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## Celebrating diversity at the Multicultural Festival

The warm weather didn't stop thousands of people from flocking to Queanbeyan Park to celebrate the Multicultural Festival. With vibrant performances, lively dancing, and delicious food,

there was something for everyone to enjoy.

Last Saturday's International Women's Day High Tea was another fantastic event, raising funds for the Love Your Sister charity.

Congratulations to the Queanbeyan Evening Branch of the CWA and their dedicated volunteers for putting on such a memorable afternoon (see page 14 for more details).

Get ready for a fun-filled Saturday with the Bungendore Preschool Pig Races & Fair at Mick Sherd Oval, Bungendore. Festivities kick off at 9:30 am—don't miss it!

The Queanbeyan Senior Citizens Association's grand opening is on Tuesday, March 18, from 11am to 3pm at 1 Farrer Place, Queanbeyan. After the formalities, explore the many activities on offer.

Thanks so the generous financial support of the Bungendore Community Bank - Bendigo Bank, the Queanbeyan-Palerang Seniors Day is back on - Friday March 28. Always a fabulous day, see page 13 for more details. Book early!

The much-loved Hoskinstown Chestnut Roast is back on Sunday, May 4, from 10am to 2pm—a fantastic fundraiser for the Hoskinstown War Memorial Hall. Enjoy roasted chestnuts, quality market stalls, Devonshire teas, BBQ, chestnut soups, live music, and more!

Want to get involved? The Hall Committee (0429 979 161) is looking for volunteers to help with the Community Stall, kitchen, or raffle sales. Donations of homegrown veggies, jams, baked goods, honey, fruit, or eggs are also welcome—drop them off at the Community Stall by 10am on the morning of the Roast. Every contribution supports the ongoing maintenance of the Hall.

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NSW SES women’s workshop for Bungendore and surrounds: Saturday March, 29

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- planning and supporting training
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What’s happening

Bungendore Unit is hosting a women’s workshop focused on life in rural communities. Gain valuable insights and practical tips from local female leaders and organisations.

When and where

We’re running a women’s workshop on Saturday 29 March from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. It will be at the Emergency Service Centre,

on the corner of King and Ellendon Streets, Bungendore. We’ll provide light refreshments.

How to register

The workshop is limited to 30 attendees, so make sure you register to secure your spot. Use the link on our pinned Facebook post or <https://forms.office.com/r/KvKfejUExs> or scan the QR code on page 11

Who

Presenters include:

- Councillor Mareeta Grundy
- Bungendore SES and RFS
- Red Cross
- QPRC waste, recycling and weeds

- Wildcare Bungendore
- War Memorial Group
- Rotary and Lions Club
- Country Women’s Association
- Regional Independent Editor.

Discover how these groups support our community and learn how to prepare your household for severe weather events. Don’t miss this chance to connect, learn, and be inspired!

Contact

If you have any questions, call 0429 310 932.

Bungendore Unit trains every fortnight on a Monday evening. Our next training night is March 3 2025, from 6:30 pm if you want to come and chat.

NSW pet laws under review

Pet owners and members of the public are being invited to help shape cat and dog laws in NSW, with the NSW Government delivering on its election commitment to conduct a wide-ranging review of the Companion Animals Act 1998 (CA Act).

For the first time in two decades the government will review these laws to greater support responsible pet ownership and ensure the wellbeing of pets and the safety of communities.

The review will examine all aspects of the care and management of companion animals in NSW, including addressing the urgent need to prevent dogs and cats from

entering the pound and rehoming system.

It will also explore actions taken in other jurisdictions and the role and enforcement responsibilities of councils. Key issues under consideration include:

- cat management
- preventing dog attacks
- pounds and rehoming services
- registration and desexing
- stakeholder roles and responsibilities and the regulatory tools available under the legislation
- responsible pet ownership education and training

The review of the CA Act will be informed by several NSW parliamentary inquiries, including the inquiry into the veterinary workforce shortage, the inquiry into pounds and the inquiry into the management of cat populations. The findings and recommendations from recent coronial inquests into fatal dog attacks in NSW will also be considered.

Minister for Local Government Ron Hoenig said: “There are more than 4.7 million dogs and cats kept as pets in NSW, providing love and companionship to so many people across the state.

“However, the laws around pet ownership haven’t been reviewed in 20 years.

“With pet ownership on the rise and increased pressure on council pounds and rehoming organisations, it is important to assess if the current laws are still fit for purpose.

“We need strong laws that hold pet owners to account and make sure owners take responsibility for their pets at home and in public spaces.

“The government wants to hear from all interested stakeholders to shape this review and ensure a wide range of perspectives are considered as the government progresses this important work.”

To support the review, the Office of Local Government has released

a discussion paper canvassing three key focus areas:

the framework for encouraging responsible ownership of companion animals

the compliance and enforcement role of councils

animal welfare and rehoming

Pet owners, councils, rehoming organisations, veterinarians and other stakeholders can provide feedback on the discussion paper before 4 May 2025 by responding to consultation questions.

To view the discussion paper and provide feedback visit: <https://www.olg.nsw.gov.au/companion-animals-act-review/>

Launch of ‘a new community resource *We are Wamboin*’: this Saturday March 15

Wamboin Hall  
10.00 am  
Sat. 15 March 2025

Wamboin recently celebrated 50 years since our first residents were welcomed here. Stories, photos and illustrations have been gathered from members of our community. The book has been collated and written by a long-time resident of Wamboin, Meriel Schultz, with funds generously made available from the

Community Bank Bungendore and the Wamboin Community Association.

The book is intended as a gift for the people of Wamboin - past, present and those who come to live here in the future. Importantly, the book showcases how a small community, without a designated village centre and with no schools or shops, can still become cohesive and strong.

We hope it may inspire other small communities to read our story and

take on some of our endeavours and recreate them to suit their own needs.

The launch will take place at the Wamboin Home Produce & Craft Market, 112 Bingley Way, Wamboin. Soon after the launch, a copy will be delivered, by volunteers, free of charge, to every letterbox in Wamboin. This new book acknowledges the people of Wamboin, the challenges we have met and

overcome, and the vibrant community we are today.

The book will also be available for others or for extra copies from 15 March 2025 in hard copy and also on line on the WCA website <https://wamboincommunity.asn.au/>

Do come along to the launch, visit our market and celebrate We are Wamboin!



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The Regional Independent is produced and distributed from our base located in Bungendore within the traditional lands of the Ngunawal and Ngambri peoples. We acknowledge and pay our respect to their elders, past, present and their emerging leadership and pay tribute to their resilience as First Nations peoples. We acknowledge and embrace the wisdom, richness and diversity of all Australian First Nations peoples and their cultures.

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# IGA Bungendore named Best Large Store in NSW and ACT at IGA awards

NSW & ACT’s best independent supermarkets have been recognised at the 2025 NSW & ACT IGA Awards of Excellence, held on Friday, 28th February 2025 and hosted by journalist Deborah Knight. The annual awards acknowledge and celebrate the incredible achievements of independent retailers across the state.

IGA Bungendore took home two prestigious awards:

- NSW & ACT Large Store of the Year

- Large Delicatessen Department of the Year Award

Store Manager Shauna Berry (currently on maternity leave) said, "It was my absolute pleasure to receive this prestigious award - to be named Number 1 store in ACT/NSW is an incredible honour. This honour could not have been achieved without the amazing staff I have on my team - they are simply incredible. I am one very proud store manager! I also want to thank Phil, Adam, and Allison, who equip me with support every inch of the way."

The 44 large stores across NSW and ACT were in contention for the awards, making Bungendore’s win even more remarkable.

The IGA Bungendore Team is extremely active in the community, particularly with the local Rotary Club, where they provide all the items for the weekly BBQs, which are a local favourite. This strong community connection, combined



with an outstanding supermarket offering—focused on quality, freshness, availability, and top-tier customer service—makes IGA Bungendore a standout store. The recent introduction of hot food and grab-and-go options has been a massive success, and the deli’s mix of new and exciting products alongside everyday staples continues to draw in loyal customers.

A total of 22 awards were presented during the evening, with judging based on customer service, community pride, department excellence, brand values, merchandising, and overall store performance.

Store owner Adam Berry praised the team’s dedication, saying, "The team at Bungendore are to be congratulated for their

outstanding efforts in winning this state-wide award. It was an absolute honour to be nominated, so to come away on the night as the winner was the icing on the cake. We are looking forward to the National Awards in July."

IGA Bungendore will now progress to the National IGA Awards of Excellence in July, where they will

compete against other state winners from across Australia. Pictured L-R: Michelle Pelizzari, Thomas Brock, Dilip Bharati, Allison Berry, Michael Whitehead, Shauna Berry, Aiden Shand, Phillip Whitehead, Jason McLean and Adam Berry. Photo courtesy of Saidie Daher from Saidie Creative

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QPRC: Revised Draft Solid Fuel heater Policy: comments close this Friday, March 14

Note: Feedback submitted on the first policy will not carry over. You must submit a new one for this revised draft to be considered.

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.

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](mailto: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 this Friday at 4.30pm, 14 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](mailto: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

Tender submissions open for long term grazing permits

Livestock producers in NSW are invited to apply for long term grazing access to select Travelling Stock Reserves (TSR).

Tender submissions are now open for Long Term Grazing Permits, which are valid for up to five years from July 2025.

Permits are allocated via a robust tender process led by Local Land Services. Submissions close at 11:59pm on Sunday 30 March 2025.

Program Lead TSR, Sam Hand, said strategic grazing played an essential role in effective TSR

management.

"TSR are widely valued for biodiversity conservation, Indigenous culture and recreation, as well as their traditional use for travelling stock and grazing," Mr Hand said.

"Long Term Grazing Permits allow producers to make long-term business decisions and access TSR for extra fodder to support healthy livestock, particularly during times of drought, feed shortages and other emergencies.

"Successful tenderers are expected to contribute to positive

land management practices on the TSR, such as controlling pests and weeds and protecting biodiversity."Collaboratively, we can ensure TSR are well maintained and managed effectively for years to come.

"While select, carefully assessed TSR are eligible for Long Term Grazing Permits, all are available by application for short-term access and reserve use permits."

Applicants are required to inspect the TSR before making a submission, to ensure it is fit for their intended grazing usage.

In NSW, there are more than 6,500 TSR on Crown land, covering an area of around two million hectares. Local Land Services manages about 30 per cent of the state's TSR network, which is approximately 578,000 hectares.

All submissions must be lodged online. Applicants can phone their nearest Local Land Services office on 1300 795



299 or visit the website for more information

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Thurs 20 March from 9.30am



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► **Shearwell** – Get the latest on NLIS sheep tagging and new requirements.

► **Ausfarm Nutrition** – Find out how mineral supplements can boost your stock's health.

► **Zoetis** – Talk vaccines and drenches to keep your stock in top shape.

► **Sheepmetrics** – Easy solutions for land board requirements and stock management.

Come in during the morning, ask questions, and get advice tailored to your farm. See you there!

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Community News

Bungendore Preschool Fair - Classic Car Show and Shine



Owners of classic and modified cars are invited to dust them off, shine them up and bring them down to Bungendore Park to the fair and pig races on Saturday, 15 March 2025. The large crowd that attends this event will appreciate the opportunity to view your pride and joy and vote for their favourite vehicle. Judging is by popular vote. There is sufficient space on the eastern boundary of the Mick Sherd Oval to display over 50 cars. Entry to the display area is via the track leading from Turallo Terrace south onto the Oval. Guides will be in attendance to show you the way to the display area. A map of the display area is also posted on the Bungendore Preschool Facebook page under Events - Fair & Pig Races. To enter the competition, complete the entry form and bring

it along with your \$10 entry fee, to the tent located on the eastern boundary of the oval. The money will be divided - with half going to the Preschool and the other half pooled to provide a cash prize and trophy for the best classic car and the best modified car. Entrants are asked to arrive between 6:30am and 8:45am and display their vehicles until at least midday. Guides will direct cars to their display site, as well as help direct a safe exit at 12noon. Entrants will be given a number to display on the vehicle's windscreen. Members of the public can vote for their favourite car by simply placing the allocated vehicle number on their voting form and placing it in the box provided. Only one vote per person is permitted for each category.

The winners of each category (classic and modified) will be announced during the pig races. The winners will receive both a cash prize plus a trophy. Winners are encouraged to have a little fun by investing their cash prize at the pig races. It is well known that there are many car lovers in the Bungendore area, so bring your pride and joy down and share it with like-minded folks and enjoy the numerous forms of entertainment available at the Fair. Access to the park will be easier this year with the opening of Majara Street, providing access to the parking available on both sides of the road. If you have any queries, or would like to help on the day, contact David Webster on 0417 235 492

Join us for 'Phil Good Fridays'

Looking for a warm and welcoming way to kick off your Friday mornings? Look no further than 'Phil Good Fridays', a wonderful new community initiative hosted by Phil's Emporium Op Shop in Bungendore. Come and enjoy a free Community Morning Tea every Friday morning during the school term, from 10am to 12pm at the Anglican Church Hall on Butmaroo Street. Phil's Emporium is all about bringing people together, and 'Phil Good Fridays' is no exception. Whether you're new to the area or a long-time resident, this is the perfect opportunity to meet someone new, make connections, and enjoy some old-fashioned hospitality. It's a relaxed, casual

setting where you can bring your mother's group or just drop by to connect with others in the community. As you sip your tea or coffee, enjoy some delicious old-fashioned baking by our volunteers. The event is kid-friendly, too—children can play with the op shop toys, giving you time to enjoy your coffee while the little ones have fun. 'Phil Good Fridays' is a chance to slow down, enjoy the simple pleasures, and get to know your neighbours. Whether you're looking for new friends or just a break from your busy week, everyone is welcome to join in and be a part of this wonderful community event. Photo supplied of the wonderful team of volunteers at Phil's



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QPRC Meeting Summary Wednesday, February 26, 2025

<p>QPRC</p> <p>Here is the summary of the resolutions made at the Council meeting of 26 February 2025.</p> <p>The archived recording of the meeting is now available at: <a href="https://webcast.qprc.nsw.gov.au/archive/video25-0226.php">https://webcast.qprc.nsw.gov.au/archive/video25-0226.php</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Council heard from six members of the public who made presentations about items on the agenda including: Change of Use of Farm Shed to Rural on Sawyers Ridge Road Reidsdale; the proposal to name the Heritage Library as the Frank Pangallo Heritage Library; an update on Clarke Gang Signage in Braidwood and surrounds; and Regional Digital Connectivity Program.</li><li>• Council received a report for review of determination for change of use of a farm shed to rural industry at 316 Sawyers Ridge Road, Reidsdale and granted</li></ul>	<p>conditional development consent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Council received an information report with an update on Clarke Gang Signage</li><li>• Council will call on the State Government to reverse its decision and to restore funding to deliver fibre-to-the-premise network connections for the residents of Wamboin, Bywong and Sutton</li><li>• Council received the December 2024 Quarterly Budget Review Statement, adopted the budget variations in the report, and noted the opinion of the Responsible Accounting Officer that financial performance and project year result is satisfactory</li><li>• Council approved a cultural grant of \$1,000 towards costs for a free public screening of classic Australian films at Braidwood National Theatre, during the</li></ul>	<p>Queanbeyan-Palerang Heritage Festival</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Council adopted in principle proposed name Carnation Drive for new road within Estate 2 at South Jerrabomberra Urban Release Area, will exhibit the name for 28 days and publish notice in NSW Government Gazette if no objections are received</li><li>• Council will proceed with the proposal to name the former Queanbeyan Council Chambers building the Frank Pangallo Heritage Library</li><li>• Council endorsed Terms of Reference for a Small Business Advisory Committee and nominated Cr Macdonald as delegate and Cr Broadbent as alternate. Council will seek community representations through an open expression of interest</li><li>• Council endorsed Terms of Reference for the Bungendore Town Centre and Environs Committee</li></ul>	<p>and nominated Cr Schweikert as delegate and Cr Grundy as alternate. Council will seek community representations through an open expression of interest</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Council endorsed Terms of Reference for the Seniors Advisory Committee and nominates Cr Macdonald as delegate and Cr Waterhouse as alternate. Council will seek community representations through an open expression of interest</li><li>• Council received the Investment Report for the month of January 2025, notes the investment return of \$1,746,693</li><li>• Council received an information report about PFAS in Bungendore water supply</li><li>• Council received an information report about the lease of 262 Crawford Street, Queanbeyan</li><li>• Council received information report with the</li></ul>	<p>Delivery Program Update December 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Council received information report on Council's submission to OLG on the new Model Code of Meeting Practice</li><li>• Council received information report on councillor workshop on 19 February. Workshop included the QBRS as at 31 December; Shop-top housing proposal 50 Morisset Street; Waste Strategy Review; and the Community Strategic Plan</li><li>• Council received report with questions with notice about the road from Hoskinstown to Reschs Creek with answers to be provided at a future meeting</li><li>• Council received report with questions with notice about the Foxlow Bridge with answers to be provided at a future meeting</li><li>• Council received report with questions with notice about the Reschs Creek</li></ul>	<p>Bridge with answers to be provided at a future meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Council received report with answers to questions with notice about blackberry spraying and signage</li><li>• Council received report with questions with notice about the shade sail prioritisation with answers to be provided at a future meeting</li><li>• Council received report with questions with notice about accessible car parking in Braidwood with answers to be provided at a future meeting</li><li>• In closed session, Council awarded the contract for Braidwood Landfill Capping and Closure Plans to SMEC Australia for \$236,580</li></ul> <p>If you'd like more information about these matters, you can find the business papers and minutes on our website at: <a href="https://www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/Council-meetings">https://www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/Council-meetings</a></p>
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Bungendore High School Buzz

Bungendore High School

Following a democratic election process, Bungendore High School is proud to announce our Student Representative Council for 2025. We welcome and congratulate: Abbie, Nathan and Harley from Year 7, Khloe, Will and Holly from Year 8, Ellie, Taj and Raiden from Year 9, and Katie and Josh from



Year 10. These students were inducted and gave their vows in front of the whole school at Community Crew.

We also congratulate all recipients of our Habits of Character Awards. Our Habits of Character are empowerment, perseverance, integrity and community, which define what we at Bungendore

High School strive for all students to embody and act upon, both at school and into the community.

Bungendore High School made a splash at the Zone swimming carnival with Jay placing 1st in the 100m backstroke and 50m and 100m freestyle events, Logan placing 1st in the 100m breaststroke and 3rd in the 50m freestyle, Ava placing 1st in the 100m backstroke and breaststroke, and 50m freestyle, and Comet coming 2nd in backstroke and 4th in the 50m and 100m freestyle races. All four students qualified for regionals at Dapto on March 11th.

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Blue Light disco: this Friday night

Lions Club of Bungendore & Districts and Queanbeyan PCYC are joining together to run a blue light disco for youth aged 11 to 16 years. Primary school children are able to attend if they are at least 11 years old. The disco will be held at the Bungendore War Memorial Hall on Friday 14 March from 6.30 to 8.00pm. Admission is \$5 and tickets must be purchased in advance using the QR code in the photo or on the Lions Club of Bungendore & Districts Facebook page. The disco will have a professional DJ, smoke, lights and free water and slushies, lollies, chips, glow sticks and other items will be available to purchase.

Lions wish to thank Queanbeyan Palerang Regional Council for providing a grant to hold these discos and to Bungendore IGA for donations of water bottles. Depending on the success of this disco, further discos will be held for Bungendore's young people.

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NSW Youth Advisory Council Applications are now open

Request for applications for appointment to the 2026 NSW Youth Advisory Council (YAC).

Applications are open to all young people aged between 12-24 years who are living in NSW.

Applications are sought from young people from diverse backgrounds and life experiences, who live anywhere in NSW.

The YAC provides a direct avenue of communication between the young people of NSW and the NSW Government. YAC members work together with government and non-government agencies to better understand and respond to issues that impact young people in NSW.

The YAC is established under the Advocate for Children and Young People Act 2014 and each year, 12 young people are appointed. It provides advice directly to the Minister for Youth, the Hon. Rose Jackson, MLC and the NSW Advocate for Children and Young People, Zoë Robinson.

For more information about the YAC and how to apply, go to the Advocate for Children and Young People's website at [acyp.nsw.gov.au](https://acyp.nsw.gov.au) or contact the office at [acyp@acyp.nsw.gov.au](mailto:acyp@acyp.nsw.gov.au) or (02) 9248 0970.

Applications close 11:59pm, Sunday 20 April 2025.

Community News

Monaro Woman of the Year 2025 - Elaine Lollback

Steve Whan

The winner of the Monaro Woman of the Year 2025 is Elaine Lollback. Elaine and her team are well known in Queanbeyan and the surrounding area for the work of St Benedict's Community Centre.

Based in the former Annie's Place site, St Benedict's has been assisting our community for several years with housing and food security. It is wholly volunteer run and relies on funding from donations and government grants.

Since I was last the member, I've noticed a decline in the availability and affordability of housing not just in Queanbeyan, but across Monaro. This isn't to say it wasn't an issue when I was last in Parliament, but the

situation has become more dire over the years.

That's why someone such as Elaine is a wonderful role model for our society - someone who runs on faith, goodwill, and chocolate to ensure the people who come to St Benedict's are receiving as much assistance as humanly possible. My staff have mentioned receiving calls on weekends and after hours where Elaine is still busily working away, fighting for a good outcome.

Elaine never asks for anything in return, and never judges anyone or their circumstances. She is inspiring, and someone we could all learn from. This is why I have awarded her the title of Monaro Woman of the Year 2025.

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Man arrested after allegedly stealing police vehicle in Bungendore

NSW Police will be applying for a man to be extradited from the ACT after he was arrested on an outstanding warrant for allegedly stealing a police vehicle and assaulting an officer in Bungendore on Friday.

About 2.20am on Friday 7 March 2025), officers from Monaro Police District were called to Malbon Street, Bungendore,

following reports of a break and enter at a business.

Upon arrival, police attended and found a man inside the premises.

Officers attempted to arrest the man and a struggle ensued, during which the man allegedly punched an officer in the head. The officer discharged a Taser; however, it was ineffective.

The man got into a nearby marked police vehicle and conducted a U-turn, before he allegedly drove towards the two constables.

One of the constables discharged their firearm, hitting the passenger door of the police car.

The man allegedly drove from the

scene in the police vehicle towards the ACT.

Following inquiries, the police vehicle was recovered by ACT Police at the intersection of Canberra Avenue and Geelong Street, Fyshwick. No property was missing from the vehicle.

About 9.40am on Sunday, 9 March 2025, ACT Police officers

arrested a 24-year-old man inside a car parked on Rosenthal Street, Campbell.

The man is expected appear before the ACT Magistrates Court Monday 10 March 2025, where an extradition will be sought.

Investigations into the incident continue.



Kristy McBain is backing the Queanbeyan Whites Rugby Club

A re-elected Labor Government will provide \$370,000 towards infrastructure upgrades at David Campese Oval, the home of the Queanbeyan Whites Rugby Club.

Critical upgrades at the ground will include fencing the perimeter of the oval and netting, which will enable the venue to host finals, regional tournaments, talent camps and elite pathway programs.



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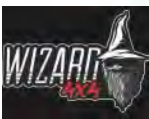
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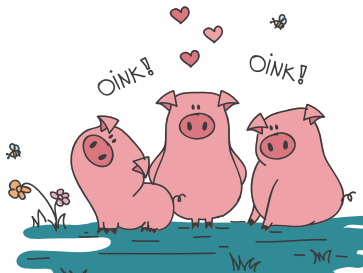
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# Bungendore RFS takes ownership of new fire truck

Last Saturday morning, the Bungendore RFS proudly took ownership of a brand new fire truck. The Category 1 (Cat 1) fire truck, known for its versatility, is designed to operate in a wide range of terrains and conditions. This is especially significant, as the Bungendore RFS, one of the busiest brigades in the Lake George District, has not received a brand new Cat 1 vehicle in over 25 years.

The Cat 1 fire truck features a water tank that holds 3,500 litres of water, allowing for sustained firefighting operations without the immediate need for resupply. Its crew cab can accommodate up to six firefighters, ensuring efficient teamwork during emergencies.

The truck's multi-purpose design greatly enhances firefighting efficiency with some new features when compared to the old truck. It is also equipped with a variety of firefighting tools and equipment,



all stored in strategically designed lockers for quick and easy access during operations. The new colour scheme is also a stand out.

The new Cat 1 will soon be sent to Queanbeyan Fire Control Centre, where all of the equipment from the old truck will be transferred over and the new truck set-up on

the RFS Computer Aided Despatch system.

Bungendore RFS Captain, Rob Allard said, "The members are very happy with the new truck and believe it will do a great job on the fireground especially with the latest safety features and fittings such as the front mounted remote-

controlled monitor which will allow us to fight some fires from within the truck. Our old truck has served us well over the years and will continue to serve another brigade elsewhere in the State."

Sharon Baxter-Judge  
Above Captain Rob Allard with members of Bungendore RFS

## FABS...Fun Activities with 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 March 26, at The Gathering, 12.30pm. All are welcome to come along.

For more information contact Sharon on 0419 025 533 or email [bungendoreseniors@gmail.com](mailto:bungendoreseniors@gmail.com)

**Bungendore Seniors** are pleased to host Senior Exercise classes with Familia Fitness on a Tuesday for the rest of this school term.

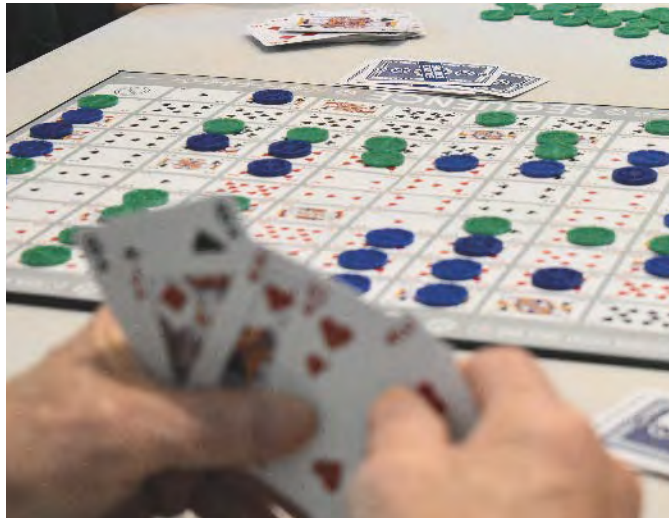
These classes, specifically catered for seniors are a fantastic way to boost strength and flexibility.

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

Bungendore Seniors are having a fabulous raffle of the below original stunning artwork is by renowned Aboriginal artist Dale Huddleston. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00



## Join a QPRC Advisory Committee

Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council is seeking Expressions of Interest to join the Bungendore Town Centre and Environs Committee (BTCEC), the new Seniors Advisory Committee, and Small Business Advisory Committee until 27 March 2025.

'Joining an advisory committee is a great way to make sure your voice is heard. Council really values the contributions of all our committee members,' said Mayor Kenrick Winchester.

'In the first round we had more than 120 expressions of interest to join 11 advisory committees, which is an incredible response from our community.

'I encourage Bungendore residents and business owners along with seniors from all around the region to submit an EOI and get involved.'

**BTCEC** supports the development and implementation of Council's strategies and plans to enhance Bungendore's liveability, commercial prosperity and attractiveness to visitors. Council is seeking 4 community representatives to join BTCEC alongside a representative appointed by the Bungendore Chamber of Commerce and Cr Schweikert who is the Council delegate.

The **Seniors Advisory** Committee will provide specialist advice on the needs and priorities of seniors in the LGA. Council is seeking up to 10 community members who are seniors living in the LGA with diverse backgrounds and lived experiences to join the committee. They will join up to 4 representatives from local agencies that provide specialist services to seniors and Council's delegate, Cr Macdonald, to form the committee.

The **Small Business** Advisory Committee will provide advice to Council to support the retention and growth of existing businesses in the region, and encouraging new investment. Council is seeking 5 community members with experience owning or managing small businesses or providing support services to small businesses to join the committee. They will join one representative appointed by the Bungendore Chamber of Commerce and Industry, one representative appointed by Braidwood and Villages Business Chamber, and Council's delegate, Cr Macdonald, to form the committee.

Learn more about these committees and submit an EOI by 27 March 2025 at [qprc.nsw.gov.au/advisory-committees-r2](http://qprc.nsw.gov.au/advisory-committees-r2)

Councillors to decide on key property plans for Bungendore

At the council meeting Wednesday March 12, councillors will be deciding on Bungendore’s future and \$3.2M of “patch-ups”.

Agenda item 9.5: Reinstatement Bungendore Properties:

Council recently rushed into a Deed of Settlement with the Department of Education (DoE) for the return of the former council chambers at 10 Majura Street and the former community centre at 2 Majara Street, with no community consultation. With these properties being returned, it is now crucial that council include the broader community to determine the best path forward for Bungendore.

The business papers suggest that these decisions are being made with limited or no community consultation / community engagement, unnecessary urgency, and a lack of consideration / vision for alternative options that could better serve Bungendore residents for generations.

These reports fail to indicate how the wider community has been consulted on the reinstatement of properties versus alternative uses.

On Tuesday, March 4, representatives from five community groups that previously hired the existing building were invited for a walk-through. However, this was not a community consultation—council simply informed attendees of its refurbishment plans. This walk through would have been more beneficial for councillors and the community prior to the Deed of Settlement agreement.

Councillors are being asked to allocate \$789,749.00 with no cost breakdown of the refurbishments.

The current plans have no major alterations, just repairs / patch ups due to the recent vandalism. The refurbishment will include repainting the interior, replacing the carpet, and installing new vanity units in the outdated bathrooms. However, the labyrinth of small, dark, unusable rooms will remain unchanged, and the non-compliant playground equipment will not be replaced. The larger meeting room, located at least 50 metres from the tiny kitchen, remains impractical for group functions.

Parking remains limited, and concerns were raised about safely crossing Turrallo Terrace if parking at the Scout Hall.

The Bridge Club, Quilters, Playgroup, Yoga, and Seniors groups all expressed satisfaction with their current meeting arrangements and showed little interest in returning, given that the building will only be restored to its previous sub- standard. The only group enthusiastic about the refurbishment was Bungendore Community Aid, which is in urgent need of storage space.

Built nearly forty years ago, the centre was already in need of repairs and maintenance before it was closed. Now, with only minimal fixes being made by council, many in the community feel it is no longer fit for purpose - reinforcing the need for a new, green, energy efficient, modern, centrally located, community centre that truly meets local needs.

The aging building needs a total redesign and fit out. In fact, this proposed refurbishment goes against the outcomes of Council’s pre-existing *Sustainable Design Policy for Council Buildings Council Operations Climate Change Action Plan Period: 2020 to 2030*.

The building has never been energy efficient, these refurbishments do not appear to address this:

- Energy efficient solar panels, no solar photovoltaic (PV) system with battery storage to maximize energy independence
- No energy-efficient appliances and LED lighting, no smart energy management
- No water conservation: no rain water tank, no water-efficient fixtures - eg: all of the toilets appear to be the original toilets installed in the late 1980’s.
- No permeable paving and landscaping, no sustainable landscaping
- Heating and cooling - no double glazing, very little natural ventilation, brick interior walls, just two air conditioners in the larger meeting rooms which must work overtime given the empty vaulted ceiling in the larger meeting room, with no insulation, a concrete floor with 1mm carpet tiles.

Even with these refurbishments the building will continue to be hot in summer and freezing in winter.

The business paper neglects to include any projected revenue that this refurb could bring to council.

The business paper ignores the library and provides no evidence that the relocation of the library to the old council chambers will increase visitation, program attendance, circulation, public computer usage, meeting room bookings etc. A new, centrally located, library as previous planned in the centre of town could achieve these things.

A new purpose-built community centre in the heart of town would bring a host of benefits. Designed with green energy efficiency in mind. It would not only serve as a hub for social and cultural activities but also align with sustainability goals and offer long-term environmental benefits and income potential for the town. Additionally, the centre could encourage alternative transport options with bike racks, walking paths, and electric vehicle (EV) charging stations. Its close proximity to Bungendore’s central car park would enhance accessibility and convenience for the community.

Agenda item 9.6: The sale of 19-21 Gibraltar Street Bungendore:

This business paper suggest that this decision is being made no community consultation.

The reinstatement of properties versus alternative uses:

- The sale of 19-21 Gibraltar Street and whether it could serve a better long-term community purpose
- The financial impact and whether alternative funding models exist that would reduce risk to ratepayers, for example more energy efficient buildings and the potential of commercial rent for council.

The business paper suggests that budget allocations are being approved for projects extending into 2026 and beyond, yet there is no immediate need for these decisions to be determined now. For example:

- The compensation ledger does not need to be fully reconciled

until 2030, which means that councillors do have time to consider options without financial penalty.

- The council offices and library relocation won’t happen until at least late 2026 (an optimistic date), yet councillors are being asked to pre-allocate \$2,431,650.00 for it’s refurbishment with no information on costings / breakdown, being asked to make decisions without hearing on what the broader community thinks.

- The community centre is now nearly forty years old - councillors are being asked to allocate \$789,749.00 with no cost breakdown of the refurbishments.

- The sale of 19-21 Gibraltar Street appears flexible, meaning council could retain this asset while further exploring alternative uses that may provide greater community benefit or financial return.

- The report states: *Any profit on the property sale would be returned to the Property Reserve, noting this is a Council decision that would be sought at the time a sale is realised*. Therefore any profit made by council will not be spent on Bungendore projects

- The reports show that Council have spent \$4.7 million of the \$9.7 million received in compensation from the NSW Government. This raises concerns about whether remaining funds will be sufficient for community asset reinstatement. Also, the sale of 19-21 Gibraltar Street appears to be driven by short-term financial pressures, without consulting the broader community.

- Council has not presented clear evidence that alternative options—such as retaining the land for a public-private partnership or leasing it for long-term revenue generation or selling the Marjura Street properties—have been fully considered.

- The Bungendore Structure Plan is still under review, and any rushed decisions made now may clash with future planning recommendations.

Both agenda items report state links to QPRC/Regional Strategic Plans

QPRC Community Strategic Plan (2042) Strategic Pillars:



No: 4. Connection: A safe, resilient and well connected community with good infrastructure enhancing quality of life

4.3 Our community facilities and assets are well planned, meet the needs of the community and enhance social connection.

No 5. Capability: Contemporary civic leadership and governance that is open, transparent and accountable.

5.1 Our community is serviced by an efficient, effective and innovative Council.

5.2 Council is an open, accessible and responsive organisation.

While these are just benchmarks, councillors can take a measured and strategic approach to these decisions and commit to a formal community consultation process to ensure residents and businesses have meaningful input into these critical decisions. This current rushed approach undermines transparency, limits community engagement, and risks financial mismanagement.

Surely the \$3.2M refurbishment budget allocated for the Majara Street properties would be better invested in a purpose-built, sustainable facility at 19-21 Gibraltar Street, as originally planned. A central location would not only provide a modern, energy-efficient community space but also boost foot traffic to the library, making it more accessible and engaging for residents. Additionally, this new facility could generate revenue for the council while enhancing Bungendore’s community and cultural hub.

To read the full business papers head to <https://www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/Council/Council-Business/Council-meetings>

To view the council meeting head to <https://webcast.qprc.nsw.gov.au/>

Sharon Baxter-Judge

Above: The community centre prior to the windows being boarded up

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# Community News

## A day of discovery: Aboriginal art and the art of Bonsai

Recently, the Bungendore Seniors boarded a coach for a wonderful day out. Our first stop was the Burrunju Gallery, an Aboriginal-owned and run, not-for-profit charity. Burrunju not only showcases local Aboriginal art and artifacts, but it also serves as a collaborative space for artists and community members. It's a place where people can come together to create or complete paintings and artifacts, learn collectively, and engage in art therapy. We were fortunate to have renowned singer, songwriter, and

artist Dale Huddleston as our guide. His insights into the artifacts, the diverse styles of the artwork, and the many achievements of the cooperative were both fascinating and enriching. A heartfelt thanks to Dale for making the experience even more special. Everyone truly enjoyed his talk! All proceeds from the artwork and artifacts sold in the gallery go directly to supporting local artists, providing them with a steady source of income and supplying art materials for the community space. This gallery is definitely worth a visit— for more information, you can head to <https://www.burrunju.org.au>

Our next stop was the Arboretum, a perfect spot for a walk and a moment to relax while enjoying the breathtaking views. One of the highlights was the National Bonsai and Penjing Collection of Australia, which was truly amazing. Bonsai has been practiced in Japan for at least 1,200 years, involving the meticulous training, styling, and maintenance of miniature trees. It originates from the Chinese practice of penjing, which involves the creation of miniature landscapes in pots or trays. These landscapes can feature a variety of trees, rocks, ground covers, and sometimes small objects or figurines. Penjing



has been practiced in China for over 1,400 years. The creative process behind bonsai and penjing requires a combination of vision, planning, horticultural knowledge, and artistic skill, along with a great deal of patience. These intricate creations are so valued that they are often passed down through generations of families. Sharon Baxter-Judge



## Maria's community corner



Maria Porreca  
Maria's  
Community  
Corner  
Arrangements  
for the  
Queanbeyan  
Senior Citizens

Grand Opening are progressing very well and they are looking forward to seeing you all there. So note it in your diary - Tuesday 18th March at 11.00am at 1 Farrer Place, Queanbeyan. Go along and sample the activities on offer - there will also be some yoga, Zumba and exercise demonstrations, and enjoy the light refreshments that will be provided. Seniors will have their regular monthly stall in Riverside Plaza (near Coles) on Saturday 15th March.

The recent Queanbeyan Multicultural Festival was a really fantastic event. So many fun activities and different foods from around the world to sample. A great crowd too, over 6,000 people attended. A huge thank you to Kayla and QPRC staff for putting on such an enjoyable cultural event.

And whilst on the subject of thanking people I need to sincerely thank Sharon Baxter-Judge and Bungendore Seniors for organising the Stay Scam Savvy event in Bungendore a week or so ago. It was very informative, and I learnt a great deal on scams and online safety.

As you may know recently QPRC approved the

establishment of The Seniors Advisory Committee. It will provide specialist advice on the needs and priorities of seniors in the Local Government Area (LGA). Council is looking for up to 10 community members who are seniors living in the LGA with diverse backgrounds and lived experiences to join the committee. The successful applicants will join up to 4 representatives from local agencies that provide specialist services to seniors and Council's delegate, Cr Macdonald, to form the committee. If you feel this is something you would be interested in, then you can get more details by going to the QPRC website.

Saturday 10th May is the date for the Queanbeyan Pramathon. Event highlights are an attempt to break the record for the greatest number of prams being pushed simultaneously during the walk. Currently the record sits at 246. Members from The Australian Book of Records will be in attendance. There will be a Best dressed-up pram competition as well as the Cutest Baby of the Region and School Portrait & Poetry competition. A group photo of everyone in attendance who was born at Queanbeyan Hospital. There will also be the usual raffle, food, stalls, races and games. Promises to be an exciting day and hope to see you all there.

Below: the Scam Savy event



## Jerrabomberra Pump Track party: Friday March 21

QPRC After being postponed due to bad weather, we have rescheduled the Jerrabomberra Pump Track Party! To celebrate its official opening we are having a free community event at the track

on Friday 21 March! From 3:30pm to 6:30pm there will be a live DJ, BMX demos, activities for kids and a free BBQ.

Jerrabomberra Pump Track - David Madew Oval, Bayside Drive, Jerrabomberra, 2621



# On track for a BIG day out in Bungendore, this Saturday

The Community Bank Bungendore Preschool Fair is shaping up to be a big day out in Bungendore. The event is being held at Bungendore Park (Mick Sherd Oval) on 15 March 2025 from 9 am and features a fabulous program of activities to entertain everyone.

The focus is again on activities for the young folks of our village with sack races, gum boot tossing, tug of war, donut eating competition and more. The Dachshund races are becoming very popular, so bring your hound down and join the fun. A wide array of stalls will operate from 9 am, while a fabulous musical entertainment program has been arranged.

The exciting pig races begin earlier this year, starting at 11.00. Take part in the auction of the piglets and the raffle (Calcutta) for a chance to win the attractive cash prizes again this year.

Food and drink will be available throughout the day - with the return of the towns famous Brisket Rolls, Jalapenos, and Smoked Chicken Wings from Sam's Spinning Smoke, and Rotary's Sausage Sandwiches. Our



village volunteers and sporting clubs are again supporting the event. Without them and a number of very generous sponsors, the event would not be possible.

If you have a classic car at home, bring it down to the Park and enter it in the Show & Shine competition and mingle with like-minded motoring enthusiasts.

There will be ample parking around Turallo Terrace as well as Majara and Gibraltar Streets.

Please come along and join the fun on Saturday, 15 March on Mick Sherd Oval and help raise funds for our wonderful community preschool. The importance of high-quality early learning for our children and grandchildren is vital and deserves our full support.

For more stall holder or program information, email [fundraising@bungendorepreschool.com.au](mailto:fundraising@bungendorepreschool.com.au), visit Bungendore Preschool Fair and Pig Races Facebook event page, or call 6238 1423.

# Draft Braidwood Structure Plan: comments close March 25

QPRC

The draft Braidwood Structure Plan guides future changes in land use and growth in Braidwood. It is a strategic planning priority in Council's Local Strategic Planning Statement Towards 2030.

In 2024 Council exhibited a discussion paper, which was the first step in developing the structure plan. We held community meetings and community drop-in sessions in March and April. The outcomes from the discussion paper and submissions have formed the basis of the draft Braidwood Structure Plan.

Council now wants to hear from the community on the draft plan.

The document is available in the document library at <https://yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au/draft-braidwood-structure-plan> and you can also view hard copies of the draft plan at the Braidwood Office - 144 Wallace St, Braidwood.

Have your say

- By completing the survey at the YourVoice webpage by Wednesday 25 March 2025 (extended from 25 February)
- By email to [council@qprc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@qprc.nsw.gov.au) referencing "Draft Braidwood Structure Plan"
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Queanbeyan Seniors (55+) news

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Tuesdays

Zumba - 11am-12pm - Zumba with Ellie - AXIS Centre - \$10

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

TUESDAY EXERCISE CLASSES



(falls prevention, balance, strengthening)  
Times - 9.30-10.30am and then 11.00-12.00pm at 1 Farrer Place, Queanbeyan.

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.*

**Monthly meeting** on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 1.00pm, Rear 1 Farrer Place. Next meeting April 22, 2025.

**Riverside Plaza Stall** - monthly - our wonderful stalls are back. Next one will be Saturday March 15 and then on Saturday 12 April (in time for Easter)

**Membership** only \$10.00 per annum.

New members very welcome.  
Contact - Brenda on 0407 201 392 or Kim on 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 SOON AT ONE OF THESE ACTIVITIES**

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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/BUNGENDOR> ECWA



Autumn Open Day at the Queanbeyan Community market



Join us at the Queanbeyan Community Garden for our Autumn Open Day. After a warm and productive summer, we are gathering produce and seeds from the garden and inviting you to share in the abundance.

**Date: Saturday 5 April**

**Time: 9.30am - 11.30 am**

Location: Railway Park Organic Community Garden, Henderson Rd, Queanbeyan.

The Queanbeyan Sustainability Group (QSG) is a community not-for-profit organisation that manages the Queanbeyan Community Garden. We have 25 plots that members rent as well as common plots with fruit trees, herbs, veggies and berry canes that we share.

Whether you're an experienced gardener or just curious about growing your own food, our Open Day is the perfect opportunity to get inspired and connect with the community. Bring your family and friends for a fun-filled morning in the garden.

**Garden Tours:** Discover the beauty and diversity of our garden plots. Maybe you might like to become a member of the Queanbeyan Sustainability Group

(Residents of the QPRC area are eligible for membership).

**Fresh Produce:** Enjoy some delicious, organic herbs and veggies from our crop share table. We will have some produce and seedlings for sale (gold coin donations would be appreciated to help fund our garden improvements).

**Ask us a question:** Learn about organic gardening, composting and healthy soil.

**Refreshments:** Enjoy a cuppa with gardening enthusiasts.

For your safety, please wear closed shoes when visiting the garden.

Parking is available at the Henderson Road Railway Park. The garden has a scooter/wheelchair accessible track and toilet facilities are in the park.

We look forward to welcoming you at our Autumn Open Day!

Follow us on Facebook  
<https://www.facebook.com/QBNSustainabilityGroup/>

Find out more on the QSG website at <https://qbysustainabilitygroup.wordpress.com/>

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Mateship is the key to tackling loneliness

National Seniors Australia

As we get older, we sometimes lose contact with old friends. It's never too late to reconnect.

Social connection is a cornerstone of wellbeing, and for many people, especially those reaching middle age and beyond, loneliness can become a significant challenge.

Studies show that men are especially susceptible to loneliness in later life – and one solution to this lies with the traditional Australian concept of mateship.

Traditional gender roles often discourage men from expressing emotions and seeking social support.

This can lead to social isolation, particularly after significant life changes like retirement, divorce, or the loss of a spouse.

Men may also find it difficult to build new friendships later in life, lacking the established social circles they may have had in their younger years.

Chronic loneliness has a demonstrably negative impact on both physical and mental health. It can increase the risk of heart disease, stroke, and dementia.

Loneliness in men and women can also lead to depression, anxiety, and a decline in cognitive function.

Mateship is posited as a powerful antidote to loneliness because it fosters a sense of belonging, provides emotional support, and encourages shared activities.

Here are some practical steps anyone can take to combat loneliness and build stronger social connections:

- Reconnect with old friends: Reach out to former classmates, colleagues, or neighbours.
- Join a club or group: Find activities that interest you, whether it's a sports team, a book club, or a volunteer organisation.
- Seek out social events: Attend community gatherings, local festivals, or neighbourhood barbecues.
- Embrace technology: Use online platforms or social media groups to connect with like-minded individuals.
- Seek professional help: If you're struggling to overcome loneliness, consider talking to a therapist or counsellor.
- NSA branches offer a fantastic way to make new friends, enjoy inspiring guest speakers, and take part in fun activities like day trips, group meals, and entertainment. Canberra South is our nearest branch.
- Download the NSA's EAT | PLAY | SAVE app, to enjoy exclusive member benefits and save while exploring and having fun with friends.

Remember: Social connection is vital for everyone, and reaching out for support is a sign of strength, not weakness.

Taking a small first step today could help you build a network of strong social connections to combat loneliness and live a healthier, happier life.

Related reading: ABC

Disclaimer: This article is for informational purposes only and should not be considered medical advice. Consult a healthcare professional about any health concerns.

Queanbeyan Branch of the Australian Red Cross: Wed March 19

The Queanbeyan Branch of Australian Red Cross is holding its next meeting and afternoon tea for March 2025.

Date: Wednesday 19th March 2025

Time: 1.30pm

Where: Queanbeyan Bowls Club, Campbell Street Queanbeyan (Just off Canberra Avenue and opposite the Campbell & George Club)



The Australian Red Cross is a volunteer-based organisation that exists to reduce human suffering.

- Emergency Services and Disasters
- Migration
- Community activities & programs and International programs
- International Humanitarian Law
- First Nations Equitable programs
- Lifeblood

Our purpose: Bringing people and communities together in times of need and building on community strengths. We do this by mobilising the power of humanity.

The Queanbeyan Branch engages in many programs including:

- Trauma Teddies
- Meals on Wheels
- Aged Care Visitors Scheme

Our main source of fundraising is holding Arts & Crafts Stalls in and around Queanbeyan – And don't worry if you can't sew, craft, knit or crochet, it doesn't matter there is a role for everyone.

Scale your commitment to the time you have available, so if you think that volunteering, meeting community minded people and being part of a wonderful organisation is for you, please come along to the meeting and enjoy a delicious afternoon tea.



For more information, please contact our Zone Representative Ann 0418 975 319.

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2025 Queanbeyan-Palerang Seniors Day Friday March 28, 2024



Join us for a blend of inspiration, information, and activity at the 2025 Queanbeyan-Palerang Seniors Day. It's a perfect opportunity to reconnect with long-time friends and forge new friendships. We warmly welcome all seniors from the accross the region. Secure your spot early to avoid disappointment! This event is presented by the Bungendore Seniors Association and is proudly sponsored by the Bungendore Community Bank, Bendigo Bank.

Friday 28 March 9.00am to 2.30pm Positive Aging and Self-care



Our first presentation features Accredited Social Worker Kenneth King, who brings over 30 years of experience in person-centred social work and case management in the disability and aged care sectors. He has worked extensively with individuals, families, and carers.

Forget the clichés—self-care isn't just about massages and bubble baths. True self-care is about building a practical toolkit to navigate life's challenges and recharge emotionally, physically, and mentally.

Living with Purpose

Our guest speaker is the extraordinary Elaine Heskett, a local legend, and a true Hidden Treasure, along with her guide dog Greta. Elaine's journey from a highly qualified Nursing Sister to a recipient of the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for her community



service, including her roles with Guide Dogs NSW/ACT, Vision Australia, and the CWA, is nothing short of inspiring.

Understanding Your Rights and Planning Ahead



Rachel from the Seniors Rights Service will provide an overview of the vital support and advocacy this community organisation offers to older people across New South Wales. Dedicated to protecting and advancing seniors' rights, the service provides free, confidential legal advice, advocacy, and education on issues affecting older Australians.

In this session, Rachel will also discuss the importance of planning ahead, including key topics such as Powers of Attorney, enduring guardianship, and making informed decisions about your future care and finances. This is a great opportunity to learn about your rights and the support available to help you stay empowered and in control.

Time for Tea

Enjoy a scrumptious morning tea (included), with tea, coffee, juice and an array of goodies.



After morning tea we have a presentation from Arthritis ACT. Living Well with Arthritis



Arthritis ACT provides a range of services designed to support people in managing arthritis and related conditions, with a strong focus on improving quality of life through exercise, education, and allied health care.

In this session, you'll learn practical strategies to help manage symptoms, stay active, and maintain independence. From simple daily adjustments to specialised support programs, discover ways to keep moving, reduce discomfort, and improve overall well-being.

Strength for Life



Jordan and Damien from Familia Fitness will share practical strategies for maintaining strength and

balance as we get older. Their presentation will include simple, effective exercises designed to support mobility, build confidence, and aid recovery after an injury or health setback.

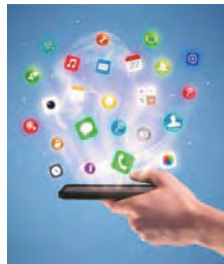
Delicious

Time for a long lunch – on the menu today is a choice of roasts

for lunch, complete with a variety of vegies, sauces, and gravy.

Tech Savy

After lunch, we are lucky to have QPRC library staff on hand for some 'one-on-one', troubleshooting, tips, and tricks on how to get the most out of your tablet and smart phone. So, make sure you bring your tablet/phone for this informative session.



Program subject to change.

Thanks to the sponsorship of the Bungendore Community Bank the cost is only \$15 per person.

Cost includes lucky door prizes, morning tea and roast lunch.

Seats are strictly limited, bookings are essential (no walk-ins accepted). Payment is required prior to the event.

Please advise at time of booking if you have any dietary requirements.

Venue: The Carrington Inn, 59 Ellendon St, Bungendore.

To book, please email bungendoreseniors@gmail.com or text / call Sharon on 0419 025 533.

Fabulous lucky door prizes – including a \$100 gift card from IGA Bungendore.



## Community News

### Celebrating International Women's Day for a good cause

Last Saturday, 170 people gathered at Bicentennial Hall in Queanbeyan for a special International Women's Day High Tea. The Queanbeyan Evening Branch of the Country Women's Association of NSW hosted this wonderful event to support and raise funds for the charity *Love Your Sister*.

The charity was born out of a courageous challenge from Connie Johnson, who, after receiving a terminal cancer diagnosis, dared her brother, actor Samuel Johnson, to unicycle around Australia. His mission was to raise awareness about breast cancer and remind every young mum to stay breast aware.

The High Tea was a delight, with champagne and tea flowing, accompanied by an array of home-cooked cakes, scones and sweets—a true treat for the guests.

Samuel Johnson OAM, co-founder of *Love Your Sister*, Gold Logie-winning Australian television actor, winner of Dancing with the Stars (2019), and 2018 Victorian Australian of the Year, took to the stage to share his inspiring journey. He spoke about breaking the world record for long-distance unicycling, raising \$1.4 million for cancer research twelve years ago, and the powerful, successful Big Heart event. He also shared the touching story of when Connie received her OAM shortly before she passed.

*Love Your Sister's* aspiration is to ensure precision treatment for ALL new cancer patients, whatever the cancer, regardless of location, age, income or status. Their vision is that "patients are offered the right treatment, first time, every time. And that, at the cusp of a post-genome revolution,

Australia can show the world how Precision Medicine is done."

Sam's current project, *Sam's 1000*, is a calling for 1,000 businesses to help provide Precision Medicine for cancer patients. With around 500 businesses already involved, Sam is urging more to join this important cause. If you or someone you know can assist, visit the *Love Your Sister* website for more information.


The silent and live auctions raised additional funds, with auctioneers Josh and Dan (from PRD Real Estate) doing a stellar job.

Congratulations to the Queanbeyan Evening CWA branch and the army of volunteers who made this event such a huge success.

Sharon Baxter-Judge



# Agenda QPRC meeting Wednesday March 13, 2025

<p>The Ordinary Meeting of QPRC will be held at 5.30pm on Wednesday 12 March, 2025. This meeting will be held in the WB Freebody Council Chambers in the Nellie Hamilton Centre, 257 Crawford Street Queanbeyan, 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: <a href="https://webcast.qprc.nsw.gov.au/">https://webcast.qprc.nsw.gov.au/</a></p> <p><i>Mayoral Minute</i></p> <p>7.1 Mayoral Minute - ALGA 2025 Federal Election Funding Priorities</p> <p><i>Reports To Council - Items for Determination</i></p> <p>9.1 DA.2024.0298 - Construction of a dwelling house - 628 Northanger Road MONGARLOWE NSW 2622</p> <p>9.2 Memorandum of Understanding - Abbeyfield Seniors Housing Project</p>	<p>9.3 Reopening of Majara Street (North)</p> <p>9.4 Ceasing of acquisition of a portion 29 Ellendon Street Bungendore</p> <p>9.5 Reinstatement Bungendore Properties</p> <p>9.6 19-21 Gibraltar Street Bungendore</p> <p>9.7 Council Cultural Grant Applications</p> <p>9.8 Renewal of Licence - NSW Scout Association - 7 Firehorn Place, Jerrabomberra</p> <p>9.9 Draft Swimming Pool Inspection Program</p> <p>9.10 Policy Review</p> <p>9.11 Post-Exhibition Report - Policies</p> <p><i>Reports To Council - Items for Information</i></p> <p>10.1 Ellerton Drive Noise Assessment Update</p>	<p>10.2 Captains Flat Expression of Interest Containment Cell Update</p> <p>10.3 Monaro Street Upgrade - Watermain Replacement Options</p> <p>10.4 Heritage Awards 2025</p> <p>10.5 Resolution Action Sheet</p> <p>10.6 Councillor Workshops</p> <p><i>Reports of Committees</i></p> <p>11.1 QPRC Sports Council Minutes - 3 February 2025</p> <p><i>Notice of Motion</i></p> <p>12.1 Notice of Motion - Book: Tale of Two Cities</p> <p><i>Questions With Notice</i></p> <p>14.1 Questions With Notice - Shade Sail Prioritisation</p> <p>14.2 Questions With Notice - Reschs Creek Bridge</p> <p>14.3 Questions With Notice - Accessible Car Parking in Braidwood</p>	<p>14.4 Questions With Notice - Long Term Financial Plan</p> <p>14.5 Questions With Notice - Public Toilets</p> <p><i>Notice Of Intention to Deal With Matters In Closed Session</i></p> <p><i>Reports For Closed Session</i></p> <p>16.1 RFT 2025-02 - Macs Reef Road and Bungendore Road Intersection Safety Upgrade</p> <p>16.1 Award of RFT-2002866 Braidwood Landfill Capping and Closure Plan</p> <p><i>Item 16.1 is confidential in accordance with s10(A) (di) of the Local Government Act 1993 because it contains commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it and discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.</i></p> <p>If you'd like to make a presentation on any of the matters on the agenda, you have three options.</p>	
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# Indoor tennis comes to Bungendore

touchtennis is a modified version of tennis played on a compact court with a foam ball and shorter, 21 inch rackets. Although it is often played on an outdoor court, the foam ball is light and very wind affected so indoor play is an advantage.

Now used as a tool by the Lawn Tennis Association in the UK and the RFET in Spain to increase the number of people playing an adaptation of tennis, it's played in around 30 countries globally, there are official tour tournaments and it

is regularly featured on Sky Sports.

We were in UK in 2019 and went to watch a tournament in a local tennis club. We noticed the wide age range of the players and were also impressed by their speed and tactics. We decided that we would like to play so bought a portable net, a set of rackets and several packs of foam balls. We had never heard of the game before and didn't know if we could buy supplies here in Australia. We have now been playing locally for a couple of years and would like to invite other

players to join in!


Unlike regular tennis, this game needs more placement and strategy rather than sheer power so it is great for all ages. No matter your age or your skill level, the fun comes from trying to outwit your opponent. It is a great way of improving motor skills and hand-eye coordination and does not require you to run a marathon, although it certainly keeps you on your toes!

We are hoping to get a group together to play on a weekly basis

in an indoor venue. As the court size is very similar to both a Badminton and Pickleball court, there is also the possibility of extending the group to include those games also.

If you would like to find out more or are keen to try any of these fun sports then please email [sports@wmhbungendore.au](mailto:sports@wmhbungendore.au) . Initially we plan to start a daytime group but this could be extended to evenings or weekends with enough interest.

Lyn Randall



# Part of the team

When you choose to bank with Bendigo Bank, good things happen in your community.

Like our sponsorship of the Bungendore Netball Club.

And when you belong to one of Australia's biggest banks, good things happen with your banking too.

Feel good about who you bank with.

**Find out more. Call 6238 0547 or search Bendigo Bank Bungendore.**



Community News

Men’s Health Education Van (mherv) coming to Queanbeyan

“Saving local lives” is the objective of the Rotary Men’s Health Education Rural Van (mherv) which with support from the Rotary

Club of Queanbeyan is coming to our local area.

mherv is operated by the Rotary Club of Warners Bay in collaboration with local NSW

Rotary clubs and other local community organisations.

The mherv Project has been operating for over 6 years travelling regional and rural NSW



offering free health checkups to people who haven’t seen the inside of a doctor’s room since they don’t remember when! In that time, blood pressure, blood sugar and cholesterol levels may have reached seriously high levels and there are no symptoms... until it’s too late and a heart attack or stroke strikes!

The program is focused on men because unlike the womenfolk, they are not good at caring for their own health!... But nobody is turned away.

The service is offered in a relaxed, confidential and informal setting. The mherv Registered nurse conducts the tests and discusses any health concerns seated in the privacy of the van.

mherv screenings have saved many lives and improved health outcomes for many men and women throughout NSW. Last

year, of the 76 screenings in Queanbeyan, 21 were Category 2, which meant that an issue had been identified which required follow-up within a week with their GP.

You’re invited to take the opportunity to have a quick, free health check. Just ten minutes invested with mherv can save your life or the life of someone you love.

This FREE service will be available for walk-ins for Men and Women on the following dates:

Friday 4th April 9:30am – 4:15pm and

Saturday 5th April 9:30am – 4:15pm

Venue: Riverside Plaza North Carpark, Cnr Morisset and Collett Streets, Queanbeyan

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Backing the Queanbeyan Whites and local rugby

A re-elected Albanese Labor Government will provide \$370,000 towards infrastructure upgrades at David Campese Oval, the home of the Queanbeyan Whites.

This election commitment will support the delivery of critical upgrades at the ground, including fencing the perimeter of the oval and nets.

Rugby Australia recently completed a national infrastructure audit, identifying the Queanbeyan

Whites as the sole premier club in our region without an enclosed facility, a requirement soon to be mandated for Tier 1 competitions.

This project is not only vital for the Queanbeyan Whites, but an enclosed field would also enable the venue to host finals, regional tournaments, talent camps and elite pathway programs.

Queanbeyan Whites Club President Luke Cochrane said, “The Whites community have

been seeking to enclose our oval for a number of years.

“Enclosing the oval will allow the Club to continue to build on our reputation for excellence and to provide a first class facility for our community and the region.

“We are extremely grateful to Kristy McBain for supporting this project.”

This would be a boon for local businesses, with a significant influx of patrons expected to visit

the town regularly to attend and participate in these events.

The Albanese Government is delivering the Bungendore Sports Hub and the women’s changerooms at Freebody Oval, and if re-elected will deliver this crucial project at David Campese Oval - we are absolutely committed to upgrading our local sporting facilities.

Member for Eden-Monaro, Kristy McBain said, “This funding will be

a game-changer for the Whites - and I’m proud to be backing them in for the win.

“I’m working hard to deliver the community infrastructure upgrades Eden-Monaro deserves.

“Congratulations to the Queanbeyan Whites and its volunteers on their longstanding campaign for funding - I look forward to seeing them continue to kick goals.”

# Sutton Country Fair

**SATURDAY 22 MARCH 2025**  
**10AM – 2PM**  
Sutton Public School  
18 Victoria St, Sutton, NSW

Hosted by  
**SUTTON PUBLIC SCHOOL P & C**

- ROCK CLIMBING WALL
- JUMPING CASTLE
- FACE PAINTING
- FAIR GAMES
- PONY/DONKEY RIDES
- SCARECROW MAKING
- HORSE & CART RIDES
- ART EXHIBITION
- WOOD CHOPPING DEMO

- PLANTS, CAKES & FOOD STALLS
- ... and MORE!

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Enjoy a morning of family fun in the country & support community!

# GRAND OPENING!

## Queanbeyan Senior Citizens Association

### GRAND OPENING

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March  
Time – 11.00am – 3.00pm  
Location – 1 Farrer Place, Queanbeyan

*After the formalities Centre open for you to peruse all the activities on offer*

*Light Refreshments available*

Community News

A jar of blackberry jam: a taste of community and purpose from the Bungendore CWA



At first glance, it's just a jar of blackberry jam. But behind this beautifully bottled delight lies a story of community, collaboration, and advocacy that speaks to the heart of the Bungendore Branch of the Country Women's Association (CWA).

The jam, made from plump, sun-ripened Thornless Blackberries picked from a Wamboin garden, is a symbol of teamwork and shared purpose. It took the hands of more than eight dedicated people from

the CWA to pick the berries, prepare the ingredients, source the jars, apples and preserve the jam to perfection and then package and sell the jam to raise funds.

The jam is more than a recipe; it's a product of long hours spent together, a reflection of laughter, shared stories, and a deep-rooted commitment to community.

The proceeds from the sale of this humble jar contribute to the CWA's broader mission of supporting local projects, advocating for important issues, and empowering women in regional and rural areas. For the

Bungendore CWA Branch, it means funding programs that benefit the area, promoting the importance of education and tradition and addressing critical challenges faced by women and families.

The CWA is more than scones and jam - It's about bringing women together to share knowledge, skills, and camaraderie. It's in the moments of stirring pots, discussing blackberry-picking strategies, or debating the right balance of sugar and fruit that these women weave the fabric of advocacy and change.

From Wamboin's blackberry crops to Bungendore's community halls, this jar of jam is a testament to what happens when country women gather, not just to preserve fruit but to preserve the essence of their communities. It's a sweet reminder that even the smallest actions can support big goals, bringing people together and driving positive change.

The Bungendore CWA is a thriving community to join us please check out [www.bungendorecwa.org](http://www.bungendorecwa.org).

Service to the Country, Through Country Women, For Country Women, By Country Women



New ownership, same friendly service



Priceline Bungendore, located at 40 Ellendon Street is excited to announce new ownership! While ownership may have changed, friendly service and dedication to the Bungendore community remain the same. Their fresh approach along with their exciting offers and services are designed to help you live well.

Here's what you can expect:

- Value Pricing : Get the best prices on your health and beauty essentials, every time.
- Comprehensive Pharmacy Services: From prescriptions to personalised health advice, our

experienced team is here to support your well-being.

- Friendly, Expert Care: Whether it's recommending the right skincare product or helping manage your prescriptions, we're always ready to help.

- Even More to Offer! Enjoy exclusive in-store discounts, personalised advice, and the latest health and beauty products, all under one roof.

Experience the difference today! Affordable care with a smile is what they're all about, because they believe everyone deserves top-notch service and expert advice they can trust.






**BUNGENDORE CRAFTERS' CO-OPERATIVE**

*Craft Evenings*

Thursday 20th March  
Thursday 3rd April  
55 Gibraltar Street  
6-8pm  
\$5  
Contact Thalia: 0412 884 120



**Women Helping Women**

Living within the rural community

**Saturday 29th March | 9am - 3pm**

Emergency Service Centre Ellendon Street, Bungendore

**Join Bungendore NSW SES for a women workshop with informative sessions on thriving in rural life and preparing your properties.**

Presenters from the council, local organisations, and emergency services will share insights on their roles and how they support you - the community.

**Women 18+ register via the QR code or call 0429 310 932**

Bungendore, Wamboin, Bywong, Mt Fairy, Mulloon, Hoskinstown, Rossi, Carwoola



NSW SES Bungendore  
[www.ses.nsw.gov.au](http://www.ses.nsw.gov.au)



Community News

Bungendore CWA News

Mahjong Day

On Tuesday's Mahjong Day, we had some visitors from Murrumbateman. They like to visit other groups to play so enjoyed our hospitality and helped us raise some money for CWA NSW Medical research. They also bought some of our jams and pickles! Thank you for visiting us and we hope you had a great time



If like me and you've never been to Mahjong (and only know how to play Mahjong on the computer - I don't know if it's the same!) and would like to learn, I encourage you to go along and have fun. I am sure these wonderful ladies will teach you how to play.

Mahjong is on the 4th Tuesday of every Month at 10am in the CWA rooms on Gibraltar St.

Meetings

Our first meeting of the year was held on Sunday 16th Feb and what a turn out. There were some smiling new faces amongst us regulars, a HUGE welcome to those that came along who were interested in joining the CWA. We look forward to a fantastic year of

helping our community. Our meetings this year will alternate between Sundays and Mondays to allow all our members options and allow all those interested in joining to attend

Meeting reminder - Monday 17th March 930 for 10am at the CWA Rooms on Gibraltar Street.

Land Cookery Day

On Saturday 1 March 2025, Bungendore CWA held its Land Cookery Day. Huge thanks to all the community who baked and entered items. From Fruit loafs to Coconuts loafs, to Peppermint slices and relish. We even had a few entries baked by men of our community, how fabulous.

We had a fabulous day with our judge Leona Irvine from



Gungahlin Branch. Lots of new tips and tricks were learnt to improve our skills at the next competition. Congratulations to those who received 1st and 2nd place. An email will be coming from our Land Cookery officer with options for further advancement.

Thanks also goes out to Cr Ross Macdonald for his 3 entries and support of Bungendore CWA. And a HUGE congratulations to our junior entries - 12 yrs and under for the fabulous packet cake mixes that were entered. They all looked amazing. Our Land Cookery

officer has learnt a lot and will be making some improvements for next year's event. Stayed tuned for more details later this year.

Bungendore CWA  
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Bungendore's budding dancers have a world of opportunity

For many young dancers, their first twirl, jump, or spin sparks a passion that lasts a lifetime. At Empire Performing Arts (EPA Dance), that passion is nurtured from the start with Lil Groovers, a program for children aged 1-5 years. But what sets EPA Dance apart isn't just its engaging preschool classes—it's the incredible opportunities available as dancers grow.

From toddlers taking their first dance steps to elite performers on national and international stages, EPA Dance has built a reputation for developing confident, hardworking dancers.



Bungendore is lucky to have a dance school that provides pathways for students of all levels—whether they dance for fun or with professional aspirations.

Lil Groovers: The Start of Something Special

Dance starts young at EPA, with Lil Groovers classes running four days a week in Bungendore. These classes help little ones build confidence, coordination, and creativity in a supportive setting. With multiple classes on offer to suit all interests and abilities, young dancers

develop essential skills for future success.

Parents can take advantage of the 'Love it or it's free' trial, ensuring their child's first dance experience is positive and pressure-free. As these little dancers grow, so do the opportunities at EPA.

From Bungendore to the World Stage

EPA Dance has a strong track record of helping students achieve remarkable things.

- Jade Challen placed in the top 5 Dancers at Showcase Nationals—an incredible achievement in Australian dance.
- EPA troupes earned over 30 first-place awards in the 2024 season, showcasing their talent and dedication.
- In 2026, EPA dancers will travel to Europe, exploring professional dance opportunities on an international stage.

These achievements highlight the dedication, discipline, and passion fostered at the studio.

Making Dance More Accessible

EPA Dance understands the challenges of juggling school and extracurriculars, which is why they offer a Walking Bus service. Students are picked up from school and walk to the studio together, easing the load for parents and ensuring no child misses out on the chance to pursue after school activities..

Beyond Preschool: A Studio for All Ages

While Lil Groovers lays the foundation, EPA Dance offers hundreds of weekly classes for students aged 5+. From ballet, jazz, hip-hop, and tap to aerial silks and acrobatics, there's a class for every interest and skill level.

"We love seeing students start in Lil Groovers and continue to grow, finding

styles they love and forming lifelong friendships," says EPA Dance Director, Katey. "It's about more than just dance—it's about building confidence and embracing new challenges."

Join the EPA Dance Community

Bungendore is fortunate to have a dance school offering local classes with

world-class opportunities. Whether your child is just starting out or looking for a new challenge, now is the time to get involved.

To learn more about Lil Groovers, the Walking Bus, or classes for older students, visit [epadance.com](http://epadance.com) today!

Photos supplied



Braidwood Concert Series

Braidwood Concert Series is celebrating its 10th anniversary with a fabulous musical program. Two outstanding concerts in February included a solo classical guitar performance by Tommaso Giroto and Phoenix Collective's triumphant and diverse program which was attended by 108 including five children. These first two performances were held at St Andrew's Anglican Church and drew diverse audiences, many of whom are new to the area. So many people commented on the beauty of the church and its excellent acoustics.

Our upcoming concerts in this Autumn program

include Luminescence Chamber Singers performing Gesualdo's Tenebrae at the Braidwood Uniting Church, 3pm on Saturday 22nd March. This choral ensemble have built a strong following here in the region and their development, since they first performed in Braidwood in 2017, has been wonderful to watch (and to listen to). Our final performance in the Autumn season is a double-cello ensemble, Two if by Sea, on Sunday 13th April, 3pm at St Andrew's Anglican Church, Braidwood. In this recital, Rachel Johnston and Trent Arkleymith return by popular demand to the

instrument they both hold dearest to their hearts and perform a special edition, cello-only program of repertoire old and new.

Both Luminescence Chamber Singers and Two if by Sea tickets are available online through Humanitix: Luminescence Chamber Singers: <https://events.humanitix.com/gesualdo-tenebrae-braidwood> and Two if by Sea: <https://events.humanitix.com/two-if-by-sea-braidwood>. Tickets can also be purchased at the door on the day from 2.30pm, although there is limited seating at the Braidwood Uniting Church. It's always

a good idea to bring a cushion for extra comfort.

Support living Australian musicians, performing chamber music in intimate live venues, to which beautiful regional churches are so suited. Tell your friends to come and make a day of it in Braidwood: arrive in time for a mid-morning coffee, a wander through the eclectic shops in the main street or purchase your weekly food supplies, followed by lunch in one of the many cafes or hotels and then settle in for an intimate, transcendent musical experience. You'll be home before sunset.



St Andrew's Anglican Church, 47 Elrington St, Braidwood  
Braidwood Uniting Church, 68 Monkittie St, Braidwood  
By Anne Sanders, Concert Co-ordinator  
Braidwood Concert Series

Photo supplied of Two if by Sea: Trent Arkleymith and Rachel Johnston, double cello recital

Above: Luminescence Chamber Singers. Photo: Liam Budge, Creswick Collection

# Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION



### 2025 Seniors Festival

Our libraries and community team are hosting a range of events during Seniors Festival this year.

Book tickets at [library.qprc.nsw.gov.au](http://library.qprc.nsw.gov.au)

Keep your eye out for:

#### Wednesday 12 March

- nbn Internet of Things Info Session  
10:00 – 11:30am  
Queanbeyan Library
- Introduction to Chair Yoga  
11:15am – 12:30am  
Old Braidwood Library  
Come along in comfortable clothes.
- AI Adventures for Seniors 2:00 – 3:30pm  
Braidwood Library

#### Thursday 13 March

- High Tea and Expo 11:30am – 2:00pm  
Braidwood National Theatre  
**Book at [community.team@qprc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:community.team@qprc.nsw.gov.au)  
or call Sue on 6285 6501**
- Seniors Movie 2pm  
Queanbeyan Library  
Call the library 6285 6255 for movie details.

#### Friday 14 March

- Queanbeyan Community Choir Performance  
1:00 – 2:00pm  
Queanbeyan Library
- Read more at [qprc.nsw.gov.au/events](http://qprc.nsw.gov.au/events)



### 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](http://bit.ly/MinutesAgendas). Meetings are live streamed via [bit.ly/QPRCwebcast](http://bit.ly/QPRCwebcast).

Members of the public can watch the meetings via [bit.ly/QPRCwebcast](http://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](http://bit.ly/QPRCinvolved)

Next meeting dates are:

- 12 March
- 26 March

### 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](mailto: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 the **Bungendore Town Centre and Environs Committee**, the new **Seniors Advisory Committee**, and **Small Business Advisory Committee**. Share your experiences and help influence decisions that impact our community.



- Learn more and apply to join a committee by 27 March  
[qprc.nsw.gov.au/advisory-committees-r2](http://qprc.nsw.gov.au/advisory-committees-r2)

### Have Your Say



Projects & initiatives open for community comment	Closing Date
Revised Draft Solid Fuel Heater Policy	14 March
Renewal of alcohol-free zones and addition of 1 Farrer Place	20 March
Draft Braidwood Structure Plan	25 March
Draft Community Engagement Strategy	31 March
Review of Heritage Places - Schedule 5 QPRLEP 2022	14 April

- Find all the details at [yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au](http://yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au)

Submissions can be made:

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

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

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

- Documents can be viewed at [bit.ly/DPnotices](http://bit.ly/DPnotices)

### New date for the Jerrabomberra Pump Track Party

After being postponed due to bad weather, we have rescheduled the Jerrabomberra Pump Track Party.

The party will now be held on 21 March from 3.30pm-6.30pm.

There will be a live DJ, BMX demos, activities for kids and a free BBQ.



### Work with Council

Current vacancies include:

- Access to Information Records Officer
- Greenkeeper
- Revenue Officer
- Records Officer
- Animal Care Officer
- Coordinator, Development Business Administration

- For more information and roles see [bit.ly/QPRC-Careers](http://bit.ly/QPRC-Careers)



### ClubGRANTS open until 31 March

The Queanbeyan-Palerang Category 1 funding round is open!

- Learn more about eligibility and apply before on 5pm 31 May at [www.clubgrants.com.au](http://www.clubgrants.com.au)

### Nominate for the Local Heritage Awards!

Nominate projects that have made an outstanding contribution to the conservation, education or promotion of heritage. There are three categories to enter. Help celebrate outstanding work in our community.

- Nominate until 7 April at [qprc.nsw.gov.au/heritage](http://qprc.nsw.gov.au/heritage)

### Follow us on social media

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Sign up for our weekly eNewsletter

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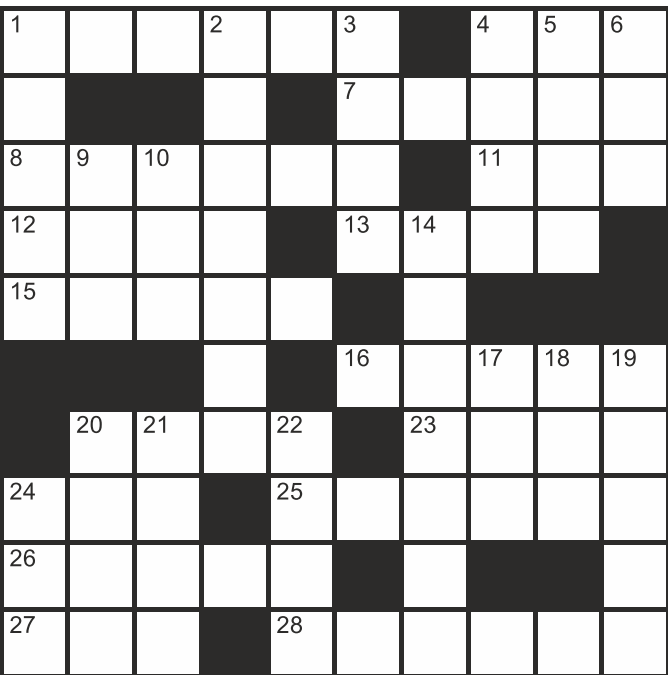
PO Box 90, Queanbeyan NSW 2620  
1300 735 025

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Puzzles

Quick-Time Crossword

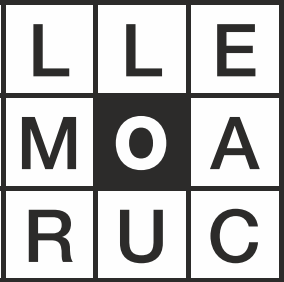


- 12 Paradise  
13 To let stand!  
15 Burdened  
16 Tracks  
20 Domestic animals  
23 Ooze  
24 Fish  
25 Goddess of wisdom  
26 Warning sound  
27 Male cat  
28 Whirlpools

- Down  
1 Drive back  
2 Sincere  
3 Makes brown  
4 Fork spike  
5 Be adjacent  
6 Spirit  
9 Girl's name  
10 Spread out for drying  
14 Reduced to rubbish  
17 Golf mound  
18 Female bird  
19 Short gaiters  
20 Sport  
21 Dutch cheese  
22 Identical  
24 Domestic animal

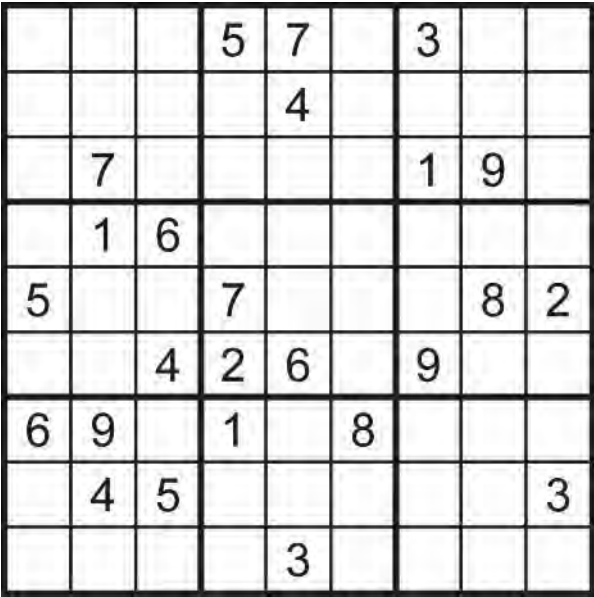
- Across  
1 Go back  
4 Children's game  
7 Excuse  
8 Customer  
11 Sister

Target Time



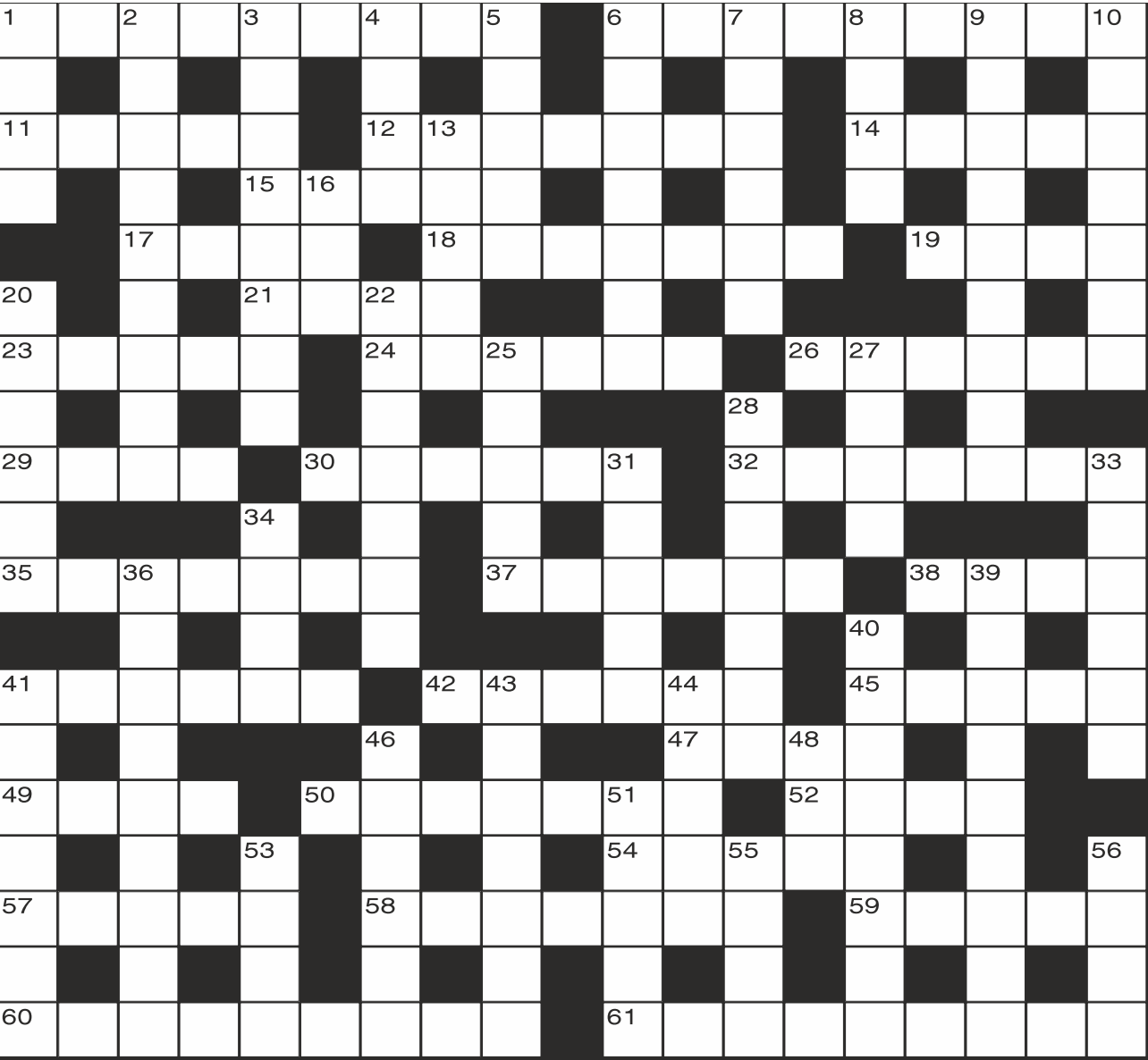
Target: Average - 28, Good - 36, Excellent - 48+  
Using the nine letters in the grid, how many words of four letters or more can you make? The centre letter must be included and be used only once. Find at least one nine letter word.

Sudoku



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

Crossword



- Across  
1 Fast food item  
6 Team in second place (7-2)  
11 Chomps  
12 Red pepper  
14 Ditch  
15 Experience  
17 Warning device  
18 Went "a-tishoo"  
19 Site of the Taj Mahal  
21 Boundary  
23 Last Greek letter  
24 Smart; jaunty

26 Aimlessly floating  
29 Trial  
30 Cuts of meat  
32 Arraign  
35 Make fun of  
37 Exclusives  
38 Baking device  
41 Wrote  
42 Asian kingdom  
45 Rows  
47 Name  
49 Covered with frost  
50 Fizzy powder  
52 Cod-like fish

54 Chose  
57 Raw fish dish  
58 Matters  
59 Poet Paterson  
60 Sacking  
61 Rigorous

Down  
1 Wheel centres  
2 Perfect  
3 Against the current  
4 Breaks  
5 Come to maturity  
6 Plunderers  
7 Approached

8 Terminates  
9 Utopia (7-2)  
10 Streamer  
13 Sailing (2,3)  
16 Plus  
20 Imposing entrance  
22 Irritating  
25 Romantic poet  
27 Fool  
28 Kettledrum set  
31 Muzzle  
33 Truthful  
34 Burrowing mammal; spot

36 Reduces to the lowest possible  
39 Retaliation  
40 Loaf box (5-3)  
41 Worded  
43 Causing distress  
44 Thespian  
46 Large scissors  
48 Definite article  
51 Wrongdoings  
53 Country of Suva  
55 Russian emperor  
56 Dash

Brain Alert

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

**Word Find** 134

Find the following words in the grid.

I	R	O	N	E	D
H	I	T	I	E	A
E	R	C	B	D	P
A	Y	O	E	I	T
L	R	E	D	M	G
L	I	E	S	I	X

Apt  
Are  
Art  
Bed  
Big  
Dim  
Dip  
Eyes

Heal  
Hit  
Ice  
Ironed  
Lie  
Nib  
Red  
Robe

Rod  
Six

**Word Sudoku** 135

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

	V		
		E	
			R
O			

**Sudoku** 132

Enter the numbers 1-4 in each row, column and 2x2 square, in each combination there should be only one of each number.

			4
	3		2
	1		

**Word Find**

I	R	O	N	E	D
H	I	T	I	E	A
E	R	C	B	D	P
A	Y	O	E	I	T
L	R	E	D	M	G
L	I	E	S	I	X

**Word Sudoku**

E	V	R	O
R	O	E	V
V	E	O	R
O	R	V	E

**Sudoku**

1	2	3	4
4	3	1	2
3	4	2	1
2	1	4	3

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



More dahlia and rose magic!

PET OF THE WEEK



Name: Maggie  
Age; 11 and a half  
Likes: To greet you with a toy in her mouth  
Dislikes: Owing to life on the street before her rescue - some other dogs!  
Claim to Fame: Loves humans great and small

Queanbeyan VIEW Club: next meeting March 20

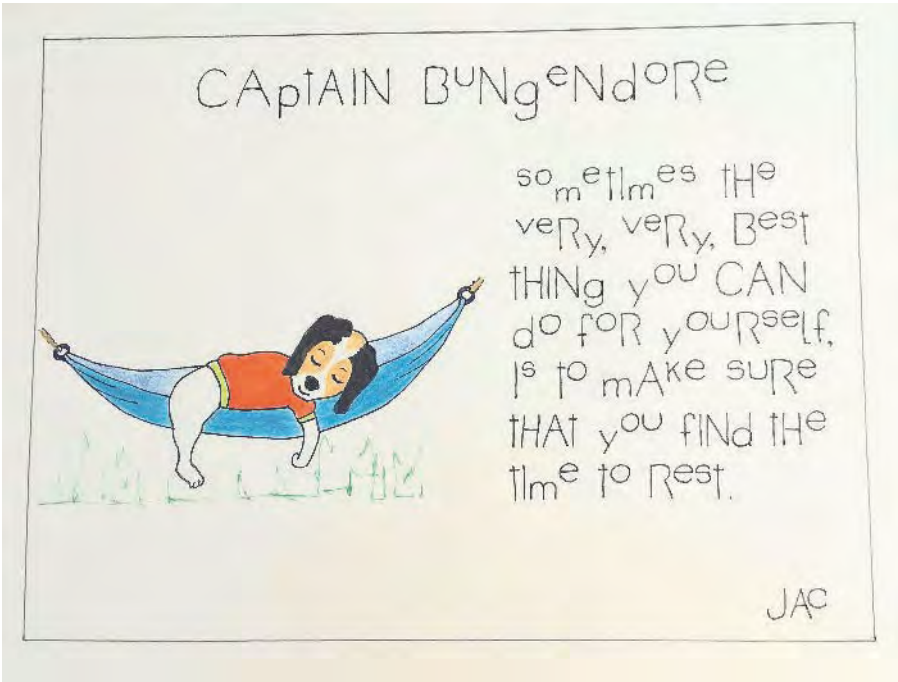
Queanbeyan VIEW Club's new committee for 2025. Pictured are Jeanette, Karen, Sue, President Kaye, Sandra and Irene.

Queanbeyan VIEW will have their next meeting on March the 20<sup>th</sup> at the Tourist Hotel, Monaro Street Queanbeyan 12 for 12.30.

They meet on the third Thursday of each month, for a Lunch, guest speaker, with raffles and door prizes. The March guest speaker will be Brigid

Whitebread, Local History Librarian. She will give us insight into what happens at the Library (Queanbeyan) and tell us about family history collection. New ladies are always welcome to come and join us in fun and friendship, and also to support The Smith Family and our two Learning for Life students. RSVP by Sunday the 16<sup>th</sup> of March, to Sue on 0448 427 237 or [nasforbes@bigpond.com](mailto:nasforbes@bigpond.com).

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**Bungendore Food Hub**

A HELP UP FOR OUR COMMUNITY  
SUPPORTED BY OUR COMMUNITY

FOOD, TOILETRIES, WARM CLOTHING, ADDITIONAL  
SUPPORT, COMMUNITY RESOURCES ARE ALL  
AVAILABLE HERE!

**OPEN WEDNESDAYS 10AM-12PM**

LOCATED IN THE OLD OP SHOP BEHIND  
BUNGENDORE ANGLICAN CHURCH, GIBRALTAR  
STREET BUNGENDORE

CONTACT 6238 1251 OR 0422605009  
EMAIL [BUNGENDOREFOODHUB@BUNGENDOREANGLICAN.ORG.AU](mailto:BUNGENDOREFOODHUB@BUNGENDOREANGLICAN.ORG.AU)

**LIONS COMMUNITY BOOK SHOP**

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

LOCATED IN THE QUEANBEYAN PARK

**OPEN: Tuesday to Saturday 10am-4pm**

SECONDHAND  
BOOKS,  
DVDs/CDs,  
MAGAZINES,  
GAMES, JIGSAWS,  
CRAFT

For more information: Phone 0461 365 831 Email: [queanbeyan.nsw@lions.org.au](mailto:queanbeyan.nsw@lions.org.au)  
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](mailto: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](mailto:info@regionalindependent.com.au)  
Only your name and suburb will be printed

Public Notices

### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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>



Free morning tea for people with dementia and carers



Following a successful morning tea held on 17 February Lions Club of Bungendore and Districts and the Bungendore Dementia Community Alliance will hold further morning teas for people with dementia and carers on the third Monday of each month at 10.00am at the Bungendore School of Arts. Last month the guests were treated to a sumptuous morning tea, the formation of an Alchemy Choir by Viviean Laycock and an enjoyable social get together. Our thanks to Baptist Care for the assistance of support workers at the event. The next morning tea will be held on Monday 17 March at the School of Arts. We are also privileged to have Saara Bowen from FEJ law attending to provide free legal advice and assistance to people with dementia and their carers during the morning. For more information contact Kathleen on 0411 746 293 or email [bungendore.nsw@lions.org.au](mailto:bungendore.nsw@lions.org.au)

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

### REGISTRATION OF ABORIGINAL INTERESTS - HERITAGE ASSESSMENT BUNGENDORE

Past Traces Pty Ltd has been engaged by NSW Public Works on behalf of the Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council to undertake an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment for proposed flood mitigation works in Bungendore.

The project involves construction of a new overflow channel that diverts flood waters from Turallo Creek upstream of Tarago Road and rejoins Turallo Creek downstream of Halfway Creek. This will direct flood waters away from properties in the Bungendore town centre and reduce the backup of flood waters where Turallo and Halfway Creeks meet. The channel would be constructed on part Lot 2 DP 1119227 and part Lot 21 DP 1176100. The study area is in the Queanbeyan-Palerang Local Government Area.

Client contact is Anthony de Jongh – [anthony.dejongh@qprc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:anthony.dejongh@qprc.nsw.gov.au).

Past Traces invites Aboriginal people who hold cultural knowledge in determining the significance of Aboriginal objects and or places in the area of Bungendore to register their interest in a process of community consultation. The purpose of the consultation will be to inform the Heritage Assessment and assist NSW Heritage in the determination of an AHIP application if required.

For more information or to register in writing please contact:

Lyn O'Brien  
Past Traces Pty Ltd  
GPO Box 1584  
Canberra ACT 2600  
[office@pasttraces.com.au](mailto:office@pasttraces.com.au)  
Ph: 0403 021 296

**Please note** that under NSW Heritage guidelines registration for consultation does not guarantee employment.

**REGISTRATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED  
BEFORE 5pm Wednesday 26 March 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](mailto:ayrrows@bigpond.com)





### 1st Braidwood Scout Group

### Braidwood Scouts 2025 Mega Car Boot Sale

When: - Saturday  
29th March 2025

Where: - Braidwood  
Scout Hall on Coghill  
Street.

9am to 2pm Bookings  
are essential

Stalls will have a \$20 refundable  
deposit!

Contact Louise McKendry at  
[llcole76@gmail.com](mailto:llcole76@gmail.com)

CAKE STALL EGG & BACON ROLLS  
KIDS ACTIVITIES HEAPS OF STALLS



### Queanbeyan Probus Club: next meeting: Mon March 17

What are Probus Clubs?

The word PROBUS is an amalgam or the words PRO-fessional and BUS-iness

Probus is an association of retired and semi-retired people, who join together in clubs. The purpose of which is to provide regular opportunities for them, to keep their minds active, expand their interests and to enjoy the fellowship of new friends.

There are men's clubs, ladies' clubs and combined clubs and is a community service of Rotary Clubs. They are not-for-profit making and non-denominational. The first club, established by Rotary, was in 1996 at Caterham, England. It is now worldwide with a global membership of over 2,000 clubs.

The Queanbeyan club is a combined men's and women's club, we have guest speakers, BBQ's, walks, outings, coach trips, morning teas and other entertainment. We meet between 10am and 12pm, every third Monday of each month at the Queanbeyan Bowling Club. We welcome new members, for more information please contact Dawn on 0419 114 832 or Lynne on 0409 195 454.



### JOIN THE BUNGENDORE JUNIOR TIGERS

MIXED RUGBY LEAGUE  
TINY TIGERS UNDER 5's \$25  
JUNIOR TAG UNDER 6's \$150  
TACKLE UNDER 7's - UNDER 12's  
TACKLE \$150  
GIRLS LEAGUE TAG  
UNDER 12's - UNDER 14's  
BOYS TACKLE  
UNDER 13's - UNDER 14's \$150  
Active Kids Vouchers accepted



SCAN TO  
REGISTER

FOR ASSISTANCE CONTACT  
JUNIOR REGISTRAR - BETH  
[info@bungendortigers.com](mailto:info@bungendortigers.com)

### Mayor's column



Council will honour former Mayor Frank Pangallo by naming the Heritage Library on Crawford Street, Queanbeyan after him. Mr Pangallo was Queanbeyan City Council's longest serving Mayor and he made a lasting and significant contribution to the region. He moved to Queanbeyan and first stood for election to Queanbeyan Council in 1971. He served as Councillor or Mayor from 1971-1983 and 1989-2008 and was the popularly elected Mayor at elections in 1991, 1995, 1999, and 2004. Mr Pangallo retired from Council in 2008. The Heritage Library was the former Queanbeyan Council Chambers. Details about the official naming ceremony are to come.

After being postponed due to bad weather, we have rescheduled the Jerrabomberra Pump Track Party! To celebrate its official opening we are having a free community event at the track on Friday 21 March! From 3:30pm to 6:30pm there will be a live DJ, BMX demos, activities for kids and a free BBQ.

Join QPRC and Queanbeyan Landcare on an educational walk around Bicentennial Park to celebrate World Eucalypt Day on Sunday 23 March! From 9am to 11am, you can learn about our local eucalypt species, and the other native plants and animals in our local environment. Learn more at [www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/Events/National-Eucalypt-Day-Walk](http://www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/Events/National-Eucalypt-Day-Walk)

We are looking for representatives from the community to join more of our Advisory Committees. Expressions of Interest to join the Bungendore Town Centre and Environs Committee, the new Seniors Advisory Committee, and Small Business Advisory Committee are open until 27 March 2025. Council really values the contributions of all our committee members and I encourage Bungendore residents and business owners along with seniors from all around the region to submit an EOI and get involved. Learn more about these committees and submit an EOI at [www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/advisory-committees-r2](http://www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/advisory-committees-r2)

Be part of the Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council Local Heritage Awards in April and May this year. This year we have three award categories: Best maintained Heritage property, Best restoration, development or reuse of a Heritage property, and Historical research, publication, or promotion of Local Heritage. You can nominate a Heritage property or publication for an award until 7 April 2025 at [www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/Building-Development/Heritage#section-6](http://www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/Building-Development/Heritage#section-6)

We are holding tonight's Council meeting in Queanbeyan. Some of the items on this week's agenda include the ceasing of acquiring a portion of 29 Ellendon Street Bungendore, the reinstatement of Bungendore properties, and an update on the Captains Flat Expression of Interest Containment Cell. Find the meeting agenda and livestream link at [www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/Council/Council-Business/Council-meetings](http://www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/Council/Council-Business/Council-meetings)

Cr Kenrick Winchester, Mayor

### Target Time

Target: Average - 28, Good - 36, Excellent - 48+

aero, aloe, amour, calomel, cameo, carol, carom, cello, celom, cero, clamor, clamour, claro, coal, cola, cole, collar, colure, coma, comae, come, comer, coral, core, corm, euro, loam, local, locale, locular, locum, lore, lour, macro, molal, molar, mole, MOLECULAR, moll, mora, morae, moral, morale, more, morula, moue, mucro, ocrea, ocular, oleum, oracle, oral, orca, orle, roam, role, roll, roue.

### Sudoku

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

### QT Crossword

R	E	V	E	R	T		T	A	G
E			A		A	L	I	B	I
P	A	T	R	O	N		N	U	N
E	D	E	N		S	T	E	T	
L	A	D	E	N		R			
			S		P	A	T	H	S
	P	E	T	S		S	E	E	P
C	O	D		A	T	H	E	N	A
A	L	A	R	M		E			T
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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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

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Bywong waste transfer station: Friday 2pm-4.30pm Saturday and Sunday 8am-4.30pm Monday 7am-11am

Captains Flat waste transfer station: Saturday and Sunday 9am-3pm (gates close at 2.45pm) Monday 9am-2pm

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

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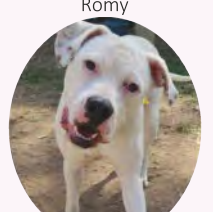
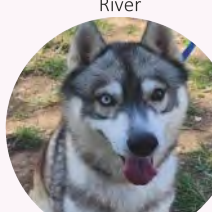









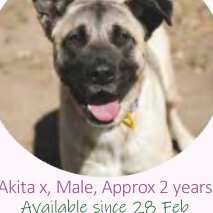
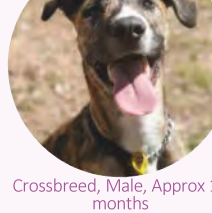
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These are the faces of 29 dogs ready for adoption at DAS. All are hoping to catch the eye of someone special who wants to give them a terrific new life. Find your new Best Friend at DAS (As of 7 March 2025)

 <p>Jedd</p> <p>Crossbreed, Male, Approx 1 yr Available since 14 Nov www.cityservices.act.gov.au/pets-and-wildlife/dogs/dogs-for-adoption/jedd</p>	 <p>Bilson</p> <p>Kelpie, Male, Approx 2 years Available since 5 Dec www.cityservices.act.gov.au/pets-and-wildlife/dogs/dogs-for-adoption/bilson</p>	 <p>Jaski</p> <p>Staffy x, Male, Appox 3years Available since 7 Dec www.cityservices.act.gov.au/pets-and-wildlife/dogs/dogs-for-adoption/jaski</p>	 <p>Leia</p> <p>Bull Arab x, Female, Approx 2 yrs Available since 19 Oct www.cityservices.act.gov.au/pets-and-wildlife/dogs/dogs-for-adoption/leia</p>
 <p>Astra</p> <p>Crossbreed, Female, Approx 1 yr Available since 8 Jan www.cityservices.act.gov.au/pets-and-wildlife/dogs/dogs-for-adoption/astra</p>	 <p>Oscar</p> <p>Staffy x Lab, Male, Approx 1 yr Available since 15 Dec www.cityservices.act.gov.au/pets-and-wildlife/dogs/dogs-for-adoption/oscar</p>	 <p>Betsy</p> <p>Staffy, Female, Approx 3 years Available since 16 Jan www.cityservices.act.gov.au/pets-and-wildlife/dogs/dogs-for-adoption/betsy</p>	 <p>Toby</p> <p>Kelpie x, Male, Approx 2 years Available since 23 Jan www.cityservices.act.gov.au/pets-and-wildlife/dogs/dogs-for-adoption/toby</p>
 <p>Nuna</p> <p>Siberian Husky, Female, Approx 3 years Available since 18 Dec www.cityservices.act.gov.au/pets-and-wildlife/dogs/dogs-for-adoption/nuna</p>	 <p>Roxy</p> <p>American Staffy x, Female, Approx 1 year Available since 30 Jan www.cityservices.act.gov.au/pets-and-wildlife/dogs/dogs-for-adoption/roxy</p>	 <p>Benji</p> <p>Whippet x Catahoula, Male, Approx 3 years Available since 9 Jan www.cityservices.act.gov.au/pets-and-wildlife/dogs/dogs-for-adoption/benji</p>	 <p>Indy</p> <p>Bull Arab x, Female, Approx 10 months Available since 24 Jan www.cityservices.act.gov.au/pets-and-wildlife/dogs/dogs-for-adoption/indy</p>
 <p>Tilly</p> <p>Staffy x, Female, Approx 3 years Available since 24 Jan www.cityservices.act.gov.au/pets-and-wildlife/dogs/dogs-for-adoption/tilly</p>	 <p>Ziggy</p> <p>Kelpie x, Male, Approx 4 years Available since 19 Feb www.cityservices.act.gov.au/pets-and-wildlife/dogs/dogs-for-adoption/ziggy</p>	 <p>Princess</p> <p>Staffy, Female, Approx 2 years Available since 19 Feb www.cityservices.act.gov.au/pets-and-wildlife/dogs/dogs-for-adoption/princess</p>	 <p>Kiedis</p> <p>Staffy, Male, Approx 1 year Available since 6 Feb www.cityservices.act.gov.au/pets-and-wildlife/dogs/dogs-for-adoption/kiedis</p>

 <p>Romy</p> <p>Bull Arab x, Female, Approx 1 year Available since 20 Feb www.cityservices.act.gov.au/pets-and-wildlife/dogs/dogs-for-adoption/romy</p>	 <p>River</p> <p>Siberian Husky, Male, Approx 2 years Available since 27 Feb www.cityservices.act.gov.au/pets-and-wildlife/dogs/dogs-for-adoption/river</p>	 <p>Raffy</p> <p>American Staffy x, Female, Approx 7 months Available since 12 Feb www.cityservices.act.gov.au/pets-and-wildlife/dogs/dogs-for-adoption/raffy</p>	 <p>Cookie</p> <p>Staffy x, Female, Approx 10 months Available since 27 Feb www.cityservices.act.gov.au/pets-and-wildlife/dogs/dogs-for-adoption/cookie</p>
 <p>Turbo</p> <p>Kelpie x, Male, Approx 4 years Available since 27 Feb www.cityservices.act.gov.au/pets-and-wildlife/dogs/dogs-for-adoption/turbo</p>	 <p>Dozer</p> <p>Staffy, Male, Approx 9 years Available since 6 March www.cityservices.act.gov.au/pets-and-wildlife/dogs/dogs-for-adoption/dozer</p>	 <p>Alfie</p> <p>Staffy x, Male, Approx 3 years Available since 28 Feb www.cityservices.act.gov.au/pets-and-wildlife/dogs/dogs-for-adoption/alfie</p>	 <p>Eddie</p> <p>Staffy x, Male, Approx 1 year Available since 20 Feb www.cityservices.act.gov.au/pets-and-wildlife/dogs/dogs-for-adoption/eddie</p>
 <p>Diesel</p> <p>Akita x, Male, Approx 2 years Available since 28 Feb www.cityservices.act.gov.au/pets-and-wildlife/dogs/dogs-for-adoption/diesel</p>	 <p>Tiger</p> <p>Crossbreed, Male, Approx 10 months Available since 6 March www.cityservices.act.gov.au/pets-and-wildlife/dogs/dogs-for-adoption/tiger</p>	 <p>Mia</p> <p>Kelpie x, Female, Approx 10 months Available since 5 March www.cityservices.act.gov.au/pets-and-wildlife/dogs/dogs-for-adoption/mia</p>	<p>PLEASE remember the 3-3-3 rule!</p> <p>Whether you rescue an older dog or a puppy, dogs tend to follow the 3-3-3 rule when getting acclimated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 3 days of feeling overwhelmed and nervous.</li><li>• 3 weeks of settling in.</li><li>• 3 months of building trust and bonding with you.</li></ul> <p>Give them that time.....</p>
 <p>Shadow</p> <p>Staffy, Male, Approx 10 years www.cityservices.act.gov.au/pets-and-wildlife/dogs/dogs-for-adoption/shadow</p>	 <p>Lucy</p> <p>Fox Terrier x, Female, Approx 8 years www.cityservices.act.gov.au/pets-and-wildlife/dogs/dogs-for-adoption/lucy</p>	<p>For more details on all the dogs available for adoption: <a href="https://www.cityservices.act.gov.au/pets-and-wildlife/dogs/adopt">https://www.cityservices.act.gov.au/pets-and-wildlife/dogs/adopt</a></p> <p>Shelter Address: 92 Mugga Lane, Symonston.</p> <p>Walk-in adoptions: Mon-Fri. 10-3 &amp; Sat. 10-2.</p> <p>Info on adopting from DAS: <a href="http://www.cityservices.act.gov.au/pets-and-wildlife/domestic-animals/dogs/adopt-a-dog">www.cityservices.act.gov.au/pets-and-wildlife/domestic-animals/dogs/adopt-a-dog</a></p>	



# Wamboin Golf - March 2025

Sunday, 2 March. Autumn, the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness, as my old pal John Keats once put it. The sun burned off the mist and the crimson rosellas got most of the fruit. But for the golfers who lined up for the Lewis Carroll Trophy, conditions became mellower when reaching the 19th. The day was sponsored by the Ann and David Bailey and Deb and Ken Gordon whom we thank for the refreshments and prizes. They nominated a handicap comp. Armed with that information, we set off chasing the March Hare across the dusty banks, braes, dales and dells of our ethereal Brigadoon.

Back in the newsroom, as the captain introduced indigenous culture into the maths, (my handicap is now a brolga and two boomerangs) we marveled at the

skill and dexterity with which President Trump B.A. is rearranging the world we thought we knew. Who would have guessed that Gaza Keys is actually a prime redevelopment site and that the war in Ukraine is all Ukraine's fault? Or that Mr Zelenskyy is a dictator? How wrong we all were about that lovely Mr Putin, the benevolent Philosopher Prince of Russia - which we now know includes Ukraine, Belarus, Georgia, Chechnya, Romania, Slovakia, Poland, Waggawaggastan and anything else ending in 'stan'. Furthermore, the Trumpster insists Ukraine pay for all the aid and the secret peace deal he's cooking up with 'bestie' Putin by giving the US access to the country's rare earth minerals FoC. And how will we ever forget the uproarious double

act he and JD put on at that White House meeting? Whenever your correspondent thinks of the Trumpet he is reminded of what old mate, W S Gilbert said: "Oh, a private buffoon is a light-hearted loon if you listen to popular rumour. From the dawn to the night he's so joyous and bright and he bubbles with wit and good humour!" How does he do it? What's he on? Well here's a clue. Using AI boosted image enhancement I got a close look at one of the ten thousand Executive Orders signed by the Donald as he held it up to the camera. It said "Executive Order: Big Mac; Royale with cheese; large fries". The Doge of Venice, Signore Muks, is making great gains in pruning the payroll of the US Administration. He's now looking at the Defense (that's how they spell it) budget. I think he'll discover they're getting it on the cheap. According to Chris Uhlmann, writing in the Australian, the American CJCOS is paid \$A 382,000 pa to control >1.3million men and women in uniform plus a multi trillion dollar arsenal, compared to the more than \$A1.1million our guy gets. Admittedly it's less than the ABC's cost of employing the alluring Ms La Tooth for five days - at \$1.1 so far.

You have to feel sorry for those two fun-loving scamps at Bankstown Hospital. Here's their chance to wind up an earnest Israeli blogger, so they give it both barrels and the whole world comes down on their necks. What's happened to our sense of humour? I am informed by an unreliable source that Bungendore's vacant corner block was originally destined by Council to be the site of the town's nuclear fast-breeder reactor. Apparently the fuel rods were to be cooled by reticulating grey water from the treatment works and drip trays from the Lake George and the Royal. An opportunity missed. We'll just have to hang onto our solid fuel heaters.

The captain issued an Executive Order compelling silence. Attempts to remonstrate were met with threats of WWII. He welcomed our guests Nick Taylor and Chris Reynolds, and drew attention to the Hall's new ceiling. Ted's Joke starred an Irishman determined not to give up drinking



(not a good role model, kiddies). The googly ball went first to David Bailey for bending his putter (in sorrow, not in anger - otherwise a dummy spit) thence to Chris Reynolds for the rare accomplishment of hitting himself with his club (a secret flagellant?). The real dummy spit went initially to Col Urquhart for whingeing about his handicap. Inevitably, it then passed to Vicki Still for an infraction of decorum in respect of which the observers were 'sworn' to secrecy, if you get my drift. LD and NTP ball winners were Tim Barter 2, Nick Taylor, Col Urquhart, Steve Miners, Brad Dawson, Glen Crafter 2, Tony

Bond and Ken Gordon. The nine hole comp was won by Tony Bond 39/28 from Brad Dawson 55/33 and Pete Harrison 48/34. Winner of the 18 hole comp was Steve Miners 85/62 from Tim Barter 72/63 OCB from Col Urquhart 85/63. Well played all!

Next month is April when we stage the Wamboin Mini Masters. Join us at the hall at 12.15pm on Sunday, 6 April for the 12.30 pm start. Meanwhile if you see a small, bearded Ukrainian, treat him with respect.

Larry King, golfer  
Photos: Pete Harrison



# Bungendore Swim Club



Recently the Bungendore Swimming Club held its annual Triathlon. We had the biggest turnout with 43 participants. Lots of new faces completing laps at the pool, bike circuits around the ponds and a few running laps of Mick Sherd oval. Great weather for the event and lots of smiling faces enjoying the challenge. We celebrated after with the presentation of the Championship Medals and a BBQ.

Congratulations to our swimmers of the week: Ivy, Maebelle, Mila, Verity and Phoebe.  
Photos supplied

