

# *The Cockfighter*

March 2019



**Historic Wollombi building and restaurant renewed after devastating fire**

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Fordwich?**

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Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 APRIL 2019**



**BULGA BEATS FESTIVAL 2019  
Friday, 17 May - Sunday, 19 May**

**BULGA TAVERN  
RE-OPENED AND REFURBISHED**

## FROM THE EDITOR

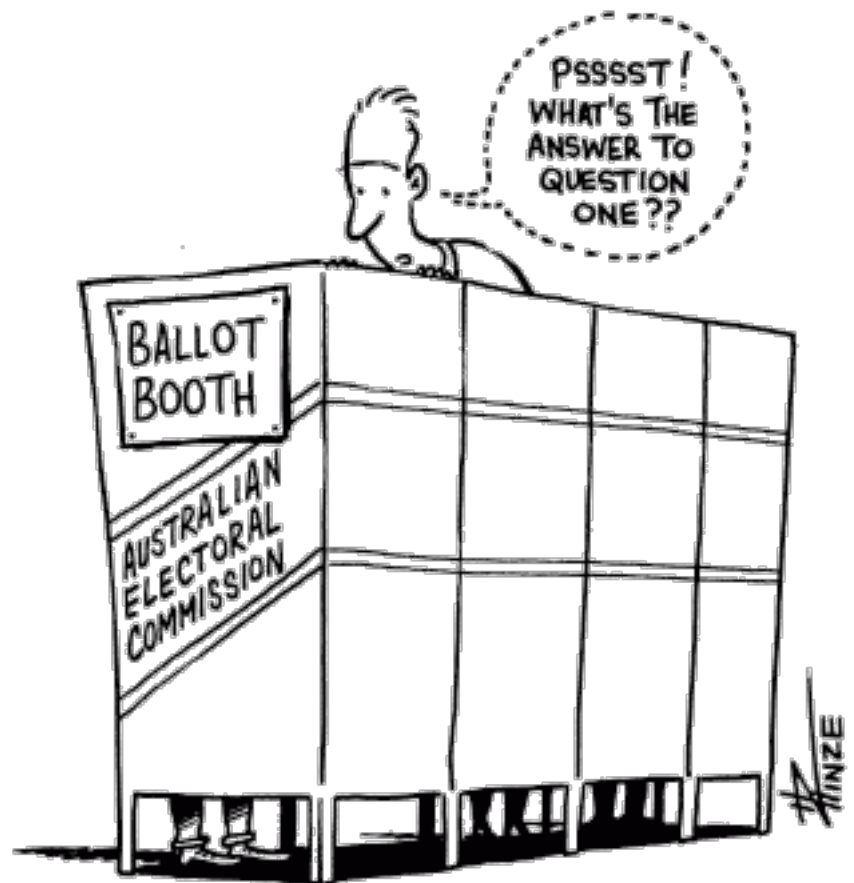
### SO, WHO ARE YOU VOTING AGAINST?

As you're well aware, there's something in the air—apart from rain of course-- all over our fair state as I write—and it has that curious pungency of a politician's promise. OK, it's a free country and we're very lucky to be able to select from a bewildering range of candidates to guide our destinies for the next four years. The reason I tried to make it easier for our dear readers (and the cheap ones as well) in the heading to this spiel is that I'm told by those who know is that voters in our Lucky Country vote people out, rather than in. Sort of a reverse popularity poll, if you like.

It's not my job to tell you whom to vote against, but prepare yourself for a cautionary tale from Old Father Time (after all, I; nearly as old as he is). Simply, think twice, or even 84 times before you put your party choice above the line. This manoeuvre was designed to avoid the infamous 84 or more spots you have to particularise before completing the ballot paper. I followed my party instructions dutifully and, as it turned out, preferred the last bod in the world I would have selected into power.

Accordingly, this time I'll take my calculator and sign he tablecloth a thousand times if I have to. And I told the party faithful they should take into account that if it takes supping with the devil to get your own pick in, it might be better to take a cut lunch with the Angel Gabriel and let the other side slide down the primrose path of putrid preferencing.

Both Federally and in the case of NSW, State-wise, indications are that both polls are too close to call. I think both sitting Governments (if you could call the Federal Housekeeper that) have a job to resist that 'voting-against' tendency. In NSW, I hear there is mounting disenchantment with the State Government's stadium re-





building programme, with the reasonable assumption hospitals and schools could do with a bit more of the outlandish sums involved. On that note, a croquet colleague—incidentally, a gentleman I would identify as being very, very conservative politically—told me of his stay at a hospital in the Southern Highlands of NSW. A senior nurse talked to him about funding from the State, and escorted him to a vantage point high above a glittering oval. She identified this majestic sward as

the Bradman Oval—replete with manicured lawn, pavilions and the rest. She informed my colleague that the Oval had received \$30-million in refurbishment grants; in the last Government tranche. The hospital, with peeling paint, ill-functioning toilet and ablution facilities and sagging special care accommodation received —you guessed it—nothing. The last figures I can recollect said that 75% of NSW respondents who were polled on the stadium plan opposed it—and most did so vehemently.

On a happier note, read within about our sub-region's unique contribution to civilised dining and quaffing with the annual Little Bit Of Italy revels; and in the next issue, we hope to bring you news of what could well be a momentous contribution to our heritage preservation credentials. So, in the words of a great American corruptee—vote early—and vote often.

**(Tom Jackson)**





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**BROKE  
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WINE REGION

*The tranquil side of the Hunter Valley*

## **WHY WOLLOMBI VALLEY AND BROKE FORDWICH?**

***The Hunter Valley is the perfect place to re-visit - if you don't like visiting the same place twice.***

Comprised of differing historic, geographic, micro climates and soil types the Hunter has raised a family of separate communities all offering remarkably different experiences.

Each visit to the Hunter can be widely varied with a common theme of friendliness good food, great wine and wonderful accommodation offerings.

The various regions include:

Around Hermitage, Broke Fordwich, Lovedale, Mount View, Pokolbin, and Wollombi

The tourism bodies of Broke Fordwich and Wollombi



entered into a reciprocal arrangement recognising the great difference in landscape, history and culture between the two areas but acknowledging that by working together they could better show visitors the regions' unique aspects.

Both regions were settled by Europeans early. The village of Broke in 1824 and the village of Wollombi a little later. Both settlements developed as a result of the convict built Great Northern Road.

The vitalising effect that tourism based activities have on a community can not be over estimated. Future planning places tourism in a critically high position in both regions with the effects of increased local employment, beautification and cultural support provided by tourism already being felt.



## Panino Gourmet Deli Caffe & Restaurant Wollombi

‘Everything old is new again’ has never been truer than in the historic Wollombi village. Following a main street fire in the historic Gray’s Inn, the Wollombi village has a new energy but still retains its historical beauty.

Gray’s Inn an impressive two story sandstone building has served as a focal point for the local community for more than 150 years. It was built around 1860 on an original land grant, on a site where formerly the first police barracks stood. Soon



Reminiscent of its colonial history the tranquil garden space behind the building provides a relaxing view from the restaurant.

after construction, the building became known locally as ‘Kenny’s Folly’ after the builder, John Kenny declared bankruptcy during construction. Despite its difficult start, the building has consistently served the local community in many different ways, as a private residence; a mechanics garage; a real estate agency; a boarding house; and, rumour has it, a brothel!

Most recently, the building was purchased by Valerie and Michael Noyce in 2010, from Brian Gray, and today, ‘Grays Inn’ remains a fully functional central meeting place for the Wollombi community. The building currently features three self-



contained ensuite short-term accommodation apartments, general office space, and a Cellar Door for Noyce Brothers Wines, and the highly regarded Panino Caffé Restaurant. Bruno Gaigu opened a coffee shop and delicatessen in the building in July 2009 and six months later opened his signature Panino Restaurant. The landscaped manicured gardens at the rear of the building in recent years have hosted everything from the annual Community Christmas Party, outdoor movies and the Classic Film Festival, sculpture exhibitions, and many weddings.

On wandering through 'Grays Inn', most of the recent visitors to the village are unaware that this historical gem was very nearly lost in March last year. A fire almost razed the building and could have destroyed much of the Main Street, were it not for a group of local heroes, brave volunteer fire fighters, and a visiting comedian...



The fire ravaged restaurant and the much loved and lamented Giraffe

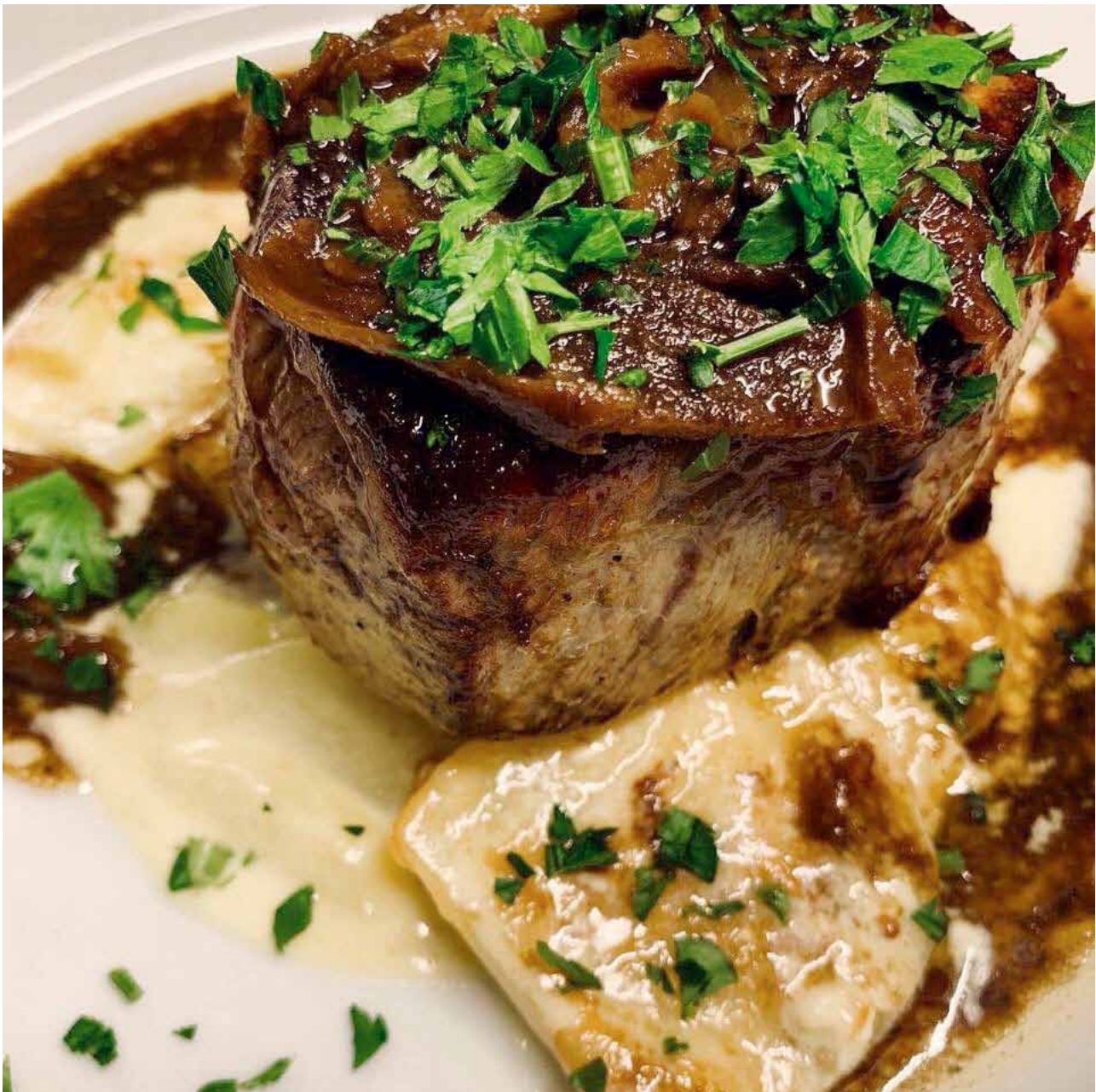


The newly rebuilt restaurant



The quick efforts of the volunteer fire brigade were recognised as having prevented the entire block of historic buildings from being destroyed, which could have obliterated much of the main street. The restaurant was completely gutted and soon after a notice went up stating that Panino Caffé Restaurant could be closed indefinitely, if not forever.

However, less than a year later 'Gray's Inn' has been renovated to a higher standard and the building is again the pride of Wollombi. Panino's which is nestled into the beautiful sandstone building of Gray's Inn has reopened with a new look and new enthusiasm. The style of the restaurant is intimate, elegant and yet has the feeling of visiting a friends country house, warm, open and overlooking the beautiful Gray's Inn garden at the rear. Panino's ever changing menu is primarily Italian in style, its ethos though is true to the traditional Sardinian and Ligurian cuisine. There are of course certain staple dishes favoured by the locals that remain on the menu, for example fresh hand-made pizzas, pastas and porchetta. The much ac-







claimed fillet steak with porcini mushroom jus, and linguine with chilli and prawns are a constant. Panino has indeed risen!

Gray's Inn' is symbolic of Wollombi, having gone through difficult times is now seen as a treasured and important piece of history which attracts locals and visitors. Although historic, the Wollombi village continues to evolve and develop, offering locals and visitors an interesting nostalgic look into a fascinating past, while offering services and experiences that are firmly focussed on a prosperous and exciting future.

**Panino Gourmet Deli Caffe & Restaurant Wollombi**

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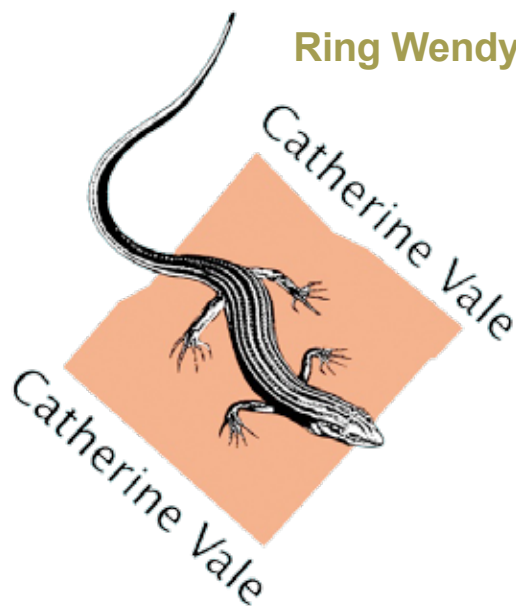
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# BULGA COAL

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GLENCORE

## **Bulga Coal Community Consultative Committee Position Vacant – Community Representative**

We are looking for someone who lives locally in the Broke area to join the Bulga Coal Community Consultative Committee (CCC).

The purpose of a community consultative committee is to provide a forum for open discussion between the mine, the community, the council and other stakeholders on issues directly relating to the mine's operations, environmental performance and community relations.

The role as a committee member is voluntary and we hold 2 meetings a year at our offices on Broke Road. The community representative will be selected to represent neighbours and the local community, and preference will be given to applicants who can represent the concerns of a variety of interest groups.

### ***Selection criteria:***

- Willingness to contribute constructively to committee discussions
- Experience and ability to provide feedback to the community and stakeholder groups
- Aware of issues and concerns of the local community
- Currently residing in the Broke area

Applications should be made in writing addressing the selection criteria and include details of interest in the position.

### ***Applications should be addressed to:***

Mr Ralph Northey,

Bulga Coal, PMB 8, Singleton NSW 2330

Email [ralph.northey@glencore.com.au](mailto:ralph.northey@glencore.com.au)

**For more information: Ralph Northey on 0418 439 874**

The successful applicant will be approved by the Bulga Coal CCC.

***Applications close Friday, 22nd March 2019.***



# THE BULGA TAVERN RE-OPENS

The Wollombi Brook has the village of Wollombi near its source and joins the Hunter River near Wakworth. It winds its way under the historic Bulga Bridge near its journey end.

At this point is the village of Bulga known for its recent conflict with the encroaching coal mines. A series of legal defeats in the attempt to halt the spread of the mines did not deter or diminish the spirit of the local 'Bulgarians' - until the local tavern was sold to village's arch enemy - the very coal miner they were trying to halt.

Rumours abounded as to what the mine would do with the property until it became clear that it was being refitted and refurbished to be leased as a tavern once more. The renovation included a children's playground and state-of-the-art bar equipment.



Lee Williams and Warren Welsh - Bringing the community a revitalised version of the Bulga Tavern

The kitchen has been remodelled and a beer garden added.

The tourist trade that is focused 15 minutes away at the Broke end of the Broke Fordwich valley has long been missing the advantage of a fully licensed venue and the new version of the tavern will no doubt be well received visitors to this side of the Hunter Valley.

The new operators are Lee Williams and Warren Welsh. Lee has been in Bulga for over 15 years and she and Warren oversaw the renovations and as locals, knew what needed fixing and what additions needed to be made. Lee has experience in the industry and coming back to working with customers face to face is something she enjoys.

“Its great to have the community support and encourage us to get the tavern up



and running again and we are looking forward to running a successful family business at the tavern,” she said.

“The old tavern was never really given the love and attention it needed – we have changed that even before reopening with its makeover.”

The Tavern is open every day and offers an very large menu of honest to goodness modern ‘pub meals’ including Smokey BBQ Pork Ribs, Grilled Barramundi, Scotch Fillet, Kiev of the Week and of course the traditional standby fish and chips plus toppers, burgers and entrees as well as a kid’s menu.

Local Bulga resident Sarah Purser said, “For me personally the Tavern has given a great sense of





community back to Bulga and our neighbouring villages. I have on numerous occasions bumped into friends that I don't often see - so that has been a huge bonus to meet up, network and just find out what is happening with others within the community."

Sarah goes on to say, "It makes my heart soar to see the Tavern full of activity and being frequented by locals and tourists alike. I am among many within the community who are extremely grateful to Lee, Warren and their team for all their hard work and effort to make the Tavern such a great place with its inviting interior and lovely food."



### **BULGA TAVERN**

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# SEEING EYE TO EYE - WORKMATES RALLY ROUND

Drew Keith is certainly a very remarkable and inspiring employee at Hedweld Engineering Group of Companies.

At the age of just nineteen and at the height of a promising motocross career Drew received severe spinal injuries during a race fall.

Drew does not dwell on his circumstances and in fact is quite the opposite, doing anything and everything ensuring that his life is fulfilled with as many experiences as possible. Grabbing any opportunity that comes his way. These include quad bike riding, speedway racing, wake boarding, snowboarding, jet skiing and he is also very talented with a drone.



Following his accident and rehabilitation Drew commenced a career as a mechanical draftsperson at Hedweld Engineering Group of Companies – Mt Thorley. He now manages the engineering side of the business (Mecensol Pty Ltd). Drew has a very active and innovative mind, working well with his team of engineers, draftspersons and tradespeople. He has assisted in the design of many niche products and always show initiative throughout the product development. Drew has travelled both nationally and internationally with the company and never complains about anything, he just gets on with it never letting any adversities that life has thrown at him get in his way!

Drew's colleagues are fundraising to assist in the purchase of a stand up mobility device (valued at \$31,000.00) - see next page for more details ...



# DREW'S DAY

## Sat 6 April 2019

## Bulga Tavern



**Come along for a day of fun!**  
*From midday 'till late*

- ★ **Coin Toss** - chance to win great prizes
- ★ **Choc Pool** - win chocolates/lollies
- ★ **Raffles & Auctions**
- ★ **100 Board** - Chance to win \$100 cash
- ★ **V8 Simulator Drives** - test your driving skills around Mt Panorama - Bathurst
- ★ **Jumping Castle**
- ★ **Live Music / Karaoke**
- ★ **Wheel Chair Challenge!!**



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6PM to 8PM

Book a table of 8 with Leona at  
 Bulga Tavern on 0407 936 069  
 \$10.00 per head



Drew's colleagues are fundraising to assist in the purchase of a stand up mobility device (valued at \$31,000.00) that will allow Drew to be able to manoeuvre around in a standing position. This revolutionary device will allow Drew to independently and safely sit, stand and navigate environments that were once inaccessible — all while standing at eye level.

# COMING EVENTS

## A LITTLE BIT OF ITALY AND A WHOLE LOT OF BROKE FORDWICH

Saturday 13 & Sunday 14 APRIL 2019

A weekend program of Italian food, wine, festivities & fun hosted throughout Broke Fordwich.

Organise your family and friends, book your accommodation and transport for an Italian inspired weekend throughout Broke Fordwich in the Hunter Valley.

### Description

The quiet Hunter Valley village of Broke comes alive with all things Italian for the weekend - 13 locations dotted throughout the area each feature the food, wine and culture of Italy.

Pre-order tickets and wine glasses to be picked up on the day at the event: there will be three locations where you can collect your glasses.



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On Saturday a shuttle bus around the venues will be provided by our kind sponsor Rover Coaches. Buy a Shuttle bus ticket from the booking button on the website and avoid having to drive.

Broke Fordwich will be brimming with life in April when the 15th annual 'A Little Bit of Italy in Broke' Festival brings the essence of Italian hospitality to this picturesque corner of the Hunter Valley.

Stretching across 12 venues, the highly-anticipated event brings with it a weekend full of fun, laughter and hospitality – as well as an abundance of fresh, authentic cuisine, local produce, cooking classes, workshops, demonstrations, vineyard tours and the region's renowned local wines.

#### 2019 Food & Wine Festival Venues

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Catherine Vale Wines

Greenway Wines

Krinklewood Vineyard

Margan Wines & Restaurant

Mount Broke Wines

Nightingale Wines

River Flats Estate

Somerville Wines

Tinonee Vineyard Estate

Whispering Brook Winery

Winmark Wines



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### A LITTLE BIT OF ITALY ACCOMMODATION

A broad range of Bed and Breakfast, Vineyard Stay, Guest House and Self-Contained Cottages are available [brokefordwich.com.au](http://brokefordwich.com.au) For those who prefer camping, it's FREE at McNamara



Park.



### A LITTLE BIT OF ITALY TRANSPORT

Book on the website for Rover Coaches to transport you to the rustic ambiance and sensational aromas of Italia on April 13 A Little Bit of Italy in Broke is a weekend program of Italian food, wine, festivities & fun hosted at 11 venues throughout Broke Fordwich. (your entry fee of \$15.00 includes your Zafferano tasting glass and free tastings at all venues) Grab a program at the Village Centre in Broke or at all venues (\$2 from every glass sale will go to the Singleton Cancer Appeal). Your tasting glass is your key to tasting and drinking wines at all venues.

Guests transfer to McTaggart Park Broke (near toilet facilities) where you will join Mini Shuttle Buses for their Italian journey around the wineries and venues creating experiences & events to bring a little bit of Italy to Broke.

SATURDAY ONLY \$25 option for all Day "hop on, hop off" Shuttle available – find your own way to and from McTaggart Park Broke and let us look after you! (You can pre book online OR purchase your \$25 shuttle bus ticket on the day!)

If you wish to be picked up at your accommodation a \$40 fare includes transport to and from your accommodation and the "hop on, hop off" Mini Bus Shuttle all day Saturday. The accommodation buses depart McTaggart Park Broke at 5pm to return to your accommodation – it is your responsibility to catch a Mini Shuttle there by that time!

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# ***Embark on a journey to discover the wonders of Tuscany Culture, tradition and the warm hospitality of Tuscan People***



Workshops and Demonstrations @ Catherine Vale

## **Saturday 13 APRIL**

10:30 to 12:00 Gnocchi Class- Learn how to make 3 types of gnocchi with Il Cacciatore's Chefs (The Hunters Northern Italian Restaurant) \$60.00 per head bookings essential.

11:30 Matteo Piccardi from "Tuscany Untouched Tours" will present a short presentation on visiting the hidden gems of Tuscany.

Throughout the day. Adrian of Goose on the Loose – presents information on Italian smallgoods

1:30 Wine Masterclass featuring Zafferano Glasses presented by Thomas Hordern – winemaker and producer of Brand "Wiley Rooster". Bookings essential. Class cost \$30.00 and each participant will take home a pair of Zafferano glasses valued at \$33.00 Bookings essential.

## **Sunday 14 APRIL**

10:00 TO 11:30 Free olive Oil class with Steve Mitchell and Marie Kearns . Steve will present on how to determine a good oil and an understanding about quality Australian oils. Marie, one of the Hunter's most successful olive preservers, will go over how to preserve olives. Bookings essential.

11:30 Matteo Piccardi from "Tuscany Untouched Tours" will present a short presentation on visiting the Hidden Gems of Tuscany.

Throughout the day Adrian of Goose on the Loose – presents information on Italian smallgoods

1:00 to 2:00 Masterclass using Zafferano Glasses and Catherine Vale Wines . Take home a set of glasses valued at \$33.00. cost of class \$30.00

Stalls over the weekend will feature, olive products from Bunna Bunno, Goose on the loose Italian smallgoods, Italian Leather goods , scented sence, Italian Abruzzese maremma sheep dog with



## **BULGA BEATS FESTIVAL 2019**

**19 Inlet Rd, Bulga, New South Wales, Bulga, NSW, 2330**

**Friday, 17 May 2019 - Sunday, 19 May 2019**

Bulga Beats Festival returns after a hiatus in 2018 for a weekend of music, dance and connection! The festival starts on Friday afternoon then continuing for a full Saturday and finishing off with a lazy Sunday closing at lunch time. Our site is located on the Bulga Recreation Ground just 50 minutes west of Newcastle and 20 minutes from Singleton and the Hunter Valley wine region.



All tickets include camping & are priced at

\$80 + BF for Friday & Saturday night or \$65 + BF for Saturday only. Kids 16 – 18 years old are \$45.00 and under 16 is free or a gold coin donation.

We always are more than happy for campers to rock up as early as they like, with some coming days in advance to just sit back and watch us work. Friday night festival gates will open at 5:00pm with the opening event being a traditional Bush



Dance in the Hall followed by a range of music and entertainment in various areas. And don't forget our walk-up stage and fireside jams that will be happening throughout the night.

Saturday will see the festival in full swing with a range of workshops, music and entertainment happening throughout the day. Markets will also be operating throughout the Saturday alongside raffles, auctions, food, kid's festival activities performers and art.

Saturday night will see the main stage, Wollemi stage and workshop spaces come alive with music, dance, performance and all of YOU!

We have a reputation for a lazy Sunday and don't really schedule anything. We usually start with yoga, meditation and then you can either go on a guided bush walk or do some shopping at all the amazing stalls with some laid-back music happening all morning.



Bulga Beats Festival was planted in the Inlet Road of Bulga with a back drop of the glorious Wollemi National Park that provides a perfect situation for flat camping with adjacent mountains. Please arrive as early and stay for as long as you like, it's a perfect base to visit the vineyards or spend some time in the bush!

**\*\*Kids 16 & under are a gold coin donation with parent or guardian.**

**\*\* Under 12 is free or a donation if you like.**

**[bulgabeatsfestival.com](http://bulgabeatsfestival.com)**

## BRINGING BACK THE GOOD TIMES...

Polish your cars, shine your shoes and get out your best dresses, the Kurri Kurri Nostalgia Festival rock and rolls back into town on the last weekend in March. It's now been 16 years since the first festival brought the 1950s to life in the streets of Kurri Kurri and the weekend continues to be one of the Hunter's most popular events.

Kurri Kurri Nostalgia Festival celebrates all the good things from the 1950's and 1960s – rock n roll music, dancing, classic cars, vintage clothing and good old fashioned fun. There's something for everyone with free entertainment and activi-



ties throughout the weekend on the PRD Nationwide Hunter Valley Main Stage in Rotary Park Kurri Kurri.

If you love classic cars and hot rods, Shannon's Show and Shine is a real high-



light, with an amazing display of hundreds of immaculate classic cars and hot rods.



The Retro Market Place brings together some of the biggest and best nostalgia themed retro and vintage market stalls from across the country. You'll find themed merchandise, retro goods, vintage clothing, rock n roll memorabilia, collectables and plenty for the car enthusiasts.

Whether you remember the 1950s or are inspired by that era, getting dressed up is part of the fun of the weekend. So don your vintage or 1950s inspired outfits and join us in Kurri Kurri, get your photo snapped and you could even win a prize by entering a Best Dressed competition.

The festival kicks off on Friday 29 March, with a Free Family Fun Night from 5pm in Rotary Park and runs throughout Saturday 30 and Sunday 31 March.

It's a great weekend for all the family at the Kurri Kurri Nostalgia Festival. For the full program, visit [www.kurrikurrinostalgiafestival.com.au](http://www.kurrikurrinostalgiafestival.com.au)



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## AROUND THE VINES

### Brown marmorated stink bug: new detections and action required

The threat of brown marmorated stink bug (BMSB) is escalating in Australia, with six new detections since September 2018. The pest, which could damage grapes, taint wine and cause significant public nuisance, has authorities on high alert.

The detections of BMSB have led to increased scrutiny on imported goods, with delays at ports resulting, due to treatment and clearance requirements. We know these delays have impacted Australian wine businesses.

Grapegrowers and winemakers are encouraged to look out for pests including BMSB, particularly when unpacking containers or receiving international goods, and also in vineyards and areas surrounding distribution and packing sheds. If unusual pests are spotted, secure the goods to limit the movement of the pests and immediately make a report to the Exotic Plant Pest Hotline on 1800 084 881.

### New detections

Six new post-border detections of BMSB since September 2018 have occurred across Australia, in Queensland, Victoria and Western Australia on a variety of imported cargo. Both live and dead bugs have been found.

The national Department of Agriculture and Water Resources (DAWR) is working closely with state governments in each of the affected states. Each detection has seen swift and effective response measures put in place.



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As many are aware, over the past few years the Broke Fordwich Region has become an extremely popular destination for weddings. These weddings are bringing hundreds of new visitors to the area each week.

It is with these wedding guests in mind that Broke Away was created. A tailored website that ensures guests can easily find accommodation that is close to the wedding venue. They can also arrange transport to pick them up and drop off. Whilst visiting the area they can also discover some of the amazing cellar doors and restaurants, as well as the many activities that abound such as horse riding or hot air ballooning.

The aim of Broke Away is two-fold. Firstly, to provide a personalised service for the guests of the brides and grooms so that all guests thoroughly enjoy not only the wedding but their entire stay in Broke. Secondly, to showcase the beautiful Broke Fordwich area, specifically the local businesses, to help them generate increased income and the local community as a whole.

Local Karyn Fox and her family own Adams Peak Country Estate (The Barn) on Adams Peak Road. She previously owned a bridal store in Sydney for 10 years before moving to Broke in 2012 and starting the wedding venue with her parents David and Bronwen. Karyn and her 2 children (Lochie 7 and Darcy 5) live on the property, and are very much ingrained in Broke and the local community. Her brother Michael and his wife Amanda moved down from Queensland to help with the business.

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## TO THE EDITOR

### **Proposed Rocky Hill coal mine in Gloucester disallowed :**

In a “first of its kind” hearing, the EDO had argued that the mine should be refused in part because of its impact on Australia’s commitments to the Paris climate agreement.

In his judgment, Preston noted that while there was “no proscription” on the approval of new emissions sources such as coal mines under the agreement, approval of the project “cannot assist in achieving the rapid and deep reductions in GHG emissions that are necessary” to meet the goals of the agreement.

“It matters not that the aggregate of the project’s greenhouse gas emissions may represent a small fraction of the global total”, he said.

“The global problem of climate change needs to be addressed by multiple local actions to mitigate emissions by sources and remove greenhouse gases by sinks.”

The Guardian 8 February 2019



What follows is a presentation made to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) hearing on the 7 February (before the L&E Court decision) regarding the proposed Wambo United superpit coal mine.

#### IPCC Report

91 eminent scientists from 40 countries examined over 6,000 peer-reviewed, scientific papers and 42,001 expert and government review comments to prepare a report summarised in a 34-page document called ‘Summary for Policymakers’

As the IPCC report clearly showed, Climate Change is an irrefutable scientific FACT backed by the evidence of all reputable scientists.

It is not like a religion that you can “choose” to believe or disbelieve.

Anthropogenic Climate Change is a FACT backed by overwhelming evidence.

There are no “Alternative Facts”

Both the UN Environment Report and the IPCC sounded the alarm over the dire climate trajectory we’re on, and the huge efforts needed to limit warming to 2 de-



degrees Celsius above preindustrial levels.

In June, research published in Nature pointed to a tripling of the rate of melting of the Antarctic ice sheet over the last five years.

New research published in Nature has confirmed a similar trend is occurring in the Greenland ice sheet.

Climate Change is an existential crisis which our children and grandchildren and future generations will have forced upon them. Not just mine but yours and everyone here.

***Alan Leslie,***

***BULGA***

The environment has emerged as a major concern for NSW voters, who are preparing to head to the polls on March 23.

Labor polling has consistently had it among the top three issues for voters this campaign.

Liberal numbers indicate climate change is of major concern too, particularly in inner-Sydney.

In NSW, the Coalition has set a target of zero net emissions by 2050 while Labor wants 50 per cent of the state's electricity to come from renewables by 2030, moving to 100 per cent by 2050.

In a recent announcement by Glencore the biggest producer in the Hunter Valley coal industry they stated:

We recognise climate change science as set out by the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. We believe that the global response to climate change should pursue twin objectives: both limiting temperatures in line with the goals of Articles 2.1(a)1 and 4.12 of the Paris Agreement ('the Paris Goals') and supporting the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, including universal access to affordable energy.

To deliver a strong investment case to our shareholders, we must invest in assets that will be resilient to regulatory, physical and operational risks related to climate change..... and to limit [our] coal production capacity broadly to current levels

***Ed***

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# INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2019

International Women's Day (IWD) is celebrated around the world on the 8th of March and is a day to reflect on how far we have come and how far we still have to go to truly achieve gender equality.

UN Women's global theme for IWD 2019 is 'Think equal, build smart, innovate for change', linking with the UN Commission on the Status of Women's focus on social protection, public services and sustainable infrastructure.



In Australia, for IWD 2019, UN Women NC Australia is joining forces with Chief Executive Women and Male Champions of Change – the two preeminent organisations focused on women in leadership and gender equality in business – to showcase our best event series yet, from 5-8 March, focused on our national theme, 'More Powerful Together'.

Australia's IWD 2019 theme, More Powerful Together, recognises the important role we all play – as women, men, non-binary and gender diverse people. It takes all of us, working in collaboration and across that which sometimes divides us, breaking down stereotypes and gendered roles to create a world where women and girls everywhere have equal rights and opportunities.

More Powerful Together is a clarion call to stand in unison for gender equality.

By attending our International Women's Day events and making a donation, you will support UN Women's work to transform the lives of women and girls around the world, for the better.

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Community complaints line  
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You can also view our approvals, management plans  
and environmental monitoring data on the website.  
Go to **www.bulgacoal.com.au** and click on  
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## Sing, Dance & Plot for the Environment

Putty Hall, 408 Putty Valley Road, Putty

Friday 5 April to Sunday 7 April 2019

Singing, dancing and experiencing nature all have health benefits, so join the Sydney Knitting Nannas & Friends for a fun weekend while we plot further actions to save the environment. Participate for a day or for the whole weekend.

Putty, between Windsor and Singleton, is surrounded by World Heritage National Parks. There are no shops, however, the recently renovated 100 year old Putty Hall is a versatile space for concerts and dining. It's 4km off Putty Road, and 96km from Windsor.



### Catering

Catering available from Friday dinner to Sunday lunch – bookings only at Stage 1 Registration. Please advise if you require vegetarian, vegan, gluten free and/or dairy free meals at this time.

### Volunteering

It's essential that participants help with food preparation and clean up of the hall and facilities in order to keep costs down.

### Costs

NO CREDIT CARD FACILITIES AVAILABLE

Drinks: Pay at bar

Pay at Registration:

Friday – Sunday \$60

Saturday – Sunday \$50

Saturday only \$30

Sunday only \$20

Includes all meals, program and songbook

### Registration

**Deadline: Tuesday 2 April 5pm**

**Stage 1** - Book your workshop place, catering and camp area/accommodation

**Stage 2** – Pay registration on arrival at Putty Hall.

### Contact

Kathy McKenzie 0408 650 851 or 02 6579 7047 or [kmckmedia@gmail.com](mailto:kmckmedia@gmail.com) for further information and registration.

### Activities

- Singing workshops will enable participants to perform at least 4 songs in a concert on Sunday. No auditions required.
- Concurrent sign creation and instrument making workshop. Make signs to decorate the hall or musical instruments such as clap sticks, lagerphone and wobble board to be played in the Sunday concert.
- Knitting Nanna's plotting sessions will discuss and plan future activities
- Scone making workshop - make morning tea
- Knit and crochet workshop
- Watch slide presentations
- Tai Chi
- Bushwalking
- Self-drive tour of Putty Valley and beyond
- Circle dance at Saturday night's party
- Please bring musical instruments

### Accommodation

- Camping – bring your own tent or van
- Billets – see Contact



# **SINGLETON COUNCIL LAUNCHES ADVOCACY AGENDA AS STATE ELECTION LOOMS**

Singleton Council will make a pre-election pitch to all sides of politics in the lead up to the NSW state election, backed by an advocacy agenda with 20 priorities for Singleton, including the funding and construction of the Singleton bypass, more passenger train services, changes to the Resources for Regions grant funding program, and leadership on post-mining land use and recycling issues.

Council is launching the agenda following the February Council meeting, pushing for leadership, funding commitments and construction to begin on a variety of projects that align with the community's vision for Singleton to be vibrant, progressive, connected, sustainable and resilient.

Singleton Mayor, Cr Sue Moore said Council's advocacy priorities resonated strongly with the Singleton community.

"Putting the community first is the cornerstone of everything we do, and this agenda is a crucial document that will allow us to build on our previous efforts to help create long-lasting change into the future," she said.

"To deliver on its full potential, Singleton requires significant investment, and we are calling on all sides of politics to partner with us to help drive the major initiatives that will shape our region for decades to come.

"Our local government area is part of NSW's largest regional centre, and home to some of its most important industries — mining, agriculture and tourism — and we have a long way to go until we see a return in keeping with the \$340million in mining royalties our region delivers to Macquarie Street each year.

"The bypass, upgrades to our police station, a commitment to resolving post-mining land use, a fairer resources for regions grant program, expansion of health services in Singleton — the state government have dragged their feet over these and other important matters, and we are asking candidates to affirm their commitment to address these."

"Our message is simple, let's work together to ensure Singleton and the region as a whole thrives."

***To view Council's 2019 Advocacy Agenda, visit <https://www.singleton.nsw.gov.au/advocacy>***



### 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.

***Elizabeth***  
***Joeys Retreat***



# A great night out Bingo



*1st Monday of the month  
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Centre*

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*Contact*

*Phil Reid 0438 865 064*

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# Singleton Evangelical Church

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

For more information 6573-4198  
or [www.singletonchurch.org](http://www.singletonchurch.org)

# Broke Village Recreation Grounds

## *Community access information:*

A great spot to enjoy the great outdoors

**Free BBQ with sheltered picnic tables**  
**Tennis courts with lights for night use**  
**Netball court**  
**Basketball court**  
**Children's play equipment.**

The Grounds are located at the end of Cochrane Street.

The hut at the grounds is available for the community's use for no charge.

If you wish to use the facility please make a booking with Wendy on 65781334.

The key for the Hut can be picked up at the Broke Village Store with a deposit of \$20.00 which will be returned when the key is returned.



## COMMUNITY GROUPS AND ORGANISATIONS

### **Broke Bulga Landcare Group Inc.**

C/o President, Wendy Lawson  
PO Box 120, Broke  
NSW 2330

### **Broke Fair Committee**

Secretary, Maxine Alexander  
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### **Broke Fordwich Wine & Tourism**

President Jody Derrick  
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### **NSW Rural Fire Service Hunter Valley District**

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### **Broke Rural Fire Brigade**

Captain: Paul Myers  
C/o Broke Post Office,  
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### **Bulga Rural Fire Brigade**

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### **Broke Community Hall**

Kathleen Everett (02)  
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### **Broke Public School**

Principal/P&C Association,  
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### **Bulga Milbrodale**

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### **St Marks Anglican Church**

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