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Middy steals the show at Trundle

A DOG named Middy is set to steal the show at Saturday's premiere of *All About E* at the Trundle Memorial Hall.

The six-year-old border collie makes her film debut as Tiny in the low-budget feature, and owner Danielle Ward, who runs the Trundle Hotel, said Middy just fell into the role.

"We were just here at the pub, and Louise (the film's director) stayed the night because they were searching for a location to shoot the movie," Ms Ward said.

"As Middy does, she sidled up to them looking for a pat and they fell in love with her and decided she was the dog they would like in their movie."

The movie follows a young Arabic-Australian woman as she goes on the run and, in doing so, learns some lessons about life and love.

"Elmira, or E as she insists on being called, seems to have it all. She's one hot, sexy DJ at Sydney's top gay nightclub and has her pick of the girls. But E doesn't have a clue," writer and director Louise Wadley said.

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Border collie Middy on set with Julia Billington, who plays Trish in *All About E*.
Photo: CONTRIBUTED

DRUGS FOUND

Two men caught smuggling contraband into Wellington jail

POLICE have swooped on two men after they were caught in a targeted blitz trying to smuggle contraband into Wellington Correctional Centre on Sunday.

A 41-year-old man was allegedly found with eight balloons containing more than 13 grams of tobacco, cigarette papers, and five tablets.

A 34-year-old man was allegedly found with seven balloons containing 28 tablets of prescription drugs.

The pair's vehicle was searched and officers allegedly discovered a further 107 tablets including oxycontin, endone and valium. The vehicle also allegedly contained more than 13 grams of green veg-

etable matter, a mobile phone and sim card, five cans of bourbon, and a bottle of vodka.

The operation by specialist Security Operations Group officers and K9 sniffer dogs resulted in the two men being arrested and charged with bringing drugs into the prison after police were called.

It is understood the men, who

are not local to Wellington, are scheduled to appear in court on November 16.

The attempt to smuggle tobacco into the centre follows the no smoking laws in force since August 10 this year.

A spokesperson said following the smoking ban in prisons, bringing tobacco into the prison would

not be looked upon lightly, as with bringing any contraband into the prison.

Corrective Services NSW Commissioner Peter Severin said the operation demonstrated how visitors risk criminal charges by trying to smuggle banned goods to inmates.

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Trundle dog to star in new movie

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"She's not out to her traditional Lebanese family, she has abandoned her beloved music and she's lost Trish, the one relationship that really matters to her."

"When she stumbles on a stash of cash, she and her gay best friend and husband of convenience, Matt, are forced to run. But E finds she has burnt too many bridges, and there is nowhere to run to but outback Australia and into the arms of the ex-girlfriend who broke her heart."

Middy plays Tiny, a loving pet to Trish (played by Julia Bellington) who has her own problems, struggling to run a property singlehandedly following the death of her husband.

Middy had an interesting time preparing for the part.

Ahead of filming, Middy had to bond with her co-stars by getting used to their scents.

"Middy slept with the actor (Julia Bellington)'s sweaty clothes and on the shoot that's who she bonded with," Ms Wadley said.

Middy has been taking it easy since filming wrapped, and Ms Ward hopes she can make an appearance on the red carpet.

And does she have her next acting gig lined up?

"Not that I know of, but I'm sure she's going to get a few calls after this," Ms Ward said.

All About E premieres at the Trundle Memorial Hall at 7pm, Saturday October 24.

For more information, or to purchase tickets, visit www.tugg.com/events/43012.

Mayor gives Dubbo's new water park the thumbs up



DUBBO has a new water park, equipped with a slide, sprinklers and a big blue bucket.

The water park, located at the Big4 Holiday Park was officially open on Monday by Member for Dubbo Troy Grant, before mayor Mathew Dickerson gave it a test run.

"Only in Dubbo would you get the mayor turn up to an official opening in board shorts, a rashie and a GoPro," Mr Grant said.

Unfortunately for residents of Dubbo, the park can only be used by guests or the registered friends of guests.

However, Mr Grant said water parks and slides were a great way of entertaining kids while the parents relaxed.

The water playground is expected to help the NSW government fulfill their goal to double overnight visitor expenditure by 2020.

When the jumping pillows were installed in the park the average stay of visitors increased from 1.1 days to two, Mr Grant said.

"We know when people come to Dubbo they have to travel and we want them to stay in Dubbo just that little bit longer," he said.

The Big4 was given \$500,000 through the state government's

Regional Visitor Economy Fund, which allowed them to build both the water park and four new premium cabins.

Mr Grant said the government wanted to enhance the attractions across regional NSW without repeating what was already available.

Dubbo mayor Mathew Dickerson said he was often asked why there were not more water parks at Dubbo.

"The water slide is good but we've already got one of those in Dubbo. The thing that's most impressive is the water theme park and the different elements they have with that," Cr Dickerson said.

He also believed it would help keep people in Dubbo for longer.

"My kids have been at the one in Homebush and they have a great time," Cr Dickerson said.

Mr Grant also used the opening to congratulate Cr Dickerson on being re-elected as mayor and said he was doing a great job.

LEFT: Dubbo mayor Mathew Dickerson gave his thumbs up to the tipping bucket at the Big4 Holiday Park's new water park.

Photo: BROOK KELLEHEAR-SMITH

Zoo2Zoo raises \$160,000 for charity

FORMER Dubbo man Vincent Butcher was "a bit sore" after completing the Zoo2Zoo charity ride at the weekend but said it was a "fantastic experience".

Mr Butcher, who now lives at Coffs Harbour, was among the group that left Taronga Zoo in Sydney on Friday and arrived at Taronga Western Plains Zoo on Sunday afternoon, raising more than \$160,000 for the Black Dog Institute.

Not unexpectedly, the ride had contained "a lot of hills and hot work in between", Mr Butcher said.

"It was a bit tough going through the Blue Mountains, Mount Lambie and The Rocks at Bathurst, and there were lots of little sharp climbs," he said.

The teamwork demonstrated by those involved outshone any hardship the terrain threw at the riders, Mr Butcher said.

A wide range of ages and abilities had formed part of the group, Mr Butcher said, and it had been good to see the stronger riders helping the not-so-strong ones, along with the efforts of support crew volunteers who helped replace bike chains and completed all manner of other tasks along the way.

Meanwhile communities along the way such as Yeoval and Cumnock had benefitted from the influx of cyclists supporting local businesses on their way through, he said.



Organiser Andrew McKay with participants in this year's Zoo2Zoo ride.

Photo: KATHRYN O'SULLIVAN

Mr Butcher said he was inspired to complete the ride after speaking with the ride's organiser, Andrew McKay.

"I've known Andrew's family for a long time and was inspired by the fantastic job he does in organising this," he said.

"Dubbo should be very proud of what he does."

And while he might take some time to recover before undertaking any more marathon rides, Mr Butcher said he was now "hooked" and his first Zoo2Zoo ride would by no means be his

last.

"It's a way to raise awareness of mental illness, which is very important, and I'd urge anyone to get involved," he said.

"You don't even have to ride a bike, there are lots of other ways you can volunteer to help."

Two visitors to jail caught with drugs, cigarettes

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"Visitors caught bringing contraband into prisons face penalties of up to two years' imprisonment. Another penalty is a ban on visits of up to two years," Commissioner Severin said.

"Any contraband that enters the prison environment - including illegal and prescription drugs

- presents a major risk to the health, safety and security of inmates.

"This operation shows visitors trying to bring in contraband will be caught and face criminal charges as well as being refused entry."

Minister for Corrections David Elliott said Corrective Services

NSW would continue to show no tolerance for contraband.

"We have never been more serious about preventing contraband from entering prisons, and visitors can be guaranteed specialist search teams are a regular presence through rolling operations at centres around the state," Mr Elliott said.

"In 2014, Security Operations Group officers and K9 teams conducted more than 103,000 visitor searches at correctional facilities across NSW, resulting in 160 visitors being charged and 574 being denied entry.

"I thank the officers who made the discovery for their vigilance and keeping this contraband out."