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HOME in Queanbeyan celebrates 15 years

HOME in Queanbeyan provides a safe and loving home for 20 men and women living with an enduring mental illness. HOME opened on 1st July

2010.

HOME had a wonderful day on Thursday, 24th July, celebrating their 15th birthday.

HOME Manager, Anne Pratt said, "We are very proud of our community, and we thank everyone who has helped on this amazing

journey."

The celebration was attended by many who have supported HOME from the very beginning.

HOME's vision is to provide a loving home for people living with an enduring mental illness; where they can live with the dignity and love they deserve. HOME is

a place where residents are encouraged to live active and fulfilling lives within their community.

Adrienne Francis from the ABC, MC'd the event. Georgina Byron AM, CEO of the Snow Foundation, The Hon Steve Whan MP, Hon Dr Mike Kelly AM and Fr Peter Day all spoke about how HOME has impacted them individually.

Supporters were thanked by each speaker and encouraged to continue to support this great organisation. Attendees were reminded that HOME needs to raise \$350,000 a year to continue to provide care for their residents.

The Country Women's Association provided morning tea which was enjoyed by all.

"A wonderful celebration for a wonderful community", Anne added.

If you would like to donate to HOME please head to <https://www.givenow.com.au/homeinqueanbeyan>

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Photo supplied of the birthday celebrations.



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Feeling a little more confident behind the wheel

Rotary Club of Bungendore

Recently a group of our local new drivers headed off for an early, and rather cold, morning start to their Sunday to learn a bit more about the cars they drive. They also learnt and practised how to handle driving in conditions that they may encounter by day or night, in wet and sometimes icy conditions, along with wildlife in their daily lives. A sumptuous BBQ was also enjoyed to keep the energy and

concentration levels up for the day long program.

This is the 8th driving course for P-Platers run by the Rotary Club of Bungendore and that means that nearly 130 of our young drivers in the area are feeling a bit more confident to deal with driving on local roads. And possibly their parents are feeling a little better too.

"We believe the course is an

enormous benefit to young drivers given our location and driving conditions. Well done for a great community initiative. Cheers."

Thanks to the ongoing support of our sponsors and supports PHL Surveyors, both the Lake George and Royal Hotels, Mitre 10, IGA and our Community Bank Bungendore this program continues to be possible providing this important opportunity to the community.



Community Bank Bungendore staff member, Belle Radburn said "I encourage all young drivers in the district to participate in the course. There is so much to learn in regards to driving skills, techniques and rules that the course has to offer. It is terrific that the bank, along with Bungendore Rotary and local businesses partner together with this project".

Thanks also to the team at the Sutton Road Training Centre who are patient, knowledgeable and provide great help and advice to participants.

"As a parent watching the training yesterday, I really wanted to join in! I just want to say a huge thank you to the Bungendore Rotary

and the Sutton Road Trainers for offering my son a spot on the course. My son has Autism and the benefits of the course for him will be invaluable!

A special thank you to Clinton (Course Facilitator) for patiently taking the time with my son yesterday, he had the best day!"

Keep an eye out for the next course or contact Rotary at drivertraining@rotaryclubofbungendore.org to put your name on the list. The course is open to "P-Plate Drivers" both Red and Green in the Bungendore area and surrounds.

Above photo supplied

'24 Hours Without' Returns to Queanbeyan for Homelessness Week 2025

Thursday 7 - Friday 8 August 2025

The Queanbeyan Housing Action Collective (Q-HAC) invites the community to support locals engaging in a powerful personal challenge this Homelessness Week: '24 Hours Without', a 24-hour immersive experience highlighting the lived reality of people facing homelessness in our region.

Why This Matters

With housing costs soaring, interest rates rising, and essentials like food and energy becoming increasingly unaffordable, more Australians than ever are one crisis away from homelessness. This event raises awareness of the growing pressures facing our community – and reminds us that

homelessness can affect anyone.

What Is '24 Hours Without'?

More than just a simulation, '24 Hours Without' places participants in real-life scenarios under the guidance of local homelessness service mentors. Over two half days and a night, participants must navigate food, shelter, transport, and safety with limited and changing resources – gaining a direct understanding of the challenges people experiencing homelessness face every day.

Raising Funds for an Essential Local Service

The challenge supports Queanbeyan Night Podz (formally the Queanbeyan Sleepbus), a community-owned initiative offering a free, safe and secure place to sleep for those who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, or in

unsafe environments. All funds raised will support this essential service.

What Past Participants Say

The inaugural 2019 challenge that raised money for the Queanbeyan Sleepbus service was transformational for all involved. Hear reflections from previous participants here:

Watch the video

How to Get Involved

- Donate to someone who will experience the challenge:
- <https://www.mycase.com.au/events/24hourswithout>
- Share the event with your network to amplify its impact
- Attend the Fundraising Dinner on Saturday 16 August

Join challenge participants and



other community members for a powerful evening of shared stories and support to continue the Queanbeyan Night Podz Service

About Q-HAC

The Queanbeyan Housing Action Collective (Q-HAC) is a

volunteer collective of individuals and organisations committed to innovative local solutions to homelessness and housing affordability in the Queanbeyan region.

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Banking on the Bungendore Show

The Community Bank Bungendore is again banking on the Bungendore Show in 2025 - with a very generous donation of \$16,000 to help the Show Committee deliver another fabulous event on Sunday 26 October.

After a few years' hiatus, the Bungendore Pastoral Agricultural & Horticultural Society (BPAHS) was proud to host a fantastic Show in 2024 and the new Committee is just as excited to be putting the finishing touches on preparation for this years' Show.

A key event on the local calendar, the Bungendore Show has long enjoyed the overwhelming support of the community and local businesses and organisations. The BPAHS is incredibly proud to have the Community Bank Bungendore as our major sponsor again for the 2025 Bungendore Show.

The Committee was blown away by the quantity and quality of entrants we received across the various competitions at last year's Show, including the Pavilion, which was bursting at the seams, as well as the

horse, cattle and sheep competitions - and we can't wait to see what you have on offer for us this year, Bungendore!

Australia's agricultural shows are a unique and iconic part of Australia's rural culture. Bungendore Show showcases the attributes of country living together with a community that is enriched from its close proximity to the nation's capital. Given this unique combination, the Show provides a "Best of Town & Country" feel, establishing a true community event that everyone can participate in and enjoy.

So, start preparing, Bungendore and surrounds - protect your winter veges from hungry bunnies, make your friends and family happy by practicing your baking, take advantage of those sunny winter days and jump in the saddle, start prepping your best cattle and sheep and get creative with your art, photography, needlework and vegetable sculptures!

And don't forget about our entertainment offerings - start training your pups for the flat chat races and



high jump, get ready for the Bungendore Veterinary Clinic's pet parade, get your Tug-o-War team on a training program and if your local club has a mascot, don't forget to enter the second annual Bungendore Show Mascot Race! I hear the reigning champion, Piggy, has already started a rigorous training regime - don't let him get away from you!

Keep an eye on our facebook page and the Regional Independent for

more details about what is on and how to enter our competitions. We have a couple of very exciting new entertainment offerings this year - more details will be revealed soon!

The BPAHS is run entirely by volunteers - and we are always looking for more people to join us to organise a fantastic Bungendore Show! If you would like to help out by donating some of your time, please get in touch with our Secretary, Kerrie

Medveczky, via secretary@bungendreshow.com.au - many hands make light work.

As always, there will be something for everyone at the 2025 Community Bungendore Show and we look forward to seeing everyone come together on Sunday 26 October to celebrate the best the region has to offer.

Katie Asplin
Sponsorship Coordinator
Bungendore Pastoral,

Agricultural & Horticultural Society

Photo supplied:: Community Bank Bungendore team presenting Katie Asplin, BPAHS Sponsorship Coordinator, with a cheque for \$16000. L-R: Craig Hinder (Director), Sally Harrison (Customer Relationship Manager), Dale Husking (Business Development Manager), Katie Asplin (BPAHS) and Nick Fry (Community Engagement Manager)

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Regional Tech Hub Connect Grants: applications close August 8

Do you have an idea that could help your community better understand or access phone and internet services? The Regional Tech Hub Connect Grants are now open, offering small grants to support practical, local initiatives that improve connectivity literacy in rural, regional, and remote Australia.

We're looking to support activities like local events, workshops, resource development, training, and awareness campaigns – anything that helps people better understand and troubleshoot connectivity challenges where they live.

About the program

The Connect Grants are part of the Regional Tech Hub's commitment to helping communities take charge of their connected future. This is not just about digital skills, it's about connectivity literacy, which is understanding mobile and internet services, knowing the right questions to ask, and feeling confident when things go wrong.

There are two types of funding available:

RTH Connect Grants - Up to \$3,000

RTH Event Sponsorship - Up to \$1,500

Projects must be delivered within six months of approval.

Who can apply?

Connect Grants are open to:

Not-for-profit organisations

Community groups

Regional service providers

Local councils

To be eligible, your organisation must be based in, or delivering services to, a rural, regional or remote area of Australia. You must also be a registered organisation. We are looking for groups with strong local connections and a good understanding of the community's connectivity needs.

What can the grants be used for?

Funding can support a wide range of activities that build local knowledge and skills around phone and internet services, including:

- Hosting community workshops or roadshows
- Facilitating local training or information sessions
- Producing simple, localised resources
- Upskilling staff or volunteers in connectivity literacy
- Promoting awareness of the Regional Tech Hub
- Sponsoring events where connectivity information can be shared

We welcome the involvement of Regional Tech Hub team members in your projects, and we're happy to discuss how we can support your activity. We also work closely with nbn, Telstra, and Optus regional teams, as well as other relevant regionally based organisations, who may be available to participate in your sessions or events.

If you would like our team or one of our telco partners to be involved, please indicate this in your application. You do not need to have confirmed their attendance before applying.

You also don't need to have set dates at the time of application. These can be confirmed during the project development phase after contracts are in place. However, all projects must be completed within six months of signing a contract.

Applications are open and close 12 noon (AEST), Friday, 8 August 2025. For more information head to <https://regionalttechhub.org.au/connect-grants/The Bungendore Learning Hub was buzzing with>

Push for inquiry into regional waste facilities

The NSW Nationals will push for a Parliamentary inquiry into waste to energy incinerators, following concerns almost a million tonnes of extra waste could be sent to the regions each year to help deal with an overflow in Sydney.

There are currently plans for two large energy recovery facilities, one that would divert 380,000 tonnes to Tarago, and 600,000 tonnes to Parkes, where it would be burnt for electricity generation.

A motion will be moved to establish an inquiry when state Parliament returns in August led by Nationals Upper House MPs Nichole Overall and Scott Barrett.

"We're calling for this inquiry because the issues being raised by regional communities on these incinerator proposals have only been growing," Mrs Overall said.

"When I was the Member for Monaro, the Member for Goulburn, Wendy Tuckerman, and I met with locals from the broader Tarago area to hear about their concerns on the regions becoming a dumping ground for Sydney's waste. Almost three years on and people still don't know what's happening."

"I'm also on the record questioning Labor's Environment Minister on why Western Sydney isn't suitable to take Sydney's waste but it's apparently fine for the regions - for which no answer was provided,"

Mrs Overall said.

"Now a number of Parkes locals have come to me with their valid questions, from emissions to potential agricultural and health implications, and this inquiry will ensure these matters are properly addressed."

"We need a guarantee that any solution won't leave some areas worse off than others."

Mr Barrett said this is a chance for those impacted communities to have their voices heard.

"The communities hosting these projects have every right to have their say and we'll be pushing hard to make that happen," Mr Barrett said.

"Despite the Minns Labor Government admitting it is going to run out of landfill space in Sydney before the end of the decade, its only solution seems to be dumping that waste and burning it in regional areas, far away from any of their local constituents."

"This inquiry will allow people to make contributions and have their questions answered - which is something that's been sorely missing from the consultation phase of these projects."

The proposed terms of reference for the Parliamentary Inquiry include:

- i. The performance of the technologies proposed for the Tarago and Parkes Energy Recovery Facilities as compared to leading thermal technologies employed in "state of the art" facilities internationally;
- ii. The spread of the emissions predicted and the quality of emissions to be generated;
- iii. Health impacts from currently operating older technology waste incinerators as compared to the proposed newer technology;
- iv. Impacts on human health including on regional town drinking water, rainwater harvesting and soil contamination;
- v. The impact on agriculture including sheep, cattle and crop production locally and across the wider region;
- vi. Alterations to the Parkes Special Activation Precinct specifically in relation to the proposed Energy Recovery Facility in that region;
- vii. Impacts of waste-dumping over a number of decades in the Tarago region;
- viii. The methodology of emission monitoring employed by leading large scale waste-to-energy facilities in Australia and across the world;
- ix. And any related matters.

Photo supplied of Nichole Overall and Wendy Tuckerman with Tarago locals after discussing Energy from Waste facilities in 2023.



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The 48th Parliament resumed last week with a diverse and renewed Labor team. It's an honour to be sworn in again as the Member for Eden-Monaro as part of a Labor Government. I look forward to continuing to work for our community as part of a government that better reflects the people it serves.

backgrounds. And while some faces may have changed, our focus remains the same: easing cost of living pressures and delivering better outcomes for everyday Australians.

The first week of Parliament

Under these reforms, the Government will have the power to cut off federal funding to centres that repeatedly fail to meet minimum safety and care standards. This is about making sure taxpayer money is only going to providers who are doing the right thing – and putting the wellbeing of children first.

I am looking forward to continuing to bring important discussions to our community and I've got one of my colleagues you can't

Dan Repacholi is the Member for Hunter, five-time Olympian, Commonwealth Games gold medallist, and all-round top bloke. He is a two-metre tall, bushy bearded, fitter-and-turner with a questionable obsession with hamburgers (just check his annual calendar!).

Dan has recently been appointed Special Envoy for Men's Health, and he's on a mission to put the spotlight on the unique health challenges facing Aussie men and boys - from mental health and suicide prevention to chronic illness and getting care when needed, no matter where you live.

We will be visiting several community groups, including Karabar High School and the Queanbeyan Veterans and Families Hub. Queanbeyan Palerang Regional Council is hosting a breakfast with Dan on Friday morning - if you would like to join us let me know and we will send you the details to sign up.

If I can assist you with a federal issue, please get in touch - Kristy.
mcbain.mp@aph.gov.au.

Photo supplied of Kristy McBain
with Dan Repacholi

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Community News

QPRC meeting summary for Wednesday July 23, 2025

QPRC

Here is the summary of the resolutions made at the Ordinary Council meeting of 23 July 2025. The archived recording of the meeting is now available at: <https://webcast.qprc.nsw.gov.au/archive/video25-0723.php>

- Council heard from two members of the public who made presentations about items on the agenda, including a DA for a carport, and a Planning Proposal in South Jerrabomberra
- Council noted the findings of the LGNSW Cost Shifting report for the 2023-24 financial year, and will place the report on Council's website for access, and write to the Premier, NSW Treasurer and NSW Minister for Local Government seeking urgent addressing of these costs
- Council granted conditional consent to DA for a carport at 137 Ross Road, Crestwood
- Council will progress a Planning Proposal to Gateway so the Dept of Planning Housing & Infrastructure can consider its merits. The proposal seeks to amend additional permitted uses and height of building provisions

at 21 Alpine Ash Way and 5 Melliodora Close, Tralee

- Council endorsed the draft Waste Management Strategy 2025-45 for public exhibition for a period of 42 days and will receive a post-exhibition report summarising the outcomes from community feedback
- Council endorsed the draft concept design and approved delivery of the Ash Street Microforest project in partnership with the Microforest Collective
- Council approved the reclassification of land at Farrer Place, Queanbeyan as Operational Land under the Local Government Act 1993
- Council will engage an environmental consultant to provide a status report and plan for clean-up of a property on Mulloon Road, and recommended cost recovery
- Council adopted the Internal Audit Charter as endorsed by the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee at its meeting of 16 June 2025
- Council agreed to extend appointment of Ms Rosetta-Walsh for further term of two years on

the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee

- Council endorsed policies for public exhibition, including Volunteering, Directional Signage, Enterprise Risk Management, Child Safe, Shopping Trolley Management, Signs by Remote Supervision
- Council nominated Mayor Winchester, Cr Livermore, Cr Waterhouse, and Cr Wilson as voting delegates for the 2024 LGNSW Annual Conference, and will register those councillors wishing to attend as non-voting delegates
- Council received information report about Planning Performance
- Council received annual food safety activity report to NSW Food Authority 2025
- Council received information report on road renewal and maintenance activities
- Council received quarterly information report on HSEQ activities
- Council received information report about the lease of 256 Crawford Street, Queanbeyan
- Council received information

report with response from The Hon Yasmin Catley MP, Minister for Police and Counter-terrorism after Council wrote seeking increased funding and resourcing

- Council received information report about Councillor workshop on 16 July including Housing Supply, Complying Development in C4, Roads Strategic Plan (Transport Investment Framework) and Dunns Creek Road Stage 2 - Costing/BCR options and Community Engagement Strategy
- Council noted the draft minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee held on 16 June 2025
- Council noted the minutes of the Sustainability and Climate Change Advisory Committee meeting on 26 June 2025, and amends the Terms of Reference
- Council noted the minutes of the Small Business Advisory Committee held on 9 July 2025
- Council noted 80th anniversary of first use of atomic weapons on civilians at Hiroshima and Nagasaki and its impact on people and the environment, acknowledges efforts of survivors to work for a world free of nuclear weapons. Council reaffirmed its

support for the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, will write to the Prime Minister to inquire why Australian Government has not yet given effect to its commitment to sign and ratify the treaty

- Council will write to the NSW Minister for Small Business and Treasurer seeking a reversal of decision to cease funding Business Connect Program, which delivers valuable business support programs in QPRC
- In closed session, Council awarded contract for design and construction of new Mount Jerrabomberra Reservoir No.2 to Leed Engineering and Construction Pty Ltd for \$13,005,515 ex GST
- In closed session, Council authorised the General Manager to, subject to First Respondent accepting the Calderbank offer, engage consultants to undertake necessary rectification works, and authorises GM to pursue all legal avenues to recover Council's costs

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>

Cake, Cake, Cake and Craft and the Co-op's Craft Evening

The Bungendore Learning Hub was buzzing with crafters at Thursday night's BYO Craft Project evening. The group celebrated a birthday, a new baby announcement and lots of new craft projects including embroidered photos, beading,

knitted and crocheted wearables, cutting fabric for a burlesque garment, applique for a blanket and making beautifully crafted vases from antique books.

Recently the Co-Op held an Embroidered Photos workshop

where attendees were able to embellish and add colourful details to photos hand-selected from Bungendore's historical archives. It was a terrific opportunity for the group to discuss interesting facts about Bungendore's history and their own connections with our beautiful town. It was also a great opportunity for attendees to learn and practise embroidery techniques such as the lazy daisy stitch and French knot, while embroidering into the interesting and at times challenging surface of a photograph.

Bungendore Crafters' Co-Op continues to provide a space for women to gather and share their stories, skills, knowledge and love of crafts, without the pressure of a certain level of ability or creating successful products. The philosophy of the group instead aligns with enjoying the creative process and sharing the successes



and lessons learnt along the way with the support of those in our community. Co-Op craft evenings are held every second Thursday at 55 Gibraltar Street from 6-8pm. The next craft evening will be held on Thursday 7th August. For

further information and to stay in the know with all things local art, craft and workshop opportunities, follow the Bungendore Crafters' Co-Operative on Facebook.

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Drone Sightings Over Farms - Information needed and what to do...

Rural Crime Prevention Team - NSW Police Force

Farmers and rural landowners across New South Wales are reporting sightings of drones flying over private properties, including livestock paddocks, machinery sheds, and crop fields.

We are calling on the public's help to report any suspicious drone activity in rural areas. These drones may pose biosecurity risks, disturb livestock, or infringe on privacy.

This year there have been reports of suspected illegal drone activity incidents at in the Hunter Valley Police District, Murray River Police District, Monaro Police District, Central West Police District, The Hume Police District and other areas.

The Rural Crime Prevention Team - NSW Police Force suspects there may be more incidents and would like landholders to report them. Whilst not always sinister, we would like to know where and when this is occurring.

Seen a Drone? Here's What to Do:

DO:

- Record the time, location, and description of the drone.
- Take photos or videos if safe to do so.
- Report the incident to:
 - CASA (Civil Aviation Safety Authority): Report unsafe drone use
 - NSW Police: If you suspect criminal activity or surveillance.

DO NOT:

- Attempt to damage, disable, or interfere with the drone. This is illegal and considered damaging an aircraft under federal law.

Drone Operators - Know the Rules

If you're flying a drone in NSW, you must follow CASA's drone safety rules:

You must:

- only fly one drone at a time
- always fly your drone in visual line-of-sight – this means:
 - o flying only during the day
 - o avoid flying through cloud, fog or smoke.
 - o you can always see your drone with your own eyes – not by using goggles, binoculars, or another device.
 - o not flying behind obstacles that stop you from always seeing your drone. For example, trees, buildings, or other structures.

You must not fly your drone:

- higher than 120 m above ground level – that's about the height of a 35-storey building or length of a football field
- closer than 30 m to people – other than those helping to control or navigate your drone.
- over or above people at any time or height.
- in a way that creates a hazard to another person, property, or aircraft

- near emergency operations
- in prohibited or restricted airspace (use a CASA-verified drone safety app to help you)

Violations can result in fines up to \$1,650 per offence, or \$16,500 if prosecuted in court.

Download the CASA-verified "OpenSky" app to check where you can and can't fly.

Help Us Protect Our Farms.

If you've seen a drone flying over a rural property or have information about suspicious drone activity, please come forward. Your report could help protect livestock, crops, and rural livelihoods.

If you are using a drone in a rural area or near a rural industry, please consider letting people and properties nearby know that you are doing so and why, it might just help allay their fears. Also, it is the decent and right thing to do.

Reports about unsafe or illegal drone activity should be directed to the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA). You can report these incidents using CASA's online drone complaints form. (here: <https://www.casa.gov.au/.../contact-us/report-unsafe-drone-use>)

Additionally, anyone with information about suspected criminal activity, such as trespassing or harassment, you can report it to the NSW Police Force at your local police station, Police Assistance Line on 131 444 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000. In an emergency call "000"

The Annual Wamboin Bonfire and Fireworks Night

It's on again! Saturday the 30th of August at the Wamboin Community Centre, 112 Bingley Way, Wamboin. The annual WCA bonfire and fireworks display provides that unique opportunity to engage in conversation with other community members and partake of the many culinary delights prepared by local community groups, while enjoying the always spectacular display of fireworks.

Support local community groups, including the Wamboin Community Association, Church, Fire Brigade, Pony Club, Play Group, Sutton School, Golf Club (yes Wamboin has a golf club) with their traditional stalls of Hot Dogs, Gluhwein, Soups, Chips, Steak Sangers, Bacon Egg

Sangers, Pies, Baked Spuds, Curry Platters, Glo Sticks, Soft Drinks, Tea, Coffee and other Beverages.

Food and drinks available from 5.30pm, bonfire lit at 6.36pm, followed by fireworks at 7.06pm precisely!

Family \$10.

This is a major fundraising effort for many of our community groups, so please mark the event in your diary now, and plan to come along and enjoy this social event with your friends and neighbours.

Please note that by law the only fireworks allowed will be the display by FIREWORKS AUSTRALIA and no drones are permitted in the area on the evening other than the one operated by Fireworks Australia.



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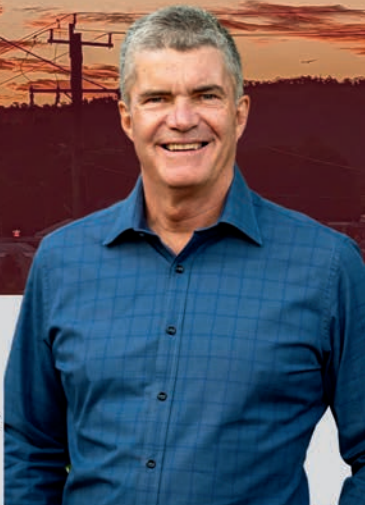
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Construction to begin on Googong High and Jerrabomberra High stage 2 this term

As students return to school for Term 3, the NSW Government is powering ahead delivering more schools, with Googong and Jerrabomberra High Schools among 21 new and upgraded schools that will begin construction this term.

Member for Monaro Steve Whan said “the physical start of work on both these vital local High Schools will be a big day for the Queanbeyan region community. I made a commitment last election to deliver these schools, and I am thrilled to see it happening.

The new high school for the growing community of Googong will open Day 1, Term 1 2027 and will include:

- Modern classrooms and support classrooms
- Specialist classrooms for science, wood and metal work, performing arts and hospitality
- Multipurpose hall and canteen
- Library and administration facilities.

“Googong High school will ultimately cater for up to 2000 students serving the fast-growing Googong community. Stage one

will include the core facilities and accommodate for at least 700 students.

“We are lucky to have a large and very practical site, provided by the Googong developers as part of the Googong plan approved when I was in my second term as Labor Member for Monaro. This will allow Stage 2 to be built with no disruption to the operation of the school.

“Stage 2 of the Jerrabomberra High School upgrade will also open Day 1, Term 1 2027 and will expand the school’s capacity to 1,000 students to cater for future enrolment demand in the area.

“I am also very conscious of the focus in Bungendore on the new High School. Work will start later this year on that school, but I am pleased to say that I have confirmed again with School Infrastructure it will also be ready for Day 1, Term 1, 2027.

“Building school buildings is fantastic, but we only build great schools with great staff, and that is why I am delighted that the Minns Government has delivered more teachers for our children



by reducing teacher vacancies in the Monaro electorate by 22 per cent, resulting in the number of cancelled classes recorded in NSW nearly halving since this government took office.

“This is part of the NSW

Government’s ongoing work to deliver better schools and more teachers across NSW by investing in the essential infrastructure that the Liberals and Nationals failed to provide; like state-of-the-art public schools and public preschools which ensure families can access

a world class local public education regardless of their postcode”.

Above: Artist impression: Jerrabomberra High School upgrade - Stage 2. NSW Department of Education School Infrastructure



Maria’s CommunityCorner

Maria Porreca
I had the honour of being invited to attend the Official Naming of the Frank Pangallo

Heritage Library a couple of weeks ago. The former Council Chambers were overflowing with attendees. So many familiar and not so familiar faces were present. The MC was Mr Brian Leonard, a friend of Frank Pangallo, and speakers included Mayor Kenrick Winchester and Steve Whan MP. Frank Pangallo spoke of being an electrician, working on the council building (the one that was demolished to make way for the new one), how he came to nominate for council in 1971 and that at first the councillors did not speak to him because he was a ‘wog’. In 1991 he was Queanbeyan Council’s first elected Mayor from a non-British background and became the longest serving. In 1995 he was re-elected as Mayor and Councillor for a period of 4 years with 62% of the vote. During

his 37 years in Council he, among other things, initiated an innovative waste management system, Queanbeyan’s first tree preservation order and supported retention of Queanbeyan’s built heritage and introduced the first heritage conservation areas. He oversaw responsible financial management of the Council and the planning and construction process of ‘The Q’. He was Responsible for the establishment of the Queanbeyan Multilingual Centre in 1977. Frank successfully introduced procedures for Councillors to declare their real estate and other pecuniary interests, many years before it was required. He ensured planning matters were considered in open Council, not behind closed doors as had previously occurred in Queanbeyan. He was Deputy Mayor 1974-1980. Frank was awarded M.B.E. in 1977 in recognition for his contribution to local government and the community and the same year he was appointed by the NSW government to the first ethnic affairs commission of NSW and

served on the commission for a period of 5 years. He was also the driving force behind the foundation of Marco Polo social and sporting club. At the conclusion of the formalities Mr Luigi Catizone presented the Heritage Library with Volumes 1 & 2 of the book ‘Stories of Italian-Australians in Canberra’ which includes many stories from residents of Queanbeyan.

I attended the Queanbeyan

‘Christmas in July’ markets last Sunday. The weather was beautiful and there were many more stalls than usual selling an amazing variety of goods. Great day out.

Queanbeyan Senior citizens are holding their AGM on Tuesday 19th August at 1.30pm at 1 Farrer Place and you are invited to attend.

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Black Spot Program: nominate Federal Highway Shingle Hill Way / Bungendore Rd

The Gundaroo Rural Fire Brigade is seeking support for the Black Spots Program.

We are seeking your valuable input for the National Black Spots Program, to get recognition of the Federal Highway Shingle Hill Way/Bungendore Road intersections as a dangerous black spot and government investment in improving road safety in this location.

Anyone can nominate a Black

Spot! We strongly encourage to have your voices heard by nominating this site as a Black Spot to help us advocate for necessary safety improvements.

Please use the link below to submit a Black Spot Nomination Form:

How to nominate a Black Spot

Nominations for Black Spot locations are invited from state and territory governments, local councils, community groups and associations, road user groups,

industry and individuals.

Nominations can be made at any time, but there is only one assessment process per year.

Black Spot nomination forms

All nominations should be made on the official Black Spot Nomination Form. Complete the first page of the nomination form and send it to your state or territory authority. Submissions are accepted via post or email. Sites that fail to meet eligibility criteria will not be

considered

The Black Spot Program

nomination form can be found at <https://investment.infrastructure.gov.au/resources-funding-recipients/nominating-black-spot>

On receipt of a completed Black Spot Nomination Form, the relevant state or territory transport agency will examine the nominated site’s eligibility and may undertake an economic assessment of a treatment proposal. All

nominations will be referred for consideration by the appropriate Consultative Panel and will require the authorisation of the road owner.

Contact the Black Spot Consultative Panel in New South Wales

The Black Spot Consultative Panel Transport for NSW
PO Box 973
PARRAMATTA CBD NSW 2124
safer.roads@transport.nsw.gov.au

Community News

Bungendore High School Buzz

Bungendore High School

After an exhilarating four weeks full of twists and turns, the Bungendore High School Principal's Cup soccer tournament has come to a climactic end. The semi-finals were nothing short of dramatic, with both teacher teams unexpectedly falling short and leaving the final battle to student teams.

In the ensuing showdown, SubtoharryAZ battled fiercely against our new champions, delivering a performance that had everyone on the edge of their seats. A hearty congratulations goes out to Team Zinger Box FC for clinching this term's win with skill and sportsmanship! Watch

this space for details of the upcoming 5-a-side OzTag Principal's Cup challenge.

We also congratulate Year 9 student Jack Djokic, who recently represented the ACT at the 2025 Under-16 Footlocker Australian National Basketball Championships in Bendigo, Victoria. The national tournament, held in July at Red Energy Arena, brought together the top under-16 players from across Australia, with more than 130 athletes competing for state and territory teams. It's a key event in Australia's basketball development pathway—many current professional players got their first exposure here.

Jack trained for nine months for this event and his hard work



was evident in his performance at the event. Jack plays in the Friday night Junior Premier League ACT basketball competition for the Queanbeyan Roadrunners and can frequently

be found leading the charge on Bungendore High School's basketball courts.

Above: photo of Jack, courtesy of Ethan Cunningham Photography

Community reminded to register as an organ donor this DonateLife Week

People across NSW are reminded to register for organ and tissue donation and discuss their decision with their loved ones this DonateLife Week.

Sadly, there has been an 11 per cent drop in donor registrations in the past year, and with approximately 1,800 people currently on the organ transplant waitlist in Australia, donors are urgently needed to help save lives.

While most Australians support organ donation, only 41 per cent of NSW residents are registered organ and tissue donors.

Ensuring family and loved ones are informed about your decision is also key as families are more likely to agree to donation if their loved one is registered on the Australian Organ Donor Register.

Loved ones are always asked to support someone's decision to be an organ donor before donation goes ahead and while eight in ten families agree when they know their family member was a registered donor, this consent drops to four in ten if they have not had a prior conversation.

Monday marked the start of DonateLife Week 2025, where the community came together and planted 1,800 native saplings in Western Sydney in support of Seeds for Life. The Seeds for Life event aims to raise awareness about organ and tissue donation and support a national call to action to increase donor registrations.

Register as a donor today at donatelife.gov.au or through the ServiceNSW app.



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Community News

Bungendore Seniors

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

Get Togethers

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

Enjoy great conversation, a few laughs, some games and morning tea.

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

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

See right for dates.

Everyone's welcome!

Seniors Chair Yoga

Chair Yoga: Tuesdays at the Bungendore Scout Hall. Chair Yoga is held during school terms only. One class during the winter months at 2.30pm

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 31 July
Thursday 14 August
Thursday 28 August
Thursday 11 September
Thursday 25 September

FRIDAYS

Friday 8 August
Friday 22 August
Friday 5 September
Friday 19 September
Friday 3 October

Christmas in July Luncheon

Bungendore Seniors recently enjoyed a Christmas in July celebration at the Bombay Pavilion Indian Restaurant in Bungendore. The cosy setting and cheerful atmosphere made for a lovely afternoon shared with friends.

There was plenty of delicious food, and great conversation as members gathered to enjoy the get together. A few lucky diners also took home some cheer, with the lucky door prizes going to Geoff and Floyd.

A big thank you to the talented chefs and friendly staff at the Bombay Pavilion for the excellent food and warm hospitality – it was a wonderful way to brighten up a winter's day!

Bungendore CWA News

Bungendore CWA

What a jam packed few months the Branch has had. Flowers to crochet to Cultural immersion, it's all happening. The Branch has also welcomed 9 new members and 3 Junior members in the past couple months also. We are definitely growing. Our next meeting is on Sunday August 17th at 930am, pop on down to have a chat if you are interested in joining the CWA, it's not all just Tea and Scones.

July Meeting

* Blooming Dahlias

At our July meeting, the Branch welcomed Katrina Willis, owner of Spring Ponds Farm at Mt Fairy, who spoke passionately about the importance of buying locally grown flowers. She shared insights into

the "Grown Not Flown" movement and discussed how using fewer chemicals and pesticides can still produce luscious crops of beautiful flowers.

Katrina also gave an engaging, hands-on demonstration on dividing dahlias. Members left feeling confident to try dividing their own dahlias at home - just in time for the coming season.

Donna Bush, Branch President of the Bungendore CWA said "Katrina's presentation from Spring Ponds Farm was truly inspiring. It reminded us how important it is to support local flower growers, not just for the beauty of Australian blooms, but also for protecting our environment and reducing biosecurity risks. Choosing flowers that are 'Grown Not Flown' is a simple way we can all make a big

difference."

* South Korean Culture Comes to Bungendore

We also welcomed a new member who showcased stunning examples of traditional South Korean attire. As the CWA of NSW Country of Study for 2025 is the Republic of South Korea, this was a perfect opportunity to learn more about Korean textiles.

Merle gave a fascinating talk on Korean dress and fabric, showing off gorgeous silks delicately painted with traditional designs - and would you believe some of these were found at the Green Shed!

School Holiday Fun - Learn to Crochet at Bungendore CWA

Our first-ever school holiday workshop, "Learn to Crochet", was a huge success! Twelve enthusiastic local children joined us to test their little fingers on slip stitches, chains and doubles, all with the goal of making a granny square.

Seven branch members, along with some of our junior members, were on hand to teach (and learn!). A special mention goes to our junior member Matilda, who was an absolute hit with the children. It was heartwarming to see so much interest in the workshop. "Crocheting with the CWA was a wonderful experience," Matilda said. "I would love to do another one next school holidays."



Thanks to our generous members, there were plenty of yummy treats to keep hungry bellies full throughout the morning. Each child went home with yarn and a crochet hook to continue practising. Stay tuned for more school holiday workshops in the future!

BOOK CLUB

1st Wednesday each month: 11.15 for 11.30am

GARDEN CLUB

3rd Saturday each month: at 2.00pm

CRAFT AND CHAT

4th Monday each month: at 10.00am

MAHJONG

4th Tuesday each month: from 10.00am

Bungendore Branch Meetings - 2025

Next meeting is Sunday August 17.

Rooms Open: 9:30am, Meeting Starts: 10:00am

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Community News

Reinvent retirement with Probus

Are you looking to get more out of retirement than just relaxation? Perhaps you are still working part-time and looking to build more social connections?

Probus Clubs offer a wonderful opportunity for those who have left their professional lives, or are working part-time, but still crave engagement, purpose and camaraderie. The shared experiences and mutual support within Clubs help retirees and semi-retirees navigate this significant life transition with confidence and enthusiasm.

Members meet monthly and stay active and involved through a wide variety of activities that meet individual needs. From coffee catchups and cinema groups to day trips, walking groups and dinner dates, club activities are as varied as the more than 1,400 Probus Clubs themselves. What they all have in common, however, is the opportunity to meet with fellow retirees and semi-retirees regularly, to maintain healthy minds and active bodies, to expand interests, and to enjoy the fellowship of new friends.

Love to travel? So do the

100,000 people across the Probus network - and travel is always better with friends. We can all agree that it transforms a standard vacation into an epic adventure of laughter and memories.

To make things better, you will receive the latest exclusive deals from our Probus Partners with any cruise, bus tour, or flight you catch.

But the benefits of Probus extend beyond socialisation and sightseeing. Probus provides a structured environment where members can channel their skills and experiences into new projects and leadership roles. This not only keeps members intellectually stimulated but opens the door to new skills and personal development.

So, if you are working part-time or looking to turn retirement into an adventure filled with learning, connection and growth, Probus offers a compelling path forward.

Don't miss out, join Bungendore Probus Club today by contacting Elvis on 1300 630 488 or membership@probusouthpacific.org.

Queanbeyan Seniors 50+

Fun... fun...fun... come and join us: new activity just added

Mondays

Chair Yoga - 9.30am Mat Yoga - 11.00am. For more info 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 & 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

NEW Five Hundred (500) - card game - 1.00pm-3.00pm. Cost \$2.00 **Craft weekly** on Mondays Join our weekly Craft & chat every Monday from 11.am till 2.00pm. Cost \$2. Bring your own lunch and project,



or help with a project for seniors. Interested in knitting or crocheting? Stop by for tips and conversation.

Wednesdays

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

• Euchre - 1.00pm Cost \$3.00

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

Thursdays

Thursdays - Rummikin - 1.00pm Cost \$2.00

Fridays

• Carpet Bowls - 1.00pm Cost \$2.00

Delicious afternoon tea follows these activities.

Monthly meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 1.00pm, Rear 1 Farrer Place. on 19th August 2025 - AGM commencing at 1.30pm.

Riverside Plaza Stall monthly - We will be

in Riverside Plaza on Saturday 30th August. There is also an amazing raffle on offer which will be drawn on 13th September. Six Prizes including an amazing handmade quilt, Gift vouchers from Coles, Bunnings, Harris Scarfe a June Licorice & chocolate hamper and an electric knife.

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

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Christmas in July fun with Queanbeyan Seniors

On Thursday 24th July a contingent of over 65 members from Queanbeyan Seniors braved the chill and embarked on a road trip,

some by bus whilst others carpooled, to the Burns Club in Kambah. The purpose of the trip was to celebrate 'Christmas in July'. The

trip there was very exciting, and every face glowed with expectation and happiness.

This was one of the largest group excursions we've had in a while, and it was a great opportunity to mingle with fellow members in a social setting and not just in our individual activities. The meal at the Burns Club did not disappoint. So many different cuisines and dishes. A feast for the eyes and the tastebuds. Some members even tasted something different for the first time! There was much discussion about various dishes.

The long lunch was full of laughter, chatter and friendship and everyone was reluctant to leave when lunch was over. But it was inevitable, and the chatter continued on the return trip. So many members commented on what a great



time they had, and many have asked if we 'could do this on a more regular basis'. The Executive Committee do

have other activities planned for the next 12 months so 'Watch this space'. A massive thanks to the

organisers for this most enjoyable and fabulous day out.

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Seniors value our super system

National Seniors Australia Research conducted by NSA and the Super Members Council reveals how older Australians use and appreciate superannuation.

Older Australians overwhelmingly value our national superannuation system and what it has delivered for them.

The Super Members Council and National Seniors Australia (NSA) asked more than 3,000 Australians aged 50-plus about their views on the superannuation system.

The survey was distributed online to NSA members and supporters in October 2024.

Superannuation was viewed by most as critical to their retirement planning. Approximately 79% of respondents said super was "very important" and a further 15% said it was "somewhat important" to their retirement planning.

As one woman, aged 70, told us, "Australians are extremely fortunate to have our superannuation system, that should be no more than tweaked into the future. It is robust, strong, and supportive to all Australians."

Another survey respondent, aged 76, said, "It is a form of savings that you never know when you might need it and 'save for a rainy day'."

Three in four respondents to the survey believed they would not have saved as much without compulsory super.

The survey also asked respondents about the fundamental principles that have underpinned the success

of Australia's world-envied superannuation system - universality, compulsion, preservation, and concessional taxation.

Nearly 90% or more of respondents agreed with each of the four principles, representing near-universal endorsement.

- Universality - every worker should get super: 97% agreement.
- Compulsion - super guarantee contributions are a mandated part of employment entitlements: 96% agreement.
- Preservation - super must be saved for retirement: 89% agreement.
- Concessional taxation - super contributions are taxed lightly 94% agreement.

Concerns about equity Related to this, respondents were asked to indicate how confident they were that super rules contributed to system strength, sustainability, and equity.

Most respondents were confident that the rules governing super make the system strong (77% confident) and sustainable (74% confident).

The survey findings were less emphatic about the superannuation system promoting equity. Fewer respondents (60%) endorsed the equity of the super system compared to proportions endorsing its strength and sustainability.

Compared to the overall sample, women, people in poorer health, and those with less formal education had significantly lower levels

of confidence in the equity of the super system.

These groups generally do not have equal access to the benefits of superannuation due to disrupted work histories or lack of employment opportunities.

Considering current debates about rules governing early access to super (prior to preservation age), the survey also sought to test respondents' support for changes to rules for early access for hardship, compassionate, and medical reasons.

We found there was low support for changes to existing rules. Access to super prior to preservation age for additional reasons was not supported by most respondents with 88% nominating they had at least one concern.

The top concerns were the financial impact on people with low balances and future cost to taxpayers due to greater need for income support from the Age Pension.

Only 17% of survey respondents supported allowing early access for a house deposit.

The survey also investigated older people's use of lump sum payments.

Half of the survey sample had drawn a lump sum from their super mainly for purchasing vehicles or travel and leisure. Those at risk of financial disadvantage were significantly more likely to use a lump sum to pay for basic needs such as health or aged care services, to

buy household goods, or even enter the housing market.

In these circumstances, access to lump sums provides peace of mind and a financial tool in the absence of access to borrowing, which is generally

facilitated by the existence of regular income from employment.

Older Australians also identified areas for improvement in the system and ways it could be strengthened.

Respondents supported the

proposal to allow retirees make direct contributions into existing pension phase accounts without having to open a new accumulation account: endorsed by 78%.

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

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Bungendore Bites & Kites
10am to 2pm

Food, fun & entertainment for all ages

- Warehouse Circus workshops
- Performances by the Raio De Sol – Community Samba Band ▪ Free Face Painting
- Creative Bites – Craft fun for all ages - kids and grown-ups welcome! Enter competitions, get creative, and win great prizes!
- Fly high with kite demos & workshops - thanks to members of the Australian Kiteflyers Society
- Kite Flying Competitions: our FREE Diamond Kites supplied: thanks to Community Bank Bungendore (number of kites are limited and comps are subject to weather conditions)

*Program subject to change

Bungendore Bites @ Night
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Party time.....Hitparade

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Great variety of food and drinks on offer - all meals \$20 or less! The bar will be open - thanks to the Bungendore Rugby Union Football Club.

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Native Vegetation Regulatory Map

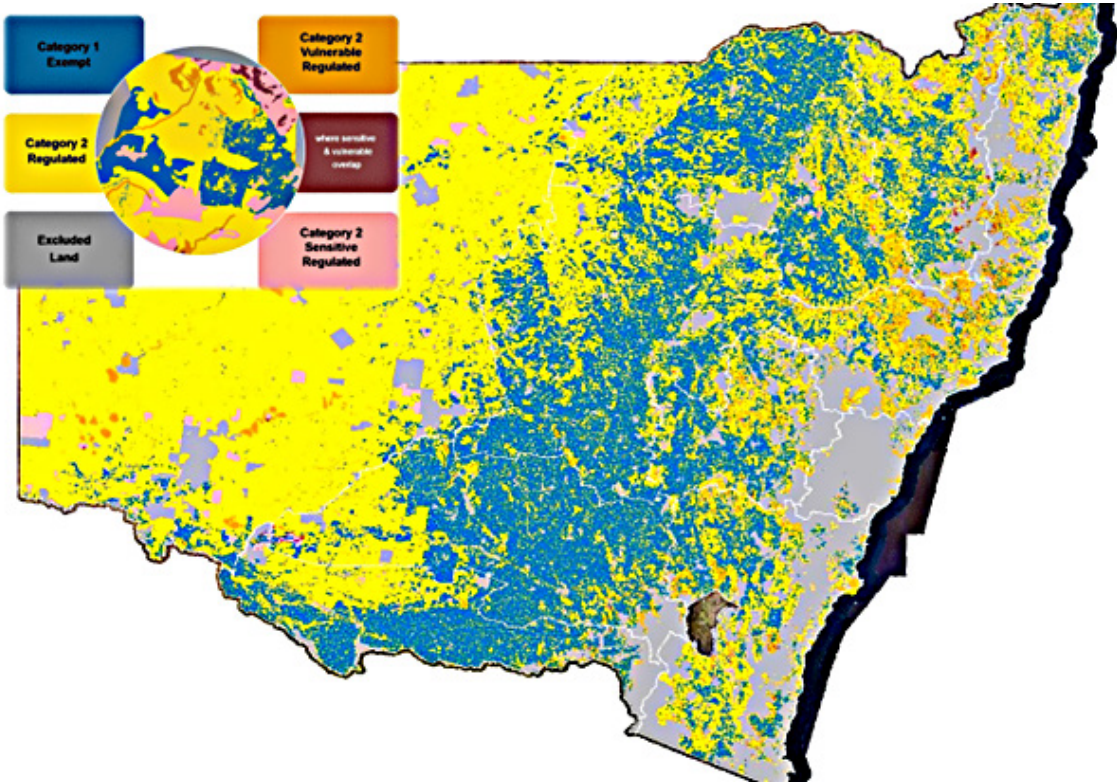
Christian Wythes / Melita Milner, Land Management

Are you Confused about the Native Vegetation Regulatory Map?

Do you know your Land Categories? What do the colours mean?

The Draft Native Vegetation Regulatory (NVR) map is provided for rural landholders to provide a visual representation of the categories of land on their landholdings and is prepared and maintained by Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW). The map provides guidance to landholders about where the categories of land described in the legislation occur. The land categories will help you determine if an approval is required under the Land Management (Native Vegetation) Code 2018 to clear vegetation or if allowable

activities can be utilised. The South East Local Land Services Land Management (Native Vegetation) team can assist with questions of what the colours and land categories mean and how it could impact the management of native vegetation on your landholding. More detailed information about the Draft NVR Map and the map viewer are available at the NSW Government Environment and Heritage website: Draft Native Vegetation Regulatory map | Biodiversity | Environment and Heritage. **Want to know more?** To find more information on land management visit lss.nsw.gov.au/land-management or call 1300 795 299 to speak to your local team. You can also get in touch via email at lm.info@lss.nsw.gov.au



Weeds to watch this winter

Bella Hart, Land Services Officer

It might feel like everything slows down in winter, even the weeds! But keeping an eye on them now can make it easier to stay on top of them later. Here's what you can do!

Winter checklist:

- Maintain groundcover where possible to prevent weed infestations and other issues like erosion. If you are feeding livestock through winter, consider setting up a 'sacrifice' paddock so the impacts of overgrazing

and fodder transported weed seeds are concentrated to one area.

- Practice good weed hygiene such as cleaning vehicles and boots when moving from high to low weed burden areas.

- Physically removing weeds (i.e. chipping, hand pulling, etc.) where possible.
 - Keep an eye out for any unfamiliar plants that pop up and stay familiar with the whole of your property, not just the easily accessible sections.
 - Chemically controlling susceptible weed species during winter - getting you in front of the boom in growth most weeds experience in spring.
- Our top three weeds for the Tablelands this winter are:
- Spanish heath (*Erica lusitanica*) - a highly invasive woody weed that can look similar to some native plants.
 - Serrated tussock (*Nassella trichotoma*) - a grassy weed that seeds prolifically and germinates throughout winter.
 - Chilean needle grass (*Nassella neesiana*) - winter is a key time to ramp up your control efforts of this highly invasive, inconspicuous grassy weed that

can take over if not noticed. For more information about any of the weeds listed here, including identification and control tips, please visit the NSW WeedWise website

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Want to read more about what is going on in our region, sign up to the South East Circular to get newsletters delivered direct to your inbox. Scan the QR Code code to register.



Annual Land and Stock Returns

Matia Pendergast, Customer Admin Officer

The Annual Land and Stock Return (ALSR) is essentially a 'property census' on 30 June each year that provides Local Land Services with important information on land use and livestock numbers across the state. It is a legal requirement for all landholders with 10ha or more and/ or a Property Identification Code to submit the return annually. If you do not have livestock, you still need to complete this form - You just need to complete the section that specifically asks "Do you have livestock". Lodge your return on time (by 31 August) to ensure you won't be charged additional levies on your rates next year, regardless of your livestock ownership status. The information you provided in your

ALSR allows Local Land Services to:

- quickly and accurately respond to emergency or biosecurity events
- protect our 'clean and green' reputation against pests and diseases
- build a statewide picture of agricultural land use and livestock numbers
- monitor flocks and herds for emergency animal diseases
- help keep domestic and international markets open
- keep your property records current.

If you have not yet received your ALSR, or to learn more, reach out to our team on 1300 795 299. More information can be found here Annual land and stock return | NSW Government or on the Local Land Services website.

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Platypus month: wildlife monitoring begins right outside your door

Louise MacDonald, Senior NRM Advisor

August marks Platypus Month, and it's the perfect opportunity to head outdoors and look for these fascinating creatures—especially since they tend to be more active during daylight hours this time of year. We're fortunate to have pristine waterways throughout our region that serve as prime platypus habitat, so let's keep it that way.

But their future is uncertain. Platypuses rely on healthy, well-vegetated riverbanks to build burrows, and they need dense streambank foliage and steady water flow to stay protected from predators. After devastating droughts, bushfires, and

floods, the Australian Government's threatened species team has raised concerns about their dwindling numbers.

Thankfully, landholders and communities can make a real difference. Here are some ways you can help:

- Keep livestock away from creek edges, where their trampling can collapse burrows and damage banks
- Revegetate riverbanks to stabilise soils and create shelter for native wildlife
- Manage predators like foxes, feral cats, and domestic dogs to boost platypus survival
- Modify recreational activities—avoid leaving fishing lines in the water

and never use illegal traps such as opera house nets, which can tragically drown aquatic mammals

Sadly, local extinctions are already happening. Platypuses have vanished from one-third of their NSW range, and without habitat protection and restoration, they won't be coming back. The good news? Collective action works. By supporting conservation efforts, we also protect countless other native species in the area.

Local Land Services offers support to landholders, including pest control advice, farm planning workshops, and strategies that balance productivity with environmental care.

Ready to get started? Call 1300 799 295 to speak



with a Local Land Services representative.

Have you spotted a platypus recently? Let us know! Sharing sightings with Local

Land Services or your local environmental group helps guide vital conservation efforts.

Best times to spot them?

Early morning or late evening. So grab your binoculars and head out—nature is waiting.

Photo: Judy Knowles

Understanding natural capital and biodiversity markets

Melissa Henry, Natural Capital Advisor

Around the world, businesses, governments and communities are recognising the importance of protecting, managing and restoring natural capital.

Businesses, banks and supply chains are facing pressure to reduce impacts on nature to meet customer expectations or retain market access.

Environmental markets have emerged in response to this. Over time, this means that people will be further rewarded for good land and water stewardship through new market mechanisms.

Natural capital takes a broader view than carbon farming, it also includes biodiversity markets - highlighting the importance of threatened species, soil health, water quality and landscape connectivity.

Investing in natural capital is all about practical actions and financial opportunities to support sustainable, productive farming now and into the future.

For landholders within the South East region, there are currently five biodiversity market options available for eligible properties. Eligibility is based on your property's location, vegetation community types and project

area.

- Biodiversity Conservation Trust (BCT) Fixed Price Offers
- Biodiversity Stewardship Agreements
- Nature Repair Market
- Environmental Plantings (revegetation projects over 20ha)
- Marketing of your farm produce (eg beef, lamb, wool, dairy, wine)

as environmentally sustainable through verified programs.

To learn more about biodiversity markets, you are invited to attend the Winter lunch biodiversity market forum at the Cooma Hotel on Friday 1 August, 10 am - 3 pm hosted by Upper Snowy Landcare Group and Local Land Services. Register via the QR code.

Alternatively, to discuss if your property is eligible for



biodiversity markets and how they could benefit your property, please contact Natural Capital Advisor, Melissa Henry - email melissa.henry@lls.nsw.gov.au

Supporting natural assets through biosecurity

Ryan Cope, NRM Graduate

Biosecurity is important for the protection of our primary industries as well as our natural assets, like our soils, water and biodiversity. Understanding the threats and impacts of invasive weeds and pest animals on our native flora and fauna is especially important to avoid the loss of our unique Australian natural heritage.

Good biosecurity means monitoring, preventing, and controlling the spread of harmful weeds and pest animals. Weeds can outcompete native plants, causing a decline in biodiversity through loss and damage to habitat. Pest animals have impacts on our natural assets by grazing, digging, wallowing, trampling and predating. Using simple biosecurity strategies, we can detect threats and protect our natural assets for future generations.

Biosecurity Strategies

1. Preventing - is better than cure!
 - Create a biosecurity plan for your property.
 - Know where purchased hay comes from and

control foreign vehicle access to avoid bringing in weed seed.

- Plant a corridor of vegetation on the windward side of your property to limit the number of wind-blown seeds that enter your property.
- Join an existing control group if one exists (i.e. Feral Fighters) or form a community group with other landholders to manage invasive species across a wider area before they become a big problem.
- Attend Local Land Services workshops on weed identification or pest control.

2. Monitoring - Be alert to changes on your property by:

- Taking regular farm drives/walks and noting any unfamiliar plants. Take photos to help with identification and importantly record the location. If in doubt bring the photo into the LLS office for assistance before removing it to make sure it is a weed.
- Use motion sensor camera

traps to monitor for more elusive pest animals like foxes, pigs and deer.

- Establish a community group and use apps like Feral Scan to record sightings, damages and control activities, and use the data to be more strategic in control efforts.

3. Controlling - is sometimes necessary.

- Every landholder has a biosecurity duty to control pests on their land, read more via the QR code here:



- Join LLS biosecurity initiatives and take part in control programs.
- NSW WeedWise is a great resource for best practice weed control. WeedWise suggests specific and effective control techniques for weed species.
- Early control of weeds



maintains competitive native plants that support healthy native habitats.

- There is a range of control tools for pest animals depending on your property and circumstances, including trapping, shooting and baiting. Visit PestSmart via the QR code (right) or call your Local Land

Services office for more information and assistance determining which options are best for you.

For more information on biosecurity and the management of your natural assets, visit our website or contact your Local Land Services office.

Let's work together to reduce the impacts of pests and

weeds. Photo supplied of rabbit damage along Lake George



Road safety around kangaroos



Living around the bush capital, it's a frequent occurrence to come across native wildlife in our travels. Road safety around kangaroos is a serious concern, so it's important for motorists to understand the risks and take steps to reduce them.

Kangaroos are most active during dawn and dusk, their unpredictable behaviour and speed mean they can suddenly leap across roads,

giving drivers little time to react. In rural areas, especially where vegetation is close to the roadside, kangaroos may be hidden until the last moment. If you travel, particularly along rural roads, there are some precautions you can take to avoid having a collision.

- Drive with caution at dawn and dusk. Avoid driving during these times and if you must drive reduce your speed and stay alert.
- Take note of wildlife signs, they are placed where wildlife crossings are common. If you see a sign, slow down and increase

your awareness especially around corners and along verges.

- Stay alert, kangaroos often travel in mobs (groups), so if you spot one there is likely to be more.
- Don't swerve if a kangaroo jumps out in front of you, at high speeds you risk loss of control or rolling your vehicle. Instead, brake steadily and firmly in a straight line.

Each year, we respond to hundreds of accidents involving native animals, with kangaroos making up a vast majority of these. Accidents happen, but it's important to know what to do after

- Pull over safely and turn on your hazard lights.
- Check for injuries - to yourself, passengers, and from a safe distance, the animal.
- Do not approach an injured kangaroo directly. They can be dangerous when scared or hurt.
- If the kangaroo is alive and injured, or is deceased and a female, **contact the 24/7 Wildcare Helpline on (02) 6299 1966** for assistance assessing the kangaroo or advice with checking the pouch.

Sharing the road with wildlife



is a reality of life in Australia, and it comes with responsibility. By driving with extra caution, especially during high-risk times, you can greatly reduce the chance of a collision and keeping our kangaroos thriving. Stay alert, know what to do, and always put safety first - for yourself and the wildlife that makes Australia so unique.

To provide critical care to sick, injured and orphaned native animals across our 22,000km2 service area, Wildcare relies on

the generous donations from the community. These donations are crucial to continue this service.

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

Photos supplied of: Left: Little Eloise who came into care after a pouch check, thanks to Ali - rescuer and carer.

Above: Orphaned joeys, Echo and Ned, who are being raised by one of our carers, Alicia.



Tarago Area Women's Shed News

Tarago Area Women's Shed

June was a fairly relaxed month in our temporary quarters at the Men's Shed.

One of our major activities was a beginner's calligraphy class, run by Jenni. She has an amazing range of craft interests and skills which she is happy to share. Tamara, in particular, was able to produce a lovely result, building on her previous experience. For the rest of us, the calligraphy pens were not easy to master so the results were quite a "mixed bag" but we all had fun trying to learn a new skill.

Despite having two welding units at home and a son who is a welder, Debbie had never learnt how to weld. Luckily, Bob volunteered to give her a few lessons and Debbie

is now busy making beautiful garden art from steel rods and rusty wire. The finished pieces are amazing. The angle grinder and the linisher were particularly useful for smoothing out the rough edges.

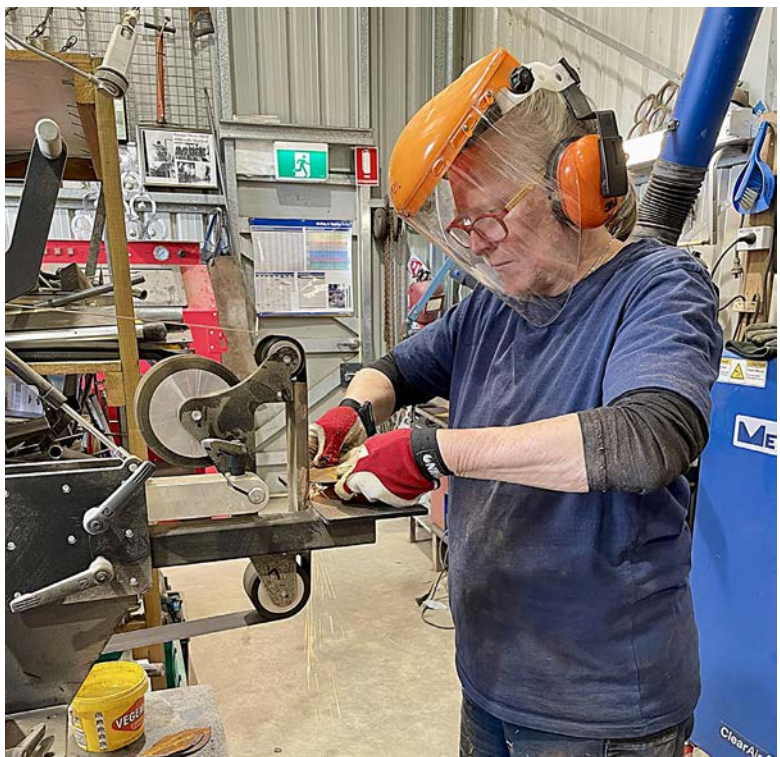
Clare has finished her wooden bench seat, with a little assistance from Doug. Getting all four legs level on a bench is always tricky, but Doug has the skills to make it all seem very simple. Clare had originally planned to use the bench as a seat at the front door but her hubby thinks it would make a great seat for his workshop. I guess Clare needs to make a new one for herself.

In July we had the pleasure of learning how to make an outdoor hanger for a bird seed ring or a

candle holder. Melinda's hubby Gerard is very clever at making useful wooden objects and was able to help everyone to make and finish off their pieces. He was also able to pass on useful tips and tricks that will make working with wood easier in the future. We were all particularly impressed with Norma who made her first attempt at using the tools. She did a great job.

Our next workshop will be announced soon. If you have any suggestions of things you'd like to see please let us know on our Facebook page or email at taragoarea.womensshed@gmail.com.au We'll do our best to organise it.

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Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council

FOR YOUR INFORMATION



Draft Waste Management Strategy 2025-2045

We have prepared the Draft Waste Management Strategy 2025-2045. This strategy is about improving how we manage waste, reducing what goes to landfill, and ensuring our services are fair, efficient, and innovative.

The draft strategy focuses on practical solutions that address the unique waste needs of both rural and urban areas in Queanbeyan-Palerang.

Key priorities in the strategy include:

- Standardising service levels at rural transfer stations to balance cost, resource recovery, and community needs
- Exploring options for the waste facilities that will be required in the future
- Preparing for the NSW Government's weekly Food and Garden Organics (FOGO) mandate by 2030
- ▶ The draft strategy will be available to have your say on soon at yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au

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

Notice of Licence Agreement Over Community Land

Notice is given that Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council intends to continue leasing Lot 13, Section 4 DP 18452 (known as 106 Foxlow Street, Captains Flat) to Captains Flat Men's Shed Association Incorporated for 5 years.

The fee is \$609.00 p.a. and the venue may be used to operate a community Men's Shed.

If you are interested in making a submission on the above proposal you are invited to do so in writing by 4:30pm on 15 August 2025.

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

Recycle Right reminder

Recently, some live ammunition was found in a load of recycling. Fortunately the ammunition was safely removed, but it could have caused serious injury or damage.

Make sure you safely dispose of hazardous items, they shouldn't go in your kerbside bins!

To Recycle Right on recycling night, remember to keep it simple:

- only recycle paper and cardboard
- steel and aluminium cans
- glass bottles and jars
- plastic bottles and containers
- ▶ Find out more on our website at bit.ly/bin-night or download the QPRC Waste Info app on Android or iOS



QPRC Waste Info app

Download our Waste Info app to:

- Set bin reminders
- Find Waste Transfer Stations
- Check what can go in your bins
- And so much more!

Find it on the **App Store** or **Google Play**.

Council Meetings and Times

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

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

Members of the public can make a:

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

Next meeting dates are:

- 13 August (Bungendore)
- 27 August (Queanbeyan)

Written Questions on Notice

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

Men's Breakfast with Dan Repacholi MP

As part of Local Government Week, we are hosting a visit from Federal MP Dan Repacholi. Dan is the Special Envoy for Men's Health and will be joining us for a men's breakfast.

Dan is a five-time Olympian and a Commonwealth Games Gold Medallist.

He is committed to shining a national spotlight on the unique health challenges facing Australian men and boys, from mental health and suicide prevention, to chronic illness and access to healthcare services.

The breakfast will be in The Q foyer on Friday 8 August from 8-9:30am.

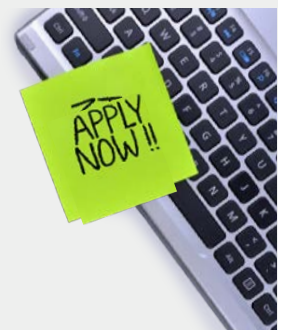
- ▶ Register for free tickets at bit.ly/breakfast-with-dan

Work with Council

Current vacancies include:

- Eastern Senior Pool Attendant (x6)
- Front of House & Administration Manager
- Industrial Relations Business Partner
- Library Assistant
- Principal Town Planner
- Procurement Officer

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



Policies on exhibition

There are a range of policies currently on exhibition on our Your Voice page:

- Volunteering Policy
- Directional Signage Policy
- Child Safe Policy
- Shopping Trolley Management Policy
- + more
- ▶ Have your say at yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au

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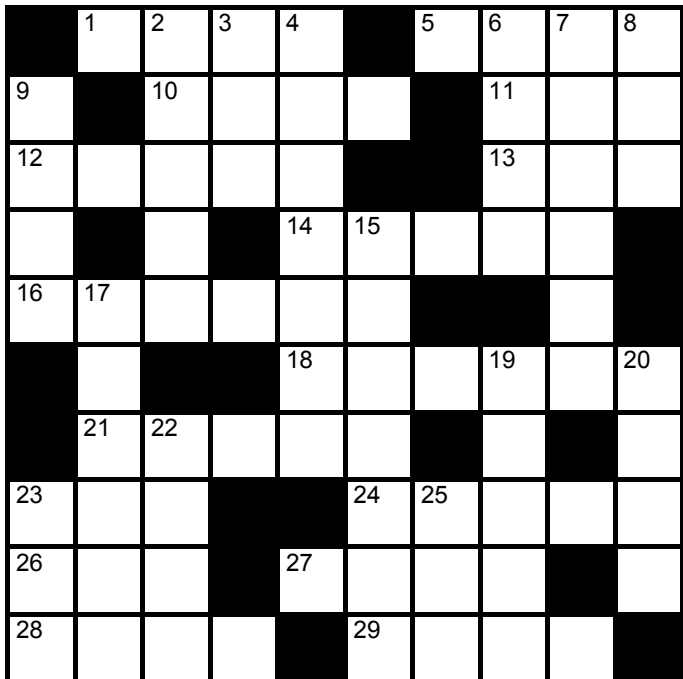
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Puzzles

Quick Time Crossword



Across
1 Free from danger (4)
5 Wild dog (4)
10 Burden (4)
11 Indian state (3)
12 Drug-yielding plants (5)

13 Managed (3)
14 Tiny island (5)
16 Crown (6)
18 Food dressings (6)
21 Writers of verse (5)
23 Make brown (3)
24 Ceases (5)
26 Everybody (3)
27 Power of rejecting (4)
28 States (4)
29 Dispatched (4)

Down
2 Hawaiian greeting (5)
3 Enemy (3)
4 Least difficult (7)
6 Wicked giant (4)
7 Detest (6)
8 Devoted follower (3)
9 Discharged a debt (4)
15 Shatters (7)
17 African antelope (6)
19 Punctuation mark (5)
20 Waistband (4)
22 Solely (4)
23 Apple Isle (abb) (3)
25 Consumed (3)

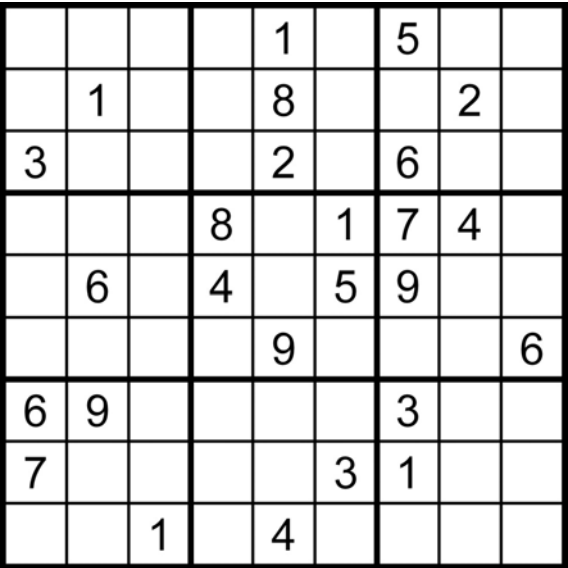
Target Time



Target: Average - 16,
Good - 20, Excellent - 26+

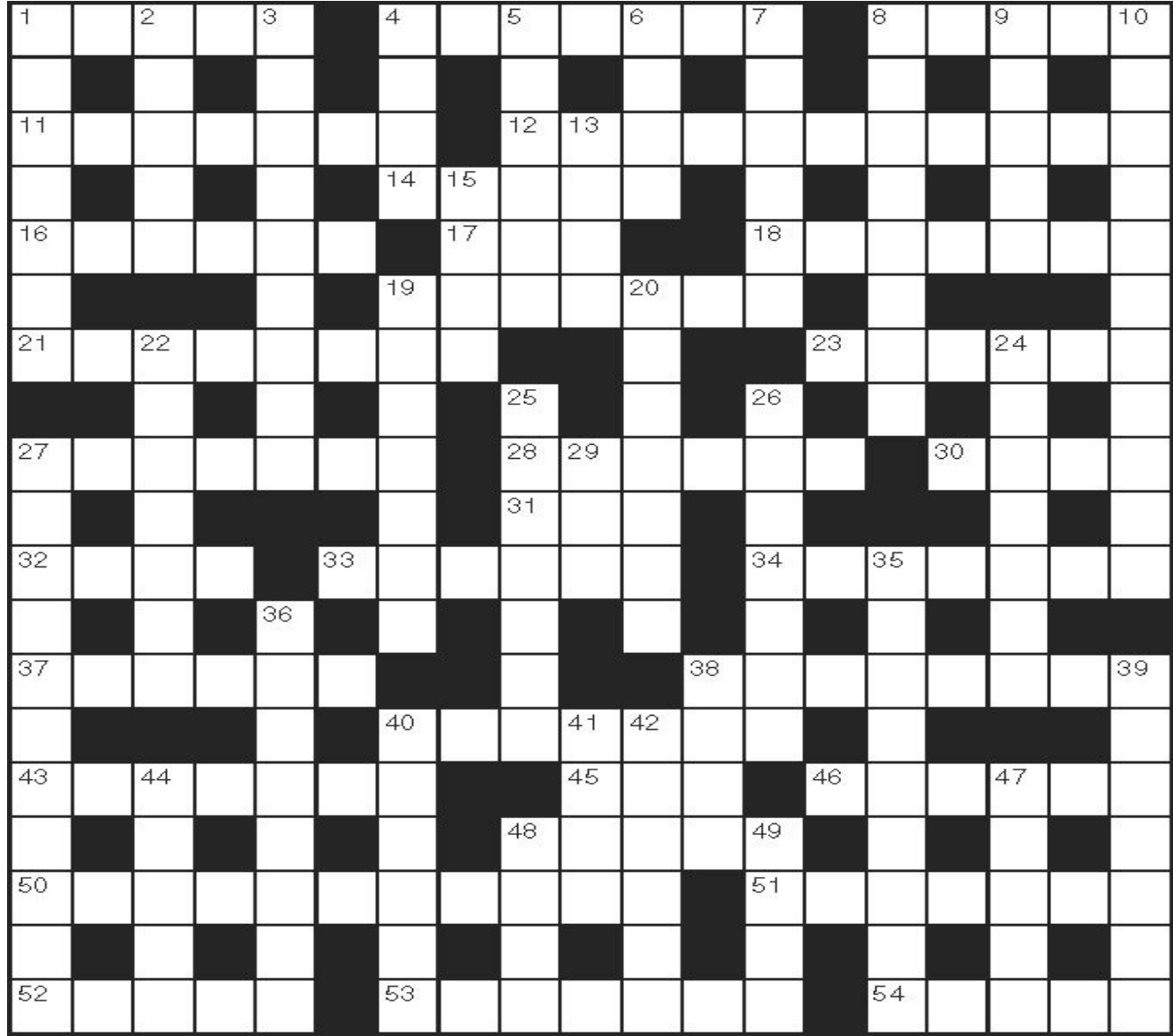
Using the nine letters in the grid, how many words of four letters or more can you make? The centre letter must be included and be used only once. Find at least one nine letter word.

Sudoku



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

Crossword



Across
1 Humorist
4 Parked under shelter
8 Intrigue
11 Joyful
12 Leather suitcase
14 Capacity unit
16 Persevere
17 Robert's nickname
18 Lays to rest
19 Type of cat
21 Tufted spiny grass
23 Follow
27 Black leopard
28 Meagre
30 Water bird

31 Owns
32 Tailless feline; ___ cat
33 Dessert (coll)
34 Glass
37 Absolute truth (coll)
38 Cultured (4-4)
40 Violinist
43 Competitor
45 Charged particle
46 Excuse (3,3)
48 Fellows
50 Fitting
51 Republic in W Asia
52 Acquires
53 Falls silent (5,2)
54 Assume

Down
1 Running shoes
2 Massage
3 Do up
4 Insolence
5 Any bird of prey
6 Blood
7 Tone down
8 Interpret
9 Freshwater fish
10 Part of a PA system
13 Balls
15 Wild goat
19 Change into stone
20 Stalemate
22 Period in cricket

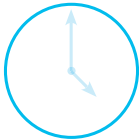
24 Sordidness
25 Escorted (to a seat)
26 Speak haltingly
27 Red many-seeded fruit
29 Rail coach
35 Ductile
36 Charitable
38 Exited
39 Protection
40 Of iron
41 Eating plan
42 Recluses
44 Excessive (prefix)
47 Kept
48 Festival
49 Lose one's foothold

Brain Alert

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

Hidden Numbers 072
Work out the hidden numbers.

- 1. $4 \times 4 + 22 = ? = 2 \times ?$
- 2. $8 \times 1 \times 7 \times 2 = ?$
- 3. $(11 \times ?) - 9 = 24 = (? + 19) \times 1$
- 4. $? \div 8 = 16 = 4 \times ? - 60$

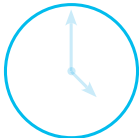
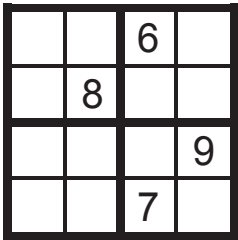


Scrambled 141
Unscramble the following letters to reveal the surnames of famous movie directors.

- 1. neall
- 2. cocctikhh
- 3. lerspigbe
- 4. rainotnat
- 5. dowestoa
- 6. remlli

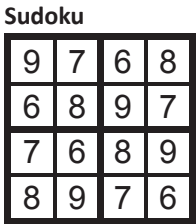


Sudoku 139
Enter the numbers 6-9 in each row, column and 2x2 square, in each combination there should be only one of each number.



Hidden Numbers
1. 38, 19
2. 112
3. 3, 5
4. 128, 19

Scrambled
1. Allen
2. Hitchcock
3. Spielberg
4. Tarantino
5. Eastwood
6. Miller



Community News

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Bungendore Scouts at the recent Christmas in July Markets at the Village Square

PET OF THE WEEK



name: Louie
Age: 14 weeks,
Likes: chewing
and shoes,
love company
Dislikes, still
working that
one out
Claim to
Fame: so
far....being
well behaved
at the footy

LETTER

KANGAROO KILL
Kangaroos and wombats on roads are a daily fact of life in this area, and we all have had our near misses. Occasionally, some have had hits.
An adult male kangaroo was hit on Norton Road over the weekend, and left to suffer with a badly damaged back and hindquarters. While the initial impact may have been an accident, it was a callous act of cruelty and indifference to abandon an animal in this condition.
Another passing motorist contacted the good people at Wildcare Queanbeyan, who responded and did the only possible and decent thing, and humanely euthanised the kangaroo. They were prompt, professional and approachable, with the animal's welfare

their main concern.
If possible, remain nearby to observe the animal until help arrives, as this injured roo crawled into a nearby treed paddock, and unless observed, may not have been found. It would have suffered greatly during a freezing night.
If you find injured, sick or orphaned native animals in Queanbeyan and surrounding areas, please don't hesitate to contact Wildcare Queanbeyan 24x7. And please don't think someone else will do it.
Would all residents kindly enter the following contact details into their phones: Wildcare Queanbeyan Tel: (02) 6299 1966 For more information see wildcare.net.au
D Mitchell
Passing Motorist
Bywong NSW

Bungendore Seniors: Chair Yoga

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.
Classes will resume next Tuesday and are held on Tuesdays at the Scout Hall, Turallo Terrace, Bungendore.
During the winter months we have one class available: 1-hour session: at 2.30pm
\$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.

CAPTAIN BUNgENDORE



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HAVE BEEN so
COld, ALL I WANT
to do is go BACK
to Bed AND pull my
BLANKie RiGht over
my HeAd.

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

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Public Notices

NOTICE OF AGM

Notice is hereby given that the Queanbeyan Hospital Auxiliary's Annual General Meeting will be held at 5.30pm on Wednesday 13 August 2025 at the Queanbeyan Uniting Church, 13 Rutledge Street, Queanbeyan.

The Queanbeyan Hospital Auxiliary is a community organisation that raises funds to assist in providing the best possible service and care to patients, staff and visitors to the Queanbeyan Hospital. New members are always very welcome. For more information call in at the hospital kiosk or contact our Branch President, Ann Burgess by email to: qbnhospaux@gmail.com.

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BY COUNTRY WOMEN

NOTICE OF AGM

Notice is hereby given that the Queanbeyan Senior Citizen's Association is holding their Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Tuesday 19th August 2025 at 1.00pm at 1 Farrer Place, Queanbeyan. Everyone welcome to attend.

Brenda Russell
President
Qbn Senior Citizen's Association



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



Tech Help every Friday

Drop-In Queanbeyan Library Every Friday 10am to 12 noon. Bring your phone, tablet or laptop, along with any questions you have.

Queanbeyan Library, 257 Crawford Street, Queanbeyan . Phone: (02) 6285 6255

Queanbeyan VIEW Club News

V. voice, I. interest, E. education of W. women

Queanbeyan VIEW meets of the third Thursday of each month for lunch. Our next meeting will be held on Thursday the 21st of August, 12 for 12.30 at the Tourist Hotel, Monaro Street, Queanbeyan.

Our guest for August will be Gillian Opie, speaking on downsize and organize. All ladies are welcome to come and join us for fun and friendship, and the help us support the Smith Family

Learning for Life Students. RSVP to Sue by Sunday the 17th August, on 0448 427 237 or queanbeyanview@gmail.com

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



Mayor's Column

Last week, I had the honour of welcoming 67 new Australian residents, from 24 different countries of birth, at a citizenship ceremony in Queanbeyan. Queanbeyan-Palerang is a growing, diverse region and it is always special to be part of these important days when people officially make Australia their new home.

At our meeting last week, Council recognised the 80th anniversary of the first use of atomic weapons at Hiroshima and Nagasaki and its impact on people and the environment. On Wednesday 6 August, we are hosting a Hiroshima Remembrance Day service from 9:30am to 11:30am at the Nellie Hamilton Centre forecourt, 257 Crawford Street Queanbeyan. The event will be a small and intimate service and will be followed by a morning tea. If you're interested in coming along, please RSVP by Friday 1 August 2025 to events@qprc.nsw.gov.au to help us finalise arrangements.

Council endorsed the Draft Waste Management Strategy 2025-2045 for public exhibition at last week's meeting. This strategy is about improving how we manage waste, reducing what goes to landfill, and ensuring our services are fair, efficient, and innovative. The draft strategy focuses on practical solutions that address the unique waste needs of both rural and urban areas. Key priorities in the strategy include standardising service levels at rural transfer stations to balance cost, resource recovery, and community needs; exploring options for the waste facilities that will be required in the future; and preparing for the NSW Government's weekly Food and Garden Organics (FOGO) mandate by 2030. The draft strategy will be available to have your say on soon at yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au



Council awarded the contract for constructing a second reservoir on Mount Jerrabomberra to Leed Engineering and Construction. The new 19.4ML concrete reservoir will be built alongside the existing 22ML steel reservoir, to allow for repairs and increased water storage. Preliminary works at the Jerrabomberra Mountain Reserve site will start soon, with the project expected to finish by September 2026. The project is fully funded by Council from water charges and developer contributions. Find out more about the project and read the factsheet at www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/second-Jerrabomberra-Reservoir

Join us for Bungendore Bites - A Taste of Spring on Saturday 30 August. From 10am to 2pm and 5pm to 9pm, celebrate international flavours, fun, and entertainment in the heart of Bungendore. Enjoy activities for all ages, including circus workshops, lively performances, face painting, crafts, kite events, and live music from Hitparade. Find out more at www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/Events/Bungendore-Bites-A-Taste-of-Spring

Cr Kenrick Winchester, Mayor

Bosom Buddies is celebrating 30 years of supporting the community!!!

Bosom Buddies ACT Inc is the only support group for people experiencing breast cancer in the ACT and surrounding NSW region. They rely completely on donations.

Bosom Buddies will be holding a 30th anniversary cocktail evening on:

Thursday 18 September 2025
59 Cameron Avenue, Belconnen
6:00pm to 9:00pm
Tickets are \$66.00 each

All proceeds will be going to support Bosom Buddies.

An expert panel including an oncologist and breast care nurse will talk about breast cancer.
The night will also be filled with fun, laughter and food and of course, a cocktail.



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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

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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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LOST: HEARING AID

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POSITIONS VACANT

Position Vacant
Want to make extra money this summer? A contract is available for a suitable candidate to mow lawns etc in Bungendore. ABN is essential. For more information contact patandbrian1421@gmail.com

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These lovely pooches & kitties are currently doing time at the QPRC AMF (as of 26/7)
Please call Council on 1300 735 025 if any of these animals are yours. If unclaimed they will be advertised for adoption.

 Ref. No. S140 "Gizmo" DSH, Male, Approx 4 years. Available for Adoption	 Ref. No. S138 "Jono" DSH, Male, Approx 2 years. Available for Adoption	 Ref. No. S141 "Will", DSH, desexed Male, Senior cat. Found in Greenbank Crs 18 July.	 Ref. No. S139 "Athena", DSH, desexed Female, 8-9 years. Found in West Qbn 15 July.
 Ref. No. S221 "Berry" Kelpie, Female, Approx 1-2 years. Found in Bungendore on 24 July.	 Ref. No. S219 "Jerry" Kelpie, Male, Approx 1 year. Found in Braidwood on 21 July.	 Ref. No. S218 "Ben" Kelpie, Male, Approx 1 year. Found in Braidwood on 21 July.	 Ref. No. S214 "Bambi" Greyhound x, Female, Approx 7 months. Available for Adoption

Sport

Mudhooks Ladies Face Tough Conditions and Opposition in Cooma



Bungendore Mudhooks Ladies

On Saturday, 26th July, the Mudhooks Ladies team travelled to Cooma to face the Cooma Women's 10s side in an elimination final. While the Mudhook men battled rain and mud at home, the conditions in Cooma were no kinder, with cold temperatures and a strong, biting wind.

Seventeen committed players made the trip, ready for what they knew would be a challenging match against a young and fit Cooma side they had already faced twice during the regular season.

The Mudchicks struggled at times with cohesion, finding it difficult to execute their game plan under the relentless pressure of Cooma's fast and disciplined defensive line. Despite this, Candy powered

through the defence in the first half, breaking the line with a strong run to score the Mudchicks' opening try. Sacha added the extras with a successful conversion, keeping the visitors well in the contest at halftime, with the score sitting at 15-7 in Cooma's favour.

Following a passionate halftime address from the coaching staff, the Mudchicks returned to the field with renewed determination. Tia made an impressive run from the number 9 position to score, giving the team a boost of energy. However, Cooma continued to showcase their fitness and teamwork, steadily adding to their tally.

In the end, Cooma proved too strong, finishing the match with a 34-12 victory and advancing to the qualifying final next week.

The Mudchicks appreciated the support they received on the sidelines from injured players and family. Though this match marked the end of their season, the ladies have plenty to celebrate. Their run into the finals was exceptional, featuring many tough games and big wins. The team now looks forward to cheering on the Mudhook men in the grand final on 9th August at the Bungendore Sports Hub. After that, they'll enjoy a well-earned break before turning their focus to recruitment and training for next season.

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3 points - Tia Baxter
2 points - Meredith Wells
Caitlin O'Connor 1 point
Brooke Malavirta
Coaches Pick - Tia Baxter

Photos from the game held 19th
July: Sharon Baxter-Judge



Bungendore Tigers & Tigerettes



Georgia Buckley Bungendore Tigers

Thank you to all those who braved the weather yesterday and turned up for our club and president on the naming day of Anthony Rayner Oval!

Our George Tooke Shield side played in a replica jersey which Anthony wore when he first started with the Bungendore Tigers in 1991 and finished the day off with a dominant 62-0 scoreline against Snowy River Bears.

Try scorers -
Harry Buckley
Connor McGrath
Michael Gordon
Zach smith
Jesse Collins
Jack Bramley
Dylan Ahosivi
Matt McKenna
Tries converted by Harry Buckley &
Zach Smith
3 points - Harry Buckley
2 points - Pat Pryor
1 point - Jesse Collins



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FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT 10AM -2PM
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SUNDAY 10TH AUGUST **BUNGENDORE SPORTS HUB**



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Sport

Queanbeyan Whites

Queanbeyan Whites

With two rounds of the home and away season left the Queanbeyan Whites are struggling against time and injuries to get some winning momentum to carry them into the finals. After a strong start to the season the Whites will be aiming to halt the recent string of losses when they host Wests at Campese Field this Saturday.

After a massive day on the 19th July when the Whites recognised their 70 year heritage and raised over \$70k for bowel cancer, last Saturday was a dour day at Nicholls as their on field woes continued. With injuries severely impacting Firsts and Reserves both teams lost 25-13 and 31-12 respectively. While Reserves remain in fourth spot it is by no means guaranteed and they will need good wins over the last two rounds to ensure their place. First

grade are also in fourth spot and while there is 8 points separating them from fifth placed Wests they will be looking to increase that this weekend.

Colts and Thirds provided the only highlights of the day.

Colts are currently in third spot and are continuing to show grit and determination. The Whites first try came around the ten minute mark as No 8 Niall Tallon found the gaps with several side steps taking him across half way before he linked up with inside centre Kalen Billiards around the Eagles 22. Billiards juggled the ball before securing it and diving over the line for a 0-7 lead.

The Whites continued to test Gungahlin's defence with half back Jakim Ngatoko marshalling his forward pack and keeping the ball moving around the field. As the Whites kept the Eagles on

the back foot, flanker Will Cave drew in a couple of defenders enabling lock Hingano Helu to step through and score next to the post extending the lead to 0-14.

Some lapses in concentration allowed the Eagles to reduce the lead to 7-14 which was the half time score.

The Whites started the half strongly, dominating the Gungahlin scrum just inside their 22 pushing them back 5 metres and winning the ball, enabling Tallon to further advance the ball before Ngatoko spun it to prop Nate Hepi who went low and scored the try, despite the best efforts of 2-3 defenders. The lead was now 7-21

The game was mostly played through the forwards but at times became a backwards and forwards of kicking duals and dropped balls in the muddy, wet conditions.

The next points came from a

penalty to Gungahlin just inside their half, the Eagles played on quickly, catching the Whites off guard and an easy run to score in the corner (14-21). The Whites responded soon after with a try to Tallon (14-28). Gungahlin scored right on full time for the final scoreline of 19-28

The women's team are going through a tough patch with some big losses the last couple of weeks and a tough run home. There are no easy games in this competition, but they continue to play with pride and effort. Like the other grades injuries and player availability will be a major factor over the next couple of games.

In a stop start season third grade continued their road to the finals with a 12-35 win over the Eagles while Fourths went down 24-13.

Firsts: Tries: Hudson Creighton (1). Conv: Cullin Cooper-Jones (1)

Pen: Cullin Cooper-Jones (2)
Reserves: Tries: Lowame Lilo (1), Jacob Mead (1). Conv: Archie Blayne-Brown

Colts: Tries: Kalen Billiards (1), Hingano Helu (1), Nate Hepi (1), Niall Tallon (1). Conv: Zane Glanville (4)

Women's: Tries: Jade Lynn Burdeyny (1)

Third grade: Tries: Chris Prail (2), Steven Prail (1), Isaiah Fairless (1), Toby Goodyer (1). Conv: Matt Saul (5)

Fourth grade: Tries: Nicholas Frost, Alex Fisher. Pen: Braden Reid

Pictured is Jacob Mead, Reserve grade with Luke Tudulu in background.

Photo by Jordon Mirchevski



Bungendore Tigers & Tigerettes

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Our Tigerettes played in the 1995 Bungendore Tigers jersey that Anthony once wore in the 1995 George Tooke Shield Grand Final and came out with a 14-0 win as well

Try scorers -

Ellie Shoobert

Sally Williams

Tries converted by Molly Nelson

3 points - Elizabeth McGrath

2 points - Molly Nelson

1 point - Danielle Gronow

Photo - Lauren Woodward Photography



Sport

Mudhooks Into Grand Final

Stewart Wilson

The Bungendore Mudhooks rugby team continued its unbeaten run this season by defeating the Crookwell Dogs 19-12 in the major semi-final at a soggy and muddy Sports Hub last Saturday, 26 July.

The win means the Chooks progress to the grand final which will be held at home on 9 August against either Crookwell (which gets a second chance) or Cooma who face up in the preliminary final next weekend. Cooma defeated ADFA in the minor semi-final.

The game against Crookwell was played under difficult conditions with both ends of the Garry Cook Oval waterlogged from overnight and morning rain and the rest of the playing surface wet. Off the field, car parking, spectators and both teams' support crews

had to put up with copious amounts of mud just about everywhere.

The general opinion was that the Sports Hub's drainage plan needs urgent attention - assuming there is one of course....

Thankfully the rain stopped before play started and perhaps reflecting the conditions, it was a relatively low-scoring game with neither team really displaying their best form for much of it. However the Mudhooks had a solid first half and despite being temporarily down to 13 men at one stage led 19-5 at the break.

They scored three tries in the first 40 minutes, one each to fullback Jack Worman, his brother and halfback Tom and winger Jone Waqa. These resulted from some neat backline moves and Tom Worman kicked well to convert two of



them in a strong wind which favoured the visitors in the first half.

The wind dropped noticeably for much of the

second half which was a mostly scrappy affair with neither team looking as if they were going to do anything very spectacular.

Turnovers, handling errors and penalties prevailed and for the first time in living memory, the Mudhooks failed to bother the scorers in a half of football.

The Dogs managed to score one converted try in the half and that was the result of good luck rather than good management. A Mudhooks handling error and resulting loose ball was snapped up by a Crookwell winger who ran 80 metres untouched to score under the posts.

The lead established by the Mudhooks in the first half was enough to keep them safe until the referee blew the final whistle - much to everyone's relief - just as the rain started to come down again.

The Mudhooks have been the competition's top side this year - you don't go through undefeated unless you're doing most things well

and now they have a great chance to win the trophy. It's a good team with lots of talent, excellent 'back room' support and the level of camaraderie both on and off the field is high.

So save the date: Saturday, 9 August, the 2nd Division South Coast Monaro grand final at the Bungendore Sports Hub starting at 2.30pm, the Mudhooks versus either the Crookwell Dogs or Cooma.

Get over there to support your local team!

Photos: Sharon Baxter-Judge

**GRAND FINAL:
Sat, August
9, 2.30pm,
Sports Hub**

