Taxes and housing
Greens want concessions scrapped

Housing affordability is a hot topic that has both federal and the NSW state coalition worried - but both have fended off debate about negative gearing, while the NSW Greens highlight it's time to scrap the generous tax concession.

The Greens state that every single major housing market in Australia is "severely unaffordable" according to the latest Demographia International Housing Affordability Survey. Sydney is second on the list of the most severely unaffordable housing markets in the world.

Federal Greens housing spokesperson Senator Lee Rhiannon and Greens NSW housing spokesperson Jenny Leong said it is "absurd" that both federal and state governments insist that they can tackle housing affordability without making any changes to unfair tax structures like negative gearing and capital gains tax discounts.

"Decades of generous tax concessions to investors have supercharged the housing market," Greens spokesperson for housing Senator Lee Rhiannon said.

"Federal and state governments should be making it easier for people to buy their first home and not their third or fourth property," Ms Rhiannon said. "Instead they remain devoted to wealthy property investors, and continue to deflect basic truths about the impacts of negative gearing.

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Ms Keneally, 42, has been on the land all her life; she is a third generation farmer doing what she loves - growing fruit and tending the land - it's also how she makes her living - but the influx of flying foxes attacking her fruit has made it hard to justify working. "It's like someone walking into a shop and taking goods and walking out; but I have no recourse."

She doesn't begrudge the native birds and mammals for trying to survive, but not at her expense - it has taken a toll. She said that many of the remaining local orchards are also being plagued by flying foxes - and she believes netting is the best solution. "The rainbow lorikeets are new; they come morning and afternoon. Their natural environment is being depleted to a degree. A lot of housing is going up in the Cumberland Plain Woodland area and people are planting natives, the birds are now coming inland, but the bats have always been here."

She puts the increased bats numbers to it being dry and their natural food source such as bush blossom is scarce - they are so desperate they feeding on unpicked fruit "which doesn't have any flavour". Bats love sugary fruits. "They are eating things that they wouldn't normally touch."

Having secured a state government subsidy a while ago to purchase nets to help secure her trees, it is only enough to do half the job. Ms Keneally who has had to find a big portion of the remaining money needed to secure the other half of the netting costs - said the nets will only cover half of the trees on the property.

As a primary producer she has had to rely on a non-bank lender and pay nearly three times the average interest rate. The netting will take her 10 years to pay off, which is also the life of the nets. "I'm still going through hoops to get the funds."

She said all levels of government believe they will soon be available to sell at the markets. She is grateful for the state government assistance for people on the land.

Along with the stone fruit and popular apple varieties, Ms Keneally has invested in other apple lines, which fall into the 'vintage' category dating back to the 1400s. She hopes they will be soon available to sell at the markets. She is grateful for the state government funding so far, but would like to see more assistance for people on the land.

In a response the NSW Government indicated it has the Farm Innovation Fund - a low interest loan for eligible farmers, which can be used towards installing nets.

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The new Liberal Premier of NSW, Gladys Berejiklian has a huge job ahead of her due to the lack of talent in this state government. This is a very different face from the one that handed in a convincing O'Farrell victory in 2011. Since that time the conservatives of NSW have lost most of their talented politicians to corruption, their policies stank. The new premier needs to take control of the state government in many areas. The new premier will need to speak openly and honestly to the people of NSW and reverse many policy settings or face the wrath of voters in two years time. Rhetoric and sweet talk which show respect to opposing ideologies and the state needs her to take control so that we can make progress.

Mike Baird is a decent human being, but he was unable to sell several government policies because the policies stank. The government's privatisation agenda goes well beyond selling the family silver; it is an extreme measure to correct the budget and can not be justified. It is believed Premier Berejiklian is ideological and right wing in her views and we can expect to see a new war emerge internally which could again paralyse another tier of government as we have witnessed before. Public opinion views is all well and good, but a bad decision is a bad decision that must be reversed.

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Paul Hillbrick

New Premier and new challenges

A week is a long time in politics and everyone was caught unawares when Premier Mike Baird announced his intention to retire recently both on personal and political grounds. It was a shock to many and it isn’t a wise option. Everyone was concerned that we just want to be within the Sydney metropolitan area which includes Camden nowadays. Our nurses, police, teachers, city rail, density want affordable housing that doesn't require them to travel hours each day - let alone aspire for early retirement. The new Premier has been a cheap attack and it's irrelevant and a non-issue and denigrating about a cheap attack and it's irrelevant and a non-issue and denigrating that must be reversed.

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The Monarchist & The Republican

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Perhaps, after all, they're the very things which have made Australia not only great and stable but also secure and enduring.

How tragic it would be if we became so indifferent to them that we let them slip down our fingers.

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Celebrating being an Aussie

The Rural Fire Service was on hand at the Wollondilly Day Australia Day celebrations. Photo Lee Abrahams.

It was all about being Aussie at Camden’s celebrations. Photo by Brett Atkins.

The talk of whether Australia Day should be changed from January 26 didn’t diminish the spirit of the event which saw young and old, born and bred Aussies, along with long time residents to newbies - who all joined in together to celebrate the national holiday at both Wollondilly and Camden events.

Both local government areas offered different styled events to mark Australia Day - from low key family festivities to a loud and colourful parade.

Hundreds gathered at Picton Botanic Gardens for a free brekkie and lunch with lots of entertainment mixed with official events and a big crowd lined Argyle Street, Camden after the handing out of awards and swirling in of its newest citizens for the popular street parade - both events had a communality - celebrating and embracing everyone in the festivities.

Acknowledging the deserving citizens of each area or the not so public unsung heroes of our communities was also a much anticipated highlight of the day.

The Australia Day ambassadors for Camden, Justin Herald and Wollondilly’s Sam Cawthorn gave stirring talks that inspired and made people stop and think.

Mr Cawthorn overcome adversity to become a leading motivational speaker and said mateship played a pivotal role.

After being pronounced dead and eventually resuscitated - Cawthorn lost his arm and injured his leg badly. His wife, children (which he regards as his closest mates and friends rallied behind him).

As one friend put it to him ‘mates’ is an acronym for ‘Mates Assisting to Engage Socially’.

He highlighted asking people if they are okay - opened up a conversation and was also lending a hand. He said depression is overtaking cancer as the number one illness.

Mr Cawthorn liked being an Australia Day ambassador because “it’s about bringing the community together and camaraderie.”

Wollondilly’s award recipients:
Citizen of the Year - Gregory Green
Achiever of the Year: Paula Zrilic
Sportsperson of the Year: Jacqueline Gay
Young Citizen of the Year: Taylor Clarke

Local Hero of the Year: Sarhn McArthur-Gambley
Community Spirit Award: Kelli Bennett-Smith and Rita Waters.

Camden’s award recipients:
Citizen of the Year: Robyne Meek
Young Citizen of the Year: Johann Mairais
Sportsperson of the Year: Guy Creber
Young Sportsperson of the Year: Nathaniel Stewart and Hannah Trethewy
Community Event of the Year: Macarthur Lions ANZAC Run
Community Group of the Year: Youth Solutions Youth Advisory Group (YAG)

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Healthy program geared to cancer survivors

For Melanie Moss, walking the dog was something that she needed to do while undergoing cancer treatment several years ago - it helped in her wellbeing.

Ms Moss from Badgerys Creek, who is a breast cancer survivor, has always known the importance of keeping her body and mind active even when battling the disease several years ago; she supports Cancer Council NSW’s Enriching Survivorship program which looks at exercise, healthy diet and lifestyle - it is especially for cancer survivors and wished it had been around earlier.

"Looking back this would have been beneficial. Being active definitely helps you. Not that you feel like doing a lot [at the time]," Ms Moss said.

She said it’s also important for women to know they are not isolated.

"They are going through the same thing as you." Ms Moss is also a member of Camden Survivors of Breast Cancer. She took up mountain bike riding as well while recovering and rides regularly.

The new and improved Enriching Survivorship program is a free group-based program comprised of eight, two hour, face to face, weekly sessions for cancer survivors which starts on February 11.

It provides survivors with a range of nutrition information, physical activity and practical information and discussion about adjusting to life following treatment.

For the first time, the program now includes a new yoga and mindfulness session to enable participants to explore mindfulness and relaxation techniques to help reduce stress and anxiety.

Cancer Council NSW’s community engagement manager, Anu Ratnayake said that with cancer survival on the increase, programs like these are an efficient and effective way to support behaviour change which is vital to improving the long-term health of those affected by cancer.

A healthy diet and physical activity have been shown to enhance the physical and psychological health of cancer survivors and reduce the risk of cancer and cancer recurrence," Ms Ratnayake said.

"We understand that previous habits can be hard to change on your own, and with the added fatigue experienced by many cancer survivors, people can easily slip back into their old ways post-treatment.

"Getting back to a healthy lifestyle after cancer is one of the most important things you can do for your health. "Our new yoga and mindfulness session targets overall health and wellbeing by teaching participants a variety of relaxation and meditation techniques to help reduce their stress and anxiety.

"Every little bit helps and making healthy lifestyle choices can also reduce the risk of cancer recurrence."

Studies have shown that being a healthy weight can prevent the recurrence of breast, bowel and prostate cancers.

Physical activity can improve muscle strength, stamina, self-esteem, quality of life, and reduce common side effects of cancer treatment such as fatigue, nausea, pain, anxiety and depression.

Cancer survivors are encouraged to take part as well to take along their carers, partners and family members, so they too can learn these new healthy habits and support the survivor throughout their journey.

To register your interest in attending the Enriching Survivorship program, visit www.cancercouncil.com.au/ENRICH or call 1300 360 541.

Camden Survivors of Breast Cancer meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7pm in the Undercroft at Camden Civic Centre. Call Cath on 0404 802 533 for details.

Physical and mental wellbeing - a breast cancer survivor Melanie Moss encourages women to maintain their physical activity and take part in the free Enriching Survivorship program organised by Cancer NSW.
The local Australia Day community awards are one of the highlights of the celebratory events in Camden and Wollondilly.

It's when the unsung heroes of the community receive the recognition that they richly deserve for the outstanding work they do - normally because they like doing it and because it has to get done.

This band of dedicated people do that little bit extra that sometimes goes unnoticed until they receive a nomination for a public award - then their service to the community is out in the open. This year's citizens of the year both in Camden and Wollondilly are shining examples of just those people.

Wollondilly's Citizen of the Year - Gregory Green has been a key driver with the Bargo Rural Fire Service since 1968. What started out as a hobby became a big part of his life and in 1980 he was promoted to captain of the Bargo unit. A highly regarded volunteer who is ready to roll up his sleeves when needed, Mr Green was more than a little taken back by the award on Thursday.

He said he was very proud and humbled to be acknowledged "I like to help the community".

Mr Green's dedication to the RFS has seen him work within NSW and interstate and most recently during the Picton storms. He is also considered a "friend and mentor" to all new members in the brigade and the community as a whole including the SES, Army Reserves and during coalmine rescues.

Camden's Citizen of the Year - Robyn Meek is strongly involved in the Quota International Club of Macarthur, Macarthur Evening View Club and the Camden Country Women's Association, where she works tirelessly to raise funds and provide support to the disadvantaged.

The Girl Guide leader who began a cub's category with another friend has been helping young girls learn and thrive in guides - it's what she's done for 32 years along with being in the VIEW club for 30 years and more recently Quota and the CWA.

Mr Green was recognised for his "outstanding achievements...selfless commitment to the welfare and well-being of the Wollondilly community".

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Mrs Meek while gracious and humbled by the award feels there are other more deserving people in the community.

When asked why she likes to be involved in the community as much as she has been - she replied "when I moved out here in Camden 47 years ago newly married, I didn't know anybody." That was her motivation. Along with assisting the different community organisations she is also very much involved in teaching craft at the local Baptist church and cake decorating.

Regardless of her surprise at receiving the award, Mrs Meek will continue to go about doing what she does and knowing that in her own way she is helping the community.

"I enjoy doing what I do."
There has been a lot of talk in the media lately about the meaning of Australia Day and with it taking place this week I would like to express my thoughts on the day. We live in a multicultural society, with people from all backgrounds calling Australia home. When you combine all of our histories, cultures and lifestyles together we have a diverse population which, through my eyes, adds to the beauty of Australia.

My background is Scottish, Spanish, English and Chinese and to me Australia Day means no matter whether you were born here or are a recent arrival, no matter your background or heritage, we all take time to admire the visionaries and trailblazers of our nation and share in their glory and national pride. I love Australia and am extremely proud to live in the best part of the nation... Wollondilly

As part of our Australia Day Celebrations I would like to acknowledge the following people who have been nominated for our Australia Day Civic Awards for 2017. They have been nominated for their relentless and selfless service to our local community. Let me congratulate all of you personally as well as on behalf of the Wollondilly residents for your outstanding achievements.

- Brodie Pitt-Owen
- Jennifer Baldwin
- Lyn Davey
- Shirley Morrison
- Hayley Baldwin
- Tracie Morrissey
- Kristy Oseweyer
- Ruth Howard
- Sue & John Gay
- Russell Bott
- Marion Bott
- Gregory John Green
- Riley Stutchif.e
- Jasmín Dakota Gardener
- Paula Zelik
- Sarhn McArthur-Gumbley
- Meg and Peter Morgan
- Joanne Bentley
- Caitlín Halse
- Jacqueline Gay
- Roderick Wonson
- Tiana Van Stralen
- Taylor Clarke

The most significant features of the Draft Contributions Plan include:

- Revised Works Schedules that detail the specific projects that the contributions will be spent on;
- Revised Section 94 contribution rates that will be charged.

Council now seeks public comment on the Draft Contributions Plan, which will be on public exhibition from 7 December until 10 February 2017, at the following locations:

- Council’s website at www.wollondilly.nsw.gov.au
- Council’s Administration Building, 62-64 Menangle Street Picton (between 9am – 4pm Monday to Friday);
- Wollondilly Library, located at Menangle St Picton (Monday Tuesday and Fridays 10am – 5pm, Thursday 10am to 6pm and Saturdays 9am – 12pm)

Submissions must be in writing and must be received no later than 4pm on Friday 10 February 2017, and should quote reference number TRIM 8373. Submissions can be submitted by:

- Post: marked to The General Manager, c/- Growth, Wollondilly Shire Council, PO Box 21, Picton NSW 2571
- Email: council@wollondilly.nsw.gov.au

Queries on the Draft Contributions Plan may be addressed to Martin Beveridge on 4677 8320.

Please note: Under section 147 of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act, any person making a submission is required to disclose reportable political donations and gifts ($1000 or more) made to any local councillor or staff member within 2 years of making of the submission. If the application or gift is made after the submission, a disclosure must be made within 7 days of that donation or gift having been made. Details of information required in the disclosure can be found on Council’s website.

Privacy

Any submission you make is open to public scrutiny. Council is required to release written comments or submissions under the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (GIPA). The Act imposes obligations on us to place submissions on Council’s website and submissions may be used in Council reports or court proceedings. In this regard, your comments should be restricted to the proposed development.

The full list of Community Forum and Ordinary Council Meeting dates are available on Council’s website www.wollondilly.nsw.gov.au

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Stallholders wanted for steam fest

Local farm stalls, local businesses, community groups and charities wanting to set up a stall at the popular Thimble Festival of Steam on Sunday, March 5 are invited to apply now.

There is sticking away before this great event is on and more local stallholders and ride operators are needed. If you are interested in being part of the excitement contact BD Productions millie@bdproductions.com.au

Vaccination for school starters

As the school year kicks off parents are being reminded their children’s immunisations are up to date.

Dr Chatterji said it was important all primary school-aged children were on track with their vaccinations.

"All children should have their booster needles between three and a half and four years of age," Dr Chatterji said.

"When enrolling a child in school, parents are asked to provide evidence of their child’s immunisation history.

"They can do this by obtaining an Immunisation History Statement, issued by the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR).

"The statement will be sent to a child's home address once AIR has been notified by the GP or immunisation provider that the child has been vaccinated with the appropriate vaccines for four year olds," she said.

Schools are not able to accept other records such as the blue book or overseas vaccination records. Parents should see their GP or immunisation provider if records of their vaccinations need to be sent to AIR so they can obtain an Immunisation History Statement.

Dr Chatterji said immunisation programs in NSW had been very effective in reducing the risk of vaccine-preventable diseases.

"Important vaccine-preventable illnesses like whooping cough, measles and meningococcal C Infections continue to occur in the community.

"Vaccination is the best way to protect a child from these serious diseases. If most children are vaccinated this also protects those who are too young to be vaccinated, or those who can’t be vaccinated because of medical conditions," she said.

Parents are asked to provide their Immunisation History Statement by calling the AIR on 1800 653 809, emailing acir@medicareaustralia.gov.au or visiting Medicare Online Services at www.medicareaustralia.gov.au or a local Medicare office.

Keep a friendly eye on elderly neighbours

With the temperatures still climbing up Alzheimer’s Australia NSW is reminding the community to check-in on elderly neighbours and friends during periods of extreme heat, especially people living with dementia.

Alzheimer’s Australia NSW CEO John Watkins AM, said people living with dementia and their carers may need extra support during the current period of hot weather. “A person living with dementia may need some assistance when it comes to coping with the summer heat,” Mr Watkins said.

“They may not be aware of how much water they need to drink, may be unaware of the forecast, take a regular walk and be caught out by the heat; they may not understand that they will be more comfortable in lighter clothes or may not know how to seek help if there are problems with their air-conditioning or fans.

It is estimated that 70 per cent of the more than 115,000 people with dementia in NSW are living in the community. This includes people experiencing the many different stages of living with a dementia diagnosis. Anyone needing assistance can call the National Dementia Helpline on 1800 100 500.

PROPOSED NOMINATED INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT

A Development Application has been received by Wollondilly Shire Council to use the following land:

Property: 40 Oaks Road, Thirrmere (Lot: 273 DP: 751270) and 60 Oaks Road, Thirrmere (Lot: 272 DP: 659647)

For the purpose of: Boundary Adjustment and Two (2) Lot Subdivision

Applicant: Accurate Designs & Drafting

Consent Authority: Wollondilly Shire Council

The Development Application is a Nominated Integrated Development under Clause 5(1)(b) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulations 2000.

Approval for the proposed development is required from the Department of Primary Industries - Water under the Environment Planning and Assessment Act, 1979, in respect of a licence under Section 91 of the Water Management Act, 2000.

The application and plans relating to the proposal may be inspected at Council’s Offices, 62-64 Menangle Street, Picton between 8am and 4pm Monday to Friday (public holidays excluded) for 30 days commencing 27 January 2017.

Any person may make a written submission in relation to the Development Application. Written submissions received may become a public document. Submissions will be received until 4pm on 26 February 2017. Please quote Council’s file number 010.2016.0000075.001 on any submission. Enquiries may be directed to Elliott Weston on (02) 4677 9562 or email council@wollondilly.nsw.gov.au.

PROPOSED INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT

A Development Application has been received by Wollondilly Shire Council for the use of the following land:

Property: 45 Rotherwood Road, Razorback (Lot: 5 DP 245614)

For the purposes of: Relocate Shed as Stables & Rural Outbuilding

Applicant: Accurate Designs & Drafting

Consent Authority: Wollondilly Shire Council

The Development Application is an Integrated Development under Section 91 of the Act. Approval for the proposed development is required from the Subsidies Advisory Board under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979, in respect to approval under the Mine Subsidence Compensation Act 1961.

The application and plans relating to the proposal may be inspected at Council’s Offices, 62-64 Menangle Street, Picton, between 8am and 4pm Monday to Friday (public holidays excluded).

Any person may make a written submission in relation to the Development Application. Written submissions received may become a public document. Please quote Council’s file number 010.2016.0000080.001 on any submission. Enquiries may be directed to Michael Kelly on (02) 4677 9575 or email council@wollondilly.nsw.gov.au.

PROPOSED INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT

A Development Application has been received by Wollondilly Shire Council for the following land:

Property: 40 Oaks Road, Thirrmere (Lot: 273 DP: 751270) and 60 Oaks Road, Thirrmere (Lot: 272 DP: 659647)

For the purpose of: Construct Two (2) Single Storey and Twelve (12) Two Storey Units

Applicant: Precise Planning

Consent Authority: Wollondilly Shire Council

This application is being re-advertised due to an error in the original advertisement. The application is for fourteen (14) units not twelve (12). The exhibition period has been extended to 6 February 2017.

The application and plans relating to this proposed development may be inspected at Council’s Offices, 62-64 Menangle Street, Picton, any time between 8am and 4pm Monday to Friday (public holidays excluded).

Any person may make a written submission in relation to the Development Application. Written submissions received will be until 4pm on 6 February 2017. Any written submission may become a public document. Please quote Council’s file number 010.2016.0000086.001 on any submission. Enquiries may be directed to Michael Kelly on (02) 4677 9575 or email council@wollondilly.nsw.gov.au.

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Australia Day 2017 images from Camden...

Photographer Brett Atkins captured the atmosphere of Australia Day in Camden of people keen to be part of the celebration. Camden's Australia Day ambassador Justin Herald was part of the parade extravaganza. For more photos visit Capture Camden.

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Wollondilly's Australia Day was also a festive event with a mix of community members - volunteers and visitors, who were out and about enjoying what was on offer including three flag raising ceremony - including the Australian, Aboriginal and Wollondilly flags. Photos by Lee Abrahams.
When an injury permanently stops you from working

Total and Permanent Disability (TPD) insurance provides a financial benefit for those who suffer a disability that permanently prevents them from working.

A distinction may be made within the terms of your policy, regarding whether your entitlement is to be determined by an inability to work in your current occupation or whether it is dependent upon your ability to work in another occupation.

Generally, a TPD entitlement may assist the policy holder to meet the costs of rehabilitation and other expenses associated with day-to-day expenses usually covered by the person's income.

Contact GFP group to discuss your personal insurance strategy and the type and level of TPD insurance that may suit your particular set of circumstances, as it pertains to your overall financial plan.

Time can be on your side

by John Jones

Time plays a major role in goal setting. The time to put aside and consider what you really want out of life. Time taken to consider how to achieve these goals. Time period allotted to achieve these goals or the steps along the way. Finally time to enjoy the outcomes.

Time also has many unique qualities. Here are some of these: It is non-renewable, thus a limited resource for each of us. How often have we wished for another two hours in a day, or an extra day in the week? Unfortunately, once it has passed it has gone forever.

It can go very slowly. Seemingly, the younger you are the slower it seems to go. At age 10 you can't wait for the next three years to pass, when you can be called a teenager. Next the next four years seem to go so slowly before you can apply for your driver's license.

It can also go very fast. Conversely, it seems the older you get the faster time goes by. After you reach your 50's it seems that weeks pass by as though they are days. It seems to flash by in front of your eyes.

Time can be amazingly profitable. This is especially so when combined with compounding interest.

With enough time you can build a fortune. For example: If you, at age 20 were to invest, say $5,500 pa in the Australian share market, re-invest your dividends and earn an average 10% pa for 10 years, then stop. Your investment contributions would be a total of $50,000.

Your brother does the same as you but waits until he is aged 30 before starting and invests for not 10 but for 35 years. The total he invests is $18,000.

Who will have the most funds at age 70? You will have an unbelievable 50% more, approximately, $2.7 million, whereas your brother will have approximately, $1,645,000.

This shows the significant difference, all because you started earlier, your brother also has a significant amount of funds compared if he did nothing.

The following table shows the power of compound interest over time, assuming a single investment of say, $10,000, earning at 7%pa investing at age "A" and taking the total, "B", at age 70.

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Simply, if one of your goals is to create wealth the sooner you start the better. Source: ABL Financial Advice. More information on this and other issues will soon be available at: abterf@f.net.au.net.au

John Jones CFP AR: 24494 is an authorised representative of Dover Financial Advisers Pty Ltd. ABN 37/123191321, AFSL: 107248. This is general information only and may not be suitable to you. Before acting on anything in this article it is recommended that you seek personal financial advice


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Tax and inheritance

Karen Stewart

Some us may be those who receive some sort of inheritance from a family member or friend when they pass away. Fortunately, in Australia we don’t have estate or inheritance taxes. Unfortunately, we do have a complex tax system. Capital Gains Tax (CGT) can apply to the sale of particular assets. Benefits paid from superannuation may result in tax being assessable to the person receiving the inheritance. The issues surrounding a deceased estate and its beneficiaries are varied and complex. It’s important to ensure your solicitor and accountant communicate well with the deceased. So many combinations of variables.

Capital Gains Tax (CGT) can apply to the sale of the dwelling within two years of the person’s death or a person using it as their main residence. Selling the dwelling within two years of the person’s death or a person using it as their main residence under the will without income producing activity. Still more complex variables to consider.

When assets are transferred to a beneficiary, CGT implications are unlikely. It is the disposal of the inherited asset that may attract capital gains tax. There are CGT exemptions available for the sale of the deceased person’s main dwelling if certain conditions are satisfied, such as selling the dwelling within two years of the person’s death or a person using it as their main residence under the will without income producing activity. Still more complex variables to consider.

The records relating to an inheritance are vital in calculating any relevant capital gains tax, exceptions or partial exemptions. When property has been inherited, these calculations often relate back to the pre-CGT times before September 20, 1985. If you’ve inherited assets, gather up all the paperwork you possibly can, even back to when the deceased acquired the asset and related expenses. Let your tax advisor and solicitor do the work for you because mistakes in this area are costly.

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Questioning Science

Quiz questions

1. Do owls eat plants?
2. True or false? The colour of a hydrangea flower depends on how acidic the soil is.
3. What is the term used to describe when a solid changes directly into a gas: a) condensation, b) melting, c) sublimation or d) vaporisation?
4. What is the only number that is the same as the number of letters in its name?
5. What is a nucleus: a) the control centre of a human cell, b) the protons and neutrons in an atom, c) the vowel in the middle of.p syllable, or d) all of the above?

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Pets living longer and healthier lives

Pet owners are getting the thumbs up from the Australian Veterinary Association (AVA) for taking a positive approach to maintaining the health of their animals, leading to pets living longer, happier lives. The recently released Pet Ownership in Australia 2016, produced by Animal Medicines Australia (AMA), has highlighted a shift in thinking around the role of veterinarians in Australia with more owners looking to their vet to help keep their pet healthy, instead of just treating them when they are sick.

President of the Australian Veterinary Association (AVA), Dr Robert Johnson, said an increasing number of owners consider their pets as part of the family. This has led to a desire to ensure their animals live long, happy and healthy lives, placing more emphasis on a vet’s role in preventing illness rather than treating problems. “In the space of just three years, from 2013 to 2016, we’ve seen pet owners change their view on the role of veterinarians,” Dr Johnson said.

Pet of the Week

Big beautiful Billy

Fireball Billy is a beautiful, big, male ginger cat aged six years old who loves being around people. His previous owner advised he is social with everyone and especially loves a pat - he can even be walked on a lead if you're keen to show him off. If you have space in your home and like this gorgeous fella - he is waiting for his forever friend to call the Wollondilly Animal Shelters on 4677 1100. The cattery is full so make an offer on any of the cats there - give a feline a good home.

In cats the signs can be more subtle or take longer to show: Dilated pupils; Progressive weakness - first your cat may look like it is bunny hopping because it's hindlegs are becoming paralysed; and Flaccid paralysis - weakness progresses to your cat becoming totally flaccid, unable to stand and lying flat out, even unable to lift its head up.

Unfortunately, being bitten previously does not give your pet any immunity to further bites nor deter them from being inquisitive. Treatment is expensive so the best defence is to avoid walking or playing with your pets in areas of bushland or long grass, especially in summer.

With still a long way until the summer months end - and with the mercury still rising RSPCA NSW is reminding pet owners to keep an eye on their animals.

It is vital that animals have constant access to both water and shade, as heat stress can develop quickly in hot weather.

RSPCA NSW has the following 12 tips to help cool down pets this summer: Extra bowls of water in case one is accidentally tipped over.

Takeaway containers filled with beef/chicken stock, frozen overnight and given to outdoor animals. Ice cubes in water bowls. Be careful, as some animals will avoid drinking the water if they are concerned about the floating ice cubes. A good alternative is to freeze half a water bowl the night before and top the remainder up with cool water when putting out.

Extra shade areas in your backyard using shade cloths and shade umbrellas. Padding pools (clams are especially popular) filled with water and under your supervision.

Never leave dogs in cars, even with the windows down - dogs can't sweat; heat stress and death can occur within six minutes. Always walk your dog in the early morning or late evening to avoid the heat of the day.

Ensure pets have easy access to shade and water throughout the day. Spray pet birds with a mist pump spray bottle (only if they like it) or install a bird bath for supervised use. Cool a ceramic tile or oven pan in the fridge or freezer and put it out for small dogs and cats to lie on.

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By Magnolia Bonnet

Elephant garlic

Drizzle some oil into the pan, slice the onions and the garlic and fire them off, into the pan. Virtually every cooking show, every cookbook and increasingly on the laptop, wherever we go for our recipes nowadays, that's how dinner starts.

So, it goes without saying, that we need a year round supply of garlic. Every year Australians consume Chinese and Argentinean garlic by the truck load. Luckily for us there is an alternative. Have you tried elephant garlic? There is a ready supply of this mild, but you might have guessed from the name, rather large garlic, at the local farmers markets. And not only supersized garlic bulbs, but the equally supersized garlic flowers, are waiting there, at the markets, for you to snap up and have for your own, at the giveaway price of just $1.

If you have been roasting and barbequing, all these years, without elephant garlic flowers, you have been missing out big time (excuse the pun). The garlic flower is dipped in oil and with its long stem, as a handle, and its mop top-like head of flowers, it makes the perfect baking brush. And this very special baking brush infuses a mild garlic flavour as it bastes.

Where did I learn all this, you might be asking yourself? No, it's not from Wikipedia, it is straight from Lynette (Top Forty Orchards) the marvellous grower, who brings her fresh produce to farmers markets in Camden and Picton every weekend. If fresh local produce was not reason enough, this is yet another reason, to get down to the farmers markets. These farmers are the front line in food security education, and they should be applauded for it. As more and more of us are finding ourselves further and further from our food supply, the role of the local farmer is becoming, as much about educating as it is about food production.

But back to the elephant garlic - these are seriously big cloves of garlic, Lynette's largest bulb so far weighed in at 680 grams. Yes, fist pump - not much peeling required, with these oversized cloves. And you would be forgiven for thinking that all that garlic would result in pungent garlic breath overload, but no, mercifully, the giant elephant garlic is mild and sweet more than pungent.

If you fancy yourself as a bit of a gourmet, the farmers market has to be your first port of call. I can guarantee you won't be buying elephant garlic flowers at the supermarket anytime soon.

Staying healthy by Dr Sandra Cabot

Battling the heat and detoxing

This heat wave has been challenging for residents of the Macarthur area. These extreme temperatures can cause dehydration, stress and fatigue. It is important to drink extra water and take a magnesium supplement to replenish. Magnesium deficiency is common and can manifest as headaches, cramps and fibromyalgia. High stress levels deplete magnesium which can manifest as sleeplessness and anxiety. Magnesium supplements are known as the great relaxer.

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Life matters in our community

Dementia in our community

Nicolle Milatos

This year I was hoping to address topics of increasing interest to all of us and follow through the topics each week, enabling a comprehensive understanding of the psychology of many conditions that affect us, our loved ones and others in our community.

Today I am focusing on dementia in the hope of increasing awareness about early signs and management strategies. Good websites such as those provided by Alzheimer’s Association post very useful information that can be very educational.

Dementia is an overall term that describes a wide range of symptoms associated with a decline in memory or other thinking skills severe enough to reduce a person’s ability to perform everyday activities. Alzheimer’s disease is the most common and is said to account for 60-80 per cent of conditions and vascular dementia, which occurs after a stroke, is the second most common dementia type.

In addition to these there are many other conditions that can cause symptoms of dementia, including some that are reversible, such as thyroid problems and vitamin deficiencies.

Ten warning signs of Alzheimer’s disease

1. Confusion with time or place
2. Difficulty completing familiar tasks
3. Changes in planning or solving problems

4. Memory loss that disrupts daily life
5. Trouble understanding visual images and spatial relationships
6. New problems with words in speaking or writing
7. Misplacing things and losing the ability to retrieve
8. Decreased or poor judgment
9. Withdrawal from work or social activities
10. Changes in mood and personality

If you have noticed such changes it is important that you visit a doctor, you may also need to have an assessment with a neuropsychologist.

Serious mental decline is not a normal part of ageing and should be managed and addressed, initially and especially when in the early stages it is normal to live in denial in the hope that things might pass.

If you or a loved one have received a diagnosis consider talking to a friend, learning more and seek assistance. There are services that can assist in the home and the community and can provide respite and physical and brain gymnastic type activities in the community that can assist. Organisations like PC Nurses, Rehab and Day Centre provide assistance to keep people well at home within our community with dignity and pride. They can help find government entitlements you may be entitled to for accessing help. They can be contacted on 02 4681 0900.

Nicolle Milatos from the Illawarra Medical Centre is a Senior Psychologist of the Paramedical Centre, providing services to adults, couples and children for over 30 years across Sydney, the Southern Highlands and Illawarra.

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Kart racing speeds into Lone Star path

**BOWLS**

Camden Men's Bowling Club

Results for week ending 22.01.2017

- **B Grade**
  - 258 Camden 10-109 def by Cobbitty Narellan 10-103
  - 268 Camden 10-109 def by Cobbitty Narellan 10-103
  - 206 (R holdsworth 51) & 3/11 (B green 65 no)
  - 10/206 (R holdsworth 51) & 3/11 (B green 65 no)
  - 141 def Collies Black 99
  - 176 (D.castle 61)
  - 2/167 B Pfitzner 106no
  - 175 def by Magpies 104

- **A Grade**
  - 7-57 - O Mayer 22, J Williams 18, K Hughes 3-2
  - 2/15) Camden Blue 5-76 DEF Cobbitty Narellan 2/116
  - 191 (A. Seabrooke 30)

- **2A Grade**
  - 188 (R. Ellis 12, T. Waights 12, M. Faddel 3, K. Hughes 2)
  - 199 (B. Hastie 12, T. Waights 12, M. Faddel 3, K. Hughes 2)

- **2B Grade**
  - 262 Camden 10-109 def by Cobbitty Narellan 10-103

- **1C Grade**
  - 125 def by Bradbury 150

- **1B Grade**
  - 8-138 - C Mangan 45, D. McCann 2-8, H. Tisdale 1-10, O. Cox 1-8, J. Malvern 6, A Richards 5

- **1A Grade**
  - 264 Camden 10-109 def by Cobbitty Narellan 10-103

- **10 Grade**
  - 264 Camden 10-109 def by Cobbitty Narellan 10-103

- **9 Grade**
  - 158 def by Macquarie Fields 148

- **8 Grade**
  - 241 def by Macquarie Fields 221

- **7 Grade**
  - 221 def by Camden 207

- **6 Grade**
  - 201  D.castle 61

- **5 Grade**
  - 173 def by Bradbury 113

- **4 Grade**
  - 165 def by Bradbury 100

- **3 Grade**
  - 150 def by Camden 87

- **2 Grade**
  - 126 def by Camden 101

- **1 Grade**
  - 121 def by Camden 112

**CRICKET**

Camden and Districts Cricket Club

Junior Rd 6 waned ending 15.01.2017

- Under 16 Division One Magpies 8-95 def by Collies 3-175
- Under 16 Division Two Magpies 6-170 (dec) def Collies 5-176

- Under 15 Division One Magpies 7-78 def by Collies 10-84
- Under 15 Division Two Magpies 6-130 def by Collies 7-137

- Under 14 Division One Magpies 125 def Camden Rod 108 (17. Harvey 3, S. Brown 2-8)
- Under 14 Division Two Magpies 87 def Camden Rod 95 (14. Harvey 2, S. Brown 2-9)

- Under 13 Division One Magpies 98 def by Bradbury 74 (17. Harvey 2, S. Brown 2-9)
- Under 13 Division Two Magpies 78 def by Bradbury 66 (17. Harvey 2, S. Brown 2-9)

- Under 12 Division One Magpies 67 def by Camden Rod 62 (17. Harvey 2, S. Brown 2-9)
- Under 12 Division Two Magpies 55 def by Camden Rod 49 (17. Harvey 2, S. Brown 2-9)

- Under 11 Division One Magpies 49 def by Camden Rod 44 (17. Harvey 2, S. Brown 2-9)
- Under 11 Division Two Magpies 48 def by Camden Rod 41 (17. Harvey 2, S. Brown 2-9)

- Under 10 Division One Magpies 52 def by Camden Rod 50 (17. Harvey 2, S. Brown 2-9)
- Under 10 Division Two Magpies 50 def by Camden Rod 50 (17. Harvey 2, S. Brown 2-9)

- Under 9 Division One Magpies 45 def by Camden Rod 43 (17. Harvey 2, S. Brown 2-9)
- Under 9 Division Two Magpies 44 def by Camden Rod 50 (17. Harvey 2, S. Brown 2-9)

- Under 8 Division One Magpies 43 def by Camden Rod 42 (17. Harvey 2, S. Brown 2-9)
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- Under 6 Division One Magpies 29 def by Camden Rod 35 (17. Harvey 2, S. Brown 2-9)
- Under 6 Division Two Magpies 26 def by Camden Rod 33 (17. Harvey 2, S. Brown 2-9)

- Under 5 Division One Magpies 19 def by Camden Rod 24 (17. Harvey 2, S. Brown 2-9)
- Under 5 Division Two Magpies 17 def by Camden Rod 22 (17. Harvey 2, S. Brown 2-9)

- Under 4 Division One Magpies 18 def by Camden Rod 19 (17. Harvey 2, S. Brown 2-9)
- Under 4 Division Two Magpies 16 def by Camden Rod 18 (17. Harvey 2, S. Brown 2-9)

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- Under 1 Division One Magpies 18 def by Camden Rod 16 (17. Harvey 2, S. Brown 2-9)
- Under 1 Division Two Magpies 16 def by Camden Rod 16 (17. Harvey 2, S. Brown 2-9)

- Under 10 Grade T20 (4 wickets)
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- Under 8 Grade T20 (4 wickets)
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  - 10 Grade T20 (4 wickets)

- Under 1 Grade T20 (4 wickets)
  - 10 Grade T20 (4 wickets)

Kart racer Angus Wallace's induction into the South West Sydney Academy of Sport's Lin Star athlete program is seen as the next step in achieving his ultimate goal—winning a championship at the highest level in V8 Super Cars, or hopefully Formula 1 racing. He has everything he needs to achieve this goal, and he is dedicated to making it happen.

A student of St Gregory's College in Campbelltown, Wallace started racing at a club level in 2013, since shot up to competing at tracks across NSW and the Australian coast of Australia.

In 2015 Wallace competed at his first NSW State championship and in the same year went on to win the Under 13 Division One Magpies 7-78 def by Camden Rod 108 (17. Harvey 3, S. Brown 2-8)

Wallace said, "I really enjoyed the time I spent at the gym. It was great to be able to train with my friends and to learn from the other athletes."

Kart racing speeds into Lone Star path

Karts race at Collins Reserve near the historic town of Collinsville, where the annual Collin's Cup is held.

For details on the Collin's Cup or the Collensville Kart Club, contact executive director Gerry Knights on 0407 25 3 13 32 or visit www.sqas.org.au

**Kart racer Angus Wallace on the track.**

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**Sports results**

- **BOWLS**
  - Camden Men's Bowling Club
  - Results for week ending 22.01.2017

- **CRICKET**
  - Camden and Districts Cricket Club
  - Junior Rd 6 waned ending 15.01.2017

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DEATH NOTICES

CARRUTHERS, Lorraine Elizabeth
Late of Cabramatta. Husband of Len. Much loved mother, treasured grandmother and great-grandmother to many. Aged 76 years. 'Will always be remembered'.

ELSWORTHY, James Roger
19.01.2017
Late of Picton. Devoted son to Evelyn and Ernie. Devoted husband of Carol. Much loved father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Aged 75 years.

EVERS, Rhonda Joan
18.01.2017
Late of Tathra. Much loved wife of Brian. Much loved mother-in-law of Joanne and Jack and Suzie. Devoted Nan to Hannah, Ben and Sam. Aged 66 years. 'So dearly loved by all'.

JONES, Orlene Roberta
18.01.2017
Late of Yamba. Devoted daughter to Jo Anne and Ron. Much loved sister to Graeme and Jan. Devoted grandmother and great-grandmother to many. Aged 64 years. ‘So dearly loved and greatly missed’.

MCLEOD, Gordon John
20.01.2017
Aged 94 years. Late of Grasmere Terrace, Carrington. Dear husband of the late Ida and loved father to Ray and Garry. Beloved brother of Betty. 'RAAF. Warrant Officer, Air Crew. 'Loved and never forgotten'.

TOLVANEN, Margaret Florence
11.01.2017
Late of Tathra and Thurimbe. Much loved wife of the late Uli. Devoted mother to Joanne, Christopher and his partners. Dearly loved Grandma. Aged 64 years. ‘So dearly loved and very much missed’.

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BECK, Trevor Alfred
15.08.1927 - 8.01.2017

BOURKE, Thomas Joseph
18.01.2017
Late of Appin. Much loved husband of Betty. Cherished father of Marjorie, Peter, Photi and Elizabeth. Much loved brother, law, beloved grandfather. Treasured family member. Aged 86 years. ‘In God’s care’.

DARVEY, Norman Leslie
19.01.2017
Late of Cawong, beloved husband of Beverly. Cherished father of Rachel. Treasured family member. Much loved friend to all who knew him. Aged 71 years. ‘Forever in our hearts’.

HENDESSON, Ronald James
19.01.2017
Late of Cambridge. Much loved and adored brother-in-law, treasured friend to many. Aged 68 years. 'Will be sadly missed'.

HENRY, Colin Leslie
17.01.2017

HOGAN, Edward Ernest ‘Ted’
24.01.1919 - 12.01.2017
Late of Camden. Cherished husband of John (dec). Loving father to Lesley, Louise and Leanne. Adored grandfather. Aged 98 years. 'Will always be remembered'.

MEOLA, Flavio, Florinda
12.01.2017
Late of Smithfield. Beloved parents of Giuseppe and Anna. Loving and adored Grandparents. Cherished wife and dear friend to Joe. Much loved friend to all who knew him.

PEKCHAR, Elizabeth
20.01.2017
Late of Camden. Cherished husband of Kevin (dec). Much loved brother to Ann, Pat, Karen, Mary, Gerald, Anthony. Cherished mother-in-law, great grandmother and family member. Aged 89 years. 'Will always be loved and remembered'.

WHITEHAM, Judith Northcorth (nee Law)
18.01.2017
Late of Camden. Childhood sweetheart and wife of Frederick Whiteman (dec). Devoted mother and mother-in-law to Anne Whiteman, Helen and David Gleeson, Fred and Conrina Whiteman, Ruth and Ian Patrick, Judy and Tim Drown (dec) and Keith and Sarah Whiteman. Proud grandmother of Janet Watt and Stephen Gleeson, Edwin, Ellis and Rhi Whiteham, Cameron and Andrew Patrick, Rebecca, Emma, Natalie and James Whiteman, Hannah, Charlie, Sam and Oliver Whiteman. Gg Whiteman to Clare, Tom and Evee Watt and Husband Peter. 'In The Lord’s care’.

‘So dearly loved by all who knew her’

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6/12/2016 CAMDEN FAT STOCK REPORT

Ringselling Cattle
Week-Of Dale Cattle
Week-Of Reel Cattle
Good Bobbies 100 kg – 180 kg
Shts 140 kg – 210 kg
Light Vealics to Trade 180 kg – 260 kg
Heavy Vealics to Trade 250 kg – 350 kg
Yearlings to Trade 330 kg – 430 kg
Heavy Steers to Trade 450 kg – 550 kg
Buttercups
Butlocks
Bulls
Light Cows
Heavy Cows
Wearers Steers 180kg – 280kg
Wearers Heifers 180kg – 280kg
Feeder Steers 300kg – 400kg

TOTAL YARDING 515 HEAD (last week 485)

Pigs
Heavy Backfutters
Light Backfutters
Heavy Bacon
Light Bacon
Heavy Pork
Heavy Pork
Light Pork
Wearers & Growers

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Banishment, transportation and a penal settlement

By Dr Ian Willis

While readers have been well informed of the history of Camden and Wollondilly through Back Then and Back Then by the years; this historical section now includes every once-in-a-while a piece on Camden’s history. As we are sure to inform and maybe shed light on parts of the city’s history which is not well known to the people who lived before and contributed.

On January 26, 1788 a group of sailing ships containing human flotsam and jetsam in Sydney Cove. Amongst those who were land-ed souls were part of the dark story of banishment and exile that dates back to Roman times. The foundation of the Australian nation was just one part of a global story of forced human suffering that is still going on today.

Penal colonies, which are settlements where prisoners are exiled in a remote location from the general population, are hundreds of years old. Historically they have been used in under-developed colonial territories and are little more than slavery. Sometimes these settlements are run under the guise of indentured labour.

Once European powers started their rise to power from the 16th century forced labour settle-ments were developed across the globe. Islands were the favourite location and according to Michael Bogle’s ‘Convicts’ included Gibraltar, Cuba, Bermuda, Mauritius, Saikalin, Sumatra, French Guiana and the Antilles. These settlements were usually military garrisons which ensured their security. Punishments were dished out in the form of rough justice and could include, according to Bogle, “deprivation, physical punishment and death”. Forced labour was normal, meals were haphazard and clothes were completely domi-nated by men. Local populations were ignored or rounded up as enforcers of order.

Before convicts were dumped in New South Wales the British sent around 50,000 convicts to colonies of New South Wales, Van Diemen’s Land (1803); Newfoundland, NSW (1804); Port Macquarie, NSW (1821), Sarah Island, Macquarie Island, Van Diemen’s Land (1821); Moreton Bay, NSW (1823); Port Macquarie, NSW (1823); Port Macquarie, Norfolk Island (1823); and later at The Swan River Colony, WA (1850).

Once landed the convicts were guarded by military personnel, which provided security within the colonies and against outside threats. Many discharged soldiers settled in the colonies and raised their families, who sometimes accom-panied them. Some military personnel were given grants, livestock and other stores. Many officers and enlisted men conducted businesses, and some were quite successful. Michael Bogle maintains that some of the female factories were “Australia’s first manufactur-ing concerns” working in a piecework sys-tem.

Convicts who did not co-operate were subject to solitary confinement, domination and food, breaking rocks and ‘hair-cropping’, which apparently was “the most revolting punishment”. There were female factories at a variety of localities including Parramatta, Newcastle, Moreton Bay, Port Macquarie, Bathurst, Launceston, Hobart and Ross.

Amongst the convicts there was a large imbalance between men and women. Convicts were encouraged to marry and the colonial authorities offered basic schooling for orphans. The life of one female convict has been docu-mented in 1849. Transportation stopped in Van Diemen’s Land in 1853 and Western Australia in 1868. In Great Britain transportation was com-pared to slavery at the 1837 Select Committee of the House of Commons on Transportation. The last convict transportation entered Port Jackson. The new penal settle-ment convict Thomas Barret was hanged for stealing from the stores. A year later six Royal Marines were hanged for raising the Commissariat stores.

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Military Barracks Norfolk Is c2000 (Flickr/Daggar)

First Fleet Sydney Cove 1788 SLSW

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