

# MERRIWA Ringer

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# A Walk Down Memory Lane

WITH JAMES CONSTABLE

WILLIAM LAWSON

In 1813, Gregory Blaxland, William Lawson and William Wentworth crossed the Blue Mountains, opening up a route to Bathurst.

William Lawson was an outstanding early settler in NSW. He was an army officer, explorer, surveyor, magistrate, politician and bank director. He was one of the founders of our wool industry, a land holder and devoted family man. Sarah Leadbeater was a convict on Norfolk Island who caught Lawson's eye. In due course, they married and the Lawson children went on to marry into some of the leading families of the time. There was a stigma attached to marrying a convict with the new rich and self appointed exclusives frowning upon it and deemed the couple 'not socially acceptable', however this did not deter Lawson from a life filled with purpose, achievement and public duty. His strength and endurance earned him the nickname 'Old Ironbark'

Lawson arrived in Sydney on January 11, 1800 as an ensign. He was assigned to Norfolk Island penal colony, and whilst on the Island, Lawson formed a union with the beautiful convict girl, Sarah Leadbeater and during that time, Sarah bore him two sons, John and William.

Little is known of Sarah Leadbeater, she is recorded as being baptised on March 17, 1782, Manchester Cathedral. Her parents were Thomas and Ann(nee Hasmer) Leadbeater. The Hasmer name has an Arabic connotation. Her father is recorded as being a Fustian Cutter which would indicate he was employed by the woollen mills of Manchester. She was sentenced to seven years servitude at the Lancaster Quarter Sessions on October 16, 1799. She was 18 years of age and described as beautiful and extremely vivacious.

Sarah arrived in Sydney on the Earl of Cornwallis on June 10, 1801. On arrival, Sarah was assigned

to a Mr David Brown, he had three sons who were convicts, one of whom was sent to Norfolk Island. David went to Norfolk Island to be close to his son and as Sarah was assigned to him was taken along as well. William was acquainted with the Browns at Parramatta and it seems that William met Sarah through his association with the Browns. On March 23 1812, William Lawson and Sarah Leadbeater were married by special licence at St John's Church, Parramatta. Governor Macquarie did not like couples living together out of wedlock and encouraged them to marry.



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# Merriwa Central School

## Principal's Report

Welcome back to staff and students to Term 2. I hope everyone enjoyed the glorious weather during the school holidays and made the most of the time off.

### SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Day 1 has been abuzz as students return to school and catch-up with friends and teachers. As an added bonus our annual school photographs have taken place with MSP Photography. MSP have been taking our school photographs for the past 12 years. They do a fantastic job each year with our school photographs and the online process has streamlined ordering for parents.



### ANZAC DAY

Arrangements for the town ANZAC Day ceremony have changed several times due to COVID restrictions. I am pleased to confirm the town march is now proceeding and encourage all students to participate in this important community event. Students are asked to assemble at 10.15am on the RSL corner in full school uniform, with the march to commence at 10.30am. At the conclusion of the ceremony at the Cenotaph students will then march back down to the RSL and can be collected from there.

### AGRICULTURE TEACHER APPOINTED

I can confirm that Ms Tara Jane has been permanently appointed to the vacant agriculture teacher position. Ms Jane started with

us in Term 1 however was formally appointed by staffing during the school holidays. We are very excited to have her join our staff, agriculture teachers are a very scarce commodity.

### COVID TUTORING PROGRAM

Additional funding has been provided to support students impacted by the disrupted learning from home model during 2020. We have employed additional teachers to work with small groups of students in classes for the remainder of the year. In addition Homework Club is available for students on Thursday afternoons.

### RELAY SWIM TEAM

Mr Dean has been working hard to prepare our secondary relay swim team to participate in the NSW Combined High School Swimming Championships being held at Homebush next week. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to represent our school at this important swim meet. Best of luck to Mia Jacobs, Alyssa Carrall, Jye Byfield and Dylan Keane at the meet.



### PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parents are reminded that parent teacher interviews will take place next Tuesday afternoon/evening. I invite all parents to come along and meet your child's teacher/s and discuss their progress this semester. Information has been sent home for parents and bookings can be made by phoning the office to select a suitable time.

**Darren Noonan**  
Principal

## Coming Events

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<b>APRIL</b>	
<b>Sunday 25</b>	ANZAC Day march
<b>Monday 26</b>	Snake Tails
<b>Tuesday 27</b>	Where There's a Will
<b>MAY</b>	
<b>Friday 7</b>	Athletics Carnival

## Primary

### WELCOME BACK

We hope that you all had a lovely break with your loved ones during the holiday period. We are excited to welcome students back for what will be a busy and fun-filled Term 2!

### LABELLING BELONGINGS

As we come into the colder months, we would like to remind carers to please ensure your child's belongings are clearly labelled so that any lost property can be returned to students promptly.

### BRONZE AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students for their wonderful achievement in receiving their Bronze Awards in Week 10 Term 1.

Makenna Coles, Darcy Clark, Zane Walker, Alfred Chance, Xzavier Sait, Emmy Hunt, Lachlan Strachan, Nicholas Campbell, Hazel Chin, Mia Horvath-Richards and Ashton Marchese enjoying their books at the library



### STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following students for receiving Student of the Week Awards in Week 9.

**Kindergarten - Grace Bidner** - for always completing tasks to the best of her ability, being a kind friend and a delight to teach



**Year 1- Taniel Roberts** - for class participation and being a great helper

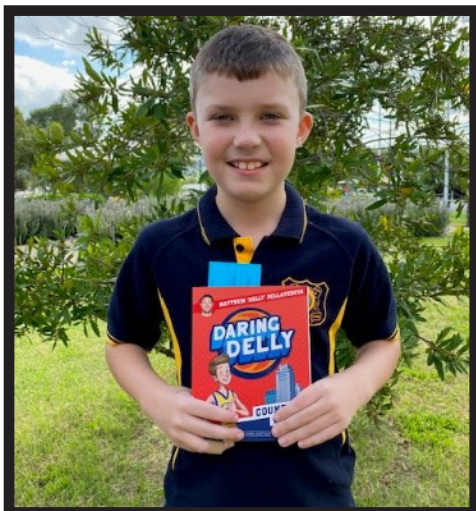


**Year 2/3 - Layla Thompson** - for her fantastic, "If I Were a Prime Minister" speech





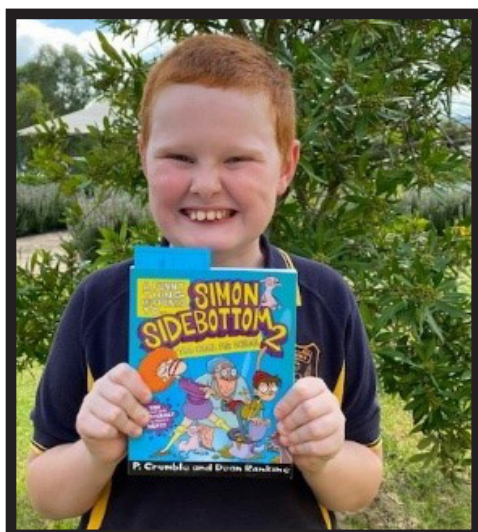
**Year 3/4 - Braith Hunt** - for his exceptional diary entries from a soldier's point of view



**Year 4/5 - Logan Reid** - for working hard to improve his behaviour and attitude towards his learning



**Year 5/6 - Thomas Kneeves** - for increasing his confidence in class and improving his work ethic.



## CLASS OF THE WEEK

The final Class of the Week Award for Term 1 went to the class that had the most students return their Home Readers in Week 10. We were delighted to have our special judge, Mrs Vidler, tally the results and determine the winning class. Congratulations to Year 1 for having so many class members return their home readers! Ruby Clarke and Nate Marchese proudly accepted the award on behalf of Year 1. Great job, Year 1!



**Emma Garbellini**  
Relieving Infants Assistant Principal

## SNAKE TAILS

On Monday April 26, Primary students will be having a visit from Snake Tails. Snake Tails is a multi-award winning, interactive learning experience, featuring Australian reptiles. The interactive and fun performance will create a greater understanding of the role of our reptiles in the environment today and how to protect our Australian reptiles.

## HEALTHY HAROLD

We are excited to be welcoming the Life Education Van to Merriwa Central School again in 2021. Each class will visit the van between Monday 10 to Wednesday May 12.

Each class will participate in a meticulously planned wellbeing program, as follows

- **Kindergarten** – My Body Matters
- **Year 1** – Ready, Steady, Go
- **Year 2/3** – Growing Good Friends

- **Year 3/4** – All Systems Go
- **Year 4/5** – Mind Your Medicine
- **Year 5/6** – Relate, Respect, Connect

For further information about each of these programs, please visit [www.lifeeducation.org.au](http://www.lifeeducation.org.au)

The cost of the program is \$10.00 per student; however, Merriwa Central School will be covering the cost. The Life Education Van also carries a range of merchandise that is available for purchase by students. If you wish to purchase items, please return the purchase form to the Primary Office along with payment in a clearly marked envelope to be forwarded directly to Life Education staff for processing.

If you would like any further information about your child's participation in the Life Education Van please speak to your child's teacher.

**Talia Morgan**  
**Relieving Assistant Principal - Primary**

## Secondary

### CHS SWIMMING

Next Thursday (April 29 2021), four students will be representing Merriwa Central School at the NSW Combined High Schools Swimming Championships. The students (Dylan Keane, Alyssa Carrall, Mia Jacobs and Jye Byfield) will be competing in the Mixed Open 200 Metre Free Central School Relay.

This is the first time these students have represented the school at these Championships and also their first time swimming at SOPAC (Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre).

The students have been training extremely hard over the season, however have not let the closure of Merriwa Pool at the end of March stop them from remaining focused on the task at hand.

We would like to thank the operators of Singleton Gym and Swim Centre for providing the students access to their pool to allow the students to be fit and ready for the carnival.

I would also like to thank the parents of these students for allowing their children to participate by giving up their holidays to travel to Singleton with myself to train. There will be a wrap up on how the students went in The Ringer the week following.

**Matt Dean**  
**Head Teacher VET**

### CAREER NEWS

**White Card Course** - Merriwa Central School will be holding a Prepare to Work Safely in the Construction Industry (White Card) course on May 6 2021 commencing at 8.45am. Students who are interested in completing this course will need to see Mrs Hegarty.

**NIDA Holiday Classes** - Stretch your creative muscles with NIDA's holiday short courses. Whether you are a five year old attending

## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

### HARRISON AMIDY

**FAVOURITE SUBJECT:** English because I enjoy writing

**BEST PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT:** Young Citizen of the Year 2021

**CAREER ASPIRATIONS:** Psychologist

**HOBBIES AND INTERESTS:** Writing and exercise gains

**YEAR ADVISOR COMMENT:** Harrison is a dedicated and mature student, who possesses excellent leadership and interpersonal skills. He represents his school as a senior member of the SRC, the captain of the ROAR program and is currently involved in the Rural Youth Ambassador Program. Harrison is an asset to our school community.

**Emma Piper - Year Advisor**





your very first drama class or an aspiring artist participating in our summer residency program, there is a NIDA Open experience for everyone at every age or stage. NIDA is registered as a COVID Safe business with the NSW Government and is committed to providing a safe environment for our community. <https://www.open.nida.edu.au/holiday-classes>

**AIE Animation Industry Experience Days – Sydney, Canberra, Melbourne, Brisbane** - July 7 - September 30

Limited places available.

AIE's Industry Experience Days are a great opportunity for students in Years 10, 11 and 12 to learn about the local and international game development, 3D animation and visual effects industries. Students will get the opportunity to learn about the different pathways to get into the industry, what should be in a portfolio and will be able to get creative in practical workshops using industry-standard 3D animation and game development tools.

The sessions are run by industry professionals who have worked on some blockbuster games and films. Everything is provided for you to participate in the hands-on workshops and you will be using the same software that is used in the industry.

If you are thinking about a career in the games or film industry then we highly recommend registering for this free event. We are limiting numbers for this event due to physical distancing requirements, with Year 12 students having priority to register. <http://www.aie.edu.au/ied>

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**SEDA Full Scholarships 2021** - Offering 5 full scholarships to start Year 11 in 2021. Scholarships cover all costs including uniform and laptop, associated with attending SEDA College to complete a non-ATAR HSC. Students need to be able to demonstrate financial disadvantage to be eligible for these scholarships. They do not need to be elite sportspeople but must have an interest in sport. Email [info@sedacollege.nsw.edu.au](mailto:info@sedacollege.nsw.edu.au)

[nida.edu.au](https://www.nida.edu.au)

**Camp America Applications for 2022** - We've opened our applications for 2022. All those eager beaver's looking to get started and start planning their adventure for next year, now is the time to get ready.

To start your application head to [mycampamerica.com/register](https://mycampamerica.com/register)

Summer Camps are looking for you! Teach your skills all summer, make a difference and meet great mates on your next adventure. Stop dreaming and start your next adventure from home.

Wednesday, April 21, 2021. 7.00pm - 8.00pm - <https://www.campamerica.com.au/events/camp-america-online-3>

Wednesday, May 19, 2021. 7.30pm - 8.30pm - <https://www.campamerica.com.au/events/camp-america-online-2>

**Your guide to Dentistry** - <https://www.myhealthcareer.com.au/dentistry-career/>

**Scholarships for Dentistry** - Australian Dental Association Study Grant information page

National Rural Health Alliance – New South Wales Regional Dentistry Scholarship

Grants for Indigenous Dental Students (ADA)

Grants for Rural and Remote Dental Students

**Westerns' School of Computer, Data and Mathematical Sciences – Webinar Series** - Western's School of Computer, Data and Mathematical Sciences (CDMS) invites you to participate in a series of webinars for senior high school students designed to allow students to explore career opportunities in CDMS related careers. For further info, dates and details:

[https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/schools/socdms/events/multiply\\_your\\_opportunities?cid=em:CAA-news-cdms-info-page-egmt\\_Mar21](https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/schools/socdms/events/multiply_your_opportunities?cid=em:CAA-news-cdms-info-page-egmt_Mar21)

If you require any further information then please contact me at school.

**Jane Hegarty**  
**Careers Advisor**



# Cassilis Public School

What a fabulous Term 1 it has been and congratulations to everyone for what they have achieved.

## END OF TERM ASSEMBLY

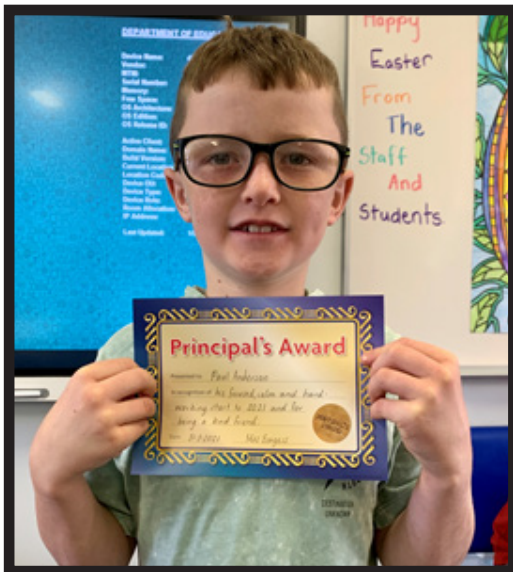
Congratulations to our Students!

We held the end of term assembly today.



Digby, Levi and Tarsha received awards for how well they have settled into Kindergarten.

**Principal's Award - Paul Anderson** for his focused, calm, and hard-working start to 2021 and for being a kind friend.



**Merit Award - Olivia Hartley** for consistent effort in all mathematical tasks and showing an impressive ability to challenge herself.



**Merit Award - Skylah Anderson** for a happy and enthusiastic attitude towards all aspects of her literacy work.



**PBL Bronze Award** - Students who have received 50 Class Dojo points for displaying the school rules were awarded with their Bronze Award. A further 50 and they will receive their Silver and then Gold Award, and a special book prize, with another 50.





## OUR WONDERFUL EASTER HAT PARADE

Thank you to all our friends of the school who came and supported our activities. It was a fabulous day!



Katie Burgess  
Principal







# St Joseph's Primary School

## CROSS COUNTRY

In Last week of Term 1, St Joseph's held their annual Cross Country Carnival. Outstanding efforts were displayed by all students who finished our new and exciting course. A great day was certainly had by all, we loved having our families back on school grounds and celebrating with a wonderful BBQ provided by our P and F.

We are very excited to announce that we had four students who successfully qualified and will proudly represent our school at this year's Diocesan Cross Country Championships. Congratulations to Jeremiah Raines, Fletcher Gardner, Eden Barry and Eddison Raines who will compete against students from the 55 other Diocesan Primary Schools. This event will take place at Maitland Park Touch fields on April 27. We wish you all the very best.

## REWARDS DAY

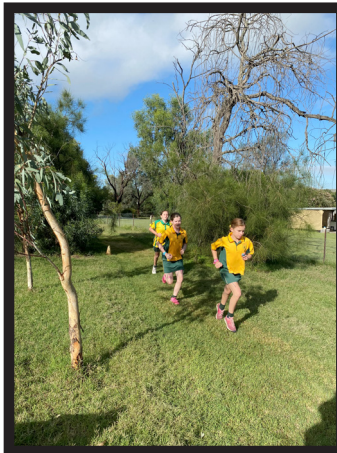
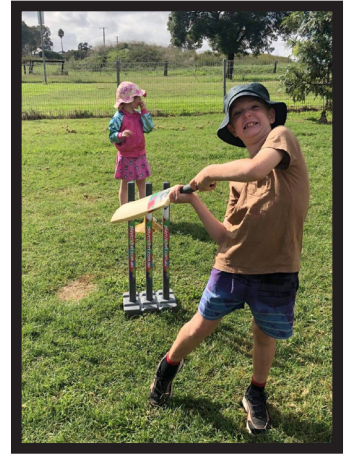
After a highly productive and successful Term 1, students' hard work and dedication was recognised by holding our end of Term rewards day.

Year Six showcased their fantastic leadership skills in organising and managing Tabloid sports for the school during the morning session. These engaging sports included parachute activities, league tag, cricket games and bean bag toss. The students had a blast!

Following the fun morning activities, students were treated to a special hot chip sandwich lunch. Our delicious lunch was served courtesy of Twisted Takeaway and Merriwa Bakery using the My Merriwa Gift Card we received for winning the Le Tour De Merriwa prize recently.

We were privileged to have Father John and families back on school grounds to celebrate our Lenten Liturgy. Students were then given the exciting task of working in groups to solve the Easter Theme "Scavenger Hunt". The task involved students solving clues using the Bible to be the first group to create a visually appealing Lenten/Easter Themed Poster. Needless to say, there was a hype of excitement and students were thoroughly engaged in this meaningful activity.

Students then received some Easter eggs for their outstanding efforts.





## TERM 2 SPORT

St Joseph's is very fortunate to have Nicky Western join us for the first half of the term to assist students with developing skills for our annual Athletics carnival. The students are very excited to have Nicky join us and to learn new skills and techniques. Nicky will demonstrate and teach the students the correct techniques for a number of athletic events.

### WHAT'S INSTORE FOR YEAR 3 AND 4 IN TERM 2?

Below is a very brief snapshot of the wonderful aspects of learning which Stage Two will be undertaking during Second Term.

In English, students will develop an understanding of persuasive texts and how composers of text use vocabulary and language forms to engage and/or position of the reader. Students will continue to participate in daily spelling and reading groups activities to improve fluency and comprehension.

Students will be hands on this term in Art, experimenting with different techniques such as printmaking and sculptures.

In History, students will investigate the reasons for European settlement and the consequences this decision had on the Indigenous people of the time. They will start to understand concepts of continuity and change and the perspectives of others.

In Health, we will be looking at factors that influence healthy lifestyle decisions and also investigating nutritional choices relating to cultural beliefs, special dietary needs and 'fast food'.

This term in Religion we will be exploring the sacrament of Confirmation, focussing on its importance as a Sacrament of Initiation and its symbols, words and rituals.

Solids, liquids and gases will be our focus in Science this term. Students will recognise that a change of state can be caused by adding or removing heat and they will participate in a variety of experiments to observe the effects of adding or removing heat on a range of solids and/or liquids.

Year 3 will also undertake the NAPLAN testing alongside with Year 5 during Week 4 of this term.

**Naomi Rodwell**  
**Stage 2 Teacher**

## WEEKLY AWARDS

Congratulations to the following award winners.

### Week Nine - Strength Award – Prudence

**Kindergarten - Jayden** - for being a model class member at all times

**Claire** - for her thoughtful and considerate actions that show her strength of prudence

**Stage 1 - Noah Ridding** - for his determination and positive attitude when competing in cross country

**Katie Williams** - for the way she carefully considers and thinks through situations and decisions

**Stage 2 Eden Barry** - for her determination and fantastic effort in cross country all done with a broken arm

**Thomas Luke** - for demonstrating the character strength of prudence through his careful and well-thought out decisions

**Stage 3 - Archie Constable** - for demonstrating a wonderful commitment to supporting others in our community

**Annabelle Hunt** - for the demonstrating the character strength of prudence through thoughtful actions and deeds

**Principal's Awards - Claire Raines** - for an excellent first term's effort

**Savannah Beeney** - for her efforts in Term One to adjust to life in Stage Three.

**Mr Ashley Borg**  
**Principal**

### **Ringer Deadline!**

*Please remember to place your  
articles*

*and advertisements into the  
**Merriwa Ringer***

*by Mondays, at 12.00 noon*



## Invitation

Celebrate the hard work St Joseph and the Merriwa community does every day

Explore the school and its facilities

Listen to guest speakers talk about why they love their job and their community

# ST JOSEPH'S OPEN DAY

**Friday 30 April 2021**

St Joseph's Primary

9am – 3pm

All Welcome



- 9:00 Liturgy
- 9:15 Activities/ Information Session
- 10:15 Open Classrooms
- 11:15 Shared Lunch
- 12:00 Guest Speakers
- 2:00 Fun lessons





# Merriwa Rotary

## A BIG WELCOME BACK TO THE RINGER

Our club has had a very active few weeks. Firstly I should mention the delivery of a semitrailer load of donated hay to riverside farms in the Manning area which had been badly hit by tidal saltwater inundation of their land caused by the flooded Manning river

Quickly organised by our club, the effort was rewarded by the enormous gratitude of the farmers who were delighted to receive the hay.

## MERRIWA SENIORS DAY

This carefully planned event was held In the School of Arts. It was basically a day for Seniors to meet up and talk and enjoy an excellent lunch. Over 70 people attended. It was an opportunity for a good chat.

Our club was largely responsible for financing the free lunch provided to attendees. The catering was in the capable hands of the Merriwa Hospital Auxiliary whose idea it was to hold this special day.

It also provided an opportunity to Merriwa people to welcome some new arrivals to our area.

## ROTARY PLAYGROUNDS

Following construction of the new toilet block and state-of-the-art bubbler system, work is continuing on a catering facility, designed to provide refreshments for the many families who use the park. The width of this stretch of the Golden Highway make it safe place for travellers to pull up for a rest and recharge.



Mark Smith



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# ANZAC DAY

*Lest We Forget*



## **MERRIWA RSL SUB BRANCH**

### **ANZAC DAY SERVICES**

**SUNDAY APRIL 25**

Dawn Service commences at 5.40am

Main Service at 10.40am

March will commence at 10.30am at Merriwa RSL and will proceed along Bettington Street and will be spaced according to regulations.

**Mary O'Neill**



# Community Notice Board

## Merriwa District Progress Association

### MEET THE UPPER HUNTER CANDIDATES - WEDNESDAY MAY 5

The Merriwa District Progress Association will be holding a public meeting to give enrolled voters the opportunity to meet candidates for the upcoming State by-election for the seat of Upper Hunter.

The meeting will be held at 6.00pm on Wednesday May 5 2021 in the auditorium of the Merriwa RSL Club.

Each candidate will be given the opportunity to make a short presentation to the meeting and to answer questions from the floor.

All voters in the Upper Hunter electorate are encouraged to attend to find out what issues each candidate considers important for this district, so they can make an informed decision on election day.

Would those people proposing to attend please RSVP to [merriwaprogress@gmail.com](mailto:merriwaprogress@gmail.com) so appropriate arrangements can be made for seating and COVID-19 precautions.

**Stephen Gowlland**

## Thank You

I would like to recognise the amazing work that Rotary partnered with Stuart River Hay Run have completed to assist those in need after the recent floods. They worked together to gather hay supplies and deliveries to these farmers in need.

**Hylt Cronin**

## Red Cross

The members of Merriwa Red Cross would like to thank the Merriwa Community for their support in their recent efforts to raise money for Red Cross Calling.

An amount of \$520.05 was forwarded to Red Cross. Red Cross Calling raises money for their programs such as Save-a-mate, Breakfast Club, Telecross, First Aid Training and Community Visitors Scheme to name just a few, all of which offer help within Australian communities.

We thank you so much for helping Red Cross to maintain these essential services.

The winner of the Raffle was B Palmer No 19.

The winners of the 100 Club were :

First Adele Fear No. 42

Second T Walmsley No. 88

Third T Walmsley No. 62

We thank Robert Smith for his assistance re the use of the chair and table and for drawing the raffle and 100 Club.

**Cheree Walmsley**

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**Monday - Saturday**  
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**Sunday**  
11.00am - 8.00pm

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# **Business**

## **Upper Hunter Shire Council**

### **REST AND RECOUP IN MERRIWA**

Construction has commenced on a new Driver Reviver facility in Merriwa.

Upper Hunter Shire Council applied for the project funding under the Federal Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program and received \$150,000 to undertake the works.

The Driver Reviver plans were put on display for community feedback in May last year and will be built at Merriwa Park on the corner of King George V Ave and Quigley Street Merriwa.

Once the new facility has been completed, which is approximately 32m<sup>2</sup> and constructed of Colourbond and cladding on a concrete slab, the old facility will be demolished.

The Driver Reviver will have a hand washing basin, security roller shutters and a covered outside aluminum bench seats and table.

The new location will increase safety and parking opportunities, and create a space for tourists to stop and visit the town.

Merriwa Rotary Club and members of the community have been working closely with Council to ensure the project will meet the needs of the Merriwa community.

### **MERRIWA TO WILLOW TREE ROAD – TRAFFIC OFFENCES**

The MR358 Merriwa to Willow Tree Road has been closed to all traffic since January 21 2021 due to the current risk of landslip in some sections, with signs of movement including cracking observed in both lanes which has continued to worsen.

The closure has been undertaken to ensure the safety of road users, based on geotechnical advice.

Despite all reasonable attempts to stop public vehicles entering the site, some have continued to disregard signage, move concrete and water filled barriers and cut chains and locks.

Therefore Council will be installing surveillance devices this week to record all vehicles illegally entering the site. The collected information will be handed to the relevant authorities for processing.

Council apologises for the inconvenience to the road users and the community, however safety of the community is paramount and persons damaging these safety barriers are potentially harming themselves and other road users.

The alternative route for motorists wanting to travel this road will be via the New England Highway and the Scone to Merriwa Road with expected additional travel time being approximately 30 minutes (44 kilometres)

What Council discussed, decided and held over

Upper Hunter Shire Council Ordinary Council Meeting 29 March 2021

### **PROPOSED COMMUNITY NURSERY – MERRIWA**

Council were in support in principle of the establishment of a community nursery in Brisbane Street, Merriwa. Further information will be provided to Council before the project is passed including a conceptual site plan, management plan and estimate of costs and funding sources.

The community nursery will be used to support the 'Greenthumbs' partnership project which is affiliated with Merriwa Landcare with assistance provided by Council, Upper Hunter Landcare, Department of Primary Industries and Hunter Local Land Services.

The project has strong community support with 62 people attending the workshops from Cassilis and Merriwa with a further 12 'satellite' growers involved.

### **REQUEST FOR DONATIONS**

Council endorsed to waive the fees for The Rotary Club of Merriwa which has organised a senior's luncheon at the Merriwa School of Arts Hall on 7 April 2021, as part of the NSW Seniors Festival.

The fees were waived as a thank you to the senior's community for the contribution they play within the Merriwa community and surrounds.

To find out more please visit [upperhunter.nsw.gov.au](http://upperhunter.nsw.gov.au)

### **MERRIWA AND CASSILIS WORKS SCHEDULE**

The following construction and maintenance works are happening in Merriwa and Cassilis this week.

- Toilets, garbage
- Parks, sports fields and reserves mowing and maintenance
- Bunnan Bridge to Kars Springs construction

works

- Bettington Street footpath construction works
- Driver Reviver slab profiles and set out
- Cassilis Hall, ladies toilet demolition
- Action requests as required

The following roads are to be inspected next for the grading/maintenance program:

Middle Creek Road

### **Ringer Deadline!**

*Please remember to place your  
articles*

*and advertisements into the  
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by Mondays, at 12.00 noon

Ringer returns for term 2 on April 19 for  
first publication on April 22

#### **Positions Vacant**

##### **MEDIUM PLANT OPERATOR**

###### **Full Time - Merriwa**

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**Enquiries & Further Information:** Linda Richardson, Customer Services Coordinator on 6549 1131.

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Merriwa Landcare is in the final stages of completing a huge post Sir Ivan Fire revegetation project "Inspire Biodiversity" and would like to invite any past, present or potential Landcarers from Merriwa or Cassilis to a dinner held at the Cassilis Bowling Club at 6.00pm on Monday April 26.

This project has been a collaboration between Merriwa Landcare, Hunter Local Land Services and BlazeAid and will see more than 6000 locally native trees and shrubs established across 6 fire affected properties.

The dinner will welcome BlazeAid volunteers back to our district where they will be leading our volunteer efforts. Planting will begin on the 27th of April 27, and if you would like to volunteer contact Judy Robbins of BlazeAid on 0405 194 647 (all volunteers must register through Judy).

If you would like to know more about Merriwa Landcare, please email Julie Hardy – Publicity Officer – on [julia@nidgery.com.au](mailto:julia@nidgery.com.au)

To register for the dinner, please phone Catherine Conroy on 0427 578 937.

### **Quote for the Week**

**LIFE  
ISN'T ABOUT  
WAITING  
FOR THE STORM  
TO PASS  
IT'S ABOUT  
LEARNING TO  
DANCE IN THE  
RAIN**



# A Walk Down Memory Lane

William Lawson and Sarah Leadbeater were married by special licence at St John's Church, Parramatta. Governor Macquarie did not like couples living together out of wedlock and encouraged them to marry.

Lawson acquired land at Prospect, some by grants and by purchases, the property he Veteran Hall. He eventually owned 3000 acres. His stock of cattle and sheep increased and his obvious success enhanced his standing in the community. In 1813, an attempt to cross the Blue Mountains was made by Gregory Blaxland, William Lawson and William Charles Wentworth. Thirteen previous attempts had been made and failed, but this party finally succeeded.

The way had been opened and William Cox built his famous road from Emu Plains to Bathurst in 18 months. In May 1815, Governor Macquarie and his wife made the journey to Bathurst which he officially named and established as a town. Lieutenant William Lawson was appointed Commandant of Bathurst. He took up another 1000 acre grant and drove 100 head of horned cattle over the Blue Mountains, the first herd to do so. Between 1820 and 1822, Lawson conducted four expeditions to the country north and northwest of Bathurst. On his fourth expedition on November 24, 1822 he discovered the eastern flowing Goulburn river and on the 4th December, reached the headwaters of the Krui river.

## THE BETTINGTON CONNECTION

William and Sarah's daughter, Rebecca married James Brindley Bettington on June 7, 1830.

While working for Jim and Cherie in their garden, Jim told me about his family history. Whilst he was lying in, recovering from two heart attacks, it occurred to Jim that there was a real urgency to write the family history, and this should include the Lawson and Brindley families, as they are an integral part of the Bettington story.

He commissioned Brice Stokes to write the history and as each chapter was completed, Jim gave them to me to bring home and read through. I found the history fascinating and felt privileged to read the early material.

Photos and information courtesy of the book 'The Brindley Bettingtons No Boundaries'

Also information from the book 'Old Ironbark' by William Beard 1967.

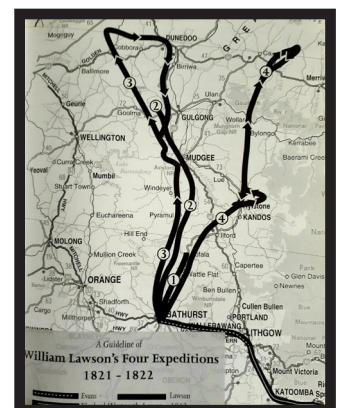
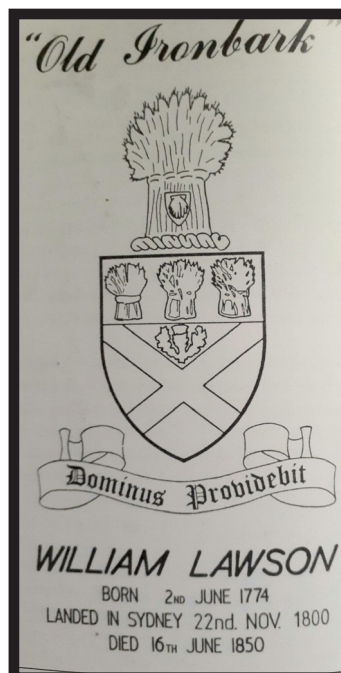
**Photo 1** portrait of William Lawson, courtesy of the book 'Old Ironbark' by William Beard 1967'.

**Photo 2** Sarah Leadbeater, courtesy book 'The Brindley Bettingtons No Boundaries'

**Photo 3** Map of the four expeditions courtesy The Brindley Bettingtons.

**Photo 4** James Brindley and Rebecca Bettington. Courtesy book 'The Brindley Bettingtons'.

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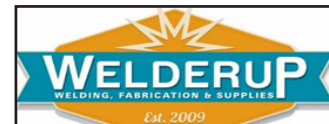
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The 8.30pm Members Badge draw worth \$1300.00 was not won the number was 722, this week it jackpots to \$1350.00.

The 9.00pm Members Badge draw for \$120.00 was not won the number was 329 this week it jackpots to \$140.00. **LTPS/19/36118**

The Sunday Morning Members Badge Draw for \$850.00 was not won last week the number was 142, this week it jackpots to \$900.00 and will be drawn between 11.30am and 1.30pm and you must be present to win the money. **LTP/19/36118**

Members must be present to claim any of the draws and present their current membership card upon request. It is an offence to NOT have your membership card on your person when on the premises.

**Wednesday Nights from 6.00pm - \$6.00 PINTS.** For every pint sold between February and June 30, the RSL Club will be donating \$1.00 to help with Miranda Boland's recovery.

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### SATURDAY NIGHT RAFFLES

Saturday night raffles, will not be held this Saturday due to the Carrot Bowen and the Collective playing at the Club Saturday night!

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Mondays 3.30pm

Tuesday 3.30pm

Wednesday 3.30pm

Thursday 3.30pm

Fridays 3.30pm

Saturdays 12.00pm

Sundays 3.00pm

### RSA AND RCG COURSES

The RSA course is on Tuesday April 27 and the RCG April 28. If you have put your name down to do the course please pay at the Club, \$185.00 for the RSA and RCG is \$135.00, before April 13.

Our bowling and golfing areas are looking absolutely amazing, why not come in for a social game of lawn bowls or golf? Contact the Sports Club on 6548 2028 or Brendan Cowell on 0427 027 891 for more information or bookings.

As everyone is aware, COVID restrictions apply when in the club. Everyone is required to sign in upon entry using the Services NSW site. Please do not be offended if you are asked to sit down inside while drinking alcohol or when we reach our capacity and may be required to move to another area of the club.

### **HONKI HAUS RESAURANT**

Honki Haus now doing lunch time specials on a weekend. Come on in for a delicious meal, whether it's for lunch or dinner. Honki Haus Restaurant closed Mondays and Tuesdays. Open for dinner Wednesday to Saturday 4.30pm to 8.00pm. Sunday dinners 4.30pm to 7.00pm. Open for lunch Saturday and Sunday 12noon to 2.00pm.

For bookings and take away – 0460 817 606

**Brendan Cowell**

### **MERRIWA WOMENS BOWLING CLUB**

Dunedoo Bowling Club Friendship Day is Wednesday April 28.

**Morning Tea** 9.30am

**Play Time** 10.00am

Mixed and mufiti

**Cost** \$10.00

Names to be on the board at the Merriwa Sports Club or to Loretta on 0428 482 679 by April 26.

**Loretta Cooper**

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## **Merriwa Pony Club**

Merriwa Pony Club hosted their annual camp last week with 40 young riders all super keen to learn something new.

The first day was cross country at the Merriwa Racecourse with some fabulous instruction from course builder Bryce Hockings and local eventer, Heather Proctor. Riders practised the jumps in the morning with a competition round in the afternoon.

Day two was back at the showground with plenty of action in the ring thanks to the guest instructors Phil Logue who showed the kids a thing or two about leatherwork, Wal Martin taught roping skills, Ash Randle took the riders for flatwork while Sarah Finlayson introduced riders to the exciting sport of polocrosse.

Day three was another brilliant line up of sessions kicking off with troop drill then working equitation and time trial with Clare Martin, stock horse skills with Katrina Underwood and showjumping with Karen Erwin.

Day four was a bit soggy so the horses all had a well deserved day off and the riders were put to work instead in the Ironman Challenge which consisted of running, bike riding and archery with their points collated alongside their scores for the cross country held on the first day. In the afternoon riders thoroughly enjoyed the Stockmans Challenge (off their horses this year!) with a host of fun activities such as horse shoe throwing, polocrosse target shooting, whip cracking, pack saddle and roping with the overall winning team of Roy Lawler and Dave Caruana winning the beautiful prize of hand made stockwhips donated and made by the incredibly talented Steve Kemp.

Eddison Raines was crowned most improved rider of the camp and received a beautiful perpetual trophy sponsored by the Merriwa Men's Shed cleverly created by Kevin Price.

While the older riders had plenty to do all week, the young riders were busy looking for treasure on their ponies, going on a trail ride, playing games on horse back, sporting practice, jumping, obstacle courses, painting their ponies with chalk and face painting with guest and local instructors Maria Ireland, De Patterson, Heather Proctor, Sandy Vicary, Tanya Ninness and Samantha Carter.

The final day was all about cattle work with Dungowan based trainers Lindee and Scott McNaughton. It was especially sweet to have



Lindee back at the club, having attended Merriwa Pony Club as a young rider several moons ago! Lindee and Scott were very patient with their young riders, introducing them to the sport of working cowhorse followed by a team event in the afternoon that really tested their new found skills.

Many thanks to Phil Neale for supplying his superbly quiet cattle and Dave Houlahan for transporting them and Wal Martin for coordinating the cattle session.

Big high five to the committee, especially Pauline Lawler who goes above and beyond each year to ensure riders of all levels are encouraged and inspired, Clare Martin for running a tight ship, De Patterson for keeping the books and correspondence in good order and Courtney Gillis for doing an absolutely brilliant job in the canteen. Thanks also to the Raines family for cooking on one of the nights as well!

To all of our amazing instructors a massive thank you.

This year we were also especially fortunate to have sponsorship from Mach Energy, Goodwoods Saddlery and Kohnke's Own Horse Supplements which was very much appreciated.

Last but not least, Merriwa Pony Club were delighted to celebrate their 75th birthday during the camp with a big birthday cake and special commemorative shirts for all the riders thanks to Mach Energy. A big shout out to life member Doris McRae for doing the cake cutting honours!

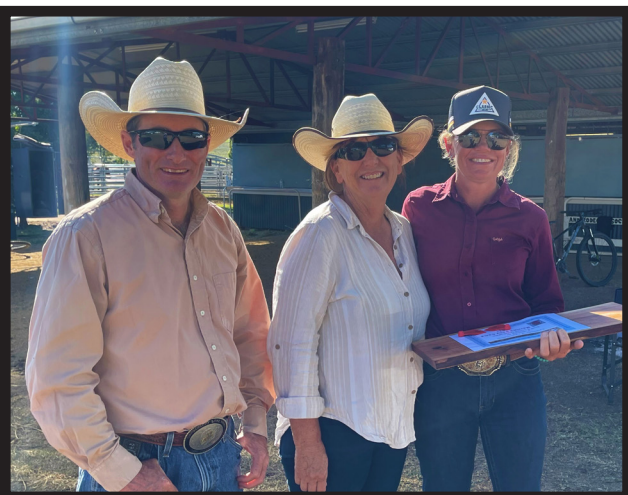
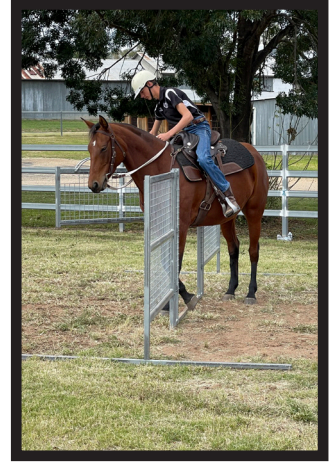
Lots of great memories were made that will no doubt last a life time.



**Tash Taffee**











# THE **COLLECTIVE**

Merriwa Sports Club  
24th of April  
7:30pm-close

# Field Day: Learn about Box-Gum Grassy Woodland & how to boost native pastures

Wednesday 5th May 2021 9:30am-2:30pm - Comialla Road, Cassilis



Come along to our FREE field day to find out about Box-Gum Grassy Woodlands and native pasture regeneration. You will hear from Graeme Hand, CEO of Stipa Native Grasses Association, and Paul Melehan, Upper Hunter Landcare Coordinator at Hunter Region Landcare about:

- *What is Box-Gum Grassy Woodland and why is it critically endangered?*
- *How to identify key plant species within Box-Gum Grassy Woodlands*
- *How to assess and regenerate native perennial pastures*
- *Rapid landscape function assessments and corrective actions*
- *How to determine pasture recoveries and stock densities to regenerate grasslands and soils*

RSVP by Monday 3rd May 2021 via the link below:

<https://hunterlls.wufoo.com/forms/what-is-boxgum-grassy-woodland/>

THIS EVENT IS COVID-19 SAFE.

Numbers are limited due to COVID-19 restrictions. All confirmed registrations will be required to complete a pre-event checklist and comply with COVID-19 requirements.

## Contact

Hunter Local Land Services

Catherine Conroy

[catherine.conroy@lls.nsw.gov.au](mailto:catherine.conroy@lls.nsw.gov.au)

Ph 0427 578 937

Morning tea and lunch provided (free)



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