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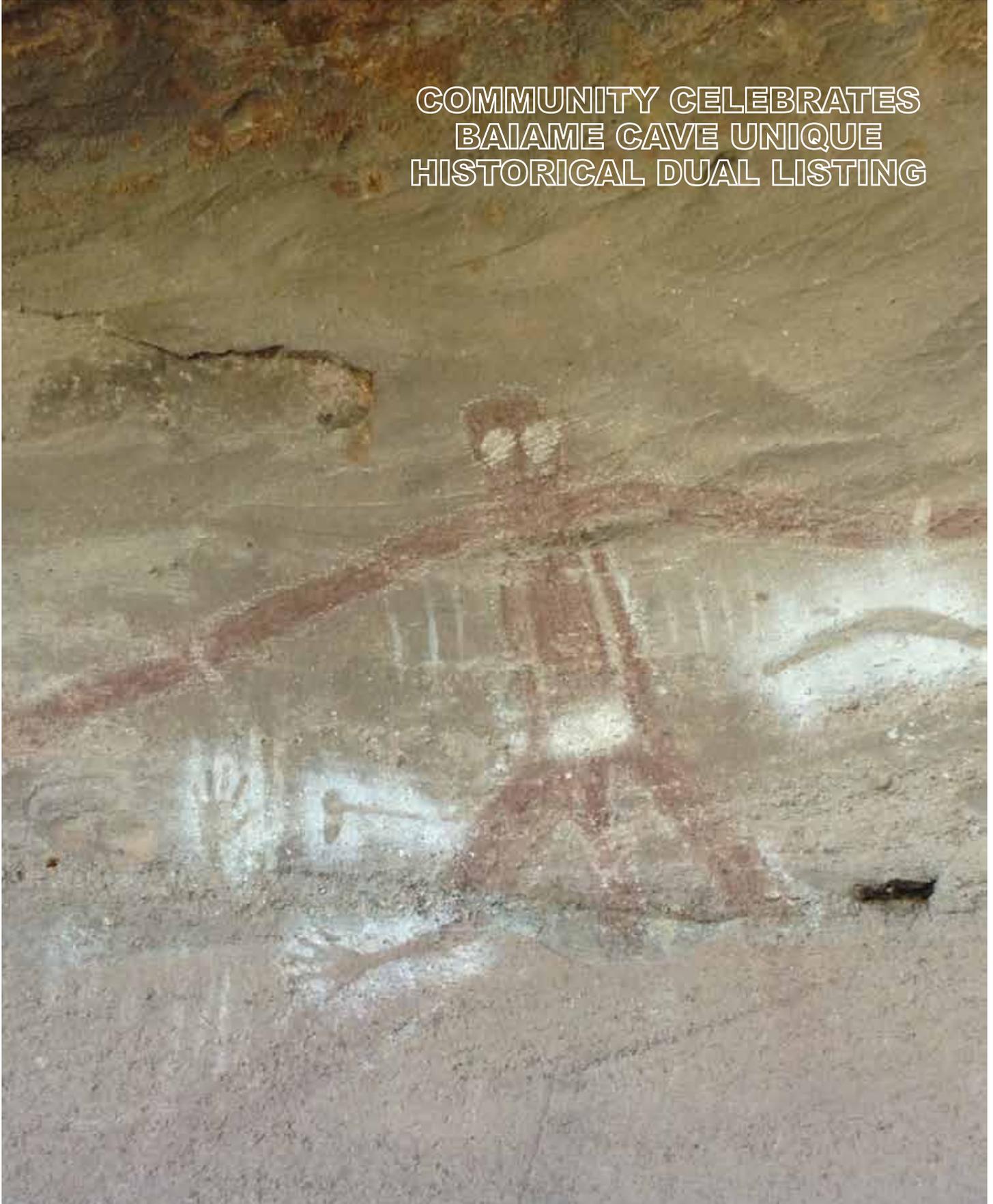


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Our magazine - named after Cockfighter Creek - So named in 1820 by John Howe and B. Singleton because one of their horses called Cockfighter was bogged here on their return trip from Wallis Plains (Maitland) to Patrick Plains (Singleton)

## From the Editor

# LOVE (AND AUTUMN) JUST AROUND THE CORNER

*Welcome back from that internationally unique idyll we know as the Australian Christmas-New Year break—a near two-month spell from the troubles that infest the day; one which enables us, the lucky few at the bottom of the globe, to enjoy 40-plus degree heat, an absence of politicians and the ritual round of drink-driving-cum-speeding blitzes by the guardians of the law. And don't forget the (very) occasional spots of rain. This is your first issue of COCKFIGHTER for Our Year of Grace 2017 and we hope it won't be the last.*

For us in our little patch of paradise in Broke-Bulga-Milbrodale-Fordwich, the general concern about Rio Tinto's continuing despoliation of said sub-region has been replaced with cautious optimism about the new owners of our coal deposits (and you knew, didn't you, that this black gold is ours?). Late last month Rio announced that its Hunter Valley coal mining arm Coal&Allied would be sold to Chinese monolith Yancoal for about \$3.23-billion. The deal involves an up-front payment of nearly \$2-billion, with another \$500-million over the next five years, as well as potential royalties. Yancoal will absorb Rio's interests in the Hunter Valley Operations mine, an 80% stake in the Mount Thorley workings, a 55.6 per cent slice of the Warkworth pit and a 36.5 interest in a coal export terminal at Newcastle. Read elsewhere for John Krey's characteristically insightful overview of this development and share group prayers that maybe Yancoal will be about going under and not over our hopes for the future of Bulga and the Wallaby Scrub Road.

Descending to my normal cliché-ridden banality, I would like to mention that Time Flies—and if you're not satisfied with that stupefying truism, I'll add that Time Flies Faster than A Speeding Shuttle, which is the motto of my wife's old school (despite her comparative youth, the school insists

that she is an Old Girl; this should mean that my old school in Kiwiland should rightly classify me as an Ancient Boy, although I'll gladly accept 'Failed All Black'). But I digress, because it's only a lick and a spit to the merry month of May. And, as any proud Bulgarian will attest, that is the time when Bulga beats its own individual and highly innovative drum.

Judith Leslie is the Bulga-Milbrodale Progress Association's hard-working Secretary and my informant for the latest on Bulga Beats, which is the local festival planned for May 6-7 this year (Saturday a.m. until Sunday p.m.). Judith says this concept is changing over the four month planning period, morphing into something bigger, better and a little different each year: it's a community vision, a dream of community inclusiveness while welcoming visitors from far and wide. It will include a main stage and a smaller version, workshop spaces, festival art and everything that has been featured in other years. Opening night at the Bulga Recreation Ground will be a time for connecting jamming, communicating and story-telling. Bands are being rehearsed, tickets are selling and advertising is plugging Bulga Beats by way of posters, Facebook, word of mouth, the BMPA, dedicated websites—and (dare I say it) your own little scandal sheet. Organisers are offering free tickets to volunteers to man the front gate or the art gallery, and weekend tickets are available through Eventbrite—the earlier you book, the better the price.

A special vote of thanks regarding this issue: from my tireless partner in literary crime, Eden Anthony and from your indolent Editor, grateful acknowledgement of the Singleton Argus for their coverage of the uplifting Baiame heritage listing. I think another dimension of serenity and grace has opened for us—we of the Tranquil Side of the Valley.

(Tom Jackson)

January February  
2017

Dec Jan Rainfall 97.00 mm  
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## Diary Dates

7-9 April 2017 A Little Bit of Italy in Broke  
1 May to 30 June 2017 Hunter Valley Wine and Food Festival  
29 April to 14 May 2017 Singleton Festival  
6th and 7th May 2017 Bulga Beats Festival  
25 August to 27 August 2017 Wollombi Country Fair  
10 September 2017 Broke Village Fair and Vintage Car Display

### First Sunday of the Month Broke Village Markets

#### Other dates to add to your calendar

February 11th Simple Minds & The B-52's  
February 12th James Taylor  
February 18th Bruce Springsteen & The E-Street Band  
February 25th Suzi Quatro  
March 25th Red Hot Summer Tour 2017  
April 1st Cyndi Lauper & Blondie  
April 8th Barry Gibb  
13 May to 14 May 2017 Lovedale Long Lunch  
21 October 2017 Opera in the Vineyards

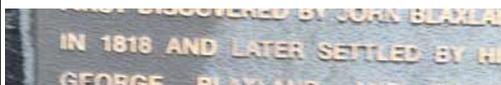


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# BAIAME CAVE ABORIGINAL PLACE DESIGNATION AND STATE HERITAGE REGISTER LISTING CELEBRATION

*It was a morning to celebrate culture and collaboration.*

People from the local community, and throughout NSW, gathered to acknowledge the Aboriginal Place designation and State Heritage Register listing of Baiame Cave.

Located on the Smith's property at Milbrodale, the cave features a depiction of Baiame, understood by some Aboriginal people in NSW as the creator.

It is believed the Wonnarua people were the traditional custodians of the artwork before and after colonisation, and the painting is representative of the traditional heritage of the Aboriginal people of the Hunter Valley and greater NSW.

People from around the community shared their memories of visiting the site as a child, and joined together in celebrating that it would now be protected into the future.

By working together, members of the Aboriginal community, Singleton Shire Council, neighbouring miners and vineyards, and the Smith family, saw the site's recognition come to pass.

Baiame Cave was gazetted under the Heritage Act 1977 on July 31, 2015; and awarded an Aboriginal Place designation under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974, on May 13, 2016.

Wonnarua Nation Aboriginal Corporation CEO Laurie Perry said it was the most significant site on the east coast of Australia.

He said he hoped more collaborations like this would happen around Australia, adding that people now know the process required to nominate a place for listing, so they should.

"I can tell you it was a lot of hard work, and we did it," he said of the two years of meetings and submissions.



Hosted by Heritage Council of NSW, Coal & Allied and Bulga Coal the celebration was well attended

"It shows Aboriginal people and land owners can work together and achieve outcomes."

Acting chair of the Heritage Council of NSW Dr Mark Dunn said Baiame Cave met all seven of the criteria that are considered to be listed on the register.

"To appreciate just how significant this site is, it's important to understand how State Heritage Register listings work," he said.

"I'm so proud and pleased this site has been heritage listed and AP [designated] at the same time and I will endeavour to do more in the future.

"The dual listing highlights just how important this site is for the Wonnarua community, and the people of NSW.



"I can tell you it was a lot of hard work, and we did it," Wonnarua Nation Aboriginal Corporation CEO Laurie Perry

"The future management of this Aboriginal Place and State Heritage listed site will depend on the strong relationships that have been built between the Smith family, the Wonnarua people and the wider community.

"We look forward to seeing the protection, recognition and indeed the celebration of Aboriginal cultural heritage here at Baiame Cave for many years to come."

Noelene Smith said her family had always known it was an important site, and had long wanted it to be registered as such.

"We've always allowed the Aboriginal people access, even before there were steps there," she said.

The next stage for the site will be the introduction of toilets, signs, and other developments, to allow for more people – including schools and tour groups – to visit and appreciate Baiame Cave.

*Betina Hughes  
Singleton Argus*



Landowner, Noleen Smith receives acknowledgement certificate from Acting chair of the Heritage Council of NSW Dr Mark Dunn



TAFE Outreach Course  
**'Cooking around the World'**

The course is at **Bulga Hall** on Thursdays from 6 pm to 9 pm.  
The course will start on 16 February and finish on 4 May. If you are interested in this course and there is a particular cuisine you are interested in, please call Annabelle at TAFE on 65421115 for more information.

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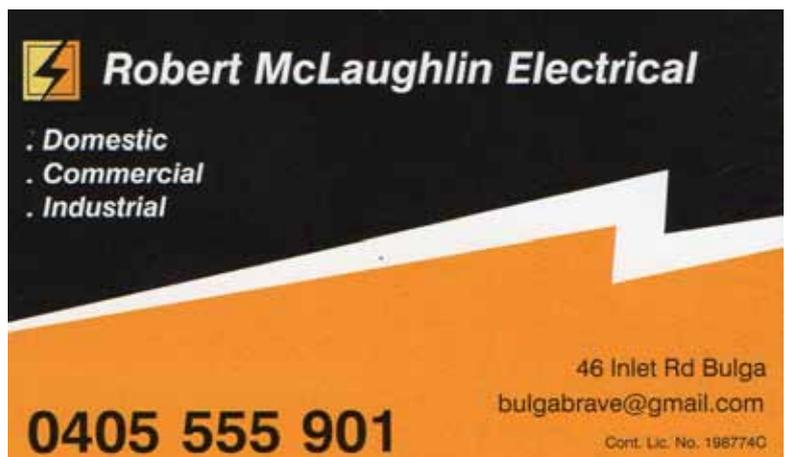
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# BAREFOOT YOGA AND MASSAGE IS RETURNS TO THE BULGA COMMUNITY HALL IN 2017.

After a great year teaching yoga to the local community I'm happy to be bringing class's back to a Tuesday night at 6:30pm.

If you're interested in taking up yoga then here is a great place to start. Yoga is for all bodies. Every shape and size can benefit from the extra mobility, flexibility and strength.

Coming along to a yoga class can seem daunting. There are so many styles and interpretations and instructors who range from ultra-spiritual to pretzel bendy in pretty pants.

So let me tell you where I fit on this scale and the styles I teach.

I teach two styles of Yoga. Vinyasa Flow which is where we move with each breath to build a sequence of yoga poses. This is a little more dynamic and cardio-based. This style can be as easy or as difficult as you like. As with anything you can go hard or take it easy and in yoga taking it easy is totally encouraged. If that is where your body is at on the day. I give options to modify as we slowly build your strength and mobility.

The second style is Yin. Unlike our vinyasa flow, which is a Yang practice, Yin is much more static and floor based. We hold poses for a period of time so you can open the body and access all those areas where you are stuck. It's a great place to find some stillness, quiet the chatter in your mind and de-stress. This will definitely create some more mobility and space to get you moving easier.

My classes in Bulga are a combination of both styles. We keep it fun and light hearted. There is opportunity to draw your attention inward and connect or if you just want to come for the exercise that's great too. I don't overload my class's with Yogic Philosophy.

Im not ultra bendy although I do like a pretty pair of tights. After doing over 20 years in the corporate world I decided to spend some time being a mum. As the little people grew I allowed myself for the first time to think about what I wanted to do rather than what best paid the bills. I thought how lovely it would be to have a job where you didn't have to wear shoes!!!! So here I am now Bare Foot Yoga and Massage. Able to give my kids the time I want to give and still have contact with adult humans through yoga.

And some people who have come to class were lovely enough to say this .....

*Alethea's classes are fab, and it's just down the road at the Bulga Hall. It's not often we spend time on ourselves. If you have time on a Tuesday evening, come along. We have men and women from Bulga, Milbrodale and Broke in a welcoming environment. - Teegan, Milbrodale*

*As a beginner, I found the Yoga class at Bulga Hall to be very accommodating for all levels. I love that it is in Bulga. Yoga has helped me with my flexibility and strength. It has also been beneficial for me to relax and helps with my day to day stress. My husband and I hope that it continues this year!"*



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*Alethea Rasmussen*

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# BROKE RURAL FIRE SERVICE - ARCHIVE PROJECT

*Secretary of the Broke Rural Fire Service, Ken Fitzsimons, is seeking to enlist the assistance of the local community to help build an archive of the local fire service.*

“A number of us at the Broke Bush Fire Brigade have launched an initiative to begin collecting photographs from as far back as possible of past members, fire incidents, any social events or anything related to the Brigade here in Broke,” Ken said.

“The aim of the project is to create an archive within the Brigade to be housed in the Fire Shed with the intention of eventually making it accessible to the public when complete. Should we be successful in gathering a good collection, it is hoped to also publish a small booklet, The History of the Broke Bush Fire Brigade through photographs,” he added.

Too often communities discover that what was considered not worth saving or remembering becomes important in the future. In a decade or so, many of the existing images



**c1936 Dennis Ace Fire Truck**

Dennis built their first fire engine based on the smaller Ace chassis in 1934, a year after it had been introduced as a bus, and the compact frame, with the engine mounted well forward, was nicknamed the ‘Flying Pig’. Powered by a 3770cc four-cylinder engine, 134 tenders were delivered by the time production ceased in 1939 and a number served with the New South Wales Fire Brigade in this period - an example of the ‘Flying Pig’ is still on display at the Museum of Fire in Penrith. Dennis also made the Ace 6, or Light 6, between 1935 and 1943 and both models are popular with collectors of fire fighting equipment today.

and stories may have been destroyed or forgotten and the Broke RFS is concerned that the important history of the service may disappear.

If you know of the existence of photographs or have contact with residents who have stories about the Broke Rural Fire Service please let Ken know.

If necessary the photographs will be copied and returned – if the photographs are in poor condition they can be repaired and enhanced.

“We are asking people dig deep into old boxes, albums, and all nooks and crannies to see if they may have either old or recent photographs they would be willing to allow us to copy for the purpose of this project.

It is a venture we feel that needs to be undertaken now, before it is too late and it would be a shame to not be able to put faces to names, especially for the members of the future, and for the community in general, and I feel that the history of the Brigade needs to be recorded,” Ken said.

*Ken Fitzsimons can be reached on 0478 199 523*

## NEW LAND VALUATIONS GIVE ALL PROPERTIES IN SINGLETON A COMBINED WORTH IN EXCESS OF \$2.6 BILLION

The total land value of all properties in Singleton has come in at \$2.6 billion under a new revaluation for 2016, slightly lower than the previous valuation in 2013.

An information report presented to Council’s meeting last night said a general revaluation had been complete, with the new valuations to apply to rates levied in 2017/2018.

The Singleton LGA has a total land value of \$2,585,880,180 as at 2 December 2016, down by 5.20 per cent from \$2,727,786,338 from 2013.

The Valuer General will issue notices of valuation to property owners from late January 2017. Land owners have until late March 2017 to lodge objections to their valuation.

Anthony Egan, Council’s Director Corporate and Community Services Group said the valuations would not impact the total amount of general rates Council could

raise, which amounts to \$18.2 million in 2017/2018.

“There have been decreases shown in most rating categories, including large movement in the Business Mt Thorley and Residential Singleton categories,” he said.

“There were slight increases in the Residential Ordinary and Farmland Ordinary categories.

“The impact of the revaluation on individual property owners in regards to the general rates payable will depend on the land value of their rate assessment, and the movement in the valuation of their assessment in relation to other assessments in the same rating category.

“Rates are also subject to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory IPART) rate peg and any Special Rate Variation.”



# MINE SALE THREAT TO JOBS AS WELL AS COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT?

For seven and a half years the residents of Bulga and Milbrodale have been working hard to prevent the expansion of the Warkworth mine towards Bulga. Despite winning on two occasions in the Courts the collusion between the State Government and Rio Tinto stepped around those decisions and in November 2015 the Planning Assessment Commission approved the same expansion the courts rejected.

The news that Rio Tinto has sold its interests in the Hunter Valley for \$3.3 billion confirms that the company was not interested in protecting 1300 jobs but boosting its sale value for the mine.

Yancoal's reputation and performance in caring for the environment and residents of nearby villages is not known but will be tested in the next 12 months.

Having lost the battle to stop the expansion local residents are supporting the Singleton Council in saving the heritage Wallaby Scrub Road. Both the State Government and Rio Tinto have shown little regard to our European and aboriginal heritage but Council appears determined to save this important road.

Yancoal is known to be an underground miner and the current physical state of the Warkworth open cut pit is most suited to an underground operation. Rio Tinto has refused to consider this alternative in the past as they were only interested in the bottom line. Open cut mining together with the destruction it causes was Rio looking after its shareholders at the expense of the environment, health and residents.

The new owners have the opportunity to stop the destruction and start the long process of cleaning up the Upper Hunter air quality. This can be achieved with an underground operation. Jobs will continue and the government will reap their ill-gotten gains by annual royalties.

To the residents of Bulga the purchase by Yancoal is an opportunity to help the envi-



ronment, continue employment, save the village of Bulga and improve the reputation of miners in the Upper Hunter.

The departure of Rio Tinto from the Upper Hunter will not be seen as a loss by local residents.

**John Krey**

FOOTNOTE:

Federal MP for Hunter, Joel Fitzgibbon, said Yancoal already owns several Hunter region mines, therefore the purchase is a vote of confidence in the industry and the area.

“It shows that the Chinese think that coal has a future, and they’re prepared to increase their stake in it,” Mr Fitzgibbon said.

He is concerned about the new owners cutting costs at the mines by shedding employees.

“On the potential downside, Yancoal obviously believes it can make a quid as well, therefore probably believe it can run the mines more efficiently,” he said.

“There are many ways you can achieve efficiencies, but often it’s about workforce... I hope not, but you’ve got to look at both sides of the equation and the possibilities.”

# TRADITIONAL 'COOL BURN' TECHNIQUES THE ANSWER TO BUSH CARE

**Broke/Bulga Landcare Group have secured major funding for McNamara Park and adjoining parks for woody weed and pest grass management**

Hunter Local Land Services through their campaign to control African olives and other woody weeds, has been able to assist Broke/Bulga Landcare Group with funds to make a massive push against African Olives, Camphor Laurel and Broad-leaf Privet in all our Parks.

This has been the goal of the group since forming 20 years ago, but the seedbank of decades stymied their efforts to rid the Parks of these hardy and persistent weeds.

In the last few months we have been assisted by regular working bees from Glencore's Bulga Coal where we tackled Wandering Jew, Prickly Pear, Pyracantha (Firethorn) and Cotoneasters and several species of weed vines.

With the injection of \$15,000 (to be spent by June this year), these woody weeds should be hopefully eradicated over the next few months using a combination of 'cut-and-paint' stumps then chipping of the cut portions. This mulch will be used on areas of the park to prevent a new crop of weeds.

To augment this action we have contracted Koori Country Firesticks, an indigenous community venture of trained 'fire' practitioners, to conduct cool burns around the Parks and slopes to the Wollombi Brook. This method of burning is being slowly re-introduced to the district after the traditional communities were moved off their lands to accommodate farming many decades ago. It was used as the practice to re-vitalise grasslands and shrubs to encourage animals to return; which in turn provided meat for the community.

The firesticks project uses the term 'cultural burning' to describe burning practices developed by Aboriginal people to enhance the health of the land and its people.

Cultural burning can include burning (or prevention of burning) for the health of particular plants, animals and country. It may involve patch burning to create different fire intervals or used specifically for fuel and hazard reduction purposes.

A further benefit of the 'cool burn' which, apart from its effectiveness, is its very cool 'nature'; quite unlike most fires we light to burn piles of rubbish. It is a 'trickling' front of flame rarely burning higher than 30cm and leaving very little residual heat

in the ground. This gentle form of burning enables us to burn more regularly resulting in a more attractive and resilient environment - encouraging biodiversity. The 'burn' frequency being considered is every 5 years.

This action will enable us to control the seedbank of African olives and other woody weed trees and also control the rampant growth of African lovegrass. Presenting as a serious weed, African lovegrass grows quite tall and dense, often joining together to form large clumps. The 'burn' will have the effect of reducing its prevalence, impact its growth pattern plus reduce the fire risk amongst the Rough-barked Apple and other large trees growing in the Parks.

Another benefit of the 'burn' is it will expose the seeds of long absent native plants which were smothered by the grass. A number of these understorey seeds require fire or smoke to germinate. With time and reasonable rain we could see a flourishing 'new' community of plants emerging.

The Cutting, Painting plus chipping, has been almost completed - a day has been set aside in the February/March to tidy up those aspects previously missed.

For the cool burn, the community of Broke along with local indigenous people are invited to attend and view this historic re-introduction to our area. Come and re-learn how the 'practice' is managed. Weather permitting it will probably be in May.

Further information in cool burns can be found at:

[firesticks.org.au/](http://firesticks.org.au/)

[abc.net.au/news/2016-05-24/monaro-farmers-use-aboriginal-cool-burn-fires-to-recover/7440824](http://abc.net.au/news/2016-05-24/monaro-farmers-use-aboriginal-cool-burn-fires-to-recover/7440824)

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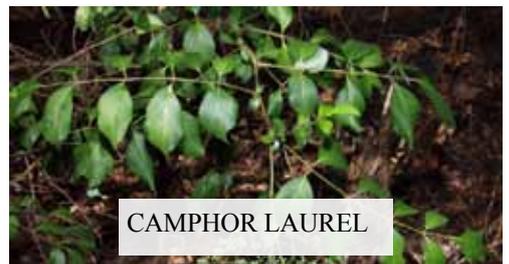
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# BROKE HALL HOSTS 77TH BIRTHDAY OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF SINGLETON

The Rotary Club of Singleton and the Broke Hall Committee invite you and your family to a free community BBQ at Broke Hall on Thursday 23 February 2017 at 6.00 pm - 8.00 pm.

The Rotary Club of Singleton and the Broke Hall Committee invite you to join us at Broke Hall for a relaxed social evening to celebrate the 77th birthday of the Rotary Club of Singleton and the 100th birthday of The Rotary Foundation, the charitable arm of Rotary International.

The Rotary Club of Singleton Inc. was established on 16 February 1940. Our membership consists of men and women of all ages. We are neighbours, friends and community leaders who have come together to create positive, lasting change in our local community and around the world for over 70 years.

Since 1988, The Rotary Foundation now 100 years old, has played a leadership role with the World Health Organisation, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and UNICEF in bringing the world to the

brink of polio eradication. We are close to eradicating a human disease for only the second time in history. A global public-private partnership has reduced the poliovirus caseload by 99.9% over the last 30 years. Last year we only saw wild polio cases in three countries, Afghanistan 13 cases, Nigeria 4 cases and Pakistan 20 cases. We aim to end polio by ensuring the vaccination of every child in the world.

To help us cater adequately we would appreciate your rsvp to Gwen Lambkin 6579 1120 or Lindy Hyam 0434559729 by Friday 17 February.

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# OUR WILDLIFE



## SCARLET HONEYEATER. (*Myzomela sanguinolenta*)

Males have a scarlet head, breast and rump, black wings and tail. Females have olive-brown above with a red wash on the chin and off-white under parts.

They congregate in loose flocks in tall flowering trees and shrubs, constantly flitting around, hanging head down and hovering to probe flowers, sometimes snatching flying insects. Northern populations stay in the same area year-round, elsewhere they wander up and down the coast and ranges looking for food, sometimes travelling long distances. They breed from July to January and raise 2 broods in a season. The female lays 2-3 eggs in a flimsy, cup shaped nest attached by the rim to a horizontal fork in a tree, 1-1.5m high and incubates the eggs for about 12 days. Both parents feed the young. They have a bell-like tinkering call by the male; squeaks by the female. Diet consists of nectar, insects and fruit and habitat is Sclerophyll forests, rainforests, woodland heaths, parks and gardens.

Elizabeth

Joeys Retreat

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