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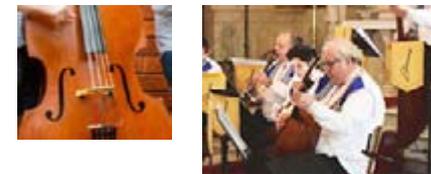
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## FROM THE EDITOR

Never one to avoid important anniversaries, COCKFIGHTER would be remiss if we didn't acknowledge a seminal moment in the lives of all of us—we, the wide (obesity is a problem in Oz), brown (and black and white and other pigmentation) inhabitants of this wide brown land. I refer to the fact that we honour in this issue a Prime Minister who, (drum roll, please) has lasted one year in this role and counting. Nobody should forget that astonishing, policy-void (except for tax breaks) one-man show which this onetime adman put on for the May election, disembowelling an arrogant, policy-heavy opposition who forgot that the electorate is right behind environmental and social welfare programs—as long as it doesn't hit them in the back pocket. Apart from that handy advantage for our Beloved Leader, he took the risky but utterly understandable decision to front the media on his own for the campaign, with nary a reference to the many stumblebums and misfits of his political ilk who had virtually ensured an election win for the AL:P. in the preceding months.

The Australian media generally recognize that Mr Morrison's strategy overall was brilliantly low key—no demonisation of his opponent, the un-electable Shorten (except that we couldn't trust him!), while emphasizing the image of a politician who was completely detached from what we call the "Canberra Bubble". Throw in a genuine and unashamed declaration of himself as a follower of Pentacostal religion, and you have a definitive section of the population sewn up—as far as sectarian issues are concerned (and I concede, the last Census showed most Australians aren't driven that way at all). And overall, this one-man-band approach to that unbelievable election result was executed on a foundation of complete optimism about the future for Australia in uncertain times.

Here I have to confess to an understanding of the way our politicians can sway the populace with a positive image of their lot—especially in comparison with the nightmare scenarios we see with nightly TV coverage of events in less fortunate countries. Because I submit that we are a very fortunate country, and well equipped to withstand the economic kicks to the national vitals we could suffer into the 2020's. To those who say that personalities of a positive nature don't mean much while the

dollar is sliding, or the iron ore price is tumbling, I don't have to recall my boyhood memories of Churchill and the Blitz, or even Paul Keating's "Recession we had to have" of more recent years: I merely quote the apparently simplistic interpretation of Boris Simpson's ascension to 10 Downing Street, as delivered by a columnist for Britain's Economist newssheet. In his view, outgoing PM Theresa May made everybody around her feel terrible—and Boris Johnson the exact opposite. I'd call that a start to national acceptance. The next three years could tell another tale, but I doubt that Scott Morrison will lose the ability to convince most of us that, by any international standard, we should feel privileged to live in this country.

On that subject of neglecting certain events, I have to offer fervent apologies to Bob Kennedy. long time resident of the Tranquil Side of the Valley and recipient of the Order of Australia (AM) earlier this year. COCKFIGHTER should have picked up on this honour for Bob and our sub-region at the time, and we hope this mention will go some way to emphasises our congratulations for the recognition of his tireless efforts in so many spheres.

**(Tom Jackson)**



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# GLENGUIN ESTATE

## ANOTHER BROKE FORDWICH WINE-MASTERY STORY

Sitting at the tasting table, a single piece of Western Australian Jarrah, looking out over the Schoolhouse Block and beyond to the Wollombi Brook, is the perfect setting to enjoy and learn more about hand crafted wines, including Glenguin's acclaimed shirazes.



*A visit to the Glenguin cellar door, located in the Broke Fordwich Wine Region just outside the village of Broke about 10 minutes from Pokolbin, is among the most unique tasting experiences in the Hunter Valley.*

Glenguin Vineyard was first planted in the 1980s with an average vine age now of more than 25 years and each wine comes from a small individual vineyard block on the property. Organic farming principles are followed at Glenguin where things are still done by hand from planting through vine training to pruning and handpicking at vintage.

The shiraz and semillon vines at Glenguin are directly descended from James Busby's original planting at Kirkton in the 1820s. They are planted on their own roots on a unique combination of a raised gravel bench for shiraz with sandy loam over red basalt for Semillon.



The name Glenguin comes from the original Scots Gaelic name of the Highland distillery now called “Glengoyne” (since 1909). Robin and Rita Tedder established Glenguin in 1993 when they bought the largely undeveloped outstanding vineyard site. Robin became Australia’s 7th Master of Wine in 1997 and has just completed his 25th vintage at Glenguin.

Robin is the third Baron of Glenguin and grandson of Arthur Tedder the First Baron Marshal of the RAF and Deputy Supreme Commander of the Allied Forces in WW2. Arthur was born on the distillery property in 1890 with the Tedder family continuing the association with great drinks through the vineyards at Glenguin in Australia’s oldest wine region, the Hunter Valley.

These wines have won major Trophies including NSW and Boutique Wine Show Trophies for best white, Best Red and NSW Wine of the Year at the NSW Wine Awards for shiraz. Production is extremely limited with just a few hundred cases of each of the wines.



*Robin Tedder “...wine from shiraz, grown on the gravel bench at Glenguin, that is comparable with the finest grown anywhere.”*

With a successful business career behind them the Tedders could have established a vineyard anywhere but chose the Broke Fordwich property because of its potential to make great shiraz.

Robin did his MW research paper on shiraz styles around the world, and is firmly of the view that it is possible to make a red wine from shiraz, grown on the gravel bench



*Andrew has considerable experience in organic agriculture and at Glenguin he is responsible for complete oversight of all vineyard activity.*

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This is a team effort: Robin and Rita ensure the Glenguin quality and prestige is continued with Andrew Tedder and Phil Jones.

Andrew has been with Glenguin since the beginning with his influence in the vineyard shining in the quality of the wines. He has worked in several regions in Australia, most notably in Heathcote in Victoria where he has the claim to fame of being the first viticulturist nominated for winemaker of

the year, alongside Matt Harrop at Shadowfax. Andrew has considerable experience in organic agriculture and at Glenguin he is responsible for complete oversight of all vineyard activity.

Strengthening the family input to this outstanding vineyard is the addition of Robin's son Chris to the business. Chris brings a large cache of marketing skills to concentrate on the Sydney side of the enterprise.

Phil is Cellar Door Manager and comes to Glenguin after being about as far from wine as one can imagine - packing in a 16 year career in web development to follow his passion. A complete wine tragic, his wine education started with a glass of Cabernet and a thirst to find out more.

Originally from Canberra, Phil joins Glenguin after managing vineyards and completing vintages in the Canberra District and Hilltops regions and is quickly developing a vibrant passion for all things Hunter.

Combining university studies in winemaking and viticulture with Level 3 certification from the Wine & Spirits Education Trust, you're just as





likely to find Phil in the vineyard as much as the cellar door, making him the perfect guide to take you through Glenguin's range of handcrafted wines.

Phil conducts tastings for small groups at various times of the year. These are booked online and include Glenguin's premium wines as well as rare and museum wines that are not available outside of these tastings. Summer sessions include a quick vineyard tour with a brief discussion around vineyard management techniques. Bookings for these sessions are essential.

## GLENGUIN ESTATE

*Open: Thurs – Mon, 10am – 5pm.  
Other times by appointment.*

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# MILBRODALE FAMILY FUN DAY

SUNDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER 2019

9 AM - 2 PM

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SUNDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER 2019  
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CORNER OF MILBRODALE AND PUTTY ROADS  
MILBRODALE

Registration open from 9 am

ULTIMATE student heats 10 am  
ULTIMATE WOMAN heats 11 am  
ULTIMATE MAN heats noon  
Finals 1pm.

Entry \$5 children, \$20 adults

A fundraising event organised by the  
Milbrodale Public School Parents & Citizens Association  
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# BROKE FORDWICH WINE WINNERS HUNTER VALLEY WINE SHOW 2019



*Several Broke Fordwich wines were winners at the 2019 Hunter Valley Wine Show.*

**Whispering Brook** received a Silver for their 2018 Touriga Nacional and **Krinklewood** received a Bronze for their 2005 Biodynamic Vineyard Semillon and 2019 Biodynamic Vineyard Semillon. **Mt Eyre** received a Silver for their Three Ponds 2017 Holman Shiraz and a Bronze for the 2018 Three Ponds Grosser Semillon.

*Margan Wines has had its best ever. Margan was one of the top 5 wineries in the competition.*

“We are over the moon with the results. To win 16 medals at such a prestigious wine show is testimony to the vineyards and quality of wine that can be produced from the Broke Fordwich sub-region. We have 100 hectares of distinguished vineyards all grown on the unique soils within the region. We are proud to be a leading wine producer here and I think it is a great result for our whole region to celebrate” said Chief Winemaker and owner Andrew Margan.

## **List of results - Margan :**

### **Trophy**

2016 Margan Botrytis Semillon – Best Sweet Wine

### **Gold Medal**

2018 Margan Shiraz Mourvedre  
2017 Margan Aged Release Shiraz  
2017 Margan Ripasso  
2017 Margan Shiraz Mourvedre  
2016 Margan Botrytis Semillon

### **Silver Medal**

2019 Margan Rose & Bramble  
2018 Margan Barbera  
2016 Margan Ripasso  
2018 Margan Botrytis Semillon

### **Bronze Medal**

2018 Margan Ceres Hill Chardonnay  
2018 Margan Fordwich Hill Shiraz  
2018 Margan Aged Release Shiraz  
2018 Margan Shiraz Mourvedre  
2017 Margan White Label Shiraz  
2014 Margan Aged Release Shiraz  
2017 Margan Tempranillo Graciano Shiraz

## WINE TOURISM AND CELLAR DOOR GRANTS

**Applications have opened for Wine Australia's Wine Tourism and Cellar Door Grants program for 2019. To be eligible you must produce wine in Australia, sell wine domestically, and have a cellar door.**

Eligible wine producers will receive an annual grant of up to \$100,000 to optimise visitors' experiences at their cellar doors.

Assistant Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources Anne Ruston said, "This program recognises the huge investments that wine businesses make in local communities and the value they add in attracting international tourists."



*Assistant Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources Anne Ruston*

"With the growing demand for outstanding food and wine as part of the travel experience, it's important that our wine regions maintain their competitive edge", she said.

Key dates – Wine Tourism and Cellar Door Grants

One grant round will be offered each financial year for wine sold in the previous financial year

Applications for round 1 (2018-19 financial year) opened 1 July 2019

Applications for round 1 close 30 September 2019

Applicants informed of grant outcomes in October 2019

Grant payments made in November 2019.

The guidelines for the Wine Tourism and Cellar Door Grant program are available on the Wine Australia website.

<https://www.wineaustralia.com>

## **WINE EXPORT GRANTS ALSO AVAILABLE**

**The export grants are designed to build the capability and capacity of small and medium wine businesses to capture export and tourism opportunities, particularly in China and the United States of America.**

### **What can be claimed?**

Reimbursement of travel expenses for a single promotional visit to China (including Hong Kong and Macau) and/or the USA

The cost of providing free samples of the product you are promoting for export  
Costs directly related to participating and promoting your product in international trade fairs, seminars and in-store promotions, and  
marketing and advertising material tailored for Chinese or USA audiences.

### **What do applicants get?**

Eligible applicants may claim up to A\$25,000, including:

Up to 50 per cent reimbursement of eligible expenses, and

A daily allowance of A\$350 capped at 14 days for incidental or on-ground costs (e.g. vehicle hire, telephone and internet costs, foreign currency exchange costs, meals, laundry, taxis in countries other than Australia, hospitality costs, accommodation or translating/interpreting services).

Applications can be made online via Wine Australia's grants portal until 5pm ACDT 1 May 2020 or until the funds are exhausted:

<https://www.wineaustralia.com/wine-tourism-and-cellar-door-grants>

For assistance with your application, please phone Wine Australia on (08) 8228 2000 or email [grants@wineaustralia.com](mailto:grants@wineaustralia.com)



# BRING A PICNIC AND ALL THAT JAZZ: THE DJANGOLOGISTS

Sacred Spaces brings a wonderful variety of music to the region. This time you are invited to make a picnic of it in the beautiful grounds in the Convent garden at the Sisters of Mercy Convent, Singleton.

The late Jean Reinhardt, stage name Django Reinhardt, was a Belgian-born Romani-French jazz guitarist and composer, regarded as one of the greatest musicians of the twentieth century. He was the first jazz talent to emerge from Europe and remains the most significant. Born on the 23rd of January 1910, Reinhardt was a gypsy child and was immediately given the nickname, Django, which means “I wake up”. He wore simple, checkered suits and had a thin moustache.

The Djangologists perform music inspired by Django while adding their own twist! BYO picnic, drinks, low chair or rug and relax... in the Convent front garden listening to blistering fast tunes to velvety ballads and everything in between! The musicians love their audience to be a part of the experience – whether you dance, sing or just smile, it doesn't matter!

*Inspired by jazz genius Django Reinhardt, The Djangologists will be performing al fresco at Sacred Spaces*

*Clarinet & Saxophone  
Chris Higgins*

*Trombone Thomas  
Arblaster*

*Guitar, Hamish Reid*

*Guitar, Michael Napoli*

*Double Bass, Oscar  
Peterson*



Sacred Spaces at the Sisters of Mercy Convent

30 Queen Street, Singleton, Hunter Valley

**Sunday 8 September at 2pm**

Tickets at

<https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=501824&>

or at the gate from 1.30pm

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Their repertoire includes light classical and traditional folk music. The performers share their love for the beauty of authentic Russian folk music, where mellow, melancholic themes are juxtaposed by lively, energetic melodies.

As well as performing throughout NSW, Victoria and the ACT for the last 30 years, they have also undertaken extensive tours in Russia and China, as well as New Zealand. For more information about the Orchestra, see their website. *balalaika.com.au*

The acoustics of the stunning Sisters' Chapel will make this a wonderful return concert for the Orchestra!

**SUNDAY 13 OCTOBER 2019 AT 2:00 PM**

Tickets include a delicious Convent-made afternoon tea:

\$35 adult and \$5 school student

Sacred Spaces at the Sisters of Mercy Convent, Queen St, Singleton

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For a list of the categories open for 2020 please [Click Here](#)

Great prizes are up for grabs! Plus every nominee will receive a dedicated media release sent to their local paper encouraging them to write a story and will receive a certificate of achievement.

The Awards are free to enter – and completing a nomination online is easy!

If you are ready to start your nomination please go to our online portal here and select the category from the dropdown nomination award menu.

Want to recognise someone but don't have the time? No problem, we are more than willing to help! All you need to do is click here to fill in their contact details, then we'll get in contact with them and have them complete the questions. It's that easy!

To find out more about the Awards please see our website.

**Nominations close Friday 1st November 2019.**

If you need any assistance, contact:

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**"IN-SYNC"** Adverb; simultaneously, at once, at the same time, in concert, concurrently, all together

# BRIDGMAN RIDGE COMMUNITY TRUST GRANT FUNDING APPLICATIONS OPEN

*Community groups, not-for-profit organisations and sporting clubs can now apply for a share of \$34,000 for local projects in round four of the Bridgman Ridge Community Trust Grant funding program.*

37 local community groups have shared in almost \$110,000 of much deserved funding towards a worthy list of projects.

The funding is intended to enhance the quality of life for people living in Singleton and aims to assist not-for-profit organisations enhance the provision of activities, facilities or the delivery of services to people in the Singleton community.

Funding can be used for the purchase of equipment, minor repair work upgrades,



*One of the beneficiaries of the community trust - Glendonbrook Hall*

hosting cultural events, exhibitions or workshops or to assist obtaining larger grants.

In round three alone, the trust grant funding program allocated over \$52,000 in funding across the local government area, including \$28,000 towards the new Singleton Netball Association Clubhouse. Over the last 10 year period, a host of other organisations have also benefited from the trust, including Glendonbrook Hall, Singleton Salvation Army, Rotary Club of Singleton on Hunter and our local rugby, league, soccer and track and field clubs.

Applications for the Bridgman Ridge Community Trust close at 4pm on 18 October 2019.

***To find out more and to download an application form, visit <https://www.singleton.nsw.gov.au/bridgmanridgecommunitytrust>***



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## **ICELANDIC MEMORIAL WARNS FUTURE: 'ONLY YOU KNOW IF WE SAVED GLACIERS'**

The first of Iceland's 400 glaciers to be lost to the climate crisis was remembered with a memorial plaque – and a sombre warning for the future – to be unveiled by scientists and local people next month.

The former Okjökull glacier, which a century ago covered 15 sq km (5.8 sq miles) of mountainside in western Iceland and measured 50 metres thick, has shrunk to barely 1 sq km of ice less than 15 metres deep and lost its status as a glacier.

Researchers from Rice University in Houston, Texas, a leading Icelandic author, Andri Snær Magnason, and the geologist Oddur Sigurðsson led the unveiling ceremony at the site in Borgarfjörður on 18 August.

"In the next 200 years, all our glaciers are expected to follow the same path," the plaque reads, in Icelandic and English. "This monument is to acknowledge that we know what is happening and what needs to be done. Only you know if we did it."

The memorial is dated August 2019 and also carries the words "415ppm CO<sub>2</sub>", referring to the record-breaking level of 415 parts per million of carbon dioxide recorded in the atmosphere in May this year.

## OUR WILDLIFE



### WELCOME SWALLOW ( *Hirundo neoxena* )

Our familiar house swallow is metallic blue-black above with dusky wings and rufous-red throat and forehead and a forked tail. It is dull white below. They breed in single pairs or small groups, often returning to the same nest site with the same partner in spring. After breeding they gather in flocks of 100 or more. Flocks roost together at night and forage from perches to catch small flying insects, often over water. They breed from August to December and often raise 2-3 broods per season. The female lays 4-6 eggs in a cup-shaped nest of mud and vegetation plastered to a wall or tree hollow. Both parents share the incubation of about 15 days and both feed the young who fledge in about 28 days. Their call is a sweet twitter and warbling. Diet of insects and live in open area usually near water.

***Elizabeth***

***Joeys Retreat***





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Vigneron: Dave Fromberg  
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# DESTINATION PLAYTIME AT ROSE POINT PARK WITH TWO NEW ALL ABILITIES PLAY ZONES UNVEILED

Playtime in Rose Point Park is set to be even more colourful and exciting for kids of all abilities, with the unveiling of stages 8 and 9 of the playground redevelopment today.

Two new play zones, including a balance area and climbing challenge shaped like a rocket ship, complete with rock walls, ropes and natural play area, are equipped to improve coordination and balance levels for kids of all ages and capabilities.

The works were funded as part of an \$879,820 grant from the NSW Government's Stronger Country Communities Fund.

Member for Upper Hunter Michael Johnsen MP, Mayor of Singleton, Cr Sue Moore and Singleton Council General Manager Jason Linnane were among the first to experience the new zones, which also include extra green space for families to experience nature as well as a day bed, picnic tables and additional seating.

"This is a great example of the NSW Government investing in community and social infrastructure in Singleton, which significantly improves the liveability for both locals and visitors, and for people of all ages and all abilities," Mr Johnsen said.

Cr Moore said the innovative new zones aimed to break down barriers for children with or without a disability and their families.

"Council's Parks and Gardens staff have literally thought of everything, pouring a great deal of love and fun into this project," she said.

"From the all abilities bubbler with three drinking heights and faux fire pits for imaginative play to the two extra access points for greater connectivity, including an extra gate from the car park and a gate towards the AFL fields, the play area has increased by a third.

"These upgrades, enabled by the State Government's Stronger Country Communities grant funding, demonstrate Council's vision for inclusion in Singleton, with the new zones linking the play area even closer to the sporting fields.

"These enhancements ensure that everyone in the community will be able to enjoy this fantastic outdoor facility in the heart of our town.

"It's a project that goes right to the heart of our community, and it's great to see the park already abuzz with the sounds of happy children and their families."

A custom piece for children who use wheelchairs is also on order and expected to be ready for play by Christmas.

# A great night out Bingo



*1st Monday of the month*

*@ 6:30 Bulga Community  
Centre*

*All welcome*

*Contact*

*Phil Reid 0438 865 064*

**Bring a plate to share**

BY THE WOLLOMBI  
By Stephen Mushenko

By the banks of the Wollombi I sit and reflect  
on the joys of life I am privileged to get.

The banks of the Wollombi, both sandy and steep,  
are riddled with burrows where rabbits do sleep.

The water flows slow over soft golden sand;  
flows clear and cool, dividing the land.

The she-oaks stir with the slightest of breeze;  
whispering delicate secrets out loud to the trees.

Off in the distance, with majesty and pride -  
great Yellow Rock stands; as a travellers' guide.

The Wollombi Creek, so gentle and serene -  
but driven by flood - can react oh so mean.

But today no floods or rain are in sight -  
as the water sends messages in the blinking sunlight.

The earth is at peace; the day warm and bright;  
as I sit by the shore in the Autumn's crisp light.

So let my soul, my heart and mind,  
flow like the Wollombi, both gentle and kind.

Rejoice, oh my soul. Be calm mind and heart.

Give thanks for this day; 'tis a brand new start.

# 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.





# 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  
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## 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  
alexandermaxine6@gmail.com

### **Broke Fordwich Wine & Tourism**

President Jody Derrick  
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secretary@brokefordwich.com.au

### **NSW Rural Fire Service Hunter Valley District**

2161 Putty Road Bulga  
2330  
Phone 6575 1200, Fax 6575 1299  
email [huntervalley.team@rfs.nsw.gov.au](mailto:huntervalley.team@rfs.nsw.gov.au)  
Manager:  
Superintendent Ashley Frank.

### **Broke Rural Fire Brigade**

Captain: Paul Myers  
C/o Broke Post Office,  
Broke NSW 2330

### **Bulga Rural Fire Brigade**

Captain: Jill Kranias  
Phone:- 0408 652 668  
Permit officers:  
A Gallagher 6574 5100  
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### **Broke Community Hall**

Kathleen Everett (02)  
6579 1470

### **Broke Public School**

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

Progress Association  
President - John Krey  
6574 5376  
PO Box 1032, Singleton  
2330  
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### **Bulga Community Centre Inc.**

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65745 495  
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### **Justices of the Peace**

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### **Milbrodale Public School**

Putty Road, Milbrodale  
NSW 2330

### **National Parks and Wildlife Service- Upper Hunter Area Bulga and Scone**

Peta Norris, Putty Road,  
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### **Palliative Care Volunteers for**

### **Singleton & Cessnock**

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65722121

### **Private Irrigation (PID)**

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### **PID Admin**

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### **St Andrews Anglican**

Church Broke  
Parish Secretary at 6571 1414

### **St Marks Anglican Church**

C/o Marie Mitchell  
Inlet Road, Bulga NSW  
2330

### **The Immaculate Conception Catholic Church Broke**

Paul O'Toole  
C/o Broke Post Office,  
Broke NSW 2330

### **Wildlife Rescue, Rehabilitation and Release**

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