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Talent on show at the Quilters exhibition



Last weekend was as a quilter's paradise with both the Braidwood and Bungendore Exhibitions. Despite the weather on Saturday a stream of visitors admired the many quilts on display over the two days.

At Bungendore last Friday night, quilter Jill Grant from Canberra officially opened the exhibition. Jill reluctantly made her first quilt at the request of her son back in 2001. In 2002 she went on a Teachers' Japan Tour where she fell in love with Japanese fabrics, especially kimono fabrics. In 2003 her online website was born, KimoYES, selling kimono fabric online. Jill's shopfront opened in Phillip in 2012.

On display was a vintage Japanese Indigo vintage cloth, dating from the 1900's to 1930's. This cloth was an example of the Sashiko repairs, a worker's coat and Jill's magnificent quilt.

The colourful quilts ranged from simple and elegant to huge double-sided pieces of art. The sales table was array with quilted chickens, dinosaurs, lovely table runners and baby mats. The viewer's choice was a difficult decision this year.

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CAM welcomes EU decision on a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty

Climate Action Monaro (CAM) has welcomed the decision by the European Union (EU) calling on nation-states to work on developing a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty (FFNPT).

The resolution also calls for:

- a tangible phase out of fossil fuels as soon as possible to keep 1.5°C within reach
- halting all new investments in fossil fuel extraction
- a global target for tripling renewable energy and doubling energy efficiency by 2030.

The EU decision adds to the momentum building behind the proposed Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty, spearheaded by a bloc of eight countries from the Pacific, the Caribbean and South Asia.

CAM president Ross Martin says the decision is included in the demands the EU is making of the annual UN climate conference (COP28) starting in Dubai next week on 30 November.

"The climate situation is urgent with many more extreme weather events occurring and 2023 likely to be the hottest year ever recorded," says Mr Martin.

"This week the UN released its Emissions Gap report that said we are headed for 3°C of warming. This would be disastrous with widespread famine and parts of the world rendered unliveable.

"We have no hope of staying within 1.5°C, or even 2°C, unless we rapidly phase out fossil fuels and triple renewable energy by the end of the decade. There must be no new investment in oil, gas or coal extraction, anywhere, starting now.

"For too long fossil fuel companies have exerted undue influence over the climate negotiations at the various COPs. This has to stop. These companies have to be sent packing.

"We call the Parties at COP28 to agree on an international agreement that ends the era of fossil fuels fast, fairly and forever."

From your Federal Member for Eden-Monaro

Summer is almost here, the season for sunshine, Christmas carols and end-of-year festivities.

I've had a busy month visiting communities across Eden-Monaro in Cooma, Carwoola, Dalmeny, Eden, Bega, Mystery Bay, and Merimbula.

We had magnificent weather for the Queanbeyan Show that included a moving opening ceremony to acknowledge Remembrance Day. There were lots of family-friendly events and exhibitions for the record turnout crowd to enjoy—and I even got to pet a snake!

The remainder of the year will include the last parliamentary sitting week, a host of end-of-year school presentations, a sod turning at the Queanbeyan Respite Centre site and hopefully some time for Christmas shopping.

This Friday, 1 December I will be available to meet with constituents at my mobile office in Jerrabomberra. I will be joined by Steve Whan, Member for Monaro; and Kenrick Winchester, Mayor of Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council. We will be at Suppeto Collective, Jerrabomberra from 10:30am- 11:30am. I encourage

you to come along and say hello or raise any issues you have.

Next week I will be hosting a community anti-scam forum with The Hon Stephen Jones, Assistant Treasurer and Minister for Financial Services.

The forum will be an opportunity to learn ways to protect yourself from scams, know what to do if you have been targeted by a scam, and hear about the steps the government is taking to crackdown on this crime.

You will hear direct from Minister Jones and there will be the opportunity to ask questions. I hope to see you there.

Date: Tuesday 5 December 2023
Time: 3pm - 4.30pm
Location: Bicentennial Hall, Queanbeyan
RSVP: www.kristymcbain.com.au/events/events/anti-scam-forum-queanbeyan

If you need any assistance with a federal issue, please don't hesitate to contact my office on 02 6284 2442 or email Kristy.McBain.MP@aph.gov.au

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Have your say on the Draft Roadside Vegetation Management Policy and Plan

QPRC

We are seeking community feedback on our Draft Roadside Vegetation Management Policy and Plan. Roadside vegetation is managed as part of the routine work undertaken by Council, and the draft Policy and Plan guides future road related construction and maintenance.

Road verges are key parts of our natural ecosystem, and often contain the last examples of intact native habitats in heavily developed areas. Council needs to balance the competing needs of roads, road safety and road infrastructure with the ongoing conservation of roadside verges and reserves.

Go to <https://yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au/roadside-vegetation-management-plan> to view the documents and provide feedback

You can have your say on the draft policy and plan until close of business Wednesday 31 January 2024.

Submissions may be made:

- By commenting on the Your voice page at www.qprc.nsw.gov.au
- By email to council@qprc.nsw.gov.au referencing "Draft roadside vegetation management policy and plan" in the subject line
- By mail to PO Box 90, Queanbeyan NSW 2620

Privacy: Submissions with the author's name and contact details will be provided to Councillors for consideration. However, names and contact information will be removed when the submissions are included in public documents such as Council Business Papers.



Open Mic Gig - Bungendore Community Garden

A local community group, in conjunction with Bungendore Rotary, will be holding an "open mic" event in the Bungendore Community Garden, which is located behind the livestock compound on Turallo Terrace adjacent to the Bungendore Bowling Club.

This event will take place on Sunday December 10, commencing at 12 noon.

A gold coin donation will go towards the community garden.

So, bring your chair, rug, bottle of wine and family and friends and make this an afternoon out. A sausage sizzle will be provided by Bungendore Rotary.

If you are interested in performing, contact John: tomthumb1375@gmail.com, or 0447 069 317



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In keeping with this theme, this year's member's challenge was to make an item which included some Sashiko on it. Sashiko is a Japanese stitching style that was originally used by working class people as a means to mend used clothing and household items. But it is so much more than that! The even, geometric patterns of Sashiko create a beautiful decorative effect, so that they go beyond being purely practical.

Congratulations to all the volunteers and quilters in making 2023 a very successful exhibition.

The Bungendore Quilters Inc
would like to thank the 2023
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Special thanks to Steve, Jeff and Reece for transporting and storage of the stands and equipment.

For all the very talented quilter's out there, I'll leave you with this quote *"To quilt is human. To finish is divine."*
- Unknown

Sharon Baxter-Judge

Last Friday, the second gathering of the new Bungendore Seniors 55+ group was held at the CWA rooms. The morning was full of laughter as new skills were learnt (some quicker than others) and a variety of games played and explored.

Their next get together is on Friday 8 December, at 10am at the Bungendore CWA Rooms, Gibraltar Street, Bungendore. So please come along for a chat, some laughs and some games.

In preparation for the group's regular proposed get-togethers, the group is after donations of board games, Rummikins or a game (appropriate for seniors) that you may have at home collecting dust.

Bungendore Seniors 55+ Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 20th December - 12 noon
The George Bar & Dining restaurant, Lake George
Hotel, Bungendore

Lunch will be a chicken and vegie roast (small plate) with a sticky date pudding (small plate) for \$25 per person.

Bookings are **essential** please call/text
0419 025 533 or
email: info@regionalindependent.com.au

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Our much-loved Queanbeyan Multicultural Festival is coming back to Queanbeyan Park on Sunday 3 March 2024 and we are looking for stallholders to help us make the event bigger and better than ever!

This is a great opportunity to celebrate and showcase all the different cultures that make our community so great through food, drinks, activities, merchandise, and performances.

Find out more and apply on our website

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December - January exhibition opens this Saturday at the Bungendore Fine Art Gallery

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Join us for drinks and nibbles and meet the artists 1-3pm Sat 2 December.

Whiskey and Pomegranates, Jervis Bay Shallows, Red Centre, Parrots and more!

These are some of the delightful paintings on display at the Bungendore Fine Art Gallery from Saturday 2 December 2023 to 29th January 2024.

After a successful group exhibition last year, the artists, Edwina Walsh, Irena Zarebski, Annette Rennie, Sue Rabbige, Gay Mouat, Trish Dillon and John Bosler are returning for a second exhibition. The painting subjects are diverse and reflect the interest of each artist. Some scenes are inspired by travel and others by domestic collectables or imagination. We hope the public enjoy



viewing the exhibition as much as the group enjoyed painting them “

Bungendore Fine Art Gallery

42b Ellendon Street, Bungendore 2621

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Shop & Win: Week one winners announced

Congratulations to week one Shop and Win winners, Jon Hyles for Bungendore and Ian Saunders for Braidwood.

Shop and Win continues across Braidwood and Bungendore. Now in its sixth year, the promotion will run through to Friday December 15 when the major prize winners will be announced. Shop local this Christmas and you could be in the running for a chance to win one of the weekly \$500 prizes drawn. The next weekly draw is Thursday November 30, and then December 7 and 14, or the major prize of \$5,000 which will be drawn on Friday December 15.

The 2023 promotion sees over 80

participating business across both Braidwood and Bungendore. There's something for everyone to spend their winnings on.

All business are listed via their location on the Treasure Trail website, they're easy to view, just follow the QR code on the Shop and Win ticket when you spend a minimum of \$20 per transaction at any participating business or look out for the red Shop and Win poster in business windows.

For more information head to <https://www.queanbeyanpalerang.com.au/visit/>

Remember to shop local this Christmas, you'll be spoilt for choice.

Are you eligible for carer financial support?

National Seniors Australia

Here's a guide to government support for those who care for others.

Did you know that people who give constant care to someone with a disability or a medical condition, or an adult who is frail aged, could be eligible for a government payment?

Two types of income support payment are available to carers: Carer Payment and Carer Allowance.

Carer Payment

This is for people who give constant care to someone with disability, a medical condition, or an adult who is frail aged. Constant care means you provide care for a large amount of time daily, roughly equating to a normal working day.

If this care stops you from working full time, this payment could be for you.

The Carer Payment is a replacement source of income, while the Carer Allowance is a fortnightly supplement to your normal income. You need to have been caring for six months.

According to Australian Bureau of Statistics figures, 304,500 Australians were receiving the payment on 31 March 2023.

Of these, more than 1 in 4 (28%) recipients were aged 55 to 64, with 60,800 recipients aged 65 and over. According to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, these numbers have risen in recent years in line with increases to the qualifying age for the Age Pension.

You can start your claim at any time, you don't need to wait six months. This payment, paid fortnightly, is also for those people caring for someone at the end of their life.

Assets and income tests apply as part of the payment eligibility.

Services Australia advises that the amount of Carer Payment you can get depends on your personal circumstances. This includes any income you or your partner get from employment. Carer Payment is taxable if you or the person you care for are Age Pension age.

If you are eligible for the Age Pension, you will need to choose between receiving the Carer Payment or the Age Pension.

Carer Allowance

Carer Allowance is a supplementary payment for those who care for someone who needs daily support. To be eligible, the person you care for has a terminal medical condition or needs ongoing daily assistance for at least 12 months.

To get this payment, you and the person



you care for will need to meet some conditions.

If you are working or studying full time, you can claim Carer Allowance in addition to any other income support payments, such as the Disability Support Pension, Youth Allowance for Students and Australian Apprentices, and Parenting Payment.

The payment rates for the Carer Allowance are reviewed on 1 January each year. For 2023, the allowance is \$144.80 each fortnight if you are providing care to someone aged 16 or older.

There is no assets test for the Carer Allowance, but there is an income test. To be eligible, you and your partner's combined adjusted taxable income must be under \$250,000 a year.

Annual and one-off payments

If you get a Carer Payment, Carer Allowance, or both, you may also be eligible for other payments.

Carer Supplement is an annual payment. It helps cover costs when caring for someone with disability or a medical condition. You'll get this automatically if you're getting an eligible carer payment for a period that includes 1 July.

Additional payments if you care for a child. Child Disability Assistance Payment is an annual payment if you get Carer Allowance. You'll get this automatically if you get Carer Allowance for a period that includes 1 July and provide care for a child with disability or a severe medical condition.

Carer Adjustment Payment is a one-off payment for carers of a child younger than seven years. It helps families with a child diagnosed with a severe medical condition or disability following a catastrophic event. You'll need to show a strong need for financial help when you claim this payment.

More information is available at <https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au> - search "carers payment"

Further reading: *Services Australia, Super Guide*

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QPRC : Meeting summary Wednesday 22 November 2023

Here is the summary of the Council meeting that was held in Braidwood on Wednesday 22 November. The archived recording of the meeting is available at: <https://webcast.qprc.nsw.gov.au/archive/video23-1122.php>

- Council approved the Leave of Absence application for Cr Bryce Wilson for the 13 December 2023 Council meeting
- Following the recent Tidy Towns Awards held in Scone on 4 and 5 November, the following presentations were made. QPRC's Coordinator of Projects and Technical, Debbie Sibbick, presented the Braidwood Youth Performing Arts Association (BYPAA) and the Braidwood Community Association (BCA) with the award won for the 'Community Skate Park Project Braidwood', from the In the Bush Spirit category. This was a joint project with the community and QPRC. QPRC's Waste Minimisation Officer, Vanessa Palmer, presented Bungendore Rotary with the Resource Recovery and Waste Minimisation award for the project 'Another Moving Feast project'. Vanessa also presented Mayor Winchester with the award QPRC won for the Queanbeyan FOGO Project (Food Organics and Garden Organics - Feeding Soil) in the circular economy category. For further information on the 2023 Tidy Towns Winners, the book can be downloaded at: <https://www.kabnsw.org.au/download/9218/?tmstv=1698643391>
- Council heard from six members of the public who made

presentations about a development at 11 Buttler Street Queanbeyan; construction of an Emergency Services Facility and Community Centre at Mongarlowe; and the Braidwood Structure Plan.

Council granted approval to variations of the Queanbeyan DCP 2012 and granted conditional consent for development application for residential flat building at 11 Buttler Street, Queanbeyan East

- Council granted conditional approval for construction of emergency services facility/community centre at 5 Galway Street, Mongarlowe
- Council received submissions report on discussion paper for Braidwood Structure Plan, will update to correct errors and clarifications, will consult with First Nations communities associated with the Braidwood area, and prepare a draft Braidwood Structure Plan
- Council adopted in principle the name 'Marland Court' as proposed name for two new roads located off Envirova Drive, Envirova and will advertise the proposed road name for public comment for 28 days
- Council approved progress of draft planning proposal to reclassify 19 Gibraltar Street, Bungendore from 'community land' to 'operational land' and will forward to NSW DPE to seek Gateway determination. Following Gateway determination, it will be placed on public exhibition
- Council agreed to classify 202 Tarago Road, Bungendore as

operational land upon transfer of ownership to Council. The land will be used as a landscaping buffer

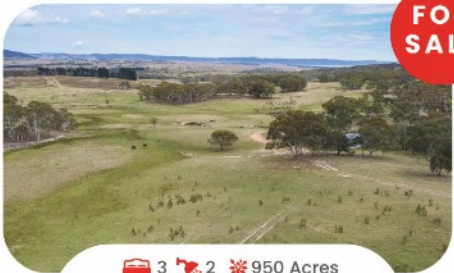
- Council approved a Cultural Assistance Grant of \$1,000 to the Canberra Tamil School of Canberra Association to provide costumes for a school dance performance at the Diwali Mela Lantern Festival
- Council endorsed a 12-month Licence Agreement with Queanbeyan Lions Club to operate a community facility and book exchange at Queanbeyan Park, will advertise the licence agreement, and will seek Ministerial consent for a 5 year Licence Agreement
- Council endorsed the Annual Report 2022-23
- Council received Investment Report for October 2023, noting return was \$492,542
- Council will place the draft Roadside Vegetation Management Policy and draft Roadside Vegetation Management Plan on public exhibition, to close on 31 January 2024, at <https://yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au>
- Council will place the draft Data Breach Policy on public exhibition at <https://yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au>
- Council adopted the Crown Road Management Policy
- Council received information report with responses to Councillor questions on the Bungendore Cemetery
- Council received information report on the Queanbeyan Sewage



Treatment Plant replacement project

- Council received information report about the Queanbeyan to Bungendore bulk water supply pipeline proposal
- Council noted the minutes of the Cultural Development and Public Art Advisory Committee of 13 July 2023, endorsed recommendations to change Terms of Reference and that Committee develop a Cultural Policy to replace 2017 Cultural Plan
- Council received information report about the establishment and meetings of the Ellerton Drive Extension Working Group
- Council received information report on Councillor workshops held between 21 October to 15 November 2023 including QPRC Waste Management Guidelines for Development and Ashby Estate Scoping Proposal
- Council noted the minutes of the QPRC Sports Council held on 6 November 2023

- Council noted Bungendore Town Centre and Environs Committee 16 October meeting minutes, endorsed Lesley Harris and Graham Judge to fill vacancies, amended Terms of Reference to increase representatives, and endorsed Brent Riseborough and Gary Harb to fill vacancies
 - Council will allocate in the 2023/24 Operational Plan, up to \$15,000 for the purpose of completing the works at Riverside Oval Canteen, from savings in the Councillor Remuneration budget
 - In closed session Council adopted recommendations to provide funding under the QPRC Local Heritage Places Grant Program
 - In closed session, Council authorised General Manager to negotiate acquisition of rear portion of 17 Gibraltar St, Bungendore for use as carpark. When acquired, will be vested as operational land, along with the 16m2 compulsorily acquired from 29 Ellendon St
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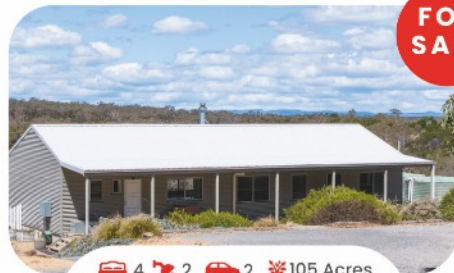
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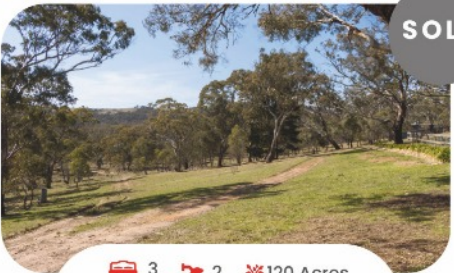
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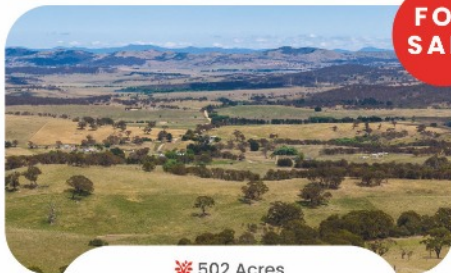
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Community News

More volunteers needs in 2024 to provide ethics classes for children across the region

The Primary Ethics program is now operating in all four government primary schools in Queanbeyan, and is also offered at primary schools in Queanbeyan, Bungendore, Jerrabomberrah and Sutton Public schools.

The program was introduced over 10 years ago to provide an option for children who do not attend scripture classes, with lessons delivered by volunteers from the school community, as well as the broader community.

There are currently about 40,000 NSW children attending weekly ethics classes in 500 NSW schools.

In the lessons, children listen to a range of stories and scenarios pitched at their age level that raise ethical issues and then share ideas on what they think they ought to do in these situations.

Regional Manager Jim Neely, who is also a volunteer ethics teacher, said that it is wonderful to see the children develop their critical thinking skills, in learning how to make well considered decisions based on logic and reason, rather than, say, based on peer pressure.

“In the world they are growing up in it is so important for children to have these skills and what I love about teaching ethics is listening to the students share their ideas and seeing them grow in confidence as the year progresses”, he said.

Fellow volunteer at Queanbeyan South Public School, Christine Huber, says:

“As someone who enjoys thinking about the shades of grey in life and what it takes to live a good life, the opportunity to train and volunteer with Primary Ethics seemed logical to me. As well as developing some new skills and knowledge for

myself, the chance to give to the school community by helping students to develop critical thinking skills makes the role really rewarding. One of the best things about joining this program at QSPS has been the fantastic thoughts that the students come up with in our discussions on some really engaging topics.”

Jim said that volunteers come from all walks of life, and you don’t need any teaching experience, with all the lesson materials provided by Primary Ethics. He said that free training is provided by Primary Ethics, which can be done on-line or in person.

“As the commitment only involves about an hour a week during school term, many of the volunteers are working and are able to fit it into their schedules”.

For more information visit the Primary Ethics website:



primaryethics.com.au, or contact Jim at jim.neely@primaryethics.com.au or on 0451 517 815.

Image supplied of volunteer ethics teachers Jim Neely, Dan Wheelahan and Christine Huber

Bungendore CWA

Bungendore Christmas Market.

A reminder that the branch will have a stall at the Village Square Christmas Market on Saturday 2 Dec from 9 am - 2pm. Lots of jams, relish's, knitted items, crafted items and CWA books will be available. Why not consider a CWA Cook book for a Christmas gift, along with a jar of homemade jam.

2024 Calendars

Roses of our Region. You can purchase your 2024 CWA Calendar with photos of glorious roses from members gardens. Copies are available from Bendigo Bank, the Post Office and at the Memorial Hall markets. They will also be available at the December 2 Christmas markets in the village square.

Regular Happenings:

BRANCH MEETING: 10am 2nd Monday each Month. We welcome New Members. Under 18? Become a Junior Member for \$1.00 per year

CRAFT and CHAT: 4th Monday of every month at 10 am

MAHJONG: 4th Tuesday of every month at 10am. All funds raised from Mahjong are donated to the CWA of NSW current Medical Research Project: ovarian cancer.



BOOK CLUB: 1st Wednesday each month 11.15 for 11.30am

GARDEN CLUB: 3rd Saturday of every month at 2pm

Bungendore CWA Rooms, 40 Gibraltar Street, Bungendore

To find out more information about the branch and to become a member just head to www.bungendorecwa.org



2024 Scholarship program open to young people of Braidwood and Bungendore area

This year, two Braidwood area and two Bungendore area students will again benefit from our scholarship program, which will supplement their study costs in their first year of higher education.

Braidwood & Bungendore Community Banks Chairman Garry Cook said the Community Bank Scholarship Program, which closes on 31 January 2024, was launched because the Banks’ Board of Directors believes education is a key tool for local students to be able to pursue their ambitions.

‘By helping young people develop & enhance their skills, either at university or at TAFE, the returns for the students, their families and the local community go beyond employment, and extend to developing a conscious public spiritedness in a future that will have many changes & challenges.’

‘The Community Bank Scholarship Program is a transformative undertaking that changes the lives of local students, strengthens communities for the long term and is a tangible example of the good that banking with us can achieve.’

“Our young people are our future and we believe they deserve the best support possible to help forge their careers and achieve their dreams.”

Successful Braidwood & Bungendore Community Bank Scholarship applicants will initially receive funding for one year and depending on academic performance, the scholarship may be renewed to assist in the second year of their study.

For students commencing tertiary studies in 2024, applications are open until, 31 January 2024. In early February 2024, eligible students will be assessed following an interview, and notified of the results.

For coordinator of the program, Dale Towell, 2024 marks the sixth year during which she has been guiding this process for our community bank. ‘It’s a pleasure every year, to meet our student cohort, to hear their stories, to offer them this opportunity and to provide a little kick start to their tertiary studies. This program provides financial assistance to University and TAFE students enrolling for the first time in



tertiary study.’ Dale went on to say ‘We encourage every eligible student to submit an application. The experience gained through the application/interview process alone, is invaluable. ... and we look forward as always to meeting each one.’

The Braidwood & Bungendore Community Bank Scholarship is part of the Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Scholarship Program, which partners with Community Bank branches, Rural Bank and The University of Melbourne.

For eligibility criteria & other information visit www.bendigobank.com.au/scholarships.

Anti-Scam Forum

with

Kristy McBain
Member for Eden-Monaro

Stephen Jones
Assistant Treasurer and Minister for Financial Services

Tuesday, 5 December 2023

3pm - 4.30pm

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Community News

Burra Community Shed: can you assist?

For people that don't know where Burra NSW 2620 is, it is a small rural location 40 minutes drive south east from Canberra/Queanbeyan in the beautiful Burra Valley. We don't have any schools or shops, just rural fresh air, views and peace.

We are starting up a Community Shed for men and women (in the line of Men's Sheds across Australia). We have approval from Queanbeyan Palerang Regional Council to build The Shed at Burra Park. The Council has already donated time and materials to excavate the site and poured the concrete slab ready for The Shed.

We are looking for funds to start construction, below is a list of amounts for different parts of the building with a timeframe for funds to be donated:

- \$9,200 for the steel structure consisting of materials for roof and wall sheeting, galvanised purlins/girts and miscellaneous items (bolts, screws, brackets, roof insulation etc) to construct The Shed (volunteers from Burra will assemble the shed). Money promised by 6/12/23 in order to buy the materials. Cut-off date for material processing 8/12/23 for delivery by Christmas and assembly in January 2024.
- \$6,500 for electrical equipment consisting of materials and labour for upgrade to Burra Hall Annex electrical board, power points and LED lighting in the new shed. Money promised by late January 2024 for installation January/February 2024.
- \$2,500 supply and fit of an electrically operated roller door.

Money promised by late January 2024 for installation January/February 2024.

- \$4,000 for supply of the entrance door, internal cladding, insulation and miscellaneous items (volunteers from Burra will install these materials).

In Burra we have different community groups all women oriented (Quilters and knitters, art and craft, book reading, gardening). These all meet on a regular basis. We have no community group for men so there are not the regular interactions as the women have for discussions and helping each other in hands-on activities. This project will be a perfect activity for the mental and physical wellbeing of the



locals.

So, we are looking for funds in the different stages of the construction of The Burra Community Shed.

We have volunteers ready to go for the construction.

We have people ready to start to use The Shed to create items for the wider community (namely schools, preschools, retirement

villages and any other people and organisations.

We have already had donations of tools and equipment to start producing items.

If you can help, give me, John Convine a call on 0417676664 to discuss.

On behalf of the Burra Community Association and The Burra Community Shed.

Tens of thousands more Fee-Free TAFE places for NSW

Both state and federal governments recently announced a further 147,400 Fee-Free TAFE places will be available in New South Wales over the next three years, giving more people the opportunity to study for future jobs in areas where the economy needs them most.

The places are made possible through Commonwealth Government funding of \$130 million, as the governments partner-up to address persistent skills shortages.

The investment also builds on the

success of Fee-Free TAFE in 2023, which attracted record enrolments in NSW. As at 30 June 2023, there were:

- Over 20,700 enrolments in the Care sector
- Over 6,400 enrolments in the Technology and Digital sector
- Over 5,800 enrolments in the Construction sector, and
- Over 5,200 enrolments in Agriculture.

Fee-Free TAFE has resulted in considerable savings for students in NSW.

Students studying a Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care or a Certificate III in School Based Education Support could save up to \$1,600, and those looking to build a career pathway through a Certificate III in Individual Support could save up to \$1,450.

The investment comes less than a month after a national agreement between the Albanese and Minns Governments was reached that will unlock billions of dollars to build the skills and prosperity of New South Wales.

NSW Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education Steve Whan MP said,

"This is great news for anyone who's been thinking of trying vocational education and training in NSW - they now have the opportunity to upskill for free in industries aligned to priority skill areas.

"And if you're studying the Certificate III in Civil Construction, you could save up to \$2,100 in fees. Thousands of NSW students will have more money for essentials because of this

initiative.

"Businesses across the state will also find it easier to find the skilled workers they need to fill vacancies - this program supports our state's economy, our students and our businesses."

The landmark five-year National Skills Agreement (NSA) - which will take effect from January next year - was developed under principles agreed by National Cabinet and will embed national cooperation and strategic investment in New South Wales vocational education and training sector.



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Community News

Are self-service checkouts on the way out?

National Seniors Australia

Why a British retailer is replacing its robots and putting humans back behind the counter.

When a new business technology comes along, it's inevitably promoted as being more convenient for the customer.

We've seen that with banks that successfully persuaded us first to use ATMs and then apps on our own phones rather than make transactions over the counter with the help of another human being.

Recently, big supermarkets and other retailers have been replacing staffed counters with "self-checkout" options that require us to do the work formerly done by an employee.

In two or three generations, we've gone from a situation where a person behind a counter fetched our groceries, rang them up on cash register, and then packed them up for us, to having to do the entire process ourselves without any human assistance.

That may be the nature of progress, but is it what we really want?

Well, according to one upmarket

British supermarket chain, the answer is no.

Booths has joined other retailers around the world, including some big chains in the United States, in eliminating self-checkouts or reducing their numbers.

Booths is removing the machines from all but two of its 27 stores because, according to managing director Nigel Murray, "customers have told us over time, that the self-scan machines that we've got in our stores can be slow, they can be unreliable, they're obviously impersonal".

Murray noted that machines relied too much on customers to identify the produce they were buying, whereas a staff member was trained to know the difference between similar items.

"Some customers don't know one different apple versus another, for example," he said. "Rather than artificial intelligence, we're going for actual intelligence."

Australian situation

Gary Mortimer, professor of marketing and consumer behaviour at the QUT Business School in Brisbane, said he didn't believe Australia's major

supermarkets would follow Booths' lead.

"There's certainly some smaller grocers, in South Australia particularly, that don't use self-service registers," he told The New Daily.

"When you are dealing with fast-moving consumable goods, when you're dealing with thousands of customers every day, sometimes these types of technologies do expedite that service process."

Mortimer said Australian supermarkets would probably continue to offer some staffed checkouts for people who did not want to do it themselves.

Downside to technology

One reason that has caused pause for thought among retailers including American giants Costco and Walmart, which are cutting back on the number of self-service machines they use, is that they are expensive to install and maintain.

Another is that they have led to an increase in "shrink" - the disappearance of stock due to shoplifting or other dishonesty.

A survey conducted in Europe and the US found that companies with



self-checkout lanes had a loss rate of about 4%, more than double the industry average.

That is probably the case here too, with recent Monash University research showing that many consumers take a looser ethical approach to using self-service checkouts.

About one-third of survey respondents saw no problem with trying to trick the technology.

37% believed scanning a purchase as a cheaper item was "justifiable".

28% thought it was OK to take an item without paying for it.

30% agreed that it was "fine" to change the price tags on products.

32% said not scanning some items at a self-serve checkout was "fine".

Attitudes differed depending on the age of the respondent, with consumers over the age of 55 likely to be more honest.

Related reading: The New Daily, CNN, The Guardian, The Atlantic

You can take the poll at <https://nationalseniors.com.au/news/news/are-self-service-checkouts-on-the-way-out>

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Small businesses to receive cyber security boost

The Albanese Labor Government will empower small businesses in Eden-Monaro to bolster their cyber security resilience and ability to recover from a cyber attack with the forthcoming 2023-2030 Australian Cyber Security Strategy.

The strategy provides support for small and medium businesses that are more vulnerable to the impacts of cyber incidents and will be critical to businesses in Eden-Monaro.

The Albanese Labor Government is committing \$7.2 million to establish a voluntary cyber health-check program will allow businesses to undertake a free, tailored self-assessment of their cyber security maturity.

Member for Eden-Monaro Kristy McBain said, "Small businesses are the heart of our Eden-Monaro communities and the

Government's Cyber Security Strategy aims to give them specialised support and protect them from threats".

"We know that cyber attacks can cause serious financial and reputational damage to businesses of all sizes.

"Small businesses in Eden-Monaro have already suffered following Covid, bushfires and natural disasters. This is another way we can support our businesses by keeping them safe from cyber security threats."

Businesses across Eden-Monaro can use this health-check to determine the strength of their cyber security measures, and access educational tools and materials they need to upskill.

Small and medium businesses with higher risk exposure will also be able to access a more

sophisticated, third-party assessment to provide additional security across national supply chains.

The Albanese Labor Government will also invest \$11 million in the Small Business Cyber Resilience Service which will provide one-on-one assistance to help small businesses navigate their cyber challenges, including walking them through the steps to recover from a cyber attack.

This commitment to cyber security is vital to our security and economic prosperity, especially for Eden-Monaro's 4,822 small businesses.

For more information visit: <https://www.cyber.gov.au/resources-business-and-government/essential-cyber-security/protecting-your-business-and-employees/test-your-cyber-security>

Lunch + Making Twiddle Muffs: next get together Wed Dec 6

Lions Club Bungendore and District are making Twiddle Muffs. So, what are Twiddle Muffs? They provide a source of visual, tactile and sensory stimulation at the same time as keeping your hands warm. They have also been shown to have benefits for patients with learning disabilities and patients receiving chemotherapy. They are also used to entertain people with dementia and keep them occupied.

The club have been making twiddle muffs for Queanbeyan hospital dementia patients. They can be knitted or crocheted and are made up of 'twiddles' that are attached inside and out. They are designed to provide stimulation activity for restless hands or disoriented or confused patients particularly or

nursing homes they are usually labelled with the patient's name to help prevent any cross infection and the patients will be able to take them home with them, so there is always a need for many more to be made.

If you would like to help, or simply learn how to knot, the group catch up every first Wednesday of the month at The Gathering Cafe, Bungendore from 12 noon. Lunch can be purchased (at own expense).



Captains Flat Men's Shed Car Boot Sale + Markets this Saturday

The Captains Flat Men's Shed Car Boot Sale is on Saturday, the 2nd of December, along with the

Captains Flat Community Markets in Winchester Park, Captains Flat.

There will be Santa, side show treats, coffee cart, sausages BBQ, and much more.

Stall holders welcome \$10 site fee.



You are invited to a Community Blue Christmas

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3rd December
2023

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If you are feeling sad and are missing a loved one this Christmas, we invite you to join us at a special gathering to honour and commemorate those who have passed.

There will be time to reflect on treasured memories, precious times together and the love you shared.

You are invited to hang a Christmas decoration on the Christmas Tree in memory of your loved one.

Community News

How you can help with this year's Bungendore Christmas Hamper Appeal 2023

For many years now the combined churches of Bungendore along with local community groups and Bendigo Bank have worked together to bring a bit of Christmas spirit to local families and individuals in need of some extra support close to Christmas.

We have achieved this by organising and delivering Christmas hampers across the communities of Bungendore and Captains Flat. We rely on the generous support from our community to help make this happen. Last year we distributed over 100 hampers, this could not have been achieved without the generous support of local businesses, groups and individuals.

With the cost of living rather high, this

year we are expecting to provide Christmas Hampers to more people, living in the Bungendore and Captains Flat area.

This year we are requesting community members to nominate folk who they know could do with a blessing this Christmas in the way of a Christmas Hamper. The hampers will include food, something Christmassy and gifts (age appropriate for children and teens).

If you would like to contribute financially, donate a \$20 gift card or if your community group or business would like to organise a small food drive then please contact either church (St Mary's: bungendore@cg.org.au & St Philips:

contact@bungendoreanglican.org.au), the Bungendore Food Hub, drop it in to Phil's Emporium or contact Chloe Pailthorpe via email chloe@bungendoreanglican.org.au

Please also contact the churches or the mentioned email to nominate a person or family, living in the Bungendore / Captains Flat area, for a hamper.

All nominations will be kept confidential. Please have your nominations in by 10th December and all food drives organised by 15th December. Thank you.

Chloe Pailthorpe
On behalf of the Combined Churches Hamper Committee



HOW YOU YOU CAN HELP

- Donate a \$20 gift card
- Organise a small food drive

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- Please contact the churches or the above email to nominate a person or family, living in the Bungendore / Captains Flat area for a hamper.

Engagement in creative art offers significant benefits to people living with dementia

Dementia Australia has launched a discussion paper at a Federal Parliamentary Friends of Dementia event in Canberra. The paper, 'I believe in the magic of it': creative arts engagement, wellbeing and dementia, explores how engaging people living with dementia in the creative arts can improve their wellbeing.

Dementia Australia CEO Maree McCabe AM said the range of benefits creative arts provides includes cognitive and physical stimulation, social engagement, creative expression, and a sense of identity and purpose.

"Dementia is one of the most significant health and social challenges facing Australia and the world, with more than 400,000 Australians currently living with dementia," Ms McCabe said.

"Engagement in creative arts can offer significant benefits in dementia risk reduction and disease management.

"Carers and family members also benefit through their own involvement in arts-based activities and improved wellbeing and quality of life of the person they are supporting."

The paper explains that an absence of a definitive disease-modifying treatment for dementia, and the limited efficacy of pharmacological approaches, has focussed the attention of researchers and practitioners on the importance of psychosocial approaches to support the wellbeing of people living with dementia.

Researchers looking at the benefits of creative arts engagement for people living with dementia have

predominantly focused on activities involving painting, listening to and making music, dancing, singing, reminiscing, storytelling, and life review.

Col and Shirley Blake have been married for 50 years and for the past seven years Shirley has lived with dementia and Col has been her carer. They have always taken part in creative activities, including working as extras in film and TV productions and jive dancing, which has become even more important since Shirley's dementia diagnosis.

Mr Blake believes that social engagement, as much as the creative activity itself, offers them a tangible benefit.

"When we jive, Shirley hasn't got dementia...it is something she can do without thinking about it...she gets so much enjoyment out of it. She's more relaxed and more of her old self," Mr Blake said.

Dr Janet Thomas was diagnosed with dementia shortly before turning 70 and has had a lifelong fascination with reading, writing, studying and teaching literature.

Dr Thomas has always believed in the benefits of writing and observes that her diagnosis of dementia has made her reflect on her creative practice.

"The bottom line for me since I got my diagnosis is how do I go out into the world and show that I'm still functioning...that we still have something to contribute, we can still be creative, we can continue to be engaged," Dr Thomas said.

Ms McCabe said the evidence in this paper should be used as a guide to ensure people living with dementia, their families and carers have access to creative art programs in their communities.

"During the event, Dementia Australia called on Members of Parliament to use this evidence and advocate to their electorates including multicultural and business leaders to ensure people living with dementia, their families and carers have access to and are included in the development and content of arts programs," Ms McCabe said.

"It is clear that engaging in the creative arts can and does make a critical contribution to supporting the wellbeing of people living with dementia, their families and carers."

Dementia Australia is the source of trusted information, education and services for the estimated more than 400,000 Australians living with dementia, and the more than 1.5 million people involved in their care.

We advocate for positive change and support vital research. We are here to support people impacted by dementia, and to enable them to live as well as possible. No matter how you are impacted by dementia or who you are, we are here for you.

For support, please contact the National Dementia Helpline on 1800 100 500. An interpreter service is available. The National Dementia Helpline is funded by the Australian Government. People looking for information can also visit dementia.org.au

Australia Day Award nominations close this Friday

Australia Day Award nominations are open for 2024. Australia Day awards are an opportunity to recognise outstanding contributions to our local communities.

The Young Citizen Award is open to people between 14 and 26 years of age on 26 January 2024 and the Citizen Award is open to people over 27 years of age. The Community Event of the Year Award recognises the best conducted events between November 2022 and October 2023.

Recipients will be recognised at separate events for the Braidwood, Bungendore, Captains Flat and Queanbeyan communities.

Criteria for eligibility for the citizen awards includes contribution to the community including the length and quantity of service, including individual acts of compassion, generosity, and bravery. People who have previously been nominated but have not received an award are eligible to be nominated again, however, people cannot nominate themselves. Clubs, associations and individuals can nominate a person, but clubs, associations and

organisations cannot be nominated for these awards.

The Event of the Year is open to any event that has contributed to the Queanbeyan-Palerang community and has not received an award in the past.

Nominations can be made online on Council's website or a hardcopy form can be downloaded and sent to the Secretary of the Australia Day Annual Community Awards Committee via email to council@qprc.nsw.gov.au or mailed to PO Box 90, Queanbeyan NSW 2620.

Nominators are reminded to make sure that they provide enough information for judging purposes and that all information provided is accurate and specific.

To learn more and submit your nominations by 4:30pm Friday 1 December, visit www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/Community/Australia-Day-Awards





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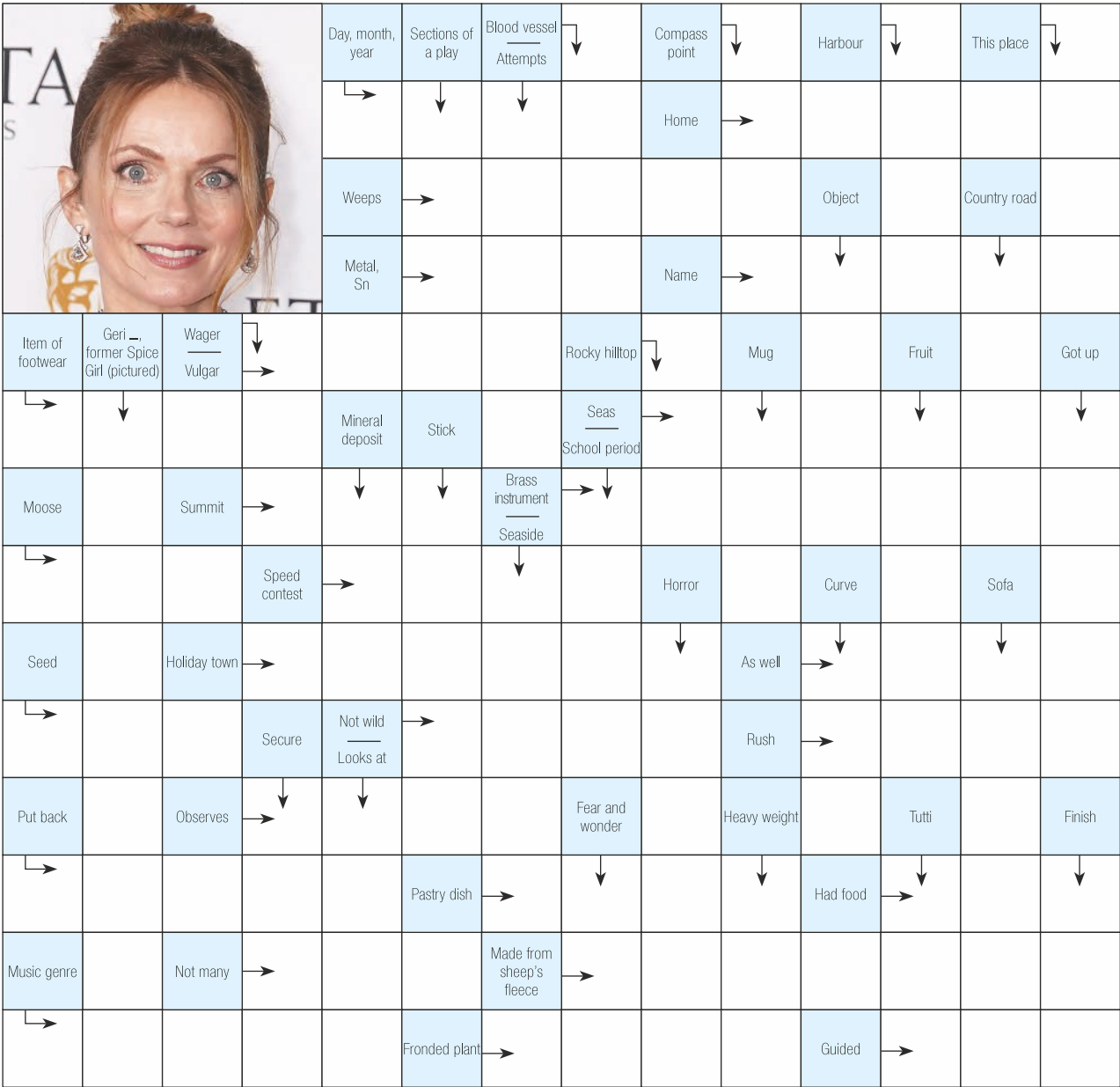
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Puzzles

Arrow-word

The clues are printed in what would normally be the 'black' squares in a crossword. Follow the arrows from each clue to write in the answers.



Sudoku

3		5						
						6	8	
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	5	6						
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Sudoku, it's a game of deduction rather than maths. Fill each row, column and 3x3 square with the numbers 1 - 9, without repeating. Each number can only appear once in each row, column, and frame.

E	R	E
I	T	A
T	N	N

Target Time

Target: Average - 40, Good - 50, Excellent - 65+

Using the nine letters in the grid, how many words of four letters or more can you make? The centre letter must be included and be used only once. Find at least one nine letter word.

Crossword

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- Across
- 1 Decanter
- 4 Appear unexpectedly (4,2)
- 8 Memento
- 12 Social scientist
- 14 Insurance payment
- 15 Leans
- 17 Forcing out of a position
- 18 Leather purse
- 19 Bottom of a skirt
- 23 Telephone
- 25 Puzzled
- 28 Papas (coll)
- 29 Cuban leader, Fidel
- 30 Undid shoelaces, etc
- 32 Compulsory
- 34 Seats
- 35 Grassed area
- name
- 47 Cut thinly
- 48 Windmill blade
- 49 Near
- 50 Shopping complex

Brain Alert

Boost your brain power! Complete each of these puzzles as fast as you can and record your time.

Word Find 108

Find the following words in the grid.

G	A	T	P	T	S	Apron	Grip	Tie
A	A	P	I	I	K	Arc	Hem	Urge
P	H	E	R	B	S	Asks	Herbs	Use
E	U	L	G	O	A	Bit	Pat	
D	S	T	E	R	N	Born	Put	
M	E	H	C	N	U	Due	Sir	
						Gap	Stern	
						Glue	Tag	



Word Sudoku 109

Enter the word ROCK in each row, column and 2x2 square, in each combination there should be only one of each letter.

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C	R		

Sudoku 0106

Enter the numbers 3-6 in each row, column and 2x2 square, in each combination there should be only one of each number.

	3		5
	6		
	5		3

Word Find	Word Sudoku	Sudoku

Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council

FOR YOUR INFORMATION



Community Christmas Parties

Christmas is just around the corner and so are the Community Christmas Parties!

The **Bungendore Community Christmas Party** is on Saturday 9 December, from 3-7pm at Mick Sherd Oval. Enjoy entertainment, delicious food, free family activities, and a visit from Santa.

The Jerrabomberra Residents Association is hosting **Carols @ Jerra** at David Madew Oval on 9 December from 6pm. The Western Winds, a 40 piece concert band, will play the music and the Jerrabomberra Community Choir will lead the community in song.

The **Braidwood Christmas Party & Shopping Night** is on Thursday 14 December from 4-8pm. The event is combining late night shopping along Wallace Street and festivities at the National Theatre.

The **Queanbeyan Community Carols and Christmas Party** is on Saturday 16 December at Queanbeyan Park from 3-9pm. Join in with carols, enjoy delicious food and drinks, and free family activities.

► For more information, visit qprc.nsw.gov.au/Events

Australia Day Awards CLOSING SOON

Nominate for the Young Citizen Award, the Citizen Award and the Community Event Award in your community!

These awards are given to outstanding people and events in Braidwood, Bungendore, Captains Flat, and Queanbeyan each year.

► Learn more and submit your nominations by 4:30pm Friday 1 December at qprc.nsw.gov.au/australia-day-awards

Have Your Say

Projects & initiatives open for community comment	Closing Date
Bywong and Wamboin Proposal for Complying Development in C4 Zone	1 December
Draft Master Plan - South Jerrabomberra Regional Job Precinct	1 December
Draft Data Breach Policy	29 January
Draft Roadside Vegetation Management Policy and Plan	31 January

► Find all the details at yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au.

Submissions can be made:

- By registering and commenting via yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au
- By email to council@qprc.nsw.gov.au (referencing the item in the subject line)
- By mail to PO Box 90, Queanbeyan NSW 2620
- Delivered in person to our Queanbeyan, Bungendore or Braidwood offices

Seeking stallholders Queanbeyan Multicultural Festival 2024

Our much-loved Queanbeyan Multicultural Festival is coming back to Queanbeyan Park on Sunday 3 March 2024 and we are looking for stallholders to help us make the event bigger and better than ever!

This is a great opportunity to celebrate and showcase all the different cultures that make our community so great through food, drinks, activities, merchandise, and performances.

► Find out more and apply on our website at qprc.nsw.gov.au/QMCF



Advertising of Notices and Documents under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and Regulations

Notices and documents required to be advertised under NSW planning legislation are published on Council's website.

► Documents can be viewed by accessing bit.ly/DPnotices

Council Meetings and Times

Council holds Ordinary Meetings twice a month on a Wednesday, excluding December and January. Meetings start at 5.30pm. Agendas and business papers for the meetings are available on the Friday prior to the meeting from bit.ly/MinutesAgendas. Meetings are live streamed via bit.ly/QPRCwebcast.

Members of the public can watch the meetings via bit.ly/QPRCwebcast and make a presentation during the public forum via Zoom, by submitting a written presentation, or in person.

Members of the public can make a:

- Written presentation - submit by midday on Tuesday
 - Zoom presentation - register by midday on Wednesday
- Register to make a presentation at bit.ly/QPRCinvolved

Next meeting dates are:

- 13 December
- 24 January

Written Questions on Notice

Questions on notice from the community must be submitted in writing or via email to public.forum@qprc.nsw.gov.au by 12pm on the Wednesday prior to the meeting. All questions and responses will be tabled at each Public Forum, provided to the person who asked the questions and published on our website.

Work with Council

Current vacancies include:

- Animal Management Officer
- Box Office and Engagement Officer
- Team Leader - Workshop
- Town Planner

► For more information and roles see bit.ly/QPRC-Careers



Road Name Notification

Council, in pursuance of Section 163 of the Roads Act 1993 and Part 2 of the Roads Regulation 2008 proposes to use the name Marland Court for a road off Envirova Drive.

► Comments are invited up to 29 January. Learn more at bit.ly/RdNotice

Christmas operating hours

General Council services:

Closed from 1pm 22 December 2023 – 8.30am 2 January 2024

Garbage, Recycling and Greenwaste collection:

Bins normally collected on Monday will be collected on Saturday 23 December, please put bins out the night before. New Years collections will not change.

► For more information and hours of different Council services head to qprc.nsw.gov.au/christmas-new-year-hours

Shop & Win in Braidwood and Bungendore

This year there's over 85 participating businesses involved in Shop & Win across both towns.

Spend \$20 or more for your chance to Win until 15 December. Once again, The Bendigo Community Bank, Braidwood and Bungendore branches have sponsored the weekly \$500 prizes. The major prize winners will be announced on 15 December.

► Learn more and enter at treasuretrail.com.au

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Palerang Financial Services Annual General Meeting held last Thursday nigh at The Carrington Inn, Bungendore



Bungendore Quilters Exhibition last weekend



PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Michelle and junior who visit us sometimes for breakfast Photo: Margaret Robinson

PET OF THE WEEK



Name: Butterscotch
Age : approx 10 mths
Likes: Kale Flowers and grass
Dislikes: everyone - A rescue that's learning to trust humans again after being dumped on the streets

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HOME IN QUEANBEYAN

from: The Hon. Sir William Deane

CAPTAIN BUNgEndore

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Do you have a Photo of the Week? Or, if you would like to see your beloved pet featured in Pet of the Week, please email your photos to info@regionalindependent.com.au

The Regional Independent - letters to the editor need to be no more than 230 words and be received prior to Saturday 6pm. Please email your letters complete with full name, phone contact and address to: info@regionalindependent.com.au

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Public Notices

Bungendore P A & H
Special General Meeting
Wed November 29, 7.30pm

Bungendore P A & H: Special General Meeting

Wed 29th November at 7.30pm
at the Bungendore CWA Rooms, Gibraltar St, Bungendore and also via Zoom

To fill vacant executive positions and appoint a new Chief Pavilion Steward

Please contact Alison Mckenzie
alison.mckenzie@bigpond.com or mobile
0459 688 000 for more details

Queanbeyan Evening Branch
CWA Meeting Tues Dec 12

The next meeting of the Queanbeyan Evening Branch of Country Women's Association (CWA) of NSW is on Tuesday 12th December, 2023 commencing with dinner (if you wish) at 6.00pm at Campbell & George, followed by the meeting at 7.00pm across the road at the Ladies Bowling Club, corner Campbell Street & Canberra Avenue, Queanbeyan. Please note time and location changes.

The CWA aims to improve conditions for country women and children. We reach that aim in various ways including lobbying for change, helping the local community, creating a network of support and meeting together. New members are always very welcome.

For further information or inquiries about us, please contact the Branch Secretary, Shiloh Middlemiss via email: shiloh.middlemiss@gmail.com



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Have you seen the changes to your club over the last few years? Would you like to see it grow even more as a part of our community?

Join us for our AGM and have a say. New committee members are more than welcome.

When: Saturday 16 December
Time: 11am
Where: Bungendore Bowling and Sports Club

RSVP's by Thursday 13 December are essential for catering:
bungendorebowlo@gmail.com

Bungendore Chair Yoga

One hour sessions held each Tuesday at 2.00pm and 3.30pm at the Bungendore Scout hall. Cost \$13 cash per session. If you are new to these sessions, please come 15 minutes early to fill out the paperwork. To book, head to <https://www.agewell.yoga>

Mayor's column

The Wright Park amenities upgrade is taking shape. We hope it will be finished by the end of the year, ready for use in 2024. This new facility will serve the junior rugby league, little athletics and junior cricket clubs that play at Wright Park lower. It has four change rooms, umpire rooms, public toilets, a kiosk/canteen, and lots of secure storage for the clubs to use. This project is being funded by the Australian Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.

We are seeking community feedback on our Draft Roadside Vegetation Management Policy and Plan. Roadside vegetation is managed as part of the routine work undertaken by Council and the draft policy and plan guides future road related construction and maintenance. Road verges are key parts of our natural ecosystem and often contain the last examples of intact native habitats in heavily developed areas. The draft policy and plan will help guide Council to balance the competing needs of roads, road safety and road infrastructure with the ongoing conservation of roadside verges and reserves. To read the draft policy and plan and have your say by Wednesday 31 January 2024, visit yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au/draft-roadside-vegetation-management-policy-and-plan

There are a few other policies and plans available for feedback on our Your Voice page that are closing soon. The South Jerrabomberra Regional Job Precinct Draft Master Plan is open for feedback from businesses, the community and any other interested stakeholders until 1 December. The draft master plan provides a strategic planning framework to guide businesses seeking to establish or expand in the region. To review and comment on the draft master plan, visit www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/draftplans/exhibition/draft-master-plan-south-jerrabomberra-regional-job-precinct. Feedback on the Bywong and Wamboin Proposal for Complying Development in C4 Zone also closes on 1 December. The proposal seeks to expand the range of complying development options available within the C4 Environmental Living Zone of Bywong and Wamboin. To have your say, visit yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au/proposal-for-complying-development-in-c4-zone

Our much loved Queanbeyan Multicultural Festival is coming back to Queanbeyan Park on Sunday 3 March 2024 and we are looking for stallholders to help us make the event bigger and better than ever! This is a great opportunity to celebrate and showcase all the different cultures that make our community so great through food, drinks, activities, merchandise, and performances. To learn more and apply, visit qprc.nsw.gov.au/Events/Queanbeyan-Multicultural-Festival-2024

Cr Kenrick Winchester, Mayor



Queanbeyan Seniors (55+) news

Come and join in the many activities....

Mondays
Chair Yoga - 9.30am,
Mat Yoga - 11.00am

Cost \$10.00 per session for members and \$18.00 per session non members

BYO mat if you have one, some supplied

Bookings essential for Mat Yoga - contact Sue on <https://www.agewell.yoga>

Tuesdays
Zumba - 9.30am - Beginners
Zumba -11am - Normal Impact

Cost \$10.00 per session for members and \$18.00 per session for non-members.

Wednesdays - Mat Yoga - 9.30am

With Louise - no booking required

Cost \$10.00 per session for members and \$18.00 per session non members

BYO mat if you have one, some supplied.

ALL Yoga and Zumba classes are held at the AXIS Centre, 22 Campbell Street (building next to playground in Queanbeyan Park). These classes are **held during school terms**. NORMAL IMPACT ZUMBA & MAT YOGA OPEN TO EVERYONE (not just seniors)!

Wednesdays - Euchre - 1.00pm
Thursdays - Rummikins - 1.00pm
Fridays - Carpet Bowls - 1pm

Delicious afternoon tea follows these activities.

Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month: Craft - @ 10.00am till 2.00pm (bring your own project or work on a project for the Seniors).

Lunches at Restaurant of choice - 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month @ 11.45am for 12 noon. Next lunch: 6th December at Hotel Queanbeyan 'Top Pub', 59 Crawford St

Christmas Lunch: 13th December at Queanbeyan Kangaroo Club, Stuart Street. You need to pay by 8th December.

Christmas Stall - Riverside Plaza - 16th December - 9.00am to 5.00pm

Seniors Monthly meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 1.00pm, 1 Farrer Place.

PLEASE NOTE - Seniors will be closed during Public Holidays only over the Festive Season

Membership only \$5.00 per annum. New members very welcome.

Contact - Brenda (0407201392), Melissa (0411342788), e-mail - queanbeyanseniors@gmail.com or just drop in during opening times - Rear of 1 Farrer Place, Queanbeyan





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5	7	3	8	9	6	2	4	1
9	4	8	2	5	1	7	3	6
6	2	1	4	3	7	5	9	8

Target Time

Target: Average - 40, Good - 50, Excellent - 65+

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Classifieds

Local Markets

Wamboin Home Produce and Craft Market Third Sat of each month (except July & August) 9am to 12. Community Hall and grounds, Bingley Way, Wamboin. Contact Meriel Schultz 0422 614 304

Captains Flat Country Markets 1st Sat of the month, 9.30am-1.30pm, in the Community Hall, Foxlow Street, Captains Flat. Enquiries to communityassociation@captainsflat.org

the market @ bungendore 9am-3pm, Bungendore Memorial Hall. Note: Every 2nd SUNDAY of every EVEN month. www.themarketatbungendore.com

Southern Harvest Farmers Market EVERY Saturday 9am until noon. Village Square, Malbon Street Bungendore. www.southernharvest.org.au

Braidwood Ryrie Park Markets Braidwood Ryrie Park Market Fourth Saturday of every month, at the park in Braidwood. Contact Cathy: 0418 262 011 Sarah: 0417 468 686

Queanbeyan Markets Qbn Showground, third Sunday of every month. 9am to 1pm. For more info call 0419 848 786 or thequeanbeyanmarket@gmail.com

Sutton Village Country Markets Second Sunday of the Month, 9am until 1:30pm, Sutton Oval (Cnr Victoria & Camp Streets) Contact@SuttonVillageCountryMarkets.com.au Website: SuttonVillageCountryMarkets.com.au

Tarago Markets held, on odd numbered months on the 3rd Saturday.

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OPENING TIMES WASTE TRANSFER STATIONS

Bungendore waste transfer station:

Friday 12.30pm-4.30pm
Saturday and Sunday 8am-4.30pm. Monday 7am-12noon
Bungendore buy back centre: Saturday 10am-4pm

Bywong waste transfer station:

Friday 2pm-4.30pm
Saturday and Sunday 8am-4.30pm Monday 7am-11am

Captains Flat waste transfer station:

Saturday and Sunday 9am-3pm (gates close at 2.45pm)
Monday 9am-2pm

Braidwood waste transfer station

Fri, Sat Sun & Mon - 10am to 4.30pm
Monday - 1pm to 4pm
Braidwood buy back centre: Sunday 10am-4pm

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REGIONAL INDEPENDENT CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

The Regional Independent will be closed from Thursday 14 December for the Christmas period. Last edition for 2023 will be Wednesday 13 December and the first edition for 2024 will be Wednesday 10 January 2024. Wishing everyone a safe, healthy, happy Christmas and New Year.



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All animals for adoption are listed on Pet Rescue: www.petrescue.com.au/groups/11042/Goulburn-Mulwaree-Council

Rehoming Organisation No.: R251000140



JED, Medium, Male, Mastiff mix. Approx. 5 months (Jed is blind)

Adoption fee: \$350

More info, photos & very cute video: www.petrescue.com.au/listings/1003132



BENSON, Medium, Male, Cattle Dog mix. Approx. 6 months

Adoption fee: \$350

More info, photos & video: www.petrescue.com.au/listings/1006480



LOLLY, Medium, Female, Staffy. Approx. 11 months

Adoption fee: \$350

More info & photos: www.petrescue.com.au/listings/1002998



ROUGE, Medium, Female, American Staffy. Approx. 3 1/2 years

Adoption fee: \$350

More info & photos: www.petrescue.com.au/listings/1005038



BETTY, Large, Female, Mastiff. Approx. 3 1/2 years

Adoption fee: \$350

More info, photos & video: www.petrescue.com.au/listings/994466



DIGGER, Medium, Male, Alaskan Malamute x Kelpie. Approx. 1 year

Adoption fee: \$250

More info, photos & video: www.petrescue.com.au/listings/1007342



BIRDIE, Female, DSH. Approx. 1 year

Adoption fee: \$250

More info & photos: www.petrescue.com.au/listings/1007748



Adopted dogs take 3 days to decompress, 3 weeks to start to know your routine and 3 months to start to feel at home. Give them that chance

If you are interested in adopting any of these animals from Goulburn Mulwaree Animal Shelter please apply via the animal's Pet Rescue link. Shelter staff will review applications & phone selected applicants for a meet & greet.

Please note that expressions of interest are not taken over the phone.

Please offer a Poundie a 2nd chance at a long and happy life! Thanks.

Thea is looking for a forever home. She's at the Yass Valley Animal Shelter.

Yass Valley Animal Shelter FB Page: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100081285236320>

Rehoming No. R251000221



Two year old Thea is a Maremma x Cattle Dog. She's a delightful dog with a heart as big as her dreams! Thea's wish list in her new home includes a spacious backyard where she can frolic to her heart's content and a loving family who understands her need for some solo time to shine! She has lived with kids and another dog but would need a little adjustment period in any new surroundings. She also needs a home that doesn't have any cats or pocket pets. If you've got a Thea shaped hole in your life



that you are desperate to fill please contact the Ranger on 6226 1477 for more details.

Let's find this sweet pup her forever home and provide her with routine and the love she deserves.

There are so many beautiful deserving dogs and cats in Pounds/Animal Shelters in the Canberra region. All are looking for their happy ever afters....

Please give a Poundie the chance at a long and happy life.

QPRC Animal Management Facility

As of Saturday 25 November the Facility had

4 dogs, 1 pup, 2 cats, 6 guinea pigs, 2 rabbits and a rooster looking for loving new homes.

Animals available for adoption are listed on the Facility's website.

<https://www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/Services/Animals/Find-Animals-For-Sale-Adoption-and-Lost-Pets>

Contact details: Ph: 6285 6269 E: animalinfo@qprc.nsw.gov.au

Rehoming Number: R251000189

Animals are such agreeable friends. They ask no questions, they pass no criticisms.

George Eliot

Domestic Animal Shelter (DAS)

As of Saturday 25 November the Shelter had 37 dogs available for adoption!

Dogs available for adoption are listed here:

www.cityservices.act.gov.au/pets-and-wildlife/domestic-animals/dogs/adopt-a-dog/dogs-available-for-adoption

Info on adopting dogs from DAS: www.cityservices.act.gov.au/pets-and-wildlife/domestic-animals/dogs/adopt-a-dog

Walk-in adoptions are available Mon-Fri from 10am to 3pm and on Sat. from 10am to 2pm.

The perfect rescue dog is out there for everybody. You just have to find them.

Community News

Braidwood Scouts awarded the Australian Scout Award

Over the weekend, two Braidwood youth members have been recognised for their achievements, receiving the Australian Scout Award (ASA).

Henry and Isaac were 2 of the 59 Scouts across NSW to achieve the ASA, which is the peak award for Scouts aged 11-14 and is considered the pinnacle of a



youth member's Scouting journey at this stage. Achieving the ASA requires the Scout to complete a range of elements over a number of years, culminating in planning and leading an Adventurous Journey of at least three days and two nights. Whilst working towards their peak award, Scouts will participate as part of the team, and learn to lead their peers in a range of activities in the four challenge areas of creativity, community, outdoors, and personal growth.

Henry and Zac invited their leaders and family to join them at the Baden Powell Centre in Sydney to see them receive their award. Loki, Kaa, Kate and Chris were all very proud to see all their hard work recognised. Congratulants! Images supplied. Above: Awardees. Left: Neville (Loki), Isaac, Henry and Malcolm (Kaa)- Scout Leader and Leader in Charge.

Anglican Parish of Bungendore

Thursday 21st December

6pm Combined Churches Carols @ St Mark's Hoskinstown
Followed by Supper in the Hall

Christmas Eve

8am Holy Communion @ St Philip's Bungendore

10am Family @ Scout Hall, Turallo Tce

6:30pm @ St Thomas' Carwoola
Followed by Supper

11pm @ St Philip's Bungendore

Christmas Day

8am Traditional @ St Philip's Bungendore

9:30am Family @ Scout Hall, Turallo Tce

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Bungendore
Community
Christmas Party

Saturday 9 December 2023
Mick Sherd Oval 3 - 7pm

Braidwood Christmas Party
& Shopping Night!

Thursday 14 December 2023
National Theatre 4-8pm

Santa, face painting, live performances and great shopping!

Queanbeyan
Community Carols &
Christmas Party

SATURDAY 16 DECEMBER 2023
QUEANBEYAN PARK 3-9PM

Learn more at qprc.nsw.gov.au/events QPRC