

Primary entry #23: Tighes Hill Public School



# TIGHES HILL TRIBUNE



Adrian and Lachlan, aiming high and kicking goals.

Picture: Sarah Hayes

## Sports stars of the future at Tighes Hill

By LACHLAN FALLEY and JACK METCALFE

SELECTIVE academies like the Hunter Academy of Sport and the Hunter SSA have a large variety of selective sports teams and sporting programs that include AFL, cricket, soccer, rugby, netball, swimming and many more. These types of programs are helping young athletes to not only improve their abilities in their chosen sport but to think about the future and benefits of sport as a profession.

These teams all require a selection process. To participate you must sign up online or from your school – try-out days test skills, leadership, gameplay and co-operation. These are identified through a series of drills and mini matches.

Dedication at a young age currently seems to be the best shot at progressing all the way through to a professional level because hard work and commitment at a young age means a better chance at making it in to a selective squad.

Several students at Tighes Hill have been involved in this process. Adrian, a year 6 student, made it into a selective squad at the age of nine and this has helped him improve his skills in the sport of soccer thanks to the selective squad's elite and trained coaches.

"Dedication at a young age, I think will be key. If I hadn't made it into a selective team when I was nine I'd be nowhere near where I am right now," says Adrian who has out-classed his opposition and has competed in the Kanga cup.

## Throsby Creek reeks

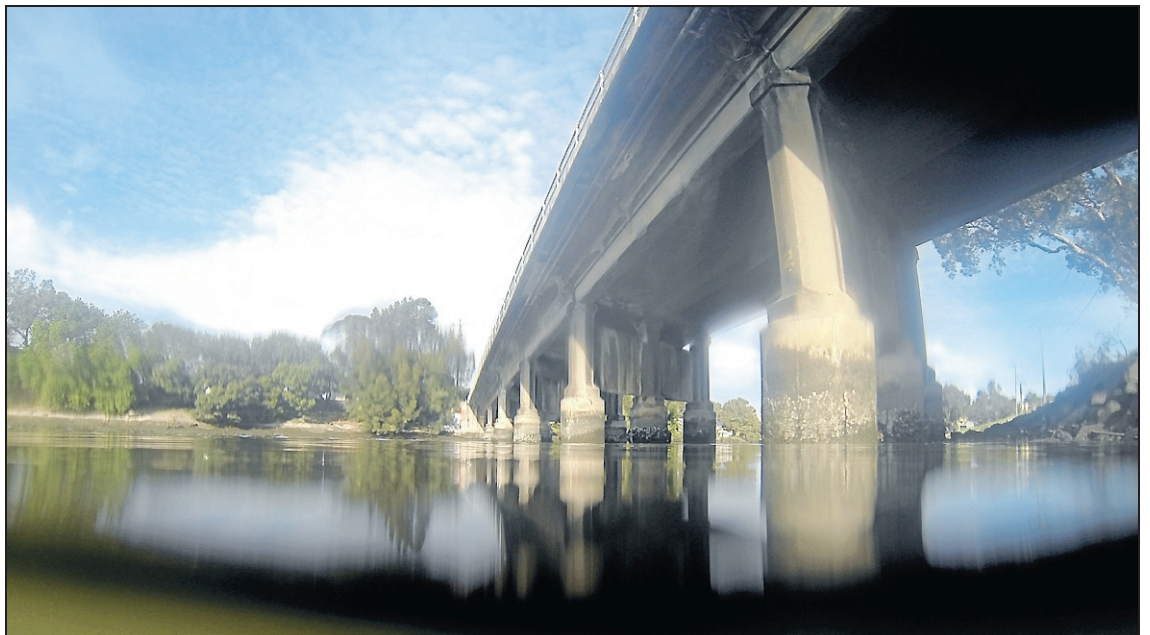
By SAMUEL WALSH, NELSON GARDNER and PATRICK CURRY

FROM the beautiful suburb of Tighes Hill through to Nobbys Beach there is a waterway called Throsby Creek which is turning into a local dump for general waste.

This outbreak of rubbish is driving resident Gill Marrable crazy. He says "the rubbish that is building up in the creek is atrocious. It repels people from Newcastle and is turning into a dump, which is destroying the beautiful marine sea life." He also hopes that more people start to clean the creek to save this aquatic wonderland. With the rubbish rising it is beginning to smell which is why many people are starting to get more involved in cleaning up the creek.

Throsby Creek first started its life as a stormwater drain, but after a while the local council wanted to turn it into a creek and then a couple of years after that they turned it back to a stormwater drain. But now that decision seems unfortunate due to the rubbish that's building in the waterway. The reason the water is black is because of coal and other unhealthy substances which can harm the marine life of the creek.

There are signs hanging up that say "Clean Up The Creek!" and still not everyone obeys the signs. Many



What lies beneath the water's surface might make you sick.

Picture: Samuel Walsh

people dump things like chocolate bar wrappers, to even pogo sticks and shopping trolleys. The rubbish dumped has a serious effect on all types of marine life such as turtles, crabs and eels.

Luckily, Throsby Creek is beginning to look better thanks to the help of the local council and generous residents giving up time

and money to help restore such a beautiful creek and its animal life.

Local organisation, Little Growth is also assisting in the clean up of the creek. A representative of Little Growth said that, "the rubbish in the waterway is generating a horrible smell which is gradually getting worse and will soon start to emerge from the depths of the

oyster-filled creek." They also noted that the trees along the side of the creek might die soon because of this.

With continued effort and assistance from those involved, hopefully one day soon, this stormwater drain and waterway will be cleaned up and restored to its original glory.



There are millions of videos on YouTube, making it hard to stand out.

Picture: Joseph Tregilgas

## YouTube sensations are in view

By MAX DUNNE and JOSEPH TREGILGAS

ALL around the world people are creating YouTube channels in hope of a successful profession, but how hard is it really to create a popular growing channel with millions of subscribers?

With YouTube clocking over one billion new users every month, getting a channel noticed is getting harder.

Users such as PewDiePie and Smosh have been active uploaders since the beginning and are growing exponentially, with PewDiePie gaining one subscriber every 1.17 seconds or 79,923 a day.

The way to make a living is through monetising – allowing YouTube to put ads on videos, at the beginning, end or even just on the side. The amount of money they make depends on view counts and

channel statistics. Although no one knows for sure, there has been speculations that PewDiePie makes approximately \$400,000 per month.

A creator from JMD productions said: "YouTube, although being a fun hobby is becoming harder to earn decent money." The best way to grow is through hard work, collaborating with other users and exchanging subscribers.



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