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Shop local win big: \$8,000 prize pool launched in Queanbeyan

The popular Shop & Win campaign has this week launched in Queanbeyan for the first time, to provide support to CBD businesses during the upcoming construction works on Monaro Street.

Running for six weeks until 3 October 2025, the campaign offers shoppers the chance to win a share of an \$8,000 prize pool, including weekly \$500 draws and a grand prize of \$5000 to spend in participating local businesses.

Entering Shop & Win is simple: for every \$20 spent in participating businesses, customers will receive a ticket with a unique code and QR code. The format is well-known to residents of Bungendore and Braidwood, and has been expanded to Queanbeyan in 2025.

This initiative is a key component of the Monaro Street Refresh Business Support Package, a series of measures designed to mitigate the impact of construction works and support businesses throughout the project. QPRC acknowledges the project will be disruptive and is committed to driving commercial activity in the CBD throughout the upgrade.

"The Monaro Street Refresh is a significant investment in the future of the Queanbeyan CBD and we

understand that projects of this scale cause disruption for our valued local businesses," said Mayor Kenrick Winchester.

The campaign aims to remind the community that businesses remain open and accessible during the construction and to showcase the mix of retail, hospitality and services businesses that Queanbeyan has to offer.

The Shop & Win promotion is part of a wider, integrated marketing campaign for Queanbeyan that includes digital advertising, social media promotion, local business profiles and on-the-ground signage to support commercial activity and encourage continued customer foot traffic through the area.

As Queanbeyan continues its transformation to realise the vision of the CBD Master Plan, the Shop & Win campaign provides a perfect opportunity for the community to support the economy, local jobs and businesses, and possibly walk away with a significant prize in time for a pre-Christmas shopping spree.

"The 'Shop & Win' campaign is a fantastic way for the community to rally together. It turns your local shopping trip into a direct act of support for our businesses, with



the bonus of a chance to win thousands of dollars in prizes. I encourage everyone to come into the CBD and show our local

businesses some love," concluded Mayor Winchester.

Pictured: Tracey Lamont, Place Management Specialist, QPRC,

Wiphada Tikhum, Asian Noodle House and Madeline Newton, Economic Development Officer, QPRC. Photo supplied

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Community News

Bungendore CWA is going LARGE with our Branch MEGA Trash and Treasure and Plant Spectacular: Saturday 20 September

The Bungendore Branch of the Country Women's Association (CWA) invites the community to come together for a vibrant day of bargains, local flavour, and country hospitality at our

MEGA Trash & Treasure and Plant Spectacular. Proceeds from the event will proudly support Home in Queanbeyan, an organisation providing critical housing and support

services for people in need. We warmly invite all to join us on the day and share the spirit of this much-loved community event. **Event Highlights**

Giant Plant & Seedling Stall Our resident green thumbs - Jenny, Joan and a team of helpers - have been striking cuttings, and potting precious plants. Expect everything from vibrant flowers to hardy vegetable seedlings to bring your garden to life. There will be the usual Homemade CWA Goodness where you can stock up on the famous CWA jams, pickles, and marmalades, all made with care, tradition and a generous helping of local ingredients. Enjoy classic country fare the obligatory bacon & egg rolls and indulge in our

specialty lambs fry & bacon rolls - a favourite for locals and visitors alike. Wondrous Treasures - We've scoured the sheds and cupboards of Bungendore residents to unearth quirky finds, pre-loved gems and rare bargains. And buy a ticket in HOME in Queanbeyan's mega raffle with a spectacular lineup of prizes. **Why It Matters** "This event is about raising vital funds for Home in Queanbeyan and it's also a chance for people to take home plants and seedlings already toughened for Bungendore's harsh and

unique conditions, while enjoying the simple pleasure of delicious country fare shared with friends and neighbours," said CWA President Donna Bush. Drop offs for TREASURES will be 16 - 18 September - 2pm - 6pm CWA Rooms

Event Details
Location: CWA Rooms - 40 Gibraltar Street, Bungendore
Date: Saturday 20 September
Time: 9.00am - 2.00pm



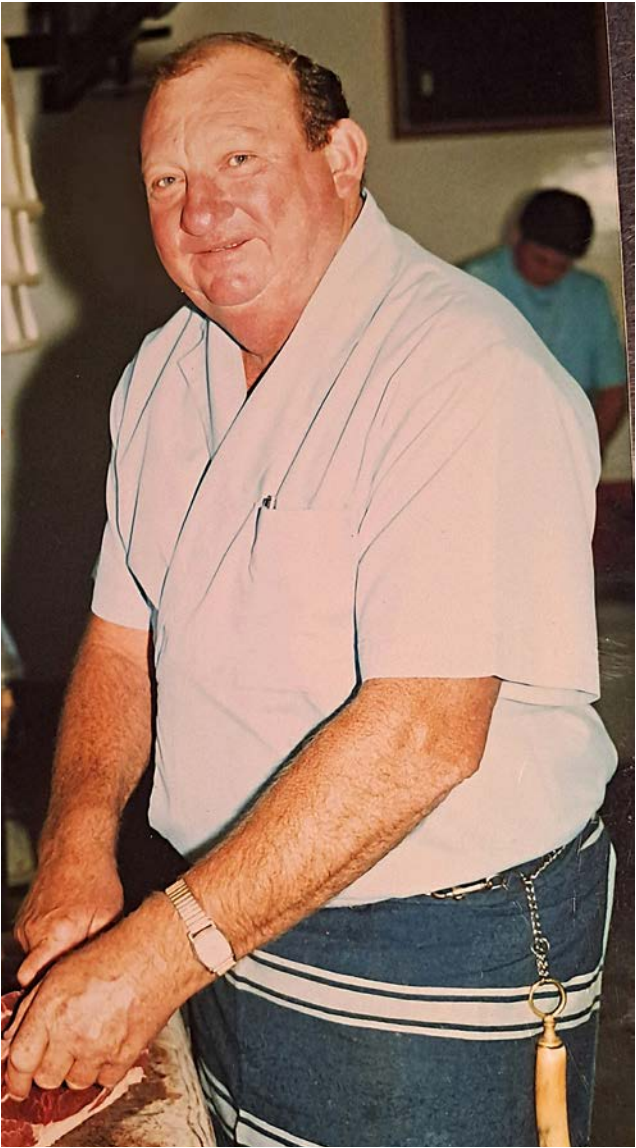
Vale Don Woodford

Born in Cobargo 24.07.1933 at a whopping 12 ½ pound - passed away in Canberra 04.07.2025. Formerly of Bungendore, Canberra, Cobargo & Yowrie Don is survived by his wife Mary (married just shy of 71 years), son Colin and daughter Helen. He came from humble beginnings. Being schooled in Yowrie for only four (4) years, then was to board in Cobargo to continue on, but as the family was unable to afford the board, that is when Don's schooling ceased. With the limited formal education Don received it is a testament as to his strength of character and determination and a whole lot of hard work, as to what someone can achieve in their lifetime. At the age of approximately ten (10) years, Don took up working alongside his father & uncles honing his bush skills - mustering stock in the mountains: now known as Wadbilliga National Park, farming, milking cows, Eucalyptus cutting & distilling, sleeper cutting (no

chainsaws in those days only an axe and crosscut saw) and butchering which he learnt for a short time in Sydney during the mid-1950's. The family resided in Canberra for approximately 10 years with Don being a bottle merchant, barman and butcher, before the move to Bungendore, where he has been for the past 52 years, apart from the last six (6) months residing in an Aged Care facility. The move to Bungendore in 1973 was because Don and Mary purchased Ryan's General Store (from Stan and Belle Ryan), where Gunna Doo Bakery is today. They altered the inside of the store overnight into a Supermarket with aisles for people to do their own shopping, without the storekeeper fetching the goods on their behalf. The supermarket opened from 8am to 7pm, seven (7) days a week (without closing for lunch) as every other business in town still closed for lunch, apart from the Hotels, this was a new era

for Bungendore at the time. Next to the supermarket was a closed section of the building, where it had at some point been a hardware store as there were many nuts and bolts etc. remaining on shelves. Don saw this as an opportunity to open his own butcher shop that he had so dreamed of doing. This section is currently vacant, though renovations are going ahead, where Gibraltar Cuts formerly tenanted, next to Gunna Doo Bakery. Don opened the butcher shop in 1974 with his son Colin going into partnership. In December 1989, the butcher shop relocated to across the road, opposite the Lake George Hotel, to new and bigger premises as the town's population was starting to expand. The supermarket that had new proprietors by this stage, too moved to the new premises next to the butcher shop (this is where Bungendore's Post Office is situated today). Don eventually stepped back from butchering to

pursue his next interest of contracting as a bobcat operator. This enabled him the time to attend to his farm that was a lifetime passion, where he bred the stock to supply the meat for the butcher shop in which Colin continued with until his retirement. The butcher shop remains there today under Darmody's ownership. Don continued his farming interests almost up to the point of entry to the Aged Care facility, with the assistance of his family in his later years. Don may be out of sight, but our memories will live on. He passed away on Friday 4 July 2025 at approximately 8.45pm, in time before 'last drinks' would be called. The family wishes to extend their sincere heartfelt gratitude to the many people that attended Don's funeral service, and for the flowers, cards and condolence messages received during this difficult time. Kindest regards - Mary, Colin & Sammi, Helen & Dave and their families.



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The Regional Independent is the only free, printed, independent, community newspaper within the Queanbeyan-Palerang local government area.

Distribution is **now 6,000** copies every fortnight, with stands in Queanbeyan, Karabar, Jerrabomberra, Bungendore, Braidwood and Wamboin.

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Community News

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Buy a badge and help us support the families of our veterans this Legacy Week Sunday 31 August to Saturday 6 September 2025.

The Legacy Week appeal has been running since the 1940's and is a time for all Australians to show their support for the widows and children whose loved ones have served our country.

The Legacy badge is a special emblem of support for our veterans' families, symbolising our nation's greatest values of mateship, compassion and fairness.

Legacy badges may be little but the funds they raise make a big impact in the lives of our veterans' families.

Legacy Week is a time to give back to the families of those who have given so

much.

How you can help:

Volunteer: Join thousands of people across the nation who dedicate their time to sell badges and bears.

Donate: Even the smallest gifts make a big difference. Donations can be made online at legacy.com.au/ donate or by purchasing a badge or bear from a volunteer.

Volunteers will be selling badges at Woolworths Quenbeyan, Jerrabomberra Shopping Centre, Riverside Plaza, Karabar, Spotlight, IGA Googong, Bunnings Fyshwick and Bungendore: outside the butchers (depending on volunteers).

Read more about Legacy Week: legacy.com.au/legacy-week

Photo courtesy of Legacy



Queanbeyan Museum News: History Week: Sept 6 -14

Queanbeyan and District Museum

Every week celebrates the history of Queanbeyan at the Queanbeyan and District Museum!

The theme this year is Water Stories and there are many stories related to the river.

The Queanbeyan River, named after an Indigenous word, thought to mean 'Clear Waters' is the life source which sparked the development of Queanbeyan and the surrounding area. Nowadays it is hard to imagine men fishing for trout in the 1890s when John Gale offered a reward 2s6d for any specimen of trout taken in the Queanbeyan or Molonglo Rivers or swimming carnivals being held in the river in 1921 while the town waited... and waited for a swimming pool.

However, many of us can remember the river flooding at different times. One of the greatest floods occurred 100 years ago when more than 85 inches (2159 millimetres) fell in a day and a half. The Queanbeyan Age reported on May 28th, 1925, that "five men drowned while numerous people were rescued including an elderly woman who spent the night sitting on a sideboard listening to the waters lapping the interior of her home and the various articles of furniture floating round."

"Waves several feet high beat furiously against the town bridge and backed up innumerable streets. Down the rapids came all manner of things, including horses, cattle, pigs, farm implements, a piano, a wheelbarrow, wreckage from houses, and all manner of timber



and debris."

"A two-storey brick house occupied by Mr. McGuinness, containing eight rooms, with everything, lock, stock and barrel, was hurled down the rapids, and in the morning only a tank leaning at an angle of 45 degrees marked the spot where the house once stood. During the night the suspension bridge which spanned the river a few hundred yards from the main street was completely carried away."

This is one of the many stories told through the objects, photographs and ephemera at the Queanbeyan Museum. During History Week:

Why not join John McGlynn and Kerrie Ruth for a Riverside Cemetery Walk: Sunday 14 September.

Meet at 10am at entrance on Erin St.

Finish about 11.30.

Bring water and hat and comfortable shoes.

Book by calling 62972730

Also check out the display in the Riverside Plaza windows on Monaro St highlighting the other treasures that can be found in the Museum.

OR visit the Museum to discover more about these stories. The Museum is located at 10 Farrer Place (next to the Police Station) and is open every Saturday and Sunday from 1pm to 4pm.

Group visits can be arranged by contacting the Museum: qbymuseum@gmail.com.

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Bungendore Bites - A Taste of Spring | Saturday 30 August

Bungendore Bites @ Night - 5pm to 9pm

As the sun goes down, the fun continues! The marquee will transform with lighting and cosy fire pits.

Get there early to secure your table – bring a tablecloth and set your table up. IGA gift cards are up for grabs in our Best Table Centrepiece Competition. Get creative – we can't wait to see what you come up with!

Live band **Hitparade** will light up the marquee with their party vibes. This popular band brings rich harmonies, lush arrangements, stylish presentation, and a constantly evolving set list of hits and classics – from Neil Diamond to Lady Gaga – all delivered in four-part harmony with professionally produced backing tracks.

We'll have Corang Estate, Hold Fast Distillery and Clark and Kealy Distilling - so you can taste and enjoy local craftsmanship. Bean



Corner will serving the coffee.

Our food vendors will be serving meals for \$20 or less, and the bar will be open thanks to the Bungendore Rugby Union Football Club.

Dinner menu: Small Bites, Caprizs Pizzas, Tacontento - Mexican Crispy Tacos, Mellabella Gelato, Bean Corner, Pop Up Poffertjes - Dutch Pancakes, Zomsa Fusion - Bhutanese Best Dumpling, Grill and Grind Gourmet and Chef Christophe and Josephine, with some fabulous French Crepes.

Whether you're coming on your own, with a partner, friends, family, your community group, or sporting club, or with workmates - grab a seat, join a table, and be part of the fun! With IGA gift cards up for grabs in the



Best Table Centrepiece Competition, it's the perfect excuse to get creative, show off your style, and enjoy a great night out together.

Bungendore Bites is proudly supported by QPRC, Community Bank Bungendore, and Barlens. The event aims to become a signature feature on the town's calendar – celebrating community, connection, and the tastes of spring.

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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

amentities building (parking near the netball courts).

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

See right for dates.

Everyone's welcome!

Seniors Chair Yoga

Chair Yoga: Tuesdays at the Bungendore Scout Hall. 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



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Crafting Community Comes Alive at Bungendore Gathering

Thursday night’s craft gathering of the Bungendore Crafters’ Co-Operative was a true celebration of creativity, connection, and community spirit. With the room



buzzing with activity, laughter, and the sound of busy hands, local makers came together to share in their love of handmade art and prepare for the upcoming Bungendore: A Taste of Spring festival.

From knitting and crocheting to mending, sewing, appliqué, painting, and drawing, the variety of crafts on display was as diverse as the talents of those who attended. So many turned out to join in that we nearly ran out of space—and chairs! But that didn’t dampen the mood. As always, the gathering had a warm, welcoming energy, with seasoned crafters and newcomers alike exchanging advice, sharing skills, and inspiring one another with their projects.

If you’re a maker, a lover of handmade goods, or simply curious about what’s happening in our town, keep an eye out for future gatherings and our monthly workshops. The women of the



Bungendore Crafters’ Co-Op meet every second Thursday at 55 Gibraltar Street from 6-8pm.

Our next craft evening will be on Thursday 4th September. Come along- you might just leave with a

new skill, a new friend, or a spark of inspiration.
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Blooming with Flavour: Spring Cake Picnic & Op Shop Specials

After the sweet success of our Autumn Cake Picnic, Phil’s Emporium Op Shop is excited to invite the Bungendore community back for another round—this time to welcome the season of sunshine and blooms!

Join us on **Saturday 6th September from 10am-12pm** for

a Spring Cake Picnic on the grounds of Phil’s, outside the Anglican Church Hall on Butmaroo Street. The concept is simple and delightful: bring a cake, list the ingredients, and add it to the communal picnic table—then grab a plate, a fork, and enjoy a delicious morning of cake-sharing with neighbours and friends. The

event is free and open to all. We’ll have picnic blankets and tables set up, as well as a plant sale, barista coffee, and plenty of Spring specials inside the op shop—just in time for Father’s Day. Let’s celebrate community, connection, and the love of cake. For more information,



contact Chloe at chloe@bungendoreanglican.org.au or

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Community News

Wamboin Winter Ball 2025

As we left the Hall at midnight Deb Gordon was looking for her glass slipper and a contralto was singing 'I Could Have Danced All Night'. Was it Julie Andrews or Beyonce or Billie Eilish? Who knows? Who cares? It was the nostalgic sound of the winding down of the Wamboin Fireball 2025.

Why 'Fireball' I hear you cry? Because this year is the 40th Anniversary of the Great Fire of Wamboin which swept through the area in 1985. It burned for five days and caused much damage to the environment but, fortunately, little damage to property and no serious injuries. It was bravely fought by the residents of Wamboin and Bywong (then called Geary's Gap) some of whom were in attendance at the Ball. Surrounding brigades also came to our aid. Our little LGA was barely ten years old then, but a shared adversity has a way of bringing people together and thus a tradition was born.

The Hall was dressed, appropriately, in red and black by our wonderful Maria Mayers, as were many attendees (no, not

by Maria, silly!). Once again the amazing Soul Plumbers provided the music. Those who came looking for a good time found it, socializing, dancing or just listening to the band - a cool front line, a superb rhythm section and a talented singer who showed she could handle any musical style. Try to imagine a conga line lead by a tall Saxophone player. The award for Best Dressed of the evening went to Ms Sam Urquhart, wearing a skirt which could light up any room - literally.

As you may know, our motto is 'Fun and Filanthropy'. Courtesy of our wondrous sponsors and the sale of raffle tickets we were able to raise \$2,499 for the Royal Flying Doctors Service, to assist in their magnificent work. Our sponsors were Contentious Character, Norton Road Wines, Bungendore Country Butchery (Paul Darmody went to a very good school), The George Bar and Dining, Project lighting Queanbeyan, Ciao Cakes Queanbeyan, The Gathering Café Bungendore, Nitro Roofing Bungendore, Grounded Motion and Inland Trading, The Soul Plumbers who performed gratis, the



Wamboin Whisper, the Regional Independent and my boss, SBJ, for not garnisheeing my wages for the ads.

Be sure to save the date for next year: Saturday, 20 June 2026. We want to avoid clashing with school holidays so you can spend more

time with the kiddos. Larry King, reveller Photo of the band supplied

Maria's Community Corner



Maria Porreca

During the second half of 2024 a new Group, called 'Calabrese Women of Canberra and Surrounds' was formed. As the name suggests it is for Calabrese women who migrated to our region or whose parents/grandparents migrated to Australia and who would like to 'Explore and Embrace' the roots, tapestry, culture and traditions of the Calabrese heritage. It is a journey of uncovering stories of resilience, innovation, and of course the traditions of Southern Italy.

The first meeting was held on 11th August 2024 at the Italian Cultural Centre in Forrest and the second was on 15th May 2025 and it was held at the Italian Community Hall in Carinya Street, Queanbeyan.

At these two meetings participants introduced themselves, marked on the map the town/region they

came from in Calabria, whether they migrated or were born here and what made them, or their relatives, come to Australia. It was a revealing experience to hear of the language difficulties, of learning to live without the rest of your family close by and the trials and tribulations of the other ladies present - like a validation that it wasn't just you. We all learnt from each other, we shared our early experiences in this country and there was strength in connecting with each other, as a collective identity with deep appreciation of being custodians of traditions.

At the recent gathering on Sunday 10th August, again at the Italian Community Hall, we had the pleasure of Delizia Naturally demonstrating how she makes her amazing soaps. It was both informative and riveting to listen to her speak of the science and traditions behind the soaps she produces. It brought back so many memories for us all, some remembered how they used

to make soap, whilst others remembered watching their mothers making it. During the demonstration a new soap was born - and it's going to be called 'Calabrisella'. I won't tell you what the fragrance is so that you can find out for yourself next time you pop by Delizia's stall. You're sure to love it!

The Queanbeyan Senior Citizens Association held a very successful AGM on Tuesday 19th August. It was great to have all positions filled. Some of the Office Bearers are President - Brenda Russell; Vice Presidents - Frances Flanagan and Maria Porreca; Secretary - Kim Collins; Minute Secretary - Olwyn-Anne Cook; Treasurer - Kim Collins and Assistant Treasurer - Alison Evans. Congratulations everyone. Everyone was treated to a scrumptious afternoon tea after the meeting.

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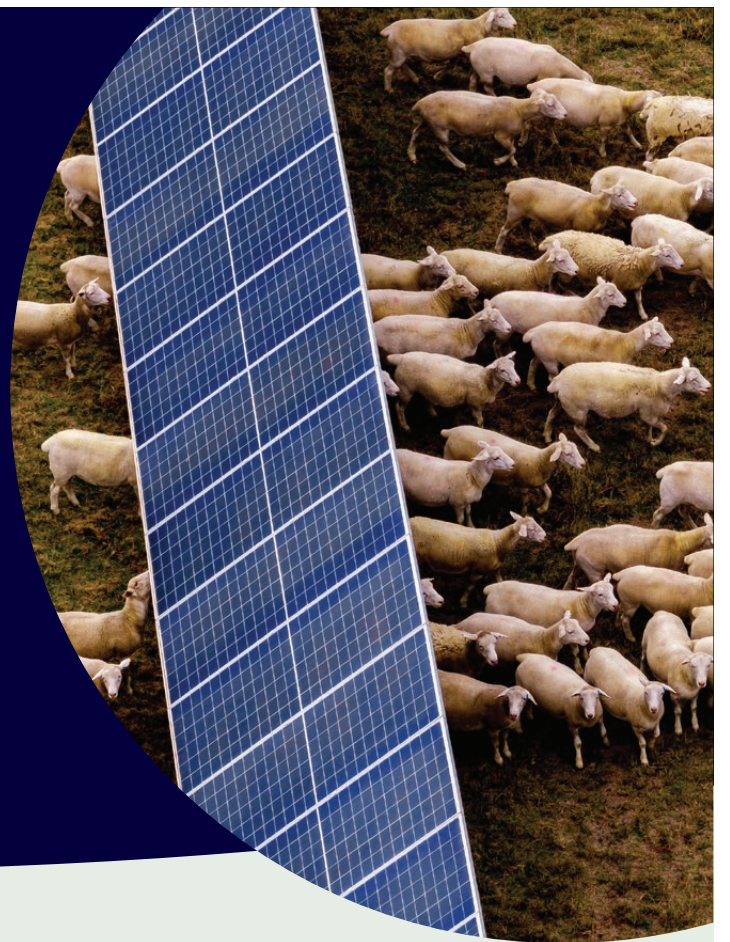
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The project aims to have renewable energy production co-exist with organic grass-fed lambs, regenerative agriculture, a soil carbon sequestration project and restoration of biodiversity.

Work Packages Register your Interest

Local businesses, contractors, and trades encouraged to register their interest in a range of Work Packages currently available for the Blind Creek Solar Farm project. This is a great opportunity for the local community to get involved and benefit directly from the project's investment.

Expressions of interest are sought for:

- civil works
- electrical works
- fencing
- mechanical works
- cleaning
- grass slashing
- plant hire
- accommodation, and more.

For full details, follow the links on our website to the ICN gateway: www.blindcreeksolarfarm.com.au/procurement

Important Upgrades Tarago Road, Lake George

To ensure safe access to the Blind Creek Solar Farm site during construction, the existing entrance will be upgraded with new left and right turn lanes, along with shoulder widening.

Short-term delays:

Mid-July to September 2025

Work hours:

Mon - Fri 7am - 6pm

Sat 7am - 1pm

Location:

Tarago Road, Lake George

Thanks for your patience as we complete these works.

Find out more



For more information please email:
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Community News

Queanbeyan Seniors 50+ activities

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, strengthing)
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 at
our Fete on 13th September.
Eight Prizes including an amazing
handmade quilt by Queanbeyan

Quilters, Gift vouchers from Coles
(\$200), Bunnings (\$100), Harris
Scarfe, Junee Licorice & chocolate
hamper, ice cream maker, electric
knife and a gaming headset.

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then \$10 annually.

New members very welcome.

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Bungendore Bites & Kites - 10am to 2pm

Saturday 30 August, Mick
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So, what is Bungendore Bites
and Kites?

It's not a market – it's all about a
long lunch with family and friends.
Our huge marquee will be set up
with tables and chairs so you can
sit back, relax and enjoy the day.
Bring a picnic rug if you prefer.

From 10am to 2pm, Bungendore
Bites & Kites will take flight
with a line-up of family-friendly
entertainment, hands-on activities,
and kite-flying fun.

Who's coming along?

Warehouse Circus Workshops

Have you ever wanted to learn
to juggle, try your hand at plate
spinning, or master some cool new
tricks with a hula hoop or diabolo?
The team from Warehouse Circus
can't wait to teach you a range of
skills at our drop-in workshop! With
circus skills such as juggling, trick
sticks, poi, hula hoops, diabolo,
spinning plates and more, there's
fun for all ages and abilities.

Raio De Sol Community
Samba Band

Live music from the vibrant Raio
De Sol Community Samba Band.
Raio de Sol means "sunbeam" in
Portuguese, and this community
band is bringing the Brazilian
rhythms of samba to Bungendore
with two performances. Ever
wanted to learn the drums? Join
their fun drumming workshop and
feel the beat.

FREE face painting - Ali will
be there to transform faces with
colourful, creative designs.

Creative Bites - a nature-themed
craft space for kids and adults
alike, with fun competitions and
\$50 IGA gift cards as prizes. Our
friends from the Bungendore
Crafters Co-op will be on hand
to help get your creative juices
flowing – make your own stick
wands or yarn stars.

Thanks to **Bungendore Mitre 10**
Make, you can also build your own
native Bee Hotel to take home,
ready for spring.

Kite fun

Thanks to the financial support of
Community Bank Bungendore, we
have kite-flying workshops and
demos. Members of the Australian
Kiteflyers Society will be on hand
to offer tips and tricks on how to
make your kite soar – plus, check
out their large, amazing kites. Kite
Magic will also join in for some
creative kite fun.

IGA gift cards are up for grabs in
our kite competitions.

If you want to practise before the
event, call into the Community
Bank in Bungendore and pick up
your free diamond kite (numbers
are limited). Chat to the friendly
staff and enter the Bites Kite
Competition for a chance to win
a \$50 bank voucher. To win, you
must be at the event with your kite.

Kite flying competitions with
free diamond kites (thanks to
Community Bank Bungendore
- numbers limited, weather
permitting).

Bungendore Show Society
The best one-day show in NSW



– the Bendigo Bank Bungendore
Show – is on Sunday 26 October.
Members will have a stall on the
day.

President Ashley Meyer-Dillely
said, "At Bungendore Bites we're
bringing the pavilion to you,
hosting a colouring-in competition
for kids to win a family pass to
the show. It's an event not to be
missed. It's also a chance for the
community to meet our committee
and learn more about what it takes
to run an agricultural show."

**Bom Funk's Australian Dance
Creative** will wow audiences

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performance is a sneak peek of the
high-energy show they'll take to
Japan, lighting up stages in Tokyo
and the Osaka World Expo.

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Caprizs Pizzas, Neat Street
Coffee & Cakes, Tacontento -
Mexican Crispy Tacos, Mellabella
Gelato, Bean Corner, Pop Up
Poffertjes - Dutch Pancakes, and
Zomsa Fusion - Bhutanese Best
Dumpling.

Above: De Sol Community Samba Band.
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QPRC: council meeting agenda for Wednesday 27 August 2025

The Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on 13 August 2025, commencing at 5.30pm, WB Freebody Chambers, Nellie Hamilton Centre, 257 Crawford Street, Queanbeyan Presentations for items listed on the Agenda can be made in writing, via Zoom or in person. A live stream of the meeting can be viewed at: http://webcast.qprc.nsw.gov.au Reports to Council - Items for Determination 9.1 DA.2025.0014 - Construction of a Medical Centre - 24 Gibraltar Street, Bungendore 9.2 DA.2025.0128 - Construction of Multi-dwelling Housing Comprising Buildings	Containing 62 Units, Earthworks, Associated Infrastructure and Strata Subdivision - 59 McFarlane Avenue, Googong 9.3 DA.2023.0490 - Reimbursement of Contributions - 15 Boronia Crescent, Karabar 9.4 Draft Planning Proposal to Enable Complying Development in the C4 Environmental Living Zone 9.5 2024-25 4th Quarter Budget Review Statement and Budget Revotes 9.6 Renewal of 88 Wallace Street and New Braidwood Carpark - Concept Design 9.7 Naming of South Jerrabomberra Town Park and Dog Park 9.8 ARIC and Internal Audit Annual Work Plan	9.9 Ellerton Drive Bridge Naming 9.10 Application for a Council Cultural Grant 9.11 Investment Report - July 2025 9.12 Policy Review 9.13 Post-Exhibition Policy Report Reports to Council - Items for Information 10.1 24 Gibraltar Street, Bungendore - Preliminary Heritage Report 10.2 2025 Annual Review of QPRC Climate Change Action Plan: Council Operation, Plan Period: 2020-2030 10.3 Financial Assistance Grants Program 2025/26 10.4 Advocacy for TrainLink Discovery Pass - Minister	Response 10.5 Opposition to Woodlawn Advanced Energy Recovery Centre - Minister Response 10.6 Councillor Workshops Reports of Committees 11.1 Heritage Advisory Committee Minutes - 31 July 2025 11.2 Local Traffic Committee Minutes - 5 August 2025 Notices Of Motions 12.1 Motion for LGNSW Annual Conference - Rural Fencing Standards 12.2 Notice of Motion - Protection of the Southern Greater Glider Questions with Notice 14.1 Questions With Notice - Council's Financial	Investments Reports For Closed Session Confidential - Not for Publication 16.1 2025-39 Old Cooma Road Stage 3 (Southbar Road to ELP) - Detailed Design Item 16.1 is confidential in accordance with s10(A) (d) (i) of the Local Government Act 1993 because it contains commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it and discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest. 16.2 Legal Matters Update - 1 January to 30 June 2025 Item 16.2 is confidential	in accordance with s10(A) (c) (e) (g) of the Local Government Act 1993 because it contains information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business; AND information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the maintenance of law; AND advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege and discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.
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The Annual Wamboin Bonfire and Fireworks Night

This Saturday: 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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- 9am to 11pm

Brave Buddies Playgroup

- 10am to 12pm

Heart-Muscle-Balance

- 12.45pm to 1.30pm

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EXHIBITION OF STATE SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION

Monaro Rock Quarry Project

Application No

SSD-27223807

Location

Mates Drive, Royalla

Applicant

Monaro Rock Pty Ltd

Council Area

Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional

Consent Authority

Minister for Planning and Public Spaces or Independent Planning Commission

Description of proposal

The establishment of a quarry to extract up to 1,000,000 tpa of hard rock from a resource of approximately 31.1 Million tonnes for up to 30 years. The project would involve the transport of products to market via road.

About the exhibition

An exhibition process allows any individual or organisation to have their say about a proposed development.

The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (Department) has received a State significant development application for the abovementioned project. The application, environmental impact statement, and accompanying documents are on exhibition from **Wednesday 27 August 2025** until **Wednesday 24 September 2025**. You can view these documents online at planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects.

At the time of publishing this advertisement, the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces has not directed that a public hearing should be held.

Have your say

To have your say on this project, you must lodge a submission online through the NSW Planning Portal before the close of exhibition.

To do this, search for this project at planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects and click on 'Make a submission'. You will need to log in or create a user account.

Resources to help you use the NSW Planning Portal are available at planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/help including a step-by-step guide on how to make a submission. If you require further assistance making a submission through the portal, please contact customer support on 1300 305 695.

If you think you'll need help making a submission using the portal, it's a good idea to contact customer support sooner rather than later. Ensure you give yourself plenty of time to make a submission before the project's exhibition end date.

Before making your submission:

You should read the Department's:

disclaimer and declaration at planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/help/disclaimer-and-declaration; and

privacy statement at planning.nsw.gov.au/privacy.

Your submission will be published on the NSW Planning Portal in accordance with our privacy statement and disclaimer and declaration. You can elect to have your name withheld from the published list of submitters. If you choose this option, do not include personal information in the body of your submission or in any attachments as your submission will be published in full.

When making a submission you will be required to include:

your name and address;

the name of the project and the application number;

a statement on whether you 'support' or 'object' to the application or if you are simply providing comment;

the reasons why you support or object to the application;

a declaration of any reportable political donations you have made in the last two years (visit planning.nsw.gov.au/assess-and-regulate/development-assessment/planning-approval-pathways/ donations-and-gift-disclosure or phone 1300 305 695 to find out more); and

an acknowledgement that you accept the Department's disclaimer and declaration.

For more information, including the Department's submissions policy, please go to planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/have-your-say.

For more information about the project:

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Permanent home secured as Queanbeyan Seniors elect new committee

The Queanbeyan Senior Citizen’s Association has had an amazing fortnight in which they were able to tick off 2 important items from their ‘to do list’.

The first event was the signing of the lease for our current premises. This is quite an achievement, having been nomads for many years prior to QPRC allowing the Seniors to use the former Visitor Information Centre opposite the Court House and Police Station. Queanbeyan Seniors gave up their former premises so that QPRC could build their new office complex on the land that the Seniors were occupying at the time. The lease, being for Lot A, is for 5 years with an option to renew.

Membership has increased from 30 to over 300 since we moved into our current permanent home. Enjoyable activities are on offer every day of the week and we are looking at adding more.

On Tuesday 19th August Seniors held their AGM. This was very well attended and after the formalities a scrumptious afternoon tea was held.

The new Committee of Management is -

President - Brenda Russell (Mob: 0407 201 392)

Vice Presidents - Frances Flanagan & Maria Porreca

Secretary - Kim Collins (Mob: 0407 902 989)

Minute Secretary - Olwyn-Anne Cook

Treasurer - Kim Collins

Assistant Treasurer - Alison Evans

Publicity Officer - Maria Porreca

Membership Officer - Kim Collins

Housekeeping Officer -Pip Kelly

and a new member, Terry Adams, was added to the existing Fundraising Committee.

The Group Leaders for the individual activities has remained the same as the previous year.

Congratulations everyone!

Photo supplied of Presdient, Brenda Russell signing the lease.



Ruby Holden to take the stage at the Ekka and open for Amber Lawrence

Local singer-songwriter Ruby Holden is set to take her music to the next level, with two major performances lined up this August. The Daramalan College student has been selected as one of just twelve junior finalists in the Ekka Country Music Showdown in Brisbane, and will also open for country music star Amber Lawrence at Tallagandra Hill Winery on August 17.

Ruby’s journey into music was inspired by her family’s love for performance and a little help from her dad.

“I grew up going to lots of concerts and festivals with my family,” she said. “My dad played in bands for years and loves music so much. He taught me my first chords on the guitar, but it wasn’t until I joined the Australian Girls Choir in 2017 that my confidence and love of performing really grew.”

One of her first public performances was right here in the region.

“One of my first performances was busking at the Sutton Markets three years ago. I was very nervous but I had so much support from my family throughout the day – and since then I haven’t stopped performing nearly every weekend.”

When Ruby found out she’d been selected for the Ekka competition, she was in disbelief.

“I received a finalist email saying I had been chosen as one of the 12 junior finalists. I remember I found out just before I started teaching an afternoon of guitar and singing lessons and I was just so excited and almost didn’t believe it!”

At the Ekka, Ruby will perform two songs – one original, and one cover.

“The first song is an original called Little Tree that I wrote about having big dreams and not giving up despite the struggles along the way,” she explained. “For me that dream is to be a successful musician in the industry... my soul is calling me to write music and perform.”

She’ll also perform Pony by Kasey Chambers, a song chosen with help from her dad. “It’s by an Australian country artist and follows similar themes of dreams. Kasey’s music is so amazing and I hope I do her proud with my rendition.”

The Ekka won’t be Ruby’s only major stage this month. She’s also set to open for Amber Lawrence – an opportunity that came about thanks to some strong local support.

“The owners of Tallagandra Winery are followers of my journey and they knew that I was a fan of Amber Lawrence,” Ruby said. “Having already opened for Fanny

Lumsden there, and shared the stage with Amber at the Tamworth Country Music Festival, they invited me back for Amber.”

She added, “I’m most looking forward to meeting her again and performing my original songs with my Dad for the first time.”

Ruby is proud to represent both her school and her hometown. “I’m so proud to say that I live in Queanbeyan and attend Daramalan College,” she said. “To have the opportunity to perform at the Ekka is amazing and I feel so grateful and blessed to have such a supportive family and community around my music.”

Balancing music and school can be a challenge, but Ruby is up for it.

“Time management is key... there are lots of late nights and I use my study lines at school to catch up on school work or music practice,” she said. “I try my best to balance everything, but sometimes music becomes priority over school for me!”

Looking ahead, Ruby’s dreams are far-reaching – and international. “I hope to get into the studio to record my music too, with a single coming out soon,” she said. “To be honest though, I’m keen to take my guitar to Europe and see what happens. The ultimate goal is to go to Nashville one day as I grow my following here in Australia.”

As for collaborations, Ruby’s dream list is long – and full of talent.

“I would absolutely love to collaborate with Paul Kelly... he inspires me to think more creatively with my lyrics and sound,” she said. “I’d also love to write with Max Jackson, and artists like Sierra Ferrell, Kasey Musgraves, Missy Higgins, Kasey Chambers, Amber Lawrence or rising artist Ken Pomeroy.”

Ruby will also perform at the Royal Hotel in Bungendore on November 14 – giving local audiences another chance to hear this rising star in action.

Sharon Baxter-Judge
Photo of Ruby supplied



Buzz-In Builders at Bungendore Bites and Kites: this Saturday

Buzz-In Builders - Make a creative home for native bees & win

Bungendore Bites and Kites: 10am to 2pm. Saturday 30 August, Mick Sherd Oval.

Free to enter - from 10.30am to 12.30pm. Judging at 1pm.

Sponsored by Bungendore Mitre 10

Get creative at Bungendore Bites with our hands-on bee native hotel craft for kids and adults. Thanks to our friends from the Bungendore Men’s Shed, time to create your very own bee hotel to take home and give our native bees a cosy new home.

All materials supplied - thanks to Bungendore Mitre 10 – all you need is your imagination! Plus, everyone who joins in goes in the draw to win. This free activity is fun, crafty, and buzzing with good vibes!



2 categories - Under 12 years and Over 12 years. Prizes:

1st prize a Family Pass to Bungendore Show (thanks to the Bungendore Show Society)

2nd prize a Snuggly Blanket Hoodie (thanks to Bungendore IGA)

People’s Choice Award wins a \$50 IGA Gift Card



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Thursday 4th September
Thursday 18th September

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Community News

Scams Awareness Week: 25 to 29 August

National Anti-Scam Centre calls for continued action this Scams Awareness Week as scam losses trend up at \$175M. Australians reported more than 108,000 scams and financial losses of about \$175 million to the National Anti-Scam Centre's Scamwatch service in the first half of 2025, with fake websites, online advertisements, and contact through social media criminals' preferred methods of reaching people.

This Scams Awareness Week, the National Anti-Scam Centre is joining together with government, business, community groups, consumer protection groups, educational organisations and individuals to reinforce the three simple actions that can help protect Australians: 'Stop. Check. Protect' before clicking, sharing, or paying.

It comes as Scamwatch received 108,305 reports about scams in the first six months of 2025, which is a 24 per cent decrease in reports compared to the same period last year. While total number of reports are down, reports involving losses have increased significantly.

The \$174.8 million reported lost is a 26 per cent increase compared to the first half of 2024. There has been a 40.5 percent increase in reports involving losses and this is higher for some demographic groups: about 44 per cent among individuals who speak English as a second language, and 55.3 percent for First Nations Australians compared to the same period in 2024.

The 2025 losses still represent but a

39 per cent decrease compared to the equivalent period in 2023. Financial losses to scams peaked in 2022 and early 2023. The average reported loss was \$12,212 - a decrease of about 10 per cent.

Losses to phishing scams were \$19.5 million in 2025, driven in part by a rise in cryptocurrency impersonation scams. 14,235 reports involved losses to crypto scams. These scams closely mirror bank impersonation tactics and have resulted in significant financial harm to victims.

This Scams Awareness Week, follow our advice to stay safe from scams:

STOP. Always take a moment before giving your money or personal information to anyone. Scammers will create a sense of urgency to pressure you into acting quickly. Don't rush to make decisions about money or sharing personal details.

What to do:

- Say no, hang up, or delete suspicious messages
- Take time to think before responding to unexpected requests
- Don't let anyone pressure you into immediate action
- Trust your instincts if something feels wrong

CHECK. Make sure the person or organisation you're dealing with is real. Scammers pretend to be from organisations you know and trust. Always verify who you're really dealing with before taking any action.

What to do:

- Contact the organisation directly using phone numbers or email addresses you find on their official website or app
- Research investment opportunities or offers through official sources like ASIC
- Get a second opinion from family, friends, or professionals.

PROTECT. Act quickly if something feels wrong. The sooner you act, the better you can protect yourself and others from scammers.

What to do:

- Contact your bank immediately if you think you've lost money or shared financial details
- Contact IDCARE (www.idcare.org) or call 1800 595 160) if you want support to recover - they can help you create a plan to the limit damage of scams
- Report to Scamwatch (www.scamwatch.gov.au) to help protect others
- Report to police (www.cyber.gov.au)
- Change passwords and security details if you think they've been compromised
- Monitor your bank statements and credit reports for unusual activity
- Report the scam to the impersonated organisation and platform where the scam is happening
- Being scammed can feel overwhelming. Support is available at Lifeline on 13 11 14 or Beyond Blue on 1300 22 4636.

Queanbeyan Senior Citizen's Annual Fete

Date: Saturday 13 Sept 2025

Time: 9am - 3pm
Place: 1 Farrer Place, Queanbeyan

Lots and Lots of goodies on offer such as baked goods, plant stall, bric-a-brac, white elephant stall and our amazing raffle consisting of -

- 1st prize - exquisite Handmade Quilt by Queanbeyan Quilters
- 2nd prize - \$200 Coles Gift card
- 3rd prize - \$100 Bunning Gift card
- 4th prize - Ice Cream maker
- 5th prize - Junee Licorice & Chocolate Hamper
- 6th prize - \$25 Harris Scarfe Gift card



- 7th prize - Electric knife
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Community News

Bungendore Fine Art, September and October Exhibition: "Glimpses of Land and Sea"

Oil Paintings from Recent Travels

Opening Saturday 6 September - End of October

Val Johnson F.R.A.S

Val is a member of the Royal Art Society of NSW, Arts in Miniature Canberra, Queanbeyan Arts Society and Strathairn Arts. Her career began in the sixties studying Commercial Art at East Sydney Technical College whilst employed as an artist at David Jones Display Studio Sydney where she worked for 12 years as an artist, five years designing the Christmas animated window displays.

In the 80's Val attended the Macquarie Art School Bathurst furthering studies in life drawing, still life and portrait painting. She also studied print making and fine crafts at Mitchell College Bathurst. Val attended The Julian Ashton Art School of



the Roal Art Society and Open Art Course at the National Art School, Canberra.

Val has tutored at the Summer Art Experience in Canberra, given a number of demonstrations and workshops She exhibits widely and has won numerous awards for her work. She has been hung three times in the Portia Geach Portrait Prize, won the inaugural Allan Hansen Memorial award for Exhibiting artists at the Royal Art Society of NSW. She has been Reserve Grand Champion at The National Capital Art Show, Canberra. Val has been a finalist also in the Bald Archy Award for Satirical Portraiture from 2010 - 2018.

Throughout her career Val has had a

number of joint and solo exhibitions in Bathurst, Port Macquarie, Sydney and Canberra. In May 2008 Val held an exhibition on the Island of Leros in Greece and in many other locations

Val has also taken artists to outback Australia to paint for 10 years and is a dedicated artist inspired by her travels both in Australia and overseas.

Bungendore Fine Art, 42b Ellendon Street, Bungendore
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www.bungendorefineart.com.au
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Message from Kristy McBain MP

There has been a lot of talk around the country recently about productivity and the Albanese Government's Economic Reform Roundtable, which wrapped up in Canberra on Thursday 21 August.

I'm proud to say we've made so much progress in the economy with inflation down, unemployment low, real wages up and interest rates falling.

This roundtable was all about keeping that momentum, and hearing from a range of voices about the big and consequential economic challenges and opportunities of our time.

One of the things that defines the Government is that we're an inclusive government, we are open to ideas from business, from unions, from civil society, from academics, right across the board.

One of the outcomes of the roundtable that I am particularly passionate about is looking at how we can build more homes more quickly, which is vital for our region.

We need to look at how we can help people who are finding it harder and harder to get into the housing market, or find somewhere decent to rent.

To address this issue, Minister for Housing and Homelessness Clare O'Neil will be looking at how we can reduce the complexity and red tape in the National Construction Code, and work with the states and territories to help speed up decisions so we can get more housing and other kinds of projects underway quicker.

In other news, the National Youth Parliament is officially launched!

Have you ever imagined sitting in the House of Representatives, debating real issues, or drafting laws that shape our future? Or maybe you've heard a young person speak passionately and thought, "They'd make a brilliant local representative." Now's their chance to shine.

One student from each federal electorate across Australia will be selected to take part in an immersive five-day experience in Canberra as part of the 2026 National Youth Parliament.

This exciting program gives 'Youth Members' the opportunity to:

- Explore the role of a Member of Parliament
- Learn how bills are drafted, debated, and passed
- Engage with parliamentary processes in a hands-on way

I can't wait to see young people from across Eden-Monaro put their hand up to represent our region. This is a chance to be heard, to lead, and to make a difference.

You can apply now here: <https://nyp.houseofrepresentatives.gov.au/>

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

Photo supplied of National Youth Parliament sitting



Skin check truck is coming to town

"We're tackling skin cancer head on"

Everyone has a story regarding a Cancer of some form and Skin Cancer is no different. Australia is ranked Number 1, along with New Zealand, for Melanoma diagnosis, and yet the most popular thing to do on a hot summer day is to get a tan. This rating of Number 1 is not something that we should be proud of.

The Community Bank branches of Bungendore, Braidwood, Crookwell, Bega, Pambula, Batemans Bay, Sanctuary Point and Milton have partnered with the Australian Skin Cancer Foundation (ASCF) to have the Skin Check Truck visit their towns to provide free on-site skin checks. The dates are as follows:

Thur 2 October Braidwood

Fri 3 October Bungendore

Tues 7 October Crookwell

The Truck will be open from 8am and closing at 4pm.

The location for the Skin Check Truck in Bungendore is the car park of Mick Sherd Oval. The Rotary Club of Bungendore will provide a BBQ for participants.

Alongside the skin checks, the Truck provides educational resources on skin cancer prevention, the importance of sun protection and recognising early signs of skin cancer.

Community Manager of ASCF, Melissa Taylor, said "We are excited to partner with the Community Banks and wish to acknowledge their generosity to enable members of their community to receive a free skin check".

Not only will the Skin Check Truck and Rotary be at the location, the Community Bank will have their marquee where staff can perform a "financial check" before or after a skin check.

Community Engagement Manager of Bungendore, Braidwood and Crookwell branches, Nick Fry said "This is the first type of collaborative marketing that the Community Bank branches have undertaken and we look forward to supporting our communities with this project. It shows that the Community Bank is not just a bank, we are a social enterprise, a regional investor and a partner in grassroot change".

Registrations for appointments

can be made now by simply scanning the QR Code on the poster or the link <https://www.australianskincancerfoundation.org/bendigo-bank>

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Community News

QPRC meeting summary - 13 August 2025

QPRC
Here is the summary of the resolutions made at the Ordinary Council meeting of 13 August 2025, held in Bungendore.

The archived recording of the meeting is now available at: <https://webcast.qprc.nsw.gov.au/archive/video25-0813.php>

- Council observed a moment's silence in recognition of the late Bobby Warner
- Council heard from four members of the public who made presentations about items on the agenda including the proposed naming of the Bungendore Community Centre as the Norah Starrs Community Centre and the proposed re-naming of Ballalaba Bridge as Alma Bridge
- Council endorsed the name of the Bungendore Community Centre as the Norah Starrs Community Centre and the name will be placed on public exhibition for 28 days at <https://yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au>
- Council endorsed naming the bridge crossing on Shoalhaven River at Ballalaba the Alma Bridge and will place proposed name on public exhibition for 28 days
- Council refused all tenders for Contract 2025-540 for construction of women's rugby league change rooms at Freebody Oval and endorsed a

new request for tender process incorporating cost-saving measures. Council allocated any unspent funding from Seiffert Oval changeroom refurbishment to Freebody Oval pending funding body agreement and will report budget adjustment at next quarterly budget review

- Council will contribute \$188,945 to the Braidwood Heritage Centre project's DA Fees and \$64 contributions to support the completion of the project, allocate this funding and report budget adjustment in the next quarterly budget review
- Council appointed five community members to the Bungendore Flood Risk Management Committee
- Council will place proposed names for parks and open spaces in Googong Neighbourhoods 3, 4, and 5 on public exhibition for 28 days at <https://yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au>
- Council deferred consideration of a Tigers FC proposal to use the Regional Sports Complex as their home facility, until after an updated business plan for the Complex has been finalised
- Council endorsed draft licence agreement with Queanbeyan FM Incorporated over part 28 Miller Street, Queanbeyan (Letchworth Community Centre) for 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2030

- Council endorsed a licence agreement renewal with Jerrabomberra Tennis Club Inc over 4 Coral Drive, Jerrabomberra for 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2029
- Council awarded suppliers onto the 2024-79 Plant Hire Panel Contract for a three year period, with two extension periods of one year each
- Council received information report about the sale of land for unpaid rates process undertaken in the 2024-25 financial year
- Council received information report about Councillor workshops on 30 July and 6 August including The Q business plan; Roads Strategic Plan - Transport Investment Framework; Wamboin, Bywong & Suttong Connectivity Options; Aquatics Strategy Review, Policy Reviews
- Council will submit motion to the LGNSW Annual Conference that LGNSW advocate to NSW Government for review and amendment of Local Government Act 1993 to improve sale of land process for unpaid rates and charges, including allowing councils to directly sell remnant or 'sliver' land parcels to adjoining landowners, without requiring public auction; confirming that councils must offer land for sale with vacant possession as standard

practice, to obtain fair market value, clarifying that execution of contracts for sale may be delegated to General Managers for efficiency and risk reduction; providing councils with statutory right to recover reasonable costs incurred where property withdrawn from sale due to late payment or settlement

- Council will submit motion to the LGNSW Annual Conference calling on NSW Government to amend planning regulations to require DA for establishment of tobacconists and vape stores, to enable councils to assess and manage their location and concentration
- Council will submit motion to LGNSW Annual Conference calling on NSW Government to review the SEPP (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008 in relation to election signage to ensure clear, enforceable provisions for electoral signage and provide consistent statewide guidelines and resources to assist councils with managing the placement, duration, and removal of election signage, including signage on public land and road reserves
- Council acknowledged recent achievement of local Bungendore resident Robbie Sanderson and congratulated him on his win at the 2025 International Mixed Martial Arts Federation Youth

World Championships
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>

Photo QPRC: Braidwood Heritage Centre: progress photo of the trenches dug for electrical work Council will contribute \$188,945 to the Braidwood Heritage Centre project's DA Fees and \$64 contributions to support the completion of the project, allocate this funding and report budget adjustment in the next quarterly budget review



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Community News

Volunteers in Eden-Monaro get a helping hand

Ten organisations in the Queanbeyan Palerang region have been awarded funding through the 2024-25 Volunteer Grants round.

Each year the Volunteer Grants program provides up to \$10 million in funding to community organisations across Australia that they can then use to support their volunteers through such things including the purchasing of small equipment items, training, insurance costs and background screening checks.

Organisations within the Queanbeyan Palerang region that are receiving funding include the Braidwood Show Society, Queanbeyan Netball Association, Bella Monaro Women's Football Club, and the Queanbeyan and District Rodeo Association Inc.

Member for Eden-Monaro Kristy McBain MP congratulated the

many organisations who will receive funding under the program.

"It's great to see so many local communities will benefit from this funding, which helps support local sporting groups, and other events and organisations that bring the community together.

"I know Eden-Monaro has so many amazing volunteers who give up their time to keep our towns running. Your work is so important, and makes a real difference to people's lives.

"It's also great that eligible community organisations will be able to allocate their funding towards insurance premiums for the first time.

"This change helps successful organisations to better navigate rising operating costs and reduces out of pocket costs for volunteers." Kristy McBain visited Create

Collaborate Collective Inc at The Hive in Queanbeyan to formally present the grant to Board members Helen Gibson, Frank Bresnik and Dennis Mortimer.

"We are ever so grateful to receive this financial support for our local not-for-profit group that connects people in arts and culture." Helen Gibson said.

QPRC Volunteer Grants funding recipients:

- Bella Monaro Women's Football Club
- Braidwood Show Society
- Braidwood Life Centre Inc
- Queanbeyan South School P&C Association
- Create Collaborate Collective Inc
- 1st Jerrabomberra Scout Group
- Queanbeyan Netball Association
- Bungendore Netball Club Inc



• Queanbeyan and District Rodeo Association Inc • Bungendore Campdraft Club Inc
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What would you do with a \$1 million inheritance?



by Phil Harvey
For many Australians, receiving a large inheritance is a once-in-a-lifetime event.

While it can bring enormous opportunity, it can also raise tough questions: Do we pay off the mortgage? Should we invest? How do we balance today's lifestyle with tomorrow's security?

What you should do really depends on your situation.

Let's look at how I would help one couple approach it.

Sarah and James are both 40, living in Sydney with their two children, aged 8 and 10. They earn \$140,000 each and have a \$500,000 mortgage. After tax they bring home \$200,000. With mortgage repayments of around \$40,000 and living expenses of \$120,000 they can save about \$40,000 a year. Life is busy but they are comfortable.

Their Nana left them a \$1 million

inheritance and they both have \$200,000 in super.

Step 1: Stop and assess the situation.

It is important to understand what they want. For this, let's assume they want to have the flexibility of being able to retire in the next 15 years and build a family legacy.

Step 2: Clear the Mortgage

Wiping out the \$500,000 mortgage leaves them with an extra \$40,000 a year in savings. And more importantly, no debt that isn't tax deductible.

Step 3: Put in place a safety net

Put \$60,000 in a high-interest savings account. This is their emergency fund – allows them to cover at least six months of living expenses.

Step 4: Build long-term wealth tax effectively

With the debt gone and their safety net in place, Sarah and James turn

to investing for the future. They see this investment as more about their children than themselves and as such take a long-term view.

They borrow \$500,000 and invest this and the remaining \$460,000 of the inheritance in a diversified portfolio of Exchange Traded Funds. At 8% growth and reinvesting the dividends, the ETF portfolio (less the debt) will be worth more than \$2.5 million in 15 years' time.

Further, they have held this in a discretionary trust, as that will allow them to divert future dividends to whoever is the most tax advantaged. It won't make a big difference straight away, but over time (especially once the kids are 18), there are significant advantages.

Step 5: Maximise Super contributions

Their employer is contributing \$16,800 into super already, but they can still put in more.

Firstly, contribute up to the maximum concessional super cap. Currently it is \$30,000. Therefore, between them they can contribute \$26,400 a year and claim it as a tax deduction. This will save them over \$4,500 in tax a year. In 20 years, they will have around \$2 million in super. Each.

Secondly, put the rest of their surplus funds into super as a non-concessional contribution. The reason for this is any earnings on this is taxed at 15% (instead of their marginal tax rate of 37%).

Assuming they only put \$20,000 a year extra into super each, in 20 years' time this would give them an extra \$650,000 each.

In 20 years, between them they could have \$5.3 million in super. Even better, under the current rules this would be tax free.

Step 6: Review their insurance and estate plans

There is now a lot more at stake. It is important that they have the

right insurance (which could even be less than they have now) and their estate plans are up to date and deal with the money tax effectively.

The Bottom Line

Receiving a \$1 million inheritance at age 40 is an incredible opportunity. Don't waste it.

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Bungendore High School Buzz

Bungendore High School
As part of the Rights and Freedoms unit Year 10 are studying this term, we headed off to the National Museum and National Library to immerse ourselves in some Indigenous Australian history. Our excellent guide, Deb, took us through the First Australians exhibition at the Museum, setting us research tasks and telling powerful stories from her life and the life of her people. We took a breather in the Museum foyer then headed off to library to meet two members of their education team, Billie and Jess.

First, these ladies showed us how to maximise the library website for research purposes, encouraging all our students to sign up for free to assist their current and future studies. Then we split into smaller groups and headed off on a guided exploration of the Treasures Gallery, the Reading Room and the underground stacks. A big thanks to everyone who helped make this happen and congratulations to our students who conducted themselves respectfully in these important public spaces.

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Bungendore Bites

A Taste of Spring

FREE community event

Saturday 30 August

Mick Sherd Oval, Bungendore

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
5pm to 9pm

Party time.....Hitparade

will be bringing the live music vibes under the huge marquee.

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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Are you ready to make the most of your rural property?

Louise MacDonald, Senior NRM Advisor

Have you just purchased rural land and are wondering where to begin? Or do you have lots of questions about the land you can't answer? Then property planning is your first step toward nurturing a thriving, sustainable landscape and it's easier than you think.

Whether you're a hobby farmer, bush lover or just own land for lifestyle and escape, a well-considered property plan helps you turn your property goals into an

enjoyable reality. We are here to help and will be hosting introductory planning sessions to cover:

- establishing vision and goals
- natural asset identification
- soil and water management strategies
- basic livestock production principles
- biosecurity responsibilities
- farm safety and resilience principles.

We'll walk you through simple, practical planning

tools and documents tailored to help you take those first steps. At the end of the session, you will have a clear starting point and be directed to future learning opportunities that help build connections across all of Local Land Services.

The upcoming workshops are aimed at helping you strengthen your land management skills and designed to be easy and rewarding. Make sure you register and don't forget to invite your neighbours!

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Soil testing pasture paddocks - spring is the time to act!

Jo Powells, Senior Agricultural Advisor

In any agricultural production system where produce is grown and sold off farm, nutrients are being removed from the soil. For the system to remain sustainable these nutrients must be replenished.

Spring is when many pasture types across the region move into their most productive state. It is also a key time to take stock of your soil health and in particular your soil nutrient status. It is the time when a pastures demand for nutrients is at its highest.

Soil testing is a useful tool to determine various important soil parameters that are key to improving pasture

productivity. When sampling in line with peak pasture supply, soil testing will inform whether nutrient levels can support maximum growth.

Annual monitoring of soil nutrient status over successive years becomes a powerful tool to help guide decisions around fertiliser use. It will help address questions like should I change fertiliser rates on certain country (i.e. increase or reduce rates), or what are my critical nutrient targets across different parts of the farm?

Spring is also a time of year when soils are usually reliably moist and easy to sample. This helps to ensure soil cores hold together to the necessary depth (0-10 cm cores usual

sampling depth for ongoing nutrient monitoring) and thereby improving sampling accuracy. It is important to obtain a representative soil sample of the paddock or area in question. Important factors that help to achieve this include taking a minimum of 30 cores/ sample, keeping a record of the transect followed to allow future sampling to occur in the same area and always sampling at a similar time of year.

It is usually not reasonable to soil sample the whole farm but rather choose areas/paddocks that are most important to your production system.

A standard package to assess the soil nutrient status under pastures should

include parameters such as pH(CaCl2), plant available Phosphorus (P), Sulfur and Potassium, Phosphorus Buffer Index (PBI), Cation Exchange Capacity, Electrical Conductivity and Total Organic Carbon.

Phosphorus is commonly a major nutritional soil constraint to pasture production. It is an essential nutrient playing a key role in early root formation and in energy pathways throughout the plant.

There are many different methods for measuring plant available P however, the most widely used in NSW is the P Colwell test. When this test is combined with a measurement of PBI it is then possible to determine where your soil is currently

sitting relative to levels required for maximum pasture production.

Of course, other nutrients are also critical to pasture production which is why soil should be tested for a range of parameters (as mentioned above). There is commonly a nutrient hierarchy supporting pasture growth and a soil test will help to provide a snapshot of the nutrient balance present.

Are you interested in soil testing your property this spring?

We are inviting landholders to join one of 2 workshop programs:

- **Five Easy Steps** - This short course includes spring soil testing, followed by 2 face-to-face workshops in early autumn

2026. Landholders will interpret their results and develop a tailored soil fertility program based on factors like soil type, environment and stocking rate. Contact Fiona Leech, Senior Ag Advisor for any questions.

- **LANDSCAN** - A series of 6 half-day, hands-on workshops (held 4-6 weeks apart) on group members' properties. Learn to assess your landscape, interpret soil test results and manage soil fertility in pasture systems. Contact Jo Powells, Senior Ag Advisor for any questions.

Register for Five Easy Steps and LANDSCAN by Monday 8 September.

Fallen timber: how does it really help?

Andy Taylor, Senior NRM Advisor

Australia's woodlands and forests naturally produce dead and fallen timber. Our unique wildlife has evolved to take advantage of this in many ways and the landscape too was moulded using this resource to manage soils, waterways and nutrient cycling. But when you see it on your property, you might think it

looks messy, is hard to work around, or is just firewood. However, fallen timber is more valuable to your farm ecosystem than it first appears, offering numerous benefits for free!

Managing water runoff

Fallen branches, twigs and leaf litter naturally slow water movement, allowing it to infiltrate the soil better. If there is a healthy invertebrate population

above and below the soil, then soils are likely to have good structure and aeration, and this can improve the rate of water infiltration. That's good for farms and biodiversity.

You can use fallen timber to help manage water runoff in desired areas of the farm. Fallen tree trunks, branches and twigs (and even old untreated timber posts) can be placed in gullies or areas with low groundcover along the contour. They will slow down water movement, allowing it to drop sediments and seed, improving soil moisture locally and encouraging plants to germinate. With additional land management strategies, this can help create productive patches in the landscape that boost biodiversity and landscape resilience.

Invertebrates: the unsung heroes

Invertebrates like beetles, ants, moths, spiders, and worms play a crucial role in breaking down dead wood and plant material, kickstarting nutrient cycling in the soil. This process

supports plants that feed livestock and creates a rich natural food web involving frogs, lizards, birds, and more. Invertebrates make up 95% of all species in Australia and are essential for maintaining healthy ecosystems on farms.

Benefits of invertebrates

- decomposes organic material
- nutrient cycling for new plant growth
- crop pollination
- soil aeration by worms, termites, ants and beetles
- enhances water infiltration
- supports other animals that help control plant pests like predatory insects, birds, bats and frogs
- soil moisture retention.

Fallen timber is an often-overlooked resource, but when managed well, can enhance your farm's productivity and resilience. Contact Local Land Services to learn more about building resilience into your farm landscape.

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Do you have a farm biosecurity plan?

If you already have a farm biosecurity plan, now's a great time to review and update it. And if you haven't created one yet, it's a good opportunity to start planning and protecting your property.

A biosecurity plan is a great tool to help you identify the risks on your farm and document how you will manage them. Following a biosecurity plan helps to prevent diseases, weeds and pests from impacting your land.

Plans can be tailored to suit your specific situation and biosecurity risks. They're not just for large livestock producers - smallholders and peri-urban landowners can benefit too. It is important that you periodically review your biosecurity management

plan to ensure it is relevant and current.

If you have sheep, cattle or goats and buy or sell livestock, you'll need to be Livestock Production Assurance (LPA) accredited. As part of that accreditation, a biosecurity plan is required. This accreditation enables you to have access to LPA-approved National Vendor Declarations (NVDs) that are a mandatory requirement for buying and selling livestock. If you don't have a farm biosecurity plan in place, templates are available at www.farmbiosecurity.com.au/toolkit/planner

Our staff can assist you with developing a farm biosecurity plan so feel to contact us on 1300 795 299.



Recovering pastures from feral pig damage

Ross Kuchel, Senior Agricultural Advisor

The impact of feral pigs across the region this winter has been significant. In pursuit for high quality feed, they have been digging up paddocks to access grubs in the topsoil, and with the heightened numbers of red headed cockchafer larvae this year, they are having a feast!

Quantifying the cost of pig damage on your property is multi factored. Firstly, there's the direct, visual impact to pastures. The cost to establish a new improved pasture is more than \$500/ha. Added to that is the opportunity costs from loss of livestock production due to having the pasture out of use, accentuated by being at a time of year when feed is most limiting.

For example, 20ha of pasture damaged to the point of needing replacement can cost more than \$10,000 plus lost stock production. If a control program that prevents the damage from occurring costs \$5,000 (e.g. a trap, some grain, and your time), that investment equates to a 100% ROI (return on investment).

Pastures uprooted by pigs are not necessarily lost. Given the damage typically occurs over winter when conditions are cool and wet, there is capacity for plants to recover and re-establish.

To promote the recovery of upturned paddocks, it is essential to act promptly to get plant roots back in contact with soil before they dry out and die off. This can be done by running a set of

heavy harrows or seed drill over the affected area to break up and distribute the clods. This will also help to level the area making it smoother to access later.

This winter, a successful recovery was achieved by using a seed drill with coulter discs on the front and harrows behind. No additional seed or fertiliser were added. The coulters were able to cut up the larger clods which were then spread evenly by the seeder points (set to just skim the surface) and harrow tines. The damaged area recovered and became productive again in just a couple of weeks.

Recovery will be improved by ensuring there is good soil fertility and a healthy pasture base. Additional seed, like a quick growing ryegrass and/or clover,



and an application of nitrogen fertiliser may also help to promote growth and cover any remaining bare areas.

Feral pigs are not a short-term problem, with numbers expected to rise each year. Even when no damage is visible, pigs may still be present, feeding elsewhere on the property or in the region. Proactive management of feral pigs is

becoming essential and developing a pest management plan including baiting and trapping is now a key part of standard farming practice.

Contact Local Land Services for tailored advice on developing a pasture rejuvenation program including soil testing and/or for pest management.

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Weed to watch - Boneseed

Alicia Kaylock, Senior NRM Advisor

Boneseed is serious threat to our native ecosystems on both private and public land. It is a woody, evergreen shrub from South Africa that was originally imported as a garden plant and later used for soil stabilisation before escaping cultivation. It forms dense thickets that smother native vegetation, alter habitat structure, and displace food sources for native fauna.

What does it look like?

- upright, woody shrub (2-3 m)
- dull green, elliptic leaves with irregular serrations
- yellow, daisy-like flowers with 5-8 petals mostly present from late winter to mid-spring
- round, smooth seeds that are bone-coloured when dry
- seedlings are covered in a white cottony down.

How does it spread?

Boneseed seeds prolifically. A mature plant can produce

up to 50,000 seeds a year. Birds and feral animals eat the fruit and spread the seeds in their droppings. Seed can also be dispersed by water, in contaminated sand/soil, on machinery and in dumped garden waste.

Where might you find it?

Boneseed prefers areas with

winter rainfall and free draining soils. It can invade undisturbed native ecosystems. Look for it in woodlands, forests and heathlands on your property or in your local parks and reserves. You might also find it along roadsides, under powerline easements or other areas where it could have been spread by vehicles.

What should you do if you find it?

Boneseed is currently regulated under a Control Order. If you think you have found boneseed, you must notify your local council biosecurity weeds officer or the NSW Biosecurity Helpline 1800 680 244.

More information about boneseed (Chrysanthemoides monilifera subsp. monilifera) can be found on the NSW Weedwise website: <https://weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/>

Photo supplied: Boneseed Boneseed flower Tara Shipp Wingecarribee Shire Council



On show at the Bungendore Show

Sunday 26 October is the Bungendore Show and Local Land Services will be there to answer any questions you have about land management.

We have developed an exciting series of events across the south east region, for 2025/2026, to help you with managing your land,

animals and biodiversity so come and see us and have a chat about these and our other services.

Don't forget to invite your neighbours and any new landholders in your area. The more we work together the better the results!

Sitting on the fence?

Do you own land next to a travelling stock reserve (TSR)? Are you thinking of replacing an existing fence that borders a TSR or undertaking a major farm activity right next door to one? Whether cultivating, sowing or putting up a new fence, if you adjoin a TSR it's important to know your legislative requirements before starting any works.

To avoid accidentally damaging a TSR, we are asking neighboring landholders to contact Local Land Services to discuss proposed works and keep risks to TSRs to a minimum. Doing so will help protect our TSRs,

which not only support agricultural activities but also play a key role in supporting biodiversity and threatened species. Across the south east LLS promotes a balance of TSR use for production, social, cultural and environmental outcomes and are continuously working to maintain and improve the land's natural resources.

If you're unsure or have any other questions about TSRs, you can contact your closest Local Land Services office by calling 1300 795 299.

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.



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CHALLENGE!

Launches 15 August
International Granny Square Day

Have a flair for crochet? Or just want to give it a go? Help the CWA create a community masterpiece of colourful granny squares!

COMPETITION RULES

- ✓ Any size square
- ✓ Any colour or colour combo
- ✓ Must be made from 8 ply acrylic yarn
- ✓ Submit as many squares as you like!
- ✓ Each entry must include your name, age (if relevant), and contact details
- ✓ Closing date is September 15, Winners announced September 20 at the CWA Trash & Treasure

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- 23 Vibration (6)
- 24 Approaches (5)
- 25 Existence (4)

- Down
- 1 Donkeys (5)
- 2 Tiny (3)
- 3 Peruvian animal (5)
- 4 Become firm (3)
- 5 Directed a course (7)
- 6 Assistant (4)
- 7 Charges for services (4)
- 11 Gaelic (4)
- 12 Hates intensely (7)
- 14 Peruvian capital (4)
- 16 Linear indentations (5)
- 17 Hoard (5)
- 18 Graceful bird (4)
- 19 Indigenous people of Peru (4)
- 21 Golfer's aid (3)
- 22 Long-leaved lettuce (3)

Target Time

I	P	O
T		T
G	N	E

Target: Average - 10,
Good - 15, Excellent -
20+

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

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

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

1		2		3		4		5		6		7		8		9		10
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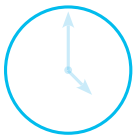
- Across
- 1 Substitute for chocolate
- 4 Floor show
- 8 Connected sounds
- 11 Helper
- 12 Partiality
- 14 Sparkled
- 16 Wig
- 17 Form of 'be'
- 18 Former star (3-4)
- 19 Hairstyle (4,3)
- 21 Cooperation
- 23 Kidnapper's price
- 27 Asian republic
- 28 Halt (4,2)
- 29 Curse
- 30 Coop
- 31 Devoted to (coll) (4,2)
- 32 Sparkle
- 35 Rowdy or wild
- 36 Strained
- 38 Colonist
- 41 Garland
- 43 Affirmative
- 44 Clergyman
- 46 Reckless
- 48 Close attention
- 49 Permits
- 50 Jack in cards
- 51 Fast driver
- 52 Implant
- Down
- 1 Sump
- 2 Less common
- 3 WA's bird emblem (5,4)
- 4 Children's beds
- 5 Ahead
- 6 Wander
- 7 Schooled
- 8 Chief support
- 9 Summit
- 10 Concrete maker (6,5)
- 13 Once again
- 15 Listen!
- 19 Crowded
- 20 Killing to control numbers
- 22 Retaliator
- 24 Unpleasant person
- 25 A turning skid (4-3)
- 26 1991 conflict over Kuwait (4,3)
- 27 Thermos (6,5)
- 33 Vaccinate
- 34 Element F
- 36 Subordinate
- 37 Bandaged
- 38 Steals (coll)
- 39 Beginner
- 40 Reclined
- 42 Brown photograph
- 45 Freely (2-3)
- 46 Digestive juice
- 47 Successor

Brain Alert

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

Word Find 142
Find the following words in the grid.

G I F T M N	Ask	His	Son
A P D U O D	Awe	Monkey	Toy
S E E S N Y	Blend	Peak	Uses
P A W E K H	Dew	Sale	
E K L S E I	Fun	See	
D B A E Y S	Gasped	Ski	
	Gift	Sky	



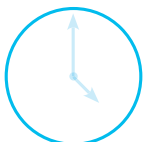
Word Sudoku 143
Enter the word FACT in each row, column
and 2x2 square, in each combination there
should be only one of each letter.

		A	
	C	T	
T			



Sudoku 140
Enter the numbers 1-4 in each row, column
and 2x2 square, in each combination there
should be only one of each number.

	3	1	
4			
		3	



Word Find	Word Sudoku	Sudoku
G I F T M N A P D U O D S E E S N Y P A W E K H E K L S E I D B A E Y S	F T A C A C T F C A F T T F C A	2 3 1 4 4 1 2 3 1 4 3 2 3 2 4 1

Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council

FOR YOUR INFORMATION



Animal Management Facility Open Day

After extensive renovations and changes to improve safety and operations following a parvovirus outbreak, the Animal Management Facility is set to reopen on 27 September 2025!

Join us from 11am to 3pm for our Open Day, where you can tour the facility, collect adoption and microchipping discount vouchers, meet our team, and browse stalls from local pet rescue and other supporting groups.

- Find out more at www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/animal-management-open-day

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 proposed road closure

Notice is given that Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council intends to close the Council road marked in red in the image above.

These are sections of unformed Council road running through a private property (Lot 141 DP 754889) adjacent to Williamsdale Road (light blue outline), Williamsdale as shown in the diagram above.

Upon closure of the above road, Council intends to swap the land with the owner of the surrounding land in lieu of land acquired for road widening purposes along Williamsdale Road.

If you are interested in making a submission on the above proposal you are invited to do so in writing by Wednesday 24 September 2025.

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

Diwali Mela Lantern Festival in Queanbeyan

Get ready for a fantastic night out at the Diwali Mela Lantern Festival on Saturday 18 October at the Queanbeyan Showground.

We have partnered with the Queanbeyan Multicultural Centre again to put on this spectacular event for the third year in a row.

With performances, food vendors, a best-dressed competition, and the lantern parade from 8:30pm, there will be lots of things for everyone to enjoy.

- Find out more at www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/diwali

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:

- 27 August (Queanbeyan)
- 10 September (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.

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.

- Have your say by Monday 15 September at yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au
- Come along to our Draft Waste Strategy community meetings www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/waste-strategy-meetings

Work with Council

Current vacancies include:

- Casual Recreation Facilitator
- Events Team Leader
- Events Officer
- Governance, Legal and Risk Manager
- Payroll Officer
- For more information and roles see bit.ly/QPRC-Careers



Biodiversity Month events

We are hosting several events to celebrate Biodiversity Month which is celebrated every September to promote connecting to and caring for nature.

Join us for:

- National Wattle Day Educational Walk - Saturday 30 August
- The Great Spring Clean Up - Saturday 20 September
- Queanbeyan River Waterbug Survey - Sunday 28 September
- Find out more at www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/biodiversity-month

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PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Wood ducks checking out a nesting spot in the garden. Photo Margaret Robinson

PET OF THE WEEK



Name: Bluey

Species: Blue-clawed Yabby

Likes: Chasing fish, peas and carrots and burrows

Dislikes: Human fingers, cold water and other

yabbies

Claim to fame: I'm an expert escape artist

Bungendore Hooters Shitbox Rally in Review

It's been almost 12 months since our intrepid explorers, Amy & Greg Roberts in their 'trusty' car Hootie, set off from Bendigo for the Cancer Council Shitbox Rally Spring 2024 with the plan to finish 2,345.7kms later in Townsville. Well not everything went quite to plan but they did end up in Townsville!

Our Bungendore community, businesses and individuals, got behind this adventure and dug deep to raise funds for the Cancer Council for continued research, support and services to families impacted by cancer.

What happened on that trip, what are the secrets to be told, would they do it again and if so, what would they do differently.

To find out the answers to these questions and others you may have come along to the "Bungendore Hooters Shitbox Rally in Review".

When: Thursday 18 September 2025
Time: 5:15 for 5:30pm
Where: Bungendore Sports Hub



FREE EVENT however further donations to the Cancer Council will always be appreciated. Light refreshments will be served.

Please register with EVENTBRITE through this QR code. Numbers are limited and required for catering purposes.

Photo supplied



CAPTAIN BUNGENDORE

JAC

find some Bells to RING;
find some songs to sing; AND
BRING ALONG A mate.

It's time to CELEBRATE, BECAUSE it very soon will be sPRING.

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

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

Bungendore Food Hub

A HELP UP FOR OUR COMMUNITY SUPPORTED BY OUR COMMUNITY

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

OPEN WEDNESDAYS 10AM-12PM

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

CONTACT 6228 1261 OR 0422606009

LIONS COMMUNITY BOOK SHOP

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

LOCATED IN THE QUEANBEYAN PARK

OPEN: Tuesday to Saturday 10am-4pm

SECONDHAND BOOKS, MAGAZINES, GAMES, JIGSAWS, CRAFT

For more information: Phone 0461 365 831 Email: queanbeyan.nsw@lions.org.au
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/lionsofqueanbeyan/>

Public Notices



Braidwood & District Education Foundation

2026 APPLICATIONS OPEN!

Applications close 30th September 2025



Apply at cef.org.au/apply-now

CWA BUNGENDORE

TRASH AND TREASURE

& Plant Sale Spectacular



September 20
9 AM - 2PM

CWA BUNGENDORE
40 GIBALTAR STREET

HOME IN QUEANBEYAN

ALL MONEY RAISED WILL BE DONATED TO LOCAL CHARITY HOME IN QUEANBEYAN.

DONATIONS WELCOME!
DROP OFF 16-19 SEPTEMBER
2PM-6PM CWA ROOMS

*PLEASE NO KNIVES, JARS OR ELECTRICAL, CLEAN USABLE ITEMS ONLY



Bungendore Dementia Alliance

INVITES PEOPLE WITH DEMENTIA AND THEIR CARERS TO

Morning Tea

When: Monthly 3rd Monday of the month

Time: 10:00 to 12:00

Where: Bungendore School of Arts

Free Legal Consultations available with Saara Bowen from FEJ Law throughout the morning

Come for a Cuppa, Chat and sing along with Vivian

For More Information Phone: 0411 746 293

Sponsored by Bungendore and Districts Lions Club
Supported by Dementia Australia & Baptistcare



Fresh North Queensland Mangoes from the farm to you!

Support the Bungendore Scout Group Mango Fundraiser

Premium fresh, juicy Kensington Pride mangoes picked and packed during the prime harvest season.

Cost per Tray is: \$30.00.

Scan the QR code to place your online order:



Orders must be completed by C.O. B Thursday 26th October 2025.

Mangoes will arrive in Bungendore in early December and must be collected from the Bungendore Scout Hall.

For further information contact Penny on 0401 819 277.

Money raised will be used to assist Venturer scouts to go to the New Zealand Venture in January 2026.

Ethics Volunteers Needed

The winner of the 2024 Kinghorn Award for ethics volunteers, Mr Jim Neely, has presented his \$3000 prize money to five local schools. The five - which each receive \$600 for their libraries - are Bungendore Public School, Queanbeyan Public School, Queanbeyan West Public School, Queanbeyan East Public School and Queanbeyan South Public School.

Ethics is also available at Jerrabomberra and Sutton Public Schools, though more volunteers are needed to cover every class in those schools.

To learn more, visit primaryethics.com.au or contact Jim on jim.neely@primaryethics.com.au

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

Draft Waste Strategy community meetings continue

QPRC

We are seeking the community's input for the QPRC Waste Strategy. We are holding information sessions where you will have the opportunity to ask questions about the newly developed strategy.

You can download the strategy, find frequently asked questions and have your say on our Your Voice website here - <https://yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au/waste-strategy-2025-2045>

Dates and Locations of upcoming community meetings

Royalla Common, 317 Royalla Drive, Royalla 2620 - Wednesday, 27 August 2025 | 07:00 PM - 08:00 PM

Captains Flat Community Hall, 53 Foxlow Street, Captains Flat 2623 - Thursday, 28 August 2025 | 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Community Hall, Gathering Place, Carwoola 2620 - Thursday, 28 August 2025 | 06:00 PM - 07:00 PM

Captains Flat Community Hall, 53 Foxlow Street, Captains Flat 2623 - Monday, 08 September 2025 | 07:00 PM - 08:00 PM

Gundillion Hall, 4274 Cooma Road, Kwararree 2622 - Tuesday, 09 September 2025 | 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Collector Memorial Hall, Bourke Street, Collector, 2581 - Tuesday, 09 September 2025 | 05:30 PM - 06:30 PM

Fernleigh Park Community Hall, 17 Swan Drive, Googong 2620 - Wednesday, 10 September 2025 | 06:00 PM - 07:00 PM

Burra Community Hall, 1 Lagoon Road, Burra 2621 - Thursday, 11 September 2025 | 07:00 PM - 08:00 PM

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

How would your household prefer to dispose of bulky waste? Are our Waste Transfer Station opening hours inconvenient and stopping you from using these facilities? As we develop our Waste Management Strategy 2025-2045, we're seeking your feedback on questions like these to make sure our waste services work for everyone. Our community has a lot of different waste needs and services, and this draft document sets out our approach to improving those initiatives and developing new ones. As a Council, waste management is a significant element of our service delivery, and that's why we need your input to make sure we're getting it right. From changes to our food organics and garden organics (FOGO) program to expanding our waste education initiatives, there are a range of issues that depend on your feedback to create real, impactful changes. To make sure we hear from as many people as possible, we are also holding community meetings in our rural localities to discuss the Draft Waste Management Strategy. Find out more about these meetings at www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/Waste-Strategy-meetings or have your say on the Draft Waste Management Strategy by Monday 15 September at yourvoice.qprc.nsw.gov.au/waste-strategy-2025-2045

We have started a two-year trial of free self-haul waste vouchers. These vouchers will make it easier and more affordable to dispose of bulky and household waste. Rural residents, who don't have access to kerbside collections, can access up to 16 vouchers per year, enabling them to dispose of waste in smaller amounts or combine vouchers for larger items. Urban residents can access up to two vouchers per year which they can choose to use instead of kerbside bulky waste collections. This trial program will work alongside our existing kerbside collection service. The vouchers are available through the QPRC Waste Info app. Residents can use their self-haul waste vouchers to dispose of bulky waste at the Bungendore and Braidwood Waste Transfer Stations, and general waste at the Macs Reef, Captains Flat, and Nerriga Waste Transfer Stations. Residents are responsible for safely and securely transporting their waste to their chosen facility. Learn more at www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/self-haul-waste-vouchers

Tantulean Creek bridge on Little River Road reopened to Traffic on 15 August. There is a reduced speed limit in place of 40km/h as final works are yet to be completed. We are waiting for the approaches to the bridge to dry out to complete the final works including sealing and line marking. This project is proudly funded by the NSW Government. Find out more about the project at www.qprc.nsw.gov.au/tantulean

Cr Kenrick Winchester, Mayor



Target Time

Target: Average - 10, Good - 15, Excellent - 20+

ignite, inept, ingot, into, nite, opine, oping, opting, petit, petition, petting, pieing, pigeon, piing, pine, ping, pinite, pint, pinto, pion, piton, pitting, point, pointe, potting, tiepin, tigon, tine, ting, tinge, tint, tipi, tiptoe, TIPTOEING, titi, toeing, topi, topping.

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Puzzle Solutions

Quick Time Crossword

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Crossword

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Classifieds

Local Markets

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

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

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

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

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

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

NEED HELP LEARNING TO READ?

I have helped perople, of all ages, learn how to read within 12 weeks. Call Phillip at 0408 402 741 for more information.

BUNGENDORE SENIORS

Next get together will be Thursday 28 August, at the Bungendore Sports Hub amenities building \$5.00 per person. ALL OVER 55's WELCOME

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

CHOOKS FOR SALE

Layer pullets, 22 weeks, Isa W, B, R, LS, BTR, SLW. Order today for delivery to Bungendore Friday 19 September. Phone Jim on 0428 194 105



LIONS COMMUNITY BOOKSHOP

A non-for-profit group with all funds donated to local charitable organisations. LOCATED IN THE QUEANBEYAN PARK Tuesday to Saturday 10am-4pm. See page 20 for more info



Shoalcoast Community Legal Centre has rebranded, and we are now known as South Coast & Country Community Law. South Coast & Country Community Law is coming to Queanbeyan to provide in person legal appointments for clients. Where: The Hive, 274 Crawford Street Queanbeyan When: Tuesday 2nd September 2025 9:30am to 1pm How: Appointments are required. Call us on 1800 229 529 to make an appointment

Personalised care for your dog

Personalised care for your dog. We care for a maximum of five dogs at a time, ensuring plenty of attention, playtime, and one-on-one care. Flexible drop-off and pick-up options available, with 24-hour supervision for peace of mind. Find us on Facebook at MJ Kennels or call 0404 844 161.

VINTAGE & RETRO

Vintage, retro, secondhand shop. 144 Uriarra Road Crestwood, Queanbeyan 6297 8636. Open Friday, Saturday, Sunday 10.00am to 4.30pm - Lots of new stock in. Whilst the cat's away, the mice will play Come in, to see what's going on End of Winter clearance Sale 10% discount off everything in store ART BY ANDERS

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These are just some of the beautiful dogs currently in care. Unless otherwise stated, the dogs are located in Bethungra NSW (between Junee & Cootamundra). All are looking for loving committed forever homes. Contact Sue: Ph 0437 010 492. Email irondogrescue@gmail.com Rehoming No.: 251000226

 BRUCE, Rottweiler, Male, Large, Approx 6 years www.savour-life.com.au/adopt-a-dog/search-now/view/94576	 BOOF, Rottie, Male, Large, Approx 8 years www.savour-life.com.au/adopt-a-dog/search-now/view/91370	 MURPHY, Rottie, Male, Large, Approx 8 months www.savour-life.com.au/adopt-a-dog/search-now/view/101446	 APOLLO, Rottie, Male, Large, Approx 14 months www.savour-life.com.au/adopt-a-dog/search-now/view/101212
 SONNY, Mixed Breed, Male, Medium, Approx 2 years www.savour-life.com.au/adopt-a-dog/search-now/view/101439 In foster care in Monteagle NSW	 DUKE, Rottie, Male, Large, Approx 4 yrs www.savour-life.com.au/adopt-a-dog/search-now/view/101308 In foster care in Narre Warren Vic	 RUBY, Rottie, Female, Large, Approx 12 months www.savour-life.com.au/adopt-a-dog/search-now/view/101284 In foster care in Wyee NSW	 LOGAN, Mixed Breed, Male, Large, Approx 3 years www.savour-life.com.au/adopt-a-dog/search-now/view/101440 In foster care in Monteagle NSW

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 ARCHIE, Rottie, Male, Large, Approx 12 months www.savour-life.com.au/adopt-a-dog/search-now/view/98755	 MAX, Rottie, Male, Large, Approx 12 months www.savour-life.com.au/adopt-a-dog/search-now/view/98307	 ALFRED, Mixed Breed, Male, Large, Approx 12 months www.savour-life.com.au/adopt-a-dog/search-now/view/92025	 BOSS, Rottie, Male, Large, Approx 9 years www.savour-life.com.au/adopt-a-dog/search-now/view/88110
 CHICO, Rottie, Male, Large, Approx 6 1/2 years www.savour-life.com.au/adopt-a-dog/search-now/view/60500	 ARMAN, Rottweiler, Female, Large, Approx 2 years www.savour-life.com.au/adopt-a-dog/search-now/view/81629	 RANGER, Maremma x, Male, Large, Approx 3 years www.savour-life.com.au/adopt-a-dog/search-now/view/88733	RESULTS OF RANGER'S DNA TESTING: 50.84% Maremma Sheepdog 25.00% Dogue de Bordeaux 12.02% Mastiff 10.45% Swedish Vallhund 1.69% Cane Corso All our incoming dogs are introduced on our FB page. Please Like & Share our Page so their stories can be exposed to an ever-growing audience. When our dogs are ready to find their new homes they're listed here: www.savour-life.com.au/adopt-a-dog/rescue-groups/3984/Iron-Dog-Rescue
 MERLIN, Wolfhound, Male, Large, Approx 3 1/2 yrs www.savour-life.com.au/adopt-a-dog/search-now/view/101679 In foster care in Broadford, Vic.	 TEDDY, Rottie x German Shepherd, Male, Large, Approx 2 1/2 years www.savour-life.com.au/adopt-a-dog/search-now/view/77226 In foster care in North Kellyville NSW	 HAMILTON, Rottie x German Shepherd, Male, Large, Approx 2 1/2 years www.savour-life.com.au/adopt-a-dog/search-now/view/77225 In foster care in North Kellyville NSW	

Sue's dream ONE DAY every dog born will have a kind and loving home for life.

Sport

2025 Minor Premiers - Bungendore Tigers

Georgia Buckley
Bungendore Tigers

What a finish to the regular season! Whilst the Tigers had the last competition round bye, the minor premiership was in the hands of 3 clubs. With Boorowa's 24-14 win over Crookwell earlier today, the Tigers and Boorowa ended up equal on competition points and for-and-against.

With everything locked up, it came down to Rule 45 of the competition rules, Bungendore Tigers are officially the 2025 Minor Premiers!

The Tigers will take another well-earned week rest this coming week and host semi-final at the Mick Sherd Oval against the winner of qualifying final between Boorowa and Crookwell

to secure spot in the 2025 George Tooke Shield grand final.

The Tigerettes have finished 5th on this season's ladder and will play in the elimination final against Binalong Jersey Girls in Harden on Sunday, 31st August at 1pm.

Photos - Lauren Woodward Photography



Bungendore Junior Tigers celebrated 30 years of footy

Liz Bayley
Bungendore Junior Tigers

On August 10th, the Bungendore Junior Tigers proudly celebrated a major milestone— 30 years of junior rugby league! The celebration coincided with the final home round of the 2025 junior season, making it a memorable day for players, families, and the community.

The day was packed with fun for all ages, featuring jumping castles, face painting, live music, and cupcakes for every junior team. Spectators were also treated to some fantastic footy, with our Under 14s wrapping up the season in a spirited match against the Score Raiders (The Score Raiders program is for those with a disability who want to get involved and play rugby



league.) We extend our heartfelt thanks to our incredible volunteer committee, their support teams, and our 2025 sponsors. The

dedication and hard work of this amazing group make everything we do possible. This season, we proudly fielded 13 teams in the Canberra regional rugby

league competition, with our players aged 6 to 14. We also have 20 enthusiastic youngsters taking part in our Tiny Tigers program, which offers a fun and supportive

introduction to the game. Here's to 30 years of community, growth, and great footy—Go the Tigers! Photos supplied



Sport

Queanbeyan Whites

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After defeating Tuggeranong Vikings (20-7) in the Qualification semi-final the Queanbeyan Whites Colts will be taking on Gungahlin in the Grand Final this Saturday - 9:45am at Viking Park.

Gungahlin finished fourth in the home and away season but have had strong wins against Uni-Norths (48-24) and Vikings (40-19) to make it the Grand Final. The Whites have won two of their three encounters this year but will need to guard against complacency and ensure their discipline is spot on.

After losing to Uni-Norths in the Qualification semi-final a fortnight ago, Thirds were unable to regroup in the preliminary final last Saturday going down to Wests (17-35)

The first half was dominated by Wests who quickly ran away to a 21-0 lead, which they took into the

half time break. The first twenty minutes of the second half was a battle as both side tried to find the gaps and while Wests dominated the scrums the Whites rallied well keeping them at bay.

Queanbeyan drew first blood in the second half as they began to hold onto the ball, find the gaps and string several phases together, outscoring Wests three tries to two in the final 15 minutes. Unfortunately, they ran out of time to pull off a comeback.

Colts: Qualification semi final: Tries: Patrick Egan (2), Niall Tallon (1). Conv: Harry de Jongh. Pen: Zane Glanville

Thirds: Preliminary Final: Tries: Lewis Bozzato, William Bennett (2). Conv: Ryan Morrison (1)

Photos: half back Jakim Ngatoko and flanker Niall Tallon

Photos by Jordon Mirchevski



Braidwood Swimming Club Seeks Swim-Savvy Volunteers to Keep the Momentum Flowing

Braidwood Swimming Club

After another hugely successful season, the Braidwood Swimming Club is calling out to the community, especially to those with a background in swimming, to dive in and help steer the club into its next chapter.

With over 70 members and a thriving Monday night program, the Club has become a much-loved part of Braidwood’s summer calendar. But to keep the momentum going and build on recent achievements, the Club is now seeking new committee members, particularly those with swimming knowledge who

can support coaching and mentoring at weekly Club Nights.

“We have had a few great seasons,” says Susi Pluess, Club Secretary, “but we are at a point where we really need fresh hands in the water, especially people who know their way around a tumble turn!”

What We are Looking For:

- Swimmers, coaches, or anyone with strong swimming knowledge who can offer stroke correction, racing tips, or help lead training.
- General committee members who want to support a fun, family-

focused local club and are willing to take over responsibilities (like the treasurer role or timekeeping on club nights).

With the support of our local community, the Club is hoping to run additional training sessions, but we need the people to help deliver them. The core commitment is Monday nights from 5pm, from mid-November to mid-March, plus optional training afternoons depending on availability.

“If you are someone who grew up swimming competitively, used to coach, or simply loves the sport

and wants to give back to the community, we’d love to hear from you,” says Emily Ryan, President. “It’s an incredibly rewarding way to make a difference locally.”

The club is proudly volunteer-run and supported by generous sponsors and parents. With strong interest from local families and a growing awareness of the importance of swim safety, Braidwood Swimming Club is more relevant than ever.

For more information or to express your interest, email braidwoodswimclub@gmail.com and help keep our community swimming strong.

JOIN THE COMMITTEE

SEEKING SWIM COACHES

To help us lead Club Nights and offer training advice and support.

- ✓ Mondays from 5pm Seasonal from November - March
- ✓ Mid-week training optional Funding available

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