

One-stop book helps solve mystery

By NICOLE KUTER

OBERON resident Janet Poole may have found the meaning of life and she's ready to share it.

The award-winning author said over the past seven years she was on a mission to solve the human mystery. Her results can be found in her book *How to Get Anything You Want-Just Like That*.

She said the book inspired people to take control of their lives. It isn't what happens to you it's what you make happen.

"People believe in fate and luck and that what happens to them is out of their control," she said.

"People don't realise that they influence what happens to them.

"They can do something about it and turn challenges into opportunities and it is a lot easier than people realise."

Since the book hit shelves last year it received rave reviews and was described as a one-stop self help resource.

"I've been told it's the only self-help book you'll ever need," she said.

"It's a one-stop resource for understanding the human mystery and why we are the way we are and in language everybody can understand."

Ms Poole said she had long thought the concept that what you think is what you get, was not enough. She left no stone unturned in her quest to redefine what people think about themselves and their situations in life. She investigated every-

thing from quantum physics to taoism.

"It's been proven that we are so powerful that every day we are creating our own world," she said.

"We can create anything we want in our lives.

"You can always go back to yourself, know how you see yourself in others and how others see you and that will help you tackle problems."

Janet Poole will be signing copies of her book at Earth Spirit in Anson Street, August 4, from 10.30am.

THE MEANING OF LIFE: Author Janet Poole, right, hopes to inspire people to take control of their lives.



Identification code helps disease fight

THOSE of you who have chosen the type of lifestyle celebrated by the late, great yarn spinner, radio personality, author, newspaper columnist, country bluegrass singer and farmer Mick Hayes may or may not be pleased to learn that you will be required to join your colleagues who run commercial cattle and sheep, at least in one small way.

Before I give you the details and rationale for this requirement, I would like to take a minute to remind you of Mick Hayes.

I remember him best for his wonderful series on ABC radio in which he described his life with the child bride, the little bush princess, dunnies, fascist roosters, chooks with an identity crisis and a sheep dog whose talents lay elsewhere, on his small farm, his 'Prickle Farm,' just out of Gundaroo, in the ACT.

Apparently Mick was also a fierce journalist and talented musician playing the guitar, banjo, mandolin and fiddle for the Fabulous Hayes brothers, Copper Kettle and Cactus Jack. He also won the World Yarn Spinning championship defeating Frank Hardy in Darwin in 1991. Sadly, he died just before his 59th birthday in 2003.

Mick spoke for a generation of 'prickle farmers,' people who made the move from the town to the country to engage, for better or worse, in life in the bush with its assorted characters.

You may not regard yourself as a prickle farmer, but if you own horses, deer, bison, buffalo, alpacas and llamas you will soon be required to obtain a Property Identification Code (PIC), a unique identifier, for the land on which you run your stock.

In addition, if you own a range of domesticated birds such as one hundred or more fowl, ducks, geese, turkeys, quail, pigeons, pheasants, guinea fowl or ten or more emus or ostriches, you are also required to obtain a PIC.

Sheep, cattle, goat and pig producers who trade stock will already have one but if you only have a backyard sheep, goat or pet pig you will now need to register for a PIC.

Watt's What

Veterinarian Bruce Watt



Horse owners will remember the distress and disruption caused as Equine Influenza swept through the horse population to the north and west of Sydney in 2007.

Fortunately, the disease was contained and then eradicated, saving the industry millions in future restrictions, illness in horses and vaccination costs.

However, efforts to control horse flu were hindered because authorities did not know the number and location of all of the state's horses. If properties running one or more horses have a PIC, it will be much easier and faster to trace and contain diseases in future.

Property Identification Codes will also help trace, contain and deal with diseases that might spread in deer, alpacas, poultry and other alternate livestock.

Because these animals are raised for human consumption both in Australia and in our export markets, it is vital that we can trace diseases and chemical residues back to the farm of origin as rapidly and efficiently as possible. This will protect both our consumers and our reputation.

You will be required to obtain a PIC for your farm by September 1, 2012.

Further information and registration forms can be obtained from LHPA and DPI offices or online on our website www.lhpa.org.au. If you are not an LHPA ratepayer it will cost you \$66.00 to register for three years.

If you would like to read more about the remarkable Mick Hayes, can I suggest you Google his obituary, written by his friend Ron Miller, entitled 'Prickle Farm's rib tickler signs off.'



Above: Sebastian Merrell and Matilda Bachus.

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Above: Sebastian and Tabitha, front, Beatrix Merrell.

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Above: Daniel and Atticus McGuire.

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Chain grows by the day

The National Year of Reading paper chain at Orange City Library is growing by the day.

Every time someone finishes a book they add a link to the chain. Lengths of the chain are taking over the children's section and moving into junior fiction.

At the rate people are reading books in Orange, there will soon be standing room only at the library.

Anyone can add a link, just call into the library, become a member, borrow a book and fill out a coloured link to add to the chain.

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