



# The Schultz Hume Bulletin



**Experienced Hands Working for Hume**

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## *A word from Alby...*

It is ironic that the International Year of Fresh Water began in the midst of horrendous bushfires and the worst drought in NSW for over 100 years.

This will surely be another tough year for those who have been affected by the drought and are struggling to find hope in a desolate and dry landscape. Soaking rains in late February have given farmers and businesses some relief but substantial follow up rains are desperately needed to ensure their businesses remain viable. There is now a glimmer of hope for farmers to sow winter crops or see much needed pasture growth needed to carry their depleted stock through the period leading up to winter.

Amongst all the devastation I find myself yet again reflecting with great pride on the mateship and community spirit that seems to thrive amongst Australians no matter how adverse the conditions.

I am reminded of the overwhelming commitment of people to help out their fellow man in devastating and traumatic times. One story which comes to mind is that of a woman known to our family who, after surviving the Canberra bushfires, demonstrated compassion for those in need and

gave her home to a family who had lost everything. She herself then went to reside in a tin shed on a block of land in a remote area.

That kind of sacrifice brings tears to the eyes and an appreciation of the generosity of fellow Australians.

That caring and kindness of human spirit rural and regional Australians are known for will keep our communities optimistic and strongly focused in 2003.



**A perspective on the effect the drought is having on our precious water supplies in rural Australia**

**Top: Burrinjuck Dam at Woolgarlo near Yass in December 1999**

**Left: Burrinjuck Dam at Woolgarlo near Yass early February 2003 (Smoke from local bushfires seen in background)**

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**AND  
MUCH  
MORE!!**



At the recent Clean Up Australia Day activities at Hill Top Ben Sullivan was awarded a t-shirt for being "the most enthusiastic participator".

# OUT & ABOUT IN THE SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS

**Alby has attended several functions in the Southern Highlands over recent months.**



Catelyn & Daniel Olofsen (in hats) at Hill Top Clean up Australia Day being awarded a jar of lollies for "bringing the most people". Pictured also with Kate Sullivan.

- The prestigious Berrima Sports Awards night held at Mittagong.
- Attended the Dahlia Festival in Mittagong.

- Visited Berrima to discuss heritage funding for the Berrima Heritage Village.
- In late February Alby attended Oxley College following an invitation from the headmaster and took part in a wreath laying ceremony with students from the college at the Australian War Memorial.
- Took part in 'Clean Up Hill Top' activities on Clean up Australia Day 2003.

Alby at Hill Top Clean up Australia Day with hard working Amelia Baker.

## DID YOU KNOW....

It is a synthetic drug usually sold as small tablets, which come in a variety of colours and sizes. It is also available as powder and can be snorted or injected. It is often used by Rave or Dance Party goers.

- Ecstasy is a stimulant because it speeds up the functions of the central nervous system with effects starting after about an hour and lasting up to six hours, but may last as long as 32 hours.
- Immediate effects of ecstasy can include increased feelings of self confidence, wellbeing and feeling close to others (which is why it is called the love drug); a rise in blood pressure; body temperature and pulse rate; jaw clenching; teeth grinding; sweating; dehydration; nausea and anxiety.
- Ecstasy is regarded as a dangerous drug for people with heart or breathing conditions or with depression or psychological disorders.
- As ecstasy may cause the body's temperature to increase and cause dehydration. Sipping water prevents dehydration but does not reduce the effects of ecstasy. Drinking too much water, however, may lead to serious health complications in some people where the blood becomes diluted.
- Overdose of ecstasy can occur and some deaths have been related to overheating and dehydration.
- Higher doses of ecstasy can produce hallucinations, irrational behaviour, vomiting and convulsions. There is some evidence to suggest that long term use of ecstasy may cause damage to the brain, heart and liver.
- MDMA was developed in 1914 by a German chemical company as an appetite suppressant. In the 1970s it was used by some therapists to help people explore their feelings for each other. It became available in Australia in the mid-1980s.
- In NSW it is illegal to use, possess or supply ecstasy. Penalties range from a \$2,000 fine and/or two years in prison to a \$500,000 fine and/or life imprisonment.

SOURCE: [http://www.ceida.net.au\(c\)](http://www.ceida.net.au(c)) CEIDA - NSW Health Department 1996 - 2001 updated 15.2.2001

**ECSTASY** is the common name for MethyleneDioxyMethAmphetamine, or MDMA. Other Names: E, eccies, love drug, XTC, doves.

**NSW Alcohol and Drug Information Service (ADIS)**

**24hr Hotline**

**TOLL FREE NUMBER: 1800 422 599**

**Phone: (02) 9361 2111**

# FUNDING AT A GLANCE

## TOTAL of \$125,330 to Outside School Hours Care In Hume

Before School, After School and Vacation Care Programs throughout the Hume electorate will benefit from Disadvantaged Area Subsidies (DAS). The funding is in recognition of the extra costs of providing childcare in rural and remote areas. Outside School Hours Care services provide care for children before and after school and during school holidays, which helps parents balance the demands of work and family.

### AREAS TO BENEFIT ARE:

**YOUNG AREA** \$15,121

**CROOKWELL AREA** \$20,453

**GOULBURN AREA** \$23,104 (Goulburn, Gundaroo)

**SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS AREA** \$66,652 (Colo Vale, Mittagong, Bowral, Tahmoor, Thirlmere, Picton)

## Funding for Bungonia War Memorial

\$1,638 grant to the Bungonia Park Trust for renovations to the Bungonia War Memorial under the Federal Governments Commemorations Program. The Bungonia Park Trust, has recently implemented a number of projects to upgrade the memorial and its surrounds and will use the funding to correct a spelling mistake on the Bungonia War Memorial Honour Roll and replace two flagpoles.

## Commonwealth Grant to Benefit Children in Yass with Disabilities

\$17,556 grant which has been allocated to the Yass Early Childhood Centre to modify children's toilet facilities to support the inclusion of young children with disabilities.

## Funding for Young Memorial Clock Tower

\$2,000 grant under the Federal Governments Commemorations Program to the Young Shire Council to restore the bronze soldier and plaque on the Young Memorial Clock Tower. The tower was first unveiled in May 1924 and commemorates local residents who fought in the First World War.

Alby & Paul Reardon who was a volunteer of the Maimuru Rural Bush Fire Service from Young. Paul contributed to fire fighting efforts in the Burrinjuck area. Photo courtesy of Yass Tribune



## ON THE WEB

### SMALL BUSINESS

Business Entry Point: Covers subjects from taxation to employing staff, licensing and accessing government grants. Also has a new directory of government and business related organisations.

[www.business.gov.au](http://www.business.gov.au)

### DRUGS INFORMATION

A searchable database of over 24,000 prescription & over the counter drug descriptions. Useful information for families, the elderly those who use a lot of medicines.

[www.drugs.com](http://www.drugs.com)

Therapeutic Goods Administration website offers advice to both doctors and consumers regarding prescription & over the counter drugs.

[www.health.gov.au/tga/index.htm](http://www.health.gov.au/tga/index.htm)



## DROUGHT ASSISTANCE AVAILABILITY IN HUME

All farmers in NSW (including those not in EC-declared areas) can apply for EC or interim income support and interest rate relief through their local Centrelink offices, or by calling Centrelink's National Drought Hotline on: **13 23 16** (excluding national public holidays). Small businesses and producers in EC-declared areas should also use this number.

Extent of 1 in 20 year drought event  
(Mar. 2002 - Nov. 2002)



Map created  
by BRS on December 9 2002



**JAPANESE POLICE WHO WERE  
BEING HOSTED BY THE  
GOULBURN POLICE ACADEMY -**  
Photo taken on Marble staircase in  
main entrance of Parliament House

## *Recently celebrating milestones were:*

### *50th Wedding*

Reginald & Yvonne Riley of Bowral  
Neil and Margaret Slater of Thuddungra  
Bruce & Maisie Seaman of Crookwell  
Oswald & Rita Fry of Goulburn

### *60th Wedding*

George & Joyce Carnie of Young  
Joseph & Beryl Fitzgibbon of Goulburn  
Walter & Barbara Healey of Goulburn  
Rollo & Joan Shelley of Goulburn  
Frank & Grace Clarke of Buxton

### *62nd Wedding*

John & Nancy Foord of Goulburn

### *90th Birthday*

Mrs. Genevieve Foster of Young  
Mrs. Roma Hyem of Bargo

### *105th Birthday*

Mrs. Mable Turner of Goulburn

## **OUR FREECALL NUMBER HAS CHANGED**

If you have telephoned the electorate office lately using the 1800 806 525 Freecall number, you have probably reached a message redirecting you to a new 1300 number. That is because our Freecall number has changed. You should now use Freecall number **1300 301 826** if you wish to contact my office from within the electorate.

## **Celebrating a milestone?**

My office can organise for congratulatory messages to be sent to couples celebrating their 50th, 60th and subsequent Wedding Anniversary's and also to people celebrating their 90th & 100th birthdays. Messages will be received from the Prime Minister, the Governor General & myself. The Queen sends messages for 60th Wedding Anniversaries and 100th Birthdays.

You can also request for the special occasion to be recognised in the Schultz Hume Bulletin. For an application form and a copy of the guidelines, please telephone the electorate office on Freecall 1300 301 826 and my friendly staff will forward the details to you.