

# 7500 protest power hike

Member for Dubbo Dawn Fardell has now received 7500 signatures on a petition protesting the State Government's electricity price hike.

Businesses, councils and pensioner groups have supported the petition including concerned individuals from communities such as Forbes, Bourke, Canowindra, Cobar, Condobolin, Coolah, Coonamble, Corowa, Dorrigo, Dubbo, Eugowra, Eumungerie, Gulgong, Hermitdale, Narrabri, Narromine, Nyngan, Parkes, Peak Hill, Trangie, Trundle, Tullamore, Wanaaring and Wellington.

"This is one of the biggest petitions I have received during my time in office," Ms Fardell said.

"It is an extraordinary response, especially when you consider that a state-wide, online petition organised by the Daily Telegraph attracted 12,500 signatures, mainly from the metropolitan area.

"While that is still a large protest, it is much harder to coordinate a protest in regional areas and this incredible response shows just how angry country people are over the Government's bungling."

In Parliament on Tuesday Ms Fardell again called on the Government to urgently "address and decrease the extreme hikes in electricity prices, which will severely affect the people of NSW, financially and emotionally."

"The Government says families struggling with the cost can access energy vouchers of up to \$480 a year but that does nothing to ease the inflationary pressures of rising prices on small business and councils which will eventually be passed on to households.

"Without decisive action by the Government homes and businesses across the region will have no option but to switch off as rising costs bite."

Ms Fardell has already presented the first round of petitions with over 5000 signatures to Parliament and will present the other 2500 next week.

# Planning to achieve her best

By DARREN SNYDER



**POTENTIAL PLUS:** Kristy Kimber and Scott Fittler continuously learn about themselves from the Max Potential program.

Mudgee High School student Kristy Kimber is planning to reach her maximum potential by doing just that: planning.

As part of Club Mudgee's Max Potential program, Kristy is learning how to develop a success pattern for her final years at school and beyond.

One of the major components to the Max Potential program involves Kristy organising her own community service project - something which involves planning, commitment and a wide use of people skills.

For Kristy's unique community service project she will host an afternoon forum specifically aimed at girls in their first year of high school.

"It's about trying to develop self growth and self belief in young adults," she said.

"Much similar to Max Potential it will help young girls become more confident and develop a network they can use when needed."

During the 22 week program, Max Potential also provides the participating students with a local identity who become mentors for the present and in the future.

Kristy's mentor is Raine and Horne Real Estate Agent Scott Fittler, who said there is plenty of potential in the project.

"This project could be something teachers can develop into school life and the community," he said.

"Kristy has learnt to plan and prepare rather than just doing...I've also showed her how quality is more important than quantity."

Kristy said the afternoon will involve interactive activities for the girls, trying to maximise their potential as well as hers.

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## Community Diary

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### ► June 4 Mudgee View

Mudgee VIEW's June Luncheon will be held at 11.30 am at Club Mudgee. Lots of fun and great food as well as a special presentation by Aleshia Lonsdale & Warrinha Ngumbaay on "History & Myths of Aborigines in Mudgee" - a fascinating insight. All Members and guests are welcome. Come and enjoy a wonderful luncheon with Mudgee VIEW. Phone Marie 6372 3192 for catering purposes by Tuesday, June 1, or Chris on 6373 3787.

### Australian Decorative & Fine Arts Society

Phillip Bailey will talk about his 22 years working for violin virtuoso Yehudi Menuhin when addresses ADFAS at the Cudgegong Valley Public School, from 6.30pm tonight.

### ► June 5-6 St John Art Show

Local and invited artists will show their work at St John's Parish Hall, 9am-4pm on Saturday, 9.30am-2pm Sunday.

### ► June 5 Creative and Life Writing

Northern Beachers Writers' Centre director Edith Hurt will lead a workshop for all ages and abilities at The Stables, 9.30am-4pm. Call 0408 606 111 to book.

### ► June 9 Gamblers Anonymous

Meets Salvation Army Hall, 23 Perry Street, 6.30pm. All welcome. Phone 6372 7557.

### ► June 10 Canasta Club

The Canasta Club meets at the Mudgee Golf Club from 1-5pm. All

card players are welcome, regardless of experience. The club also invites other card clubs (bridge, solo and five hundred) to share the venue. Contact Doug Murray on 6372 4661 or Beryl Smith on 6372 3168.

### ► June 12 Kanandah Auxiliary

Kanandah Auxiliary will be selling fabric at the Lawson Park markets, all good quality fabric all \$1 per metre.

### ► June 16 Gamblers Anonymous

Meets Salvation Army Hall, 23 Perry Street, 6.30pm. All welcome. Phone 6372 7557.

### ► June 18 Mudgee Dementia Carers Group

Mudgee Dementia Carers Group will hold its mid-year lunch at the Railway Restaurant, Inglis Street, Mudgee, at noon. Dementia counsellor Kate Readford will attend. Book on 1800 288 300 by Friday, June 11. Lunch is free. Drinks at your own expense. Please bring the person your care for or ring Ruth or Megan on 1800 288 300 to arrange respite.

### Kanandah card party

Kanandah Auxiliary card party will be held at the new venue, Mudgee Golf Club. Starting 1.30 p.m. - \$5 entry - lucky door prize - raffle. Please come along, you can bring your own tables, at afternoon tea you can enjoy the view.

### ► June 21 Mudgee Evening CWA

Due the long weekend, Mudgee Evening CWA will meet this evening at the Settler's Store Antiques, 6pm. Mudgee Lifeskills will be guest speakers.

Community and not-for-profit groups can submit items for the Community Diary to: [editor.mguardian@ruralpress.com](mailto:editor.mguardian@ruralpress.com)

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