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February Rainfall	18.00 mm
TOTAL to date	755 mm

From the Editor

SO MUCH FOR THE HERITAGE OF OUR FOREBEARS

You have to hand it to Bulga—the 400-500-strong parcel of rural population on the road to Singleton; famed for two stupendous wins over mining monoliths in the courts of our land, only to be overturned by stomach-churning collusion between the losing party and its morally bankrupt, donation-happy serfs in the (wine)barrel O'Farrell-led coalition government in NSW. Surely, nothing like it could happen again?

Move down to another level of government—the local one, for a devastating answer to that poser. Read elsewhere for contributions by Stewart Ewen and John Krey about the Singleton Council decision to abandon its seemingly rock-solid opposition to the despoliation of Wallaby Scrub Road, that Great North Road artery which our pioneers built and bled for. Questions must be asked—and members of the Bulga-Milbrodale Progress Association will be heartened by the news that Alan Jones, the champion of their stand against destructive mining expansion (and government chicanery), is in their corner once more. If you can trawl cyberspace for his dismemberment of a hapless NSW Premier Baird over the original Mount Thorley court appeal, please be my guest: it is one of the most confrontational, surgically incisive interviews that NAB's new Customer Services Officer ever endured in his days as Liberal honcho in NSW.

Little Bit of Italy is nigh, and we are here to thank the many backers of the event for their continued support, as well as the accommodation and cellar door participants who make it such a great show. You can get an idea of the scope of LBOI from the programme details within.

And now for something different. For no particular reason, I don't spruik The merits of new films or books unless they have a local or regional connection—which, with all respect, means we don't hear much about our little sub-region or its unique advantages in the realm of the latest movie or book release. But the book I want to tell you about has a chilling accordance, if you like, with what is happening in Bulga or Broke, or Singleton or the Greater Hunter—in fact, throughout NSW and every

part of the Lucky Country. Having said that, I'll mystify you further by disclosing that the book is all about Nazi Germany. God help me, I hear you screech—Is Jackson aligning miners and politicians with the architects of Auschwitz? Not for a moment, you'll be relieved to hear; the book is all about the beginnings of the scourge, the social cancer which emanated from German laboratories in the 1930's to present today's western authorities with the threat of 'ice' addiction. Bear in mind that only recently was I assured by a prominent regional legal officer that Singleton has an acute problem with illicit drug use among young people.

BLITZED, the book by Norman Ohler, is the story of drug use in Nazi Germany, a society which presented itself as a bulwark against moral degeneracy. Instead, it was awash with drugs: cocaine, heroin, morphine, and, most of all methamphetamine, or crystal meth. This was endemic in factories, in the homes of the Third Reich—even with the troops who were carrying out the mission of the Master Race with Hitler's victories in 1940-41. The Fuhrer himself was not above this infatuation: as the war turned against him, he became a slave to potentially lethal cocktails of stimulants, as did his entourage. Summing up, Ohler points to the rise of the potent and popular pill which was marketed as 'Pervitin', available at every chemist's shop, its main ingredient: methamphetamine. It seems its availability, not legally of course, hasn't diminished over the years.

(Tom Jackson)

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

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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A LITTLE BIT OF ITALY IN BROKE

7th, 8th and 9th of April

This year, the organisers are looking forward to sharing some new experiences and tastes at A Little Bit of Italy in Broke 2017.

The festival is now in its 13th year and it's getting better every year. The participating venues have all stepped up their offerings.

They've invited a range of local restaurants, street food vans and caterers to add to the range of food available over the weekend. The restaurants are cooking up pasta, pizza, porchetta, antipasto, Italian picnic boxes and fire-pit lamb; you can dine in at the vines, alfresco, on the run, graze through a range of dishes and venues, picnic at the long table or dine in a restaurant; and throughout the day you can indulge in Italian and local cheeses, olives, cannoli, Italian pastries, espresso, cappuc-

cino and a range of enticing gelato flavours.

The program of workshops are back. Pizza making, gnocchi workshops, cocktail classes, olive preserving and vineyard and olive grove walks are just a few of those on offer.

Stay the weekend and indulge in a little bit of Italy and a whole lot of Broke Fordwich.

Rover Coaches will operate an event Mini-Shuttle to all venues throughout the day.

Accommodation in Broke Fordwich

Recommended accommodation for the event and throughout the year includes:

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Catherine Vale Wines Food by **Smokin' Hot 'n Saucy**

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- Pork or lamb from the open Italian fire-pit with pasta salad and bread

- Duccio gelato, espresso and Italian sweet treats available all day

stomp! Wines Food By **Mama's Kitchen**

- Italian grazing food to share to include bruschetta, bocconcini skewers, meatballs and antipasto

- Main plates with

favourites such as spaghetti and meatballs, roast pumpkin ravioli and beef tortellini

- For the sweet tooth tiramisu, cannoli and balsamic strawberries

- Coffee by **The Local Coffee Man**

Nightingale Wines Food by **Nightingale Restaurant**

- Market style food stalls serving charcuterie plates, Italian BBQ plates, salads, breads; rustic pasta.

- Finish with gelato and cannoli or enjoy barista coffee all day

Pickled & Pitted Food by **Ascella Organic Wine** and **Riverflats Estate**

- For lunch, Porchetta (of local suckling pig), pizza, hot olives

- All day coffee from 8am, sweet treats and Hunter Valley cheese plates

Greenway Wines Food by **Mojo's Picnic Company**

- Picnic boxes to share on the long table select from the antipasto picnic box, the Italian lunch picnic, the Italian picnic feast or one for the kids

Whispering Brook Vineyard Food by **The Cellar Restaurant**

- A selection of wood-fired pizza, pasta with meatballs served alfresco

Krinklewood Biodynamic Vineyard

- Wood-fired pizza, gelato and espresso in the Tuscan inspired courtyard

Lavender Ridge

- Home-made pasta with sauces or olive bread laden in home-made tapenade.

Mount Broke Estate Food by **Mount Broke Restaurant**

- Dine in the vineyard rows with a selection of antipasto, chorizo linguine, seafood tagliatelle, arancini, finish with gourmet Italian desserts.

Broke's Promise Food by **Ray the Butcher**

- Italian meatballs and sausages and a feast of Italian patisseries and espresso.

Margan Wines Food by **Margan Restaurant**

- a leisurely lunch in the restaurant with an Italian inspired menu featuring estate grown produce

- casual al fresco dining with olives, house-made grissini and aged parmesan; Italian cheese selection, lavosh and fig paste; flat bread with toppings; coffee and house made Italian cakes.

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7th, 8th and 9th of April

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Sydney Balalaika Orchestra will be the first on the new stage at Putty Hall

Sydney Balalaika Orchestra will be the first to perform on the new stage at Putty Hall on Saturday, 18 March.

Just back from a Russian tour, the group are looking forward to performing their fourth concert in the beautiful rural setting of Putty. Local Putty resident Martha Babineau, playing the domra, is one of 28 performers in the orchestra.

Authentic folk instruments and traditional Russian costumes, take audiences on an unforgettable journey to the heart and soul of Russia. Musical Director Victor Serghie's and cimbalom player Lucy Voronov's arrangements of classic Russian folk songs and orchestral pieces are simply

breathtaking in their beauty, power and expression.

Inspired by Serghie's free and easy banter which builds a bridge of friendship between the performers and the audience, the twenty plus orchestra and singers are an eclectic mixture of many cultures (Armenian, Australian, Belorussian, Chinese, Croatian, Dutch, Irish, Russian, Scottish, Serbian and Ukrainian) united by their passion for the true Russian folk music – several soloists are acknowledged virtuosos on their instruments.

Along with regular performances in and around Sydney, the Orchestra performs at many major folk music festivals, tours interstate and has performed by invitation

in China.

Before the start of the concert at 7pm, the Putty Hall bar will be open and a Russian style dinner will be served from 6pm. A supper of cakes and slices will be served with tea and coffee during interval. Concert, supper and Russian style dinner costs \$35, children under 14 years \$15. Concert and supper only costs \$25, children \$10. A special family rate is available. To book, please call Margaret on 6579 7077. Tickets available at door.

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To the Editor

COUNCILLORS SUPPORT DESTRUCTION OF HISTORIC LOCAL ASSET TO FAVOUR CHINESE MINERS

I attended and spoke at the Singleton Council last night ...in 50 years of observing and working with Local Government I have never experienced such poor judgement and lack of professionalism by Councillors with the exception of Councillor McNamara .

The Council reversed its previous position in regard to the closure of Wallaby Scrub Road !!!!

Previously they had voted 6 times and it was unanimous to support the people of Bulga , this time , with no new data , they became turncoats .

The quality of our ‘‘Councillors ‘‘ has hit rock bottom ...one has to ask why and what inducements were discussed ?

After seven years of supporting the villages of Bulga and Milbrodale against the expansion of the Warkworth mine the Singleton Council has turned its back on the residents of these villages in favour of a Chinese multinational mining company.

At the council meeting on the 19th of December 2016 Councillors voted

unanimously as they had done on six previous occasions not to close the heritage Wallaby Scrub Road. However at this meeting on the 20 February all but one of the Councillors changed their vote.

The residents of Bulga and Milbrodale are asking what happened between the meeting

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of the 19th December 2016 and the meeting of the 20th of February 2017 where only one Councillor supported the non-closure of Wallaby Scrub Road. With three Councillors absenting themselves because of conflicts of interest six Councillors reversed their vote and favoured the mine over the village residents.

The residents are incensed that despite undertakings prior to last years Council elections where all the Council candidates promised to support the non-closure of Wallaby Scrub Road and six meetings

where Councillors voted unanimously not to close the road we have tonight seen a complete turnabout by six Councillors paving the way for the closure of the road.

Residents are demanding an explanation from each Councillor as to why they changed their vote. No new facts were presented to Councillors other than a Council Officer’s report which was biased in favour of closing the road. However at the previous meeting on the 19th of December Councillors then voted against the recommendations of the Council

Officers.

The residents believe there’s a lot more to come out of this when explanations are demanded from Council as to why the unanimous vote was reversed.

The residents are not giving up and will be seeking further advice on the way forward to save Wallaby Scrub Road.

John Krey
Bulga NSW 2330
21 February 2017

To Alan Jones AO, 2GB Sydney

“Dear Alan I note the email you sent to Caroline Graham on the disgraceful about turn by Singleton Council on Monday 20 February

“Dear Alan

I note the email you sent to Caroline Graham on the disgraceful about turn by Singleton Council on Monday 20 February on the heritage Wallaby Scrub Road up here at Bulga Wallaby Scrub Road (WSR) crosses the area within the new approved Warkworth mine expansion area. In November 2015 the PAC gave the approval to mine through this area subject to Council agreeing to close the road. Council has voted unanimously on six occasions not to close the road because of its usage and its heritage value (it is part of the Great North Road). The last unanimous vote was in June 2016.

Since that June vote nothing has changed except for Rio Tinto writing another two letters on 6 January pleading for the Council to change its mind and close the road. Rio did not offer anything further to the proposal the Council rejected in 2016.

However at the Monday meeting 20 Febru-

ary the Council did a complete about face and voted six to one to commence the process to close the road! This included the Mayor. Three abstained due to conflicts of interest. The Bulga community and many others are in shock at this about-turn and betrayal by Council. No reasons have been given by any of the four Councillors as to why they changed their vote and of the two new Councillors why they voted as they did contrary to the undertakings they had previously given us

In the lead up to the Council Elections in September last year, each of the Councillors was approached and each gave an undertaking that they would not close WSR. We voted for the Councillors having received their assurances. However once in power they completely abandoned their promise.

At a meeting in late 2016 four residents of Bulga met with the Mayor and General Manager. Both assured us that keeping the

WSR open was a matter of principle due to its importance as a public road and because it was constructed by Convicts in the early 1800s and that decision would not be altered by money offered by Rio Tinto.

Well it appears it must be all about money. There cannot be any other reason. We have demanded through the EDO that the Councillors each provide a statement on why they voted as they did.

Alan, it appears to us that someone got at the Councillors in the lead up to the vote and while I cannot point the finger I cannot rule out some form of corruption.

As you have previously supported us in our battle I thought you should be aware of this situation.

Regards

John”

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“Valley Artists exciting new production - The Business is a gripping family drama and black comedy by Jonathan Gavin, Australian actor, playwright and award-winning television writer (Offspring, Cleverman, The Beautiful Lie).”

The Business is based on Maxim Gorky's 1909 play Vassa Zheleznova, a savage Russian comedy about power, greed and entitlement, is now transplanted by Gavin to 1980s Australia and a successful family business.

The central character is Van, a formidable self-made businesswoman who, together with her husband, has built a small empire in the outer suburbs. But Van's comfortable living room is about to become a domestic battleground. Her husband Bill is dying in the next room and her three children and brother-in-law are lining up for what they each consider is their rightful share of the business. Now is the time for some behind-the-scenes scheming and a spectacular family showdown. Who will get the prize?

The Business is a tough social satire which explores such issues as generational conflict, sibling rivalry, materialism and excess, entitlement, desire and betrayal with razor-sharp intelligence and dark humour.

Originally commissioned and presented by Sydney's Belvoir St. Theatre in 2011, Valley Artists' latest production is directed by Micaela Elphick.

THE BUSINESS opens at 8pm at Laguna Hall on Friday 24 March and continues 25, 26, 29, 30 and 31 March, closing on Saturday 1 April.

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HOOKING INTO THE RECORD BOOKS

SINGLETON has successfully applied to contest a Guinness World Record in none other than crocheting.

The record attempt will be a huge event for Singleton and is open to everyone of any or little crocheting skills on Sunday, 30 April 2017.

People from near and far are encouraged to participate in the record attempt regardless of crocheting skills. We don't need pros, we just need numbers!

It has been three months since the application was first made and Singleton Destash and Crafty Swappers coordinator Tracey Franks said it has been a tough secret to keep.

"We have been quietly talking about it but when I found out the application was approved today, I nearly burst," Tracey said.

The plan is to break the record for the most people crocheting simultaneously in the one venue.

The current record is 485 people achieved in an event organised by the American University of Nigeria in Yola, Nigeria, set in 2015.

Tracey is confident this number can be surpassed and now she can promote the record attempt, members of the group will be visiting schools, aged care homes and everywhere in between to make sure people who want to take part, can.

Alternatively, you can join Singleton Destash and Craft Swappers regular meetings at Singleton library every Thursday morning from 10am and Tuesday nights from 5pm to 7pm.

The event will be one of the first events of Singleton Festival 2017, the program of which is growing by the day.

"There have been some really different

events this time round and we strongly urge people, restaurants, pubs, organisations and clubs who want to promote their event within the festival period from April 29 to May 14, to contact the Visitor

Information and Enterprise Centre on 6571 5888 by February 23 to ensure they are included in the program currently being finalized," said Singleton Festival chairperson Danny Thompson.

Mr Thompson said he was delighted the World Record attempt was part of the program.

"This is something everyone can be involved in, and will be a real boost for the town when, not if, it is achieved, something the town can have a laugh about and be very proud," he said.



Inspiration behind Singleton's attempt at the Guinness World Record are Singleton crafters (back l-r) Anne Stokes, Kathy Moore, Tracey Franks, Lynn Brosi, Bronwyn Farnworth, Daphne Barber, Claire Paul, Allison Pay, (front) Ruth Harris, Jean Millar and Bina Shah





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\$14,000 worth of scholarships up for grabs with the 2017 Singleton Mayoral Scholarship Program

Local students are encouraged to apply for a share in \$14,000 worth of scholarships with the 2017 Singleton Mayoral Scholarship Program.

Singleton Council has teamed up with Hunter Resource Recovery, Coal & Allied, Blackwoods, Yancoal and Hunter TAFE to deliver this year's program.

Students can now apply for one of four scholarships of \$2,000 each for long term study or 12 scholarships of \$500 each for short courses each to be awarded to residents of the Singleton local government area who are studying or intending to enroll to study in 2017 in one of the scholarship categories:

Major scholarship of \$2000

- **University**— for a student studying undergraduate, postgraduate, masters and doctorate
- **Vocational**— for a student currently completing vocational study in any discipline
- **Apprenticeship**— for a student currently completing a trade or traineeship

- **High School**— for a student in year 11 or year 12 in 2017

Minor scholarships of \$500

- **Hospitality**— for a student attending a short course in a hospitality discipline. Eg: Bar Attending course, RSA & RCG
- **Retail**— for a student attending a short course in a retail trade discipline. Eg: Customer Service
- **Community Service**— for a student attending a short course in a community service discipline. Eg: Youth Work, Aged Care
- **Agriculture**— for a student attending a short course in agriculture. Eg: Rural Operations

The scholarships can be put towards education fees, tools, text books, transport or housing costs.

Mayor of Singleton, Cr Sue Moore, says the Singleton Mayoral Scholarship Program, now in its eighth year, is a great way to celebrate and support local students' community contributions and academic

achievements.

"We are proud to have awarded scholarships totaling over \$130,000 to some truly exceptional local people since starting the program in 2009," she says.

"I am a strong believer in supporting education in our community and the opportunities this program provides all involved.

"Recipients enjoy a range of benefits beyond financial assistance, including practical experience at application writing and panel interviewing, recognition of their academic achievement and community spirit, and the opportunity to network with local business and local government staff.

"I look forward to being inspired by the outstanding work of our local students and the opportunity to support their future education dreams."

The 2017 Mayoral Scholarship Program is now open for applications at www.singleton.nsw.gov.au/scholarship.

Applications will close on Friday 31 March 2017.



Barbeques in Bulga and Broke

Come and enjoy a meal and entertainment with your friends, neighbours and the Bulga Coal team. We'll also provide a brief overview of our mining activities.

Bulga Hall

Wednesday 5th of April
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RSVP: 29th of March

Broke Hall

Thursday 6th of April
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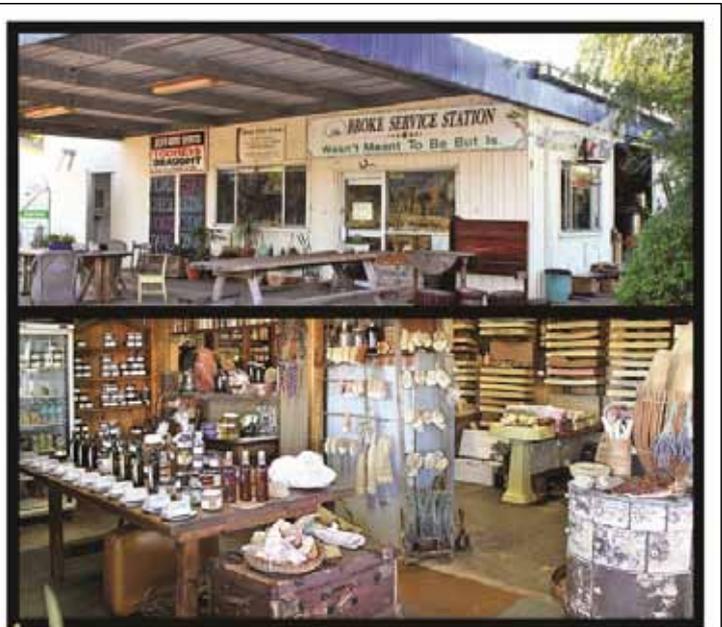
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Three Day Sickness/ Bovine Ephemeral Fever, Alert

By District Veterinarian Dr Lyndell Stone

Hunter Local Land Services District Veterinarians are asking producers to monitor cattle for signs of Bovine Ephemeral Fever, commonly known as Three Day Sickness, as the disease has been detected on properties in the Manning since mid-December.

The virus normally makes its way down the coast with mosquitoes in late summer. However this year it appeared in the Manning region without being detected elsewhere in NSW. This is a little unusual but not unheard of. The virus has been known to overwinter occasionally in the Manning and Hunter areas in the past if conditions are favourable.

At this stage cases appear to be localised to the Mid Coast and somewhat sporadic. However, this may change as Mosquito numbers rise and the virus is dispersed with mosquitos on prevailing winds.

Our biosecurity staff have been following up on producer reports of the virus in cattle throughout December and January

and undertaking testing of cattle with signs of the virus to confirm its presence in our area. This strategic testing supplements our disease surveillance programs and helps provide an early warning to other producers and regions. It also helps affected farmers as many illnesses can mimic the signs of Three Day Sickness.

The virus causes a fever, shivering, lameness and joint and muscle stiffness. Cattle can become very sore and stiff, and appear lethargic and reluctant to walk. They may drool, have watery eyes and a nasal discharge. They may be unable to stand until the pain and inflammation subsides.

Providing nursing care to affected cattle is crucial to help the animal recover. Food, water and shelter from the hot sun are very important. Anti-inflammatory medication for any down animals can also assist their recovery.

Fortunately animals infected during last year's extensive Three Day Sickness season should have immunity to the virus. Previously uninfected, yearling stock or cattle new to the coast are most at risk and should be monitored for signs of illness.

Producers can contact their local Hunter Local Land Services District Veterinarian or their private veterinarian if they notice signs of Three Day Sickness in their cattle.

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VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO WELCOME THE RIDERS IN AND TO HELP SET UP THE FINISH LINE

The Sydney based organisers are seeking help to assist in the running of the event at the Broke Finish Line

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New software maps the future of property information

“The new mapping tool will be a great resource for residents, people looking to buy property in Singleton, planners and developers and best of all, it is available 24 hours a day.”

A new online mapping tool has made it simple to access an abundance of Singleton Council’s property information at any time of day with the click of a button.

Singleton Council has launched the new online mapping service via its website to allow residents, potential residents and developers to access information about properties across the local government area through an easy-to-use and intuitive platform.

The community can now choose property maps to view aerial photography, property information and suburb boundaries; planning control maps to see zonings and other planning guidelines such as heritage, height restrictions and flood planning; and bushfire prone land maps.

Anthony Egan, Council’s Director Corporate & Community Services said the new mapping tool was the result of three months of planning and development.

“The main requirement we had was

that the tool had to be easy-to-use and accessible across desktop, tablet and smartphone platforms,” he said.

“Property and planning information can be quite complex, and we wanted the mapping tool to present this information as simply as possible in a way that was engaging and interactive for the user.

“The new mapping tool will be a great resource for residents, people looking to buy property in Singleton, planners and developers and best of all, it is available 24 hours a day.”

Mr Egan said the new software also offered opportunities to expand the use of mapping into other Council services, particularly in responding to customer requests.

“It has the potential to change the way our community can log requests by clicking on a map, and how we illustrate information about events or capital works projects,” he said.

To access the online mapping tool, visit www.singleton.nsw.gov.au, click on Property Tools, and Online Mapping Service.



Matt Trappel, Singleton Council’s Senior GIS Officer with the new online mapping tool



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SATIN BOWERBIRD. (*Ptilonorhynchus violaceus*)

Males are glossy black-bluish with the most beautiful purple eyes. Females are dull grey-green with brownish wings and tail, buff-white underparts with dark crescents. Young birds live in flocks until they have full adult plumage at 7 years. Mature males may join roving flocks but return to the same territory to breed. Each has a bower of thin woven sticks forming 2 north-south walls, usually blackened with charcoal and saliva. Blue objects are arranged at each end. If a female enters the bower he displays by prancing and bounding. They mate in the bower and she nests alone. They breed from September to January and lays 1-3 eggs in a saucer-shaped nest in a tree or shrub 2-35 m high. The female incubates the eggs for 21- 22 days and raise the young who fledge in 19-22 days. They are independent at 8-9 weeks. Call is hissing; chattering; mimicry. Diet consists of fruit, shoots and insects. Their habitat is Forests and woodlands.

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