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HUNTER SEES THE LIGHT: Gas emissions cut by 24 tonnes



FAMILY HOUR OF POWER: From left, Lexie, Diana, Mark and Julian Millgate, of Kotara, play a board game by candlelight during Earth Hour. — Picture by Darren Pateman

Heroes of the hour

JULIAN and Lexie Millgate, of Kotara, stayed up past their bedtime for their first Earth Hour, playing board games by candlelight with parents Mark and Diana.

The Millgates were among thousands of Hunter families who joined the Earth Hour cause by switching off lights and electrical appliances for an hour on Saturday night.

Newcastle Town Hall (top) was one of the landmark buildings dimmed.

The region's power consumption fell from an average baseline of 531.01 megawatt hours to 508.4 megawatt hours, a 4.3 per cent reduction,



between 8pm and 9pm.

The Hunter switch-off prevented 24 tonnes of greenhouse gas from entering the earth's atmosphere.

That is the equivalent of turning off 1.6 million energy-efficient light globes for an hour or, if sustained for a year, equal to taking 47,200 cars off the road.

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