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Inspiring women making a difference



Highlights from the 99th Southern Tablelands CWA Conference

Last Saturday, the 99th Annual Southern Tablelands Group of the CWA Conference was held at the Braidwood Servicemen's Club. The event was packed with inspiring women representing their individual branches, coming together to celebrate their shared commitment to making a difference in their communities. The group comprises of 14 branches, including Goulburn, Collector, Taralga, Crookwell, Braidwood, Majors Creek,

Bungendore, Queanbeyan Evening, Tarago, Yass, Goulburn Evening, Goulburn-Mulwaree, Crookwell Evening, and Marulan.

The AGM was officially opened by the Hon. Kristy McBain MP who spoke of her love and experiences growing up and working in rural communities. She expressed her appreciation of volunteers and the invaluable work that CWA branches do across these regions.

Margaret Bennett OAM, Chief Executive of the Southern NSW Local Health District

(SNSWLHD), was the guest speaker for the day. A third-generation nurse, Margaret joined SNSWLHD in March 2020. She shared insights from her career, which has been dedicated to healthcare in rural and remote areas, both in Australia and Nepal. Margaret reflected on her rural upbringing, her deep connection to country, and the essential role of rural carers. She also highlighted the significant challenges currently facing healthcare in rural communities.

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Bungendore Show: online tickets

We encourage everyone to buy their entry tickets online to speed up entry on the day - and save a bit of money! If you aren't able to purchase your tickets online, you can buy them at the gate but there will be a slight increase.

Ticket prices:
Adult over 17 years: \$12.00 (\$15 on the day)
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Concession: \$7.00 (\$10 on the day)

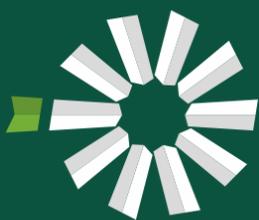
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(secretary@bungendoreshow.com.au).

BUT - did you know that BPAHS members get two free adult tickets to the Show?! Membership costs \$20 so you will save by becoming a member -

check out our membership options on our website.

A shuttle bus will also be available from the Bungendore Sports Hub (first shuttle departs Bungendore 9am, last return departs Showgrounds 3:30pm).

The BPAHS are very grateful to the Bungendore Lions Club and Rotary Club for managing ticket sales and scanning, entry and parking on the day - so please have a friendly smile ready for the hard-working volunteers at the gate!



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Community News

Quiet, clean and green: local schools welcome new electric buses

Three new Zero Emission Buses (ZEBs) are starting on school bus runs around Queanbeyan during Term 4.

It's part of Transport for NSW's \$25 million project to run a series of trials of zero emission buses and coaches across regional NSW.

Students from 15 schools in NSW and the ACT will be offered a quieter, smoother, and more comfortable journey on buses that emit no harmful exhaust fumes.

Operated by Transport for NSW contracted school bus operator, ComfortDelGro Corporation Australia (CDC) and supplied by VDI Australia, Queanbeyan will be home to two 57-passenger battery electric bus and one 28-passenger bus.

These will transport hundreds of students to and from school each day during the trial.

Schools that will be serviced by the new ZEBs are Queanbeyan Public, Bungendore Public, Karabar High, Queanbeyan High, Queanbeyan South Public, Queanbeyan West Public, Sutton Public and St Gregory's Primary.

In the ACT, students from Calwell High, Covenant Christian, Holy Family Primary, St Mary MacKillop College, St Benedict's Primary, St Clare's College, St Francis of Assisi Primary, will also get the chance to ride the new vehicles.

Transport's Coordinator-General Howard Collins said the 18-month trial is a genuine effort to understand how zero emission buses perform in real-world conditions.

"By testing the technology in all environments, we're paving the way for a greener and quieter



future, not just in cities but regional areas as well.

"We are very excited to see more customers in our regions will soon

experience the smooth and quiet ride these electric buses provide, and we look forward to hearing their feedback," he said.

CDC Regional Australia Division General Manager for NSW Andrew Fogg said the company is thrilled to see Phase 2 of the Zero Emission Bus trial take off in Queanbeyan.

"It's an exciting opportunity for CDC to explore how these innovative buses can shape the future of sustainable transport, especially in our regional communities," he said.

"We're testing everything from battery life to comfort for our customers.

"We're proud to work alongside Transport for NSW on this initiative to pave the way for greener, quieter, and more efficient bus travel for the future" he said.

The ZEB trial starting today in Queanbeyan is one of a series

being held around regional NSW, in total trialling 12 vehicles.

The first two trials started in Armidale and Tweed Heads in May.

Other trials starting this school term are at Deniliquin, where three buses will be trialled, and at Narrabri which will have one ZEB. An additional bus is also starting this term on the existing Armidale trial.

The trials will contribute to the transition of the state's regional bus fleet to zero emissions by 2047.

For more information on the zero-emissions bus trial go to: <https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/projects/current-projects/zero-emission-buses>

Above Queanbeyan Public School students with Ms Krystal Webb on the new bus.



Bungendore Quilters Raffle Quilts Galore

Jane Bloomfield

Bungendore Quilters have three fabulous quilts as 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes in their 2024 Quilt Raffle - *Tap Dance (1st)*, *Diamond Dazzle (2nd)* and *Monster Train (3rd)*. All quilts have been made by BQI members and professionally quilted with two being designed by member Sheryl-Ann Schaefer.

Tickets are now available and will be sold at Bungendore

IGA on Saturday 26th October, Spotlight in Queanbeyan on Saturday 2nd November and at the Bungendore Market in the Bungendore War Memorial Hall on Sunday 10th November. Tickets will also be available during the exhibition weekend where all three the quilts will be on display. The Raffle will be drawn on Monday 25th November and winners will be notified by phone and

published in the *Regional Independent*.

Our 17th Annual Exhibition is on the weekend of Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th November at the Bungendore War Memorial Hall and we'd love to see you there!

Photo supplied: *Diamond Dazzle, Tap Dance and Monster Train*

2024 Raffle Quilts



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Mental health support boosted in Queanbeyan

As part of Mental Health Month, the Albanese Government is reaffirming its commitment to improving access to mental health services in Eden-Monaro.

Recently, Assistant Minister for Mental Health and Suicide Prevention, Emma McBride and Member for Eden-Monaro, Kristy McBain, visited the Queanbeyan Mental Health Hub.

It is one of many new support services made possible by the Albanese Government's \$73 million investment in primary mental health care for regional Australians.

It was co-designed with the community and other local support services to provide people living in the Queanbeyan region with better access to care locally - something that was long called for.

Staffed by a range of skilled mental health professionals and people with lived experience, the Hub provides locals with access to free, walk-in mental health support and care.

Since opening this year, it has significantly enhanced local access to tailored mental health services, support and information for people experiencing moderate psychological distress.

To better meet the needs of people in Eden-Monaro, the Hub will soon provide services in Yass one day a week.



Member for Eden-Monaro, Kristy McBain said, "The Queanbeyan community has long called for more mental health care options locally, which is why I was proud to secure federal funding to help deliver this critical support service."

"Since opening its doors earlier this year, the Queanbeyan Mental Health Hub has been a gamechanger for our community, providing free, walk-in mental health support and care close to home."

"It was fantastic to visit this service as part of Mental Health Month - to see the huge impact it's making in our community, and to reaffirm my commitment to improving access to quality mental health care across Eden-Monaro."

Assistant Minister McBride added, "This Mental Health Hub has not only provided critical care but also has helped reduce stigma, encouraging more people to seek support when they need it most."

"Positive mental health has a ripple effect - when people receive the support they need, the whole community benefits through greater wellbeing, productivity, and connection."

"This Mental Health Hub continues to help people live fuller lives by addressing issues early on, reducing long-term impacts on mental health challenges on our community."

The Queanbeyan Mental Health Hub was commissioned by the South Eastern NSW PHN and is operated by Flourish Australia.

It is one of five Mental Health Hubs and two Medicare Mental Health Centres located across South East NSW, including at Goulburn and Bega.

The Queanbeyan Mental Health Hub is located at Shop 110, Riverside Plaza, 131 Monaro Street, and can be contacted on 02 9393 9213.

Photo supplied

Come along to the 2024 Community Bank Bungendore Show, this Sunday, October 27

There will be something for everyone at the 2024 Community Bank Bungendore Show and we look forward to seeing everyone on Show Day, whether they are competing, exhibiting or just enjoying a fun day out with family and friends (including those of the four-legged variety).

The BPAHS wants to make sure everyone can join us for a great day, without worrying about breaking the bank - so we have organised a range of fabulous entertainment options that are either free of charge or involve a small fee/donation to a local community group or charity.

Australia's agricultural shows are a unique and iconic part of Australia's rural culture and the 2024 Community Bank Bungendore Show will be no exception.

To buy tickets or find out more about the Show, please visit our

website
<https://www.bungendoreshow.com.au/> or get in touch with our Secretary, Kerrie Medveczky, via secretary@bungendoreshow.com.au

Katie Asplin
 President
 Bungendore Pastoral, Agricultural & Horticultural Society

ENTRIES TO PAVILION CLASSES HAVE BEEN EXTENDED UNTIL THURSDAY 24 OCTOBER!
 The Pavilion schedule is available on the Bungendore Show website - if you need assistance with the online entry system, please get in touch via pavilion@bungendoreshow.com.au.

See page 8 for the entertainment program.



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Bungendore: Remembrance Day Commemoration and Dedication of the Memorial

Part 2 - War memorials - the public need

Australia had sent forces to participate in the Second Boer War of 1899 to 1902, due to a sense of duty to the British Empire. The Boer War which had involved 20,000 or more Australian volunteers, with between 500 and 1,000 paying the ultimate price. Australia honoured its volunteers by placing individual plaques inside buildings, outdoor memorial tablets and erecting obelisks in public places. Although the Boer War encouraged a shift away from memorials portraying heroic commanding officers, as had been popular earlier in the 19th century, but towards depicting ordinary soldiers. Annual ceremonies surrounding the memorials were not common and no official memorial day emerged.

World War 1 saw a considerable loss of life, with 60,000 Australian servicemen losing their lives, these losses left large numbers of widows and orphans and affected most families in some way, in Australia every second family had lost a relative. Even those left at home had suffered extensively from stress, anxiety and grief, the War had a defining impact on the Australian national psyche. The signs of physical and mental affliction were strongly in evidence. Disfigured and limbless men were a feature of the post war period and plentiful evidence of mental trauma was in evidence at the time.

There was tremendous interest in creating war memorials that celebrated the themes of glory, heroism and loss. Communities sought to commemorate and remember their fallen for perpetuity and to provide a place for people to gather and



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remember those who served from their local community, region, state or country. The memorials to World War I were shaped by the traumatic nature of the conflict and its impact on individuals and communities. In the years after the war, veterans, the bereaved and the rest of society focused, with the losses of the Great War, on ways to remember and commemorate the fallen as there was no body to be buried, no grave to visit or headstone to lay flowers. In later years most could not afford to go to the cemeteries of France and Belgium where a loved one may have been interned in the Commonwealth War Cemeteries.

Many communities spent years raising the funds to build lasting memorials to the war dead, and they have become a place where communities gather for commemorative services on Anzac Day and Remembrance Day.

On the conclusion of the Second World War there was no equivalent mass construction of memorials to the war dead instead, local World War I memorials were adapted by the addition of names being inscribed to the existing lists, or additional tablets added, as was done for other conflicts such as the Korean and Vietnam Wars.

To be continued.

Please join the Bungendore War Memorial Committee for the Remembrance Day Commemoration and Dedication of the Memorial, on 11th November commencing at 1030 at the Bungendore War Memorial on Mick Sherd Oval.

Above: A group of women in a crowd are a study in expressions where they waited in Hyde Park to welcome home their loved ones, including some wounded. Australian War Memorial H11576

QPRC Meeting Summary Oct 9, 2024

QPRC

Here is the summary of the Council meeting, held Wed October 9, the first for the newly elected Council.

The archived recording of the meeting is now available at: <https://webcast.qprc.nsw.gov.au/archives/video24-1009.php>

- Dr Aunty Matilda House performed a Welcome to Country to commemorate the first meeting of the newly elected Council
- Each councillor made their affirmation of office prior to the meeting
- Council elected Cr Kenrick Winchester as the Mayor of Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council for a two-year 2024-26 term
- Council elected Cr Esmá Livermore as the Deputy Mayor of Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council for a two-year 2024-26 term
- Council declared that casual vacancies occurring in the office of Council within 18 months after the last ordinary election are to be filled by a countback of votes
- Council delegated to the person in position of General Manager the powers, duties and functions in the Instrument of Delegation, revoking previous delegations, noting duties must be performed in accordance with guidelines or policies of Council
- Council retained current meeting scheduled for 2024-28 term, with meetings held primarily in Queanbeyan and will consider an evaluation of the trial of holding meetings in Braidwood
- Council nominated Mayor Winchester, Cr Taskovski, Cr Preston, and Cr Livermore to register as voting delegates to attend the 2024 LGNSW Annual Conference
- Council appointed Cr Broadbent as non-voting Councillor representative and Cr Preston as the alternate representative to the QPRC Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee

In closed session, Council authorised the General Manager to continue negotiations regarding the compensation claim matters of QPRC vs Minister for Education and Early Learning. The General Manager will provide an update to Council in closed session on a monthly basis. A workshop will be held as soon as possible to provide conceptual guidance to the General Manager for Heads of Agreement discussions.

The business papers and minutes from this meeting are on our website at: <https://www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/Council-meetings>

Update from QPRC on Animal Management Facility

On Thursday 10 October, Council closed the Animal Management Facility following a positive test for canine parvovirus from a dog surrendered to the facility.

Canine parvovirus is a very serious disease that spread rapidly between dogs at the facility. The facility is not an animal hospital and with veterinary advice and attendance, we made the difficult but necessary decision to have all 21 dogs euthanised.

We would like to thank the local veterinary community for their support and expertise over the

last week, your assistance and direction has been much appreciated.

While we had initially intended to have the facility closed for at least two weeks, the Animal Management Facility will be closed to the public until further notice.

This will allow us to conduct a deep clean of the whole facility, to prevent future contamination from this incident. While canine parvovirus is not an airborne virus, nor travels through soil, the deep clean includes removing contaminated soil from the

facility, alongside the simpler task of cleaning all hard surfaces. Removing the contaminated soil is vital to ensure the facility will be safe when it re-opens, even if this means we are closed for longer than we would like to be. All materials, PPE and rubbish from the facility have been treated as contaminated biohazard waste and disposed of accordingly.

We would like to remind the community that canine parvovirus is a very serious disease. The disease came to the facility through a surrendered dog, which

means parvovirus is in the community. We strongly encourage our community to ensure their dogs are vaccinated, and to be alert and keep an eye on their dog's health.

We will not be able to receive lost dogs at the facility and we will not be managing dogs at the facility until further notice. If the public has a lost dog that needs to have its microchip scanned to identify an owner, please take it to a local vet or get in touch with the team on phone via 6285 6269 for Animal Management Officers to attend.





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Congratulations Charlotte Payne

1st Bungendore Scout Group

Charlotte started her journey with 1st Bungendore Scout Group at the young age of 7. She has confidently progressed through Cub scouts, achieving her Cub Grey Wolf Award in 2021. Charlotte has attended the Australian Cuboree in 2023, New Zealand Jamboree in January of 2024, and is steaming ahead preparing for the Australian Jamboree in January 2025 as a Venturer Scout

Charlotte has spent the last 3 years in the 1st Bungendore Scout Section, participating, assisting and leading many memorable activities. Charlottes particular interest in cooking, music and photography and other creative pursuits featured regularly in our unit programs. This is a testament to Charlotte's willingness to propose ideas and volunteer her time towards ensuring everyone gets the best out of Scouting Journey. Throughout her time in the Scout section Charlotte diligently planned and worked tirelessly through the requirements to achieve the Australian Scout Award, showing excellence in t organisation and personal drive.

Charlotte has consistently adopted a leadership role within the scout section, supporting her peers and leaders alike. Intuitively, Charlotte is welcoming to new members who may be shy and supports her peers in the younger sections, mentoring many young cubs throughout their scouting journeys.

One of Charlottes biggest challenges towards achieving the Australian Scout Award was planning and executing her Adventurous Journey. Through applying her proactive planning and determination,

Charlotte successful led a hike in the Namadgi National Park, in difficult conditions. Despite 3 days of rain and a relatively inexperienced group, Charlottes leadership and positivity resulted in a positive experience and a successful completion of the hike for all participants.

In planning, preparing, doing, and reviewing these activities, Charlotte has demonstrated significant personal growth and perseverance. With her great dedication and skill, she has succeeded in balancing the challenges of her commitments to her school studies, creative pursuits, family, friends, casual work, and Scouting. Even when things did not go to plan, she learned how to lead and manage the situation to achieve a fun, challenging and rewarding outcome.

In her time as a Scout Charlotte has been an active participant in every Camp and activity opportunity available at a section and group level, as well as many national and international events. Charlotte has been an energetic and motivated Scout who has matured her Leadership skills as a Patrol Leader and Unit Leader. She has worked hard to demonstrate Scout values and sets a strong example with attention to detail and perseverance. She leaves incredibly large shoes to fill in the Scout Section and we wish her all the best with her continuing journey throughout the scouting movement.

Congratulations Charlotte on achieving your Australian Scouting peak award.

Acacia, Dugong & Brumby

Below: Charlotte Payne with Lloyd Nurthen Chief Commissioner of Scouts NSW. Photo supplied by Leanne Payne



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Bungendore Seniors now at the Bungendore Sports Hub

The Bungendore Seniors Association Incorporated welcomes anyone over the age of 55 to come along and join in.

New venue

Remember our new venue is the Bungendore Sports Hub amenities building (parking near the netball courts). It is spacious, bright and airy, perfect for our game tables and thanks to a ClubGrant - we know have carpet bowls.

Get Togethers

Our get togethers are weekly and we alternate between Thursdays and Fridays, so mark your calendar and join us on a Thursday or a Friday or come along to both.

Enjoy great conversation, a few laughs, some games and morning tea. See right for dates.

We meet at 10am at the Bungendore Sports Hub amenities building (parking near the netball courts).

Cost is \$5.00 per person, which includes morning tea.

Membership

Yearly membership is only \$5.00 per person. We welcome everyone over the age of 55.

Monthly Lunches

Join us for lunch held the 4th Wednesday of each month. Next lunch is Wednesday November 20 (venue to be confirmed) 12.30pm. All are welcome to come along.



For more information contact Sharon on 0419 025 533 or email bungendoreseniors@gmail.com

Christmas Luncheon

Wednesday 11th December, 12.30pm at the Lake George Dining Room. Cost is \$30 per person (drinks own expense). Bookings are essential.

Bungendore Chair Yoga

One hour sessions held each Tuesday at 2.00pm and 3.30pm at the Bungendore Scout Hall.

THURSDAYS

Thurs 24 October
Thurs 7 November
Thurs 21 November
Thurs 5 December

FRIDAYS

Friday 1 November
Friday 15 November
Friday 29 November
Friday 13 December

Christmas break. First get together for 2025 will be Friday January 10, 2025

Note: Yoga is held during school terms.

Cost: \$13 per session for members, \$15 for non-members.

If you are new to these sessions, please come 15 minutes early to fill out the paperwork.

All welcome to attend.

Bungendore Christmas Fair Sun, Nov 10

On Sunday 10th November, 9am - 3pm there will be a special Xmas Fair at the Bungendore War Memorial Hall. A variety of stallholders will be selling their own handmade items with a Xmas theme. There will be artworks, pottery, cards, sewn and knitted items of all descriptions, jewellery and candles, to name just a few. If you are looking for a gift for Xmas or even a treat for yourself, come along and see our selection of truly unique products.

Our Hall is looking great after it's spruce up and with more work to do in the kitchen and stage areas, all support is welcome.

Spaces are filling up fast but if you would like to try for a spot as a stallholder then please email xmasfair@themarketatbungendore.com for more details.



How to supercharge your investments



by Phil Harvey

In our last article, I wrote about the importance of using debt wisely.

In this article, I will show you how debt can still be used, even when the banks won't lend you more. We call it investing in geared investments.

A geared investment is where the fund manager takes your money and adds this to borrowed funds to invest on your behalf. They generally have different gearing levels, but mostly they borrow between 30% and 60% of the amount invested.

If the gearing is set at 50%, your returns are nearly 50% higher than they would have been.

Example

Fred and Wilma are both in their mid-40's, earn around \$160,000

each and have been salary sacrificing the maximum into super.

They have \$280,000 each in Super (that is invested in the high growth option) and their mortgage is large enough that the banks have said they won't lend them anything else.

Between kids, travelling and paying the mortgage, they only have around \$15,000 a year left.

Like most of our clients, they live a nice life, but not lavish.

Their main goal is to be able to retire at 60 with an income of around \$100,000 a year (after tax and in today's dollars) and be mortgage free. All without sacrificing their life now!!

The numbers

We estimated that to have an 85% chance of never running out of money they would need:

- around \$3.7 million in super by the time they retired in 15 years and

- all their \$15,000 of surplus funds would need to be put against their mortgage (or at least into an offset account).

Our modelling showed that if they continued to salary sacrifice into super and didn't change investment options, they would have around \$2.9 million when they wanted to retire. While this is still good, it would "only" provide them with an income of \$80,000 a year.

To reach their target we calculated they would need to have returns that are about 30% higher than what they had been getting.

What we did

We talked with Fred and Wilma about the risks associated with investing in geared investments.

The main one is increased volatility. While gearing can increase the returns, it can also magnify the market falls.

Investing in geared investments requires a good understanding of markets and how they move. It also requires patience and the need to monitor it over time, especially as you get close to retirement.

Once they were comfortable with it, we settled on our recommendation which was to move 45% of their super into a geared investment, 45% into a high growth investment, and 10% in a more conservative investment.

Outcome after 15 years

At retirement:

- they will be mortgage free
- their super is projected to be \$800,000 higher than under their initial situation



- they would be comfortably able to have the retirement that they deserve.

We specialise in helping people like Fred and Wilma grow and protect their wealth. If you would like to discuss how you could benefit from independent financial advice, call me on 02 6269 3339 or email me at team@constructwealth.com.au.

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Prepare now for Australia's severe weather season

The Bureau of Meteorology is urging communities to get ready and prepare for Australia's severe weather season.

While severe weather can happen at any time, every year between October and April is Australia's peak time for:

- tropical cyclones
- severe thunderstorms
- flooding
- heatwaves
- bushfires.

National Community Information Manager Andrea Peace said that the Bureau issues regular forecasts and warnings about the likely severity and impacts of severe weather and the impact of

severe weather can be reduced by getting ready before it happens.

"Tropical cyclone activity varies from year to year but an average of 4 tropical cyclones cross Australia's coast each year. Based on historical patterns alone, a near average number of tropical cyclones in the Australian region could be expected this season, with a higher proportion likely to be more severe," Ms. Peace said.

"Any tropical cyclone can be dangerous, and it only takes one to significantly impact communities. Last year we had 8 tropical cyclones across northern Australia waters. Four crossed our coast bringing damaging winds and heavy rainfall leading to flooding."

During the warmer months severe thunderstorms are more common, bringing heavy rainfall, damaging winds, large hail and the risk of flooding anywhere in Australia.

The highest risk for severe thunderstorms is usually along the east coast including northern New South Wales and southern Queensland. There's also a significant risk through inland Western Australia and across the tropical north during the wet season.

Flash flooding and riverine flooding are more common during severe weather season, particularly across northern and eastern parts of the country.

Australia also has an increased risk of severe and extreme

heatwaves over the warmer months.

The Bureau issues heatwave warnings when a severe or extreme heatwave is forecast within the following 4 days.

This can lead to dangerous and destructive fires throughout Australia.

"The Bureau works closely with fire authorities to monitor weather conditions, issue fire danger ratings and warnings to keep the community informed," Ms. Peace said.

"Fire authorities are advising an increased fire risk in the spring months for parts of Queensland, the Northern Territory, western Victoria and south-east South Australia.

"They also advise a potential early start to the fire season in parts of South Australia and Victoria, and extending to Tasmania if there are warm and dry conditions leading into summer."

Severe weather can develop quickly and threaten lives and property. Now is the time to prepare your home and property, review and update your emergency plans and create your emergency kits. The local emergency authority in each state and territory provides advice on how to prepare.

Stay up to date with the Bureau's forecasts and warnings. Download the BOM Weather app and set up warning notifications.

For more information head to <http://www.bom.gov.au/>

Community News

CWA Queanbeyan Evening Branch Annual General Meeting

The Queanbeyan Branch held its Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 8 October. The newly elected officer bears are President Hayley Schrader, Secretary Shiloh Middlemiss and Treasurer Maggie Dorning. The Executive is supported by Vice-Presidents Nicole Lyons, Susan Westacombe and Maria Porreca, International Officer Miriam Berger, Land Cookery Officer Stella Pearce, Handicraft Officer Melita Benson, Cultural Officer Nicole Lyons, Agricultural and Environmental Officers Melita Benson and Yasmin Medforth, Publicity Officer Narelle Sargent and Group Councillors Fern Mclachlan and Maggie Dorning. Congratulations to the new Officer Bearers.

The Country Women's Association of NSW is the largest women's organisation in Australia and aims to improve conditions for country women and children. Mrs Schrader said that "we reach that aim in various ways including lobbying for change, helping the local community, creating a network of support and meeting together in towns and cities".

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month in the Queanbeyan Ladies Bowling Club, Farrer Place, Queanbeyan, NSW from 6.00pm with the meeting to start at 7.00pm. The next meeting is Tuesday 12 November. Women can join our branch and have a voice in the nation's affairs, socialise with others and assist the



community by contacting the Queanbeyan Evening Branch

Secretary by emailing shiloh.middlemiss@gmail.com

Photo supplied of new elected officers of the CWA Queanbeyan Evening branch

Blissful beading in a brand new community space

Recently, craft lovers gathered at the new community space attached to the Bungendore Learning Hub, in the beautiful old Post Office Building. Local craft extraordinaire, Naomi, armed with packs of stunning hand-selected glass beads and charms, beading tools and a wealth of crafting knowledge, talked the group through using beads and memory wire to sculpt wind spinners. Naomi taught the group various tips and tricks for working with wire, different pliers and jewellery-making supplies. Each person made a magnificent wind spinner in the colour scheme of their choice to take home, with striking

accent beads and charms making each spinner unique and wonderful in its own way.

The beading workshop was an initiative of the Bungendore Crafters' Co-Operative. The Co-Op provides a space for women to practise their crafts, learn new skills and talk with like-minded creative people. It supports and encourages all things creative with an emphasis on gaining skills and new knowledge, providing a scheduled time to explore all forms of creative expression while sharing a love of craft. The Co-Op always welcomes new members to their regular craft sessions, held

every second Thursday from 6-8pm at the Learning Hub, 55 Gibraltar Street Bungendore. The Co-Op is currently planning its next workshop, an intermediate crocheting with beads class. For enquiries regarding the Crafters' Co-Operative, contact Thalia at unlimitedpotentialtutoring.com.au or 0412 884 120. Be sure to join our Facebook group for updates, upcoming workshops and to share craft ideas and projects. For enquiries regarding the hire of the new community space, contact admin@bungendorelearninghub.com.au. Happy crafting!

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- 9:30am Sheep Judging begins

ALL DAY

- Pavilion Horse and Equestrian Events (from 8.30am)
- Face Painting (\$10) and tattoos (\$2), toddler play space, aerial hoop (EPA Dance)
- Canteen/Dining Hall
- Amusements (FREE!) - jumping castle, giant obstacle course, inflatable toddler play space, outdoor garden games
- Outdoor activities (FREE!) - plank walking, low tight rope, spiderweb climb, tunnel crawl, swinging sandbags, rope bridge, and commando crawl.
- Quieter activities and activities for younger kids - horseshoe throwing, giant jenga, corn board game, paracord braiding (1st Bungendore Scouts)

- Trade Stalls and Commercial Exhibitors Vintage Machinery Display
- PARENTS and BABIES ROOM- baby change and nursing facilities, in the brick building near the cattle judging.

DEMONSTRATIONS THROUGHOUT THE DAY

- ACT & Hall Axeman's Club Woodchop display (on the hour every hour from 11am-3pm)
- Reptile Awareness Display (20 min demonstrations at 10am, 10:50am, 11:40am, 12:30pm, 1:20pm, 2:15pm)

SHOWS THROUGHOUT THE DAY

- EPA Dance (20 min performances 10am, 12pm, 2pm)
- 10:00am * Dog Dash (under 7kg)
- 10:00am** Lt Col Jack Fletcher GM Memorial Tug-of-War
- 10:30am* Large dog jump (30cm and over)

- 11:00am Official Show Welcome
- 11:15am Young Woman Competition sashing
- 11:00am* Dog Dash (7kg - 15kg)
- 12:00pm* Dog Dash (15kg and over) and Small dog jump (under 30cm)
- 1:00pm Bungendore High School dance (stage)
- 1.30pm * Pet Parade
- 2.30pm Mascot race
- 4:00pm Show Ends

*Entries for the Dog Dash are online only via Showday: <https://showday.online/show/bungendore-pas-agr-h-society-inc>

*Registration for the Dog High Jump can be made from 10:00am at the Dog Ring.

*Registration for the Pet Parade can be made from 9:00am at the Registration Booth (horse booth).

**Teams for the Tug-O-War are to marshal at the Competition site at 9:30am



Please note: All times are approximate and subject to change on the day so listen to the public

announcements to ensure you don't miss your favourite event!

Pat Harrison at 100: a legacy of strength, family and service

Pat Harrison recently celebrating her 100th birthday with family and friends. This milestone marks a century of remarkable life experiences. Born in 1924, her early years were shaped by the profound events of the time. She lived through the optimism following World War I, symbolized by milestones like the construction of the Sydney Harbour Bridge, only to face the challenges of the Great Depression. Pat's family, led by her father Pop Brown, moved frequently as he sought work on dam construction projects. Her education spanned several schools, including Picton, Woodstock, and Rockdale, until she completed her schooling at age 14 to help her family financially.

At just 19 years old, in the midst of World War II, Pat joined the army

in 1944. She served as a heavy vehicle driver, transporting the wounded and deceased from Sydney's docks to hospitals and morgues. Her time in the army was filled with camaraderie and humorous moments, including a memorable incident where her ambulance was moved as a practical joke. Pat's service lasted until 1947, and she is believed to be the last surviving member of her unit.

Following the war, Pat trained as a tailor at Rockdale TAFE, a skill that proved invaluable over the years. She moved to Bungendore, where her father worked on a local property, and soon met John Harrison, whom she married in 1953. Together, they raised four daughters, and Pat became an integral part of farm life while using her tailoring talents to support the

family, creating dresses for special occasions and weddings.

Pat's passion for gardening flourished during her time in Bungendore. She transformed her home's garden into a vibrant display of flowers, including delphiniums, dahlias, and roses. One humorous incident involved a dairy cow wreaking havoc in the garden, but Pat calmly repaired the damage, exemplifying her resilient nature.

Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren fondly recall her encouragement and nurturing spirit. She made learning fun, turning everyday moments into opportunities for competition and growth, such as using trivia cards from cereal boxes to test their knowledge. Pat's quick wit and sense of humour endeared her to



her family, and she instilled in them important values, especially the significance of respect.

Throughout her life, Pat remained the family matriarch—calm, caring, and always ready to offer advice. Even in her later years, she stayed engaged with her family's daily routines, often reminding her daughter Janet to attend to the horses as night approached. Pat's eye for style is remembered fondly, with her ensuring that her daughters and herself were always well-dressed, often offering humorous fashion critiques.

In her 100 years, Pat witnessed incredible changes in the world, but her spirit remains unwavering. Just this past week, she signed a legal document for a young friend, showcasing her sharp mind and involvement in her community. In a touching moment during her birthday celebration, she was

presented with two significant surprises. First, the King's Message, a long-awaited recognition for her century of life, arrived just in time for the event. Second, after years of underappreciating her military service, her family discovered that she had never received her war medals. This oversight was rectified, and her great-grandchildren proudly presented her with the medals she earned for her service.

Pat Harrison's life is a testament to resilience, dedication, and love, and her 100th birthday celebration honours not just her longevity but the countless ways she has enriched the lives of those around her, leaving a lasting legacy of strength, kindness, and devotion to family.

Happy Birthday Pat.
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Community News

“Amongst the safest banking customers in Australia” 2.5 million Bendigo Bank and Up customers now protected by NameCheck

Recently, Australia’s most trusted bank, Bendigo Bank, is expanding its collaboration with Australia’s largest bank, Commonwealth Bank, to provide increased protection from scams and fraud to its 2.5 million customers.

The advanced security tool, NameCheck, is now being used to screen all payments made by Bendigo Bank and Up customers whenever they enter the BSB and account number for a new payee. Using the insights from available payment data, NameCheck will give an indication of whether the details provided look legitimate.

Bendigo Bank’s Chief Digital Officer and CEO of Up, Xavier Shay, said the introduction of NameCheck, as part of a pilot with digital bank Up, had already detected and stopped more than 61,000 mistaken or scam payments made by ‘Upsiders’ since February 2024, which would have totalled more than an estimated \$26 million.

“This technology is now proven to reduce the impact of scams and the risk of mistaken payments, so we’re proud to provide our customers with additional confidence when making direct payments online from today,” Mr Shay said.

“This is just one example of how

we work with other industry participants where it makes sense to keep our customers safe. Cyber fraud is a complex, evolving, and ongoing challenge that the industry, government, regulators, law enforcement, telcos and internet platforms must work together to combat,” he said.

“As we work towards the delivery of an industry-wide solution to confirmation of payee in 2025, Bendigo Bank is putting measures in place to help keep our customers safe now, beyond the current regulatory requirements, and in line with our commitment to the Australian Banking Association’s Scam-Safe Accord.”

CBA Executive General Manager Payments, Ethan Teas, said Bendigo Bank and Up represent the largest third-party adopter of NameCheck in Australia by volume of use, and that the partnership is an important illustration of the power of industry cooperation.

“With scams and fraud costing Australians and businesses billions of dollars annually, it’s clear a whole-of-ecosystem response is needed to combat this problem. We are proud to be able to extend our industry-leading technology to others to

help prevent mistaken payment and protect even more Australians from cyber criminals,” Mr Teas said.

Australians lost more than \$2.74 billion to scams in 2023, according to the National Anti-Scam Centre - down from \$3 billion in 2022 - thanks in part to the continued effort and investment in scam prevention and protection by banks such as Bendigo Bank and Up.

“The trust of our customers is paramount to us, and we take it very seriously. By continuously enhancing, adopting and developing powerful solutions to prevent scams and the unauthorised flow of funds, our customers are amongst the safest banking customers in Australia,” Mr Shay said.

This latest measure introduced by Bendigo Bank, and Australia’s first and best mobile-only digital bank Up, is in addition to both banks tightening transaction rules and adding friction to risky payments, removing unexpected links from SMS messages, implementing unusual account and misuse detection measures, increasing card security, and increasing the size of their fraud prevention and response team significantly.

Odana Bloomfield 50 years and a fabulous competition!

Jane Bloomfield

Odana Bloomfield turned 50 years last year and this year celebrates 50 years of the Norman Lindsay Facsimile Etchings. Since 1974, we have published and released 123 Norman Lindsay Facsimile Etchings, most of which have sold out.

On 30 November we will be releasing the last two Facsimile Etchings which will leave us with 21 currently available works. To celebrate this milestone, we are having a fabulous competition where we are giving away a Norman Lindsay Facsimile Etching every day for 92 days - three months - from 1 October to 31 December this year.

The competition has begun but it is never too late to enter. All you have to do is subscribe to our newsletters and that’s it! Couldn’t be easier! You will find a blue bar on any page of our website and you can sign up. The black bar at the bottom of each page will give you the competition rules, how it all started and the winners. Join



in and have some fun. Even if you are not a fan of Norman Lindsay’s work and you are one of the winners, you can give your prize away as a Christmas gift. I guarantee you, you will be on top of their list next year! If you want to follow us on Instagram or Facebook, the links are on our website. www.odana.com.au

Photo supplied of one of the prizes - *The Bride*





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Community News

Bungendore Fine Art Gallery: 'Colour and Contrast' exhibition opens November 2

Exhibition - November - December

'Colour & Contrast'

Featuring Eddie Mowat known as "Eddie" well-known Canberra based street artist



Opening Saturday 2nd November
Join us for drinks and nibbles and meet the artist Sat 2 November 1 - 3 pm.

Eddie, a Canberra-based painter, has been an active Street Artist for over 20 years. He creates colourful Murals and Canvas work in Acrylics, Enamels and Oils. His work centres on transforming city spaces with bold and bright coloured community art with a focus on Lettering, Portraiture, Landscapes, Pattern work and Abstraction. Eddie has completed various art courses such as Airbrushing, Calligraphy and Life Drawing and has recently completed studying A Diploma of Visual Arts at Canberra Institute of Technology. Eddie has exhibited in Canberra and Regional NSW, as well as completing various murals for Government, Commercial and Private Business both Locally and Internationally art

that can be enjoyed by everyone and that inspires people to get in touch with their own creativity. He turned his hobby into a career in 2019 when he decided to pursue his passion for street art full-time. Mostly known for murals scattered around Canberra, which include tribute pieces, cultural art and colourful depictions for the community. Eddie has worked for government, commercial and private clients, transforming city spaces both locally and internationally. His most recent project includes two entire floors of Pop Art and Surrealism inside the 1960s old Fenner Hall on Northbourne Ave Canberra.

Eddie likes to create positive and uplifting work that brings people joy and paints everything from traditional graffiti to typography, portraits, landscapes, abstract and pattern work.

Eddie has painted numerous pieces from Canberra to

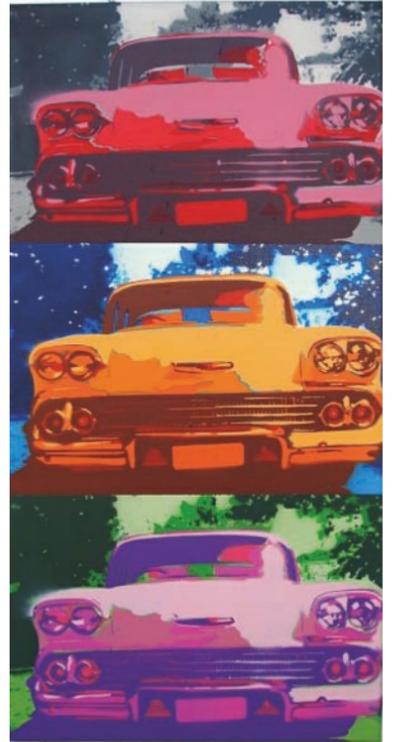
Amsterdam, Berlin and Copenhagen. Pieces include painting the iconic Mandalay bus in Canberra, painting various murals for Cobra Fitness Gym in Abu Dhabi and Bahrain and painting in the palace gardens of French sculptor Jean-Marc De Pas.

"My art is a celebration of my life and my love of graffiti culture. My influences include the many graffiti artists that have inspired me, as well as more traditional artists like Jeffrey Smart. I'm excited by the possibilities of colour to totally transform spaces - when I see people respond to my work. I realise that colour can bring so much joy and excitement".

All Colours Are Beautiful

Bungendore Fine Art Gallery
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99th Annual CWA conference celebrates volunteers and rural communities

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A highlight of the day was the branch reports, showcasing the incredible work being done by CWA volunteers. Fundraising events supported diverse and important endeavours. From riding for the disabled, school grants, hospital packs, dignity packs for new Mums and Bubs, vouchers for food and fuel, joey bags for Wildcare, high teas, school breakfast clubs to the purchase of essential medical equipment.

CWA branches also highlighted

their involvement in local events, including country shows and markets. But it wasn't just about fundraising. Many branches emphasised their social activities, such as Craft and Chat days, garden clubs, book clubs, and quilting for charity.

The winners of this year's Country of Study competitions—featuring France 2024—were announced, with local school children showcasing their talents in the poster, postcard, and colouring-in categories.



Congratulations to the newly elected office bearers and all trophy winners. A special thanks to Braidwood CWA for hosting the event, Majors Creek CWA for the delicious morning tea, and the Braidwood Servicemen's Club for their wonderful hospitality.

If you're interested in joining or learning more about the CWA you find your nearest branch at <https://www.cwaofnsw.org.au>

One branch member closed her report with an inspiring quote from the Dalai Lama:

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Community News

Youth Engagement Office, Peter Mortimer shares insights with Rotary Club

The Rotary Club of Bungendore invited, NSW Senior Constable Peter Mortimer -Youth Engagement Officer, to speak at last night's meeting. It was great to hear about how Peter, his work partner, and the Queanbeyan PCYC, work closely with youth and how they provide a number of Youth programs and initiatives, in our region. While their team provides guidance to Queanbeyan youth via the PCYC, they have, and still do, offer guidance, assistance with courses etc, to youth in Bungendore and the wider region.

We were also pleased to be advised that our sister Rotary

Club in Queanbeyan, also support this great work. As always volunteers are hard to find, here's hoping that with the right resources, this work could be further expanded, and we (Rotary) and our community can provide additional support. Many of us have known Peter for a number of years, either from is local work as a Police Officer or with the Bungendore Tigers on the footy field, and it was great to hear that he's still a Bungdorian at heart and intends to be for some time yet. Thanks Pete.

And yes, that's Peter in long pants. Locals will know he is almost always seen in shorts! Photo supplied



Burra Car-boot sale on the Garage Sale Trail



Burra Community Association (BCA) is holding a community Car-Boot Sale at Burra Park (cnr of Lagoons and Burra Rds, Burra) on Sunday 10 November from 9am to 1pm.

We are looking for stall holders to make it another great event for the region.

We have had the largest Car Boot Sale for the last 2 years in the Canberra Queanbeyan Region.

We will also have food and drink stalls.

Burra Rural Fire Service will be in attendance.

A donation of \$10 to the BCA from each vendor would be appreciated.

To book a stall contact John on 0417 676 664.

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We are possibly now the biggest in NSW. But who's bragging.

Also on the day will be the Burra Rural Fire Brigade with fire trucks and other gear for all to see.

We will have 2 food stalls:

- Burra Community Association Food Stall with egg & bacon rolls, sausage sandwiches, homemade cakes, biscuits, soft drinks, juices, water, coffee and tea.
- Chameleon Icecreamery with homemade ice cream, milkshakes and slushies.

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Aspiring ag leaders wanted

The National Farmers' Federation (NFF) has today opened applications for its National Agriculture Leadership Program.

The flagship program provides exclusive opportunities for emerging leaders in the agriculture sector, including mentoring, policy development guidance, and meetings with Parliamentarians.

NFF President David Jochinke said the program is targeted at Australians aged under 35.

"It's an honour to encourage the next generation of leaders

to follow their passion and grow their leadership potential," Mr Jochinke said.

"By fostering a young person's interest in advocacy, we're helping to grow a diverse, informed, and articulate agricultural leadership."

"The program immerses our participants in the policy and advocacy worlds; they'll have the opportunity to tour Australian Parliament House and meet with federal politicians and government departments, and be mentored by leading policy experts," Mr Jochinke said.

Now entering its fifth year, Mr Jochinke said the limited spots in the NALP are always hotly contested.

"We're excited to add more graduates to the impressive cohort of National Agricultural Leadership Program alumni in 2025," Mr Jochinke said.

"I encourage everyone with a passion for ag and an interest in leadership to apply."

"Applications are only open for a month, so please don't delay if you're interested in this fantastic program," Mr Jochinke said.

Program participants will

meet up for a three-day advocacy retreat in Canberra where they'll be matched with an industry leader and work on a policy project.

The program kicks off in February 2025 and runs for five months.

Telstra is the proud sponsor of the National Agricultural Leadership Program and have passionately supported the growth of young leaders since the program's inception. Applications are open until 14 November 2024.

Find out more at <https://nff.org.au/nalp/>

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Community News

Bungendore CWA Trash and Treasure sale: donate, shop and support

Trash and Treasure: Saturday, 2nd November 2024

CWA Rooms, Gibraltar Street, Bungendore | 9am - 2pm

Donations from the Community
The CWA rooms will be open on Friday, 1st November, from 9am to receive donations. You can also leave donations on the doorstep from 1pm on Thursday, as members will be present to move items to a secure area.

If you're unable to make these times but would like to donate,

please contact the secretary at bungendore.secretary@gmail.com to arrange a convenient time.

Donation Guidelines

"One person's trash is another person's treasure," right? Well, not always!
Please ensure all donated items are:

In good condition, clean, and undamaged (no cracks, chips, or missing pieces)

No electrical items, please

Raffle Update

The Bungendore CWA wishes to

clarify previous advertising regarding the Helen Fitzgerald framed artwork that has been raffled. It was mistakenly promoted as an original painting; however, it is actually a high-quality framed Giclee print.

If you purchased a ticket thinking it was an original and would like a refund, please contact the secretary at secretary.bungendore@gmail.com. Refunds will be arranged, and your ticket will be removed from the raffle.

Tickets are still available for purchase, and the final day to buy them will be at the Trash and Treasure event on 2nd November. The raffle draw will take place at the Branch AGM on 3rd November.

Dates to Remember

Craft and Chat: Monday, 28th October

Trash and Treasure: Saturday, 2nd November

Branch AGM: Sunday, 3rd November



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Challenging our Girl Guides to (Im)prove Themselves

At the end of the October school holidays, 21 Guides and 10 Leaders from across the ACT, Queanbeyan and Bungendore gathered at the Guide's Innabaanya Campsite to compete in the Lev Shield. When this competition started in 2023, it was named after Nella Levy who was a pioneer of Guiding, in the hope her Guiding spirit will continue to inspire our girls into the future. The aim of The Lev is to challenge our Guides to practice their camping and teamwork skills and build their confidence all the while having fun in a supportive environment.

Each team had to manage their own campsite, pitch their own tent and cooking shelter, bring their own food and prepare their own meals on gas stoves and open fires and complete gas safety and first aid challenges. The girls also got to enjoy singing around the campfire and a range of activities including lighting fires with magnifying glasses and flints and carrying their mates through the bush on an improvised stretcher.

This year's winners in the Senior Guides (14-18-year-old) category was 'The Aggressive Salmons' with an impressive 362 ¼ /370.

This year's winners in the Guides (10-14-year-old) category was 'The Egregious Peanuts'. The 'Cuddly Koalas' from Bungendore, the newest unit in South East NSW, gave the Peanuts a run for their money as did units from North Ainslie and Tuggeranong.

Some key learnings were:

- Preparation and reading the instructions carefully is very important
- Don't be afraid to ask questions and try things
- Make sure your food is secure, or the camp crow (affectionately named Gary) will steal it
- Grease traps need to be up off the ground so they can drain

The Lev was supported by a dedicated group of volunteer leaders, including:

- Jen, Queanbeyan Seniors Leader, architect of The Lev
- Jo, Queanbeyan Leader of 54 years, lead assessor
- Chris, Assistant Region Manager - ACT and SE NSW
- Hannah and Amy, two new leaders who have just completed their journey as Senior Guides and will be awarded their Queens Guide at a special event at Government House.

Our units have vacancies, so if you are interested in joining us to learn life skills, meet new people and have fun please visit www.joinguides.com.au.

Reflections from a Competitor

There were so many amazing things about the Lev, some of my favourite parts were setting up and being with my friends from Girl Guides. We worked very well together and there were so many jobs we had to do. We had to prepare for the Lev for months! Cooking for an assessor was stressful, but we did it and we came second place. I'm very proud

of myself and of the things I learned. Next year we will have a better chance of winning knowing what the Lev is and how to prepare better. The next Lev, we will be even more excited because we've already done it, and we know what to expect. We won't be as nervous, and next year, we're going to win.

Matilda, age 12, Bungendore Girl Guide

Reflections from a Camp Mum

I have been the Leader of Bungendore Unit since the beginning of year and this was Bungendore's first time entering The Lev, so we were all a bit nervous.

A Camp Mum's role is to provide friendly and supportive advice and make sure the girls are safe but to let the girl's problem solve and do the work on their own. At times it was hard to stand back and let the girls struggle and make mistakes, but it was amazing to see their resilience and triumph!

I am so proud of all the girls who stepped out of their comfort zone and came along - they learned a lot about themselves, being independent and working in a team. Everyone left camp with a smile on their face, even if they were a bit dirty and tired.

I was also inspired by the dedication and energy of the Volunteer Leaders who were so willing share their time and knowledge.

Ruth, Bungendore Girl Guide Leader

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Community News

Queanbeyan Seniors (55+) news

Come and join us in these fun activities and see for yourself!

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Chair Yoga - 9.30am
Mat Yoga - 11.00am

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

Tuesdays

Zumba - Beginners 9.30am -
Normal Impact 11.00am -

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

Wednesdays

Mat Yoga - 9.30am

Chair Yoga - 11.00am

With Louise... no bookings required at 1 Farrer Place, Queanbeyan

BYO Mat for yoga if you have one, some will be supplied. Classes during school terms.

Cost for abovementioned activities \$10.00 per session for members & \$18.00 for non-members.

Monday

Craft weekly on Mondays - 11.00am till 2.00pm. Cost \$2.00. Bring your own lunch and your own project or work on a project for the Seniors.

Wednesdays

- Canasta - 10.00am -12.00noon Cost \$2.00

- Euchre - 1.00pm Cost \$3.00

- Mahjong - 1.00pm - 3.00pm Cost \$2.00

Thursdays



Thursdays - Rummikin - 1.00pm
Cost \$2.00

Fridays

- Carpet Bowls - 1.00pm
Cost \$2.00

Delicious afternoon tea follows these activities.

Seniors Monthly meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 1.00pm, Rear 1 Farrer Place. Next meeting 19 November 2024.

Spotlight Stall - this weekend, Saturday October 26 and Sunday October 27.

Membership only \$10.00 per annum.

New members very welcome. Contact - Brenda (0407 201 392), Melissa (0411 342 788), e-mail - queanbeyanseniors@gmail.com or just drop in during opening times - Rear of 1 Farrer Place, Queanbeyan

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT ONE OF THESE ACTIVITIES

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What does Halloween have to do with Mental Health in Bungendore?

Do you know what you're doing on Halloween? How about a little bit of real food mixed in with all those lollies.

The Rotary Club of Bungendore will be holding a sausage sizzle at the Bungendore Skate Park raising funds for a Mental Health First Aid course that we're planning to run for the community. No charge for your sausage sizzles but any and all donations received on the evening will go towards the course.

IGA Bungendore has generously donated the sausages, onions and bread for the event once again showing their support of the community. Thanks IGA.

Drop by for a sausage, say hello, have a bit of fun, collect some lollies, and make a donation (card or cash accepted). Looking forward to seeing you there.

See page 10 for more details.

Rotary
Club of Bungendore

Your thoughts on ageism revealed

National Seniors Australia

The realities of ageism you told us about in this year's National Seniors Social Survey.

Recently, to coincide with Ageism Awareness Day, National Seniors is launching two new research reports about ageism.

Both are based on findings from the 13th National Seniors Social Survey which around 5,500 older Australians responded to in February 2024. A big thank you to all of you who participated!

The survey included a module about ageism, approaching the topic from multiple angles.

Enough material came from it to fill four research reports, and we'll publish the other two later this year.

Report 1

The first report examines survey respondents' experiences with everyday ageism.

It uses a validated research tool called the Everyday Ageism Scale to measure this.

The scale comprises 10 questions which gauge how often a person encounters negative representations of older age, how often others in their life make assumptions about them that are stereotypically related to age, and their own optimistic or pessimistic expectations of older age.

In other words, it looks at everyday ageist attitudes and behaviours rather than more obvious types of ageism such as age-related discrimination in the workplace or age-based policies and rules

(those will be the topic of one of our reports later this year).

Our survey results show that older people who face social or financial disadvantage are more likely to experience ageism of this everyday kind.

For example, survey respondents who had tighter finances or poorer health averaged higher than their healthier and wealthier peers on the scale, indicating they had more experience of ageism on average.

Being 75 or older, being female, and being a member of a diversity group were also associated with higher ageism scores.

We know that disadvantage in one domain can compound disadvantage in another, and this research shows that ageism is also part of that picture.

The Everyday Ageism Scale

The Everyday Ageism Scale used in our survey was developed by US researchers and is generally used to test whether ageism impacts other aspects of life, such as health.

We compared respondents' scale score to their level of loneliness and also to their level of satisfaction with how they spend their time. We found lonely or dissatisfied older people are also more likely to experience ageism.

It's not clear if ageism causes loneliness and life discontentment, or vice versa, or if all are the product of other factors such as poverty and discrimination, but there is strong link.

Drilling down to look at each of the scale's 10 constituent forms of

ageism, it is clear that the associations with disadvantage continue for each.

For example, people were more likely to encounter the assumption that they have difficulty remembering or understanding things if they were over 75, had tight finances, were in poor health, or belonged to a diversity group.

An informative exception to this pattern is binary gender, which was more of a mixed bag despite women overall being more likely to experience ageism than men.

Of the 10 constituent forms of ageism, women reported encountering negative representations more often, as well as the assumptions that they did not do anything important or valuable, that they need help with things they can do on their own, and that they have difficulty with mobile phones and computers.

But men held more negative expectations of health (including mental health) in later life and were more likely to encounter the assumption that they have difficulty hearing or seeing things.

Report 2

The second ageism report we published this week examines the activities survey respondents wanted to do but stopped themselves from doing because of age-related self-consciousness, or internalised ageism.

Most of the activities survey respondents mentioned were physical in nature - related to exercise, sport, or dancing.

In many cases, a decline in physical capacity was the factor, but some reported feeling self-conscious about their age because of societal expectations of what was acceptable or appropriate.

In addition, a few respondents reported experiences of ageist bullying or mockery when exercising. For example, one person said, "I love to swim and try to, but I have had some people make fun of me."

Another shared, "I used to go to the gym but gave it away after hearing comments - about time he acted his age, etc."

As well as physical activities, other activities survey respondents stopped themselves doing included travel, going to live music venues, online dating, and studying.

For example, one person wrote, "Study medicine because everyone else who attended the open day was much younger. I thought I was far less likely to be taken seriously or selected."

Another person commented, "I am starting to not enjoy going [to] rock/metal music shows where I have been filmed because of my age."

These stories reinforce the message that we all need to take care to create actively inclusive environments for people of all ages.

Stay tuned later this year for National Seniors' final two ageism reports: on people's experiences of age-based discrimination and exclusion, and societal assumptions about older people

that survey respondents find annoying.

What is ageism?

9 October was Ageism Awareness Day this year.

For those unfamiliar with the term, ageism is similar to racism or sexism, but age based.

It is usually defined as prejudice, stereotyping, or discrimination that is based on a person's age, whether they are young, old, or otherwise.

In our 2024 National Seniors Social Survey, a few respondents wrote comments disparaging the term "ageism", feeling it was simply a new way of describing things.

However, the term was invented in 1968 by the ground-breaking US geriatrician Robert N. Butler. Its use has steadily increased ever since.

The EveryAGE Counts campaign founded Ageism Awareness Day in Australia in 2021 to draw attention to ageism's impacts and the need to combat it. The day is increasingly being marked internationally, including in the US, UK, and Canada.

The date was chosen to follow 1 October, the United Nations designated International Day of Older Persons.

Visit the World Health Organization at <https://www.who.int/health-topics/ageism> to see what it has to say about ageism.

You can read the Reports at <https://nationalseniors.com.au/>

Community News

More volunteers needed to provide ethics classes in our region in 2025

When former Air Force Officer (and Rotary Club Member), Mary Anne Whiting, retired last year, she was looking for a volunteer opportunity in the local area, and came across a small article in the Regional Independent, inviting volunteers to teach ethics in local primary schools.

The article explained that classes are run in hundreds of schools every week with lessons inviting children to explore everyday ethical issues such as truth and lying, whether something is fair or unfair, cheating and friendship. With her interest piqued, Mary Anne contacted the Regional Manager, Jim Neely, and submitted an application.

Mary Anne subsequently completed an on-line training course by Zoom (training can also

be undertaken face-to-face) with 12 other volunteers from all walks of life, and she now has her own class of 15 Year 1 students at Queanbeyan South Public School, which she said she is "enjoying immensely".

"I was very impressed with the high-quality, professional training", said Mary Anne. "We were supplied with workbooks to guide us through the program, including questioning techniques, how to maintain student interest, and how to make sure each student gets the opportunity to contribute to the discussions."

"The opportunity to guide young people to make ethical decisions and apply critical thinking to everyday situations is most rewarding. The curriculum is excellent and all lesson materials

are provided. I have encouraged several of my Air Force and Rotary colleagues to consider applying. I am so glad I saw the article and rang Jim."

The Primary Ethics program is now offered in all four government primary schools in Queanbeyan, and also in primary schools in Bungendore and Jerrabomberra, but more volunteers are needed to meet the demand for classes.

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.

Ethics lessons invite students to explore everyday situations that raise ethical issues, such as truth and lying, getting even, greed, being fair or unfair, cheating, friendship, drugs in sport, being an ethical consumer.

Regional Manager Jim Neely, who is also a volunteer ethics teacher, said that volunteers come from all walks of life and you don't need any teaching experience.

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

For more information visit the Primary Ethics website, or contact Jim at jim.neely@primaryethics.com.au or on 0451 517 815.

Photo supplied of Mary Anne Whiting (left) with fellow volunteers Jim Neely and Christine Huber

Scam alert: Scammers impersonating banks in text messages, phone calls and emails

The National Anti-Scam Centre is warning consumers to be wary of bank impersonation scams. Specifically, any unsolicited calls, emails or messages from someone claiming to be from their bank, requesting they provide their personal or financial information, transfer funds, or provide a one-time security code over the phone.

Scammers often claim to be calling from the bank's fraud department and may refer to an account compromise, suspicious transaction, or online banking

outage to try to create a sense of urgency.

Consumers should also be aware that scammers may use technology to deceive their victims, by making the call appear to come from the bank's legitimate phone number, or by sending a text that appears in the same conversation thread as genuine bank messages.

Scammers may also use numbers that are very similar to the bank's legitimate phone number in the hope that victims won't detect the difference, even when comparing

the two.

"If you receive an SMS with a telephone number to call, do not use it. Instead, call your bank direct on a number you have sourced yourself. Likewise, hang up if you receive a call from someone claiming to be from your bank requesting you to transfer money to 'keep it safe'. Your bank will never ask you to do this. Ask for a reference number and call your bank back using contact details you have found independently." ACCC Deputy Chair Catriona Lowe said.

Consumers should:

STOP - don't be rushed into providing personal or financial information, or transferring money. Your bank will never ask you to transfer your money into another account to keep it safe. Never provide online banking passwords, one-time security codes, PINs or tokens to anyone over the phone. Don't click on links sent via email or in a message on your phone, even if they appear to come from your bank.

CHECK - verify who you are

talking to. Contact your bank using your banking app or a phone number you have sourced from your banking app, bank website, statement, or card.

PROTECT - Act quickly - if you have transferred funds, provided access to your account or information to a scammer, contact your bank immediately and report to scamwatch.gov.au to help protect others. Tell your friends and family: it helps to share your experience so they can give you support, and also so you can help them stay safe from scams.

BUNGENDORE CRAFTERS CO-OPERATIVE

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Contact Thalia: 0412 884 120

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Bungendore High School Buzz

Bungendore High School has partnered with BaptistCare for an exciting and moving program called Stories and Skills Across Generations. Each Thursday afternoon, a dozen Year 9 students head over to the Bungendore Scout Hall to meet with a truly amazing group of BaptistCare clients for structured

sharing. Our incredible older adults tell their stories of life, love, work, passion and wisdom whilst the students take notes and ask questions. The students, in turn, share their stories. The students are working towards designing a project based on their older adult's stories. This has been a powerful and humbling experience and we thank BaptistCare and their clients

for their support and willingness to share.

We were thrilled to celebrate the first birthday of the Bungendore High School Breakfast Club. This initiative is supported by the volunteers from the Lions Club in Bungendore and provides free breakfast to students two mornings per week. The students are offered toast and poppers and enjoy their



interactions with the Lions Club folk. To celebrate the birthday of Breakfast Club, we cut three sensational cakes. Our thanks go to the Lions Club, Community Bank (Bendigo Bank) and Bungendore IGA, who have all supported this excellent community initiative over the past year.

And finally, our Year 9 agriculture class has been renovating and caring for the vegetable gardens over winter. They were rewarded with their first harvest of baby radish and rainbow silverbeet which were sold with all funds returning to the agriculture budget. Photos supplied

New family-changerooms at the Queanbeyan aquatics facility

Taking your kids to the pool in Queanbeyan will be simpler, safer and more convenient this summer after the construction of four new dedicated family changerooms at QPRC Aquatics Queanbeyan.

Crown Lands, part of the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure, helped fund the project through a \$244,305 Crown Reserves Improvement Fund (CRIF) grant. Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council funded the rest of the project which had a total cost of \$606,000.

The four new changerooms include baby changing tables and shower facilities to allow parents to shower and dress children in a private space before and after using the pool facilities. The new changerooms will join an existing accessible family changeroom, significantly expanding capacity by

bringing the total number from one to five.

The Queanbeyan War Memorial Swimming Pool (now called QPRC Aquatics Queanbeyan) is located on Crown land and was officially opened on Armistice Day 11 November 1961. It is a bustling, much-loved centre for sport and recreation for the Queanbeyan community.

Member for Monaro Steve Whan said, "In regional Australia, the local pool is a fixture of the community, and Queanbeyan's facility is excellent."

"I am thrilled Crown Lands and Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council have worked together to fund this project, which will greatly help parents who want a safe, convenient space to be with their kids this summer season and beyond."

In 2004, a 25 metre indoor heated pool was opened. In 2018, a children's splash park was built, with play equipment and water slides. These improvements greatly increased the number of families who wanted to use the aquatic centre but there was a lack of adequate changeroom amenities.

Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council Mayor Kenrick Winchester said, "The Queanbeyan pool is much loved and has been very important to our community for sport and recreation for many decades."

"We are glad so many families use our wonderful facilities, but it was really important we had the amenities to support parents and children. Before the new changerooms parents had to wait to use the one changeroom and



often kids would go home in wet swimmers."

The extra changerooms will encourage more parents to bring their children to the pool. They will

also provide adequate changing spaces during school swimming carnivals, swimming lessons and other swimming programs.

Photo: QPRC

Community News

Australian War Memorial flicks on green energy power

The Australian War Memorial has switched on its world-class sustainable green energy project in a purpose-built Central Energy Plant (CEP).

The largest closed loop Geothermal Heat Exchange system in Australia, the CEP is designed to provide sustainable heating and cooling across the Memorial's buildings and exhibitions for the next 80 years. The system uses the ground's thermal mass and relatively consistent underground temperature throughout the year to provide heating and cooling instead of using natural gas-fired boilers and chillers.

The Director of the Australian War Memorial, Matt Anderson, said the

new system dramatically reduces energy costs and greenhouse gases.

"In an institution that honours the service of past generations, we are committed to making it sustainable for the future," he said.

"It is one of the largest geothermal installations of its type in the world, with over 120 km of pipe installed to decrease the Memorial's energy usage.

"By harnessing our natural resources onsite, this new generation of geothermal system is estimated to potentially save the Memorial up to \$1 million each year compared to the energy costs of a conventional system."

A total of 216 vertical closed-loop boreholes have been drilled up to 150 metres deep, across the Eastern Precinct, including under the Memorial's CEW Bean Building, the bus park and grounds.

The project is calculated to eliminate the production of up to a thousand tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent a year.

"It is the equivalent of transporting about 87,500 students a year from Sydney to Canberra return to visit the Australian War Memorial, carbon free," Mr Anderson said.

Photo supplied of The Hon Chris Bowen MP, Minister for Climate Change and Energy (right), and the Hon Matt Keogh MP, Minister for Defence Personnel & Minister



3 million carers are far more lonely, distressed and likely to face financial hardship than the average Australian, new research reveals

Australia's 3 million carers are more than twice as likely to experience low wellbeing compared with the average Australian adult; new research released today reveals.

Carers Australia's 2024 Carer Wellbeing Survey, which surveyed 9,166 carers, found that while the wellbeing of average Australian adults has improved since last year (with a 6.6% fall to 23.8% in those reporting low wellbeing), the results for carers were in stark contrast. The 57.7% of carers reporting low wellbeing this year was almost identical to the 58.3% reporting low wellbeing in 2023.

Carers Australia CEO Annabel Reid said the survey results highlighted the importance of

National Carers Week, where every Australian can help and become involved by taking small, but powerful actions to make a difference in the lives of carers - to raise awareness, celebrate and recognise them.

"One in eight Australians are carers. Latest figures estimate there are up to three young carers in every Australian classroom. At some point in every Australian's life, we will either know, be, or need a carer," Ms Reid said.

"Our 2024 Carer Wellbeing Survey found our carers are being left behind in most of the key indicators of wellbeing, including loneliness, psychological distress and financial hardship.

"Carers need the ongoing support of all Australians - from government, businesses and media to classrooms and families, and medical professionals and our community."

Last week was National Carers Week, Under the theme of 'Show Them You Care', the campaign shined a light on the resilience and sacrifice of our 3 million carers, celebrating the profound impact they have on our communities.

Other key findings of the 2024 Carer Wellbeing Survey include:

- Carers were three times as likely to report being lonely compared to the average Australian. In 2024, 40.3% of carers reported feeling lonely often or always, compared

to 13.8% of average adult Australians.

Carers Australia is the national peak body for Carers. Our vision is an Australia that values and supports the contribution that carers make, both to the people they care for and to the community as a whole.

- Carers consistently experience poorer financial wellbeing compared to the average Australian: In 2024 carers were almost three times more likely to report being poor or very poor (16.3%) compared to average Australians (5.7%).

- Carers continued to have higher than average rates of psychological distress compared to the general population, with

28.2% reporting high levels of psychological distress

• Carers aged 25-54 were the most likely to be experiencing low wellbeing compared to the average carer (69% compared to 55.7%). This group represents almost half of carers (48.8% of carers 2021 ABS)

"Many everyday Australians are thrust into a caring role in extraordinary circumstances - some through a gradual progression into care, others through sudden, life-altering events," Ms Reid said.

"Behind the numbers are a mosaic of individual stories - each unique and deeply personal - showing the diversity of care and caring roles in Australia."

Home education crafting co-op

There are many families in and surrounding Bungendore who home educate and I am gauging interest from those families for a crafting co-op during the day at the Bungendore Learning Hub (old Post Office/former florists). The Bungendore Learning Hub has offered us use of the front room to meet and craft. It would cost \$10/family and would run for an hour or two, the charge is for room hire. A day and frequency hasn't been chosen, as to do this I really need to know who is interested and when they can come. Potentially there could be a couple

of different days to cater to different needs of families (we are very busy home educating). I was thinking maybe once a month or once a fortnight with alternating days available. Ideally it would be fantastic if a couple of families can have HEN membership, as this will cover insurance (two members need to be present for coverage, we are members). HEN membership is approx \$25 per year and includes access to educational discounts, insurance (inc work experience I believe) and more. For more information about HEN go to [https://home-](https://home-ed.vic.edu.au)

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The opportunities to craft at the co-op could be:

- Bring your own project to complete
- Get help to start a new project
- Discuss something we all want to learn and go from there (some home educating parents are experienced creators)
- Learn about textiles and explore felting, spinning, weaving etc... (that's my speciality)
- Anything crafty really

If you are interested please send me an email to the address below (I've made this one so my personal one doesn't get bombarded with spam from being published digitally).

For those of you whom don't home educate a little bit of information for you. Home education or home school (homeschool) all mean the same thing and are interchangeable. Many people choose to home educate their children, it is a choice as you don't get paid to educate them like a school does. Many parents home educate for a variety of reasons.

Each state/territory has their own registration process and NSW's process is very straight forward and easy. If you are thinking of home educating there are many registered home educators who you can talk to and a number of

fantastic Facebook support groups as well. As part of registration the applicant writes a learning plan which aligns with the NSW curriculum, the difference is how home educators teach this to their children. There are many and varied ways of teaching young people, so home educating families have the benefit of being able to tailor learning opportunities to their child and move around the curriculum in a different way and pace than a standard school.

There are many benefits to this, but you might be saying what about socialisation? Home educated students have multiple and varied opportunities to socialise. In the ACT there are many home school classes on offer by multiple businesses, as well as social groups for excursions or play. We also have groups locally meeting in Queanbeyan and Bywong offering learning opportunities or play. There are home school camps, road trips and workshops, really there are many ways to socialise. Home educated students get opportunities to ask questions and explore different topics in great depth. They communicate with a wide age range of other children and adults. You can even engage in other local groups, we regularly attend Mahjong at the CWA and



have recently joined the Bungendore Quilters.

If you are interested in connecting in a craft co-op please email me below. With your preferred day and time, and how many people would come along and any crafting interests (or skills) you have.

Looking forward to connecting with you.

Merle and Cherry
canberraregion.hen@gmail.com

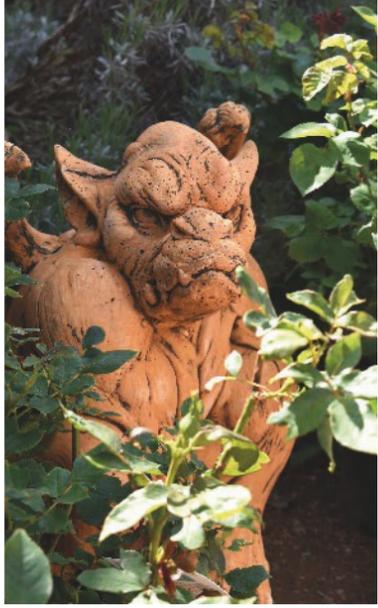
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Community News

Wander down the drive: explore the unique treasures of Bungendore Nursery

Behind Village Antiques Bungendore there is a hidden Gem. The plants and potted colour at the top of the drive are just a hint of what lies beyond. Walk down the drive and you'll begin to see garden art, pots, outdoor furniture,



sculptures, roses, trees, perennials and annual colour. Welcome to Bungendore Nursery!

Established by Shalimar Southam, Bungendore Nursery focusses on the unique, hard to find and special additions for your garden. The range of perennials are particularly popular, with gardeners from across the Southern Tablelands coming to visit and stock up. Shal cares about her customers gardens and only supplies plants that are suited to our area. Roses are a favourite - 'They love the heat, love the dry summer and will flower for months'. Bungendore Nursery has the largest collection of roses between Canberra and the Coast.

With suppliers across the country Bungendore Nursery also has a large range of unique perennials sourced from growers in Victoria and across New South Wales. Regulars know that Wednesdays are delivery days. Trucks unloading plants of incredible colour, form and habit arrive early. Remember the hardy flowering plants in your Grandmothers

Garden that you never thought you'd ever see again? Well its arriving on one of those trucks.

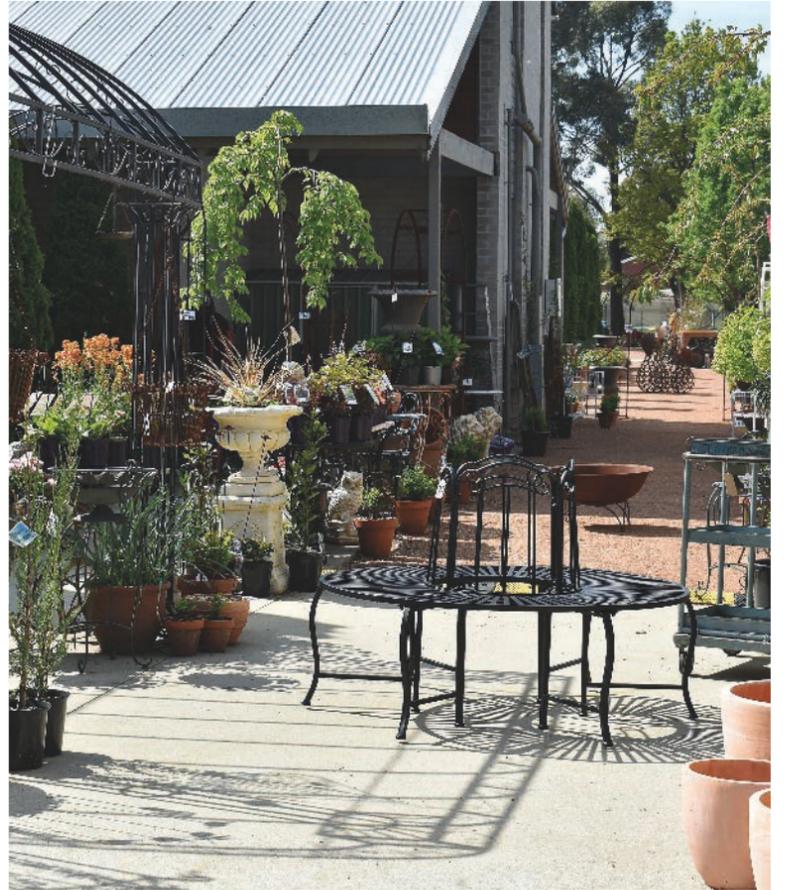
Bungendore Nursery also has an incredible range of evergreen and deciduous trees. With our defined seasons trees for spring flowers and autumn colour are a specialty. Bungendore Nursery always gets bare rooted trees in winter to pot up saving customers money and ensuring they perform well before being sold.

Whether you are an enthusiastic beginner or a seasoned green thumb Shal can help. With over 20 years of gardening experience and coming from a family that's owned award winning gardens, Shal possesses a wealth of knowledge.

So wander down the drive behind Village Antiques. Shal is the one with the big hat and the even bigger smile.

Bungendore Nursery Village Antiques Malbon Street (next to the IGA carpark)

Open 7 days from 10am.



Community supports Lions Cord Blood Foundation

Thanks to a donation of a \$300 grocery voucher by IGA Bungendore, Lions Club of Bungendore & Districts raised \$1000 for the Lions Cord Blood Foundation.

The winner was Helen Murphy, pictured here being presented with her voucher by Ollie from IGA.

The winning ticket was sold over the bar at Bungendore Bowling Club.

The Cord Blood Foundation funds collection, storage and research into left over umbilical cord blood which is used to help premature babies and in cancer treatment, particularly childhood cancer.

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Queanbeyan Evening CWA's donation put to good use

Recently, the Queanbeyan Evening Branch of the CWA generously donated 16 tables to St Gregory's Primary School. These tables have been a welcome addition to the school, as they are lightweight, easy to handle, and used daily by both students and TeamKids.

"We are incredibly grateful to the Country Women's Association (CWA) Queanbeyan Evening Branch for their generous donation," said Assistant Principal, Kate

McManus-Green. The CWA also expressed their appreciation to the school for allowing them to use the hall throughout the year.

Additionally, the CWA would like to thank Tent World in Fyshwick for their wonderful customer service in facilitating the purchase.

Photo: Students, CWA members Maria, Nicole, Maggie, and Lorraine, along with Principal Tiffany Reedy and Kate McManus-Green.



Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council

FOR YOUR INFORMATION



Nominate for the Australia Day Awards

Nominate for our Citizen, Young Citizen and Community Event of the Year awards.

Each year we celebrate the people in our community who are dedicated to making our region a better place, whether that's through volunteering, service to the community, holding community events or other achievements.

There are four regions for each award, Captains Flat, Braidwood, Bungendore or Queanbeyan.

Recognise the fantastic people in your community!

- ▶ Get your nominations in by 13 December at qprc.nsw.gov.au/Australia-Day-Awards



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 is on:

- 23 October
- 13 November

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.

Study at the library!

Don't forget that our libraries are open late on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays until 8 November!

Students studying for their end of year exams can visit the:

- Braidwood Library on Tuesdays until 8pm
- Bungendore Library on Wednesdays until 8pm
- Queanbeyan Library on Thursdays until 8pm
- ▶ For more information about our libraries head to library.qprc.nsw.gov.au



FREE child car seat safety check

Have your child car seats, harnesses and booster seats checked for safety and fit on Saturday 16 November in Queanbeyan.

The fitting is free however you will need to pay for any required buckles and anchors. They range from \$25-\$35 and eftpos is available.

- ▶ Register to attend this event at qprc.nsw.gov.au/events

Work with Council

Current vacancies include:

- Coordinator, Waste Operations
- Coordinator, Waste Strategy & Education
- Labourer (GEO)
- Casual Recreation Facilitator (Pool Lifeguard & Swim Teachers)

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



Have Your Say

Projects & initiatives open for community comment	Closing Date
Variation to Jumping Creek Planning Agreement	7 November

- ▶ 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

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 at bit.ly/DPnotices

Lease a Council building

We have three buildings available for lease on Crawford Street in the Queanbeyan CBD.

- 256 Crawford Street
- RB Smith Building, 262 Crawford Street
- Part of Level 3, Nellie Hamilton Centre, 257 Crawford Street
- ▶ Read more and apply at qprc.nsw.gov.au/for-lease

Diwali is this weekend!

Join us in Waniassa Park, Queanbeyan from 6-10pm on Saturday 26 October for the Queanbeyan Diwali Mela Lantern Festival!

There will be fantastic food, festivities, performances, stallholders, competitions and activities for the kids.

Enjoy this incredible event with us!

- ▶ Learn more at qprc.nsw.gov.au/diwali



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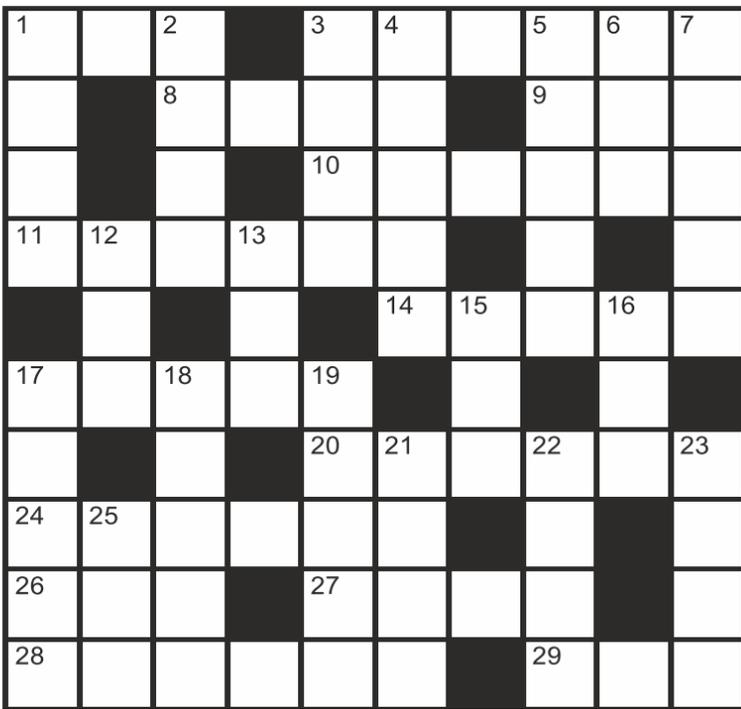
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Puzzles

Quick-Time Crossword



- 20 Catches sight of
24 Relating to spring
26 Before (poet)
27 Aeronautical manoeuvre
28 Most recent
29 Compass point (init)
- Down
1 Transmit
2 Chinese silver measure (fmr)
3 Nuisance
4 Coming after
5 Copying
6 Bushy mass of ivy
7 Appears
12 Compass point (init)
13 Ever (poet)
15 Amplifier (coll)
16 Female sheep
17 Surface slant
18 Heron
19 Closes up
21 Narrow opening
22 Little devils
23 Rescue
25 Period of time

- Across
1 Use a chair
3 Folds in cloth
8 Region
9 US writer
10 Long pace
11 Blot out
14 Storms
17 Drinks

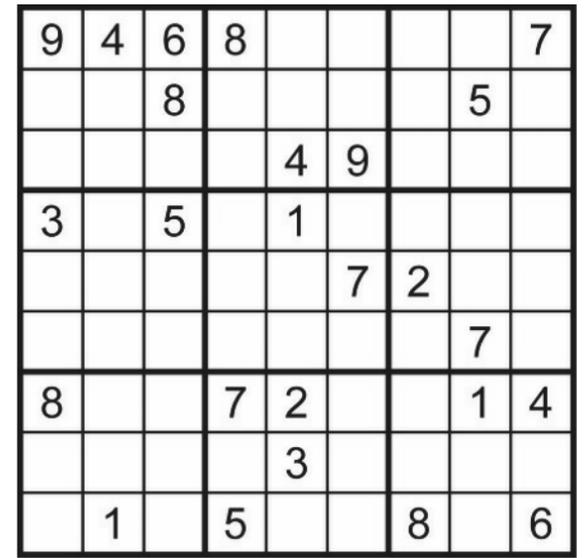
Target Time



Target: Average - 30, Good - 36, Excellent - 44+

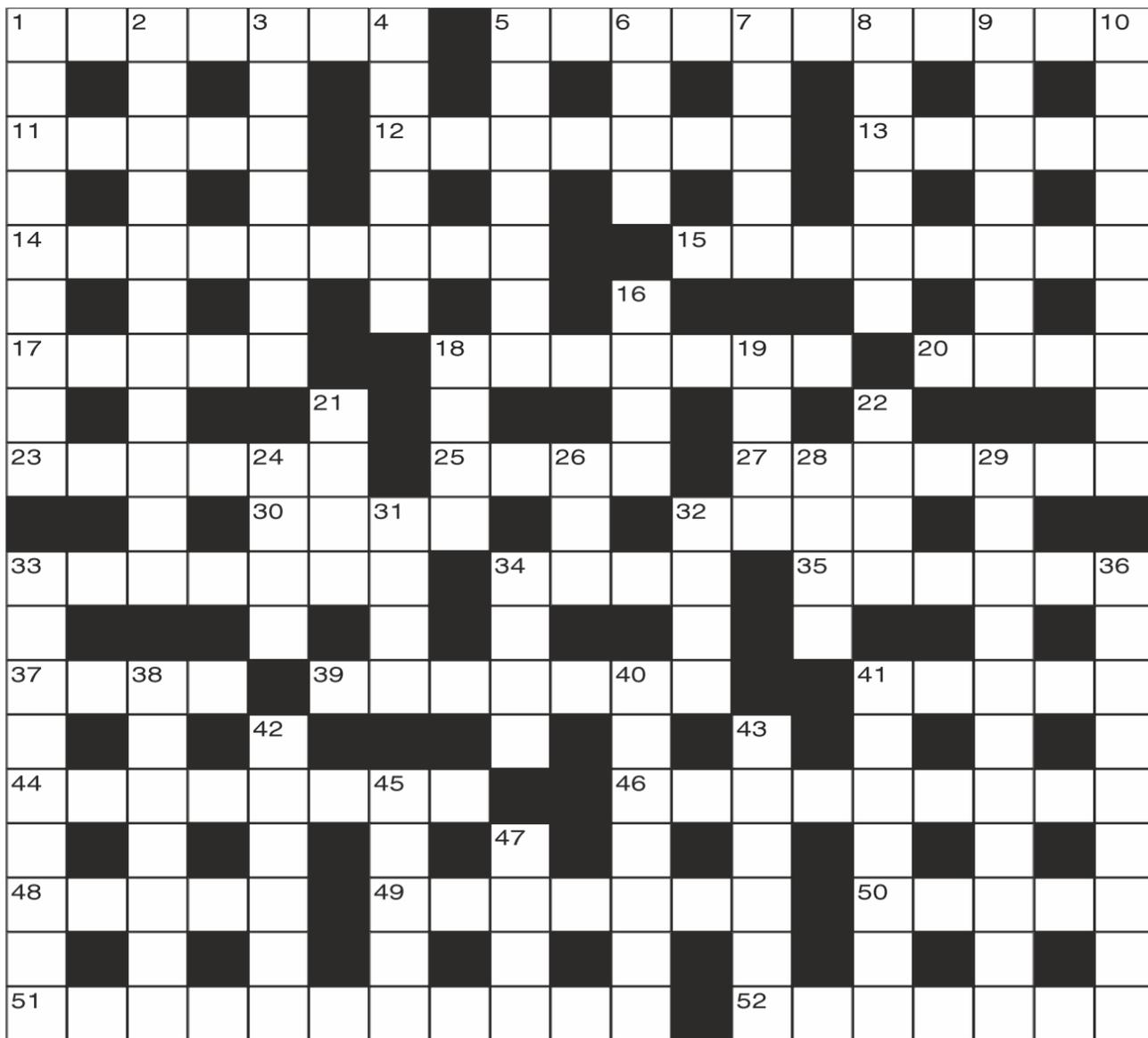
Using the nine letters in the grid, how many words of four letters or more can you make? The centre letter must be included and be used only once. Find at least one nine letter word.

Sudoku



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.

Crossword



- Across
1 Came in
5 Rough guideline (4,2,5)
11 Heavy carnivores
12 Handcuff
13 Dried plum
14 Bleaching
15 Involuntary reaction (4-4)
17 Overlooks
18 Eccentricity
20 Cat's cry
23 Troublemaker
25 Slip in manners; ___ pas
27 Jerky
30 Straggles
32 Erosion
- 33 Carry bag (4-3)
34 Jest
35 Finishing tool
37 Carnation
39 Suggested
41 Eat greedily
44 Stockpile
46 Thick fog (coll) (3,6)
48 Musical drama
49 Funny
50 Reproduce
51 Tall dog breed (6,5)
52 Type of pizza
- Down
1 Space to move (5,4)
2 Conventional
3 Bacon slices
4 Sphere
5 Defected
6 Want
7 Sea
8 Exceeded
9 Hawaiian instrument
10 Splinter group
16 Ornamental quartz
18 Fools
19 Web location
21 Enthusiasm
22 Metallic string
24 Soil type
26 Country
- 28 Guardian's charge
29 Ordinary
31 Sullen
32 Meander, ___ one's way
33 Plane curve
34 Shock
36 Testimonial
38 Savings (4,3)
40 Vacated
41 Plugs (5,2)
42 S American republic
43 Scottish fare
45 Tutor
47 Spiritual teacher

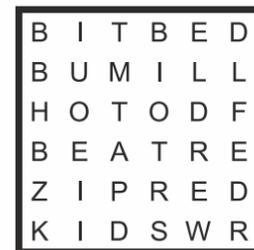
Brain Alert

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

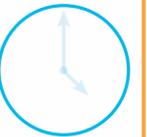
Word Find

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Find the following words in the grid.



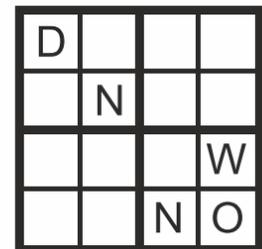
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Bed Hot Tap
Bid Hut Tide
Bit Ill Tie
Bomb Kids Zip
Butter Oar
Drew Old



Word Sudoku

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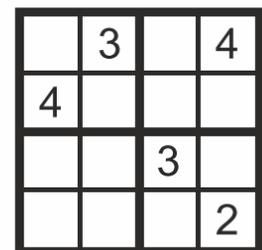
Enter the word DOWN in each row, column and 2x2 square, in each combination there should be only one of each letter.



Sudoku

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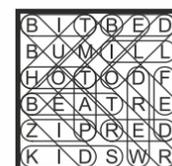
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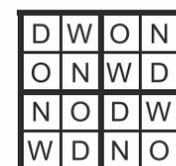
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Word Find



Word Sudoku



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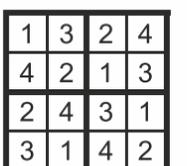


PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Bad Taste Women's Invitation bowls day recently held at the Bungendore Bowlo by the Women's

Bowling Club. Some 40 bowlers played in a very enjoyable social bowls day with bowlers coming from

Braidwood, Queanbeyan and Canberra clubs.
Photo supplied

Queanbeyan Uniting Church Mini Spring Fair: this Saturday, October 26

The Queanbeyan Uniting Church be holding a Mini Spring Fair on Saturday 26th October from 9am to 12pm, on the corner of Rutledge and Crawford St.

All are more than welcome to come and have a look at all the goodies the community has so generously donated and find a bargain or two.

Op Shops and Jumble Sales are becoming increasingly popular as store prices increase in the retail sector.

We also acknowledge the usefulness of being able help people reuse, repurpose, or recycle items, which benefits our environment.

'The Shed' runs alongside The Jumble Sale and offers a beautiful morning tea, so make a morning of it and come and visit us!

For further information please contact: Greg Toone on 0412 060 465 or Email gtoone@ozemail.com.au



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PET OF THE WEEK



Name - Luna
Age - 5
Likes - belly rubs, treats, playing with her siblings, walks
Dislikes - magpies, going to bed
Claim to Fame - she loves to drag across the floor on her belly



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Shaun Read - 0428 572 061

Do you have a Photo of the Week? Or, if you would like to see your beloved pet featured as 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. Please email your letters complete with full name, phone contact and address to: info@regionalindependent.com.au
Only your name and suburb will be printed

Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE 1080 FOX BAITS

Please Note:
1080 Fox baits will be laid on properties in Bywong on Millynn Road, Glendale Lane, Shinglehouse Road, Creekborough Road and Schofield Road.

Also parts of Bungendore Road between Schofield Road and Creekborough Road.

All participating properties will have signs from Fri 25/10/24 to Fri 20/12/24

Please be advised that these baits are targeting foxes. Warning: Domestic animals may be affected. Baits are being laid in conjunction with Local Land Services (LLS) in support of Feral Fighters.

Bungendore Netball Club AGM

The Bungendore Netball Club Annual General Meeting will be held at 6:30pm on Monday 11 November 2024 at the Bungendore Bowling and Sports Club.

This meeting will report on activities of the club for the last year, present financial statements, elect the executive committee members, and appoint other committee roles.

Please register your interest at bncsecretary@hotmail.com

Open Mic in the Garden

In conjunction with Bungendore Rotary and Southern Tablelands Arts, the community group "Open Mic in the Garden" will be commencing their summer open mic event on November 10 from 5 to 7 pm

Bring along a picnic and a rug and enjoy local artists performing live.

If you would like to perform or need any further information, contact John on 0447 069 317

Gold coin donation at the gate to Bungendore Rotary.

Bungendore Community Garden, Turallo Terrace, Bungendore (next door to the Bowling Club).



The Regional Independent is printed fortnightly. Upcoming edition dates: Wed 6 November | Wed 20 November | Wed 4 December | Wed 18 December. Notices and editorial information is required the Friday prior to edition date.

Bungendore Community Aid

Loan of assistance aids

This is to notify our residents of Bungendore and our immediate surrounds that we are still operational, although our temporary storage area is very cramped and not always easy to access, we are just managing.

We have crutches, over toilet seat raiser, shower chairs, wheelchairs and more. A list of what we have is in the back of the 2023-2024 Bungendore Directory, page 101.

Contact details are:
Lauren phone: 0402 329 067 or
Linda phone 6238 1359 or 0439 381 359

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Extended library opening hours during exam season

QPRC libraries will be open late for exam season!

Students who need a quiet place to study for their end of year exams can visit the:

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- Bungendore Library on Wednesdays until 8pm
- Queanbeyan Library on Thursdays until 8pm

These extended hours have begun and end on 8 November.

For more information about the types of resources available at our libraries head to library.qprc.nsw.gov.au



Wallace Street stormwater survey

As part of investigations to deliver stormwater improvements in Braidwood, NSW Public Works (NSWPW) have been engaged to deliver a concept drainage design to capture and divert stormwater from Wallace Street.

Previous designs have considered stormwater pipelines along the middle of Wallace Street, however, the difficulties of managing traffic and the impact to local businesses during construction have led to a rethink of the project.

NSWPW will collect data to determine the feasibility of diverting storm water at the Duncan Street and Wallace Street intersection via Duncan Street and Rylie Street to the Colonel R.T Hassall Reserve. (The diversion is indicated in green on the map below)

If this diversion is suitable, it allows Council to investigate additional stormwater quality improvement measures to further reduce the impact of the urban area on Flood Creek and downstream waters.

Surveyors will be looking at the areas shown in blue, orange and green on the image below from late October to mid-November (weather permitting).

If the route is feasible, NSWPW will complete a concept design of the alignment and water quality improvement measures.

This package of work is separate from the overland flooding investigations that we are also conducting, however, the completed concept design will feed back into the overland flooding investigation.

Queanbeyan Community Choir

Everyone is welcome to come along and join this friendly group who sing a variety of songs. No experience required.

Where: Queanbeyan Leagues Club Upstairs Meeting Room (Membership of QLC not required) 2:30-4:pm Saturdays

\$5:00 weekly attendance and \$5:00 yearly membership

Afternoon tea supplied. New members welcomed. For further enquiries email ayrrows@bigpond.com

Mayor's column

I'm thrilled to have been re-elected Mayor of Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council and I am humbled and honoured by the support of our community. A big congratulations to Cr Esma Livermore who will resume her role as Deputy Mayor alongside me. At our first meeting, Councillors elected the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for a two year 2024-2026 period. I am looking forward to continuing to work with my fellow councillors for our awesome community.



Contractors will be planting poplars that have been grown from cuttings of the original trees along the Kings Highway near the Braidwood Showground. This is part of a tree management plan that was prepared some years ago following safety concerns along the highway. Trees were originally planned to be planted while Transport for NSW installed guardrails, however the original trees that were propagated got a disease. The new cuttings are now ready for planting and works are planned to start on Monday 21 October. One of the existing trees will also be removed, following an arborist report into the health of the trees. The new trees are being planted as a replacement avenue of trees as the existing trees come to their end of life.

Nominations are open for the 2025 Australia Day Awards! Every year, Councils across the country recognise people and events that have made outstanding contributions to their communities. In Queanbeyan-Palerang, we have so many deserving people who need to be celebrated for their exemplary community service. Nominations are open for Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, and Event of the Year. You can find out more and submit a nomination until 13 December 2024 at

www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/Community/Australia-Day-Awards

We are only two weekends away from celebrating the Diwali Mela Lantern Festival! Join us in Waniassa Park in Queanbeyan from 6pm to 10pm on Saturday 26 October. The evening will be full of cultural performances from different communities that celebrate Diwali, along with an array of delicious food options, lantern making workshops and the Lantern Parade.

There will also be a best dressed competition so make sure to wear your most impressive Diwali-inspired outfit.

Cr Kenrick Winchester, Mayor

Photo: QPRC



Puzzle solutions

Target Time

Sudoku

Target: Average - 30, Good - 36, Excellent - 44+

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QT Crossword

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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 Sat



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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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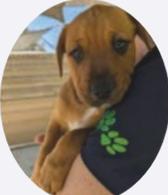
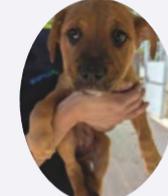
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Lots of delightful kitties, pooches & bunnies are looking for homes at the RSPCA (as of 19 Oct) To see who is available at the Shelter at any given time click on this link: www.adoptapet.com.au/ Just fill in the 3 drop down menus: animal type, state, location (Weston) and then press the "Find Your Pet" Button

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Sport

Wamboin Golf - October 2024

Sunday, 6 October. First, an apology to those thousands of supporters of the Deadly Serious Party. Our absence from the Council election ballot paper was due to the incompetence of the state executive who neglected to provide the NSWEC with our nominations. Can you credit it? What sort of lax outfit would do that? Never mind, let's stick to golf. It being October we all turned out for the Oktoberfest Stein dressed in our chamois leather shorts and Tyrolean hats, singing snatches and lays of a Wagnerian nature. The day was sponsored by Barb and Pete Harrison with assistance from son Steve, whom we thank for the refreshments and prizes, particularly First Prize, an actual glass Oktoberfest Stein suitably engraved. After it was declared that play was to be scored by the Stableford system, we were borne aloft by the Valkyries and flown about the course, shouting Gotterdammerung* and kicking aside the Nibelungs as we went.

Back in the Beer Hall, just before the Putsch was due to start, we scanned current affairs while the captain scanned our score cards. The bad news for the elderly - not here in Wamboin, the source of the Fountain of Youth - is the projected rise in aged care fees. The best bet is to go for home care assistance. Stay at home and save money by eating pet food. Or take Trump's tip and go straight for the dogs and cats themselves. 20,000 Haitian refugees in Springfield, Ohio can't be wrong. The location of the Bungendore High imbroglio is over. The NSW Education Dept has wisely decided to

put it "outside town". No, not actually in Tarago as suggested by your correspondent, but at least out on the Tarago road. The decision protects the beloved Mick Sherd Oval and the primary schoolers from all that vaping, doxxing, cyber bullying and gender confusion. Many of us expressed our disappointment at Council's rejection of our recommendation that the lookout above Jumping Creek be named after former Councilor Jack Purves. It seems poor old Jack is the forgotten man of local government. Canberra Tourism has opened up a niche market. They're exploiting the ACT's absence of consorting laws to welcome bikie conventions, most recently the Rebels and the Comanches. Next it'll be the Gypsy Jokers, the Hell's Angels, and the Fourth Reich.

The first chapter of his book 'Holidays in Hell' by your correspondent's old buddy, P J O'Rourke, is entitled 'Rambles around Lebanon'. Now, in one of those 'Life imitating Art' events, many Lebanese Australians are seeing more of this once beautiful land than they need at the moment. With the Middle East getting all the attention, Russian autocrat, Vladimir Chamber Pot, expelled six British diplomats for spying. No one noticed so he's redefined his conditions for using nukes against Ukraine "if he has to". Outstanding. Turning to sport, the Churchill Medal was won by the Pink Panthers' Liam Martin. The Brownlow Medal went to Patrick Cripps of the

mighty Blues. The Brown Nose Medal was snapped up by the individual at the racist ABC who added sounds of gunfire to a video which didn't show any, to spice up a story purporting to show SAS soldiers shooting Afghan civilians. The captain called for order and introduced our guests, David Searle, Phil Moran and Siegfried and Brunnhilde Ringsykel. Robbie's riddle referenced blushing fish. Ted's Joke described how the love of golf transcends all. The googly ball went to Steve Harrison whose otherwise excellent drive at Firebreak Fore chased a car down Bingley Way - and almost caught it. Your correspondent was initially awarded the dummy spit for suggesting that his name was 'scrubbed off' the NTP marker at the Hall. He gratefully passed it on to Steve Lambert for the ghastly sin of querying another player's handicap (gasp!) Vicki Still, it would appear, was a model of decorum throughout (another gasp). NTP and LD ball winners were Gerard Ryan 3, Col Urquhart 2, Vicki Still, David Bailey, Tim Barter and Rob Gorham. The junior comp winner was Robert Thompson with a score of 42 strokes for 20 Stableford points. Senior nine hole winner was Gerard Ryan 37/22 from David Thompson 52/19. David Bailey was the inaugural winner of the Oktoberfest Stein as victor of the senior 18 hole comp with a score of 87/42 from David Searle 113/37. David B will not have to test the marital bonds by displaying the Stein at home as it will take



its rightful place in the club's trophy cabinet in the Hall. Well done, all players.

Next month is November when we stage the Wamboin Open, an essential part of the PGA Tour. Join us at the Hall on Sunday 3 November at 12.15pm for the 12.30pm shotgun start. Meanwhile, people are worried that Albo's so-called 'Disinformation Bill' will cripple free speech. Fortunately it will not affect these monthly reports based, as you know, on the absolute truth.

**Armageddon with a slightly happier ending*

Larry King, golfer

Photos: Pete Harrison



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