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Cassilis hosts Biggest Morning Tea





Did you know that the recent rain can cause higher Termite activity! Have you had your House Inspected?

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FREE

A Walk Down Memory Lane



THOMAS HOGAN

A pen of gummy ewes were sold at a sheep sale, but despite being old and gummy, they were fat. An interested spectator chewing on a fat cigar, climbed into the pen, thrust his hands into the backs of the sheep and closely examined their mouths. He said to the auctioneer, that must be damn fine country where these gummy ewes came from, will they sell it? They went to the auctioneer's office and made a telephone call. A week later, 30000 acres of Brindley Park changed hands, the new owner being Thomas Hogan, a Victorian pastoralist. With the sale of that thousand gummy ewes, Merriwa entered upon a new era of prosperity, unexampled in the history of the state.

Coincidentally with the arrival of Thomas Hogan at Merriwa, there came a new stock inspector, Mr A Hessin. At the time, the Merriwa district was overrun with rabbits. The new stock inspector and directors of the local P P Board determined to wage war upon the pest in earnest. The stock inspector quickly made it known that non compliance with the Boards demands involved a costly penalty. His campaign was highly successful.

When Thomas Hogan took possession of Brindley Park, his original intention was to subdivide and



sell as he intended to do with other property he had purchased. He bought out Cullingral Pastoral Co, cut it up into half a dozen blocks and sold it up at a big profit. Riding over Brindley Park with it's manager (Mr J R Telfer, he came with the sale) the day he took over the property, he asked "Why did they sell the property, what's wrong with it?" Telfer's reply was "We want more water in the paddocks, and the rabbits cleared out?" Hogan's reply was "Right, do it, sink bores wherever you need them." When the job had been completed, (bores sunk, rabbits cleared), feed grew in abundance and cattle and sheep fattened as they never had done before. On the first anniversary of his purchase, Hogan again rode around with his manager, "Telfer" he said, "this place amazes me, I decided not to sell another acre of it." Two years later, Brindley Park fattened and dispatched



children attending Kindergarten to After School Care and Vacation Car www.cassilis-p.school.nsw.edu.au



Merriwa Central School

Principal's Report

Welcome back to Term 3, I hope the new term finds you safe and well. The new term brings a range of health challenges with the outbreak of COVID in metropolitan Sydney and the new measures for regional areas of NSW.

We are currently at Level 2 restrictions which mean the following:

School Based Learning: School for Merriwa Central School students resumed this week. All students are to be at school unless they are unwell. If your child has cold or flu like symptoms, please do not send them to school. If students present to school with cold or flu like symptoms, they are to go home, get a COVID test, and not return to school until they have a negative test reading. If your child has such symptoms that are in line with a separate health condition, please ensure that the school has full documentation of this from a medical practitioner, otherwise I will have to send them home. As we are on Level 2 Restrictions, I cannot offer flexible learning arrangements to students unless this need is outlined in writing by a medical practitioner in the interest of a student's existing health condition.

Parent drop-off: Parents are asked to drop children off outside the school, and not enter the school grounds. If parents need to attend the office please remember to wear a mask and check-in using our QR Code.

Wearing of Masks: This is a change within the COVID-Safe School Operations. Considering MCS is at Level 2 it is recommended that all students from Year 7 to 12, along with staff, wear a mask indoors. If your child would feel comfortable wearing a mask at school, and especially whilst learning indoors, they are recommended to do so. The school is going to be given a limited supply of disposable masks that I am hoping will arrive soon. However, if you are planning on having your child wear a mask at school, I appreciate your support in sourcing your own mask where possible.

Greater Sydney Contact: If any student has had either direct or indirect contact with people from Greater Sydney, they are still to attend school as normal, unless they have cold or flu **Excursions:** If your child is attending an excursion in the first few weeks of term, unless it is in the Greater Sydney Region, it is likely to go ahead. We are awaiting advice in regard to the primary zone athletics carnival scheduled for next week. If you have any concerns about any excursion, please contact the school. Please understand excursions are subject to change at any time.

Year 12 and the Trial HSC: I urge all of Year 12 to continue to prepare for the trial examinations. At this stage the trials will be going ahead and in the current situation I see no reason for them not to proceed.

Parent teacher interviews: At this stage parent teacher interviews will take place next Tuesday as scheduled. Please contact the office to make an appointment. We ask that parents wear masks when attending the interviews.

Thank you for support in continuing to follow the NSW Health and Education Department guidelines as you did in 2020. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

> Darren Noonan Principal

Coming Events

JULY	
Tuesday 20	Under 16's Netball@Dubbo
	Premiers Spelling Bee
	Challenge School Final Parent Teacher Interviews
Wednesday 21	Open Girls Netball@Dubbo
Friday 23	PBL Launch
Tuesday 27	Year 10 Parent Information
	Evening
Friday 30	Education Week Assembly

Deputy Principal's Report POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PBL) LAUNCH DAY

On Friday July 23 Merriwa Central School will be celebrating our PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) Launch Day. Students from Kinder-Year 12 will be participating in a range of activities including a colour run on the secondary campus. Participating students will need to pack a change of clothes to complete the colour run. A white shirt is recommended to show off the colours. A BBQ lunch will be provided. Unfortunately, due to COVID - 19 restrictions parents cannot attend this event. Any questions please contact Ms Kenaly at Merriwa Central School.

WHAT IS PBL?

It is a school-wide approach to help support, define, teach and reinforce positive behaviours of ALL students. The school-wide approach to discipline focuses on building a safe and positive environment in which all students can learn.

WHO IS PBL FOR?

PBL is for all schools, all students and all staff. PBL helps to make schools better places to live, work and learn. It does so by giving schools the tools to build comprehensive, school-wide systems that support academic and social emotional and behavioural learning for all students.

How will PBL help my child and their school?

- PBL supports schools to creative positive learning environments that promote wellbeing
- PBL helps schools deliver highest quality learning programs to improve student academic and behavioural learning.

The PBL framework assists schools to improve social, emotional, behavioural and academic outcomes for children and young people. A consultation process was undertaken to determine the whole school expectations. As a result of the consultation process Merriwa Central School whole school expectations are –

- Safe
- Respectful
- Learner

The PBL framework will be used to strengthen the existing systems, structures and processes within the school.

Sharon Kenaly Deputy Principal

Primary WELCOME BACK TO TERM 3 STUDENT OF THE WEEK – WEEK 10 TERM 2



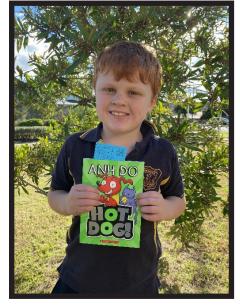
Ethan Chin for his dedication towards all learning

tasks.

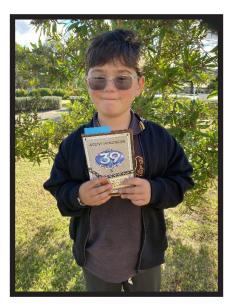
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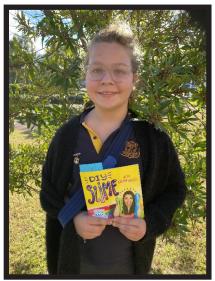
Blake Benson for returning his homework all this



Conner Mead for enthusiasm during music lessons and his beautiful singing.



Xzavier Sait for his enthusiasm and effort in spelling activities.



Paige Walker for exceptional work ethic across all key learning areas.



Matilda Clark for her dedication to all tasks and beautiful behaviour.

NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS

To celebrate NAIDOC week, on Thursday of week 10, last term, all our Primary students spent the day immersed in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture, art and history, whilst enjoying listening to indigenous musicians. A great day was had by all.









Peta Higgins Organiser of Primary Activities

EDUCATION WEEK ASSEMBLY

Due to COVID restrictions that are still in place, our annual Variety Night will not be able to go ahead. Instead we would like to invite Parents and Caregivers to attend our Education Week Assembly on Friday July 30 at 11:00am on the Primary Campus. Our students are busy preparing an item to share with you all and we are looking forward to welcoming you back in Term 3.

A note was sent home at the end of term 2 regarding student costumes. Students will require to bring them in by Week 2, Monday July 19. If you require further information please contact your child's class teacher or the coordinator, Mrs Morgan.

PREMIER'S SPELLING BEE

Last Term, 20 students from Years 3 to 6 competed in our school preliminary round of the Spelling Bee. Congratulations to all those students, and the eight who have made it to our final school round to be held early this term. One student from Year 3 and 4, and one from Year 5 and 6, will make it to the Regional Spelling Bee round.



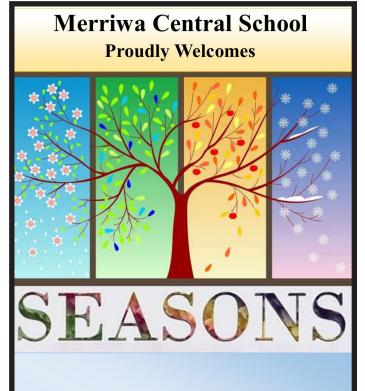




CAREER NEWS



Peta Higgins Spelling Bee Coordinator



Education Week Assembly Friday 30th July K-6 Primary Campus 11 AM

2021 Youth Literary Award (Norman McVicker Award)

Sponsored by: Norman McVicker's Estate. Young people up to 18 years old, are invited to submit their original literary work such as stories and poems. The scope of the work may contribute toward Australian literature or have Australiana contents i.e. all aspects about Australia, for example, life, aspirations, vision, current affairs, the bush, and so forth, but this is not a prerequisite. The work of Henry Lawson and others may provide guidelines but not limited to the style. Invention of new style, creativity or breaking the old boundaries are also key aspects of the award. Total Prize: \$2000 Entry Fee \$5, Entry close: 1st October 2021. For further information contact Mudaee Valley Writers FAW Po Box 356, Mudgee NSW 2850 https://mudgeevalleywriters. wordpress.com Email: j.baggett@bigpond.com

University Open days:

- Australian Catholic University, August 7 (Canberra campus) Virtual sessions, August 7-
- Australian National University, August 14
- University of Canberra, August 21
- University of New South Wales, August 21 (Canberra campus)
- University of Sydney Open Day | Saturday 28 August

Students can immerse themselves in University life, meet experts in their field and learn about study and admission options. Hosted on the Camperdown/ Darlington Campus and Online between 10am - 4pm. Register your interest for Open Day at https://www.sydney.edu. au/study/events-for-prospectivestudents/ undergraduate.html?campaign=2022_preferen ce&source=email&area=university&a=careersadvisor&type=

The 2022 Harding Miller Scholarship Applications are Open from July 15 until September 15

Each scholarship is valued at \$20,000 over four years from Years 9-12 and provides critical resources and support to enable our scholars to not only finish high school, but to reach their academic potential and build direct pathways to tertiary education. Applicants must be in year 8 in 2021 to apply and:

1) demonstrate high academic potential

2) are experiencing challenging socio-economic circumstances

If you are interested talk to your Year Advisor or Mrs Hegarty.

The Hachette Australia Prize for Young Writers -Closes 12 August 2021

The Hachette Australia Prize for Young Writers is a developmental award open to Australian secondary school-aged students across the nation.

The prize recognises writing excellence in three categories: Fiction, Creative Nonfiction and Poetry. Entries can include writing for readers of any age.

https://expressmedia.org.au/programs/ hachette-australia-prize/

UTS Virtual Reality Health Department Tour

https://vimeo.com/236559108

SEDA College NSW

SEDA College NSW have 5 full and 2-part scholarships for Year 11, 2022. The Currow Awards support: Students of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent; and/or Students from any background where one or both parents have not completed Year 12; and/or Students who are economically 0295184888 info@sedacollege. nsw.edu.au disadvantaged.

https://enquiry.sedacollege.nsw.edu.au/ student/apply

TAFE Real Futures Grant Scholarship - Closes 31 October - \$5,000.00

Areas: accounting and finance, business administration, business and management, health, medical and wellbeing

Eligibility Criteria: Available to students 18 years or older enrolled full-time and studying a certificate, diploma, degree or traineeship.

We know that real health for you and your family is only ever as good as the people who are providing it. And we know that finances are a key factor for families as well as insurance products and services. So with that in mind, we are helping to encourage the best people into the healthcare, business and finance industries by providing the Real Futures Grant.

https://www.realinsurance.com.au/real-futuresgrant

Business and Finance Snapshot

Which occupations in this industry are likely to have the largest employment growth over the next three years? Which TAFE NSW courses are popular for people looking to get into these job roles and how much can you earn?

https://www.tafensw.edu.au/ documents/60140/219174/Careers-Snapshot_ Business_and_Finance.pdf

Women for the Defence Forces

Across every one of our 200+ roles, the ADF offers excellent career opportunities for women. We champion equality and provide a uniquely supportive and inclusive workplace.

https://www.defencejobs.gov.au/about-theadf/women-in-the-adf/

> Jane Hegarty Careers Advisor

Ringer Deadline!

Please remember to place your articles

and advertisements into the

Merriwa Ringer

by Mondays, at 12.00 noon



St Joseph's Primary School

STAGE ONE

What a busy but enjoyable time Term 2 was! Students in Stage One learnt about a range of topics over Term 2 including athletics skills which were displayed at our annual athletics carnival, the properties of different materials and the wide range of celebrations and events across the world.

Throughout English in Term 2 students learnt all about informative texts before moving onto haiku and cinquain poems. Students created many intriguing and interesting poems which they enjoyed publishing on the computer. During Term 3, students will begin looking at persuasive texts and a range of persuasive devices which can be utilised to convince their audience of their intended point of view.

During our religion lessons in Term 2, students learnt all about the Hebrew Scriptures. This included learning about stories from the early Church such as Moses and the Red Sea. Following this, students began learning about the Sacrament of Baptism and the signs, symbols and rituals associated with Baptism. Beginning in Term 3, Stage One will be taking a deeper look into the various ways that prayer can be expressed and communicated.

VINNIES DAY

On the last Friday of Term 3, students celebrated Vinnies Day in honour of St Vincent De Paul. This day was combined with a celebration of the festival of the fleeces. The day began with a liturgy, followed by time spent in the classroom learning about and doing activities that relate to St Vincent De Paul and the wonderful work that the St Vincent De Paul Society do every day. Between lunch breaks, students were split into groups to participate in rotational activities run by the Stage 2 students. Some of the activities included sheep cookie decorating, art and craft, pin the tag on the sheep and novelty races. At the conclusion of the day, students were able to participate in and enjoy a range of talents presented during our St Joseph's got talent. There was an array of talent ranging from whip cracking, to a balancing act, to dancing, to rapping. Students were surprised by a performance of Dancing Queen by their teachers and principal.







ST JOSEPH'S JUNIOR CAMPDRAFT AND FETE

If you were fortunate enough to attend our annual Junior Campdraft and Fete on June 26, you would know that it was a fabulous day! We are very proud at St Joseph's, of our ability to work together to raise funds for the benefit of our students. A large number of riders with their families, travelled from near and far to compete. The appreciative audience watched on, as the riders worked the cattle using a combination of skills and talents, whilst in Ring 2 the riders impressed all with their sporting abilities.

St Joseph's would like to thank all the riders for supporting our draft, your ongoing participation is appreciated. As you know, these types of events are the result of many months of meetings, organisation and hard work. From the sourcing of the cattle, to the countless administration tasks – it is very much a team effort. The St Joseph's community is sincerely grateful to our parents, friends of the school and businesses that have supported the draft. Complementing the campdraft, the fete was also a great success. Visitors were treated to a variety of stalls, adding a country market vibe to the day. The most successful stall run by the Stage 3 students was by far the Pie in the face competition. Staff at St Joseph's were all participants in our Pie in the Face contest, with Miss Brazier taking out the lead and taking many

pies to the face. St Joseph's staff, students and their families express our deep appreciation to all that donated, worked, competed and visited on the day.



WEEKLY AWARDS

Congratulations to the following award winners.

Week 1 Strength Award - Honesty

Kindergarten - Bradley Hanrahan - for his loving and pure-hearted comments and insights in religion lessons

Paddy Armstrong - for always being honest and a role model

Stage 1 - Charlie Constable - for his continuous improvements and positive attitude towards his writing

Annabelle Marshall – for always being her honest self through her actions with her peers

Stage 2 - Isabel Williams – for her impressive multi-modal healthy eating advertisement

Hudson Wallace - for having the courage to speak the truth

Stage 3 - Chad Booth - for being honest and setting goals and achieving them

Rihanna Hunt - for outstanding effort in the Regional Athletics Carnival

Principal's Awards:

Rihanna Hunt – for her improved writing over the term

Tommy Booth – for his improved attitude to learning.

Mr Ashley Borg Principal

Merriwa Ringer



Cassilis Public School

We were very excited about seeing all our students back today ready for another great term of learning.

In the last week of Term 2, students, staff and families celebrated another great term full of engaging and challenging learning and thinking about how we can keep ourselves happy most of the time.

Congratulations to all students for their efforts and achievements.

The following students received awards at assembly:



Levi Anderson -Principal's Award for his impressive effort in all learning activities and for is wonderful smile. **Digby Piper** - Merit Award for increased communication and word building skills.

PBL Bronze Awards were earned by Gordie, Ben and Levi.



The assembly also provided an opportunity to say farewell and thank you to Mrs Cunningham and to welcome Mrs Witton. Both these ladies have been working together over the past two weeks to help with a smooth transition.

During the assembly, students read their favourite piece of writing aloud.

My trap has claw arms that picks up rabbits and spits them over the fence. Levi

The rat eats a piece of pie from the plate and then it quickly shuts. Tarsha

We must not have a long weekend every week because we have to go to school to learn as much as we can. Cooper

I engineered a control panel that opens the gates and then shuts it and locks it. When we go hunting it is a pain to get the gate. We have to get 4 or 5 gates. It even unlocks padlocks and even unwires gates. Paul

My invention is made to capture and throw rabbits over the fence. I made it by using wood and an old race car string, motor, wheels plastic and fireworks. It works like a catapult to propel them and then they are too petrified to return. Ben



TarshaDunneMerit Award for herdedication to writingusingdevelopingunderstandingofsoundshandwriting.



Peggy was a little hen. She lived in a quiet street in a little house of her own in the backyard. A great gust of wind sent her to the city, and she saw some sunflowers that reminded her of home. She followed them to a train the sunflowers got off the train, so Peggy got off as well when she got off, they were going pigging then the pigs led her home again. Skye

The Husqvarna got bogged in the sand. The king was riding the Husqvarna. Digby

My invention is electronic arms at the doorway of the sports shed so no one has to go inside the shed to make it messy. When someone wants something there will be a button and a little voice box to tell it what you want from the sports shed. It will instantly get the toy you want to play with, and you can have fun with the toy. Olivia

My invention is to help mum because she works hard at home and in town.

It does the dishes, cleans the house and does the washing. I will make another invention to help outside I will use different things it will mask mum. My invention will also wake us up. I will try some different inventions too. It will be fun it also makes dinner sweeps the house and wipes the bench it helps mum out a lot with stuff. I want to invent a birthday engineer for dad. Skylah



Congratulations and well done to Mrs Nairne and her fabulous team of helpers for holding a very successful community morning tea.

Thank you to everyone who baked, attended and donated money. \$310.00 was raised for the Cancer Council.





AWESOME SHIRT BEN!

DRUMS! DRUMS! DRUMS!

his new shirt arrived in the mail. The cost of the shirt was shared between Ben's parents, the P and C and the school.

Our Year 6 student, Ben, was very excited when Students enjoyed their first djembe drum lesson. More learning and playing will happen next term.

A great keepsake of his final year at Cassilis.



Katie Burgess Principal



Anglican News Phone: 0429 996 769

REFLECTION - PENTECOST 8 - Mark 6:30-34

The Gospel today is the one I recommend to all teachers as the basis for their own spirituality. Look carefully at what Jesus feels and what he does. We are told, 'He had compassion for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd'. In my years as a secondary teacher I often felt this way about my students. Underneath the brash ways of teenagers, the ring through the eyebrow, the strange hairstyle, can lie a deep sense of being lost, of being vulnerable, of being overwhelmed by the complex life they now find themselves being part of and contributing to. They are 'like sheep without a shepherd', leaderless. What adult would really like to navigate those yearsagain?

The Gospel then gives us Jesus response, 'and he set himself to teach them.' We know from the previous verse that he teaches with compassion. He teaches not to show how much he knows, or to brainwash, but to offer the crowd a way out of the experience of being lost. Jesus' teaching is his greatestgift, perhaps more important than his miracles. Having nourished the crowd with his teaching, Jesus nourishes with bread. Even those who are not professional teachers can experience themselves in a 'shepherding' role whenever they show someone how to do something, provided they are motivated by compassion and not arrogance; provided their teaching is genuinely educative and not an opportunity to 'put down'. This image of Jesus as the 'Good Shepherd' is a model for teachers, for parents and all who exercise Christian ministry. (From 'Sundays Under the Southern Cross' by Mary Coloe PBVM)

Love and blessings, from Rev Pat

DIARY DATES

10.00am - Sundays second and fourth Sundays Eucharist at Holy Trinity

10.00am - First and third Sundays Morning Prayer at Holy Trinity

10.00am - Friday Eucharist at Holy Trinity

11.00am - Friday Extended Eucharist at MPS or Hostel alternating

Saturday July 31 at 12noon for 1.00pm -Christmas In July at the Parish Hall. Cost will be \$30.00 adults and children under 18 \$10.00 (unless things change). Tickets available from Di's Clothing Patch.

Rev Pat Kirkby

Merriwa Surgery

For all your medical needs

Opening hours

Monday to Friday 8.30am -5.30pm

Closed for lunch 12.30pm to 1.30pm daily

For bookings please call the surgery on 02 6548 2305

Merriwa Surgery would like to advise Dr Jasem will be on leave from July 15, 2021 until September 6, 2021. For those that are concerned Dr Jasem is returning following his leave and will continue to provide ongoing healthcare to the community.

During this time Dr Plaskitt will be in the practice three days per week working Monday's through to Wednesday's, unfortunately the surgery will need to be closed for one week during Dr Jasem's leave commencing Monday August 9, 2021 through to Sunday August 15, 2021.

Dr Shashi who has been with us for the last six months has chosen not to stay and extend his contract, Merriwa Surgery would like to wish Dr Shashi all the best in his future and career and thank him for the time he has spent with us.

As of September 1, 2021, we would like to advise changes to our billing, we have previously been a Bulk Billing practice, this is no longer feasible for the practice and changes to mixed billing will commence in September, this means that unless you hold a pensioner concession card or are a child Under 16 years, there will be a fee for your consultation. These fee's will be available in the surgery in the coming weeks.

Please note above the change in lunch break times during Dr Jasem's leave and while Dr Plaskitt is here. The above closed lunch break will be in place starting August 9, 2021. Please be patient with our telephone system and messages as the current telephone message does not reflect our changes.

Merriwa Surgery continue with our Covid vaccination clinics, please phone reception for more information.

Dr Emad Jasem

Merriwa Ringer

Comunity Notice Board Holy Trinity Guild CHRISTMAS IN JULY

The Holy Trinity Guild are happy to announce they will be holding Christmas in July at the Parish Hall On Saturday July 31.

For those interested in attending, more information will be supplied closer to the date.

I would like to thank and congratulate the amazing people that are behind our local VRA. These people do an amazing job and have been kept quite busy of late. Thank you for your amazing work.

Hylt Cronin

In Memorv

In Loving memory of

ANTHEA WRIGHT 18.07.16

Memories - Louise Bailey

I feel a warmth around me, like your presence is so near.

And I close my eyes to visualise

your face when you were here. I endure the times we spent together, and they are locked inside my heart. As long as I have those memories, we will never be apart.

Even though we cannot speak anymore, your voice is always there,

because every night before I sleep,

I have you in my prayer.

Love always Julie, Megan, Jam, Cabba, Mum and Dad

Joan Morgan



We are calling out for donations of Formal and

Interview Wear. This will then be given back free for those

This will then be given back tree for those in need for job interviews or for the formal season.

Drop of points:

Aberdeen – Aroma Delights Merriwa – Youth Centre and Resource Centre Muswellbrook – QEII Building Scone – Neighbourhood Resource Centre

The Merriwa Community News is available to charity groups or nonfunded, 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.



2329 Ph: 02 6549 8204 Email: dg_merriwa@elders.com.au **Roger Saunders - Branch Manager** 0428 842 477 Experts to assist you with all aspects of your farm business including livestock, wool, grain, farm supplies, technical services, water and financial services. Servicing Merriwa and Surrounds. New/

Community Notice Board

Merriwa-Cassilis Alliance

MERRIWA-CASSILIS ALLIANCE (MCA)/ CENTRAL-WEST ORANA RENEWABLE ENERGY ZONE (REZ) TRANSMISSION PROJECT

Background: TransGrid are planning to build two high voltage 500KV power lines, an electricity superhighway 180km long, through productive farming land which runs from Merriwa North West towards Cassilis and then south of Dunedoo towards Wellington. Environmental Impact Statements are planned to start in October this year and construction early 2023.

This project is linking renewable energy (wind and solar) generated to the west and connecting it to the main grid. It is part of the Central-West Orana REZ. The project has been declared Critical State Significant Infrastructure. In other words the private landholders have no choice. It has to be built for the good of the wider community.

Update on MCA activities to date;

MCA support the goal of delivering renewable energy for the Govt. What we oppose is the LOCATION of the proposed study corridor. Transgrid's five transmission study corridor options all included biophysical strategic agricultural land (BSAL) on the Merriwa - Cassilis Plateau.

We represent 100 impacted private landowners, farming families, who live within or close by to Transgrid's proposed corridor of transmission lines between Merriwa and Cassilis.

Our group, the Merriwa Cassilis Alliance, are supported by 95% of landowners on this proposed corridor.

To ensure stakeholder consultation the Central-West Orana REZ Transmission Project has a newly formed Landholder Working Group. The first workshop between representatives from Transgrid, Department of Planning Industry and Environment (DPIE), NSW Farmers and Merriwa-Cassilis Alliance (MCA) took place at Merriwa on June 10, 2021. The workshop was a reasonable start to achieving the agreed objective of the working group; - Investigate, explore, and evaluate all alternative transmission study corridors, including investigating corridors on public land, mining land and following existing infrastructure.

Key Points;

There were key senior management represented from Transgrid and DPIE at workshop 1 which is imperative to ensuring the working group can instigate change.

Encroachment on agricultural land of the Central West-Orana Renewable Energy Zone and the associated transmission infrastructure is concerning; specifically between Uarbry and Merriwa. Need for agricultural landowner representation and genuine consultation in the planning and development of this transmission project and a potential new Hunter REZ.

Actions;

Transgrid and DPIE to investigate in detail the opportunities for alternative corridors in the mining land on the southern and western side of the National Park; where there are three mining companies that own approx. 52,000ha between Uarbry and Wollar for workshop 2. They all join and run from the proposed corridor at Uarbry to the Wollar substation.

Attached is some more information and maps of the REZ and AEMO plan. If you require further information or quotes please contact either President Peter Campbell or myself. MCA would appreciate reviewing a draft copy of this article prior to publishing.

Heidi Inder

Heart to Heart in Cassilis

Following on from the great response we had for the Heart to Heart session in Merriwa, we are running another one in Cassilis!

This is for anyone who would like to be better informed about what domestic violence is and how to support someone in this situation. Hear from experts working in this field from Upper Hunter Homeless Support and our local DV Liaison officer followed by a question and answer session afterwards.

Friday July 23 from 12.30pm at Cassilis Community Hall. Light lunch provided.

RSVP to Anne-Maree Nairn on wok.annie@ bigpond.com or call Community Services Officer Tash Taaffe on 0458 574 015 or email ttaaffe@ upperhunter.nsw.gov.au

Tash Taaffe

Business Merriwa Newsagency Australian geographic travel

Australia's quiet places; go off the beaten track with the best travel guides. This is a special edition dedicated to travelling within Australia. This is a carefully curated collection of destinations and experiences with a focus on lesser known regional and remote areas and the unique communities that make them tick. Australia is experiencing a home tourism boom like nothing seen before and as travel confidence returns we are being urged to spread the love and visit places we haven't been to before. Also included in this issue is the Adventurers and Dreamers Wall Map of Australia. Pick up a copy to help plan your next trip!

WELLBEING POSITIVE LIVING WITH DIABETES

 Diabetes is not a trivial condition, by definition it is high blood sugar but it can be controlled if one is willing to make life affirming decisions and take positive steps. The disease is growing in epidemic proportions around the world largely due to the nature of our modern lifestyle. In this issue read about sugar and sweeteners, find out about fructose and look at herbs to lower blood sugar. Also how to read labels, super supplement guide and weight loss tips.

WOMEN'S WEEKLY PIE MAKER

• Fantastic recipes, savoury and sweet, classic to creative! From 'Thai chicken curry pies' or 'turkey cranberry pies' to 'easy cookies and cream pies' or why not try 'chocolate fudge caramel pies'. Perfect for a snack and just right for cold weather. It's all here in this great recipe book!

HOMESPUN

• Crochet for beginners and beyond; it's more than hooks and yarns. Try one or all 15 fun patterns, such as slouchy beanies, bias blocks blanket and a chunky cardigan. Learn how to swatch and how to get the right tension. So many tips and great ideas in this crafty crochet magazine!

COUNTRY STYLE

• The good life; moving to the country special. This issue covers the good, the not so good and the funny. Beautiful wide open spaces, awful mouse plagues and waiting for Telstra, some large issues and some small ones!

A TWIGSEEDS MOMENT

Life is short, break the rules, forgive quickly, kiss slowly, love truly, laugh uncontrollably and never forget anything that makes you smile.

BEANIE BOO

My name is Nina

All day I like to dance, in a pretty pink tutu, watch me prance.

My birthday is September 22.

PHONECARDS: All cards are now available including Telstra, Optus and Vodafone. Cash and Eftpos only.

Leanne and Neville Hook and the newsXpress

Elders Merríwa

Elders Merriwa phone number has changed! Please update your records with our new number 02 6549 8200. We no longer have a fax so any correspondence can be sent to our branch via email dg_merriwa@elders.com.au.

Fiona Morgan



Merriwa Ringer

Upper Hunter Shire Council

IMPROVED ROAD SAFETY BETWEEN SCONE AND MERRIWA

Motorists travelling from Scone to Merriwa will experience safer travelling conditions following the completion of road work along a number of sections along the MR 62, in the coming months.

The sections of work include Bunnan Bridge to Kars Springs Road, Gibbergunyah Road, near Sophia Creek to Ashbrook Road, and Ollerton Drive to Sophia Creek Road.

The speed limit has been reduced to 40km/h within the roadwork zones.

Upper Hunter Shire Council, Mayor, Maurice Collison said road users are reminded that this speed limit is there for the safety of both motorists and workers.

"We are urging locals to stick to the limits within these zones, please be reminded that these speed limit are enforceable by law," Mayor Collison said.

Upper Hunter Shire Council staff will continue to monitor the road conditions and worksites, making adjustments where possible to keep motorists and workers safe.

"Council and staff would like to thank all motorists for their corporation and understanding, during the roadwork period."

JUNE COUNCIL MEETING UPDATE

MR358 TENDER

A confidential report was presented in relation to the selection of tenderers to be pre-registered for the rehabilitation of Coulsons Creek Road.

These include Daracon Group Pty Ltd, Ditchfield Contracting Pty Ltd, KCE Pty Ltd and Robson Civil Projects Pty Ltd.

COMMUNITY DONATIONS

Council has supported the following requests for community donations:

- 1. \$200.00 to Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service Scone Support Group
- 2. Up to \$200.00 to Merriwa Central School towards the hire of Merriwa School of Arts for Variety Night event
- 3. \$200.00 to Hunter Valley Ranch Sorting towards hiring the Merriwa Showgrounds for Dolly's Dream fundraising event

- 4. \$200.00 to Scone Arts and Crafts Committee
- 5. \$200.00 to St Joseph's Primary School Merriwa P and F Association towards fees for the Merriwa Showgrounds for the St Joseph's Primary School Merriwa Junior Campdraft and Fete Day.

DELIVERY PROGRAM AND OPERATIONAL PLAN APPROVED FOLLOWING COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Council has adopted the Delivery Program 2017/2018-2021/2022 and Operational Plan 2021/2022, after amending some elements of the program and plan to the draft, following feedback from the community.

GRANT APPLICATIONS

Council has endorsed the following projects to be put forward as grant submissions under the The NSW Resources for Regions Program - Round 8.

The funding program provides support to communities across regional NSW impacted by mining.

Council has been allocated \$1.084m of funding and will be putting forward the following projects:

- Bill Rose Sport Complex Masterplan
- White Park Business Plan
- Campbell's Corner Business Plan
- Merriwa and Murrurundi Transfer Stations
- Roadworks Scone Industrial Area

Visit upperhunter.nsw.gov.au to view the full Council meeting overview.

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
- Public toilet maintenance
- Capital works tree planting
- Bunnan Bridge to Kars Springs construction works
- Bettington Street footpath
- Cassilis Community Hall, construction works
- Driver Reviver ongoing works
- Golden Highway, road maintenance

- Golden Highway patching works and
 guardrail installation.
- Maintenance Grading Middle Creek Road
- Action requests as required

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

- MR214
- MR618

Hannah White

Where There's A Will



An outbreak of wellbeing is expected in Merriwa in coming months with the Where there's a Will foundation releasing ten 'Wellbeing Superspreaders' into the community.

The official identity of the Superspreaders will be revealed from next Monday July 19 via @ merriwawellbeingsuperspreaders on Instagram and Facebook.

Until then, these Wellbeing Superspreaders will only be know as: 'The Legend', 'The Go-Getter', 'The Rescuer', 'The Flash', 'The Motivator', 'The Dynamo', 'The BBQ Queen', 'The Doer', 'The Champion', 'The Nourisher'

Regular updates will be provided on the Merriwa Wellbeing Superspreader social platforms showcasing the steps they are taking to achieve wellbeing. In order to maximise the contagion effect the entire Merriwa community is being asked to start following their progress.

The Wellbeing Superspreaders will work with a Wellbeing Coach from the beginning of August and will move through the community aiming to infect as many people as possible. Merriwa residents are being asked to monitor friends, family and work colleagues for signs and symptoms like:

- greater happiness
- improved physical health
- better relationships

less stress and improved coping in the workplace

The Superspreaders all boast a broad network across Merriwa and have been recruited to the task based on a demonstrated commitment to helping others.

The release of Wellbeing Superspreaders into the community is a part of the Where there's a Will foundation's mission to create 'herd immunity' against mental ill health and follows a successful trial of Wellbeing Superspreaders in Scone.

"Covid 19 means we're all become familiar with terms like clusters and outbreaks and superspreaders for negative reasons, we're applying the same approach but aiming for positive outcomes with regards to mental health and wellbeing," said WTAW founder and Patient Zero Pauline Carrigan.

"We've just completed a Wellbeing Superspreader project in Scone with all those involved now reporting to be at high to optimum levels of wellbeing. They all became super 'Superspreaders' infecting family and friends and sharing their experiences at a range of events across the community.

"With Merriwa being such a tight knit community, we've got very high hopes for what can be achieved there.

"The Merriwa Wellbeing Superspreaders are a seriously great group of people - they are our neighbours, our workmates and our friends – and they're all volunteering their time because they want to help the people of Merriwa thrive and flourish. We can't wait to unveil who they are!"

Funding for the project has come from the Central Coast Hunter New England Primary Health Network.

Polly Yuille

Ringer Deadline!

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Merriwa Rotary our club changeover

Our Club meeting of July 6 was the Annual Changeover Dinner. COL BATES handed over the club presidency to ROBERT GOODEAR.



- The club has been involved in many diverse activities during the past twelve months, including
- The Drought Recovery Day at the Showground
- The Variety Bash for children's' charity, on its visit to Merriwa.....a massive food and drinks undertaking for our club.
- The Angus Peebles Scholarship
- Seating and tables at the Rotary Playgrounds.....to serve the ever increasing numbers using the park
- Catering at the Australia Day barbecue at the Sports Club and later in the day, doing more catering at the Merriwa Pool.
- The Seniors Day at the Parish Hall.
- Being part of the effort to supply hay to devastated farms on the Manning
- Donating fruit to the Pre School.
- Barbecuing (again) at the Woolbrook sale.

These are only some of the activities of our Club during the past year.

Cash donations have been made as our club closes its year to

- Variety, the Childrens' Charity \$1,200.00
- Rotary Foundation
 \$780.00
- Westpac Rescue Helicopter \$2,000.00

- Merriwa Rescue Squad
- Cassilis School
- Merriwa Pre-school
- St Joseph's Primary School
- Merriwa Central School Primary
- Merriwa Central School, Secondary

Each of the above\$1,000.00

Our thanks to all who have supported our activities during the past twelve months.

A final note.....Rotary Merriwa needs new members...male and female.

Any potential member is welcome to come along to a Rotary dinner meeting. Just contact a Merriwa Rotarian should you like to sample Rotary in action.

Mark Smith

Ringer Deadline!

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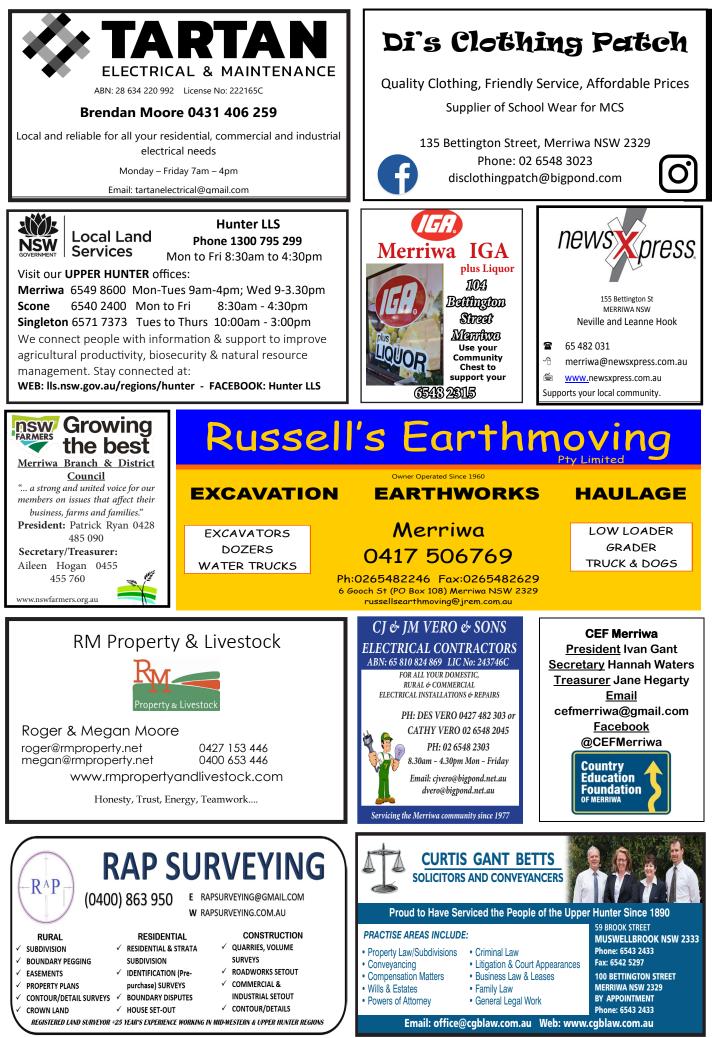
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Clubs/Sports Merriwa RSL Club

The Friday night Members Lucky Badge 7.00pm draw for \$140.00 was won the number was 67, This week it jackpots to

\$160.00.

The 8.30pm Members Badge draw worth \$1150.00 was not won the number was 43, this week it jackpots to \$1200.00.

The 9.00pm Members Badge draw for \$420.00 was not won the number was 375, this week it jackpots to \$440.00. LTPS/19/36118

The Sunday Members Badge Draw for \$1100.00 was not won last week the number was 338, this week it jackpots to \$1050.00 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.

Nominations for Board of Directors will open on July 16 and close on August 1, 2021.

Voting will commence on August 27 and close September 5, 2021.

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, and after three months we have donated \$1899.00.

Dine and Discover vouchers – please register and download or print your vouchers and use them before they expire on August 31, 2021. If you don't have a smart phone or computer, contact the local Service NSW department at the UHSC Merriwa office.

Saturday nights-free juke box, pool comp\$100.00 first prize, \$5.00 schooners and House spirits. From 6.00pm till 10.00pm.

Courtesy Bus – the clubs courtesy bus if available for pickups on Friday's from 5.30pm (you must book by ringing club), with drop offs at 9.15pm and 10.00pm.

HAPPY HOURS

Friday 5.30pm to 7.30pm

Saturday 6.00pm to 10pm

Bistro hours – lunch Thursday – Sunday 12/2.00pm, Dinner Monday – Thursday 5.30/7.30pm Friday -Saturday 5.30/8.00pm.

Matt Morgan

Merriwa Sports Club

STATE OF ORIGIN

What's better than a good game of State of Origin? Origin on the BIG SCREEN, hot dogs and the chance to win money! The Merriwa Sports Club will be playing the game on the big screen and will be supplying hot dogs. Doubles are also on sale for \$1.00, match the two first try scorers and you win \$100.00.

SATURDAY NIGHT RAFFLES

Come along and enjoy our Saturday night raffles, ten meat trays, two fruit and veg trays, an IGA voucher, cleaning pack and a snack pack up for grabs. The trays and packs are amazing, thanks to Merriwa IGA and Max's Country Cuts. Raffle begins at 7.30pm. The members draw was drawn on Saturday night, member was not present so the badge draw jackpots to \$775.00 this week. Drawn anytime between 6.30pm and 8.30pm, you must be there to win.

HAPPY HOURS

Friday 5.00-7.00pm

Saturday - ALL DAY! That's right, all day happy hours. \$5.00 schooners, house spirits and wine. ALL Day. Happy Satdy everyone.

POOL AND DARTS COMPETITION

We have had a great few weeks of darts, with a new winner every week. Join us for pool and darts on Thursday nights. Names in by 6.00pm. \$5.00 entry for each competition, winner takes all.

CLUBS OPENING HOURS

Mondays to Friday 3.30pm to close Saturdays to Sundays 12.00pm to close

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.

DRAG SHOW

The Drag Show has been postponed, date to be confirmed.

2021/22 MEMBERSHIPS

Membership renewals for 2021/22 have been sent out, keep an eye in the post for your renewal. From July 1 the 2021/22 member numbers will be used for our members draw so make sure you remember to renew for your chance to win!

Brendan Cowell

MERRIWA WOMENS BOWLS

Coolah Friendship Day is on Tuesday July 27. Box draw triples.

Morning tea will be at 9.30am to 10.00am.

Names to be placed on the board at the Merriwa Sports Club or given to Loretta Cooper on 0428 482 679 by July 23.

Loretta Cooper

Merriwa Rugby League Football Club

Round 8 saw Magpies take on Murrurundi at home, Monarch Blues tag score 26-10 to Murrurundi.

Players Player: Taylah Blackadder

In the Reserve Grade, Merriwa defeated Murrurundi 56-4.

Players Player: Braydon Burgess

Round 9, we travelled to Denman.

Monarch Blues tag, Merriwa defeated Denman 54-0.

Players Player: Brodie McMillan

In the Reserve Grade, Merriwa came away with another win, 24-4.

Players Player: Ben Warr

Round 10 was a split round, Reserve Grade headed to Greta, with a close win 10-6 to the Magpies.

Players Player: Braydon Burgess

Merriwa Ringer

And the Monarch Blues tag, we headed to Singleton, coming away with the win, a close score 14-10.

Players Player: Brodi Hollier

Our next 4 rounds will all be home game. The next one being, Merriwa v Singleton on Saturday July 17.

Come and support the mighty Magpies.

Sponsors round is fast approaching on Saturday July 24, an email has been sent to all sponsors in regards to the day. We would love to see you all there, cheering on the Magpies.

We are also after the team from 1981, we would like you all to come along to our last home game on Saturday August 14, we will be having a jersey auction after the game at the Merriwa RSL club.

Let's go Magpies

Jessyca Morgan

Merriwa Junior Rugby League Football Club

Round 10 saw no games for our league tag girls but our league teams played, heading off to Aberdeen to play.

A week off for holidays and then back into Round 11 which saw both league and tag teams head to Denman to play. All the kids enjoyed their games after a weekend off.

With the current restrictions in place for regional NSW due to the recent outbreak of COVID 19 All Junior League football clubs were given rules and regulations that had to be set in place in order for our season to continue.

An Important reminder that all scheduled training sessions and official games fall under the category of "Organised outdoor events".

Therefore, as advised by NSW Rugby League, the following regulations apply:

- Essential persons only, to attend
- Arrive/leave as close to start/finish time as possible
- Face masks must be worn at ALL times by ALL non-players in attendance
- Players are not required to wear a face

however, they are asked to wear one at all other times

- Coaches/team managers are required to record player attendance
- COVID check-in must be completed by ALL non-players in attendance, using QR code
- Physical social distancing must be adhered to, ie. 1.5 meters apart (this does not apply to players whilst training/playing)
- If you are unwell, DO NOT attend!

Your compliance, cooperation and understanding is very much appreciated!

Let's all do what we can to ensure our Jnr Magpies can see the season through!

Thank you to our wonderful committee, volunteers, coaches, League Safe, team managers, parents and most importantly our invaluable sponsors.

Brooke Marchese and Amanda Tudor

UNDER 6'S BLACK

The Sparrows Nest Player of the Week for Round 10 went to Bradley Hanrahan who had some solid runs and tackled hard as he does every week.

UNDER 6'S WHITE

Cassilis Park Player of the Week for Round 10 went to Liam Hackett who had another great game and has come in leaps and bounds since the beginning of the season.

The Cassilis Park Player of the Week for Round 11 went to Maggie Urso.

UNDER 7'S

The Craig MacPherson Haulage Player of the Week for Round 10 went to Kayden Milgate.

The Craig MacPherson Haulage Player of Week for Round 11 went to CJ Thompson.

UNDER 9'S

The Cory and David Vero Player of the Week for Round 10 went to Daniel Olsen.

The Cory and David Vero Player of the Week for Round 11 went to Oliver Reid.

UNDER 11'S

The Eat@153 Player of the Week for Round 10 went to Lachlan Munn.

mask whilst participating in training/game The Eat@153 Player of the Week for Round 11 went to Toby Mead.

GIRLS LEAGUE TAG

UNDER 12'S

The Welderup Player of the Week for Round 11 went to Paige Carrall.

UNDER 14'S

The Merriwa Engineering Player of the Week for Round 11 went to Rachael Hunt.

UNDER 16'S

The LJ and CA Constable Earthmoving Player of the Week for Round 11 went to Brooklyn Blackadder.

A Walk Down Memory Lane WITH JAMES CONSTABLE

to market in 12 months, no less than 13000 fat cattle and many thousand fat sheep. Following that, an average output was maintained at over 500 fat cattle a month.Normally, stock were sent to sales at Homebush but they were now also sent to Flemington markets in Victoria where Brindley Park cattle continually topped the sales, so sought after they were by buyers. Border Leicester sucker lambs were also in high demand. Week after week, trains of 32 trucks pulled out of Merriwa for Melbourne laden with fats from the district, the majority of which came off Brindley Park.

A journalist in Merriwa for the inaugural 1928 Rodeo, was told by the old hands that Merriwa was now known far and wide as a noted centre for fattening cattle, but it was not until the advent in the distict of Mr Thomas Hogan, the owner of Brindley Park, that Merriwa became known to the outside world. Thomas Hogan put Merriwa on the map.

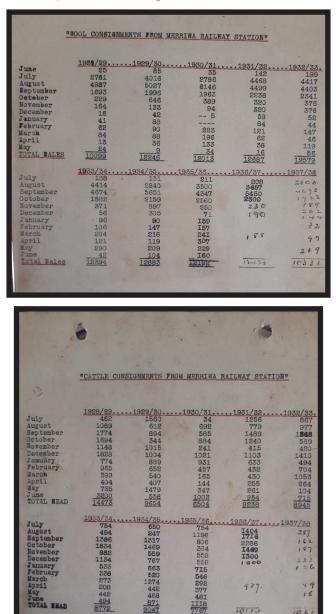
Land surplus to Hogan's needs were sold off to new settlers arriving in the district. Cullingral to Thomas Bryden McFarlane, Pembroke to the Vincent family, part of Cullingral to Penny Leitch, part of Gundibri to Ron Smith, another part to Jim Elder, Lionel Whitelaw a part of Cullingral and Mick Fairfax took over Tarnuk on December 29, 1928. Mick started his working life in 1927 as a jackeroo for Tom McFarlane on Cullingral.

Thomas Hogan died about August 27, 1940. Under the terms of his will, a trust account to manage his £150000 estate to pay annual amounts to four hospitals, Merriwa and Deniliquin in NSW and two hospitals in Victoria, Kyneton and Wangaratta.

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In the Mudgee Guardian dated 13th September 1945 that Merriwa hospital was receiving £500. A payment is made annually to the hospital.

Information is sourced from several newspapers, also from a history written by Mick Fairfax from the Alker family and railway totals and photos courtesy of Arthur Wright.





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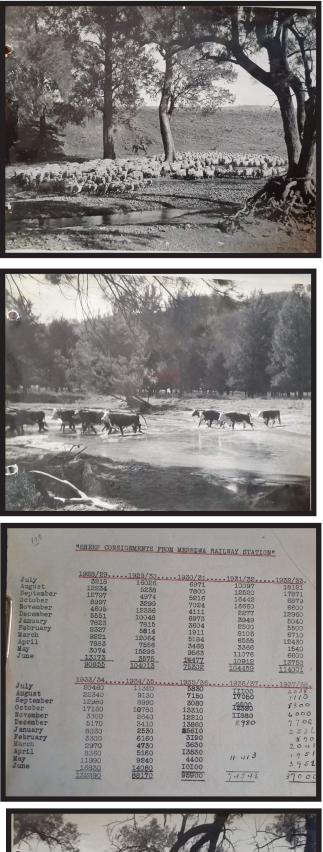
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17 Branksome Street, Cassilis





2023sqm Situated on (approx) and backing onto the river (the land is not flood prone), in the quiet village of Cassilis, this is a peaceful spot to escape the hustle and bustle of the City. The home has two bedrooms plus a sleepout. A lounge with combustion fire and R/C air. A laminex kitchen with a new stove. Main bathroom and a

second toilet. The home is solid but in need of cosmetic work. Outside the yard is big and flat with a single bay shed. There is easy access to the river. In walking distance to the shop and historic pub it is a perfect spot to escape.

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