All Things Teapots And Towels

Never again will so many tea towels and tea pots be seen in the same place. There was a vast array of tea towels with colourful images and wonderful sayings from places all over the world. One tea towel showed a family tree and the owner discovered three more relations!

What a great gathering of over 100 people all enjoying the Anglican Ladies’ warm soups, yummy slices and appreciating each other’s company. Reverend Ron and Reverend Crystal were amazed at the tea pot collections, which had to be seen to be believed.

Rhonda Dunn’s collections showcased an unbelievable range of tea pots, and these were only a small portion of all that she has been collecting for the past 6 months or so. Many of her other pots can be found in her ‘teahouse’ at home, where she grows a wide range of succulents.

Jan Tanswell showcased a 150-year-old teapot, and Maureen Stirling some miniatures. There was also a Kombi VW collection from Paula, and other collections from Joan, Cheryl, Betty, and Rodney. As with all of the Anglican ladies’ activities, the main thing was the enjoyable company and fellowship.

All profits for this event go to the ongoing care of the St George’s Church buildings, which is always an ongoing project, employing local trades people to keep it looking good. Thank you to all who came and kept out of the dust storm raging outside.
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FREE DIGITAL MAGAZINES
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PARKES LIBRARY IS ON THE MOVE!
Parkes Library is going to pack up and move to Clarinda Street (next door to Discount Dave’s) for one year as the present library space undergoes extensive renovations and expansion. During July and August there will be some disruptions to programs and service as the staff pack up the collection and relocate, but we will try to minimise these as much as we can.

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Australia Post Community Grants
Not-for-profit community organisations are invited to apply for a 2019 Australia Post Community Grant, with funding of up to $10,000 available to each recipient. The initiative aims to support projects and services that address locally identified needs that strengthen social connections and reduce barriers to participating in community life.

Speaking on the launch of the program, Australia Post Executive General Manager Community and Consumer, Nicole Sheffield said it was another way for Australia Post to help communities thrive and prosper.

“Through this program, we’re funding projects that bring people together to address local needs.”

“With so much change to the way we live, work and shop, it’s more important than ever that we have strong, vibrant local communities where people can connect to shape our shared future,” said Ms Sheffield.

The 2019 Australia Post Community Grants will support initiatives that:
- Help people connect with each other through group activities (e.g. volunteering programs, civic engagement and environmental activities);
- Reduce barriers to participation in community life (e.g. transport, ability to pay, or access to community spaces); and/or
- Develop skills and leadership capability to strengthen community networks.

The launch of the 2019 Community Grants program follows the completion of this year’s Australia Post Workforce Grants which saw over 400 recipients receive $500 each towards community projects across Australia as nominated by Australia Post’s local staff members. Funds can go to events, training, equipment, supplies, excursions, camps and facilities enabling better community connectedness.

Eligible community organisations can apply for an Australia Post Community Grant for up to $10,000 via www.auspost.com.au/grants. Applications close on Sunday 4 August and all applicants will be notified of the outcome in October 2019.
SNIPPETS...

Farm gals (L-R): Billie Edwards, Beth Hulse, Calli Ashcroft and Vanessa Gibson taking pride in their farmer outfits.

Dress like a Farmer Day: On 2 July, Parkes Public school held a ‘Farmers Day’ to support the drought-stricken farmers. Students were allowed to come to school dressed up as farmer and bring in a gold coin donation, which will go to the charity ‘Buy a Bale’. We raised over $600 on the day which is an amazing amount for our school community. We got the idea from learning about drought and watching Behind The News and seeing other schools doing similar things to help out.

Lucy Hall and Nina Richardson-Bartley, who are in Year 6, thought to do this farmers day and asked Mrs Ruckley and 6 Red before going to Mrs O’Neill for her approval. When we put the whole plan into action it was a great, fun day. Thank you to everyone who participated and brought in a gold coin donation!

By Lucy Hall & Nina Richardson-Bartley

$250 Regional Seniors Travel Card: Travel is one of the most significant household costs for residents living in our region. The State Government is set to ease this cost for rural and regional travellers from January next year, through the rollout of the $250 Regional Seniors Transport Card. Seniors will be able to use the $250 to purchase fuel and pay for taxi fares from participating providers in rural and regional NSW, and pre-booked NSW TrainLink train and coach services.

Find a Cheaper Energy Bill: The energy industry welcomes the introduction of a comparison tool that makes it easier to assess energy deals in the market. From today every offer in NSW will be compared against an independent benchmark called a Reference Bill. Customers will be able to rate the value of a new offer by the size of the discount against the Reference Bill. All customers are encouraged to go to the government’s EnergyMadeEasy website (https://www.energymadeeasy.gov.au) to help find a cheaper deal.

Recycled Water Rising Main Construction Update - Nash Street Rail Crossing: Underboring will be undertaken at the Nash Street Rail Crossing for the recycled water pipeline to be installed beneath the tracks. Works will commence from 27 June and are expected to be completed by 7 July (conditions permitting). Nash Street will remain open during this period, however variable speed limits will be enforced to ensure the safety of construction workers working alongside the road.

Construction in progress: allow for delays if travelling past Harrison Park this weekend.

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The New Definition Of A Lamb

Did you know the definition of a lamb is changing? From 1 July 2019 the new definition comes into place. If you’re unsure of what it means here are some facts from Sheep Producers Australia.

The definition of a lamb is changing in Australia. The current definition of a lamb is ‘A female, castrate or entire male that has 0 permanent incisor teeth’. The new definition is ‘an ovine animal that: (a) is under 12 months of age; or (b) does not have any permanent incisor teeth in wear.’ This means a lamb is able to cut one or both of its permanent central incisor teeth, as long as they are not in wear.

Why is the change occurring? The current definition gives producers no warning light about when a lamb stops being a lamb – the moment a permanent incisor erupts, the lamb is downgraded to hogget. The new definition gives producers greater certainty and a definitive signal to make moves to market their lambs. Producers will have generally less than a month from the time of eruption to when permanent incisors are in wear. The new definition is also consistent with New Zealand’s definition – Australia’s biggest lamb competitor in export markets.

Research has shown that a lamb under the new definition was as acceptable to consumers as lamb under the current definition. For more information head to www.sheepproducers.com.au.

Ostini Wool Weekly Market Update

Just over 29,000 bales were offered in the final sale of the season. End of year figures show an overall reduction of 225,182 bales offered, compared to the 2017/18 season, a fall of 11.9%.

The market opened softer and then continued to drop as the week progressed. Better style wools were generally 70-100 cents easier, while the lesser style wools were even harder hit, up to 150 cents cheaper. The NRI fell by 58 cents, finishing the season at 1,731 and has now suffered the second highest monthly fall since the end of the Reserve Price Scheme (losing 178 cents in June).

The skirtings also dropped sharply, generally losing 50-100 cents, with higher VM wools most affected. Crossbreds generally eased by 30-50 cents.

The first sale of the new season is traditionally a larger sale, as growers looking to sell in the new financial year take the first opportunity. This year however, the sale is smaller than normal with 34,504 bales currently rostered.

Source: AWEX

Local Bulls Head To Northern Territory

Moogenilla Angus bulls have been sold to a wide range of areas, including Far North Queensland, South West Queensland and the Northern Territory in 2017 and 2018. Among the local, Western NSW, Tablelands and Eastern Riverina beef breeders, Consolidated Pastoral Company (CPC) has been competing to take the Moogenilla Angus bulls north.

Troy Setter, from CPC said the Moogenilla bulls are balanced and well suited to the Northern Australian environment. Moogenilla bulls have also settled into the Mulga country in South West Queensland and the dry plains in Far West NSW, equally with the cold Tablelands and the local mixed farming areas.

‘A tough, adaptable bull with good temperament, growth and carcass is what we’re aiming to provide to the breeders on Friday 2nd August in Forbes’, said Sarah Wrigley, from Moogenilla Angus.
Keep Fish Safe And Healthy During Winter

Fish can become stressed during winter months, leading to health problems. Follow these seven simple tips to help your fish to continue to thrive when the temperature drops.

1. Avoid drafts: Make sure that your fish tanks are not exposed to cold drafts at night – close doors, use door stoppers and window drapes.

2. Check temperature: It may sound obvious but take the time to check the temperature of your tank with a thermometer. Make sure the water temperature hasn’t dropped below ideal conditions for your fish.

3. Check the size of your heater: Use the manufacturer’s recommendations to check that your heater is big enough for your tank.

4. Check water parameters: Eliminate any other stresses and ensure that your water quality is correct for the fish you keep. Purchase a quality testing kit and test your water regularly. To prevent issues, keep the tank clean and check that your filters are fully operational.

5. Avoid large water changes: Filling the tank with cold water can reduce the temperature significantly, leading to stress and disease. Try more frequent, but smaller, water changes instead.

6. Treat with medication as needed: Fish under temperature stress can commonly suffer from fungal disease or white spot. Keep an eye out for these, and treat with medication as needed.

7. Feed a nutritious diet: Boost the immune systems of your fish and ensure they are eating a quality diet. Frozen foods can also be a big help in adding vitamins and minerals to the diet.

Come speak to one of the friendly staff at Parkes Pet Barn for further advice.

Advocating The Arts

The arts can be undervalued in the role it plays in a community. In the current time of drought, people are often getting relief by having a creative outlet, whether it is going to local music or dramatic productions, taking up hobbies, or learning a new skill. These allow people an escape, giving life its bounce.

In October 2018, representatives from many of the Parkes Shire’s arts and cultural groups met to discuss the formation of an Arts Advisory Council. This Council would aim to provide a conduit of communication between the various arts and cultural groups to different parts of the Parkes Shire Council (PSC) and other arts organisations, to improve the access to advice and services that they can provide.

Since October, the Parkes Shire Arts Council (PSAC) has been officially established. Members include representatives from the Parkes Painting group, Parkes Potters group, Parkes Shire Concert Band Inc, Parkes Musical & Dramatic Society, along with other groups. The PSAC formed an Executive including Chair, Margot Jolly.

“It’s really exciting to see the arts and cultural groups in Parkes coming together to assist the Council in providing amazing arts facilities in our vibrant and growing community. It was a positive move by Warwick Tom who initiated the first meeting. So far, we’ve been getting excellent support from Councillors and Council staff,” said Margot, at this week’s meeting.

The Parkes Shire Arts Council will also be meeting in late August to formulate its strategic plan, with each group to bring their priorities to the meeting. The PSAC is calling for arts or cultural groups or individual artists not yet represented, to provide their contact details so they can be invited to the meetings and be sent updates on the group’s progress. Please email these details to Kerryn Jones: Kerryn.Jones@parkes.nsw.gov.au.

Phil Donato MP
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WHAT’S On

8 Jul  MLAHMC NAIDOC Week. Celebrating the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. 10am to 1pm at Cooke Park.

11 Jul  Craft Corner Monthly Meeting will be held on Thursday 11 July at 10am. All welcome.


12 Jul  Peak Hill NAIDOC Day Disco. 6-8pm at the Learning & Healing Centre, 65 Euchie Street, Peak Hill. Free Admission. For further information phone: Amanda on 0491 477 207 or Jacqueline on 0418 252 409.

13 Jul  Parkes Garden Club. The next meeting will be held on Saturday 13 July at the time of 2pm at the Services Club, 9-17 Short St, Parkes. Rose Jones will give a talk on the history of Cooke Park.


25 Jul  Craft Corner Knit and Natter Day from 10.30am. If attending would you please bring a plate of goodies to share.

30-31 Aug  Heaven & Earth Legends Show at Hotel Gracelands. $85 ticket includes 2 course meal and show. Call 0400 012 111.

Ongoing  Probus Club of Parkes meets every second Friday of the month at Parkes Leagues Club at 10am for a cuppa and chat, then the meeting at 10.30am. New members welcome.

Ongoing  Parkes Shire Concert Band rehearses every Tuesday 7pm - 9pm during school term in the music room above the pool complex in Dalton Street. Contact music director Duncan Clement on 0405 035 164.

Ongoing  St George’s Soul Café is open the first two Saturdays of the month from 2 – 5pm in the church hall. Enjoy home-made food at very reasonable prices and good conversation.

Ongoing  CWA Meeting on the third Wednesday of the month at the Coachman at 5.30pm. Parkes Evening VIEW Club meets every fourth Tuesday of the month at 5:30pm for 7pm.

Ongoing  Parkes Painting Group meet at Northparkes Oval at 10am every Wednesday.

Ongoing  Georgie’s Pantry at 45 Currajong Street is open every Thursday from 10am – 3pm for pensioners and people with a health care card for groceries and fresh produce at very reasonable prices.

Ongoing  Farmers Friday at Georgie’s Hub supplying grocery staples, bread, fruit, vegetables and meat (when available) to farmers for free from 12.30 pm to 3pm. Enquiries call 0439 8750 54.

Ongoing  Parkes Leagues Club Mega Draw every Saturday night 6 - 8pm.

Ongoing  Meals on Wheels Parkes has moved to the old Post Office Building Unit 2/39 Currajong St Parkes. Entry via Court Street.

Ongoing  Free Computer Training at Parkes Library every Thursday 9 – 11m. Call 6861 2309 for more information.

BE SEEN @ All Things Teapots and Towels

(L-R) Serving ladies: Cheryl Thompson, Carole Corbett, Shirley Edwards, Coral Barber

(L-R) Janeine Davies, Jann Corcoran, Margaret Stone.

(L-R) Judy Blowes, Olive Cooper, Caron Chester, Milton Blowes.

(L-R) Marlene Freeman, Laurel MacKenzie

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www.astrodishrestaurant.com.au
As we countdown to the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 Moon landing, two Parkes public schools are getting into the spirit of the celebrations.

Parkes East Public School will have a space-themed multi-day mark to the last day of school before the anniversary today, Friday, 5 July.

Parkes Public School last week commenced a space theme for their STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) lessons and classes will follow that theme through until the end of this week.

The Parkes East Public and Parkes Public commemorations takes the opportunity to herald the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 Moon landing on 20 July, 1969. Parkes shot to fame around the world at this time as its radio telescope beamed images of Neil Armstrong taking “one giant leap for mankind” on the Moon.

The students of Parkes East Public can be proud that the nearby radio telescope, affectionately known as The Dish, played a crucial role in getting those images to the eager eyes of 600 million people across the world.

While the honour of carrying the first few minutes of images switched between Goldstone in California and Honeysuckle Creek in the ACT, when the superior quality of the Parkes transmission was seen, the remainder of the two-and-a-half-hour broadcast was beamed out from the Parkes feed.

It was the children of Parkes back in 1969 who along with the rest of Australia could say they were the first to see Armstrong’s historic first steps, due to the physics of signal delays as they travelled across the world.

While the schools will mark the anniversary ahead of the school holidays, the Parkes Radio Telescope will be holding open days on the weekend of 20 and 21 July as part of the 50th anniversary celebrations.

Ingredients:
1 packet (275g) puff pastry
3-4 Pink Lady apples, size depending
2 tbsp brown sugar
A little butter
1 egg, beaten with a splash of full-cream milk
Icing sugar to dust (optional)

Method:
This is a cross between an apple tart and a strudel. It’s very easy to make, but you have to work quickly. You can substitute Pink Lady Apples with any large eating apple, but if you do, make sure to add another tablespoon of sugar as the Pink Ladies are especially sweet.

Pre-heat the oven to 180 degrees/gas 4 – make sure you do this in plenty of time as you have to work quickly and you need the oven to be hot and ready. Keep the pastry in the fridge while you work.

Peel, quarter, core and thinly slice the apples and mix in a bowl with one tablespoon of sugar. Grease a baking tray with the butter. Lay the pastry out on your work surface with the wider side facing you. Brush the pastry with the egg wash and scatter the apples evenly over it, leaving a little room around the edge.

Now roll the pastry into a roll away from you, as tightly as you can. Pinch the edges together and place the parcel as carefully as you can onto the tray. Brush with more egg wash and scatter the apples evenly over it, leaving a little room around the edge.

Dust with a little icing sugar (optional) and then serve sliced with softly whipped cream, custard or ice cream.

Elsie Orr
How long have you lived in or around Parkes, and what do you like about living here? I have lived here for 8 or 9 years. Before that I lived in Cowra. I like that I live near my family.

Where do you go to school and what year are you in? I go to Middleton Public School. I have been here since Kindergarten and I am in Year 6. I am the girl school captain this year.

What is your favourite activity after school activity? My favourite activity is soccer training and hockey training.

What is your favourite food and movie? My favourite food is carrots and my best movies are ‘The Mighty Ducks’ and ‘The Greatest Showman’

What music do you listen to? I don’t listen to music very much but I like to listen to Mr Harris when he sings at school.

What do you want to do when you grow up? When I grow up I want to be a teacher.

If you could have a superpower what would it be? My superpower would be to have wishing powers so I could wish for anything I want.

Tell us an interesting fact about yourself. I am quiet but I am actually louder than people think.
Established Player, New Patron

Three games of Pairs and a Triples game were played in great conditions this week. Hilda McPherson and Marja Iffland defeated Eileen Bradley and Audrey Jones. Lea Orr and Gwenda Carty defeated Lorraine Baker and Flo Riseborough. Kay Craft and Maureen Miller defeated Di Howell and Kim Evans. Frances Charlton, June Burgess and Merilyn Rodgers defeated Jean Kennedy, Heather Harvey and Rosemary Mitchell. Winners on the day were Kay and Maureen, and runner ups were Eileen and Audrey.

Club Championship Triples close on 9 July and matches will commence on 23 July. Our CWD Fours team will play in the Districts Playoffs in Orange on 23 July.

Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held this week with the Election of Office Bearers as follows. President - Merilyn Rodgers; Vice President - Maureen Miller; Secretary - Betsy Johnstone; Match Committee - Kim Evans, Marja Iffland, Brenda Davies; Selection Committee - Audrey Jones, Robyn Morgan, Di Howell; Committee members - Chris Curteis, Jan McPhee, Minnie Riordan, Kay Craft, Lorraine Baker; Communications Officer - Rosemary Mitchell.

Central Western District (CWD) and Canobolas District will be amalgamating early 2020 and we will all be called Central West District.

We also have a new Patron of our club, Joan Simpson, who has played bowls at our club for the last 52 years and is still playing regularly.

To play social bowls ring Table Selectors Gwenda Carty and Rhona Went between 9-9.30am.

CONGRATULATIONS JOAN. President Merilyn Rodgers presented Joan Simpson with her Patrons Badge at the PWBC’s AGM.

Dragons Pack Their Paddles Up

The Parkes Dragon Boat Club enjoyed a fun-filled final paddle of the season last Sunday, sharing the beautiful Lake Endeavour with 24 black swans and ending the session with a paddling tug-of-war.

“With the help of so many great members we’ve achieved a massive amount in our first year, including boats, trailers and equipment,” said Club President, Bill Thomas. “But what we are most proud of is the strength in our membership and the real friendship among those members. It is a privilege to belong to this club.”

“We’ve also competed successfully in many events around the state, including representation at Nationals,” said current Coach Beth Thomas, “and I’m really proud of how this crew strives for continual improvement.”

The Club will recess for July and early August, meeting again at their scheduled AGM on 11 August at 11:00am, returning to paddling the following week. Anyone who is interested in Dragon Boating is warmly invited to attend the AGM at Parkes Services Club and join the members for a bistro lunch afterwards.

By Beth Thomas

Roads and Maritime Services

Parkes Bypass – Concept Design & Review of Environmental Factors (REF)

The community is invited to have its say on the concept design for the Newell Highway bypass at Parkes with the Review of Environmental Factors (REF) for the project now on display.

Roads and Maritime Services proposes to build a new 10.5 kilometre bypass on the western outskirts of Parkes to reduce travel time, improve freight productivity and efficiency, pedestrian access through Parkes and traffic flow.

“Roads and Maritime Services is delivering this work as part of the $500 million Newell Highway upgrade program to support the interstate freight industry, provide economic growth, and improve access and safety along a vital transport corridor in New South Wales.

The concept design for the proposed route and environmental assessment documents will be on display from Monday 1 July to Friday 9 August 2019.

Roads and Maritime Services is committed to consulting with the community and is seeking your feedback on the display documents. A number of information sessions will take place in Parkes where you can meet with the project team to discuss the concept design and environmental assessment.

Drop-in sessions

The project team will be available to discuss the concept design and Review of Environmental Factors at the following locations:

- Clarinda Street (in front of Discount Dave’s)
  - Tuesday 2 July, 10am - 1pm
  - Wednesday 10 July, 10am - 1pm
  - Thursday 18 July, 11am - 2pm
  - Monday 22 July, 10am - 1pm
  - Wednesday 31 July, 10am - 1pm
  - Thursday 8 August, 11am - 2pm
- Metro Plaza (near Woolworths)
  - Tuesday 2 July, 3pm - 6pm
  - Wednesday 10 July, 1pm - 4pm
  - Thursday 18 July, 5pm - 8pm
  - Monday 22 July, 2pm - 5pm
- Parkes Arbour (between Target and Coles)
  - Wednesday 31 July, 3pm - 6pm
  - Thursday 8 August, 3pm - 6pm

Display locations

The REF is on display at the following locations from July 1 to August 9 2019:

- Parkes Shire Council Administration Centre, 2 Cecile Street, Parkes
  - Monday - Friday: 8.30am - 5pm
- Service NSW, Parkes 51-55 Currajong Street, Parkes
  - Monday - Friday: 9am - 5pm

Visit the project website to find out how to submit your feedback and view more information about the Parkes Bypass at www.rms.work/parkesupgrade

Have your say: Please provide feedback on the REF by Friday 9 August 2019, by sending your written comments to:

Email: newell.upgrade@rms.nsw.gov.au
Mail: Roads and Maritime Services, PO Box 334, Parkes NSW 2870