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## Message from Sally

It's finally here! Our first Warrior newsletter for 2023, put together by the Warriors.

As you will see, the Warriors have interviewed community members, local businesses, and used their strengths and interests to create their articles. Our first newsletter will go out digitally, but we hope to eventually get them printed as well and distribute them to local businesses for all to enjoy.

This year for the Warriors has flown by. We have been busy with our community programs, building our skills and independence, and having nights out in our local community, seeing bands and chilling at the pub. We have also welcomed many new friends into our growing Warrior family.

We also celebrated the Warriors being here for 5 years. Over those 5 years, we have achieved so much, and I am extremely proud of each and every Warrior. As the Warriors always say, "work hard, play hard, and believe in your dreams because anything is possible."

Have a great day! Sal



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captured by Leah  
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## Business of the Month

I recently had the pleasure of interviewing Brett Garland, the owner of TDF Events, an incredible creative and performing arts space that offers workshops, lessons, and activities for the community. Brett has only owned TDF Events for six months, but he has already made a significant impact. During our conversation, I asked Brett about his business and his passion for making the world a more inclusive place.

TDF Events provides a range of events and activities that appeal to a broad audience, from paint and sip events to drag bingo and hens' nights. Brett has also created a dedicated queer space that helps to connect and grow the LGBTIQ community. With this space, Brett has set out to provide a safe and inclusive environment for everyone.

As a resident of the Upper Hunter for six years, Brett is deeply connected to his community. He lives with his husband and ten-year-old son and is passionate about making the world a more accepting place for queer individuals. Brett also works as a teacher and for adults with disabilities, showcasing his commitment to making a positive difference in people's lives.

You may already know Brett from his online presence as the "Dancing Farmer" or "Beverly," the drag queen. Brett has an impressive following on TikTok, where he shares inspiring and authentic videos about being yourself. He has around 67k followers on the platform, which shows his influence and impact.

In recognition of his incredible work, Brett has recently been announced as a Global World Pride Ambassador for 2023. This achievement only speaks to the immense impact Brett has had on his community and the world.

At The Warriors, we are proud to call Brett a great friend. His work and accomplishments inspire us all to continue pushing for a more inclusive and accepting society.

*Written By Maddy Dobson*



Warrior of the month:  
**Clarissa Wilder**

**How long have you been a warrior?**  
5 years

**Favorite Food:** Lemon chicken

**Favorite Color:** Pink

**Favorite TV Show:** The Simpsons

**Favorite Singer:** Billie Eilish

**Do you have any pets?** A dog named Dixie

**Hobbies:** Eating, cooking, and washing

**What is your dream job?:** Chef

**Who would you want to be stuck on a desert island with?:** Kimmy

**What do you love most about warriors?:** Hanging out with my friends

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## Warrior Gossip Girl

At The Warriors, we are excited to announce the launch of our new Planted Warriors Newsletter, which has been in the works for years. Our team is thrilled to be part of this project, as we believe it will help the town of Muswellbrook to stay informed about our latest endeavors.

The first major event we organized a couple of month ago was the Colour Run at Karoola Park. Over 1000 people attended, and our Warriors had the opportunity to run, throw colors, and spray water at the participants. It was an exciting day for everyone involved, and we can't wait to bring you more events like this in the future.

For those who enjoy coffee or lunch with friends, The Warriors have got you covered. We can deliver your orders straight to your door or workplace on Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays. All you need to do is make a gold coin donation per person/coffee.

We have have had several exciting events this year, including a big night out in town, dubs by the lake, a fishing trip, and celebrations for Random Acts of Kindness Day.

Keep an eye out for The Warriors around town, and stay tuned for the next newsletter to see what we're up to next.

XOXO,  
*Gossip Girl*



Staff Member of the month:  
**Kylie Finlayson**

**How long have you been a warrior?** 5 years

**Favorite Food:** Chinese and pizza

**Favorite Color:** Pink

**Favorite TV Show:** Reality TV shows, Big Brother, MAFS, and Home and Away

**Favorite Singer:** Jimmy Barnes

**Do you have any pets?:** Yes, a dog named Jinx.

**Hobbies:** Beach, shopping, socializing, and traveling.

**What is your dream job?:** Helping others. I already have my dream job.

**Who would you want to be stuck on a desert island with?:** Sam.

**What do you love most about Warriors?:** The beautiful friendships I have made.

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## Mick and the Muswellbrook Shire Council Sustainability

I had the opportunity to sit down with Mick Brady, the sustainability officer at Muswellbrook Shire Council, to discuss his role at the council and all the amazing things he does in our community. Mick has been with Muswellbrook Shire Council for 6 years, and his role is to educate, engage, and encourage members of our local community to improve waste efficiency and to provide them with as much information as possible to make sustainable choices. Mick is also heavily involved in revegetation, removing weeds, and planting natives to encourage people to use natural areas in our community.

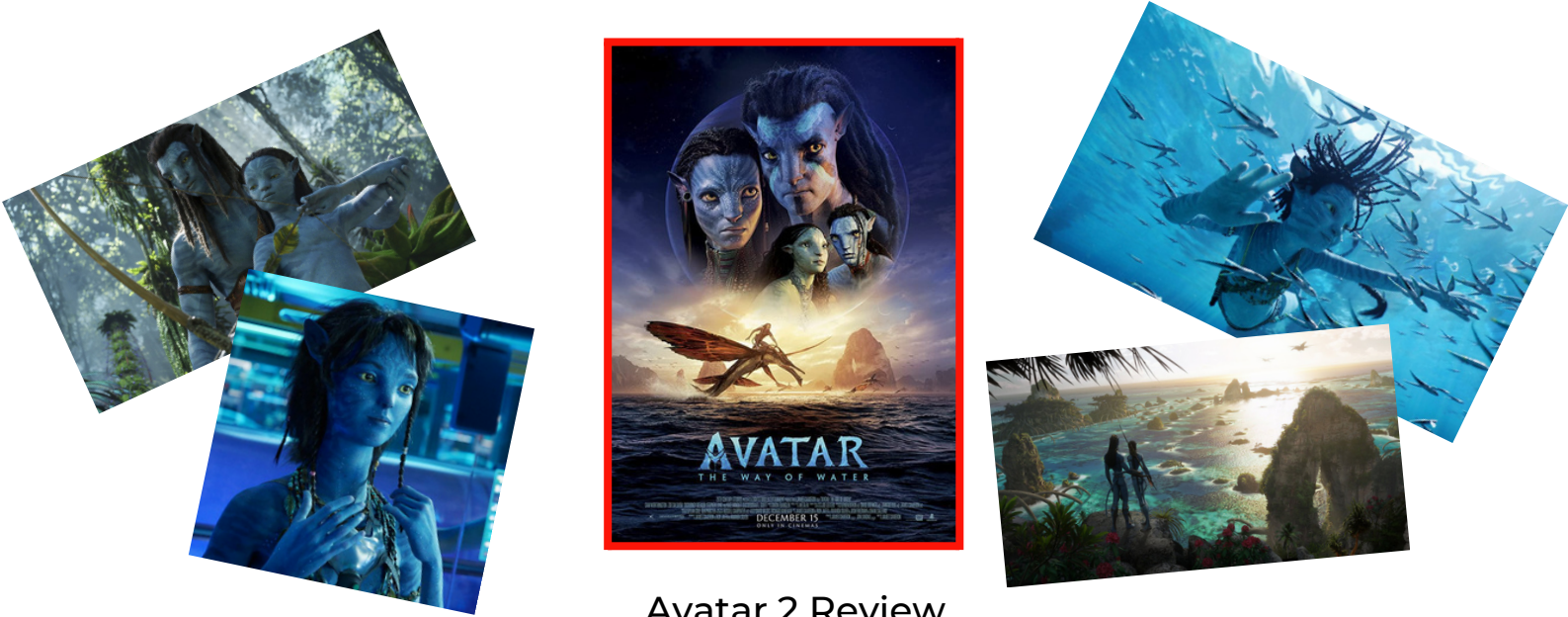
When I asked Mick what he loves about his job, he said that he enjoys getting to know community members who share similar passions and working together with others to change mindsets around waste reduction and sustainability. You may see Mick out and about in the community educating others at various community days and events with his sustainability trailer. He also visits local schools and workplaces. Additionally, you may find Mick at the Sustainability Hub (Community Garden), where they demonstrate positive and practical sustainability in action.

Mick has been friends with the Warriors for 5 years and has educated, involved, and opened many doors for us in the community. The Warriors have worked with Mick at the community garden with composting, been involved in puppet shows, and put together a waste reduction book.

*Written by Jessica McDonald*



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## Avatar 2 Review

I am excited to discuss the highly anticipated sequel to the 2009 blockbuster hit Avatar. The focus of the new film is a water-based tribe, which should delight fans of the original. Many familiar faces, including Sigourney Weaver, Sam Worthington, and Stephan Lang (the villain from the first film), make a return appearance. Additionally, some promising new talent adds to the excitement. This time, we follow Jake Sully and his family as they move into exile, seeking to escape danger.

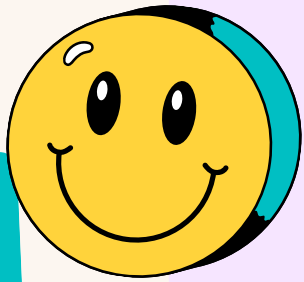
So, what's new in this installment? The addition of Jake's family to the story is wonderful, and the creative creature design is breathtakingly detailed. The special effects in the original movie were groundbreaking at the time, but this time around, they've set a new benchmark, especially in the water scenes, with their beautiful and vibrant colors. It's also great to see Kate Winslet working with James Cameron again, and her record-breaking underwater breath-holding of 7 minutes and 15 seconds is impressive.

The runtime of the movie is a whopping 3 hours and 12 minutes, but it never feels long, as it moves along at a brisk and exciting pace. After the credits rolled, I found myself wishing the film wasn't over due to my level of enjoyment. I highly recommend the score of this film to anyone who loved the original. Overall, I give this movie a well-deserved 10/10.

*Reviewed by Liam Field.*



# COFFEE & LUNCH RUNS

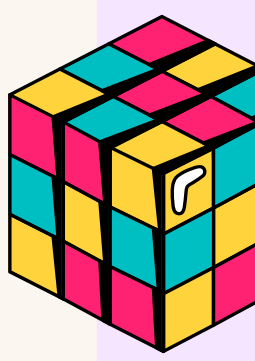


**COFFEE AND LUNCH RUNS EVERY  
MONDAY, TUESDAY, AND FRIDAY!**

Too busy to pop out and grab a coffee? Having a work meeting but don't want the hassle of picking up lunch?

**THE WARRIORS ARE HERE TO HELP!**

WDS offers lunch and coffee deliveries every Monday, Tuesday, and Friday. We do ask for a small gold coin donation to go towards programs for our participants. To find out more about this great service, call Sally on 0468 563 615.



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