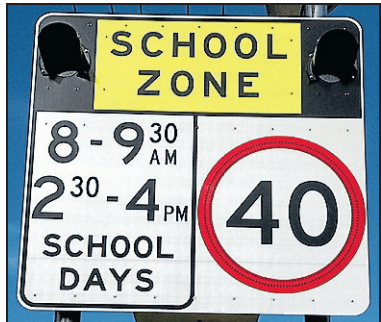


Primary entry #49: Medowie Public School



MEDOWIE MATTERS



GO SLOW: The new sign outside Medowie Public School.

Picture: Madi Wolinski and Jasmine Hardinge

Monitoring motorists' movements

By MADI WOLINSKI and JASMINE HARDINGE

INCREASING population and development in Medowie is causing concern for residents in regards to traffic speed and movement around already busy parts of the town.

Many think that the new supermarket on Peppertree Road, near the existing supermarket and small shopping village, will create more traffic in an already congested area.

Speed zones may have to be lowered and levels of frustration and impatience may increase. There is concern regarding traffic movement around the existing single lane roundabout and the increase in traffic that will be coming onto Ferodale Road.

Medowie Public School is situated in Ferodale Road and in anticipation of increased traffic flow, new school zone signs have been built. Flashing lights remind drivers of the speed limit and to be wary of children crossing the road and using the footpaths at the front of the school.

Unfortunately, motorised traffic is not the only hazard as cycling on footpaths can also endanger people.

Recently in Newcastle, a student was hit by a cyclist and broke her leg. There is a need for everyone to be aware of the risks posed by all kinds of vehicles whether on the roads or on the footpaths.

Fighter World flies high

By DANNIKAH RYNER, MATTHILDA SMITHSON and HANNAH WILLIAMS

AN outstanding Port Stephens tourist attraction suitable for all age groups is Fighter World.

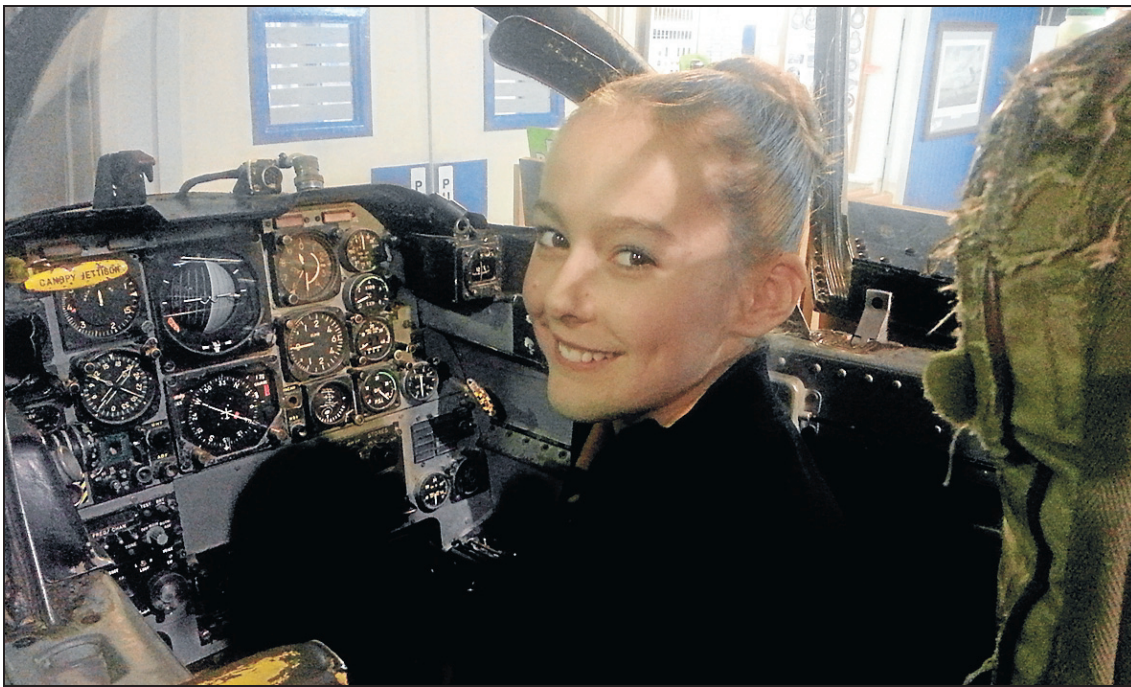
It first opened on February 16, 1991 as a place to display heritage RAAF aircraft, focusing on fighter aircraft.

All of the people who work at Fighter World are volunteers – this shows how great Fighter World really is. It has many different planes available for everyone to see and one of the great things visitors can do is to sit in the cockpit of a Mirage fighter or a Macchi jet trainer and pretend to be a pilot.

The other exhibits at Fighter World are also complete hands-on experiences and plans have been announced for interactive tours using smart phones, tablets and iPods.

As well as the planes, Fighter World exhibits missiles, small model planes, pilot suits and lots of other historical aircraft memorabilia. There is also an observation deck (which features a live audio feed) where visitors can watch planes take off and land.

The planes on display include the first Vampire jet built in Australia, Mirage fighters, a Sabre, the Gloster Meteor and many more.



THE HOT SEAT: Dannikah Ryner sits at the controls of one of the exhibits at Fighter World.

Earlier this year, Fighter World received a full-sized replica of a Mk 16 Spitfire that was donated but, unfortunately, was in very poor condition. Many people said that the plane was beyond repair, but two Fighter World volunteers gathered a group of people named the

A-Team to help them fix the plane.

The A-Team restored the plane, painting it in the official wartime colours of the Royal Australian Air Force.

Fighter World is located at the RAAF Base at Williamtown next to the Newcastle Airport. There is an

affordable entrance fee. Fighter World opens at 10am and closes at 4pm. On site there is a café which has drinks, snacks, hot food and gourmet sandwiches so you can make a whole day of it.

For further information, go to fighterworld.com.au.



TEA TIME: Finlay, Madi, Jasmine, Chloe and Brooke demonstrate their hostess skills.

Picture: Matilda Logvyn

Girl Guides pour cups of kindness

By MATILDA LOGVYN and CHLOE GARRETT

THE Girl Guide organisation is active all over the world but particularly so in Medowie. Worldwide, the organisation involves girls from five years old to teens as Scouts, Girl Guides, Rangers, Rovers and leaders.

The local Medowie Girl Guide group recently needed to raise funds. With some

skilful organisation and lots of parental support they organised a very successful high tea at Williamtown Community Hall.

The afternoon tea allowed the girls to practise their hostess skills, serving plates of food to guests seated at beautifully decorated tables. Everyone declared the afternoon a huge success.

Girl Guides do not just fund-raise for their own

organisation. Currently, Medowie Girl Guides are fund-raising for UNICEF to help women in poor countries get food, clothing and other necessities.

Girl Guides participate in weekly challenges over afternoons, weekends and school holiday activities. Activities include cooking on an open fire, to promising to do their best with any task or challenge.



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