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BENGALLA COMMUNITY OPEN DAY 2024



Saturday, 26th October 2024. 10am -2pm
The Muswellbrook Showground

If you are looking for a fun day out for the whole family, make sure you come along and join Bengalla, our valued suppliers, and our community partners, on the **26 October 2024 at Muswellbrook Showground.**

There will be lots of activities for all ages including a **FREE BBQ lunch** as well as bus tours to site to view Bengalla Mine.

The Bengalla Community Open Day will open from 10am until 2pm and we would love for you to join us on the day.

Remember to mark the **26 October 2024** in your calendars and if you would like any further information please contact the Bengalla Community Team via Email at: community.relations@newhopegroup.com.au



Whisper Trivia

1. A failed bank robbery in Sweden in 1973 led to the name of which psychological condition?
2. What is Africa's highest mountain?
3. What was the name of the Mammoth and Sloth in Ice Age?
4. What is the medical term for your kneecap?
5. Arnold Palmer, Ben Hogan & Gary Player are known for which sport?
6. What was Pixar's first movie?
7. A violin usually has these many strings.
8. What are the decorative snap-on charms that fit in the holes of "Cross"?
9. What type of race is the Tour de France?
10. How many time zones are there in Russia?



- Answers:
1. Stockholm
 2. Mount Kilimanjaro
 3. Manny and Sid
 4. The Patella
 5. Golf
 6. Toy Story
 7. Violin
 8. Jibbitz
 9. Bicycle
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How About a Walk Down Memory Lane...

It's an auction scheduled for October 28 that will have you taking a peep into the past. (especially if you have been around a while) There's scores of items including the almost extinct the Glazed Ceramic Flying Wall Ducks "Art-deco", still alive along with an Old 1950's Pope Refrigerator (Still working), Mint 1950s Laminated Top Table & Chrome Chairs, Old Timber Dining Table, Timber chairs, Miners Settee, Royal Doulton Cup Saucers & plates, Classic Guitar "Di Giorgio" Estudante Model 18 and Guitar Case (As New) and much more. (see Auction Advertisement on page 4)



Aberdeen Library

Opening Hours - Monday: closed, Tuesday: 10.00am – 2.30pm, Wednesday: 2.00pm – 6.00pm, Thursday: closed, Friday: 11.30am – 1.00pm & 2.00pm – 5.30pm

Weekly Activities

Storytime: Tuesdays 10.15am – 10.45am

Story and craft activities for preschool aged children.

Tech Help: Tuesdays 1pm – 2pm

Come along for a variety of tech help sessions covering help with devices, setting up/using email accounts, internet basics and word document basics. Please call the library for further details.

Coding: Wednesdays 5pm – 6pm

Coding for junior members using Scratch and Python.

Fortnightly Activities

Family History Research: Fridays 2.30pm – 4.30pm

Help is available to get you started on your journey to Family History Research.

Bookings are essential for all activities to ensure they remain COVID safe.

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Happy to hear from you

If you know someone in your community that has an interesting story to tell, who's doing some interesting things - we'd love to hear about it. Chances are if you think it's interesting - others will too - and we're always open to ideas for stories, or features here.



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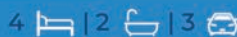
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Upper Hunter Shire Council Election Results

The margin between the last elected candidate WILLIAMSON Adam and the last un-elected/excluded candidate BURNS James is 34.

Candidates in Ballot Order	Elected/Excluded	Elected/Excluded at Count
RICHARDS Christopher	EXCLUDED	6
MCPHEE Allison	ELECTED	6
CLOUT Tayah	ELECTED	6
STOLZ Troy	ELECTED	1
FRASER George	ELECTED	1
WILLIAMSON Adam	ELECTED*	9
COLLISON Maurice	ELECTED	1
BURNS James	**	
MCGILL Peter	ELECTED	1
RYAN Pat	ELECTED	7
SHIELDS Earle	ELECTED	6



MCGILL Peter



COLLISON Maurice



MCPHEE Allison



STOLZ Troy

Candidate(s) marked with an asterisk were elected without reaching quota.

** The distribution of the total votes of candidates would not change the elected candidate(s), therefore their exclusion did not proceed.



FRASER George



CLOUT Tayah



SHIELDS Earle



RYAN Pat

Athletics

Foundation For All Sports

With winter sports now over it is time to think about joining little athletics which is a foundation for all sports, where children stay active, have fun and learn to be their best.

Aberdeen runs during term 4 and term 1 of the school year, 6pm Friday nights at Harrison Oval, Jefferson Park, Aberdeen, with no activities during school holidays. Fees – 3 & 4 year olds (Tiny Tots) \$100, all others \$130. Registration is done on line via Little Athletics NSW. Keep up-to-date on our Facebook page.

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Red Cross Meetings

Aberdeen Rouchel Red Cross meets on the third Monday of each month. Come along to Willow Grove Community Hall at 10.30am to enjoy morning tea with the Club.

There'll be a brief report on Red Cross' activities followed by fellowship with the other members. Feel free to come along and bring a friend if you'd like!

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Santos Meeting

Have questions about the Hunter Gas Pipeline, Narrabri Lateral Pipeline, or any other Santos projects? Santos is inviting landholders, key stakeholders, and community members to drop-in information sessions for an open discussion.

Representatives will be at the Where: Wingen Community Hall, Madeline St, Wingen Wednesday, 16 October 2024. The session will be from 2pm to 5pm. You're invited to drop in anytime during the session to get the answers you're looking for. No appointment necessary.

For those invested in our community's future and resources, this is an opportunity to have your questions answered directly. For more information, head to huntergaspipeline.com.au.

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Scone Wellness Expo

October is Mental Health Month, and this year's theme "Let's Talk About It" is all about taking a moment to reflect on our own mental health and supporting those around us. It's a reminder to look after ourselves and seek help when needed.

A Wellness Expo is being held on Tuesday 29 October at the Scone Administration Building, offering services, support, and resources from local organisations. On Tuesday 29 October from 9 am – 3pm in the Council Chambers, Scone Administration Building, 135 Liverpool St, Scone.



The day will be filled with valuable resources from local Upper Hunter organisations as well as guest speakers from Talk2MeBro & MATES in Mining. There will also be a Creative Safe Space art workshop, plus a BBQ, coffee van, and freebies!

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Pony Club News - Success for Aberdeen

Aberdeen Pony Club have been super busy from perfecting their troop drill, led by Guy to grasping flat work techniques with Carolyn and also competing successfully at many events.

A few of our members attended MISHA (merriwa interschools horse sports) and were amongst 120 children competing. All our kids came home with many ribbons and a few were presented with Champion or Reserve sashes as well. From here Kash, Mia, Lily and Ali headed to Singleton for their Presidents cup day. These four riders all won age champion for their respected age group as well as highest scoring team of four riders. Lily also went on to take out the Highest Scoring Girl under 17 years. Kate and Maddie also made the trek to Singleton and rode beautifully to come home with a horse neck full of ribbons.



The following day Merriwa held their presidents cup where Ava, Molly, Mikayla and Emily (we borrowed Em from scone) competed and ended up second in a hotly contested team barrel race. All our girls bought home ribbons and some funny memories. Molly and Ava were both age champions and then Molly took out Overall Highest Pointscore Senior Girl and Ava was Reserve Champion Highest Pointscore Senior Girl. Well done to all our riders and their parents for the early starts and long days.

Our next rally day will be Sunday 13th October. We will not have a rally day in November as we are hosting Zone 7 Jamboree on the 2/3 November, for further information about this please reach out and we will be happy to guide you through it.

Last and most importantly - Save the Date 8th December for our Christmas Party and Presentation.

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A big thank you to the Warrior Disability Service staff, parents and participants for delivering your Whisper. The service offers people with disabilities choices through group activities, one-to-one support, and in-home support. NDIS registered. Sally Pereira is the Director of Participant Services. The office is situated at Shop 12 Brook Street Plaza, Muswellbrook, 0432 680 936.

Aberdeen Public School

What a wonderful Friday we had with the school hosting the first Busy Bees session. The children look so grown up in their special Busy Bees t-shirts. Although busy with their craft activity, they were all full of smiles when Mrs Kerrigan popped in for a visit. We are very much looking forward to getting to know the children and spending time with them in the classroom and out on the playground. We also look forward to meeting their mums, dads and special carers at our upcoming parent sessions.

THANK YOU to everyone who attended our P&C Trivia Night, a great time was had by all with many laughs. Shout out to the following businesses who made donations: Gather Coffee Kiosk, Bengalla, McDonalds Muswellbrook, Hitachi, DK Heavy Plant Services, Arrowfield Stud, Commercial Hotel, Mangoola, Tam Donnelly, Barton's Newsagency and Pure Rail. A big thank you to the Lloyds for running the night on behalf of the P&C. Everyone's support and generosity towards our amazing little school is greatly appreciated. Aberdeen PS staff and students would also like to acknowledge the amazing work our small but mighty P&C do for our school. If you want to be a part of helping to make our school great, please consider joining this team of volunteers.



The 2024 Public Speaking Finals were held on 5th September and feedback from the audience and adjudicators was extremely positive. Our speakers shared their extensive knowledge of topics ranging from blue heelers to sharks, spiders and Slim Dusty. We are proud to announce our winners from each stage who will progress to the Zone Public Speaking finals

which will be held in Muswellbrook later this term. ES1 1st Charl A, 2nd Charlie H. S1 1st Dellellah M, 2nd Archie C. S2 1st Scarlet V-H, 2nd Taylor V-H. S3 1st Emelia J, 2nd Olivia R.

Students from Kinder to Year 4 thoroughly enjoyed their excursions to Newcastle to watch a live performance of "The Gruffalo" at the Civic Theatre. Students were able to take in the sights of Newcastle and were fascinated by the architecture of the buildings and the many and varied school uniforms of other students visiting the show. Once again, students from Aberdeen Public School represented our school to the highest standard, displaying exemplary behaviours throughout the excursion. Our thanks go out to the teachers who organised this event.

Our Fathering Project's "Burgers and Building" event took place on Thursday 12th September. Fathers, grandfathers and family members joined forces with our students and used their ingenuity to compete against each other to build the tallest, strongest and most creative towers from paper straws and masking tape. A huge thank you to the Scone High School Ballers who manned the barbecue and cooked up delicious burgers for everyone.

On Saturday, 7th September, our CAPA Club students performed their "Inside Out" performance at the TV & Movie Nostalgia Festival in Muswellbrook. They did a fantastic job, and their costumes were a hit amongst other children wanting to take photos with their characters. Well done girls!



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The Platypus *by Doctor Dirt*

Undoubtedly the most remarkable mammal in the world. A true icon of Australian rivers and waterways. The platypus and the echidnas are the only two species of monotremes on the earth. They are the only egg-laying mammals. The other groups of mammals are marsupials and placentals. Australia has most of the marsupial species on Earth. In the early years of European Settlement sample platypus specimens were sent back to England. Scientists and experts thought people were stitching parts of other different animals together. In other words, making a joke and a fake animal. Like several Australian native species, they are in decline and under threat. In the past three decades, the habitat and range of this beautiful animal have been reduced by 200,000 square kilometers, which is approximately a 22 per cent reduction in size. This equates to three times the size of Tasmania. If this allusive creature is so hard to spot there could be between 50 to 200 thousand individuals in Australia.

Habitat reduced by 22 per cent at least in 30 years and a reduction in the range of 2000,00km – 3 times the area of Tasmania difficult to count 50k to 200k individuals left in Eastern Australia and Tasmania. It is so hard to count and estimate their exact numbers. The scientific studies indicate this species' numbers will halve over the next 50 years. Threatening factors include Climate Change, Dams and manmade barriers, water quality, droughts and reduction of environment flows, over-exploitation of water resources, fishing lines and nets, reduced food sources, habitat destruction, damage to stream beds/stream banks/riparian habitat and the feral killers such as cats, dogs, foxes and rats, take a great toll on their numbers. There is so much we can do to assist in the protection of this species. Prevent the factors listed above from occurring and be responsible and good custodians of the land and waterways. You can join and assist me and others, we are commencing a survey of rivers and streams above Glenbawn Dam. Based on the well-proven methods conducted by Hunter Local Land

Services, Communities in other Hunter River sub-catchments in conduction with Save of Species, input from Fisheries, Landcare Groups, Research Bodies other Non-Government Organisations. The plan is to use eDNA methods to seek information about icon animals' presence, including platypuses, water rats (native animals) and the rare Hunter River Turtle. This method is you take water samples and laboratory testing of these water samples will indicate if these species are present. This is a cheap and unique way to assist in the range, and to a degree the number of animals. This funded program will require landholders in those areas above Glenbawn Dam with creek and river frontage, to participate by assisting, giving information of sightings and if pools are present in the waterways in the area.



This program will include awareness campaigns, field days, and education sessions and our findings will be made public. The funding will include the purchase of remote cameras to provide footage of animals and assist in confirming the presence and numbers following the results of the eDNA sampling campaign. If you are custodians of the land mentioned above, please help us, if wish to assist in other ways please contact me. The Australian Conservation Foundation is requesting people to join the platy-project by registering online. It gives you information or how to do a simple survey and you just send them the result, just do a Google search or look up information from their site, and most of all take measures and actions within your power to reduce and not cause the threats that are rapidly diminishing this one in the world and there is no animal like this animal. There will be more on this project in future additions. This program is commencing this spring. Other catchments have been surveyed and I will provide results from these catchments. Other catchments where there is interest, and funding made available, can be surveyed in the future.



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Aberdeen Rugby League



2024 AWARDS

There has always been plenty of pride in the Aberdeen Rugby League club but at this year's presentation night it was taken to another level.

Attracting good playing numbers hasn't been easy for the Club and to have three teams in this year's grand final speaks volumes for the clubs initiative and dedication.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Aberdeen Rugby League Club and its followers will gather on Saturday November 2nd 2024 for the Annual Meeting. Starting at 10 am at the Aberdeen Sports and Rec Club.

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State Matters with Dave Layzell MP

KIDS VOUCHERS UPDATE

NEW ACTIVE AND CREATIVE KIDS vouchers are now available for eligible Upper Hunter electorate recipients. The \$50 voucher is provided twice a year to use towards sport, creative and cultural activities if you receive Family Tax Benefit Part A, Part B or both in the current or previous financial year.

Eligible activities include dance, music, football/soccer, martial arts, craft, gymnastics, visual arts, painting, drawing, drama, tennis, rugby league, singing, basketball, languages, netball, yoga, creative writing, choreography, circus arts and coding. This is the second voucher for 2024 and you can also apply for Voucher 1 if you haven't already.

Eligible recipients can combine Voucher 1 and Voucher 2, and use both vouchers together before 31 December for a combined value of \$100 with a registered provider. You can apply for and use Voucher 2 of 2024 by 14 July 2025.

Check your eligibility and discover more about Active and Creative Kids at: www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-for-an-active-and-creative-kids-voucher

DEFIBRILLATOR PROGRAM

Sporting clubs and organisations have until November to apply for a share of \$500,000 in NSW Government funding for new life-saving defibrillators.

The Local Sport Defibrillator Grant Program

provides up to \$3,000 to purchase automated external defibrillators for sports facilities.

Since the program commenced, more than 2,000 defibrillators have been installed at sports facilities across NSW.

Applications close on 27 November or when funding is exhausted with information, including expanded eligibility criteria, available at: <https://www.sport.nsw.gov.au/grants/local-sport-defibrillator-grant-program>

HEALTH ENGAGEMENT

Upper Hunter Electorate communities are invited to have their say on how to improve engagement on health service planning and delivery.

NSW Health wants to hear about your experiences of consultation with public health services and how you would like to be engaged and communicated with in future.

The Shared Understanding Project aiming to ensure that NSW Health, Local Health Districts and other partners work closely with communities in the planning and delivery of future health services and models of care.

You can share your feedback and ideas by taking a quick survey until 9 October at: www.haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au/health-engagement

WEED WARNING

Hunter Local Land Services is concerned about the high likelihood of a significant season for a toxic weed after favourable recent growing conditions.

The period when St John's wort (*Hypericum perforatum*) becomes more visible in the



landscape is coming up. On-mass, it can look like a sea of yellow, flowering from November to January, taking over productive agricultural land. As a pest plant, landholders have a general biosecurity duty to prevent, eliminate or minimise any biosecurity risk St John's wort poses.

Healthy perennial pastures are the best long-term defence with several biological and chemical controls also available. For more information including how to manage the plant and affected stock visit WeedWise: <https://weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au>

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Gardening

October Tips *by Lynda Posa*

October is the perfect moment to walk around the garden with a cup of tea, early morning and in the evening, a glass of something else to check out the changes that have taken place during the day. Flowers open, plants double in size and let's not notice the weeds too much. I have made a pact with myself and the chooks to weed a quarter of every flower run every time I go over to check on them and throw them the bounty.



It's time to: Take leaf and bud cuttings of peperomias, begonias, Devils Ivy, African Violets Jade plants, Snake plants, Kalanchoe, succulents, sedums and echeverias. Divide Ferns, Grassy plants such as Miscanthus, Lomandra, Pennisetum, Cast Iron Plants, Ferns, Bearded Iris. Trim and deadhead spring flowering trees, shrubs and annuals. Then water and add fertiliser. Move cyclamens to a dry cool place outdoors, under a leafy shrub, leave pot on its side while going through their dormant period in summer. Feed Gardenias with a liquid fertiliser specific for acid loving plants. Their leaves turn yellow just prior to flowering. If watered and fertilised foliage will soon green up. Refresh mulch around strawberry plants giving water and add an organic fertiliser. Trim back cold damaged herbs that have survived the winter such as mint, oregano and thyme, water well and fertilise.

PLANT IN YOUR VEGGIE PATCH

Artichoke (globe), Asian Greens, Basil, Beetroot, Beans French climbing, Broccoli, Cabbage, Capsicum/Chilli, Carrot Celery, Chives, Choko, Coriander, Eggplant, Ginger, Kale, Kohlrabi, Leek, Lettuce, Melon, Okra, Onion, Potato, Pumpkin, Radish, Rocket, Rosella, Silver Beet, Spring Onion, Sweet Corn, Sweet Potato, Tomato Turnip, Zucchini/Squash.

PLANT IN YOUR FLOWER PATCH

Alyssum, Amaranthus, Bedding Begonia, Billy Buttons, Calendula, Californian Poppy, Candy Tuft, Celosia, Cineraria, Cosmos, Delphinium, Dianthus, Gerbera, Gypsophila, Kangaroo Paw, Linaria, Livingstone Daisy, Marigold, Nasturtium, Petunia, Phlox, Portulaca, Salvia, Snapdragon, Sunflower, Verbena, Zinnia.

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There is plenty of living space, with a formal lounge room featuring a combustion fire that opens to the formal dining room or office. In the center of the home is the tiled family room, leading through to the kitchen and casual dining area. The kitchen is new, with stone benchtops, a dishwasher, an electric oven, a 900mm gas cooktop, and plenty of cupboard space. The bathroom is a must-see, with a lovely corner spa bath, a marble-topped vanity, and a shower. The home has ducted reverse-cycle air conditioning, plus a split system in the main bedroom and formal lounge room for heating just one room if needed.

At the back of the home is a huge, covered entertainment space that leads to the yard and pool. The inground pool is modern and includes a decked area. In the yard, you will find a double garage built with the same brick as the house, as well as a 3-bay Colourbond shed for storage. Access to the shed is available to the right of the house. Additional features include solar panels, plantation shutters throughout, a large chicken coop, dog kennels, a fernery and 60,000 litres of water storage. There is also a circular driveway at the front of the home. This is the complete package and well worth a look!

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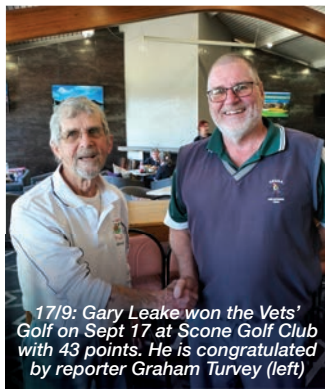
There was a very good attendance of 22 players at Denman Golf Club on Tuesday, September 10 for their stroke event. (This is good practice for our annual championships to be played at Denman on October 1st and 8th. The course is nice and dry with plenty of run in the fairways. Thank you to Brian Dever for the shotgun start. The tasty pies for lunch are produced locally and thank you to Denis Chandler for processing the score cards and to Graham Schilg for sorting the count-backs. Good to see Robert Colbert too.

The winner with nett 70 was Lindsay Hodge, from second Geoff Gerrin 71, Bob Lawman third 73, Graham Schilg fourth 75 C/B and Brian Harshman fifth 75 C/B. Balls went to Terry Mitchell, Dave Kerr and Paul Constable all on 75.

Nearest the Pins:- 3rd (second shot) Gary Leake 12th Andy Medway 5th Paul Constable 4th Paul Constable. The Bradman's Trophy, kindly donated by Gary Morley was won by Graham Turvey.



10/9: Lindsay Hodge (right) won The Vets' stroke event at Denmark Golf Club with nett 70



17/9: Gary Leake won the Vets' Golf on Sept 17 at Scone Golf Club with 43 points. He is congratulated by reporter Graham Turvey (left)

RECORD NUMBER OF PLAYERS

Not sure if it's a new record, but there were 46 players at Scone Golf Club on Tuesday, September 17 for their regular Stfd event. It was good to welcome back Ken Thornton. The course is in good condition as usual. Thank you to Ross Banks for compiling the shotgun start groups.

Gary Leake won the day with 43 points, including birdies on holes three and fifteen. Second was Robert Colbert 41, third Paul Foy 39 C/B, fourth Brett Dann 39, fifth John Adams 38 C/B, sixth Lindsay Hodge 38, seventh Dave Kerr 36 C/B and eighth Russell Jukes 36.

Balls went to, (all on 35 points) David Bradshaw, Mick Alsleben, Geoff Barton, Ken Thornton, Garry Carter, Tony Pearson, Charlie Wintle and Brian Harshman.

Nearest the Pins:- 4th June Jukes 8th Albert Colbert 13th Geoff Barton 17th Lyn Banks. The Bradman's trophy, kindly donated by Gary Morley was won by Dave Perfrement.

FUTURE GAMES:

- September 24, S & P at Aberdeen
- October 1 at Denman, R.1 of the Championships stroke
- October 8 at Denman, R.2 of the Championships stroke
- October 15 at Scone, Stfd
- October 22, Stfd at Aberdeen
- October 29 Stfd at Mbk, President's Cup (medal round)

For the Championships at Denman, please make up your groups of two or four, walkers or in carts, and email Bob Minch on hollowfrog@bigpond.com or ring him on 0419 227 436 by Thursday, September 26. Shotgun starts by 8.30 am. New members welcome.

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir,

I want to express my gratitude to the electors of Aberdeen who have very ably assisted me in achieving a seat on Upper Hunter Shire Council at the recent local government elections in N.S.W. During the lead-up to voting day, I regularly heard the comments from residents that the town is 'continually neglected' or 'forgotten'. My objective will be to ensure that their decision to put an Aberdeen resident on the council will result in a positive change for our town.

Upper Hunter Shire Council has many challenges ahead of it in the next four years and beyond. However, those challenges will also present opportunities for development and advancement of the Shire as well as some that will be specifically targeted at Aberdeen. I am certain that with a positive disposition and a cooperative spirit amongst the nine elected members of the council, these issues will be successfully addressed, and both the Shire and Aberdeen will benefit from solid civic advancement.

(NFP) May I also express my gratitude for the encouragement and assistance provided by the 'Whisper' and Hunter Valley Printing in the days prior to the election.

Yours faithfully
Earle Shields

Mark the 26th October in Your Calendar!

If you are looking for a fun day out for the whole family, make sure you head to Muswellbrook Showground on the 26th October to join Bengalla, their valued suppliers, and their community partners at the Bengalla Community Open Day.

There will be lots of activities for all ages including a free lunch and go behind the scenes on a guided bus tour to view Bengalla Mine. Tours will depart from the Showground from 10am until 2pm and bookings for the bus tours can be made on the day only. Remember to wear closed in shoes. (Children must be 5 years of age for the bus tour and a parent or guardian must accompany children under 14.) The Bengalla Community Open Day will open at 10am until 2pm and Bengalla would love for you to join them on the day. If you would like any further information please contact the Bengalla Community Team via email on: community.relations@newhopegroup.com.au

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Open Streets Program

Upper Hunter Shire Council is proud to announce that it has received funding under the NSW Government's Open Streets Program. This initiative is dedicated to transforming local streets into dynamic spaces that support businesses, the creative sector, and the broader community. As part of this exciting opportunity, Council will deliver three major events designed to unite our communities and celebrate our shared progress:

'Absolutely Kelly Street – Welcome Home': Saturday, 12 October 2024. Scone's CBD will be the heart of a grand street party from 12pm, marking the near completion of the revitalisation project that has been transforming the area. This event will celebrate the new and improved Scone CBD, a space that promises to be a vibrant hub for locals and visitors alike. 'Merriwa – Home for Christmas': Friday, 13 December 2024. Merriwa's CBD will be transformed into a festive wonderland, featuring local stalls and performers for an enchanting evening celebration. 'Murrurundi – Home for Christmas': Saturday, 14 December 2024. Road closures off the highway will make way for a spectacular Christmas event, complete with local stalls and live performances.

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