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## Bungendore Preschool and CWA team up for a bright future

After 45 years of caring for Bungendore's littlest learners, Bungendore Preschool is getting ready for an exciting new chapter—one that brings together local history, community spirit, and a shared love of helping families.

Since opening in the St Mary's Catholic building

on Turallo Terrace, the preschool has played a big role in the lives of local families. Thanks to a \$1.6 million Capital Works grant from the NSW Department of Education, the preschool is now planning to expand so it can welcome even more children in the years to come.

Finding the right place to grow hasn't been easy. But a chance conversation at a community event—Bungendore's famous Pig Races, no less—led to a wonderful idea. Former Bungendore CWA president Lynne Magus heard that the preschool might need to move and suggested they look at the land behind the

CWA's meeting rooms. One idea led to another, and before long, a partnership was born.

"We had the space, and the preschool had the need," the CWA said. "It just made sense to work together. We both care deeply about families, children and the Bungendore community."

The two groups have now signed a long-term lease, with the preschool planning to build a brand-new, purpose-built facility on the CWA site. The aim is to open the new preschool by the start of 2027, with construction happening throughout 2025 and 2026. The preschool's current

programs will continue as normal until then, with no changes for children already enrolled.

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Below: Bungendore Preschool's Director Kim Brodrick, Assistant Director Sam Murphy with CWA President Donna Bush and CWA members



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# 2025 State Conference of CWA of NSW - 103rd AGM

Almost two weeks ago a contingent of amazing women descended on Wagga Wagga to attend the 103rd AGM Conference of Country Women's Association of NSW. There were over 500 Delegates and about half of that again as Observers. The ladies were from all over the State of NSW - from Far North Coast to Far South Coast, Blue Mountains to Far Western, Monaro, Northumberland, Illawarra, Hunter River etc. From the Southern Tablelands Group 19 Delegates and almost the same number as Observers attended. As well as that a small number of members from the ST Group participated as stewards.

This year's theme was 'From Isolation to Innovation - The Threads that Bind'. The proceedings commenced with the Ecumenical Service on Sunday 18th May and the Official Opening on Monday morning. A beautiful Welcome to Country was delivered by Aunt Cheryl Penrith and we were welcomed to Wagga by their Mayor Cr Dallas Tout. The Hon Tara Moriarty, Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional NSW and Minister for Western NSW spoke to us and the Keynote Speaker was Sarah Wheeler, from The Outback Long Ride. Listening to Sarah, her resilience, determination and motivation is truly inspiring and tugged at your heartstrings. Quite a few of us shed a tear. We were also treated to a performance by the Riverina Central Choir.

The Business sessions commenced after lunch and a

cheque was presented to Medical Research Fund for Pancreatic Cancer. The State Office Bearer Nominees were introduced and there was an address by Westfund. The CWA is not just tea and scones. It's also about advocating to government and over the four days there were some 45 motions moved, discussed and debated. Of these some were carried unanimously, 3 were lost and 3 were withdrawn as Government has already announced measures relating to these issues. An example of the diversity of motions carried include 'to request State Government to increase and prioritise feral pig control measures as a matter of urgency'; 'to review and strengthen penalties for biosecurity border breaches ...'; 'to locate, identify and eradicate Red Imported Fire Ant colonies including a public education program'; 'to investigate the pricing of gluten-free products ...' and 'to advocate for precision medicine to be standard practice for all cancer patients'. As you can see from these few I have mentioned, it's quite a variety of issues. On the Tuesday evening the Southern Tablelands Group enjoyed a Twinning Dinner with Castlereagh Country Group. The Gala Dinner was held on the Wednesday evening and was a full house. For dessert at the Gala dinner we had a Junee Licorice Smash Cake, complete with rolling pin to smash it with. Entertainment was the Kapooka Army Band. Superb! Both these functions are a great opportunity to catch up with old friends and meet new ones. So

much chatter, fun and excitement. Southern Tablelands did not fare very well in the Land Cookery competition being awarded a third prize for the Pineapple & Onion Relish and some 'Highly Commended' and 'Encouragement Awards' (total of 2953 entries received). That said they did extremely well in the Handicraft competition being awarded First Prize in the Group Competition with a total of 735 points. Equal second prize places went to Castlereagh Country, Illawarra and Macquarie Groups with 709 points and third was Wanthella Group with 706 points. Brenda from our Group's Yass Branch received a medal for her Grand Champion Piece which was a Hardanger Egyptian Hanging. Other members of ST Group who received major prizes for their handicraft, were Jean M; Carolyn F; Jade K; Anne-Marie C; Janelle B; Leone M and Caroline G. Congratulations to all the winners and entrants. They are all such a talented group of ladies. One very important task for delegates to conference was to vote for our new State President as the current President's term had come to an end. There were two candidates vying for the top job but in the end, it was Tanya Jolly who was the preferred candidate for the position. Tanya is a member of Barellan Branch of Murrumbidgee-Lachlan Group. We wish her all the very best in her new position and hope to have her visit our area



soon. Next year's conference will be held in Forster - so looking forward to it and catching up again with so many amazing and talented women. And to finish, in the words of Michelle Obama - 'Friendships between women, as any woman will tell you, are built of a thousand small kindnesses ... swapped back and forth and over again.' Maria Porreca President Southern Tablelands Group Photos supplied



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## \$3,000 donation: supporting Legacy

A spirited ANZAC Day tradition in Bungendore has delivered a major boost to the important work of The Legacy Club of Queanbeyan-Eden-Monaro.

Thanks to the combined efforts of the Bungendore Rugby Union Football Club (the Mudhooks), the Rotary Club of Bungendore, and the Royal Hotel, a total of \$3,000 was raised and donated to Legacy—marking the largest single ANZAC Day donation received by the Queanbeyan-Eden-Monaro branch this year.

The donation was the result of a well-supported Two-Up event hosted at the Royal Hotel. The Mudhooks took charge of running the traditional game, while Rotary volunteers moved through the crowd collecting generous donations. The Lake George Hotel and Rotary Club then topped up the amount to reach the final total.

Pictured at the cheque handover

were: Alan Dyer, President of the Rotary Club of Bungendore; Laz Dillon, publican of the Royal Hotel; Suzanne McInness, President of The Legacy Club of Queanbeyan-Eden-Monaro; and Mark Robson, President of the Bungendore Rugby Union Football Club.

Suzanne McInness expressed heartfelt thanks to all involved, saying, "This generous donation is deeply appreciated and will go a long way in helping us continue

our work supporting veterans' families. It's the largest donation we received this ANZAC Day, and we're incredibly grateful for the strong community spirit shown in Bungendore."

Legacy is an iconic Australian charity dedicated to supporting the families of veterans who have lost their lives or health as a result of their service. The Queanbeyan-Eden-Monaro branch assists widows, children, and dependents across the region with a range of services—from financial assistance and counselling to social connection and educational support.

The Club is powered by local volunteers (known as Legatees) who work directly with families to ensure no one is left behind.

The Club relies heavily on community donations and volunteers to continue its work. If you would like to support Legacy:

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Leave a bequest: Legacy also welcomes gifts in wills to help continue its mission into the future

Sharon Baxter-Judge

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## New EV fast charging stations

NSW is rapidly rolling out more EV chargers, with the Minns Labor Government investing another \$16.1 million to install 246 fast and ultra-fast EV chargers across the state.

This latest round of grant funding is boosted by private investment that will see a total of \$41.2 million to roll-out the new charging ports, which will all be powered by renewable energy.

The Minns Labor Government is delivering on its commitment to increase the number of EV chargers across the state, to help households and businesses reduce their day-to-day costs and take NSW closer to our legislated Net Zero targets.

"I'm pleased to say that Monaro is going to be receiving three of these new EV fast chargers. These cutting-edge chargers allow drivers to replenish 70% of their batteries in only 10-15 minutes, meaning less time off the road, and more time enjoying your trip.

"I know that 'range anxiety' has been a barrier for some when looking at purchasing an electric vehicle, and we're hoping to alleviate some of that with these new chargers. Queanbeyan, Jerrabomberra, and Jindabyne will all be receiving a charger meaning 3 of the 246 new chargers will be in Monaro.

"Additionally, all these chargers will be located at are pull-through charging bays, meaning people towing a caravan, trailer, or boat will have ease of access when topping up for their road trip."





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# Excitement builds as Bungendore Yarn Bombing approaches

Frosts, winter crops and an uptake in yarn crafts: nothing signals the colder months in Bungendore more! Yarn crafts are particularly popular at the Bungendore Crafters' Co-Operative now in the lead up to the Bungendore Yarn Bomb event, which will be on display throughout the Winter months. Street trees will be decorated with lovingly hand-made decorations and 'tree jumpers', made and installed by locals and members of QPRC. The Co-Op was approached by QPRC to participate in the community-wide event and have enjoyed working closely with the council who have provided yarn and trees and even came out to the Co-Op to meet the

women that make the craft group the wonderful and creative place that it is. Last Thursday saw Co-Op members further planning the installation of the event while crocheting and knitting tree decorations at an unbelievable pace! The Co-Op was given the opportunity to decorate five trees on Ellendon Street and have decided upon the themes of these lucky trees: A Co-Op Chicken Tree, an Unlimited Potential Tutoring Purple Tree, A Nursery Rhyme Tree, A Rainbow Tree and a Women's Health and Breast Care Awareness Tree. All members of the public are welcome to contribute hand-made



decorations for the Co-Op Trees, with a donation box out the front of the Community Space at 55 Gibraltar Street available to drop-off creations. Patterns for the Women's Health and Breast Care Awareness Tree are available on the Bungendore Crafters'

Co-Operative Facebook Page or can be viewed online via the Knitted Knockers website and by searching for Crochet Awareness Ribbon Granny Square Tutorial on Youtube (or any similar pattern around women's health and breast cancer awareness). Although, all

donations will be gladly received and do not need to follow a particular pattern or be made in a particular style or material. In true Crafters' Co-Op style, all crafted works are welcome and will be celebrated. Photos supplied

## QPRC: meeting summary May 28, 2025

QPRC Here is the summary of the resolutions made at the Council meeting of 28 May 2025. The archived recording of the meeting is now available at: <https://webcast.qprc.nsw.gov.au/archive/video25-0528.php>

- Council considered submissions to the draft Community Strategic Plan and endorsed the Queanbeyan-Palerang Community Strategic Plan 2042 including amendments listed within an attachment to the business paper
- Council received the March 2025 Quarterly Budget Review Statement, adopted the budget variations outlined in the report, noted the opinion of the Responsible Accounting Officer in relation to Council's financial performance and projected year

result is satisfactory

- Council received investment report for April 2025 noting return of \$1,255,110
- Council approved QPRC membership of Southern Tablelands Arts until 31 December 2029
- Council endorsed the Nerriga Community Plan and will place the plan on the website with other community plans
- Council endorsed the allocation of \$14,800 to support 'Bungendore Bites - A Taste of Spring' event
- Council approved a Cultural Grant of \$1,000 to ArtsNational Molonglo Plains Inc. for the purchase of two laptops
- Council appointed seven community members to the Queanbeyan Showground

Advisory Committee and will seek representation from First Nations community, Queanbeyan and District Historical Museum Society, and the Heritage Advisory Committee

- Council appointed four community members to the Queanbeyan Sporting Gallery Advisory Committee
- Council amended the Terms of Reference for the Small Business Advisory Committee to allow for a maximum of eight community representatives, including one nominated by each of the Braidwood and Bungendore business chambers. Council appointed six community representatives and two representatives from business chambers
- Council received information report about planning

performance

- Council received information report about the Valuer General's Cancellation of Commonwealth Land and letter of response from CEO of Value NSW
- Council received information report about Councillors workshops from 9 to 22 May including Quarterly Budget Review Statement as at 31 March 2025; Regional Sports Complex Update of Business Case; PFAS Bungendore - status, risk assessment, mitigation strategy
- Council noted the minutes of the QPRC Heritage Advisory Committee meeting held on 8 May 2025
- In closed session, Council awarded contract for Garden Waste Processing and Removal from QPRC Waste Transfer

Stations to Soilco Pty Ltd for \$522,474 per annum until 29 Oct 2029

- In closed session, Council awarded contract for Monaro Street Upgrade - Construction to Dale and Hitchcock Civil Pty Ltd for \$10,582,750 ex GST
- In closed session, Council approved a contribution of \$50,000 from the Heritage Reserve Fund in the 2025-26 Operational Fund as matched funding for the Braidwood and Villages Business Chamber's NSW Heritage Grant application to prepare a Heritage Interpretation Plan

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



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# From EVs to classics: Wheels of Wamboin, 2025 draws 400+ vehicles

Peter Evans

The 11th annual Wheels of Wamboin got off to a foggy start but the sun finally broke through to a beautiful May day. Over 400+ automotive marvels made their way to the Wamboin Community Hall and Oval to break our attendance record yet again.

The cars started rolling in from 7am and by about 9am the oval was full, forcing us to divert some cars to the general carpark and unfortunately some had to park out on the road. Once again, the variety was enormous with a great roll up of cars and even a couple of trucks.

The Wamboin handmade and home produce markets, and Wamboin RFS BBQ were flat out along with Lou's coffee and the local Landcare group selling plenty of native plants. The market stalls all were busy and there was a great buzz across the huge crowd admiring the automotive marvels.

There were all makes and models with some stand outs for me. The yellow DS Citroen attracted plenty of interest along with the dark blue XB panel van complete with surf boards and a very plush deck out

in the rear. It took me back to the 70's and 80's when panel vans were popular and made many parents nervous. A white Holden HZ Sandman panel van was also a good looker. A very unusual Mitsouka Le-Seyde confused a lot of onlookers so did the Volvo Bertone coupe sporting a 350 chevy V8. A superb MGTC in racing livery and what looked like an aluminium bonnet was a treat and so was the 1971 International flatbed truck with an outstanding restoration. It is great to see these old trucks preserved for the next generation. A wonderful Allan Moffat tribute XY Falcon GT in full race regalia revived memories of those early Bathurst racing days when you spent all day in front of the TV watching the great race.

The MG's, BMW's, Mustang clubs were all out in force along with a great selection of early Ford Falcons and early Japanese models of Sunnys and Datsun's. The Mercedes club had a great display. A Corvair, Rambler Matador, Oldsmobiles and Buicks all made the journey. The EV Association brought out a great display of EV's maybe showing future classics. A couple of



Charity Bash cars were on display including Marcus Hughes 1978 LTD decked out in Mario Bros livery (I hope to be joining the Camp Quality esCarpade this year in "Sabby" our 1971 Mercedes 280SE but that will be another story). This year the "People's Choice" was Rod Styles with his 2015 Mustang S550 GT.

A massive thanks to The Wamboin RFS who provided the traffic control and logistics on the day and the BBQ yet again. Without them the event would simply not happen. A big thanks to our generous sponsors, The Douros Group, Ollie's Garage and Shannon's. Our donations from the day will go to

The Wamboin RFS, Possumwood and Camp Quality.

We are very appreciative for all the owners and clubs to bring their pride and joy to our little car show. It is very humbling to see your support and enable people to appreciate automotive history. Hopefully many memories and maybe dreams were made.

Once again thank you and maybe see you next year.

Above: photo of the winner supplied

Right: photo courtesy of Wamboin RFS

# Safer Crossing for Jerrabomberra Public School students

Member for Monaro Steve Whan has announced a funding allocation of over \$300,000 to Queanbeyan-Palerang Council for safety upgrades in the form of a 'wombat crossing' for Jerrabomberra Public School. The funding has been committed under the NSW Government's 'Get Kids Active' grants program.

Wombat crossings are raised above the level of the road to increase the visibility of pedestrians to motorists, as well as slow down traffic. They are often used around schools as safety improvement.

"Having heard from residents, educators, and Jerrabomberra Public P&C, I have been a strong advocate for a dedicated 'wombat

crossing' for students coming to and from Jerrabomberra Public School. So, it's exciting that we've secured funding to ensure young students will be safer when crossing what is a busy road, into a busy area of town.

"I'd like to thank current and former P&C members including Kylie Prescott and Jerrabomberra Primary Principal Chris Hunter for their continued advocacy on this issue.

"The design process has been undertaken by Queanbeyan-Palerang Council and Transport for NSW, with works to begin soon. I will keep the community updated as these projects progress."

Photo supplied





# Bungendore Preschool and CWA team up for a bright future

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Both groups are excited about what this means for Bungendore. For the CWA, it's a proud extension of their long tradition of supporting local families. The Bungendore branch has been part of the town since 1944, and even earlier, when local women ran a baby health clinic and children's library in the 1930s.

"This project is really about continuing what we've always done—helping kids, supporting families, and bringing people together," the CWA said.

For the preschool, it's a chance to grow and improve, offering more places for local children and more jobs for local educators. The new space will also be designed to bring people of all ages together, with plans for intergenerational programs and shared community spaces.

"We're not just building a new classroom," said the Preschool Board. "We're building a space where children, parents, grandparents, and the wider community can connect, learn, and enjoy time together."

A joint committee made up of CWA and preschool members will oversee the building project. They'll work closely with

neighbours and local groups to make sure the process runs smoothly and that everyone stays in the loop.

The Bungendore Community Bank (Bendigo Bank) has also been an important part of getting the project off the ground, with more to be shared soon about their support.

The preschool says it's grateful to everyone involved—past and present committee members, volunteers, supporters and families—who've helped bring this plan to life.

"We truly believe this is something special," they said. "It's a big step forward not just for the preschool, but for the whole Bungendore community."

As the project moves ahead, there will be lots of ways for locals to get involved. Whether you're a business owner keen to lend a hand, or someone who just wants to show support, the preschool would love to hear from you. You can reach them at: [committee@bungendorepreschool.com.au](mailto:committee@bungendorepreschool.com.au).

Together, Bungendore Preschool, the CWA, Bendigo Bank and the wider community are building something that will make a lasting difference—for today's kids, and for generations to come.

Sharon Baxter-Judge

# QPRC 2025-26 Draft Intergrated Plans: comments close Friday, June 13

Council is seeking feedback on our draft Integrated Planning and Reporting documents. These documents are the key planning documents that guide Council's direction over its elected term.

It was determined at the council meeting held on 14 May 2025 that Council Publish a short "easy to read" version of the consolidated draft plans that highlights the projects, major programs and principal activities of the delivery program. At time of print this summary was not yet available.

## About the documents

The Draft Operational Plan and Delivery Program 2025-26 to 2028-29 (118 pages) highlights Council's priorities over the next four years as part of the Delivery Program and breaks it down into work for the upcoming year as part of the Operational Plan. These documents were previously developed as two separate documents but have been produced together to ensure a clear four-year outlook for planning. The plan will be reviewed each financial year. It includes a detailed budget and capital works program for the first year of the plan (2025-26).

Draft Revenue Policy (56 pages) - outlines what Council proposes to charge for general rates and water, sewer and waste access and consumption fees for 2025-26.

Draft Fees and Charges - (104 pages) covers all the fees and charges Council levies, for things like venue hire, sportsgrounds, aquatic centre, development applications and much more. It covers the 2025-26 financial year.

Draft Long Term Financial Plan (54 pages) - this is a ten-year plan that models various scenarios to consider whether Council can afford the community's goals and the income that is required to achieve these outcomes. It looks at the period 2025-35.

Draft Workforce Management Plan (29 pages) - helps Council plan and manage its workforce to meet community needs while staying sustainable and adaptable. It follows advice from the Office of Local Government and supports QPRC's focus on workforce quality, risk management, and overall performance. It covers the period 2025-29.

Draft Asset Management Strategy (21 pages) - focuses on designing, planning, and managing assets smartly to meet growing demand. It aims to use these assets to serve the community, protect the environment, and support businesses. It also considers future changes in population, the environment, and technology, while following government policies and Council's plans. The Strategy covers the period 2025-

- 35.
- Documents on exhibition are
- Draft Operational Plan and Delivery Program 2025-26 to 2028-29
  - Draft Statement of Revenue Policy 2025-26
  - Draft Fees and Charges 2025-26
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Bungendore Seniors



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

BINGO is back!

Thursday - 5 June - 10 am to 12 noon - Bungendore Sports Hub

Bingo will replace our regular games. Cost is the usual \$5.00 which includes morning tea.

Bingo books are FREE, lot's of great, fun, little prizes. Save the dates & bring a friend!

Get Togethers

Our get togethers are weekly and we alternate between Thursdays and Fridays, so mark your calendar and join us on a Thursday or a Friday or come along to both. Enjoy great conversation, a few laughs, some games and morning tea.

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

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

See right for dates.

Everyone's welcome!

Seniors Chair Yoga

Chair Yoga: Tuesdays at the Bungendore Scout Hall. See page 19 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

THURSDAYS

Thursday 19 June  
Thursday 3 July  
Thursday 17 July  
Thursday 31 July  
Thursday 14 August  
Thursday 28 August  
Thursday 11 September  
Thursday 25 September

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Friday 13 June  
Friday 27 June  
Friday 11 July  
Friday 25 July  
Friday 8 August  
Friday 22 August  
Friday 5 September  
Friday 19 September

Queanbeyan River shared path  
'missing link' fix another step closer

Member for Monaro Steve Whan has announced more than \$870,000 for improvements to shared walking paths along Queanbeyan River. This funding has been delivered by the Minns Labor Government under the 'Get Active NSW' grant program and has been awarded to Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council.

Funding has been delivered for Shared user path along western bank of Queanbeyan River from Glenrock Drain to existing shared path

Construction of a shared path connecting Thorpe Avenue to Queanbeyan River

"I'm a regular user of the existing shared path, sometimes on my bike and sometimes on foot. Any day I am there I see many members of our community out walking dogs, roaming with their children, or cycling.

"Our river is a fantastic asset for our town, and I know many residents enjoy being able to walk along it.

"We're fortunate in Queanbeyan

to have a wonderful natural environment right at our doorstep, and Queanbeyan River is one of the area's highlights. Those who know me would know I will always advocate for and support any measure which encourages people to engage in a healthy and active lifestyle, and this is exactly what this funding will go towards.

"Constructing a shared path from

Thorpe Avenue to the river will fix what's been considered a 'missing link' for shared path access, connecting the river walk to the Queanbeyan CBD. This is all part of improving the Queanbeyan River shared path network so people of all ages and abilities can enjoy it equitably."

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Local support for Bungendore Quilters

Jane Bloomfield

We would like to acknowledge and thank very much our local supporters who recently donated funds to Bungendore Quilters.

**Veolia Mulwaree Trust** donated \$1,000 for the purchase of batting and backing fabrics and also to assist with the costs of long-arm quilting of our donation quilts. We acknowledge the Trust on every quilt label we attach to our donation quilts. **QPRC** donated \$1,000 to assist us with the purchase of twelve Bungendore Sails which will be put up along Gibraltar and Malbon Streets during our Annual Exhibition each November.

Bungendore Bendigo Bank

**Branch** donated \$400 to assist us with our Exhibition costs as the end of last year. We are grateful to all our generous supporters who donate funds to support us in our annual activities.

Our group has grown to fifty members who enjoy our sewing days, classes, meetings and retreats throughout the year. If you would like to come along to one of our get togethers, please contact our Secretary Jo on jisforquilting@gmail.com for details. We would love to meet you and you would be more than welcome. More information can be found on our website – bungendorequilters.com.au.



Maria's community corner



Maria Porreca

On Saturday 17th May my friend Nicki and I embarked on a road trip to Wagga Wagga to attend the 103rd AGM Conference of the Country

Women's Association of NSW. We had an awesome trip with sunshine and stopping in Gundagai for lunch and of course bumping into another lady also on her way to Wagga. We were early for our check-in at our accommodation so decided to go to Junee. Yep - the Liquorice and chocolate factory. YUM!

Registration for the weeklong Conference was on Sunday afternoon with the Ecumenical

Service commencing at 4.30pm in the Auditorium at The Range Function Centre. Opening Ceremony and Business sessions were also held here, however Committee displays were in the Multi-Purpose Stadium down the road a little. There were 45 motions to be discussed, debated and moved of which a few were unanimously carried, a couple were withdrawn as Government had recently announced measures to tackle the relevant issues and 3 motions were lost. One policy carried was to advocate for free cervical screening for ALL women.

We did have some fun times too such as shopping, Twinning dinner, with Castlereagh Country, on the Tuesday evening and the fabulous Gala dinner on the Wednesday evening. Both these

events provided the opportunity to catch up with friends you only see once a year and to make new friends.

The previous 3 Conferences I have attended have been cold, wet and horrible weather but Wagga definitely brought out the sunshine for us, in fact I believe Wagga was warmer than here, a nice change.

The trip home was just as awesome. We stopped in Jugiong and sampled, and purchased, goods at The Long Track Pantry. Delicious! We certainly came home with a lot more than what we left with.

I was fortunate enough to be able to attend the QPRC & Bendigo Bank 2025 Art Awards Opening Night on Saturday 24th. WOW. So many talented people in our



region. Such great works of art. A really hard decision to vote for the work I liked best for the People's Choice Award. On the night the category winners were announced. A couple of awards are - Top prize went to Alison Alder for her work titled 'Budawang II' which was a

beautiful woven work. The Youth Emerging Artist Award went to Abby Johnson for her work 'The Storytellers Gaze'. I urge you to visit the exhibition. It's on till 14th June.



# Community News

## Bungendore High School Buzz

**Bungendore High School**  
Our Year 9 students recently had the opportunity to deepen their understanding of Australia’s past through a history excursion to two of Canberra’s most iconic institutions.  
The day began at the National Library of Australia, where students explored the National Treasures and Fairfax exhibitions. Through a scavenger hunt activity, they practised analysing artefacts and documents that brought to life key moments in Australia’s journey to nationhood – from the experiences of early European exploration of Australia to the development of national identity through culture, politics, and innovation.

The group then travelled to the Australian War Memorial, where they participated in a guided tour. Students gained valuable insights into the experiences of Australian soldiers and the profound impact of the First World War on the shaping of our national identity. The visit included moments of quiet reflection in the commemorative spaces, highlighting the importance of remembrance and the personal stories behind historic events.  
This excursion offered an invaluable opportunity for students to connect classroom learning with real-world history, sparking meaningful discussion and a deeper appreciation of Australia’s past.  
Meanwhile, our budding Year



7 art students have just wrapped up their drawing unit where they explored a range of styles—from descriptive realism to decorative zentangle patterns. Their final task saw them reimagine our school logo using these learned techniques, and the results have been incredibly impressive.  
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## Bungendore CWA News

Bungendore CWA has an abundance of yarn! Come see us during **QPRC Yarn bomb even on Sat 14th June** and grab a bargain. Why not also partake in a Devonshire tea while you are there.  
Bags or yarn, knitted goods, Jams and Pickles will all be available for sale.

**Need a Hall hire?** Look no further than the CWA Rooms, a welcoming environment for a meeting with kitchen facilities - where the fee won’t break the bank , please get in touch.

**Interested in joining CWA.** The CWA is more than scones and jam - It’s about bringing women together to share knowledge, skills, and camaraderie and to help make a difference in the communities that we live in. Interested in joining? Get in touch with us contact the secretary on : [bungendore.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:bungendore.secretary@gmail.com).

You can also find us at <https://bungendorecwa.org/> or on facebook, just look for Bungendore CWA

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

**Dates to remember:**  
Next meeting: SUNDAY 15th June



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# The five most important things to consider when investing



by Phil Harvey  
Investing doesn't have to be complicated, but it does require thought and planning. There are five key things you need to consider before you jump in.

### Why are you investing?

It is vital to know why you are investing. Is it to grow your wealth or is it to guarantee a passive income? Is it personal or is it for business?

Usually, this question is easy to answer. Those at the beginning of their investment journey are usually looking to grow their wealth and those nearer to retirement are looking to get a passive income.

### Your risk tolerance

Secondly, you need to understand how much risk you can take. This includes knowing how you would personally react in times of market

volatility as well as knowing how you will be able to manage if the investment doesn't turn out as you expect.

There is no point borrowing to buy an investment property if you can barely service the loan and you would need to sell at the first sign of interest rates increasing.

### Selecting your assets

Don't believe the property spruikers that investment properties are the best way to invest and don't believe the highly paid fund managers that say investing in managed funds is the best way.

There are good investment properties but there are also some stinkers. There are some good investment funds and many that aren't very good. There are very good fixed interest funds and many that aren't very good.

There is no one right answer.

### Buy outright or borrow to invest?

Borrowing to invest can work out to be a fantastic strategy if the investment you purchase earns more (in both income and capital growth) than the cost of debt.

However, if the investment doesn't work out well, it could put you into a hole that could set you back 10 or 20 years.

### How to minimise tax

Once you know what asset you will be investing in, the next thing to figure out is how you will hold them to minimise tax.

Different tax structures have different pros and cons.

The easiest is to hold them in your own name, but then any earnings are taxed at your marginal tax rate. This could hold you back if your taxable income is in the highest tax bracket. To compensate the Government currently provides tax concessions if you sell them.

Super is the most tax effective but there are rules. You can't access it until you meet a condition of release (generally this is when you are 60 years old and have stopped working) and there are limits on how much you can contribute.

Discretionary (family) trusts are useful in that they allow you to distribute the income to tax advantaged individuals. For example, investment income may be distributed to retired parents or children going to university.

Investment bonds are a tax paid vehicle. The investment income is not distributed to an individual (and added to their employment income) but instead it is taxed within the bond at the company tax rate of 30%. This can be useful for high income families.

### Time and patience

Once you get all these things aligned, it is simply a case of implementing the plan and let time



do its thing.

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# Announcing the most trusted brand for 2025

Reader's Digest has announced the results of the 26th Annual Trusted Brands survey. For Australians, the results speak volumes about the formula trusted brands need in today's volatile market - retaining trust during a cost-of-living crisis is all about being focused on relevant innovation, genuine value-for-money and, above all, authenticity.

The 2025 Reader's Digest Trusted Brands Survey reveals that the brands Australians trust most are working harder than ever to help ease their customers' ever-changing financial challenges, says Reader's Digest Editor-in-Chief Louise Waterson. She says that winning brands understand that in the current financial climate customers have ever-tightening budgets, and so hasty purchases based on brand loyalty alone have been replaced by careful assessment of a brands' promises, innovation and reliability.

"The past 12 months has seen many challenges in the economy that have impacted on consumers; as a result there's a greater need for brands to not rely solely on their reputations - instead it's about working harder to be value for money," says Louise Waterson. "The cost of living crisis is being felt across all Australian communities. The brands voted the most trusted in their category adjusted their efforts to delivering products and services that have clear financial benefits over their competitors."

The results of this year's survey indicate that, in some categories, more established brands have been overlooked for those offering their customers better value. That's why, for the first time in our survey's history, Aldi has been voted the Most Trusted Supermarket in the country, over the two bigger players. Since commencing flights to Australia back in 1967, global

carrier Singapore Airlines has grown to become a leader among airlines. This year marks the third consecutive year the airline has won the Most Trusted Airlines, as voted by Australian travelling consumers.

For over a quarter of a century, our Trusted Brands survey has seen homegrown brands enjoy success in securing trust. This year's Most Highly Commended Trusted Mattress brand is Koala Mattress. For the past ten years, Koala Mattress, a company founded by two childhood friends, has offered quality, flexible and sustainable products that reflect the needs of modern life.

A beloved feature of Australian backyards, Weber once again is the all-time favourite of the Australians, helping to create millions of memorable moments with both friends and family. This is the twelfth consecutive year Weber have won the title of Most Trusted

Barbecues.

When times are challenging, loyal customers often need to change their purchasing habits. But any brand that operates its business on the basis of offering exceptional quality that's easy on the pocket will not only keep existing customers but also welcome new ones. Award-winning trusted brands work tirelessly to uphold the core trust values, regardless of the challenges.

Reader's Digest commissioned independent market research company Catalyst Consultancy & Research to survey Australians' opinions on leading brands across 67 categories. With the survey now in its 26th year, a total of 4150 Australians of a mixed demographic were asked to rate their levels of trust in well-known brands.

In the Top 20 Most Trusted Brands List, Dettol once again reigns supreme, being voted the No. 1

brand Australians trust most when injury and illness hits. The survey has been conducted for 26 consecutive years. During this time, a number of brands have repeatedly been rewarded by the Australian population for capturing their trust. Reader's Digest offers congratulations to these repeat stand-out performers: SpecSavers, Cadbury, Fujitsu, Bridgestone, Stihl, Bosch, Weet-Bix and Panadol.

The Top 5 Most Trusted Brands - across all categories are listed here:  
1. Dettol  
2. Dulux  
3. Toyota  
4. Panadol  
5. Cancer Council (sunscreen)

The full list of the 2025 Australian Most Trusted Brands Awards winners can be seen here <https://www.trustedbrands.com.au/>

# A new model for more targeted concervation in a changing climate

An innovative new method developed by a Monash University-led research team aims to help conservationists identify more targeted and effective ways to protect wildlife and ecosystems.

With climate change forcing more wildlife from their traditional habitats, conservationists are facing a growing challenge to mitigate resulting impacts on their new settling locations and the species already residing there.

The Monash-led research has developed a model to help conservationists proactively address adverse impacts by providing a framework to predict how species will respond to the changing climate and how they might interact with other wildlife in their new habitats.

This includes assessing the suitability of environmental conditions for the new arrivals and whether they find their preferred food

sources to predict if a species will be able to establish itself.

Similarly, it might also be used to predict the spread of an invasive species in the new ecosystem and its impact on the populations of other species, which would then allow conservationists to proactively address these adverse impacts.

Lead researcher and Senior Research Fellow at Monash School of Biological Sciences and Securing Antarctica's Environmental Future, Dr Matthias Dehling, said the model aims to overcome a major obstacle in conservation: the lack of data for many species, especially on their interactions with other species.

"The model addresses that problem by borrowing data and observations from similar species to model where a species will occur and with which species they will interact," Dr Dehling said.

"We can use the data and known observations of other species to model the potential interactions and habitat preferences of a species for which there are no or only few observations available, simply based on the similarity in their morphology or how closely related they are.

"This is a major advantage because it allows for the modelling of interactions in species communities where a new species may come in, either because of range shifts or accidental dispersion by humans, for which usually no data on interactions with other species or the ecosystem exist.

"This could be applied to cases where we have an endangered species bred in captivity that we want to introduce back into the wild, or a population of an endangered species that we want to translocate to a new site, but also to cases of ecosystems and endangered species that we

need to protect from the impact of invasive species."

Until now, separate methods were used to model the interaction between species and the environment (Grinnellian niche) or between various species (Eltonian niche).

The new model brings together both types of data to provide a holistic view and consider the impact of various factors at once.

It provides a framework to predict interactions and responses to climate, using information on specific biological traits of animals, like their size or their beak shape.

Dr Dehling and his colleagues refined the model on a study of fruit-eating birds and fleshy-fruited plants in a Peruvian rainforest, and they will use their findings and modelling to support projects in Aotearoa New Zealand and potentially Antarctica

this year.

"For example, in the case of species translocations, knowledge of species' resource requirements and their interactions with other species might be used to select suitable sites where species are released," he said.

"We hope that this model will be useful for conservationists and help them in the critical work they do."

The Monash University-led model has been developed in partnership with researchers from the University of Canterbury and Bioprotection Aotearoa in Aotearoa/New Zealand, and Leibniz Institute of Freshwater Ecology and Inland Fisheries in Germany.

Read the full research paper online at <https://doi.org/10.1111/ele.70120>



Jerrabomberra High School Students Set to Make a Difference in Cambodia

Jerrabomberra High School

In a powerful show of compassion, initiative and community spirit, students from Jerrabomberra High School will embark on a life-changing, service learning trip to Cambodia during the upcoming Term 2 school holidays. This incredible opportunity, run in partnership with the not-for-profit organisation RAW Impact, will see our students visit Phnom Penh, Kratie and Siem Reap—not as tourists, but as active changemakers working alongside local communities to support generational transformation.

RAW Impact has been working with communities in Cambodia for over a decade, focusing on sustainable development, ethical partnerships, and youth empowerment. During the trip, students will take part in hands-on projects, including building infrastructure, helping with

education initiatives, and learning firsthand about the challenges many Cambodians face due to poverty, displacement, and limited access to essential services.

“This trip isn’t just about what we can give, it’s about what we learn,” said Jerrabomberra High School Principal, Scott O’Hara. “It’s about understanding global inequality, connecting with others through empathy, and returning home with a greater sense of purpose. Our students are developing as global citizens, and that’s something truly worth celebrating.”

The itinerary includes time in Phnom Penh, Cambodia’s bustling capital, where students will be hands on building homes for many displaced families as part of the Raw Impact Global Village. From there they go to Kratie where the group will work closely with RAW Impact’s partner villages, contributing to meaningful projects



that support long-term community wellbeing. Finally, in Siem Reap, students will have the chance to reflect on their journey and celebrate the cultural richness of Cambodia, including a visit to the iconic Angkor Wat temple complex.

Of course, opportunities like this are only possible with the support of a generous and engaged community. Jerrabomberra High School would like to give special thanks to Belle Property Canberra, whose incredibly generous donation has helped make this trip a reality for many students. Their contribution has directly supported the program’s costs, easing the financial burden for families and

ensuring more students could take part in this unforgettable experience.

We also extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Queanbeyan Lions Club, whose longstanding commitment to youth and community development has once again shone through their generous support of this initiative.

Equally inspiring has been the tireless fundraising efforts of our students and their families. From BBQ’s to doughnut drives and ice-cream stands the students (and their parents) have shown dedication, teamwork and creativity to raise much needed funds to offset travel costs. Every

dollar raised is a step toward not only getting on the plane, but also giving back to the people we’ll be working with in Cambodia.

This service learning journey exemplifies the values we hold dear at Jerrabomberra High. It’s more than a trip; it’s a chance to be part of something bigger than ourselves, to understand what real impact looks like, and to plant seeds of change that will continue to grow long after we return home.

To learn more about the incredible work of RAW Impact and the difference they’re making across Cambodia, visit [rawimpact.org](http://rawimpact.org).

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Worldwide Knit in Public Day  
Day 14<sup>th</sup> June  
Phil’s Opshop Little Tree  
Yarn Bombing  
10am-12pm  
Butmaroo St. Bungendore



Since 2023 we have made more than 30 blankets for the Wrap With Love charity that provides blankets to those in need across Australia and in different places in crisis around the globe.

In 2025 in conjunction with WWKIP day QPRC is yarn bombing Bungendore!

Please keep knitting those squares and sending them in but this year we invite you to make knitted or crocheted flowers or love hearts to decorate the little tree at the front of the Opshop.

Use any pattern that works best for you but just make sure to use bright colours.

If you would prefer something easier please knit or crochet a stripped scarf out of bright colours to wrap around our tree.  
You could even make some pom-poms!



Please drop them off at Phil’s or bring your knitting or crocheting to WWKIP day  
Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June 10am-12pm ♥️🌸♥️  
Morning tea provided  
Please bring a plate to share  
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# From Bungendore to the world: the last chapter of Australia’s leading wood gallery

The Bungendore Wood Works Gallery has been a showcase of Australian fine woodworking for over four decades. It has exhibited exceptional wood art, sculpture, and contemporary furniture crafted by Australia’s leading designer-makers.

We asked founder and Artist Director David Mac Laren OAM, about the early days and what wood working means to him. David’s journey into woodworking began in the 1970s in New York City, where he developed a passion for the craft. In 1977, he relocated to Australia, settling near Bungendore. His vision led to the establishment of the Bungendore Wood Works Gallery in 1983, aiming to create a space that celebrated fine craftsmanship and diversity in woodwork

David’s vision for the Wood Works back in 1983 was always to provide a place for wood workers to display their works, where diversity is encouraged and fine craftsmanship is essential. And it has remained the guiding aspiration for the Wood Works 42 years later.

“The vision has evolved to establish a highly regarded Gallery and not a furniture store. I wanted the gallery to be the best in Australia. The Gallery started with many amateurs contributing a strong and diverse body of work to the public. By the time the new gallery opened in 1994 my ambition morphed to the best gallery in the world!” David said.

“Then, by some magic, in our 40th year, the Bungendore Wood Works Gallery was selected as the Best Gallery

in Australia 2024, and one of the best 20 Galleries / Museums in the World in 2024. This recognition was very important for recognising the Gallery rather than me,” he added.

David believed that Bungendore was the right place for the Wood Works. “It was rural and not city located that would cost city prices. Regional gives the gallery a unique location well suited to Tourism. And this is where I live. We arrived in Bungendore in 1977, and from the beginning I had my eye on the now Leather Shop, once an antique shop. In 1983 we set up the Wood Works there on the most interesting intersection on the Kings Highway”, he said.

In 1994, the gallery moved to its current purpose-built premises, designed by architect Maurice Barnes. The building itself is a testament to Australian craftsmanship, constructed using native materials such as Jarrah, Tasmanian Oak, Victorian Ash, and Flooded Gum.

The self-confessed “design and making in wood nerd” says the gallery was not his first love – making and designing in his workshop has always been where he most wanted to be.

Over the years the visitors the gallery attracted to Bungendore was significant and so a vibrant tourism village evolved. The Bungendore Chamber of Commerce (BCCI) played a key role in building a strong membership and supporting joint marketing endeavours.

Current President of the BCCI, Alan Longhurst said, “The Wood Works Gallery



has been a magnet for tourism to Bungendore for as long as I can remember and it will be sorely missed. All other businesses in town have benefited from the audience captured by the Gallery.” Over the decades the

Wood Works has displayed, exhibited and showcased many spectacular pieces, when asked if there was one piece that holds significance to him, David replied “The Hannah Cabinet was an epic time, six years in total the cabinet resided at the Wood Works Gallery, admired

by thousands of visitors. Then it went to the Lismore Regional Gallery and got flooded and is now in Canberra being repaired.

“Over the years I have seen so much very fine work. The works I responded to have a good sense of form, usually simple in structure, letting the timber do the talking. And then there are the take your breath away works that are all surprise and delight.”

Throughout its history the gallery has always been an inspiration for many local artists. Local resident Evan Dunstone worked for the gallery and for David in making. He now has his own very successful making studio, located in Queanbeyan. His chairs are regarded as the best in Australia.

Evan recalls the early days, “I did my apprenticeship with David back in the early 1990’s. It was a special time, working in his rural workshop, rugged up against the cold in winter and sweating it out in summer. We had lines of echidnas wandering through the

workshop in mating season, with the large female out the front and a string of hopeful smaller males trailing along. David opened my eyes to craftsmanship and design.”

In recognition of his service to the art of woodwork and the Bungendore community, he was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in 2018. Reflecting on the award David said “Such an award gave me confidence. I had always regarded the Wood Works and myself as outsiders, so an OAM gave the Wood Works and myself a legitimacy to move the gallery towards recognition for its excellence.”

David has collaborated with many artists over the decades, “I have had some wonderful times working with makers to see objects come together. Collaboration with eight people for the past two years was exciting and frantic, and fun; and gave me insights to further my design philosophy, and my making insights,” he said.

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Celebrating a legacy in wood

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Reflecting on the closure of the gallery David said, “The main reason for closing the gallery was well over a year with 40% less visitation from our 20-year average. An intractable and impossible situation that we simply could do nothing about. Nor could we hire new people to replace those of us reaching an age. We had been working on some form of transition since 2013 at our 30th anniversary exhibition called NEXT. Closing was a very hard decision, knowing this opportunity, this gallery

will be lost to the wood working community.”

“One challenge in running an arts-based business in regional Australia is to convey our message about what makes studio wood working special, and worth the higher price. The second challenge was trying to stay authentic and unique in the face of global furniture design conformity.”

What will he miss? “I will miss the gallery as a place for makers and artists to share their enthusiasm. I will miss the visitors and

their wonderful effusive praise of the gallery. I will miss not continuing our reform of gallery practice with makers payments and price adjustments, flexible arrangements that allow for large production runs and hence a best price for the work. I will miss not having a gallery /theatre to play with, and to look after, and care for.

“And I will miss not promoting artists and makers. I really do enjoy praising fine making and incisive art.

“I know the staff and myself will not miss the constant daily grind of problems. Small business is a very challenging gig, and an arts-based business is an Everest,” he added.

In retirement David intends on more designing and collaboration and hopefully making in the future. “And resting. What a nice feeling to get up in the morning with no Do-Lists. Time to reflect,” he said

His advice for young craftspeople trying to make a living from their art today is to ake up wood working as an adventure. Not only a means of income. The

question always is: does wood working feed the soul?

Evan Dunstone summed it up beautifully by saying “It is no exaggeration to say that David influenced a whole generation of Australian makers. His vision redefined Australian wood craft.”

Alan Longhurst added, “Congratulations to David and his staff on their presentation, innovation and customer service that made the Gallery the best in Australia. Happy retirement to David and let’s hope that the Gallery building is re purposed to another quality attraction for the town.”

You only have a short time to experience the gallery’s legacy and take home a piece of the craftsmanship that has made this place so special, before it closes by the this month.

We wish David and the staff all the very best in their fututre endeavours.

Wood Works Gallery -  
Corner Malbon and Ellendon  
Streets, Bungendore  
<https://bwoodworks.com.au/>

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What's on at the Hub



**Mondays:** Walking Photography -9.30am to 11.30am

**Tuesdays:** Invictus Yoga - 10am to 11am

**Wednesdays:** Brave Buddies Playgroup - 10am to 12pm

**Thursdays:** Catch up for a cuppa - 9am to 5pm

**Fridays:** Walk and Talk - 10am to 11am



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Queanbeyan Seniors (50+) News

Fun... fun...fun...  
come and join us!

Mondays

Chair Yoga - 9.30am Mat Yoga - 11.00amBookings essential for Mat Yoga, contact Sue on https://www.agewell.yoga

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 and THURSDAY EXERCISE CLASSES (falls prevention, balance, strengthening) Times - 9.30-10.30am 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 \$2.00Thursdays • 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 June 17, 2025.

Riverside Plaza Stall

We will be in Riverside Plaza

on Saturday 21st June and at Spotlight on 28th June.  
Membership only \$10.00 per annum.  
New members very welcome.  
Contact - Brenda on 0407 201 392 or Kim on 0407 264 132 or email - 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

The assumptions about older people that \*bleep\* us off

Nation Seniors Australia  
New NSA research delves into the offensive, contradictory, and sometimes hilarious assumptions our society makes about older people.  
Which is worse? The assumption that you're bad with digital technology because you're over 50? Or the assumption that you're good at it because you're young at heart?  
How about the assumption that you need to sit down on the bus because you're old, versus the assumption that you're okay to stand because age doesn't matter?  
The latest report from the NSA Research Team reveals that all these and more are among the ageist assumptions we love to hate.

Our 2024 National Seniors Social Survey asked older Australians if there were assumptions society makes about older people that particularly annoyed them.  
Over 2000 people responded with a comment. During our analysis we were able to sort these into a few thematic groups.

The contradictions of ageism

One theme among the comments was assumptions about older people's bodies and brains.  
These ranged from the assumption that we are all frail and incapable, to the assumption that we can still do everything we did when we were younger.  
The reality is that older people are extremely diverse. While some of us are sharper and fitter than ever, others among us do need support and consideration.  
For example, one person objected

to the assumption that "Old people are slow and not as good workers as young people", while another wrote, "I feel that society is impatient with the slowness of older people."  
The contradictions in the age-based assumptions out there are evidence of how ridiculous it is to assume anything about us, as a group of people.  
Another theme involved assumptions about older people's value, lifestyle, and outlook.  
Under this umbrella come the assumptions that when we reach a certain age we are "past our use by date" with no value, that we have no life and don't do anything fun or interesting, and that we are stuck in the mud and hate change.

Commenters vigorously refuted these assumptions, for example reminding the world that they make an "enormous unpaid contribution [to] society and economy", "still want to be a punk rocker", or have "had a lifelong history of protest" and therefore love change.  
Conversely, commenters also objected to assumptions that older people should be obliged to do stuff all the time. Many of us enjoy our post-retirement time-out, even if others don't find our lives interesting, and that should be accepted too.



Okay, Boomer

A third theme switched gears from assumptions about ageing people



in general to assumptions made about the current generations of older people. In particular, it was common for these comments to reference assumptions about Baby Boomers.  
Predominant in this theme were assumptions that older Australians are stuck in the conservative values of the Menzies era, that we are a drain on the public purse or else hoarding all the wealth, and generally that Boomers suck in all the ways.

To counter these assumptions, many people shared their stories of their progressive values, or of struggling financially throughout their lives through no fault of their own - despite being part of the Baby Boomer generation.  
As one wrote, "I'm sick and tired of listening and reading about the RICH and GREEDY Baby Boomers. We also started work when there was NO equal pay for equal work and if women worked in the public service and became

pregnant and/or married, they had to resign from their jobs. If women were single they did not accumulate much super. I'm so angry that I worked my arse off for years and all I've got is a one-bedroom unit with associated fees [and] less than \$50,000 in the bank."  
Some people made the point that Boomers are a huge group who shouldn't be reduced to stereotypes since their ages span two decades.  
Others noted not all older people are part of that generation at all. As one said, "They have no idea that there is the Silent Generation, many of which are still alive" - and of course some Generation X members are in the NSA age bracket too.  
On the other hand, some commenters do conform to a Boomer stereotype - for example objecting to "woke" ideas - but they hate the assumption that they are different from that.

Don't try to box us  
Older people are people in all our glory and horror, and don't stop being our diverse selves just because we age a bit.  
Think about how large our group is. At the 2021 census, people aged 50+ comprised around 9 million people, or more than a third of the Australian population.  
Like any other large group, it is full of very different people. We were different from each other when we were 20 and we're still different now.  
As one commenter put it, the assumption that most annoys them is the idea "that everyone between 60 and 100 have the same interests". Indeed!  
Let's keep reminding ourselves and everyone else that we cannot be so easily boxed.  
www.nationalseniors.com.au  
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Community News

Queanbeyan VIEW Club: 41 st birthday celebrations on Thur June 19

V.I.E.W. - voice, Interests, Education of Women

Over 13,000 members of VIEW Clubs in communities across the country, last year, contributed over 70,000 volunteer hours. VIEW Clubs offer a wonderful opportunity for women to build lasting connections within their local communities.

Queanbeyan VIEW Club now sponsors two students with The Smith Family, and make regular donations, including to the Winter Appeal, running now.

VIEW is one of the largest national women's volunteer organisations providing women of all ages opportunities to learn, social activities to attend, and the chance to fund raise to support the Smith Family charity.

VIEW is celebrating 65 years, with clubs in nearly 270 communities across Australia

Queanbeyan VIEW will be celebrating its 41st birthday, on Thursday, the 19th of June, 12 for 12.30 at the Tourist function room, 31 Monaro St, Qbn. Guest speaker will be Tony Wood OAM - on, Baptist Care and The Canberra Raiders. Theme will be Canberra Raiders / green.

RSVP: Sue on 0448427237 or queanbeyanview@gmail.com -by Sunday 15th June.



Photo supplied of President Kaye Patterson with Anne Pratt who spoke on HOME Queanbeyan, which provides a long-term home in a loving and caring environment, for people living with mental illness and who are at risk of homelessness.

Pedestrian and cycle priority list: comments close this Friday, June 6

QPRC Council adopted Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Plans for Braidwood, Bungendore and Queanbeyan in 2020. The priorities that are identified in these reports guides the paths that we construct when funding becomes available.

We are seeking the feedback of the community to review the priority list for projects. We are also seeking feedback about whether there are any new project suggestions to be added to the list. You can also provide new suggestions using the mapping tool below.

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Plans are available to review in the document library. Within each document is the current list of priority projects, but these are also provided in the survey below for feedback.

We continue to apply for grants from the NSW and Australian governments to construct these projects. Council also sets aside general funds each financial year to construct these projects.

The survey below has listed each high and medium priority project from the plan and we are asking you to rank each priority.

You can also use the 'drop a pin' tool to suggest new project suggestions that we should review.

**Prioritising pedestrian and cyclist works**

This survey has conditional logic. The first section has some initial questions, which we would like all respondents to complete. The survey is then broken up into location, with lists of the current priorities for Braidwood, Bungendore and Queanbeyan, with an opportunity to provide a ranking score for each project. Queanbeyan is then further broken down into suburbs.

You may select as many locations as you wish to provide feedback on the priority list.

Once complete, use the submit bottom at the bottom of the web page to submit your feedback.

To view the documents head to <https://yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au>

Open for feedback until June 6, 2025

**BUNGENDORE CRAFTERS CO-OPERATIVE**

*Craft Evenings*

Thursday 12th June  
Thursday 26th June

55 Gibraltar Street  
6-8pm

\$5+BYO craft project  
Contact Thalia: 0412 884 120

**BUNGENDORE BOWLING & SPORTS CLUB**

**PROUDLY PRESENTS**

**WINTER SOLSTICE 2025**

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT FROM 3PM**

CoverArt | 3 - 5PM  
Prosperous Mountain Dragon & Lion Dance  
BREWN | 6 - 10PM

**FOOD & BEVERAGE supported by:**

Bungendore Bowling & Sports Club  
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**RAFFLE PRIZES TO BE WON**

**SATURDAY 21 JUNE, 2025      3PM - LATE**

**BUNGENDORE BOWLING & SPORTS CLUB**

20 Turallo Terrace Bungendore NSW 2621



2025 QPRC and Bendigo Bank Art Awards

\$24,000 in prize money was awarded at the 2025 QPRC and Bendigo Bank Art Awards exhibition opening and ceremony on Saturday 24 May.

More than 65 local artists were celebrated at The Q Exhibition Space for another extraordinary annual event.

Goulburn Regional Art Gallery director, Yvette Dal Pozzo, and ACT Galleries, Museums and Heritage director Dr Anna Wong were this year's professional arts judges.

The judges said the exhibition celebrated the breadth and depth of artists living and working in the QPRC region, noting that 'with entries from emerging to established artists, spanning textiles, glass, painting, and assemblage, the exhibition is a vibrant and engaging showcase of the area's artistic talent.'

Congratulations to:

\$7000 QPRC Major Acquisitive Award - 'Budawang II' by Alison Alder

\$3000 Mayor's Acquisitive Heritage Award - 'The Burrow and Beyond' by Kahli McLeod

\$1000 Mayor's Highly Commended Heritage Award - 'Coming back

from the front gate' by Ray Monde  
\$3000 3D Art Award - 'A pain in the Chest' by Lisa Stevenson

\$1000 Highly Commended 3D Art Award - 'Vernacular temperament' by Martin Rowney

\$2000 Youth Emerging Artist Award (16-25) - 'The Storytellers Gaze' by Abbie Johnson

\$3000 First Nations Award - 'Spring' by Rhonda Kennedy

\$1000 Highly Commended First Nations Award - 'My Heart my Country' by Gail Neuss

\$2000 Bendigo Pick Award - 'Uncertainty' by Roland Aronsen

\$1000 Bendigo Pick Photography Award - 'Thirty Six' by Fiona Little

The judges described the major prize winner Budawang II by Alison Alder as a beautifully crafted woven work which stood out as a compelling portrait of the natural environment in the region. An abstract weaving with a range of beautiful block colours, it was created with wool dyed with native plants foraged at the foothills of Mt Budawang.

The judges said that 'the work not only conveys the artist's deep connection to the land - it is quite literally made from it.'

Lisa Stevenson's A pain in the Chest, winner of the 3D Art Award, the judges described as a 'delicate woven sculptural work created by a single length of jute, that through connective stitching formed the intricate curves and form of the human heart.'

Mayor Kenrick Winchester said the brush strokes in The Burrow and Beyond by Kahli McLeod, winner of the Mayor's Acquisitive Heritage Award, were extraordinary in their fineness. He said that 'the artist has conveyed the personality and attitude of the Bare Nosed Wombat beautifully through its stance in this painting.'

In describing the Highly Commended work by Ray Monde, 'I was taken by Coming back from the front gate, with its unique style and collage technique, incorporating paper cuttings from a variety of sources, arranged and overpainted forming a whimsical representation of our landscapes beyond the city limits, out in our rural region.'

Uncertainty by Roland Aronsen won the Bendigo Pick Award, which the Bendigo judges found evocative, with exceptional fine detail that expresses emotion.

Thirty Six by Fiona Little won



the Bendigo Pick Photography Award, with the Bendigo judges impressed with the contrast of the work between light and dark, along with the contrasting nature and infrastructure of the building.

The \$1000 Viewer's Choice Award is now open for voting until Saturday 14 June, the final day of

the exhibition.

Make sure to get along and cast your vote, or to purchase one of the works. The exhibition is at The Q Exhibition Space and is open Tuesday-Saturday 10am-4pm.

Photos supplied





# Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION



### Get it right **on bin night!**

There are two simple ways to make sure your bins get collected.

#### Know what goes in your bin:

- Soft plastics like chip packets and biscuit trays can't be recycled - put them in your red bin
- If you have FOGO, you can put food waste in your FOGO green bin
- ▶ Pick up FOGO bags at our offices

#### Put your bins out the night before collection day:

- Place your bins near the kerb with the wheels facing the house
- Keep a 50cm gap between bins
- ▶ For bin night reminders, information on what can go in your bins, and plenty more, download the **QPRC Waste Info app** on the **App Store** or **Google Play**

### Have Your Say

Projects & initiatives open for community comment	Closing Date
Pedestrian and cyclist priority list	6 June
Draft budget and planning documents	13 June
Draft Donations Policy	13 June

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

Submissions can be made:

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

### Review of Environmental Factors (REF)

Draft REFs have been prepared for Jerrabattgulla Creek and Stage 5 of Nerriga Road - Ningee Nimble Creek.

Two bridges are proposed to be replaced on Jerrabattgulla Creek. The new bridge will improve safety for road users.

4.4km of Nerriga Road between Chaleyong Bridge and Ningee Nimble Creek Road, Tomboye is proposed to be upgraded.

Both REFs are on notification until 18 June 2025.

- ▶ Find these REFs at [www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/Council/Council-Business/Public-Notices](http://www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/Council/Council-Business/Public-Notices) and send feedback to [council@qprc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@qprc.nsw.gov.au)



### Pedestrian and cyclist **priority list**

We are seeking feedback to review the priority list for pedestrian and cyclist projects in Braidwood, Bungendore and Queanbeyan.

The survey shows the current list of priorities from the adopted Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Plans and asks for your feedback to help rank the priorities.

- ▶ Get involved and provide your input until Friday 6 June at [www.yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au/pedestrian-priority-list](http://www.yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au/pedestrian-priority-list)

### Council Meetings and Times

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

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

Members of the public can make a:

- Written presentation - submit by midday on Tuesday
- Zoom presentation - register by midday on Wednesday
- ▶ Register to make a presentation at [bit.ly/QPRCinvolved](http://bit.ly/QPRCinvolved)

Next meeting dates are:

- 11 June (Braidwood)
- 25 June

### Written Questions on Notice

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

### Notice of Licence Agreement Over Community Land

Notice is given that Council intends to licence Part of Lot 1365, Deposited Plan 1217419 (known as Googong Community Gardens, 44 Helen Circuit) to Googong Residents' Association for 5 years.

The fee is \$1 if and when requested and the site may be used as a community garden.

If you are interested in making a submission on the above proposal you are invited to do so in writing by 4:30pm on 17 June 2025.

- ▶ By mail:  
Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council  
PO Box 90, Queanbeyan NSW 2620
- ▶ Via email:  
[council@qprc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@qprc.nsw.gov.au) - ATTN: Governance and Legal

### Work with Council

Current vacancies include:

- Customer Service Officer
- Casual Customer Service Officer
- Transport Maintenance Coordinator
- Records Officer
- Waste Officer
- ▶ For more information and roles see [bit.ly/QPRC-Careers](http://bit.ly/QPRC-Careers)



### Nominate for the \$1000 Viewer's Choice Award

Visit the exhibition until 14 June at The Q Exhibition Space and cast your vote! Open 10am-4pm from Tuesday to Saturday.

### Follow us on social media

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Quick Time Crossword

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- 12 Ribbons (5)
- 13 Inward feeling (5)
- 16 Staggered (6)
- 17 Appears (5)
- 18 Location (4)
- Down
- 2 Perform surgery (7)
- 3 Staggers (7)
- 4 Certain (4)
- 5 High mountains (4)
- 6 Ceases (4)
- 9 Rouses from sleep (7)
- 10 Ingredient (7)
- 13 Prosecutes (4)
- 14 Swelling (4)
- 15 Periods of time (4)

Target Time

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Target: Average - 14, Good - 20, Excellent - 26+

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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- 16 Journalist
- 18 Idols
- 19 Detective
- 21 Ball, for instance
- 24 Middle Easterner
- 26 South African bishop, Desmond
- 28 Habit
- 30 Fast, lively dance style (2-2)
- 31 Mine entrance
- 33 Give a dowry
- 34 Pig
- 35 Farm bird
- 36 Monetary value
- 37 Game like bingo
- 38 Yellow egg part
- 39 Shanties
- 41 Decorates (a cake)
- 44 South American country
- 46 Bronzed
- 48 Casts off (4,2)
- 50 Values
- 52 Confectionery store (5,4)
- 54 Dish out
- 55 Absorbent paper
- 56 Decelerate
- Down
- 1 Wesleyan
- 2 Dental cleansing agents
- 3 Shy
- 4 Amour
- 6 Destroy
- 7 Narrow cleft
- 8 Water-bou
- 9 Dampen
- 10 Rising again
- 11 Fanciful
- 17 Boggy
- 20 Bargain
- 22 Embarrass
- 23 Bottom
- 25 Crow
- 27 Up to that time
- 28 Stirred from sleep
- 29 Spines
- 32 Germany
- 36 Household pest
- 40 Outstanding specimen
- 42 Bonded
- 43 Backbone segment
- 45 Isolated
- 47 Artificial
- 49 Capital of Lebanon
- 51 Asian region
- 53 Opening to a room

Brain Alert

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

Word Find138

Find the following words in the grid.

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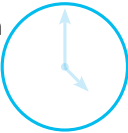
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Word Sudoku139

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

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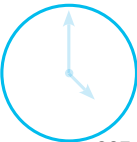
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Word Find

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Word Sudoku

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Sudoku

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PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Enjoying the last of the autumn flowers

PET OF THE WEEK



Name: Mr Pickles. Likes: treats and sleep and Dislikes: the lawn mower.  
Age: 3 ute rides.

Bungendore Seniors: Chair Yoga Tuesdays

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.



Do you have a Photo of the Week? Or, if you would like to see your beloved pet featured as Pet of the Week, please email your photos to [info@regionalindependent.com.au](mailto:info@regionalindependent.com.au)

The Regional Independent - letters to the editor need to be no more than 230 words. Please email your letters complete with full name, phone contact and address to: [info@regionalindependent.com.au](mailto:info@regionalindependent.com.au) Only your name and suburb will be printed

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Public Notices

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Bungendore Public School is dedicated to providing an excellent learning environment for our children. While all the essentials are covered by the NSW Department of Education, our new School Building Fund allows us to make valuable upgrades and enhancements to our facilities, creating even greater opportunities for our students.

Managed by our Parents and Citizens Association (P&C) - a registered charity with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) - this fund is solely dedicated to the acquisition, construction, or maintenance of school buildings. Every contribution directly supports these vital improvements.

Now is an ideal time to donate! All contributions to the Building Fund are tax-deductible, offering a timely opportunity to support our school's development before the end of the financial year.

We also welcome the community's input on where the initial funds raised could make the most impact for our school community. Go to [https://bit.ly/BPS\\_BF\\_Poll](https://bit.ly/BPS_BF_Poll) or use the QR code to help us decide on our first project.

To make a donation or to learn more, please contact the Bungendore Public School P&C via [bungendorepspandc@gmail.com](mailto:bungendorepspandc@gmail.com).



Bungendore Bridge Club

Bungendore School of Arts, Gibraltar Street, Bungendore  
Wednesdays: 7.00-10.00pm  
Saturdays: 10.00am-1.00pm  
Contact: Angela McGill, President 0408 409 989 or Bobbie Gosper, Secretary on 0408 788 213



Queanbeyan Probus Club: next meeting Mon, June 16

What are Probus Clubs?  
The word PROBUS is an amalgam or the words PRO-fessional and BUS-iness  
Probus is an association of retired and semi-retired people, who join together in clubs. The purpose of which is to provide regular opportunities for them, to keep their minds active, expand their interests and to enjoy the fellowship of new friends.  
There are men's clubs, ladies' clubs and combined clubs and is a community service of Rotary Clubs. They are not-for-profit making and non-denominational. The first club, established by Rotary, was in 1996 at Caterham, England. It is now worldwide with a global membership of over 2,000 clubs.

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

Lodge of Truth, Braidwood



**Monster firewood raffle and auction**  
Saturday 21st June 2025  
Tickets on sale outside Braidwood newsagency, bakery and IGA 8:30 am - 12 noon  
\$2 each or 3 for \$5.  
Raffle drawn at the bottom of Wallace St, Braidwood (next to Westside Petroleum, BRAG) starting from 12:30 pm. Followed by more trailer/ute loads of firewood to be auctioned.  
All proceeds go to local charities  
All enquiries to Phil Shoemark (0427 422 046) or Paul Story (0429 469 306).

Dementia Morning Tea

The Bungendore Dementia Alliance holds a regular Morning Tea for those with Dementia and their Carers on the 3rd Monday of the month. We enjoy a cuppa with cakes, friendly conversation and a singalong.  
There is also a free legal clinic. The next morning tea is on **Monday, June 16** from 10.00 to 12.00 at the Bungendore School of Arts. For more information phone Kathleen on 0411 746 293.

Queanbeyan Community Choir

Everyone is welcome to come along and join this friendly group who sing a variety of songs. No experience required.  
Where: Queanbeyan Leagues Club Upstairs Meeting Room (Membership of QLC not required) 2:30-4:pm Saturdays  
\$5:00 weekly attendance and \$5:00 yearly membership  
Afternoon tea supplied. New members welcomed. For further enquiries [emailayrrows@bigpond.com](mailto:emailayrrows@bigpond.com)



Bungendore Residents Group

A public meeting is being held to form a Residents Action group in Bungendore.  
If formed, this representative group will work on issues affecting Bungendore, provide a united voice and aim to strengthen community relationships.  
Sue Murray (Braidwood Community Association) will address the meeting and afternoon tea will be served.  
The meeting will be held on Sunday, 22nd June at the Bungendore War Memorial Hall, at 3.30pm. For more information phone David Inskeep 0439 675 666



- Bowel cancer is the deadliest cancer for people aged 25-54.
  - 1-in-16 Australians will be diagnosed with bowel cancer in their lifetime.
  - Almost 99% of bowel cancer cases can be successfully treated, when detected early.
- [bowelcanceraustralia.org](http://bowelcanceraustralia.org)  
Helpline: 1800 727 336 (SCREEN)

Mayor's Column

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our annual Reconciliation Walk yesterday. It was great to see so many people come together to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.



At last week's meeting, Council endorsed the Queanbeyan-Palerang Community Strategic Plan 2042. Last year, we looked back at our plan from 2021 and asked the community to tell us how things have changed, and what should stay the same, as we head Towards 2042. Taking that feedback from the community, we have developed this Community Strategic Plan that outlines the aspirations and priorities for our local government area into the future. This plan informs our Delivery Program and Operational Plan which are currently on exhibition. The Delivery Program responds to the community's feedback within a four-year work plan and our Operational Plan spells out the actions to be undertaken within a financial year. Read these documents and provide feedback until 13 June at [www.yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au](http://www.yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au)

Council also approved QPRC's membership of the Southern Tablelands Arts (STA) until 31 December 2029. STA is one of 15 Regional Arts Development Organisations that make up the Regional Arts Network across NSW. Arts are an important part of our community, helping to bring us together and share stories about who we are. By continuing our STA membership, our community will have ongoing access to a wide range of arts and cultural services.

We recently held the opening event and award ceremony for the QPRC and Bendigo Bank Awards exhibition. These awards are always a fantastic way to celebrate our local arts community and this year's entrants put forward a collection of incredible works. I had the honour of selecting the Acquisitive and Highly Commended for the Mayor's Heritage Art Award. The works really impressed me, and it was an honour to meet their makers on the night. The exhibition is now open at The Q and you have the chance to pick the final awardee. The \$1000 Viewer's Choice Award is open for voting until Saturday 14 June, the final day of the exhibition. Make sure to get along and cast your vote, or to purchase one of the works. The exhibition is on at The Q Exhibition Space and is open Tuesday-Saturday 10am-4pm.

Cr Kenrick Winchester, Mayor

Puzzle Solutions

Target Time

Target: Average - 14, Good - 20, Excellent - 26+

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Sudoku

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4	2	9	7	6	1	3	5	8
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Quick Time Crossword

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Crossword

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Classifieds

Local Markets

Wamboin Home Produce and Craft Market

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

Captains Flat Country Markets

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

the market @ bungendore

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

Braidwood Ryrie Park Markets

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

Queanbeyan MarketsQbn 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

BUNGENDORE WAR MEMORIAL HALL



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

OPENING TIMES WASTE TRANSFER STATIONS

Bungendore waste transfer station:

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

Bywong waste transfer station:

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

Captains Flat waste transfer station:

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

Braidwood waste transfer station Fri, Sat Sun & Mon - 10am to 4.30pm

Monday - 1pm to 4pm Braidwood buy back centre: Sunday 10am-4pm

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Bobcat & excavator, with attachments & truck for hire. Residential & rural. Landscaping, topsoil & roadbase. Rural animal graves. Phone Cameron on 0423 513 238

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

VINTAGE & RETRO  
Vintage, retro, secondhand shop. 144 Uriarra Road Crestwood, Queanbeyan 6297 8636. Open Friday, Saturday, Sunday 10.00am to 4.30pm - Open Monday Kings Birthday weekend Lots of new stock in ART BY ANDERS

LIONS COMMUNITY BOOKSHOP  
A non-for-profit group with all funds donated to local charitable organisations. LOCATED IN THE QUEANBEYAN PARK Tuesday to Saturday 10am-4pm. See page 19 for more info

MJ Kennels and Pet Sitting  
Offering one on one care. Limited to a maximum of 5 dogs at anyone time, ensuring personal attention and lots of playtime! We offer flexible drop off and pick up options and 24hr supervision. Check us out on FB at MJ Kennels or phone 0404 844 161

BUNGENDORE SENIORS  
Next get together will be Thursday June 5, at the Bungendore Sports Hub amenities building \$5.00 per person. ALL WELCOME

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Livestock transport available. Mobile loading ramp, 2 x 1 stock crates, competitive rates. Servicing all areas, located Bungendore. Contact Harold on: 0424 452 821



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Here are some of the hopeful animals looking for loving homes via the RSPCA (as of 31 May 2025)  
To see who is available at the Shelter at any given time click on this link: [rspca-act.org.au/adopt-pet](http://rspca-act.org.au/adopt-pet)  
RSPCA: <http://www.rspca-act.org.au> Ph: 6287 8100 Address: 12 Kirkpatrick St Weston

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# Bungendore Tigers

Georgia Buckley  
Bungendore Tigers  
ROUND FIVE RESULTS  
What a day at Mick Sherd Oval!  
A massive thank you to all our

amazing sponsors who joined us for Sponsors Day – your ongoing support means the world to our club and community.  
The Bungendore Tigers took on the Harden Hawks in a 2024

Grand Final rematch, and our boys roared home with a 28-16 victory!  
With a celebration for our captain Brad Laurent for reaching 100 games alongside Michael Gordon hitting the 50 club - congratulations boys!  
Try scorers were  
Thomas Williams  
Brad Laurent  
Luke Colquhoun  
Thomas Fretwell  
Josh Rothnie  
Tries converted by Harry Buckley and Brad Laurent  
3 points - Brad Laurent  
2 points - Pat Pryor  
1 point - Jesse Collins  
A big effort today from our Bungendore Tigerettes, who faced off against the very talented Harden Hawkettes in a tough clash, going down 24-4.



Try scored by Kody-Leigh McGlone.  
3 points - Kody-Leigh McGlone  
2 points - Annabelle Smithers

1 point - Elizabeth McGrath  
Photos courtesy of Lauren Woodward



# Bungendore Netball

Bungendore Netball Club  
Match Report:  
The U9's Pink netball team put in a strong effort this round, despite a 6-3 loss to a Googong Hogs White. The girls showed fantastic determination and continued to demonstrate great teamwork throughout the game.  
Players:  
\* Alice showed excellent movement in the centre court, always finding space and supporting her teammates.  
\* Hattie was strong in defence, making several key interceptions and working tirelessly to slow the opposition's attack.  
\* Daisy had great hands in the circle, making clever passes and getting into strong shooting positions.  
\* Bexley kept up her energy and

never gave up, providing constant encouragement on and off the court.  
\* Josie D demonstrated excellent footwork and quick thinking, linking play between defence and attack.  
\* Josie G showed fantastic improvement in her marking and awareness, sticking close to her player throughout.  
\* Kaidance played with confidence, using her height to advantage in the goal circle and defending with great focus.  
\* Layla was quick on her feet and showed great vision, delivering accurate passes and staying composed under pressure.  
\* Star brought great enthusiasm and worked hard to find space and support her teammates throughout the game.  
\* Blaique showed grit and

determination, never backing down in defence and chasing every loose ball.  
Even though the result didn't go our way, it was a valuable learning experience, and the team should be proud of their effort and positive attitude. The girls are improving with every match, and their teamwork and sportsmanship continue to shine.  
A big thank you to our sponsor for your generous support this season. Your contribution has helped provide our players with quality uniforms and equipment, and we're proud to represent your name on court each week.  
Well done, Bungendore U9's Pink!  
Photo supplied of Player of the Game: Kaidance Southwell





# Mudhooks: That Familiar Feeling

Stewart Wilson

Whoever once said that history never repeats was dead wrong. British historian and biographer Philip Guedalla got it right in 1920 when he noted that history does indeed repeat and the Bungendore Mudhooks rugby team proved it when they defeated the Crookwell Dogs by a single point at home at the Sports Hub on 24 May.

Weeks before, Bungendore played Crookwell away, snatching victory by one in the last couple of minutes thanks to a goal by halfback Tom Worman. This time, Tom kicked a penalty goal in what was the last play of the game to once again give the Mudhooks the win, under considerable pressure and not helped by the gusty crosswind blowing at the time. Deja Vu all over again!

Apart from the win, it was a big occasion for the Mudhooks on 24 May. The club hosted its annual Sponsors' Day where the businesses and individuals who support the Mudhooks and Mudchicks are thanked for their dedication to the teams.

Special jerseys were worn by the teams and then

auctioned off at the close of play. On the field it was a successful day for both, the Chicks comfortably defeating the Yass Ewes.

There were also a couple of other special occasions to mark: James 'Butters' Pryde notched up his 250th game for the club, a remarkable statistic spread over 16 previous seasons plus this one.

The team is now permanently based at the new Bungendore Sports Hub and the field on which it plays was formally named in honour of Mudhooks founding member and past president Garry Cook, the ceremony presided over by mayor Kenrick Winchester.

Apart from his involvement with the Mudhooks - which continues - Garry has made a massive contribution to the Bungendore community over the years through Rotary, the Bendigo Bank and numerous other organisations. He is a former Citizen of the Year and this was a thoroughly deserved honour.

But back to the game of rugby. It was a tough and tight one with lots of to-ing and fro-ing and in the first half especially neither team really seriously threatened to

score for most of it. Penalties were being freely given against both teams resulting in a there being little flow to the game. It remained nil-all until well into the first 40 minutes before Mudhooks captain Cameron Faddy scored following a sustained raid on Crookwell's line.

So 5-0 at half time and it was the second half that provided the drama. The Mudhooks increased their lead through a converted try to David Cox but the Dogs struck back similarly to make it 12-7 then another try and 12-all.

Mudhooks centre Maloni Tubekitu scored to put his team up 17-12 but a couple of minutes from the end Crookwell went over again and the conversion made it 19-17 in their favour.

The raucous Crookwell supporters started celebrating what they assumed was going to be a win, but we all know the saying "It ain't over until the fat lady sings" (credited to American sports writer Dan Cook) or to confirm the analogy Cook was using: "until the referee blows his final whistle."

With literally seconds



remaining the Mudhooks were awarded a penalty, within kicking range but difficult nevertheless due to

the wind, not to mention the pressure.

As cool as the proverbial cucumber, Tom Worman

stepped up and put it over the back dot to make it 20-19. The fat lady then began to sing.....

Still undefeated this season, the Mudhooks remain on top of the table. The team now has two weeks off due to a bye and the June long weekend. Their next game is against Cooma at home at the Sports Hub on Saturday, 14 June.

Player awards and their sponsors for the Crookwell game were:

Best and Fairest: Tom Worman (3 points), Scott Geronimi (2 points), Gerhardus Pretorius (1 point).

Players' Player: Tom Worman.

Coach's Player: Tom Worman.

Chicks' Pick: James Pryde.

Photos: Sharon Baxter-Judge





Sport

Bungendore Mudchicks

Bungendore Mudchicks

Round 6 Match Report: Mudchicks Shine on Sponsors Day at Garry Cook Field

Round 6 of the Mudchicks season saw our ladies take the field at home for the first time on the newly named Garry Cook Field, and what a day it was! With the sun peeking through and a fantastic crowd on hand for Sponsors Day, the atmosphere was electric – and the team didn’t disappoint.

A strong squad of 19 determined Mudchicks took to the field, facing off against a spirited Yass side. Bungendore dominated from the outset, playing smart, dry-weather rugby with structure, pace, and relentless defence. Leadership from Taryn and Chem was instrumental, guiding the team with confidence and composure.

Amanda was a standout in the rucks, putting in big efforts with dominant cleanouts that gave the Mudchicks a critical edge. Milly proved to be a handful for Yass’s defensive line, charging through defenders with power and precision.

The first half saw tries from Lana, Taryn, Chem, and Tamika, setting up an impressive halftime lead.

Yass came out after the break with renewed energy, but the Mudchicks weathered the storm. Candy sealed the game with the only try of the second half,

ensuring Bungendore stayed firmly in control.

Final Score: Mudchicks 29 - Yass 5

A fantastic team performance and a perfect way to mark the first game on Garry Cook Field. A huge thanks to all our supporters and sponsors who turned out to cheer on the team – your presence truly lifted the side!

Special mention to:

Coaches Pick: Tamika Hoy

Players Player: Tamika Hoy (3 points) Bridgette O’Connor and Candy Ridley (2 points each)

Taryn Robson (1 point)

Dicks Pick: Candy Ripley

Photos: Sharon Baxter-Judge



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The Queanbeyan Whites first grade unbeaten run came to an end last weekend against ladder leaders Royals going down 19-29 at home.

In what was a rugged game the Whites points all came in the first half with tries to Koko Salim, Eli Sagala and Nathan Carroll. In the second half the Whites struggled to take advantage of

their opportunities, often giving up possession resulting in long periods of defensive effort. This eventually took its toll as Royals slowly gained the ascendancy and Queanbeyan was not able to go with them.

Reserve grade defeated ladder leaders Royals (31-24) with a try on the siren. Reserves have struggled all season showing just glimpses of their potential. That was not the case last weekend.

Despite being challenged several times by Royals the Whites showed exemplary control and team work to not just stay in the game but to respond with points of their own.

The last ten minutes was particularly nerve wracking for spectators with the score locked at 24 all and Royals attacking hard. Queanbeyan weathered the storm showing strong teamwork, discipline and trust in each other in defending their line. In doing so they wrestled the game back to get into good field position and send Fionan Dunne over to seal the win.

The women’s team marked Ladies Day defeating Royals 17-5 with tries to Jacqueline Eneliko, Shakira Milburn and Clementine Utumapu. Coach Tim Hawke was really happy with his charges especially coming off a two week break and just their fourth game together. Tahlia Uilelea played her first game at No 10 and was particularly impressive. Seni Faupula and Susan Sanft stood out in the forwards

Colts have continued to build with their third win of the season defeating Royals 29-24 to maintain their spot in the top four, Thirds maintained first place on the ladder with an impressive 33-26 win while Fourths fell just short going down 17-20.

Off the field the Whites celebrated Ladies Day recognising the support



provided by the Whites ladies over the last 70 years and the new generation coming through both on and off the field.

First grade: Tries: Koko Salim (1), Eli Sagala (1), Nathan Carroll (1). Conv: Cullin Cooper-Jones (2)

Reserve grade: Tries: Blake Miller (2), Hugo Nobbs (1), Wyll Holland (1) Fionan Dunne (1). Conv: Maligi Finau (2), Jack Negus (1)

Women: Tries: Jacqueline Pele (1), Shakira Milburn (1), Clementine Utumapu (1). Conv: Reese Vidler (1)

Colts: Tries: Ryan McElroy (1), Xavier Tuli (1), Brodie Preston (1), Max Furniss (1), Niall Tallon (1). Conv: Zane Glanville (2)

Third grade: Tries: Luke Tudulu (1), Cameron Stanley (1), Steven Prail (1), Chris Prail (1), William Bennett (1). Conv: Matt Saul (4)

Fourth grade: Tries: William Cave (1), Dan Penca (1), Robert Watson (1). Conv: Braden Reid (1)

This week’s games are spread across Thursday and Friday Night at Campese Field. Thurs 5 June at 6:30pm the Whites women’s team will look to consolidate their spot in the four against Gungahlin while on Friday 6 June, 1sts, 2nds and Colts will host Gungahlin at Campese Field from 4:45pm. Thirds and Fourths have a bye.

**Photos: Jordon Mirchevski**  
Above: Jackie Eneliko  
Left: Thalia Uilea