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Linking the Communities of *Rich Bulga & Milbrodale*  
June 2021

**ANDREW  
MARGAN  
2021  
WINEMAKER  
OF THE YEAR**



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# FROM THE EDITOR

It has often been said that to be successful one need only copy those who are successful. A better example to follow cannot be found than business people, Lisa and Andrew Margan. Our cover story this month focuses on yet another set of awards that they have procured.

The Broke Fordwich region is divided politically, not only by parties but also by an electoral boundary - one section being in the Lower Hunter and one in the Upper Hunter. The recent Upper Hunter by-election showed that divide in high contrast. More interesting was the loss of support from the blue-collar sector which gave Labour a considerably loud wake-up call. Mining has been an influential cause in the demographics the of Upper-Hunter. Whilst some may say that mining has been responsible for a huge migration of local wealth disappearing into Federal coffers and even more disappearing into foreign bank accounts, it cannot be denied that individual salaries and local company profits have exploded over the years because of mining. This increase in grass-roots wealth always leads to a change in the voting habits of those affected.

Added to that is the gentrification of many of the communities as tree-changers invest in local tourism and boutique businesses which in turn brings about a shift from working-class to middle-class sympathies in the voting booth.

Nevertheless there is a point at which these allegiances clash - the story of history perhaps - and a case in point is the subject of the article in this issue covering the proposal to move an historic homestead and its attendant buildings to the village of Broke and revive it as a tourist attraction called the Broke Village Town Square. This project is necessary to enable coal to be mined on the historic land and the move has been accepted by community groups after several years of discussion.

Opposition still remains with arguments suggesting that the buildings are only relevant if they remain in the area. But the coal will be extracted and the buildings either destroyed or saved by the compromise of moving them.

Once the mines go all that will remain is whatever they invested in the communities and or the destruction left behind - at least with the development of a Village Square in Broke Village the region will benefit from the enhancement it will give local jobs and tourism.

***The Editor***

# Margan...

***Andrew Margan and his winemaker Nicole Brasier win Hunter Valley Legend awards, adding more accolades to cellar door, winery and restaurant.***

Success is the result of a combination of luck, hard work and an over-riding passion to achieve perfection.

Andrew and Lisa Margan have certainly not relied on luck but instead have put as much as possible into supplying as much hard and work passion into their business and there is no argument it is a popular and successful one. The reputation of Margan Wines as a leading Hunter Valley winery was further cemented with two exciting wins at the 2021 Hunter Valley Legend Awards. Andrew Margan



*Winemaker Nicole Brasier was awarded the Rising Star Award seen here sampling wine with Winemaker of the Year, Andrew Margan*

was awarded Winemaker of the Year and Margan winemaker Nicole Brasier was awarded the Rising Star Award. Margan was also a finalist for the hotly contested Cellar Door of the Year, which they have won on two previous occasions.

The Winemaker of the Year was selected by an expert panel of judges who judge excellence in winemaking as well as outstanding regional contributions. Andrew has also been previously awarded Viticulturist of the year, in 2015 and it is the first time in the history of these awards that the same person has won both the Winemaker and Viticulturist award. Andrew's win was a testament to his experience in winemaking and a commitment to sustainable farming practices as the foundation to making outstanding single vineyard wines. Margan win- ***Continued next page***

emaker, Nicole Brasier joined Margan in 2017 and has made outstanding contributions to the business as well as the region.

As a business, Margan was established in 1996 in the picturesque village of Broke, Hunter Valley which is Australia's oldest wine region. All Margan wines are Estate Grown and certified Sustainably Farmed. Margan has been rated a five-star winery (James Halliday Wine Companion) since 2009, twice winner of the Hunter Valley Cellar Door of the Year, Viticulturist of the Year winner and NSW Tourism Hall of Fame winner in recognition of the cellar door, winery and restaurant.

Margan Restaurant offers acclaimed agri-dining and is regionally awarded for its focus on estate grown produce. The Kitchen Garden was planted in 2007 and this has expanded to now be more than a hectare. Over the years the Margan team have added an orchard, olive groves, estate reared lambs, bees, and free-range chickens. The menus are created around what is harvested from the property to maintain a truly local and seasonal focus. Margan Restaurant has been consistently awarded One Hat in the Good Food Guide and is recommended regional dining in the Gourmet Traveller Best Australian Restaurants guide. The restaurant is also a four-time winner at the Australian Tourism Awards for excellence In Food Tourism. So, food and wine is what they love to do.



The business is regarded as a leader in environmental stewardship and is fully accredited with Sustainable Winegrowing Australia and Freshcare. They were one of the first in the Hunter to achieve this.

Andrew is a skilled and highly respected wine-maker with experience in international wineries.

His parents had a Hunter Valley vineyard in Pokolbin, so as a young man he often went there on weekends. Their DeBeyers vineyard was next door to the Tyrrell's winery and home. "I was lucky to have legendary wine grower Murray Tyrrell mentor me through my early career and encourage me to study Agricultural Science, which I did at

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Hawkesbury Agricultural College. I stayed and completed a second degree, this time in Environmental Science, which was fairly pioneering at the time. One night at the college bar I met a fellow student there, now my wife Lisa. That was destiny as we have gone on to be a great team.” Andrew said.

Lisa grew up in Sydney but lived and worked in the Hunter Valley since the late 1980’s. She and Andrew created a business, Margan Wines and Restaurant. Established in 1997 Margan now boasts a five-star winery, 100 ha of sustainably farmed vineyards, a hatted restaurant and awarded cellar door.

Lisa attended Hawkesbury Agricultural College studying a teaching degree (Bachelor of Applied Science) where she met Andrew and she moved to join Andrew in the Hunter.

Lisa had always wanted to be a chef despite it being a tough, male dominated industry with terrible working hours. So she re-trained with respected Hunter Chef



Robert Molines. Then the travel bug hit and the couple set up home in Bordeaux, France where Andrew made wine and Lisa worked as a chef.

After returning to Australia Lisa went back to Uni and completed a Master’s Degree in Science and Nutrition, focusing on organic food production. She took a position as a nutritionist (hospital based) until going on maternity leave with their third child.

In 1996 Andrew left his job at Tyrrell’s Wines and they launched the small wine brand, ‘Margan’. “I always planned to return to ‘my career’ but found I had in fact started another one. My dream was to create a restaurant with an agri-dining focus so that guests could better connect with the provenance of their food and wine.” Lisa said

The now famous restaurant and cellar door was opened

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*Margan chefs with Lisa Margan harvesting in the Kitchen Garden*

in 2007. Margan Restaurant offers a seasonally inspired menu based around estate grown produce from the one-hectare Kitchen Garden and Orchard as well as free range eggs, honey, olives and lambs from the Margan flock of sheep. The once 'small' Margan Wines is now a 25,000 case brand which is sold in Australia and to many export destinations.

"Of course, we can't achieve all this alone. We have an amazing and talented team who share our vision and passion for excellent wine, food and looking after our guests. Our three children, all young adults now are also involving themselves more in the business, which is great and we look forward to seeing what the next generation brings." Lisa said.

'Who knows what is down the track but nothing would make me happier to add the word 'family' to the business name.'" Andrew said.

***[Click here for more information about Margan](#)***



# ONE STEP CLOSER - THE BROKE VILLAGE SQUARE PROJECT



The work on establishing the Broke Village Square continues. A panel of Trustees has been established to manage the project, to be known as the Broke Village Square (BVS).

Over the last 12 months Glencore and the BVS Trustees have advanced matters with both Singleton Council and the Dept of Planning. There have been numerous meetings so far and it is anticipated the overall mine extension proposal will be referred to an Independent Planning Commission (IPC) around August this year. The ability to see the project move from a concept to construction is a part of the outcome of the Glencore operated Glendell Mine extension at Ravensworth that the IPC and the Minister of Planning will rule on. The Broke Village Square will only become a reality if Glendell Mine is granted permission to extend the life of this mine.

While the timing of any approval or outcome is difficult to predict it is hoped that a decision will be forthcoming towards the end of year. Meetings with numerous consultants have occurred covering the topics of Heritage, *Continued next page*

Infrastructure and Servicing along with the legal structure of land tenure.

The Corporate structure of the BVS entity has been established and when appropriate the entity will apply for the necessary charity status to allow income from the development to be held in trust for community projects in and around the Broke Fordwich region. The Trustees being: Adam Bell from Whispering Brook; Andrew Margan from Margan Wines; John Bevan from Lavender Ridge; Phil McNamara from Mount Broke Wines and Stewart Ewen from Bin 688 Vineyard have put a lot of effort into advancing the project.

The proposal was put to the Broke community in 2019 and was unanimously adopted by the Residents Committee and the Broke Fordwich Wine Tourism Association.

If approved the project is subject to the normal requirements of a Development Application (DA) through Singleton Council and while informal meetings with Council have been very encouraging no formal approvals can flow until due process is completed. The benefits to the village of Broke will be huge .... the ability for the people living in Broke to meet in a central space, in a landscaped environment with facilities, cafes, an exhibition space and a dedicated tourism centre for the region will be very beneficial.

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*The Homestead in the 1970s*



Equally the events that attract other people to Broke such as the Broke Village Fair and Vintage Car Display, A Little Bit of Italy in Broke and Smoke in Broke can be centred to the north of the Village Square and take advantage of the new Village Square facilities.

The Ravensworth Homestead buildings are made up of 6 buildings that include the main house, stables, men's quarters and other buildings. The architects have put together a plan that allows the buildings to be re-used in a very constructive manner and at the same time maintain their heritage significance, allowing the buildings a future that otherwise would be lost while adding to the appeal of the village of Broke. The tourism appeal of the Square will complement the existing activities in Wollombi and add to the Wine Tourism of the Hunter Valley that is currently worth over \$630m each year to the region and growing.

***To register your support [click here](#)***

**For more information and images of the Homestead and the proposal as well as comments from the interested parties - visit the Facebook video [here](#)**



# THE NEED FOR ADEQUATE FUNDING TO REPAIR THE DAMAGE LEFT BY MINING ONCE MINES ARE CLOSED DOWN.

The coal mining industry has been responsible for creating jobs in the Hunter for the last 60 years. In addition the industry has mostly shown to be a community-conscious entity and has invested much in the way of community grants, communal projects and cash donations.

All of the key mining groups, organisations and industry members are actively planning for an ultimate switch-over to a non-fossil fuel world by investing in green energy through other arms of their organisations.

Governments are slowly working towards this change-over as well. But what has been overlooked and is in the purview of state and federal authorities, is the need for adequate funding to repair the damage left by mining once mines are closed down.



*Currently an estimated 90% of rehabilitation work is confined to creating facades along roadways screening the real damage from the view of passing traffic.*

It is the responsibility of relevant Government agencies to ensure that land disturbed by mining activities is returned to a sustainable post-mining land use.

A security deposit that covers the full rehabilitation costs is required on all authorisations. This requirement ensures that the State does not incur financial liabilities in the event of an authorisation holder defaulting on their rehabilitation obligations.

The authorisation holder is required to provide an estimate of rehabilitation costs for consideration when determining the security deposit *Continued next page*

amount.

Resources & Energy will assess and determine when rehabilitation obligations have been met and the security deposit can be released. Partial release of the security deposits may occur when successful rehabilitation has been demonstrated for part of the site.

Currently an estimated 90% of rehabilitation work is confined to creating facades along roadways screening the real damage from the view of passing traffic.

The NSW Government website page for Mining, Exploration and Geoscience has a Rehabilitation Cost Calculation Tool which is available to assist in calculating the security deposit for a mining site. (<https://www.resourcesandgeoscience.nsw.gov.au/miners-and-explorers/rules-and-forms/pgf/environmental-guidelines>)



A simple Excel spreadsheet, it enables the user to accurately assess the cost of closing down a mine. The outcome of the calculation then becomes the ‘Security Deposit’

Based on a mid-sized mine of say 5000 hectares, by the time you calculate the removal and reparation of buildings, roads, rail line, power grids, washeries, pipes, cap tailings etc the sum is about \$80,000,000

Then you need to fill the voids - another \$200,000,000

The average security deposit held by governments is about \$120,000,000

According to the NSW Auditor-General, there are about 573 derelict mine sites in NSW (including gold and other minerals, as well as former coal mines). And only a small fraction of those derelict mines were being rehabilitated.

The Hunter Valley mines may leave more than 10,000 hectares of land consumed as “final voids”, or giant holes left by mines, calling for a push towards the state government to consider the culminative impacts on the region’s water table and agriculture.

The independent Planning Assessment Commission has *Continued next page*

pushed the government to do a study of final voids.

The advice of the commission has been commented on by the Department of Planning quoting it was “not aware of the total size” of voids in the Hunter area.

The commission opposed the departments assurance that it is only a small amount of the region’s land where there are large areas of mining voids across the Hunter Valley.

The main concern of the commission is they want the impact that voids have on the water tables and agriculture looked at by the government.

Since the commission’s report the government has been considering their options.

So it looks like the security deposits will not be sufficient to fill the voids - and to part fill them until the money runs out is not a viable option.

Why not, instead, use the funds to build a sustainable project that will work towards creating jobs and income for the local communities. Build a solar farm that feeds back into the grid and the profits go back into a local community fund to enhance the region by funding local medical care, activities and infrastructure for the local youth population and the generation of employment through the support of local businesses.

This would be a boost to mining industry’s corporate citizen image and a perfect election vehicle for aspiring political candidates or incumbent government.

Such community owned power generators are now becoming common as Australia moves to being one of the most ‘switched-on’ green energy countries.



*The 150MW Coleambally solar farm in south-west New South Wales*

# SOLAR SOLUTIONS TO TRANSFORM SINGLETON COUNCIL'S ENERGY USE AND CUT EXPENDITURE

Benefits are set to shine on Singleton Council with an investment in solar panels at 12 sites expected to be paid off in seven years and total energy savings calculated at \$126,652 per year.

Council awarded the tender for the supply and installation of solar panels, inverters and LED lighting with the project expected to be complete at the end of the year.

The cost of the project amounts to \$977,425.10 (ex GST).

The project also revealed solar energy will deliver Council's biggest user of energy, the Gym & Swim at 220.40kW per year, a \$43,381 annual saving in energy bills, while the second biggest user, the sewer treatment plant – which uses 210.6kW per year – would save \$40,211. The list of 12 sites also includes:



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- Booster Pump at Whittingham (10.10kW)
- Administration Building and Auditorium (99.50kW)
- Colleen Gale Children's Centre (10.10kW)
- Library (35.10kW)

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Visitor Information Centre (35.10kW)  
Waste Management Facility (10.10kW)  
Youth Venue (7kW)  
Waste Depot (6.63kW)  
Water Treatment Plant (35.10kW)  
OOSH (10.10kW)

The total annual saving across all 12 sites has been calculated at \$126,652.

Council will now work with the successful contractor to order the panels and inverters and schedule installation across all 12 sites by the end of 2021.

“It’s about realising the opportunity to reduce our electricity expenditure to divert those savings back into the community, and at the same time to role model good environmental sustainability with the solar panels and inverters,” Mark Ihlein, Council’s Executive Manager Projects said.

“We know our community takes sustainability seriously as we’ve seen through the development and adoption of the Singleton Sustainability Strategy 2019-2027.

“The installation of solar and LED lighting is another action we can add to what we’re doing on behalf of and for our community, now and into the future.

“Best of all, it’s an investment that pays dividends in so many other ways, beyond economics and the environment. Our littlest residents at Colleen Gale and OOSH will be part of the social shift in sustainability from an early age, it’s a symbol for our staff to continually look for innovative solutions to minimise our footprint in the way we do things, and hopefully, encouragement for everyone in our community to look at ways we can all play a role in the sustainability of our local government area.”

To learn more about the Singleton Sustainability Strategy 2019-2027 and other actions Council is taking, visit the Sustainability Hub on Council’s website at ***singleton.nsw.gov.au***



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**5 x Standard Barrel Racks**  
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# SINGLETON 'COMMUNITY RESOURCES FOR REGIONS' APPLICATIONS

Community groups across Singleton are again being encouraged to put forward projects for consideration for inclusion in Singleton Council's applications under Round Eight of the NSW Government's Resources for Regions program.

Deputy Premier and Minister for Regional NSW the Hon John Barilaro officially announced applications were open for the latest round at a special event at Singleton Rugby Club last week, with \$8,005,210 on offer for the Singleton local government area – almost twice as much that was available in Round Seven.

Mayor of Singleton, Cr Sue Moore said Council staff had been working with the community and regional NSW staff to develop a list of projects to meet the criteria for Resources for Regions funding for future rounds.

She said Council also wanted to hear from community organisations for their suggestions for infrastructure projects worth more than \$250,000 and community programs worth more than \$100,000.

A similar process was executed for Round Seven, in which the Singleton local government area received \$4,571,281 for 15 community infrastructure projects and programs.

"We strongly advocated for the opportunities that are now available to us through the Resources for Regions program, and thanks to Mr Barilaro, we are now at the point where we can work together to deliver outcomes to benefit our entire community that may otherwise never have been possible," Cr Moore said.

"We know there are community organisations and groups that are dreaming of new infrastructure or have a great idea for a program that would make a difference to the people of Singleton, and those are the people we want to hear from.

But we have to act quickly for Round Eight. As applications close on Monday 12 July 2021, we're asking that anyone with an idea or suggestion contact our Executive Manager Projects, Mark Ihlein in the first instance and submit an Expression of Interest by 4 June 2021."

"Council will then consider the suggestions we receive and may develop some of those ideas further to be included in our application."

"We're also happy to hear from community groups who may not be ready to proceed right now, but may have suggestions for future rounds of the program."

***For more information, contact Council's Executive Manager Projects Mark Ihlein on 02 6578 7290, email [council@singleton.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@singleton.nsw.gov.au) or visit [singleton.nsw.gov.au](http://singleton.nsw.gov.au)***

# AUSTRALIA INSTALLS RECORD-BREAKING NUMBER OF ROOFTOP SOLAR

Australia installed its highest ever number of rooftop solar photovoltaic (PV) panels in 2020, according to Clean Energy Regulator data analysed by energy efficiency experts from Australia's national science agency, CSIRO.

Data from the Clean Energy Regulator analysed by CSIRO shows that in 2020, around Australia, over 362,000 rooftop solar PV installations were issued with small-scale renewable energy scheme certificates (STCs) under the Small-scale Renewable Energy Scheme (SRES).

This is an increase of 28 per cent from 2019, when 283,991 installations were issued STCs, with the majority of installs under the scheme being residential, and a smaller number for commercial and industrial properties.

CSIRO Chief Executive Dr Larry Marshall said the analysis showed a strong appetite for science-led innovation in Australia.

"CSIRO has analysed and projected energy futures for more than two decades, and over that time we have accurately forecast and tracked the reduction in cost of renewables, and the development of battery storage options, including our own UltraBattery," Dr Marshall said.

"Science has made renewables cost competitive with conventional power, letting market forces take over to drive a global transition to lower emissions.

Australia's solar advantage creates an economic opportunity for us on the world stage and an environmental benefit for the globe – even better when it's powered by Australian science and research."

CSIRO researchers use the Clean Energy Regulator data as the best indicator of PV installations around Australia, and is just one of the five sources of data collated by CSIRO's Australian Housing Data Portal.

Senior Experimental Scientist Michael Ambrose is part of a team that uses a vast array of data to track the progress in residential sustainability efforts.

"The solar PV installation data shows how quickly PV systems have been taken up across Australia and the increasing size of the PV arrays," Mr Ambrose said.

The states with the highest number of solar PV systems installed in 2020 were: New South Wales (with 108,922), Queensland (86,912), Victoria (71,798), Western Australia (47,653) and South Australia (35,599).

Individual postcodes leading the charge in 2020 were:

· 3064 (Victorian suburbs of Craigieburn, Donnybrook, Mickleham and Roxburgh Park) with 2484 systems

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- 3029 (Victorian suburbs of Hoppers Crossing, Tarneit, Truganina) with 2435
- 3977 (Victorian suburbs of Cranbourne, Sandhurst and Skye) with 2036
- 2765 (NSW suburb of Marsden Park, Berkshire Park, Vineyard, Box Hill) with 1841
- 6112 (WA suburb of Armadale, Forrestdale, Bedfordale with 1778

Australia has the highest uptake of solar globally. Clean Energy Regulator data shows that more than 2.68 million rooftop solar power systems have been installed in Australia in total, as of 31 December 2020; that means one in four homes have solar panels on their roof.

“Australia is one of the sunniest places on the planet. We lead the world in PV capacity on a per capita basis at 591 watts per person which is almost eight times the worldwide average,” Mr Ambrose said.

Launched in 2019, the Australian Housing Data Portal centralises a vast amount of energy efficiency data that underpins key decision making, training and aware-



ness.

Updated monthly, the portal contains data across states and climate zones and can be further broken down by design (e.g. dwelling class and floor area), construction (e.g. type of walls and roofing) and fixtures and appliances

(e.g. solar PV and heating/cooling systems).

Clean Energy Regulator’s Executive General Manager Mark Williamson said that 3 gigawatts (GW) of rooftop solar PV capacity was installed nationally in 2020, a 40 per cent increase on the 2.2 GW installed in 2019, and this is trending higher in 2021 with an expected 3.5 to 4 GW of capacity. The growth in capacity has been driven by increasing system size, with the average system now between 8 and 8.5 kilowatts

“Sustained low technology costs, increased work from home arrangements and a shift in household spending to home improvements during COVID-19 played a key role in the increase of rooftop solar PV systems under the SRES,” Mr Williamson said.

*Source - CSIRO*

## OUR WILDLIFE



### ***JACKY WINTER (Microeca facinans)***

This flycatcher is grey- brown above and pale-grey to white below with short black bill, a black line through the eye and a white eyebrow. Established pairs occupy the same territory year round, singing incessantly in the breeding season. They hunt from a perch, catching flying insects and picking invertebrates from the ground and tree trunks, often flying 30-50m from the perch and hovering over the ground or beside foliage. They sometimes follow large animals and humans, catching insects flushed out by their passage. They breed from July to February and lay 2 eggs in a tiny frail saucer-shaped nest on a large bare branch to 22m high. Both parents share incubation of around 18 days and both feed the young ,who fledge in around 18 days. Call is rapidly –repeated jingling ‘winter –winter-winter’. Their diet consists of insects and other invertebrates. Habitat of dry sclerophyll forests, woodlands. parks and gardens.

*Elizabeth*

*‘Joeys Retreat’*

## **SAUGUS AND NAUGUS**

Saugus and Naugus went out for a walk,  
Naugus said "I think we should talk".  
Saugus replied "yes dear, of course,  
But first let us go and pat that old horse ".  
They walked to the fence, and with surprise and with glee,  
The horse came to the fence as close as could be.  
What joy is found, when no one's around, to smell, to touch, to see  
And hear, another living creature, that shows no fear.  
The old stallion gave a whinny, as if to say,  
"Thanks for stopping by, did you bring any hay?"  
Saugus and Naugus just shared the same thought,  
"The apples we brought for you and for me,  
Let's give to the horse....a fine fellow is he".  
To feel his warm breath, as we pat his soft cheek,  
To look in his eyes, our souls to meet.  
We three are past our prime, it's true,  
But never too old to say, through action and deed.....I love you."

*Stephen Mushenko*



### **Sticky Beaks in horse's mane and hair**

Coat with a bit of oil before trying to re-move

- oil will also make it hard for the seeds to stick when out in the paddock

Any oil - preferably vegetable oil

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# COMMUNITY GROUPS AND ORGANISATIONS

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

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## **Bulga Rural Fire Brigade**

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