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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 said.

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

and green waste shredding facilities were built primarily for Orange to use with enough capacity for the next 40 years.

But Mr Reeder said it is believed the Euchareena Road site could be of use to the wider region.

The councils needed to have authorisation from the ACCC to overrule regulations about anti-competitive behaviour.

"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."

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Your Say

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Dear editor

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 horrendous.

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

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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

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Sunday 9.15am Holy Communion service. Leader Gwenda Stanbridge



Probus news

with Greg Hooper

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 their doctor.

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.

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Dear editor
Drip Drip Mentality
Blayney Council intends to pay a consultant to tell ratepayers we need a rate rise.

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 deductible courtesy of the Liberal Party.
Bruce Pine - Newbridge

Can Assist

CANCER ASSISTANCE NETWORK

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

Small 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.

Bruce Buchanan, 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 Small Business 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-the-small-biz-bus>.

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In the Courts

A Blayney man charged with using offensive language and having a dog uncontrolled was fined \$350 in the local court on October 19.

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 on the dog related charge, both which occurred at a bus stop.

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 used 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 sworn at him.

He admitted that the dog was barking at the children and was not on a leash.

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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October 4:30pm to 6:30pm Kids' Club. For info, contact Rev Anastasia Webster-Hawes 6368-2065; 0414 294 658 or rev.ana@blayneyanglican.org.au

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Events Diary

Dates to Remember

Saturday October 26

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

Saturday October 26 to

Sunday November 10

Ferdale Iris Nursery

Newbridge

OPEN DAILY

Saturday November 2

Motorbike Racing:

NSW Senior Track

Championships,

Blayney Showground

November 2-3

* Carcoar Cup

Running Festival

* Millthorpe Garden Ramble

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

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

New shop opens in Blayney

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

Cuts, colours and 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 years.

Your Say

Dear editor

We the ratepayers of Blayney and district what what we can afford. At pre-election, 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 rubbish?

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. If 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 tender the collection services?

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 count on any fairy tale wants. Remember higher rates make us good for amalgamation.

Peter Hildenbeutel
Blayney

Gold Mine OPEN DAY & Blayney Festival

Sunday 17 November 2013



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opportunity for visitors to experience firsthand the surface mining operations of one of Australia's largest underground gold mines.

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Buses will depart every 10 minutes from CentrePoint Sport and Leisure on Ogilvy Street, Blayney, with the first bus leaving at 8:30am.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Visitors MUST wear long trousers, enclosed shoes and a sleeved shirt.
- All visitors must abide by a ZERO alcohol & drug limit.

Tickets must be presented for entry on the buses and are available:

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- Blayney Visitor Information Centre, Ph: 6368 3534
- Orange Visitor Information Centre, Ph: 1800 069 466

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Blayney Festival will showcase the local goods and produce, tourist attractions and talents of the Blayney community and will include:

- Market stalls
- A 'touch of gold' art competition for all ages
- Art workshops and a community corner to learn new skills
- Acoustic music at Carrington Park
- All day free entry into CentrePoint Sport and Leisure's facilities, including the pool and gym.

Tickets are a gold coin donation with all proceeds going towards the Blayney community bus.

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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 bushfire victims.

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.

"My boyfriend, Lawrence, [Millthorpe 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.



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4 OSMAN STREET BLAYNEY

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Ready to move into

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 bay garage.

32 ARTHUR ST TRUNKY CREEK

\$42,000



Vacant Land

This 1011.5m2 residential block is situated in the historical town of Trunk 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 and would suit a family wishing to build out of town.

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Rural View

Michael Cobb

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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 to save money?

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

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 townspeople 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 paid now.

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

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 more.

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 take.

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 Sweat Sydney, 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 calendar.

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 run.

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 came 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.

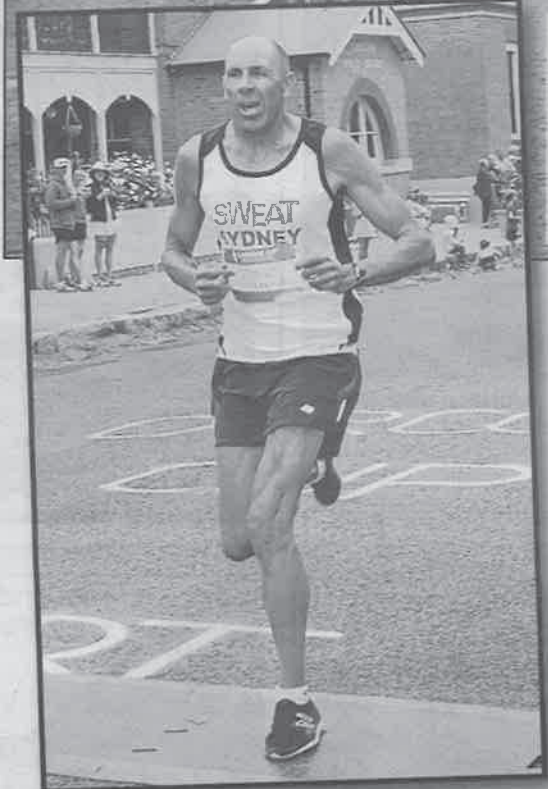
U12 girls winner was Zoe Peters, U10 Boys winner was Dylan Craig, U8 winners were Scarlett Palmerlee and Angus Clues, and U6 winners were Gemma Coote and Rori



Carcoar Cup for Kids off and running. Photo: Wayne Cock. More photos on www.blaynechronicle.com.au

LEFT: The Carcoar To Creek 6km Dash was taken out by runner, Sean Williams. Sean was also victorious when he doubled up and ran the anchor leg in the teams marathon event. Photo: Wayne Cock.

BELOW: Competitors representing the Shalom House Of Prayer entered in the Mile Long Club event. This event is aimed at raising funds for local charities. Photo: Wayne Cock.



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 bowling 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!!

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

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 at www.youngendeavour.gov.au. Apply now and set sail for the voyage of a lifetime!

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 industry events.

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.

"We are looking for young people who are

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."

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.



Rural View

Michael Cobb

Special Rate Variation Study

As last week's column explained, Blayney Shire 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 (IPART). This year, a rate rise of 3.3% was granted.

If a council wants a higher increase, they must argue 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 unaffordable to many.

To have their 15% proposition examined versus to 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 scrutiny.

The report's findings

So what did this costly report find? Basically the 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 bills. Who would have thought?

Their other conclusion, no doubt after much learned deliberation, was even more profound and I am sure would attract incredulity throughout the shire if widely known. This relates to their assessment of the effect of a 15% increase on households, on businesses and on families.

I think it is fair to assume that most people would 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.

For residents they concluded that "overall household expenditure will not be unduly compromised" and that "the proposed [15%] increases are not expected to impose a significant burden on households."

For businesses they said a 15% increase would have "an insignificant impact on business viability".

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, let alone settled on such a bizarre figure as 9.95% instead of 10%. Something in the air in The Flannery Centre perhaps?

Anyhow, at 9.95% they say this increase "will be 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 so divorced from reality as to be laughable.

They do admit such rate levels would be above those 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 disconnect here.

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.

Blayney VIEW Club Notes

Many thanks to Sue Townsend for filling in at the last moment as guest speaker at our October meeting.

Due to a family illness, Deidre Penhall was unable to attend but expressed a willingness to speak to us at a future date.

Sue spoke with passion

of her recent trip to Turkey and brought along some of her 'purchases' as well as an amazing set of photos.

It is now a place we all want to visit!

Members are reminded that the price of the monthly dinner meeting will rise to \$25 from November.

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 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.

Your Say

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.

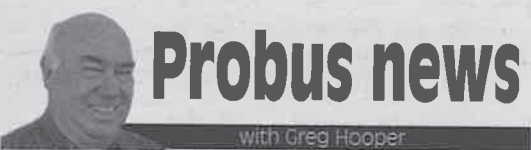
People have lost everything, with some only being left with the clothing they wore to school or to work the morning before the bushfires hit. Due to the swift and immediate support shown by the Australian people, through The Salvation Army's Bushfire Appeal, we were able to act just as swiftly to provide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

Aaah!! Springtime in Blayney. Beautiful one day - perfect the next. Or 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 and admirations are extended to all the emergency and support

workers involved. And now this week is cold and 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.

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.