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Muswellbrook South Scoop



Graham Turvey has been a teacher for many years.

The teaching legend who still loves it

By KOHEN HALL

DO you have a teacher who you know you'll remember forever? Muswellbrook's Graham Turvey, who has dedicated his life to education and community programs, is one of those teachers.

Beginning his teaching career in the 1960s in Sydney, Mr Turvey has worked all over the state as a classroom teacher and reading recovery teacher. Mr Turvey said his greatest achievement was earning a Bachelor of Education in 1987 at Armidale.

Over the years Mr Turvey has won awards for education, toastmasters and golf veterans. In 2013 he even won citizen of the year. He achieved this by being nominated for his community service. Mr Turvey volunteers in the community to keep busy and be involved in schools to help students and teachers.

Mr Turvey feels the highs of teaching include getting telephone calls from students and continuing going to school to keep seeing students learn. The lows are realising you are getting too old to sit on the floor with the year 1 classes.

He believes the challenges he has had to overcome are staying up-to-date in education, especially with changes to technology and syllabus improvements.

Ever since he was a child, Mr Turvey dreamed of becoming an educator, thanks to one of his own teachers who had expressed great belief in him.

By MELODY DATSON

THE Red Door kitchen was established in 2013 to arrange funding through Compass Housing to refurbish and equip the kitchen at the Uniting Church in Bridge Street, Muswellbrook and to host Muswellbrook's first Christmas day lunch for the disadvantaged and socially isolated members of Muswellbrook and its surrounding areas.

They came up with the name Red Door for the best reason – the church door is red. The staff are very friendly and are not paid for the things they do for this kitchen. They do not discriminate against anyone because everyone is welcome.

Mike, Mel and Marie are three of the volunteers, and explained why they give up their time to help others. Mel said: "The most important thing in life is food and conversation and here you can get both."

Mike said he enjoys helping others because it feels very rewarding. Marie has been thoroughly enjoying it since the start. She loves how people from different walks of life get together and socialise.

The kitchen has been running for two years now and every Thursday, 90 to 100 people come. The food provided is simple, good and nutritious, just like the meals you would have at home. It is donated from Woolworths. There are even trolleys at Woolworths where you can



The Red Door Community Kitchen at Muswellbrook connects isolated residents.

put food in to donate to the kitchen.

Muswellbrook High School is currently planting fresh vegetables at the schools farm for the kitchen. Students from the school also volunteer to help at the kitchen. They even choose to come in the holidays because of how much they enjoy it. Brittany, Zac and Jayden, some of the students who help out,

said: "It feels good to contribute to other people with a meal."

Mark, who comes to the kitchen for a meal three times a month says his favourite meal is just a good old fashioned roast dinner. He comes to meet and socialise. He likes to come to the kitchen because it reminds him of home. Sitting around a table with friends to eat a meal, he loves

the kitchen for how it helps people in our local community and what amazing jobs the volunteers do to keep the red doors open.

Volunteers can work for the kitchen too by contacting Upper Hunter Community Services on 6542 3555 or donating groceries in the marked trolley at Muswellbrook Woolworths.



Noa and Matt Durham love playing and coaching rugby league.

Father and son come together

By LIAM GALVIN

LOCAL football team, the Muswellbrook Rams have been playing for 48 years. The club consists of 70 players, eight coaching staff and 10 first aid and support staff.

Father and son team Matt and Noa Durham know firsthand what it takes to become successful in the rugby league world.

Noa is a year 12 student at

Muswellbrook High, studying for his HSC. Apart from studying full-time, Noa trains three times a week, goes to the gym and plays on the weekends. Noa wants to be a professional football player. His dream is to do something he loves and be paid for it.

Matt started coaching because he has a passion for rugby league and loves to see young talent succeed. He prefers to coach seniors

because they are motivated to improve their skills.

Matt believes that many pressures come from coaching a senior rugby league team including team selection and the pressures of winning. Matt believes to be successful you need to have a good attitude and passion. "You could have all the ability in the world but you won't succeed if you do not have all the above."

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