

Council happenings . . .

with Mayor
Glenn Wall

Young Driver Safety

They say you don't know what worry is until you become a parent, and probably the most worrying time is when your child is out at night as a P-plate driver or with another P-plate driver.

These concerns are justified as shown by the appalling crash statistics for young drivers. The year or red Ps is one of the most critical stages in a young person's life as they gain driving experience.

To help families address this situation, Dungog Shire Council, Centacare, and Dungog Information and Neighbourhood Service Inc. have developed a program called DRIVE2SURVIVE for parents and their young drivers.

There will be one session per week over a four weeks period, commencing on March 6. Each session will be held at the Doug Walters Pavilion from 6.30pm to 8.30pm and supper will be provided afterwards.

The program is:

- Thursday March 6 - SES presentation and demonstration,
- Wednesday March 12 - Drugs and Alcohol discussion and presentation,
- Thursday March 27 - Headstart presentation and discussion and
- Thursday April 3 - Workshop on the Graduated Licensing Scheme.

The cost is \$20 per family for the four week program. One driving lesson will be awarded to each family that attends all four sessions. For further information please contact Angela on 4992 1130, or Alien on 4995 7762.

Vacy Memorial Green

Over the years, trees growing under the powerlines on the western side of the Memorial Green Park at Vacy have been lopped severely on one side and there is every possibility that they may fall in heavy winds.

In order to alleviate the risk to public safety, Country Energy has offered to remove five eucalyptus trees under the powerlines. The Vacy Sportsground Management Committee wish to consult the Vacy community regarding the proposed removal of the trees, seeking comments and suggestions as to suitable tree replacement locations and species.

Country Energy have indicated they will supply semi mature replacement trees and infrastructure to support their growth.

If any Vacy residents have issues, concerns or suggestions regarding this proposal, I ask them to contact me directly on 4938 9462 or email gdwall@bigpond.net.au
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