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From the Editor

SOMETHING'S IN THE AIR—UNFORTUNATELY

To the relief of many readers, I am delighted to tone down my regular turgidity and bring you the latest update in the crusade George Woods is waging on air quality—or the lack thereof—in our part of the Hunter. We have many champions of this and similar causes –Alan and Judith Leslie with their tigerish fight against noise invasion, for instance- and George warrants the same level of support:

Dear all

Thanks for signing on to our joint letter asking the Ministers for Health and the Environment to come to the Hunter and meet with people suffering the effects of poor air quality. So far, we've got 67 people signed on.

So far this year, the data indicates that air quality in Singleton, Muswellbrook, Jerry's Plains, Bulga and Camberwell are tracking at their worst recorded year on average for coarse particle pollution.

Dr John van der Kallen from Doctors for the Environment and I will be trying to get

media interested in covering the terrible air quality. We know from experience that they are more likely to do this if there is a parent of school-age children that is willing to talk to them.

If you've got kids, or know someone else with kids that's willing to talk to the media about your concerns about air quality, then please let me know as soon as you can. I'm on 0437 405 932.

We've set a deadline for signatures of 13 August. Please share the letter around others that you know that share your concerns about air quality and desire for the Ministers to come to the Hunter and do something about it. **CLICK HERE** or you can send them this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/pWIZ51-cWHBYT0Jys1>

John is based in Newcastle, so I'm also hoping someone from the Valley would be willing to join him as a contact point for the politicians to get back to us for a meeting. If you'd like to join John as a point person for sending the letter (and I'm happy to help with the practicalities) then please also let me know.

Thanks again for adding your name. Hopefully, we

will spur them into action this time.

I'll send you another update once the letter is ready to send.

Cheers

George Woods
Lock the Gate

It's hard to imagine that our Big Event of the Year is only weeks away but here we are on the verge of spring and that fascinating mix of motors and McNamara Park merriment is with us again—and remember the commendable pre-Fair control burn will be held later this month to make sure fire danger is well under control. Take a note too about Wendy Lawson's Jazz spectacular—always a favourite as we look forward to an end to this bitter winter spell (much appreciated rain August 6, by the way).

On a personal note—so many grateful thanks to those near and dear who helped with my sad loss last month and who showed what an influence Sue was on all our lives.

I feel blessed to have such family and friends.

(Tom Jackson)

Wendy Lawson spends a lot of her time nurturing her vineyard, doing a lot of the hands on tasks to ensure Catherine Vale wine continually meets the high expectation of the wines many fans.

Wendy has always felt a close connection to nature and was drawn to the beauty and serenity of the Broke Fordwich area.

Her connection with the area led to Wendy becoming involved with a number of local environmental and tourism organisations in the Hunter Valley.

Wendy has worked extensively with Broke Bulga Landcare, Wollombi Catchment Water Users Association, Broke Fordwich Tourism Association and Tourism Singleton.

In recognition of her services to the Hunter Valley region, Wendy was awarded an Order of Australia Medal a few years ago.

Typically Wendy has extended her community commitment to providing an event for locals and wine lovers. Jazz at Catherine Vale has been

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AND ALL THAT JAZZ ..

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running since 2006 and is an open event without entry charge.

This year the well known Newcastle jazz band, **Half Nelson** are on stage - a unique mix of musicians, from a wide variety of backgrounds giving up music covering New Orleans Jazz to Free Improvisation and all manner of music along the way. This combination has

helped forge a band dedicated to the era of 1920's to the 40's jazz. Formed in September 2008 in Newcastle, by sister and brother Sheridan and Jason Nelson, the band has a lot of experience in keeping a crowd entertained.

Food for the event is provided by Hunter based, **Smokin Hot 'n' Saucy** Owners, Robert and Randi Thraves



bring traditional Texas BBQ to Hunter Valley events. Robert is a bit more than just your backyard BBQ sausage sizzle chef. He loves to cook meat low and slow for hours and hours in his homemade custom built Texas offset smoker. Rob's wife Randi is a native Texan and has been the driving influence in their BBQ style.

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MCNAMARA PARK CULTURAL BURN (COOL FIRE)

Singleton Council, supported by Bulga Coal in conjunction with the Broke Bulga Landcare Group and Local Land Services, are working towards improving the condition of McNamara Park. The park is popular with locals and great number of travellers - providing a comfortable and free camping site.

Singleton council has scheduled a temporary closure of McNamara Park for the purpose of conducting a cultural weed and fire hazard control burn.

Koori Country Firesticks Aboriginal Corporation with support from NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS) will undertake the cultural burn using traditional Aboriginal methods of controlled cool burning to help alleviate



weeds and allow for the regeneration of native plants.

McNamara Park will be closed to the public from Friday 17 August — Sunday 19 August 2018, weather permitting. Only authorised participants of the cool burn will be permitted in the park during these dates.

The fire will be carefully controlled, however smoke will be present in the surrounding area of the cool burn. Every effort will be made to minimise smoke. If fire smoke affects you, you are advised to stay inside,

with doors and windows closed.

Alternative free camping options are available at Bulga, Warkworth or Jerrys Plains Recreation Grounds during this time.

Council appreciates the patience and understanding of both Broke residents and visitors as we work to deliver bushfire management programs across the Singleton local government area.

To find out more information about Aboriginal Cultural Burning, visit <http://www.kooricountryfiresticks.com.au> or <http://www.firesticks.org.au/>

For further information regarding the proposed cool burn, please contact Mitchell Moy, Parks Management Officer, on 02 6578 7290.

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SATISFYING RESULTS - COUNCIL SURVEY

More consultation is key in building on Council's community satisfaction rating

Singleton residents' satisfaction with Council's performance is unchanged since 2016, with an overall rating of 3.28 out of 5 in the Community Satisfaction Survey conducted in April this year.

The survey showed 83% of the 503 respondents, selected at random to reflect a statistically valid sample of the population, were at least "somewhat satisfied" with Singleton Council's performance across all service areas.

The mean score of 3.28 is above the regional average of 3.22.

The results showed the most important Council services or facilities were:

Informing the community of Council decisions

Health and hygiene of local restaurants and takeaways

Consulting the community



Management of Council's finances

Advocating on behalf of the community for improved services

Council's best performing areas were provision of library services, water supply, Gym & Swim facilities, maintenance of sporting fields and recycling collection.

In addition, 47% of residents said what they love about Singleton was the safe and friendly feeling and its central location, and 55% said reducing traffic congestion and generating local employment were the biggest impacts for the community in the next 10 years.

Council engaged independent company Micromex Re-

search to conduct the survey and collate the results.

General Manager Jason Linnane said Council was already taking action to address the areas for improvement that emerged from the survey results, which included Council responsiveness to community needs and consulting the community.

"The community told us the most important thing we do is telling them about Council decisions, and that's the number one area people said we could improve on," he said.

"People also told us they want to know more about the management of Council's finances, and about the way Council itself is managed.

"That's why people are receiving the first edition of Council's new quarterly magazine, Singleton Edit, in their letterboxes this week with stories about new initiatives and major projects, an update on Council's advocacy work over the past few months and a snapshot of Council's financial po-

sition under the recently adopted Operational Plan for 2018/2019.

"But that's not all. There are already a number of channels available for people to talk to us at Council, but we're working on other projects to develop an even greater connection between the work we do and the peo-

ple we do it for, including an improved website and an online community portal to facilitate ongoing conversations and feedback."

Mr Linnane said he was not surprised Council's advocacy role rated highly in the most important Council services or facilities, particularly in light of issues around traffic and ongoing conversations about the proposed Singleton bypass that dominated community concerns.

"We know that advocating to other levels of government for the infrastructure we need to address issues in Singleton, such as traffic congestion, is a major priority for people in our community and they look to Council to be doing that," he said.

"The Mayor of Singleton, Cr Sue Moore and I are working closely with the Member for Upper Hunter Michael Johnsen and actively meeting with the right people in the State Government to ensure Singleton is at the forefront of their decision-making, particularly leading into next year's election."

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WHAT IF DONALD TRUMP HAD LEANED TOWARDS TEAM SPORTS?

By Peter FitzSimons
Sydney Morning Herald
 27 July 2018

Take it away, Newt Gingrich, former House speaker and one of President Donald Trump's most trusted counsellors, telling the Washington Post on Tuesday, just why Trump is, effectively, and sometimes ineffectively, such an enfant terrible in the Oval Office.

"A major problem for Trump," Gingrich said, "is that he's a golfer; he doesn't play a team sport. The rest of the team has to know ... what play you're calling. In golf, it's just between you and the ball. I think that's a major weakness ... The world is far too complicated for one person to control everything."

I think he's on to something.

Still, never let it be said that President Trump does not display the odd bit of generous spirit while playing golf. About a month ago, TFF's

dear friend and our man in Washington, Joe Hockey, was one of a Trump foursome on the Trump National golf course in Virginia, only to see his own ball head off into Marlboro country. Taking a drop, he lines it up to catch up, when he suddenly sees Donald Trump atop yonder hill that lies between Joe and the green.

And here now is the leader of the United States, holding up his arms like rugby goal-posts, and calling down

to the Australian Ambassador: "Joe! Joe! Hit it right through here, and it will go near the hole! Right through here!"

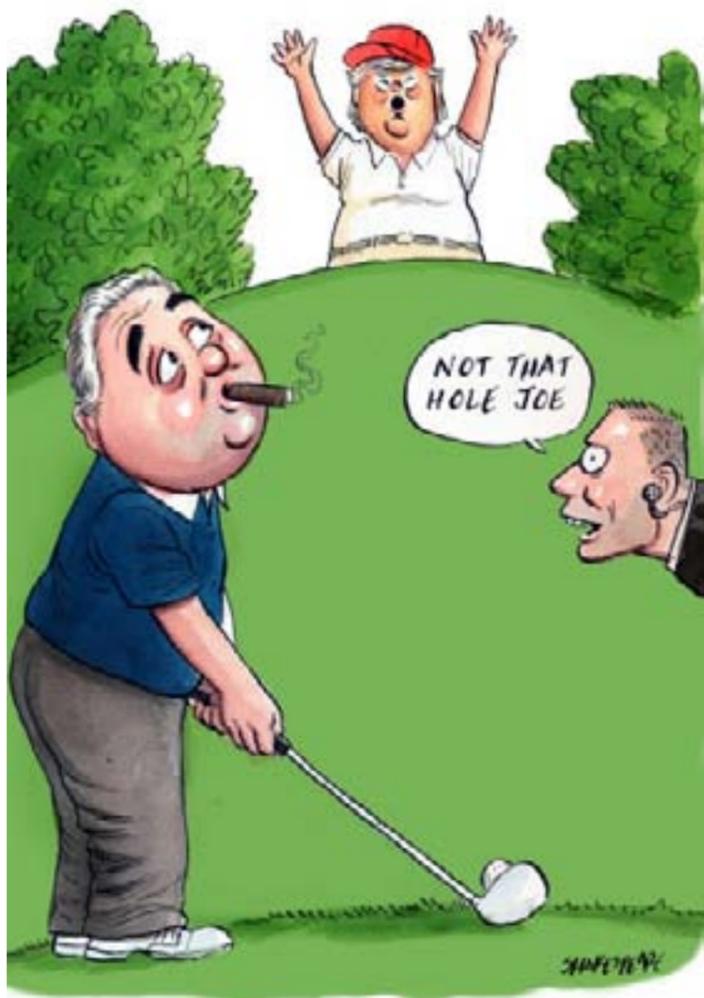
Pause. Could he really do as asked, and hit a small white missile, flying at 300km/h, somewhere close to President Donald Trump's head?

Suddenly a voice, from the bushes, off to Joe's right: "I wouldn't do that if I was you, Sir."

The Secret Service, sworn to protect the life of the President of the United States under all circumstances, has spoken. Very well, then. Joe takes out his wedge club, whatever that is, and hits it 50 metres high and to the right.

Trump waves his arms in mock frustration that Joe hasn't hit it within a bull's roar of the pin, or his own head, but he is not the arbiter.

The Secret Service is, and so let them have the last word: "Fine shot, Sir."



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1st Sept - ELVIS TRIBUTE Bulga

1st Sept - WOLLOMBI WILD RIDE at Wollombi

9th September - BROKE VILLAGE FAIR

21st & 22nd Sept - WOLLOMBI MUSIC FESTIVAL

30 September CATHERINE VALE JAZZ

6th Oct - OPERA IN THE VINEYARDS

7th Oct BULGA COMMUNITY CENTRE 125TH ANNIVERSARY

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FROM Sacred Spaces Singleton - a call to help our farmers

“As you know, we are in the midst of a pretty severe drought that is affecting our local Hunter Valley farmers as well as those across the State.

With this in mind, Sacred Spaces Singleton is now organising a fundraising event with all proceeds going to “Buy A Bale”.

We are holding a “Roaming Concert” on Sunday, 21 October 2018 at the Sisters of Mercy Convent, Singleton. This event is a day of musical performances, primarily performed by school children, but adults are welcome too. These performances will take place simultaneously throughout the Convent in various rooms and even the front garden. The idea is that members of the audience can roam around the Convent and hear a pianist in one room, a violinist in another, followed by a singer in a different room again and perhaps even a band in the front garden.



As this is a fundraising event, there will be an admission fee for adults and food and drinks will be for sale throughout the day. Singleton Lions, Singleton Apex and Ascella Organic Wines have come on board providing food and wine with all money being donated to Buy A Bale.

Another way to raise money on the day is to have a raffle that will be drawn at the end of the day. I am hoping that members of the Singleton Chamber of Commerce might be able to assist with the donation of a service or

an item that can be included in the raffle.

Of course, each business that contributes will be acknowledged.

If you can help, or you have an idea, please do not hesitate to contact me on 0439 013 541. Hopefully, together, we can ease our farmer’s pain a little.

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

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

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

Coal seam gas: NSW licences effectively extended indefinitely due to legal loophole

Readers may remember the long - and successful campaign run by the Broke, Bulga Milbrodale and Fordwich communities to exclude the region from coal seam gas exploration. Vested interest bias, government failings and apathy were bested

by a well organised groundswell represented by community members, Country Women's Associations, all sides of politics as well as the usual watch groups and thousands of individuals in and around the region.

And now (see article from The Guardian below) we see the value of unpolluted ground water and retention of valuable primary production regions is still not enough to deter the get rich quick entities:

Licences needed for coal seam gas exploration in New South Wales have been

effectively extended indefinitely past their expiry date, due to a legal loophole.

Gas exploration – both con-

ventional and coal seam gas – in the state requires a petroleum exploration tenement. Analysis of the NSW government's tenements database shows 14 titles listed under "current titles" that are past their expiry date.

Despite being past the expiry date – some by as much as six-and-a-half years – under NSW law the tenements remain in force until the government deals with the renewal application.

If the government does not approve or deny a renewal application, a tenement can remain in effect without be-

ing subject to the safeguards and reporting requirements built into the renewal process.

Most of these licences cover the region known for coal seam gas stretching from the Hunter Valley to the area around the Pilliga state forest

that were not captured by the NSW government's buyback of CSG exploration licences, and one licence covers an area off the coast of Sydney and Newcastle.

No new wells have been drilled while the exploration permits have been past their expiry date. However, late last month Santos submitted an application to the NSW government to connect 12 wells to its Wilga Park power station in Narrabri. The wells are covered by a licence that was scheduled to expire in August 2016.

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Coal seam gas

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The power station also uses gas from nearby wells covered by a petroleum assessment lease that was scheduled to expire in October 2013.

A spokeswoman for Santos said the company had submitted renewal applications

for its tenements connected to the Wilga Park power station before they expired and "therefore the titles remain effective under the legislation while the government considers and decides the renewal applications".

The Greens MLC Jeremy Buckingham said the government was effectively allowing CSG companies

to conduct "production by stealth" through its inaction on licence renewal applications.

"The coal seam gas companies are being allowed to manipulate the process and use loopholes to run production by stealth," he said.

"They're effectively operating outside their licence conditions in terms of their intent."

Labor's resources and energy spokesman, Adam Searle, said the lack of action on renewal applications, in some cases for years, created uncertainty for tenement holders and land owners.

"I think it's fair to say the current government doesn't want to determine these renewals before an election because some of them are in areas where this is likely to be an election issue," he said.

Threatened species: nine mammals and mountain mistfrog could join extinction list

"Under a Labor government, there would be a systematic and thorough review of all these outstanding renewals and a determination made."

George Woods, the NSW coordinator for Lock the Gate, said the renewal process for extractive industries was "really in dire need of reform of NSW and it needs transparency"

The Guardian - Australian edition

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AUSSIE WINE SETS SIGHTS ON US MARKET RESURGENCE AS GLOBAL EXPORT GROWTH CONTINUES

ABC Rural
By Tom Nancarrow, Kath Sullivan

Updated 24 July 2018

Australia's international wine exports continue to surge, with the latest export figures hitting the highest growth in 15 years.

New data from Wine Aus-

China again making the largest strides.

Federal Assistant Agriculture Minister, Senator Anne Ruston, said Australia's push to produce higher value drops was paying off.

"It takes us back to the halcyon days of the 90s and early 2000s when the wine industry could do no wrong,"

"We were selling wine too cheaply in Australia recently, and it certainly did not reflect the cost of production."

President of the Coonawarra Vignerons Association, Peter Balnaves, said the consumer preference for premium wine had restored confidence in the local industry, with more growers now choosing to re-plant more grapes.

consumed overseas each day, the majority of success continues to be driven by the Chinese wine boom.

CEO of Wine Australia, Andreas Clark, said despite selling over \$1 billion worth of wine to China in the 2017-18 year, the industry

needed to adjust to a growing trend of premiumisation.

"Clearly, the US is the major challenge for us," he said.

"The big volume commercial market priced below \$8US per bottle is in decline, and that is where a lot of our exports go."

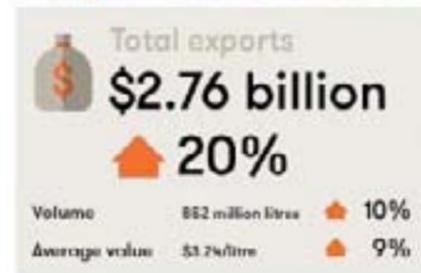
support package.

Mr Clark said the decline in the USA was less about the industry push into China, and more about dealing with economic "headwinds" such as a high exchange rate and the global financial crisis.

"A number of exporters did

"It takes us back to the halcyon days of the 90s and early 2000s when the wine industry could do no wrong."

Wine Australia Export report 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018



China (excl. HK and Macao)	\$1.12b	↑ 65%
United States	\$424m	↓ 8%
United Kingdom	\$384m	↑ 12%
Canada	\$199m	↑ 7%
New Zealand	\$88m	↑ 17%
Singapore	\$87m	↑ 27%
Germany	\$89m	↑ 19%
Japan	\$53m	↑ 16%
Malaysia	\$43m	↓ 5%
Netherlands	\$35m	↓ 8%

United Kingdom	27.3m	↑ 12%
China (excl. HK and Macao)	20.5m	↑ 47%
United States	17.7m	↓ 11%
Canada	7.6m	↑ 11%
Germany	4.4m	↑ 8%
New Zealand	3.5m	↑ 12%
Netherlands	2.1m	↑ 10%
Japan	1.7m	↑ 26%
Denmark	1.1m	↓ 18%
Belgium	1m	↑ 5%



tralia shows the overall value of exports rocketed 20 per cent in the 2017-18 year to reach \$2.76 billion.

The volume of Australian exports also increased 10 per cent to 852 million litres in the same timeframe, with

Senator Ruston said.

"I think it is a recognition that at last the Australian wine industry has turned a corner, and they are focusing very much on the quality of our product."

"Certainly the focus on premium products and the demand for premium fruit and wine has been very strong."

With around 21.8 million glasses of Australian wine
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could not relax.

"It is a great story, but like all these things, past success does not guarantee anything into the future," he said.

While the latest export data is a strong showing for the Aussie industry, one of the country's largest markets has continued to go through a period of decline.

According to the data, both the value and volume of wine exports to the United States fell by 8 per cent and 11 per cent respectively.

CEO of Wine Australia, Andreas Clark, said the industry

According to Wine Australia, the body is ramping up marketing and tourism campaigns in North America as part of the Federal Government's recent \$50 million export and regional wine

leave the market, and at that time, China was rising and they have taken advantage of the opportunities that present themselves," Mr Clark said.

AUSSIE WINE IS BOOMING IN CHINA



Export figures show strong growth in the volume and value of Australian wine exports, with the lucrative Chinese market growing more than 40 per cent over 2017.

Extraordinary meeting formalises Council consent for closure of Wallaby Scrub Road

An extraordinary meeting of Singleton Council was held August 6th where councillors formally consented to the closure of Wallaby Scrub Road.

The Department of Industries – Lands & Forestry has given approval in principle for the road closure, following a resolution of Council on 28 August 2017 to make the application affecting

Company Pty Ltd.

Anthony Egan, Council's Director Corporate & Community, said the extraordinary meeting was called to ensure the next stage of the process could be completed and allow time for the NSW Land Registry Services to register the survey plans and issue property plans to allow the sale to proceed.

cil's previous resolution to apply to close Wallaby Scrub Road.

"However, the sale of the land would need to be negotiated prior to the road being closed."

Mr Egan said negotiations were ongoing between Council and the mining company.

"Any proceeds from the sale of the road corridor must be invested in the road network in the Singleton LGA in accordance with Section 43(4) of the Roads Act, 1993," he said.

Editor's note: In September 2017 council agreed to the closure after several meetings prior, supporting the integrity of keeping the road open. After a surprise turnaround by council, the road was released for mining use with only Councillors Tony McNamara and Val Scott in opposition.

Cr McNamara was scathing in his assessment of the "bad" decision.

He said it will go down in history as one of the most controversial and divisive made by Council.

"In order to progress with the closure and sale of the road corridor, Council was required to consent to the closure of Wallaby Scrub Road under section 37 of the Roads Act 1993 (as in force at the time the application to close the road was submitted). The Act states a council-owned road may not be closed unless the council consents to the closure of the road," he said.

"A recommendation put to tonight's extraordinary meeting was to consent to the closure in keeping with Coun-



5.99km of Wallaby Scrub Road from the intersection of Putty Road.

The approval is conditional that assets owned by Ausgrid within the area of the road are removed prior to closure, and that the land in the former road corridor is sold to the adjoining landholders.

The process to close the road followed State Government approval for the expansion of the Warkworth mine. The adjoining landholders are Warkworth Mining Limited and Miller Pohang Coal

ANOTHER FUNDING BOOST TO HELP LOCAL BUSINESS

Cessnock City Council has been allocated \$15,000 towards a \$30,000 Business Capability Study under the Australian Government's Building Better Regions Fund (BBRF) Community Investment Stream.

This funding boost was the result of a successful application to the BBRF and Council will now be able to expand the program to ensure more businesses are engaged.

The Business Capability Study will determine how many businesses operate within our region, their size,

employment capacity, export and import status, ICT take up, and also identify opportunities and barriers to doing business or driving investment within the region.

The data provided in the Study will be extensive and will enable the economic development team to contact businesses with ongoing opportunities and industry capacity building under the Advance Cessnock City partnership. Council will be able to use this data to develop targeted business programs in the attraction

of major capital investment and also to inform strategic projects.

The Business Capability Study will nicely complement the \$30,000 Skills Audit and Business Jobs Portal which is currently being implemented. This was also made possible with successful funding under the BBRF Community Investment Stream in 2017.

Cessnock City Mayor, Councillor Bob Pynsent welcomed the funding announcement and is looking forward to seeing the results

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FUNDING BOOST TO HELP LOCAL BUSINESS

of the study.

“For successful economic development to occur, it is absolutely critical that there is a comprehensive understanding of industry and businesses, along with their capacity and needs, which this study will provide,” said Cr Pynsent.

“By taking a strategic leadership role, we will be able to facilitate outcomes that will stimulate enterprise, investment, job creation, resilience and an environment conducive to business. It is a credit to the economic development team who continue

to excel in these initiatives.” added Cr Pynsent.

The project is expected to kick off in October 2018 and be completed by June 2019.

A great night out Bingo



September 3rd

October 8th

November 5th

@ 6:30 Bulga Community Centre

All welcome

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OUR WILDLIFE



THE WEDGE-TAILED EAGLE

The largest raptor in Australia. This eagle has a wingspan of 2.5 m and has a long, wedge-shaped tail. It is smokey black with brown on the wings. They form permanent pairs and live in the same home range all year, patrolling the treetops at dawn and dusk. They do aerobatic displays prior to breeding, diving and looping together, and use the same nest each year. They hunt from an exposed perch or soar and circle on thermals looking for prey. Groups gather around carrion taking it in turns to feed. They breed from April to September and lay 1-3 eggs in a platform nest to 2.5m wide, built in a tree fork or on a cliff. The female incubates the eggs for about 45 days while the male brings food. The young fledge in 70-90 days. Only one chick usually survives. Calls are screeches and whistles.

Their diet consists of small mammals, birds, reptiles and carrion, they live in forests and woodlands.

We used to have a local breeding pair in the Wollemi National Park behind us but haven't seen them for a couple of years now.

Wildlife are struggling in this horrid drought, for your sake and theirs, please take care on the roads as they are coming to the roadside to graze. Hopefully spring will bring us the much needed rain.

**Elizabeth
Joeys Retreat**

SINGLETON BASKS IN SUCCESS AT THIS YEAR'S LOCAL GOVERNMENT WEEK AWARDS

The switch to a digital development application process and the popular #singletonstories Facebook campaign highlighting the heroes in our community has seen Singleton Council scoop the pool at the 2018 Local Government Week Awards in Sydney recently.

Singleton Council made it a clean sweep in both categories it entered, taking out the Council for Planning Cultural Change for "Going Paperless While Drowning in Paper" and the RH Dougherty Award for Excellence in Communication for #singletonstories, a weekly profile of the amazing people in our community posted to Council's Facebook page each Sunday.

The judges noted the introduction of the IT process and removal of paper files as part of the digital development application lodgement resulted in "a more collaborative team environment" and better customer service.

#singletonstories was described as "quirky and amazing", with judges saying "these stories build the fabric of a community and will keep it alive in the future".

Mayor of Singleton, Cr Sue Moore, said it was due recognition for the great ideas and hard work happening in Council that was now proven to be industry-leading.

"But most importantly, the two projects highlighted



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at last night's presentation are delivering fantastic outcomes for the people in our community," she said.

"The digital development application process puts us at the top of the industry standard where people expect to be able to submit their plans in an electronic format. In addition, the digital process allows staff to speed up pro-

cessing times.

"And most of us look forward to who the next #singletonstories profile will be each week on Council's Facebook page as demonstrated by the number of comments, likes and reach

for every post. This award really reflects the whole of our community because we are all stars in it."

General Manager Jason Linnane said the accolades were merely icing on the cake.

"We might be a small council, but there's enormous innovation and hard work happening right across our organisation every day to best deliver the important services our community desire and deserve," he said.

"I'm thrilled we brought home a couple of very prestigious trophies for the people of Singleton, but most of all I'm really proud that all the staff of Singleton Council have been recognised as being among the best in the State at what we do."

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