

Readers' Forum

People in western NSW with health problems have to travel to Sydney for tests that give them the best chance of an accurate and immediate diagnosis and cure.

We are writing to advise your community that the Rotary Club of Dubbo West is working to secure the allocation of a PET-CT scanner for the people of western NSW, to be located at Dubbo Base Hospital and to seek their help in the campaign. A PET scan measures important body functions to help doctors evaluate how well organs and tissues are functioning.

Physicians can use PET-CT scans to more accurately diagnose, locate and monitor cancer, as well as heart disease and some brain disorders. PET scanning improves the health outcomes for patients through better diagnosis, earlier and more effective treatment than is available by relying on other testing. Dubbo Base Hospital serves a geographically largest local health district in NSW with more than 270,000 people.

Developments currently in progress at the hospital make this an ideal time to locate a PET-CT scanner there. The cancer centre at Dubbo Base Hospital has specialist staff who offer services in Dubbo and towns and who can improve the outcomes for people if they have access to a PET-CT scanner.

Having that equipment in Dubbo is likely to attract more medical professionals to provide the services associated with the new scanner.

We seek community support for this project, which could be improving health outcomes for people in a short time.

Ask people in western NSW who rely on health services to write to: their federal state members of parliament to acquaint them with the problems and hardships they are experiencing; their local council and any community organisation to which they belong; and to send a letter if the letter they write to the Rotary working group is marked 'Confidential' and addressed to:

Lyn Smith, PET-CT Group,
Rotary Club of Dubbo West Inc
PO Box 526, Dubbo NSW 2830.

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I would like to thank the Good Samaritan who took me to Gilgandra Hospital on Sunday, November 1, after I collapsed on the road.

Jeff Rankmore, Dubbo

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I would like to say that I agree wholeheartedly with the comments of Doug Gwyn in Readers Forum. The *Gilgandra Weekly* dated November 3, 1999, was a very good read. As a caravanner and I like to free camp as much as possible and as Doug said, caravanners really very clean and do the right thing and have very little impact. Gilgandra got a very bad press in this month's caravan and motor home magazine. There was a section on free camping in the best and worst places to stay, with Gilgandra being in the worst places to stay.

Page 91 under the heading Gilgandra, the article said: "This country NSW town has attracted a bit of negative press recently, as drawing the ire of free campers. Proposed free camping was scrapped by the local council and the three private and one council-operated sites are now closed."

Layor Doug Batten has said that free camping would cost the parks thousands of dollars and that the council would have to come to a major intersection on the Newell Highway (free camping) is a real economic cost.

With this sort of advertising about Gilgandra, it can see why travellers are going through a lot of trouble to get to the town and spending so much else and that means local businesses are suffering.

Things as they are I think we need all the possible and on the Facebook page caravanners forum it has been proved that caravan motor home travellers are worth a lot of money to a town and a lot of small towns are anything they can to entice travellers to visit.

The people who stay in caravan parks will be happy to see them but we are missing out on the other side of the coin so I feel we should try to make the grey nomads here with somewhere to stay and a dump point.

I have to do is go to Binnaway to see that people to stay and spend as there is free on the side of the river and all they charge is for three hours' power.

And there the other week and I spent \$60 and about another \$50 in the IGA store. Money I didn't spend in Gilgandra so that was a point. Now I think our council should be up to themselves and try to entice travellers to town before it is too late.

Barry Robinson

Tooraweenah's The Lion King



The whole cast of Tooraweenah's The Lion King. Photo supplied.



Clayton Skinner, Lachlan Ferguson, Archie Holing, Sam Duff and James McDonnell. Photo supplied



Ella Hanney, Jake Peart, Ethan Smith, Darcy Holland, Tom McDonnell and Kayne Hanney as the Hyenas. Photo supplied.

This year's Santa Mail

Australia Post is encouraging children across North West NSW to post their Santa mail nice and early to ensure the jolly man in the big red suit has time to reply before he packs up his sleigh and comes to town!

To ensure Santa reads and responds to your letter, simply put your wish lists in the post addressed to Santa, North Pole, 9999. Be sure to clearly write your full name and address, along with a stamped envelope so Santa knows where to send his reply. Letters mailed before

Christmas will receive a response direct from the North Pole. Christine Corbett, Executive General Manager, Postal Services at Australia Post, encourages children to send their letters early to ensure they receive a response.

"Writing a letter to Santa is easy and fun. It's a good way for children to learn and practise their letter writing skills."

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Maddi Peart and Madison Holland performing as Zebras. Photo supplied.

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Directions: From Dubbo take Gilgandra Road, 47km left onto Milpulling Road, 8km to Windeena; From Gilgandra take Dubbo Road 18km right onto Milpulling Road, 8km to Windeena.

Terms: Number system, ID required, cash or cheque on the day of sale. NO EFTPOS available. **Catering available.**

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