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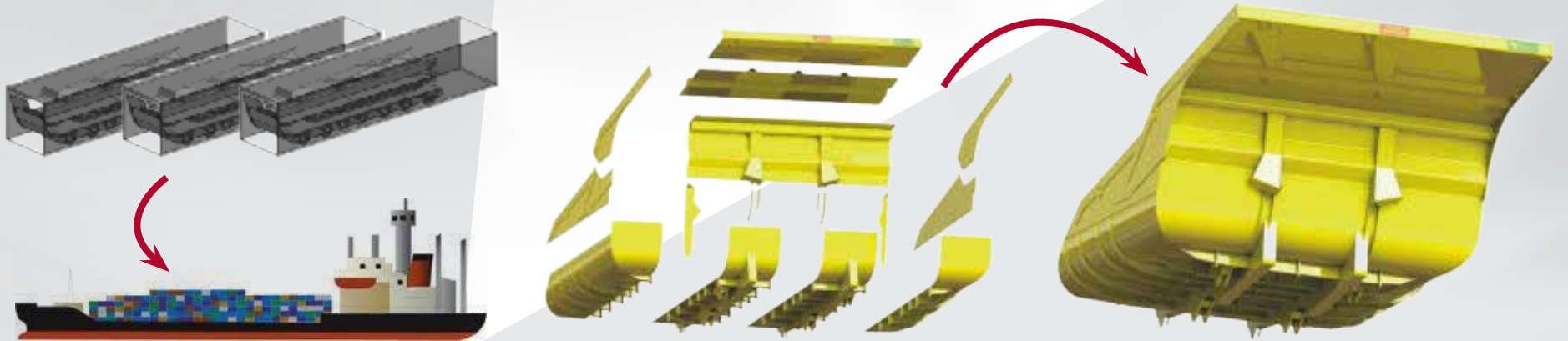
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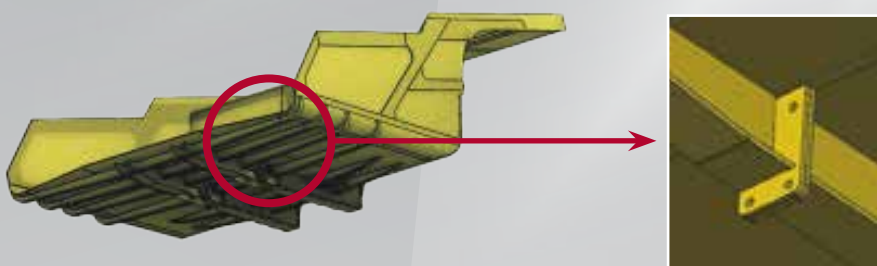


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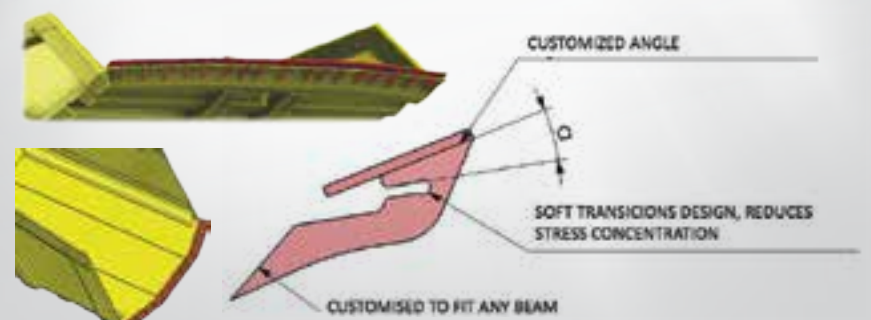
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# PEOPLE POWER

THIS MONTH IT'S ALL ABOUT THE PEOPLE WHO MAKE UP OUR INDUSTRY.

From operator Dan Wilson who is fast approaching his dream of making it on the big screen, to political hopeful and passionate coal advocate John Murray, to supermum and shovel operator Kelly Hitchcock. These are just a few of the stories this month of the inspiring and diverse people in our industry.

This month also sees us pay tribute to all those killed on our coalfields at our district's annual memorial service. We also give thanks that no new names were added to the wall this year and hope that no name need ever be added again. And it's not just at the coalface that our miners gave their lives, our history

page features the story of miner who gave his life in the Great War.

We have all the details on the very first Energy Innovation and Mining Expo (eIMEx) which is on at Gunnedah from November 1 to 3. Make sure you save the date for this must-see event.

New this month is our feature pages on equipment. Due to reader request these pages will now be a monthly feature so we would love to know what you think.

We are very excited that our new website has officially launched. If you haven't yet, make sure you check it out - [www.thecoalface.net.au](http://www.thecoalface.net.au). And don't forget to sign up for our

monthly newsletter coming soon.

Laughter is a big part of who we are at the Coalface and we love putting together our jokes for you each month, but now it's time for you to

get involved. Send us your best joke/s to [info@thecoalface.net.au](mailto:info@thecoalface.net.au) and you could win a \$50 Bunnings voucher.

**We hope you enjoy this month's magazine!**

## GAME ON

LIKE COAL MINING, THE HIGHS AND LOWS OF RUGBY LEAGUE COME AND GO. SOME CLUBS CAN DOMINATE FOR YEARS BEFORE FALLING DOWN THE LADDER, WHILE OTHER CLUBS GO THROUGH TOUGH TIMES BEFORE LIFTING AGAIN, JUST LIKE THE KNIGHTS THIS SEASON.

From 2014 to 2016 the NSW Minerals Council proudly stood together with the Knights through some tough times for the team and for our Hunter coal miners.

This season the Knights showed some real improvement, fighting hard with the type of spirit and determination that Hunter miners can identify with. After some gutsy performances this year, the future looks pretty good for the Knights, with some exciting seasons in prospect.

**IN THE SAME WAY, COAL MINING IN THE HUNTER IS IN BETTER SHAPE THAN A FEW YEARS AGO. COMMODITY PRICES ARE STABLE AND STRONG, AND DEMAND IS AT OR NEAR RECORD LEVELS. COAL MINING JOBS ARE ON THE RISE, WITH NEARLY 800 MORE COAL**

### MINING JOBS IN THE REGION THAN AT THE SAME TIME IN 2016.

In June, the NSW State Budget confirmed record mining royalties strengthening our State's economic position, helping fill a decline in stamp duty revenue from a slowing Sydney property market.

Mining royalties were revised up by \$813 million, delivering a record \$1.8 billion in this year alone and another record \$2 billion next year, to help fund improved services across the State. Total mining royalties are expected to be around \$7.4 billion over the next four years.

**THE FUTURE IS LOOKING GOOD FOR THE KNIGHTS AS WELL AS FOR HUNTER COAL MINING. WITH THE RIGHT POLICY SETTINGS FROM GOVERNMENT, OUR LOCAL**



Stephen Galilee  
CEO, NSW Minerals Council

### COAL INDUSTRY CAN CONTINUE TO DELIVER JOBS AND ECONOMIC STABILITY FOR THE HUNTER.

As we approach the NSW State election in March 2019, it's important that those seeking to represent the mining communities of the Hunter support the vital contribution our mining families make to the region and the State. Our industry and all the people who work in it and depend upon it.

Stephen Galilee  
CEO, NSW Minerals Council



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THE HON. DON HARWIN,  
MINISTER FOR RESOURCES

# INNOVATION LAUNCHPAD

RECENTLY, I HAD THE PLEASURE OF ATTENDING THE OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF THE NSW ENERGY AND RESOURCES KNOWLEDGE HUB INNOVATION LAUNCHPAD IN NEWCASTLE, HOSTED BY THE INSTITUTE OF ENERGY AND RESOURCES (NIER), TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE OUTSTANDING STRIDES BEING MADE IN OUR RESOURCES AND ENERGY SPACE.

The NSW Government is proud to partner with this Institute through the Knowledge Hub initiative – giving stakeholders across the mining and resources sector a critical platform for knowledge sharing, problem solving and networking capabilities. They bring together industry, government and academia to share information and direct research through collaborative projects.

**THE GOVERNMENT UNDERSTANDS THE IMPORTANCE OF THE RESOURCES INDUSTRY AS A DRIVER OF PROSPERITY IN OUR STATE, WITH DIRECT AND INDIRECT**

## MINING SECTOR JOBS MAKING A VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION IN REGIONAL AREAS SUCH AS UPPER HUNTER AND CENTRAL WEST.

A central component of this Launchpad is the “Igniting METS” program, an Australian-first joint initiative seeking to drive better outcomes by bringing industry leaders together with late-stage start-ups and SMEs. Through fostering stronger collaboration industry-wide, this initiative aims to improve all aspects of the mining value chain – everything from exploration to planning and production, to environmental and

social innovations. The NSW Energy and Resources Knowledge Hub Innovation Launchpad will unlock the rich expertise and assets of NIER and the University of Newcastle enabling the sector to more effectively collaborate with research to fast track and commercialise new products and services.

**THE LAUNCHPAD AIMS TO MAINSTREAM INNOVATION IN THE ENERGY AND RESOURCES SECTOR, PROVIDING BUSINESSES WITH BETTER ACCESS TO WORLD-CLASS RESEARCHERS AND CUTTING-**

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Our government remains committed to fostering a strong, sustainable mining industry in NSW built on collaboration and innovation – confident in the knowledge that where the mining industry goes, our economy follows.

**The Hon. Don Harwin,  
Minister for Resources**

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DISTRICT PRESIDENT  
PETER JORDAN



# PAYING RESPECT

**MINEWORKERS, UNIONISTS, POLITICIANS, INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES AND FAMILY MEMBERS GATHERED TO PAY THEIR RESPECTS TO THOSE KILLED ON THE DISTRICT'S COALFIELDS AT THE NORTHERN MINING AND NSW ENERGY DISTRICT'S 23RD ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE ON SEPTEMBER 9.**

No new names were added to over 1,800 listed on the Jim Comerford Memorial Wall in the 12 months leading up to the service. While that is a great relief, speakers warned there was no room for complacency when it comes to protecting workers' lives in the high-risk coal mining industry.

Federal Hunter MP Joel Fitzgibbon said mining had a long history in the

region but hadn't always delivered prosperity to the community.

"For most of its history the industry's employees were over-worked and under-paid. In the earliest years they worked in the most appalling and dangerous environments. That changed as a result of the courage and determination of our early trade unionists."

Mr Fitzgibbon also warned vigilance and collective action was still necessary to defend against those conditions, like casualisation and the growing use of contractors. "Casualisation does not just affect wages and conditions but also has implications for workplace safety," he said.

**DISTRICT PRESIDENT PETER JORDAN SAID ALL STAKEHOLDERS IN THE INDUSTRY INCLUDING WORKERS, UNIONS AND REGULATORS MUST WORK CLOSELY TOGETHER TO ENSURE MINE OPERATORS OFFERED A SAFE PLACE TO WORK.**

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The paper shop folded.

Pool maintenance was too draining.

I got fired from the cannon factory.

And I just couldn't see any future as a historian.

"The annual memorial service was a reminder of the high price paid by workers and the lifelong grief borne by families. The Union, its members and our mining community should never forget the workers whose names are on the Jim Comerford wall, or those who have suffered serious illness and disease. The passage of time never really diminishes the grief ... for the next of kin it will never be over." Peter said.

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# IN THE NEWS...

## PALMER'S POWER PLAN

Waratah Coal chairman Clive Palmer has launched a proposal to create a new 700MW coal-fired power station in the Galilee Basin, Queensland, in association with his company's Galilee Coal project.

Construction of the \$1.54 billion project will commence in 2020 to support the in-development Galilee Coal project located 30km north of Alpha.

"I am putting my money where my mouth is by announcing this new station, so we can power Queensland and help bring down energy costs which continue to escalate," Palmer said.

"At full scale, the project will comprise two open cut and four underground mines, as well as supporting infrastructure, and will produce 40 million tonnes per annum (Mtpa) of high-quality thermal coal for export markets."

Let's hope this new Queensland coal-fired power station encourages our NSW Government to follow suit.

## DERAILED

A Pacific National train hauling from Yancoals Moolarben open-cut mine was struck by an empty Aurizon train on September 26 forcing the closure of the Hunter rail line until repairs could be made.

An official investigation is underway, yet the collision is thought to have been triggered by an empty wagon on an otherwise full train coming from Moolarben, which popped off the tracks into the path of the oncoming empty coal train.

No injuries occurred in the collision, but a trail of destruction was left on the tracks requiring extensive repairs while mines affected included Ulan, Wilpinjong, Moolarben, Mount Arthur, Bengalla, Drayton, Liddell and Maules Creek.

The NSW Office of Transport Safety Investigations and the Office of the National Rail Safety Regulator are examining the incident.

## REGULATOR RULING

The Department of Planning and Environment's Resources Regulator has accepted an enforceable undertaking from Mangoola Coal following the Regulator's investigation into a workplace incident at the Mangoola Open Cut Mine in 2016 where a worker was injured when the cabin of an excavator dislodged and tipped off the side of the excavator, with the operator still inside.

The undertaking will provide training of all Mangoola maintenance workers and staff in human organisational factors in maintenance. Resources developed during the undertaking will also be made available to the broader mining industry to share the lessons learnt and enhance industry safety.

The undertaking will also fund community services and mobility for the elderly in the local community of Denman. Mangoola has also committed to pay the Regulator's costs of \$93,500 making the total value of the undertaking \$464,710.

## CLASS ACTION CONTINUES

The mining industry is facing four new class actions alleging that more than 25,000 workers were not paid their proper entitlement, worth up to \$325 million.

The new class actions are being brought against the labour hire firms WorkPac, Programmed, HAYS and One Key whose workers were hired to provide labour for companies including BHP, Glencore, Anglo and Yancoals.

Principal of Adero law firm, Rory Markham said the workers would allege the companies were involved in systemic failures to pay accrued leave and other entitlements under the Black Coal Mining Industry Award and the Fair Work Act.

The new actions are an extension of two class actions already filed in the Federal Court against BHP and labour hire companies, TESA and Chandler McLeod, on behalf of workers at the Mt Arthur mine in the NSW Hunter Valley.

## CASUAL CHANGES

In more news on the casual labour front, from October 1, some casual mining workers will be able to ask their employers for permanent positions if they have worked in that job for 12 months.

The ruling by the Fair Work Commission allows casuals mining workers who have worked regular hours for at least one year to have their application for a permanent position taken seriously by their employer. Under the ruling, a regular casual mining worker who has worked an average of 38 or more hours a week in the period of 12 months' casual employment may request to have their employment converted to full-time employment.

While the employer has a right to refuse to make a position permanent, they must have reasonable grounds and must discuss it with the employee. This could include that the position would likely not exist within the next 12 months, if the hours of work would likely drop, or if the days or times the employee works is expected to change.

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Civmec are a renowned company in the WA mining sector and have now made a home on the east coast, right here in our region. The facility will be the fourth for the Australian company adding to their existing Henderson and Broome Western Australia locations, and their Darwin facility.

“The facility here in Newcastle is about to have big changes. In WA we are well known in the mining industry for our ability to deliver, and it is heading in the same direction here on the east coast which is exciting,” says Facility Manager Noel McCausland

ONCE THE COMPLETION OF THE EXTENSIVE EXPANSION OF THE FACILITY HAS TAKEN PLACE, CIVMEC IS EXPECTED TO INCREASE ITS WORKFORCE TO 500 PLUS EMPLOYEES.

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any of it until its processed.” Noel tells us.

Noel goes on to explain that the first process it goes through is shot blasting to clean it all up to look like brand new steel. Then it goes through to cutting, drilling and coping. How it’s done everywhere else traditionally in the industry is a guy would come out with a tape measure, measure it, mark it out and put a line on it. A guy then comes along and tacks it on to that position, fits it out and then welds it out.

WHAT CIVMEC’S MACHINE DOES IS IT ACTUALLY SCRIBES IT. “SO, THERE’S NO MEASURING. THERE’S A MARK THERE FOR YOU, YOU PUT THE FITTING ON AND YOU WELD IT,” SAYS NOEL.

Having been with Civmec now for 7 years, the last 12 months in Newcastle, Noel is excited to see the expansion at this facility as it will be everything plus more in new technology. “We’re spending a lot of money expanding our fabrication here. What we will end up with is 20,000 sqm under our roof.”

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## CONGRATULATIONS PIRTEK!

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# FORUM TIME

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Over the past seven years the Dialogue has worked on a range of projects including working together to secure more public money for local infrastructure, dust mitigation practices, and scientific trials on how to best restore mining land

for cattle grazing and other uses once mining is finished. The Dialogue continues to focus on important environmental projects on issues relating to air quality monitoring, water use and land management.

Feedback has highlighted the need to also focus on economic and social issues, including how to improve opportunities for local businesses that want to supply local mining operations. **THESE ISSUES WILL BE**

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The first biker grabbed the trucker's cheeseburger and took a big bite from it.

The second biker picked up the trucker's coffee and downed it in one gulp. The third biker ate the trucker's apple pie.

The truck driver didn't do anything or say a word as all this went on. When they finished, he just paid the waitress and left.

The first biker said to the waitress, "He ain't much of a man, is he?"

"He's not much of a driver, either," the waitress replied. "He's just backed his 18-wheeler over three motorbikes."

**A FOCUS OF THE WORK OF THE DIALOGUE OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS AND AT THE DIALOGUE'S NEXT ANNUAL FORUM THAT WILL BE HELD AT MUSWELLBROOK RACE CLUB ON TUESDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2018.**

The 2018 Forum will include a networking and information session for mining companies and local businesses across the Upper Hunter region.

The Forum discussion will help local businesses gain a better understanding

of how to approach mining companies to explore and secure contract opportunities.

As in previous years, this year's Annual Forum will also provide an opportunity for Dialogue participants to provide feedback on the range of current Dialogue projects, and also help guide the Dialogue's future priorities.

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# CONVENIENT COAL TERRORISTS

IT MAY SOUND LIKE A HUGE OVERSTATEMENT, BUT IN WAYS NOT DISSIMILAR TO ISLAMIC STATE SAYING, 'CONVERT OR DIE', ANTI-COAL ACTIVISTS HAVE BEEN BUSY LATELY PERFORMING THEIR 'OUR WAY IS THE ONLY WAY' SONG AND DANCE.

## PUBLISHERS OPINION

Frontline Action on Coal Jihadists have recently been busy stopping trains, access and traffic, and hanging from vital and dangerous machinery in the Hunter this month.

Their stupidity put a halt to coal train movements at Sandgate blocking the rail when one climbed onto a train. Activists also set up large tripods on tracks, suspended themselves over the rail line and a 96-year-old WWII veteran locked himself onto the line at Tighes Hill. Frontline Action said 50 people also locked themselves onto the coal loaders at NCIG, while 20 Knitting Nanas blocked road access to the terminal – and there was

more. Eventually of course all were removed and or arrested.

**ONE OF THE FUNNY THINGS ABOUT THE WHOLE APPROACH BY THESE ENVIRONMENTAL JIHADIST'S IS HOW TIME AND TIME AGAIN EACH INCIDENT IS FACILITATED USING SOCIETY BUILDING PRODUCTS COURTESY OF... YOU GUESSED IT... MINING!**

The group live streamed their shenanigans on social media using devices built with coal and other minerals. The chains and other steel devices they used to secure themselves are only made possible

thanks to coal. In fact, their war on coal is made entirely possible by mining. Don't get me started on the many dozens of vehicles they roared into life to get to their protests.

**I CALL IT CONVENIENT IGNORANCE. I WOULD BET THAT OTHER THAN RESPONSIBLY PUTTING THEIR RECYCLING INTO THE CORRECT BINS BEFORE GARBO NIGHT, PRETTY MUCH NONE OF THESE PEOPLE WOULD BE ANY MORE ENVIRONMENTAL THAN YOUR AVERAGE HARDWORKING COALMINER.**

In fact, I would bet many well-

informed coalminers probably understand and act more environmentally than many of the activists in the comfort of their own homes.

"Australia exports more coal than any other country, this makes us one of worst contributors to climate change," a statement from a Jihadist named Ms Barron read. What she failed to mention is that those exports have also created one of the best societies on the planet for her to live and indulge in. Take away her 21<sup>st</sup> century luxuries, conveniences and expectations and I doubt she would remain so environmentally staunch.

Frontline Action on Coal organisers described it all as a nationwide cry for urgent action on fossil-fuel-driven climate change. I'm describing it as a delusional approach that is slowing down our environmental evolution, that believe it or not, coal can play a positive part of through emerging technologies and ways of using the mineral.

**THESE PEOPLE WOULD ACHIEVE FAR MORE WITH A MEASURED LONG-TERM SOCIETAL APPROACH THAT IS BASED IN REALITY, SENSIBLE DEBATE AND ACTION THAT IS ACTUALLY ACHIEVABLE OVER THE MEDIUM TO LONG TERM.**

And don't forget readers... It's you, the long-suffering taxpayer that probably helped pay for these protests.



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## LIVING THE DREAM

IT'S NOT UNUSUAL FOR MOST MINING EMPLOYEES TO HAVE A HOBBY OR JOB ON THE SIDE, BUT DAN WILSON IS ONE OPERATOR PUTTING IN THE HARD YARDS TO MAKE A LIFELONG AMBITION COME TRUE.

Some would say raising five kids and working a fulltime job in the mining industry would be enough for any one person to manage, but Yancoal Mt Thorley's Dan Wilson has his eyes set on acting and is giving it his best crack at making it on the big screen. Having already appeared in "a lot" of short films and a few TV commercials and music videos to go along with it, life's been "pretty hectic" since making the decision to pursue his acting career. Dan has even featured in a few Sundance Film Festivals and a short film festival in Spain.

**DAN EXPLAINS WHY HE IS SO DETERMINED TO MAKE THIS WORK. "I DID DRAMA AT SCHOOL BUT THEN WENT OFF ON A DIFFERENT PATH WORKING AN EVERYDAY JOB, BUT A FEW YEARS BACK WAS HIT WITH A BURNING DESIRE TO GO FOR IT. I BECAME FOCUSED ON MAKING THE BEST GO OF IT I COULD, NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS IN MY PERSONAL LIFE."**

Dan has an agent on the Gold Coast that assists with getting his portfolio in front of the right people, though it's his hard work and plenty of travelling for auditions

and training that is getting his name out there in the world of cameras and red carpets. He wouldn't be able to do it without the support of his large family though.

"I wouldn't be able to do it without them backing me, and at times it is hard to get that balance right. On nightshift I am usually up for when they are home from school, and when it's on the nightshift weekend the fiancé takes then to all the social stuff. We have a really good thing going on, it works."

"I really do wish I had more

family time, with shift work and being in Sydney a lot, it sometimes feels like I don't get a lot of time with them. But every person with a success story tells where they had to work 7 days a week for however many years before they made it."

**ACTING MAY BE A BURNING DESIRE, THOUGH IT'S HIS LOVE FOR DRIVING THE BIG GEAR THAT HAS HIM BOASTING, "I AM PRETTY MUCH LIVING THE DREAM AT THE MOMENT." HAVING TAKEN THE GAMBLE AND SWITCHING FROM A SMALLER PIT TO MT THORLEY UNDER THE**



**NEW LOOK YANCOAL, DAN HAS JUST COMPLETED A MEDICAL FOR A FULL TIME JOB.**

"I was on a dozer at another pit prior to coming to Mt Thorley, and I knew by switching workplaces I would go back to square one and mainly on a truck. But I have kept my nose clean, I've done plenty of overtime and now it's my time."

Now he's where he wants to be in his mining career, and things are starting to take a positive direction for his acting career. He attributes being able to follow his dream to his mining job which is providing financial stability for his family.

**FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO ALSO HAVE A PASSION WAITING TO BE KINDLED, DAN'S MESSAGE IS SIMPLE; NEVER GIVE UP. NEVER LOSE VISION OF LIVING YOUR DREAM. IT TAKES A LOT OF HARD WORK AND PLENTY OF KNOCKBACKS, BUT IT ALSO ONLY TAKES THE RIGHT "YES" TO OPEN DOORS.**

All the best Dan and keep us in the loop. We have no doubt that doors will not only open for you, but for our region in this field as well. If you want to stay updated on Dan's ride, follow him on **Instagram@ danielwilson7460**



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## THE FORCE IS WITH THEM

**THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT ARE ISSUING AN ENFORCEABLE UNDERTAKING WARNING FOR THE HUNTER REGION.**

The Enforceable Undertaking issued to Broken Head Quarry near Byron Bay was the first for the Department of Planning and Environment since the enactment of new provisions earlier this year.

Owners of a north coast NSW quarry have agreed to convert their exhausted site into bushland by mid-2019 in a landmark outcome that sends a strong message to companies and individuals in the Hunter region.

The Department's Executive Director of Resource Assessment and Compliance, Dr Oliver Holm, said companies and individuals in the Hunter need to be aware of this new enforcement measure.

**"ENFORCEABLE UNDERTAKINGS ARE WRITTEN, LEGALLY BINDING AGREEMENTS THAT CAN SAVE THE SIGNIFICANT COSTS OF LEGAL ACTION AND BRING ABOUT THE SWIFT, CLEAR AND MEASURABLE RESULTS FOR THE COMMUNITY," HE SAID.**

"Sometimes our compliance investigations can take two or three years, and early on we identify concerns that can be raised with the company or individual. Many organisations are willing to put their hand up, admit their wrongs and sign an agreement to take action and change their behaviour. They often include contributions to local community organisations or projects to offset potential impacts that may

have occurred as a result of the alleged contravention of the Act."

**LEADSHINE PTY LIMITED, WHICH HAS OWNED THE BROKEN HEAD QUARRY SINCE 2003, HAS AGREED TO AN ENFORCEABLE UNDERTAKING TO REHABILITATE AND REVEGETATE THE LAND.**

Dr Holm said the decision is a win for local people who have been concerned about the environmental condition of the quarry and its future for many years.

"The old quarry site will now be brought back to match the surrounding vegetation to protect threatened species as well as restore an important wildlife corridor. This is good news for the region, with such a positive environmental outcome secured through a clear and enforceable mechanism."

For more information on Enforceable Undertakings go to: [www.planning.nsw.gov.au](http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au)

## TRUE BLUE POLLIE

**NEW POLITICAL HOPEFUL AND PASSIONATE COAL ADVOCATE JOHN MURRAY OF THE TRUE BLUE PARTY AUSTRALIA IS STEPPING UP TO WALK THE WALK FOR COAL.**

We recently sat down with John to hear what his party is all about. "The True Blue Party Australia is our newest political party and formed out of a need for mainstream Australians to have a voice on important issues such as energy policies, immigration, security and freedom of speech," said Chairman John Murray.

Mr Murray has come out strongly against plans by AGL to close both Liddell and Bayswater Power Stations in the Upper Hunter saying these closures are in themselves bad enough, but the public announcement means that investment opportunities would be walking away from the Hunter today and those existing businesses that need reliable and affordable energy would also now be making plans to leave the area as well.

"The Hunter has some of the best

quality coal in the world and we have it in abundance. To close down 2 of the top 3 coal fired power stations in Australia that sit right on top of some of the richest coal seams in the world is madness! We must oppose these plans by AGL, for the alternative is the losses of thousands of jobs, it will decimate the Hunter and have a massive negative impact on NSW energy supplies as well," said Mr Murray.

"We urgently need to adopt a common-sense approach to securing affordable, reliable base load energy. Coal has been a wonderful resource for the Hunter and we must continue to use it for base load power until the next generation of affordable and reliable power supply comes along," he said.

**TO PROMOTE HIS POINT JOHN WILL BE DOING A SOLO PROTEST**

**WALK FROM LIDDELL POWER STATION IN THE UPPER HUNTER TO BRANXTON'S DROVERS CAMP AT THE BACK OF BRANXTON.**

He will be pushing a wheelbarrow load of black coal to raise funds. The 3-day walk will finish at Drovers Camp on Sunday November 4, where an Aussie music, bush poems and country BBQ will be held between 10am and 4pm. Limited tickets are available online with Sticky Tickets and the event will be called "True Blue Aussie Music".

"If you love the Hunter and are concerned

with what these closures will do for this area please come along. We have a great day planned!" said Mr Murray.

To find out more on True Blue Party Australia visit their website, email or call John on 0466 092732

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# STARRING ROLE

THE NSW MINERALS COUNCIL'S LATEST CAMPAIGN 'GOOD FOR JOBS. GOOD FOR NSW', STARS A RANGE OF DEDICATED EVERYDAY PEOPLE FROM ACROSS OUR INDUSTRY. WE WANTED TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT WHAT THESE GUYS DO, SO THIS MONTH WE CAUGHT UP WITH KRISTY PRIOR FROM COAL SERVICES.

As Partnership and Innovation Manager at CS Health, Kristy has 21 years' experience as a registered nurse and for ten of those years has been providing occupational health services to the NSW mining industry.

Kristy joined CS Health in 2008 as a registered nurse

to provide occupational health services to the NSW mining industry. Her experience includes health surveillance monitoring, drug and alcohol screening, fit testing and providing specialist training in these fields as a trainer and assessor. Kristy has also been involved with business

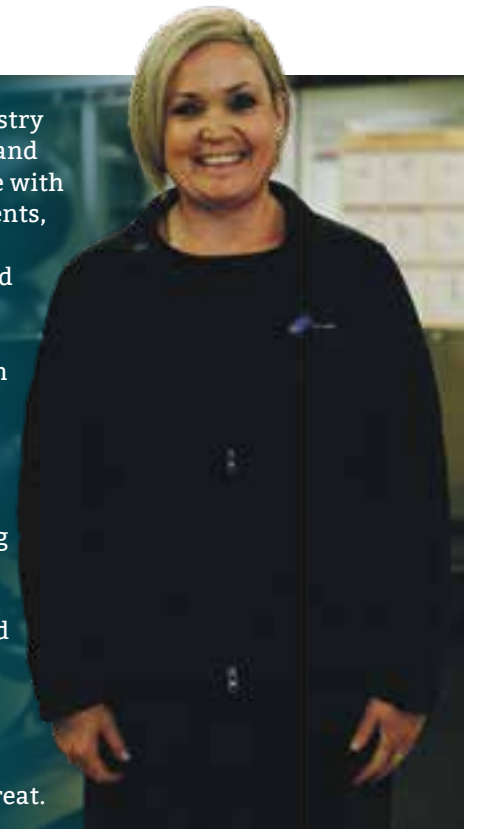
development for CS Health and was also Regional Manager in Speers Point prior to her current role.

As Partnership and Innovation Manager, Kristy now works with industry partners to identify and implement workplace health and safety improvements that help to protect workers. She

also works with industry to help sites to meet and maintain compliance with legislative requirements, including Order 43, and has been involved with studies relating to musculoskeletal injuries, task rotation and obesity.

Kristy is passionate about making a difference across industry and working with different industry partners to ensure the health and safety of our NSW coal miners.

Thanks Kristy, it's people like you that make our industry great.



SUE MOORE,  
MAYOR OF SINGLETON



OPINION

## MAKE IT HAPPEN!

IF THE STATE GOVERNMENT'S PREMISE FOR THE RESOURCES FOR REGIONS PROGRAM IS INDEED TO DELIVER LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE TO SUPPORT MINING COMMUNITIES, THEN IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO IGNORE SINGLETON COUNCIL'S APPLICATIONS UNDER THE LATEST ROUND.

While Singleton has earmarked two projects with a combined total of \$13,353,000, we are asking the State Government for just half of the cost to deliver significant improvements for our community.

That includes \$4,853,000 for the next stage of upgrades to Singleton Town Centre, and perhaps most importantly to those people who travel to our local government area for work, an \$8.5 million Singleton Roads

Upgrade Program.

Four major transport routes vital to workers driving to and from Singleton's 17 coal mines are included under the application, identified because they are vitally important in maintaining Singleton Council's road infrastructure to a level that is required to support our annual \$4.2 billion gross regional product.

**THAT MEANS 9,070 WORKERS LIVING OUTSIDE THE SINGLETON LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA WILL HAVE A SAFE AND RELIABLE COMMUTE TO WORK IN THE MINES AND OTHER MINING-RELATED EMPLOYMENT EVERY DAY, USING GLENDONBROOK ROAD, ELDERSLIE ROAD, CESSNOCK ROAD AND MOSES CROSSING.**

Our application outlines detailed design work for a rehabilitation of Glendonbrook Road, which currently shows signs of wear and tear potholing, flushing, heaving and cracking. Plans for the Elderslie Road approaches include

pavement widening and improvement of curves of the eastern approach to the bridge along the existing embankment and cut batters, while a replacement of the Cessnock Road bridge includes bridge widening and curve improvement on the eastern approach. Upgrades to the bridge would significantly improve heavy vehicle movement and support regional heavy vehicle infrastructure.

Moses Crossing Bridge would also be targeted, adding a 70m concrete approach in the bed of the river and to strengthen a 1km section of pavement to the top of the riverbank. This area is regularly inundated by flood waters and requires regular maintenance. When the works are complete, the roadway will be safer for vehicles to use after flood waters recede.

I would appeal to the Deputy Premier and the man who oversees the Resources for Regions program, John Barilaro, to consider the impacts of these projects not if they go ahead, but if

they don't.

**THERE CAN BE NO VALUE PUT ON THE PEACE OF MIND FOR WORKERS' FAMILIES THAT WILL COME FROM KNOWING THE ROADS THEIR LOVED ONES ARE DRIVING ON ARE THE BEST POSSIBLE STANDARD. BECAUSE MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE ROUTE TO WORK IS THE DRIVE HOME AGAIN.**

But there is a very definite dollar value attached to the outputs from those workers who, simply by arriving at work safely and getting on with the job, deliver enormous benefits to every single person in NSW.

With a State election looming and an announcement yet to be made on the latest round of funding, I hope the decision-makers act on the intention of the Resources of Regions funding when they are considering Singleton's applications. And that is to consider the real impacts on the people who are very literally at the coalface.

**Cr Sue Moore,  
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## LEARN FROM THE LAWMAN

STUART BARNETT IS OUR MINING INDUSTRY'S LEADING PERSONAL INJURY LAWYER. THIS MONTH HE HAS SOME IMPORTANT ADVICE IN RELATION TO DECIDING WHO TO APPOINT AS AN EXECUTOR IN YOUR WILL OR WHETHER TO BE THE EXECUTOR OF SOMEONE ELSE'S WILL.

Have you ever been asked by a family member or friend to be the executor of their will? Or when preparing your own will have you wondered what the executor is and what their duties are? It's an important question and one that will touch all of us in one way or the other.

**IF YOU ARE ASKED TO BE AN EXECUTOR THEN YOU WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CARRYING OUT THE WISHES OF YOUR FAMILY MEMBER OR FRIEND AFTER THEY DIE, LIKEWISE THE PERSON YOU APPOINT AS YOUR EXECUTOR WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CARRYING OUT YOUR WISHES WHEN YOU DIE. THERE ARE LAWS THAT SET OUT HOW AN EXECUTOR MUST ACT BUT IN GENERAL TERMS IT'S ABOUT FAITHFULLY AND HONESTLY CARRYING OUT THE WISHES OF THE PERSON WHO HAS PASSED AWAY.**

Some examples of the duties of the Executor include, the obvious first step of locating the will, potentially organising the funeral, determining the assets and liabilities of the deceased, working out whether it is necessary to formally apply for probate of the will, paying out any liabilities, managing and/or distributing the assets to the beneficiaries, lodging tax returns and preparing final accounts and reports.

Depending upon how complex the affairs of the deceased are the role of executor may be simple and finalised in a relatively short period of time. On the other hand, the duties of the Executor can be onerous and take a considerable amount of time, even years, to discharge.

Sometimes the Executor also acts as a trustee, for example, if the deceased left young children then the Executor may need to hold and invest the children's' money or assets until the children are of age and able to take possession of the money or assets. This may even involve making decisions about advancing money to minor children for advancement in life.

**BECAUSE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ROLE AND THE POTENTIAL COMPLEXITY IT IS IMPORTANT THAT**



**YOU DISCUSS THE APPOINTMENT WITH THE PERSON WHO YOU PROPOSE TO APPOINT TO ENSURE THEY ARE WILLING TO ACT. YOU MAY APPOINT AN INDIVIDUAL OR SEVERAL PEOPLE, WHO MUST ALL BE OVER THE AGE OF 18 YEARS OR A CORPORATE EXECUTOR.**

Some people appoint the Government agency in their State often called the Trustee and Guardian or Public Trustee. Remember that whilst all Executors can claim expenses, corporate Executors, the Trustee and Guardian and Public Trustee will always charge a fee, often a percentage of the value of the estate.

There are many things to consider when appointing an Executor, such as the age and capacity of the person to carry out their duties. A person considerably older than you may pass away themselves before you do or may simply be unable to cope with the role.

**WHILST THE ROLE OF EXECUTOR MAY SOUND DAUNTING, IN MANY CASES IT IS RELATIVELY STRAIGHTFORWARD. OFTEN EXECUTORS SEEK THE ASSISTANCE OF A SOLICITOR TO ASSIST WITH THEIR DUTIES, FOR ADVICE AND TO PREPARE THE PAPERWORK. THOSE COSTS ARE PAID OUT OF THE ESTATE.**

This is general advice and because your individual circumstances will vary I recommend seeking out specific advice for your needs.

**Stuart Barnett,  
Slater & Gordon Lawyers**



PARALLEL ECONOMICS



# WISER DRIVERS

@ THE COALFACE RECENTLY WATCHED A GREAT STORY ON A TERRIFIC PROJECT BEING DEVELOPED ON THE FAR NORTH COAST AIMED AT SAVING THE LIVES OF YOUNG DRIVERS. IT WAS SO GOOD WE THINK WE SHOULD BUILD ONE ON MINE LAND HERE IN THE HUNTER.

Southern Cross LADS (Learn About Driving Skills) was conceived ten years ago following the tragic deaths of four young men in an accident on Broken Head Road near Byron Bay.

The idea is to build a driver training facility on land on the outskirts of Lismore where young drivers can receive expert training. Locally here in The Hunter we think that councils, schools, parents and pretty much anyone else would bend over backwards to make a version of our own

happen. We also think the LADS team would most likely allow us to use a lot of their plans already put together.

**THE LISMORE TRACK WILL BE ABOUT 500 METRES IN CIRCUMFERENCE AND BUILT ON A 50-ACRE SITE ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF TOWN. IT WILL FEATURE VARIOUS ROAD CONDITIONS INCLUDING 'WET' CONDITIONS, ROUNDABOUTS FOR VISION AND STEERING TRAINING, CORNERS OF VARIOUS RADII, A**

**STRAIGHT SUFFICIENT FOR VEHICLES TO ACCELERATE TO 80KM/H, SAND TRAPS AND A SPECTATOR VIEWING AREA. A HUNTER VERSION COULD LOOK SIMILAR.**

The full cost of the Lismore project is about \$800,000, which is not a lot of money when it comes to saving lives. It's also very achievable in context of getting a similar idea up and going in the Hunter. Through fees and government support the project would be self-sustaining and economically viable while providing some fulltime jobs as well.

**ANY LIFE LOST ON OUR ROADS IS ONE TOO MANY.**



## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Great idea in the last edition of @ The Coalface, suggesting a Hunter Arboretum on some coal land.

As well as providing some Green Offsets for developments, it could be an opportunity for Hunter garden clubs, Landcare and the mines' rehabilitation teams to have some fun.

Water security, mulch supply and a good aspect – out of those westerly winds – should do the trick.

Hunter Valley Gardens is a success, and the middle and upper Hunter need something similar, perhaps with themed plantings, to draw

those garden enthusiasts further up the Valley. I have cycled through the cork forests beside Lake Burley Griffin, and previously the conifer stands nearby – it was a wonderful, changing scene.

It could be a real boon for towns in the area. The arboretums at Pearl Beach (Crommelin Native Arboretum on the NSW Central Coast) and at Burrendong (near Lake Burrendong, NSW) draw many visitors to their area.

We should start soon, as it is a long-term project. It could even contain flying fox habitat – an alternative to Burdekin Park.

Richard Fox, Singleton

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A University of Queensland study, released in 2006, found that the cost of an accident was \$1.823 million when such things as emergency response, investigations, court cases, funerals and other factors were considered. So, if the project saved just one life it would be a success.

The driver education facility would be a community resource and be accessible to all road users in the Hunter mining area and beyond. A strong focus on year 11 and 12 students just getting their licenses would be the priority.

The objectives of the Driver Education Facility would be:

- Increase driver awareness of risks on the road;

- Build a driver's capacity for effective decision making; and
- Develop safe driving behaviour.

If we equip learner and provisional drivers with more hours in supervised driver training to teach kids low risk driving skills to heighten their hazard perception and to change their attitude towards driving, then the chances of having a crash will reduce dramatically.

The facility would be specially designed to deliver on key objectives through a combination of classroom and on-track training.

Ladies, gentlemen and kids learning to drive... Start your engines!

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**Who are you and what do you do?**

I'm Andrew Hughes (Hughesy) and I'm the Owner of A-Plus Contracting & Poly Welding. We specialise in Poly Welding and Contract Hire. We have the most up to date Poly Welding machines on the market along with Earthmoving Equipment such Excavators, Water Carts, Possi Trac loads, Rollers and more.

**Where did you start and how did you end up where you are now?**

My wife Debbie and I started the business in 2005 in

Greta. We had a strong background in earthmoving and civil works, so we began the company with a view to servicing the mining industry by offering a professional, cost-effective and comprehensive contracting service. We are now the preferred supplier of contracting services to a wide variety of industries. We thought let's give it a crack and it has grown into a trusted and respected company. How did I get to where I am now? Hard work and long hours 7 days a week. No one is going to do it for

you, and they sure as hell aren't going to give it to you.

**Describe a typical day at 'The office'.**

I'm generally the first one to arrive at 5.30am. Some staff go straight to the job onsite where others may need to drop into the yard, so I like to be there for them. Because we do so many different jobs for so many different clients no day is ever the same. I guess that's why I enjoy it so much, you never know what's going to be thrown at you.

**What's the best thing about your business?**

Being able to work with the clients who trust us and especially our staff who really go beyond the call of duty to get the results the client needs at short notice. I've often said the employee's work with the company not for it.

**What is the big news in your part of the mining industry right now?**

It would have to be the current market place. There's certainly a lot happening in the Valley which is also good for businesses not directly linked to mining so it's a win for everyone.

**What is the biggest opportunity for your business right now?**

There is a great opportunity

to expand but we are very mindful not to overcommit as it could affect our clients and we don't want to let them down. That said there are areas within A-Plus we are building back up such as our Traffic division. We are G10 RMS accredited. If anyone needs Traffic Management plans drawn and submitted to Council or RMS we can do it.

**What are the biggest challenges facing your business?**

Changing trends in the market place, the changing requirements the client implements and just staying on top of a fast-moving environment. You just embrace it, learn from it and get on with it with little fuss.

**Community or other causes close to its heart and values?**

We are very active in the community and I have sat on many committees over the years. At present we are helping in a small way to get a Memorial Cycleway built to link the two towns of Greta and Branxton to recognise the miners who went to war and never came home.

We are also proud supporters of the A-Plus Contracting Mines Rugby League Charity Knockout. All the proceeds of the day go to the Westpac

Helicopter and over the last 4 years it has raised over \$200,000.

We also do Cancer Council, Special Children Christmas party, wow there are just too many to name. If any business people are reading this and you would like to get on board a charity I'd be happy to help you help others!

**How big is the crew in the Hunter Valley?**

Approximately 38 in the Valley and 10 on the coast.

**What's the best thing about your job?**

The challenges of running a business. I truly believe I learn from it every day. The employees for sure. I have got some guys who started work with A-Plus as Traffic Controllers who now can do just about any job asked of them. From poly welding to driving excavators to Tipper Trucks. Teaching them different skills is rewarding.

**The worst thing?**

Long hours but that goes with owning the business.

**What's a funny story about work that you can tell?**

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MY MINING LIFE

# SUPERMUM

WE OFTEN HEAR ABOUT FEMALES SUCCEEDING IN STAFF ROLES, BUT HOW ABOUT THE FRONTLINE WOMEN? TAKE KELLY HITCHCOCK FOR EXAMPLE, OUR MINE MANAGEMENT INFORMANTS HAVE HER AS THE FIRST EVER FEMALE SHOVEL OPERATOR. BUT IT'S NOT ONLY THIS ACHIEVEMENT THAT HAS US GLOWING ABOUT KEL, IT'S HOW SHE GOT THERE.

**Who are you and what do you do?**

My name is Kelly Hitchcock and I am an operator at Hunter Valley Operations.

**Any nicknames good or bad?**

They have just started calling me Hurricane Hitchcock.

**Why is that a watercart thing?**

No, because of my trainer that trained me on the shovel, his nickname is lightning, and the guy that he partnered up with they started calling him thunder. So, the show was named "Thunder and Lighting", and then when I got in they were like, "Well what are we going to call Kelly.... Hurricane Hitchcock."

**Where do you live?**

I live in Hunterview. I moved here because my mum was here.

**When did you start and what's the ride been like?**

I started in 2005 with a contracting company called Mining Earth Moving Services (MES) after being a stay at home mum. I was the second female employed and went in as a cleanskin, it was like maybe a few months before the Trainee programs started coming in. It's was tough, I often look back and think how the hell did I make it work. I have always been that sort of person who just won't give up. If it's something you want, you just go after it.

**What's a usual day at work entail?**

Early mornings! I'm not much of a morning person. I get up and head off to work about six. We start at half six and get out on the equipment.

**How big is the crew?**

There have been some changes, so I am not actually sure how many there are per crew at the moment.

**What's the best thing about your job?**

Probably the people that you meet. The friendships that you form. Your workmates. I work with the best bunch of people.

**The worst thing?**

I'd have to say day shift because of I kind of like the night shift. I actually think I get more sleep when I am on night shifts. Also rotating shifts because there are special occasions you just can't get time off for and

you have to miss. Not being able to go to all those family occasions.

**How different is your job to what you wanted to be when you were a kid?**

I have always been around machinery, so a job in mining was something I always wanted to do. I thought it was a bit out of reach trying to juggle it with a family, but once I became a single mum I was like what the hell, go for it. I can either be a single mom with three children and not be able to provide for them and let the government assist me for the rest of my life, or I can put my big girl undies on, get my act together and provide the life that I want my children to have.

**How do you manage with the kids?**

When they were little it was tough, but it needed to be done to provide for them. I started with in home care then I ended up with a nanny that would stay on my roster days. She had her own room and all of that. She would go home on her days off. I met her through the school that my girls are going to, and it just so happened that her dad was on my crew at work at the time, so I knew the family. I was like you look after the kids and make sure they are safe and happy, and I still took care of all the meals and housework. It was a battle with meal preps and washing and cleaning, so work was easy compared to that! The days off were just hectic with little kids and there were many days I would stay awake, so I didn't have to put them in care that last day.

**Being able to attend school functions and activities on your days off when they were younger would've been a bonus too?**

Yeah, I was massively involved with the kids and their functions at school and I still love getting involved with whatever I can with them. Shift work allows you the opportunity to be involved in community stuff with them. Though the flip side is you also miss out on activities when you are rostered on.

**Ok, so family now?**

Yeah, it's my husband and he's got three sons, so they are 24, 22, and 20, and then there is me and my 3 girls. The girls are 20, 17, and 15. We are like the Brady Bunch!

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## COURAGEOUS COALMINER

**THIS MONTH WE BRING YOU ANOTHER STORY OF A MINER WHO NEVER MADE IT HOME FROM THE GREAT WAR BUT WHO WILL BE REMEMBERED THANKS TO THE BRANXTON GRETA MEMORIAL CYCLEWAY.**

Private Charles Thomas Pickering Smith became known as more than just CTP Smith on the Greta cenotaph when a gold pendant with his name was donated to

the museum. It had been found in a local garden twenty-five years earlier. Fortunately, his story was able to be discovered because his parents gave him three

Christian names which stood out from all the other Smiths.

Charles lived in Greta with his parents, William and Margaret, and younger sister Alice, and was the only son who had survived from birth. He also had an older married sister, Mary. He enlisted on the 3rd September 1915, aged 21 years. His trade was recorded as miner and labourer and he had already spent two years in the local militia, the 14th Infantry of the Citizen Military Forces so there is no doubt he was eager to do his part.

After their medical examination and basic training Charles and another local, Signaller W. Hatcher, were given a send-off on their final leave, in the Greta Central Hall. Both Private

Smith and Signaller Hatcher were then given inscribed gold pendants on behalf of Greta's citizens.

**CHARLES SET OFF FROM SYDNEY ON THE 8TH MARCH 1916 FOR FIGHTING OVERSEAS. HIS REGIMENTAL SERVICE NUMBER WAS 4884, AND HIS UNIT WAS THE 54TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION. HE WAS A SLIGHTLY BUILT YOUNG MAN, WEIGHING 49 KILOS AND A HEIGHT OF 167CM. HE HAD A DARK COMPLEXION, BLACK HAIR AND BROWN EYES.**

Just over four months after leaving, Charles was killed at the front in France, on the 20th July 1916. Although his mother Margaret Lawson was his recorded next-of-kin it was his father, William, who was reported to have received the message from

the Minister of Defence to say his son had perished. The Newcastle Morning Herald and Miners' Advocate also reported on the 14th August, the current tally of who were killed and wounded, which had mounted to 11 of Greta's volunteer soldiers already dead, with 30 injured.

Charles was buried in the Rue-Petillon Military Cemetery in Fleurbaix (Flerbay) in France. Sadly, his parents would not have had the money to travel to visit his grave site, but they did receive three copies of a photograph of their late son's grave, whose headstone was eventually marked with his mother's words "In Memory of Dearly Loved Son of Mr and Mrs M L Smith of Greta".

**Thank you to Kevin Driscoll & Neridah Kentell for providing @ The Coalface with this story.**

## WHAT'S IN A NAME? MOUNT THORLEY

**HAVE YOU EVER BEEN DRIVING AROUND THE MOUNT THORLEY AREA AND WONDERED WHERE THE SOARING PEAK THAT IT WAS NAMED FOR IS LOCATED? WELL WONDER NO MORE - IT HASN'T SUCCEDED TO MINING, IT NEVER EXISTED!**

According to Lyn MacDonald, the author of a history of the Thorley family, there are two possible origins for the name. Philip Thorley, who received the initial land grant in the early 1800s, was a keen jockey who won the first New South Wales Gold Cup race held in Sydney. Philip's connection with horse racing is one

suggestion for why he gave his property its name.

The second possibility comes from an order given by a neighbour who was assisting him with boundary marking. Noticing that Thorley had dismounted his horse for a brief rest, the neighbour turned to him and said, "Come on, mount Thorley!"

Either way, next time you're thinking of abbreviating the name, remember that there's no mountain connection to Mount Thorley, just a tribute to our early pioneer's love for and reliance on the trusty steed!

**By Joel Deacon, Industry Heritage Consultant, Arrow Heritage Solutions**

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## CRAFTING FOR CANCER

THANKS TO THE SUPPORT OF BULGA COAL MINE, A GROUP OF LOCALS FROM BULGA ARE BUSY CRAFTING FOR CANCER PATIENTS.

The Bulga Crafters are a social group from the small community of Bulga who are proving that sometimes small things can have a big impact. Led by Helen Upward, the volunteers meet every Tuesday at Bulga Clubhouse where they dedicate their time to making items for the Singleton Cancer Council to give out to people suffering from cancer.

**"ALL THE VOLUNTEERS ARE BULGA RESIDENTS AND WE HAVE ALL BEEN AFFECTED BY CANCER IN SOME FORM. MAKING THESE ITEMS IS A WAY FOR US TO HELP. WE'VE SO FAR MADE OVER 200 ITEMS INCLUDING BAGS, PILLOWS AND BANDANAS. THERE'S ALWAYS GOING TO BE A NEED FOR THESE ITEMS, SO WE WILL KEEP GOING AS LONG AS WE HAVE MATERIALS AND VOLUNTEERS."** HELEN SAID.

The project has been running for over a year and supported by a grant from Bulga Coal. Ralph Northey, Bulga Coal Environment

and Community Manager said they were proud to support this small but significant project. "These types of local projects we see as invaluable, we especially like the added value of bringing the community together," Ralph said.

Glen Parsons, Cancer Council Community Programs Coordinator presented the Bulga Crafters with a certificate of appreciation for the work they have done. "It's great that cancer patients can have access to all these items for free. For someone going through a very difficult time in their life, it is one less thing for them to have to worry about. We are very appreciative to the volunteers for providing us with all these items." Glen said.

**YOU CAN ALSO HELP BY DONATING FABRICS WHICH CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THE CANCER COUNCIL'S SINGLETON OFFICE OR TO THE BULGA CLUBHOUSE ON A TUESDAY.**

## SUPERLEN

IS IT A BIRD? IS IT A PLANE? NO, IT'S ONE OF MUSWELLBROOK'S MOST WELL KNOWN CHARACTERS AND A BLOKE WITH A BIGGER HEART THAN PHAR LAP. MEET LENNIE KELMAN.

Born and raised in Merriwa, the country kid at heart has never left Lennie Kelman. Seeing his fellow rural people struggling through this drought has brought one of the hardest men known to tears. But with will, determination, a few mates, kind donations and his son John's truck, Lennie is making one hell of a difference one farm family at a time.

The Kelman family is synonymous with the term "giving" and the Muswellbrook community. Len and wife Carole have owned their own trucking company for many years and have always been one to throw their hand up for sponsorship and community fundraisers for people in need. This time it's the retired man himself leading the way and coordinating fundraising and goods for the people in need.

A COUPLE OF WEEKENDS AGO,

**LENNIE WITH THE HELP OF THOSE WORKING ALONGSIDE HIM IN THIS LOCAL EFFORT, HOSTED A NIGHT OF NIGHTS TO ASSIST THOSE STRUGGLING. THE MUSWELLBROOK RSL CLUB WAS SWELLING AT CAPACITY AND BY OPENING NIGHT HAD ALREADY RAISED JUST OVER \$11,000. WITH SINGING SUPERSTAR JOHN PAUL YOUNG IN THE HOUSE AND THE GIVING MOOD IN THE AIR, ONE COULD NOT HELP BUT FEEL SOMETHING BIG COULD HAPPEN.**

Enter Craig Tait. Who is Craig Tait you ask? He's the guy from CDJ who are currently doing construction at MACH Energy and he certainly left an impression. In a room full of Muswellbrook identities, it was the red headed auctioneer with the flaming beard who set the night on fire with his quirky wit and brilliant auctioneering skills.

"The idea of the night came about after a couple of beers with my wife and good mate Lenny Kelman. Lenny had just returned home from a hay run from southern Victoria to Merriwa, where he was born and bred. He was telling us how supportive the region of Muswellbrook had been for him on this run, so I suggested that we put a fundraiser on in town for the people. He quickly grabbed the idea and run with it, contacting Darryl from the RSL and engaging him with Lenny's vision." Tait said.

**"OUR FIRST MEETING AT THE CLUB LENNY ORGANISED FOR ONE OF OUR VARIETY BASH MATES JOHN**

**PAUL YOUNG TO PERFORM. THEN DARRYL AND HIS TEAM THEN WENT TO WORK, PUTTING TOGETHER THE NIGHT AND ORGANISING RAFFLE AND AUCTION ITEMS. THANKS TO ALL THEIR WORK AND A BIG-HEARTED TOWN WE PULLED OFF A GREAT EVENT."**

Whilst the night was for the farmers, the end of the night belonged to the organisers, and a massive congratulations to all involved with over \$40,000 raised. The best part, not one dollar is lost in administrative fees, its all hitting the land where needed.



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**GLENCORE COAL ASSETS HAS COMMITTED \$100,000 TO THE SALVATION ARMY DRIVE FOR LIFE PROGRAM. THE MUCH-NEEDED FUNDING WILL FACILITATE THE CONTINUATION OF THE PROGRAM IN NEWCASTLE, AS WELL AS AN EXPANSION INTO THE UPPER HUNTER.**

Delivered by The Salvation Army's Oasis Youth Network, Drive For Life provides financially marginalised young people professional driving lessons, driver mentoring, and the financial support needed to cover the cost of driving tests and licence fees.

Drive For Life launched in Newcastle in November

2017 with more than 20 participants currently progressing through the program. Oasis Mission and Partnership Manager, Adam Purcell, says the expansion to Singleton provides young people of the Upper Hunter an opportunity to shape their future.

**"DRIVE FOR LIFE EQUIPS YOUNG PEOPLE WITH THE**

**SKILLS THEY NEED TO ATTAIN THEIR DRIVER'S LICENCE, A CRITICAL STEP TOWARDS EMPLOYMENT AND INDEPENDENCE. THIS GENEROUS FUNDING FROM GLENCORE DRAMATICALLY INCREASES THE PROGRAM'S REACH AND WE ARE VERY EXCITED TO BE GIVING MORE YOUNG PEOPLE THE CHANCE TO ACCESS**

**THIS PROGRAM AND ALL OF THE OPPORTUNITIES IT PRESENTS," SAID MR PURCELL.**

Glencore Community Relations Manager, Craig Strudwick, said the pledge to Drive For Life reflects the organisation's commitment to community.

"Glencore funds a scope of projects in the Hunter with the aim of creating stronger, sustainable communities and we understand that this outcome often begins with an investment in individuals. Drive For Life is exactly that, an investment in each and every young person that enters the program and we recognise that the benefits are far reaching. We want to see safe and skilled young drivers on our roads and we appreciate that a driver's licence can dramatically improve a young person's employment prospects. We are delighted to support the Salvos in delivering this program," said Mr Strudwick.

**THE YOUNG PEOPLE PARTICIPATING IN THE DRIVE FOR LIFE PROGRAM RECEIVE PROFESSIONAL DRIVING INSTRUCTION BEFORE PROGRESSING TO THE DRIVER MENTORING PHASE OF THE PROGRAM WHERE THEY ACCRUE THE NECESSARY LOG BOOK HOURS.**

Shantell is a young Mum and Drive For Life

program graduate, she says the program has given her independence and confidence at a critical time in her life.

"I had my L plates for many years but my struggle with anxiety prevented me from building my log book hours and sitting the driving test. When my husband was diagnosed with a permanent disability I realised that I needed help to overcome my fears, so I could get my licence and support my family." Shantell said.

**SHANTELL FORMED A CONNECTION WITH AN AMAZING DRIVING MENTOR WHO GAVE HER THE EMOTIONAL AND PRACTICAL SUPPORT SHE NEEDED TO GET BACK BEHIND THE WHEEL AND SHE NOW PROUDLY HAS HER P PLATES.**

The driver mentoring phase of the Drive for Life program requires volunteer support and interested community members holding an unrestricted driver's licence are encouraged to get involved. Hunter Oasis provides learner vehicles and program participants will have completed intensive professional driving lessons ahead of driving with mentors.


**Anyone interested in learning more about the program should contact Hunter Oasis on 02 4969 8066.**

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**CHRIS SHEA**

I started at Mt Thorley Operations (RW Millers) in 1985 as a Haul Truck Driver before moving on to other machinery. The mine eventually became Mount Thorley Warkworth Mine (MTW) and I was there 31 years before I retired. Turns out retirement can be a difficult adjustment after working full time for so many years. I missed the work environment and especially the friendships

with workmates. 12 months ago, I decided to volunteer with Ourcare Services as a Medical Driver and it's proved to be a great decision. In this volunteer role I get to meet up with other retired miners who work around the Singleton area. I transport clients to their medical appointments from Singleton to Newcastle and Sydney and I've met lots of interesting people from all varied backgrounds. They love to have a conversation with us, as sometimes we could be their

only outing. Every client I've come across has been delighted with the Ourcare door to door service, as it takes away the worry of getting to an appointment and finding car parks. I enjoy my time volunteering. The interaction and support from the girls in the office and the other drivers is wonderful. If you are thinking about volunteering, go ahead and do it. All new volunteers are most welcome and so appreciated. It's a great experience.



**EDWARD KEATON (TED)**

I started in the mining industry in 1985, working as an Operator at Warkworth Mine. I worked my way up to the position of Face Shovel which I enjoyed for 14 of the 20 years I was there. I loved all aspects of my job and the people I worked with were fantastic. We had great people and good bosses. When Rio Tinto bought the mine, I moved on to Narama Mine at Ravensworth. I worked there as a Dragline Operator for 8 years before retiring in 2013.

During my retirement I did tons of kilometres travelling with the caravan throughout Australia, from WA to Qld to the Top End. After being on the road on and off, I discovered I was getting bored. I started going to the Joint Coal Board Gym and ran into Renia Woodard, who was the OT at Ourcare Services and she suggested to come and see Ourcare and become a volunteer medical driver. I love driving so I went the next day and started being a volunteer driver for medical appointments. I now volunteer 2 -3

times a week and I really enjoy it. I love the interaction and to hear the stories shared by the elderly clients. They have some great ones. Sometimes I'll just be the listener and that's very rewarding too knowing that they feel comfortable and safe to share their experience. If you need a bit of satisfaction in your retirement, or have some spare time to fill, then I would recommend volunteering at Ourcare Services. It's great to give something back to our local community.



**JAN BURZYNSKI**

I've had many years working at various mine sites with varying job roles. I worked at Liddell State Mine from 1974 - 1986, starting as Administration Clerk, then Chief Clerk at Ravensworth Preparation Plant for 5 years. I worked as a Storeman at Wambo Mine for approximately 4 years. I've also worked at Austar Coalmine (Yancoal) as Procurement Officer for underground operations, at Whitehaven Underground

Mine at Narrabri setting up new stores systems and was employed over various mines as Relief Stores Project. I finally retired permanently in 2012. During my retirement I've enjoyed lots of travelling, loving the cruise travels with my wife, volunteering at Alroy to do monthly BBQ's. For the past 8 years I have been volunteering with Ourcare Services. I enjoy the volunteering role for re-establishing old connections and

creating new connections with the aged clients. Listening to their stories and their knowledge is most satisfying. Ourcare Services Staff's coordination of the medical drives is a smooth process and I enjoy the interaction with the staff members. Volunteering is a wonderful experience, to be able to give back and help our local aged community. If you have some spare time it's very worthwhile and satisfying.



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# TRIPLE TREAT

## MT ARTHUR TAKES OUT THE 2018 HUNTER VALLEY MINES RESCUE OPEN CUT COMPETITION FOR THE THIRD CONSECUTIVE YEAR!

Ten open cut mines rescue teams from across the Hunter Valley battled it out in the annual Hunter Valley Mines Rescue Open Cut competition on September 14.

The intensity of the competition was matched by the heat of the 29 degree spring day as the teams took it down to the wire to decide the winner.

The competition included a number of emergency and rescue exercises covering

such wide and varied tasks as first aid, industrial rescue, heavy lifting, a vertical rescue, fire and a motor vehicle extrication scenario. Individual practical exercises were also included, as was a complex confined space scenario, requiring the cutting of steel to rescue a trapped victim.

In his first stint as a team captain, Clint Lanesbury said he was overjoyed with the hat-trick result, "It was a very rewarding experience

captaining the winning team. There were some new guys in the team which was great to see and to be part of their first competition. Congratulations to Dave Connell, Matt Enright and the team at HVMRS for running such a stellar event."

Dave Connell reinforced this view, "The industry and our extended communities and families are really the winners in all of this. Having capabilities and skills like that of Mt Arthur's, as well as the other nine teams, that in the event of emergencies can be deployed at a moment's notice should give our industry and its

workers some peace of mind. We also know, which has been proven time and time again, that our mines rescue brigadesmen provide very valuable safety leadership, not only at the coal face but also through their commitment to other roles they fulfil, such as volunteer fire fighting or medical leadership roles in community sport."

On the day the troops were well fed by another great team from Singleton Men's Shed on the tongs and @ the Coalface can confirm the steaks were bloody delicious!

Congratulations to the Mt Arthur team

members: Clint Lanesbury (Captain), Scott Fulloon, Aaron Mell, Elliot Serhan, Lachlan Heath, Andrew Clydesdale, Jeremy Burgess.



## WAMBO TAKES ON WORLD

@ THE COALFACE WAS THERE FOR PEABODY'S WAMBO MINES RESCUE TEAM'S FINAL DAY OF TRAINING BEFORE THEY HEADED OFF TO TAKE ON THE WORLD'S BEST AT THE INTERNATIONAL MINES RESCUE COMPETITION IN RUSSIA.

Around 23 teams from 10 countries competed at the event that kicked off on September 22nd in Ekaterinburg. The international competition is held every two years and Wambo are seasoned competitors at this level,

having competed in Canada in 2016 where they won the first aid category.

Travelling with the team is Craig Bates, Training Officer from NSW Mines Rescue (Mines Rescue). Mines Rescue has played an instrumental role in preparing the team for

this event.

'As well as the usual brigadesmen training that the guys are required to do to retain their active status, we have held a few additional training sessions for the team. These sessions have focused on mass casualty

and triage for first aid which will be a big part of the competition,' explained Mr Bates.

David Connell, Regional Manager NSW Mines Rescue, commended the team on their commitment and dedication.

**'WAMBO ARE AN EXCEPTIONAL TEAM. IN MINES RESCUE CIRCLES THEY ARE A TEAM TO BE RECKONED WITH, HAVING HAD THE EXPERIENCE OF WORKING TOGETHER AND CLAIMING NUMEROUS MINES RESCUE TITLES OVER THE YEARS. THIS TAKES CONSIDERABLE TIME AND COMMITMENT FROM THE BRIGADESMEN AND THE MINE IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN COMPETENCY IN RESCUE TECHNIQUES AND OTHER SPECIALISED TASKS,' HE SAID.**

Peabody President – Australia, George J. Schuller Jr. said he was so proud of the time and effort that this team has put into their preparation. "They have fought hard to make it to the international competition amongst some fierce competitors, in fact, Australia has some of the most skilled and dedicated rescue teams in the world which is a credit to our industry. We hope we can do Australia proud and bring home a win," Mr Schuller said.

As part of their preparation, the team were fortunate to travel to West Virginia University (WVU) in Morgantown, USA to gain experience at both the WVU Academy for Mine Training, as well as the Mine Safety and Health Authority's (MSHA) training facility. More recently they travelled to Northparkes mine in NSW to train with the team that have been four-time Victorian champions.

Peabody's Wambo Mines Rescue Team Captain Mr Warren Kirk said that it's not just about practical training but talking to other rescue teams and understanding how they mentally prepare for such scenarios and competitions.

"It's really interesting to hear from different rescue teams and get different perspectives on their approach to the not only the competitions but the whole rescue process," Mr Kirk said. "We are really thrilled to be in a comp that puts our skills to the test against the best teams around the world."

Despite an outstanding performance by the Wambo team, the competition was won by Russian team Kemerovo MRS. Well done Wambo!





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Hearing loss is the fourth largest cause of disability worldwide and has become so prevalent that even the World Health Organisation has taken notice. A recent report is predicting that disabling hearing loss will affect about 13% of the world population by 2030 and one in four Australians by 2050.

**IDENTIFIED AS ONE OF THE BIGGEST RISK FACTORS IS NOISE-INDUCED OR INDUSTRIAL HEARING LOSS, WHICH, DESPITE BEING ENTIRELY PREVENTABLE, CONTINUES TO BE ALL TOO COMMON. FOR THOSE IN OUR INDUSTRY SUCH AS TECHNICIANS, TRADES WORKERS, MACHINERY OPERATORS, DRIVERS AND LABOURERS, THE EXPOSURE RISK IS VERY HIGH.**

The danger with hearing loss is that it often occurs gradually through prolonged exposure to moderate or loud noise levels, so by the time sufferers notice a change in their hearing, the irreversible damage has already been done. Hearing loss may present itself as tinnitus, the hearing of phantom sounds, like ringing or static; or as hyperacusis, a reduction in tolerance for ordinary sounds. These conditions are often debilitating for the sufferer and can lead to feelings of isolation, depression and if left untreated, even dementia in later life. Once recognising potential hearing loss, it takes sufferers on average seven years to seek professional help, so it is critical that prevention is a high priority.

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**THE BEST SOLUTION, IS OFTEN NOT PRACTICAL. THANKFULLY, THERE ARE STEPS THAT CAN BE TAKEN AT BOTH A BUSINESS AND PERSONAL LEVEL TO PROTECT HEARING IN THESE HAZARDOUS ENVIRONMENTS.**

The employer is responsible for preventing over exposure to hazardous noise, which means not exposing a worker to sounds of more than 85 decibels over an eight-hour shift, nor to any sound above 140 decibels at any time. Personal protective equipment (PPE) also plays a critical role in preventing permanent industrial hearing loss.

There is a wide range of hearing protectors currently available. When selecting hearing protection, audiologist for Honeywell Industrial Safety, Theresa Schulz recommends measuring each individual's daily protected exposure level, rather than using the labelled attenuation of the PPE to estimate how much protection workers should be getting from the hearing protector. Using the labelled attenuation is far less accurate, and can often lead to overprotection, which puts workers at risk of serious workplace accidents. 'Communication, comfort, size, shape and ease of insertion should all be considered when selecting hearing protection,' says Schulz.

So, when it comes to hearing protection, make sure your PPE is properly fitted, meets the requirements of the working environment and you are wearing the equipment properly because it's not worth the risk.

**Thanks to Honeywell Industrial Safety for providing us with the must hear information!**



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# MINERS BATTLE IT OUT IN THE NAME OF CHARITY



## HUNTER VALLEY MINING CHARITY RUGBY LEAGUE KNOCKOUT COMPETITION 2018



### OFFICIAL COMPETITION DRAW

POOL A	POOL B
Bengalla Badgers	Werris Creek Wildcats
Rebel Roos	Yancoal Yowies
Glendell Gladiators	Mt Arthur Meerkats
Rix's Creek Rattlesnakes	MTW Razorbacks
POOL C	POOL D
Mt Owen Mustangs	Integra Tigers
Ravensthorpe Rhinos	Maules Creek Maulers
Saxonvale Raiders	Hunter Valley United Cobras
Wambo Wolves	MTW Barbarians

GAME	TIME*	MATCH
Game 1	8.50am	Bengalla Badgers v Glendell Gladiators
Game 2	9.15am	Rebel Roos v Rix's Creek Rattlesnakes
Game 3	9.40am	Werris Creek Wildcats v Mt Arthur Meerkats
Game 4	10.05am	Yancoal Yowies v MTW Razorbacks
Women in Mining - Game 1	10.30am	Hunter Hawkettes v Valley Vixens
Game 5	10.55am	Mt Owen Mustangs v Saxonvale Raiders
Game 6	11.20am	Ravensthorpe Rhinos v Wambo Wolves
Game 7	11.45am	Integra Tigers v Hunter Valley United Cobras
Game 9	12.10pm	Maules Creek Maulers v MTW Barbarians
LUNCH BREAK	12.35pm	
Game 10	1.00pm	Bengalla Badgers v Rix's Creek Rattlesnakes
Game 11	1.25pm	Rebel Roos v Glendell Gladiators
Game 12	1.50pm	Werris Creek Wildcats v MTW Razorbacks
Game 13	2.15pm	Yancoal Yowies v Mt Arthur Meerkats
Women in Mining - Game 2	2.40pm	Hunter Hawkettes v Valley Vixens
Game 14	3.05pm	Mt Owen Mustangs v Wambo Wolves
Game 15	3.30pm	Ravensthorpe Rhinos v Saxonvale Raiders
Game 16	3.55pm	Integra Tigers v MTW Barbarians
Game 17	4.20pm	Maules Creek Maulers v Hunter Valley United Cobras
Semi Final 1	4.45pm	POOL A - 1ST PLACE v POOL B - 1ST PLACE
Semi Final 2	5.10pm	POOL C - 1ST PLACE v POOL D - 1ST PLACE
Women in Mining - Final	5.35pm	HUNTER HAWKETTES v VALLEY VIXENS
Men's Final	6.00pm	WINNER SEMI FINAL 1 v WINNER SEMI FINAL 2
PRESENTATION	7.00pm	IMPERIAL HOTEL

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## EVENT SCHEDULE

07.00am	Gates Open	3.05pm	Pool Games (Game 14 – 17)
07.30am	Team Registration Opens	4.45pm	Semi Final 1 (Pool A – 1st Place vs. Pool B – 1st Place)
08.00am	Gates open	5.10pm	Semi Final 2 (Pool C – 1st Place vs. Pool D – 1st Place)
08.40am	Welcome to Country, National Anthem Minute silence to remember those fallen miners	5.35pm	Women in Mining Series – Final
08.50am	Pools Games (Game 1 – 4)	6.00pm	Grand Final (Semi Final 1 Winner vs. Semi Final 2 Winner)
09.00am	PowerFM Broadcasting Live	6.30pm	Gates Close
10.30am	Women in Mining Series – Game 1	7.00pm	Presentation & After Party at Imperial Hotel (John Street, Singleton)
10.55am	Pool Games (Game 5 -9)		
12.35pm	Voice for Mining Lunch Break		
1.00pm	Pools Game (10 – 13)		
2.40pm	Women in Mining Series – Game 2		

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#### If not your own team for the shield, who's your money on?

We have to say Integra Tigers, but can't go past Yancoal Yowies

#### What will people miss out on if they don't come?

A good family day out and a good chance to catch up with some old work mates.



### MATT DODDS - MTW RAZORBACKS

#### What does the day mean to you?

A great day to have to some fun with some mates in mining to raise money for a great cause.

#### If not your own team for the shield, who's your

money on?  
Yowies or Raiders.

What will people miss out on if they don't come?  
Plenty of great footy and a fun day out with the family.



### LUKE HOLZ- BENGALLA

#### What does the day mean to you?

Celebrating a great charity event and doing something different with work colleagues.

#### If not your own team for

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### PHOEBE DESMOND - VALLEY VIXEN

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#### If not your own team for the shield, who's your money on?

Well there's only 2 women's



teams so ... ha. But for the men's, either Saxonvale or any underdog team.

#### What will people miss out on if they don't come?

They'll miss out seeing some good footy, having a few laughs with mates and showing support to a great service.

### SHANE SAUNDERS - MT MEERKAT

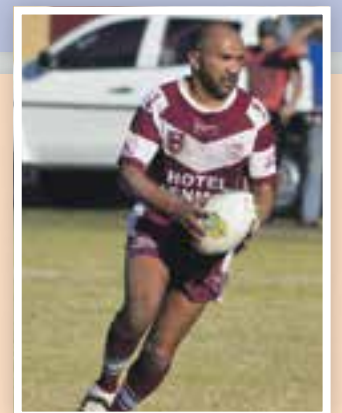
#### What does the day mean to you?

Its good social outing with your workmates whilst supporting a very worthy cause.

#### If not your own team for the shield, who's your money on?

Oh c'mon...the Yancoal Yowies (Combined Ashton & Austar) the only pit that hires their workers with this event in their employment pre-selection ha-ha.

#### What will people miss out



#### on if they don't come?

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This however has not traditionally been the case with their range of rigid dump trucks, that until recently represented a mere fraction of the domestic haul truck population.

So why the discrepancy? It's a good question and one that perhaps needs to be reviewed in context of the mining 'downturn' and Hitachi's strategy to fortify its mining business, leveraging the success of its backhoes and face shovels.

Domestically, Hitachi offer three rigid dump trucks that include their EH3500AC-3 with a nominal payload of 181 tonnes (think Cat 789, Komatsu 730), EH4000AC-3 at 221 tonnes (Cat 793, Komatsu 830) and their range topping EH5000AC-3 coming in at 296 tonnes and placing it slap bang in the middle of the ultra-class battle with Komatsu's 930E as well as Caterpillar's 794 and 795F AC Haul Trucks.

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The first, providing customers the option of engine installations with either Cummins or MTU and the second more telling move, to internalise the design and manufacture of their electric wheel motors once supplied by Siemens. A bold move and perhaps masterful stroke, differing from their competitors that outsource this core technology to third-party providers.

The result, Hitachi's Drive Control System, with claims of reduced tire slippage on acceleration, tire lock-up during braking as well as preventing chassis oscillation in a front-rear direction and tyre skid while steering; some of the problems that plagued their earlier series trucks.

**IN KEEPING WITH MINING TRENDS, HITACHI HAS**

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EH5000AC-3 trucks, that Hitachi hope to make commercially available before 2019 or 2020. Able to be retrofitted to existing units, this automation system will allow trucks to be either driver or autonomous operated with the flick of a switch.

Albeit a little slow off the start, Hitachi's strategic decisions appear to have been vindicated with the recent deployment of trucks to Roy Hill that have openly stated that they wish to be completely autonomous in the coming years.



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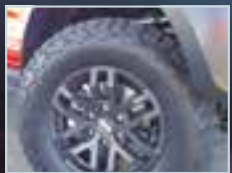
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**OUR INTREPID TROOP CARRIER ADVENTURERS HOOKED UP THE  
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Knocking off Monday morning after the weekend dogwatch swing, Big Bischo, Keef and myself skipped out of the bathhouse with grins from ear to ear in excitement for the days to come. We were headed 500km up the coast with a couple of boats in tow, to fish Wooli for the next week.

Wooli is a small village on a south facing pinnacle separating the South Pacific Ocean and the Wooli River, on the NSW North coast. It is surrounded by one of my favourite stretches of the East Coast, Yuraygir National Park.

Boat access to the ocean is achieved from the river and involves a bar crossing. The Wooli bar is renowned for being sketchy, even in favourable conditions. The river mouth is very narrow, which leaves little room for navigational error or poor judgement from the Captain or crew.

We struck it lucky with the weather and were able to fish four days straight around the North Solitary islands, which lay roughly 12km offshore. Keef and Bischo were onboard "The Turbanator" and were producing plenty of quality fish daily. While I fished solo at the helm of "Tugger" and proceeded to do significant damage to the local Spanish Mackerel population.

Towards the latter half of our stay, the weather turned nasty and



landlocked us. We were all quietly thankful for this I reckon, nursing excessively sunned skin and heavy, battle weary arms. Plus, it gave us a couple of day long chin-up sessions, harassing the local bowling club staff.

Wooli is worth putting on your to-do list if you like wetting a line, or just enjoying some sun and a succulent Chinese meal from the Bowlo.

**Hooroo!  
Dan**

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A-A-RON WITH ONE OF MANY CRACKING FISH HE'S LURED FROM THE DEPTHS OF LAKE MAC

plastics worked around the bulky structure. Watch this space as this is one of our favorite times of year to fish as it's hard to beat an afternoon fishing the Fresh for an Aussie Bass.

BEACHES

Why not soak up the warming weather and spend an afternoon living the life of a millionaire kicking back soaking a few baits with a brew on one of the many beaches our area has to offer.

Bream, Whiting, Salmon and the odd Jewie after dark are the main attractions hanging out on the beaches especially up around the Tin city area on Stockton.

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OCTOBERFISH

OFFSHORE

Things have been 'Red' hot around the reef edges throughout October and things should continue as the water starts to warm back up. The bigger Reds on the shallow reefs have proven to remain consistent chewing on soft plastics. Jew on the deeper reefs out to 100 meters are turning up in great numbers taking live and fresh strip baits.

Don't be surprised if you encounter

a few hoodlum Kings fishing with plastics around the reef edges targeting Snapper especially up towards Seal Rocks at Edith Breakers and Cod/North rock areas around Broughton. This time of year, as we lead into summer we tend to hook and lose Kingies, so best of luck with it if you do manage to hook up.

THE LAKE

Plenty to report with local Lake Mac Fisho A-A-Ron living the dream

reporting plenty of Flatties, Bream and having a great time tangling with a few nice Jewies on the drift bouncing vibes and soft plastics throughout the guts of the lake. Not a lot to report on squid and crab movement in the lake but it can't be very far away.

BASS FOR DAYS

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FEELIN' A BIT PECKISH, WE DECIDED TO CHECK OUT THIS NEW JOINT THAT HAS OPENED AT PIGS PEAK WINERY CALLED YELLOW BILLY. STRANGE NAME, BUT WOW...WHAT A FEED!

A culmination of talents – chef's Emerson Rodriguez, Sam Alexander and Sommelier Pat Hester bring you the hottest new venue in the Hunter. Literally! Because Yellow Billy has fire at its core. Focusing on the art of cooking over fire, Yellow Billy's drawcard is a custom-made fire pit which is used daily to cook amazing meat and other

delectable goodies. This place is all about relaxed fine dining feasting, and by feasting we mean even the biggest pigs won't go home unsatisfied. **THE FOOD AT THIS PLACE IS DESIGNED TO SHARE AND THE FLAVOURS ARE AS BIG AS THE SERVINGS. THIS PLACE REALLY IS UNLIKE ANYTHING ELSE IN THE HUNTER VALLEY.**

Our feast was made up of the best baba ganoush with fired flatbread I've ever tasted. And the oysters! We were only on our starters but already I could leave happy. From there, wood fired delicacies including suckling pig with crackling, apple jam and glaze, plus lamb with jus and salsa verde. No one's ever cooked better is my call. Hate brussel sprouts? We had a side of them that will not only change your mind, they may even become your new favourite dish. The honey-roasted cauliflower with tahini, seeds and nuts will make it a hard choice though. Nothing we ate missed the mark. In fact they hit the bull's-eye with every dish. The service from Pat running the floor along with the rest of the team is also as professional as we have had

anywhere, while also being friendly and welcoming. Keep it up guys. Awesome! When we went the license was still being processed but with a cellar door right next door and a brewery straight across the road there was never any chance of getting thirsty. **SO WHERE DID THE NAME YELLOW BILLY COME FROM?**

According to legend Yellow Billy was a Gentleman Bush Ranger who roamed the Hunter Valley areas of Broke and Pokolbin during the 1860's. He was an early forager who

allegedly lived off the land and slept in caves under the Brokenback Ranges. It was here this native desperado cooked on fire to survive. Make a date to make a pig of yourself...better still grab half a dozen friends and make an even bigger feast of things. Call Pat to make a booking on 65747204 while you can still get a table.





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No one could ever accuse me of not going to great lengths in pursuit of a perfect pie. So it was last month that I woke up one Sunday morning feeling like a pie for breakfast, lunch and dinner. My hunger was driving me nuts so I decided to go for a drive to see what I could find.

Initially I thought I'd take spin up Merriwa way to inhale one or five of my favourites, but being an adventurer even Russell Coight bows before, I decided to wander further a field and hung a left at Bylong Valley Way just before Sandy Hollow.

As the Kingswood roared up this well beaten twisty tourist trail, she said to me in a secret language only the two of us understand 'Oh great leader...let's make this a trip to remember'.

WITH A GENTLE KNOWING NOD, I UNDERSTOOD AND THEN THE SPIRIT OF THE DEARLY DEPARTED BURT

REYNOLDS ENTERED MY BODY IN A SMOKY AND THE BANDIT KIND OF WAY. I PICKED UP THE CB RADIO AND TOLD THE UHF WORLD OF TRUCKIES AND TOOTHLESS CARAVANNERS TO CLEAR THE WAY... WE'RE GOIN' ON A PIE CRAWL.

Destination unknown we weren't stopping until we found pie perfection. I would grab one at every bakery I drove past. Square pies, round pies, oval pies. This was shaping up to be a journey to remember.

First stop - Rylestone... a square shocker that tasted older than my grandmothers false teeth - keep driving.

And so I did...to Bathurst for an oval shaped job that was very, very good and flakey to boot. Swing your Kingswood or Sandman in and slam on the brakes - you won't regret it.

Next was Blaney with two bakeries

there's twice the reason to stop and say pie. The first was round chunky, flaky and very good. The second was oval and not bad at all. This is a small town with a solid repitiation.

Cowra...They've been bakin' pies here since before the place was a prisoner of war camp and it shows. They know what they are doing in this old joint and the World War Two prisoners wouldn't have wanted to escape when the eatin's this good.

Young...I expected big things of their oval creation. Had better, had worse.

FROM THERE IT WAS A LONG WAY BEFORE I PASSED ANOTHER BAKERY HAVING TAKEN THE BACK ROADS TO FIND GLORY...AND THERE IT WAS. THE LITTLE TOWN OF GANMAIN RIGHT DOWN OUT THE BACK OF WAGGA WAGGA.

The Fairy God of pies has bestowed a kind of wisdom and saucery that could very well make Ganmain the spiritual home of pies. Square, gravy, buttery, flaky greatness. Take note people this is the place to throw a pie themed wedding, birthday celebration or christening. It's well worth the 650k drive to experience what could well be Australia's best pie or at least a top 5 hall of fame legend of the pie game. Make the trip.

With a gut full of pies, I had done it. I found a pie of greatness and with that I shoved a Johnny Cash cassette in the tape deck and set the Kingswood on the road home. As they say...a life well travelled is a life well lived.

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@ The Coalface beer expert  
Richard Bowdler brings you this month's beer review.

MOLSON CANADIAN LAGER by BELLIVEAU BREWING

Made: Toronto, Canada.

Cost: \$4.20.

Alcohol: 5.0%.

Color: Mid golden with a very slight cloudiness.

Nose: Aromatic hopsy with malty overtones.

Taste: Very malty for a lager, different but I like it!

Mouth: Full bodied.

Aftertaste: No bitter finish, only the hops flavour and a big malt hit.

Comments: A very interesting lager that is very malty. Brewed with prairie barley, pure Canadian water and lots of malt, this beer also has no preservatives. It's an easy drinking lager that tastes different to everything else out there.

Score: 9/10

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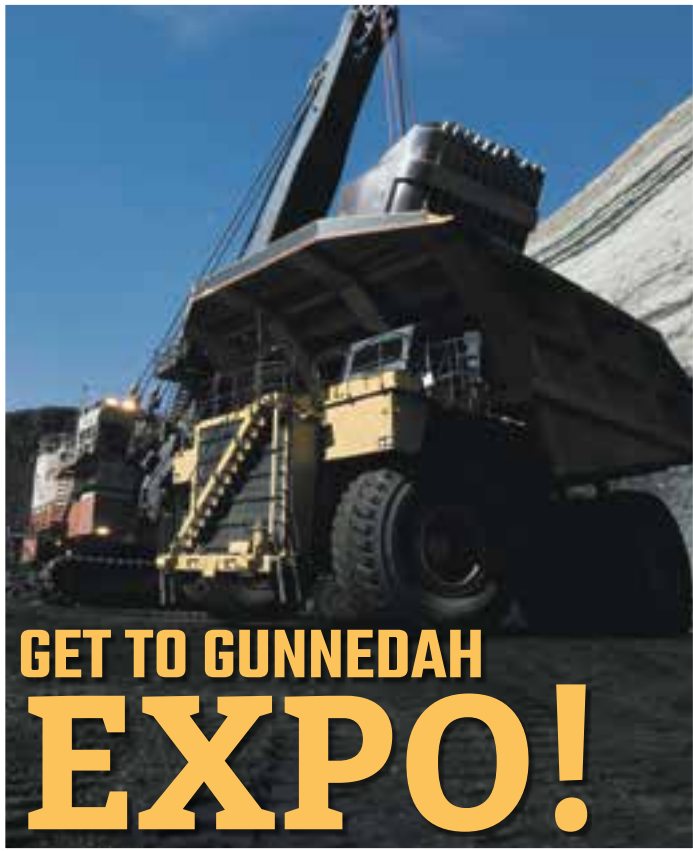
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The first old guy says, “Really! Like a newborn baby?”

The second old guy says, “Yeah - no hair, no teeth, and I think I just wet my pants.”

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Arriving at the Regatta Centre I am bursting with excitement, all I can think is how cool this is going to be. I meet with my instructor and he gives me a briefing about safety and equipment, explaining the 5-point safety harness that straps you into the backpack unit. Water is propelled from the powered unit into a 20 metre hose which is forced into the 2 jet nozzles which creates the power to lift you out of the water.

**HE REASSURES ME THAT IT'S EASY PEASY TO CONTROL AND TOTALLY SAFE, THEY'VE HAD EVERYONE FROM YOUNG KIDS TO GRANNIES DOING IT AND EVERYONE ALWAYS LOVES THE EXPERIENCE.**

Then as he goes through some safety precautions he mentions what to do if I propel myself under the water. Don't panic is the most important thing to remember, he says. What? Underwater? I don't even like putting my head under in the bathtub. "Um? I could get trapped under water?" I nervously ask. "You'll be fine he says,

I'll be on the comms the whole time. You're going to have so much fun!"

As the excitement turns to trepidation, I'm strapped into the jetpack which has now gone from looking like an awesome James Bond gadget to something Houdini would use in a magic trick that involved freeing himself from chains while trapped in a water tank. Was I really going to do this?

**OF COURSE! FOR YOU READERS I WOULD RISK LIFE AND LIMB SO INTO THE WATER I GO BEFORE I CAN CHANGE MY MIND. MAINLY I JUST DON'T WANT TO LOOK LIKE A CHICKEN... IF GRANNY CAN DO IT**

## SO CAN I.

As the Jetpack starts up, I remember his instructions for smooth and minimal movements. Two hand controls steer you left, right, up or down and when in a neutral position you maintain a hover.

Maybe it's the adrenalin making me shake too much, or because the controls are super sensitive, but I spend the next few minutes erratically veering from left to right with frequent plunges into the water. Face first! But a second later I'm back up in the air, and it's bloody awesome!

Hitting the water is scary at first but I'm up and out if it before the fear can take a hold, then it's soaring up high or skimming along the top of the water. After a while I do manage

some semblance of control, but I'm a far cry from mastering it. Easy peasy it ain't!

**ALTHOUGH I PROBABLY DIDN'T VENTURE MORE THAN TEN METRES UP IN THE AIR, IT FELT LIKE A HUNDRED AND THE FEELING WAS SIMPLY THRILLING. FLYING WITH A JETPACK ABSOLUTELY LIVED UP TO THOSE CHILDHOOD EXPECTATIONS AND I RECOMMEND YOU GIVE IT A GO.**

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@ THE COALFACE PRIZE WINNERS

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Components Only Loader – Jan Aalto  
Bulldog Skincare – Helen Harradine  
Roberts Meats Raffle – Chloe Bayley  
Clubhouse XXXX – Kahlee Noble

Café La Luna Cake – Wendy Conners  
Beers on Us – Rodney Doyle  
Young Gun BCF Voucher – Chris Almond

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR WINNERS!

@ THE COALFACE TRIVIA  
THIS MONTH: FABULOUS FACTS

Q1: In rhyming slang, if someone said they we going to have a “bo-peep”, what they be doing?

Q2: Australians hold the world record for which amazing feat?

A) Fastest Beer bottle opening  
B) Largest Christmas Cracker C) Most Sheep Sheared in 24 hours D) Largest Chicken Dance

Q3: What is Kylie Minogue’s lingerie line called?

Q4: Where is the Big Prawn?

Q5: Approximately how many rabbits are there in Australia today?

A) 3 million B) 30 million C) 300 million D) 3,000 million.

Q6: What was the name of Olivia Newton-John’s chain of clothing stores?

Q7: What outback town’s population swells from 120 to crowds of over 5000 for a racing carnival?

Q8: Which of the following is not an Australian innovation?

A) Chiko Roll B) Lawn Sprinkler C) Plastic bank notes D) Dual flush toilet E) Wine Cask?

Q9: What creature does Jana Pittman have tattooed on her body?

Q10: The Idiot Fruit and Darling Peas are poisonous, True or False?

A7: Birdsville  
A8: B - Lawn sprinkler  
A9: Bee  
A10: True

A3: Love Kylie  
A4: Ballina  
A5: C - 300 million  
A6: Koala Blue

A1: Having a sleep  
A2: B - Largest Christmas Cracker

ANSWERS



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# HELLO SUNSHINE!

A RECENT WEEKEND AWAY STARTED WITH A QUICK DRIVE TO NEWCASTLE AIRPORT FOLLOWED BY A MID MORNING 'HOLIDAY' BEER AT THE BAR BEFORE A SHORT FLIGHT TO BRISVEGAS. WE WERE THEN ON OUR WAY FOR THE SHORT DRIVE TO THE SUNSHINE COAST HINTERLAND PARADISE THAT IS MALENY AND MONTVILLE FOR THE WEEKEND.

If the romance is a bit stressed at the moment or you just want to take your better half for a well-deserved weekend away, then you will be hard pressed to find a lovelier location than these two neighbouring towns.

Maleny is located just north of Brisbane in the hinterland behind the Sunshine Coast high up on the southern edge of the Blackall Range with dramatic views across to the Coast and to the Glass

House Mountains.

In the 1980s the place attracted sculptors, painters, craftspeople and potters who provided the local galleries with their works. Soon cafes, coffee lounges and restaurants complemented the galleries and craft shops. It's been booming ever since.

**IT'S A LITTLE BIT HIPPY BUT DON'T LET THAT PUT YOU OFF.**

Today the town is permanently busy on

weekends with day-trippers and the reasons are simple. This is beautiful part of the world with plenty to see, eat and do. There's an abundance of boutique accommodation and chic eateries. The views are sensational with the mountains and valleys to the west and the broad coastal plain and Pacific Ocean to the east. The area is dotted with gracious gardens and small national parks of rainforest, many with dramatic and beautiful waterfalls.

Just as beautiful, nearby Montville, first settled in 1887, has grown into a thriving village with a wonderful array of quality art galleries, stylish cafes and restaurants, gift shops and beautiful fashion stores set in the picturesque surroundings of a shady tree-lined street with more incredible views all the way down to the coast.

**SOME MIGHT SAY MONTVILLE IS THE CREATIVE SOUL OF THE REGION.**

History and architecture buffs will marvel at the fine buildings which run along and around Main Street,

Montville and across the range. Lovers of nature will be at home among the parks & gardens, walking the rolling hills, exploring the lake, national parks, rainforests and waterfalls.

Both of these terrific little towns will take your breath away and resolve any anger management issues you may be experiencing. As the old ad for Queensland used to say... Beautiful one day. Perfect the next. Not a truer word have I ever heard.

Strap your backside into a plane seat and get up there for a weekend.



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