers on the NSW showtime calendar. It's hard to credit the origin of the Broke spectacular to a few resourceful locals who happened (decades ago now) to be enjoying a wine or two near a classic car parked nearby. After a few inquiries from visitors, the first steps were taken to cement a car show and fun fair into the identity of our sub-region—and so, hats off to those public-minded pioneers.

Sadly, COCKFIGHTER can't exclude news about the darker clouds that mar not only these last sunny days of winter, but

which also discolour the ambience of tranquillity and environmental security we've come to expect in these parts. Our last issue covered the news of the disturbance during the Bulga Milbrodale Progress Association vigil and we had hoped to bring you news of the court outcome of this extremely upsetting incident. It isn't wise to predict the outcome of such procedures, but if the support of the COCKFIGHTER team counts for anything, I hope Kevin Taggart and Patricia Hanson realise the strength of community outrage regarding their arrest and forcible removal.

John Krey is to the fore herein, with our grateful thanks, concerning the Environmental Defender workshop in Bulga in the last week of winter, and we owe an equally big huzza to Judith Leslie for her contribution which also covers the ongoing struggle against Big Coal's plan to leave us with the biggest hole in mining history—and nothing more.

So, as the spirit of spring beckons, here's hoping for better things for the Tranquil Side of the Valley—and better news about them in COCKFIGHTER. We do our best, always aware that a modern-day Dr Johnston might scan our pages with the terse appraisal: "There is much in this journal that is good, and much that is original; unfortunately, that which is good is not original—and that which is original is not good." Shucks—enjoy the Fair.

(Tom Jackson)

#### RIP Mo Foley

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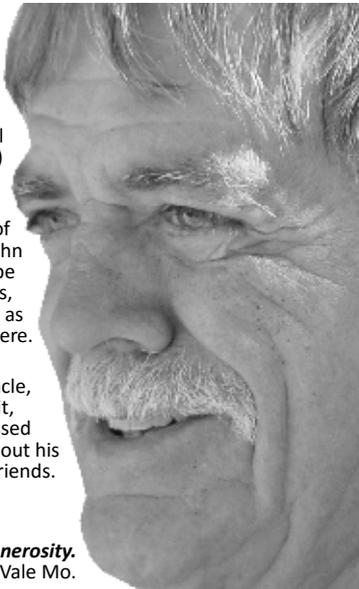
Born in Warrnambool, Victoria, to Margaret Mary Morris and Dennis Joseph (Joe) Foley, the third child and first son of a family of eight, four boys and four girls. He completed an electrician's apprenticeship, married Yettie van Haandel in 1965 and had two beautiful girls, Martine Bell (of Hobart) and Clare Opie (of Bendigo) and the family lived in Melbourne and Hobart for many years.

In 1981 he arrived in Broke to set up camp for the workers of J Carr Roofing, owned by his sister Marion and husband John Carr, when he decided Broke and surrounds was going to be his home. He mingled with the locals, making many friends, especially at the Broke Village Store. He gained a reputation as the Broke handyman, always off doing odd jobs here and there. Mo loved Broke!!

Mo was a father, grandfather, son, brother, uncle, great uncle, in law and wonderful friend to so many people. His dry wit, gentle personality, and amazing quirky humour will be missed by so many. Both Mo's daughters were by his side throughout his last ten days along with his close knit circle of family and friends.

The following quote by Eden Anthony to Mo's family has summed Mo up in the Broke community...

**"He was the epitome of gentleness, good humour and generosity. Mo was an icon in the area and will be sorely missed."** Vale Mo.



September 2016

Rainfall August 46 mm  
TOTAL to date 459 mm

### Diary Dates

- 3 September Wollombi Wild Ride
- 10 September Stonehurst Long Table Lunch Cedar Creek
- 11 September Broke Village Fair
- 15th Sept The Hunter Valley Moon Festival
- 17 September Sawmans Club Lunch
- 24 September Go for Broke Bike Ride
- 24 September Wollombi Music Festival
- 30th Sept Dashville Skyline 2016
- 2 October Catherine Vale Jazz Day
- 3 October Wollombi Market
- 8th Oct Opera in the Vineyards
- 15th October Tribute to Elvis - Bulga Community Centre
- 20th Oct Pokolbin Pride - LGBTI Festival
- 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

First Sunday of the Month  
Broke Village Markets



# BROKE VILLAGE FAIR AND VINTAGE CAR DISPLAY

Visit the Broke Village Fair on Sunday, 11th September from 9am – 3pm at Mc-Namara Park, Broke. The famous Vintage Car Display brings all sorts of vintage and classic cars, motorbikes, trucks and tractors and an amazing array of vintage farm machinery.

The kids will love the amusement rides, laser tag and the petting zoo while mum and dad can enjoy the festival atmosphere. Over 60 market stalls, children's activities and rides, live music, magic, bush poetry, Tug-o-War, rocker car racing and so much more throughout day.

Free mine tours to Bulga Open Cut mine will operate between 10am and 1pm for the whole family.

Entry: gold coin donation. Monies raised will go to local community groups including the Broke Fire Brigade and Broke Hall.

## The Fair Line-up

Tug-O-War Novice and Amateur Event

Fancy yourself a bit of a tug-o-war champ from way back? Nudge and the boys from the Macquarie Tug-o-War team are ready to take you on. It's 6 a side, open to female and male, with junior and senior competitions. Don't be shy – grab your burly mates (or not so burly) and see if you can bring them down!

## Whip Cracking demonstration – Centre Stage



Three-time men's Australian Whip cracking champion Andrew Thomas will perform two shows for the crowd; his tricks include cracking out nursery rhymes, imitating hoof beats and much more. Local Singleton boy Andrew, who holds the Guinness Book of Records title for the most whip cracks with one hand in one minute, will wow the crowd with his whip cracking and rope spinning tricks.

## Shannon-LogoRocker Cover Car Racing: Prizes to win!

Fun for the family! Build your own car from a rocker cover and bring it along -- these mighty little cars have no motor, they are gravity powered! The cars will race in timed heats on our custom made 9 metre, 2 lane track. If you would like to enter a car, see below for the rules or email Jody jody@adamae.com.au

## Mine Tours to Bulga Open Cut – Bus Area

Jump on a bus for a Mine Tour to Bulga Open Cut at 10am, 11.30am and 1.30pm. You'll learn about the whole mining process from our mine tour guides and you will see the mine equipment at work from the viewing area. Tours will leave on the hour from the designated bus area at the Fair. (Subject to weather conditions)

## Vintage and Classic Car Display

Make sure you allow plenty of time to wander through the vintage and classic car display - hundreds of vintage and classic cars, motorcycles and trucks for you to discover and enjoy as car clubs from all over NSW make the trip to Broke for the day.

## Vintage Farm Machinery Display

Come and check out the vintage farm machinery which will be operating thanks to the Hunter Valley Vintage Farm Machinery Club.

## JD's World of Magic - Magic for young and old! (11am – 12.30pm)



Coins in your ear? Cards in your sleeve? Rabbit in your hat? Magician Joel Howlett will be performing marvels of magic right under your nose and even in your own hands at the Broke Fair.

## Bush Poetry & Bushies Smoko - Centre Stage

For a cracking good yarn, join master storyteller and bush poet Bob Skelton AKA the Minmi Magster as he entertains the audience with his hilarious tales of mishaps, mayhem and calamity with poems, yarns and jokes relating to all facets of Aussie life. The Minmi Magster will be joined by his twin brother as they boil up the billy and give out free cups of tea laced with bush poems and yarns. You can join in and share a story, yarn, poem or joke with them

## Chainsaw sculptor

Stan Ray will amaze as works of art emerge from wood. It's well worth a look!

## Market stalls, local wines and food

With over 60 market stalls featuring local arts, crafts and fresh produce there will be something for everyone. Make some time to chat to local winemakers and olive growers and taste our local wines and olives.

Grab a bite to eat from our food outlets – try the good old fair food from Lions and Rotary, pizza or paella, or indulge in some Greek, Thai or Mexican cuisine. There will be plenty of tables and chairs or pull up a hay bale and soak up the atmosphere while you eat.

## Music – Centre Stage

Live musical entertainment will be provided by local band The Broke Boys with some guest appearances by undiscovered local talent.

And there will be dancing, singing and karate demonstrations from our local groups, keep listening to the announcements for times of the display.

And something for the kids...

## GJ's Laser Tag

15 minute sessions for \$5, play with your mates or the whole family. Take no prisoners!

## Petting Zoo

Come and meet, pat and feed the animals at the Broke petting zoo. Check out the chooks, sheep and guinea pigs all from our local farms. Don't forget to guess the weight of the cow. Get up close and personal with the rescue donkeys and meet 'Humphrey' the donkey.

In addition to the petting zoo, there will be plenty of children's entertainment including the jumping castles, face painting, show-bags and more.

# 2016 CLEAR IMAGE HUNTER VALLEY WINE SHOW

*Tyrrells Wines has smashed it at the 2016 Hunter Valley Wine Show, taking home 10 awards including Best White Wine of the Show.*

BUT successfully going head to head in a David and Goliath competition are two of the major winners from Broke Fordwich:

The Little Wine Company with their Vermentino 2016

Margan Wine with their 2011 Breaking Ground Ripasso Shiraz

This along with the outstanding score given to Gleguin Estate in the 2017 edition of James Halliday's Wine Companion should enable our Broke Fordwich wine fraternity to hold their heads up high when it come to taking about quality wines

2016 Hunter Valley Wine Show - A closer look at the results reveals Broke Fordwich

was well represented in silver and bronze. Given that there were hundreds of entries, our winemakers are doing a great job of proving the Broke Fordwich region is more than well represented among quality wines in the Hunter.

The difference between any result at the top end of the competition is generally small and most cellar door operators will tell you stories of wines that did not win a major prize, being the one that customers tend to choose.

In the end, however to have been named among such a large field is a great success.

## Broke Fordwich well represented in winners circle:

Winery	Vintage	Variety	Commercial Name /Named Vineyard	Pts.	Award
Whispering Brook	2016	Semillon	Single Vineyard	85	Bronze
Margan Family Wines	2016	Semillon	White Label	87	Bronze
Margan Family Wines	2016	Semillon	Aged Release	87	Bronze
Margan Family Wines	2016	Semillon	Margan	85	Bronze
Elysium Vineyard	2016	Verdelho	24th Vintage Limited Release	87	Bronze
Margan Family Wines	2016	Albarino	Breaking Ground	89	Bronze
Krinklewood Biodynamic Vineyard	2015	Chardonnay	Basket Press	86	Bronze
Margan Family Wines	2015	Shiraz, Mourvedre	Breaking Ground	88	Bronze
Margan Family Wines	2014	Semillon	White Label	86	Bronze
Margan Family Wines	2013	Semillon	White Label	85	Bronze
The Little Wine Company	2014	Blend		86	Bronze
Margan Family Wines	2014	Shiraz	White Label	90	Silver
Margan Family Wines	2014	Tempranillo, Graciano, Syrah	Breaking Ground	90	Silver
Margan Family Wines	2014	Shiraz, Mourvedre	Breaking Ground	88	Bronze
The Little Wine Company	2014	Barbera		85	Bronze
Margan Family Wines	2014	Semillon	Botrytis	86	Bronze
Margan Family Wines	2013	Semillon	Botrytis	87	Bronze
Mount Broke Wines	2014	Barbera		87	Bronze



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Wine blogger Matt Walls - this year's international judge. More than 600 entries received from 70 wine makers were judged by a panel of local, national and international judges at Lone Pine Barracks, Singleton.

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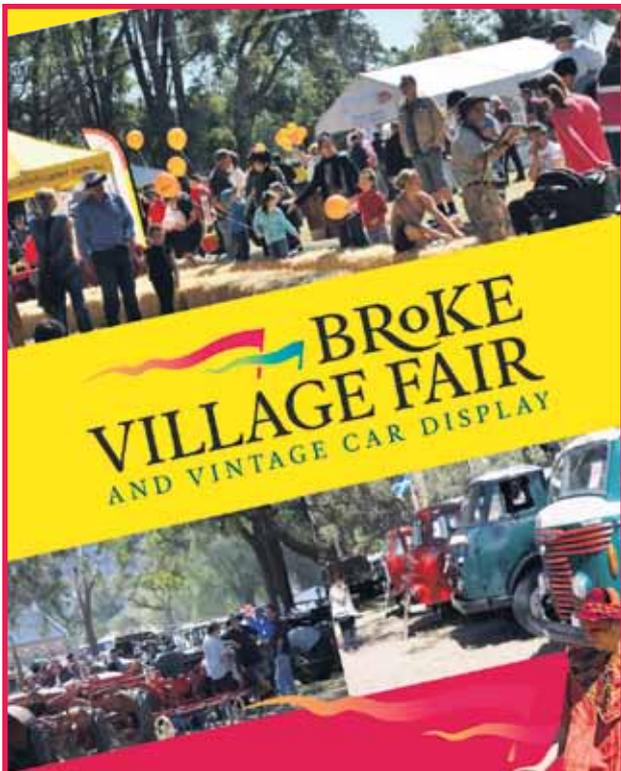
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# HUNTER VALLEY FRENCH CAR DAY

Nightingale Wines in Broke Fordwich Hosted the Hunter Valley French car Day on Sunday 28th August.

Many attempts have been made to establish a French Car Day in the Hunter but it looks like Nightingale wines has achieved that goal. For 5 years now, Don Jamison has been running the Hunter Valley French Car Day and basing it at Nightingale Vineyard, where he is one of the managers. With a mechanical background and several French cars to his name, the task of running this event is a pleasurable one.

“There was a French Car Day in 1981 in Pokolbin but I was determined to bring it to Broke Fordwich - I had a Renault 16 so five years ago we ran it and got few cars turning up including a Rolls Royce.” Don said.

At about 10:00 am on the day, there was about 100 visitors and as lunchtime came around the crowd grew steadily as more and more French vehicles arrived.

The display area was divided into two areas - current and new models and another section for classic models.

3 major French car clubs were represented. The President of the Citroën Car Club of NSW, said, “This trip up here is one of the highlights of the year for us - its so pictur-



esque and Nightingales are top in the way that provide a first class menu and service”

With live music, alfresco dining and market stalls, the event was further enhanced by perfect Spring-like weather.

Nightingales are currently running 2 art exhibitions - one curated by Nanshe Studio Gallery featuring 11 artists and another titled Julie Hvirf and Friends.

Keep posted for more High Tea Weekends at Nightingales as well.



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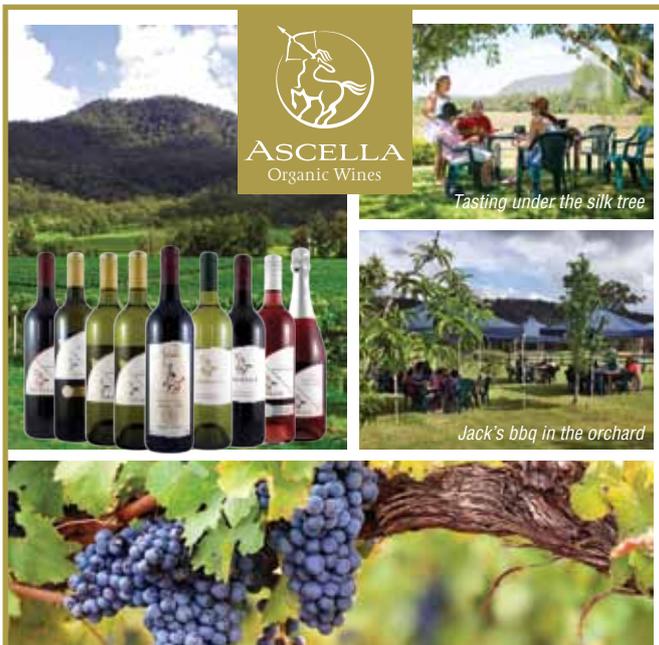
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**Rosé Slushie!**

Chilled rosé wine has become a popular tippie on a hot summer's day, but an even cooler version of the pink drink is gaining in appeal.

Frozen rosé, or frosé, is made by freezing rosé wine with lemon juice and sugar.

It is usually prepared in a large container and frozen for around seven hours before being blended into a slush.



The resulting concoction combines the sophisticated taste of rosé and the texture of children's Slush Puppy drinks, meaning it also invokes feelings of nostalgia bringing back childhood memories.

Sales of rosé wine have gone through the roof in recent months, with some experts putting the surge in demand for rosé down to the new-found popularity of frosé.

The number of bottles of rosé sold has trebled over the past decade and is now one of Sainsbury's biggest selling drinks, accounting for one in 10 bottles of wine sold last year.

Waitrose also said its rosé sales have doubled compared with the same time last year.

*The Telegraph - London*

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# Humphrey Bogart ...our fave donkey

*In June we covered the story of Humphrey the donkey who was rescued and put into the care of Stirling and Sarah in Bulga.*

A year later and Humphrey is the star of the neighbourhood

This article first appeared in the latest issue of the Donkey Welfare With Heart newsletter 'Hee Haw Herald'

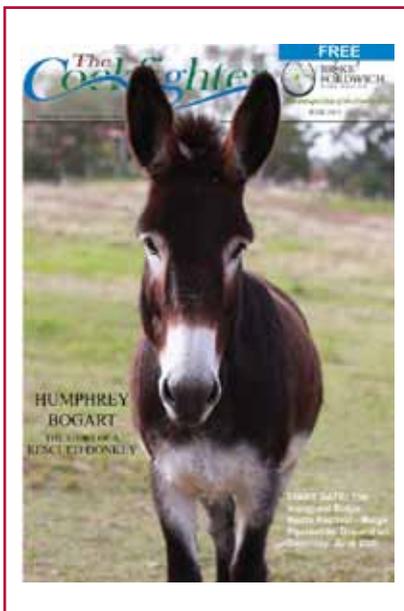
From birth in 2008 Humphrey was undernourished, every bone was prominent and palpable. Soon afterwards he was infested with internal and external parasites causing anaemia and lethargy.



This is the horror picture of Humphrey's tragic start to life. It was taken 2 months after his rescue in 2010. He was starving and terrified of humans.

The fortunate part of Humphrey's life began when he was rescued by DWWH and admitted to the Intensive Care Unit for TLC.

Humphrey's health steadily improved after months of medications, mineral and element supplements and an abundance of



Featured on the cover June 2015

good quality grass, hay and chaff.

His gelding operation set-back his progress only slightly.

The surgery had to be done to ensure he did not leap the gate, with his renewed vigour, into the paddock with all the inviting jennies. He and the jennies would have been overjoyed but we would have been horrified and overburdened by an accidental drop of foals arriving a year later.

Humphrey's human socialising and education included learning not to bite, to accept a halter and to have his physical needs met, such as grooming and hoof trimming.

It all took time, kindness and understand-

ing to restore his health and give him confidence. He evolved into a handsome, independent specimen and was given a most fitting name, 'Humphrey Bogart'.

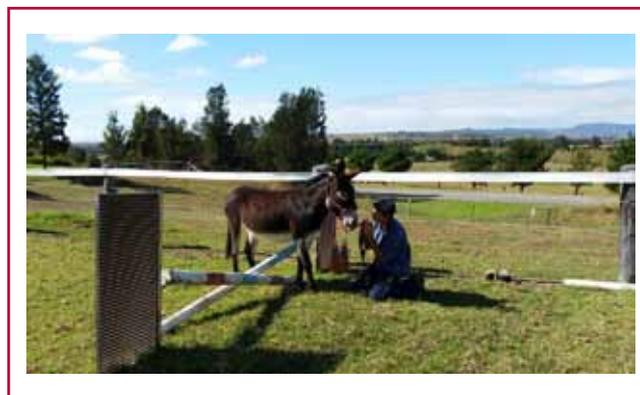
Today Humphrey Bogart enjoys human company; he is mature and lives up to his grand name displaying splendid masculine conformation in ideal weight.

His carers, Stirling and Sarah, love Humphrey and provide for his every need and education. He considers them, plus a few of the volunteers who visit him, part of his family. Some photos follow showing the humour and fun of donkeys and Humphrey's happiness.



Humphrey's first jumping lesson, with rear-end encouragement from Stirling. The instruction: "now put your hindquarters over the poles"

If you are interested in learning more about donkeys or supporting Donkey Welfare with Heart Inc – visit [donkeywelfare.com.au](http://donkeywelfare.com.au).



Stirling prays for help to ensure Humphrey understands the lesson that the rear end follows the front.



Humphrey performed with a gleam in his eye. "Is this all you wanted me to do, Stirling? Simply leap the poles? No effort."

## Annual Bulk Rubbish collections begins next month

**Singleton Council's popular annual bulk waste collection begins next month and will be held over a two-week period, just in time for spring cleaning.**

The collection is open to residential residents who currently pay for a garbage and recycling service in Singleton and surrounding areas.

Waste is to be placed kerbside, or at the front gate for rural properties, by 6.30am on the Monday of your collection week, starting 19 -23 September or

26 - 30 September. Any waste placed out after this time will not be collected.

Materials should be placed on the footpath verge in a position that will not obstruct traffic or pedestrians. All items should be neatly stacked with two separate piles for general waste and scrap metal. Loose rubbish should be placed in bags or boxes.

The bulk waste collection is for excess household rubbish only and must not be used for vacant allotment clearing or commercial/trade waste.

Due to contamination and health and safety

issues, green waste will not be collected and can be disposed of by residents at the Singleton Waste Management Facility.

### **Items that will be collected:**

- General household waste;
- Furniture;
- Mattresses;
- Household building waste, only small quantities, must not exceed two wheelbarrow loads and bricks must be stacked
- Floor coverings, rolled up to 1.5m
- A limit of two box trailer loads per household applies.

### **Items that will not be collected:**

- E-waste eg computers TVs, small household appliances. These items are accepted free of charge at Singleton Waste Depot.
- Green waste, including tree stumps and branches
- Hazardous solids and liquids including paints, oils and chemicals

- White goods, including fridges, freezers, stoves, microwaves and washing machines
- Mirrors, glass panels

-Tyres

-Batteries

-Windscreens

-Material cleared from vacant lots, including loose earth, bricks, rubble, commercial builder's rubble

Singleton's newly opened Community Recycling Centre also accepts a range of materials free of charge for domestic quantities for recycling or reuse.

These include household batteries, car batteries, DrumMuster drums, e- waste, fire extinguishers, fluoro globes and tubes, glass bottles and jars, household chemicals, LPG gas bottles, motor oils and other oils and containers, paints, paper and cardboard, plastic bottles and containers, polystyrene, scrap metal, steel/aluminium tins and cans and smoke detectors.



**If you would like to talk to us about our operations and plans, get in touch with our Community Relations and Environment teams:**

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## **'CAN' you be a bit more considerate?**

So many drivers contribute to roadside rubbish - particularly bottles and cans. John Clifton has obviously had enough and has erected this plea in the form of a humanoid made out of cans on his property Near Paynes Crossing.

Good luck John, experience has shown that the type of social misfit that throws rubbish out of vehicles is too dense to understand the result of their actions.

## GLENGUIN CELEBRATES BEST EVER RESULTS IN 2017 HALLIDAY WINE COMPANION



*The release of the 2017 edition of James Halliday's Wine Companion recently has again revealed Glenguin Estate as the hidden gem of the Hunter Valley with 5 wines being rated at 95 points or above and also regaining our five red star winery rating.*

The trio of 2014 shirazes: Stonybrooke (95pts), Schoolhouse Block (97pts) and the flagship Aristeia (97pts) – all received praise as premium Hunter Valley shirazes.

Also rated as outstanding wines were two older releases – the 2007 Aristeia Shiraz (95pts)

and the 2006 Classic Aged Release Semillon (96pts). The current release 2015 Semillon was rated highly as well, scoring 88 points.

Cellar Door Manager Phil Jones says the result is a win for the Broke Fordwich region as well as Glenguin Estate. "The result illustrates just how special the Broke Fordwich region is. We are consistently seeing wines of the highest quality coming from here. Our results, along with those of Margan, Stomp! and Catherine Vale, showcase the region as a producer of super premium wine, particularly shiraz, that can rival those from anywhere else in the country."

The James Halliday Wine Companion is recognized nationally as the industry benchmark and is keenly anticipated each year by winemakers, collectors and wine lovers alike.



### Saturday 24th September

**CHALLENGE YOURSELF AND JOIN THE  
INAUGURAL 180KM BIKE RIDE FROM  
BEROWRA IN SYDNEY TO BROKE IN THE  
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Help raise funds and awareness for depression. To ensure you have a great day there will be en-route support with food and drink stops.

But make sure you conserve your energy while you're in the peloton. With 165km in your legs you'll have your chance to see what you're made of when you GO FOR BROKE for the last 15 km.

Depression is on the rise; 1 in 5 Aussies have suffered or are suffering from it. The organisers at GO FOR BROKE want to promote how exercising and riding with mates can make a difference. For both guys and girls, young and old, from whatever walk of life you're from.

"We want our riders to have a great time, make friends and take on the challenge to help us beat depression." Said organiser Ed Kirk.

The course starts in Berowra in Sydney's North and heads to Broke in the Hunter Valley via Berowra Waters, Wisemans Ferry and Central Mangrove. There is a KOM at the 120km mark where riders will have a 2km lead in as well at the very important last 15km where, after 165km, you'll need to work hard to GO FOR BROKE.

**REGISTER:**

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**NEWS FLASH!** One of our great sponsors, Woolly's Wheels are offering any registered rider a free bike service as part of the entry ticket. Just show them your ticket and speak to Nat and his team to book in a time. Any parts will also have a discount of 25% AS WELL. Get in quick!



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## Peek into the past with a month-long program of events to celebrate History Week at Singleton Library

Singleton Library has turned History Week into History month!

Join us during September for a range of programs celebrating Singleton's heritage and history, starting with the launch of the program and exhibition 'Good Fences' on Thursday 1st September from 5:30pm to 7pm.

The exhibition features historical maps from the Singleton area, including original works by artist Debbie Becker depicting traditional lands.

Guests at the launch will also be treated to an original play "A good day for cricket" performed by Singleton's youth drama group, Broken Leg Theatre Company. Local wines will be served with a selection of cheeses.

The History Council of NSW will present 'On the neighbours circuit: good and bag neighbours in Colonial Hunter Valley' on 6 September, featuring professional historian and sometime archaeologist Dr Mark Dunn speaking as part of the popular Speaker

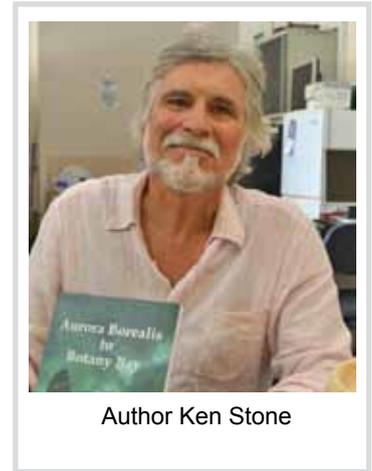
Connect program, followed by wine and cheese.

The event will run from 5:30pm to 7pm.

On 15 September, Reneta Daniel will help uncover the dark pasts and haunted heritage of the Hunter Valley with Ghost Hunting in the Hunter from 5:30pm to 7pm. Reneta's books will be available for purchase and signing on the night.

Then join author Ken Stone on 17 September from 10am to 11:30am as he presents his work Aurora Borealis to Botany Bay and an insight into his journey of discovery in writing the history of his ancestor. Morning tea will be served.

The program will wrap up on 29 September with High Tea and Historic Homes, when owners of Bogleburn, Pelerin and Abbey Green, present their restoration journeys with these local historic properties from 12pm to 2:30pm. Tickets cost \$10 each and are available from the library. Get in quick as places are limited.



Author Ken Stone

**Bookings are essential for all events. For more information on these and other library programs visit [www.singleton.nsw.gov.au](http://www.singleton.nsw.gov.au) or contact the library on 02 6578 7500.**



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**BROKE VILLAGE MARKET**

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# OUR WILDLIFE

Spangled Drongo. (*Dicurus bracteatus*)

This glossy black bird has a heavy, bristled bill, tapering wings and a distinctive forked tail. Seen alone, in pairs or sometimes in small flocks, they forage for insects from set perches through the middle strata of the forest, flying fast and erratically, weaving and hovering, gleaning insects from the foliage and in flight. Most Eastern population are nomadic or partly migratory, many moving north

to New Guinea in winter and returning to breed in spring. They breed from September to march and lay 3-5 eggs in a shallow saucer-shaped nest of vine tendrils, plant stems and fibres in a horizontal of a densely-foliaged tree up to 25m high. Both parents incubate the eggs and feed the young. Call is metallic chattering, cackling, hissing and rasping. Diet is of insects, fruit and small birds. Habitat is rainforests, vine scrubs, mangroves, parks and gardens.



Elizabeth

Joey's Retreat.

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