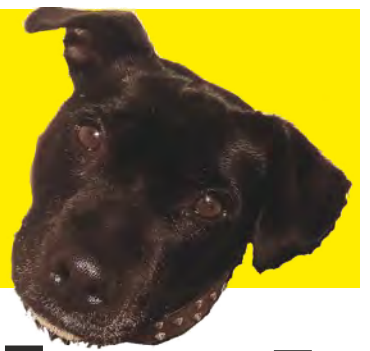


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Storms, festivities and community fun

Wild weather has swept across the region in recent weeks, bringing thunderstorms and lightning strikes. High winds, heavy rain, and hail caused trees to fall and shredded leaves, leaving a 'carpet' of green across many gardens and streets.

Monday's thunderstorms and heavy rain caused flash flooding and havoc in Sydney and across the state.

With more rain expected SES are reminding residents to:

- Ensure overhanging branches are trimmed back and never park under trees during storms.
- Flash flooding can occur when large downpours occur. Water looks for the path of least resistance and often clogged or subpar roof guttering can allow water to enter your property.

- Never walk ride or drive in floodwater. Avoid creeks, drains and rivers during heavy or sustained rain.

- Call 132 500 if you need the assistance of the NSW SES. The NSW SES conducts emergency temporary repairs and does not negate the need for a qualified tradesperson to attend your home to ensure your home is ready for the next storm.

- Visit www.bom.gov.au for current warnings and predictions.

Lot's happening around the region over the next few weeks. Here's just a few..

Jerrabomberra Pump Track Party

Friday, 14 February 2025, 3.30pm to 6.30pm

This free community event will celebrate the opening of the track. The event will

start at 3:30pm with official proceedings from 4pm. See page 12 for more information.

Wamboin Markets

This Saturday the 15th of February, 9am-12 noon, @ the Wamboin Community Hall, Bingley Way.

Braidwood Show

Saturday March 1, 2025

Admission on Show day - tickets at the gate. Adults: \$10.00 including GST

Concession Card Holders: \$5.00 including GST

Children 6 to 14: \$5.00 including GST

Children under 6: FREE

For more information head to <https://www.braidwoodshow.org.au/>

Queanbeyan Multicultural Festival

Sunday, 2 March 2025, 10am to 4pm

Ready to eat your way around the world, dance to a new beat, or maybe just have a super day out in Queanbeyan Park? The Multicultural Festival is back ready to wow crowds and fill bellies and hearts for another year.

This year will also feature international performers, market stalls, sporting demonstrations more craft activities for the kids and of course delicious food

As this is one of our busiest events, we ask attendees leave their pets at home unless they are a service or assistance animal

Sharon Baxter-Judge

Left: Music by the River 2025, held Saturday February 1, once again attracted a massive crowd. Photo courtesy of QPRC



Coming soon

BUNGENDORE MITRE 10

QPRC: meeting agenda Wednesday February 12, 2025

The Ordinary Meeting of QPRC will be held at 5.30pm on Wednesday 12 February 2025. This meeting will be held in the National Theatre at 100 Wallace Street Braidwood, starting at 5.30pm. Presentations for items on the Agenda can be made in writing, via Zoom or in person. A live stream of the meeting can be viewed at: <https://webcast.qprc.nsw.gov.au/>

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16.1 Legal Matters Update - 1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024

Item 16.1 is confidential in accordance with s10(A) (c) (di) (e) (g) of the Local Government Act 1993 because it contains information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business; AND commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person

who supplied it; AND information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the maintenance of law; AND advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege and discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.

16.2 Deed of Settlement Minister Education and Early Learning: Bungendore

Properties Reinstatement

Item 16.2 is confidential in accordance with s10(A) (e) of the Local Government Act 1993 because it contains information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the maintenance of law and discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.

If you'd like to make a presentation on any of the matters on the agenda, you have three options.

Written presentation - submit by midday on Tuesday before the meeting

Zoom presentation - register by midday on Wednesday

Verbal presentation - register by midday online, or between 5.00pm-5.30pm on Wednesday at the meeting.

You can register to make a presentation, view or download meeting documents for Council meetings at www.qprc.nsw.gov.au

Business papers and full agenda can be found at <https://www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/Council/Council-Business/Minutes-Agendas>The meeting can be viewed at webcast.qprc.nsw.gov.au

Hearts on the green: Bungendore to bowl over prostate cancer in memory of a beloved mate

The Bungendore Bowling and Sports Club is busy preparing to host a special fundraiser and awareness event for Australia's leading community-based organisation for prostate cancer research, awareness, and support: the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia.

Scheduled for Saturday, 15 February, the event will honour Chris Randell, a beloved club member who passed away from a six-year battle with metastatic prostate cancer in February 2024 at the age of 69.

Vivien Laycock, the event's organiser and Chris' partner, recalls her husband as a vibrant and caring individual who brought joy to everyone at the club.

"Chris' diagnosis only came about because he had persistent back pain. It was a shock because he had no prior symptoms, and he never considered the possibility of getting prostate cancer," she said.

Chris underwent hormone therapy and six rounds of chemotherapy,

leading to an initial drop in his PSA levels. Despite a promising response to treatment, his PSA levels rose again in 2023.

"After another gruelling round of chemotherapy, Chris passed away on 12 February 2024," she continued.

"Even when he was ill, Chris made sure others were looked after and was always a source of encouragement and kindness for club members," Vivien said.

The fundraiser aims to address the pressing need for prostate cancer awareness and research.

Prostate cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer in Australia, with an estimated 26,368 men likely to be diagnosed in 2025.

According to data published by the Australian Health Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW), prostate cancer accounts for around 16% of all newly diagnosed cancers.

The local Bungendore Prostate Cancer Support Group will be present to provide the latest up-to-date information on the disease and

encourage men to prioritise regular PSA checks.

The day will feature a relaxed, social atmosphere, including lunch, a raffle, and opportunities to connect with the community.

The club will charge a small fee for lunch, and any leftovers will be included in the raffle. All proceeds from the event will go to the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia.

"Our focus is to be Australia's leading charity fund for Australian-based prostate cancer research, to protect the health of existing and future generations of men in Australia," the CEO of the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia, Ms Anne Savage, said.

"We also aim to improve the quality of life for Australian men diagnosed with prostate cancer and their families."

According to Bowls Australia, more than 173,000 men aged 60-74 participate in lawn bowls, making the event an ideal platform to spread this critical health message.

"This activity is a great way to remind people that prostate cancer can be silent but deadly. Please, get your PSA checked today," Anne added.



Vivien said the club hoped to raise \$5000.

"Raising that amount would be amazing, but we hope to raise even more, if possible.

"By talking about Chris and his journey, it will hopefully encourage some of our male members to take their health seriously and get checked for prostate cancer."

Donations can be made online through the Bungendore Bowling and Sports Club fundraising page for those unable to attend.

"Whether through participation, donations, or simply spreading the word, the club hopes to impact the fight against prostate cancer significantly," Vivien added.

"Together, please let's honour Chris' memory and bowl over prostate cancer for good."



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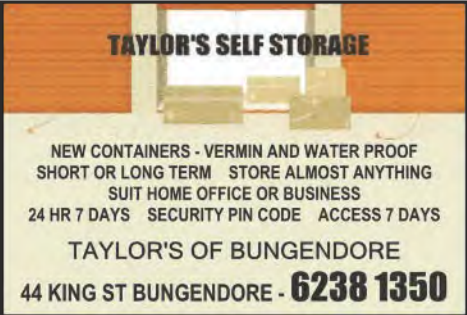


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Stay Scam Savvy: Digital tips for seniors. Friday, February 28, 9am

Learn, Protect, and Connect: Special Presentation for Seniors The Bungendore Seniors are excited to invite all seniors (aged 55 and over) from across the region to join us for an informative

and engaging Presentation Morning designed to empower you in the digital age. Whether you're a seasoned tech user or just starting out, this event will offer invaluable insights to

help you stay safe and secure online. The session will be presented by Adrian, an nbn™ Local Community Engagement Specialist, and will cover essential topics tailored for today's digital world. Here's what you can look forward to: Scams Awareness and e-Safety Have you ever been concerned about online or phone scams? Do you want to build your confidence in navigating the digital world safely? Adrian will share practical advice on recognizing and avoiding scams, what steps to take if

you fall victim to one, and where to seek help. This session is perfect for anyone looking to enhance their digital safety and protect themselves from online threats. Digital Legacy: Managing Your Online Presence In this interactive session, Adrian will guide you through the concept of digital legacy. Learn how to manage your digital assets and plan for your online presence to ensure peace of mind for you and your family. From securing your accounts to preserving important digital memories, this session will leave you

better prepared for the future. Time for Tea and Connections Of course, no Bungendore Seniors event is complete without a scrumptious morning tea, especially at the Carrington. Indulge in tea, coffee, juice, and an assortment of tasty goodies. If you have any dietary requirements, please let us know when you book. When: Friday, February 28, 9:00 am to 12:00 noon Where: Rose Cottage, The Carrington Inn conference room, Ellendon Street, Bungendore

Cost: \$10.00 per person (includes morning tea) Book Your Spot Today! Spaces are limited, so make sure to reserve your place early. Bookings are essential. To book, please contact Sharon at 0419 025 533 or email bungendoreseniors@gmail.com. Join us for an informative morning of learning, laughter, and connection. Let's make the digital world a safer and more empowering space for everyone! Image: Shutterstock



Unpaid Rates and Land Sales

At the 27 November 2024 meeting, Council agreed to proceed with the sale of land for unpaid rates for eligible properties in the Queanbeyan-Palerang local government area. The sale of land for unpaid rates is a last resort for Council. All of the properties on the list have a rates and charges debt that is more than five years old, and Council has made repeated attempts to contact overdue ratepayers to arrange payment for the debts

outstanding which collectively total over \$1million. "We have exhausted all avenues to contact property owners with unpaid rates that have been outstanding for more than five years," said Rebecca Ryan, General Manager. "Numerous letters have been sent, door knocks have been conducted, and external agencies have been engaged to assist in finding these landowners."

"In an attempt to reach owners or their families, we have published a list of properties in the hope that the community can assist." Of the original 38 properties, 26 are vacant land, 6 are houses, 3 are units, 2 are other structures and there is one business. Council is following strict legislative processes, including publishing this list as one of the final steps. The list was advertised in the NSW Government Gazette on 20 January, the

Canberra Times on 27 January, on Council's website on 28 January and Business Paper Reports; in addition to the Regional Independent and Braidwood Changing Times this week. As part of this process any proceeds above the unpaid debt will be held in trust and transferred to the owner or their estate following the sale of a property. "If you recognise someone who may own or have ties to these properties, please let

them know," Rebecca Ryan said. "We are committed to working with owners to help them resolve their situation and remove properties from the auction list wherever possible." "Since the first advertisement was published two properties have been removed from the original list and more owners and family members have been in touch over the last week. It is Council's hope that we can resolve

the outstanding debts before the auction." The properties are scheduled for public auction from 10am on Friday 2 May at the Queanbeyan Bicentennial Hall, 257 Crawford Street. The auction will be conducted by Ian McNamee and Partners who can be contacted on 6297 5555. If you are affected or have any questions, please call 1300 735 025 and ask for Council's Rates team.

Explore

Burrunju Art Gallery & the National Arboretum

Everyone is welcome to join us for a fantastic day out.

We travel by luxury coach to the visit the Burrunju Art Gallery for a guided tour. This Aboriginal-owned and operated not-for-profit charity is the only Aboriginal-owned art gallery in Canberra, showcasing stunning local Indigenous artwork.



<https://www.burrunju.org.au>

We then travel to the award winning, National Arboretum. Here you can take your time, enjoy the forest and gardens, the lookouts and the National Bonsai & Penjing Collection of Australia.

Lunch is own expense at the Cafe or bring a picnic.



Tuesday 4 March, 2025

9.15am departure from the CWA Rooms, Gibraltar Street, Bungendore.

Returning back to the CWA Rooms by 2.30pm

Cost: \$15 per person

Seats are limited, so bookings are essential.


Phone Jill on 0414 306 027 or Sharon on 0419 025 533 or email bungendoreseniors@gmail.com



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Motorcyclist dies in crash north of Braidwood

Monaro Police

A motorcyclist has died after his bike left the Kings Highway and crashed 20km north-west of Braidwood this morning.

Emergency services were called to the Kings Highway, Manar, about 11:30am on Friday 7 February 2025, and found a 57-year-old man was critically injured when his bike struck a pole.

Two passersby rendered assistance; however, he was unable to be revived and died at the scene.

Officers attached to Monaro

Police District have commenced an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the crash.

It's believed the man was from Batemans Bay.

A report will be prepared for the coroner.

Anyone with information about this incident is urged to contact Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000 or <https://nsw.crimestoppers.com.au>. Information is treated in strict confidence. The public is reminded not to report information via NSW Police social media pages.

Maria's community corner



As Queanbeyan Citizen of the Year 2024 I had the privilege and honour of announcing and presenting the award to the 2025 Queanbeyan

Citizen of the Year - Wendy Grant. As mentioned in last fortnight's Regional Independent Wendy is very involved in (among other things) Tennis and Pickleball. Wendy was the driving force behind the new courts on Wanniasa Street, Queanbeyan. Junior Citizen of the Year was Jeriky Williams, musician extraordinaire, and Event of the Year was Googfest. There were two Mayoral Awards as well, to Queanbeyan Muster and to Formally Formal Wear Op Shop. Such an amazing, truly deserving group of people. My congratulations to you all and to QPRC staff for such a great afternoon. CWA Queanbeyan Evening Branch once again outdid themselves in providing a scrumptious afternoon tea for the VIP's.

Speaking of the CWA Queanbeyan Evening Branch - have you checked out their Love Your Sister charity fundraiser High Tea on International Woman's Day, 8th March 2025? It's at the Bicentennial Hall (The B) and one of the amazing items being raffled is an amazing quilt, the superb handiwork of the Queanbeyan

Quilters. Samuel Johnson OAM is the Guest Speaker as well as the auctioneer. I had the opportunity of hearing Sam speak last year and he is an amazing, captivating speaker. Promises to be a really fun-filled afternoon so make sure you get your ticket!

Still on the subject of the CWA Queanbeyan Evening Branch three members of it's Executive were recently invited to speak to members of the Queanbeyan Quilters about (among other things) the CWA Branch, it's history, purpose, community engagement and CWA's government lobbying within rural and regional NSW. We also touched on the possibility of the 2 organisations collaborating on projects in the future and were ecstatic when invited to stay and preview their amazing 'works-in-progress'. So many talented women in the one place at the same time!

Queanbeyan Senior Citizens are back with their stall in Riverside Plaza on Saturday 22nd February so keep an eye out for them. There will be many handmade items as well as home baked cakes, slices, jams and relishes. They are also looking at adding more activities to their calendar.

Music by the River - what an enjoyable event that was. People filled the dance floor as well as dancing where they sat. Thanks to Mel and QPRC staff for such an amazing event.

Empowering conversations: Youth Mental Health First Aid Course in Bungendore

Anyone can have a conversation that may save a life. Everyone should know how. Action on Youth Mental Health in Bungendore

Every person is likely to know family members, friends, co-workers or community members who are experiencing a mental health problem. In fact, mental illness is now said to affect every Australian either directly or indirectly.

Youth & mental health

Recent data (abc.net.au; abs.gov.au) shows a significant rise in mental health issues among young Australians. Nearly 40% of young people aged 16 to 24 reported experiencing a mental health disorder between 2020 and 2022. This is a substantial increase from 26% in 2007.

Anxiety disorders are the most common, affecting about two in five young women and one in four young men. The impact of COVID-19, social media, and global uncertainties have been major contributing factors.

This demonstrates the need for community-led models of care that empower individuals where they live, work and play. Understanding how to talk about mental health and having the confidence and knowledge to help someone in need are important skills that any person in the community can learn.



Very worthwhile and relevant to my work as a teacher. It has raised my awareness of mental health issues among young people and what signs to look out for. I have a clear idea of what my role should be as a youth mental health first aider.

Youth Mental Health First Aid Course

The Youth Mental Health First Aid course teaches participants how to recognise symptoms and provide initial support to a young person (aged 12 - 18) who may be experiencing a mental health problem or mental health crisis, until professional help is received or the crisis resolves.

Course participants learn about the signs and symptoms of common mental health problems in adolescents, how to recognise and respond to an emerging or worsening mental health problem, and the treatments and support available

So what can I do?

The Rotary Club of Bungendore is running the Youth Mental Health Course in Bungendore on 22-23 March 2025.

The course will be run in person over a weekend (2 days) with a cost of \$30 per person which



includes the course, all coursework and catering. Spaces are limited to a maximum of 22 participants. Get in EARLY!

If you are interested in attending or would like more information, please contact the Rotary Club of Bungendore on bungrotary@gmail.com, through our Facebook page or scan the QR code below and fill out your details and submit. Easy!



Bungendore CWA Cookery Competition: Saturday, March 1

Bungendore CWA will host its branch cookery competition on Saturday March 1st.

It's open to young & old, and you don't have to be a CWA member to enter. There are 18 sections available, including junior categories. Cakes, slices, puddings, jams, chutneys & relishes are all being judged, so put a marker in your calendar and get cooking. More details about how to enter will be coming very soon and we look forward to welcoming entrants from our wonderful Bungendore community.

One of the yummy recipes is listed below. If you have any

questions, please reach out to our Land Cookery Officer, Libby Raymond on our social media page or drop an email to bungendore.secretary@gmail.com

Section Six: Coconut Loaf

This recipe must be used

Ingredients:

- 125g melted butter
- 1 cup desiccated coconut
- 1 cup self-raising flour
- 1 cup caster sugar
- ½ cup milk
- 2 eggs

Method

Melt butter and add to all other



ingredients and mix well. Pour into a loaf tin, well-greased and lined on the sides. Bake at 180°C for 30 minutes or until baked through.

Ice with white glacé icing.

NEXT MEETING DATE : Sunday Feb 16th 930 am for a 10am start.

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Community News

Preschool Fair & Pig Races:
Saturday March 15



The Preschool Fair & Pig Races are on again, from 9am Saturday 15 March 2025, at Mick Sherd Oval in Bungendore, with a special announcement that our wonderful Community Bank Bungendore as the platinum sponsor of the event. It is shaping up to be another successful big day out in Bungendore. Fair entry is free and the entertainment focus will once again be on activities for families and children, with games designed to test the skills of children of all ages.

The Dachshund races will be on again, and prizes will be awarded, including the best dressed and fastest dog!

Bungendore's now famous community spirit has again come to the fore, with several generous sponsors already making substantial donations. We are expecting strong demand for stall sites this year following last year's event, and new stallholders are welcome.

Rotary will again be 'twirling the tongs' for us, and they hope to exceed last year's record food sales. All day there will be a range of food options around the fair, as well as coffee vans and the Preschool will be selling cold drinks from the canteen, where from lunchtime the BRUFC Mudhooks team will operating the bar.

This year, a competition will be held to find the best classic car in the Bungendore region. Those who wish to enter should bring their vehicle to the park, complete a simple entry form, pay a \$10 fee, and

display their vehicle on the northern side of the park. The entrance fees will be pooled to provide prizes for the best classic car and the best modified vehicle. The winners will be decided by popular vote by fair attendees.

There will be 3 major raffle prizes. Tickets will be available for purchase at the Fair as well as at Preschool and the IGA in the weeks leading up to the event.

The happy little piglets will race around their enclosure again this year, searching for a large bowl of milk - the first to find the milk is the winner. There is no gambling involved, so you can't place a bet on a pig. The website explains how the pig races are conducted. So, raid your piggy bank and come on down to the pig races and win yourself some cash.

For more information on how to become a sponsor, stall holder, helper on the day or would like to donate items for the raffle prizes, please email fundraising@bungendorepreschool.com.au.

Get it in your calendar and keep an eye on the Bungendore Preschool Fair and Pig Races 2025 Facebook event page for updates and fair information.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

David Webster 0417 235 492



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Bungendore’s corner block: a forgotten space or future hub?

For years Bungendore’s prominent corner block at Gibraltar and Ellendon Streets has remained a fenced-off space, despite plans and community hopes for its development. Once proposed as a bustling hub with council offices, community facilities, and much-needed public amenities, the site has instead become an eyesore, raising frustration among residents and local business owners. As the years pass with no progress, the community continues to ask for this central location into a space that benefits Bungendore’s growing population and many visitors alike.

The 2,023m² block at the corner of Gibraltar and Ellendon Streets was privately purchased in 2013, and in mid-2014, a Development Application (DA) was approved for commercial, retail, and office spaces. Years later the fences were erected.

In July 2021, Council purchased the site for \$1.43 million, funded by the \$9,727,359.00 Department of Education (DoE) compensation payment, with plans to develop a Council building, community facilities, and a library. More than four years later, the fences remain and could potentially remain for some years to come.

Community Concerns

Alan Longhurst, President of the Bungendore Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) highlighted long-standing concerns about the vacant "corner block" and its impact on the village streetscape.

"Over the years the Bungendore Chamber of Commerce and Industry has discussed the impact that the vacant "corner block"

has on the streetscape in the village. "Development of new offices on the Council owned land was seen as an opportunity to activate the corner, create a focal point for village life and provide formal and informal meeting spaces. The design also included provision of public toilets which are sorely needed in this part of town. "However, we are aware that the replacement Council building proposed for the land may not now proceed."

Businesses, residents, and community groups have long advocated for the revitalisation and use of this site.

Previous Planning & Community Consultation

In 2008, BCCI prepared a Landscape Master Plan to guide the future streetscape character of the village. The plan was developed through face-to-face interviews and surveys with business owners, along with an interactive public display at the old council chambers.

"The vacant block on the corner of Gibraltar and Ellendon Streets is often suggested as a possible site for a town square.

Minimal infrastructure, using soil to create a turfed amphitheatre with undulated seating, located in the southwest corner, would provide a cool retreat for mothers and children in summer and serve as a performance venue on summer evenings."

In 2010, the Bungendore Land Use Strategy and Structure Plan was adopted and reaffirmed this vision, based on feedback from business owners and residents, calling for streetscape and footpath improvements.



Bungendore Place Plan, June 2024:
"The empty lots at the corner of Malbon Street and Gibraltar Street are pointed to as missed opportunities."
Comment: "The 2 undeveloped blocks of land are an eyesore".

In 2020, Council adopted the Bungendore Structure Plan 2048, which recommended developing a streetscape plan for the area, incorporating work previously undertaken by Palerang Council.

"Recreation and employment lands are key areas to monitor to ensure this Structure Plan is delivering on its intent and responding to emerging issues and trends.

Including green space and recreational areas will help retain the town's rural character."

The Bungendore Place Plan, adopted in June 2024 after extensive community consultation, emphasised the need for "better maintenance, cleanliness, native vegetation, and additional small green spaces throughout the town centre.

Gibraltar Street is central to Bungendore's identity, valued for its rural charm, historic character, and

community hub role. It is home to a mix of businesses, cafés, pubs, and essential services like the post office, making it a popular area for leisurely strolls and community interaction."

For years, many businesses and residents have repeatedly called for public toilets at this end of town, as the only existing facilities are located at Bungendore Park.

Public toilets, the fit out for community markets and EV charging stations were included in the original central carpark design (October 2020) but were removed from the design at construction stage.

Preliminary designs for the new council facility (April 2024), included public toilets and EV charging stations. However, with the decision to move back into the old council chambers, these facilities will once again not be built

Ideas for the corner block

Community suggestions for the revitalisation of the block include:

- Public toilets
- A mural on the brick wall
- Mature landscaping & large deciduous trees
- Quality seating and tables
- A stage for concerts / performances

Before the site was fenced off, many community groups held market days and events there, as the location connected Gibraltar and Ellendon Streets, making it an ideal central gathering space.

Mr Longhurst expressed frustration at the ongoing neglect of the site:

"The prison-like security fence has been an eyesore for years. We would like to see it removed and the block landscaped for community use while deliberations about its future continue.

"This would be a low-cost project that would breathe life into the streetscape. The open space could host an annual street party, informal performances, or simply serve as a gathering place with seating and artwork.

"The benefit of retaining accessible open space with street frontage should be valued and considered in any future plans."

The future of this central block is now uncertain. Many locals want to see it retained and revitalised.

Now, is a perfect opportunity for council to engage with the community and renovate the corner block for all to use and enjoy.

If you believe this site should be preserved for community benefit, contact Council and elected Councillors and share your views.

Sharon Baxter-Judge

Below: The hugely successful Southern Harvest Festival in March 2018 (spot the porta loos).



Community News

QPRC Meeting Summary: January 29, 2025

QPRC

Here is the summary of the resolutions made at the Council meeting of 29 January 2025. The archived recording of the meeting is now available at: <https://webcast.qprc.nsw.gov.au/archive/video25-0129.php>

- Council endorsed demolition of three timber bridges across Jembaicumbene Creek along Araluen Road, Reidsdale that are a listed local heritage item and will implement recommendations from Council's Heritage Advisor and the Heritage Report. Council will receive a report on remaining timber bridges in QPRC, their heritage status and condition prior to being asked to endorse demolition of any more such bridges.
- Council declined a donation request of \$4,163.22 to residents of Warrigal Community Village under Category C of our Donations Policy. Council will write to NSW Govt asking they consider rates, water and sewer relief for pensioners in this situation.
- Council endorsed naming fields at the Bungendore Sports Hub the Anthony Rayner Field and the Garry Cook Field. Names will be placed on public exhibition for 28 days at <https://yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au> and Council will hold a naming event if no objections received

- Council endorsed renewal of existing alcohol free zones and alcohol prohibited areas, and added 1 Farrer Place Queanbeyan following request from Monaro Police District. The list will be placed on public exhibition for 30 days at <https://yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au>
- Council will proceed with detailed design and construction of Option 3 for Monaro Street upgrade. Council will consult with affected property owners and business operators prior to inviting tenders for construction. Council will receive a further report on options for replacement of 300mm water main in Monaro Street.
- Council received December 2024 investment report, noting return of \$1,238.470
- Council endorsed placing policies on public exhibition for 28 days: Social Media Policy, Media Policy, Petition Policy, Related Party Disclosures Policy, Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policy, Boundary Fences Adjoining Council Public Reserves Policy. If no submissions received, the policies will be adopted. Council also agrees to move Playground Management Policy and Activity Cost Attribution and Distribution of Governance Policy from strategic to operational policies
- The Register of Annual Returns of Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest and Other Matters by Councillors was tabled and will be

- made available on Council's website
- Council received information report about changes to the legislation governing the way parking fines are issued
 - Council received update on the Jerrabomberra Traffic Campaign after community consultation
 - Council received a summary report of the road renewal and maintenance activities completed between 1 October and 31 December 2024
 - Council received information report about a survey of business community conducted in late 2024
 - Council received report recognising that Green Flag Awards have been awarded for Queen Elizabeth II Park and Queanbeyan Park
 - Council received information report about bi-annual compliance and reporting activities for the Office of Local Government
 - Council received information report about the upcoming sale of land for unpaid rates
 - Council received information report on the Health, Safety, Environment and Quality activities for the period 1 October to 31 December 2024
 - Council received information report on councillor workshop on 22 Jan. Workshop included information on Draft South East and Tablelands Strategic Regional Integrated Transport Plan; Monaro

- Street upgrade, Draft Deed of Settlement - Minister Education and Early Learning and QPRC, Community Engagement Strategy, Revised Solid Fuel Policy; and a briefing on break-ins around QPRC.
- Council endorsed the 3 December 2024 Local Traffic Committing meeting minutes and recommendations
 - Council noted the 5 December 2024 minutes of the Bungendore Floodplain Risk Management Committee
 - Council notes the draft minutes of the of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee held on 9 December 2024
 - Council receives an information report regarding bus shelters and the locations where they will be installed in 2024-25
 - Council received questions with notice about Bungendore lead contamination works and answers will be provided at a February Council meeting
 - Council received question with notice on progress at the old D&S Site on Wallace Street in Braidwood and answers will be provided at a February Council meeting
 - Council received question with notice on progress of upgrades of Nerriga Road and answers will be provided at a February Council meeting



- In closed session, Council awarded Contract No. 2024-78 for the supply and installation of road safety barrier systems to Western Safety Barriers Group Pty Ltd commencing 3 March 2025 for 3 years, with option to extend contract for two additional 12mth period
 - In closed session, Council approved the draft Deed of Settlement with the NSW Minister for Education and Early Learning and QPRC, which establishes legal framework for court proceedings to be resolved. Council authorised GM to negotiate changes if not inconsistent with legal advice and will receive the final Deed of Settlement at the next meeting
 - In closed session, Council received information report about notice of project financial and scope management audit of Restart NSW Fund - South Jerrabomberra Innovation Precinct project
- If you'd like more information about these matters, you can find the business papers and minutes on our website at: <https://www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/Council-meetings>

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Rotary Club of Bungendore turns 22

Happy Birthday to the club and members past and present on this fantastic achievement. 22 years represents many, many hours of voluntary work in supporting our Bungendore and wider community through various projects and events.

The club membership remains healthy with numbers fluctuating a little each year but generally sitting at around 45.

Members celebrated the birthday over dinner at the Royal Hotel on 29 January and finished the celebrations with a cake.

Club meetings are every Tuesday at 6:30pm at the George Hotel for a meal, to share information, update progress on upcoming activities, and to enjoy the diverse presentations of our guest speakers. And yes, we

have fun and a good laugh too!

Rotary is a great organisation with opportunities to get involved in a variety of projects. There is something for everyone. If you wish to find out more or are considering joining, please make contact via bungrotary@gmail.com and we can take it from there

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The Bungendore Crafters' Co-operative: crafting up a storm

The Crafters' Co-Op met last Thursday at their regular fortnightly craft evening to talk all things weather, insurance, antiques, gardening, oh-and of course- craft! The group, comprised of local women with a shared passion for craft and all things creative, each worked on their individual craft projects while sharing tips, tricks and tools. Projects included crochet and knitted washcloths, crochet tea towels and a flower garland, applique, knitted jackets and bonnets, Tunisian crochet and a beaded embroidery top.

The Co-Op is excited to announce a new community project running in conjunction with International Women's Day on the 8th March. Community members of all ages from Bungendore and surrounds are invited to participate in the Pocket Portraits: A Collaborative Craft Project.

Join the fun and celebrate the girls and women in our community by making a self-portrait (or portrait of a female in your life) in whatever medium you prefer on a handkerchief



or hanky-sized fabric square (8.5 x 8.5 inches). You may wish to embroider, draw, paint, collage, bead, quilt or use photography to create your self-portrait- the options are limitless! Return completed squares to the Co-Op by the 5th March (a box will be placed out the front of the Community Space at 55 Gibraltar Street or pick-up by the Co-Op can be organised) for members to then sew together to form a 'patchwork' of portraits that will be displayed in the community for the month of March. Fabric for squares will be available at the Co-Op for anybody to use and a workshop will be

held at the Co-Op for all those interested to come along and share materials and self-portrait ideas.

Entry fee to participate will be a gold coin donation that will be directly forwarded to a local charity providing support and assistance to women impacted by domestic violence.

For more information on the Crafters' Co-Operative or the Pocket Portraits project, contact Thalia on 0412 884 120 or follow the Bungendore Crafters' Co-Operative on Facebook.

Happy crafting!

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Destination: Tarago

For most people the village of Tarago is synonymous with the Loaded Dog Hotel and not much more. A thoroughfare on the way to or from the coast. However, a growth of businesses in recent years has made Tarago an interesting place to stop, and more than that, a destination in its own right. For anyone who hasn't visited Tarago lately, there's a lot to discover.

Located an hour's drive from Canberra and just 30 minutes from Goulburn, Tarago is a convenient day trip that delivers a taste of rural village life. Tarago is a place where it's not unusual to see people riding horseback down the main street or sheep on the back of a ute! The approach from the eastern side is an avenue flanked by tall trees, providing a majestic entrance to the village. For those who prefer a more leisurely way to travel, the scenic train line from Sydney to Canberra stops at Tarago, just moments' walk from the shops and pub.

An L-shaped cluster of shops aptly named "The Corner" occupies the corner diagonally opposite the Loaded Dog at the crossroads in the centre of Tarago. With ample parking, it's the ideal spot for travellers to stop awhile, stretch the legs in the recreation grounds, grab a coffee and a bite to eat.

The Corner is the brainchild of Judy Alcock, who built the four units, of which her real estate business, Southern Tablelands Realty occupies one. Seeing the need for a café in the village, one of the units was always destined for this purpose.

In a nod to the Loaded Dog, Tarago now has a cat! The recently opened Chubby Cat Café is a family run affair with a focus on tasty food lovingly made from scratch. While mother, Anne cooks up a storm in the kitchen, her son and daughter work front of house, brewing coffee and chatting with customers, providing both passers-by and locals with friendly small-town hospitality. You can't get much more rural than enjoying a coffee while the cattle in the field across the road look on! And even

better, the café's coffee supplier donates a dollar to Bear Cottage charity for every bag of coffee beans brewed.

Just a few paces away is Christmas on Rosebery; for year-round Christmas cheer! With the mantra "come in in for coffee and stay for Christmas", this shop is so much more than a Christmas store. Owners and Tarago locals Felicity & Glen have created a beautiful haven for gift buying, with something to cater to almost every taste; spanning home décor to fashion accessories to children's toys and much more. Their amazing coffee and locally made slices are a hit with locals and travellers alike!

Next door is Corang Estate Cellar Door & Pantry. Set up as a tasting room for local winery Corang Estate, owners Jill & Michael are passionate about everything from grape to glass. Whether you're a wine novice or aficionado, you're sure to learn something new in their guided wine tasting. In addition to their range of multi-award-winning wines, the duo has also procured a selection of local and regional pantry goods, from cheeses, cold meats to sauces, honeys and more. If being surrounded by all the mouthwatering food makes you hungry, visitors are welcome to build their own grazing platter which they can enjoy with a glass of wine or a non-alc drink at one of the indoor or outdoor tables.

Visitor numbers to Tarago swell for the annual car show in October and the country show in March, plus there's a popular market every two months in the community hall that features many local crafters. The Loaded Dog Hotel managers Tim and Alanna are passionate about supporting community organisations and host raffles every Friday evening to raise money for various local causes. Who knows, a Friday evening drink could result in winning a voucher for a local business. What better reason to come back for another visit!

Tarago Recreation Ground and village centre. Credit: Destination NSW



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QPRC: Revised Draft Solid Fuel heater Policy now open for comment

Understanding the Revised Solid Fuel Heater Policy

Despite significant public opposition, council continues to push forward with a Revised Draft Solid Fuel Heater Policy.

Previous council decisions

August 14, 2024: Councillors discussed the Draft Solid Fuel Heater Policy and amended Point 3.2 to specify that the policy does not apply to replacing existing *approved* wood heaters.

December 18, 2024: Councillors voted on the Draft Solid Fuel Heater Policy.

Public feedback was overwhelmingly against the policy, with 82.5% of respondents opposing it. Of the 237 submissions received, 191 were against the policy, while 44 supported it.

Council staff recommendations:

- Not adopting the policy at this time.

- Receiving a report on further options to restrict solid fuel heaters in specific areas of the Local Government Area (LGA).

Despite staff recommendations, the Council passed the following resolution:

- Review the draft policy to clarify its scope and intent.
- Develop a communications plan to address misunderstandings about the policy.

- Resubmit the policy for public consultation for 28 days from February 1, 2025.
- Prepare a report on public consultation responses.

For: Crs Livermore, Preston, Taskovski, Willis, Wilson, Waterhouse, and Winchester.

Against: Crs Broadbent, Grundy, Schweikert, and Macdonald.

Key changes in the Revised Draft Policy

Outcomes - The phrase "protects" has been changed to "To protect".

Content - The revised policy now states the areas it applies to, whereas the initial draft policy included areas only in the Appendix.

Review Process - A new clause (7.2) was added:

"Any review of the policy will require further public consultation before any changes, except where imposed by State or Federal legislation."

Is your current wood fire heater council approved?

To check if your current wood fire heater is council *approved*:

1. Review your approved plans and development consent to see if the heater is listed.

2. If you don't have a copy of these documents, you can obtain them through an informal GIPA application at councils website.

- For property information requests dated before July 1,

2010 (such as DA Consents, Occupation Certificates, plans, etc.), there is now a flat fee of \$500, whether or not any records are found

- For requests dated after July 1, 2010, there is no charge.

If your approved plans do not show a solid fuel heater, and there is no separate approval for the heater's installation under section 68 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council will consider the heater unapproved.

Upgrading your current Wood Fire Heater

If your current heater is not approved, you will need to then apply for approval under Section 68 of the Local Government Act 1993.

If you want to upgrade your wood fire heater to a more efficient model, under this draft policy, you cannot replace it unless your current heater is council approved.

Have your say

You can submit your feedback via the Your Voice webpage, <https://yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au>

This includes the following four Yes/No questions:

1. *Existing approved wood heaters do not need to be removed. Do you think this is appropriate?*
2. *Existing approved wood heaters can still be replaced*

after application. Do you agree with this?

3. *The policy restricts new installations of solid fuel heaters in the urban areas mentioned. Do you agree with restricting the installation of new solid fuel heaters?*

4. *This policy applies to Queanbeyan (excluding Greenleigh), Jerrabomberra, Googong, Jumping Creek, Tralee, Bungendore (including Elm Grove Subdivision), Braidwood (including Braidwood Ridge Subdivision). Do you agree with these areas?*

Note: Questions 1 and 2 refer only to **approved** wood heaters. You can submit feedback without answering these questions in the comments box or by

Email: council@qprc.nsw.gov.au (Subject: "Revised Draft Solid Fuel Heater Policy")

Mail: PO Box 90, Queanbeyan NSW 2620

In-person: At any council customer service centre

An archive of both meetings can be viewed at: <https://webcast.qprc.nsw.gov.au/> The Revised Draft Solid Fuel Heater Policy can be viewed at <https://yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au>

Comments on the Revised Draft Solid Fuel Heater Policy close 4.30pm March 2025.

Sharon Baxter-Judge

Revised Draft Solid Fuel Heater Policy

QPRC

After the feedback we received previously during consultation in September and October last year, the policy has been rewritten to be clearer and better explain what the policy applies to.

The policy is seeking to reduce the impacts of wood smoke by limiting the installation of new solid fuel heaters.

This policy restricts the installation of new solid fuel heaters in the urban areas of:

- Queanbeyan (excluding Greenleigh)
- Jerrabomberra
- Googong
- Jumping Creek
- Tralee
- Bungendore township (including Elm Grove Subdivision)
- Braidwood township (including Braidwood Ridge Subdivision)

Under the policy, existing approved solid fuel heaters do not need to be removed. Existing approved solid fuel heaters can still be replaced with new solid fuel heaters.

Submissions may be made:

- By completing the survey on councils YourVoice webpage by 4:30pm 14 March 2025
- By email to council@qprc.nsw.gov.au(External link) referencing "Revised Draft Solid Fuel Heater Policy" in the subject line
- By mail to PO Box 90, Queanbeyan NSW 2620
- By delivery to any of Council's customer service centres

CWA QBN Cookery Competition - congratulations everyone

Last Saturday morning eager bakers from CWA of NSW Queanbeyan Evening Branch submitted their entries for the Land Cookery Competition. The competition is supported by The Land newspaper. Bakers who are awarded First and Second place today then proceed to Group level which will be held on 11th March. At Group level only First place getters will proceed to State level and these will be judged at the State Conference which this year will be held in Wagga Wagga from 18th May.

Bakers and observers were kept in suspense whilst the Judge (Leona) judged each category of cakes, children's cupcakes, jams,

preserves and relish and were colour coded according to their placing. Finally, the names of the winning bakers were announced. Two of our junior bakers were awarded First and Second place for their animal themed cupcakes. So many clever bakers. Given my dietary requirements I could only dream of tasting each and every one, they all looked soooooo good! Congratulations to all who entered and were awarded a place. Well done everyone.

Maria Porreca
CWA Queanbeyan Evening Branch

Photo supplied: a difficult job for the judge



RACGP applauds federal governments \$537M women's health package

The Royal Australian College of GPs has applauded the Federal Government's \$573.3 million package for women's health which includes new funding for menopause health assessments and increased funding for long-acting reversible contraception (LARCs).

The Albanese Government package announced today includes more funding for LARC insertion and removal, and to establish LARC training centres. It also includes new funding for menopause health assessments, the development of national guidelines for menopause and perimenopause, and for new generation contraceptive pills to be listed on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS).

RACGP President Dr Michael Wright said: "The RACGP has been calling for more funding for women's health and we applaud the Albanese Government for this package, particularly funding for health assessments and LARCs.

"We know cost-of-living is hitting women hard. Surveys show women are more likely to have delayed seeking essential healthcare due to costs than men. And, on top of this, medical misogyny is embedded in Medicare.

"The current subsidy for Intrauterine Device (IUD) insertion is just \$77, while a vasectomy, which is equally complex and time consuming, gets much more funding at \$222. The RACGP spoke about this issue and the need for more

funding with Health and Aged Care Assistant Minister Ged Kearney just last year.

"Women across Australia need better access to affordable and comprehensive care for health issues like endometriosis, chronic pelvic pain, menopause, and perimenopause.

"New funding for menopause health assessments will immediately improve access to affordable and high-quality care from specialist GPs for those who need it.

"The new generation contraceptive pills being added to the PBS will also give women greater options and choices.

"There is no substitute for the quality care you get from a GP who knows you are your history. Everyone needs affordable access, no matter your gender, income, or where you live in Australia.

"The RACGP has a comprehensive plan for accessible and affordable GP care, which includes a suite of initiatives for women's health, which we'll be releasing next week. As part of this, we have been calling for more funding for LARC insertion, and women's health assessments.

"Better funding women's health including contraceptives and health assessments is an investment that will pay off. It will improve health and wellbeing, reduce pressure on our health system, and help reduce gender bias in our health system."

Bungendore Seniors

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

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.



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

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

See right for dates.

2025 Membership

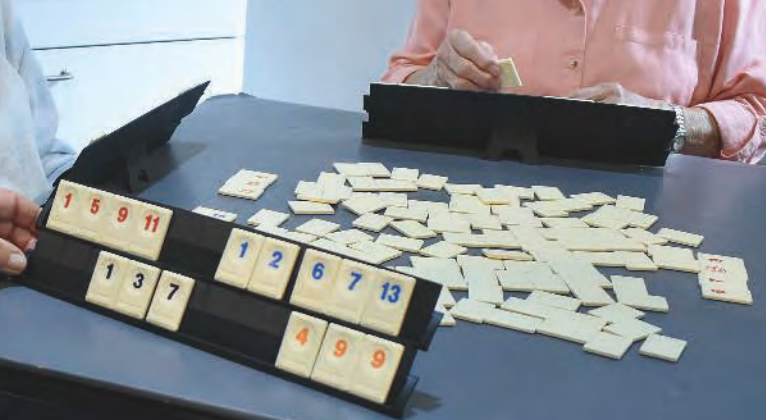
Yearly membership is only \$10.00 per person. We welcome everyone over the age of 55.

Monthly Lunches

Join us for lunch held the 4th Wednesday of each month. Next lunch is Wednesday February 26, at Eric's at The Malbon, at 12.30pm. All are welcome to come along.

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

Bungendore Seniors are pleased to announce that for the month of February Jordan will be running



THURSDAYS

Thursday 13 February
Thursday 27 February
Thursday 13 March
Thursday 27 March
Thursday 10 April
Thursday 24 April
Thursday 8 May

FRIDAYS

Friday 21 February
Friday 7 March
Friday 21 March
Friday 4 April
Friday 18 April - Good Friday, so no gathering
Friday 2 May
Friday 22 May

our Tuesday afternoon sessions while Sue our Yoga teacher is away.

Beginning Tuesday Feb 4 - these classes, specifically catered for seniors are a fantastic way to boost strength and flexibility.

The one-hour sessions are on **Tuesdays at 2.00pm and then again at 3.30pm at the Bungendore Scout Hall.**

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

All welcome to attend

Feral pig workshops: Bungendore and Goulburn

South East Local Land Services are encouraging Southern Tableland landholders to attend one of two upcoming feral pig workshops to learn more about management tools and techniques.

The workshops will include practical demonstrations of different feral pig management tools and techniques, as well as presentations from experienced industry leaders and South East Local Land Services.

Feral pig populations pose a significant threat to agriculture by killing, harassing, or competing with livestock, spreading disease, and contributing to soil erosion. Beyond their impact on primary production, feral pigs are a major threat to the environment, causing damage to aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems and devastating native vegetation. They are also known to destroy habitats critical to threatened and endangered species, further endangering local biodiversity.

The impact they have to a landholder's bottom line is considerable, so we all need to



be working together to mitigate their impacts as much as possible. These workshops will help to give landholders the tools they need to do just that.

Workshop locations and dates:

- Bungendore - Bungendore Scout Hall, 20 February 2025
- Goulburn - Goulburn Race Club, 21 February 2025

Presentation topics:

- feral pig control tools
- baiting techniques
- seasonal conditions and what that means for feral pig management
- monitoring

All workshops run 9:00 am - 2:00 pm and include lunch. People planning to attend are asked to RSVP two weeks prior to the date of workshop.

Please register online at <https://www.lls.nsw.gov.au/region/s/south-east>

Local Land Services is currently delivering the Feral Pig and Pest Program 2024-25 on behalf of the NSW Government to continue supporting landholders in managing feral pigs and pest animals.

Find out more about the Feral Pig Program and how it is supporting landholders by visiting [lls.nsw.gov.au/what-we-do/our-major-projects/feral-pig-and-pest-program-2024-2025](https://www.lls.nsw.gov.au/what-we-do/our-major-projects/feral-pig-and-pest-program-2024-2025)

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Stay Scam Savvy: digital tips for seniors

The Bungendore Seniors are excited to invite all seniors (aged 55 and over) from across the region to join us for an informative and engaging Presentation Morning designed to empower you in the digital age. Whether you're a seasoned tech user or just starting out, this event will offer invaluable insights to help you stay safe and secure online.

The session will be presented by Adrian, an nbn™ Local Community Engagement Specialist, and will cover essential topics tailored for today's digital world. Here's what you can look forward to:

Scams Awareness and e-Safety

Have you ever been concerned about online or phone scams? Do you want to build your confidence in navigating the digital world safely? Adrian will share practical advice on recognizing and avoiding scams, what steps to take if you fall victim to one, and where to seek help. This session is perfect for anyone looking to enhance their digital safety and protect themselves from online threats.

Digital Legacy: Managing Your Online Presence

In this interactive session, Adrian will guide you through the concept of digital legacy. Learn how to manage your digital assets and plan for your online presence to ensure peace of mind for you and your family. From securing your accounts to preserving important digital memories, this session will leave you better prepared for the future.

Time for Tea and Connections

Of course, no Bungendore Seniors event is complete without a scrumptious morning tea, especially at the Carrington. Indulge in tea, coffee, juice, and an assortment of tasty goodies. If you have any dietary requirements, please let us know when you book.

When: Friday, February 28, 9:00 am to 12:00 noon

Where: Rose Cottage, The Carrington Inn conference room, Ellendon Street, Bungendore

Cost: \$10.00 per person (includes morning tea)

Book your spot today!

Spaces are limited and bookings are essential, so make sure to reserve your place early.

To book, please contact Sharon on **0419 025 533** or email bungendoreseniors@gmail.com

This event is proudly sponsored by the Bungendore Seniors Association

Investing for your kids future



by Phil Harvey
Many of the people we work with are professional and executives with young families.

One of the re-occurring goals I hear are the desire to invest for their kid's future. While the motivations can vary, the common theme is to be able to give them a leg up when they are in their mid-20's.

Here are the five things parents should consider looking at:

Normalise investing

I encourage clients to hold a small amount of investments in their child's name and invest with them. Get them involved. Show them the power of compounding. Show them

that markets go up more than they go down.
The short-term tax consequences of investing like this are far outweighed by the long-term benefit of having a young child that understands investing.

Invest through Super

Quite a few people want to be able to hand over a lump sum to help their kids buy a house or start their own investment journey.

The most tax effective way for anyone to invest is through super. The downside to super is you can't access your super until you meet a condition of release - age wise this is usually at 60.

If the timelines work out, the best way to invest money for your kids is to do it through super. Either through concessional or

non-concessional contributions.
Buy investment properties through a Self-Managed Super Fund

Parents are always worried their kids won't be able to afford to get into the property market in the next 20 years.

A solution is to setup a SMSF and use it to buy investment properties. If the timeframes work out, you could then sell this property when you are in pension phase meaning you would then pay no capital gains tax. This money could then be withdrawn and given to your kids.

Invest through Investment Bonds

Investment Bonds can be a tax-effective way of investing if you (and your spouse) are both high

earners. If the timelines don't match up with super, Investment Bonds should also be considered.

This is a good way to cap the tax paid on your investment earnings at 30%.

Invest through an investment company

If you are a business owner, one of the favoured ways of investing is to do it through an investment company who is a beneficiary of the income generated by your trading company.

The benefit of this is you can pass on profit generated by your trading company and invest the funds before you pay additional tax.

For high income earners where you are paying 47% tax, you will be able to invest at least 17% more than if you paid the money



to yourself, paid tax and then invested what was left. For business owners, this is even better than making non-concessional contributions into super!

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Jerrabomberra Pump Track party this Friday

QPRC
Friday, 14 February 2025, 3.30pm to 6.30pm
This free community event will celebrate the opening of the track. The event will start at 3:30pm with official proceedings from 4pm.
Open to young people of all ages, bring your bike, check out the live demos and get tips and tricks from the Dynamic Motivation team.
Free BBQ, drinks, live DJ and activities from local youth services with prizes and giveaways!
Please remember to bring a water bottle and hat and stay sun safe.

This event is alcohol, drug and smoke/vape free. The event is funded by the Queanbeyan CDAT program.
Jerrabomberra Pump Track - David Madew Oval, Bayside Drive, Jerrabomberra, 2621



Blue Light Discos are back in Bungendore

Lions Club of Bungendore & Districts, in conjunction with the Queanbeyan PCYC, are staging a blue light disco on Friday 14 March, 6.30pm till 8.00pm, at the War Memorial Hall, 51 Molonglo St, Bungendore.
There'll be a DJ, special effects, slushies and other treats for high school children aged 16 and under.

The disco will be supervised by PCYC staff and Lions volunteers and has financial support from Queanbeyan Palerang Regional Council.
For more information see the Lions Club of Bungendore & Districts Facebook page or contact Della on 0421 064 826.



Karabar Housing Cooperative: community support transforms affordable housing

Karabar Housing Cooperative extends its sincere appreciation to Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council (QPRC) for their generous grant and to the Lions Club of Queanbeyan and a private benefactor for their generous donations, all of which played a key role in the renovation of one of the Cooperative's original three-bedroom affordable housing units.

Built in 1986, the unit was due for significant upgrades to provide a safe, modern, and family-friendly home. With the end of a long-term lease, the Cooperative seized the opportunity to undertake a full renovation, including interior and exterior painting, replacing the outdated kitchen, bathroom, and laundry, upgrading plumbing and roofing, installing new flooring and window

treatments, and reconfiguring internal walls to create a more open and functional living space.
While the Cooperative allocated a significant portion of its budget to these upgrades, financial support from QPRC and the Lions Club specifically helped cover the cost of new flooring, ensuring that the project could be completed without depleting this year's repairs and maintenance budget. This support alleviated financial pressure, allowing the Cooperative to continue essential repairs and maintenance across its housing portfolio.
"The support from QPRC, the Lions Club of Queanbeyan and a very generous private benefactor, was instrumental in ensuring we could complete these much-needed renovations while maintaining our commitment to other tenants," said Sylvia De Luca, KHC Secretary.
"This project not only provided a fresh start for a single mother and her three

children but also improved the overall condition and appearance of the complex, benefiting the 12 families who reside there."
Beyond the direct impact on the new tenants, the renovation also supported local tradespeople and suppliers, contributing to the region's economy. Furthermore, by preserving and enhancing affordable housing stock, the project strengthens the long-term sustainability of housing options for people on low to moderate incomes. It also reinforces the perception that community housing is high-quality, well-maintained, and a place people can proudly call home.
Karabar Housing Cooperative remains committed to providing quality, affordable housing and thanks QPRC and the Lions Club of Queanbeyan for their investment in a project that has lasting benefits for both tenants and the wider community.
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“You’re not alone in this journey”: taking charge of you diabetes

Managing diabetes can feel overwhelming, but with the right guidance and support, it doesn’t have to be.

Jaspreet (Jas) Kaur, Diabetes Educator at the Queanbeyan Community Health Centre, helps people to take control of their health and thrive, no matter where they are in their diabetes journey.

“Diabetes is a lifelong condition, but with the right tools and support, it’s manageable,” Jas explains.

“My role is to work with patients to simplify the complexities of diabetes and give them the confidence to make positive changes.”

Whether you’ve been newly diagnosed, are living with diabetes, or are at risk of developing the condition, Southern’s Diabetes Services offer a personalised approach to help you manage your health effectively.

One in 11 people aged over 16 years in NSW has diabetes and this number is growing.

A diabetes diagnosis can bring up many questions: What can I eat? How do I control my blood sugar? How will this impact my life long-term? This is where a diabetes educator like Jas comes in.

If you’ve been putting off seeking help for diabetes or pre-diabetes, now is the time to act. “It’s never too late to make a change,” Jas encourages.

“Our sessions are about supporting you, not judging you. Together, we’ll create a plan that makes sense for your life.”

For Jas, her journey to becoming a Diabetes Educator has been about both personal and professional growth.

“Growing up, I watched my father live with diabetes for many years, and seeing the challenges he faced in managing the condition was a key motivator for me to pursue a career in healthcare.”

This personal connection sparked a desire to help others navigate similar challenges and manage their conditions more effectively.

“Professionally, my background includes Master of Acute Care Nursing, Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Education, as well as specialised qualifications like a Graduate Certificate in Diabetes Education and Management.”

“Over the years, I’ve worked in various roles, from Registered Nurse in medical, surgical, and rehabilitation settings, to Clinical Nurse Specialist positions, where I managed both acute and chronic conditions.”

Many people hesitate to seek help due to misconceptions about diabetes management. Common myths, like “I can’t eat carbs” or “diabetes isn’t serious if I don’t have symptoms,” can prevent people from taking action.

Jas is passionate about addressing these misunderstandings. “I provide clear, evidence-based education



to help patients overcome fears and make informed decisions,” she explains.

“By addressing these misconceptions, I help individuals not only better manage their diabetes but also feel more in control of their health, reducing anxiety and improving overall outcomes.”

The Diabetes Service is open to everyone in the Queanbeyan-Palerang community, with outreach to Bungendore and Braidwood, from individuals with pre-diabetes to those managing diabetes during pregnancy.

Patients can self-refer or be referred by a healthcare provider, making it easy to access the care they need.

Sessions are tailored to each person’s unique needs, ensuring you leave with a plan that fits your lifestyle and goals.

“We take the time to understand your challenges and create a roadmap that works for you,” Jas says.

“It’s completely normal to feel nervous about seeking help, but you’re not alone in this journey. Diabetes can be complex, and managing it takes time, patience, and support.”

“Coming to a session is about empowering yourself with the knowledge and tools to manage your health on your terms, and I’m here to guide you through that process, without judgment.”

“You’re taking an important step toward feeling better and being in control of your health, and that’s something to feel proud of.”

To make an appointment with the Diabetes Service, contact the Central Intake Service on 1800 999 880 or email SNSWLHD-CommunityIntake@health.nsw.gov.au

Above: Jaspreet (Jas) Kaur. Photo supplied

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Braidwood District Education Foundation (BDEF) celebrates another successful year

Over \$1.16M In donations and rising!

On Friday, the 31st of January, the BDEF celebrated their 2025 presentation evening at the Braidwood Servicemen's Club.

The BDEF was originally formed in 2004, where Braidwood locals David Cargill, Rob Martin, Steve Piper and Mick McGrath had a chat in relation to an article that David saw in The Land Newspaper regarding the Country Education Foundation (CEF). This body oversees community branches with its primary aim to assist students in regional communities. These 4 men all thought a Foundation branch might work in Braidwood and thus began the journey 21 years ago. What tremendous vision they had with the underlying feature to support our local youth. Both David and Rob still play a vital role in BDEF, David as Patron and committee member and Rob as Deputy Chair.

BDEF operates on donations from individuals, businesses, community groups, churches, philanthropic organisations such as the Snow Foundation, universities and co-funding from CEF head office. The Braidwood committee's function is to administer the donations (all donations are fully tax deductible), invite students to apply for the scholarships on an annual basis, interview the students and then calculate the allocation of funds available to the recipients.

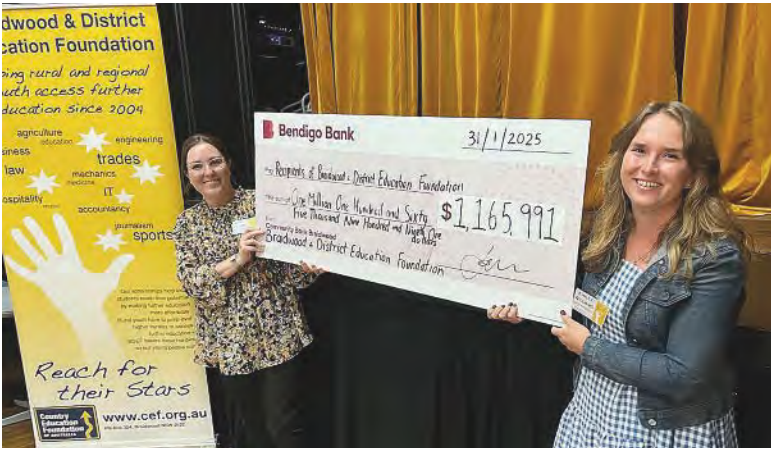
The committee consists of Nick Fry, Damien Hart, Andrew Callan, Anjali Williams, Libby Collard, David Cargill, Rob Martin, Ashley Williams, Amanda Hall, Alisa Stephens and Mick Wall.

The Snow Foundation, for many years, have been a strong supporter of the CEF. Their generosity towards the Braidwood Foundation continues and were able to provide 4 Snow Foundation Scholarships.

This year, 22 recipients received an allocation of funds totalling over \$75,000! A terrific start for our youth to commence their next chapter in the educational journey. Their courses are indeed varied with university degrees such as Engineering, Paramedicine, Political Science, Sociology, International Security, Sports Exercise and Veterinary Science. TAFE courses include Carpentry, Auto Body Repair, Advanced Nail Certification and Aged Care.

Since 2004, the BDEF has assisted over 300 local students in our community with scholarships totalling over \$1.16 million. For a small town such as ours, that is an amazing figure and it shows how supportive the community is and how vital education is considered.

Should you require further information regarding BDEF, whether it be financially through a donation or just an enquiry, please contact Chair, Nick Fry 0413 091896 email



nicholas.fry63@gmail.com or Secretary Damien Hart 0410 323471 email cefbraidwooddistrict@gmail.com

Recipients: back L-R: Albert Hazell, Flynn Sullivan, Tom Sawtell, Eric Moore, Blake Hudson, Sam Watson, Nelson Sargent, Rosa Harrex, James Flack, Roy Kushel. Front L-R: Jacob McKendry,

Juvena Guinane, Telara-Ann Edwards, Jade Bunn, Adelaide Wall, Georgie Long, Francine Magsino, Fergus Tooth, Cruz Campbell-Davys, Scarlett Bunn, Krystyna Garcia (absent Joshua Clarke).

Above: Committee members Anjali Williams (left) and Ashley Williams (right). Photos supplied



Support for veterans: temporary office opens ahead of Hub launch

On Tuesday 4 February the Member for Eden-Monaro joined Minister for Veterans' Affairs and Defence Personnel, Matt Keogh, along with representatives of RSL LifeCare, the Queanbeyan RSL Sub-Branch and local veteran community, to celebrate the opening of a temporary office while work nears completion on the Veteran and Family Hub on Crawford Street.

The Hub will be a one-stop-shop for local veterans and their families, providing employment, housing, financial, DVA claims and wellbeing support and programs, in a welcoming, community focused space.

Member for Eden-Monaro, Kristy McBain, said the Hub was a testament to the strong advocacy of local veterans. "It is fantastic to see this new hub nearing completion, ensuring over 4,500 veterans in the Queanbeyan region and more than 22,000 in the ACT have access to support in their own backyard. Work is currently being finalised thanks to \$5.4 million from the Albanese Government, as part of our

commitment to supporting veterans in Eden-Monaro. This service has been tailored for the Queanbeyan region by the region, with local veterans groups playing a key role in supporting its design.

"I look forward to it opening in the coming months, because it will be a friendly and welcoming environment where the experience of our veterans is understood, and where their needs are supported."

The expansion of the Veteran and Family Hub network in Queanbeyan is part of the Albanese Government's \$46.7 million commitment to deliver ten

Veteran and Family Hubs across the country. Photo supplied



Community News

Bungendore Sports Hub update

Here's an update on the \$2 million additional funding Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council received in March 2024 as part of the Albanese Government's Investing in our Communities Program

Construction of netball facilities

The tender documents for design and construction of the building have been drafted and are currently being reviewed. Council is expecting to release the tender in coming weeks.

Upgrades to Playing Fields

The major drainage project on the playing fields was completed recently. Council will be continuing with some turf renovations next week.

Council have installed two of the four team dug outs and the remaining two dug outs are

awaiting quotes for installation. The tiered seats have arrived, and contractors are expected to pour the concrete slabs later this month. The field goals have been delivered and will be installed after the field renovations are complete, expected in March or April.

Solar upgrades to pavilion buildings

Council is in the procurement phase for the installation of solar panels on the pavilion building and solar carpark lights.

Upgrades to Carpark, Landscaping and access to playing fields

Car park sealing will begin later this month.

Council have ordered approximately 300 plants and works will begin when the stock arrives.

Council is in the procurement phase for construction of pathways to access fields and netball courts.

Preparation of Men's Shed site

The site for the Men's Shed has been mapped out by surveyors.

Winter sport

Council have confirmed that the Bungendore Tigers (Seniors and Juniors) and Bungendore Football have all been allocated fields at the Bungendore Sports Hub for Winter 2025.

The Bungendore Mudhooks preference is to remain at Mick Sherd Oval. The Bungendore Tigers Seniors may also play games at Mick Sherd Oval.

Sharon Baxter-Judge

Below: Drainage work on the fields has now been completed.



2025 Bungendore CWA Bulb fundraiser

Want to get ready for Spring!

We are back with the bulb fundraiser for 2025.

February to May is perfect time for planting, and whether you are a passionate gardener or someone just discovering the joy

of plants, you will love the exciting selection.

Order early to avoid disappointment, our sales deadline is April 11, 2025.

To order your bulbs direct head to

<https://bulbfundraiser.com.au/BU NGENDORECWA>



JERRA COMMUNITY DAY

SATURDAY 22 FEB
9am – 2pm

Promote your Sports Club, Community or Social Group
call Anton: 0417 236 409
or search 'Jerra Rotary'

FREE – ALL WELCOME

Learn about local Sports and Community Groups

Jerra Community Centre

BUNGENDORE CRAFTERS CO-OPERATIVE

Craft Evenings
Thursday 20th February
Thursday 6th March
55 Gibraltar Street
6-8pm
\$5
Contact Thalia: 0412 884 120

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All proceeds go towards Love Your Sister to support precision medicine for ALL cancer patients.

If you wish to support the event through donations or prizes for the silent auction, contact us qbn.cwa.lys.event@gmail.com

Community News

Queanbeyan Seniors (55+) news

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

Mondays

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 the LionS Community Bookshop in Queanbeyan Town 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.
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.

COMING SOON - SATURDAYS - SCRAPBOOKING - If interested call Brenda (0407 201 392)

Seniors Monthly meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 1.00pm, Rear 1 Farrer Place. Next meeting February 18, 2025.

Riverside Plaza Stall - monthly - our wonderful stalls are back. First one for for the year will be Saturday February 22, so keep an eye out!

Membership only \$10.00 per annum.

New members very welcome.
Contact - Brenda - President (0407 201 392) or Kim - Treasurer (0407 264 132) or 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 IN 2025

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Library happenings for this years Seniors Festival

Internet of Things

Join Katharine Routh from the nbn® Local team for an insightful session on the Internet of Things (IoT). This session will cover the basics of IoT devices, how to connect them to your nbn network, and how to use various apps on your mobile devices. We'll also discuss essential tips to ensure your online safety and security. Learn all the things you didn't know you needed to know and more!

Tech Help

Do you need help with your smart phone, tablet or computer? Book a one-on-one session with a tech expert and learn more about your device.

Brain Training

Join us for a fun and engaging brain training session! Enhance your memory, boost cognitive skills, and discover simple exercises to keep your mind sharp and active. Don't miss out on the opportunity to stay sharp and connect with others in a friendly, supportive environment!

AI Adventures for Seniors

AI Adventures for Seniors will be a fun and interactive event where seniors will explore how to plan an adventure using ChatGPT. Participants will receive a basic introduction to AI, followed by hands-on experience in a safe and engaging environment. They will ask the AI for suggestions on what to do at holiday destinations and learn to refine their trip plans with more detailed



prompts. After testing out their new skills, attendees will share their planned adventures with the group and enjoy a morning tea together.

Queanbeyan Community Choir Performance

Join us for live music at the library! Queanbeyan Community choir will be performing a variety of songs for you to enjoy. The choir meet regularly for rehearsals and are led by conductor Michael Row. Queanbeyan Community choir started 4 years ago after the Covid lockdowns, and have since performed at many local community events and present a concert every year.

See below for dates and times. All below events are free. Bookings can be made through the Humanitix page <https://events.humanitix.com/host/queanbeyan-palerang-libraries> or The *What's On* page <https://library.qprc.nsw.gov.au/>

NSW Seniors Festival



QPRC Libraries events



- **Monday 3 March 2025**
Internet of Things Info Session at Braidwood Library
10.00 – 11.30am



- **Monday 3 March 2025**
Tech Help at Braidwood Library
1.30 – 4.00pm



- **Tuesday 4 March 2025**
Brain Training at Bungendore Library
10.30 – 12.00pm



- **Tuesday 11 March 2025**
Brain Training at Queanbeyan Library
10.00 – 11.30am



- **Tuesday 11 March 2025**
Internet of Things Info Session at Bungendore Library
10.00 – 11.30am

- **Wednesday 12 March 2025**
Internet of Things Info Session at Queanbeyan Library
10.00 – 11.30am

- **Wednesday 12 March 2025**
AI Adventures for Seniors at Braidwood Library
2.00 – 3.30pm

- **Thursday 13 March 2025**
Seniors Movie at Queanbeyan Library
2.00pm

- **Friday 14 March 2025**
Queanbeyan Community Choir Performance at Queanbeyan Library
1.00 – 2.00pm

Bungendore and Surrounds Pocket Portraits: A Collaborative Craft Project

To celebrate International Women's Day on March 8th, we invite the people of Bungendore and surrounds to join us in making a collaborative 'patchwork' of self-portraits that celebrates the women and girls in our community. Design and make your self-portrait (or portrait of a female in your life) in whatever medium you prefer on a handkerchief or hanky-sized fabric square (8.5 x 8.5 inches). Drop off at the Crafters' Co-Op by **March 5th to display throughout March**. Ideas include but are definitely not limited to an embroidered, painted, hand-drawn, screen-printed or beaded self-portrait, embellished in a way that best expresses what you are all about! Open to everybody of all ages. Entry fee will be a gold coin donation forwarded to a local charity providing support to women impacted by domestic violence. Contact Thalia for more info: 0412 884 120

Aged care funding changes branded ‘lazy’

National Seniors Australia

Most seniors will be paying more for care under the new system – and an expert predicts failure.

Seniors who are financially stressed may risk poorer aged care, the withdrawal of aged care providers and the closure of aged care services because of the Federal Government’s aged care funding reforms.

The reforms, which are now legislated, aim to cut the taxpayer subsidy of aged care.

The Federal Government projects the reforms will save \$18.88 billion. However, that will be achieved by shifting more costs onto consumers of home and residential care, and by expecting providers to absorb the risk of bad debts.

That threatens the financial viability of many aged care services, particularly smaller, regional providers and community aged care providers who lack the reserves to absorb bad debts, according to aged care expert and Aged Care Royal Commission advisor, Professor Kathy Eagar.

Talking to the HelloCare newsletter, Professor Eagar said the financial burden on providers was “unsustainable”.

“The government proposes a massive increase in consumer charges, expecting providers to collect these payments. If consumers cannot pay, providers face the dilemma of delivering unfunded services or ceasing care altogether. This creates a significant financial strain and jeopardises service quality.”

She also doubts the government’s assumption that older Australians can shoulder increased costs.

“There’s a perception that baby boomers are cashed up, but by the time they need aged care, most have depleted their resources,” she said.

HelloCare says data supports her claim: only 13% of Australians aged 85 or older have more than \$100,000 in superannuation.

“The reality is that these savings projections are overly optimistic and likely unachievable,” Professor Eagar warns. “If the revenue gaps become too large,

some providers may reduce services or close entirely, further exacerbating the aged care crisis.

Support at Home

Consumers will pay more for the government’s proposed Support at Home program.

“When they say the top package is worth \$78,000, that amount includes the consumer’s sizeable contribution – it’s not additional,” Professor Eagar said.

For independence services such as personal care, self-funded retirees could be expected to contribute up to 50% of the cost. For everyday living services such as domestic assistance, self-funded retirees can expect to contribute a massive 80% of the cost.

“You’re talking about people potentially paying \$30,000 or more a year in some cases,” she says, adding that “many won’t be able to afford it”.

She predicts this will lead to a rise in the cash economy, with individuals hiring unregulated workers for tasks such as housekeeping, further compromising care quality.

Additionally, the limited hours of support under these packages – a maximum of about 17 hours per week – are insufficient for older Australians with complex needs.

Increased burden on hospitals

Professor Eagar warns the reforms could lead to a significant strain on public hospitals, with frail older people unable to secure residential care beds.

“In my region ... 20% of all public hospital beds were occupied by

people awaiting nursing home places.”

This situation, she argues, underscores the need for changes in the Commonwealth-state health reform agreement, due for renewal in 2025.

“The states and territories need to be negotiating a special clause in that agreement about funding ... to actually cover the full costs of care for people approved for residential care who are sitting in public hospital beds.”

While there is a lifetime cap on consumer contributions to their aged care, the lifetime cap applies only to what the government refers to as non-clinical care. There is no lifetime cap on accommodation. Self-funded retirees will typically pay \$127,000 a year in residential care, with half of that in daily accommodation payments.

Another missed opportunity

Professor Eagar is adamant about what the government should have done.

“I would position aged care with Medicare,” she said, so that aged care is treated as a public entitlement, much like the healthcare system, and could be funded by a levy, similar to the Medicare levy.

“We all contribute to Medicare from the day we start working, and I think it’s politically palatable to introduce an aged care levy halfway through your working life,” the professor said.

This approach would position aged care as a publicly funded and regulated system, similar to how Medicare is viewed today.

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<https://nationalseniors.com.au>

“Medicare isn’t just public hospitals... it’s private doctors, private specialists, non-government organisations,” she explains.

By shifting the narrative from a private, for-profit industry to a public entitlement, she believes aged care could be embraced as an essential public service.

Expert’s forecast

Professor Kathy Eagar offers a stark critique of the government’s approach to aged care reform, describing it as “lazy” and just “more of the same”.

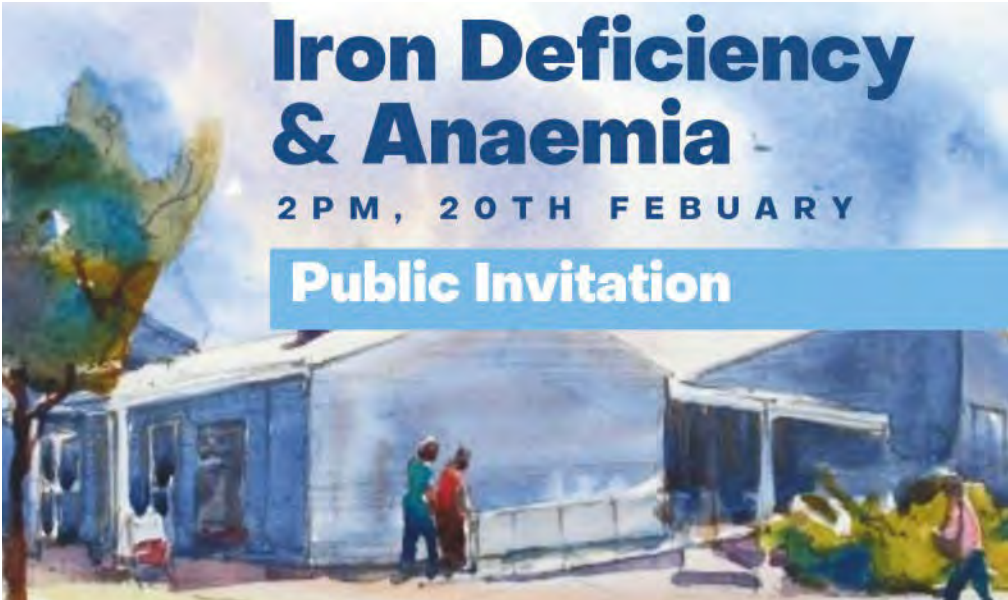
As the baby boomer generation enters old age, the need for innovative solutions is becoming ever more urgent.

But Professor Eagar slams the reforms as doing little to address the looming challenges, merely shifting more financial responsibility onto consumers while maintaining the same outdated care models.

“Put simply, the new Support at Home program is based on all the worst features of the NDIS applied to aged care. It’s an NDIS for old people, except they have to pay a lot of money for it.”

Related reading: Hello Care, Health Dept

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Bungendore Medical Centre invites you to attend the free community event: ‘IRON DEFICIENCY AND ANAEMIA’

The third in a series of free information events discussing common health issues in the community.

Iron deficiency and anemia are common conditions that can significantly impact your overall health and well-being.

This event will be hosted by Dr. Chaitali, who will provide valuable insights into recognising, preventing, and managing these conditions.

Please help us prepare and communicate any changes by sending an RSVP to reception@bungendoremicalcentre.com.au, accepting this invitation via our Facebook page, or calling us on 6238 1417.

Location: Bungendore Medical Centre, Ellendon Street

Date: 20th February 2025

Time: 2pm

Bungendore Medical Centre
COMMUNITY INFORMATION EVENTS

Free: Morning tea get together for people living with dementia and their carers

Hosted by the Bungendore Dementia Friendly Community Alliance and Lions Club of Bungendore & Districts



Where: Bungendore School of Arts building, 57 Gibraltar Street Bungendore

When: 10.00 am Monday, 17 February 2025

Come along and have a cup of tea or coffee, some treats and a chat. Staff from Baptist Care will also be present to support those attending.

RSVP: For catering, please email bungendore.nsw@lions.org.au or phone Kathleen on 0411 746 293 by Saturday 15 February if you are coming or would like further information

Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council

FOR YOUR INFORMATION



Queanbeyan Multicultural Festival!

Ready to eat your way around the world, watch incredible traditional performances, or maybe just have a super day out in Queanbeyan Park? Our Multicultural Festival is back and ready to wow crowds.

There will be two stages featuring dance acts from around the world. The festival is the best (and most delicious) way to learn more about the many amazing cultures that make up our community.

2 March | 10am - 4pm
Queanbeyan Park



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Current vacancies include:

- Water & Sewer Integrity Officer
- Risk and Internal Audit Officer
- Cadet - Environmental Health Officer
- Economic Development Officer
- Senior Building Surveyor
- Senior Town Planner

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



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

Have your say on the Braidwood Structure Plan

We are seeking feedback on the draft Braidwood Structure Plan which guides future changes in land use and growth in Braidwood.

This is a strategic planning priority for Council and we are looking for feedback before we adopt the plan. In 2024 we worked with the community and held meetings and drop-in sessions in March and April.

The outcomes from these conversations and submissions then formed the basis of the draft Braidwood Structure Plan.

► Share your feedback on the draft plan until 25 February on yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au



World Wildlife Day Photo Competition!

Enter your photos in the 2025 World Wildlife Day Photo Competition!

We want local young people to show off the fantastic biodiversity in our region. Simply enter your photos of plants, animals, fungi or bugs that are native to our area for your chance to win some great prizes.

The competition is open to people 18 years and under who live in our local government area.

There is a Best Entry prize in each of the four age categories and a Best Overall prize.

► Enter until midnight on Monday 3 March at qprc.nsw.gov.au/2025-wwd-photo

Council Meetings and Times

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

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

Members of the public can make a:

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

Next meeting dates are:

- 12 February (in Braidwood)
- 26 February

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.

Join an Advisory Committee!

We are looking for representatives from the community to be part of our Advisory Committees. Share your experiences and help influence decisions that impact our community.

► Learn more and apply to join a committee by Monday 24 February
qprc.nsw.gov.au/advisory-committee



Have Your Say

Projects & initiatives open for community comment	Closing Date
Naming of bridge after Ludwig Baumgardner	25 February
Draft Braidwood Structure Plan	25 February
Revised Draft Solid Fuel Heater Policy	14 March
Routine Policy Review	Closing Date
Development Adjacent to Water Sewer and Stormwater Mains Policy, Councillor Induction and Professional Development Policy, Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy, Councillor and Staff Interaction Policy	25 February
Boundary Fences Adjoining Council Public Reserves Policy, Social Media Policy, Media Policy, Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policy, Related Party Disclosures Policy, Petition Policy	3 March

► 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

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SALE OF LAND FOR UNPAID RATES



Late last year Council agreed to proceed with the sale of land for unpaid rates for properties with a debt that is more than five years old.

Many of the affected properties have been vacant for years or decades. As a last resort, we have published a list of properties in the hope that the community can help us reach owners or their families.

If you recognise someone who may own or have ties to these properties, please let them know. We are committed to working with owners and removing properties from the auction list wherever possible.

► For more information call **1300 735 025** and ask to speak with our Rates team.

Key information:

- The total unpaid rates for these properties is more than \$1 million.
- The properties are scheduled for public auction on 2 May 2025.
- If a property is sold, proceeds (excluding the cost of sale and unpaid rates) will go to the owner, their estate or be held in trust.
- Council is following strict legislative processes, including publishing this list.

Assessment	Owners or persons having an interest in the land	Description of the Land	Total amount outstanding (including rates, extra charges, and arrears)
354486	Estate of the Late Catherine Feeney Francis Feeney George Feeney As Tenants in Common in Equal Shares	LOT 1 DP 125752 Monga Lane, REIDSDALE NSW 2622	\$6,960.42
348855	John Shurmer Samuel Cook As Tenants in Common in Equal Shares	LOT 15 DP 755934 Burke Street, MAJORS CREEK NSW 2622	\$7,221.00
208097	Kenoss Pty Ltd Caveat by Chief Commissioner of State Revenue	LOT 200 DP 1053123 1293 Old Cooma Road, ROYALLA NSW 2620	\$7,847.90
354169	Manar Pty Ltd	LOT 7 DP 251122 Kings Highway, WARRI NSW 2622	\$8,771.53
347037	Susan May Edmonds Mortgage to Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Ltd	LOT 1 DP1130312 85 Church of England Cemetery Road, ARALUEN NSW 2622	\$8,799.21
349023	William Lindsay Gilmore Field	LOT 5 DP 734346 128 Duckfield Road, BORO NSW 2622	\$10,269.81
353531	James Frederick Grantham	LOT 1 DP 242658 Donnelly Road, BYWONG NSW 2621	\$12,183.70
349772	Elizabeth Barclay	LOT 71 DP 755959 195 Griffins Road, WYANBENE NSW 2622	\$12,316.99
341219	Davelin Pty Ltd Mortgage to Westpac Banking Corporation	LOT 103 DP 705692 12 Douglas Close, CARWOOLA NSW 2620	\$14,444.64
348755	Nerriga Rural Pty Ltd Mortgage to C&B Woods Pty Ltd	LOT 31 DP 839720 6615 Nerriga Road, CORANG NSW 2622	\$15,617.22
353608	William Foster Caveat by Kevin Kennedy Smith	LOT 93 DP 755944 Lot 106 DP 755944 Willow Forest Rd, NERRIGA NSW 2622	\$16,194.92
156397	Gravitar Pty Ltd Mortgage to Westpac Banking Corporation	LOT 5 SP 17415 5/16 Derrima Road, QUEANBEYAN NSW 2620	\$16,580.19
348756	Nerriga Rural Pty Ltd Mortgage to C&B Woods Pty Ltd	LOT 11 DP 755925 Nerriga Road, CORANG NSW 2622	\$17,784.99
354516	Estate of the Late John Henry Webb	LOT 2 DP 114544 LOT 3 DP 114544 LOT 4 DP 114544 Auto Consol 11111-1 Myrtle Grove Road, BUDAWANG NSW 2622	\$17,974.33
349849	Lars Erik Wester	LOT 19 DP 755970 LOT 24 DP 755970 LOT 39 DP 755970 LOT 46 DP 755970 Auto Consol 10501-3 7575 Nerriga Road, WOG WOG NSW 2622	\$18,308.16
351864	Group Mutual Property Funds of Australia Pty Ltd	LOT 3 DP 47599 LOT 4 DP 47599 Kings Highway, BRAIDWOOD NSW 2622	\$18,575.65
352019	William Neilsen	LOT 1 DP 129413 Charleys Forest Road, CHARLEYS FOREST NSW 2622	\$19,435.56
351829	Luke John Hickey	LOT 1 DP 125783 Sawyers Ridge Road, REIDSDALE NSW 2622	\$19,628.42
206540	Home Provident Association Ltd	LOT 660 DP 15222 LOT 661 DP 15222 LOT 662 DP 15222 LOT 663 DP 15222 LOT 665 DP 15764 LOT 666 DP 15764 LOT 667 DP 15764 LOT 668 DP 15764 LOT 669 DP 15764 LOT 670 DP 15764 Auto Consol 3760-100 74c Capitol Avenue QUEANBEYAN EAST NSW 2620	\$19,901.26
351992	William Alexander Gordon	LOT 1 DP 1138876 Goulburn Road, MANAR NSW 2622	\$20,172.50
352026	Richard Thomas Grigg	LOT 5 DP 721903 Araluen Road, JEMBAICUMBENE NSW 2622	\$20,222.69
352025	Terrence Raymond Shea	LOT 5 DP 232005 Kings Highway, MONGA NSW 2622	\$20,458.25
351982	Junetor Theresa Scott Emily Elizabeth Scott Sarah Selina Scott As Tenants in Common in Equal Shares	LOT 9 DP 754872 Butmaroo Road, BUNGENDORE NSW 2621	\$20,592.05
347644	Martin John Newell	LOT 2 DP 562067 Kain Cross Road, KRAWARREE NSW 2622	\$20,904.53
351991	Jann Vaughan	LOT 1 Section 7 DP 758695 LOT 6 DP 1138391 LOT 7 DP 1138391 Kings Highway MONGA NSW 2622	\$21,168.52
351975	William Weaver	LOT 9 DP 1139916 Seymour Street, MAJORS CREEK NSW 2622	\$21,691.87
162242	Gavin John Thompson Caveat by Brett Harrison	LOT 36 SP 11207 36/22 Mowatt Street, QUEANBEYAN EAST NSW 2620	\$23,441.54
352021	James Ellis	LOT 1 Section 33 DP 758636 Wallaces Gap Road, MAJORS CREEK NSW 2622	\$24,193.69
350818	Estate of the late Etienne Livingstone De Mestre Mortgage to The City Bank	LOT 53 DP 1085434 5963 Nerriga Road, NERRIGA NSW 2622	\$25,004.28
209473	Dica Construction Group Pty Ltd Mortgage to Maples Winterview Pty Ltd	LOT 761 DP 1230282 9 Bobby Street, GOOGONG NSW 2620	\$26,441.40
209474	Dica Construction Group Pty Ltd Mortgage to Maples Winterview Pty Ltd	LOT 762 DP 1230282 11 Bobby Street, GOOGONG NSW 2620	\$26,494.59
351216	John Burns	LOT 2 Section 33 DP 758636 Wallaces Gap Road, MAJORS CREEK NSW 2622	\$27,593.72
349312	Seth Davis	LOT 1 DP 755943 Nerriga Road, MARLOWE NSW 2622	\$31,923.28
157651	Martin Ruckert	LOT 96 DP 13887 LOT 5 DP 264650 21 Fairmount Crescent, KARABAR NSW 2620	\$51,339.14
354801	Henry Everard Osborne Mortgage to Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited	LOT K DP 157545 LOT 2 DP 1167699 587 Tarago Road, LAKE GEORGE NSW 2581	\$66,510.49
161692	Vassiliki Zafiris Mortgage to Westpac Banking Corporation Caveat by AB Scimmia Nominee Pty Ltd, Lubutu Pty Ltd and Chris Szigeti & Associates Pty Ltd	LOT 1 DP 129231 101 Monaro Street, QUEANBEYAN NSW 2620	\$159,310.67

Quick-Time Crossword

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11 Farewell (Sp)

12 Corn spike

14 Snow vehicle

17 Is sorry for

19 Put to a purpose

20 Cavities

23 Musical instrument

25 Consumer

26 Sequence

27 Pace

28 Agitates

Down

1 Golf club

2 Cast off

3 Prefix - half

4 Gather for oneself

5 Payment for services

6 Makes amends

9 Biblical weed

13 Month

15 Desire

16 Scattered fragments

18 Keen

21 Liquor dregs

22 Compass point

24 Insect

Across

1 Newspapers

4 At a distance

7 Soldier's head covering

8 Tribal symbol

10 Very long period of time

Target Time

I	S	E
D	H	C
U	N	O

Target: Average - 24, Good - 28, Excellent - 36+

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

					7		9	1
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Sudoku, it's a game of deduction rather than maths. Fill each row, column and 3x3 square with the numbers 1 - 9, without repeating. Each number can only appear once in each row, column, and frame.

Crossword

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- Across

1 Beneath

4 Two-wheeled vehicle

8 Cut into squares

11 Heavy downpour

12 Drugs

13 Infantry guns

14 Proficient

16 Sweetener

17 Beat

18 Countries

21 Canvas shelter
- 22 Wildly impulsive

25 Contribution

26 Dark sweet syrup

28 Connection (3-2)

29 Aplomb

31 Shape by pressing out

32 Soiled

33 Tough

34 Space inside a roof

37 Mark (4,3)

40 Bases

41 Refill (3,2)
- 43 Less risky

44 Emergency worker

46 Bitter

47 Cheap restaurant

48 Like a beach

49 Port in PNG

50 Small spot
- Down

1 Ornithologist

2 Cuts of lamb, etc

3 Faded (6-3)

4 Reserves
- 5 Storage space

6 Censure

7 Herons

8 French flaky roll

9 Carry

10 Inconsistency

15 Owed

19 Sweet sauce

20 Childminder

23 Goodbye

24 Feel remorse

25 Commands

27 Neutralises
- 30 Illustrate

32 Beautifies

35 Person with authority

36 Charge

38 Outdoor entertainment (3,4)

42 Stage (3,2)

44 Five tens

45 Amalgamate

Brain Alert

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

Hidden Numbers

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Work out the hidden numbers.

1. $(42 - 22) \times (44 \div 22) = ?$

2. $9 \times 1 \times 9 \times 1 = ?$

3. $3 \times 11 - 28 = ? = ? \div 4$

4. $213 = ? \times 3 = 639 \div ?$

Scrambled

131

Unscramble the following letters to reveal the names of Australian Music Artists.

1. Vioali nowent-nojh

4. Seamj yeenr

2. Miymj nreasb

5. Honj nrafmah

3. Raiacm sehin

6. Ulap ylekl

Sudoku

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Enter the numbers 2-5 in each row, column and 2x2 square, in each combination there should be only one of each number.

5		2	
3			4

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PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Front garden surviving the recent hail storm

PET OF THE WEEK



Name: She Ra
Age: 10
Likes: sun
baking, lots of
cuddles and
pancakes with
syrup
Dislikes:
fireworks and
storms
Claim to fame:
snores like an
old man

Queanbeyan Uniting Church Jumble Sale:
Saturday, February 22

The Queanbeyan Uniting Church be holding it's Jumble Sale on Saturday 22 February 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.

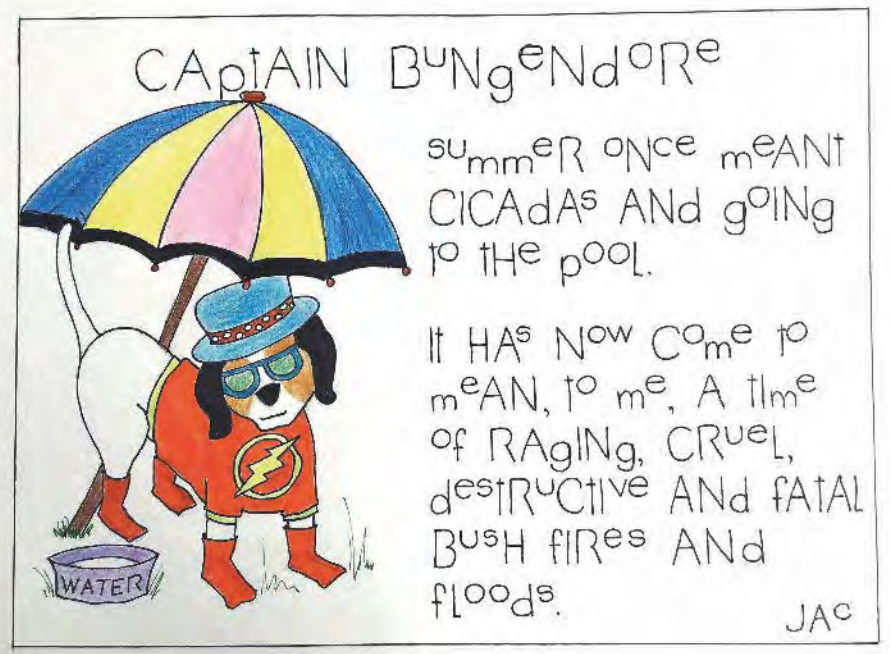
We also acknowledge the usefulness of being able help people reuse, repurpose, or recycle items, which benefits our environment.

'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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STREET BUNGENDORE

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EMAIL BUNGENDOREFOODHUB@BUNGENDOREANGLICAN.ORG.AU

LIONS COMMUNITY BOOK SHOP

A non-for-profit group with all funds donated to local charitable organisations

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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/lionsofqueanbeyan/>

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

POSITION VACANT

Part Time Parish Secretary
People are invited to apply for the position of Parish Secretary, Bungendore Parish.
This is a part-time permanent position, 10 hours per week.
Essential Requirements:
- Experience with database packages.
- Strong communication and liaison skills
- Strong organisational skills
- Ability to work on your own, and as part of a wider team and take direction.
- Understand and administer areas of regulatory compliance (eg. WHS, child protection, copyright)
- Understanding and respect for the Catholic Church and its teaching
- Current experience in an office environment.

Employment conditions are subject to Clerks Award. Please email the parish office for a copy of the duty statement bungendore@cg.org.au.
Applications addressing the Selection Criteria above with attached resume to Fr Sijo Jose, Parish Priest sijo.jose@cg.org.au must be received by March 10, 2025.

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

ANZAC
COMMEMORATIVE
DINNER 2025



The Bungendore War Memorial Committee is pleased to be hosting the annual Bungendore ANZAC Day Commemorative Address and Dinner at 'The Cottage' (Carrington Inn) on Saturday 3rd May 2025.
The Dinner is open to all members of the community. There will be two guest speakers to provide entertainment during the evening. Door prize and Raffles to be conducted.

Date: Saturday 3rd May, 2025
Venue: 'The Cottage' @ The Carrington Inn, Ellendon Street, Bungendore
Time: 7:00pm pre-dinner drinks for a 7:30pm dinner
Dress: After 5 (coat and tie) / Mess Dress (with miniatures)
Cost: \$85 per head – includes 3 course dinner and first drink (full bar service then available)
Bookings
Bookings via trybooking for individual tickets or tables of 8, Scan the QR code or go to <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1341511>



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.

The new revised and expanded edition of
Chords from the Harp

is about to be published
First published nearly 40 years ago and now updated, with more illustrations and information about the three historic churches of Bungendore, Gundaroo and Hoskinstown.

The book details the establishment of Bungendore - the first European settlers and the foundation of the township in the early 1800s, the history of the Catholic communities of Bungendore, Gundaroo, Hoskinstown and Captains Flat, and the role of Australia's first Saint, St Mary of the Cross (Mary MacKillop), in establishing schools and convents in Bungendore and Captains Flat.

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST NOW
by emailing chordsfromtheharp@gmail.com
to be notified when it will be available, pricing and details of the pre-publication discount.

Mayor's column



We are seeking feedback on the draft Braidwood Structure Plan which guides future changes in land use and growth in Braidwood. The plan is a strategic planning priority for Council and we are looking for feedback before we adopt the plan. In 2024 we worked with the community on the discussion paper that guided the plan, holding meetings and drop-in sessions in March and April. The outcomes from these conversations and submissions then formed the basis of the draft Braidwood Structure Plan. Share your feedback on the draft plan until 25 February at yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au/draft-braidwood-structure-plan

To celebrate the official opening of the Jerrabomberra Pump Track, we are having a free community event at the track on Friday 14 February! From 3:30pm to 6:30pm there will be a live DJ, BMX demos, activities for kids and a free BBQ. Site fencing will remain up at the pump track to give the grass a chance to grow before the official opening.

We are looking for representatives from the community to be part of our Advisory Committees. These committees help provide advice to Council on environmental issues, public art, community facilities, sport and heritage. Learn more and apply to join a committee by Monday 24 February at www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/News-Media/Call-for-representatives-for-Advisory-Committees

March 3 is World Wildlife Day and we're celebrating our local wildlife and biodiversity with a photography competition! World Wildlife Day is an international event hosted by the United Nations to celebrate the world's plants, animals, and other living things, and acknowledge the contributions that wildlife makes to our lives and the planet. We are holding a photo competition open to all QPRC residents 18 years old or younger and we want to see what creatures you can capture in our region. There are five prize categories and entries close at 11:59pm on Monday 3 March. Learn more about the competition and submit your entries at www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/Events/2025-World-Wildlife-Day-Photo-Competition

We are holding tonight's Council meeting in Braidwood at the National Theatre. Some of the items in the agenda include the draft Community Strategic Plan and draft Community Engagement Strategy, the Cat Containment Policy returning to Council after receiving comments from the community, and the Regional Economic Development and Community Investment Program, seeking Council endorsement for an application of funding to support the Monaro Rail Trail. Find the meeting agenda and livestream link at www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/Council/Council-Business/Council-meetings

Cr Kenrick Winchester, Mayor

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QUEANBEYAN PRAMATHON

Saturday May 10th 2025

• Braidwood/Bungendore/Crookwell Branch

We are seeking partnerships to showcase local businesses, gain widespread community involvement, provide great prizes, and show local Mums and families the wonderful village of support in our region.

pramathon.com.au @queanbeyan_pramathon

QPRC Bendigo Bank Community Bank Braidwood Bungendore Crookwell First Steps PREGNANCY SUPPORT

Tech Help every Fri

Drop-In Queanbeyan Library
Every Friday 10am to 12 noon
Bring your phone, tablet or laptop, along with any questions you have.
Queanbeyan Library, 257 Crawford Street, Queanbeyan
Phone: (02) 6285 6255

2025 ClubGRANTS now open

Start preparing your applications for the 2025 Queanbeyan-Palerang ClubGRANTS (Category 1).
Applications for this round of funding will open at 9am Saturday 1 February and will close at 5pm 31 May 2025.
ClubGRANTS is one of Australia's largest grant programs, providing more than \$100 million each year to a variety of worthy causes across NSW. The Queanbeyan-Palerang ClubGRANTS Committee is made up of four local clubs: Campbell & George, Queanbeyan Kangaroos Rugby League Football Club, Queanbeyan Leagues Club and Queanbeyan Tigers Australian Football Club, plus representatives of Council and the NSW Department of Communities and Justice.
Learn more about eligibility and submit an application online at <https://www.clubgrants.com.au/>
For tips on completing a ClubGRANTS application visit <https://www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/Community/Grants-Donations#section-3>

Puzzle solutions

Target Time

Target: Average - 24,
Good - 28, Excellent - 36+

chid, chide, chin, chine, chino, chose, chosen, cohune, cosh, coshed cushion, CUSHIONED, dish, douche, echinus, echo, hedonic, heinous, hide, hied, hind, hoed, hone, honed, hose, hosed, hound, house, housed, hued, inch, inched, niche, sech, shed, shied, shin, shine, shined, shod, shoe, shone, shun, sinh, such, unshod.

Sudoku

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QT Crossword

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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

BUNGENDORE WAR MEMORIAL HIRE

If you are looking for a venue for a party or another event then check out the Hall. We have plenty of tables and chairs, a well equipped kitchen and our rates are very reasonable. Please contact Jill on 6238 1470 for bookings.



BDORE SPOT SPRAYING

Rural Contracting

David Sillis - 0428 265 111
Shaun Read - 0428 572 061

OPENING TIMES WASTE TRANSFER STATIONS

Bungendore waste transfer station:

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

Bywong waste transfer station:

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

Captains Flat waste transfer station:

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

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Six very deserving kitties & 3 lovely pooches are looking for new homes at the QPRC AMF (as of 8 Feb 2025)
Website: <https://www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/Services/Animals/Find-Animals-For-Sale-Adoption-and-Lost-Pets>
Please consider -- so they can begin Their New Life.

<p>Ref. No.: S71 "Smudge" DMH, Female. Approx 14 years. Surrendered on 20 December 2024. Toilet trained. Prefers human company only. Available for Adoption</p>	<p>Ref. No.: S87 DSH, Female. Approx 12 months. Found in Googong on 3 Feb. Social & friendly. Social with other cats. Toilet trained.</p>	<p>Ref. No.: S83 DSH, Female. Approx 5 years. Found Kings Highway Bungendore on 3 Feb. Beautiful friendly girl. Very social. Toilet trained. Available for Adoption</p>	<p>Ref. No.: S79 DSH, Male. Approx 14 wks. Surrendered 29 Jan. Came in with his brother S78. Still quite shy and nervous but can be patted. Toilet trained. Available for Adoption</p>
<p>Ref. No.: S78 DSH, Male. Approx 14 wks. Surrendered 29 Jan. Came in with his brother S79. Quite timid -- requires further handling and socialising. Toilet trained. Available for Adoption</p>	<p>Ref. No.: S73 DSH, Male. Approx 2 yrs. Found 3 Jan at West Qbn Vet Hospital. Cuddly boy. Gets along with other cats. Litter trained. Available for Adoption</p>	<p>Ref. No.: S142 Bull Arab x, Female. Approx 3 years. Sweet girl. Well mannered. Walks very well on lead and knows how to sit. Found on 10 January at Queanbeyan Vet Hospital (Barracks Flat Drive) Available for Adoption</p>	<p>Ref. No.: S141 Alaskan Malamute x, Male. Approx 5 years. Affectionate boy. Strong on lead. Listens well to handler. Found on 9 January at Jerrabomberra Vet Hospital. Available for Adoption</p>
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DOMESTIC ANIMAL SERVICES -- DAS (Canberra)
As of Saturday 8 Feb, 31 dogs & pups are looking for new homes.
For their details and photos: www.cityservices.act.gov.au/pets-and-wildlife/dogs/adopt
If you would like to adopt a dog please visit us weekdays from 10 am to 3 pm and on Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm.
Info on adopting from DAS is here: www.cityservices.act.gov.au/pets-and-wildlife/dogs/adopt-a-dog
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<p>Teddy & Hamilton www.savour-life.com.au/adopt-a-dog/search-now/view/77226 www.savour-life.com.au/adopt-a-dog/search-now/view/77225</p>		<p>Sue's dream ONE DAY -- every dog born will have a kind and loving home for life.</p> <p>New arrivals are introduced on the IDR FB page. Please like & share our Page so that their stories can be exposed to an ever-growing audience. When IDR dogs are ready to find their new homes they're listed on: SAVOUR LIFE: www.savour-life.com.au/adopt-a-dog/rescue-groups/3984/Iron-Dog-Rescue</p>	

Wamboin Golf - February 2025

Sunday, 2 February. Athletes of Wamboin and beyond gathered in the heat to contest the Desiccation Plate. The day was sponsored by Nev and Chris Schroder and John and Lisa Whitney whom we thank for the refreshments and prizes. The determinant of the day's competition was stroke play adjusted by handicap. Wearing loose clothing (some shorts were shorter than others) and carrying water bags we climbed

aboard our camels and set off into the blue. Back in the tent, as the captain worked the computer, the big news was the cease fire In Gaza. It was announced by the Qatari Prime Minister, Sheikh Mahommed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassin Al Thani - I'll say that again in case you missed it - Sheikh Mahommed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassin Al Thani, who was brokering talks between the US

Secretary of State, Mark Blinkin (not a confidence-inspiring name for a negotiator) and representatives of Egypt (which used to own Israel pre 1948) on behalf of Hamas. No doubt the protracted nature of the talks was not assisted by the need for Middle Easterners to continually introduce themselves. Word is that Bibi's ultra Orthodox cabinet members wanted to continue the war. These

guys are the same ones who are happy to send other peoples sons and daughters into harm's way while opposing military service for their own. Charming.

Then there was the Inauguration. Donald Trump B.A. is again President. Welcome to the Golden Era. Let the good times roll. Your correspondent has opened an investment trust to buy real estate in Greenland for mining and other development. More details at info@grabthegreen.com. Mr Leon Muks is cutting swathes through the red tape holding back industry and commerce, encouraging bandwagoners like Mr Suckerberg to dump costly services to the community, like fact-checking the use-by date of the rancid offal sold in his shop.

What was the most notable event of the second day of the Trump presidency? No, not his ultimatum to Putin. No, not the tariffs or pardon for the insurrectionists. The round-up of illegal immigrants? Not even close. It was, in fact, the blossoming of Putricia the malodorous 'Corpse Flower' in the Sydney Botanical Gardens. There is a connection. She and Trump are both a bit smelly. We saw two recent disgusting examples of kicking a man while he's down: in the middle of the LA fires the execrable Trump put the boot into California Governor, Gavin Newsom, while he and the civil authorities were otherwise engaged; at the AO the unruly crowd booed the Jockitch for retiring hurt. Putrid bad form. Until Madison Keys won the Women's Open your correspondent (not a tennis expert) thought they were a new Gold Coast



development. The tech world was abuzz at the release by the Wuhan Electronics Laboratory of a new AI chatbot called Deep Throat. Stocks on the NASDAQ tumbled but came back. I'm hanging on to my Nvidias in case the Chinese app is 1. fake news 2. true but over-hyped 3. True but includes the new embargoed Nvidia chip 4.true but as reliable as my GWM ute.

The captain grabbed our attention by introducing our guest Brad Dawson and welcoming back Steve Miners. Ted's Joke involved eyesight and memory issues. The Googly Ball was awarded to Matt Hawke for his drive on Lamberts Leap (par 4) which landed on the green, a prodigious effort. Honourably mentioned were Glenn Crafter for a drive so forceful the club head followed the ball! and Rob Gorham for willful damage to the seat at Timber Trap. The Dummy Spit went to your correspondent for expressing disappointment that he never wins LDs or NTPs. I was able to hang onto it, despite stiff

competition from Vicki Still and Glen Crafter, by bemoaning the spelling of the name 'Urquhart'. Because of the heat the juniors were kept inside. LD and NTP ball winners were Matt Hawke, John Whitney, Gerard Ryan, Glen Crafter, Col Urkt, Tim Barter and Vicki Still. The nine hole comp winner was Gerard Ryan 34/27 from Tony Bond 40/28 and Vicki Still 39/29 OCB. Winner of the 18 hole event was Steve Miners 87/62 from Col Urquhart 87/64 and Keith France 81/67 OCB. Following the prize-giving ceremony the Wamboin A Cappella Group serenaded MaryLou Gorham with 'Happy Birthday'. Next month we don our Mad March Hair and vie for the Lewis Carroll Trophy. Join us at the Hall at 12.15pm on Sunday, 2 March to sign on for the 12.30pm start of the tea party. Meanwhile, without looking, what is the full name of the Qatari Prime Minister?

Larry bin King bin Wamboin Al Golfer.
Photos: Pete Harrison





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Bungendore Swim Club

Congratulations to the swimmers of the week: Nalda, Elora, Audrey and Brax. Photo supplied

