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FROM THE EDITOR

COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS - (DON'T BLAST YOUR COUNTRY)

Bemused by much of what I sense is a growing deluge of dismay, despair and (God, I can't resist the word) discombobulation in our media, our Ministry (both political and ecclesiastical), and our money-makers, also known as business big and small, I demand a simple answer to my bleat for balance:

Is there nothing good you can gouge out of the doldrums, the delirium of despondency that, you infer, affects the whole of this wide brown land?

Is that a deafening silence I hear--? OK, Let me spruik the merits of a disparate group of our country peoples who, in their different ways, give the lie to the impression of hopelessness (and heartlessness) emanating from all quarters.

I don't imagine the name Thomas Maschmeyer enjoys household recognition throughout Australia at the moment—but it should. I can't recall media mention of his name nor his extraordinary work at Sydney University being discussed during our Prime Minister's address to the United Nations General Assembly in September—but it was amply boosted by Mr Morrison in his speech.. Climate change will continue to be hostage to extremist philosophies for and against as regards human contribution, but there is no argument with this unassailably physical reality of the mess plastics are making to our environment. Talk to maritime types who have encountered the gyre—the ghastly gyration (that's what the word means) of billions of discarded items that have coagulated like some monstrous, malignant blood-clot



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There are other means of curbing global waste of this material, but none economically rivals the Sydney technology for recycling plastic into oil. The Sydney Morning Herald's Tim Dodd reported that the University process could harness mixed plastics, which are currently not recycled. No wonder international interest is booming. Britain is setting up a treatment plant in England's north, and Germany is weighing up the possibility of major works with, as Professor Marschmeyer estimates, the possibility of transforming half a million tonnes of waste back to oil within three to five years.

The need is clear: at present, the Professor says, only ten per cent of plastic is recycled, because of cartage and sorting issues. The other 90 per cent is incinerated, landfilled, or, to coin a fatal phrase, gyrated in our ocean. Think of the alternatives: Australia's annual tally of our society's throwaway obsession is around one and a half million tonnes; Licella calculates it could be processed into 1.2 million barrels of oil. And, apart from the gains for the economy, think of the priceless benefits for those undersea dwellers of our matchless marine ecology.

It's a far cry from the white-coated and black-gowned world of Academe, but my additional bleat on behalf of the movers and shakers and givers in our sometimes self-centred society has to do with an admirable assemblage of volunteers in the busy streets of Singleton. I wonder how many of us think, as these people do, of the kids and not-so-kiddish who for one reason or t'other can't hack the unending and often unendingly expensive chore of..getting their P-plate. We herewith salute Singleton Council, the Salvation Army and the Police and Community Youth Club for getting together to look after these learner-drivers who would otherwise face an uncertain position nowhere near a steering wheel. Read within for the tremendous spirit that er, drives these staff from Council, the Sallies and PYCY—just another indicator to me that things ain't all that crook in Toolarook. Tell me I'm wrong and I'll tell you..you're dreamin'.

(Tom Jackson)

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Broke Fordwich continues to reveal its hidden charm and secret hide-aways and Glen Eden Cottages is a perfect example of quality accommodation in a large rural setting. Glen Eden offers all that is needed for a wonderful Hunter Valley stay.



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“Tranquil outlook that just allows us city people to calm down and relax. Facilities were pristine clean and very comfortable. Looking forward to coming back some time. Would recommend this lovely cottage to anyone.” Glenda, Gavin, Sue & Lyn.
The Broke Fordwich Wine Region

Picture perfect Broke Fordwich is located in a valley of incomparable beauty and majestic landscapes. A place where an old fashioned country welcome combines with world class wines, award winning restaurants, and beautiful local produce.



“Beautiful weekend. A glorious part of the world. Heavenly sheets and such a well organised cabin. Thanks so much.” Deb & Paul.

Wine Trail

Glen Eden is surrounded by vineyards offering dozens of cellar doors within 10-minutes of the front gate. The closest being literally next door, so you can watch the grapes grow as you laze in the pool. Many of the wineries include cheese and antipasto platters as part of the wine tasting experience, or you can also enjoy a sumptuous fine dining lunch or dinner, pizza nights or a picnic amongst the vines.



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Along the trail you can also discover locally grown olives, natural soaps, alpaca wool products and jewellery, amongst the range of artisan products. You can discover them at their own doors or enjoy them together at the Broke Village Markets which are held on the first Sunday morning of every month.



Both cottages are equipped with generous sized and well-equipped kitchens



The two cottages are equipped with a range of single and queen beds



Lemonthyme cottage ... 2 bedrooms



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As if defiance of accepted property growth predictions, Broke Fordwich has gently but relentlessly continued to add to its stable of wineries, accommodation venues and other tourism businesses. The Broke Fordwich Tourism Association has launched a Wine Trail featuring a select number of local tourism businesses. The region is identified by the fact that businesses are mostly run at the ‘front counter’ by the owners. This gives an often repeated response by visitors who remark on the added enjoyment of being able to meet the people who not only own the business but work it on a daily basis

Margan, Managing Director & Winemaker - Andrew Margan:

“The Broke Fordwich wine trail is a fantastic initiative from a wonderful collaboration of wine and olive producers from this unique sub-region of the Hunter Valley. Our sub-region has always had a strong sense of community and a great bunch of small producers with an eye on providing both quality products and wonderful friendly service for our visitors.”

The Tourism Association run by Chairperson Jody Derrick is a fully volunteer group of local residents committed to giving visitors the opportunity to discover this unique part of the mosaic that is the Hunter Valley.

Jody says, “A genuine camaraderie and community spirit amongst vigneron and winemakers is at the heart of the Broke Fordwich Wine Trail. A spirit that we are excited to share, as visitors discover the wines, the people and the landscape that is Broke Fordwich.”

Key Statistics

- 17 Cellar Doors
- 12 Eateries
- 69 Accommodation Houses
- 35 Grape Growers
- 475 hectares of vines - individual Estates range from 100 hectares to 4

acres

- Over a century of grape growing history with first plantings in Fordwich undertaken in the early 1900s
- Large scale vineyards were planted by Lindemans and Saxonvale in the late 1960s
- First viticultural sub-region declared in the Hunter Valley and second sub-region in Australia, Broke Fordwich was entered in the Register of protected Names in 1997 and given its own Geographical Indicator in 2003.
- Broke Fordwich region includes the villages of Broke, Fordwich, Milbrodale & Bulga

Unique Offerings

- **1813** offers distinctive flavours from the classic Shiraz of the Hunter Valley to the contemporary Fiano. In an elegant boutique cellar door set among the vines of Tinonee Vineyard Estate.
- **Ascella** is the largest organic vineyard in the Hunter Valley, offering a range of Hunter traditionals that can be tasted under the Silk Tree or by the fireside under the stars.
- **Bright Farm** is a tiny scale wine producer specialising in Tempranillo, Sangiovese and Touriga Nacional. Styles available change with the seasons.
- **Bisous Estate** invites you to visit their 1962, 620 Class Train that has been converted into a cellar door (opening 2020)
- **Catherine Vale Wines** are inspired by passion. With a focus on Italian varietals including white variety Arneis, and red variety Dolcetto, the vineyard also produces Barbera, Semillon and a fortified madeira.
- **Glenguin Estate** is home to Aristeia Shiraz, consistently rates as one of Australia's leading Shiraz wines. Halliday Wine Companion 5 Red Star winery. Minimal intervention, single vineyard, hand crafted wines made with knowledge and passion.
- **Greenway Wines** are a family owned, vineyard and cellar door. Meander through the vineyard and join us for a wine tasting experience at our Red Barn Cellar Door and gardens or picnic within the grounds with one of our antipasto platters designed to optimise your wine experience.
- **Krinklewood** is a certified biodynamic organic, family owned vineyard, winery and farm. Our cellar door offers guest a unique experience with biodynamic wines, provencal style gardens and an abundance of beautiful birdlife. Cheese platters are available to enjoy with your wine tasting in our cellar door gardens.
- **Lavender Ridge** is open by appointment and features hand crafted

wine from estate grown grapes.

- **Margan** is one of Broke's pioneering wineries and twice awarded Hunter Valley Cellar Door of the year. Margan offers the complete wine and food experience. Relax and enjoy single vineyard wines in the beautiful rammed earth tasting room. Chose grazing platters to match or dine in the acclaimed Restaurant. Margan, sustainable farming at its best.
- **Mount Broke Wines** offers a relaxed friendly atmosphere of cool music where you can taste estate grown Shiraz, Barbera, Tempranillo, Semillon and Verdelho. Take in the sublime view of the Brokenback Range and enjoy a delicious menu prepared with passion by their French chef.
- **Nightingale Wines** enjoys the view of the amazing 'Yellow Rock'. It is one of the prettiest award-winning vineyards in the Hunter Valley. Offering a free wine tasting of all its beautiful premium wines.
- **Running Horse Wines** provides a unique experience for the serious wine lover. We have an impressive range of classic aged wines comprising the Hunter's finest Shiraz, Semillon, Verdelho, Rose and a Sparkling Rose. Enjoy enticing wines dating back to the 2005 vintage at our unique and relaxing cellar door.
- **Sommerville** organic grapes form the basis of a range of Hunter Valley traditionals, where every grape is treated with love, care and passion in this family owned and run estate.
- **Talits Estate** family tends to their special vines with love. Drawing inspiration from Burgundy and Provence, they create handcrafted wines that are unique to the vintage in small quantities and of exceptional quality.
- **Whispering Brook** cellar door and winery is located in a beautiful Australian style building featuring wide verandahs with stunning views. Visitors can taste wine/olive products at the custom recycled bar, in the winery or the verandah overlooking vineyards, olive groves and mountains.
- **Winmark Wines** formerly Pooles Rock, has been completely refurbished to be a magnificent estate featuring gardens, sculptures, art and 28 acres of chardonnay vines. These vines have been lovingly restored and are once again producing premium wine for our visitors and members to enjoy.

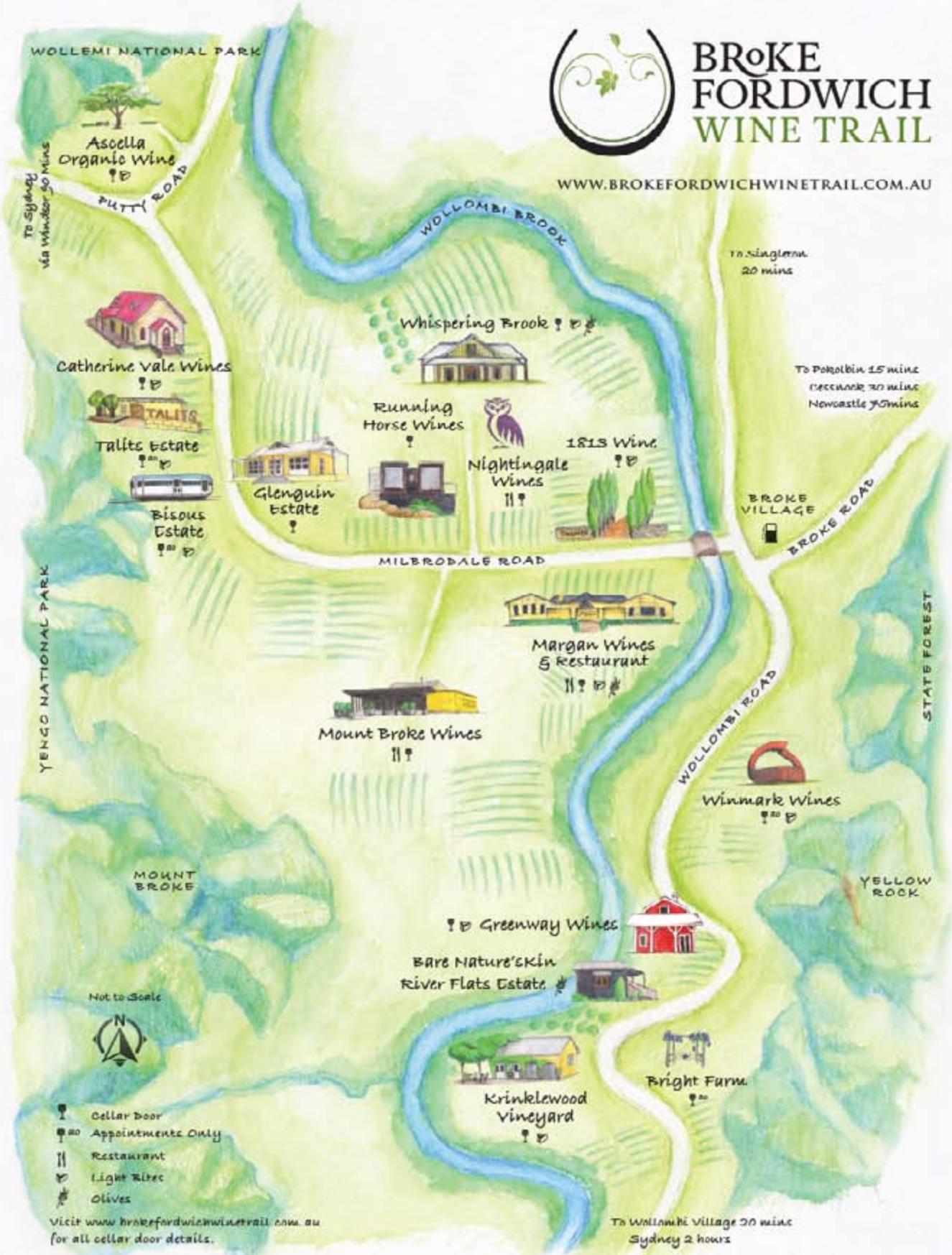
Further details about the Broke Fordwich Wine Trail are available at
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Details about the Broke Fordwich area and its many offerings are available at
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THE GENUINE INVESTOR INTEREST BEHIND THE FAKE MEAT TREND

Innovations in any industry have the habit of causing concern for those who are following traditional methods of production. The more flexible and astute member of the industry learn to adapt and successfully ride the new wave. Tim Boreham, who edits The New Criterion reports on the world wide fast-growing trend for 'fake' meat to impact on farming, money markets and the dining room table:

The first and last time your famished columnist had a vegan sausage was at an animal charity's food stand at Bunnings, with no carnivore alternative on offer.



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Suffice to say, the taste and texture of the mystery bags was redolent of sawdust, with an odd aftertaste that even dollops of tomato sauce and onions could not conceal.

Still, your columnist accepts that as well as being murder, meat is injurious to the planet and an increasingly unsustainable given population growth and shrinking arable land.

Increasingly, animal flesh will be off the menu – and not just in the dining halls of Melbourne's inner city Moreland Council that has imposed a 'meat free Monday' on its councillors and staff.

(Such is the joy of democracy an opposing councillor promised a protest BBQ across the street).

As with all bandwagons, investors have been quick to leap on the enterprises developing more scientific and tastier alternatives than that sad Bunnings banger. Supported by luminaries such as Leonardo Dicaprio and Bill Gates, shares in the Nasdaq-listed faux meat play Beyond Meat have bounded more than 600 per cent since listing in early May, ascribing a meaty valuation of \$US10 billion. Beyond Meat's burgers even contain beetroot juice to emulate that oozing effect from a par-cooked patty.

The unlisted Impossible Foods has grown from an \$US30m (\$45m) entity to a \$US2 billion one, with the near-impossible backing of investors including Katy Perry, Serena Williams and rapper Jay Z.



Burger King's meatless burger, the "Impossible Whopper"

Even more impossibly, the company supplies beef bastion Burger King which is experimenting with a vegan line called the Impossible Whopper. Meanwhile, KFC in the US is trialling Beyond Meat's plant-based nuggets and boneless wings at one of its Atlanta restaurants.

Locally, investors are not yet able to dine out on meat substitute stocks in earnest, but a couple of tech minnows are aligning themselves to the trend with better methods to grow the core ingredients such as protein-

laden peas and beans.

With the inapt ASX ticker of ROO, Roots Sustainable Agriculture Technologies (5.5c) is working on ways to improve plant yields through temperature control and less water usage.

As its name suggests, root zone temperature optimisation (RZTO) either heats or cools the plant to maximise protein. The technique in a particular produces more of a protein called leghemoglobin, which has the look and flavour of real beef.

Based in parched Israel, the company is also developing Irrigation by Condensation, which draws water from the air using wind or solar power. Because of this, the technique is most useful for off-the-grid farming locations.

So far, the company claims a 40 per cent increase in bean (and cannabis) yields and a 66-150 per cent gain in leafy vegetable yields. By heating their roots during

winter, Israeli basil farmers increased their crops by an average 66 per cent. In southern Israel, yard long bean growers improved yields by 40 per cent after their winter crops were kept at a constant 20 degrees.

In Amara in Spain, greenhouse crops kept at 21 degrees experienced a similar boost in fecundity.

The company has begun a trial planting of peas and bean crops at its Israel R&D hub. The results from each plot will be compared with a control plot planted under



Dominos is expanding its already existing plant-based range by introducing the new plant-based pepperoni and ham toppings.

The latest additions allow vegans, vegetarians and flexitarians alike, to order some of Dominos most popular menu items. Including plant-based Hawaiian, ham and cheese, supreme and pepperoni pizzas, with the choice of mozzarella or vegan cheese.

(A CURRENT AFFAIR)

the same “ambient conditions”

“If successful, Roots will continue to allocate further marketing resources to develop their offering to the plant based meat market,” the company says.

Roots listed Dec 2017, raising \$5m at 20c apiece. In May the company raised \$1.66m in a private placement of ordinary shares at 7c apiece, supported by director and EverBlu principal Adam Blumenthal.

A reality check has since ensued, with an options issue targeting \$1.7m raising only \$216,343.

Roots’ June half accounts show revenue of \$US83,000 and a \$US1.69m loss. But the company also reports sales of \$US528,000 since January 1, so like a good drip-feed irrigation system, these sales should trickle down to revenue.

Meanwhile, Wide Open Agriculture (WOA, 12c) hasn’t exactly eschewed the meat mantra but is growing “regenerative” beef and lamb in WA’s wheat belt.

In simple terms this is organic beef. It’s a concept inner urban vegans would still

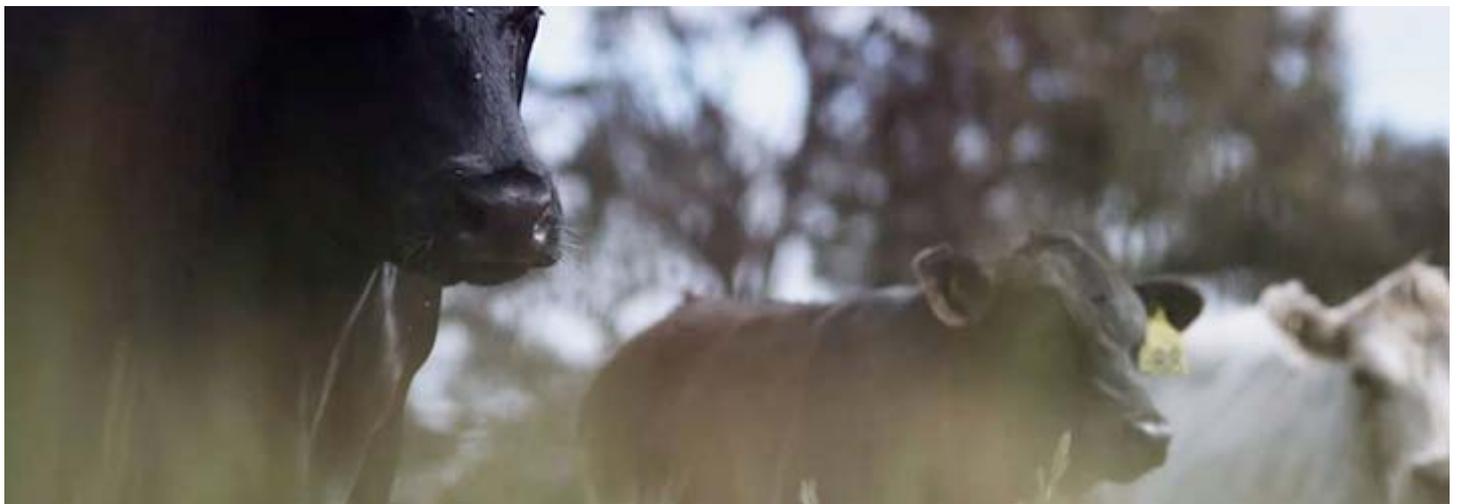
turned their pierced noses up at, but meat produced from chemical free pastures and free of all antibiotics is preferable to the traditional product.

The company has a protected cropping system that allows farmers to grow crops in landscapes that would normally be too harsh for growing vegetables.

Wide Open's June quarter accounts show receipts of \$28,133, a cash flow deficit of \$603,000 and an end-of-quarter cash balance of \$3.28 million.

Wide Open listed in July last year after raising \$5m at 20c apiece. The company was founded by chairman Anthony Maslin, who was motivated to forge positive changes after the death of his children Mo Evie and Otis on MH17 (the Malaysian Airlines flight shot down by Russian rebels).

Drawing a wider string to the "wellness" bow, a slew of stocks play in the healthy



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food additives game, especially in industrial hemp production (hemp is a rich source of omega 3).

A mini version of Blackmores (BKL, \$73), Vita Life Sciences (VLS, 66c) purveys over the counter vitamins and supplements, as does BOD Australia (BDA, 52c).

Probietec (PBP, \$1.63) produces protein and diet shakes and skin products.

According to Markets and Markets, global demand for plant-based meat is expected to reach \$US27.9 billion by 2025. The global meat industry meanwhile is reportedly worth \$US1.4 trillion (\$A: a lot).

Of course neither of the aforementioned minnows truly fit the "faux meat" category, in terms of manufacturing, packaging and marketing the produce for pernicky urban consumers. But we'll punt vegan sausages all round that one of them will list before we're carving out ersatz Christmas turkey.



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JOURNEY INTO HISTORY AS INVESTIGATIONS DIG DEEP INTO SINGLETON'S FOUNDATIONS

Exploratory work to delve into Singleton's historical foundations – literally – as part of investigations for the \$7 million Town Centre Upgrade – Stage 2 have centred on the area believed to have been home to town founder Benjamin Singleton. Singleton Council undertook a survey of Pearces Park on the corner of John and Campbell streets, which included a ground penetrating radar investigation to look for “unusual objects” beneath the surface.

The survey was required because of the historical significance of the site, to investigate whether any subsurface remnants of historical buildings exist so that any heritage or artefacts could be considered in the design for Stage 2.



Council's Major Projects Contracts Manager Kieren Fitz-Gibbon at Pearces Park.

General Manager Jason Linnane said it was a timely exercise as the community prepared to mark the bicentennial of the arrival of the European exploration party to Singleton in 2020.

“The historical significance of this area is an important consideration of the Town Centre Upgrade – Stage 2, particularly given the links to Benjamin Singleton him-

self,” he said.

“The ground penetrating radar picks up the depth and location of unusual objects, in particular lineal structures that would indicate the presence of building foundations and perhaps point to the location of Singleton’s Inn.

“It’s a practical exercise because of the project, but it’s also a fascinating process that has the potential to unlock more information about the buildings that may have stood on that site, and their connection to the foundations of the township.”

Mr Linnane said the historical component of the Town Centre upgrade also included consideration of the future of Bailey Union Park, with the opportunity for pedestrian connectivity with Pearces Park.

“With plans for Back to Singleton 2020 well advanced for March next year, there is a greater focus on the history of our local government area, particularly the people

and places that played a key role in our journey over the past 200 years,” he said.

“Singleton has a fascinating story with Aboriginal and European importance, and Back to Singleton 2020 as well as projects such as the Town Centre Upgrade reinforce that we are walking in the footsteps of history every day.”

The Town Centre Upgrade – Stage 2 is funded in partnership by Singleton Council and the RestartNSW Resources for Regions program.

A concept design is expected in the coming months.



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VOLUNTEERS WANTED TO HELP PUT YOUNG PEOPLE ON THE ROAD TO SUCCESS

A call has gone out for more volunteers to be part of a life-changing program that is putting young people in the driver's seat – literally.

The DRIVE program is a partnership between Singleton Council, Singleton Police and Community Youth Club (PCYC) and the Salvation Army's Drive for Life that trains people to supervise young learner drivers who would otherwise be unable to tally the 120 hours necessary to graduate to their P plates.

Since it began earlier this year, 10 trained supervisors have worked with more than 10 young people – with more on the waitlist – and helped to give participants the keys to a range of opportunities including employment.

Vehicles are provided for supervisors and learner drivers to achieve the hours required as part of the program.

Volunteer supervisors are now encouraged to be part of the next round of training at a workshop on Wednesday 6 November 2019 to help meet demand.

Sharon Hutch, Council's Director Organisation and Community Capacity said current supervisors had reported how rewarding it was to be part of the program and to see young people gain the freedom that came with having their own transport.

Council's Road Safety Officer delivers the Supervising Learner Drivers Workshop



New driver Skye Jones (front), with (from left to right) David Andrews (PCYC), Jen Holland (Singleton Council), Tallis Davies (program participant), Alison Baldwin (Singleton Council), Carissa Starr (volunteer supervisor), David Baker (Singleton Council), Jean Rennie (Salvo's Drive for Life) and Renee Crittenden (volunteer supervisor).

for supervisors, while students have opportunities for further training including lessons with an instructor, a government-funded “keys2Drive” lesson alongside their mentor and Safer Driver courses.

Learner drivers are also assessed as being suitable for supervised driving the program before they are partnered with supervisors.

“It’s quite literally a life-changing program for young people who for one reason or another don’t have access to a car or to someone who can help them to learn to drive,” she said.

“The young people involved in the program come from a range of backgrounds, from school students whose parents just don’t have the means or the time to help them gain the hours they need to people who for whatever reason haven’t had the opportunity to go for their provisional licence.

“Anyone over the age of 18 with an unrestricted licence with a clear driving record of three years and who can roughly commit a couple of hours a fortnight to going for a drive with a young person can be part of the program as a supervisor.”

Ms Hutch said the collaborative program was the direct result of tangible action to address transport issues in Singleton.

“We know that transport is an issue for young people in Singleton, whether it’s public transport services or being able to drive themselves,” she said.

“The DRIVE program is a practical way the community is working together to support young people aged between 16 and 25 to get the practical experience they need to get a licence.

“Best of all, it opens up a world of opportunities for people who can then apply for jobs that require a licence, or take advantage of so many more options because of the freedom that comes with transport.”

For more information or to register at any time, visit Council’s website at

<https://www.singleton.nsw.gov.au/728/Driving-Employment-Pathways>



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.





Short Beaked Echidna (Tachyglossus aculeatus) Weight 2-7kg

Robust ground-dweller, this Monotreme with strong sharp, dark brown to straw coloured spines covering top of head, back and tail; snout tubular and naked, a tiny mouth and nostrils at tip and a long sticky tongue and a tiny tail, spade-like claws. Males have a small spur on the rear ankle. They forage by day probing for ants with their snout and digging them out with their forefeet, they sleep under vegetation, in hollow logs, rock crevices or burrows, and hibernate in cold climates. If threatened the Echidna will curl up and may even bury themselves on the spot. Females mate in winter and lay a single, soft-shelled egg into their pouch, the new born (puggle) emerges 10 days later and suckles from two milk patches. At 6-9 weeks it is left in a sealed burrow while the mother forages, she returns every 3-10 days and suckles it for another 4-5 months. Echidnas diet is mainly ants and termites and live in most habitats Australia wide.

If an Echidna wanders onto your property, leave it alone and it will continue to roam, as an Echidna can use more than 200 hectares of habitat. Where possible do not remove an Echidna from its home range, removal will cause stress. If it is a lactating female, she has to be able to return to her sealed burrow to feed her young.

Elizabeth

'Joeys Retreat'



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