Merriwa Community Portal will establish a new Web presence for Merriwa.

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The newly formed Merriwa Community Portal Committee a sub-committee of the Merriwa District Progress Association is asking all Business, Clubs and Associations to participate in the development of a whole of community website Portal. This doesn’t mean that we are asking you to be on a committee, but to take some ownership of information on the website about your organisation.

The website will list every known Business, Clubs and Associations that is known within the Merriwa area as possible. There will be no mandatory involvement placed upon you, but the information about your organisation may only be rudimentary or an entry only on the website without your participation. Where similar websites have been developed in other towns (Murrurundi www.murrurundi.nsw.au and Quirindi www.quirindi.nsw.au), the vast majority of organisations in these communities have actively participated in the ownership of their information, and used it as the focal point for information to the wider community, knowing that it would be accurate and up-to-date. These communities now use their website as there prime source of information for the community.

The Merriwa website will also provide a calendar of events and meetings, historical, entertainment, activities, resources, attraction, services, product advertising and other information which locals and visitors may require. Should an organisation already have an established website then your entry in the Merriwa Portal can point to your existing website increasing your visibility on the Internet.

Should an organisation require higher visibility on our Portal, then for a minimal fee you will be placed into an Ad space or “enhanced listing group” dependent upon the level of fee paid, which allows you to manipulate the information under your listing on the Portal, and places your entry at the top of any search listing. Non-profit organisations are free.

The site will be launched in the next few weeks, so the Merriwa Community Portal Committee is asking you to help by providing information about your Club, Group, or Organisation. We require some basic information:

- Name of Organisation
- Address
- Phone No.
- Email address
- Website (if one)
- Logos
- Meeting times
- Brief on your organisation
- Committee (at least President, Secretary and phone contacts)
- Photos
- Other information relevant to your organisation
- Paid advertisers are also being sought.

Information can be sent to Kim Fenley Chair of the Merriwa Community Portal at the following email address fenshome4@bigpond.com.

The Merriwa Community Portal Committee looks forward to your assistance in making this a success for our community.

Kim Fenley
Chair Merriwa Community Portal Committee

Dr Jawaad’s Medical Practice

Merriwa: 8.00am to 6.00pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (five days per week)
Denman: 8.00am to 6.00pm Tuesday and Friday

For all appointments for Merriwa and Denman please phone 6532 5013.

As from Monday 16 June we will be open five days per week in Merriwa. Dr Jawaad will be available for appointments on Monday, Wednesday and Thursdays. Dr Cho will be available for appointments on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Meredith Llewelyn, our practice nurse is in our surgery every Thursday. Meredith is available for pathology, immunisations and Antenatal checks.

Kerry Collins, our practice nurse is in Merriwa on Wednesday and Denman on Tuesday. Kerry is a registered nurse, a Diabetic Educator and a Clinical Nurse Consultant in Diabetes. Kerry is available for appointments on both these days.

We also have a Psychologist, Sharon Wells, from Scone visiting our surgery every second week. To see Sharon you do need a referral from Dr Jawaad or Dr Cho.

Dr Noman Jawaad
Merriwa Ringer
Last week our Students of the Week demonstrated some excellent ways to achieve their goals. This included reading goals, Mathematics goals and behaviour goals. Well done to the following students:

**Year Kindergarten:** Callum King
**Year 1/2:** Harry Cook
**Year 2/3:** Ella Towell
**Year 4/5:** Jack Ponsford
**Year 5/6:** Brad Cox

It’s almost that time of year again and the school Variety Night is fast approaching. This year the theme is ‘Around the World’ and will be held at the School of Arts at 7.00pm on Wednesday 30 July. Students from Primary and Secondary have been rehearsing this term to prepare for an amazing night. Students will receive notes shortly with information about items/clothing they will need for their performance. The school endeavours to provide as much as possible for student costumes but students may need to wear a particular type or colour of clothing to go with their costume. If you have any questions about this please contact your child’s teacher as soon as possible. Also if anyone is able to help with sewing or prop creations please contact the Primary office on 6548 2101 with your details.

Next week is the last week of term and as usual we will be celebrating with Rewards Day on the last day of term, Friday June 27. Students in Year 5 and 6 who are eligible will be participating in Laser Tag on the Secondary campus and eligible students from Kindergarten to Year 4 will be participating in a ‘Blue Disco’. This will coincide with the school ‘Blue Out of Uniform’ day to raise money for the Asthma Foundation. Students are encouraged to wear something blue and bring a gold coin donation.

Students will be ineligible for rewards day if they have received the following:

- Red card/incident report
- Two orange cards in one week
- Two timeouts in one week
- Suspension or suspension warning

If you have any questions about rewards day please see your child’s teacher before the day.

**COMING EVENTS**

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CHOIR ASSEMBLY
This Friday June 20 the Primary Choir will be performing at the assembly. All parents are welcome to attend in the Primary Library starting at 9.15am. We will also be handing out Merriwa merits, special awards as well as looking at some great work from our Workers of the Week. We look forward to seeing you there.

STAR STRUCK
Last Friday 13 June Mr Noonan and I went to watch the Primary and Secondary Star Struck groups perform ‘Magic Happens’ at the Newcastle Entertainment Centre. It was an amazing experience to watch thousands of students performing their hearts out for a huge audience. We were able to see all our students and were very proud of their wonderful performances. We look forward to reading the full report in next week’s edition of the Ringer. Well done to all the girls who performed and to Miss Laurie and Miss Hopkins for all your work at such a large event!

Secondary News

I am sure that the memories and experiences from Work Experience are still fresh in their minds. It will be interesting to see how this shapes their choices in the future years.

In Personal Development Health and Physical Education (P.D.H.P.E.), Year 7-10 classes are moving onto some practical lessons to see them into the holidays. So students will need to bring their uniform for some moving and grooving in different types of physical activities.

Recently Year 7 has finished learning about the “Rollercoaster of Relationships”. We have investigated what makes positive quality family and friend relationships, ways to resolve conflicts, the difference between harassment and bullying and strategies to manage bullying in their lives.
Year 8 has finished a Nutrition unit. We have explored models of healthy eating and recognised there are a number of social, cultural, economic and political factors that influence their breakfast, lunch, dinner and snack choices.

The Year 9 classes have nearly finished their Diversity study by analysing characteristics in a film regarding discrimination based upon HIV and AIDS. The students have been making insightful comments and asking questions concerning harassment, vilification as well as the issues about sexually transmitted infections. They seem to have enjoyed this unit of work and learnt a lot from studying its issues.

Year 10 have completed their Road Safety Education unit with some good quality essays discussing the influences driver and passenger behaviours, attitudes and values. They have completed their class work with emergency care and first aid information.

The Senior PDHPE class is finishing the Factors Affecting Performance" unit and about to start the Sports Medicine unit. In Year 11, they are continuing their learning about the essentials to anatomy – the respiratory system and circulatory systems. They seem to enjoying relating this information to physical activity.

**Alison King**

**TRY A TRADE**

Recently a group of students attended a skill based event in Muswellbrook. The event was showcasing trade careers across the Hunter and I was lucky enough to attend with students from the Year 9 group of Merriwa Central School.

**Favourite Subject:** Ag, Maths  
**Extra-Curricular activities:** Listening to music, playing with my birds  
**Best Personal Achievement:** Coming first/doing well in most of my tests and assignments  
**Year Advisor’s Comment:** Tarah is a sociable and bubbly young student who is always friendly towards her peers and teachers. She has become involved in a number of extra-curricular activities this year of which she should be proud. Tarah is an active member of the Student Representative Council and baked a number of delicious cupcakes to contribute to the Biggest Morning Tea fundraiser. She is also a keen participant in the 4C Girls Leadership program and will take part in a workshop with Primary. Tarah is a keen English student and I am proud to report she has joined the school’s debating team this year, well done Tarah!

**Student of the Week**  
**Tarah Cox**  
**Year 8**

**Careers on offer included but is not limited to:**  
- Mining  
- Engineering  
- Mechanical  
- Fabrications  
- Fire Brigade  
- Police  
- Restaurant and Catering  
- Ausgrid  
- Hair Dressing  
- Australian Defence Force
INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY

The workshops have been humming with activity this past month. The metal and timber students have been completing projects off and commencing research tasks for assessment.

Notable students that have achieved higher than expected results in Year 7/8 Technology Mandatory – Timber include Chelsea Borradaile and Matthew Wright-Riley. They achieved the highest marks for their year and should be proud of their achievements.

In the Year 9/10 Industrial Technology – Timber classes Hamish Cameron and Craig Walker have come first in their class. Craig has also placed first in his year group in Industrial Technology – Metal, as has Caleb Withers in Year 9.

The senior students have mostly got their results and should take note of any feedback provided to increase their Higher School Certificate marks. They have generally done very well, with notable performances from Isaac Austin in Industrial Technology – Timber and Travis Sutton in Metal and Engineering. The Year 12 students have got their reports and are most of the way through what’s left of their last year at school. The HSC Major Design Projects for Timber are coming along, but with less than 22 periods left in class, there had better be a considerable increase in application to get these done in time.

That’s about it for now.

Andrew Duncan

Why I want to be in ROAR? To try and do positive things in life
What is my favourite subject: Wood
What is my favourite sport? Don’t really have one
What is my favourite team? Eels
Favourite Player: Don’t have one
Who inspires you and Why: Anyone who has worked hard to be successful
Advice to young players: Play to your ability not the person next to you.

ROAR Profile
Darryl Mulholland
Year 12

ROAR - Respect - Ownership - Awareness - Rewards
Welcome to our newest members of the St Joseph’s school community. Nick Roberts has joined our Stage 3 classroom and we warmly welcome him and his family to our community. We look forward to sharing many happy times with you all. Nick has settled in beautifully and even took great delight in representing our school at the Festival of the Fleeces after only four days here!

The St Joseph’s School Campdraft and Fete day will be held on June 28. We warmly invite all members of the community and beyond to join us on the day. There are a lot of activities planned including tug of war ‘heats’ throughout the morning as well as art and craft activities and some very funky face painting. Grab yourself a bargain at one of the many stalls. Enjoy some coffee and cake at our ‘Cappuccino’ bar or tuck into some sweet treats from our home made cake stall. There will even be loom bands on sale as well as plants and other nik naks.

All proceeds from this year’s event will go towards enhancing facilities at St Joseph’s Primary School.

The campdraft and fete is on Saturday June 28 from 8.30am till late afternoon at the Merriwa Showground. All are welcome and entry is free!

The Athletics carnival was a great success. The children had a fabulous time exhibiting their athletic skills to all the parents in attendance. Thanks to Mrs Kerr for her fine organisation of this event and to the many parent helpers and spectators. Thanks to Mel Bates and her team of parent helpers who provided the beautiful lunch also. Our regional representatives will be off to Regional carnival with Mr Morris and Miss Farrow on Thursday. We wish them all the best.

There is a number of exciting in-school events happening over the next couple of weeks. Next week the Stage 3 students will be going to Muswellbrook to participate in the annual Science Discovery Day. The students love this opportunity and learn a great deal about Science and cooperative learning. Thank you Mr Morris for making this possible for our students. Thank you to St Joseph’s Aberdeen for transporting the children.

In Week 9 the whole school will once again have the expert assistance of Mrs Anna Kerrigan in teaching drama skills. They enjoyed a day with Anna in Term One focussing on singing. This term they will enjoy two days with Anna as she rolls out the annual concert pieces she has written for them. Next term, we will continue to practise these skills with the classroom teachers before Anna returns for two days to put the finishing touches together before the performance. Thank you to the Catholic Schools Office for making it possible for Anna to spend time with us to help develop the students’ drama skills.

Staff development is high on the agenda with Mrs Peebles and Mrs Whale continuing to assist the teachers in analysing their performance and continually planning for best practice in improving student performance. All teachers have been having their lessons filmed so as to analyse different aspects of the teaching and learning process. This is a very proactive mentoring strategy aimed at continuous improvement. All teachers will be meeting together in the holidays to work collaboratively on our program of continuous improvement. We are indeed very fortunate to

Congratulations to the entire St Joseph’s school community on the wonderful participation in the Festival Parade. It was so exciting being part of the St Joseph’s float, to see the children’s excitement in parading “Josie the sheep” for the first time. We have had wonderful comments about the float and about the sense of belonging that goes with being a member of the community of St Joseph’s school.

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have such a hardworking and professional group
of teachers on our staff.

ST JOSEPH’S OPEN DAY

When: Monday July 14
Time: 12.00

WELCOME TO ST JOSEPH’S

Students sing for the visitors to St Joseph’s school
Time: 12.15 - 1.30pm
• Classroom visits for all existing parents and friends.
• Orientation meeting in the MacKillop Room for 2015 Kinder parents and other interested community members.
Time: 1.30pm
Shared afternoon tea for all visitors.

Ever wondered what goes on in your child’s classroom?
Who does your child sit with?
How does your child’s teacher teach?
Come to the open day and visit the classrooms.
Sit in and watch a lesson or two.
Please try to be there and see your child’s class in action.

AWARDS

Congratulations to the following award winners.

Kindergarten - Matilda Cronin – excellent work with positional language

William Luke – great predicting when reading stories

Ellie Holland – explaining many gifts that God has given us

Year 1/2 - Fiona Tomy - developing great reading skills

Emily Barwick - her enthusiasm to our science experiment

Jack Shannon - for participation in class discussions

Year 3/4 - Thomas Hunt - great use of vocabulary in class

Piper Cropper - being a caring and friendly member of the class

Jock Grady – for his effort in all key learning areas

Chloe Towell - her consistent effort towards classwork

Year 5/6 - Lauren Redgate – always taking pride in the presentation and quality of her bookwork

Emily Ninness – researching and presenting a great speech on Cambodia

Playground Champion - Dylan Turner - playing with and helping others in the playground

Principal’s Awards - Helena Parker - for the confidence she displays in class and around the school; her willingness to engage in conversations with others and her curiosity which leads to great learning.

LAST WEEKS AWARDS

Year 1/2 - Pia Henderson - Working well in reading groups

Toby Jamieson - A great description of “Clancy of the Overflow”

Clayton Porter - For great discussion about living in the city and country

Year 3/4 - Olivia Collins - for working well in Maths groups

Camdyn Constable - for a mature approach to group work

Damian Jamieson - For a consistent effort in all subjects

Year 5/6 - Eliza Peebles – for an excellent result in Maths Number assessment

John Magner – for an excellent result in Maths Number assessment

Playground Champion - Ty Riley – for including younger members of the school community in games

Principal’s Awards - Nickolas Roberts - For being a very welcomed new member of our school community and participating so eagerly in our Festival Parade.

Helen Whale
Principal

Find us on Facebook!
Look for Merriwa Central School’s official page!

Merriwa Ringer
Our annual athletics carnival has been contested for another year. We were extremely lucky with the weather and all students, teachers and parents had a great day. Congratulations to our winners and runners up; and also to all competitors who continued to strive to do their very best. Thank you to all the parents and staff who helped on the day.

Results are mentioned on page 13.

Three records were broken this year:
- Hunter Marsh - 200m - 32.53secs
- Thomas Nash - 800m - 3.28.62secs
- Thomas Nash - High jump - 1.27m

March Past: Martindale
Relay Trophy: Sandy Hollow
Ball Games Trophy: Sandy Hollow
Highest Point Score: Sandy Hollow
Pittman Cup: Cassilis

Thank you to the David Mahony Art Gallery. We welcome them as the new sponsors of our Relay Trophy.

WEEKLY AWARDS - WEEK 7

Codi Marsh - working well in mathematics
Shanay Turner - having a positive attitude towards all areas of school
Abby Cooper - working hard in mathematics
Isabella Wallace - trying her best in everything
Lucas Stair - making great observations in science
Mikayla Borradaile - excellent patterns in maths
Principal’s Award - Olivia McLean - going above and beyond the call of being a caring student.

WORKERS OF THE WEEK

Years K/1/2 - Cambell Hinze, Steven Allen and Isabelle Pike
Years 3/4/5/6 - Drew McCandless, Jackson Stair, Angus Higgins, Jake Pike.
EXTRA CURRICULA
Katie Pike and Codi Marsh travelled to Dubbo last weekend for a Taekwondo tournament. Katie came second in her age groups in “swords”, and Codi came third in “point sparring”, third in “patterns”, second in “sword combat” and fifth in “sumo”. Well done girls.

Cassilis Public School
SMALL SCHOOL...BIG DIFFERENCE
STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Katie Blyth was awarded the Student of the Week award for how well she has settled into her learning at Cassilis, how respectful she has been in making new friends and how impressive she was at the Pittman Cup last week. She consistently follows our school rules of being safe, being respectful and doing her best. Katie displays the ability to be a good learner by listening to instructions, challenging herself and listening to advice. She enjoys writing and reading. At the Pittman Cup, Katie participated in every event and gave it a great go. She got some very impressive results and should be very proud of herself.

LET’S GET TO KNOW THE STUDENT OF THE WEEK A LITTLE BETTER...

What is your favourite food? Bruschetta

What career/work would you like when you are older? Be a surf instructor

Apart from your family, who your role model? Katy Perry

If you were given $100, what would you buy? I would give it to charity

What is one thing that people may not know about you? I used to ride horses

What has been your greatest achievement? Doing the 8km run at my old school.

PITTMAN CUP

It was another fantastic day at Sandy Hollow. Cassilis students were brilliant and again showed what champions they all are. We started off strong with the marching and finished off very strongly holding the Pittman Cup again. Congratulations to all students and especially to Brady who was senior boy champion and Sarah and Thomas who were senior runner up champions. It was wonderful to see so many Cassilis family members our athletics carnival. Thank you to the parents who cheered and helped with the running of the day (time keeping, starting gun and handing

Sandy Hollow Public School and Progress Association
TRIVIA NIGHT
Saturday 28 June at the Hall
6.30pm for a 7.00pm start
Cost - $10.00 per head
Bookings for tables of eight are being taken
Please contact the school 6547 4521
Come along for a fun night!

Christina Darlington
Principal
out places). I know that the students really appreciated it and we wouldn’t have had the carnival without your valuable support. Thanks also to Sandy Hollow Public School for another very well run day. Looking forward to next year!

The zone athletics carnival will be held on Friday, August 1 in Singleton. The Pittman Cup is a qualifier for zone. Students will be notified before the end of term if they are in the Cassilis squad going to Singleton.
IT’S COLD OUTSIDE

As the weather is becoming cooler, we suggest that the children bring along their slippers to wear indoors. At group times and during high density play, boots and shoes become problematic and they also transfer a lot of mud and dirt to the indoor environment. Sock themselves are a little slippery and are not ideal at beating the winter chill. Unless it is raining, we continue to have a sustained outdoor play session for all children on each day so please ensure that you provide appropriate clothing for the very cold days ahead.

You are welcome to attend our monthly Committee meeting tonight at the Pre-School at 6.30pm all are welcome to attend. Special thanks to the members of the committee and families who contributed to our fundraiser at the Festival of the Fleeces, although it may not have been entirely profitable it still demonstrates great community involvement and town spirit. Events such as these raise our profile in the community and include us as a group who are willing to go the extra distance to contribute to community events.

My special thanks to the families who braved the cold to represent the school in the Festival of the Fleeces parade. The crowd was huge and the children and families were terrific. It can be a long wait for little ones but it is all worth it when we step out on to the street. The children have suggested that “Where is the Green Sheep” would be a good theme for next year. What do you all think?

Many thanks to Hunter Mutual for their kind donation toward our plans to provide shade for the new fenced frontage, the committee have agreed that this be our focus and through donations, small grants and fundraising efforts we intend to be better positioned to provide shade to the children wishing to use that space by year’s end.

Term 3 has been a short one of only nine weeks, please be advised that the last day of term is Friday June 27 and we return on July 13 for Term 3.

We would like to welcome back Ciara Murphy to her position as coordinator of the Merriwa Activity Centre and thank the wonderful Jill Carrall and Shaen Morgan for filling the position so capably while Ciara had her lovely new daughter, Ronnie.
Merriwa Ringer

Small Schools Compete for Pittman Cup Glory

Students from Martindale Public School and Cassilis Public School joined with students at Sandy Hollow on Wednesday May 11 to compete for the 2014 Pittman Cup.

The Pittman Cup sports carnival is an annual event hosted by Sandy Hollow Public School. It allows students from three of the Hunter's smallest schools to pit their athletic prowess against other local children – and enjoy a fun day away from the classroom.

The carnival began with each school marching in formation, followed by a range of track and field events, and concluded with the awarding of the Pittman Cup to the school with the highest overall point score.

Mrs Christina Darlington, Principal of Sandy Hollow Public School said the students across all three schools have been honing their athletic skills for several weeks in anticipation of this popular event.

“The program catered for all levels of athletic ability, featuring sprint races, field events like long jump, shot put and high jump through to team events like captain ball”, said Mrs Darlington. “This way every student has a chance to participate and enjoy sporting success.”

The Pittman Cup also offered an opportunity to meet new playmates.

“All the students showed excellent sportsmanship, and it was wonderful to see how well all the children interacted when they moved between activities. I’m sure plenty of friendships were forged on the day” adds Mrs Darlington.

The Pittman Cup 2014 saw a number of long-standing sporting records tumble. Hunter Marsh (Sandy Hollow) created a new record running the 200m sprint in just 32.53 seconds. Thomas Nash (Cassilis) created new records for the 800 metre event (3.28.62secs) and achieved a new high jump record of 1.27 metres.

Age champions at the 2014 Pittman Cup carnival were:

- Juvenile Boy Champion - Darcy Wallace, Sandy Hollow Public School
- Runner Up - Kayden Adams, Sandy Hollow Public School
- Junior Boy Champion - Hunter Marsh, Sandy Hollow Public School
- Runner Up - Sam Thompson, Sandy Hollow Public School
- Senior Boy Champion - Brady Nairne, Cassilis Public School
- Runner Up - Thomas Nash, Cassilis Public School
- Juvenile Girl Champion - Danielle O’Hara, Martindale Public School
- Runner Up - Rhyme Anderson, Sandy Hollow Public School
- Junior Girl Champion - Bella Wallace, Sandy Hollow Public School and Mollie O’Hara, Martindale (on equal points)
- Senior Girl Champion - Amy Thompson, Sandy Hollow Public School
- Runner Up - Sarah Nairne, Cassilis Public School
- Overall Boy Champion - Hunter Marsh, Sandy Hollow Public School
- Runner Up - Brady Nairne, Cassilis Public School
- Overall Girl Champion - Amy Thompson, Sandy Hollow Public School
- Runners up - Bella Wallace, Sandy Hollow Public School and Mollie O’Hara, Martindale.

The 2014 Pittman Cup was won by Cassilis Public School, with Sandy Hollow Public School taking out the relay trophy, and ball games trophy. Martindale Public School received the trophy for Best March.
Anglican News

Regular Church Services - page 27

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Women’s Guild meeting - first Thursday monthly
July to November: 2.00pm

Messy Church - Parish Hall - Last Friday monthly
June to November: 3.30pm

Men’s breakfast - Parish Hall - Third Saturday monthly June to November: 7.30am

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

22 June: St Columba of Iona’s feast day - Cassilis
- 11.00am - All welcome. Please bring some food to share after the service.

6 July: Celebrating St. Thomas the Patron Saint of architects, carpenters and builders.

Last Sunday was Trinity Sunday, we have all tried to unravel this concept of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. Rev’d Pat suggested that we think of Jesus being loved by His father, Jesus loving us and the Spirit reaching into our lives when we pray. So you see the circle of love is complete. At my grandson’s baptism in Condobolin over the long weekend, a family friend of nearly forty years, who in fact was a curate at All Saints Singleton baptised “Max” and at the end he suggested we sing the Doxology and that Rosalie would help him…well that was a test of the grey matter as I had not sang it for eons. Well this is how it goes and it is a nice way to end this little insight to Trinity Sunday.

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

These words are in fact the last verse of a hymn written in 1674 “Awake my Soul and with the Sun”

Contact: 0429 996 769

Rosalie Drew

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Merriwa CWA
SALE OF CWA HEAD OFFICE AND RESIDENTIAL CLUB
AT POTT’S POINT

In a historic move delegates attending the 2014 Country Women’s Association of NSW Annual State conference in Griffith have voted to sell the association’s building in Potts Point. Despite sometimes heated debate among members in the weeks leading up to the conference and vote, the result, which was met with applause from the floor, was a convincing win for the pro-sale lobby.

A total 547 votes were counted to produce a 397 to 142 outcome, with eight informal votes. State President Tanya Cameron said she was aware the decision would not please all but it was time to move on and look forward to the future.

The land value of the site will ensure the CWA of NSW will be able to purchase a more modern office facility with lower maintenance costs and additional floors available to lease which will provide a revenue stream to support the organisation’s activities, she said. Accommodation for members will be outsourced to an appropriate established accommodation provider.

CROHN’S DISEASE MEDICAL RESEARCH PROJECT
FOR 2014-2015

A cheque for $34 500.00 was presented to Crohn’s and Colitis Australia as part of the CWA Medical Research. CWA is a Not for Profit Organisation so when you support your local CWA you are contributing to many worthwhile charities.

Robyn McAlister

Merriwa Rotary

At its final board meeting of the Rotary year, the club board moved to distribute surplus funds raised during the year.

A full report will be given in the next edition of the Ringer.

Many of Merriwa Rotary’s efforts are directed to our young, eg such projects as Long Term Overseas Student Exchange, NZ exchange, and many other schemes such as RYLA and RYPEN. Many in our community are probably unaware of other activities which cater for adults.

There is a Rotary project in our town which it seems not many people know about. It is AO (plus older teenagers) and is under used. All will be revealed in next week’s Ringer.

Mark Smith

Merriwa Ringer
Are you interested in exploring the secret to successful pastures? Hunter Local Land Services (LLS) is inviting landholders in the Upper Hunter to hear renowned pastures expert, Bob Freebairn talk on pasture management at a free field day in Moonan Flat on Thursday June 26.

Bob Freebairn OAM has over 40 years experience in the NSW Department of Primary Industries and is now an agricultural consultant and journalist.

Mr Freebairn said ‘this field day is all about getting the most from your pastures and forage crops.’

‘We'll discuss best management practices and look at the most suitable pasture systems for Upper Hunter farming landscapes.’

‘We will also cover maximising livestock weight gain through improved pasture, an important topic for any landholder wanting to get the most out of their farm’, said Mr Freebairn.

Maintaining good groundcover and pasture composition to improve water use efficiency and increase productivity, the economics of different pasture systems and the cost effectiveness of making changes will also be covered.

In addition, Dr Roy Lawrie, a soil scientist with over 30 years experience, will be demonstrating soil sections in constructed soil pits at nearby ‘Bellsbrook’, a mixed farming enterprise farm owned by the MacCallum family.

Dr Lawrie said ‘I will be getting below the soil surface in two soil pits, explaining the soil types, and talking about the capability of the soil.’

Lunch will be provided prior to the paddock walk and demonstration.

Registrations are essential. For schedule details and to register online visit http://hunter.lls.nsw.gov.au/resource-hub/events/2014/bob-freebairns-sustainable-pasture-improvement or contact Sarah Giblin at Hunter LLS, Muswellbrook, on 6542 4437, or email sarah.giblin@lls.nsw.gov.au.

Maree Whelan

Merriwa VIEW

Our next Dinner Meeting will be held at the RSL Club on Thursday June 26, 2014 at 7.00pm for 7.30pm meal. Our guest speaker for the night will be Dale Wesley who will be talking about her recent trip to Rome and the Greek Islands. Lucky Dale! At the end of her speech I would think that there will be plenty of envious ladies who might be thinking of seeing a travel agent soon.

We need to have a working bee soon to make up our Learning Locally Bags. If you would like some material to do the bags at home please see Jenny Johnson. Our donation for the bags this month will be ruler/eraser. These bags are very worthwhile and to see the delighted faces of our local kindergarten children definitely makes it a great project for our club. However we need to sew the bags and donate the items that we put inside. Better to do it throughout the year than in a flurry at the end of the year. If you can help talk to Jenny.

Our club is a friendly lot of ladies, twenty in total, and we would welcome any one from our community to come along and enjoy our monthly evening meals. They are held at different locations in Merriwa and outside our town as well. The evening costs $25.00 for the meal plus drinks, raffle tickets etc. To become a member is $15.00 yearly subs. We would love to see some new members so come along to a dinner and see what we are all about. All money raised by all VIEW clubs goes to The Smith Family.

See you at the RSL Club on Thursday June 26, 2014 and travel, in your imagination, to Rome and the Greek Islands. Ring Elaine Sparrow for bookings or cancellations by Tuesday noon June 24.

Elaine Sparrow

Local Lands Service Hunter

Local Land Services (LLS) rates notices are currently being sent out to ratepayers and can be paid at any LLS office.

The Hunter LLS Merriwa office is now open on:
• Mondays from 9.00am to 4.00pm,
• Tuesdays from 9.00am to 4.00pm,
• Wednesdays from 9.00am to 3.30pm

and is located at 181 Bettington Street Merriwa. For more information on paying your rates go to http://hunter.lls.nsw.gov.au/about-lls/annual-rates

HOW TO GET THE MOST FROM YOUR PASTURE
“Operation Red Sock”, was a multi-agency emergency services demonstration. The demonstration which commenced at 1.30pm on Saturday June 7 at Bow Street in Merriwa, showcased local emergency services in action at a simulated accident scene.

The accident scene involved two cars and a semitrailer, and had ten emergency services vehicles and crews involved in the demonstration. Extensive planning and joint training was undertaken over nearly twelve months, and the demonstration allowed members of the public to see all emergency services working together, in a life saving demonstration.

Emergency services that participated included:

- Merriwa Rescue Squad (VRA)
- Ambulance Service of NSW
- NSW Rural Fire Service
- Fire and Rescue NSW
- NSW Police Force
- State Emergency Service (SES)

After the demonstration, all participating agencies showed their vehicles and equipment, and visitors had the opportunity to inspect firsthand the equipment and people that keep their communities safe. Information was also available on the day to enable interested persons to find out more about volunteering in their chosen field.

A multi-agency display such as this one showcases the extensive skills of each organisation, and how these skills all mesh together to literally make a life saving difference for people involved in an accident. Seeing what our members do in a time of need will not only assist people understand the work performed, but also will hopefully assist with recruitment of new members.

The Merriwa VRA is the primary rescue agency and covers the western half of the Upper Hunter Shire, including the Bunnan, Merriwa and Cassilis areas. Additionally, the Merriwa VRA provide the only rescue accredited 4WD vehicle in the whole of the Upper Hunter Shire, which stretches as far east as the Barrington Tops.

Being entirely reliant upon community support to purchase and maintain life saving rescue equipment and receiving no funding from the Government, the support from the Festival, and donations is vitally important.

Having the opportunity to show why the Festival of the Fleeces is so important to the Merriwa Rescue Squad was a unique opportunity and it is hoped that the community were able to gain an insight into the equipment that the Festival has purchased for the VRA, and how lucky the Merriwa Community is to have such a great group of emergency services that all work together in keeping the area safe.

To find out more about volunteering with the VRA or to obtain an application package, contact: Merriwa Rescue Squad – 6548 2538

Liam Garment

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Clancy Martin with his trophiie swag and Champion Rug from Coonabarabran 2014 Horse Expo

Merriwa Ringer
Community Notice Board

Merriwa Senior Citizens Association

Our next meeting will be our Annual General Meeting on Tuesday June 24 commencing at 10.00am.

Subs ($3.00) will be due, lunch will be at 12.30pm costing $14.00.

Our next movie will be screened on Tuesday June 12, come and enjoy!

On Tuesday July 8, we will be having a Game’s Day at the Sports Club with visitors from Singleton. Usual format, lunch $6.00 (members to please bring a salad).

Please let me know if you would like to come as numbers are required for lunch on June 24 and July 8.

Mary O’Neill

Merriwa Progress Association

The June meeting of the Merriwa District Progress Association will be on Wednesday June 25 at the Merriwa RSL commencing at 6.00pm. Anyone with issues and concerns relating to the Merriwa district is encouraged to attend. Everyone is welcome.

Beron Arden-Wood
6548 2245

Merriwa Markets

JUNE 21

Where: Bow Street side of Merriwa RSL Club

Time: 9.00am till 12 noon

See you all there!

Julie Russell

Pie Drive Orders have closed, but if anyone has forgotten to order, we do order extra’s so may be able to help you out. Just pop in to St. David’s on delivery day. To secure extra’s, call me on the numbers below.

Delivery Day is: Wednesday June 25
Place: St David’s Uniting Church, Cnr Vennacher and Mackenzie Streets
Time: From 10.30am
Contact: 6548 5131 or 0428 485 131

Barbara Campbell

Merriwa RSL Sub Branch

A dinner will be held on Monday August 18 at the Merriwa RSL Club at 6.30pm for 7.00pm as [Art of the Commemoration of Vietnam Veterans (Long Tan) Day.

Anyone who would like to come, as well as our members, would be welcome.

Mary O’Neill

Photography Competition

Entries close:
7 JULY
AT 12 NOON

Topic for the month is:
ALL THINGS FESTIVAL OF THE FLEECES

The winning photo will receive a prize to the value of $50.00 from the monthly sponsor and this month it is sponsored by:

MERRIWA FESTIVAL OF THE FLEECES

June 6, 7 and 8 was the weekend of Merriwa Festival of the Fleeces and Merriwa Festival have decided to sponsor a competition to gather as many photos of the Festival as possible.

The same rules apply, with the exception of - the limit of entries per person will be set at 20! So get your camera out this weekend, take photos of the people, the sheep, the fireworks and capture everything the festival has to offer the Merriwa community!

Sort through your photos and email them to merriwa2-c.school@det.nsw.edu.au

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The Merriwa Community News is available to charity groups or non-funded, not for profit organisations and anyone wishing to advise of a special event (birthday/anniversary/etc). If you would like to make use of this free service, please contact us prior to 12.00pm Mondays.
The Financial Year is about to come to an end. It is time to get organised for the next one. It is closer than we would like and it is important to be ready! Don’t leave it to the last minute! Don’t forget to come in and grab a catalogue to get see all of our specials!

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**APOLOGY**

Unfortunately, we can no longer give out the Wednesday vouchers, as there is a problem with our computer software. We will let you know when we get the problems sorted out!

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Neville and Leanne Hook

**Spice Grill Merriwa**

**INDIAN CUISINE**

Indian cuisine or Indian food encompasses a wide variety of regional cuisines native to India. Given the range of diversity in soil type, climate and occupations, these cuisines vary significantly from each other and use locally available spices, herbs, vegetables and fruits. Indian food is also heavily influenced by religious and cultural choices.

The development of these cuisines have been shaped by Dharmic (Religious) beliefs, and in particular by vegetarianism, which is a growing dietary trend in Indian society. There has also been Central Asian influence on North Indian cuisine from the years of Royal Kingdoms and Delhi Sultanate rule. Indian cuisine has been and is still evolving, as a result of the nation’s cultural interactions with other societies.

Historical incidents such as foreign invasions, trade relations and colonialism have also played a role in introducing certain foods to the country. Indian cuisine has also shaped the history of international relations; the spice trade between India and Europe is often cited by historians as the primary catalyst for Europe’s Age of Discovery. Spices were bought from India and traded around Europe and Asia. It has also influenced other cuisines across the world, especially those from Southeast Asia, the British Isles and the Caribbean.

**HISTORY**

Indian cuisine reflects a 5000-year history of various groups and cultures interacting with the subcontinent, leading to diversity of flavors and regional cuisines found in modern-day India. Later, Royals, Mughals, British, and Portuguese influence added to the already diverse Indian Cuisine.

**MIDDLE AGES**

During the Middle Ages, several North Indian dynasties were predominant, including the
Gupta dynasty. Travellers to India during this time introduced new cooking methods and products to the region, including tea and spices. Northern India was later invaded by Central Asian cultures, which led to the emergence of Royal cuisine, a mix of Indian and Central Asian cuisine. Hallmarks include seasonings such as saffron.

Trade with the ancient Sumerian, Assyrian and later Arab cultures also helped import several of those culinary techniques.

And from this cuisine, which has a history of 5000 years and great fusions in the past, Spice Grill Merriwa have brought and best chosen ones of each and every corner of India. Which are also the world famous dishes include:

- The Royal Kathi Rolls
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- Lamb Do Pyazaa (Northern India)
- Mint Lamb Curry and Wrap (Central India)
- Lamb Kasundi (Eastern India)
- Lamb Coriander (Eastern India)
- Lamb Rogan Josh Curry and Wrap (Northern India)
- Lamb Madras Curry (Southern India)
- Goan Fish Curry (Western India)
- Battered Fish (Eastern India)
- Lamb Adraki (Central India)
- Indian Masala Omelet
- Vegetarian Foods like Salad, Sandwiches and Wraps.

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Keep an eye out for our extra special sale items that have been marked down to clear.

Our bonus offer on RM Williams ladies stockyard long sleeve shirts are still on but sizes and colours are limited.

Our classic winter manchester catalogue is still on, including electric blankets, flannelette sheets, wool doona, pillows etc, but will also finish on Saturday. If you buy any item from our manchester catalogue, we will throw in an extra 30% off any other manchester item that is not in the catalogue.

This is a three day sale only and will end on Saturday so get in quick!

Excluding ugg boots, workwear, school wear, fascinators, fashion hats, baby gifts, giftware, socks and underwear.

Cash and card only.

Di Inder
Woolbrook Rural Industries

When I said that my accounts of typical happenings in the American Wild West would be historically accurate, this was perhaps not quite correct since every altercation of any consequence will always be open to different interpretations, whether deliberately or accidentally. You will no doubt have noticed that when a disagreement of any kind takes place, whether merely between two people or a World War, or anything in between, both sides will invariably blame the other for starting the conflict.

There is little doubt that the so-called “Shootout at the OK Corral” is the most notorious of the many shootings and multi-killings which occurred in the Wild West over a period of about a hundred years, and it occurred at Tombstone, south east Arizona, close to the Mexican border, in 1871. Even though the events were well documented at the time with little doubt about the causes of the slaughter, it has never been clear who fired the first shot, with the two sides predictably blaming each other. There was bad blood between those living outside Tombstone including many of the big local cattle ranchers and, on the other hand, those living in the town, often its law enforcers. The former included two sets of brothers, all members of the Clanton and McLaury families, and their opponents were Federal Marshall Virgil Earp, two of his brothers (Wyatt and Morgan) and an ally, Doc Holliday, who was a dentist and advertised “Where satisfaction is not given, money will be refunded”.

Although only 28, Holliday was an alcoholic, tubercular, a notorious gambler with a reputation for having a hair trigger temper with no hesitation about killing, and his favorite weapon was a shotgun. The last may seem strange, however revolvers of the day were notoriously inaccurate whereas a shotgun was much less likely to miss, particularly if it had scatter bores and had been sawn off to varying degrees, in which case it was not only very effective at close range but also less clumsy.

There was also a fourth Earp in Tombstone, James, however he had been badly wounded in the Civil War and took no part in the shootout. Tombstone had been only a small settlement relying on surrounding cattle production till silver was found nearby, after which its population swelled rapidly (much to the disapproval of those out of town), in the same way as gold field towns did in Australia. It attracted all the worst elements of humanity, confidence men, gamblers, “lewd women”, and so on. This is beautifully illustrated by part of a report on the town from an attorney who was one of Tombstone’s more respectable inhabitants: “Tombstone has two dance halls, a dozen gambling places, and more than twenty saloons. Still, there is hope, for I know of two Bibles in town”.

The Earps and Holliday had all drifted into Tombstone over a period of time and for much the same reason, they thought there was a dollar to be made there. All had had a chequered career in a variety of occupations, and none had been too fussy as to their legality or otherwise. Wyatt had fled a charge of stealing horses in Oklahoma and he and his brothers had worked as faro dealers, stage coach drivers, shotgun riders, bar tenders etc., and even as law enforcers. Virgil had acquired the job of town marshal almost by default after an alleged cattle thief, in town to make whoopee, had shot his predecessor dead for little apparent reason. The Earps seem to have taken advantage of their opportunities in much the same time honoured way as some of Australia’s politicians, except they were also prepared to maintain their position with guns if necessary.

On one occasion Wyatt’s horse was stolen, and later a Clanton was found riding it, a misunderstanding, or so he claimed. On another occasion six US army mules were stolen and when Virgil went looking for them with a posse he not only found them on a McLaury ranch but he also caught some of the brothers red handed while changing the US Army brands on them. Virgil must have been feeling charitable that day because he let them go on their promise to return the mules, instead of which some unknown rustlers immediately stole them and they, together with the evidence they constituted, were gone forever. While Virgil was a Federal Marshal and responsible for order in Tombstone, another man, John Behan, the County Sheriff, was responsible for County Law, and he sided with the McLaurys and Clantons. He arrested Holliday and charged him with killing a stage coach driver during a holdup, though the charge was dismissed for lack of evidence.

There were a number of rather similar incidents where the combined Earps and Holliday clashed with the combined McLaurys, Clantons, Sheriff Behan and his deputies, including one where Virgil arrested one of Beahan’s deputies and charged him with helping with the holdup of a stage coach. As a result Frank McLaury came to town furiously angry and there was a confrontation between him and Morgan Earp which almost ended in a gunfight on the spot. Though it did not eventuate, the gauntlet had been thrown down, the stage was set, and it had now become almost inevitable that sooner or later, and probably sooner, the
issues between the two sides would finally be decided in the only way that Tombstone knew, with guns and bloodshed.

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Max Wurcker

Sponsorship and Advertisement Reminder

Sponsorship renewals have been sent for Term 3, if you wish to come on board as a Sponsor then please contact the Merriwa Central School on 6548 2119.

Advertisements reminder - all advertisements need to be paid for PRIOR to the deadline of the Issuing week.

Issue 20 will be the last Ringer for Term 2, all articles need to be received for Issue 21 by Monday 14 July at noon!

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FRIDAY 20 JUNE
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FESTIVAL OF THE FLEECES NEWS

Thank you to all those who participated in the festival school and community competitions.

The winners were:

~ School Colouring In Competition ~

The overall winner of this year's school colouring in competition is:

Georgie Simmons from Merriwa Central School. Merriwa News Agency has donated a wonderful prize for Georgie which can be collected from the Visitor Information Centre.

Thank you to everyone who participated in celebration of the festival. Results are as follows:

5 Years:
1st: Harry Murdoch-Tilmouth, Cassilis Primary
2nd: Tamara Bailey, Merriwa Central

6 Years:
1st: Georgie Simmons, Merriwa Central
2nd: Mitchell Cox, Merriwa Central

7 Years:
1st: Brooklyn Blackadder, Merriwa Central
2nd: Andy Olive, Merriwa Central

8 Year:
1st: Alister Fairful, Merriwa Central

Over 9:
1st: Brady Nairne, Cassilis Public

~ Window Display ~

1st: Messy Church
2nd: Di’s Clothing Patch
3rd: St Trinity’s Market

~ Indoor Display ~

1st: The Spice Grill
2ns: Merriwa Sports Club
3rd: Gummun Place Hostel

Cr Deirdre Peebles
Chairperson
Merriwa Festival of the Fleeces Committee

THE FESTIVAL SAYS THANK YOU

The 2014 ROSTO Olives Merriwa Festival of the Fleeces commenced on a cold fog filled morning of a typical winters day and was a shining example of what a community can achieve when we all work together. The Higgs family produces one of the best and freshest extra virgin olive oils in Australia, and for the 24th year running ROSTO Olives and all other sponsors demonstrated a strong and resilient community spirit in celebrating Merriwa’s heritage in this community event.

A HUGE and well deserved THANK YOU to ALL of the Sponsors of the ROSTO Olives 2014 Festival of the Fleeces. Without these fantastic and community-minded businesses, schools, community organisations and families, Merriwa Festival of the Fleeces would not have celebrated its 24th Festival in such an amazing style.

Our major sponsors for this year’s event were ROSTO Olives and Upper Hunter Shire Council. Our minor sponsors again this year were Ausgrid and NBN Television. A full list of Festival sponsors was posted each week in the Merriwa Ringer leading up to the Festival.

Thank you to all the stall holders, which totaled 112 this year, for adding such a variety of items for the thousands of visitors to sample, purchase and enjoy. Thank you to all of the wonderful people who attended the Festival with their families and friends. It is this real feeling of community support that makes the Festival so enjoyable. A huge thank you, to the Upper Hunter Shire Council workers who got up early to put out all the road closure and detour signs, and for taking them down again in the afternoon. You did a fantastic job and the Committee is extremely grateful. Thank you to the Campbell family for again allowing the Festival to use your sheep in the parade. Thank you to all the parade participants and all of the effort that you went to in organising your floats. You all looked amazing.

Words alone can not express the gratitude that the committee would like to extend to everyone who contributed to make this year’s Festival so special. THANK YOU.

P: Liam Garment 6521 7046
YOUTH CENTRE’S FIRST FLOAT IN FESTIVAL

Merriwa Youth Centre had their first float in over 10 years at the Festival of the Fleeces parade this year thanks to the involvement of many young people and others.

The Council staff at the Merriwa depot cleaned a truck to use, and Sean (not the sheep) volunteered to drive. The theme for this year’s festival was ‘Australian Wool’ therefore the float was decorated with ‘Barrb the Sheep’.

Thanks to Tina and Teianna Taylor, Phoebe Richard who made a giant ball of wool, local farmers who supplied the Youth Centre with bails of hay, local shearer Mark Kirkland provided bags of wool, the youth made posters, chains and gave the old ram head a makeover.

The float was impressive, thanks to Janaya, Leah, Austin, James, Teianna, Callum, Abby and Luke - you guys rocked it. Also to Stella and Boo (dogs) all dressed up in their little knitted woollen jumpers - super cute!

Merriwa Youth Centre will definitely be going bigger and better next year for the Festivals 25th birthday, ideas are already flowing.

There are many different activities and services available for young people through the Merriwa Youth Centre. Everyone is welcome to come along to have fun, learn new skills and make new friends. There are also regular excursions in and out of the Upper Hunter.

Council Youth Workers also provide a casework service for young people who need a bit of extra support, as well as running groups to improve life skills.

Merriwa Youth Club is held at Bow Street, Merriwa, Friday 5pm to 9pm drop in. Free bus home for young people in town area.

Tuesday 1pm to 1.45pm at Merriwa Central School Secondary Dept then available 1.45 to 3.45pm for casework, advice and referral/skill based programs.

Merriwa Youth Centre’s Parade Float

P: Justine Whitney 6521 7000
Merriwa Ringer

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1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday - Sat 6.00pm  
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**CWA**  
Meets the second Monday of the month at 10.00am in the CWA rooms, Bettington Street  
Visitors and new members are always welcome.  
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President: Barbara Campbell  
6548 5131  
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6548 2463  
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Meets each Tuesday at the Merriwa Sports Club  
7.00pm for 7.30pm  
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**Merriwa Touch Football**  
**Wednesday Nights**  
Junior and Senior Comp  
President: Tina Taylor  
Senior Vice President: Trent Cooper  
Secretary: Barbra Eipper  
Treasurer: Brad Hunt  
For more information contact  
6548 2124 after hours.
CLUBS
Merriwa Sports Club

The Sports Club provides a wide range of benefits for members and guests.

Mondays - Happy Hour - 4.00pm to 5.00pm
Tuesdays - Rotary meets - 7.00pm for 7.30pm
Thursdays - 5.00pm Bingo and Super 39
Wednesdays - Social Darts - 7.00pm
Fridays - Happy Hour - 5.00pm to 7.00pm and free raffles - nine prizes

Saturdays - Monster Raffle drawn from 7.45pm, winners jackpot, dinner draw and Saturday badge draw
Sundays - Members badge draw plus three raffles choice of $25.00 meat or fuel vouchers.

Last Sunday each month - Smorgasbord all you can eat Chinese entree, main and dessert.
Casual Bowls and Golf also available.

WEEKEND RESULTS
Saturday June 14 2014
Saturday Members Draw no 180 next week $130.00
Winners Jackpot next week $320.00.

Free Tickets: Peter Barwick
Dinner: Gavin and Alba
Bowls Raffle: Loretta Cooper

Sunday June 15 2014
Sunday Members draw no 292 next week $950.00.

BINGO - NOTE CHANGE OF TIME
Every Thursday night commences 5.00pm. Tickets on sale at 4.30pm.
Win Sporties vouchers for meat and other business houses plus SUPER 39 $100 gift voucher.

DON’T FORGET SOCIAL DARTS
Wednesdays 7.00pm draw for partners. All welcome.

THE SPORTIES
Chinese/Australian Restaurant - Smorgasbord last Sunday in the month.
All you can eat entree, main and dessert.
$18.00 Adult $12.00 children under 12.
Shan and Jinna also have lunch time specials for $8.00.
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THE SPORTIES ENTERTAINMENT LINE UP

SMORGASBORD
Sunday June 29
6.00pm
John Rindfleish
**LADIES BOWLS NEWS**

No Bowls last week.

**COMING UP**

- Monday June 23 - Annual General Meeting at 3.00pm
- Wednesday June 25 - Dunedoo Friendship Day
- Wednesday July 2 - Aberdeen Association Day, Beatrice Voysey

**MENS BOWLS NEWS**

On Saturday and Sunday, our 2014 Pairs were played in very cold conditions. Thank you to all that played.

Congratulations to:

K Barry and J Rosa - Run out winners after playing a great game.

Best of luck in the district Champion of Champions at Denman on July 5 -6.

Next Saturday and Sunday are Club Triples are to be played rain, hail or shine! (Play or forfeit rule applies)

Memberships are now due, please see Des!

**Cassilis Bowling Club**

Friday night Snack Bar
Affordable family meals.
Friday night raffles
Meat trays, Vegetable trays, Schooner Draw, Joker Draw, Members Draw and Vegetable trays.

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**EOFY MEMBERS SPECIAL FOR MAY/JUNE**

$4 Schooners and $3 Middies

*Ken Bevan*  

**Merriwa RSL Club**

The Members Lucky Badge for $1100.00 was not won on Friday at 8.30pm, the number was 74. This week it jackpots to $1150.00. The 7.00pm draw for $700.00 was not won. The number was 251. This week it jackpots to $720.00. The 9.00pm draw for $240.00 was not won and the number was 704. This week it jackpots to $260.00. LTPS/13/04473

The Sunday Morning Badge Draw for $1200.00 was not won last week. The number was 975 and this week it jackpots to $1250.00. It will be drawn between 11.30am and 1.30pm and you must be present to win the money, LTPS/13/04473

The Friday 8.30pm badge draw and the Sunday badge draw both now commence at $500.00.

**Coming Events**

The Club now has a new juke box in the games room with over 15,000 selections and is up dated every two weeks with new songs.

Thursday nights from 7.00pm - Social Darts.

**Thursday 12 June,** Senior's Movie Day 1.00pm.

**Saturday 19 July,** The Beach Boyz Tribute Show. Tickets on sale now, $15.00 each, under 12 years age $5.00.

**Bistro** - hours have now changed for the cooler months with 5.30pm open for the evenings.

*Matt Morgan*  

Secretary/Manager

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**Sporting News**

**Merriwa Junior Rugby League Football and Netball Club**

**WELDERUP UNDER 15’S**

The only game played last weekend was our Welderup Under 15’s. They played South Newcastle at home for a well deserved win that this team has been working toward for some time. On a wet day and a very wet pitch the boys played some good football to run away winners 43-16. The game was played in great spirit from both sides and showed respect for each other by having a mud bath, en-masse, on the full time siren.

I am positive players, supporters and officials from both clubs enjoyed this game immensely as it was played the way this great game we love should be played. Dylan Cox scored two tries, Luke Cronin

*Hilary Parker*
one, Cody Towell one and John Whitby scored four. John Whitby also kicked one goal and one field goal with Matt Porter kicking four goals. Players player was Callum Telfer as he played his usual high quality game. Coaches Award went to Ray Murphy playing only his fourth game of Rugby League and improving every game.

Thanks to the volunteers who opened the canteen and to our officials on the day - Referee Glen Austin and our timekeeper official Paul Medd.

Phil Neale (Coach)

Next week the mini/mods will be back playing at Scone, ask coaches for times, and our Welderup Under 15’s will be travelling to Parbury Oval at Swansea. Enjoy the scenic drive guys!

Belinda Keane

Merriwa Pony Club

Rebecca, Jonathan and Bobby Keegan all had a great outing at the Singleton Pony Club Ribbon Day earlier this month taking home numerous ribbons in dressage and sporting. Well done kids!

Over the weekend four riders from Merriwa Pony Club travelled over to Murrurundi for the Junior Stockman’s Challenge. Hannah Riley did a fabulous freestyle bareback routine, placing third in a tough field. Ty Riley excelled in hoof care (first), and came second his favourite event the whip crack, third in the pack saddle and obstacle course taking him to second overall point score in the 11 to Under 13 class. Jorji and Darcy Taaffe also attended the challenge for the first time with some great runs in the bareback, cross country and cattle handling receiving a prize each for good sportsmanship, (A big thank you to Hannah and Ty for their last minute whip crack coaching!)

While not a Pony Club rider these days, Merriwa’s Zeb Pearce does deserve a special mention for his outstanding effort taking out first place in the 13 and U15 category and overall Champion Junior King of the Ranges for the second year in a row. Amazing effort Zeb!

GOOD LUCK to Anastasia and Clancy Martin who are off to Darwin next week to compete in the National Polocrosse Championships. We look forward to hearing all about it upon your return.

Don’t forget if you are out there competing in between rally days, let us know! Just email tashholden@bigpond.com.

Merriwa Rugby League Football Club

LADIES LEAGUE TAG

Last Saturday had the Merriwa League Tag girls take on Murrurundi at Merriwa. After having a few showers of rain the night before, the team were excited about getting down and dirty in the mud. The girls started well as usual and posted two early tries. One each to Taylah and Kate, to lead 8-0, only to see Murrurundi cross for the next two tries to level the scores 8 all at the break. The resumption of play saw Merriwa kick off and Murrurundi knock the ball on. Merriwa pounced on the ball and Taylah crossed out wide for her second try to take a 12-8 lead. The Mavetts tried in vain to level the scores but were turned away by great defence each time. Merriwa wrapped up the game with a long distance try to Billie-Jane and conversion by Kym Daniel (I think we have found a long term goal kicker) to take the game away from Murrurundi 18-8.

RESERVES

After a tough physical match the week before against Denman, the Magpies had to back up against the top of the table Mavericks. The boy’s started well with an early try to Wade and conversion from Jeremy to lead 6 – 0. Murrurundi hit back with vengeance and scored the next three to lead 18-6 at the break. The boy’s knew they had to dig deep to stop Murrurundi running away with the game in the second half and they did! Murrurundi only managed 10 points to Merriwa’s 6. Nicholas McLaughlin scoring his first for the year, to go down 28 – 12. The Magpies never gave in and bombed three tries with the last pass not hitting the mark, these would have made the game very interesting.

This Saturday the teams travel to Murrurundi, with a bus possible leaving the RSL Club at 11.00am, with kick off at 2.00pm.

Matt Morgan

Merriwa Ringer
On Sunday June 22, the Martin family start their long trek to Darwin where Anastasia and Clancy will compete at the Australian Polocrosse National Championships.

It will be a very exciting and memorable trip for the whole family; it will take ten days to get there to ensure safe and fit arrival of their horses. Along the way they will get to see the Longreach Hall of Fame, the Camoweal caves, Katherine River Gorge and Mataranka hot springs.

Competing on two home bred horses they will be matching it against some of the best horses in Australia as all states will be there.

Once they arrive at Darwin there will be around 700 horses and 380 competitors and the competition runs for over a week. Over that week the finals of 11 divisions will be decided in front of around 10,000 onlookers.

Anastasia will be competing in the Under 16 years Juniors and Clancy in the Under 12 Juniors. This is a fantastic opportunity and every polocrosse player’s ambition is to be selected to play at the Nationals. Horses and players compete against each other from all over NSW to try and get a spot in the team.

We are all extremely proud of Anastasia and Clancy and also Clare and Wal for such a commitment to get them there. We know that Nicole will also be there helping out and cheering them along.

We would like to wish the whole family the best of luck and a safe trip and return.

Pauline Lawler
Merriwa Polocrosse Club
and Merriwa Pony Club
## Community Calendar

### What’s happening?

Send your calendar information in before 12 noon Mondays to merriwa2-c.school@det.nsw.edu.au

### JUNE

**Friday 20**
- Merriwa Campdraft

**Saturday 21**
- Men’s Breakfast - Parish Hall - 7.30am
- Merriwa Campdraft

**Sunday 22**
- Merriwa Campdraft
- Feast Day Celebrations - St Columba of Iona Cassiliis - 11.00am

**Wednesday 25**
- Uniting Church Pie Drive order to be picked up from Uniting Church

**Friday 27**
- Messy Church - Parish Hall - 3.30pm

### JULY

**Sunday 6**
- Celebrating St Thomas the Patron Saint of Architects, Carpenters and Builders

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