



JULY 27

## Mittagong CWA

THE Mittagong Branch of CWA will hold its monthly meeting at the rooms in Winifred West Park, Mittagong, on July 27, 2016. The activities will begin with handicraft at 10am followed by lunch at 12 noon and the meeting from 1pm. Visitors are welcome. Details: Beverly on 4871 1483.

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## History Talk

THE history of Mittagong's Farm and Cottage homes will be presented by Leonie Knapman at the July 28 meeting of the Berrima District Historical Society. The Farm was renamed Renwick in 1976. The talk will commence at 2pm in the Old Council Chambers, Bowral Road, Mittagong. Members and visitors are welcome, and afternoon tea will be provided. Enquiries: 4872 2169.

## Movie night

BOOK early for the Highlands premiere of 'Jason Bourne' at the Empire Cinema in Bowral on July 28. Tickets are \$25 and proceeds will help support projects of the Berrima District Rotary Club. A glass of wine or a drink will be provided on arrival, along with a snack box. Arrive at 6pm for a 6.30pm start.

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## Double Dutch

THE U3A third term course Double Dutch will resume on July 29. The course combines conversation and grammar in a congenial atmosphere. New members are always welcome. We invite Dutch speakers to speak at our Friday morning sessions for 30 minutes or more before or after our coffee break. Details: Martin on 0459 228 033 or 4862 3804 or email double-dutchu3a@gmail.com

## Trivia Night fundraiser

A TRIVIA night will be held July 29 to raise funds for Korina to purchase prosthetics. The Christmas in July trivia night will be held at the Mittagong RSL from 6.30pm. Tickets are \$50, which includes a two course Christmas dinner. Prizes are available on the night. Purchase tickets for the 'Reaching 4 Korina' fundraiser at the Mittagong RSL.

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## Membership drive

BONG Bong Picnic Race Club is running a membership promotion for the club until August 6. The club will waive the \$65 initial joining fee for new members choosing to take on either a three year \$90 subscription and five year \$125 subscription. The club will have a stall in Springett's Arcade on July 30 and August 6 from 9.30am to 1pm where people can join or renew their membership.

## Blue Light Disco

A BLUE Light Disco will be held July 30 from 4pm-6.30pm. Cost is \$5 per child, parents and children under four are free. The disco will be held at the Mittagong RSL. Pay at the door.

community diary



The 'Gorilla Girlz' consists of Year 7 Oxley College students Bianca, Julia, Zoe and Molly, along with Freya and Ella (not pictured). Photo by Claire Fenwicke

# Saving our closest relative

By Claire Fenwicke

ZOE Brain has a new team to help her save an endangered primate species.

'Gorilla Girlz' was started more than a year ago, when Zoe decided to create an initiative to help support the Gorilla Doctors in Africa.

Now she's in high school, but she hasn't forgotten her mission to save the gorillas.

The Year 7 Oxley College student has wasted no time implementing her fundraiser at her school.

She now has her eyes set on other high schools in the area.

"I'm looking at getting it started at Chevalier and Southern Highland's Christian School," Zoe said.

"The program is already in Burrawang, Avoca, Penrose and Bowral primary schools, along with the BDCU Alliance Bank and the Robertson Community Technology Centre."

Students bring in their old or broken phones, iPads, headphones, chargers and music devices to be taken by the Gorilla Girlz to be recycled.

The girls receive about \$2 per phone and have raised about \$560 since the project began.

"It's hard to take the collection boxes to the recycling centre with sport and school, but we manage," Zoe said.

Zoe said people shouldn't be nervous to do something they care about because of their age.

"You're never too young to make a difference," she said.

"Basically, don't be afraid to make something happen. Follow the dream."

Mobile phones contain a rare mineral called coltan, which is

found in gorilla habitats.

The mining for coltan has affected not only gorillas, but at least 10 other African primate species as well.

When the phones are recycled, the coltan is extracted, which Zoe said reduced the need for mining.

"This reduces the amount of habitat being destroyed, therefore helping save the gorillas," she said.

Mobile phone recycling is supported by all major Australian zoos.

# Girl Guides ready for international jamboree

FROM FRONT PAGE

Amelia, 13, said she was proud to represent the Moss Vale Girl Guides, the Highlands community and Australia alongside Taylor, 12, next year.

"We knew we really wanted to do these jamborees when we went to the last one, but we had no idea if we'd get accepted," Amelia said.

Moss Vale Girl Guides leader Lauren Brook said she was incredibly proud to accompany the two girls overseas.

"The selection process for the camp included an application based on experience, referee reports and interviews and they were the only two from the Highlands/South Coast selected," she said.

"The girls can travel the world and go anywhere with Guides."

The trip will include community service and offers a variety of experiences and activities including water activities, archery, clay shooting, chariot racing, talent quests, bungee

trampolines, caving and climbing.

"We get to learn so much that we wouldn't experience otherwise," Taylor said.

"It's really cool that my first overseas trip is going to be with Guides - unless it was with my family I don't think I'd be going overseas at this age."

Amelia said she was looking forward to widening her horizons and meeting new people.

"There's a lot of music and performances, so I'll get to meet so many people who know different things about music that I can learn."

Ms Brook said the girls hoped to extend their trip and stay at Pax Lodge, the World Association of Girl Guides World Centre in London.

"They've opened bank accounts especially to save for this, they've been doing cleaning jobs and Amelia has banked her last birthday and Christmas money," she said.

The girls have called out for sponsorship and support from



Moss Vale Girl Guides Amelia Brook and Taylor O'Brien have been selected for an international jamboree. Leader Lauren Brook will accompany the girls to the UK next year.

Photo by Victoria Lee

local businesses and the community ahead of their trip.

"Anything that will help them with this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity is appreciated," Ms Brook said.

Keep an eye out for the pair,

who will hold street stalls and raffles as they save to pay their way to the UK.

Anyone who would like to offer donations or support can email laurenbrook@live.com



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