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FOCUS: Rory Chapman in action. Picture: Beau Pilgrim

### An everyday hero paddles to help out

### By ALAN MORRIS

ON July 28 Rory Chapman competed in the gruelling Hawaiian paddle board race known as the Molokai.

Coming in at sixth position far exceeded Rory's expectations. His dream was to finish the 51-kilometre paddle in under six hours. He did it in five-and-a-half.

However, Rory's main goal was to raise money and awareness for sufferers of Motor Neurone Disease (MND). Raising over \$7000 for the cause also exceeded his expectations.

"I had little knowledge about MND until my brother's girlfriend told me her story ... about her brother and his battle with MND. Her story was so touching and eye-opening that I felt that I would like to make sure that people are aware of this disease."

The Molokai race is across the Ka'iwi Channel between the Hawaiian Islands of Molokai and Oahu. Considered one of the roughest ocean channels in the world, it is

the ultimate test of endurance. Rory said: "It can get pretty scary out in the channel because you're a long way from any land. However, I had a boat with a driver who followed me all the way to keep me safe.

Rory, 24, is a podiatrist who was born and raised in Newcastle. He is now also raising awareness for One Wave Is All It Takes – an organisation raising awareness for mental health.

## **Technology for terminal**

#### By MAHALIA CURTIS

THE manager of Port Waratah Coal's Carrington Terminal is very excited about the company's recent purchase of a new sweeper truck and the decision to replace the two Carrington ship loaders. The purchases are part of the

\$50 million replacement program that is expected to finish at the end of 2015.

"We are thrilled about our new acquisitions," Steve Rigby said.

The new sweeper truck and replacement ship loaders will help us improve on what we do.

"The technologies are so much more advanced, such as the ship loaders being automation ready. This will enable the company to operate for another 30 years.

"A lot of money is being invested in the Carrington site." The Carrington terminal's new state-of-the-art sweeper truck has

the capacity to pick up the smallest pieces of dust. It has a 10-micron filter, which means it can filter particles of dust as fine as the width of a piece of hair.

"This is a great machine," Mr Rigby said, "we used to hire sweepers but they were not as fast or as efficient as this machine.'

Mr Rigby said the new machine can pick up any sort of debris with its mechanical vacuum, including both wet and dry particles.

BIG MOVERS: Carrington students Deakin Turner-Mann, Shania Evans and Mahalia Curtis inspect the new sweeper

"Every bit of coal has to be accounted for," said Mr Rigby, "so we need a truck with the latest technology and the finest filtration system.

We searched world-wide for the right one and found it in Italy. It is the latest on the market and the best sweeper truck in the world for

our purposes," he said. Mr Rigby is equally excited about the ship loader project.

better technologies to improve efficiency of practice, so it is a very necessary and important purchase.

"These machines will support Port Waratah Coal's commitment to the environment and will make our business more reliable and build confidence in the industry. A win-

## **Carrington kids get to be creative**

By LILY RAMSAY, ROSIE HUNT and MOLLY DURIE

ROWIE and Ken Taylor will soon begin art classes and music lessons in Carrington. Rowie, a qualified pri-mary school teacher, has taught art to people of all ages from preschoolers to elderly retired people for more than 30 years.

In her two-hour classes,

afternoon tea such as a cold take art more seriously. cup of orange juice and a cupcake or a slice of fairy bread.

Children are taught how to draw faces, shoes, perfect circles, flower vases, tea pots, animals, metal drawings, and lots more.

Art classes include a free art book, a pencil and a special felt tip art pen.

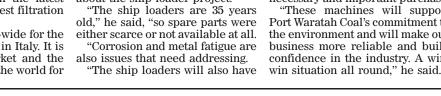
Rowie believes the Auschildren are provided with tralian government should

She is inspired by Australian Impressionists such as Frederick McCubbin and has a passion for making and appreciating art and is looking forward to help develop Newcastle's next generation of artists.

Ken, a music lecturer at Newcastle University, will offer piano and guitar lessons. Inquiries can be made on 4961 3427.



PAINT A PICTURE: Molly Durie and Lily Ramsay enjoy being artistic with Rowie Taylor. Picture: Maddi Thrift





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