

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The year is rapidly drawing to a close and we pause to reflect on the achievements of the School and Community. Once again we are able to celebrate many wonderful events, individual accomplishments and group performances.

This year Wingham High School was recognised by the Australian Securities and investments commission (ASIC) as being a school of excellence in the implementation of the "MoneySmart" program which teaches all students the skills of managing personal finances. Individually Deputy Principal Mrs Kim Dixon and parent Ms Bronwyn Wallace received awards for their contributions to the implementation of this program. Next year the program will expand into the Wingham Community of schools.

It is with pride that we farewell Mrs Dixon from Wingham High School. As a reflection of and reward for her contribution to not just the education of Wingham High School students but to students across the Manning Valley Mrs Dixon has gained promotion to Principal of Wade High School in Griffith from the beginning of 2015. I would like to thank her for her many achievements here and at Chatham High School. There are many teachers who would like to be able to boast of as many successes as she has achieved so far in her career. She has enabled Wingham High School to provide significant programs that develop the whole person for many years to come. Her most significant contribution to Wingham High is the embedding of the Authentic Assessment program into our Learning Culture. This is a program that not only showcases the achievements and skills of all of our Year 10 students each year at a significant milestone in their schooling but also focuses their thoughts on their learning and the positive relationships they have developed with their teachers, the school and importantly the community. Congratulations and may your successes continue at Wade High.

The big event for the community and all the Wingham schools was the Sesquicentenary of Public Education in Wingham. The many hours of planning and hard work by school coordinators and community members culminated in an acclaimed celebration spanning several days. Mrs Merilyn Kendall deserves particular praise and thanks for the massive effort she put into not just coordinating our High School based activities but also events for the whole community particularly the performance night. At Wingham High hundreds of ex students and community members visited the school and town. As a result we received many written and verbal thankyou's praising the organisers, school and community.

Once again our annual school Production, this year Cinderella, was awesome. It is a clear demonstration that from the professional direction from Mrs Kendall and Mrs Harrell and the collaboration of students and staff that it is possible to create something that is much greater than the sum of its individual parts. The teamwork, creativity, enjoyment and development that was so evident in all the students is what Wingham High School is all about. Thank you to all staff, students and members of the community who contributed.



I would like to complete this final Principal's report for 2014 by noting the accidental death of Australian Cricketer Phillip Hughes recently and the way in which Wingham High School responded. At Wingham High we joined the fitting tribute to Phillip by placing bats outside the PE staff room and in the office foyer. On the day of his funeral a set of stumps, several state representative "baggy hats" and a bat signed by the NSW cricket team, including Phillip, were placed at the flag pole where the flag was flown at half-mast. Why did we do this? To me it was an appropriate way to affirm our school's core values (Respect, Trust, Fairness and Positivity) and our vision for Wingham High School students. It also served as a reminder that we have had many students who have achieved equally in their lives who are fortunate enough to be able to enjoy the success that they have so deservedly received for many years to come. There are many personal and professional attributes that Phillip consistently displayed in the glare of the public spotlight. His determination, hard work, resilience, desire to improve and commitment to family and community are those that we most admire. The fact that he came from the mid north coast, from a community so much like our own here in Wingham, with a passion for cattle breeding, only served to make his loss more closely felt. It is my hope Phillip's legacy will be that more people will see that deeply entrenched values such as Respect, Trust, Fairness and Positivity bring success in its many forms for not just the individual but the whole community.

Please have a happy, safe and healthy Christmas and I look forward to working with you again in 2015.

## REMEMBRANCE DAY

On behalf of everyone who attended the Remembrance Day Service at Wingham Uniting Church on Remembrance Sunday, 9 November this year, I write to convey our sincere appreciation and thanks to Grace Callaghan and Jai Harrison for their exceptional musical contributions to this important Service.

Grace and Jai gave a beautiful rendition of the song, "Mothers, Daughters, Wives." The song tells of the challenges faced by the many women left behind when their fathers, sons, brothers and husbands went off to war in WW1 and WW11. Similar challenges continue to face both men and women today when one of their own, serves overseas to protect vulnerable people.

Grace and Jai had to source and learn the song from scratch. They adapted it to their musical style and performed it with such finesse that people are still talking about how moved they were while listening to them. In their busy lives, these two talented young people volunteered a considerable amount of their personal time to make their special contribution to our Remembrance Sunday Service.

We congratulate them on their willingness to work for their community and we acknowledge with admiration their singing and musical ability.

Eric Richardson OAM  
Dingo Creek

## MRS KENDALL, TAKE A BOW!

A standing ovation at Tuesday's assembly, for a much loved member of staff, Mrs Merilyn Kendall.

Merilyn has indicated that she will be closing the curtain and retiring next year after 30 years of teaching. Wingham High has proudly produced many school productions with Mrs Kendall at the helm.

A sad moment in a lot of respects, but a delight to have had Mrs Kendall as part of Wingham High.



## MANNING /GREAT LAKES TECHNOLOGY DISPLAY

The 2014 Manning Great Lakes Technology Display and Awards were recently held at the Manning Regional Art Gallery. The 2014 display was a great success with entries from local High Schools with newspaper and television coverage. 86 entries overall with 34 prizes awarded and Wingham High School students scored a substantial number of those prizes, listed below. Many thanks, to all who helped this year. It has been a great success.

Manning Great Lakes High Schools Technology Display, 24 years and still going strong.

Thank you to the parents, the students, the staff, the sponsors and to the Manning Regional Art Gallery Sue Mitchell and all her workers for a wonderful venue.

y12	<b>Mat Percival Off road buggy Perpetual Trophy and People's Choice Award</b>	DESIGN & TECH \$300
	<b>Brad Short red cedar entertainment unit</b>	INDUSTRIAL TECH \$150 half share
	<b>Kate Cortaville Smith foot poufe</b>	Textiles runner up \$50
	<b>Tamica Clarke Alice in Wonderland costume</b>	Textiles runner up \$50
y11	<b>Maitlan Brown 3D printed toy</b>	Design & Tech \$100
	<b>Split \$50 Ellana George jacket &amp; \$50 Victoria Lee dress</b>	Textiles \$100
y10	<b>Luca Pigott Table + folio</b>	Timber \$50 best timber 240V Hammer Drill
	<b>Denham Callanan Viking shield + folio</b>	Design and Tech \$50 Arlec 18v Battery drill,
y10	<b>Abbey Sheather-Welsh House model + drawing folio</b>	Graphics \$50
	<b>Jenna Waters Quilt + folio</b>	Textiles \$50
y9	<b>Amylia Eddie Graphics folio of work</b>	Graphics \$40 Home Tool kit bag
	<b>Jai Tisdell CO2 dragster + folio</b>	Engineering \$40 Battery screw driver
y8	<b>Grace Coleman tray + folio</b>	\$20
	<b>Paige Webster candle holder + folio</b>	\$20
y7	<b>Coby Borg candle holder + folio</b>	\$20



Kate Cortaville Smith - foot poufe



Victoria Lee - dress

## YEAR 12 MAJOR WORK



Mat Percival's  
Off road buggy

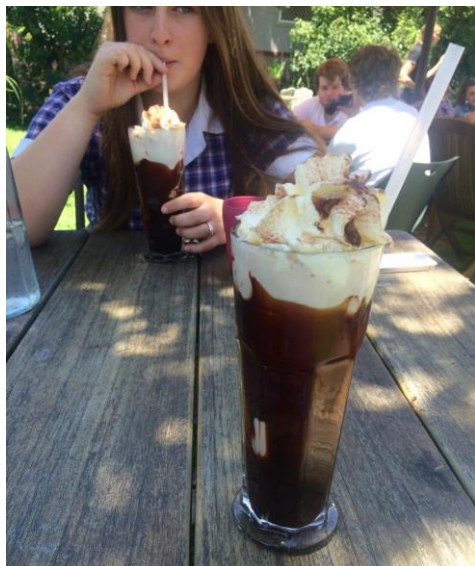


Brad Short's red cedar  
entertainment unit



Visual Art major work by Teelah Hodges  
'From darkness comes wisdom'

## EXAM READERS' MORNING TEA



Monday is the worst day of the week, am I right or am I right? Not this Monday though. Student exam readers/writers from years 8 - 12 enjoyed a luxurious lunch at Bent on Food to say "Thank you!" for all their support and hard work both in school and out of school. The exam reading process can take up to four hours of the student's time and this has been acknowledged and absolutely appreciated. For their reward lunch, each student received a beverage of their choosing which ranged from milkshakes, frappes, and fresh fruit juices and of course ice chocolates (pictured). For their lunch they were offered delicious, jam-packed chicken or ham wraps and for an extra treat they enjoyed rich chocolate brownies. Another big thank you also to the teachers involved for organising the students in the exams and for also organising such a successful and wonderful event that was most definitely enjoyed by all. It is great to see such things happening throughout the school, we all value the effort and time put in by these thoughtful and kind people.

Thank you all! Sophia

A huge thank you to our exam readers, Jai Harrison, Grace Callaghan, Maddie Barwell, Denham Callanan, Chloe Lewis, Aaron McCormick, Sophia Blackwell, Brianna Xuereb, Thea Wespi, Sarah Ritchie, Rhys McWhirter, Robert Hawkins, Katelynn Eveleigh, Chris Clark, Jackie Abrahams, Cheyanne Abrahams, Abbey Drury, Caley Cameron, Jorj Sumpner-Johnston and Jake Irvine.



## YEAR 9 MARINE STUDIES

On Monday 1st December, fourteen students from the Year 9 Marine Studies class attended Wingham Pool as part of the topic Basic Snorkeling. Some students were already experienced in some aspects of snorkeling while others had never donned a mask or snorkel before.

Each student had to demonstrate swimming skills such as the ability to swim 100 metres with mask, snorkel and flippers with their face underwater, as well as basic snorkeling skills such as clearing a face mask if it fills with water.

Fortunately, the day was bright and sunny and the students enjoyed the practical component of this part of the course.

Mr Low

## UNDER 14's CRICKET

Recently, Wingham played round 3 of the 14's Baker Shield cricket against Francis Greenway High School from Beresford. Francis Greenway won the toss and sent us in to bat. Ryan Smoothy and Ronan Meaker made a solid opening stand and at drinks (after 10 overs), Wingham was 1 for 56. After the mandatory 20 overs Wingham finished at 6 for 121.

The innings from Francis Greenway started strongly and at drinks they were on the identical score that Wingham was (1 for 56). Fortunately the wickets tumbled after drinks with Tobi Polley taking 3 for 2 and Hudson Bird chipping in with a couple of handy wickets as well. Francis Greenway crashed to be all out for 92.

Wingham was ably captained by B. J. Woolfe, who made it a point that every single player got to either bat or bowl. This showed the true depth of talent that we have at Wingham High School.

Our next game will be played at Maitland Park on Tuesday the 16th December. Stay tuned for more details on this one.

Scotty Brown

## SCHOOL PRODUCTION

### CINDERELLA...NOT JUST THE STORY OF A SHOE!

While participating in a whole school production gives students the opportunity to use skills learnt in all aspects of the creative arts they also are encouraged to develop in other areas. Throughout the school production of Cinderella, held 19-21 November, students were required to use their initiative and concentrate on attention to detail.

Almost 100 students from year seven to year ten worked for six weeks to create a well-rehearsed and most engaging performance which was presented publically over four days including two matinees and three night presentations. Audiences were treated to students singing songs from the late 1950s early 1960s in an adaptation of Cinderella that was set in a shoe store, school Halloween party.

Written by Drama teacher Marilyn Kendall and year ten student Grace Callaghan, the work included dances choreographed by year eights Abbey McKay and Annabelle Hansen. Dancers from year eight and seven wowed audiences in a variety of styles including tap and modern.

Musical director Stacey Harrell worked with singers and musicians to allow them to extend their expertise in harmony and develop musicianship on their personal instruments. It was exciting to see a return of brass and woodwind instruments with year five student Lincoln Harrell on trumpet, year nine student Dimiti Smith on clarinet and Stacey on saxophone. Sophie Smyth on bass and Jai Harrison lead guitar, both year ten students, have been members of production bands since year seven and were outstanding in their polished performances. They were most capably supported by Robert Hawkins rhythm guitar, Abbey James electric piano and year nine drummer Josh Ray.

The set created primarily by Russell Page and Rick Reynolds was once again an artwork in itself. Taking advantage of the directorial concept of shoes and their uses, and the fact that the script called for the old woman, Grace Callaghan and her children to live in a shoe, a giant stiletto was created.

All production work was done by the students and included advertising, letter writing to schools, posters, sewing, tickets and seating, prop making, lighting and sound, backstage, makeup, and front of house. The students also researched copyright and looked at costumes, hair and makeup of the 1950s. Assistance was facilitated by teachers Rachel Bloomfield in makeup, Peta Tattersall art detail, Julie Leslie, Jenni Boyle, Annette Blanch and Carmen Spriggs costumes, Helen Cross props and Julie Leslie and Lynda Nash interval refreshments.

Audiences were united in their praise for the work of the students of Wingham High School who once again gave their town a reason to be proud.

Stacey Harrell and Marilyn Kendall, proud mothers of many past casts and crews, have produced their final musical together and are now working on an extravaganza of a different style. Watch this space for more details next year!





Cinderella Hayley Watt



Step sisters Dizziella, Tahlia Gill and Luniella, Caitlyn Cameron with their friend Yella, Tara Yea



Grace Callaghan as the old woman when she gets the night off to be Cinderella's fairy godmother



Step mother Olivia Russell



Brianna Xuereb and Bec McMaster



Student director Taylah Zanardi learning lines when she suddenly found herself requiring to be understudy for Cinderella at the opening performance.



Aaron McCormick as Danny Prince with Da Boys

## SALTWATER FIELD TRIP

Aboriginal students from years 7-10 enjoyed a Cultural Field Day at Saltwater National Park on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November. The day was organised by TIDE (Taree Indigenous Development and Employment Ltd) in conjunction with Wingham High School, Wingham Public School and Wingham Brush Public School.

The day saw students from the three schools break into groups and attend various workshops which were run by local Biripi Elders. The workshops included things such as Aboriginal Astronomy, Storytelling, Weaving, Spear Making, Dancing, Traditional Cooking and Walk and Talks with Elders around Saltwater.

All students enjoyed the day's activities, the opportunity to strengthen their cultural identity and the chance to meet and talk with respected local elders.

With the success of this day we are hoping that we can work with TIDE to organise more days like this in the New Year for all local Indigenous students so that important cultural knowledge is passed on and shared.



## YEARS 9 and 10 REWARDS EXCURSION - LUNA PARK



On Tuesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December, 113 students from Years 9 and 10 took the opportunity to attend the rewards excursion to Luna Park for the day. The early start did not dampen the student's excitement and this only increased when we arrived in Sydney and walked through the iconic big mouth entrance to the park.

Although not all of the activities at Luna Park required an adrenalin junkies approach such as the Side Shows, Ferris Wheel, Mirror Maze or the Wonky Walk, many of the students challenged themselves in conquering their fears when they defied gravity on some of the fast paced rides like The Rotor, The Moon Ranger, The Wild Mouse roller coaster, or the Hair Raiser. On These rides and others you could hear laughter and screams all over the park as they encouraged each other to step out of their comfort zones and try something different.



We cannot speak highly enough of the behaviour of the students on this trip. They were a credit to themselves, their parents and carers and to Wingham High School. Thank you to Miss Bouchet, Mr Strahan, Mr Aguirre, Mr Wright, Miss Brydon and Mrs Spriggs who organised and supervised the trip.

Overall it was a fabulous experience and students bonded and created memories that will last a life time.





## YEAR 11 SYDNEY EXCURSION

In October, Year 11 travelled to Sydney for three days on an action-packed educational, motivational and rewards excursion.

Day One saw us at the Police and Justice Museum checking out the exhibits of some of Australia's infamous crimes, learning about Australia's judicial system and taking part in a drink-driving Mock Trial led by legal professionals.

Next, lunch beside the harbour at Circular Quay and a visit to The Museum of Contemporary Art. Naturally, Ms Bloomfield's Visual Arts students were in their element but there was certainly something to interest each and every one of us.

Back to our accommodation, Sydney's newest and state-of-the-art Youth Hostel with 360 degrees rooftop views of Sydney Harbour and the city skyline. We settled into our rooms, had dinner and then listened to a talk by a motivational speaker, 28 year-old Lisa Pham, an inspirational ambassador for The Smith Family. She had endured significant hardship as a young person but overcame adversity to be now living a happy and successful life. She encouraged our students to dream big, to work hard, to seek assistance when needed and to achieve their goals, demonstrating that anything is possible!

After Lisa's talk, we walked around the corner to The Sydney Observatory for a special ticketed event - a total lunar eclipse. Unfortunately Sydney kept its skies cloud-covered that night and we caught only glimpses of the eclipse. However, we had access to all the telescopes, countless experts, video conferencing of the event from other parts of the world - and we learnt new things about astronomy and spent the evening at a beautiful venue surrounded by the city's twinkling lights.

On Day Two we caught a ferry to Taronga Zoo. It was an absolutely stunning day for being on Sydney Harbour! When we arrived, we hopped into the Sky Safari gondolas to go to the top. We attended a workshop focusing on the year 12 Biology unit 'Maintaining The Balance' and got up close and personal with some native wildlife - a little quokka, a desert lizard, an echidna and a tiny python. Mr Hawkins was happy to hear that his students answered most of the questions! Then for the next few hours we made our way through the zoo (the maps came in handy!) and back down to the ferry. Next stop Darling Harbour!

The Sydney Sea Life Aquarium with its individual exhibits and perspex tube walkways through the underwater environments was fascinating. Following this, we visited Madame Tussaud's Wax Museum and took selfies with 'famous people'. Interestingly, one student noted that there were many worthy figures missing - 'Gough' for instance!

The evening had only just started when we took the best seats in the house at the Imax for the opening night of a new feature film, 'Dracula Untold'. Advanced and Extension English students did not complain that the documentary option was unavailable in that timeslot - as it supplemented their study of Bram Stoker's novel, 'Dracula'.

We finished the night at Pizza Hut's all-you-can-eat buffet and then made our way back to the youth hostel, weary but with full bellies and having had a really great day!

Friday, Day Three, and we were up bright and early to pack our bags and take a walk across The Sydney Harbour Bridge to Luna Park - our year advisers' reward for our efforts at school during Year 11! The weather was fantastic and everyone was excited to spend the next four hours at the iconic funpark.

Thoroughly exhausted but happy, we piled onto the bus for the journey home. The teachers who attended - year advisers Mr Carney and Mrs Mudie, Mrs Boyle and Ms Osborn - thought the excursion was a fantastic success and spoke highly of the calibre and character of our students during the excursion. Thank you to parents, for supporting such a worthy school experience.







*Amuse Bouche*



**Year 11 Hospitality Catered Event**



*Entrée*



- Mise*
- Amuse Bouche*  
Caramelised apple and blue cheese orostini
- Entrée*  
Prosciutto wrapped rosemary prawn skewers
- Salad*  
Roasted balsamic pumpkin salad served amongst prosciutto, rocket and pine nuts on a bed of oousouos and topped with feta



*Salad*

- Mise*
- Amuse Bouche*  
Sesame encrusted prawns
- Entrée*  
Roast pumpkin and onion tartlet
- Salad*  
Mango, avocado and chicken stack served on a bed of rocket and dressed in a sweet chilli dressing
- Dessert*  
Tasting Plate:  
line spice ice cream, quenelle of Pine topped with crâne Pâtissier



**Great Work Team**



## CANTEEN NEWS

Month	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
DECEMBER	1 <sup>st</sup> David Osmond Marie Reeve <b>HELP NEEDED PLEASE</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> <b>MEAR MALES!!!!</b> Ken Cameron Allen Skinner	3 <sup>rd</sup> Judy Abdo Lauren Robertson	4 <sup>th</sup> Sandy Osmond Melinda Murphy	5 <sup>th</sup> Jeffrey Ritchie Leanne Smith <b>HELP NEEDED PLEASE</b>
DECEMBER	8 <sup>th</sup> Kay Brauer Lorraine McGrath <b>HELP NEEDED PLEASE</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> Caroline Weekes <b>HELP NEEDED PLEASE</b>	10 <sup>th</sup> Judy Abdo Linda Mackenzie	11 <sup>th</sup> Leanne Forster Robert Allen	12 <sup>th</sup> Jennifer Granger Leanne Smith <b>HELP NEEDED PLEASE</b>
DECEMBER	15 <sup>th</sup> Kath Palmer Lisa Brissett Liz Fenech	16 <sup>th</sup> Christine Donohue Jean Cameron Bronwyn Wallace	17 <sup>th</sup> Julie Page Judy Abdo	18 <sup>th</sup> Anne Munns Mary Pillotto	19 <sup>th</sup> Jennifer Granger Julianne Webster <b>HELP NEEDED PLEASE</b>

Lynda will be away for semester 1, 2015. Welcome to Judy Wells who will be replacing her.

## ALLERGY REMINDER

Thank you all for your cooperation and vigilance with not including peanuts and peanut products in students' lunch boxes.

**Remember:**

**NO peanuts or peanut products are to be brought to school.**





# WINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER MENU TERMS 4 and 1 2014/2015



<u>COLD FOOD</u>		<u>ICE CONFECTIONS</u>		<u>DRINKS</u>	
Salad Subs	\$3.00	TNT	\$0.80	Plain Milk	\$2.00
Sandwiches	2.50	Paddle Pop	1.50	Small Oak	2.00
Salad Wraps	3.50	Quelch Stick	.60	Flavoured Milk Carton	3.00
Chicken OR Ham Salad Wraps	3.80	Icy Twist	1.00	Just Natural Milk	3.20
Chicken, Lettuce, Mayo Roll	3.00	Cyclone	1.50	100% Juice	2.50
Salad Box with Egg	3.00	Calippo	1.00	Orchy Juice Purple Lid	2.50
Salad Box with Chicken OR Ham	3.50	Frozen Yoghurt	2.50	600ml Water	1.20
Wombok Salad with Chicken	3.50	Paddle Pop Thick Shake	2.00	750ml Water	2.20
Thai Beef Salad	3.00	Splice	2.00	Cool Ridge Sparkling Water	2.50
Chicken Caesar Salad	3.00	Ice Cream Cup	1.20	Up & Go Small	2.00
Pasta Salad	2.50	Frozen Juice Cup	0.60	Up & Go Large	3.00
Cheese & Bacon Bun	1.50	Frozen Jelly Stick	.10	LOL Juice Drink	2.00
				Saxby's Bottles	3.00
<u>HOT FOOD</u>		<b>No TNT or Juice Cups sold at recess or 2<sup>nd</sup> half of lunch</b>		Iced Tea, All Flavours	2.80
Chicken Chilli Wrap	\$2.50			Slushy Small	1.50
Chicken & Corn Roll	2.00	<u>SNACKS</u>		Slushy Large	2.00
Sweet Potato Wedges	3.00	Yoghurt	\$2.50	Slushy Extra Large	3.80
PBC (Potato, Bacon, Cheese Patty)	2.00	Mousse	.60		
Spinach & Ricotta Roll	3.00	Home Baked Muffins	1.00	<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>	
Fish Piece	2.00	All Chips 28 gr	1.00	Apron – Blue OR White	\$10.00
Veggie Patty	2.00	Jelly Sticks	.10	OHS Packs	20.00
Chicken Wedges	5 for 2.50	Cough Drops	.80	(Apron, Goggles, Ear Plugs, Dust Mask)	
<b>New Items arriving soon!!!</b>		Sunfruits	.80	Visual Arts Diary	7.00
		Yoghurt, Muesli, Custard Cup	1.50	Exercise Book – 128 Page	1.00
<u>LUNCH ONLY</u>					
Hamburgers	\$3.00	<b>Remember to Order your Lunch</b>			
Cheese Burger	2.80	<b>BEFORE School or at Recess. Is saves time in the line!!! NO Ordering in class</b>			
Gourmet Chicken Burger	3.80	<b>Time. NO Children allowed in the canteen at Lunch Or Recess, Before School Only NO MATTER WHAT... ..</b>			

# Cyber awareness training

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December

11:00-12:30pm

Manning Valley Tourist Information Centre

21 Manning River Drive Taree North

The aim of the training is to provide a foundation for educating and empowering young people as they use technology in their social lives.

Mobile phones and social media are deeply entrenched tools of everyday life for young people.

This training will help you work **with** young people to understand the laws around sexting and cyber-bullying.

Training is provided free of cost.

RSVP by Monday Dec 8<sup>th</sup>

Greater Taree City Council YDO

(02)65 925 338 or [Jane.Lynch@gtcc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Jane.Lynch@gtcc.nsw.gov.au)





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*Bricks on the Bay*  
*Lego Expo*

◇ Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February 1pm – 6pm

◇ Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 9am – 1pm

◇ Prepay Entry \$10 per family of 4 (\$3 single)

◇ At the door \$15 per family of 4 (\$5 single)

◇ BBQ Lunch & Dinner - Saturday

◇ BBQ Breakfast & Lunch - Sunday

◇ Raffle on the day

◇ Lego for sale by Bricks on the Bay

◇ People's choice award drawn each day

◇ Contact Reception on Ph: 02 6551 0292

◇ Email: [taree@pcycnsw.org.au](mailto:taree@pcycnsw.org.au)





# 2014-2015 Family energy rebate



**\$150\***  
tOWarDs  
energy  
bills

apply before midnight  
16 June 2015

**2 minUtes tO Fill in a FOrM**  
<https://applications.fer.trade.nsw.gov.au/>

\* eligibility criteria apply

## What is the Family energy rebate?

The Family Energy Rebate helps to cover the cost of energy bills for NSW households with dependent children. In 2014-2015 the rebate gives:

- A \$150 credit on electricity bills for eligible applicants who hold an account with an electricity retailer
- A \$165 direct payment to nominated bank accounts for eligible applicants who live in a residential community (caravan or mobile home park) and receive electricity from the park operator.

## am i eligible FOr the rebate?

To be eligible you **MUST**:

- Be a NSW resident; and
- Have been assessed by the Federal Department of Human Services (DHS) as being eligible for the Family Tax Benefit (FTB) A or B at any time during the 2013-2014 financial year, and have received an FTB payment in respect of that eligibility; and
- Be an account holder of an electricity retailer, or a long-term resident of a residential community (caravan or mobile home park), whose name appears on the electricity account for supply to her or his principal place of residence.

## What DO i need tO DO beFOre i aPPLY?

Before you apply, here's a quick checklist. Have you:

- Lodged your tax return for 2013-14 with the Australian Taxation Office or informed the Department of Human Services (DHS) if you are not required to lodge a tax return?
- Received confirmation from DHS as to your eligibility for Family Tax Benefit A or B for 2013-2014?

## hOW tO aPPLY

- **Online** – it takes just two minutes to submit an application. Processing starts immediately.
- **PaPer** – download a form from the website, complete and submit by email, fax or post. Use this form if you receive your electricity from the operator of the residential community where you live.

**aPPLY  
Online  
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## FOr mOre inFOrmatiOn & assistance

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