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The Heartbeat of Hay

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Green light for Hay's riverside cultural trail

Work is expected to commence soon on further improvement to the Bidgee Riverside Cultural Trail which will link Bushy Bend and Sandy Point Reserve.

Hay Shire Council's Works and Planning Committee considered a recommendation yesterday to commence work on Stage 4 of the trail following an announcement from Member for Murray, Adrian Piccoli that an application for funding had been successful.

In a report to Council, Director of Community Development, Jack Terblanche recommended that Council accepts the funding totalling \$250,000 towards the project.

The money had been made available through the Murray Darling Basin Regional Economic Diversification Program, specifically to improve Hay's iconic Bidgee Riverside Cultural Trail.

The project includes the construction of a walking trail and boardwalk with interpretive signage

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Like a scene from outer space, Annabel Lugsdin captured this photo during a drone demonstration during the Local Land Services paddock walk at Booligal last Wednesday. Story and more photos on page 9.

and fitness stations and both Bushy Bend and Sandy Point Reserves.

It will connect the track from the bridge to the Sandy Point amenities and replace a foot bridge in the Sandy Point section.

"In addition to this funding, the Hay Aboriginal Community Working Party committed \$9090 to the restoration and upgrade of the paintings under the bridge," Mr Terblanche said.

The restoration work will include the construction of a viewing path under the bridge and measures to prevent water dam-

age to the Aboriginal artwork.

Council considered Mr Terblanche's report at its meeting yesterday afternoon and is expected to approve the recommendations at its full meeting of Council next week.

General Manager, Allen Dwyer said the funding would go a long way towards completing the cultural trail along the river which was used regularly by locals and tourists as a beautiful passive recreation experience.

Council's contribution towards the project is \$13,010.

Turning girls into poised young ladies



Calisthenics has taken Hay by storm and is turning girls into well-poised young ladies while increasing their body strength, fitness and flexibility.

Thanks to local resident, Verity Auldist and her team of helpers, Hay Calisthenics is now offering three classes each week, catering for all age groups from pre-school to juniors open age.

Verity is an Australian Sports Commission Level 1 coach and says calisthenics is a team sport that includes gymnastic movement, modified ballet, marching, singing, equipment work, acting and dance.

Pictured here is the Tinies class, catering for children six years and under.

Thur\$day Night Superdraw!

\$2,300!

FRIDAY 6.30pm - \$500, 7.30pm - \$500
DRAW if neither Friday draws are won, a bonus \$200 drawn at 8.30pm

Hay Services Club
The BIG club!

371 Murray Street | 6993 1206

Trivia Night
3rd June 2017 7pm
@Hay Services Club

All proceeds on the night go to Hay Branch of CanAssist
\$10 Categories: Music, Sports, Hay Club, General Goods and Books
\$5 Books to Donate
BYO Snacks
Compete for the evening
Win a Nighthouse
Can Assist
per vehicle

Claim the Date!
September 16



2 HOURS OF NON-STOP ENTERTAINMENT WITH SOME OF AUSTRALIA'S HOTTEST GALS LIVE ON STAGE

Landholders and students get value from paddock walks, drones and forum

One hundred people attended the paddock walk hosted by Riverina Local Land Services last week at Ed and Rachael Crossley's property Torrigan near Booligal.

Numbers were bolstered by 70 final year students from Charles Sturt University and Sydney University. The paddock walks were led by local ecologist, property owner and Project Manager with the Australian Network for Plant Conservation, Martin Driver.

Other topics on the day included a drone display provided by Ben Watts, TAFE drone demonstration teacher and a discussion on the use of the Hay Plains Landcare seeder by Bill Auldist.

Following lunch, the second part of the day was spent at the Riverside cattle yards discussing the Crossley family's Dorper and cattle operation with Ed and Rob Crossley.

This included a drone stock mustering demonstration by Ben Watts using stud Dorper ewes released from the yards.

The next day, students and landholders attended a Rangelands Forum held at the Shear Outback wool-

shed in Hay.

Run by Hay Merino Breeders Inc in conjunction with Riverina Local Land Services, the day featured drone footage from the previous day and a talk by landholder Cameron Nield on how he uses drones and a water telemetry system on the family property "Benlkie".

San Jolly, a Livestock consultant with Productive Nutrition in Kapunda spoke about the need to 'do the figures' and to use factual information to breed and sell animals.

Martin Driver reinforced his message from the Booligal paddock walk about the need to keep plant diversity in the paddock and the methods he has used to revegetate his home property Barrabool.

Senior Land Services Officer, Sally Ware said students were able to interact with the presenters and landholders, which they found highly valuable, and landholders were given an insight into techniques for managing and conserving rangeland country.

For further information on these two days contact Sally Ware on email sally.ware@lls.nsw.gov.au or phone 0429 307 627.



Ben Watts demonstrating the use of drones as an important farming tool. Photos by Annabel Lugsdin.



Will Morphet and Scott Schiller at the paddock walk near Booligal last Wednesday.



Local ecologist, Martin Driver led the paddock walk at Booligal.



Joyce and Ian Clark and Ruth Phelps pictured with one of the university students (left) during the paddock walk.



Robert and Michelle Crossley with children John and Josephine and below, Ed and Rachael Crossley with children, Eli and Scarlett.



Organiser of the highly successful paddock walk and forum, Senior Lands Services Officer, Sally Ware (centre) with Annabel Lugsdin and Tanisha Shields who helped behind the scenes, putting it all together.

