Council seeks feedback on Merriwa Town Centre

The Upper Hunter Shire Council is calling on you to tell us your ideas for revitalising Merriwa Town Centre. Each major town in the Upper Hunter Shire is getting a Town Centre Revitalisation masterplan and Council needs your help to tell us what Merriwa should look like in the future.

The Masterplans will provide a framework that encourages investment, provides direction for Council infrastructure and supports the revitalisation of the town centres. Council is keen for the local community to be involved, so that the plan reflects a unified interest and vision for each town.

Share your ideas and join the conversation by participating in person at your local drop-in session. This will be held Friday, October 23 from 2.00pm to 4.00pm Community drop-in session outside Merriwa Pharmacy. Or by pre-registering for the stakeholder workshop to held Tuesday, October 27 from 5.30pm to 7.00pm Stakeholder Workshop at Merriwa Sports Club. These workshops will be facilitated by urban designers from the firm Studio GL and will present different activities and ways to participate.

For those of you who would like to participate in the stakeholder workshop, please register at least two days prior to the workshop by emailing Sean Constable at sconstable@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au or call 02 6540 1135.

Everyone is welcome to register for the stakeholder workshop and no experience is necessary - just bring your enthusiasm and creativity!

Phoebe Morgan
With 13 talented students and dedicated staff, Cassilis Public School is still going strong and will celebrate 140 years of education on October 25, 2015.

The National Board of Education was set up throughout the Colony in 1848, but in Cassilis at that time there was only a Church of England School, which began operating in the wooden Church next to the sandstone Court House in 1869, and before that, in a slab hut.

A town meeting was set up to apply for a Public School for ‘education for all children regardless of religion.’

The signatories were a mix from well-to-do business owners in Cassilis, to a char woman, and a total of at least 63 pupils were proposed to attend.

Thomas Buchannan was the first appointed teacher, and the school was officially opened in October 1875.

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STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Our students have started the term with a great attitude! We have a busy term ahead and students are working hard on their new units of study for this term. Well done to the following book award recipients:

Kindergarten/Year 1: Shawn Smith
Year 2: Annabelle Orton
Year 3/4: Kaitlyn Smith
Year 4/5: Jasmine Smith
Year 5/6: Kyarne Sampson

HATS AND UNIFORM

Our students look so happy in their school hats as they have fun on the playground! Merriwa Central School is a sun safe school and students must have a school hat to be able to enjoy our playground facilities. In our strong summer heat this is very important to ensure students are safe during our play time. If students do not have a school hat they will be able to play in our covered COLA area to protect them from the sun.

We have many lost property items accumulating in our office with no names or labels on them. Many jumpers, hats, and lunch boxes have been left behind and no one to claim them. If you are missing any items please check our lost property to collect them.

KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION

Next Tuesday October 20 we will have our first session of the Kindergarten Transition Program. Children who are preparing to attend Kindergarten in 2016 will have a session from 9.00am – 11.00am in the Kindergarten classroom. Children will need to bring a piece of fruit or vegetable for the fruit break session. Please make sure the fruit is already cut up to make eating easier, as it is a very quick break time. If you have not returned your note about Kindergarten transition there are spare notes in our primary office or on our website. If you would like more information about attending our Kindergarten Transition Program please contact Megan Sinderberry at the Primary campus on 6548 2101.

Coming Events

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GRANDPARENTS DAY

The Primary campus will be celebrating ‘Grandparents Day’ next Friday October 23. The theme for Grandparents Day 2015 is ‘Moments that Matter’. We will have an assembly beginning at 10.00am which will be followed by open classrooms and a morning tea. All parents and community are invited to attend, but more importantly all our grandparents are invited to attend as our special guests! We will have some special items as well as merits and Workers of the Week. We hope to see you all there.

FOOTY COLOURS DAY

The last day of term was ‘Footy Colours Day’ to raise funds and awareness for the Fight Cancer Foundation. It was great to see so many students in footy colours supporting their team and bringing in a gold coin donation. Every little donation counts. It was interesting to see how many Tigers and Rabbitohs fans we have on the Primary campus!

YEAR 7 ORIENTATION

Students preparing to begin Year 7 in 2016 attended an orientation information session last week and will begin their transition program this week. Students will attend lessons on the Secondary campus each Thursday for the next three weeks. Students will follow the Secondary bell times and finish at 3.30pm each Thursday. Students will need to ensure they are prepared for various lessons with resources such as pens, pencils and ensure they are wearing correct footwear. If you have any questions about transition please contact Mr Chad Grant on the Secondary campus (02) 6548 2119.

AWABAKAL EXCURSION

A Primary excursion for students in Years 3-6 has been organised to visit the Awabakal Environmental Education Centre on November 12. This excursion is to enhance the learning from HSIE and Science units studied in class over the course of this year. Students will need to return notes and money to the office to obtain a place on this excursion. Numbers are limited due to seat numbers on the bus. The bus will leave early at 7.00am and arrive back late at 4.00pm so parents may need to make alternative arrangements on those days to ensure students arrive on time for the bus in the morning and have transport home in the afternoon. On the day students will need to bring recess, lunch, water, hat and something to write with. If you have any queries please contact Mrs West (02) 6548 2101.

MERRIWA SPRINGTIME SHOW

If you were in town the first weekend of the school holidays you may have visited the showground for the Merriwa Springtime Show. It was a great weekend and many of our students achieved places and awards in many different events. Well done to all our students for their contributions. We hope everyone had a chance to visit our display.

Rebecca West
Assistant Principal
Year 8 English are currently completing a film unit on the movie True Grit. They have enjoyed the tough, no-nonsense characters and humour of the movie. The novel True Grit (1968) inspired two film adaptations, the first in 1969 starring John Wayne as Rooster Cogburn (for which he received an Oscar for best actor in a leading role) and then in 2010 by writer/director/producer Joel and Ethan Coen, starring Jeff Bridges, Josh Brolin and Matt Damon. Although nominated for ten Oscars the 2010 film did not win any. Once the most popular Hollywood genre, since the 1960’s the Western has declined in status.

Year 10 English have just completed reading the Cold War novel ‘I Am Legend’ (1954), which has been adapted twice for the silver screen. The novel investigates the possibility of a nuclear explosion leaving only one human being alive. Not only does the protagonist have to cope with being the last man on earth, he has vampires to protect himself from. The novel is part of the speculative fiction genre and is the inspiration for the Year 10’s to create their own dystopian, post-apocalyptic creative writing story.

Year 8 LOTE will continue to explore the fascinating culture of Italy and adding to their Italian vocabulary. They are picking up lots of terms and in their assessment task they will create an Italian comic strip using some of the phrases they have learnt this year.

Prior to Merriwa Central School I taught at Boggabilla Central School, Narrabri High School, and Hobart College, Tasmania. I lived in England for two years working as a teacher and spent a year in Japan teaching English as a second language. Having taught in these places I can say that Merriwa Central School is definitely one of the better schools that I have taught at. The staff are excellent and the students are well-behaved. The community are close-knit, friendly and supportive. It is a privilege to teach at this school. Arrivederci!

Why I want to be in ROAR: To meet new people
Favourite Subject: Maths and Sport
Favourite sport: Footy
Favourite Sports Person: Sam Bagging
Best personal sporting achievement: Playing football
Who inspires you: My mum and dad
Advice to young players: Play your best.
SRC REPORT

A huge welcome back to students and teachers to the last term for 2015. I will be the new Publicity Officer for the SRC in 2016 and part of that role is that I have the job of reporting all the exciting things the SRC are up to. On Wednesday October 7 the new SRC held their annual Planning Day where we spoke about our short and long term goals for 2016 and ideas on how we are going to achieve them.

One important part of the planning day was to elect individual roles and responsibilities that students must uphold for the SRC year. Some of these roles include Treasurer, Disco organisers, and Fundraising manager/organiser. These roles were taken on by students of all ages, who are keen and eager to take on the responsibilities. Students also participated in a few ice-breakers where we got to know a little bit about each other and a physical team-building activity that tested the strength of each group.

Whilst the day was filled with some fun, there was some more planning to do. The newly elected SRC had the decision of electing four charities that they wished to sponsor over the next year. It wasn’t an easy task of just selecting four charities as each individual had a different one in mind. From a list over twenty, the four charities were finally decided on, which include the Cancer Council, Pink Ribbon, Ronald McDonald House Foundation and Motor Neurone Disease (MND).

We look forward to raising money for these charities and the upcoming SRC year.

On behalf of the whole SRC, I would like to say a massive thank you to Miss Hopkins who had planned the whole day and made it a success. Without her, there would be no SRC, and another big thank you to Mrs Meyer for her assistance on the day. Your contribution was much appreciated.

Cara Hunt

Favourite Subject: Maths, Wood work
Best Personal Achievements: Outward bound
Job role in SRC: Treasurer

SRStudent Liaison Officers Comment: James is a reliable and responsible member of the SRC. He represented his year group for 2015 and has been re-elected for 2016.

James takes his role seriously and has represented the region at the recent Youth Conference at Eurobodalla last term.

Rebecca Hopkins - SRC Coordinator

Student of the Week
James Hagley
Year 10
CHARITABLE EFFORTS FROM ST JOSEPH’S

Four wells to provide much needed drinking water for the people of Madagascar and 15 Christmas boxes for the Samaritan Purse appeal. Congratulations to the St Joseph’s school community for your charitable efforts. It is very heartening to know that our children understand that there is great suffering in the world and that they can do something to help. This gives “hope for the future”

St Joseph’s Primary School Merriwa:
A community of Catholic faith
where the uniqueness of each child
will be nurtured and valued.
Where students will be
empowered and challenged
to become
lifelong learners with
optimism and
hope for the future

Cassilis Sports Day was again a very worthwhile experience. The students had the opportunity to join students from several other schools to participate in skills workshops for many different sports. St Joseph’s students displayed beautiful behaviour, manners and sportsmanship throughout the day.

We keep in our prayers -

• The Tudor family following the death of Horrie. He will be sadly missed by many within the St Joseph’s community and the Merriwa community. Horrie and his wife Nita have been the most beautiful carers and “Nanny and Pop” to countless students past and present

• All members of the school community and their families who are sick at present

• All our ex-students who are from the class of 2009 whether they are sitting the HSC, finishing other pathways at school or already completed their formal schooling. Elizabeth Hagley, Liam Cronin, Montana-Lee Kisi, Connor Constable, Taylen Cornish and Dominic French – we wish you all the best for your future, may the effort you have put into your learning over the school years reap great rewards.
The Merriwa Show was a great success this year. I hope you had the opportunity to view our school display. Thank you to the teachers for your time in putting together a comprehensive sample of learning across the grades. Congratulations to all the students who put art work, photography, flowers, cooking, sewing and other items into the general exhibits – it was lovely to see your creations. Congratulations to all the students who demonstrated their riding and showing skills as well.

Lunch time Library: This term the Library will be open every day for at least lunch or recess time if not both. During this time students can enjoy the air conditioned comfort of the library to read, draw, work on puzzles, play cards, Scrabble, Boggle, Yahtze, chess etc. Parents are invited to join in the fun at this time and play with your children. There is so much educational benefit to playing games. Last week several students chose the Library as their lunchtime venue and are keen to return.

CPR and Emergency Care training will take place for all staff members on Thursday afternoon. This compulsory training ensures that all students are in capable hands should a medical emergency arise.

Working Bees enable the school to get a lot of those much needed jobs done around the school and provide us with the opportunity to have a social catch up with parents and children. Thank you to the Shannon, Collins, Hagley, Gilbey, Redgate, Wightman and Whale families who attended last Sunday and to the Ninness family who sent in morning tea in their absence. We were able to weed, mulch, sweep, clean air conditioners, assemble new library furniture, move furniture and fix the whiteboard to the staff room verandah for student use.

Educational Professor Geoff Masters will be speaking at the Catholic Schools’ Office this week. Mrs Peebles and Mrs Whale are looking forward to this important opportunity to hear the latest research and developments in education first hand, both nationally and internationally, from someone involved at the cutting edge of research in Australia. His current work is focused on assessment and the role it has in a student’s learning. His morning keynote address next Tuesday is titled, The assessment of student learning.

Professor Masters will be joined by a member of his ACER Team, Rob Marshall, Senior Project Director, School Improvement. Rob will share the latest research on school improvement that ACER has compiled and published into a document that has been utilised by various school sectors and governments, titled the National School Improvement Tool.

The Spirit of St Joseph’s Award, generously sponsored by the Merriwa Newsagency, for Term 3 has been awarded to Darcy Moore in Year 6. When speaking to staff members about a probable candidate for the award, they were enthusiastic about their choice in Darcy citing many occasions where Darcy has demonstrated the personal qualities recognised by this award. Darcy is a very mature student who is helpful to teachers and kind to students. He is liked and respected by the entire student body. He is known for his great sportsmanship, fairness, and active efforts to include all students.

Public speaking is a skill that all students will be demonstrating this Monday as they compete against their classmates for a position on the team representing our school at the Regional Public Speaking competition next week. The students are given just one hour to prepare their first speech and the second one is impromptu. What great skills the students learn through this process. We are always surprised at the confidence displayed throughout.
and his organisation of play without being bossy. Darcy also represents our school very well in the community, promoting St Joseph’s through his words and actions.

Enrolments for next year’s Kindergarten are still coming in. Again, it has been word of mouth from parents, and the wonderful reputation of our school as a quality educational facility that has persuaded our new families to enrol. Thank you for the positive promotion you do for St Joseph’s School. Please remind perspective parents to enrol their children as soon as possible so that preparations for 2016 can be finalised.

Transition Days for our new Kinders have been very successful in preparing children and their parents for school life. This term all transition days will see the children in every class move up to their 2016 classroom.

Helen Whale
Principal

AWARDS

We congratulate the following award winners:

**Kindergarten - Lula Peebles** - exceptional effort in writing activities

**Artila Parker** - exceptional effort in writing activities

**Year 1/2 - Pia Henderson** - for fantastic writing with a stimulus

**Ava Peel** - for fantastic writing with a stimulus

**Year 3/4 - Darcy Taaffe** - for representing our school beautifully at Cassilis Sports Day

**Madelaine Thrift** - for great work solving problems involving purchases

**Year 5/6 - Dylan Turner** - for demonstrating great focus in all tasks

**Lauren Redgate** - for excellent contributions to class discussions.

**Principal’s Awards - Mikayla Telfer** - for participating very well at the Cassilis Sports Day and displaying confidence and a “Have a go” attitude.

**Riley Melmeth** - for showing good skills in sport and being organised with his school hat and belongings for the Sports Day

**Spirit of St Joseph** – Darcy Moore.

Helen Whale
Principal

**STUDENT OF THE WEEK - MADDISON TURNER**

Maddison has earned the title ‘Student of the Week’ this week for displaying a more focused, positive, confident and mature approach to her learning.

Last week she did an excellent piece of creative writing on what Cassilis looked like 140 years ago, cooperated well with others while completing ‘Thinkers Keys’ activities and was keen to help with preparations for Friday’s Sports Workshop. On Friday, Maddie enjoyed participating in Sports Workshop activities and interacting with students from other schools. She also did an amazing job performing her role as leader by presenting awards and speaking on behalf of the school, despite being nervous. Congratulations and keep up the wonderful work, Maddie!

**SPORTS WORKSHOP SUCCESS**

Last Friday was our school’s annual Sports Workshop, and what a great day it was!

Cassilis joined six other local schools including Ulan, Sandy Hollow, St Josephs’, Martindale, Sacred Heart and Coolah Central (around 225 students all together) to participate in six of ten different sports including Dance, Martial Arts, Zumbatomic, Netball, Athletics, Soccer, Newcombe Ball, Touch Football, Rugby League and Orienteering.

The main focus of the day is to provide different sporting opportunities to all students and this year’s Sports Workshop did not disappoint.


Without the support of these talented coaches, the Sports Workshop would not be possible!

Thank you also to the P and C and Cassilis Staff members for working together to make the day...
We have also learnt that Cassilis Public School has been running the Sports Workshop each year now for 27 years! What an amazing accomplishment. Go Cassilis!

CASSILIS PUBLIC SCHOOL SHOWED OFF ITS TALENTS AT THE MERRIWA SHOW

Thank you to Mrs Hunt, who kindly set up our school display at the Merriwa Show. Cassilis Public School was awarded with a highly commended. It was lovely to showcase our students’ talents to the wider community.

SMALL SCHOOL PLAYS LARGE

A tiny Public School with a total of 13 students, situated on the edge of the Upper Hunter, did themselves proud a fortnight ago by becoming the fourth best Small School Touch Football team in New South Wales.

Cassilis Public School has experienced great success since it entered the knockout competition four years ago. Beginning in 2012, the team finished in fourth place. In 2013 the team continued their achievements by finishing third and second in 2014. Throughout the years, and even though players may have changed, the students continue to try hard, learn to play more effectively as a team and challenge themselves to achieve brilliant results.

This year Cassilis had a team of nine players, and defeated another school by 11-4, in Merriwa, to score a place in the Grand Final held at Moorebank Sports Complex in Sydney on Thursday September 17.

Cassilis has no year six students, so the team was made up of students from year two to five; with six on the field and three reserves. The other three teams had players from year four to year six, and a team of 10 or more.

The first game against Duri was hard. Cassilis scored the first try, finishing 5-12 to the opposition. The second game against Rye Park was very tight with Cassilis again scoring the first try resulting in a very tight game against a strong opposition try for try, ending in a 16 all draw. Rye Park scored in extra time.
Cassilis played Rye Park in the last game with again a tight scoring play and lost by just one try.

With all the odds against them, they certainly lived up to Cassilis School’s motto of ‘Strive with Pride’. Those students definitely did that with big odds against them.

With the closing down of both Borambil and Turill School, the buildings were relocated to Cassilis Public School, and are now the McMaster and Busby rooms, the library and the P and C kitchen.

At one stage the school became a Central School, with extra buildings to cater for high school students. The Cassilis CWA lobbied for a school bus to bring more students to Cassilis, however with the advent of better roads, the extra buildings were removed, and the high school students were bused to Merriwa instead.

Being classed again as a Primary School, did not affect the moral of the school in anyway, with student numbers kept at a steady rate. The students continued to make many great achievements and were provided with excellent opportunities.

Celebrating the Centenary in 1975 was a highlight, as was becoming one of 250 schools in Australia picked to sing at the Athletes Village at the Sydney Olympics in 2000. There were 47 students in attendance that year.

In 1988, the Cassilis Cross Country and Sports Workshop for small schools were born, resulting in receiving first place in the Archer Award for Innovative Project category in 1998. These two initiatives are still running today, with the Sports Workshop having been held only last Friday.

Sports has always played a big part at Cassilis, and despite small numbers, the students have won the Pittman Cup for athletics several times, and have competed at the state level in relay, athletics and touch football, often getting placed. Out of school we have had National Champions in rodeo, horse events and athletics.

The school’s motto is ‘Strive with Pride’, and Cassilis Public School has certainly done that for the last 140 years and will continue to for years to come.

Kathy Sumpter and the staff of Cassilis Public School

Katie Burgess
Principal

RURAL VILLAGE SCHOOL STANDS THE TEST OF TIME

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However, as there was no school building at the time, the Bishop of Newcastle agreed to let the Public School use the Church of England School, until the school house was built in November 1876. The Cassilis town playground is now situated in this location in Branskome Street. School numbers fluctuated mainly due to impassable roads in the wet and schools were opened and closed in nearby places of Cattle Creek, Cuba Bulga, Turill and Borambil.

Despite additions, constant repairs and maintenance, the original Cassilis school building was considered too dilapidated to justify further repairs. It was decided that it was necessary to replace it with a new building, which was completed in 1937 for 655 pounds. The classroom housed 50 students and included a verandah and hat room. The widespread floods in 1955 destroyed many of the school records. With the fear of possible larger flooding occurring if the school remained where it was, Miss Thelma McMaster generously donated five acres of land up the hill. In 1957 the building was very carefully moved, on the back of a truck, to the site where it still stands today.
DO YOU NEED BEFORE SCHOOL CARE?

Merriwa Pre-School and Activity Centre are thinking of extending their hours. This would include a before school care for those parents that need to get to work early or to an appointment and require some assistance.

We would offer a qualified staff member for a two and a half hour session of a morning from 6.00am til 8.30am for children aged five to twelve attending school and then will be dropped off at school. The cost for this service would be $16.00 per session including breakfast. CCB applies. Please indicate your children’s ages and your need for care below and return to the centre or call 65482 083.

It has been a very busy first week back at Pre-School with family photos on Tuesday and Podiatry screening to be held tomorrow. Today the Thursday group will be treated to an interactive performance “Drum Beat” from the Young Australia Workshop. I hope the neighbours have their ear muffs! It is set to raise the roof of the Pre-School. Our excursion is fast approaching to the Hunter Valley Zoo, this year we have learnt a lot about farm animals and farm safety and now we are beginning to shift our focus to native animals and those we expect to see at the zoo. The excursion is October 23 and the day will be slightly extended running from 8.30am-4.30pm. Please note that some parents who would like to attend may be required to find their own transportation and that a working with children’s check needs to be conducted as soon as possible please. Please note that bus travel to and from Pre-School on this day will not be appropriate and that children that do not usually attend Pre-School on Fridays will be charged the equivalent of their daily fee for the excursion.

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Do you need this care?

[ ] YES  [ ] NO

Your name:

Child/ren Ages:
NSW State Emergency Service

External advertising has commenced to seek expressions of interest for the positions of Deputy Unit Controller for the Merriwa Unit.

This position is open to anyone who may consider applying. If you feel you are able to meet the Selection Criteria you are welcome to apply.

MERRIWA UNIT
DEPUTY UNIT CONTROLLER
NSW STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE

The State Emergency Service is an organisation of highly trained volunteers who provide emergency assistance to communities in the Merriwa and Cassilis areas within the Upper Hunter Shire Council area. In addition to the combat roles of floods and storms the SES also provides support to other emergency services as requested.

The SES is seeking a highly motivated person to lead and support the Unit as the volunteer Deputy Unit Controller. The successful applicant would be expected to assist with and oversee the recruitment and training of new and existing volunteers, the administration of the Unit, liaison with Council staff and contribute to planning for and responding to floods, storms and other emergencies.

If you have good people management skills, strong communication skills and are able to give up some of your time as a volunteer to assist your local community, then you will find this position very rewarding and a great opportunity to learn many new skills, gain nationally recognised training qualifications and be part of the Merriwa Emergency Services community.

Skills, knowledge and experience required:

- Deputy Controllers must possess leadership, management and operational skills including the control and management of operations and supervision and management of members
- Demonstrated ability to undertake interagency liaison and provide mutual support of other agencies to contribute to interagency cooperation and support in the community
- Be willing to undertake training in developing and implementing both operational and administrative management plans
- Well-developed relationship building skills and the ability to communicate at a senior level
- Willingness to train and gain experience in coordinating training and staging exercises in the conduct of operations
- Excellent organisational skills
- Demonstrated commitment to the principles of equal opportunity and equity
- Demonstrated commitment to the principles of TARPS (Trust, Accountability, Respect, Professionalism, Safety and Service)
- Willing to gain experience and/or possess training qualifications to the equivalent small group trainer and workplace assessor are desirable.

Further information can be gained by contacting the Merriwa Unit Controller, Peta Luke on 0400 733 442.

Expressions of interest for this position should be forwarded in writing by the close of business on November 20, 2015 and addressed to:

Merriwa SES Unit Controller
Peta Luke
8 Scully Close
Merriwa NSW 2329
merriwa.ops@ses.nsw.gov.au

Peta Luke

Ringer Deadline!
Please remember to place your articles and advertisements into the Merriwa Ringer by 12.00 noon Mondays.

Merriwa Ringer
The Merriwa Springtime Show was an enjoyable occasion for local folk and for visitors to town. Our MHEG stall was kept busy with people stopping to chat and to find out what’s happening on the environmental front, both locally and further afield. Many people who had travelled to Merriwa via Bylong Valley appreciated the opportunity to meet Craig Shaw and to hear first hand about the Battle for Bylong and Kepco’s mining proposals for that beautiful valley. Bev Smiles from Wollar was also able to describe life living adjacent to large open cut mines and the health impacts from such activity and also the facts about property devaluation as a result of owning property near mines.

We are happy to announce that the winner of MHEG raffle was Bruce Eather from Scone – his prize, a Family Pass to Hunter Valley Gardens and a beautiful ‘Gardening Australia’ book with introduction by TV personality Costa about his early years in the Bylong Valley.

MHEG wishes to thank the Show Committee for their tireless work in once again organising this exciting event, and for showcasing the richness of the Merriwa district.

During the recent school holidays Merriwa was bustling with tourists passing through and staying awhile at the caravan park and motels, shopping, eating and enjoying the atmosphere of our delightful rural town.

Many of these visitors had travelled along Wollar Road through the Goulburn River National Park/ Lee’s Pinch having come to the Upper Hunter Valley via Rylstone/Bylong Valley or Mudgee/ Wollar.

As most locals will be aware, the stunning Bylong Valley (approx 40kms SW of Merriwa) lies peacefully between Wollemi and Goulburn River National Parks and is surrounded by breathtaking craggy mountains. The district has been home to some of the most productive farming in NSW, (also renowned for the work of Peter Andrews and Natural Sequence Farming) and to thoroughbred breeding for over a century. The Bylong Valley Way is so magnificent it has been listed as “one of Australia’s top ten drives”. This is the route many travellers take when they are heading for Merriwa and beyond.

The members of MHEG are deeply concerned for the residents and the future of Bylong Valley and also the impact that another route through enormous open cut mines leading to Merriwa and the Upper Hunter Valley will have on the tourism industry, which gives a welcome boost to our local economy.

We can also expect increased pollution of our air and water, decreased food production and of course contribution to global warming!

With this in mind, we will be heading off to “via Bylong: A Celebration of the Bylong Valley Way” on the weekend October 24-25 to support our neighbours and to join in with the festivities.

Please come along! For more details about the exciting programme visit www.battleforbylong.org.au or on Facebook.

Our next dinner meeting will be held at Debbie and Glenn Hunt’s house on Thursday October 22. BYO drinks. Thanks to Debbie and Glenn for again hosting our birthday month dinner. Raffle and lucky door donors this month are Shirley Bevan and Jan Cronin.

Anyone wishing to bring along Learning Locally goods are welcome. Also bring a friend but make sure you let Elaine know for catering numbers.

Our Team VIEW for the Relay for Life has twenty members. Thanks to everyone who joined our team. Relay for Life will be held on Saturday November 7, at the School of Arts with lots of activities to see and do on the day.

See you all at VIEW Dinner at Glenn and Debbie’s on Thursday October 22– 7.00pm for 7.30pm.

For more information contact Elaine Sparrow on 6548 8560.

Elaine Sparrow

Ted Finnie
Dear Merriwa Rotary Club,

I hope everyone is doing well and fine, and that Merriwa hasn’t changed much. Hopefully its warming up there a bit.

Germany is cooling off now, it was minus two degrees last night, and it’s not even winter yet. Last summer holidays I went on my Europe Tour, which was amazing. We saw nine countries in three weeks, so it was really full on with travelling and sightseeing, but we got to meet some of the most amazing people and see the most amazing things. It was definitely a highlight of my exchange that I will never forget.

I’m in the tenth class at school, which is pretty hard because I have eight hours a day of learning, but it’s definitely easier than when I first arrived because I understand more now. My German is getting better, I understand everything that people say to me and they understand most of what I say to them.

I am with my third and last host family, and I have lived with them for 5 months already. They are really amazing, and it’s going to be just as hard to leave them as it was to leave my family in Australia.

Today marks one hundred days until my return to Australia, and what an emotional day it will be. Thinking back 9 months to when I first arrived in Germany. I still remember my first day, and how terrified I was when I stepped off the plane. I was so scared because I knew nothing about my host family, I didn’t know a word of German and I was so far away from anything I knew. I have never been more scared in my life than what I was on that day.

Now on the downhill slope of my exchange, I think about what it was like in Australia, and in one hundred days I have to go back, and just continue life the way I did nine months ago. Its going to be just like going on exchange all over again, although different. I will have to learn things all over again, I will have to get used to the long bus trip to school every day and not being able to buy currywurst on every street corner. I will have to get used to living without people that I love, but who I had no idea even existed nine months ago. Knowing that it will probably be a long time before I ever get to see these people or experience my German life again makes it even harder to think about saying goodbye.

Although there were tough times during my exchange, you have no idea what I would give to go back and do it all over again. There was homesickness, language barriers, a new culture and the most insanely cold weather, but I think back now at how scared I was on the first day, and I see how happy I am here after nine months, I never thought it could be possible, and only an exchange student truly knows this feeling.

When I come back to Australia, I am going to do my best to promote Rotary Youth Exchange as much as possible to young people in our area. It is such an amazing opportunity, and the experiences you gain are truly life changing. After exchange you see everything in a different light to what you did before, and that affects not only you, but also the people around you.

I can’t say thank you enough to the entire Rotary Club for this amazing opportunity. I have seen over the past few months just how strong and closely knit Rotary is as an organisation not just within a community, but worldwide, and it makes me proud to put on my green blazer full of pins and call myself a Rotary Exchange student. Thanks again.

Kristyn Telfer
Mark Smith

EMERGENCY CONTACTS
If you need assistance from
Ambulance - Police - Fire
including Hazardous Incidents
DIAL 000

Police Hunter Valley LAC 6542 6999
Police Assistance Line 131 444
Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000
When reporting an incident to the Police, always request and record your Incident Reference Number

Fire Brigade (Administration only) 65482005
Hospital 65325000
Rural Fire Service (Administration and Duty Officer) 1800 081 166

SES Emergency Number 132500
Merriwa Rescue Squad 65482538
Gummun Place would like to sincerely thank everyone that helped run the canteen for the Merriwa Campdraft on the weekend. It was a case of many hands making light work of preparing breakfast, lunch and tea over three days for hundreds of hungry competitors and spectators.

A huge thank you must go to the Merriwa Campdraft for giving the Hostel the opportunity to cater for the event. To our local suppliers Max’s Country Cuts, Merriwa IGA, Papanui Eggs and Merriwa Bakery - we received so many wonderful comments from happy customers and we couldn’t have done that without your wonderful produce. Thanks to more than 30 volunteers including our Hostel staff, Merriwa Rotary Club and community members that took time out of their precious long weekend to help serve, prepare food, set up and pack up. A special mention also to BBQ ‘king’s’ Hilty Cronin, Ean Cottle, Steve Swan, Geoff Eyre, Zac Whale. You were all amazing!

To everyone that dropped in to the canteen for food or a drink over the weekend – we are delighted to have raised more than $2000.00 for the Hostel.

The residents and staff of Gummun Place Hostel wishes to invite the Merriwa and District community to a friendship Morning tea on Monday October 26, 2015.

We would like to start up a friendship club for all those people out there that would just like to come along have Morning tea and a chat.

If you need help with transport please don’t hesitate to call and ask.

For more information please contact Jodie or Sue on 6521 7010 at the hostel between 9.00am–4.30pm Monday – Friday.

RSVP by October 21, 2015.

Tash Taaffe

Rosalie Drew
Community Notice Board

In Loving Memory
PATRICIA ANN CAMPBELL

NOVEMBER 10, 1937 TO OCTOBER 14, 2010
We thought of you today,
But that is nothing new.
We thought of you yesterday
And days before that too.
We think of you in silence
We often speak your name.
All we have are memories and a picture in a frame.
Your memory is a keepsake
From which we’ll never part.
God has you in heaven,
We have you in our heart..
Missing you every day with all our heart.

Cassie Campbell, Thomas and Izabella Neale,
family and friends

DONALD ROBISON
OCTOBER 20, 2004

If Tears Could Build A Stairway
If tears could build a stairway,
and memories a lane.
I would walk right up to Heaven
and bring you back again.
No farewell words were spoken,
No time to say “Goodbye”.
You were gone before I knew it,
and only God knows why.
My heart still aches with sadness,
and secret tears still flow.
What it meant to love you -
No one can ever know.
But now I know you want me
to mourn for you no more;
To remember all the happy times
life still has much in store.
Since you’ll never be forgotten,
I pledge to you today~
A hollowed place within my heart
is where you’ll always stay.

Gladys Robinson with Gary, Julie, Donna, David,
Catherine and grandchildren

CWA

Congratulations to Jean Price for cooking the winning Pear and Ginger Cake at the third of Merriwa Branch’s Cookery Capers on October 12. Thank you to the judge Margaret Whitney, and for everyone who submitted their delicious feasts for judging. The cakes to be cooked for the next Cookery Capers on November are Sultana Cake and Light Fruit Cake. Full details to come.
The next meeting of the CWA Merriwa Branch will be on Monday November 9 starting at 10.00am in the CWA Rooms, 159 Bettington Street.
New members are always welcome. Enquiries to: Barbara Campbell on 6548 5131 or 0428 485 131 or Robyn McAlister on 6548 3274.
The CWA Merriwa rooms are available for bookings at very reasonable rates – contact Jean Price on 6548 2456.

Penelope Fenley

Merriwa Markets

When: October 17
Where: RSL Club footpath and building
Time: 9.00am till 12.00 noon
We have a variety of stalls and new stall holders are always welcome.
Contact: 0428 496 630
We operate the third Saturday of every month except January.

Julie Russell

Ringer Deadline!
Please remember to place your articles and advertisements into the Merriwa Ringer by 12.00 noon Mondays.

Merriwa Ringer
HALLOWEEN TRIVIA NIGHT
When: Saturday October 31
Where: Merriwa Sports Club
Time: 6.00pm for 6.30pm start
Cost: $10.00 per person
Tables of 8
Family night with a special kids round!
Come dressed in theme. Various prizes to be won.
BYO basket supper or purchase a plate from Merriwa Chinese Restaurant.
Funds raised will support Jade McConnell’s VESA Volunteering in South Africa. To make a donation, please visit www.gofundme.com/jadesvolunteering.

Jade McConnell

FIGHT AGAINST MOTOR NEURONE DISEASE
I would like to thank everyone who kindly donated to my Firies stair climb in aid of Motor Neurone Disease. It was certainly a challenge, the 1504 stairs of Centre Point Tower in Sydney certainly seemed to be never ending, very hot and totally exhausting! With your generosity, I raised over $2,000.00 and the total raised by Fire and Rescue NSW is nearly $200,000.00.

Annie Rodgers

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange
TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER
Let’s get organised early!
Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in January 2016 for their 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Austria Japan, the U.S.A and Canada will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Call your local coordinator today on: 0429 406 126 to request some student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

Dianne Axam

Motor Neurone Disease
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Merriwa Hospital Auxiliary
MELBOURNE CUP GARDEN LUNCHEON CANCELLATION
The Merriwa Hospital Auxiliary advise that they will not be holding a Garden Luncheon for Melbourne Cup this year. We thank our previous supporters from past years and we apologise for withdrawing this event this year. We hope everyone backs a winner wherever they may be.

For more information contact Elaine Sparrow on 6548 8560.

Elaine Sparrow

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 before 12.00noon on Mondays.
Breast Cancer Fundraiser Night

Saturday October 24, 2015
Merriwa RSL Club from 6.00pm

Gold Coin Donation

Fashion parade presented by Di’s Clothing Patch commencing at 6.30pm

Raffle
Lucky door prizes
Music provided by Portable Sound and Audio Hire

Come along and enjoy a night out and show your support for a great cause!

Enquires to Megan Constable 0428 482 663 or Teressa Williams 0437 944 353
Cloves are the aromatic flower buds of a tree and are commonly used as a spice. Cloves are harvested primarily in India, Sri Lanka, Madagascar, Indonesia, Tanzania and Zanzibar.

The clove tree is an evergreen tree with large leaves and sanguine flowers grouped in terminal clusters. Cloves are harvested at 1.75–2.25cm long, and consist of a long calyx that terminates in four spreading sepals, and four unopened petals that form a small central ball.

Cloves are used in the cuisine of Asian, African and Middle East, lending flavor to meats, curries, and marinades, as well as fruit such as apples or pears. Cloves may be used to give aromatic and flavor qualities to many Indian hot beverages. In Mexican cuisine, cloves are best known as Clavos De Olor, and often used with Cumin, Cardamom and Cinnamon.

TRADITIONAL MEDICINAL USES

Cloves are used in Indian Ayurvedic medicine, Chinese medicine, and western herbalism and dentistry where the essential oil is used as an anodyne (painkiller) for dental emergencies. The essential oil is used in aromatherapy when stimulation and warming are needed, especially for digestive problems. Topical application over the stomach or abdomen are said to warm the digestive tract. Applied to a cavity in a decayed tooth, it also relieves toothache.

Some health benefits of Cloves are:
- It improves digestion
- Due to its antioxidants properties it protects organs
- It boosts the immune system
- It aids in treating of gum diseases
- Refreshes breath
- Cure for headaches
- Cloves possess anti-inflammatory and pain killing properties.

Here at Spice Grill Merriwa we use Cloves in almost everything related to Curries and in many other dishes like grilled fish, Saffron rice, plain and works burgers and a variety of wraps.

Rohit Gaur

Merriwa Newsagency
YOUR LOCAL OFFICE SMART AGENT
WWW.MERRIWANEWSAGENCY.COM.AU
DISCOUNT VOUCHERS

Our shopper dockets now include a discount voucher. Come in and find out more today!

CHARLIE BEARS

We have some new additions to our Charlie Bear Collection. These are from the JUST-RELEASED 2015 Collection, newly designed and created, very limited.

REMEMBER

Remember is a sweet and cuddly plush bear from the Classics Collection. He’s traditionally jointed, with long arms, big feet and soft ultra-suede paw pads. His classic styling gives him a patient look - just waiting to be loved! Remember has a bold, hand-stitched nose and wears a smart orange organza ribbon.

LOVELY

Lovely Charlie Bear is the big sister of Jubbly - they share the same gorgeous, cuddly long-pile black plush coat, with lighter strands throughout the fur. Her muzzle is trimmed to show her hand-stitched nose and soulful brown eyes. She has big flat paw pads, so she can stand alone and she wears a cosy scarf of black and grey plush.

MUMBLES

Mumbles is a gorgeous and scruffy bear designed by Isabelle Lee. Fully jointed and hand finished in a golden brown fluffy Plush, this Charlie bear also has sculptured paws and wears a brown cord necklace with a heart on it around his neck. This handsome teddy bear is not going to be around...
for long

KENNETT

Fully jointed and hand finished, Kennett is a Koala made of grey and cream Plush Charlie Bear. He has a hand stitched black nose and black eyes.

CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEA

GEOFFREY

Let’s not forget Geoffrey, who is a fully jointed, mid-length grey and brown spotted plush bear with faux suede paw pads and a hand embroidered nose. This cuddly fellow will make a wonderful addition to your special someone’s Christmas Tree.

GOOD LUCK

Do not forget to wish all of the HSC students the very best of luck with a card from our Hallmark range.

PHONECARDS; all cards are now available including Telstra, Optus and Vodafone

Cash or Eftpos only

Leanne Hook

Merriwa Tourist Welcoming Centre and Men’s Shed

It was with great pleasure and satisfaction that the Centre was able to donate $10,000.00 to four very worthy organisations in our community – the VRA, Gummun Place Hostel, Non-Emergency and the Hospital Auxiliary. This amount is an amazing achievement considering 11 years ago we opened our doors with a massive debt of $50,000.00.

On behalf of the committee I would like to thank those traders who joined us at the beginning and at least four are still staunch supports. Another thank you must go to those volunteers who selflessly take their turn at staffing the Centre even though they are not actual traders.

Thank you to the wonderful cleaners who keep our toilets in a pristine condition and ensure that we are known as the best “loo stop” on the Golden Highway.

A final thank you must go to the thousands of visitors who use our facilities, purchase our products and promote us throughout their travels.

Edith Shipway

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

When: THURSDAY NOVEMBER 19
Time: 4.00pm
Venue: MENS’ SHED

This is your opportunity to have your say!

Leanne Hook

Dr Emad Jasem

For all your medical needs
Opening hours
Monday to Friday 8.30am to 6.00pm
Saturday by arrangement.
For bookings please call the surgery on 6548 2305.

Download the free Merriwa Central School App.
MCS in touch with our community!
## Merriwa Ringer Directory

A quick reference guide to all that support the Merriwa Ringer

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## Emergency Services

In case of emergency call 000 or 112 from mobile services

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The following development applications have been approved by Council between 1 August 2015 and 31 August 2015. The above three positions vacant close at 4.00pm on Monday 26 October, 2015. For further information and to apply, please visit Council’s website.

Upper Hunter Shire Council is seeking nominations from interested community members who would like to contribute to the planning and development of the Scone & Upper Hunter Airport as a member of the Scone & Upper Hunter Airport Management Committee. The Community Representative position is currently vacant. The role of the Community Representative is to be filled by a person who is not an airport operator but perhaps has a keen interest in the development of the airport and the impact on the community from airport operations.

The objective of the Committee is to maintain, plan and develop the Airport to a standard acceptable to Council, CASA and Air Services Australia. This will be achieved by the development and implementation of a Airport Strategy and Masterplan and the development of policies and procedures for the operation and maintenance of the Airport.

The Committee meets quarterly and performs an important role for the region by ensuring Council works with the community, seeks advice on specific local issues and needs and has community input into planning and service provision. The Committee provides a mechanism for interested members to have an active role in the provision and management of the airport and provides advice to Council in decision making.

If you are interested in nominating for the Scone & Upper Hunter Airport Management Committee please send written applications to Council by mail or email (addresses are above) by Friday 30 October 2015. Any enquiries in regard to this Committee should be directed to Council’s Airport Manager, Joanne McLoughlin, on 6540 1158 or jmcloughlin@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au

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### Positions Vacant

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<td>The primary role of this position is to lead a small team to undertake civil construction and bridge works along with the safe and efficient operation of plant and machinery within the construction and maintenance works areas.</td>
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<td>The primary role of this position is to provide timely, efficient and effective diagnosis, repair and maintenance of Council’s plant, machinery and equipment.</td>
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<td>Salary Range: $923.90 - $1034.80 per 38 hour week</td>
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### Public Exhibition of Approved Development Applications

The following development applications have been approved by Council between 1 August 2015 and 31 August 2015. The development consents are available for public inspection, free of charge, during ordinary office hours at the Administration Office, 135 Liverpool Street, Scone. For further information please contact Council’s Environmental Services Department on 6540 1136.

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

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**Tuesdays** - Rotary meets - 7.00pm for 7.30pm

**Thursdays** - 6.00pm Bingo - prizes of club and meat vouchers. Raffle and Super 39 special prize

**Fridays** - Happy Two Hour - 5.00pm to 7.00pm, free raffles and Chook Wheel. FRIDAY TWILIGHT BOWLS HAS RETURNED

**Saturdays** - Monster Raffle. Tickets on sale at 6.00pm drawn 6.45pm, winners jackpot, dinner draw and Saturday Badge Draw.

**Sundays** - Members badge draw plus three raffles choice of $25.00 meat or fuel vouchers

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**DON’T FORGET CHINESE SMORGASBORD SUNDAY OCTOBER 25**

**WEEKEND RESULTS**

**Saturday Raffle October 10**
Saturday members draw no 180, was not won – next week $130.00

Winners Jackpot not won - next week $320.00

**Dinner:** Des Snelgrove

**Bowls Raffle:** Bruce Smith

**Free Tickets:** Ian Cameron

**PLEASE NOTE:** Saturday raffle tickets on sale from 7.00pm and drawn at 7.45pm during winter months.

**Sunday Raffle October 11**
Sunday members draw - No 323, was not won. Next week $1300.00.

**SUNDAY AFTERNOON EUCHRE**
Join us for a friendly game of euchre each Sunday afternoon at 3.00pm.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Sunday October 25** - 11.00am – Annual General Meeting

**Saturday October 31** – Trivia Night – to aid Jade McConnell on her volunteer trip to South Africa

**Julie Smith**

**Merriwa RSL Club**
The Members Lucky Badge for $600.00 was not won on Friday at 8.30pm the number was 588, this week it jackpots to $650.00.

The 7.00pm draw for $120.00 was not won the number was 106, this week it jackpots to $140.00.

The Thursday Badge draw for $460.00 was won the number was 189, this week it commences at $100.00 and will be drawn between 6.00pm–7.00pm. LTPS/14/04323

The Sunday Morning Badge Draw for $650.00 was not won last week the number was 429, this week commences at $700.00 and will be drawn between 11.30am and 1.30pm and you must be present to win the money. LTPS/14/04323

**COMING EVENTS**

**Social Darts**
Social darts is back on in the games room and starts at 7.00pm every Monday.

**Introducing ‘T-Bone Tuesday’**
Every Tuesday you can now order a T-Bone, chips and salad or veg for just $15.00.

Also every Thursday have a chicken schnitzel, chips and salad or veg for just $12.50.

New to our menu - Wagyu burger.

**WHAT’S HAPPENING IN THE CLUB**

**NEW HAPPY HOUR** – Thursdays from 6.00pm to 7.00pm an extra happy hour has been introduced along with the 9.00pm Friday badge draw moving to this time slot to be drawn between 6.00pm to 7.00pm.

**HAPPY HOUR IS BACK** – Friday 6.00pm to 7.00pm and Sunday 11.00am to 12.00noon, $3.00 schooners and $2.00 middies, and $5.00 Coronas.

**BISTRO HOURS FOR THE SUMMER** – lunch 11.30am – 2.00pm, evening 6.00pm to 8.30pm.

**MERRIWA RSL CLUB ANNUAL REPORT**
Financial Reports available at the bar for financial members.

**Matt Morgan**

Merriwa Ringer
Friday night raffles

Members Draw, Joker Draw, Meat/vege tray draw, Schooner Draw.

October 9 – Member’s draw - $55.00 – Troy Rose – unclaimed - $60.00 next week.

Joker draw - $702.00 – Lorraine Hourn – unsuccessful - $735.00.

FRIDAY NIGHT SNACK BAR
Affordable family meals.
Saturday afternoons are free pool and music afternoons from 2.00pm-5.00pm – ½ price drinks plus bar snacks.

Hilary Parker

Sporting

Merriwa Little Athletics Club
A few spots of rain didn’t deter 35 kids bursting on to the track to run, throw and jump on Monday night at Merriwa Little Athletics first training night of the season. The oval looked sensational with the lines marked to perfection thanks to the meticulous efforts of Merriwa Central School groundskeeper extraordinaire Mr Peter Stokes. Sincere thanks Peter for doing such a fantastic job. It definitely made the kids want to run faster too!

It was a great pleasure to welcome back lots of ‘old’ and several new families on Monday night. Olivia Curteis, Isla Murphy, Talisha, Makayla and Torah Coles, Mia Thorley and Archie Constable all got stuck into running the 100 metres, learning long jump and even gave discus a spin.

The club was also delighted to welcome two new junior coaches this season. James Hagley of Merriwa Central School and Bridie Moore of Scone Grammar. Bridie will be assisting Mrs Sally Hagley with our wriggling, jiggling Tiny Tots while James will be put to work assisting Tash Taaffe and John Cronin with the junior and senior athletes working on skill development and performance. Great to have you on track!

This coming Sunday October 25 is the Aberdeen Gala Day open to Tiny Tots (3-4) to U17. If you’d like to compete, see Belinda Keane and fill out the entry form on Monday night. Entry is just $25.00 a family or $12.00 per athlete and is available on the day. Medals are awarded through to third place, and last year Merriwa athletes won twelve of them so yes you are all in with a very good chance! Of course it’s not all about the medals, it’s a lot of fun and gets the heart pumping for all the right reasons. If you only want to try one event this year – this is the one!

Thanks to all the families that completed their registrations with Megan Moore on Monday, she will be back next Monday night for anyone else wanting to register. Don’t forget you must be registered to compete at Aberdeen and you must collect your badges/numbers. If you still are thinking of giving Little As a try, your first two training sessions are free.

Last but certainly not least, thanks to Rob Patterson for getting behind the BBQ cooking our snags and fixing up it’s wobbly leg.

See you all next Monday night from 5.30pm at No2 oval weather permitting.

For more information contact Tash on 0458 574 015 or email tashholden@bigpond.com.

Tash Taaffe

Merriwa Junior Rugby League and Netball Club

Merriwa Junior League and Netball Presentation was held last Sunday October 11 at the Merriwa Sports Club. It was a great day with a wonderful rollup of members, family and patrons and supporters of our club in attendance. All members received gifts from the club from our little 6’s and fun net to our Under 16’s and older netball girls. Club awards were given on the day and there were some very talented members receiving these awards.

JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE
ROCKWELL UNDER 12’S

Most Improved
Gordon Bradley

Coaches Award
Jack Grady

Best Forward
Nicholas Whitby

Best Back
Damian Jamieson

Best and Fairest
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Coaches Award
Kyle McLennan

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NETBALL

MERRIWA JASMINES
Most Consistent          Madelaine Thrift
Most Improved           Audrey Gill
Coaches Award           Scarlett Frampton
Encouragement Award     Keisha-Lee Taylor

MERRIWA WARRIORS
Most Consistent          Jemma Grady
Most Improved           Lauren Redgate
Coaches Award           Ruby Wong

During the season the club had five representative players and they each received a Certificate of Achievement – they were for netball Elly Blackadder (Under 13’s Squad); Caitlin Porter and Sophie Inder (Under 12’s Squad); and in league Nicholas and John Whitby were our representative players.

Congratulation to all five on a fantastic year.

CLUB AWARDS

Peter Hirst ‘Young Netballer of the Year’ - Olivia McLean. This trophy is sponsored by Julie Wilton.

‘Glanna’ Netballer of the Year’ – April Eipper. This trophy is sponsored by Anna Whaley.

Hunter Mutual ‘Outstanding Forward’ - Callum Telfer

Steve Tudor Memorial ‘Outstanding Back’ - Damian Jamieson

Paul Medd Shield – ‘Best Team Footballer’ - Hamish Cameron

‘I love My Footy’ Award – Jake Williams. This trophy sponsored by Julie Russell

Mini Magpie ‘Up and Rising Star’ – Brooklyn Blackadder and Logan Brazier. This trophy sponsored by John and Elaine Sparrow

MERRIWA JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE AND NETBALL ‘Club Peron of the Year’ – John Cronin.

Our Toblerone raffle was won by Lilly Towell. Congratulations Lilly. Hope you have heaps of family and friends to help you munch your way through 4.5kg of Toblerone chocolate.

We thank all our sponsors who have been with us for the past three seasons. We have appreciated your support of our club. To all the members, parents, volunteers, community and executive that have helped make 2015 a very successful year – we say a big “thank you”. Hopefully we will see you all next year for another great season of rugby league and netball.

Many thanks to Patrons Bob and Bev Telfer for the donation of a wonderful cake made by Fiona Wightman. It looked fantastic and ate very well too. Thanks to all the cooks who BBQ’ed 150 sausages and which were enjoyed by all there. Lastly thanks to the Sports Club for the venue and for being our MAJOR SPONSORS for the past three seasons and we also say thanks for putting their hand up to be the MAJOR SPONSORS for the next three seasons. Much appreciated by us all.

We need our members to join TEAM Junior League and Netball for the Relay for Life (Saturday November 7). Call into Welderup and see Christine Riley, give her your details and $20.00 and you are a member. That’s all you have to do. No laps just join our team. We need more than twenty to beat TEAM VIEW. So let’s get cracking and show everyone what a great team Junior League and Netball will be. So far we have eight members. For more information contact Elaine Sparrow (Secretary) on 6548 8560.

Elaine Sparrow

Merriwa Ringer
Presentation was held on October 3. Awards went to:

**LEAGUE TAG**

**Most Improved**  Angela Vero  
**Coaches Award**  Zoe Cottom  
**Junior Player**  Janaya Austin  
**Senior Player**  Jessyca Morgan  
**Most Consistent**  Ainsley Maben  
**Rookie of the Year**  Brodie Hollier  
**Encouragement Award**  Ashleigh Hockings  
**Players Player and Player of the Year** - Taylah Blackadder.

**RUGBY LEAGUE**

**Most Improved**  Jason Whaley  
**Coaches Award**  Wayde Vero  
**Best Back**  Jeremy Nicholls  
**Best Forward**  John Maben  
**Rookie of the Year**  Daniel Walmsley  
**Encouragement award**  Darryl Mulholland  
**Most Consistent**  Seth Morgan  
**Players Player and Player of the Year**  Ben Morgan  
**Club Person**  Don Gorman.

Congratulations to all our recipients.

Thanks go to the committee for Presentation preparations, Derm Shannon for being MC, John Cronin for being DJ and Merriwa RSL Club for hosting our presentation.

Thanks to all our helpers throughout the year - coaches, players, committee, sponsors, canteen helpers, spectators, FAOs, League Safe/water boys especially Liam Cronin our trusty bar man at every home game and Cynthia Morgan our Gatekeeper at home games and to anyone else who I may have forgotten.

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**When:**  Sunday October 25  
**Time:**  3.00pm  
**Where:**  Merriwa RSL Club  

All position will be declared vacant.

Positions are:

- President  
- Snr Vice President  
- Jnr Vice President  
- Secretary  
- Treasurer  
- Publicity Officer  

Gaynor Blackadder

Merriwa Campdraft

**RESULTS**

**Open Round 1**

- Wade Miles on Scotch  88  
- James Keyte on Relic  87  
- Lachie Maxwell on Moonlight  86  
- Kylie Weber on Rory  86  
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