

Way of the future for our garbage

By Clare Colley

Blayney Shire Council could join other council areas in using Orange's waste facilities in the future.

The shire and seven other nearby councils have joined with Orange City Council to call for joint tenders for one waste management company to handle the collection, recycling and organic waste of all.

Orange City Council, Bathurst Regional Council, Blayney Shire Council, Blue Mountains City Council, Cabonne Council, Forbes Shire Council, Parkes Shire Council and Wellington Council have been given the interim OK to start work on the joint tenders by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC), so tenders can be called by February 2014 ahead of the current contracts' end in December 2015.

Orange council spokesman Allan Reeder said the aim of the process was to get the best value for ratepayers' dollars when it comes to waste management.

"The theory is that eight councils together will get a better deal than eight councils working on their own," he

Mr Reeder said the other councils would also decide if they would use Orange City Council's facilities as part of the ongoing discussions.

The Euchareena Road landfill and Ophir Road sorting

site could be of use to the wider region.

The councils needed to have authorisation from the ACCC to overule regulations about anti-competitive

and green waste shredding facilities were built primarily for

But Mr Reeder said it is believed the Euchareena Road

Orange to use with enough capacity for the next 40 years.

"Hypothetically, if a group of companies secretly decided amongst themselves to fix prices or to artificially keep prices higher by reducing competition, that would be bad for consumers," Mr Reeder said.

"The ACCC looks at the facts on their merits and decided that in this case it's a very open, transparent process that all sides of the equation are aware of, even if one side is a group of councils that are attempting to negotiate the best joint-price they can for their ratepayers.'

Mr Reeder said the councils have begun the process of agreeing on a set of joint tender specifications but all have very different waste needs.

The complex process of bringing all these requirements together in a single document is expected to take a long time," he said

The authorisation by the ACCC is one preliminary step that frees the way for other discussions to happen."

At the September meeting, guest speaker Dr John Trollor discussed the most commonly diagnosed cancer in Australia - prostate cancer.

Early detection is important and all men are encouraged to discuss this aspect of their health with

Several of our members are living proof that life can continue after diagnosis and treatment. Lunch and fellowship followed at the Tatt's Hotel.

The next general meeting will start at 10am at the Blayney Bowling Club next Thursday and then proceed to Abercrombie Caves for a BYO picnic lunch with guest speaker Barry Cubit.

A reminder that the November meeting is the deadline for finalising numbers for our August 2014 trip to Cairns.

Friends and guests are welcome to join the group.

contact Pastor Graeme and Jenny Summerson 6368-3399 or

Summerson abundantlife.net.au

Anglican Church

Friday: 6pm Blayney. Sunday: 8am
9:30am
9:30am Millthorpe/Blayney; 10am Uralba. For info, contact Rev Anastasia Webster-Hawes 6368-2065; 0414 294 658 or rev.ana@blayneyanglican.org.au

Presbyterian Church
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the Rev Jonathan Boyall; morning tea in
the hall after the service. For info, call 6368-8569, 6368-3943 or 6368-4639.

Blayney Uniting Church Sunday 9.15am Holy Communion service. Leader Gwenda Stanbridge

Blayney Chronicle

Dates to Remember

Friday October 11 Little Athletes can pick up their packs from King George Oval 4.00-5.30pm

Saturday October 12 Trunkey Creek Show **Sunday October 13**

Blayney Netball Rep Trials at the Netball Courts, 9-11am

Monday October 14 Blayney Netball Twilight Mixed Comp at 6.30pm and 7.15pm

Friday October 18 Little Athletics Orientation

(please note this date has changed)

Saturday October 19 Blayney Anglican Parish Fete * Neville Hall Trust presents Poet/Raconteur Greg North, Neville Hall @ 6.30pm. Sunday October 20 Lyndhurst Hall and Village

Market Day and opening of Multi-purpose Court Saturday October 26

Carcoar Show Rotary Spring Ball, Blayney Community Centre, 6.30pm

> November 2-3 Carcoar Cup Running Festival

Saturday November 9 **Neville Show**

Sunday November 10 Carcoar Public School Spring Fair

Monday November 11 Remembrance Day

Saturday November 16 Mandurama Supper Dance

Sunday November 17 Cadia Valley Open Day and Blayney Festival **Sunday December 1** Millthorpe Markets

If you would like your event listed in our Diary please send in the name and date of your event with your name and daytime phone number.



Your Say

As an owner of a block of ground in the village of Newbridge, I strongly object to the ridiculous proposal by Blayney Shire Council to apply a 15% cumulative rate increase and agree with the penultimate paragraph of your article in the Blayney Chronicle of 26 September.

The result of this cumulative increase would be

I agree with other readers of your paper, that if the council cannot manage under the present system then it may be a

better option to amalgamate Thank you for highlighting this matter in your paper. Name withheld upon request

Church Notices

Blayney Community Baptist Church

9.30am Sunday service at Blayney Public School, Sunday School for kids during school terms. Millthorpe Night Church, 6 October, 5pm at Millthorpe Uniting Church. For more info, call 0417 415 716 or email blayneybaptist@bigpond.com; www.blayneybaptist.org.au Catholic Church

Today: 6:45am Carcoar, liturgy of the word with holy communion; No mass St James; Friday: 10am St James Mass; Saturday: 5:15-5:45pm St James reconciliation; 6pm St James vigil mass; Sunday: before mass - Carcoar reconciliation; 7:30am

Carcoar mass; 9am St James mass; Tuesday: no mass; Wednesday: 5pm St James Mass

Millthorpe Uniting Church Sunday: 11am service led by Kevin Roweth. Enquiries to Kevin Roweth 6366-7232

Abundant Life Church Loving God, Loving People, Loving Life: we are a Pentecostal church that meets at 118 Adelaide St, Blayney. Sunday services at 10am and 5pm. Youth

@ the Shed on Fridays from7pm to 9pm. Mid-week connect groups. For info,

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Dear editor

Drip Drip Mentality
Blayney Council intends to pay a consultant to tell

ratepayers we need a rate rise.
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We have been told Blayney Council has pots of money. I am not aware Leeman Bros USA have paid the million dollars owing (bad decision by councillors and council staff). We can also save money if councillors take a pay cut. It costs ratepayers \$100,000 to maintain councillors. This equates to 67 homes with an average of \$1500 rates per annual before council work begins.

I hope the consultant will take my suggestion on board. Tip of the week: Don't forget if you are going to a wedding it is tax deductable courtesy of the Liberal Party. Bruce Pine - Newbridge

Can Assist Can Assist

President Betty would like to thank members who helped with the gate and Information Stall at the Trunkey Show

The raffle first prize winner was Tracy Dwyer and Kathy

Fardon won the second prize. Arrangements are well under way for the Melbourne Cup Luncheon to be held at the Bowling Club on the Tuesday 5 November from noon.

Members are asked to contact President Betty on 6368-2915 if they are able to provide hot dishes, salads, sweets or slices or assist at the club, on the day from 10am.

Claims are still being received from patients within our community and we encourage those who need assistance to contact our president or Margaret Matthews on 63682367.

The next meeting will be held at 'The Cottage' on the 12

November from 7pm.

Small Biz Bus to visit Blayney

businesses in Blayney Shire can take advantage of free, high quality business help with the arrival of the Small Biz Bus

next Tuesday.

It will offer local small businesses operators the chance to meet with business experts for personalised, individual advice.

Buchanan, Bruce Executive Officer of the Central NSW Business Enterprise Centre said:"I'm thrilled that the Small Biz Connect Bus is coming to

Blayney.
"The Small Biz Connect program has allowed the BEC to expand its depth of service to existing business, who can now undertake a business diagnostic and benchmark for their business.

'The arrival of the Small Biz Bus is a great opportunity for existing business owners as well as new business intenders to call into the Bus and see the range of services the BEC can assist your business," he said.

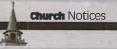
Yasmin King, NSW all Business Small Commissioner said: "It's easy to get caught up in the day to day reality of running a business, but speaking to a business expert can help you view your business from a new perspective and can be an effective sounding board to help you think about problems in a new light."

The bus is an initiative of

the NSW Government and Blayney Shire Council is hosting the local visit..

To book an appointment

on the bus or to speak to your local Small Biz Connect advisor throughout the year, call Central NSW BEC on 1300 134 359 or go to http://www.smallbusiness. nsw.gov.au/hop-on-thesmall-biz-bus.



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on the dog related charge, both which occurred at a bus According to police the accused's dog was barking and seen to lunge at children at the bus stop. When the victim approached Defreitas police said he ed offensive language towards her. When spoken to by police Defreitas said he had not sworn at the victim and that it was the victim who had

court on October 19.

and was not on a leash.

In the Courts

A Blayney man charged with using offensive language and having a dog uncontrolled was fined \$350 in the local

Jacinta Defreitas, 48, of Selwyn Street Blayney, was

charged with the offences after an incident on Wednesday, March 27 this year.

He was fined \$200 for the offensive language and \$150

sworn at him. He admitted that the dog was barking at the children

Call for floats for 2014 Australia Day parade

Carcoar resident Laurel Thomas has called on the Blayney shire community to consider creating a float or taking part in the Australia Day parade at Carcoar on 26 January next year.

A prize for the best float is on offer, she said. "We want to represent all aspects of the history of the district.

"People can enter as a float, individual, group of people, club or organisation," said Mrs Thomas.

There will be no cost to take part in the parade, she said.

For more info, to discuss and register, contact Mrs Thomas on 6367-3513 or email laurel.pa.thomas@gmail.com

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Tuesday 78pm Parish fellowship at Hang Sings restaurant; Thursday 31

October 4:30pm to 6:30pm Kids' Club. For info, contact Rev Anastasia Webster-Hawes 6368-2065; 0414 658 rev.ana@blayneyanglican. org.au

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Community Centre, 6.30pm

Ferndale Iris Nursery Newbridge

OPEN DAILY

Saturday November 2

Motorbike Racing: **NSW Senior Track** Championships,

Blayney Showground

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Running Festival

* Millthorpe Garden Ramble Saturday November 9

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Ashleigh Fogarty, who opened a new hairdresser/barber shop in Blayney this week. Photo: Margaret Paton

Gold Mine OPEN DAY &

The Cadia Valley

Open Day is an

Operations

Sunday 17 November 2013

Blayney Festival

opportunity for visitors to experience firsthand the surface mining

operations of one of Australia's largest

On the 2.5 hour guided bus tours visitors

See sweeping views of the open cut

Get up close to super-sized mining

Blayney and will be held in conjunction with the inaugural

Buses will depart every 10 minutes from CentrePoint

Visit CVO's ore processing plant Glimpse into the future at the progressive

underground gold mines.

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New shop opens in **Blayney**

With five years' work perience, Ashleigh experience. Forgarty, who's on the cusp of her 21st birthday, has opened her hairdresser/barber shop on Monday in what was an shopfront

Adelaide Street Blayney. "I was doing a lot of work from home and I really wanted to have a place of my own and decided to do it and took out a bank loan," said Miss Fogarty.

colours and Cuts. shaves will be her offering.

She spent three weeks renovating the shop including painting and putting in a new floor and has taken a lease for three

Write to us

The Blayney Chronicle welcomes your letters to the editor. Please ensure they are under 200 words, have your full name, address and day time phone number (for verification) or we're not able to print them.



Dear editor

We the ratepayers of Blayney and district what what we can afford. At preelection, we were told 5%, 7% would be required to get council services, etc back on track. Who do you believe? Is the extra revenue going to fund the Orange tip hub - it certainly won't be cheaper with extra transport, etc.

We will loose our tip - the previous council said with recycling, the tip life would be expanded. The green bins - an extra cost to rate payers. Will we loose access to our tip for materials and surplus

We see too much already dumped on roads, etc.

Will we loose our tip contractor and

employees. Our tip has a life of 20-plus years even if our population doubles. It the councillors and council need me to show them how, I am available. Can we save by having council own their own tip truck or even retender the collection

The last council and councillors told me there were 400 building blocks available in Blayney - where? The Local Environmental Plan is already out of date and doesn't allow for expansion. The Carcoar Bridge - another mistake that we are repaying for.

We're losing jobs all over Australia farmers are on the brink and we can't afford rate hikes like this.

We here in Blayney realise that we can't have what Orange and Bathurst have. Don't county on any fairy tale wants. Remember higher rates make us good for amalgamation.

Peter Hildenbeutal

Blayney

Township committee votes on oval and Adelaide Street

Revamp King George Oval and Adelaide Street were a couple of hot wish list items taken to a vote at Blayney's fledgling township committee meeting last Wednesday evening.

About 12 attendees were issued with voting cards numbered from 1 to 20 and assigned them to a range of 48 ideas and wishes to improve Blayney town.

The voting cards are now with Blayney Shire Council for number crunching and a report about the findings is expected to go to council soon., said council's general manager Glenn Wilcox.

The committee will meet again on Wednesday, November 13 at 5:30pm at the Blayney Shire Community Centre. All are welcome.



Sue Jones - centre back - Blayney high principal with students from left Brent Bevear, year 11, Tayla Simonis, year 10, Lauren Howell, year 10, Annika Brown, year 11 and Jordan Lane, year 11, who helped fundraise for

Fundraiser on fire

Blayney High School students raised an incredible \$559 just from the proceeds of donations from students turning up in casual clothes in the colours of fire - red and orange - last Friday.

The fundraiser for their bush-fire affected peers at Winmalee High, in the Blue Mountains, was the brainchild of Tayla Simonis in Year 10 at Blayney High.

boyfriend, Lawrence, RFS]volunteered to fight the bush fires so I wanted to do something to help, too," said Ms Simonis. With Lauren Howell, self-described as her "trusty

sidekick", they also organised a cake stall and students helped in the canteen to make and sell wraps and icrecream spiders.



· All day free entry into CentrePoint Sport and Leisure's facilities, including the pool and gym.

Acoustic music at

Carrington Park

Blayney Festival will showcase the local goods and produce,

tourist attractions and talents of the Blayney community and will

A 'touch of gold' art

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\$255,000 32 ARTHUR ST TRUNKEY CREEK \$42,000



Featured for rent

Near brand new four bedroom brick home, main bedroom features an ensuite and walk in robe. Open plan living, double garage, Ducted air-conditioning and a large yard. Perfect family home.



Large family home in a renown street | Ready to move into This four bedroom brick home is built in one of Blayney's most renowned streets. The main bedroom features an ensuite. There is ducted gas heating and reverse cycle air conditioning. A single garage and a separate single carport. Covered outdoor patio, perfect for outdoor entertainment together with large yard.



This neat and tidy three bedroom home is ready to go. A near new large kitchen, with cupboards galore. Recently renovated bathroom with separate toilet and good carpet through out the home. The large lounge has a new log fire heater. This property also features a good sized fully fenced yard and a 3 how garden. and a 3 bay garage.



Vacant Land

This 1011.5m2 residential block is situated in the historical town of Trunkey creek. Being the in the Centre of township this is ideally an excellent building block. With it being fully fence, good bore, electricity and a Geotech report available. Currently used for grazing sheep this block has great potential wand would suit a family wishing to build out of town.

ABCI (2) 6 Morning Programs. 10:31 Artpost. 10:35
Behind the News. 11:02 Wild China. 12 Midday Report. 12:31 My Family. 1:02 Turn Back Time: The High Street. 2:02 A Melbourne Story. 3:02 Children's Programs. 5 Eggheads. 5:30 ABC News: Early Edition. 5:58 Nigella Kitchen. 6:28 Auction Room. 6:57 Clarke & Dawe. 7 ABC News. 7:30 7:30. 8:01 Catalyst. 8:32 Redfern. Now. 9:32 Fry's Planet Word. 10:30 Latelline. 11:05 The Business. 11:32 My Family's Crazy Gap Year. 12:21 Overnight Programs.

ABC2 (22) 6 Children's Programs, 4:10 Shaun the Sheep, 4:18 Hana's Helpline, 4:30 Play School, 5:01 Peppa Pig. 5:06 Bananas in Pyjamas, 5:18 Peppa Pig. 5:06 Bananas in Pyjamas, 5:18 Peppa Pig. 5:23 Q Pootle 5, 5:35 The Hive, 5:43 Peppa Pig. 5:48 Florrie's Dragons, 6:02 Mr Moon, 6:17 Five Minutes More, 6:29 In the Night Garden, 7:02 Spicks & Specks, 7:30 Doctor Who. 8:15 Would I Lie to You?, 8:30 Never Mind the Buzzcocks, 9:01 Derek, 9:25 Alan Carr. Chatty Man, 10:12 Mock the Week, 10:41 Funny As, 11:45 Doctor Who. 12:31 Overnight Programs.

ABC3 (23)
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Canimals. 4:10 Casper's Scare School. 4:23
Pat and Stan. 4:32 Oh No! It's An Alien Invasion. 5:01 The High Fructose Adventures of Annoying Orange. 5:13 Spectacular Spider-Man. 5:37 The Avengers: Earth's Mightiest Heroes. 6 Young Dracula. 6:31 Nowhere Boys. 7 Horrible Histories. 7:30 Star Wars: The Clone Wars. 7:33 News on 3. 8 Star Wars: The Clone Wars. 8:23 My Great Big Adventure. 8:45 The Adventures of Figaro Pho. 9 Station Close. ABC1 (2) 6ABC News
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5 Arabic News, 5:30 Turkish News, 6 Tropfest
Snacks, 6:05 Ninja Warrior, 6:35 Ninja Warrior,
7 Kill Arman, 7:30 The Feed, 8 Ninja Warrior,
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Lovers' Guide to Australia. 1:30 Rex in Rome.
2:30 Living Black. 3 France 24 International
News. 3:20 AJ Jazzeera News. 4 The Journal.
4:30 PBS NewsHour. 5:30 Global Village. 6
Greece! The Islands. 6:30 World News
Australia. 7:30 Coast. 8:35 The Bible: A History.
9:30 The Wellington Bomber. 10:35 World
News Australia. 11:10 MOVIE Trash.
[2009.A.S., D. N. MA, R., Spain) 12:45 Overnight
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Portuguese News, 11:05 Japanese News, 11:40
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Week, 8 News Exchange, 8:30 ABC News
Update, 8:31 One Plus One, 9 The World, 10
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A Ballet in Sneakers. 2:05 Piano Notes. 2:15
What Is Beauty?. 3:20 A Composer's Dream.
3:30 The Who: The Story Of Tominy. 4:30 PBS NewSHour. 5:30 Finding Your Proots. 6:30
World News Australia. 7:30 24/7 Wild. 8:30
Pilgrimage with Simon Reeve. 9:30 MOVIE
Perfect Sense. (2011; S.L.MA.CO) Ti:15 MOVIE
Cargo. (2009, L.V.M., Switzerland) 1:15
Shameless. 2:10 Overnight Programs.

SBS 2 (62) 6:20 Worldwatch 10:20 Portuguese News. 11:05 Japanese News. 11:40 Hong Kong News. 12 Chinese News. 12:30 Korean News. 12:55 Italian News. 13:55 Greek News From Cyprus. 4 A-League. 6 PopAsia. 7 SBS PopAsia: Asia-Pacific Song Festival: 8 Iron Chef. 8:50 RuPaul's Drag Race. 9:40 MOVIE Body to Body. (2003; S.A.V.M.R. France, French) 11:25 Shorts on Screen, 11:55 Overnight Programs.

News 24 (24) 6 Morning News Programs 2:30 Big Ideas. 3 ABC News. 3:30 Afternoon Programs. 6 ABC News. 6:30 ABC News Update. 6:31 Foreign Correspondent. 7 ABC News. 7:30 ABC News Update. 7:31 State to State. 8 ABC News Update. 7:31 State to State. 8 ABC News Update. 9 ABC News. 9:30 ABC News Update. 9:31 The World This Week. 10 ABC News. 10:30 ABC News Update. 10:31 Landline. 11 ABC News Update. 11:01 O&A 12 ABC News Update. 12:01 Overnight Programs.

PRIME7 (6) 5 Sunrise. 9 The Morning Show. 11:30
Seven Morning News. 12 The 2013 Melbourne Cup Carnival. 5:30 Million Dollar Minute. 6
Prime7 News. 6:30 Seven News. 7 Horne and Away. 8 How I Met Your Mother. 8:30 Beauty and the Geek Australia. 10 Grey's Anatomy. 11
The Amazing Race. 12 Auction Squad. 1
Infomercial, 1:30 Infomercial, 2:30 Infomercial. 2:30 Infomercial. 3:30
Infomercial. 4 Infomercial. 4:30 Infomercial. 5
Infomercial. 5:30 Seven Early News.

7TWO (62) 6 Morning Programs. 9
Horne and Away. 9:30
Shortland Street. 10 Coronation Street. 10:30
Gardeners' World. 11 Ballykissangel. 12 Hetty
Wainthropp Investigates. 1 Dangerfield. 2
MOVIE It's a Bikini World. (G.R) 4 Growing
Pains. 4:30 Who's the Boss?. 5 Shortland'
Street. 5:30 The 2013 Melbourne Cup
Carnival. 6 Bargain Hunt. 7 Seven News at 7.
7:30 Unlikely Animal Friends 2. 8:30 MOVIE
Forrest Gump. (1994,A,L,V,M,R,CC) 11:30 The
Bill. 12:30 Overnight Programs.

7 mate (63)

6 Infomercial, 6:30
Infomercial, 7 Handy
Manny, 7:30 Zeke and Luther, 8 Pair of Kings,
6:30 I'm in the Band, 9 NBC Today, 11 Hercules;
The Legendary Journeys, 12 Homicide: Life on
the Street, 1 Motor Mate, 2 Motor Mate, 3:30
Dream Car Garage, 4 Dream Car Garage, 4:30
Seinfeld, 5 Seinfeld, 5:30 Pimp My Ride, 6:30
How I Met Your Mother, 7:30 Swamp People,
8:30 Turtleman, 9:30 Family Guins, 10:30
Operation Repo, 11 Operation Repo, 11:30
Jetpack Nation, 12 Overnight Programs.

PRIMEY (6)

6 Sunrise, 9 The Morning Show, 11:30
Seven Morning News. 12 MOVIE Alone with a Stranger, (V.L.M.R.CC) 2 The Daily Edition. 3
The Chase. 4 Seven News at 4. 5 Deal Or No Deal. 5:30 Million Dollar Minute. 6 Prime?
News. 6:30 Seven News. 7 Better Homes and Gardens. 8:30 MOVIE The Help. (A.M.CC)
11:35 MOVIE The Women. (S.L.D.PG.R.CC) 2 Infomercial. 2:30 Infomercial. 3:100 Movie The Mornercial. 4:30 Infomercial. 5 Infomercial. 5:30 Infomercial.

7TWO (62) 6 Morning Programs. 10:30 Gardeners' World. 11 Ballykissangel. 12 Hetty Wainthropp Investigates. 1 Dangerfield. 2 MOVIE The Perfect Match. (1988, PG, R) 4 Time of My Life. 4:30 Who's the Boss?. 5 Shortland Street. 5:30 Coronation Street. 6 Bargain Hunt. 7 Seven News at 7:7:30 Once Upon a Time, 8:30 Escape to the Country. 9:30 Escape to the Country. 10:30 Four in a Bed. 11:30 Four in a Bed. 11:30

7 TITALE (63) 6 Informercial. 6:30
2013 Rugby League
World Cup. 9 NBC Today. 11 Hercules: The
Legendary Journeys. 12 Homicide: Life on the
Street. 1 Motor Mate. 2 Motor Mate, 3:30
Dream Car Garage. 4 Dream Car Garage. 4:30
Seinfeld. 5 Seinfeld. 5:30 Pimp My Ride. 6:30
Pimp My Ride. 7 How I Met Your Mother, 7:30
MOVIE Tangled. (V.PG, R.CC) 9:30 MOVIE The
Sth Day. (2000, V.L.M., R) 12 Jersey Shore. 1
Unsolved Mysteries. 2 History of Motor
Racing. 3 Overnight Programs.

PRINET (6) 6 Infomercial. 6:30 Infomercial. 7
Weakend Sunrise. 10 The Morning Show-Weekend. 11 The 2013 Melbourne Cup. Carnival. 5:30 Sydney Weekender. 6 Seven News. 7 MoVIE Toy Story of Terror. (PG,CC) 7:30 MoVIE Toy Story 3: (G,R,CC) 9:45 MoVIE Johnny English Reborn. (VL.,PG,CC,UK) 11:50 World's Wildest Police Videos. 12:50 Grey's Anatomy. 2:50 10 Reasons Why/Become a Millionaire. 3 Overnight Programs.

7/TWO (62) 6 Morning Programs.
9:30 Wizards of
Waverty Place. 10 Brand Developers. 10:30
Brand Developers. 11:41 4 Adventure. 11:30
Great South East. 12 Creek to Coast. 12:30
Queensland Weekender. 1 Sydney Weekender.
1:30 MOVIE To Gillian on Her 37th Birthday.
(1996, PG, R) 4 The Travel Bug. 5 Australia's
Best Houses. 5:30 Australia's Best Gardens. 6
Globe Guides. 6:30 Coastwatch. 7 Time of My
Life. 7:30 Cities of the Underworld. 8:30 The
Border. 9:30 The Inspector Lynley Mysteries.
11:30 Colour of War. 1 Overnight Programs.

7 mate (63)

6 Morning Programs, 11
Hercules: The
Legendary Journeys, 12 BCF Adventure TV,
12:30 BCF Adventure TV,
12:30 BCF Adventure
TV, 2:30 2013 Australassian Safari, 3:30 Dream
Car Garage, 4 Dream Car Garage, 4:30
Shannons Supercar Showdown, 5:30 Mythbusters, 6:30
Ultimate Factories, 7:30 Inside West Coast
Customs, 8:30 Full Throttle Saloon, 9:30
MOVIE Wild Things, (1998, AV,R) 11:30
Operation Repo. 12 Overnight Programs.

WIN (3) 9 Morning News, 12 The Ellen DeGeneres Show, 17 of Be Advised, 2 Extra. 2:30 Alive and Cooking, 3 National News, 5:30 Hot Seat, 6 National Affertoon News, 5:30 Hot Seat, 6 National Affertoon News, 7 The Big Bang Theory, 8 Top Gear, 9:30 Top Gear, 11 True CSI: Cold Blood, 12 WIN News Late Edition, 12:30 National News Late Edition, 12:30 National News Late Edition, 2 Danger Man, 3 Danoz, 3:30 Good Morning America, 5 Early Morning News, 5:30 Today.

GEIV (80) 6 Friends 6:30 Skippy.
7 TV Shop - Home
Shopping, 7:30 TV Shop - Home Shopping, 8
The Baron, 9 TV Shop - Home Shopping, 9:30
TV Shop - Home Shopping, 10
TV Shop

GOI (88)

6 Children's Programs.
12 Extra. 12:30 TMZ.1
TMZ Live. 2 Top Gear USA. 3 Extra. 3:30 YuGi-Ohi Zexai. 4 Ben 10: Alien Force. 4:30
Scooby-Dool Mysterly Incorporated. 5
Adventure Time. 5:30 Young Justice. 6 Two
and a Half Men. 6:30 The Middle. 7 The
Middle. 7:30 Survivor: Blood vs. Water. 8:30
The Big Bang Theory. 9 The Big Bang Theory.
9:30 MiOVIE Law Abiding Citizen. (AV.R.CC)
11:50 Fringe. 12:50 Overnight Programs.

SCIO (5)

6:30 Early Wake Up. 7:
Wake Up. 8:30 Studio
10.10:30 Studio 10 You. II TEN Eyewitness
News Morning, 12 Dr. Phill. 1 The Doctors. 2
Ready Steady Cook. 3 Judge Judy. 3:30
Entertainment Tonight. 4 Huey's Kitchen. 4:30
The Bold and the Beautiful. 5 TEN Eyewitness
News. 6 The Simpsons. 6:30 The Project. 7:30
Jamie & Jimmy's Food Fight Club. 8:30 Law &
Order. Special Victims Unit. 9:30 Revealed,
With Hugh Riminton. 10:30 TEN Eyewitness
News Late. 11:15 The Project. 12 Overnight
Programs. ONE (50)
6 ITU Triathlon World Championships, 7
Sport Science, 8 NFL. 11 NFL Total Access, 12
Omnisport, 12:30 Adventure Anglet, 1
Australian PGA Championship, 6
M. A. S. H. 6:30 Recipe to Riches, 7:30
Whose Line Is It Anyway?, 8 Whose Line Is It Anyway?, 8:30 Ross Noble's Australian Trip.
9:30 A League of Their Own, 10:30 Hounds, 11
Blokesworld, 11:30 Would You Rather?, 12
Beach Patrol, 12:30 Vegas Strip, 1 Vegas Strip, 1:30 Trick My Truck, 2 Overnight Programs.

Heaven. 11 Recipe to Riches. 12 Charmed. 1 Star Trek: The Next Generation. 2 Judging Amy. 3 Informercial. 3:30 Cheers. 3:55 Couch Time. 4 The King of Queens. 4:30 Laverne & Shirley. 4:55 Children's Programs. 7 Everybody Loves Raymond. 7:30 Futurama. 8:30 Star Trek: Deep Space Nine Ornnibus. 11:30 The Late Late Show with Cralg Ferguson. 12:30 Overnight Programs. Ferguson. 12:30 Overnight Programs.

WIN (3)

9 Morning News. 12 The
Effen DeGeneres Show. 1 To Be Advised. 2
Extra. 2:30 Alive and Cooking. 3 National
News Now. 4:15 National Afternoon News.
5:30 Hot Seat. 6 National News. 6:30 WIN
News. 7 The Big Bang Theory. 7:30 MOVIE
Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix.
(2007, PG, R, CC, UK) 10:25 MOVIE Bait.
(2000, AV, R, CC, Canada) 12:45 WIN News Late
Edition. 1:45 National News Late Edition. 1:45
MOVIE Excalibur. (1981, M, R, CC, UK) 4:30
Good Morning America.

GDIM (8(3)) 6 Friends. 6:30 Skippy. 7 TV Shop - Home Shopping. 7:30 TV Shop - Home Shopping. 8 Supernanny. 9 TV Shop - Home Shopping. 9:30 TV Shop - Home Shopping. 9:30 TV Shop - Home Shopping. 10 Australia A v England. 12 Friends. 12:30 Australia A v England. 5 The Ellen DeGeneres Show. 6 Friends. 6:30 Friends. 7 A Current Affair, 7:30 Antiques Roadshow. 8:30 MOVIE A Perfect Murder. (1998, M.R. CC) 10:45 MOVIE Michael Collins. (1996, M.R. CC, UK) 1:10 Overnight Programs.

GOI (88)

6 Children's Programs.
1TMZ Live. 2 Top Gear
USA. 3 Extra. 3:30 Yu-Gi-Ohl Zexal. 4 Ben 10:
Alien Force. 4:30 Scooby-Bool Mystery
Incorporated. 5 Adventure Time. 5:30 MOVIE
Where the Wild Things Are. (2009, PG, R, CC)
7:30 MOVIE Crocodile Dundee in Los
Angeles: (2001, PG, R, CC) 9:30 MOVIE
Gremlins 2: The New Batch. (1990, PG, R) 71:45
MOVIE Halloween III: Season of the Witch.
(1982, M) 1:45 Overnight Programs.

SCIO (5)
6:30 Early Wake Up. 7
Wake Up. 8:30 Studio
10. 10:30 Studio 10 You. 11 TEN Eyewitness
News Morning. 12 Dr. Phil. 1 The Doctors. 2
Ready Steady Cook. 3 Judge Judy. 3:30
Entertainment Tonight. 4 Huey's Kitchen. 4:30
The Boid and the Beautiful. 5 TEN Eyewitness
News. 6 The Simpsons. 6:30 The Project. 7:30
The Living Room. 8:30 NCIS. 9:30 NCIS. 10:30
TEN Eyewitness News Late. 11:15 The Project.
12 Late Show with David Letterman. 1
Infomercial. 1:30 Overnight Programs.

ONIE (50)
6 NBL 8 NBL 10
NASCAR Nationwide
Series Highlights, 11 NASCAR Sprint Cup
Highlights, 12 Omnisport, 12:30 Golf Getaway,
1Australian PGA Championship, 6
M A S H. 6:30 Get Smart, 7 Cops, 7:30
Megastructures, 8:30 Cops; Adults Only, 9
Cops; Adults Only, 9:30 NBL 11:30 Miami
S.WA.T. 12:30 Vegas Stirp, 1 Fight Master
MM. 2 Cops, 2:30 Big Angry Fish, 3
M A S H, 3:30 Omnisport, 4 Isle of Man
TT, 5 Isle of Man TT.

Frasier 12 Charmed. 1 Star Trek: The Next Generation. 2 Judging Amy. 3 Informercial. 3:3 Cheers. 3:55 Children's Programs. 6:30 Neighbours. 7 Everybody Loves Raymond. 7:30 Glee. 8:30 New Girl. 9 The New Normal. 9:30 Britain & Ireland's Next Top Model. 10:30 Snog, Marry, Avoid?. 11:10 Snog, Marry, Avoid?. 11:45 The Late Late Show with Craig Ferguson. 12:30 Overnight Programs. rcial, 3:30

WIN (3). 6 Bubble Guppies.
6:30 Dora the Explorer.
7 Weekend Today. 10 Mornings - Saturday. 12
98FM Camp Quality Convoy 2012. 1 MOVIE
Bright Star. (PG.CC. UK) 3:30 Carvalia: A
Magical Encounter Between Human and
Horse. 4 The Middle. 4:30 Getaway. 5 News:
First at Five, 5:30 Fishing Australia. 6 National
News Saturday. 7 Australia's Funniest Home
Videos. 8 Australia's Got Talent. 10 To Be
Advised. 12:25 MOVIE Alien Raiders. (AV) 2.
MOVIE Otis. (AV) 4 Danoz. 4:30 The Baron.
5:30 Skippy.

GEM (80) 6 MOVIE BIIIV LIBIT. (1963, P.G. P., CC, UK) 8 TV Shop - Home Shopping, 8:30 TV Shop-Home Shopping, 9:30 TV Shop-Home Shopping, 9:30 Friends, 10 Australia Av England, 12 Postcards, 12:30 Australia A v England, 12 Postcards, 12:30 Australia A v England, 5: To the Manor Born, 5:30 Sea Patrol UK, 6:30 Secret Dealers, 7:30 Antiques Roadshow, 8:30 CSI: NY, 9:30 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation, 10:30 The Mentalist, 11:20 The Closer, 12:20 Mo VIE Steptoe and Son. (1973;M,R,CC,UK) 2:10 Overnight Programs.

GOI (88)

6 Children's Programs.
8:05 The Day My Butt
Went Psychol. 8:30 Kids' WB Saturday. 8:35
Scooby-Doof Mystery Incorporated. 9 Kids'
WB Saturday. 9:05 The Looney Tunes Show.
9:30 Kids' WB Saturday. 9:25 Young Justice:
Invasion. 10 Kids' WB Saturday. 10:05
Adventure Time. 10:30 Kids' WB Saturday.
10:35 Ben 10: Ultimate Alien. 10:55 Kids' WB
Saturday. 11 Pixel Pinkie. 11:30 Fea Bitten. 12
Lockie Leonard. 12:30 Power Rangers
Samural. 1 Overnight Programs.

SCIO (5)

6 Totally Wild, 6:30
Totally Wild, 7 Flight of
Justine Schoffield, 8:30 Good Chef Bad Chef,
9 Kakadu Invasion, 10 The Doctors, 11 The
Living Room, 12 Australian PGA
Championship, 5 TEN Eyewitness News, 6
The Simpsons, 6:30 David Attenborough's
Africa, 7:30 Bondi Vet, 8:30 MOVIE Captain
America: The First Avenger, (VM, CC) 11 Last
Man Standing, 11:30 A League of Their Own,
12:30 Overnight Programs.

OND (50)
6 NASCAR Sprint Cup Qualifying 7 NASCAR Sprint Cup. 12 Omnisport. 12:30 America's Game. 1:30 Hardliners, 2 Temporary Australians. 2:30 Million Dollar Catch. 3 Megastructures. 4 Places We Go With Jennife Adams. 5 Fishing Edge. 5:30 Big Fish, Small Boats. 6 Get Smart. 6:30 The Ultimate Rider. 7 Trick My Truck. 7:30 Dirty Great Machines. 8:31 MOVIET The Full Monty. (1997.A.N.L.M.R.CC.UK) 10:30 48 Hours. 11:30 MotoGP. 1 Overnight Programs.

Wild. 9:05 The Loop. 11:30 Happy Days. 12 Star Trek: Deep Space Nine. 1 Star Trek: Deep Space Nine. 3 Informercial. 3:30 Cheers. 4 Britain & Irekand's Next Top Model. 5 New Zealand's Next Top Model. 6 Sabrina, the Teenage Witch. 6:30 Life Unexpected. 7:30 The Bachelor Australia. 9 Sex and the City. 9:35 Sex and the City. 10:45 In Plain Sight. 11:45 The Loop. 2:15 Overnight Programs.

Michael Cobb

Council rate rises

ABC2 (22) 6 Children's Programs. 5:23 Q Pootle 5. 5:35
The Hive, 5:43 Peppa Pig. 5:48 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom, 6:02 Mr Moon. 6:17 Five Minutes More, 6:29 In the Night Garden. 7:02
Spicks & Specks. 7:31 Stan Lee's
Superhumans, 8:15 Good Game: Pocket Edition, 8:26 David Mitchell's SoapBox. 8:30
Young, Mormon And Single, 9:30 Funny As, 10:35 Never Mind the Buzzcocks. 11:07 Archer, 11:30 Review With Myles Bairlow. 11:58 Ideal. 12:28 Overnight Programs.

12:28 Overnight Programs.

Blayney Shire Council has concluded its round of meetings in the towns and villages of our shire to ascertain if ratepayers support its proposals for substantial rate increases for next year and beyond. Council is advocating rises of either 10% or 15% over a number of years instead of the normal increase of 3.3%. Regrettably, many of these meetings were held in working hours during the day which meant that many business people, workers and farmers could not attend.

From what I can gather, only about 100 people in total turned up to all these meetings, with a solid majority of them apparently supporting the 10% or 15%

Farmers' meeting

Last Thursday night our local farmers met with councillors at the Blayney Community Centre to voice their opinions.

In contrast to the poorly attended village meetings, this one had an excellent turnout of just under 100 people. The chairman for the evening, Michael Rutherford, asked the mayor and general manager to address the meeting, with questions and resolutions to follow later. Both Scott Ferguson and Glenn Wilcox said they welcomed the opportunity to have input from the shire's farmers, before

outlining the three options they were putting to the

In short, they said a continuation of the 3.3% State Government capped rate increases would mean that council could not maintain its present level of services. They explained that 149 of the 152 councils in NSW are in this same "unsustainable position". They said it costs \$800,000 to fix a country bridge today and that the shire's ageing infrastructure would mean that more and more jobs that needed to be done would have to be put off unless their revenue stream was significantly increased. Already three bridges have been closed in the shire.

They said that while they understood farmers and small businesses were doing it tough, unless higher rates were levied the shire would continue to slip back. A 10% per year increase would be needed just to slowly claw our way back, but with a 15% increase each year for six years, the necessary work could be completed faster.

They added that if the community supported either of the 10% or 15% increases then council could approach the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) to ask for what is called a Special Rate Variation (SRV). This is permission to charge more than the 3.3% cap if both council and the community are in agreement. Without this increase, "Council will not be viable in five to 10 years time" we were told. The mayor also explained

that council could not depend on government funding so

they must turn to the ratepayers for more funding.
Finally, they said that a study the council commissioned had concluded that a 10% or 15% increase would not impose any hardship on ratepayers! Audience's questions to council

Having listened patiently to these explanations, the questions came thick and fast from the floor. Here are some of them:

* Why is a 3.3% increase not sufficient when inflation is running at a lesser figure?

The rates on the land I own in Cowra Shire are levied at only \$2.57/ha whereas Blayney charges \$6.95/ha. Why

Why doesn't council live within its means like the rest I pay \$8500 in rates now, and this will cost \$20,000 in

six years. If my son did not work at the mines to help we could not afford to survive. Council should limit their rise to 7% maximum or

The Valuer General's adjustments to my land valuations has helped double my rates over the last 10

years to \$20,000. I can't afford to have them go up by 131% in the next six years towards \$50,000. ■ Continued on page 12

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Council needs an engineer so the money they collect now is spent properly.

How much money has council got invested in Lehman Bros?

Why are the road surfaces seemingly of less quality now than what they were 30 years ago?

What other options do we have than just simply raising rates?

Can we address the inefficiencies in council first

We should be considering amalgamation. After all it worked for Evans Shire when Bathurst took

If 149 councils are in the same boat, why are we leading the way? Surely we should be lobbying together more effectively?

And so on, but you get the drift. Both the mayor and the general manager did their best to answer these questions.

Farmers' rate disadvantage

A pamphlet handed out at the meeting by council listed the average residential rate paid in our shire as \$632 per year. By contrast the average rate paid by farmers is \$2490, almost four times as much.

Both farmers and townspeople use the same facilities. When they drive to town to shop, farmers use the amenities there. Conversely, if a townsperson drives out of town to, say, Carcoar Dam, they are using the country-based facilities that council provides. So it might seem a bit unfair at first blush that farmers not only pay more, but pay so much more. Four times more. But like it or not that won't change as council believes this is the correct weighting or balance for our shire between its town and its country based ratepayers.

If rates were to go up 15% compounded for six years, that is a 131% increase at the end of six years. It would mean the average residential ratepayer would be on \$1460, an \$828 increase on the \$632

In contrast, the average farmer would pay \$5,754, which is an extra \$3,262 over the \$2,490 being paid

So the four-fold gap in rates, which at present amounts to \$1,858 (\$2490 - \$632) would blow out to \$4,294 (\$5,754 - \$1,460) between the average urban and rural ratepayer.

To make it even more inequitable, the average farm rate is based on including even the smallest of farms in the calculations, where off-farm income is obviously the prime source of income.

Several family farmers who consider themselves 'average' tell me they already pay rates in the range of \$5000 to \$8,000 a year. Larger farmers are paying in the \$12,500 to \$25,000 range.

The four-fold disparity in rates between urban and rural dwellers will be compounded by the ability, or rather the inability of farmers to pay. Not long out of a major drought, they now find themselves plunged back into unseasonal conditions aggravated by depressed prices.

Simply put, many will not be able to afford to pay the steep rate hikes.

While all farmers at the meeting would have appreciated council's difficulties, the impression was left that perhaps council did not understand that farms and small businesses are in the same position, only worse. In fact, many are on falling incomes while at least the council's income is guaranteed to rise 3.3% every year.

Like the council deferring bridge repairs, farmers are putting off fence repairs, fertiliser application, weed control, machinery replacement and so on. They feel the balance is already tilted too far in council's direction, without being squeezed for

Farmers' vote

A vote was taken at the end of the evening, as occurred at the village meetings. Not one person of the near 100 present voted for the 15% increase. Just three voted for the 10% option, and not all of these three were farmers.

The other 90-odd opted for the 3.3% status quo. So on the votes taken at meetings throughout the shire, including this meeting, there is now a strong majority for the status quo. Some are saying that if council ignores this and takes a higher rate increase recommendation to IPART for approval, it will be in defiance of the majority of ratepayers.

Next week

Because of space limitations, next week I will discuss the document which the council commissioned to justify these recommendations. I will also look at other options the council declined to

Rural View Carcoar Cup success

The Carcoar Cup of 2013 was a truly outstanding event for Carcoar and the region.

The atmosphere was so full of excitement and friendliness.

The racing, with about 400 runners participating overall was some of the best you would see in Australia, and an enthusiastic crowd of between one and two thousand had great additional fun cheering the three teams running for charity in the Mile Long Club.

Class times were recorded by one of Australia's most promising athletes Harry Summers in the Half marathon, and by the Ultra Athlete of the Year, Brendan Davies in our first Ultra Marathon. Sixty-four year old legend Ray James came in fifth in the marathon, beating his previous best Carcoar time by 40 minutes. Another legend, Sean Williams, an Olympic coach, ran with his four year daughter in the Carcoar Cup for Kids, then won the 6km dash, and then raced off to the last changeover point in the teams marathon and anchored his team SweatSydney, to a win from local smokeys, Team Pre, headed up by Mitch and Nicole Williamson.

Feedback from the runners and supporters has been fantastic, and the support of RFS crews looking after first aid and traffic was so much appreciated by all, along with all the volunteers looking after the many drink stations on the course.

Organiser Andrew Baulch feels that in this our third year we have made the big strides necessary to make this an iconic event on the national running

The racing

The Carcoar Cup of 2013 has produced some astonishing results to add to Alex Matthews 2.39 in the 2011 Marathon, which is still 10mins faster than anybody has

Harry Summers run of 1:05.23 for the half marathon was truly remarkable from this aspiring Australian representative. We thought last year's field was hot when Mitch Dean won in 1:13:38. Harry had put a big space on the field by the time they had left Neville, and won from Joshua Torley and Michael Mueller.

In the 2012 half, Mitch beat Andrew Tuckey by 29seconds, and Andrew returned this year to run in the Marathon and won in the good time of 2:49:45 from Time Cochrane, who has now finished second twice, and Nick Zawadski, who now has finished third twice.

Both Tim (2:53:13) and Nick (3.03.35) bettered their previous best Carcoar Cup times.

In the inaugural 60km Ultra, Ultra Athlete of the Year Brendan Davies blitzed the field in a great time of 4:02:15, winning from Andrew Heyden (4:23:18) and Ewan Horsburgh (4:36:59).

In the Women's Marathon, the remarkable Angela Bateup has put together her own record, winning her third Carcoar Cup 3:15:49 from Lisa Goozee (3:46:30) and Athene Chariot (3:49:25)

The inaugural women's Ultra, Sarah Fien won in 5:26:44 from April Palmerlee (6:14:26) and

Diane Galea (6:46:29)
In the women's Half Marathon, Jane Fardell come off a win in Sydney the week before to triumph again in 1:22:20 from Nicola Torley (1:27:51) and Sophie Brown (1:32:04)

The Team's Marathon went to Sweat Sydney (Mo Alkhum, Craig Cameron, Cindy King and Sean Williams) in 2:54:45, from the local Team Pre (Mitch Williamson, Elisabeth Simpson, Carrie Williamson and Nicole Williamson) (2:58:29), and the Barbarians (Andrew Kelley, Caitlin Perkins, Jake Bresnehan and Amy Gumley) (3:12:59) The 6km Men's Dash went to

Sean Williams (24.41) from Brandon Connolly (24.33) and Martin Timms (25.40), while the Women's went to Bronwyn Hager (28:00) from Amber Rich (28:14) and Charlotte Simmons (30:28)

In the wonderful Carcoar Cup for Kids the very promising Millthorpe lad Max Kay won his third U12 trophy from Jack Wakem, but was pushed all the way by equally promising Girls U10 Winner Chloe Bateup, who won that division from Portia

Palmerlee. U12 girls winner was Zoe Peters, U10 Boys winner was Dylan Craig, U8 winners were Scarlett Palmerlee and Angus Clues, and U6 winners were Gemma Coote and Rori



Carcoar Crows: another win

> Carcoar Cricket

Carcoar had its fourth home game straight when they took on Cowra Bowling Club last Saturday. Carcoar batted first with Luke and Ben Battle opening the batting. Ben played some big shots before he was bowled for 22 which consisted of five 4's and saw Carcoar 1/42. The in form Tom Ferson joined Luke at the crease and they continued to improve Carcoar's run rate until Luke was

bowled for 49 again just falling short of his half century. Justin Platt was next to come to the centre where he and Tom forged a partnership of 69 before Justin was caught for 22 and Carcoar 3/178. After some big hits Cowra were relieved when they took the valuable wicket of Tom Ferson who was bowled for 87 and Carcoar 4/195. We then saw a very impressive batting performance by Pav Harbowski hitting many first class boundaries. Tim Bear made

8 quick runs before he was bowled. Pav finished his innings with 57 not out which included four 6's and six 4's. Kailen Graham was also 8 not out. This gave Carcoar a very impressive total of 5/276.

Carcoar bowlers again bowled well having Cowra 1/2 in the first over. With some very tight overs being bowled Cowra's wickets fell steady throughout the afternoon and it appeared that Carcoar had Cowra on the ropes at 7/154.

Cowra did not give up with their tail wagging they matched Carcoar's big hitters

It was a nail biting finish but Carcoar held their nerve and Cowra fell short of the run chase and after the 36 overs they finished with 7/255.

Our bowing stats were Ben Battle 2/60 and the very consistent Lachie Farr 1/33. Pav Harbowski also dominated the bowling finishing with figures of 4/37. Well done Carcoar!!



Selwood (past Handicraft Officer), CWA Millthorpe Branch President Anne Oates and Central Western Group President Margaret Brown. Contributed photo



Millthorpe CWA given food for thought

The Millthorpe Branch of the CWA held a festive Christmas luncheon at its Branch Meeting on Tuesday last week at the CWA Rooms.

Group Western President, Margaret was Brown, an inspirational guest speaker, focussing on the importance of the Branch planning for its long-term future. She said that this needed both the people of Millthorpe as well as current CWA members to strengthen their support the Branch.

"Do you want to keep a CWA presence in Millthorpe?" she asked members. "The rooms in Pym Street are available as a community service for the Child and Family Health Nurse of HealthOne Blayney," she said, noting that this was provided free of charge as a community of charge as a community

She said: "These rooms are also available to be hired, as they have great facilities. New members are always welcomed especially with the thought towards an Evening Branch."

The Murmurs has seen first-hand the many valuable community services that the local CWA Branch provides and hopes that a younger generation of Millthorpians will continue a tradition that stretches back over 90 years.

The CWA does more than make scones, though they do that to perfection, producing over 30,000 dozen at the recent National Field Days at Borenore. They are also active in helping people in disaster areas as well as lobbying government on many women's issues. A visit to www.cwaa.org.au may surprise you with the breadth of CWA activities.

Extended shopping hours for Christmas

With Christmas only a fortnight away, many Millthorpe shops will be extending their hours or opening days to help you get any last-minute shopping done. Past experience has shown that the locals as well as people from Blayney, Orange and Bathurst welcome the large range of individual and unusual gifts available from the boutique shops in

the village.

Quite a few shops will stay open on the Friday nights of 13 and 20 December and some will be open on the Wednesdays and Thursdays leading up to Christmas Day as well as Monday December 23 and Christmas Eve. To check the opening days and hours of any individual shop, call them on the phone numbers listed at http://www.millthorpevilla

Santa to drop in

Santa's Christmas Eve appearance in Millthorpe appearance in Millthorpe will be on as usual. His ride in the Millthorpe Fire Truck from the Fire Station to the Millthorpe Railway Station, casting lollies into the scrum of following children, is one of the village's most memorable and charming traditions.

Make sure you have

Make sure you have your kids somewhere along Victoria or Pym Streets at 6pm. The corner of the two streets seems to be the preferred waiting location. When he arrives at the Railway Station, Santa will be available to take last minute requests before he heads back to the North Pole to start delivering presents.

Got something for the Murmurs?

Contact us at mm@goannagraphics.com or drop a note in at Galvanised, 17 Pym Street, Millthorpe.

Christmas cheer will be spread in Mandurama this Sunday when the community Christmas party is held.

Festivities start at 2pm at the rear of the Royal Hotel and residents are asked to bring a plate of nibbles to share.

Children are welcome - Santa will visit early in the

The winner of the Mandurama Christompetition will be announced.

As well as celebrating this special time of event is aimed at fostering and strengthening the control of the Mandurama Christopherical of the Christopherical of

Through your paper I want to thank the ninety people who attended the community meeting with Blayney Council on the 31st of October, organized by the Blayney branch of NSW Farmers regarding proposed rate increases

for the Shire.

The meeting left Council in no doubt that the rural community could not afford the proposed increases of either 50% over four years, or 130% over six years. Given that, subsequently, Council has voted for 6% increases for the next two years, you may say that rural ratepayers have been saved many thousands of dollars over the years ahead.

This, however, is just the beginning, for farmers voted overwhelmingly for no more than the rate pegging limit, which next year has been set, by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal, at 2.3 %.

The other, and perhaps more important, issue to come

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The other, and perhaps more important, issue to come out of the October 31 meeting, was the disparity against rural ratepayers, who pay in the order of six to ten times the rates paid by other residents of the Shire. While not wishing to incur the wrath of residential ratepayers over this very sensitive issue, or set one sector of the community against another, and realizing that there are also other rate categories, I believe that Council has room to move in this area, as farmers have been doing the heavy lifting for this area, as farmers have been doing the heavy lifting for this Council for too long, and there are issues of fairness at stake here, that need to be discussed in a sensible way. After all, the average farm family is not earning any more, from their farm, than other Shire residents earn, and one partner will almost certainly be working off farm in order to survive

Farmers need roads and bridges to transport livestock and wool etc to and from markets, but is there not a benefit to the community from the farming activity in the district?

Otherwise, the farming fraternity is not using community facilities any more than other residents and businesses of the Shire.

These issues, and many more, will be discussed at a meeting of the Blayney branch of NSW Farmers on the evening of Wednesday the 18th of December, at 7.30pm in the Uniting Church Hall. Angus Gidley-Baird, policy director economics and rural affairs, NSW Farmers, will be our guest speaker, covering issues surrounding local Government.

All members of the farming community are welcome to attend.

Michael Rutherford Chairman Blayney Branch NSW Farmers.

I would like to congratulate the organisers of the Hobbys Yards Hall Fundraiser. The night was excellent with a wonderful array of prizes and great food. Sally Ryan is to be congratulated for the organisation of the night. A big thank you should also go to the local businesses who helped to make the night exceptional with their outstanding donations.

Jenny Parker Hobbys Yards

The fire season has started all too early which means we need to get stuck into being prepared for disasters and emergencies now. Red Cross is working hard to support as many people as we can in the lead up to summer, to be prepared not only for fires, but any emergency or disaster event which could catch you off guard. Each year disasters affect thousands of people across

Australia. Lives are lost and disrupted, peoplaffected, significant damage caused to home

affected, significant damage caused to home and communities can be fractured. Despite of fresh in our minds, many of us still arer prepared and haven't really thought throut those irreplacable items that are most precise. New research commissioned by Red Cro of people in NSW had not included items of in their emergency plan. 62% of Australi wouldn't be upset at all if they lost those items. But we've seen first hand how losing irreplaceable items makes it even harder the loss of these observed the season of the sea

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Executive Director, NSW Australian Red Cross Sydney

Dear editor
We read, with interest, the articles

Blayney Chronicle.

We agree that people are entitled to the they must realise that there are always to

In our case if the wind farm goes ahea two of these ugly turbines near our farm.

One will be 1.2km the other 1.3kms fro

We didn't ask for them and have alway the wind farm.

We are not against green energy but o

Turbines close to peoples homes is not t Regardless of what the wind energy p

are problems with wind farms.

I have spoken to and visited people turbines at Cullerin, Woodlawn and Capita Their concerns are genuine.

The noise these turbines make is very rather is plenty of evidence world wide states.

There is plenty of evidence world wide sclaims but the wind energy companies and choose to ignore them.

If they are as safe as we are lead to belie only being built in rural areas?

There is plenty of parkland on the for Sydney as well as National Parks.

There are parks in most Sydney suburt they considered?

they considered?
There are just too many unanswered question Would there be too much backlash if the and that is where the majority of people liberated and Maureen Coleman



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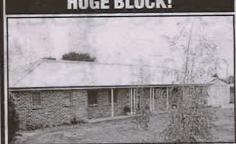
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Call to try out for Young Endeavour ship

Blayney resident Claire Bell encourages local young people to consider trying out for the Tall Ship Young Endeavour - but be quick as applications for the 2014 voyage close tomorrow!

The trip is aimed at young Australians aged 16-23 and those chosen in the ballot will set sail for the voyage of a lifetime aboard the national sail training ship Young Endeavour in 2014

Ms Bell, who was on the 2008 Young Endeavour, said: "It was a fantastic experience. It challenges you in a good way - pushes you out of your comfort zone and you learn about working in teams and learn to get by on pretty much no sleep most nights."

Her trip lasted 10 days and sailed around Sydney as it was the 20th anniversary of the ship's handover from Britain. She got off the ship two days before she started her HSC studies.

"We did the tall ships race and Australia Day in Sydney Harbour and Australia Day Spectacular in Cockle Bay, Sydney," said Ms Bell.

"On the seventh day they had what they called command day where the youth crew take over the ship, they elect a captain and the [adult] crew becomes the sailors - we told them what to do and we show them what we've learnt over last week about sailing,

"It's recommended for people interested in going into the navy or defence force after school, it's a good way to

Special Rate Variation Study

Council wishes to increase our rates over and above the

capped increases allowed each year. This set increase is

determined by the State Government's regulatory body,

the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal

its merit and demonstrate agreement amongst

themselves and the community to IPART. Blayney

council's preference was initially for a 15% cumulative

increase each year for six years. They argue this will

allow catch-up expenditure to be undertaken. Those

against say this 131% increase in rates would be

the 3.3% status quo, council engaged an outside body

to assess the impact this would have on ratepayers.

They chose the Western Research Institute to do this, which operates out of The Flannery Centre in Bathurst.

The cost of the 30-page report has not been disclosed,

nor has the report been made public for ratepayer

The report's findings

authors came to two main conclusions. Firstly, in a

revelation of pure genius they said a 15% increase

would exceed past and anticipated future price rises for

other cost of living items, except for recent electricity

deliberation, was even more profound and I am sure

would attract incredulence throughout the shire if

widely known. This relates to their assessment of the

effect of a 15% increase on households, on businesses

agree a 15% cumulative increase would be a significant

budgetary cost factor on all three groups. But our

authors from The Flannery Centre thought otherwise.

"the proposed [15%] increases are not expected to

For businesses they said a 15% increase would have

For farm businesses, they seemed to hesitate at

coming to the same conclusion, and instead took the

initiative to examine a lesser rate of 9.95%. Don't ask

me why they deviated from council's instructions here,

instead of 10%. Something in the air in The Flannery

serviceable by Blayney Shire farm businesses". That's

reassuring. To be frank, I find these trite conclusions,

with no substantive explanations to back them up, to be

in similar and neighbouring local government areas.

One other interesting thing in the report was the

revelation that IPART is proposing to lower the pegging

percentage from 3.4% in 2013-14 to 3.1% in 2014-15.

So IPART is assessing that future increases for NSW's

152 shires should be lowered, in round figures by close

to 10% - this is at a time when our council says they

should be increased. There seems to be some

They do admit such rate levels would be above those

so divorced from reality as to be laughable

Anyhow, at 9.95% they say this increase "will be

impose a significant burden on households.

let alone settled on so

Centre perhaps?

disconnect here.

"an insignificant impact on business viability"

I think it is fair to assume that most people would

For residents they concluded that "overall household expenditure will not be unduly compromised" and that

Their other conclusion, no doubt after much learned

bills. Who would have thought?

So what did this costly report find? Basically the

To have their 15% proposition examined versus to

unaffordable to many.

If a council wants a higher increase, they must argue

(IPART). This year, a rate rise of 3.3% was granted.

As last week's column explained, Blayney Shire

Rural View

try it out and see if it's for you. That inspired me to join the navy but I didn't get in."

The voyage is billed as a unique experience and one which develops skills for life.

Successful applicants will join a crew of 24 youth from around Australia for an eleven day adventure at sea. They will set the sails, climb the mast, navigate using the ship's charts and gain the confidence to take command, sailing Young Endeavour along the Australian coast.

The youth development program delivered during each voyage builds self-awareness, develops teamwork and leadership skills, and fosters a strong sense of community spirit.

Youth Crew are selected by ballot, and no sailing experience is required.

Young Endeavour is operated by a professional Royal Australian Navy crew who ensure the highest standards of safety and care, and teach the youth crew everything they need to know to sail the ship.

In 2014 voyages will depart from Victoria, New South Wales, Tasmania and Queensland. Travel assistance is available to applicants from Western Australia and the Northern Territory.

Applications for the ballot are open until 15 November 2013 atwww.youngendeavour.gov.au. Apply now and set sail for the voyage of a lifetime!

Alternative approaches

At last month's council meeting with local farmers, the mayor and general manager explained in detail how council's income is not sufficient to service the shire properly. They said 149 of the State's 152 shires are in the same "unsustainable" position and added that it costs an unaffordable \$800,000 to fix our bridges. Raising rates would solve this.

Farmers are sometimes a taciturn lot, but clearly responded that they could not afford the proposed increases. They were also not able to manage the sufficient expenditure needed on their own farms. If they had to cut their cloth accordingly, council should too. It was an obvious and easy argument to make but true nonetheless. With reports of upwards of \$250,000 currently being spent on council chamber refurbishments, including huge new air conditioning units being lifted into place, council did not seem to be practicing the frugality of what it was preaching for our shire's roads and bridges.

So what should council do? Council will vehemently deny it, but everyone I talk to is adamant that sufficient efficiencies can be made. Small business people are forever telling me that they would be out of business if they operated in a similar manner.

Take bridge works as an example. Instead of the \$350,000 I hear they want to repair the Snake Creek Road bridge, which has been out for years, this job could surely be done for \$50,000. A large concrete pipe and some gravel would suffice, like they do when they construct a bypass such as was done with the Garland Road bridge.

Some also insist that \$180,000 to \$200,000 would repair the Carcoar Cemetery Road bridge, which has been out for years. This would provide a 22 tonne limit. The \$800,000 replacement the council is constantly quoting is Opera House pricing and merely a ploy to do nothing. How can the locals put up with their road closed for so long is beyond me.

The wider picture should prove even more fruitful. As we are told that 149 of the State's councils are in the same situation as Blayney, then that becomes your greatest strength for getting action. If you were the only council in trouble you could easily be fobbed off. However, if it is true that 98% of councils are in the same "unsustainable" position, then they should band together for action. With 98% of councils in dire trouble, their collective case would be compelling indeed for further State and Federal assistance.

The councils should be hounding their State and Federal members mercilessly with their plight, both as individual councils and as regional groups and as a whole

Their message should be co-ordinated, unrelenting and well argued. If their position is as bad as they say, their message should cut through and be effective and successful. After all, governments of all persuasions are always throwing money around, often wastefully, in the never-ending pursuit of votes. Often such waste annoys people and is counterproductive. If an extra, say, \$500,000 a year, would get Blayney Shire out of trouble, I would have thought that eminently attainable if a credible case is put.

Instead all I ever hear on the media from councils is the pursuit of frivolous or unworkable things. An example was listening to the local government representative, Cr Bruce Miller from Cowra on the radio the other day.

He was rabbiting on about the necessity of all councils banding together and directing their energy and resources towards having a fourth crack at attaining constitutional recognition for local government. Honestly, and you wonder why ratepayers are so cynical.

Scholarship offer for would-be ag students

A government scholarship that aims to attract school leavers into agriculture-related university degrees is now

accepting applications.

The Horizon
Scholarship, an initiative of
the Rural Industries R&D
Corporation, in partnership
with industry sponsors,
provides \$5,000 per year for

the duration of a student's university degree.

The Horizon Scholarship also offers students annual industry work placements that give them first-hand exposure to modern

agricultural practices, access
to industry leaders,
professional development
workshops and
opportunities to network and
gain knowledge at a range of

RIRDC's Managing Director, Craig Burns said the Horizon Scholarship has been developed to support the next generation of agricultural leaders who will take up the challenge of farming for the future.

industry events.

"We are looking for young people who are

Many thanks to Sue

Townsend for filling in at

the last moment as guest

speaker at our October

Deidre Penhall was unable

to attend but expressed a

willingness to speak to us

Sue spoke with passion

Due to a family illness,

meeting.

Blayney VIEW

Club Notes

passionate about agriculture, with a keen interest in the future of our industries and who are ready to expand their networks and learn new skills," Mr Burns said.

Current Horizon
Scholar, Eliza Star from
Carrathool in NSW, said the
Horizon Scholarship has
helped build not only her
networks, but her
confidence as well.

"I have been involved in many activities stemming directly from the Scholarship, including participating in various workshops and conferences," Eliza said.

"I have attended various Ricegrowers' Association of Australia (RGA) meetings and events ranging from SunRice and RGA annual general meetings, to grower discussion groups and social events.

"The Scholarship is the best thing I have ever been involved in and the program allows you to get involved in such great things. I encourage anyone who is about to start their studies to give the program a shot."

of her recent trip to Turkey

and brought along some of

her 'purchases' as well as

It is now a place we all

Members are reminded

that the price of the

monthly dinner meeting will rise to \$25 from

an amazing set of photos.

To be eligible for The Horizon Scholarship students must be entering their first year of university and studying a degree related to agriculture, such as agricultural science, rural science, livestock/animal science, veterinary science or agribusiness and plant science. Students must also have started their tertiary studies no longer than two years after leaving high

school.

Scholarship recipients will be selected on the basis of their commitment to a career in agriculture, as well as their leadership potential and high school academic record. Applications close on 31 January 2014 and shortlisted applicants must be available for a telephone interview on 21 and 22 February 2014. The Scholarship winners are announced in late February 2014.

Application forms can be downloaded from the RIRDC website at www.rirdc.gov.au/horizon or by contacting RIRDC on 02 6271 4132.

Hopefully most members will agree that even with the price rise, the dinner meeting is excellent value.

The next meeting will be held on 19 November.

At this meeting arrangements for our

arrangements for our Christmas dinner will be finalized. All

apologies/attendances for those not on the permanent list must be phoned to Cazzie by this Sunday on 6368-4747.



at a future date.

Your Say

November.

want to visit!

Dear Editor
On behalf of The
Salvation Army, I would
like to thank the Australian
community for the
generosity it has shown
towards the people and
communities impacted by
the recent New South
Wales bushfire disasters.

Your generosity has allowed The Salvation Army, through its Bushfire Appeal, to raise \$6.8 million - funds which will be used to provide goods and services which are needed to assist individuals, families and communities with the rebuilding process, and

allow them to recover with the dignity and respect they deserve.

People have lost everything, with some only being left with the clothing they wore to school or to work the morning before the bushfires hit. Due to the swift and immediate support shown by the Australian people, through The Salvation Army's Bushfire Appeal, we were able to act just as swiftly to provide for the immediate needs of those affected.

We know that it takes years to recover from disasters of this magnitude. Years on, The Salvation Army and its people are still providing assistance to the communities impacted by the disasters which hit Queensland in 2011 - the Brisbane floods and Cyclone Yasi.

In the same spirit, The Salvation Army will also stand shoulder to shoulder with the communities impacted by the recent New South Wales bushfires for as long as it takes, providing assistance long after the smoke clears and the news reports dwindle. The Salvation Army is committed to partnering with these communities to ensure a brighter future.

James Condon
Commissioner
The Salvation Army
Australia Eastern
Territory



Probus news

With Greg Hooper

Blayney. Beautiful one day maybe we just notice the changes in the weather more as our bodies and memories are getting older and softer. Whatever the excuse, the planned Probus excursion to Abercrombie Caves last month was postponed on that very hot and windy day which saw the devastating fires at Lithgow and the Blue Mountains. Our thoughts are with all those affected by the fires and our thanks

Aahh!! Springtime in workers involved. And now this week is cold and perfect the next. Or wet.

At least the November general meeting will go ahead indoors regardless of the weather at the Blayney Bowling Club at 10am on Thursday 21st November and with a guest speaker from the National Australia Bank talking about financial planning, especially for us more mature citizens.

Mountains. Our thoughts are with all those affected by the fires and our thanks and admirations are extended to all the emergency and support

Probus Christmas Lunch 2013 will be at the Royal Hotel on Thursday 12 December at 12 for 12-30. Numbers for catering are to be advised at the

November meeting.

The next general meeting will be on Thursday 20 February 2014, there being no meetings in either December 2013 or January 2014.

The Probus trip to Cairns in August / September 2014 has now been fully subscribed with 46 members and friends in the tour party anticipating another great holiday away from a Blayney winter. Deposit and payment schedules are available at the meeting. Only members can be considered for any standby vacancy list.

Also for the November meeting, please have a think about suitable suggestions for the 2015 tour so that preliminary planning can commence.