



Police Briefs

Patron assault

POLICE are investigating a number of assaults which occurred during the early hours of Sunday, August 11. A number of separate incidents occurred in various licensed premises in Bowral where male offenders punched other patrons. Some of the victims were treated for injuries at the scene by Ambulance Officers. Police have reviewed CCTV footage of the events and inquiries are continuing. Anyone with information about these assaults can contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or Bowral Police on 4862 9299.

Vehicle destroyed

FIRE destroyed a vehicle on the Hume Highway near Medway on Saturday, August 10. Police and the Rural Fire Service attended the scene and extinguished the fire, however the vehicle was totally destroyed. Police believe a mechanical component of the vehicle overheated. No-one was injured.

Car theft

A CAR was stolen from Waite Street in Moss Vale last week. Police said the car was stolen between 7.30pm on Wednesday, August 7 and 2.20pm on Thursday, August 8. The vehicle is described as a 1986 model Peugeot Sedan which is white in colour. Any persons with information about this theft can contact Bowral Police on 4862 9299 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Having a field day

SHEEP shearing, wool spinning, farrier demonstrations and vet talks are just some of the features of an Agricultural Field Day at Chevalier College.

The event will be held on Friday at the school in Burradoo with a strong focus on farming the 21st century.

It will be open to anyone interested in tips and tricks of today's modern farm industry.

The Field Day starts at 10am to 2.30pm and is hosted by Year 11 and 12 Primary Industry students and supported by Bowral Co-op.



Former PM John Howard meets local youth leaders during his Highlands visit on Friday. Photo by David Alexander

Throsby battle heats up

By David Alexander

AUSTRALIA'S second-longest serving prime minister was in town last Friday to throw his support behind the Liberal Party's Throsby candidate Larrissa Mallinson.

Mr Howard also met with some of the region's youth leaders and presented a cheque to Bowral Hospital's children's ward, courtesy of the Bradman Foundation.

The money was raised by visitors to the International Cricket Hall of Fame who made donations into the museum's fountain. It will go towards new equipment for the ward.

Mr Howard addressed the more than 100 people in attendance saying Ms Mallinson has a mountain to climb in the electorate of Throsby.

"I'm delighted to be part of Larissa's campaign. She's got determination, intelligence energy and she brings a youthful zest. Gathered around her are a band of very young and energetic people,"

he said. "Throsby sits on a margin of 12.5 per cent for Labor. It's a very mixed electorate to say the least.

"Larrissa understands just how big the mountain is to climb. There's a sense of excitement in being involved in an election campaign when you feel the mood is shifting in your favour.

"A very significant win for the coalition is not out of the question. I think it will be a seat to watch with enormous interest."

Twenty-nine-year-old Ms Mallinson is up against a long list of hopefuls for the seat in the September 7 election, including incumbent Stephen Jones, the National Party's Angry Anderson and The Greens' Peter Moran.

She said she was thrilled to have Mr Howard supporting her in the campaign for the seat of Throsby, coming up against a long list of candidates including Labor's incumbent, Stephen Jones.

"John Howard and Peter Costello were the reason I wanted to join the Young

Liberals in 2007," she said. "They were pretty much my idols and they were leaving politics and I didn't like it."

Ms Mallinson said Mr Jones was "scared" of her efforts in the build-up to the election.

"It's a testament to my campaign that Stephen Jones is finally spending money in the area," she said.

"Over \$20 million has poured into Throsby since the election started. For too long we've suffered. Now that he's getting scared, we're starting to get everything. You need to be a marginal seat if you want changes in your area."

Mr Howard's visit to Bowral followed a trip to the coast where he dropped into Ms Mallinson's Albion Park campaign office.

He would not comment on Ms Mallinson's "sex appeal" as Tony Abbott did with Lindsay candidate Fiona Scott earlier in the week, however, he told Fairfax media "there is absolutely nothing wrong with paying a compliment to a woman."

Steiner school gets expansion nod

THE newly opened Southern Highlands Rudolf Steiner school has received a glowing endorsement that secures its plan to expand.

In a recent inspection of the school, the NSW Board of Studies not only approved the existing kindergarten for a further five years, but also gave it the go-ahead to offer Classes 1 and 2, from 2014.

Education manager Joanna Panagiotopoulos, said the inspectors' praise had

been a welcome response.

"To be given registration for so many years at once, is apparently extremely rare," she said.

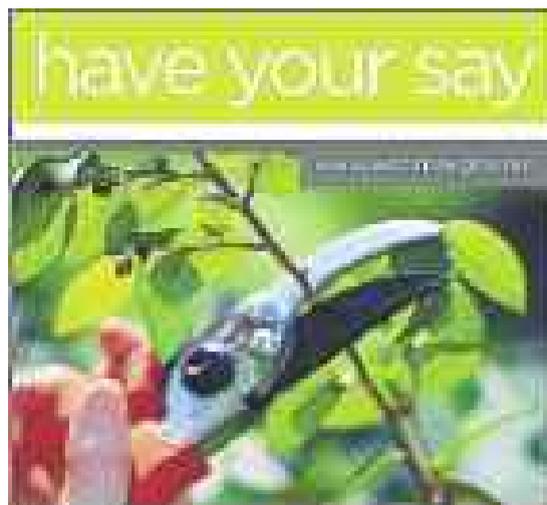
"The inspectors were delighted with everything we are doing here and amazed that the school has come about entirely through the dedication of a handful of committed parents."

"We are very proud of this outcome and excited to now be able to continue with our

vision of providing Steiner education in the Highlands."

The Southern Highlands Rudolf Steiner School currently offers Aurora Rose Kindergarten and plans to expand year by year, to a full primary school.

Ms Panagiotopoulos said interest in the school was growing each week, with enrolments in kindergarten, Class 1 and Class 2 being accepted for next year.



green waste service options

Would you prefer a new fortnightly collection of green waste from your home, a basic weekly service or to just continue Council's existing 'book and pay' optional on-demand service?

A fortnightly garden waste collection service has been offered on a trial basis since 2009, however with the renewal of Warrumbidgee Shire Council's waste collection contract from July 2012 there is an opportunity to consider alternate services.

In summary the options being considered are:

OPTION 1 - 240L green waste bin collected fortnightly. Approximately \$30 charged per annum (\$150 per week) for all occupants with residential waste collection. 240L bin(s) or bagged items collected. No additional 'book and pay' or 1200L weekly green waste collection provided. (240L bin can be an existing recycling bin)

OPTION 2 - Three weekly collection of green waste. Approximately \$70 charged per annum for all occupants with a residential waste service. This includes two cubic metres of green waste collected twice a year. No additional on demand 'book and pay' or fortnightly green waste bin service provided.

OPTION 3 - Continue optional 'book and pay' service. Approximately \$70 charged per collection for two cubic metres of green waste collected on demand. No additional twice weekly green waste (weekup) or fortnightly green waste bin service provided.

Have your say by Friday 23 August 2012.

A survey and public forum are now available for residents to comment on the type and frequency of service required as well as their willingness to pay for regular garden waste collection.

All information will be prepared to explain current services, report how green waste is managed, answer frequently asked questions and explore the pros, cons and costs associated with each option. It is recommended residents attend before choosing a preference.

To learn more or to submit a preference:

- Visit the Civic Centre in Moss Vale, Reservoir Recovery Centre at Mittagong, Bowral and Moss Vale Libraries
- Call 4868 0000 to have an information kit and survey posted to you or
- Visit www.warrumbidgeeshire.com.au for information about the proposal, a discussion forum and online survey options.

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