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Kristy McBain retains Eden-Monaro as Labor secures historic national victory

Labor's Kristy McBain has been re-elected as the Member for Eden-Monaro following the 2025 federal election. This election has been widely described as historic due to sweeping national changes and a decisive shift in Australia's political landscape.

The Division of Eden-Monaro spans five local government areas: Bega Valley Shire, Goulburn Mulwaree, Queanbeyan-Palerang, Snowy Monaro, and

part of the Eurobodalla Shire. It covers more than 31,000 square kilometres and has over 121,000 eligible voters.

At time of print, Kristy McBain led with 42,698 first preference votes, well ahead of Liberal candidate Jo van der Plaats, who received 31,864.

Ms McBain thanked voters and supporters in a message following confirmation of her return.

"My deepest thanks to our amazing community for putting their trust in me again to represent them. I will continue to work hard for everyone in Eden-Monaro in a positive way that unites us.

"Thank you to my family, my team, my volunteers and my colleagues, it's a privilege to do this job and I wouldn't be able to do it without them", she said.

Liberal candidate, Ms Jo van der Plaats said, "On Sunday morning, I called Kristy McBain and conceded the election in Eden-Monaro and wished her well. Being a candidate for 18 months has given me the incredible opportunity to get to know my community better and I will never be able to thank enough, the people who came out to support me.

resonate with voters. Labor's platform, focused on cost-of-living relief, healthcare, housing, and climate action, appears to have found broad appeal, including in regions traditionally seen as conservative strongholds.

For full results and continuing updates in Eden-Monaro and across Australia, visit the official AEC Tally Room: <https://tallyroom.aec.gov.au>

At time of print 86.2% votes had been counted. At time of print first preference count for the division of Eden-Monaro:

Andrew Thaler - Independent 2,237
Wade Ewart Cox - Trumpet of Patriots 2,342
Fraser Buchanan - HEART 1,747
Jo van der Plaats - Liberal 31,864
Brian Fisher - Independent 1,528
Kristy McBain - Labor 42,698
Emma Goward - Greens 9,592
Richard Graham - One Nation 6,705

For updated information head to <https://tallyroom.aec.gov.au>

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Sharon Baxter-Judge
Photo supplied of Ms McBain voting last Saturday



"I'll never stop working for our community, and I look forward to being out and about in Eden-Monaro. But for now, it's rest, recharge and reflection".

Across the country, the 2025 election delivered a landmark result for the Australian Labor Party. Prime Minister Anthony Albanese not only secured a second term, but increased Labor's majority – the first time a sitting Prime Minister has done so since 2004. Labor is projected to hold at least 85 of the 150 seats in the House of Representatives.

One of the most striking outcomes was the defeat of Opposition Leader Peter Dutton, who lost his Queensland seat of Dickson to Labor's Ali France – an unprecedented loss for a federal opposition leader.

The result has been interpreted internationally as a rejection of right-wing, populist politics, with Dutton's campaign failing to

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Escaped burns spark warning on safe burning practices

The RFS is reminding landholders to follow safe burning practices and ensure they notify their local fire authority and neighbours, after 30 escaped burns were reported across NSW in April - including a dozen over the Easter long weekend.

Although the Bush Fire Danger Period has ended, landholders are still required to notify their intent to burn and ensure they check local weather conditions before undertaking any burning activity. The RFS provides an online

notification portal, enabling residents to easily inform fire authorities of planned hazard reduction or pile burns at any time, via mobile device or desktop computer.

Commissioner of the RFS Rob Rogers said using the notification tool at www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/notify plays a key role in preventing unnecessary emergency responses.

“Over the coming months, many landholders will take the opportunity to reduce fuel loads

through burning. It’s critical they burn safely and notify both the RFS and their neighbours,” Commissioner Rogers said.

“Even when the official Bush Fire Danger Period has ended, landholders must ensure they’ve obtained any required permits and permissions and provide at least 24 hours’ notice before lighting up.”

“If fire authorities are aware of your burn, it helps prevent unnecessary emergency calls and the deployment of firefighting

resources.”

The online notification tool also provides notifications about any Total Fire Bans, helping landholders make informed decisions about whether to proceed with their planned burn. Commissioner of the RFS Rob Rogers stressed that while reducing fuel on private properties is encouraged, it must always be done safely and legally.

“Before lighting any fire, landholders should check local conditions and ensure they have

cleared adequate fire breaks and have firefighting equipment on hand to prevent the fire from escaping,” Commissioner Rogers said.

“Every landholder has a responsibility to prevent fire spreading from their property. There are serious consequences for those who light fires and fail to manage them properly.”

To notify your intent to burn, visit www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/notify or contact your local Fire Control Centre.

Ellendon Street’s Winter Coat - Yarn Bombing in Bungendore

This winter, Ellendon Street is getting a cosy, colourful makeover as Council transforms Bungendore’s Ellendon street into a vibrant winter wonderland with a Yarn Bombing Project.

What is yarn bombing?

It’s a fun, creative form of street art that wraps trees, poles, and other public objects in colourful yarn creations. It brings joy, colour, and community spirit to public spaces and helps encourage visitation!

Help us celebrate creativity and community!

Monday 12 May to Thursday 12 June)

Community Groups & Clubs:

- Sign up to take part via the QR code or on the QPRC website

Questions or want more info?

Visit the QPRC website or pop into the Bungendore Library.

<https://qprc.snapforms.com.au/form/yarn-bombing-bungendore>

Photo QPRC



The QPRC Placemaking and Community teams are reusing the amazing tree ‘jumpers’ generously made and donated from past Queanbeyan projects and bringing them to Bungendore this June - just in time for International Knitting Day on Saturday 14 June!

We’d love Bungendore locals and community groups to add their own yarn art to the project - big or small! Let’s bring warmth, colour and creativity to Ellendon Street this winter!

Community Members:

- Create yarn decorations - think pom poms, knitted baubles, crochet bunting, or your own creative yarn art!
- Drop off your creations or donate wool at the Bungendore Library (from Monday 12 May to Thursday 12 June)
- Visit our free ‘Pom Pom Station’ at the Bungendore Library and make something to donate on the spot! (from

Guide Dogs unleash potential for handlers to lead active life

Guidance and assistance dogs are more than companions – they’re life-changers.

This International Guide Dog Day, the NSW Food Authority is celebrating the pawitive impact these furry heroes have and reminding food businesses and the wider community that Guide Dogs are not pets.

Guide Dogs give people with low vision or blindness the independence and confidence to safely navigate daily life. However, Guide Dog handlers continue to face refusals of access to public places - including to restaurants, clubs and cafes.

By law, assistance animals such as Guide Dogs must be allowed in all public places - including the indoor dining areas of cafés, restaurants, pubs and clubs. This is distinct from pet dogs, which are only allowed in outdoor dining areas and only at the discretion of the business.

Alan Edwards works in the Food Incident Response and Complaints team which supports the Food Authority and he knows first hand the extraordinary difference Guide Dogs make.



With his Guide Dog Mercury, Alan, who lives with low vision, finds it easy to stay involved in work and enjoy an active social life.

“I love getting out and about, meeting up with friends and family at restaurants and cafes,” Alan says. “Mercury is priceless. He’s made my life so much easier. He’s a trained professional, knows how to behave in public and can go wherever anybody else can go.”

Alan said he had personally

experienced challenges eating out, but often a conversation was all that was needed. “People often can’t believe how well groomed and behaved Mercury is. They soon realise that accomodating a guide dog is easier than they think”

Acting CEO of the NSW Food Authority Andrew Davies reminded food businesses they must permit an assistance animal in areas used by their customers .

“This is legislated under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992,

the Companion Animals Act 1998 (NSW) and Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code,” Mr Davies said.

“All hospitality and food service businesses should ensure all staff are fully aware of these legal obligations.”

For more information on animals in food premises, see www.foodauthority.nsw.gov.au/retail/animals-food-premises

Photo supplied of Alan and his guide dog Mercury

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The Queanbeyan Pramathon: this Sat, 9am at Queanbeyan Park

On Saturday May 10th 2025, as part of the Mother's Day weekend, the community of Queanbeyan and surrounding regions will come together again for the QUEANBEYAN PRAMATHON - held in Queanbeyan park from 9am to celebrate and support our local Mums. This event retains the traditional, with the support of the Mayor and local Council, and major sponsor Community Bank (Bungendore/Braidwood/Crookwell), while upholding the new First Steps Pregnancy Support (FSPS) clinic which opened its doors last year on Crawford Street.

The Pramathon is set to be a day full of fun! Mums, Dads, grandparents and anyone with a pram, and child or pet to put in it, are invited to register a team. They can then seek sponsors from their networks, decorate the pram on the day and join in for the morning Pramathon walk. Each team selects the distance they will walk and there will be great prizes donated from the local community for teams that raise the most funds, and for the best dressed prams! The walk will raise funds for creative accommodation solutions for pregnant and newly parenting Mums in the region who need a safe place to call home. It will also seek to break an Australian Record for the most number of prams walking together, with the current record being 246! Teams must consist of a pram with a baby, child or live animal in it, an adult and up to 2 other team members.

In addition to the main Pramathon Event, Dads (and keen Mums) will have their parenting skills tested in a mini-Olympics

style series of challenges known as the 'Dad Games'. There will be live entertainment, food trucks, children's activities, stalls (including a second hand Baby Boutique and Devonshire Tea), as well as Emergency Service vehicles to explore.

Presentation of awards and prizes will also feature in the program, with recognition awards being given for dedicated service by local health professionals and the winners being announced for a range of competitions associated with the event including a Primary School Art and Poetry Competition as well as Cutest Baby of the Region. There will be a raffle with many great local prizes to be won and we will be gathering all in attendance who were born at Queanbeyan Hospital for a group photo to mark the occasion. Please bring a picture of your birth certificate or some other proof of birthplace so we can enter this photo for a second Australian Record Attempt!

First Steps Pregnancy Support is the not-for-profit organisation behind the event, founded by local GP Obstetrician Dr Sarah Jensen and a dedicated team of female health professionals. The clinic opened in Queanbeyan in January 2024 and has already established itself as a trusted, compassionate hub for women facing pregnancy in challenging circumstances—offering free medical care, social support, and a warm, inclusive community. The Pramathon is an event that seeks to be an outworking of their Vision - that every pregnant (and newly parenting) woman would be a part of a supportive local community where



she would know her value, capability and hope for the future.

The Queanbeyan Pramathon is set to become the signature event of First Steps Pregnancy Support, to be held each year on the Mother's Day weekend. Queanbeyan Hospital is widely recognised for its excellence in maternity care, and this event will further reinforce the Queanbeyan Region's leading reputation as a community that not only values motherhood, but actively supports women—especially those facing disadvantage—through compassionate, inclusive, and coordinated care.

Come and join us for this wonderful event and ensure that no mother walks (or pushes) alone!

For more information head to www.pramathon.au

Photo supplied

QPRC Community Meetings in May

Council is inviting the community to three community meetings in May in Braidwood, Bungendore, and Queanbeyan.

The Mayor, councillors, our General Manager and other staff will be at the meetings so you can ask your questions to the right people and meet your representatives.

At these meetings you can learn more about major projects in your area and ask staff questions about issues that matter to you.

Join us from 6-8pm in:

- Braidwood on Thursday 15 May at the Braidwood Servicemens Club
- Bungendore on Tuesday 20 May at the Bungendore Sports Hub
- Queanbeyan on Thursday 22 May at the WB Freebody Council Chambers in the Nellie Hamilton Centre (257 Crawford Street)

Register to attend at qprc.nsw.gov.au/community-meetings



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QPRC Meeting Summary Wednesday April 23, 2025

QPRC

Here is the summary of the resolutions made at the Council meeting of 23 April 2025.

The archived recording of the meeting is now available at: <https://webcast.qprc.nsw.gov.au/archive/video25-0423.php>

- Council observed a moment of silence as a mark of mourning and respect for the late Eileen Daniel OAM and the late Ian Baker

- Council presented Queanbeyan Landcare with an award on behalf of Keep Australia Beautiful 2024. The award was the 2024 Tidy Towns Sustainability Awards - Biodiversity Conservation Award.

- Council heard from three members of the public who made presentations about items on tonight's agenda including the Bungendore pipeline, the Nellie Hamilton Centre, and traffic safety in the Karabar schools precinct

- Council acknowledged the passing of his Holiness Pope Francis, the 266th Pope of the Catholic Church and extended its deepest condolences to the Catholic community within our region as we recognise the profound impact his passing will have and acknowledge their sorrow

- Council will undertake a comprehensive investigation into traffic safety in the Karabar schools precinct

- Council received information report about final project costs for the Nellie Hamilton Centre

- Council endorsed planning proposal for housekeeping amendment to the QPRLEP 2022, will forward to Department for Gateway determination, request delegation for plan-making authority, and undertake agency consultation, public exhibition and finalisation

- Council will introduce an electronic waste voucher system for bulky waste disposal, for a two-year trial from July 2025. For urban areas, this will be up to 2 kerbside bulky waste services or 2 self-haul vouchers and for rural areas 16 self-haul vouchers

- Council deferred consideration of naming sports fields in Googong pending feedback from the QPRC Sports Council

- Council approved cultural grants of \$3,000 to Wildcare Queanbeyan for Mosaic Art project in Waniassa Park subject to advice about vandalism protection for the artwork; and \$500 to author/illustrator Anne-

Maree Hunt for printing 'Mateship' for Kindergarten to Grade 1 students at Queanbeyan Primary schools subject to conditions including support from schools that will host a book reading, and evidence the project will be delivered

- Council appointed community members to the Youth Advisory Committee, amended the Terms of Reference to remove reference to number of committee members and to provide opportunity to accept new members during term of Committee by application and with Council endorsement

- Council appointed community members to the Heritage Advisory Committee and will maintain a merit list from remaining community members should future vacancies arise over the term of Council

- Council will donate \$3,000 towards the costs incurred for the reprinting of 350 copies of the book Tales from Two Cities by Mark Butz

- Council deferred consideration of an application from Queanbeyan and District Basketball Association for a 55% rate relief in the 2025-26 Operational Plan estimated at

\$5,675 until after Council has reviewed its Donations Policy

- Council endorsed the General Manager executing the Variation Deed under the Bushfire Local Economic Recovery Fund for the Braidwood Heritage Centre

- Council received Investment Report for March 2025, noting return of \$579,057

- Council received information report about planning performance

- Council received information report with a summary of road renewal and maintenance activities for the third quarter 2024-25

- Council received information report on HSEQ activities for the quarter 1 January to 31 March 2025

- Council receives information report about councillor workshops between 4-17 April which included Operational Plan, Update of Poplars Land Dedication, Bulky Waste Collection Options, Review of CAPEX Program, Operational Plan and Delivery Program, Draft Fees and Charges, Donations, Nellie Hamilton Centre Final Wrap-up Report, and Braidwood Heritage Centre

- Council noted the minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement

Committee meeting on 17 March 2025

- Council endorsed the 1 April 2025 Local Traffic Committee meeting minutes and associated recommendations

- Council will amend its Community Meeting schedule to include Nerriga, Araluen and Captains Flat

- Council declined a public meeting in Bungendore about the proposed Queanbeyan to Bungendore bulk water supply

- Council received delegate report from the CRJO Board Meeting on 7 March 2025

- Council received delegate report from the Country Mayor's Association General Meeting on 28 March 2025

- In closed session, Council awarded contract for the Braidwood Heritage Centre Completion Works to Trinity Quality Interiors Pty Ltd on a 'cost plus' basis with an estimated amount of \$1,248,897

If you'd like more information about these matters, you can find the business papers and minutes on our website at: <https://www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/Council-meetings>

Yarn, Yarns and Yoga at Bungendore Crafters' Co-Operative

Thursday night saw another big turnout at the Bungendore Crafters' Co-Operative's Thursday night craft evening. Loyal regulars as well as new crafters joined us to work on their individual craft projects and to talk all things craft, community, exciting holidays and even a recent marriage proposal! Knitting, crochet, weaving and cross-stitch were just a few of the crafts on the menu.

After sharing craft news and current projects in our beloved Show and Tell segment of the evening, crafters were upstanding for a new segment being introduced to the Thursday night craft evening events: "Hand Yoga". Using recorded demonstrations by world-famous fibre artist, Heidi Parks, the group stretched their hands and wrists in preparation for the crafting ahead. A rising and worrying trend we have noticed among members of the Co-Op and visitors at our

workshops is hand and wrist pain, often exacerbated by the repetitive twisting and clenching actions used when performing various handicrafts. Many crafters in the group are either directly affected by or wish to take preventative action to avoid this pain, which impedes the mobility and muscles needed to perform the many tasks that are necessary and enjoyed in life, such as art and craft. As such, organisers of the Co-Op will be incorporating "Hand Yoga" into fortnightly craft evenings, which has already proved a hit last Thursday.

Another hit later in the month that the Co-Op is very proud to present to the community is a Ukrainian Egg Decorating and Dyeing workshop, which will be held on Saturday 31st May. See the community pages as well as the Bungendore Crafters' Co-Operative Facebook pages for



details or contact Thalia on 0412 884 120 for further information.

The Co-Op provides an invaluable opportunity for women of the community to meet, talk and express their creativity in a

supportive and relaxed space where knowledge, skills, materials and advice are shared amongst friends. We welcome people to our regular fortnightly craft evenings and monthly workshops.

Our next craft evening will be held on Thursday 15th May from 6-8pm at Bungendore Learning Hub: 55 Gibraltar Street. Happy crafting!

Photo supplied of the talented group doing some hand yoga.

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Bungendore CWA News

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What a wonderful April meeting we had. We celebrated 2 wonderful milestones.

The 80th Birthday celebration of Joan, and we shared a yummy sponge cake made by our president Donna, complete with her homemade strawberry jam and we also celebrated the amazing Trudi on her 61st Wedding Anniversary - Happy Anniversary to both you and Tony.

Our president Donna made us all a huge batch scones to nibble on during our meeting. True to form us CWA ladies do make smashing scones!

We welcomed a visitor and potential new member. All visitors are always welcome



and anyone wishing to know more about the CWA, please pop on down.

We had a wonderful Market day at the Local Markets at the War Memorial Hall, where you can find us on the second Sunday every 2 months with a stall featuring loads of Jams, knitted items and other hand made goods.

Dates to Remember:

May Meeting : Monday 12th May

Book Club: 1st Monday of every Month

Garden Club: 3rd Saturday of every month

Craft and Chat: 4th Monday of every month

Mahjong: 4th Tuesday of every month

For further information please contact the secretary on : bungendore.secretary@gmail.com or head on over to our social media pages - "Bungendore CWA"

Celebration photos supplied



Government green lights virtual fences

Farmers have welcomed the NSW Government's move to legalise virtual fencing for cattle.

NSW Farmers' Animal Welfare Committee Chair Rob McIntosh said Agriculture Minister Tara Moriarty's announcement was a sign of positive change on the horizon for many farmers across the state.

"Across Australia and even the world, farmers are already making the most of virtual fencing, and it's about time we do the same here in NSW," Mr McIntosh said.

"This technology can save lives by helping move livestock to safe areas in floods, fires or other natural disasters, without putting humans or animals at risk.

"It can also help reduce fencing costs, control noxious weeds and help with a whole other host of things on-farm - there's almost no boundaries to what this technology can do."

Mr McIntosh said regulations must be introduced swiftly to ensure the technology could be rolled out across NSW, with many harbouring hope the technology could also soon be extended for use on other livestock.

"These fences are a game changer for farmers, and we are excited about the opportunities they provide for livestock management in NSW," Mr McIntosh said.

"Enabling us to use this technology with cattle is a real leap forward, and we hope that the technology can be developed and rolled out for use with other livestock in the future.

"Tools like this will unlock productivity gains for our industry, so we can put more homegrown food on Aussie tables, more often."

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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 Yoga and Zumba 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 -\$10 for members

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 20th May 2025.

Riverside Plaza Stall - monthly - Next one will be on Saturday 17th May. We will also have a stall at Pramathon event on Saturday 10th May.

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

Photos supplied

Council acts on long-standing traffic concerns around Karabar schools

At its 1 May 2025 meeting, Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council unanimously passed a motion calling for urgent action to improve traffic safety around the Karabar schools precinct.

The motion, brought forward by Councillor Mareeta Grundy, directs Council to immediately investigate road and pedestrian safety in the area surrounding Cameron Road, Alanbar Street, Donald Road, Anne Street and Wilgabar Way. The precinct is home to Karabar High School, Queanbeyan South Public School, Queanbeyan South Pre-School, Tirriwirri School, and the soon-to-be-completed new daycare centre and preschool.

The investigation will assess current traffic flow, driver behaviour, and congestion during school drop-off and pick-up times. It will also review the adequacy of existing signage and examine the feasibility of installing flashing lights, improved pedestrian infrastructure, wombat crossings, speed humps and chicanes. Direct consultation with Transport for NSW, school communities, local residents and parents will also be part of the process.

The matter will be urgently referred to the QPRC Road Safety Officer and considered by the Local Traffic Committee, with a detailed report and funding options to be presented to Council, including possible applications for state and federal grants.

Councillor Grundy welcomed the decision, saying, “This week at the Queanbeyan-Palerang Council meeting my motion on traffic safety around the Karabar schools precinct was unanimously supported. That means there will now be an urgent review conducted with investigations into signage, flashing lights, wombat crossings, chicanes and speed humps, as well as direct consultation with parents, neighbours, the schools and Transport for NSW.

“Thank you to the parents and carers who raised their concerns, in particular Mel Ry, Tegan McInnes, and Kirri Ann, and to



NSW Parliamentarian Nichole Overall MLC for her support and advocacy. It means real action addressing the very real matter of school zone safety affecting around 1,000 students of Karabar.”

Community advocate Mel Ry also praised the outcome saying, “This is a huge win for our community, residents and schools on Cameron Road, Anne Street, Alanbar Road and Donald Road.

“A very big thank you goes out to the community who have been fighting for years to get this done to everyone who signed and shared the petition put up by Tash that received over 300 signatures, and to Councillor Mareeta Grundy and Nichole Overall who came out and supported this.”

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

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

Sharon Baxter-Judge

Photo supplied of concerned parents who recently spoke with Cr Grundy and Nicole Overall MLC.

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This winter, QPRC will be giving the trees along Ellendon Street a colourful makeover with a yarnbombing project and we are inviting the Bungendore community to help create some extra yarn decorations!

How to get involved

Community Members

Drop in to our free pop-up 'Pom Pom station' at Bungendore Library from Monday 12 May to Thursday 12 June. Yarn can also be donated to the Library for others to use.

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Wombats are our beloved burrowing marsupials, and they are facing a silent but devastating threat - mange. Caused by the parasitic mite *Sarcoptes scabiei*, which burrows under the skin, mange leads to intense itching, fur loss, scabs along their side, ears

Wildcare News

and eyes, infection, dehydration, and often a slow and painful death for infected wombats. If left untreated, the disease severely compromises their ability to eat, move, and protect themselves from the elements. Mange is highly contagious and can spread rapidly through wombat populations, especially in regions where burrows are shared or closely situated. Unfortunately, due to their nocturnal and solitary nature, early signs of mange often go unnoticed, allowing the disease to progress unchecked. With the cool weather approaching, wombats with mange are seen more often and can more easily suffer from pneumonia.

Thankfully, mange doesn't have to be a life sentence for our local wombats. With the Curb Wombat Mange program grant provided by

the NSW Government, NSW National Parks and Wildlife and Foundation for National Parks and Wildlife, Wildcare's Wombat Mange team are able to provide specialised treatment for mange-affected wombats safely in their natural environment through either a pour-on method or using a burrow flap. A burrow flap is a simple and effective way of treating wombats when the team can't get close for more direct treatment. Installed over the wombat's burrow, these flaps are usually made of recycled materials, like corrugated or ice cream container lids. A small container inserted into the flap holds and dispenses the treatment, such as Bravecto or Cydectin, onto the wombat as it enters or leaves the burrow. This treatment is refilled weekly for about 15 weeks until the

wombat is successfully recovered. If you see a wombat with mange, please contact the 24/7 Wildcare Helpline on (02) 6299 1966.

If you're interested in learning more about Wildcare's Wombat Mange program, contact the Wildcare Helpline and ask to speak with the Wombat Mange coordinator, alternatively, you can email the Wombat Mange Program Coordinator at mange@wildcare.com.au. For more information on the Curb Wombat Mange program, head to fnpw.org.au/project/curb-wombat-mange-program. Individual mange training is offered, stay tuned on our website and socials (@WildcareQBN) for group mange training in May.

Wildcare Queanbeyan is run entirely by the tireless work of

volunteers and funded by generous donations from the community. Vet bills, supplies, medication and petrol are all funded by our volunteers and these donations. We rescue, raise, rehabilitate and release sick, injured and orphaned native animals throughout the Wildcare service area of over 22,000km2 in south-eastern NSW.

If you are able to support our mission, please consider donating to our public trust. Go to wildcare.com.au for full details.

Upcoming Event

- 10 May - Bird Workshop

Photo supplied of a wombat being treated for mange, the blue food dye notifies others the wombat is being treated

Heart Health Checks on track for 1 million milestone as people urged to get checked

Heart Week is 5th to 11th May - a national week of awareness about Australia's leading cause of death

Australia is on track to surpass 1 million Medicare Heart Health Checks since the item was first introduced in 2019 as the Heart Foundation urges more people to get checked to avoid a heart attack or stroke.

Heart disease is a silent killer with the first signs too often being a heart attack or stroke. A Medicare Heart Health Check is the nation's best tool in the fight against heart disease, giving people an understanding of their risk up to

five years in advance - enough time to take preventive action.

Latest Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) data shows that more than 870,000 Heart Health Checks have been carried out on people in Australia since 2019, with around 20,000 happening each month.

Heart Foundation Healthcare Programs Manager, Natalie Raffoul, said the nation was on track to surpass 1 million Heart Health Checks before the end of the year.

"Heart Week (5th to 11th May) is the perfect time to remind people

that a Heart health Check with your GP could save your life," she said.

"Heart disease is a 'silent killer' and often the first symptom is a heart attack or stroke.

"A Medicare Heart Health Check with your GP is a 20-minute check-up that calculates your risk of a heart attack or stroke in the next five years and gives you the foresight you need to take preventive action.

"We are so pleased to know that we'll hit a milestone 1 million Checks this year - but we know there is more to be done with

around 2.5 million adults in Australia at high risk of having a heart attack or stroke in the next five years."

Beat the odds and book your Medicare Heart Health Check


The Heart Foundation is urging people aged 45 and over to book a Medicare Heart Health Check with their GP.

Some people may be eligible earlier, including First Nations peoples from 30 years and from 35 years for people living with diabetes.

Ms Raffoul said the Heart Health Check scored a number of risk factors and used those numbers to calculate an individual's risk.

"A unique algorithm developed by the Heart Foundation for use by GPs calculates this risk based on a combination of risk factors including high cholesterol, high blood pressure, and blood sugar levels," she said.

"Following the Check, your GP will develop a risk prevention plan tailored to your needs, giving you time to make important changes or take vital medications to prevent a heart attack or stroke."




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Bungendore Seniors: Chair Yoga Tuesday afternoons

Chair Yoga is a gentle and effective way to support your physical and mental wellbeing, especially for those wanting to maintain strength, flexibility, balance, and calmness in a safe and supported way. Practised while seated, Chair Yoga is ideal for older adults or anyone recovering from illness or injury, helping improve mobility, reduce stress, and even support better sleep.

Many participants report benefits such as improved hand grip, limb strength, reach, balance, mood,

and overall agility. The low-impact exercises are also known to help manage conditions like osteoporosis, osteoarthritis, and arthritis by reducing joint pain and improving quality of life.

Classes are open to everyone who'd like to experience the benefits of Chair Yoga and enjoy the connection of exercising with others in a friendly environment.

We're delighted to welcome back our yoga teacher Sue Scarlett in term two, and we thank Jordan and the Familia Fitness team for

their exercises classes while Sue was away.

Classes have resumed and are held on Tuesdays at the Scout Hall, Turallo Terrace, Bungendore. Choose from two 1-hour sessions: 2:00 pm or 3:30 pm. \$13 for Bungendore Seniors members / \$18 for non-members.

For more information or to book, contact Sue Scarlett at sue@agewell.yoga or call 0411 407 737.

Come join us - feel stronger, more balanced, and connected.



PottersPopUp! This Sunday at Gundaroo

A Celebration of Clay, Creativity and Community: this Sunday, May 11th, 2025 | St Mark's Anglican Church, Gundaroo

PottersPopUp! is back in 2025, bringing an exciting showcase of ceramic talent to the heart of Gundaroo—officially one of Australia's best tiny towns. Held at the beautiful and historic St Mark's



Anglican Church, this vibrant event features a mix of emerging and established ceramic artists working in and around the region.

This year, the event expands to feature 18 potters with strong ties to Gundaroo's creative hub, Old Saint Luke's Studio. Expect everything from bold sculptural forms to finely crafted everyday wares, celebrating the diversity of ceramic expression.

With the market taking place in the lead-up to and on Mother's Day, it's a perfect opportunity to pick up a thoughtful handmade gift—or plan a relaxing day out with family in the scenic countryside.

Local ceramicist Trevor Heldt shares what makes the event special:

"There's something special about showing work in a place that's part of the community fabric. PottersPopUp! is relaxed, friendly,

and full of character—just like the people who come along. It's a great chance to connect with other makers and with people who genuinely love handmade things."

Visitors can browse and buy unique pottery, meet the makers, and enjoy the charm of Gundaroo. Right next door, Cork Street Café will be serving woodfired pizza, excellent coffee, and sweet treats—making it easy to make a day of it in this delightful village.

Whether you're a pottery lover, art collector, or simply after a great country outing, PottersPopUp! is a celebration of local creativity, clay, and community spirit.

Date: Sunday May 11th, 2025
Time: 10am - 3pm
Location: St Mark's Anglican Church, Lot 1 Lot St, Gundaroo
Entry: Free
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Stay longer in your own home

National Seniors Australia

From calls for housing policy reform to height-friendly toilets, the foundations are being laid for better housing for seniors and people with dementia.

National Seniors Australia (NSA) has long championed policy reform to improve the supply of age-friendly housing across the nation.

The bottom line is that building regulations need to be updated to cater for the needs of an ageing population.

Architects and builders also need to come up to speed - and there are signs that are signs the construction sector could be changing.

More on that later, but here's what NSA is doing to improve the safety and comfort of housing for seniors.

Our Better Housing campaign

Older Australians should have more housing choices. So, a key focus of the campaign is to make downsizing into age-friendly housing more available and affordable.

Ageing can mean not wanting to mow a big lawn or keep up with cleaning and tidying a now-empty large family home.

We are advocating for the removal of the barriers to downsizing.

One of these is the lack of suitable and accessible housing for older people to move to, in areas where they feel comfortable and safe to live. The other is the lack of suitable accommodation for seniors to rent.

Houses are being built for families, not for older people. We want the government to change the "accessible housing" design standards in the National Construction Code (NCC) to make new housing age-friendly and facilitate more downsizing options and incentivise builders to step up.

More and more seniors are having to access the rental market and, even if they can secure accommodation, it is unlikely to be suitable for an older person.

NSA is pushing for a capital grants scheme for the construction of suitable rental housing. The scheme should incorporate universal design principles, reducing the risk of falling, hospitalisation, or premature entry into residential care.

Read more about this and other innovative policies in our Better Housing Campaign here.

This builder heeds the call

Victorian builder, Mark Burnham, has worked in the construction industry for more than 35 years.

But it was his own family's journey that inspired his new generation of homes. Mark found himself with:

- A father who needed care for over a decade
- A younger brother living with autism
- A family committed to supporting people with disability.

Trying to cater for his family, Mark saw how traditional housing fails to meet real-life needs. So, he decided to design something better.

Now, he builds houses that have:

- Zero-step entry
- No ramps and no thresholds, just smooth, level access throughout
- Wider spaces for easier movement
- Cavity sliding doors, extra-wide hallways, and rooms suitable for mobility aids
- Built-in care features, including ceiling reinforcement for a future hoist and handrails in all the right places.

Other features include accessible ensuite bathrooms, a scooter bay by the entry, easy-to-use kitchens, and drawers instead of hard-to-reach cupboards - all at waist-height, reducing the need to bend and crouch.

The houses also have smart emergency system linked to the phone.

Dementia-friendly housing

Some aged care homes are moving to more suitable accommodation that caters for residents with dementia.

There are precious few houses and apartments built in the housing market, however. People with dementia, and those living with and caring for them, are often forced to retro-fit an existing house to better suit their needs. But where to start?

There is a wealth of good ideas and resources available through Dementia Australia, which recently launched an interactive video offering straightforward and effective solutions.

Here's are some tips from Dementia Australia's Creating a Dementia Friendly Home web page:

- Install slip-resistant mats or tiles with a matte finish to avoid glare
- Use a water-safe chair in the shower or bath and a walk-in shower base
- Use bathroom-safe heat lamps to keep the room warm
- Install a toilet that is at a comfortable height and easy to use

- Make the toilet seat a different colour to its surroundings
- Clearly label "hot" and "cold" on taps and use accessible crosshead or lever taps
- Store things you use every day, like your toothbrush, toothpaste, comb, and deodorant, in one place so you can easily find them
- Install handrails beside the bath, shower, and toilet
- Use a hand-held shower hose
- Remove or securely store any medications
- Use night lights or motion-sensor lights.

If you can't install features in different colours, use coloured tape to mark them.

Dementia Australia CEO, Professor Tanya Buchanan, emphasises the importance of supporting people with dementia, their families, and carers in maintaining independence for as long as possible.

"For the more than 433,300 Australians living with dementia, everyday activities can get harder," she said.

"This guide can help, with practical tips such as clearing walkways or using contrasting colours when setting the table."

Related reading: Inside Ageing, Start to Finish Homes, NSA

www.nationalseniors.com.au

The Fred Hollows Foundation thanks Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional residents for their continued generosity

The Fred Hollows Foundation is thanking the Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional community for their support during a challenging time for the international development sector.

Over the past 12 months, The Foundation has seen 18 new donors from Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional support their work. In total 213 people from Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional have donated \$68,692 in the past year, helping continue the late Professor Fred Hollows' vision of ending avoidable blindness.

Eveline, a young mother from Kenya's Siaya County received the life-changing gift of sight, along with her children - two-year-old Vincent and seven-year-old Ruth.

For Eveline and her husband Boniface, their future seemed hopeless, with blindness affecting Eveline's ability to work and their children's education.

Thanks to supporters of The Fred Hollows Foundation, all three underwent cataract surgery, regaining not just their vision but also their independence.

Ruth is now thriving in school, Vincent can run and play like any other child, and Eveline has regained her ability to provide for the family.

"The miraculous vision has brought us more than just clear sight - it has brought us hope, joy and a brighter future," said Boniface.



This extraordinary transformation highlights the power of sight-restoring surgery, proving that generosity and accessible eye care can rewrite lives.

Founding Director Gabi Hollows expressed her gratitude to the Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional community for supporting The Foundation's important work.

"In these challenging times marked by rising costs of living, ongoing conflict, and increasing division, I want to take a moment to reflect on the countless people whose lives have been

transformed after having their sight restored thanks to the generosity of everyday Australians.

"Fred used to say that we discover our own humanity when we help others. Every donation, big or small, is a step towards a world where no person is needlessly blind.

"It could be a mother returning to the workforce, a grandparent seeing their grandchild for the first time, or a child being able to go to school. Thank you Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional for your

generosity in helping us restore sight to those who need it most," Gabi said.

This year, The Foundation aims to perform 3.8 million eye screenings, distribute 12.8 million doses of antibiotics for trachoma, and run community health education sessions for 1.2 million adults and children globally.

For more information about The Fred Hollows Foundation or to help restore sight, visit www.hollows.org or call 1800 352 352.

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Wheels of Wamboin: Saturday May 17

May is Wheels of Wamboin Month The 11th annual Wheels of Wamboin is just over a fortnight away on Saturday the 17th of May 2025.

We are looking forward to a day of automotive marvels, dreams, envy and memories. As you all know the Wheels of Wamboin is about everything automotive. Shiny and new, old and used, great and small. Bring down your marvel for others to enjoy, you just don't know what memories it will invoke for someone or what dreams it may inspire. So the running sheet for the day.

Drivers/Pilots - Be there from 7.30am, if you leave it to 9am you may not get a spot on the oval for display and it would be a pity not to see your machine. It is much easier for us to control the queue if it is steady rather than everyone showing up at the last minute. Although you can come and go on the day we would really prefer you stay until 12 so we can better manage pedestrians. No stupid

behaviour please, true car enthusiasts are beyond that. Entry is by gold coin or whatever you can spare. The event is at 112 Bingley Way Wamboin which is off Norton Road. Just type best place to live in the world in your GPS or phone to find Wamboin. Spectators and dreamers from 9am. On the day there will be a couple of trade stalls, the Wamboin RFS will run the BBQ and the Home Produce Markets will be in the hall with lots of goodies. Lou will have her coffee machine humming. There is only one trophy on the day the Peoples Choice voted by attendees on the day. This will be presented at 12 noon. If you are not there it will be reassigned to the next most popular. We have a couple of much appreciated sponsors on board this year and without these the event could not have happened. This year unfortunately the Shannon's Super Rig is off the road for a refurb which is a real disappointment as they have been

a strong supporter for many years. Hopefully back on the road soon. Shannon's remain as one of our foundation sponsors. Ollie's Garage at Fyshwick. Ian Oliver is a certified car nut and has an outstanding classic and vintage car display which rotates regularly. It is also a showroom for the Sir Henry Royce Foundation with some fabulous items on display. Go to <https://olliesgarage.com.au/> for a peek. The Douros Group. Locals helping locals. Jim and Kerrie Douros are locals contributing to the local community and events with their construction and transport group. People like Jim and Kerrie are what makes Wamboin special. 100% of our proceeds on the day go the Wamboin RFS. Without them this event simply does not happen, Camp Quality which helps brave kids fight cancer. Our other charity is our own Possumwood. Possumwood Wildlife is a self-funded facility up in Joe Rocks Road, that helps with the recovery of severely injured



and traumatised native. Wamboin RFS - Our very good friends at the local bush fire brigade who make the day possible. The Wamboin RFS has assisted with our event since the start and you will see the volunteers on the day manning the gate, marshalling parking and providing the all important BBQ.

Bring one and bring all to a fabulous day out at the Wheels of Wamboin. Follow us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/wheelsofwamboin/> for any updates See you there - Peter Evans Photo supplied of last years winner

Bungendore Medical Centre - supporting the community through free health events

Bungendore Medical Centre has long been a feature of the Bungendore community, and its latest initiative continues that tradition—offering a series of free community health events designed to educate, support, and connect people with practical, trustworthy health information. The centre has already hosted several successful sessions, covering topics such as:

- **Iron Deficiency**, led by Dr Chaitali, which explored the causes, symptoms, and management of one of the most commonly underdiagnosed conditions.
- **Polypharmacy**, featuring Dr Cross, credentialed pharmacist Bente Hart, and Priceline Pharmacy representatives, which

focused on safely managing multiple medications and reducing potential risks.

- **Eczema**, where Dr Chaitali shared helpful insights into managing flare-ups, identifying triggers, and improving skin health.
- **Weight Loss Options in Australia**, with guest speaker Dr Gary Yee—a bariatric surgeon who consults in Bungendore—who discussed both surgical and medical options, including Ozempic and lifestyle strategies.

These events are held in a relaxed, welcoming setting and are open to everyone. They aim to simplify complex health topics, provide reliable advice, and offer attendees a chance to ask questions and learn from

professionals in an accessible way. Looking ahead, Bungendore Medical Centre plans to expand its events calendar even further. Future topics may include navigating the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) and accessing the Aged Care system—both areas where many locals have expressed a desire for clearer guidance and support. The team also plans to collaborate with other healthcare providers in the region, such as physiotherapists, exercise physiologists, dentists, optometrists, and other allied health professionals. While these collaborations are still in development, the goal is to bring together a wide range of expertise

to address the diverse needs of the Bungendore and wider community. Community input is welcomed and encouraged. Anyone with ideas or suggestions for future event topics is invited to email reception@bungendoremedicalcentre.com.au with the subject line "Free Community Events." Whether it's a specific health condition, a service area, or something they've always wanted to understand better, community members are encouraged to have their say. It's important to note that every person's health journey is unique, and while the centre aims to provide helpful and balanced information, guest speakers may hold views that differ from one another or from those of

Bungendore Medical Centre's GPs. These sessions are intended as a space for open discussion and learning—not as a replacement for personalised medical advice. Through these events, Bungendore Medical Centre continues its mission to keep healthcare local, approachable, and community-focused—because healthy communities are built on shared knowledge, support, and access.



Are you making the most of your super contributions?



by Phil Harvey Superannuation is a vital but often underused part of Australia's retirement system. To encourage people to use it, there are significant tax advantages compared to investing outside super.

Understanding the different types of super contributions – and how to take advantage of them – can make a significant difference to your retirement savings.

1. Concessional Contributions Concessional contributions are made from pre-tax income and are taxed at a concessional rate of 15% when they go into the fund. The most common types include:

- **Employer Contributions (Super Guarantee):** Employers must contribute at least 11.5% of an employee's salary into their super. This is mandatory and forms the base of most people's super balances.

- **Salary Sacrifice:** Employees can ask their employer to pay part of their pre-tax salary into super. This reduces their taxable income and is a tax-effective way to boost super.
- **Personal Deductible Contributions:** Individuals, including the self-employed, can make personal contributions from after-tax income and claim a tax deduction. These are treated the same as salary sacrifice contributions. There is a cap of \$30,000 (2024/25) for concessional contributions. However, if your total super balance is under \$500,000, you may be able to also use the unused concessional contributions for the last five years.
- **2. Non-Concessional Contributions** Non-concessional contributions can't be claimed as a tax deduction and are not taxed when put into super. These include:

- **Voluntary Contributions:** Anyone can contribute extra funds into their super from their savings or after-tax earnings.
- **Spouse Contributions:** You can contribute to your spouse's super account and may receive a tax offset of up to \$540 if your spouse earns less than \$40,000 per year. The annual cap for non-concessional contributions is \$120,000 (2024/25), or up to \$360,000 over three years using the "bring-forward" rule if your total super balance is under \$1.9 million.
- **3. Government Co-Contributions** If you earn less than \$60,400 (2024/25) and make a non-concessional contribution of up to \$1,000, the government may contribute up to \$500 into your super. This is a great way for low-and middle-income earners to boost their savings with help from the government.
- **4. Downsizer Contributions**

Australians aged 55 or older can contribute up to \$300,000 (\$600,000 for a couple) from the proceeds of selling their main residence, without it counting towards their non-concessional cap. This is particularly useful for those looking to top up their super later in life.

5. First Home Saver Scheme (FHSSS) Under the FHSS scheme, individuals can make voluntary contributions of up to \$15,000 per year (and up to \$50,000 total) to be later withdrawn and used to buy a first home. These can include both concessional and non-concessional contributions.

Making the most of super contributions

- **Plan ahead:** Understand your annual caps to avoid excess contribution penalties.
- **Take advantage of Government incentives:** If eligible, the co-contribution scheme and spouse

contributions offer small but valuable tax benefits.

- **Review regularly:** Track your total super balance, especially if you're nearing cap thresholds.
- **Seek professional advice:** A financial advisor can help tailor a contribution strategy and ensure you are in the right investments based on your income, goals, and retirement timeline.

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EPA requires surface and groundwater monitoring at Woodlawn Eco Precinct

The NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) is requiring further sampling and analysis at Veolia's Woodlawn Eco Precinct after assessments identified potential seepages from two onsite wastewater collection dams.

The works will include the installation of five additional strategically located groundwater monitoring bores, as well as onsite pollutant monitoring.

This follows a Hydrogeological Risk Assessment (HRA), prepared as part of Veolia's updated licence requirements, that identified wastewater from the dams potentially seeping into the site's groundwater system and possibly into nearby waterways.

In addition, the EPA will also conduct some surface and ground water monitoring in May in waterways including Crisps Creek and Allianoyonyiga Creek, as well as in Veolia groundwater bores.

NSW EPA Director Adam Gilligan said this was in response to two EPA samples taken from the creeks within in the Eco Precinct that found small detections of a range of chemicals commonly found in landfills, including PFAS chemicals and metals.

"We want to reassure the community that these detections pose no immediate health risk, as the results are within the current Australian Drinking Water Guidelines health-based limits, noting that neither creek is a direct

drinking water source," Mr Gilligan said.

"Testing also found some minor exceedances of relevant guideline values for livestock and freshwater species in both creeks on the Eco Precinct site and we will now be undertaking further sampling to determine whether there are any elevated levels offsite and to determine next steps.

"Elevated levels of metals are also not unexpected in streams and creeks that flow through rural environments, and water quality issues are more commonplace in drought and dry periods when salinity, pH and chemicals can reach higher than normal concentrations and algal blooms can occur in surface water."

The presence of PFAS in the environment does not necessarily indicate that there is a health risk, however identifying sites that require investigation is an important precaution to reduce the risk of community exposure to PFAS.

NSW Health advises that water from rivers, creeks and groundwater should not be used for drinking or cooking and personal hygiene (including cleaning teeth and bathing) without testing and appropriate treatment including disinfection. Untreated water may contain disease causing micro-organisms, chemical contaminants or algal blooms.

Updates will be shared through the Veolia Community Liaison

Committee and on the EPA website.

For more information from NSW Health about surface water and groundwater visit: <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/water/Pages/drinking-water.aspx>

Information about water requirements for livestock are available from DPIRD: <https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/about-us/services/laboratory-services/water-quality/farm-water-testing>

If you are interested in understanding or testing the quality of surface water on your property and its suitability for livestock visit: Water quality at <https://www.epa.nsw.gov.au>

Bungendore Seniors News

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

amentities building (parking near the netball courts).

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

See right for dates.


Everyone's welcome!

Seniors Chair Yoga

Chair Yoga: Tuesdays at the Bungendore Scout Hall. See page 8 for more information.

Cost: \$13 per session for members, \$18 for non-members.

All welcome to attend



2025 Membership

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

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

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ANZAC Day 2025

Perfect autumn weather set the tone for ANZAC Day 2025, with thousands gathering at dawn and main services across the region to reflect on the courage and sacrifice of Australian servicemen and women.

At Bungendore's main service, this year's commemoration paid special tribute to the often-overlooked Greece and Crete campaigns of the Second World War—battles that tested the limits of endurance, strategy, and the unbreakable spirit of the ANZACs.

The campaign began with the pivotal Battle of Cape Matapan off the coast of Crete in March 1941, where HMAS Perth and allied cruisers narrowly escaped a superior Italian force, only to regroup and later help deliver a decisive naval victory. Italian losses at Matapan crippled their naval capacity in the Mediterranean, allowing the safe passage of troop convoys vital for the defence of Greece and the eventual evacuation of thousands of Allied troops months later. As April unfolded, Australian forces



joined British and New Zealand troops in what became known as the Battle of Greece. Vastly outnumbered by advancing German forces, Australian units fought a fierce withdrawal through a series of rearguard actions, notably at Kleidi Pass, Pinios Gorge, and Brallos. Despite brave resistance, including that of the 2/11th Battalion which suffered devastating losses to protect retreating troops, the campaign ended in a chaotic but partially successful evacuation, with many soldiers captured or left stranded behind enemy lines.

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ANZAC Day 2025

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The final act of the campaign played out on Crete, where a German airborne invasion met with initial disaster, suffering heavy casualties at the hands of Allied troops and fiercely resistant Cretan civilians. Despite numerical superiority, poor intelligence and miscommunication left the strategically vital Maleme airfield exposed. Its loss allowed German reinforcements to arrive and turn the tide of battle. A ten-day struggle followed,

culminating in an Allied evacuation that saved thousands but at great cost—over 3,000 Australian soldiers were captured and more than 15,000 Allied troops became casualties. Through all three campaigns, the courage, resilience, and sacrifice of Australian forces stood as a powerful reminder of the ANZAC spirit. This year commemorates the 110th anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli, we honour those who have



dedicated their lives to defending our nation and way of life, as well as the vital support from communities and families. As at 22 April 2025, approximately 1000 Australian Defence Force members are currently deployed on operations across Australia, the Indo-Pacific region and the globe, continuing the Anzac spirit while serving Australia's national interests at home and overseas. Lest we forget Sharon Baxter-Judge Left and above: Queanbeyan ANZAC Day, photos supplied



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Bungendore High School Buzz



Bungendore High School
On the final Wednesday of last term, we piled into buses and headed off to Kowen Forest for our annual school cross country race. It was a glorious day in a stunning location as students ran varied distances, depending on their ages. Our serious competitors were focused and achieved some great times, and the rest of the school walked around the track, taking in the beautiful views mother nature created.
We congratulate our age champions who will be heading to the Zone carnival at Mulwaree High School on May 9th.

- 12 years: Jay and Olivia
- 13 years: Quade and Hannah
- 14 years: Summer and Rose
- 15 years: Jess and Brooklyn
- 16 years: Zoe and Charlotte

On Anzac Day, a group of students and staff met at The Gathering to join the ANZAC Day march to the Bungendore Cenotaph. Our school leaders, Will and Aida, joined the primary school leaders to deliver the welcome. Members of our SRC and school leadership team also laid a wreath and raised a flag as part of the solemn ceremony. We were honoured to participate in this important ceremony commemorating the sacrifice and service of Australian and New Zealand soldiers.

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We are in good hands

Rotary Club of Bungendore
The research and presentation skills of our years 3-6 primary school students representing Bungendore, Braidwood (Braidwood Central and St Bede's), Gundaroo, Sutton, and Tarago schools were exceptional on the evening of 8th April when they presented at the annual Rotary Club of Bungendore's Public Speaking event.
Animated and knowledgeable they impressed, informed and entertained the audience on topics such as 'Travelling the world - what would you see and learn', 'Marine Animals - should they be kept in captivity', and 'Can our small changes having an effect on the environment' for the years 3-4 students and for years 5-6 students 'The pros and cons of switching to renewable energy'

and 'AI changing how we live - for yourself and our government'. Whilst our year 3 and 4 representatives picked evenly across all topics the years 5 and 6 focussed almost exclusively on the AI topic. Our younger students travelled from Paris enjoying croissants whilst there, to the International Space Station where the experiences were quite literally 'out of this world'. For our older students clearly technology and having a robot you can program to clean your room and help you with your homework is far more interesting and important than the other topics offered. It is the way of the future or is it in fact the life they live now - or not quite but close!
The judges had the difficult task of choosing the winner, runner-up and encouragement awards in each section however said there

were a couple of standout performances that kept everyone interested and entertained.
Years 3/4 results - Winner Isobel Kominek (Gundaroo Public School), Runner-up Amelia Grundy (Tarago Public School) and Encouragement award to Clancy Singers (Gundaroo Public School).
Years 5/6 results - Winner Betty Krout (St Bede's Primary School, Braidwood), Runner-up Clara Jackson (Sutton Public School) and Encouragement award to Joel Davis (Sutton Public School).
The future is secure if the standard displayed on the night is indicative of what we will see in our law courts, businesses and political arenas when these children pursue their chosen careers, whatever they may be. A huge congratulations and well done to each and every student involved.



The students, parents, carers and teachers should be proud of the efforts of the competitors who not only presented their speeches but cheered on their friends and children from other schools. It was a great event with great

support and with a sausage sandwich, cakes and refreshments it is fair to say everyone had a great time.
Thank you to everyone involved.
Photos supplied



Community News

Maria's community corner



Maria Porreca
Hope you all had a great Easter. I went to the South Coast to spend a few days with my family. Whilst there we visited the 42-hectare Eurobodalla Botanical Gardens. Have never been there before so was quite thrilled with how lovely they were. Lots of meandering walking paths which range in difficulty (a couple had disabled access), some display garden layouts, eg, coastal garden, formal garden and cottage garden, lots of metal sculptures everywhere and of course the gift shop and café. I also saw some Black Cockatoos, Crimson Rosella and King Parrot. I didn't do too much walking to explore the whole area as it had rained and my footwear was not made for wet conditions. Very well-worth a visit.

For the first time ever I attended the 'Meet The Candidates' event at Queanbeyan Hotel on 24th April. I went there to hear what the Candidates had to say. Sadly, I was not prepared for the booing, jeering behaviour of some of the

people present in the room. It was interesting to listen to the questions asked and the responses given. I must admit I'd never heard of the HEART Party - now I know. I hope that those of you who voted on Saturday 3rd May enjoyed a democracy sausage.
You may have also decided to visit the open garden - Woodbury Garden - on the Old Cooma Road and enjoyed the refreshments on offer over the weekend of 3rd-4th May. Such a delicious spread. Beautiful garden too! Well done ladies.

This year, for the first time, QPRC workers and technicians were treated to an egg and bacon roll breakfast on ANZAC Day. These wonderful workers commence their day at 3.00am and don't finish till after 3.00pm to ensure that the ceremonies run smoothly. Queanbeyan Senior Citizens (QSC) members decided to provide them with a cuppa and roll for their breakfast - their way of showing appreciation and 'giving back'. Workers were ecstatic to be treated so well. QSC President, Brenda Russell, and assisted by Frances Flanagan, also laid a wreath during the 10.00am ceremony.



A gentle reminder that the FSPS Pramathon is on this Saturday 10th May in Queanbeyan Town Park commencing around 9.00am. Lots of food vans, stalls, raffles, prizes and activities for the kids. Please register now or you can also register on Saturday. Remember we are trying to break an Australian Record for the most prams.



BUNGENDORE CRAFTERS CO-OPERATIVE

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Thursday 15th May
Thursday 29th May

55 Gibraltar Street
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PRD Queanbeyan now open



A familiar name in local real estate has expanded, with the official opening of PRD Queanbeyan at Shop 2, 72 Monaro Street. Owned and operated by experienced agents Dan and Martina Woodford, the new office brings trusted service, local knowledge, and a strong community focus to Queanbeyan, Jerrabomberra, Googong, and surrounding areas.

Dan and Martina are no strangers to the region's property market, having established PRD Bungendore in 2017. Their Bungendore office has grown steadily over the past seven years, built on honest advice, strong relationships, and a genuine commitment to their clients. The new Queanbeyan office marks the next step in their journey.

"We're proud to bring the PRD brand and our client-focused approach to Queanbeyan," said Martina Woodford. "This expansion allows us to support more people with their real estate goals – whether they're buying their first home, leasing a commercial space, or simply looking for guidance in the market."

PRD Queanbeyan offers a full suite of residential and commercial property services, including sales, rentals, leasing, business sales and free, no-obligation property appraisals. The team is backed by the wider PRD network, ensuring clients benefit from both national resources and local expertise.

PRD Managing Director Todd Hadley welcomed the expansion, noting the

Woodfords' proven track record. "Dan and Martina have become valued members of the PRD network. Their commitment to service and their strong ties to the local area make them the ideal team to lead PRD's presence in Queanbeyan."

More than just a real estate agency, PRD Queanbeyan prides itself on being part of the community. The team actively supports local events and initiatives and believes in giving back to the people who live and work in the region.

"Community is at the heart of everything we do," said Martina. "We're locals too – we understand the area, we're invested in it, and we're here to help others make confident property decisions."

Whether you're selling, buying, investing or renting, PRD Queanbeyan is here to guide you with clear, professional advice and a personalised approach.

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Hoskinstown Chestnut Roast

Sunday was a beautiful autumn day, a perfect day to head to Hoskinstown for all things chestnut. Hoskinstown's Chestnut Roast changed its date to the first week of May to enable volunteers to enjoy a quiet Mother's Day next week. This may have been the reason that numbers were slightly down on previous years but all who came out to Hoskinstown had a lovely time.

The Community Stall and the Kitchen Stall served up lots of delicious treats with Lesley's scones (made on the spot) and served with home made jam tantalised the tastebuds as did the three different chestnut soups. We also appreciate the locals who donated lots of delicious cakes, jams, chutneys, slices, cookies, plants and more. This really helps our fundraising efforts.

The Hoskinstown-Rossi RFB cooked up a storm with the chestnut sausages (made by Bungendore Country Butchery) being very popular. Our local Brigade also helped set up on Saturday and packed up at the end of the Roast. Thanks for all you do to assist our community.

Our local chestnut farm, Tweenhills Chestnuts, are a great support to our Roast and we thank them for providing all the chestnuts in what has been a challenging growing season. People enjoyed sitting in the sunshine, listening to the music provided by the Hoskinstown Kitchen Jam as well as Celtic Folk as they munched on the freshly roasted chestnuts. The music

really adds to the atmosphere and there were many positive comments about the two bands.

Thank you to all our stallholders, several have been supporting our Roast for many years. All our stallholders holders are local and have quality products and their support is much appreciated.

We were pleased to raffle off two great prizes. First prize was a beautiful watercolour of spotted pardalotes by local artist, Carla Begbie, and second prize was a basket of goodies made locally, as well as donations or vouchers from Community Bank Bungendore, Sage, Bungendore Cellars, The Gathering Cafe, as well as stall holders. Thanks to everyone for supporting our Roast raffles.

Our Community Bank in Bungendore lent us marquees, Rick from Screensavers provided the signage and Sharon from the Regional Independent continues to provide excellent publicity for anything our Community does. Thank you!

Finally a big thank you to all our volunteers, no event will happen without all those who help organise beforehand as well as help on the day. Our 1928 Hoskinstown War Memorial Hall thanks you for all the funds you raise to help maintain our beautiful Hall.

Rowan Simpkin

Hoskinstown War Memorial Hall Committee Sent from my iPad



Family Fun and Flavours Shine at Annual Chestnut Roast

Congratulations to the committee and volunteers on another

successful Chestnut Roast – a much-loved annual event that not only raises vital funds for the upkeep of the hall but also brings the community together for a fun, family-friendly day out. Rowan's chutneys and sauces were in high

demand, and the homemade treats were as delicious as ever. Thanks to the dedicated work of the hall committee, the hall is looking fabulous.

Sharon Baxter-Judge

Heritage Festival 2025

Chords from the Harp - the foundation of Bungendore and St Mary's Parish

The stories behind the recent book will be the subject of a talk in St Mary's hall, followed by an exploration of some of the features of the church. Presented by Ed Cory, author/editor of the recently published *Chords from the Harp*, the free talk will cover how the book started out as a reprint 'with a small update', and how it ended up being a very different book to that.

The first part will be a talk in the hall about the background to the book, some of the issues and decisions involved, difficulties and turning points in the writing. After a Q&A and refreshments, participants will adjourn to the adjacent church to discuss its features and



relate them to the book. Copies of the book will be available for purchase.

Melvin Jones Fellowship Award

Laura Fulton was recently honoured with the prestigious Melvin Jones Fellowship Award in recognition of her outstanding commitment to humanitarian service. Thanks to Laura's dedication, Lions is making a real difference—both in Bungendore and around the world.

"Through efforts to fight diabetes and childhood cancer, prevent blindness, feed the hungry, respond to natural disasters, empower youth, and protect the environment, Laura embodies the spirit of Lions International."

Melvin Jones - Founder, Lions Clubs International.

Congratulations, Laura!
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Have your say on 19 Gibraltar Street

QPRC
We want to hear from the Bungendore community about their thoughts for the future of the vacant block at 19 Gibraltar Street. Council purchased this block for a new office after our previous office on Majara Street was compulsorily acquired for the Bungendore High School. Now that the Bungendore High School is being built at a new location, we will be moving back into our old office on Majara Street once the Department of Education no longer require it in 2027.

What is the background to this proposal?
We purchased the block for \$1.3m, using compensation funds from the NSW Government. Council have signed a Deed of Settlement that will see the return of our Majara Street office. Costs of relocation back to Majara Street and refurbishment are included in the compensation claim.

However, the costs of purchasing 19 Gibraltar Street has to be funded by its sale or from Council's general fund, and will need to be completed by 2030.

Council resolved to consider a report on options for the block, after investigating the current market value and consulting with the community through a public submission process.

What is being considered?
There are five ideas that we are seeking feedback on. One of the ideas is just temporary. You can also provide your own suggestions in the survey.

- 1. Sell the land as is
- 2. Subdivide and sell as 2 or 3 lots
- 3. We develop the site, construct the approved Development Application, sell or lease the constructed building
- 4. Don't sell the site and establish a town park with gardens, market areas, trees, seating, pedestrian access and lighting
- 5. Temporarily use the site as a pop-up stall/markets/food truck hub

What factors are we considering around each idea?
We have a fact sheet which outlines some of the considerations for each idea. The fact sheet is available in the document library. We are also asking for your feedback about factors we should

You can also have your say at a pop-up stall on Tuesday 13 May, 1-4pm, outside Bungendore IGA.

consider with each of these ideas.
We will have a stall at the Bungendore Harvest Festival on Saturday 12 April from 10am-2pm where you can come and provide feedback in person.
Have your say
Submissions can be made:

- By completing the survey on the YourVoice page of council's website
- In person at the Bungendore Community Meeting, Bungendore Sports Hub, Tuesday 20 May, 6-8pm
- By email to council@qprc.nsw.gov.au referencing "19 Gibraltar Street Bungendore feedback" in the subject line
- By mail to PO Box 90, Queanbeyan NSW 2620
- Delivering a letter in person to one of our offices

Submissions close Sunday 1 June 2025.



Where People, Projects and Purpose Meet: Landcare Muster 2025

Landcare Muster 2025 Celebrates Regional Connections & Collaboration
The 2025 South East Landcare Muster is set to bring together Landcarers, community leaders, researchers, farmers and environmental practitioners for a full day of collaboration, connection and practical learning. Held on Thursday, 29 May, this year's Muster carries the theme:

"Celebrating Opportunities for Collaboration - Landcare's Projects, Partners, People & Skills."
Hosted by South East Landcare, the event will showcase the many ways that collaborative partnerships, community passion and practical tools are shaping thriving, resilient landscapes across south-east NSW in projects and activities happening now

across the South East Landcare Network.
The Muster will feature keynote speaker Professor Andrew Campbell, a global leader in sustainable agriculture and Australia's first National Landcare Facilitator. Professor Campbell brings decades of experience in land management, agricultural innovation and policy, most recently serving as CEO of the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR) and interim Executive Managing Director of the global CGIAR network.
Attendees will also hear from Dr Sonia Graham (University of Wollongong), who will share her research into the social success factors of long-standing Landcare groups across the South East—offering insights into what keeps Landcare communities strong and effective over time.

Participants will learn about innovative tools and approaches including:

- Covram with Ian Davidson - vegetation and habitat assessment
- GIS Mapping - using spatial data for Landcare planning
- Atlas of Living Australia with Peggy Eby - biodiversity data to inform action
- Storytelling with Nviromedia - capturing impact through film

The event will also explore successful collaborations already delivering results on the ground—such as projects with The Mullet Institute and Water NSW, Local Land Services, Travelling Stock Route (TSR) managers, and the broader Landcare NSW network.
"This year's Muster is about coming together to learn from each other, share what's working, and be inspired by the diversity of

people and projects making a real difference in our region," said Linda Cavanagh South East Landcare's Regional Coordinator. "Whether you're a long-time Landcarer or just getting started, this event will equip you with tools ideas and connections to support your local efforts."
Event Details:
Date: Thursday, 29 May 2025
Location: Carrington Inn, Bungendore NSW
Time: 9:00 - 15:30
Cost: Free - Registrations essential and places limited.
Registrations are now open via Eventbrite:
www.eventbrite.com.au/e/south-east-landcare-muster-2025-tickets-1311289184249
This Muster is jointly funded by the Australian Governments Natural Heritage Trust and the Landcare NSW Landcare Enabling Program, and delivered by Local Land Services a member of the Commonwealth Regional Delivery Partners Panel.





PHOTO
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WEEK

Yucca in full flower.
Photo Brian Elliott

2025 Reconciliation Walk

Tuesday, 3 June 2025,
9:30am to 12noon

QPRC

Join us for our annual Reconciliation Walk on Tuesday 3 June.

We will gather at Marj Christian Park on Trinculo Place at 9.30am before walking to the Sunken Gardens in Queanbeyan Park.

You can also show your support by standing and cheering the walk along the southern side of Monaro Street. If you'd like to participate, but feel the walk might be too difficult, you can meet us at Queanbeyan Park.

Road closures

From 9.30-11.30am, there will be road closures or changes to traffic conditions along Monaro Street between Atkinson Street and Campbell Street (including Farrer Place), Crawford Street intersections with Monaro Street, Lowe Street from Rutledge St along to Queanbeyan Park, Collett Street intersection with Monaro (no left turn

onto Monaro) and at the Campbell Street/Cameron Road intersection. There will be detour signage and traffic control in place.

Please be aware that if you are parked on Monaro Street during the closure, you will not be able to move your car while the walk is underway.

National Reconciliation Week

National Reconciliation Week runs from 27 May to 3 June 2025 and is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

The National Reconciliation Week theme for 2025, Bridging Now to Next, reflects the ongoing connection between past, present and future.

Location

The walk will start at Trinculo Place and finish at the Sunken Gardens in Queanbeyan Park. 1 Trinculo Place, Queanbeyan East, 2620,

PET OF THE WEEK



Name : Sir Loin
Age: 4 months old
Likes : his toys
Dislikes : so far, not to keen on his miniture Dachshund brothers
Claim to fame : being mistaken for a Kelpie!



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

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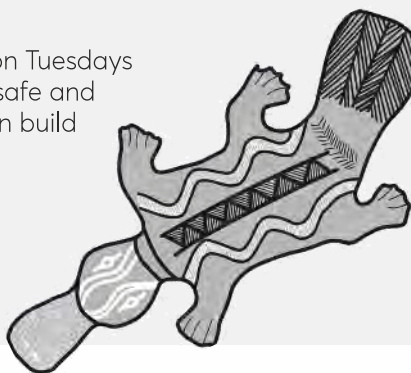
We have two dedicated programs for children under 5 and their parents.

- The Platypus Playgroup is for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander children aged 0-5 years and their families. Platypus Playgroup meets every Thursday from 10-11am during school terms.
- QBN Parents Group is a free and welcoming group for young or first-time parents. The group meets every Wednesday from 10-11.30am during school terms.

The Library Lounge is our free after-school program for children aged 10 and over.

The program runs from 3:30 - 4:30pm on Tuesdays during school terms. This program is a safe and inclusive space where young people can build confidence, self-esteem and resilience while playing games, meeting new people or making art.

- Learn more about these great programs at qprc.nsw.gov.au



Have Your Say

Projects & initiatives open for community comment	Closing Date
Sunset Planning Proposal - Amendment to QPRLEP 2022	26 May
Bungendore water supply pipeline - Review of Environmental Factors	28 May
19 Gibraltar Street Bungendore	1 June

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

Submissions can be made:

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

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 can be viewed at bit.ly/DPnotices

Community Meetings this month!

Don't forget we have three Community Meetings this month!

Each session runs from 6-8pm on:

- Thursday 15 May – Braidwood Servicemens Club
- Tuesday 20 May – Bungendore Sports Hub
- Thursday 22 May – WB Freebody Council Chambers, Queanbeyan

At these meetings you can meet your Councillors, learn more about major projects in your area and ask our staff questions about issues that matter to you.

- Register to attend at buff.ly/JDsyyvMQ

Review of Environmental Factors Jerrabomberra Creek Stabilisation Works

The draft Review of Environmental Factors has been prepared for Jerrabomberra Creek Stabilisation Works.

The project proposes cut and fill earthworks to remedy erosion along the Jerrabomberra Creek in Environs, NSW. The proposal is expected to prevent future erosion and have a positive impact in the area.

The REF is on notification until 15 May. Submissions may be made to council@qprc.nsw.gov.au referencing 'Jerrabomberra Creek Stabilisation Works REF'.

- Read more at qprc.nsw.gov.au/public-notices

Council Meetings and Times

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

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

Members of the public can make a:

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

Next meeting dates are:

- 14 May
- 28 May

Written Questions on Notice

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



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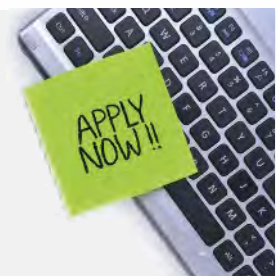
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Work with Council

Current vacancies include:

- Team Leader – Central Waste
- Town Planner

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






Library activities

Sign up for activities at our libraries! Braidwood, Bungendore and Queanbeyan libraries host all kinds of events and activities throughout the year. Whether it's tech sessions, our STEAM club, music play, baby bounce, or one of our bookclubs - there's something for everyone!

- Learn more and register at library.qprc.nsw.gov.au/whats-on



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- 12 Undressed kid (5)
- 13 Perfume (5)
- 15 British nobleman (4)

Target Time

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Target: Average - 12, Good - 18, Excellent - 24+

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.

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

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- 12 Vest
- 13 Avid
- 14 Training
- 15 Striking
- 17 Dapper
- 18 Remorseful
- 20 News (coll)
- 23 Abilities
- 25 Hurry
- 27 In principle
- 30 Fanciful
- 32 Discontinue
- 33 Small shark
- 34 Wood pile used for cremating
- 35 Embosses
- 37 Hessian bag
- 39 Hoovers
- 41 Fruit
- 44 Without joins
- 46 Modus operandi
- 48 Public
- 49 Creative style (3,4)
- 50 Deep cleft
- 51 Embouchures
- 52 Cookhouse
- Down
- 1 Dispels
- 2 Provocative
- 3 Imprecise
- 4 Hearsay
- 5 Dogteeth
- 6 Void
- 7 Lay to rest
- 8 Ointments
- 9 Stretch
- 10 Phone listing
- 16 Coffee shop
- 18 Cockeyed
- 19 Departure
- 21 Egyptian deity
- 22 Maintained
- 24 Involving the laity
- 26 Loud sound
- 28 Money (coll)
- 29 Fruit drink (5,6)
- 31 Satellite of Saturn
- 32 Arranges
- 33 Willy-willy (4,5)
- 34 Stone fruit
- 36 Representative
- 38 French country house
- 40 Talks in a low voice
- 41 Tailless feline (4,3)
- 42 Smudge
- 43 Noon or twelve ____
- 45 Religious teacher
- 47 Of the ear

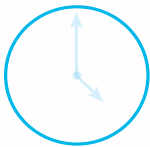
Brain Alert

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

Hidden Numbers070

Work out the hidden numbers.

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2. $108 = ? \times 9 = ? \div 3$
3. $3 + 25 + 16 = ? = ? \times 4$
4. $(11 + 2) \times (3 \times 3) = ?$



Scrambled137

Unscramble the following letters to reveal the words related to Religions.

1. naitsirhcyti
2. deaommhamsima
3. suidhdbm
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5. kissmih
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Sudoku135

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

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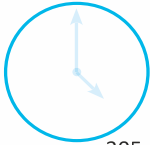
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- Hidden Numbers
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- Scrambled
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2. Mahommedanism
3. Buddhism
4. Judaism
5. Sikhism
6. Hinduism

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Public Notices

Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment: Invitation to Register Interest

Proposed Woodlawn Tank Farm
State Significant Development 10_0012 Modification 8

On behalf of Veolia Environmental Services (Australia) Pty Ltd (the proponent), GHD Pty Ltd (heritage consultants) is commencing Aboriginal community consultation as part of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (ACHA) for the Woodlawn Bioreactor (WBR) Tank Farm 2 Modification (the proposed modification). The proposed modification is located at 619 Collector Road, Tarago within the Goulburn Mulwarree Council LGA. The area subject to the assessment is shown in Figure 1.

The WBR was approved by the then Minister for Urban Affairs and Planning on 30 November 2000. An application to expand the WBR was approved on 16 March 2012 under Part 3A of the NSW Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A Act). The WBR receives up to 1.13 million tonnes per year of putrescible waste for landfilling. The majority of the waste (up to 900,000 tonnes) is received from Sydney via rail, with smaller portions from local councils (up to 130,000 tonnes) and residual waste from the Mechanical Biological Treatment Facility (up to 100,000 tonnes) via road.

The project approval was transitioned to State Significant Development (SSD) on 14 June 2019 and is now referred to as SSD MP10_0012-Mod-8.

Veolia is seeking to modify SSD MP10_0012-Mod-8 to expand the storage capacity for treated leachate by constructing a new tank farm in a greenfield area of the site (to be referred to as 'Tank Farm 2').

The proposed modification will involve:

- Construction of up to eight (8), 13.5 megalitre tanks to hold treated leachate pumped from the existing approved storage dams and leachate treatment plant
- Pipeline and use of portable pumps to transport the leachate from the proposed tank farm 1 (Modification 6) to the proposed Tank Farm 2
- Excavation and earthworks to prepare the proposed area for Tank Farm 2, including installation of a bund providing 110% capacity of one of the tanks.

The proposed modification requires assessment in accordance with the Planning Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements SEARs SSD 10_0012-Mod-8, and with regard to State Significant Development Guidelines – preparing a modification report.

The proponent details for the proposed modification are:

Raymond Choy
Environment Manager,
Woodlawn
Veolia Environmental
Services (Australia) Pty Ltd
Raymond.choy@veolia.com

The purpose of community consultation with Aboriginal people is to assist the modification applicant in the preparation of a modification report and to aid in preparation of an ACHAR in accordance with the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974.

Community consultation is being undertaken to assist the assessment of cultural significance within the study area. This notification is made in accordance with Section 4.1.2. of the Aboriginal cultural heritage requirements for proponents 2010.

GHD invites Aboriginal people who hold cultural knowledge relevant to determining the significance of Aboriginal objects and/or places in the proposed study area to register an interest in a process of community consultation.

Please note that when you register an interest in this project your details will be forwarded to Heritage NSW and Pejar Local Aboriginal Land Council, unless you specify that you would not like your details released.



Please forward registrations to GHD no later than
Wednesday 21 May 2025, via email or mail to:

Tim Reid: tim.reid2@ghd.com
Level 3/24 Honeysuckle Drive, Newcastle NSW 2300



Figure 1 Site Location

Bungendore Open Mic
Saturday May 10, 1pm to 5pm

The organisers of the community event "Bungendore Open Mic" will be running the May open mic events this weekend, Saturday May 10 from 1pm to 5pm at the Royal Hotel and Sunday May 11 from 1 to 5 at the Bungendore Bowling & Sports Club'

If you are interested in doing a song or 2, contact John on 0447069317.

First time performers are very welcome!

QUEANBEYAN SENIORS
RAFFLE RESULTS

A huge thank you to everyone who supported us in our Easter Raffle. The results are -

1st prize - \$200 Woolworths voucher - Naomi W. Carwoola

2nd prize - Huge Bunny Basket filled with Lindt Bailey's Chocolates - Peter D. Queanbeyan

3rd prize - Large bag Lindt Bailey's Chocolates - Sue L. Queanbeyan.

All winners were ecstatic with their win and thanks to Lindt Chocolates who made this raffle possible.

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

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Wednesdays: 7.00-10.00pm
Saturdays: 10.00am-1.00pm



Contact:
Angela McGill, President 0408 409 989 or
Bobbie Gosper, Secretary 0408 788 213

Mayor's column

Investigations for a pipeline between east Queanbeyan and Bungendore to secure Bungendore's water supply are progressing. While Council has not approved to construct the project, Council endorsed preparing the project to be 'tender-ready'. As part of this process and as required under legislation, a Review of Environmental Factors (REF) has been prepared and is now on public exhibition. The REF has considered the impacts and mitigation to the community and surrounding environment. It concludes that the environmental impacts associated with the proposal can be managed and implemented without resulting in a significant environmental impact. Learn more about the REF and have your say until 28 May at yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au/bungendore-water-supply-pipeline-review-of-environmental-factors or learn more about the pipeline project at www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/pipeline



With the growth of Googong Township, bin collections for those properties with the three-bin system have been split into three zones. Bins in Googong Township are now collected on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Monday collections are bound by Googong Road, Beltana Avenue, Wellsdale Drive, and Gorman Drive. Wednesday collections are bound by Beltana Avenue, Googong Road, Aprasia Avenue, Fowlie Terrace, Cavan Rise and includes Gorge Creek Drive and Chimney Rise. Friday collections are the rest of Googong. We apologise for any confusion with collection zones and encourage you to download the waste app by searching QPRC Waste in the app store on Apple or Google. You can also check the calendar at <https://impact-apps-calendars.web.app/qprc/calendar/> If you have any questions about your collection day call 1300 735 025.

Community meetings kick off next week and I'm looking forward to seeing you all there. Join us in Braidwood on Thursday 15 May at the Braidwood Servicemens Club, Bungendore on Tuesday 20 May at the Bungendore Sports Hub, and Queanbeyan on Thursday 22 May at the WB Freebody Council Chambers in the Nellie Hamilton Centre (257 Crawford Street) from 6pm to 8pm. Register your interest to attend at www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/Events

Join us for our annual Reconciliation Walk on Tuesday 3 June. We will gather at Marj Christian Park on Trinculo Place at 9.30am before walking to the Sunken Gardens in Queanbeyan Park. National Reconciliation Week runs from 27 May to 3 June 2025 and is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. This year's theme, Bridging Now to Next, reflects the ongoing connection between past, present and future.

Cr Kenrick Winchester, Mayor

Puzzle solutions

Target Time

Sudoku

QT Crossword

Crossword

Target: Average - 12,
Good - 18, Excellent - 24+

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Classifieds

Local Markets

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Saturday and Sunday 8am-4.30pm. Monday 7am-12noon
Bungendore buy back centre:
Saturday 10am-4pm
Bywong waste transfer station:
Friday 2pm-4.30pm
Saturday and Sunday 8am-4.30pm Monday 7am-11am
Captains Flat waste transfer station:
Saturday and Sunday 9am-3pm (gates close at 2.45pm)
Monday 9am-2pm
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Monday - 1pm to 4pm
Braidwood buy back centre:
Sunday 10am-4pm

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Contact Sue: Ph 0437 010 492 Email irondogrescue@gmail.com ADDRESS: Bethungra NSW (between Cootamundra & Junee)

"BEFORE RESCUE" PHOTO  <p>Alfred, Great Dane x, Male, Large, Approx 12 months www.savour-life.com.au/adopt-a-dog/search-now/view/92025 Video www.facebook.com/irondogrescue/videos/1155120082637296 www.facebook.com/irondogrescue/videos/1155120082637296 www.facebook.com/irondogrescue/videos/1155120082637296 www.facebook.com/irondogrescue/videos/1155120082637296</p>	"AFTER" PHOTO!  <p>Alfred, Great Dane x, Male, Large, Approx 12 months www.savour-life.com.au/adopt-a-dog/search-now/view/92025 Video www.facebook.com/irondogrescue/videos/1155120082637296 www.facebook.com/irondogrescue/videos/1155120082637296 www.facebook.com/irondogrescue/videos/1155120082637296 www.facebook.com/irondogrescue/videos/1155120082637296</p>	 <p>NIKOLAI, Rottweiler, Male, Large, Approx 12 months www.savour-life.com.au/adopt-a-dog/search-now/view/93203 Videos www.facebook.com/irondogrescue/videos/1155120082637296 www.facebook.com/irondogrescue/videos/1155120082637296 www.facebook.com/irondogrescue/videos/1155120082637296 www.facebook.com/irondogrescue/videos/1155120082637296</p>	 <p>ROXY, Bull Terrier, Female, Medium, Approx 5 years www.savour-life.com.au/adopt-a-dog/search-now/view/76236 Video www.facebook.com/irondogrescue/videos/1155120082637296 www.facebook.com/irondogrescue/videos/1155120082637296 www.facebook.com/irondogrescue/videos/1155120082637296 www.facebook.com/irondogrescue/videos/1155120082637296</p>
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 <p>COPPER, Rhodesian Ridgeback x, Male, Large, Approx 7 months www.savour-life.com.au/adopt-a-dog/search-now/view/91624</p>	 <p>NIGEL, Rottweiler, Male, Large, Approx 8 years www.savour-life.com.au/adopt-a-dog/search-now/view/90468 Video www.facebook.com/irondogrescue/videos/1135533154990551</p>	 <p>BADGER, Rhodesian Ridgeback x, Male, Large, Approx 8 months. www.savour-life.com.au/adopt-a-dog/search-now/view/92128</p>	 <p>TOD, Rhodesian Ridgeback x, Female, Large, Approx 8 mths www.savour-life.com.au/adopt-a-dog/search-now/view/92088 <i>In foster care in Kambah ACT</i></p>
 <p>MILLO, Cattle Dog x, Male, Med/Lge, Approx 9 mths www.savour-life.com.au/adopt-a-dog/search-now/view/91786 Video www.facebook.com/irondogrescue/videos/1001210665452942/</p>	 <p>OLLIE, Cattle Dog x, Male, Med/Lge, Approx 9 mths www.savour-life.com.au/adopt-a-dog/search-now/view/91784 Video www.facebook.com/irondogrescue/videos/1001210665452942/</p>		



Look who's back!
"FRANKIE" SHAW, Rottie x Lab x, Female, Approx 6 months
Unfortunately Shaw, a Frankie puppy, has been returned to rescue. She was too much puppy for the senior dog in the home.
Welcome back baby girl!
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Rescued recently from a country Pound. A beautiful boy. Sadly he contracted Parvo somewhere and despite early vet intervention while in foster care (which cost us \$8327.20) he didn't make it.
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Goulburn Mulwaree Animal Shelter currently has 4 lovely pooches looking for people to give them a 2nd chance at a long & happy life (3 May 2025)
Rehoming Organisation No.: R251000140



 <p>MAX Medium Male, Staffy. Approx 2½ years www.petrescue.com.au/listings/1114332</p>	 <p>SHADOW Medium Male, Staffy. Approx 20 months www.petrescue.com.au/listings/1114212</p>	 <p>BIGGIE Medium Male, Staffy. Approx 2½ years www.petrescue.com.au/listings/1096325</p>	 <p>ANDY Medium Male, Dachshund x Kelpie. Approx 9 months www.petrescue.com.au/listings/1115663</p>
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The Journey from Rags to Wags begins with You
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Every Animal Deserves a Happy Ever After



Sport

2025 season begins: Bungendore Netball

Bungendore Netball

BNC Round 1 Wrap-up

Round 1 of the 2025 Netball season kicked off on Saturday, with BNC entering 13 teams to the competition. The weather couldn't have been better, and it was so great to see the turnout from players, friends, and family.

Match Report: Under 10s Black

Bungendore's U10's black team started their season in style with a strong win over Googong on the weekend. The club is pleased to welcome both new and returning players to the team this year.

In their first game together, the girls displayed excellent teamwork, strong defence, and sharp

passing. The ball moved smoothly up and down the court, with plenty

of energy and encouragement shown throughout the match.



It was a fantastic start to the season and a great sign of things to come. A big thank you to our team sponsor, Bliss Fur Dogs, for their support this year. Well done to all players.

The Player of the Game is Chloe Kneale.

Photos supplied

Back to back wins for Bungendore Mudchicks

Bungendore Mudchicks

Round 2 : Mudchicks vs ADFA - ANZAC weekend

The Bungendore Mudchicks were honoured to be able to play ADFA at their home ground at Royal Military College, on such a significant weekend.

The Mudchicks presented with a full squad of willing and able players - 21 ladies strong.

ADFA, as they always are, were well drilled and disciplined, a team filled with youth and speed.

In the opening minutes of the game the Mudchicks quickly showed where they had the upper hand - strength and power through the middle of the field. Our scrums were dominant time after time, which ultimately led to our opening try - a strong run by Kate, carrying a number of would-be defenders with her as she crashed over the line. The trusty boot of co-captain for the day Taryn ensured that we finished the first half at 7-0.

The half time chat sparked a new hunger in the Mudchicks. The mission was clear, and the game plan was confirmed.

We started strong again and quickly found ourselves scoring out wide with our workhorse Chem crossing for a 5 pointer. With conversion unsuccessful - we lead 12-0.

ADFA replied soon after by playing to their strengths and finding speed out wide for a runaway try.... 12-5 Mudchicks.

Bungendore stayed true to their game plan and continued to gain metres through the centre of the



field, mounting pressure and possession. This ultimately led to a powerful run from second rower Sacha to score near the posts. Taryn with the conversion, final score of the match: Mudchicks 19 - ADFA 5.

Thank you to our many supporters who travelled and were loud and proud from the hill. Thanks also to our squad members who may not have a run on the field but tirelessly support in any way they can.

Special mention goes to Kylie Darmody who co-captained the game with Taryn. Kylie's Dad had the proud honour of presenting

game day jerseys to the team, and to the co-captain herself.

Players Player votes went to:

3 points - Candice Ridley

2 points - Chemain Hansen

1 point - Kate Harris

Round 3: Mudchicks vs Yass

The Bungendore Rugby Union Football Club headed out to Yass this weekend to play against the Yass Ewes and Rams.

The Ewes came out of the gate hard, however the Mudchicks came out harder, putting them on notice, Tia Baxter scoring two tries in the first 10 minutes. The third

try came soon after by Taryn Robson who had an incredible kicking game, kicking 6 out of 7 conversions. After a very physical first half, the score sat at 19-0 to the Chicks.

After a rev up from the coach, setting a goal of four tries in the second half, Charlotte Horan x2, Meredith Wells and Tia Baxter scored back-to-back tries running Yass' defence ragged. Yass played a tough and very physical game as always expected and with only 10 players, they gave it their all. Charlotte Callendar and Candis Stratis had a fantastic game in the forwards showing

their confidence and strength in the rucks.

After reaching the goal of 4 tries in the second half, the final score was 47-0 to the Bungendore Mudchicks. It was a successful weekend for the entire club with the Mudchicks also playing a very physical game against Yass Rams and taking the win 78-19.

Players points -

Players player - Tia Baxter

Coaches player - Charlotte Callendar

Blokes pick - Charlotte Horan

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Queanbeyan Whites fight back to seal 38-36 win over Tuggeranong

Queanbeyan Whites

After having the bye last weekend the Queanbeyan Whites will be travelling out to Jamison Oval this Saturday as they take on Wests and look to regain top spot.

Before the bye the Whites hosted Tuggeranong at Campese Field with First grade taking the win, 38-36. The Whites opened the scoring with a try in the corner to half back Cullin Cooper-Jones. The try came off the back of a penalty to the Whites for a high tackle. In the ensuing play hooker Ewald Kruger, prop John Madjaga, flanker Waisea Tudulu and No 8 Riley Turner all came close but the Tuggeranong defence held. An attempted clearing kick was easily fielded by fullback Nate Carroll who linked up with winger Koko Salim. Salim broke the line, before coming back in field slightly drawing a number of the Vikings players and leaving Cooper-Jones open to stroll across the line. The Whites were ahead 7-0.

Throughout the game Captain Andrew McFarlane and Carroll easily fielded Vikings attempts at clearing kicks and turned the pressure onto the opposition. Mid way through the second half the Whites increased their lead as Madjaga and flanker Judah Qoro Saumaisue kept the Whites moving forward, gaining valuable metres in the middle of the field before a loose ball was pounced on by the Vikings. As Vikings

looked to pass the ball out Tudulu, was there for the intercept and raced away to score next to the posts and a 14-5 lead.

A momentary lapse in concentration resulted in fractured defensive line, loose tackles and try to Tuggeranong reducing the lead to 14-10. A successful penalty goal by Cooper-Jones took the scoreline to 17-10

At the 33 minute mark of the first half centre, Hudson Creighton was sinbinned for a high tackle. The Whites defence held up until just before half time but the lead was reduced to 17-15.

Tuggeranong came out of the break strongly, racing to a 17-36 lead. At this point the game could have gone either way but the Whites did not drop their heads. Strong pressure from the restart by Eli Sagala, Kruger and Turner put the Whites on the front foot. A penalty for a high tackle gave the Whites a lineout 10 metres out and try to Carroll in the far corner. Cooper-Jones converted and the lead was reduced to 24-36.

The Whites continued to attack. Second rower Jack Gordon secured a lineout ball, Segala broke the line taking the ball up the middle, before connecting with Creighton whose cut out pass put Salim in the clear. Salim's pass in the dead ball zone to Cooper-Jones perhaps caused supporters to hold their breath but it secured the try under the posts and an easy



conversion - 31-36 at the 60 minute mark.

Over the next 10 minutes (including a Vikings sin bin) both teams had their opportunities, but it was the Whites who were able to convert, taking advantage of a short arm penalty just inside their half. Sagala received the pass and moved the ball forward with

a clearing kick which dribbled into the dead ball zone and seemed destined to roll over the end. It was watched carefully but ultimately complacently by Church as Carroll came racing through to dive on the ball just before it went out. The Whites regained the lead 38-36.

Tuggeranong had an opportunity to take the win in the dying moments with a penalty kick from the 22 - it wasn't to be with the ball hitting the post and dropping back into the field of play. Sagala secured the ball and the scrum feed. The forward pack held allowing a clean pass to Carroll who kicked the ball out to secure the win

Tries: Cullin Cooper-Jones (2), Nathan Carroll (2), Waisea Tudulu (1), Conv: Cullin Cooper-Jones (5), Pen: Cullin Cooper-Jones

Above: No 8 Riley Turner, supported by hooker Ewald Kruger. Captain Andrew McFarlane watching on

Photo by Jordon Mirchevski Photography

Mudchooks On A Roll

Stewart Wilson

So far so good for the Bungendore Mudchooks rugby team with four wins from four so far in 2025 and sitting on top of the table. The teams has continued its winning ways in two away games: a thrilling one-point 38-37 victory against the Crookwell Dogs at Crookwell on 26 April and a dominant 78-19 win over the Yass Rams on 3 May.

The Crookwell game had special meaning for both teams, the Dogs celebrating their 50th anniversary on the day and the Mudchooks have their 20th birthday this year. To mark the occasion the Terry Hayes-Peter Payten Shield has been instigated, named after the Dogs' and Chooks' club founders, respectively. Both were at the game.

It started well for the Mudchooks with a try to flanker Jye Russell but the Dogs quickly hit back twice to take the lead. A penalty

try helped the Mudchooks' cause and a try to centre David Cox which was converted by halfback Tom Worman took the score to 19-18 in favour of the Bungendore boys. Game on!

It was the second half which provided the real drama. With the Mudchooks temporarily down to 12 men, the Dogs took advantage, scoring three unanswered tries and taking the score out to 37-19 in their favour with about 20 minutes to go.

It looked less than ideal for the Mudchooks but the team's character came to the fore. They kicked into gear, played as well as they could and kept Crookwell scoreless for the rest of the game while adding three tries of which two were converted by Tom Worman. Captain and flanker Cameron Faddy along with number eight Viliame Taleca scored the first two and as the end of the game approached the Chooks

were down 37-31. Tensions were running high!

The Mudchooks' fifth and final try was scored by Viliame shortly before full time. This made it 37-36 and Tom Worman withstood considerable pressure to put over the winning conversion and give his team victory by a single point. It was a fitting end to what was a compelling game of rugby.

The Chooks' 78-17 win over the Yass Rams after leading 33-7 at half time was considerably less nail-biting, the team scoring 12 tries including trebles to winger Uraia 'Woody' Rabici and centre Maloni Tubekitu, and single efforts to halfback Tom Worman and his brother Jack, centre Jone Waqa, flyhalf Kyle Shand, flyhalf Jye Russell and 'number eight' David Cox.

Tom Worman kicked six conversions and Woody put over three. This was the third game out of four that the Mudchooks have scored

60 or points or more, two of them over 70.

Impressive stuff so far, but as always there is still plenty of work to do. There was a period in the second half when the team came off the boil for a while and allowed Yass to score two converted tries.

But the Mudchooks were on it for most of the game and when they were clicking - both in the forwards and backs - they looked very good. As in previous games this year the team scored some beautiful backline move tries which were a joy to watch.

Next up is the Taralga Tigers at home next Saturday, 10 May, at the Bungendore Sports Hub starting at 2.30pm. Be there to cheer on the Mudchooks!

Player awards and their sponsors for the Crookwell game were:

Best and Fairest: Royal Hotel - David Cox (3 points),



Viliame Taleca (2 points), Toby Campbell (1 point).

Players' Player: Mint Air Conditioning and Refrigeration - David Cox.

Coach's Player: Bungendore Community Bank - Viliame Taleca.

Chicks' Pick: NV Panel and Paint - Toby Campbell.

And for the Yass game:

Best and Fairest: Royal Hotel - Jye Russell (3

points), Uraia Rabici (2 points), Maloni Tubekitu (1 point).

Players' Player: Mint Air Conditioning and Refrigeration - Harrison Corke.

Coach's Player: Bungendore Community Bank - Jye Russell.

Chicks' Pick: NV Panel and Paint - Gerhardus Pretorius and Uraia Rabici.