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Good morning, and welcome to the Southern Inlands Brekkie Blog. Each morning we'll keep you up to date with what's happening around the region, including the latest local news as it breaks and the best of what's happening around Australia and around the world.

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8.50am YOUNG: A [man who cheated unsuspecting businesses and individuals around the country out of thousands of dollars to fuel his gambling addiction has been jailed](#). Michael James Walsh, 39, of Young was sentenced to six months' prison for 16 counts of fraud at Young Local Court on Tuesday.

8.40am GOULBURN: The voice of a man in a small room off Sloane Street will soon be heard around Australia. Goulburn Community Radio breakfast host, [Jeff Dunn, will on Saturday become the first broadcaster at the Goulburn not-for-profit station to go air nationwide](#). Listeners from all parts of the continent will be able to catch the breakfast program courtesy of the station's new Tieline machine "purchased thanks to a grant from the Community Broadcast Association. The Tieline machine will feed select Goulburn Community Radio programs to Sydney transmitters, where they'll in-turn broadcast nationally.

8.30am QUEANBEYAN: Queanbeyan City Council has released a short statement informing the community that [Council's general manager Gary Chapman has officially resigned from his position](#). Mr Chapman's resignation will be effective from today, Friday, 21 November 2014.

8.20am YOUNG: Police investigations have revealed [two children, aged nine and 11 years, were behind the grass fire in Pine View Circuit on Tuesday](#). Emergency services were called to the fire that ignited on a vacant block within metres of homes at about 4.30pm. Two crews from Young Fire and Rescue NSW, as well as three Rural Fire Service tankers from Young and Boara, arrived on the scene.

8.10am GOULBURN: [A boutique musical festival planned for Goulburn is to be postponed](#) following questions of fire safety, organisers say. This, on top of the required Council Development Application processes, saw the Marmalade Skies organising party fall too short of time. Construction was due to start on the **site**, 20km south of Goulburn, next week. The decision was made on Wednesday afternoon following a **site** inspection.

8.00am BRAIDWOOD: Since Unity Mining announced last week that it proposes to [use Cyanide to process gold on site at the Dargues Gold Mine at Majors Creek](#), concern in the community has been mounting. The public meeting in Majors Creek last Tuesday night was attended by about 40 people, however many commented that it would have been overflowing if the actual proposal had been known earlier.

7.50am CANBERRA: [Mismanagement and long-running cultural problems inside the Canberra Hospital maternity unit](#) have put the health of patients at serious risk, an official report has warned, as adverse medical outcomes, inadequate supervision and critically low morale remain. Extracts of an accreditation report from The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, obtained by The Canberra Times, show patient and doctor health has been compromised as staff levels tank, surgical and ultrasound training is limited and unresolved personal conflicts fester.

7.40am YOUNG: [Three people from Young have been charged over the robbing and bashing of an elderly man for his pension](#) in Sydney on Wednesday morning. A 29-year-old man - the last suspect wanted by police - was arrested Thursday morning over the attack after allegedly leading police on a pursuit. The man was taken to Campbelltown Police Station, where he was charged with robbery in **company** cause grievous bodily harm and police pursuit (Skye's Law).

7.30am YASS: [Local newsagents and lottery outlets across NSW and the ACT could be under threat](#) with Tatts Lotto's plans to expand the **sale** of lottery tickets into supermarkets. Agencies will also be forced to undertake new signage, costing between \$20-25,000. In 2010, the Labor government privatised the NSW and ACT Lotteries and prevented supermarkets and other big retailers from selling tickets and scratchies until March 31, 2015.

7.20am QUEANBEYAN: Together their businesses have been on Queanbeyan's main street for at least 150 years but [the owners of Kevin O'Connor's Menswear and Today's Jewellers will shut up shop by the end of the year](#). Business owners Harry Statos and Bill Kover were prompted to make the decision as the owners of their respective buildings intend to put the adjoining premises on the market.

7.10am COOTAMUNDRA: Progress is being made on a [proposed new abattoir in Cootamundra](#) with a location scouted and talks ongoing with potential investors. The idea of a new meatworks was born when the changeover from GM Scott to Manildra Meat **Company** spelled the end of service kills in Cootamundra.

7.00am GOULBURN: A 43-year-old Goulburn woman was [sentenced to 18 months" prison on Wednesday for 12 counts of knowingly supplying methylamphetamine](#) and one count of drug possession. Prior to Wednesday, she only had two drink drive offences to her name. She is one of more than 19 people charged under Strikeforce Coull, targeting the drug commonly known as "ice." Her solicitor told Goulburn Local Court it was a "peculiar situation."

Need a national news snapshot first thing - well, [we have you covered](#).

" To check out the front pages of Fairfax publications for today, [click here](#)

"The NSW Rural Fire Service has declared [a total fire ban today](#) in the following areas: Greater Hunter, Greater Sydney Region, Central Ranges, North Western and Upper Central West Plains. This includes Newcastle, Cessnock, Blue Mountains, Penrith, Sydney, Bathurst, Moree and Bogan.

" Matthew James McAlister says he can't recall [brutally attacking a bus driver](#) who was simply doing his job, but judging by the screams of the passengers on **board** it will live with them forever.

" Dozens of people gathered at Hargreaves Mall outside the office of Senator Bridget McKenzie to protest cuts to the ABC. Community and Public Sector Union deputy secretary Rupert Evans told the crowd they had [a responsibility to stand up and defend cuts to the organisation](#).

" Intruders [deliberately lit insulation batts on fire](#) at a building **site** in the Nowra CBD on Thursday night.

"Where's the most expensive unleaded petrol in NSW? Tumut, the Daily Advertiser, says. Anomalies between standard grocery costs and disparate petrol prices across the state put forward by supermarket monopolies have left the [Tumut community frustrated and wanting answers](#).

"A former St Patrick's College teacher says she and her partner are living a nightmare eight months after they were [accused of planning to blow up a Middle Eastern consulate](#) where they worked.

" Two farmers are calling for community support to help build an on-farm butchery. Mount Beckworth Free Range farm owners Chris Peel and Diane Snell are [hoping to raise more than \\$36,000 through a crowdfunding website](#) to **buy** a mobile van and establish a store and cool-room on their **property**.

" Police respond to [an -average of 285 domestic -violence -incidents each month](#) across the Central Hunter local area command. Officers at Maitland police -station have crunched the -numbers for the area, which includes Cessnock and Kurri Kurri, to highlight the need for action on White Ribbon Day.

"Eyre Peninsula barley growers are among those set to benefit from the newly announced [free trade agreement between Australia and China](#).

" Two women in their late 30s escaped with minor injuries after [a fiery car crash on the Mitchell Highway](#) around 10 kilometres west of Bathurst on Thursday.

NATIONAL: [Clive Palmer has walked out of an interview](#). Again. The Palmer United Party leader removed his microphone and terminated the interview with Emma Alberici on Thursday after the Lateline host's persistent questioning over his **Chinese** business deals.

KANGAROO ISLAND: Scientists said a [rare pygmy right whale](#) found stranded on a Kangaroo Island beach is likely to have been weaning. Locals made a number of attempts to guide the whale back out to sea, but it continued to return to shore.

KATHERINE: The issue of problem drinking in Katherine is never far from the public discourse and [one community member is fed up with inaction](#). Toni Tapp-Coutts said it was time for the Katherine Town Council, the Northern Territory government and the community to be as proactive about alcohol management as they were about the cost of petrol.

BALLARAT: A new cheerleading team out-danced every club in its division to claim [victory at a national championship](#) at the weekend.

MARGARET RIVER: [Superstar chef Heston Blumenthal](#) had such a blast at Margaret River Gourmet Escape last year, he will be back for the three-day event which starts today.

BURNIE: Live on television, Somerset's [Kim Eade chased her husband down the road barefoot with phone in hand](#). The panel of the nation's most popular breakfast show, Sunrise, cackled as Mrs Eade screamed for her husband frantically as he drove off.

MOUNT ISA: North-west Queensland residents are [twice as likely to die from an avoidable death](#) compared with the Queensland average.

WOLLONGONG: The annual Stockland [KidzWish Christmas Party](#) put smiles on the faces of 4300 special needs children and carers who packed WIN Entertainment Centre on Thursday.

LONDON: Australian bedrooms, backyards and even [babies' cots are among the images on a Russian site showing live feeds](#) from thousands of homes and businesses around the world.

US: [Celebrated movie director Mike Nichols has died](#). He emerged in the late 1950s as half of a groundbreaking satirical comedy team and found his true calling in the next decade as director of the landmark films Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf? and The Graduate. He was 83.

BANGKOK: Screenings of [the latest Hunger Games film have been cancelled](#) in the Thai capital after opponents of the country's military rule adopted a three-finger salute from the movie as a sign of defiance.

BEIJING: **Chinese** authorities have detained respected [Korean-American Christian aid worker Peter Hahn](#) on suspicion of embezzlement, amid a wider crackdown on aid groups along the North Korean border.

INTERNATIONAL: Blistering heat across Australia but frigid conditions across much of the continental US " [what's going on?](#)

A Xavier High School student's planned adventure could be a forerunner for a new schoolies program. Mason Collins, 18, is substituting the beach for the outback for his end-of-year celebrations after being inspired by a trip to Yuendumu through the school's immersion program last year. [Read more](#)

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