2020 School Leaders Announced

Earlier this week both Canowindra Public School and St Edward’s Primary School announced their new leadership team for 2020 to the delight of the students.

At the End of Year Presentation night on Monday, St Edward’s School Captains Hillary Townsend and Cooper Breen were announced. Other school leaders for 2020 include Isaac D’Anastasi as Library Monitor and Josie Brown, Imogen Thurgate and Jolene D’Anastasi as Sports Captains.

On Tuesday at Canowindra Public School the school celebrated the end of 2019 at their Presentation Day with a large crowd of students, friends and family gathering.

Jenny Zhao was named Dux of the School for 2019, Hayley Stephens received the Cabonne Council Citizenship and Community Service Award, Finn Hamer was awarded the Overall Achievement Award for Academics, Sporting, Cultural and Social areas in the School and Lucie Rogers was awarded the Ken’s Service Centre Award for Sportsmanship.

The 2020 Leaders at Canowindra Public School include:
- School Captains – Hannah Gordon and Tom Maloney.
- Vice Captains – Nina Cuddy and Jack Smyth.
- Prefects – Audrey Pearce, Claire Neville, Charlie Slattery and Toby Stephens.

St Edward’s Primary School School Captains for 2020 Cooper Breen and Hillary Townsend.
Dear Editor,

I feel that the Letter to the Editor in your issue of December 12 must not go unchallenged and if this makes me a “left-wing-extremist climate change alarmist” (Mr. Marsh’s description), then so be it. It is a little difficult to begin separating the mish-mash of bald mis-statement of ‘facts’, use of terms deliberately chosen to present a false impression, irrelevances and total lack of scientific rigour, but let me try.

While I will try to refrain from ‘ad hominem’ attacks, your writer would seem to possess a distinct lack of understanding of science and I write from the perspective of both a chemist and engineer for most of my working life. To describe the current drought as a ‘dry spell’ comes from either ignorance or a complete lack of understanding of the facts or worse. More than ninety eight percent (98%) of more than 3,800 climate scientists agree that man-made production of gaseous materials has caused a rise in global temperature since the beginning of the industrial revolution. This totally indisputable temperature rise and it is becoming increasingly clear that those scientific models with the most dire outcomes are proving to be more accurate. The results are increasingly intense weather events (most farmers in Canowindra know all about El Nino and La Nina and recent extremes of these), increasing ocean salinity (from dissolved CO2).

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Mr Marsh is welcome to his views but, please, keep them to yourself. Our futures and those of our children and grandchildren are far too important to fall prey to untruths, platitudes and ignorance.

Denis McKay

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### Forbes Market Report:

#### FORBES CATTLE SALE 16/12/2019

- **Prime Yearling Steers:** 250.0c to 275.0c
- **Prime Yearling Heifers:** 260.0c to 279.0c
- **Feeder Steers:** 250.0c to 277.0c
- **Heavy Heifers:** 183.0c to 240.0c
- **Cows 2 Score:** 178.0c to 196.0c
- **Cows 3/4 Score:** 200.0c to 222.0c

#### DRAW

- **Cattle Sale Monday**
- **Sheep Sale Tuesday**

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#### Forbes Sheep and Lamb Sale 17/12/2019

- **Light Lambs:** $70 to $152
- **Trade Lambs (up to 23kg):** $145 to $175
- **Heavy Lambs (23-26kg):** $170 to $201
- **Extra Heavy Lambs (26kg+):** $212 to $243
- **Hoggets:** $104 to $183
- **Merino Lambs:** $121 to $160
- **Merino Ewes:** $108 to $209

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**THUMBS UP... THUMBS DOWN**

#### THUMBS UP

Thank you to the community of Canowindra for the beautiful pamper packs received this week for the Ladies of the Land. They were very much appreciated and put a smile on our faces during these hard times. THANK YOU.

#### THUMBS UP

To all of the lovely and generous people who donated towards Zach’s auction, it was a big success. And to the beautiful ladies at the Canowindra Moyne Christmas Carols for donating out of the kindness of their hearts. It means the world to us. Thankyou.
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Additional $33 million allocated to Drought Support program for $3000 payments

Eligible drought-hit farmers in Canowindra will continue to receive payments of up to $3000 throughout Christmas and New Year.

The Federal Government has topped up the existing round of the Drought Community Support Initiative, with an extra $33.2 million into the scheme.

The National Drought relief effort now exceeds $8 billion - the biggest in Australia’s history.

The funding boost will give the farming families of Canowindra some cheer this Christmas and New Year.

It’ll put food on the table, diesel in the ute and help make ends meet for those drought hit farming families.

The Drought Community Support Initiative is people whose main income comes from the farming sector.

Farming families, farm workers, suppliers and contractors in Canowindra are included in those eligible for the payment.

St Vincent de Paul and the Salvation Army will continue to deliver the scheme because of they provide greater protection from those trying to defraud the taxpayer.

They also have the network that puts money into people’s pockets quicker.

Applications should be made through the St Vincent de Paul Society on 1300 846 643 or through the Salvation Army on 1300 551 030 or at www.salvationarmy.org.au/ drought

In late January, the $500,000 no interest/ supercheap loans for drought-hit farm-related businesses should also be ready to roll out.

As I have told the Parliament many times, drought relief has to be continually ramped up and conditions worsen.

Upgrade for Fish Fossil Road upgrade to start in early 2020

Construction works on Fish Fossil Road in Canowindra have been approved under the latest round of the Australian Government’s Roads to Recovery initiative.

The project, valued at $638,400, is due commence in early January and will see close to two kilometres of the road getting a much-welcomed facelift.

The works will include widening of the road to eight metres, rescaling, new drainage, an upgrade to the culverts and vegetation control along the road corridor.

It is one of three projects in the Cabonne Shire which have been approved. In total, 35 new roads projects have been approved in Calare in the latest round of funding.

Thanks to our wonderful teachers

With the end of the school year upon us, I want to take the opportunity to give a big shout out and thank you to all of our teachers in the community.

Our teachers have a huge responsibility educating our children - the promise of tomorrow.

They often have to work in very difficult circumstances and the vitally important work they do is often not fully appreciated by the wider community.

So thank you and Merry Christmas to all of our teachers!

We really appreciate all of the work you are doing for the future of our region and the future of this country.

For a full list of drought support measures visit farmhub.org.au

Welcome boost for Canowindra Public

Congratulations to Canowindra Public School who received a $5000 grant under the Federal Government’s Local Schools Community Fund.

This brand new grants program will assist the school to update their library furniture.

What a great way to end the school year.
Busy Elves Decorate Canowindra Hospital

The elves at Canowindra Hospital have been busily decorating over 28 doors throughout the Hospital to brighten the place up for the festive season.

“It builds morale and gets everyone in the Christmas spirit,” said Bernadette, a nurse at the Hospital.

Janice Rumph, Health Services Manager came up with the idea and it will now become an annual event for the staff to participate in.

The doors will be judged today by Geoff Beath, Christine Sampson and Annette Lynch and the winners will be announced at an afternoon tea.

All Canowindra residents are welcome to pop in and have a look at the amazing decorations the staff have come up with.

From a snowman made out of 250 plastic cups to an “elfie” window where you can take a “selfie” they all look great and the staff should be commended on their efforts.

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CANOWINDRA HIGH SCHOOL
HSC RESULTS

The students and staff of Canowindra High School congratulate Year 12, 2019 on their success in the HSC and wish them well for their future endeavours.

Amazing Results For The HSC Class Of 2019!

The long wait for the 2019 HSC results is finally over with their release on Tuesday 17th December.

“Our Year 12 students once again are to be congratulated on their performance with the majority of the students achieving their personal best in more than one subject. Across all seventeen subjects in which examinations were undertaken students achieved great results. Achievements in Biology, Legal Studies, Modern History, PDHPE and Metals and Engineering saw students receive multiple band 6’s or 5’s,” said Neryle Smurthwaite, Canowindra High School Principal. Special mention goes to former school captain Jamie Austin who achieved first place in the state in Metals and Engineering.

“This is a phenomenal result and one which is indicative of Jamie’s exceptional effort and dedication to his studies throughout the year. Jamie has also been recognised as a Top Achiever and Distinguished Achiever for his performance,” continued Mrs Smurthwaite.

Congratulations should also go to Chanse McLean and Hudson Izzard who were listed on the Distinguished Achievers list and achieved multiple band 6’s and band 5’s across the courses they studied.

Chanse McLean received a band 6 in Biology, Legal Studies and Modern History and Hudson Izzard received a band 6 in Biology and PDHPE.

Other students who performed well across their courses include Anika Macela, Ella Gruessing, Sarah Trevors, Wade Kinseia and Georgia Cole.

“The school is extremely pleased with the overall achievement of this wonderful group of students and wish them well in their future academic pursuits and career choices. It is also pleasing that all students who applied for early entry to university have been accepted and are already planning for their life beyond school,” said Mrs Smurthwaite.

“On behalf of the students and staff of Canowindra High School congratulations to everyone from the class of 2019!” concluded Mrs Smurthwaite.
Cabonne Council’s offices at Molong, Cudal and Canowindra will be closed from 3pm Tuesday 24 December 2019 until Thursday 2 January 2020.

Kerbside garbage collections will operate as normal during the Christmas-New Year period.

Cargo, Canowindra, Cumnock and Manildra waste disposals depots will be closed on Christmas Day, but all waste depots will operate as normal on other days during the holiday period.

Cabonne Community Transport will be unavailable from Wednesday 25 December 2019 until Monday 13 January 2020.

Anyone wishing to make an urgent inquiry or report an emergency should call (02) 6392 3234. For life-threatening emergencies or to report a bush fire, call 000.

Cabonne councillors and staff wish everyone a merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

Canowindra Community Master Plan Meeting Results Identified

On Tuesday 10th December the findings from the previous Community Meeting were presented back to the Community by Caddie Marshall.

The previous workshop had enabled participants to share ideas and concepts and in doing so to address the following: What does success look like, what are our assets, what are the gaps, what are our barriers to success, and what are our biggest opportunities.

It was clear that the vote for what does success look like meant that there were no empty shops and we had a busy main street.

It also identified that we wanted people to be happy, for people to remain in town, to have healthy soils, river and ecosystem and a profitable business and community groups.

Our greatest assets are the heritage listed main street, ballooning, Belubula River and river flats, Age of Fishes Museum, Blue Jacket Hill Lookout and Health services including the Hospital.

The gaps identified were the lack of youth opportunities and the lack of infrastructure and entertainment, together with village beautification, central toilets and ensuring that Canowindra has a strategic plan for the future.

The barriers to success were found to be access to funding and difficulty in securing grants. Canowindra being seen to be the bottom of Cabonne’s list, communication between key stakeholders, people and groups not working together and a lack of employment.

With the opportunities it was unanimous that we need to develop the museum and railway precinct into a historic precinct, followed by painting the silo and water tank, shared pathways, art culture and music, establishing a river precinct, heritage funding assistance to maintain buildings and tourism.

The strategy put forward particularly needs to address what was portrayed as the barriers to success and working together as a united group to achieve these recommendations.

Arthur Falconer said, “The next steps involve identifying the working groups and bringing them together to have representatives on what will become the Canowindra Community Action Plan Workshop Group. We would welcome those people to come forward and particularly to attend the next meeting of the Chamber and Progress Association which will be the AGM to be held on the 22nd January, 2020. We also urge everybody, including individuals, sporting groups, associations and businesses to join the chamber as funding will be required to make this vision a reality.”

By Cheryl Newsom
**WAY Back When**

Take a walk down memory lane with these great photos brought in by Mr Grimshaw this week. If you have some photos for our Way Back When column simply email editor@canowindraphoenix.com.au or drop into 84 Gaskill St.

**Heatwave Has Arrived**

The Bureau of Meteorology is reminding communities to remain alert to the risks posed by heatwaves, with a week of extreme temperatures set to impact large parts of south-eastern Australia.

Canowindra will hit 42 degrees on Friday (tomorrow) and 44 degrees on Saturday.

Bureau meteorologist Sarah Scully says many areas will experience severe to extreme heatwaves this week.

“We’re expecting large areas of inland South Australia, Victoria and New South Wales to experience temperatures in the mid to high 40s,” she said.

“For many areas, severe to extreme heatwave conditions will be felt, so it’s important people follow the advice of health authorities, stay up to date with the latest forecasts and warnings from the Bureau and remember to check in on any vulnerable family and friends.”

Bureau climatologist Dr Blair Trewin said temperatures in many locations are forecast to approach or even exceed December and potentially annual records.

“We saw significant heat build over Western Australia over the course of last week, and that heat is now pushing east over the continent, which is going to lead to several days of exceptional heat,” Dr Trewin said.

“Australia’s warmest day on record occurred in January 2013, when the average maximum temperature across the continent was 40.30 ºC.

“We’re closely monitoring the development and progression of this heat but based on current forecasts we could see that record broken this week.”

**MONTROSE House**

Hello readers and welcome to this month’s column the last one for the year.

As you can imagine we have been very busy at Montrose during the festive season. Finished off the month of November with an Xmas luncheon for Heather Slattery and her girls, lovely bunch who come to me every year.

On Sunday 1st December Donna Keady and the Orange Quota Club’s 30 members enjoyed Xmas High Tea and two hours of shopping in town which was great for the shop keepers.

Friday 6th December Design West Cowra and Chiropractic Life had their annual staff Xmas dinners at Montrose.

In the Tuscany room for lunch that day 30 ladies from Eugowra CWA enjoyed a scrumptious Xmas luncheon.

A luncheon for the Cowra Cake Decorators Guild was held on Sunday 7th December in the Southampton Room and the Cowra Antique Car Club enjoyed the Tuscany Room.

That night we had the Golsby Whiteley Solicitors from Cowra for Xmas Dinner in the Southampton room and a surprise 80th for Marlene Neville and her family in the Tuscany room, another 60 in total so a big day for all!

Friday 13th there were two lunches, Helen Hall and her group of ladies from Orange in the Southampton room and Marion Wilson and a big contingent of nurses from all over the state in the Tuscany room.

On Saturday 14th December Sylvia and her Cowra Home group lunched in the Tuscany room while good mate Mandy Townsend and crew lunched on the front lawn. This wonderful bunch of fun people partied from 1pm to 1am so I think they all enjoyed their lunch, grazing platters and buffet at 9pm.

Couple more coming up, I am doing breakfast, lunch (booked out) and dinner on Xmas day as I have quite a few with nowhere to go and I love to do it as well.

Thanks for all your support for my column and my mad projects, it is why I love my town. Thanks to Sarah and Roie my paper mates at the Phoenix.

Have a wonderful Xmas and Happy New Year! Bring on the rain!!!

Love Tommy xxx
More Cash For Drought-Hit Farmers

Payments of up to $3,000 will continue to be available to drought-hit farming families throughout Christmas and the New Year. The Federal Government has topped up the existing round of the Drought Community Support Initiative.

Minister for Drought, David Littleproud said the Liberal-National Government would invest another $33.2 million in the scheme.

“This is about making sure families can have dignity this Christmas and into the New Year,” Minister Littleproud said.

“It will put food on the table and make sure farming families can make ends meet. If your main income is from the farming sector then this program is there to support you. Eligible people include farming families, farm workers, suppliers and contractors. The program will be delivered through Vinnies and the Salvos because they can provide greater protection from those trying to game the scheme and get the money in people’s pockets quicker.”

“The Government is standing shoulder-to-shoulder with drought communities and we will keep stepping up our response as this drought steps up,” said Minister Littleproud.

Applications should be made through the St Vincent de Paul Society on 1300 846 643 or at www.vinnies.org.au/droughthelp or through the Salvation Army on 1300 551 030 or at www.salvationarmy.org.au/drought

Local Canowindra brothers Regan, Brydon and Curtis Hughes have all signed for the 2020 coming season with the Canowindra Tigers.

This is a positive step for the assault on the competition next year. Regan is committed to play rugby league only after winning the rugby union grand final for the university team this season. He joins his brothers who are an important cog in the Tigers wheel.

Other brothers to sign are Aaron and Kain Earsman, who will return to the Tigers after a stint in Orange.

Other notable signings are Nathan Whatman and Andy Kelleher who are young strong running forwards with strong defence which make up a young but talented pack who will be steered around by coach Dean Murray.

The Tigers recently held their Christmas Party at the new major sponsor the Canowindra Bowling Club.

By Barry Traves

St Raphael’s Catholic Parish
CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve
St John the Baptist, Eugowra 6pm Mass
St Raphael’s, Cowra 7pm Family & Children’s Mass
St Malachy’s, Gooloogong 7pm Mass
St Edward’s, Canowindra 8pm Mass
St Raphael’s, Cowra 10pm Mass

Christmas Day
St Edward’s, Canowindra 8.30am Mass
St Raphael’s, Cowra 9am Mass
(No services at Woodstock or Wyangala)
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CANOWINDRA SPORT

Canowindra Tigers Ready For 2020!

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WHAT’S On

CHRISTMAS COUNTDOWN 5 DAYS

19 Dec Pool Competition at Canowindra Hotel, from 6.30pm every Thursday.
19 Dec Bingo at the Bowling Club, 11am every Thursday.
19 Dec Last Edition of The Canowindra Phoenix for 2019!
20 Dec Monster Market Night Christmas Ham Raffles, Meat Trays and Vouchers and Members Badge Draw at Canowindra Services Club. Over $3000 in prizes!
20 Dec Friday Social Golf at Canowindra Golf Club. $10 with sausage sizzle included.
20 Dec Free Morning Melodies, 10.30am at Canowindra Services Club. Sing along to some old favourites. Entertainment by local children. For enquiries call Gail on 0417 747 338.
20 Dec Tradie Christmas Day at Canowindra Golf Club. $35 per person, BBQ dinner and nibbles included. Bookings Essential, call the Golf Club on 6344 1342.
23 Dec Seafood Express Christmas Delivery, 9am – 11am.
25 Dec Christmas Day Lunch, at Canowindra Bowling Club. Booking forms are now available at Muzzy’s Quality Meats, Vinnies and the Canowindra Food Basket. Please put your name down by Friday 20th December 2019, there is no cost for the lunch.
28 Dec Shane Kerr Live at Canowindra Golf Club from 4.30pm.
31 Dec Foodbasket at Canowindra Uniting Church Hall, 9.30am – noon.
1 Feb Moorbel Hall Markets, 8am – 12pm. BBQ and morning tea available and a visit from Santa. Phone Warwick on 6344 2025 for more information or to book a stall.
7 Feb Adult Survivors of Child Abuse - Cowra Support Group Meeting @ 12:30pm. Open to all survivors of any community. If interested contact Pascale on 6342 1612. Members come from Canberra, Temora, Forbes etc. All details on the website: recover.itmatters.com.au

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Year 8 students from Canowindra High School enjoying their excursion to Wollongong last week.

SEAGOOD EXPRESS

BRINGING THE WORLD OF SEAFOOD TO YOUR DOOR

CHRISTMAS SEAFOOD WILL BE HERE THE WEEK OF CHRISTMAS CANOWINDRA MONDAY 23RD DECEMBER 9.00AM - 11.00AM PRE-ORDERS CLOSE TUESDAY 17TH OF DECEMBER 6PM

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**GREEN Thumb**

I’ve had a recurring theme in my Green Thumb columns in recent months - HOT, DRY CONDITIONS! It just keeps coming doesn’t it and I, and most gardeners across our region, have been doing little else other than trying to keep plants, shrubs and trees alive in the nursery and garden.

I delivered a van load of plants to a new garden in Orange in recent days and seeing their garden plan has prompted me to focus this month on small, hardy but eye catching trees and shrubs that we can use to fill small spaces in the garden.

Firstly, a couple of Australian natives. The garden plan suggested a grafted, weeping Grevillea for a sunny, small garden bed near their front entrance. I sourced a standard, grafted form of Fanfare Grevillea which is actually a ground cover in its natural form, but this one was grafted onto a 1.5m stem and will be a beautiful weeping specimen tree with bird attracting red flowers in summer and autumn. Another grafted, weeping native that I have supplied to a range of gardens in the area is Acacia cognata Waterfall which has beautiful fine, bright green weeping foliage. A unique Australian native shrub that I’ve had great feedback from local gardeners about is Eremophila nivea which has fine, silver grey foliage, grows to about 1.5 high and wide and produces eyecatching purple pea like flowers that contrast beautifully with the foliage.

The new garden I referred to above has also sourced some new cultivars of crepe myrtles. Diamonds in the Dark crepe myrtles have only been available commercially for a few years and have distinctive, near black leaves. They grow to 2-3m high and come in a range of flower colours from white, to pink, red and purple. Crab apples come in a range of sizes with different foliage and flower colours. One that I regularly recommend is the Bechtel crab apple (Malus ioensis Plena) which is tough, grows to about 4-5m high and produces masses of pink buds/white flowers in spring. Finally, a small evergreen tree that is tough and has grey green small leaves that contrast nicely with surrounding trees, shrubs or lawns - an olive tree!

Ian Rogan, Millthorpe Garden Nursery

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**Christmas Services**

Saturday 14th December
5pm, All Saints, Christmas Carols

Sunday 22nd December
4pm St Matthews Eugowra, Lessons and Carols

Christmas Eve
Tuesday 24th December
7pm, St James Anglican, Cudal

Christmas Day
Wednesday 25th December
8am St Matthew’s Woodstock
9am Cranbury Community Uniting Church
9.30am All Saints’ Church
Canowindra

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**CLASSIFIEDS**

Canowindra Business and Progress Association AGM

Wednesday, 22nd January 2020 at 5.30pm At Canowindra Services Club
All welcome

WINE BARRELS FOR SALE
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GOLF
On Sunday 15th December golfers played an 18 Hole Stableford. Thanks to Ross Noble for sponsoring the event. Winner with 41 points was Dave Carman. Runner up on a countback was Adam Rogers with 40 points from Ross Noble.
This week’s event is a 2 Person Ambrose sponsored by Canobolas Locksmiths.
On the 28th December 2019 the Golf Club will hold the Phil Makin Memorial Day. The day will start at the Bowling Club for 12 ends of bowls and lunch then head to the Golf Club for 9 holes of golf and bar snacks. $20 per person for the day including food. It will be a great day out. Call the Golf Club if you are interested in playing.

MEN’S BOWLS
Twenty two players competed in Social Mixed Mufti bowls last Friday night with the winners being the team of Crock Watt, Betty Jenkins and Doug Nash and the runners up being Peter and Sue.
Friday December 20 - Social Mixed Mufti Triples bowls sponsored by Men’s Bowls. First 14 teams accepted with names in by 6pm for 6.30pm start. $15 per team. One game of 15 ends.

Sunday December 22 - Social Mixed Mufti bowls with names in by 3.30pm for 4pm start. Prizes for winners and runners up.
Saturday December 28 - Bowls and Golf Day. Commence 9.30am for 10am at the Bowling Club. 12 ends of bowls followed by BBQ lunch. Then 9 holes of golf followed by a BBQ at the Golf Club. $20 per person.
Market night prizes for this Friday and Sunday will be hams, turkeys and vouchers. Wednesday badge draw will be $700, Friday badge draw will be $500 and Sunday badge draw will be $1,400.

By Ian Nelder